

1 REMEMBER THE ANZACS

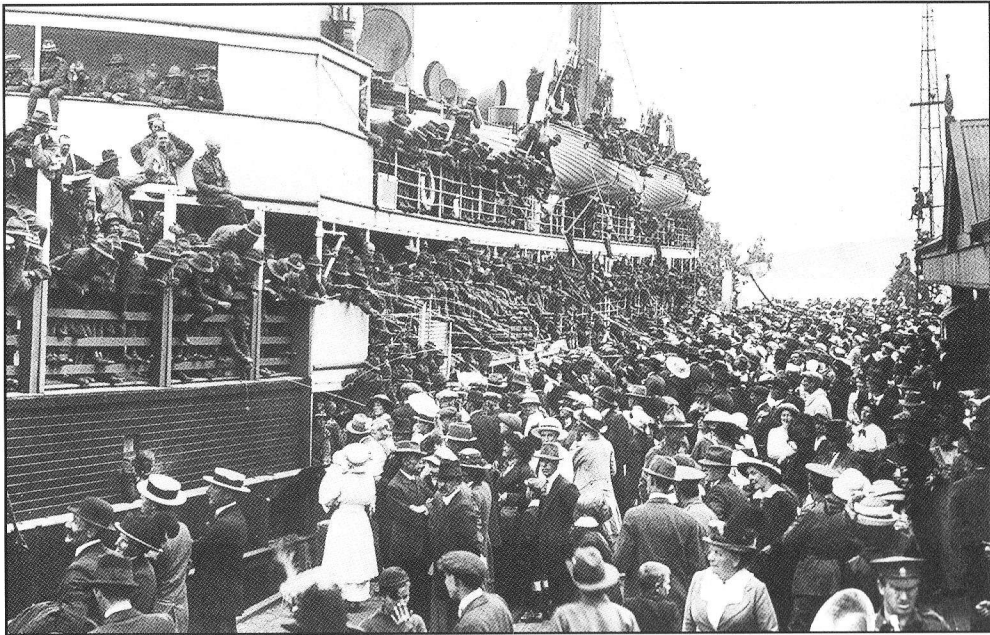


*“Oh the sun shines bright on Charlie Chaplin
His boots are cracking from want of blacking
And his baggy trousers they need mending
Before they send him to the Dardanelles”*

1915 music hall song

*O*n 25 April 1915 soldiers of Australia and New Zealand landed on a tiny beach on the Gallipoli Peninsula of Turkey.

These were the 30 000 soldiers who sailed for war in October 1914 when 8417 New Zealanders on their ten transport ships joined with the 20 000



(NZ Herald)

Eight thousand adventurers: “We were off to see the world.”



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Soldiers of the Canterbury Infantry Battalion on the wharf at Lyttelton getting ready to embark, October 1914.

Australians at Albany in Western Australia and sailed for Egypt.

Here they became the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps commanded by a British officer, Lieutenant-General Birdwood. The title was

too long for people to say so they shortened it to ANZAC. Very soon the Australian and New Zealand soldiers also became known as the 'Anzacs'.

This is the story of how it all began.