

Light Rail Honours Australian Veterans in Korean War.

The images of eight Australians who served in the Korean War will be featured on Sydney Light Rail Carriages to mark seventy years since the start of the war.

The faces of the eight Australians who served in Korea is a powerful tribute to the 17,000 Australians who fought in the conflict between 1950 and 1953. Over the course of the war 340 Australians were killed and 1200 were wounded.

The Light Rail commemoration 'Lest Korea Forget' will operate from 22 June to 26 July.



Ian Crawford joined the navy at 17 and before his 19th birthday he left for Korean Waters on HMS Ceylon, arriving in time to support the landing at Incheon.



HMS Ceylon

Warwick Bracegirdle commanded the HMAS Bataan during its second tour in Korean Waters in 1952



HMAS Bataan

Lieutenant Len Montgomery and his men of 4 platoon B Company 3RAR, rest after surviving the Battle of Kapyong 23/24 April 1951. They were amongst the first to engage the enemy in that battle, in one of the last acts by making a bayonet charge, his courage on the day which earned him the Military Cross.



Stafford Lenoy Temporary Seargent 3 RAR was killed whilst manning a machine gun during the Battle of Kapyong.

Steve Dodd served a tour as an infantryman with 1 RAR in Korea from April 1952 to March 1953. When his period of enlistment expired he resumed his acting career.



Pilot Cecil Sly was forced to bail out of his burning Mustang fighter behind enemy lines in March 1951. His evasion from capture and rescue by helicopter whilst under Chinese fire earned him a Distinguished Flying Medal from the RAAF and a US Air Medal from the Americans. He completed his tour in Korea flying Meteor Jets.



Grace Bury served as a nursing sister with 77 (Fighter) Squadron RAAF from mid April to

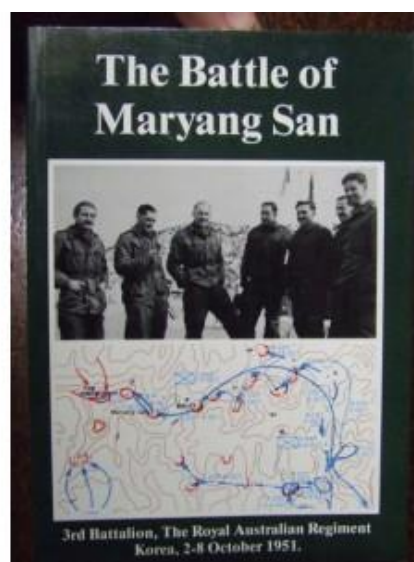
late May 1953. Sister Bury's task was to prepare and accompany the wounded on medical evacuation flights from Korea for further medical treatment in Japan. At this time the Squadron was flying Meteor Jets out from Kimpo military airfield.

Sargent Brian Cooper and a handful of his men held a machine gun bunker on Hill 111 covering the flank of the trenches on the 'Hook' a feature above the Samichon River held by 2RAR. As Chinese soldiers swarmed around his bunker he called down Artillery

onto his position. He survived, later he was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery



Francis Hasset commanded 3RAR during the Battle of Maryang-San in October 1951 earned him a Distinguished Service Order.



For further information open this [pdf file](#) .



Barbara Lees, President of our Women's Auxiliary is on the fund raising pathway

again selling chocolates at \$5.00 a bar.

You can purchase from the Sub Branch office on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 15:30, my number 0490348844 or contact Barbara on [0402 247 890](tel:0402247890).

We have 25 bars of each type see picture below. Originally purchased for Anzac Day 2020.



Our Women's Auxiliary will be selling more for Remembrance Day 2020.

Anzac House - Membership Queries Advice

New member cards: The cards have been ordered and are currently under production. We anticipate they will be at your sub-Branch in July. Please note that the card is a permanent card and not an annual card. Once you have received the new card it will not be replaced until it is lost or destroyed. There still seems to be some confusion about this in the network and it would be helpful if sub-Branch secretaries could remind their members of this point.

Victory in the Pacific

2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific. As such RSL NSW will be conducting its annual commemoration

service at the Cenotaph whilst still complying with all social distancing requirements.

This website will provide you with the best information on how to manage the COVID-19 restrictions that may impact such events (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>)

RSL NSW is also seeking further guidance from the NSW Government to specifically assist with the conduct of commemoration services in the lead-up to VP Day, Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. I will circulate this information as soon as it is available.

National VP Day Service

DVA have been in contact with RSL NSW to seek interest from any WWII veteran who would be interested in travelling to the Australian War Memorial for the national VP Day Service and a couple of associated events. DVA will cover the cost of travel and accommodation for interested veterans. If any sub-Branch has a WWII member who they feel is fit enough to attend this event over a couple of days, please contact the Support Unit with their details and we will try and facilitate their attendance.

Awards and Recognition

The Board approved the recommendations from the selections committee for two Life Memberships and three Meritorious Service Medals.

That's all Folks until the next Newsletter...

See ya

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