

This magnificent Memorial Fountain, set in Hyde Park, in the heart of Sydney, N.S.W., symbolises the lasting friendship between Australia and France. The statuary is regarded as one of the finest works by Francois Sicard, the famous French sculptor. The Fountain was a gift to the City of Sydney by the late J. Archibald (who achieved fame as editor of the "Bulletin") to commemorate the Franco-Australian brotherhood in arms during World War I.

**EXCHANGE OF ARMORIAL BEARINGS  
BETWEEN  
CITY OF NEWCASTLE, N.S.W. AND AMIENS,  
FRANCE**

Newcastle is the territorial headquarters of the 9th Infantry Brigade A.I.F., comprising the 33rd, 34th, 35th and 36th Battalions. Almost all the original soldiers were recruited from the north of New South Wales.

Probably the Brigade's most glorious battle-honour is Villers Bretonneux 1918. This was the decisive battle to defend the city of Amiens—key to Paris—against Ludendorff's advancing army.

History records this epic defence of Amiens. The 9th Brigade lost heavily. The 50th Anniversary Remembrance Pilgrimage will commemorate the Fallen of that battle and all the battles in which the A.I.F. took part.

As a special mark of the link which binds the two cities in sacrifice and battle-honours, Newcastle, N.S.W., sends a gift to Amiens, at the hands of the Pilgrims, of a framed replica of the City's Armorial Bearings (Coat-of-Arms) and a Commemorative Plaque fashioned in native timber. Amiens will reciprocate.

These gifts will be placed on public exhibition in honoured places, in memory of 1918 and as a record of the Pilgrimage of Remembrance, 1968.

**A.I.F. REMEMBRANCE PILGRIMAGE  
TO COMMEMORATE THE  
50th ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME**

Organised by 9th Brigade Veterans' Association



**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**



**THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION MEMORIAL,  
SAILLY-LE-SEC, FRANCE**

*"They gave their lives. For that public gift they received a praise which never ages and a tomb most glorious—not so much the tomb in which they lie, but that in which their fame survives, to be remembered for ever when occasion comes for word or deed . . ."*

— Foreword —

**MEMBERS OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY  
REMEMBRANCE PILGRIMAGE  
1968**

**PILGRIMAGE MEMBERSHIP**

as at 8th March, 1968

**List of Officials**

NOTE.—Group Leaders and Special Duties Officials to be appointed later.

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Leslie Pierce ..... Wesley Vale  
Oscar L. Mollross ..... Hobart

**Victorian Representative**

Andrew Crawford ..... Tatura

**Queensland Representative**

Jim Sigley ..... Mossman, via Cairns  
George Bell .. Brisbane, joins at San Francisco

**W.A. Representative**

John M. Tweedie ..... Brentwood



The Right Honourable P. M. Hasluck, Australian Minister for External Affairs and Joint Patron of the A.I.F. Remembrance Pilgrimage. Formerly Minister for Territories (May 1951 - Nov. 1963) and Minister for Defence (Nov. 1963 - April 1964). Liberal Party Member of the House of Representatives for Curtin, Western Australia.

I was very pleased to be asked to contribute a message as a foreword to the Official Programme of the Pilgrimage of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

In this programme there are numerous reminders of the contribution which Australian soldiers made in common with their comrades in arms from many Allied countries during the 1914-1918 World War. Fifty thousand of them paid the supreme sacrifice to defend the ideals of freedom and justice and this Pilgrimage will be honouring their memory.

But the Pilgrimage not only honours the fallen of World War I, it also salutes all those soldiers who died in World War II, in Korea, in Malaysia and in Vietnam.

The Pilgrimage will serve to remind thoughtful people of the need for continuing vigilance and, if necessary, sacrifice in the defence of the ideals of justice and freedom which form an inalienable part of the heritage of the free democratic countries of the world.

The Pilgrimage also underlines the close and special links between Australia and France, which were firmly established by the extensive contacts made during World War I. In the fifty years that have followed, the association has been constantly renewed through the substantial interchange of contacts in the fields of trade, culture and education, as well as of tourism.

I wish the Pilgrimage every success and a safe return to all its members.

Rt. Hon. P. M. Hasluck, P.C., M.P.,  
Minister for External Affairs.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Acknowledgments are due to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for use of photographs of Memorials in this issue; also the "Courrier Australien" for the block of the Archibald Memorial Fountain, the French Ambassador and Mr. G. Blin.

Personnel will be grouped under experienced leaders before take-off. Special bulletin will be issued for guidance to members.

# TOUR ITINERARY...



## **Sunday, 14th April**

At 7 p.m. tonight we board our B.O.A.C. 707 Jetliner on the first stage of our flight to Honolulu. After leaving Nandi we cross the International Dateline and reach Honolulu at 9.40 a.m. on Sunday morning. On arrival, we are transferred from the Airport to the REEF HOTEL where we spend the night. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

## **Monday, 15th April**

This morning we are transferred to the Airport for a 10.45 a.m. departure by B.O.A.C. 707 for San Francisco, arriving at 5.30 p.m. this evening. We are met and driven to the CALIFORNIAN HOTEL, where two nights' accommodation is reserved for us.

## **Tuesday, 16th April**

The whole day is at leisure and this evening we are transferred from our Hotel to the Airport to join United Airlines DC8 flight which departs San Francisco at 10.30 p.m. for Washington, D.C.

## **Wednesday, 17th April**

We reach Washington Airport at 6.20 this morning and are met and transferred to the WINDSOR PARK HOTEL, where we spend two nights. During our stay in Washington, the following programme has been arranged:

Reception by the Australian Ambassador.

Wreath-laying ceremony at the American War Memorial.

Reception by the American Legion.

## **Friday, 19th April**

We are transferred from our Hotel to the Airport this morning and leave Washington at 9.30 a.m. by American Airlines BAC 1-11 for New York, arriving at 10.23 a.m. Here we are met and transferred to the WELLINGTON HOTEL. During our stay in New York we will visit the United Nations Headquarters and will be met by the Australian Ambassador to the United Nations.

## **Saturday, 20th April**

Another day in New York before transferring from our Hotel to the Airport to depart at 9 p.m. by B.O.A.C. 707 on our overnight flight to London.

## **Sunday, 21st April**

We reach London Airport at 9.40 this morning and are met and transferred to the KINGSLEY HOTEL, where we will be accommodated during our stay.

Of prime importance during our stay in London will be the Anzac Day Ceremony and this will be followed by a late afternoon reunion with the British Legion to which Diggers in the United Kingdom will be invited.

Other functions include a visit to the Commonwealth Airmen's Memorial at Runnymede, followed by a visit to Windsor Castle where we hope to meet Lord Slim—and a Reception given by the Australian High Commissioner.

## **Monday, 29th April**

We leave London this morning and are transferred from our Hotel to the Airport to board our Air France Caravelle for an 11 a.m. flight to Paris. On arrival at 12 noon we are met at the Airport and taken to the TERMINUS ST. LAZARE HOTEL, where two nights' accommodation is reserved for us.

During the afternoon a wreath will be laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a Pilgrimage Delegate will officiate at the Ceremony of the Eternal Flame. This will be followed by an Ambassadorial Reception.

## **Tuesday, 30th April**

Today is at leisure for personal sightseeing or shopping in Paris.

## **Wednesday, 1st May**

The morning is at leisure, and after lunch we are transferred to the Station Nord to board the 2.50 p.m. train for Amiens, arriving at 3.30 p.m. We are transferred to the GRAND HOTEL to spend the night.

We will be guests at a Civic Reception in Amiens, during which there will be a special ceremony of exchange of the City Coat-of-Arms and a Commemorative Plaque of Amiens and the City of Newcastle, New South Wales.

## **TOUR OF BATTLEFIELDS**

### **Thursday, 2nd May**

This morning we depart for Armentieres—travelling by way of Pont Remy, Erondelle, Tours-en-Vimeu, Abbeville, Desvres, Trois Marquest, St. Omer, Arques, Hazebrouck and Bailleul. In Armentieres we stay at the HOTEL DU COMTE D'EGMONT ET DU NORD.

### **Friday, 3rd May**

After breakfast we continue our tour via Ploegstreat, Warneton and Messines to Ypres, where there will be a ceremony at the Menin Gate followed by a Reception by the Burgomaster. During the afternoon we return through Kemmel, Neuve Eglise, Le Romain and

Global of London are proud to have been selected to handle the travel arrangements for this 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage and wish all its members an enjoyable and successful tour.

Nieppe to Armentieres, and this evening there will be an informal get-together with the local authorities and ex-Service personnel.

#### **Saturday, 4th May**

Today we return to Amiens, visiting en route Lille, Arras, Cambrai, Bony, Ronsey, Roisel, Tincourt, Mont St. Quentin where we meet the President of Ceux de la Somme and V.I.P.'s for ceremony at the Rencourt French War Cemetery; then on to Combles, Guillemont, Bray-sur-Somme and Sailly-le-Sec where a ceremony will be held at the 3rd Division Memorial. We spend tonight at the GRAND HOTEL in Amiens.

#### **Sunday, 5th May**

A special service at Amiens Cathedral is being arranged—with the remainder of the day at leisure.

#### **Monday, 6th May**

We board our coach again this morning to drive to Villers Bretonneux, travelling via Albert (where we are welcomed by the Mayor), Le Hamel, Corbie and Blangy Tronville. 'Australia Day' at Villers Bretonneux will include:

A Civic Reception.

Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in the presence of the Prefect of the Somme Region, Members of Parliament and authorities from neighbouring towns.

The presentation of the Somme Medal to eligible Pilgrims, as arranged with the Ceux de la Somme Organisation.

A visit to the School where a gift will be presented.

Reunion with French Ex-Service personnel and reciprocal presentations.

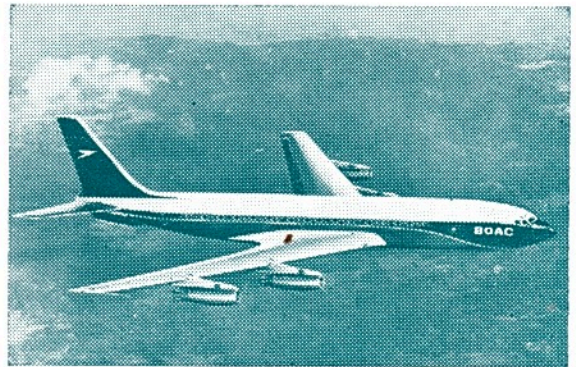
The day will conclude with a Civic Reception of Honour prior to our return to Amiens.

#### **Tuesday, 7th May**

This morning we bid farewell to our friends at Amiens and transfer to the Station to board the 11 a.m. train for our return journey to Paris. We reach the Station Nord at 12.16 p.m. and are transferred to the TERMINUS ST. LAZARE HOTEL.

#### **Wednesday, 8th May**

Today marks our departure from Paris and we transfer to the Airport to board our Alitalia Caravelle for a 1.30 p.m. take-off. We reach Rome Airport at 3.10 p.m. and are transferred to the GRAND HOTEL CONTINENTAL, where we spend two nights. During our stay in Rome the following functions have been arranged:



B.O.A.C. Rolls Royce 707

Meeting with representatives from the Australian Embassy.

Visit to the Vatican City where it is hoped that an audience with His Holiness the Pope may be arranged.

#### **Friday, 10th May**

The morning is at leisure and this afternoon we leave Rome, transferring from our Hotel to the Airport to join our 2.15 p.m. Air France 707 flight for Israel. We reach Lod Airport at 5.10 p.m. and are met and transferred to the RAMAT AVIV HOTEL in Tel Aviv, where we spend four nights. Our visit to Israel will include:

A ceremony at the Anzac War Memorial and Forest and the planting of a grove of Eucalyptus in honour of the late General Monash, Commander of the Anzac Corps.

Visits to sites of special religious and historic interest.

A reception and reunion by Jewish Ex-Servicemen.

#### **Tuesday, 14th May**

The morning is free and this afternoon we are transferred back to the Airport for our flight by Air France 707 which departs at 5 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, 15th May**

We reach Hong Kong at 5.20 p.m. today and are met and transferred from the Airport to the EMPRESS HOTEL, where we spend three nights. No special arrangements have been made during our stay in Hong Kong but there is ample opportunity for personal sightseeing and duty-free shopping.

#### **Saturday, 18th May**

We have another day to enjoy Hong Kong before our evening transfer to the Airport to board our Qantas 707, which departs at 10 p.m. for our return flight home.

#### **Sunday, May 19**

We reach Sydney Airport at 8.55 a.m. this morning.



# THE 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## BRIEF

The 3rd Australian Division consisting of the 9th, 10th and 11th Brigades was raised in Australia early in 1916, and by July of that year had arrived in England where, on Salisbury Plains, it commenced training. Brigadier-General J. Monash assumed command of the Division on 21st July.

The period of training completed, the Division moved to France in November, 1916. It was then active in raiding operations but was not engaged in major operations until 7th June, 1917, when it took part in the successful attack on Messines.

At the opening of the Third Battle of Ypres in July, 1917, the 11th Brigade of the Division was committed on the extreme right of the line against an enemy position known as the 'Windmill'.

Operations in October, 1917, saw the Division engaged in the successful battle at Broodseinde on the 4th. A further attack that month, on the 12th, against Passchendaele was not, however, a complete success.

During the winter of 1917-18 the Division was located in the Warneton sector where it carried out some very successful 'super raids'.

**When the German offensive began in March, 1918, the Division was immediately moved from its resting positions behind the line to the operational area near Amiens. It entered the battle near Morlancourt and assisted not only in stemming the enemy's attack but in driving his line back. On 4th April the 9th Brigade was prominent in restoring the situation at Villers-Bretonneux, where a German attack had succeeded in driving back the British line and gaining the outskirts of the town—of vital importance to the defence of Amiens.**

The 11th Brigade fought at Hamel under the command of the 4th Australian Division. Casualties incurred by the Division between 27th March and 5th April, 1918, were 1,721 officers and men, including 660 by its 9th Brigade.

On 30th May, 1918, General Monash, who had been appointed to command the Australian Corps in France, was succeeded in command of the 3rd Division by Brigadier-General J. Gellibrand.

With other Australian Divisions the 3rd took part in the great Battle of Amiens on 8th August, 1918, the day on which the German General Ludendorff states

Brigadier F. G. 'Black Jack' Galleghan, D.S.O., O.B.E., I.S.O., E.D. Brigadier Galleghan is President of the 9th Brigade A.I.F. Veterans' Association, having been on active service with the 34th Battalion during World War I.

He had a distinguished record in World War II and is famous for his leadership of Prisoners-of-War in the notorious Changi Camp. Today Brigadier Galleghan is the outstanding champion of War Veterans and their rights and privileges. A born leader, an eloquent public speaker and a dour fighter, he is in demand by patriotic organisations in all parts of the State. Only his health prevented him from leading the 3rd Division Commemoration Pilgrimage overseas.



LESLIE HERBERT IRWIN, M.B.E., M.P.  
Hon. Freeman of Blacktown, N.S.W.  
Hon. Member Lions International  
Member of the House of Representatives

Served as Sergeant in France 1916-17 with 35 Bn. A.I.F. After being wounded he joined Australian Flying Corp. Graduated SE5A Pilot. Joined R.A.F. Despatch Pool, London. On return to Australia prominent in Returned Soldiers' Association. Bank Manager 33 years. Elected House of Representatives, 1963. 1922-1930 Staff Captain 1st Infantry Brigade, A.M.F.

# ALIAN DIVISION

## STORY

that he had given up hope of victory. In the following days the Division captured Proyart, Etinehem, Bray, Suzanne, Vaux Wood, Curlu, Hem and Clery. It fought on the left of the 2nd Australian Division during the attack on Mont St. Quentin and facilitated that Division's success by capturing the strongly held Bouchavesnes Spur.

At the end of September and early October the 3rd Division took part in the operations resulting in the breaking of the Hindenburg Line near Bony. After this action it was relieved and did not return to the line before the signing of the Armistice.

Battle Honours awarded to battalions of the 3rd Division were: 'Messines, 1917'; 'Ypres, 1917'; 'Polygon Wood'; 'Broonseinde'; 'Poelcappelle'; 'Passchendaele'; 'Somme, 1918'; 'Avre'; 'Amiens'; 'Albert, 1918'; 'Mont St. Quentin'; 'Hindenburg Line'; 'St. Quentin Canal'; 'France and Flanders, 1916-18'; 'Ancre, 1918'; 'Hamel'.

Total battle casualties sustained by the 3rd Division were 1,256 officers and 28,128 other ranks.

Battle casualties incurred by Australian forces during the two World Wars were:

1914-1918	1939-1945
215,597	72,814

### Eight Victoria Crosses

Eight Victoria Crosses were awarded to men of the 3rd Division, A.I.F. Recipients were:

GRIEVE, Capt. R. C., 37th Inf. Bn., A.I.F., 7 June, 1917, at Messines, Belgium.

CARROLL, Pte. J., 33rd Inf. Bn., A.I.F., 7-10 June, at St. Nees, France.

McGEE, Sgt. L., 40th Inf. Bn., A.I.F., 4 Oct., 1917, East of Ypres, Belgium.

JEFFRIES, Capt. C. S., 34th Inf. Bn., A.I.F., 12 Oct., 1917, Passchendaele, Belgium (Posthumous).

STRATTON, Sgt. P. C., 40th Inf. Bn., A.I.F., 12 Aug., 1918, Proyart, France.

GORDON, L/Cpl. B. S., 41st Inf. Bn., A.I.F., 26-28 Aug., 1918, Bray, France.

CARTWRIGHT, Pte. G., 33rd Inf. Bn., A.I.F., 31 Aug., 1918, near Peronne, France.

WEATHERS, Cpl. L. C., 43rd Inf. Bn., A.I.F., 2 Sept., 1918, North of Peronne, France.



Monsieur Andre Favereau, Officier de la Legion d'Honneur, Compagnon of the Order of Liberation, Croix de Guerre 39-45, Resistance Medal



The originator and Chief Executive Officer of the 3rd Division A.I.F. Remembrance Pilgrimage, Fred J. Cahill of St. Ives, formed the 9th Brigade Veterans' Association late in 1965.

Having retired from a Parliamentary career, Fred Cahill devoted himself to the Diggers' cause. He organised the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the 9th Brigade at Newcastle in 1966, and since then has worked unceasingly for the success of the Pilgrimage—a mammoth task which spread to the whole of the 3rd Divvy throughout Australia.

Fred and his wife conceived the idea of the Pilgrimage in a talk with Amiens citizens in 1964, when they made two trips to France.

Linking Newcastle and Amiens was a dream which is now coming true. As an original member of the 36th Battalion, Fred served for three years in France and was wounded and gassed at Villers-Bretonneux in late April, 1918.

His dream now is to get a full colour film and record of all the Pilgrimage ceremonies and functions, to give the veterans, and their folks, who cannot go on the tour, an opportunity to participate vicariously in the nostalgic journey into the past—those unforgettable years of World War 1.



**VILLERS BRETONNEUX MILITARY CEMETERY AND THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MEMORIAL**  
Total number of casualties commemorated on the Memorial 10,825 (all Australians)

### OUR FRENCH LIAISON



Our French Liaison is Georges Leon Jean Blin of 19 Lincoln Avenue, Castlecrag, N.S.W.

The amazing record of M. Blin's activities is revealed by his titles and the important posts he fills so admirably. He is Chevalier of the Order of Merit National and of the Order of Merite Combattant and he bears the Croix du Combattant Volontaire 39-45. He is President of the Australian Sections of the Free French, the Flanders-Dunkerque Association, the Association of Naval Men of Dunkerque and a number of other posts too numerous to mention. An ardent 'Australian', Georges Blin had

laboured indefatigably for the success of the Pilgrimage. Without his expert aid as interpreter, adviser and advocate to the French authorities, this Pilgrimage would have been seriously handicapped. His record as an aide-de-camp to Australia began when, in the early days of the war against Japan, Georges served on the Free French destroyer which rescued Australians and others from the Nauru and Ocean Islands.

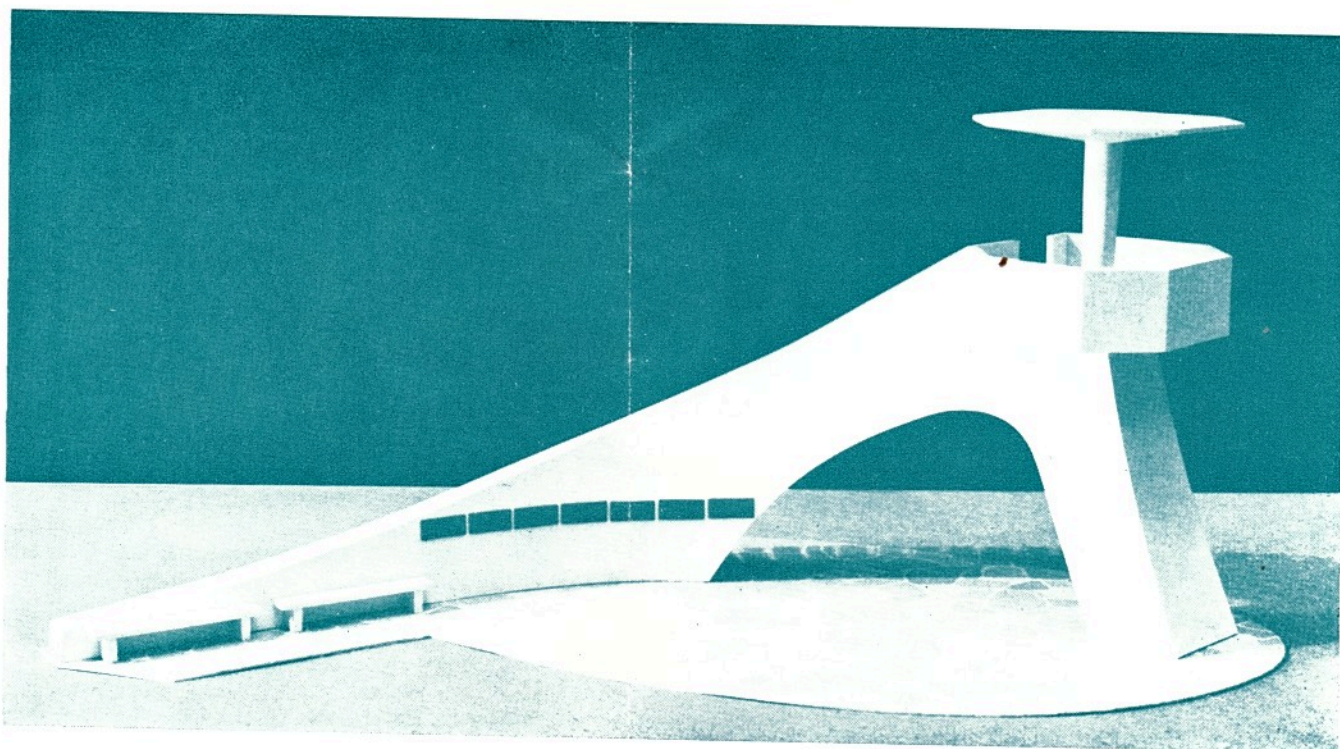
The Diggers of World War I, now Pilgrims to France, will long remember his unselfish and skilful service to the cause of our international friendship.

### LIAISONS IN PARIS

Two valuable Liaison Officers in Paris, to whom we are indebted for skilful and thorough organisation of details of the Paris and Amiens programme are Mr. James Piper, Counsellor at the Australian Embassy and M. Rene Mayer, L.H., M.M., C. de G. 14-18, C.C.V., Verdun Medal — need we say more?



**THE YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL**  
Australian casualties commemorated  
Total Commonwealth



The majestic sweep of a stylised 'A' for Anzac—topped by an observation platform in the shape of a torch—is the simple but stirring design of the Memorial to Australians and New Zealanders who fought in Israel in two World Wars. Situated opposite Gaza on the very battlefield on which Anzac Cavalry Divisions fought pitched battles in March/April, 1917, and where Allied casualties, including killed, wounded and missing numbered more than 10,000 before Gaza was taken, the Anzac Memorial in Israel will overlook a forest of 100,000 eucalyptus trees.

## OUR LONDON LIAISON

One of the best known Australian Diggers in London is our Official Liaison, Frank Kennedy, who lives in the famous town of Windsor.

An original of the 5th Battalion A.I.F., Frank, as a youngster in the Army, was Sgt. Drummer and N.C.O. in charge of Band, Buglers, Drummers and Pipers, later promoted Bandmaster and formed the No. 4 Command Depot Band — the Band selected for Anzac Day duties in London.

Frank Kennedy is the R.S.L. Information Officer in Australia House and, as such, he knows everybody worth knowing in R.S.L. circles in England and Australia. We were lucky to get him to act as our Liaison and we gave him a free hand.

As a result, he has lined up a programme for the Pilgrimage members in London which will be colourful, impressive and memorable.

At the moment some of the programme is on the confidential list. But Pilgrims looking forward to 'dear old Blighty' are in for a wonderful time and our thanks go out, in anticipation, to Frank Kennedy — prince of good fellows and a glutton for work for the R.S.L. and the old Diggers and their womenfolk.



MEMORIAL, BELGIUM  
erated 6,115  
s commemorated, 54,371