

National Boer War Memorial Committee NSW  
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## **MONUMENTALLY SPEAKING - No. 12 November 2011**

### **NSW COMMITTEE of the NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION INC**

#### **OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER**

## **Chairman's Report – November 2011**

### **Progress on the National Boer War Memorial.**

**1. DGR.** This edition sees us no further in gaining key approvals to move the project forward. To recap on the existing status: At the end of 2009 the NBWMA sought approval for a specific Designated Gift Recipient (DGR) status for the project from the government to enhance the status of the project in raising funds. (We already have a general DGR to cover donations.) It appears that this request has been referred to a committee for advice. The reality is that the approval must pass through Parliament as part of a Finance Bill.

**2. Seed Grant.** Early in 2010 the NBWMA applied for a seed grant for the project. As yet we have had no response from the Government despite numerous follow up letters to relevant Government ministers.

**3. Design Approval.** Perhaps most importantly we still have no approved design. The design competition (conducted at our expense) concluded in November 2010. [The Canberra National Monuments Commission](#) has not yet met to consider our design. **Without approval we may not show you what a superb design the selected one will be. Nor can we use it in our fund raising endeavours.** We believe that the CNCB will meet in November this year.

However the Government has referred the operations of the CNMC to an inquiry and has established a committee to review the function and purposes of all proposed memorials. Additionally it has established a group to develop a Heritage Management Plan for ANZAC Parade precinct. Your National BWM committee is closely monitoring this development and has made submissions to relevant inquiries and participated in several Focus Groups as appropriate. It is too soon to say if a Heritage Management Plan will have any impact on our plans.

**4. Implications.** Our concern with the current time delays is that to construct the proposed memorial will require about three years work not only in the memorial area but time for the sculptor to complete that part of the work. This could cause the memorial start to be delayed to well after the end of the ANZAC centennial in 2018.

**5. Petition.** With these issues central to the National committee's attention, the National Executive at its meeting September 11 decided to raise a petition to demonstrate public support for the project. **We therefore need your help in this.** Enclosed with your Newsletter is a petition form. Please canvas friends and neighbours about the need for a national memorial to our first war as a nation, and in particular the need for quick decisions to be made. Return with as many signatures as you can get. (By all means photocopy the original form or download a new one from the website.) Please send your form to the Queensland address on the form. NSW members may send them to us and we will batch them for bulk postage north.

**6 New National Committee members.** We welcome Ian Guild who takes over as National Treasurer, and a new role for existing National Committee member Michael Beinke who takes over as National Secretary

**7. Change of Address.** Please notify us when you change address and/or email, and if you don't wish to continue to receive this newsletter to minimize costs.

**8. Reserve Forces liaison.** The Reserve Forces Launch parade will be held on Sat 26 November at Parliament House Sydney. RFD Council has adopted the Boer War involvement of volunteers as their theme for 2012. The Reserve Forces Day commemoration will be 1 July 2012. The NBWMA will be involved in the Launch parade and we will parade with the SASA BW banner (see page 3). The Boer War descendant representatives's leader in the Launch parade will be our own NSW BWM Committee member Col Bill Molloy RFD ED CLJ.

### **9. Registration of Descendants, Relatives & Friends.**

If you are still to register your ancestor please complete the forms as soon as possible and return our historian David Deasey, who will batch them for bulk postage to the National Registrar, Colleen O'Leary in Brisbane.

If you know of friends who had Boer War relatives invite them to contact us— see address panel panels page 2 and 3.

*David Deasey*

A/Chairman NSW Committee of the NBWMA Inc.

(Tony Larnach-Jones is on leave)

**Feature Article: The Salvation Army in the Boer War**

## INVITATION TO A SPECIAL OPENING OF THE LANCERS BARRACKS AND MUSEUM



SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER  
10.00 AM—4.00PM  
LINDEN HOUSE LANCER BARRACKS  
2 SMITH STREET  
PARRAMATTA NSW



In conjunction with the Reserve Forces Day Council  
the Lancers Museum is holding a tour focusing on their Boer War holdings at 12 noon.  
(Our Webmaster, John Howells, moonlights as the Lancers' Hon Sec/Publicity Officer...)

Precedent for:

**Murphy's Law and BW memorials....**

**Sydney Morning Herald report**

**Saturday 1 Dec 1900 page 9**

**TAMWORTH MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN.**

Tamworth. Friday November 30 1900. The committee which has charge of the arrangements connected with the erection of a marble drinking fountain as a memorial to the local South African volunteers has decided to invite tenders from Sydney for building the fountain, owing to the fact that the design previously approved is not obtainable.

### 1st Australian Horse 1899-1902

Colonel JHK Mackay raised  
1AH for service in the re-  
mote country districts of  
New South Wales—

several squadrons of a  
superior class of men ad-  
mirably mounted. They  
wore a distinctive uniform of dark green with black em-  
broidery, of the hussar pattern; with handsome belts  
and accoutrements, including sabretaches. They  
attained a high standards of proficiency; and when the  
war broke out they were not behind their comrades of  
the other arms in seeking service, or obtaining honour.

From: [http://alh-research.tripod.com/Light\\_Horse/index.blog/1876911/1st-australian-light-horse-boer-war-service-in-detail/](http://alh-research.tripod.com/Light_Horse/index.blog/1876911/1st-australian-light-horse-boer-war-service-in-detail/)



### Your NSW Committee of the National BWM Association

**National Chairman:** John Haynes

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NSW—National Boer War Memorial Assn,  
Building 96,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Paddington NSW 2021

## **Reserve Forces Day Launch Parade led by Boer War Banner And BW Descendants**

**Sat 26 November 2011  
1.30 pm**

**Parliament House Forecourt  
Macquarie Street Sydney**



All Commonwealth of Australia Boer War soldiers and nurses were volunteers, including many who had served in militia and other kinds of Reserve units.

The National Boer War Memorial Association welcomes the assistance of the Reserve Forces Day Council to achieve recognition of the first Australians the national government sent to war soon after Federation 1 January 1901.

It is appropriate that the Reserve Forces Day Council has decided to commemorate Boer War Veterans as its focus activity for 2012—the volunteering tradition continues to this day.

Their efforts on our behalf deserve our support!

**It would be wonderful to have a good turn-out by all BWM members and friends to watch this parade, demonstrating to government that there is broad public interest in the erecting of a national Boer War Memorial on the dedicated site on ANZAC Parade, Canberra.**

Col John Haines OAM  
National Chairman, National Boer War Memorial Assn Inc  
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Lt Col John Moore OAM RFD ED (Retd)  
National Executive Officer Reserve Forces Day Council  
National Deputy Chairman  
[www.rfd.org.au](http://www.rfd.org.au)

To the Editor

**Trooper Ashley Whitney — and the South African War Veterans Assn**  
Descendant: Joyce Greenaway (daughter)

"I was very interested in the article in Monumentally Speaking No 10 of May 2011 which talked about the South African Soldiers Association.

"My father was a Life Member of the S.A.W.V.A. of NSW and was also the President for the last 8 to 9 years of his life – he died in 1977 – so I looked back into his Scrap Book and found some interesting facts.

"It would appear that there was a name change from S.A.S.A. to S.A.W.V.A. at some time after 1939. I found photos of 2 Banners – one is in the earlier part of his Scrap Book and features the badge with the letters S.A.S.A. and there is an accompanying note which says it was presented to the Association by Governor and Lady Game on 14/2/1933. The other photo is taken at a meeting in June 1974. It too features the Badge but the lettering is S.A.W.V.A. The badge takes centre position on both Banners.

"I can't establish when the original Association was formed but there is a newspaper cutting in the Scrap Book which says "The Association members on 31 May 1968 paraded for the last time at their Annual Luncheon at the Sydney Town Hall. The Governor Sir Roden Cutler inspected the Guard of Honour. It marked the end of a 50 year tradition." This would indicate that the Association dated back to 1918.



**829 Tpr Ashley William Whitney, NSW Lancers**

"The meetings of the S.A.W.V.A. were held in later years in the office of the Hyde Park war Memorial Sydney where they received wonderful support from their good friend Max McColl – a staff member of the Memorial, who became their Assistant Secretary. There is a photo in the Scrap Book of what was probably the last meeting of the S.A.W.V.A. – 1 September 1976 – pictured are 3 members – Tom Anderson (93) of Wallsend; Jack George (93) of Mayfield and Ashley Whitney (95). There are other group photos, with identifying names which may be of interest to some descendants."

Joyce Whitney, Daughter

[Link to Tpr Whitney's entry in the Descendant Database](#)

## The Boer War in context—the rest of the World's concerns

From early in 1899 the British Empire became absorbed in the growing tensions in South Africa, adding to their existing involvement in conflicts in India, Afghanistan, Egypt China and Burma.

Meanwhile the rest of the world continued, while not entirely ignoring what was to become the Anglo-Boer War.

**1895**– Roentgen discovers X-rays

**1896**– the first Modern Olympic Games in Athens

**1897**– the Suffragette movement militant in London

**1898**– war between Spain and the USA April-December

**1899**– **President Kruger, on behalf of the Boer Republics of Orange Free State and Transvaal, sent the British government his famous ultimatum, and declared war October 11.** USA-Philippines war begins. In the UK famous cricketer WG Grace captained the England team in the First Test against Australia—aged 51.

**1900**– first Zeppelin flight. China– the Boxer revolution

reached Peking and an international force (incl a Naval Brigade from Australia) put it down. France– in Paris the 2nd Modern Olympic Games. Italy– an assassin shoots King Umberto I. USA– Eastman Kodak marketed the Brownie Box camera for \$1, and 15 cents for a six-shot roll of film, developing and printing extra... Morocco– France and Spain send troops. Russia– asserts that it has allowed Japan too much latitude occupying Korea. Germany– navy now second only to UK but more modern. US holds power in Philippines. Turkey– noted the US warship on station over small debt to US.

**1901**– Australia, Federation of the Colonies as States of the Commonwealth of Australia. NZ decides against joining. In the USA, President McKinley assassinated. Theodore Roosevelt becomes president.

**1902**– Transpacific cable section from Queensland to Norfolk Is and NZ to Fiji was completed, with the Fiji-Vancouver section due to be completed by December.

## More contenders for the newest and oldest NSW Boer War Memorials

### Newest

**Robert Ellis** organised a tree planting (Protea) and a plaque at the RSL Club's flagpole garden commemorating all who served in the Boer War from Molong. Robert thanked the Cabonne Council for financing the event. In passing, your Editor checked the "[Existing Memorials](#)" in the [www.bwm.org.au](http://www.bwm.org.au) site: the Molong photo doesn't tell the whole story! So, any chance of a few good photos and a description to update the Molong entry, please Robert? But is Molong's update now the newest?

And thank you **Brian Ellis** (are you related to Robert?) for the photos of Bourke's excellent BW Memorial recording 35 names of local men, and the interesting note that some were added and deleted at the time these four new plaques were added in 1988. And also for the photos of the small Breaker Morant memorial at Poets Corner in Bourke's Central Park. I will endeavour to include in a future edition some of Morant's bush poetry, and fellow poet and friend, Will Oglvie's epitaph to him. Also for the information that Sister Eliza Emily Hoadley's name is recorded on the memorial at Neville, showing both her BW and WW1 service.

**Graham Podmore's** detailed shots of the Mudgee one are also gratefully received.

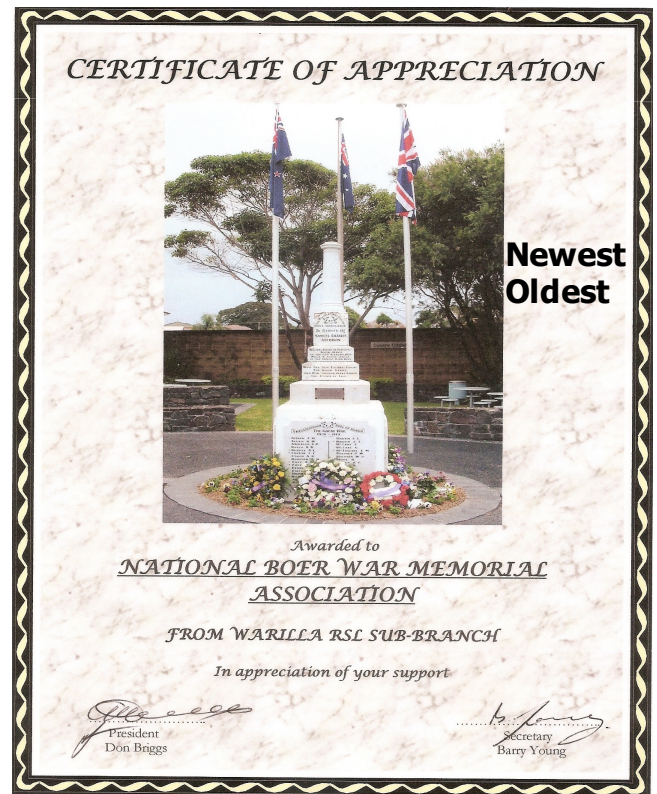
**Margaret Spinks** also dares to go at the newest, a memorial plaque to Tpr Walter Laishley Spier, B Sqn NSW Citizens Bushmen, in the Hunters Hill Council Chambers. The original memorial dedicated to Tpr Spier in the grounds of All Saints Church dated 1901, was an entry to the Oldest. The new plaque is a real contender for 'newest', about the same time as the Mosman one, dedicated in April 2011, but both a month earlier than Bungendore's.

**A new winner for Oldest! Warilla/Shellharbour.** Warilla RSL Sub branch President **Don Briggs** and Secretary **Barry Young** sent the NSW BWMA a delightful certificate (below) to thank the NSW Committee for our work in enlarging the record of all Boer War memorials in NSW. [Ed thank you Don.]

The photo is of the Warilla memorial to 24 year old No.17 Pte Walter Samuel Atchison, NSW Rifles, KIA 22 Feb 1900. This is four days after Lt Gideon Grieve, whose memorial at Watson's Bay until now has been thought the oldest.

Money for the Warilla memorial was raised by public subscription and the completed memorial was dedicated just 14 weeks after his death, on 30 May 1900.

Detailed photo at: <http://www.warriorssnsw.asn.au/details.cfm?MemNo=392>



## Guest Speakers Schedule

NSW BWM Assn committee members are available to make a presentation on the Boer War, Australia's role in it and why we need a **national** memorial for all those soldiers and nurses who answered the call.

The illustrated informative talk is usually 45 minutes plus questions but is easily adjusted to suit your organisation's needs.

To arrange for a speaker to address your organisation, contact Tony Lamach-Jones [tjconsulting@bigpond.com](mailto:tjconsulting@bigpond.com)

Presentations scheduled to the end of the year:

- ◇ 14 October—Ourimbah RSL Central Coast Rod Bain
- ◇ 16 October—Mortdale RSL David Deasey
- ◇ 27 October—Hunters Hill Historical Society Keith Smith
- ◇ 16 November—Chatswood Rotary Tony Lamach-Jones



## The South Australian Page The Salvation Army and the Boer War by Lindsay Cox



It is likely that every Australian serviceman and woman enjoyed the presence of uniformed members of the Salvation Army at bivouacs, camps, exercises and parades.

The first sight of their uniform at the end of a long march starts the message down the line "Thank God for the Salvos". It means at the very least a 'hot brew and biscuit' welcome.

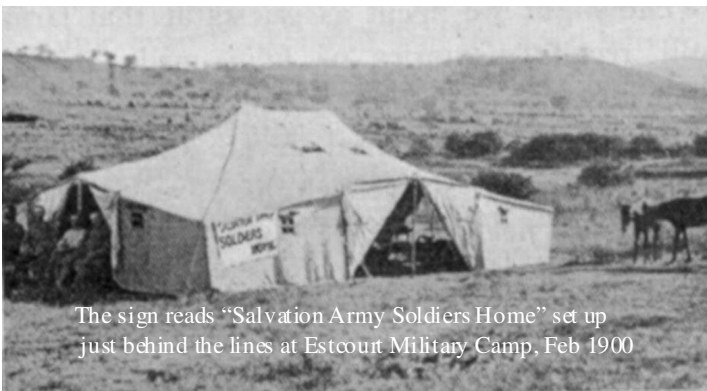
The Salvos history dating back to 1865: William and Catherine Booth, unhappy with their Methodist denomination, began a mission in East London. It only became The Salvation Army in 1878. Booth described the Army's work with the down and outs as 'soup, soap, and salvation'. Members (of both sexes with equal rights in the organisation) wore a military style uniform and were promoted through the ranks.

General Booth found that brass band music attracted crowds and quieted the dissidents. It became one of the Army's defining characteristics that endures as a core of their public worship to accompany rousing hymns.

Members must be abstemious but go into hotels and goals to do their work as they help society's rejects. The beliefs are mainstream Christian; the delivery is unorthodox. The Salvation Army officially started in Australia in 1880.

At outbreak of the Boer War General Booth sent eight officers from the UK to South Africa 'to minister comfort and practical aid...' to both sides. It was led by Adjutant Mary Murray.

The English officers set up a tent as the 'Salvation Army Soldiers Home'. It was to be the first of many in future wars.



The sign reads "Salvation Army Soldiers Home" set up just behind the lines at Estcourt Military Camp, Feb 1900

Their work inspired Australian Salvationists to do similar work with the contingents mustering for training prior to embarkation. It was thought that the English officers would be sufficient in South Africa, so only one Australian was sent, as a War Correspondent for "War Cry".

In South Africa the first contact by these "welfare" officers with Australian troops was with the 1st Victorian Mounted Rifle Contingent and the 1st South Australian Rifles attached to General French's Column advancing to Colesberg.

Mary Murray: *'It was daily routine of letter-writing in the morning, hospital and camp visitations in the afternoon, where they took with them paper, literature, pencils, stamps, and matches. We got to know the real needs of the men, and I realised that very simple means would enable a great many men to keep out of the ever-growing hospitals, and also counteract the gambling... and some place to come to when off duty, to read, write, and get good cheap food'*

But Salvationists also enlisted in the armed units from the col-

onies. Brother William Smith of the Peterborough Salvation Army Corps in South Australia enlisted in the 1st South Australian Rifles. Pte William Edwin Smith was sadly to become the first Australian Salvationist killed in action, during the fighting at Arundel on 18 Feb 1900.

Another early enlistee was Tpr Walter Samuel Solomon (1877-1955) who served in South Africa with Nesbitt's Horse recruited from colonials working in South Africa. An assayer in the gold industry, Solomon was not then a Salvationist. He converted on return while in Bathurst NSW, himself a 'down and out' from his war experiences, living under a bridge.

Solomon went on to have an outstanding career as a senior Salvation Army officer but maintained his work with the Australian troops by spending three years in WW1 as a Chaplain in France, paid by the Salvation Army.

His great-grand daughter recently added the following:

*"Walter Samuel Solomon (1877-1955) was awarded the Efficiency Decoration in March 1949, at the time an event unique in the history of the Salvation Army. His experience of active military service under five sovereigns is believed to be without precedence. He enlisted under Queen Victoria in the Boer War, and also served there under Edward VII. He served in World War I under George V as an army padre. Between wars he was in camp as an army chaplain under Edward VIII. In World War II he saw three years active service under George VI."*



Brigadier W. S. Solomon, a retired Salvation Army officer who holds the honorary rank of military Colonel, was among the war veterans who gathered at the Exhibition Grounds, Brisbane, to greet the Queen. Sir Raymond Huish pointed out the Brigadier to Her Majesty, who made inquiries concerning his service among the troops. The Brigadier is here seen explaining that he had served under five Sovereigns, beginning during the Boer War when Queen Victoria reigned. He told how he was presented to King George V at Buckingham Palace. "I congratulate you," was the Queen's reply. A large Army crest can be seen among the Brigadier's decorations. (Photo by courtesy of the Brisbane "Courier Mail".)

Lindsay Cox, is the Salvation Army's Territorial Archivist, PO Box 18185, Colins St East, Melbourne 8003.

## The Boer War Story Time Dinner

### ACT Committee of the National Boer War Memorial Association

Held in the Great Hall of University House,  
Australian National University, Canberra  
Thursday 22nd September 2011

Enthusiasts, Historians and descendants of Boer War veterans gathered for a very successful 'Story Time Dinner' to recount family stories, poems and songs about the Boer War.

Thirty two sat down for the military-styled dinner, with wine and port, held in the Great Hall of University House.

*"The baby's name is  
Kitchener, Carrington, Methuen, Kekewitch, White,  
Cronje, Kruger, Powell, Majuba  
Gatacre and Warren, and Colenso,  
Cape Town, Mafeking, French, Kimberley, Ladysmith,  
Bobs,  
Union Jack, Fighting Mac,  
Lyddite, Victoria, "Blobbs."*



Paul Boundy, Kelly Haighie, John Boundy, Betsy Boundy (nee Prosper), and Kathe Kobold



Kathy & Andrew Wearne, and WO1 (Ret'd) John Lee

Guests gathered in the ante-room before being piped into dinner by Geoff See of the Canberra City Pipe Band. Colonel John Haynes OAM (Retd), the Chairman of the National Boer War Memorial Association, and his wife Gwen led the guests into Dinner to the strains of the pipes.

After the Entree, Major Rob Morrison, the MC, started the stories by reciting some prophetic lines from Banjo Patterson's poem *"Our Own Flag"* written in 1900.

*"If ever they want us to stand the brunt  
Of a hard-fought, grim campaign,  
We will carry our own flag up to the front  
When we go to the wars again. "*

Peter Edgar then spoke about his new biography, *"Sir William Glasgow: soldier, senator and diplomat"*. This covered Sir William's service in the Queensland Mounted Infantry. Following the main course, Betsy Boundy (daughter of Sergeant Henry Clifton Prosser, 4<sup>th</sup> South Australian Imperial Bushman's Contingent) sang her family's version of a song popular during the Boer War called *"The Baby's Name"*. The following words are taken directly from her handwritten notes of the tune she sang as a very young girl:

Jean Macaulay followed by reciting a poem written to celebrate her grandfather's return from the war with the 2nd New South Wales Mounted Rifles.

Trevor Bail, Colonel Joe Johnson CSC (Retd) and Russell Middleton also entertained the guests with their various accounts of their relative's service in South Africa.

Congratulations are due to the ACT Committee- National Boer War Memorial Association for organising the event, especially Kathy Wearn who arranged the menu and was the key liaison with the staff of the University House.

Story and photos: Colin Campbell 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011



Maj Rob Morrison, Helen Campbell, Piper Geoff See, & Lt Col John Howells

## Letter from Vashti Farrer

*Some years ago I was interviewing some elderly "Old Girls" from SCEGGS Darlinghurst for a school history that was being written at the time. One of them told me that when she was a pupil, the then headmistress, Miss Edith Badham, gave her permission to row out on Sydney Harbour, with another girl (presumably as a chaperone) to see off a troop ship on its way to the Boer War, since her uncle was*

*one of the troopers on board.*

*The rowing would have been done wearing long, navy serge skirts and white high-necked blouses and boaters.*

*They duly waved to the troops who waved back, but when I asked could she see her uncle on deck, she said no, but they kept on waving anyway, because they felt sure he was able to see them.*

Ed: Yairs, perhaps....



Donated to the Australian War Memorial by BW veteran Tom Ashford in 1951.

AWM photo RELAWM5431

## Queen Victoria's Christmas Pudding

The Queen sent this Crosse & Blackwell Plum Pudding to all British troops serving in South Africa to brighten their Christmas in 1901.

106 Tpr Thomas Ashford, 2 NSW Mounted Rifles, April 1901—April 1902, kept his in pristine condition to take home and show the family.

His grand-daughter, Beverley Joyce, registered him on the [BWM Soldiers database](#)

This is our final edition of *NSW Monumentally Speaking* for 2011. We wish you and yours **A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and may we meet again in 2012 to keep the BWM project moving to completion!

## SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN

This blood-stirring march was written by Leslie Stuart in the UK in 1896 to be played at the opening of the Manchester Canal. The words were added in 1899(?) but certainly in time for it to be sung in Brisbane to send-off the 1st Queensland Mtd Inf to the Boer War 1 Nov 1899.

Britons once did loyally declaim  
About the way we ruled the waves.  
Every Briton's song was just the same  
When singing of her soldier-braves.  
All the world had heard it--  
Wondered why we sang,  
And some have learned the reason why--  
But we're not forgetting it,

And we're not letting it  
Fade away and gradually die,  
Fade away and gradually die.  
So when we say that England's master  
Remember who has made her so—  
It's the soldiers of the Queen, my lads  
Who've been, my lads, who've seen, my lads  
In the fight for England's glory lads  
When we've had to show them what we mean:  
And when we say we've always won  
And when they ask us how it's done  
We'll proudly point to every one  
Of England's soldiers of the Queen.



### NSW's Badge

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Paddington NSW 2021

### Queensland's

### Shirt & Chocolate Box

Smart black polo shirt with the authentic BW "Rising Sun" badge.  
Sizes - Small to 4XL

Short sleeved \$30, long \$36

With chest pocket extra \$1

## FUND RAISERS

Postage Interstate \$6  
(Men's and Women's)

**Chocolate Box** square tin is a re-creation of Queen Victoria's Christmas 1900 gift to all soldiers and nurses then serving in South Africa.

10 chocolates in this box in BW ribbon colours and handmade by *Chocartiste* using genuine Belgian chocolate.

Eat the chocs, display the tin...  
Only a few left....

\$30 per tin + \$5 postage  
Contact Colleen Queensland

### Victoria's

**Lapel pin** 30x30 mm  
\$7.50 + \$2.50 postage

**Ball point pens**—choose gold and black or gold and maroon  
\$10 plus postage.

### Queen Victoria Christmas Chocolate tins

Rectangular model 204\*60\*26mm  
Containing 8 "Slouch Hat" chocs  
\$25+ \$6 p & H

### Boer War Service Plaques

225 x 175 mm engraved wood for wall-mounting as a family reminder of your ancestor's Boer War service.

\$60 + \$10 p & h

For application form contact:  
Bill Woolmore,

## NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL

### PETITION

TO: the Honourable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament.

We, the members and friends of the National Boer War Association and its various State Branches, are dismayed to learn there is no memorial in the National Capital on Anzac Parade, Canberra to honour those 23,000 men and women of Australia who served our country in the Boer War of 1899-1902, some 1,000 of whom gave their lives. These same men and women laid down the foundations for the Australian Defence Force which has served our country so well these past 110 years.

We humbly beseech the Government of Australia to take immediate steps, particularly by way of funding, to rectify what will otherwise remain a national Disgrace, by erecting a memorial to their service and sacrifice.

Principal Petitioner: Major General WB Digger James AC AO(Mil) MC

Patron, the Australian Light Horse Association

Full Name (please print)

Address (please print)

Signature

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