

Anzac Day Archive

The name Anzac is based on the initials of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, and although there are several versions of its specific origin, it appears to have emerged by being shortened to A.&N.Z.A.C., which then became Anzac for clerical convenience when a code name was needed for the corps. Though it was in general use in 1915 when the corps was stationed in Cairo, it came into wider use after the landing at Gallipoli. A few days after the landing, the name Anzac Cove was bestowed on the cove where the troops landed.

During World War 1, Australian and New Zealand troops became known as Anzacs. The name has been perpetuated by the setting aside of 25 April each year, both in Australia and New Zealand, as a Day of Remembrance. By legislation, the name is protected (Defence Regulations Act, 1921) and neither it, nor any word resembling it, may be used as a title, or commercially, except by permission of the Governor-General.

The following commemorative documents were presented to the Special Collections Archives by Mr R Mays who served in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. They concern the commemoration of Anzac Day in Townsville.

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Detailed Listing

AD/1 Letter to Hon. Secretary, Anzac Day Executive Committee, from Wing Commander A T Cowdell, RAAF Townsville, re Anzac Day Commemoration 1958. 16 April 1958.

AD/2 Letter to Town Clerk, Townsville, from R Hinspeter, Acting Secretary, Associated Churches of Christ, re Anzac Day services. 21 April 1958.

AD/3 Letter to Hon. Secretary, Anzac Day Executive Committee, from Wing Commander A T Cowdell, RAAF Townsville, re wreath laying. 22 April 1958.

AD/4 Letter to Hon. Secretary, Anzac Day Executive Committee, from M W Black, Headmaster, Townsville Grammar School, re Anzac Day Commemoration 1958. 22 April 1958.

AD/5 Programme. City of Townsville. 42nd Anniversary, 1957. Anzac Day commemoration services and parades. Printed Hastings, Townsville, 1957. 4p.

AD/6 Programme. City of Townsville. 43rd Anniversary 1958. Anzac Day commemoration services and parades. Printed Hastings, Townsville, 1958.

AD/7 Duplicate of AD/6 with attached handwritten note re procedure Mss. 1p. Printed. 4p.

AD/8 Programme. City of Townsville, 52nd Anniversary, 1967 Anzac Day commemoration services and parades. Printed Hastings, Townsville, 1967. 4p.

AD/9 Townsville RSL News, March 1960, vol.1, no.9.

AD/10 Townsville RSL News, December, 1961, vol.1, no.14.