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DAWN SERVICE***DAWN SERVICE 1***

WE MEET HERE, AT THIS BLEAK HOUR, ON THIS DAY EVERY YEAR, TO HONOUR THE HEROISM, TENACITY, AND RESILIENCE OF THAT GROUP OF YOUNG MEN WHOSE UNITS WERE SENT TO GALLIPOLI WHERE, CONNECTING UP WITH EQUALLY RAW YOUNG MEN FROM NEW ZEALAND, THEY JOINED BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES AND FOUGHT IN A CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON OUR ALLY, RUSSIA, BY OPENING UP PERMANENT AND SAFE SEA COMMUNICATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE AND BRINGING THE BALKANS ON TO OUR SIDE. BY THIS IT WAS HOPED THAT THE DURATION OF THE WAR WOULD BE SHORTENED CONSIDERABLY.

BUT THE OVERWHELMING STRENGTH OF THE TURKS AND, LET IT BE SAID THEIR BRAVERY, PREVENTED THE ALLIES' SUCCESS.

THE TOTAL GALLIPOLI CASUALTIES ON OUR SIDE, INCLUDING THE FRENCH AND NAVAL, WERE 33,000 KILLED, 78,000 WOUNDED AND 8,000 MISSING. OF THESE, THE AUSTRALIANS MADE UP 8,500 OF THOSE KILLED AND MORE THAN 19,000 OF THOSE WOUNDED.

BUT THE SHOCK NEWS OF THESE CASUALTIES, FAR FROM WEAKENING THIS COUNTRY'S RESOLVE AT THAT TIME, ACTUALLY SERVED TO STRENGTHEN IT, FOR THE RECRUITING RATE INCREASED – AND I DO NOT NEED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THAT THEY WERE ALL VOLUNTEERS.

AS THE NEWS OF THE CASUALTIES BEGAN TO FILTER BACK TO AUSTRALIA, SO DID THE HEROISM OF THE ANZACS – FROM ALL SOURCES: FROM THE BRITISH – AMAZED AT THE TOUGHNESS, THE RESILIENCE AND THE TENACITY OF OUR HITHERTO UNTRIED SOLDIERS; FROM THE FRENCH, FROM THE NAVIES INVOLVED, AND FROM OUR OWN WAR CORRESPONDENTS LIKE C.E.W. BEAN AND FROM WAR ARTISTS LIKE GEORGE LAMBERT – AND NOT LEAST, FROM THE ENEMY THEMSELVES.

THE WAY THESE ANZACS BORE THE BRUNT OF THE FIGHT IN THE DARDANELLES STIRRED IN AUSTRALIANS EVERYWHERE A NEW FEELING OF CAMARADERIE, A FEELING THAT MATCHED THE WAY IN WHICH THE REST OF THE WORLD SUDDENLY BEGAN TO LOOK AT AUSTRALIA – NOT JUST AS AN OFFSHOOT OF BRITAIN, BUT AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION OF A VERY INDEPENDENT CHARACTER.

AND THIS VIEW OF OURSELVES, AND THE WORLD'S VIEW OF US,
CONTINUES TODAY, THANKS, TO THAT SPIRIT FORGED IN THE FIRES OF
GALLIPOLI.

WE MUST NOT EVER FORGET, THOUGH, WHAT THAT SPIRIT DEMANDED;
OR THE LIVES THOSE MEN GAVE IN THE NAME OF OUR NATION.

WE MUST RESOLVE ANEW THAT WE WILL MAKE THIS NATION,
AUSTRALIA, INTO ONE WORTHY OF THEIR SACRIFICE.

MY GENERATION KNOWS WHAT IT IS WAS LIKE: WHAT DEMANDS WERE
MADE, NOT ONLY ON OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN, BUT ON THE
HOME FRONT, TOO.

AND WE KNOW IN OUR BONES HOW EASILY IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN,
AND HOW QUICKLY THE SITUATION COULD ARISE – AND HOW
SUDDENLY THIS COUNTRY COULD BE AT THE MERCY OF AN
AGGRESSOR. AND THEN, IF WE TREASURE OUR FREEDOM, OUR CIVIL
LIBERTIES, OUR FREE SPEECH – OUR VERY LIVES, IN FACT – THEN WE
WILL ALL NEED THAT SPIRIT OF ANZAC. WE MUST NEVER LET IT DIE.

DAWN SERVICE 2

IT IS HEARTENING TO SEE THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNGER GENERATIONS, ATTENDING THESE DAWN SERVICES AND THE ANZAC DAY MARCH. I KNOW THE EVER DECREASING RANKS OF OUR VETERANS VALUE YOUR ATTENDANCE.

TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY WHEN WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE, WHETHER SERVICE PERSONNEL OR CIVILIANS, OF EVERY NATION, WHO SUFFERED OR CONTINUE TO SUFFER THROUGH WAR. IN PARTICULAR WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES ON ACTIVE SERVICE FROM THE BOER WAR TO RWANDA, INCLUDING THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING WITH THE UN MISSIONS. WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE SO THAT WE, AND THE PEOPLE OF OTHER NATIONS, CAN LIVE IN PEACE. WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SUFFER THROUGH THEIR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL SCARS, INCLUDING THOSE NEXT OF KIN WHOSE GRIEF AND SENSE OF LOSS CAN NEVER BE EASED.

THIS IS ALSO A DAY OF THANKS AND QUIET REFLECTION ON WHAT A WONDERFUL, LUCKY NATION WE LIVE IN. IT IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON AUSTRALIA'S COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE

IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. WE CANNOT ISOLATE OURSELVES AND IGNORE THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. IN A PERFECT WORLD THERE WOULD BE NO WARS, NO AGGRESSION AND NO REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN DEFENCE FORCES. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS NOT A PERFECT WORLD AND THERE ARE MORE AREAS OF CONFLICT THAN EVER BEFORE. WHERE NECESSARY, TO PRESERVE THE PEACE IN OUR REGION OR ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, WE MUST BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY OUR FORCES TO FIGHT FOR OR PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR NEIGHBOURS AND OUR OWN NATION. AS WE LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THESE DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT, NOT BY THE DEFENCE FORCE. IN REALITY THESE DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE, BY YOU AND ME. WE ELECT THE GOVERNMENT TO REPRESENT US AND TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS TO DEFEND US. THIS IS AN ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY AND ONE WHICH WE MUST NEVER FORGET. WE, THEREFORE, SHARE THE BURDEN AND WE MUST NEVER LAY THE BLAME ON OUR DEFENCE FORCES FOR BEING DEPLOYED ON OPERATIONS. HISTORIANS WILL ARGUE ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF THESE POLITICAL DECISIONS, AS THEY SHOULD. HOWEVER, OUR FORCES HAVE MERELY GONE WHERE THE COUNTRY HAS ORDERED THEM TO GO. THEY HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN EVERY THEATRE BY THEIR

PROFESSIONALISM AND THEIR COMPASSION. NO ONE CAN OR SHOULD DEMAND MORE THAN THAT.

SOME SAY THIS DAY GLORIFIES WAR, BUT EVERY VETERAN WILL BE THE FIRST TO SAY THAT THEIR GREATEST WISH AND MOST FERVENT PRAYER IS THAT THEIR CHILDREN AND THIS NATION MAY NEVER HAVE TO WITNESS THE HORRORS OF WAR AGAIN. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT NORTHERN AUSTRALIA HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBJECTED TO WAR, FROM ONSLO TO BROOME, DERBY, WYNDHAM, KALUMBURU, DARWIN, MANINGRIDA, KATHERINE, BATCHELOR, GOVE PENINSULA, HORN ISLAND, AND TOWNSVILLE, AND THAT BOTH SERVICE PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THESE ACTIONS ON THEIR HOME SOIL. LET US PRAY THAT THIS IS NEVER REPEATED.

AS THE RANKS OF OUR VETERANS CONTINUE TO DIMINISH, LET US BE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THIS SPECIAL DAY SO THAT WE CAN TAKE A BREAK FROM THE ROLLER COASTER OF LIFE TO REFLECT ON HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE, TO REFLECT ON OUR FREEDOM. TO RECOGNISE THE FUTILITY OF WAR BUT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE MUST BE PREPARED TO DEFEND THIS FREEDOM AND THOSE OF OTHER NATIONS

AS HISTORY IS REplete WITH PEACEFUL NATIONS BEING SUBJECTED TO AGGRESSION.

I WOULD LIKE TO FINISH WITH AN EXCERPT FROM A BOOK BY JOHN HEPWORTH, TITLED 'THE LONG GREEN SHORE' - ABOUT OUR DIGGERS IN PNG - 'THEY PINNED NO MEDALS ON HIM, THEY MADE NO SPEECHES, WE NEED NO MEDALS OR SPEECHES, WE KNOW HIM AND REMEMBER. HE WAS JUST A GOOD, ORDINARY BLOKE - THAT'S A POINT - THAT'S AN IMPORTANT THING - HE WAS AN ORDINARY BLOKE LIKE YOU AND ME'. LET US REMEMBER ALL THE YOUNG AUSTRALIANS WHO SACRIFICED THE PLEASURE OF GROWING OLD WITH THEIR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND FRIENDS SO THAT WE COULD ENJOY THESE FREEDOMS AND ENJOY THE PLEASURE OF LISTENING TO THE BIRDS AND THE VOICES OF THOSE WE LOVE.

SHOULD THREATS DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE, LET US PRAY THAT THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME COURAGE AND RESOLVE AS OUR FOREBEARS TO KEEP THIS GREAT, VERY SPECIAL NATION OF OURS FREE AND THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

EX SERVICE ORGANISATION

EX SERVICE ORGANISATION 1

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOU FOR YOUR ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES; TO ME IT IS GREAT PRIVILEGE TO BE WITH YOU TODAY AND REPRESENT THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ON THIS ANZAC DAY.

WE MEET HERE TODAY, NOT TO GLORIFY WAR OR PRAISE VICTORS, BUT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY DURING TIMES OF CONFLICT AND CRISIS, AND TO REFLECT UPON THEIR SELFLESS SACRIFICE.

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TO ALL THE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN WHO
FOLLOWED THEM. FROM WW11 TO KOREA, MALAYA, BORNEO,
VIETNAM, THE GULF AND MANY PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, PAKISTAN, SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND AFRICA.

THIS SAME SPIRIT IS REPRESENTED AMONG THE DIVERSE GROUP OF VETERANS GATHERED HERE TODAY. AS THE YEARS GO BY THE NUMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO DWINDLE.

HOWEVER, THE ANZAC SPIRIT FORGED AT GALLIPOLI WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. I BELIEVE THIS IS WHY AUSTRALIANS COME TOGETHER EVERY ANZAC DAY. WE DO IT TO REMEMBER THE ANZACS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS; AND WE SHOULD REMEMBER THEM NOT AS OLD SOLDIERS FROM A DISTANT WAR, BUT AS THE YOUNG AUSTRALIANS THEY WERE IN 1915.

OUR VAST COUNTRY WITH ITS HARSH BEAUTY AND OPEN SKIES, HELPS TO SHAPE HEALTHY, CONFIDENT, COMPETITIVE, INNOVATIVE AND FREEDOM, LOVING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WITH GOOD LEADERSHIP AND HIGH MOTIVATION, CAN MORE THAN MATCH THE BEST IN THE WORLD; IN WHATEVER THEY DO.

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HERITAGE. THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC; THE SPIRIT THAT WE MUST
PASS TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS.

EX SERVICE ORGANISATION 2

ON THIS DAY, IN THE DARKNESS, BEFORE DAWN, THE ANZACS STORMED ASHORE IN A PLACE NOW KNOWN AS ANZAC COVE. IT WAS OUR FIRST MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD AS A NATION - AUSTRALIA WAS ONLY 14 YEARS OLD. 2000 ANZACS WERE DEAD BY THE END OF THAT DAY, BUT THROUGH PERSEVERANCE, COURAGE AND COMRADESHIP THEY HELD THEIR GROUND. IT WAS CERTAINLY A BAPTISM OF FIRE. THE CAMPAIGN LASTED ANOTHER 8 MONTHS, UNTIL THE 35,000 ANZACS REMAINING WERE EVACUATED. WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THE DEEDS, COURAGE AND FORTITUDE OF THESE ORIGINAL ANZACS. FOR EXAMPLE AT LONE PINE WHERE IN JUST OVER TWO DAYS, FROM 6 AUGUST 1915, SEVEN VICTORIA CROSSES WERE AWARDED FOR VALOUR TO AUSTRALIANS. THEY ESTABLISHED A TRADITION AND NATIONAL PRIDE THAT WE SHOULD BE PROUD TO FOLLOW.

THESE ANZACS AND MANY THOUSANDS OF OTHER MEN AND WOMEN WENT ON TO FIGHT IN FRIGHTFUL BATTLES IN EUROPE, WHERE SMALL VILLAGE NAMES ARE ETCHED IN OUR HISTORY. FROMELLES, BULLECOURT AND MONT ST QUENTIN TO NAME A FEW. WE REMEMBER THE TERRIBLE LOSSES OF THE TRENCH WAR IN EUROPE AND THE

BRILLIANT VICTORIES OF GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH AND THE AUSTRALIAN CORPS IN FRANCE IN 1918.

OF COURSE, THERE ARE MANY OTHER NAMES FROM OTHER WARS WHERE AUSTRALIAN LIVES WERE LOST IN THE CAUSE OF A BETTER WORLD. WE REMEMBER THE AIRMEN WHO FLEW IN HAZARDOUS MISSIONS OVER EUROPE IN WW2. THE GALLANT PILOTS WHO FOUGHT IN THE VICTORY AT MILNE BAY. WE REMEMBER THE SAILORS AND SUBMARINERS WHO WERE AWAY FROM HOME FOR LONG PERIODS ON HAZARDOUS MISSIONS FIGHTING TO KEEP THE VITAL SEA LANES OPEN, HMAS SYDNEY, MIDWAY AND CORAL SEA. THERE WERE BATTLES NEAR OUR HOME LAND IN THE INHOSPITABLE TERRAIN OF NEW GUINEA. WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO BECAME POW'S.

LATER AUSTRALIANS FOUGHT WITH DISTINCTION IN KOREA AND THE BATTLE OF KAPYONG SPRINGS IMMEDIATELY TO MIND. WE TOOK PART IN CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS BORNEO AND MALAYA. OUR LONGEST EVER COMMITMENT TO A CONFLICT WAS IN VIETNAM, WHERE OVER ALMOST EIGHT YEARS, 46,000 AUSTRALIAN MEN AND WOMEN SERVED - SOME VOLUNTEERS AND SOME CONSCRIPTS - BUT ALL THERE TO DO THEIR DUTY.

BUT ANZAC DAY IS NOT COMMEMORATION OF THE VICTORIES OR DEFEATS OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES AT WAR. INSTEAD WE SIMPLY REMEMBER THAT INDIVIDUAL, ORDINARY AUSTRALIAN MEN AND WOMEN WERE PREPARED TO MAKE PERSONAL SACRIFICES, MANY WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES, FOR THE FREEDOM AND QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WE ENJOY TODAY. AS ALL SERVICEMEN CAN TELL YOU, NONE WHO GOES TO WAR, RETURNS THE SAME PERSON, AND MANY CARRY HIDDEN WOUNDS WITH THEM YEARS LATER.

WE DO CELEBRATE AND COMMEMORATE THE ANZAC SPIRIT WHICH TYPIFIES THE PERSONAL SACRIFICE THAT WE NEED TO MAKE FOR THE GREATER GOOD, IF OUR SOCIETY IS TO GROW AND PROSPER, AND I MEAN TO GROW IN MORE THAN SIMPLY ECONOMIC TERMS. OUR COMMITMENT TO WW1 WAS NOT A HUGE CONTINGENT OF PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS NOR A BATTLE HARDENED ARMY. RATHER IT COMPRISED ORDINARY AUSTRALIANS WHO BELIEVED STRONGLY IN A CAUSE, WORLD PEACE, AND RATHER LEAVE IT UP TO SOMEONE ELSE, TOOK IT UPON OURSELVES TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THEY GAVE UP THEIR NORMAL LIVES IN THE PEACE AND QUIET OF THE BUSH,

COUNTRY AREAS AND CITIES OF PRE WAR AUSTRALIA BECAUSE THEY FELT IT WAS THEIR DUTY.

IN ALL MY READING OF WW1 AND THE ORIGINAL ANZACS, SOME VERY CLEAR IMAGES EMERGE. FIRSTLY, THEY WERE MEN AND WOMEN OF GREAT CHARACTER, RESILIENCE, SELFLESSNESS AND PERSEVERANCE. THEY LOOKED AFTER EACH OTHER AND WOULD NEVER CONSIDER LEAVING A COMRADE BEHIND. OFFICERS SHARES THE SAME HARDSHIPS AND DANGER EQUALLY WITH ALL THEIR SOLDIERS.

SECONDLY, THEY POSSESSED AN ENORMOUS DESIRE TO DO THEIR DUTY FOR THEIR COUNTRY. WHILE THEY WERE NOT PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS, ONCE CONVINCED THAT THE WAR WAS FOR A JUST CAUSE, THEY MADE THE COMMITMENT AND GOT ON WITH THE JOB WITH ENERGY AND INITIATIVE. THEY TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN SHOWING WHAT AUSTRALIANS COULD DO AND MATCHED IT WITH THE BEST IN THE WORLD AND THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL AS A RESULT.

FINALLY, THE 1ST AIF WAS A GREAT SOCIETY, A COMMUNITY, BASED ON EQUALITY, TOLERANCE AND A FAIR GO FOR ALL. THEY DID NOT CARE WHERE A PERSON CAME FROM, THEIR RELIGION, OR THE COLOUR

OF THEIR SKIN, ONLY THAT THEY DID THEIR JOB WELL. WELL LED, THE ANZACS ADAPTED QUICKLY AND WERE SECOND TO NONE.

THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC IS AS RELEVANT TODAY TO ALL OF US AS IT WAS ALL THOSE YEARS AGO. WE NEED TO BE VIGILANT THAT OUR SOCIETY REMAINS ONE THAT VALUES FREEDOM, TOLERANCE AND A FAIR GO FOR ALL. WE NEED TO MAINTAIN THEIR SENSE OF COMMITMENT, COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE TO GET THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES. THE NEED FOR US ALL TO LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER IS PROBABLY GREATER NOW THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN THE PAST AND ANZACS CONTINUALLY SHOWED THIS SENSE OF HUMANITY AND COMPASSION. THE ANZACS FOCUSED ON WHAT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT AS WE MUST DO TODAY IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES AND THE QUALITIES EXEMPLIFIED BY THESE ANZACS ARE OF GREAT RELEVANCE TO USE HERE TODAY.

LEST WE FORGET.

EX SERVICE ORGANISATION 3

THIS MORNING I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THREE ASPECTS OF ANZAC DAY.

- WHY DO WE COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY ON THE 25TH APRIL?
- WHAT THE NAME OF THE DAY REPRESENTS?

- THE NATURE OF THE ANZAC LEGACY.

TO THE DATE FIRSTLY. APRIL 25 IS OF COURSE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY AUSTRALIAN TROOPS LANDED AT GALLIPOLI IN 1915.

HOWEVER, THIS EVENT IN ISOLATION DOESN'T SEEM ENOUGH TO MAKE THIS DATE SIGNIFICANT. GALLIPOLI WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT AUSTRALIANS HAD BEEN IN BATTLE AND IT WAS BY NO MEANS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS. AUSTRALIANS HAD PREVIOUSLY FOUGHT IN THE MAORI WARS, HAD DEPLOYED TO SUDAN IN 1885, AND HAD FOUGHT AGAIN IN THE BOER WAR BETWEEN 1899 AND 1902.

GALLIPOLI WAS NOT EVEN AN AUSTRALIAN BATTLE, FOR WE LANDED AND FOUGHT ALONGSIDE TROOPS FROM NEW ZEALAND, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND NEWFOUNDLAND. SO WHY HAVE WE CHOSEN APRIL 25?

WHAT MADE GALLIPOLI DIFFERENT FOR AUSTRALIA WAS THAT IT WAS THE FIRST MAJOR BATTLE WE AUSTRALIANS FOUGHT AS A NATION. SOLDIERS FROM EVERY STATE OF THE NEW FEDERATED AUSTRALIA VOLUNTEERED AND FOUGHT. WHAT SEARED ITSELF INTO OUR NATIONAL SOUL WAS THE SHEER SCALE OF CASUALTIES.

GALLIPOLI LASTED EIGHT AND ONE HALF MONTHS. IN THAT TIME 7,600 AUSTRALIANS AND 2,500 NEW ZEALANDERS WERE KILLED;

24,000 WERE WOUNDED. GALLIPOLI WAS A BATTLE WE LOST, AND PEOPLE STILL ASK WHY WE CELEBRATE DEFEAT. THE ANSWER IS, I BELIEVE, THAT IN COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY WE NEVER SET OUT TO CELEBRATE VICTORY. HAD WE WANTED TO, WE HAD PLENTY OF OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR MILITARY HERITAGE.

AFTER GALLIPOLI, AUSTRALIANS WON MANY FAMOUS BATTLES IN FRANCE, FLANDERS AND PALESTINE IN THE GREAT WAR, AND IN NORTH AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC, IN THE AIR AND AT SEA IN SUBSEQUENT WARS. THIS IS NOT TO MENTION KOREA, MALAYA, BORNEO AND VIETNAM IN WHICH AUSTRALIANS FOUGHT WITH DISTINCTION. BUT, TO RETURN TO MY POINT, APRIL 25TH IS NOT ABOUT MILITARY VICTORY. AS A PEOPLE WE CHOOSE A DAY WHEN LOSS OF WAR FIRST SCARRED THE CONSCIENCE OF A YOUNG NATION. THE LOSS WAS FELT ACROSS THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND IT WAS A TRAGEDY WE CAN ALL ASSOCIATE WITH

MY SECOND POINT ABOUT ANZAC CONCERNS THE VERY TERM, ANZAC DAY. IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, ANZAC IS NOT A BATTLE, AND ANZAC IS NOT A PLACE. ANZAC IS A COLLECTIVE NOUN FOR A GROUP OF PEOPLE. THUS ANZAC DAY GIVES US AS A NATION THE OPPORTUNITY TO THINK

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WE THINK OF THE FAMILIES, THOSE WHO STAYED BEHIND. THEY BATTLED THEIR OWN PROBLEMS IN TOUGH WAR TIMES AND SUPPORTED THOSE WHO FOUGHT. WE SALUTE THEIR ENDURANCE AND STRENGTH. WE THINK OF THE PRISONERS AND WOUNDED - THOSE WHO STILL SUFFER TODAY.

ABOVE ALL, ON ANZAC DAY, WE HONOUR THOSE WHO DIED FOR US, FOR OUR NATION AUSTRALIA AND FOR PEACE.

BUT WHAT OF THE ANZAC LEGACY? THE FACT THAT ANZAC DAY IS A DAY FOR THE PEOPLE IS EVIDENT IN THE WAY WE MARK IT. IT IS NOT

A DAY OF MILITARY PARADES AND POWER. IT IS A DAY OF GATHERINGS OF VETERANS, OR REUNIONS, OF SERVICES, OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, OF REFLECTION AND HONORING OUR FOREBEARS.

IF WE DO CELEBRATE ANYTHING ON ANZAC DAY IT IS THE LEGACY THAT THOSE WHO FOUGHT AT ANZAC GAVE US, AND THOSE WHO FOLLOWED THEM STRENGTHENED AND ENRICHED. IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY, THE ANZACS DEMONSTRATED BEYOND ANY DOUBT THE NECESSARY MILITARY VIRTUES OF DUTY, COURAGE, TEAMWORK, RESOLUTION AND SELF SACRIFICE.

BUT TO THESE THEY ADDED A FEW UNIQUE QUALITIES OF THEIR OWN; MATESHIP, TRUST, A DISCIPLINE BASED ON EARNED RESPECT AND NOT ASSUMED WORTH, INITIATIVE, RESOURCEFULNESS, WRY HUMOUR AND, WHAT IS OFTEN FORGOTTEN, A RESPECT FOR THE COURAGE AND CAPABILITY OF FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE. THE EXCELLENT AND UNIQUE REPUTATION SURROUNDING ANZAC SURVIVES EVEN TODAY IN OUR ARMED FORCES.

ANZAC DAY IS A GREAT AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND TRADITION. IT IS CELEBRATED ALL OVER THE TWO NATIONS AND WHEREVER AUSTRALIANS ARE OVERSEAS. IT IS OUR DAY - A DAY TO REMEMBER WITH AFFECTION THE COURAGE OF PEOPLE AND THE VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP - TO HONOUR THE DEAD AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE WHO SUFFER STILL FROM THE EFFECTS OF WAR.

WE DO NOT CELEBRATE VICTORY OR GLORIFY WAR - WE CELEBRATE THE HUMAN SPIRIT - THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC.

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THE SAME SPIRIT IS REPRESENTED AMONG THE DIVERSE GROUP OF VETERANS GATHERED HERE TODAY. AS THE YEARS GO BY THE NUMBERS OF VETERANS WHO MARCH DWINDLE. IN TIME, THE VETERANS OF MORE RECENT WARS WILL ALSO DISAPPEAR.

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THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC; THE SPIRIT THAT WE MUST PASS TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

EX SERVICE ORGANISATION 5

IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO REPRESENT THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY AND TO GIVE THIS YEARS ADDRESS. THE THEME FOR THE ADDRESS TODAY IS THAT WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE TO 'FIGHT ON' IN PEACE TIME, FACING NEW CHALLENGES, IN THE SAME WAY OUR VETERANS FACED ADVERSITY IN MANY WARS. OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN FOUGHT IN A BELIEF THAT THEIR VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD HELP TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD, AND WE SHOULD SEEK TO HONOUR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS BY STRIVING FOR OUR BEST IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL THE COMMITMENT AND GALLANTRY OF AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER FROM WORLD WAR 1 TO AMPLIFY THIS THEME. ALTHOUGH THAT CAMPAIGN IS NOW GROWING DISTANT, WE SHOULD NEVER OVER LOOK THE COURAGE AND COMMITMENT OF ALL AUSTRALIANS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. THE STORY OF ALFRED SHOUT IS ONE I AM SURE WILL INSPIRE YOU.

ALFRED SHOUT VOLUNTEERED FOR THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN 1914, ON THE OUTBREAK OF WAR. HE WAS POSTED TO THE 1ST BATTALION, AND LIKE MANY OF THOSE EARLY VOLUNTEERS –

DESCRIBED AS THE CREAM OF AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH – HE HELPED TO CREATE THE ANZAC LEGEND THAT DID SO MUCH TO BOND THE YOUNG NATION OF AUSTRALIA. LT SHOUT'S UNIT LANDED AT GALLIPOLI ON 25 APRIL 1915, AND HE WAS AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS AFTER COURAGEOUS BAYONET CHARGES AND DELIBERATE EXPOSURE TO ENEMY FIRE. HE WAS BADLY WOUNDED A FEW WEEKS LATER, BUT DISCHARGED HIMSELF FROM A HOSPITAL SHIP EARLY, IN ORDER TO GET BACK TO LEADING HIS PLATOON.

SOME OF THE FIERCEST FIGHTING IN THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN OCCURRED IN AUGUST 1915, WITH AUSTRALIANS – INCLUDING LT SHOUT'S MEN – SEEKING TO TAKE POSITIONS ON THE RIDGES AT THE NECK AND LONE PINE, AS PART OF A DESPERATE ALLIED OFFENSIVE. FOR THOSE WHO SAW THE 1980'S VERSION OF THE MOVIE GALLIPOLI, THE FINAL TRAGIC SCENES WERE BASED ON THESE ATTACKS. CAPT SHOUT'S VC CITATION TYPIFIES THIS FIGHTING: 'ON THE MORNING OF AUG 9 1915, CAPT SHOUT AND HIS MEN CHARGED DOWN THE TRENCHES STRONGLY OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY, AND THREW A NUMBER OF BOMBS, KILLING EIGHT AND CAPTURING THE REMAINDER. LATER, FROM THE POSITION GAINED IN THE MORNING, HE CAPTURED A FURTHER LENGTH OF THE TRENCH UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS AND

HE CONTINUED TO BOMB THE ENEMY AT CLOSE RANGE, UNTIL HE WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED, LOSING AN EYE AND PART OF HIS ARM. DESPITE THESE TERRIBLE INJURIES, HE CONTINUED TO PROCEED FURTHER, AND HAD MANAGED TO LIGHT SEVERAL MORE BOMBS WHEN HE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED IN THE CHEST BY ENEMY FIRE. HE STILL CONTINUED TO DIRECT HIS MEN UNTIL HE PASSED OUT, AND HE DIED THE NEXT DAY FROM HIS WOUNDS'.

I DISCOVERED THE STORY OF CAPT SHOUT AMONGST THE WRITINGS, FROM 1916, OF A CPL MACQUEEN, WHO HAD ALSO SERVED ON GALLIPOLI. HE WROTE OF HOW ALL THE SURVIVORS OF THE 1ST BATTALION HAD FELT DEARLY THE LOSS OF A SOLDIER, A LEADER AND A GENTLEMAN. CPL MACQUEEN RECALLED IN HIS WRITINGS THAT ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ATTACK ALFRED SHOUT HAD CHEERED HIS MEN, SAYING 'WE WILL MAKE A NAME FOR AUSTRALIA AND OURSELVES TOMORROW MAC'. CPL MACQUEEN WROTE THAT OVER FOUR DAYS ALFRED SHOUT CERTAINLY MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF, 'AS A LT ON THE DAY OF THE CHARGE AT LONE PINE, MADE A CAPT THE NEXT, EARNED HIS VC THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT DAY HE DIED'.

FROM THAT ORIGINAL 1ST BATTALION OF 800 OR SO MEN, CASUALTIES BY 1918 WOULD TOTAL 700 – ALMOST THE WHOLE UNIT. AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES IN WW1 TOTALLED 59,000 DEAD, AND 152,000 WOUNDED. FROM A POPULATION OF 5 MILLION, THAT REPRESENTS 1% KILLED. IN WW2 WE LOST 32,000 DEAD AND 100,000 WOUNDED OR POW. IN CONFLICTS SINCE WW2 IN KOREA, BORNEO AND VIETNAM THERE HAVE BEEN 2,000 KILLED OVERSEAS.

WHY THEN IS THE STORY OF CAPT SHOUT, AND THE CASUALTY FIGURES, RELEVANT TO US NOW? THE THEME I MENTIONED AT THE OUTSET IS WORTH RECALLING. WE, THE SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS, HAVE AN ETERNAL OBLIGATION TO REMEMBER THE EFFORTS OF WOMEN AND MEN WHO HAVE SERVED AUSTRALIA IN WAR. WE CAN HONOUR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS BY TRYING TO LIVE IN THE MANNER THEY WOULD HAVE EXPECTED FROM US. THIS IS A CHALLENGE, AS OUTLINED IN 1946 BY A RAAF PILOT, WHO HAD SPENT HIS SCHOOL YEARS IN THE GEELONG AREA, BY THE NAME OF JOHN GORTON – LATER AUSTRALIA'S 24TH PM.

WHEN SPEAKING AT A SERVICE MARKING THE FIRST ANZAC DAY AFTER WW2, MR GORTON NOTED THAT 'THE RETURNED SERVICEMEN WOULD

SEEK US TO SECURE ADVANCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR COUNTRY – TO REDUCE POVERTY, INCREASE EDUCATION AND IMPROVE OUR SPIRITUAL STANDARD OF LIVING; AND FOR AUSTRALIANS TO TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THE WORLD, NOT AS A SELF-SUFFICIENT SEALED OFF UNIT, BUT AS A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY'. HE ADDED THAT 'THE FOUNDATION STONES HAVE BEEN LAID IN WAR, SO IN PEACE WE CONTINUE TO BUILD'.

MR GORTON'S WORDS ARE MOST RELEVANT TODAY, AS WE FACE MANY NEW CHALLENGES, SUCH AS PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT, ASSISTING OUR FELLOW ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS, AND HELPING OTHER NATIONS TO LIVE PEACEFULLY. THESE ARE THE AREAS IN PEACE WE CAN BUILD ON. SO HOW DO WE DO THIS AS INDIVIDUALS? OUR EFFORTS MAY NOT SEEM MUCH, BUT IT IS VALUABLE TO REFLECT ON THE PRACTICAL ISSUES THAT CONFRONT US DAILY, WHERE YOU AND I COULD CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER AUSTRALIA. FOR EXAMPLE:

- . DO WE RESPECT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR NATION?
- . DO WE ATTEND CHURCH.
- . DO WE WORK, NOT JUST FOR MONEY, BUT TO CONTRIBUTE?
- . DO WE PLAY SPORT WITH A SPORTING ATTITUDE.

- . DO WE BEHAVE AS LEADERS FOR OUR YOUTH?
- . DO WE READ, TO LEARN FROM HISTORY AND DO WE HAVE A QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE.

THESE ARE SOME WAYS THAT WE CAN 'FIGHT ON', TO BE WORTHY OF THE WARTIME EFFORTS THAT WE COMMEMORATE TODAY.

I CAN IMAGINE STANDING ON THE BEACH AT ANZAC COVE, AND LATER, WALKING ALONG THE NECK AND LONE PINE, SEEING WELL KEPT GRAVES MARKING THE SPOTS WHERE AUSTRALIANS, SUCH AS CAPT SHOUT, REST TODAY, THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME AND THEIR GRIEVING FAMILIES.

AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES CAN BE FOUND ALL OVER THE WORLD, FROM MANY WARS. SADLY, AS THE YEARS ROLL ON, THE EFFORTS OF OUR FOREFATHERS ARE LESS WELL KNOWN. I ASK YOU, ON ANZAC DAY, TO REMEMBER THE MANY AUSTRALIANS, INCLUDING THE VETERANS HERE WITH US TODAY, WHO HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT FOR AUSTRALIA. WE MUST TREASURE ANZAC DAY AS A SPECIAL DAY, WHEN WE RECALL WITH PRIDE THE EFFORTS OF AUSTRALIANS TO STAND UP TOGETHER FOR WORTHWHILE PRINCIPLES.

I ALSO ASK YOU TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF PEACE IN YOUR OWN LIFE, REMEMBERING THE CHALLENGES OF WAR FACED BY OUR RETURNED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN. THE MANY PROBLEMS THAT FACE OUR WORLD TODAY REQUIRE OUR COMMITMENT AND PERHAPS THERE IS A SPECIAL CHALLENGE FOR YOU THAT APPEARS INSURMOUNTABLE. ON ANZAC DAY WE SHOULD ASK OURSELVES, HOW WOULD THE RETURNED VETERAN, OR CAPT SHOUT, EXPECT US TO FACE THESE CHALLENGES? IF WE CAN DRAW FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, I SUGGEST THAT THE RIGHT COURSE OF ACTION WILL EMERGE FOR US, AND OUR VETERANS EFFORTS WILL HAVE BEEN REMEMBERED IN A PRACTICAL WAY THAT WOULD PLEASE THEM.

EX SERVICE ORGANISATION 6

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IN THE EIGHT MONTHS WHICH FOLLOWED THEIR FIRST LANDING, SOME 50,000 ANZACS WERE COMMITTED TO THE BATTLEFRONT, ALONGSIDE 36,000 BRITISH, FRENCH AND INDIAN COMRADES. WHEN THE LAST OF THEM WAS WITHDRAWN AS WINTER SET IN, MORE THAN 11,000 NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS LAY DEAD, AND WITH THEM MANY MORE ALLIED AND TURKISH SOLDIERS.

GALLIPOLI WAS A TACTICAL DEFEAT, BUT THE NEW ZEALANDERS AND THE AUSTRALIANS' WITHDRAWAL WAS A SORT OF TACTICAL VICTORY BEFORE THE ENEMY REALISED WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

BUT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ANZACS WERE TO BE MEASURED OTHER THAN ON THE BATTLEFIELD. IT WAS NOT JUST THAT NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS WERE SERVING OVERSEAS IN THE NAME OF THEIR FLEDGLING NATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

BY THEIR COMMITMENT, THEIR COURAGE AND THEIR COMRADESHIP, THE ANZACS SET STANDARDS THAT INSPIRED THEIR COUNTRYMEN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THE LEGENDS THEY ESTABLISHED GAVE FRESH VOICE TO NEW FEELINGS OF NATIONAL PRIDE IN BOTH YOUNG NATIONS, AND THE NEWS OF THEIR SUFFERING, ON REACHING THE HOMES OF ANXIOUSLY AWAITING FAMILIES, BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER IN WAYS THEY HAD NOT KNOWN BEFORE.

FOR NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS, ANZAC IS OUR OWN DAY.

IT IS A DAY ON WHICH WE MARK THE DEEDS OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD COME TO SEE THEMSELVES AS NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS, AND WHO WERE MOURNED BY PEOPLE WHO REGARDED THEMSELVES AS NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS.

THE NAMES ON THE PUBLIC MEMORIALS EXISTING ON VIRTUALLY ALL OUR TOWNS AND CITIES ARE IMPORTANT AND REGULAR REMINDERS OF THE LOSSES OUR NATIONS FELT IN THOSE DARKER DAYS.

THE FIRST ANZACS INDEED COMMAND AND DESERVE THE RESPECT AND REMEMBRANCE OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ALL NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOUR OR CREED.

ON EVERY 25TH OF APRIL SINCE 1915, NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS AT HOME AND ABROAD HAVE GATHERED TO COMMEMORATE NOT JUST THOSE ANZACS WHO DIED ON THAT DAY, BUT EVERY ONE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAS DIED IN WAR OR AS A RESULT OF IT SINCE THEN.

WE REMEMBER ON THIS DAY THOSE WHO FELL IN BOTH WORLD WARS, IN CONFLICTS IN KOREA, MALAYA, BORNEO, AND VIETNAM SINCE THEN, AND WHILE ON SERVICE WITH INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCES WHEREVER THEY WERE.

BUT IT WAS GALLIPOLI WHICH GAVE US PRIDE, NOT IN WAR, BUT IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS, PUT TO THE TEST, WOULD NOT FAIL. THAT SPIRIT AND TRADITION SUSTAINED OUR FORCES IN MANY LATER BATTLES AND TRIALS, AND IN MANY WAYS, SUSTAINS US NOW.

AND TRADITION IS IMPORTANT. SUPPOSE OUR TROOPS HAD PERFORMED BADLY AT GALLIPOLI, LOST THEIR NERVE AND THEIR MORALE? HOW MUCH MORE DIFFICULT WOULD IT HAVE BEEN FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOWED. THE GALLIPOLI TRADITION LAID DOWN THE RULES AND STILL HELPS US TODAY TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES.

DUTY, PATRIOTISM, INDIVIDUAL SACRIFICE, AND THE AFFIRMATION OF THE NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIAN RELATIONSHIP ARE THE ENDURING LEGACIES OF GALLIPOLI AND ALL SUBSEQUENT CONFLICTS INVOLVING OUR TWO NATIONS.

THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FORGED THE ANZAC SPIRIT MADE SURE THAT THOSE WHO LED THEM EARNED THEIR RESPECT. THEY ALL UNDERSTOOD THE VALUES OF INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM AND FAIRNESS AND - ABOVE ALL - POSSESSED A WILLINGNESS TO DEFEND

THESE THINGS IF NEED BE. BECAUSE FREEDOM ONLY SURVIVES AS LONG AS PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO DEFEND IT.

THAT IS THE SPIRIT ANZAC HANDED DOWN TO US. IF WE LOSE THAT ANZAC SPIRIT, WE LOSE ALL.

SO HERE WE STAND TODAY, ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IN CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, TO HONOUR GREAT MEN AND WOMEN AND A GREAT TRADITION. WE GATHER, AS WE SHALL ALWAYS GATHER, NOT TO GLORIFY WAR, BUT TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT WE VALUE WHO WE ARE AND THE FREEDOMS WE POSSESS, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH IN SHAPING THE IDENTITY OF THIS PROUD NATION.

GENERAL PUBLIC***GENERAL PUBLIC 1***

THIS DAY MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDING AT GALLIPOLI. LIKE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS, WHO GATHER AT MEMORIALS IN CITIES, SUBURBS AND TOWNS ACROSS AUSTRALIA, WE HAVE COME HERE TO COMMEMORATE ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN OUR NATIONAL CALENDAR.

IN RECENT YEARS SOME COMMENTATORS HAVE EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AT THE FACT THAT THE OBSERVANCE OF ANZAC DAY CONTINUES TO DRAW RECORD CROWDS. HOWEVER, THOSE WHO ARE SURPRISED BY THIS FACT SHOW THAT THEY UNDERSTAND VERY LITTLE ABOUT OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER AND THE WAY IN WHICH IT COMES TO AFFECT ALL WHO SETTLE IN THIS COUNTRY, EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED HERE FOR JUST A SHORT WHILE.

FOR YOUNGER GENERATIONS, IT IS SOME TIMES DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS WITH GRATITUDE THAT WE SHOULD REMEMBER, BUT WE HAVE ENJOYED THE BENEFITS OF THE PEACE AND EASY EXISTENCE, WHICH WAS PURCHASED AT THE COST OF MANY LIVES. WE HAVE NEVER HAD TO RISK ANYTHING OURSELVES, OR

CHANCE OUR LOVED ONES TO THE DANGERS OF WAR. BUT, FOR OLDER GENERATIONS OF AUSTRALIANS, REMEMBERING SUCH THINGS IS EASIER. WAR AND DEATH CAME FAR TOO FREQUENTLY INTO THEIR LIVES, AS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES SAW ACTIVE SERVICE IN TURKEY, FRANCE, PALESTINE, THE MIDDLE EAST, MALAYA, NEW GUINEA, BORNEO, KOREA AND VIETNAM.

YOUNGER GENERATIONS HAVE NOT KNOWN WHAT IT IS LIKE TO FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF FAR OFF BATTLES IN NEWSPAPERS, NEWSREELS OR ON TELEVISION. THEY HAVE NEVER SEARCHED WITH DREAD THE CASUALTY LISTS, NOR FELT GRIEF SPREAD THROUGH OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE WAITING FOR OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE DEATH OF A HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER, SON, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR.

IF WE PAUSE, JUST EVEN ONCE A YEAR, TO IMAGINE THESE THINGS WE BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE DEPTH OF FEELING WHICH INSPIRED THIS MEMORY, FOR A LIFE OFFERED UP IN THE DEFENCE OF THEIR COMMUNITY, IS THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION WHICH ANY CITIZEN CAN MAKE TO THEIR NATION. BUT IT IS NOT DEATH OR EVEN SACRIFICE THAT WE CELEBRATE ANZAC DAY, ALTHOUGH IN FIGHTING

FOR OUR NATION THESE MEN SACRIFICED MUCH. THEY PUT ASIDE ALL PERSONAL BLESSINGS – FAMILY, WEALTH AND THE FUTURE ENJOYMENT OF THESE – TO CONFRONT DANGERS THAT THREATENED THEIR COMMUNITY.

THERE IS SOMETHING VERY AUSTRALIAN IN COMING TOGETHER FOR SUCH A CAUSE. LIKE OUR NATURAL DISPOSITION TO STICK TOGETHER IN ADVERSITY, IT IS A SIMPLE, COMRADELY GESTURE, WHICH FLOWS FROM THE DEEPEST SPRINGS OF OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER.

AND SO IT WAS, LIVES WERE SPENT IN DEFENCE OF A CHARACTERISTICALLY AUSTRALIAN BELIEF. IT IS NOT A BELIEF YOU FIND RECORDED IN THE HISTORIES OF THE WAR, IT HAS NO MONUMENTS TO PRESERVE IT, EXCEPT OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY AND SPIRIT. AND IT IS THIS: BEING AN AUSTRALIAN MEANS THAT WE BELIEVE HAPPINESS IS THE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY, A DEEP CONVICTION THAT THERE IS COMMON GOOD.

FUTURE GENERATIONS NEED TO BE REMINDED THAT HAPPINESS HAS A PRICE. FOR SURELY IF HAPPINESS IS THE PRODUCT OF FREEDOM, THEN FREEDOM IS THE REWARD OF COURAGE. IN ORDER TO DEFEND

THIS BELIEF, WE MUST NEVER DECLINE THE DANGERS OF WAR. TO DO SO WOULD DIMINISH THE GIFT OF THESE MEN AND TARNISH THEIR MEMORY. INSTEAD, WE SHOULD FEEL GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFT OF OUR PRESENT HAPPINESS AND, IN DOING SO, WE WILL KEEP BRIGHT THE MEMORY OF THOSE LIVES.

IT IS IN THE REMEMBRANCE OF THESE THINGS, THAT COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION, COME TOGETHER ON THIS DAY.

GENERAL PUBLIC 2

WE MEET HERE TODAY, NOT TO CELEBRATE BATTLE OR GLORIFY WAR, BUT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY DURING CONFLICT AND CRISIS.

WE REMEMBER TOO, THOSE WHO SERVED ON THE HOME FRONT, SUPPLYING MATERIAL AND MORALE STRENGTH TO OUR FIGHTING FORCES, FOR THEIRS WAS NO LESSOR SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

ANZAC DAY IS MORE THAN A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, BUT RATHER A FUNDAMENTAL AUSTRALIAN TRADITION. WHEREVER AUSTRALIANS OR NEW ZEALANDERS ARE FOUND, IT IS LIKELY THAT AN ANZAC DAY SERVICE OF SOME DESCRIPTION IS TAKING PLACE. SUCH IS THE FEELING THAT AUSTRALIANS HAVE FOR THE 25TH OF APRIL.

ANZAC DAY IS NOT MERELY A DATE, OR SOME REMOTE CAMPAIGN, BUT RATHER A SPIRIT. IT IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE PAST GENERATIONS OF AUSTRALIANS WHO IN HARDSHIP DISPLAYED COURAGE, DISCIPLINE, SELF-RELIANCE, SELF –SACRIFICE, RESOURCEFULNESS AND FRIENDSHIP. EVEN AS THE NUMBERS OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN GROW SMALLER, THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC DAY,

WHICH WAS BEQUEATHED TO US FROM BATTLEFIELDS LONG AGO, WILL LIVE ON BECAUSE IT IS A REFLECTION OF THE VERY HEART OF OUR NATION.

EVERY NATION REMEMBERS SOME PAST EVENT, SOME BATTLE, OR SOME DEFINING MOMENT OF HISTORY. OUR DEFINING MOMENT CAME IN 1915 AT GALLIPOLI, A CAMPAIGN WHICH, IF NOT AN OUTRIGHT DEFEAT, WAS CERTAINLY NOT A SUCCESS.

HISTORY SHOWS THAT, FOR A PEACE LOVING PEOPLE, WE HAVE BEEN A FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY, WHEN STIRRED TO ACTION AND ALSO REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL AT THE BUSINESS OF WAR. ON EVERY OCCASION WHEN AUSTRALIANS HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO PROTECT FREEDOM, THEY HAVE DONE SO GENEROUSLY, EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.

GALLIPOLI WAS NOT THE FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH AUSTRALIANS HAD SERVED OVERSEAS. IN 1885, NEW SOUTH WALES SENT A CONTINGENT TO THE SUDAN WAR, AND AS THE TWENTIETH CENTURY DAWNED, AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENTS ALSO SERVED IN THE BOER.

ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIANS DIED IN ALL OF THESE WARS, NONE HAD THE INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC IMPACT OF THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN.

THE YOUNG MEN OF GALLIPOLI WERE THE FIRST ANZACS, ORDINARY YOUNG AUSTRALIANS DOING THEIR BEST IN A CAMPAIGN OF INTENSE FEROCITY. THEIR CASUALTIES WERE HORRENDOUS, NEARLY 8,000 AUSTRALIANS WERE KILLED, AND 78,000 WOUNDED AT GALLIPOLI, AND TO WHAT END? THE CAMPAIGN WAS A FAILURE, AND YET OF ALL THE BATTLEFIELDS ON WHICH AUSTRALIANS DIED, IT IS THE DISASTROUS GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN THAT HAS COME TO SYMBOLISE THE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER'S COURAGE, DETERMINATION, FIGHTING PROWESS, HUMOUR AND MATESHIP. THE ESSENCE OF GALLIPOLI WAS THAT IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY AND POTENTIAL DEFEAT, THE AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT TRIUMPHED.

THIS NATION WAS AN UNKNOWN ELEMENT AT FEDERATION, A FLEDGLING COUNTRY OF HUGE SPACES AND SPARSE POPULATION.

THE PRIDE AND GRIEF OF AUSTRALIA FOLLOWING GALLIPOLI FORMED A BOND, SO STRONG THAT IT MADE A STATEMENT TO THE WORLD THAT WE HAD COME OF AGE AND THAT OUR ARMED FORCES AND OUR

PEOPLE WERE TRULY NOW OF ONE NATION. BY COMING TOGETHER ON APRIL 25TH EACH YEAR, THIS SPIRIT OF NATIONAL UNITY IS REKINDLED.

SERVING THE NATION TAKES MANY FORMS. THE SOLDIERS OF GALLIPOLI, ALAMEIN, LONG TAN AND TODAY IN BOUGAINVILLE COULD ONLY ACHIEVE WHAT THEY DID BECAUSE OF THE FAMILIES AND PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA. THIS TOO IS PART OF THE ANZAC SPIRIT AND THE DEDICATION OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR SERVICEMEN MUST ALSO BE REMEMBERED.

AUSTRALIA TODAY IS STILL A YOUNG COUNTRY, BUT MUCH HAS CHANGED FROM THAT LAND WHICH THE ORIGINAL ANZACS SAILED. IT, HOWEVER, REMAINS A COUNTRY IN WHICH WE ARE FREE TO CHOOSE OUR FUTURE AND ESTABLISH OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD.

ANZAC DAY REMINDS US THAT WARS ARE TO BE AVOIDED, BUT WHEN NECESSARY WE MUST STAND UP FOR OUR VALUES.

IT REQUIRES US TO REFLECT ON THE PAST WITH PRIDE, BUT ALSO TO LOOK AHEAD AND BUILD ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR

PREDECESSORS. BY DISPLAYING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ANZAC SPIRIT, COMRADESHIP, UNSELFISHNESS, COURAGE, TENACITY OF SPIRIT, WE CAN ENRICH THE AUSTRALIAN TRADITION.

THE ANZAC SPIRIT EXISTS IN EACH ONE OF US, SO THEREFORE, LET US BE GUIDED BY THE ANZAC SPIRIT IN FACING THE NATIONAL AND PERSONAL CHALLENGES AHEAD, AND LET US STRIVE TO BE WORTHY OF THE MEMORY OF THOSE WE HONOUR ON ANZAC DAY.

GENERAL PUBLIC 3

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOU FOR YOUR ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES.

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO HONOUR THE MEMORY OF THOSE GALLANT MEN AND WOMEN WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY. BY YOUR PRESENCE HERE I KNOW THERE IS NO DOUBT IN YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS THAT TODAY IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT. IN CITIES AND TOWNS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS, CEREMONIES LIKE THIS ARE A PERMANENT REMINDER TO OUR YOUTH OF TODAY THAT OUR FOREFATHERS THOUGHT THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY OF OURS WAS WORTH FIGHTING AND DYING FOR.

I HAVE OFTEN THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS THE TERM 'ANZAC' HAS BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD. IT IS NOT A PLACE, NOR IS IT A CAMPAIGN OR A WAR. IT IS NOT A CEREMONY OR A PARADE EITHER. THE TERM ANZAC COMES FROM WORDS AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS WHICH I AM SURE YOU ARE ALL AWARE OF. HOWEVER, I FEEL THE TERM ANZAC HAS TRANSCENDED THE PHYSICAL MEANING TO BECOME A SPIRIT – AN INSPIRATION WHICH EMBODIES THE QUALITIES OF

COURAGE, DISCIPLINE, SACRIFICE, SELF-RELIANCE AND IN AUSTRALIAN TERMS, THAT OF MATESHIP AND A FAIR GO. THAT, TO ME, IS WHAT 'ANZAC' CONJURES IN MY MIND.

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OUR YOUTH HAVE ALWAYS COME TOGETHER IN A CRISIS – INDIVIDUAL DESIRES AND AMBITIONS WERE PUT ASIDE. I AM SURE, WHATEVER SOME MAY THINK ABOUT OUR PEOPLE OF TODAY, OUR YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE AND WE NEED TO SAFEGUARD THAT INVESTMENT. I SAY TO YOU, DO NOT LET WHAT WE HAVE FORGED THROUGH THE ANZAC SPIRIT BE LOST TO INDIFFERENCE OR A LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE AS PARENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, NEED TO GIVE YOU THE DIRECTION AND ADVICE THAT WILL PREPARE YOU FOR THE FUTURE.

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IT WAS - HISTORIANS SAY - AN ILL-CONCEIVED CAMPAIGN IN PURSUIT OF A VAGUE OBJECTIVE, PREMISED ON AN UNDER-ESTIMATION OF THE MILITARY PROWESS AND CHARACTER OF THE TURKISH SOLDIERS, AND OF THE TACTICAL ADVANTAGES THEY HELD.

BUT THE CREAM OF THE NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ARMIES - VOLUNTEERS ALL - COMMITTED THEMSELVES WITH NO HESITATION ABOUT THE NOBILITY OF THEIR CAUSE, AND FOUGHT WITH GREAT COURAGE, SKILL AND AUDACITY.

IN THE EIGHT MONTHS WHICH FOLLOWED THEIR FIRST LANDING, SOME 50,000 ANZACS WERE COMMITTED TO THE BATTLEFRONT, ALONGSIDE 36,000 BRITISH, FRENCH AND INDIAN COMRADES. WHEN THE LAST OF THEM WAS WITHDRAWN AS WINTER SET IN, MORE THAN 11,000 NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS LAY DEAD, AND WITH THEM MANY MORE ALLIED AND TURKISH SOLDIERS.

GALLIPOLI WAS A TACTICAL DEFEAT, BUT THE NEW ZEALANDERS AND THE AUSTRALIANS' WITHDRAWAL WAS A SORT OF TACTICAL VICTORY BEFORE THE ENEMY REALISED WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

BUT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ANZACS WERE TO BE MEASURED OTHER THAN ON THE BATTLEFIELD. IT WAS NOT JUST THAT NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS WERE SERVING OVERSEAS IN THE NAME OF THEIR FLEDGLING NATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

BY THEIR COMMITMENT, THEIR COURAGE AND THEIR COMRADESHIP, THE ANZACS SET STANDARDS THAT INSPIRED THEIR COUNTRYMEN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THE LEGENDS THEY ESTABLISHED GAVE FRESH VOICE TO NEW FEELINGS OF NATIONAL PRIDE IN BOTH YOUNG NATIONS, AND THE NEWS OF THEIR SUFFERING, ON REACHING THE HOMES OF ANXIOUSLY AWAITING FAMILIES, BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER IN WAYS THEY HAD NOT KNOWN BEFORE.

FOR NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS, ANZAC IS OUR OWN DAY.

IT IS A DAY ON WHICH WE MARK THE DEEDS OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD COME TO SEE THEMSELVES AS NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS, AND WHO WERE MOURNED BY PEOPLE WHO REGARDED THEMSELVES AS NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS.

THE NAMES ON THE PUBLIC MEMORIALS EXISTING ON VIRTUALLY ALL OUR TOWNS AND CITIES ARE IMPORTANT AND REGULAR REMINDERS OF THE LOSSES OUR NATIONS FELT IN THOSE DARKER DAYS.

THE FIRST ANZACS INDEED COMMAND AND DESERVE THE RESPECT AND REMEMBRANCE OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ALL NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOUR OR CREED.

ON EVERY 25TH OF APRIL SINCE 1915, NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS AT HOME AND ABROAD HAVE GATHERED TO COMMEMORATE NOT JUST THOSE ANZACS WHO DIED ON THAT DAY, BUT EVERY ONE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAS DIED IN WAR OR AS A RESULT OF IT SINCE THEN.

WE REMEMBER ON THIS DAY THOSE WHO FELL IN BOTH WORLD WARS, IN CONFLICTS IN KOREA, MALAYA, BORNEO, AND VIETNAM SINCE THEN, AND WHILE ON SERVICE WITH INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCES WHEREVER THEY WERE.

BUT IT WAS GALLIPOLI WHICH GAVE US PRIDE, NOT IN WAR, BUT IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS, PUT TO THE TEST, WOULD NOT FAIL. THAT SPIRIT AND TRADITION SUSTAINED OUR FORCES IN MANY LATER BATTLES AND TRIALS, AND IN MANY WAYS, SUSTAINS US NOW.

AND TRADITION IS IMPORTANT. SUPPOSE OUR TROOPS HAD PERFORMED BADLY AT GALLIPOLI, LOST THEIR NERVE AND THEIR MORALE? HOW MUCH MORE DIFFICULT WOULD IT HAVE BEEN FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOWED. THE GALLIPOLI TRADITION LAID DOWN THE RULES AND STILL HELPS US TODAY TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES.

DUTY, PATRIOTISM, INDIVIDUAL SACRIFICE, AND THE AFFIRMATION OF THE NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIAN RELATIONSHIP ARE THE ENDURING LEGACIES OF GALLIPOLI AND ALL SUBSEQUENT CONFLICTS INVOLVING OUR TWO NATIONS.

THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FORGED THE ANZAC SPIRIT MADE SURE THAT THOSE WHO LED THEM EARNED THEIR RESPECT. THEY ALL UNDERSTOOD THE VALUES OF INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM AND FAIRNESS AND - ABOVE ALL - POSSESSED A WILLINGNESS TO DEFEND

THESE THINGS IF NEED BE. BECAUSE FREEDOM ONLY SURVIVES AS LONG AS PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO DEFEND IT.

THAT IS THE SPIRIT ANZAC HANDED DOWN TO US. IF WE LOSE THAT ANZAC SPIRIT, WE LOSE ALL.

SO HERE WE STAND TODAY, ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IN CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, TO HONOUR GREAT MEN AND WOMEN AND A GREAT TRADITION. WE GATHER, AS WE SHALL ALWAYS GATHER, NOT TO GLORIFY WAR, BUT TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT WE VALUE WHO WE ARE AND THE FREEDOMS WE POSSESS, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH IN SHAPING THE IDENTITY OF THIS PROUD NATION.

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IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO REPRESENT THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY AND TO GIVE THIS YEARS ADDRESS. THE THEME FOR THE ADDRESS TODAY IS THAT WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE TO 'FIGHT ON' IN PEACE TIME, FACING NEW CHALLENGES, IN THE SAME WAY OUR VETERANS FACED ADVERSITY IN MANY WARS. OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN FOUGHT IN A BELIEF THAT THEIR VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD HELP TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD, AND WE SHOULD SEEK TO HONOUR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS BY STRIVING FOR OUR BEST IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL THE COMMITMENT AND GALLANTRY OF AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER FROM WORLD WAR 1 TO AMPLIFY THIS THEME. ALTHOUGH THAT CAMPAIGN IS NOW GROWING DISTANT, WE SHOULD NEVER OVER LOOK THE COURAGE AND COMMITMENT OF ALL AUSTRALIANS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. THE STORY OF ALFRED SHOUT IS ONE I AM SURE WILL INSPIRE YOU.

ALFRED SHOUT VOLUNTEERED FOR THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN 1914, ON THE OUTBREAK OF WAR. HE WAS POSTED TO THE 1ST BATTALION, AND LIKE MANY OF THOSE EARLY VOLUNTEERS –

DESCRIBED AS THE CREAM OF AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH – HE HELPED TO CREATE THE ANZAC LEGEND THAT DID SO MUCH TO BOND THE YOUNG NATION OF AUSTRALIA. LT SHOUT'S UNIT LANDED AT GALLIPOLI ON 25 APRIL 1915, AND HE WAS AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS AFTER COURAGEOUS BAYONET CHARGES AND DELIBERATE EXPOSURE TO ENEMY FIRE. HE WAS BADLY WOUNDED A FEW WEEKS LATER, BUT DISCHARGED HIMSELF FROM A HOSPITAL SHIP EARLY, IN ORDER TO GET BACK TO LEADING HIS PLATOON.

SOME OF THE FIERCEST FIGHTING IN THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN OCCURRED IN AUGUST 1915, WITH AUSTRALIANS – INCLUDING LT SHOUT'S MEN – SEEKING TO TAKE POSITIONS ON THE RIDGES AT THE NECK AND LONE PINE, AS PART OF A DESPERATE ALLIED OFFENSIVE. FOR THOSE WHO SAW THE 1980'S VERSION OF THE MOVIE GALLIPOLI, THE FINAL TRAGIC SCENES WERE BASED ON THESE ATTACKS. CAPT SHOUT'S VC CITATION TYPIFIES THIS FIGHTING: 'ON THE MORNING OF AUG 9 1915, CAPT SHOUT AND HIS MEN CHARGED DOWN THE TRENCHES STRONGLY OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY, AND THREW A NUMBER OF BOMBS, KILLING EIGHT AND CAPTURING THE REMAINDER. LATER, FROM THE POSITION GAINED IN THE MORNING, HE CAPTURED A FURTHER LENGTH OF THE TRENCH UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS AND

HE CONTINUED TO BOMB THE ENEMY AT CLOSE RANGE, UNTIL HE WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED, LOSING AN EYE AND PART OF HIS ARM. DESPITE THESE TERRIBLE INJURIES, HE CONTINUED TO PROCEED FURTHER, AND HAD MANAGED TO LIGHT SEVERAL MORE BOMBS WHEN HE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED IN THE CHEST BY ENEMY FIRE. HE STILL CONTINUED TO DIRECT HIS MEN UNTIL HE PASSED OUT, AND HE DIED THE NEXT DAY FROM HIS WOUNDS'.

I DISCOVERED THE STORY OF CAPT SHOUT AMONGST THE WRITINGS, FROM 1916, OF A CPL MACQUEEN, WHO HAD ALSO SERVED ON GALLIPOLI. HE WROTE OF HOW ALL THE SURVIVORS OF THE 1ST BATTALION HAD FELT DEARLY THE LOSS OF A SOLDIER, A LEADER AND A GENTLEMAN. CPL MACQUEEN RECALLED IN HIS WRITINGS THAT ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ATTACK ALFRED SHOUT HAD CHEERED HIS MEN, SAYING 'WE WILL MAKE A NAME FOR AUSTRALIA AND OURSELVES TOMORROW MAC'. CPL MACQUEEN WROTE THAT OVER FOUR DAYS ALFRED SHOUT CERTAINLY MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF, 'AS A LT ON THE DAY OF THE CHARGE AT LONE PINE, MADE A CAPT THE NEXT, EARNED HIS VC THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT DAY HE DIED'.

FROM THAT ORIGINAL 1ST BATTALION OF 800 OR SO MEN, CASUALTIES BY 1918 WOULD TOTAL 700 – ALMOST THE WHOLE UNIT. AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES IN WW1 TOTALLED 59,000 DEAD, AND 152,000 WOUNDED. FROM A POPULATION OF 5 MILLION, THAT REPRESENTS 1% KILLED. IN WW2 WE LOST 32,000 DEAD AND 100,000 WOUNDED OR POW. IN CONFLICTS SINCE WW2 IN KOREA, BORNEO AND VIETNAM THERE HAVE BEEN 2,000 KILLED OVERSEAS.

WHY THEN IS THE STORY OF CAPT SHOUT, AND THE CASUALTY FIGURES, RELEVANT TO US NOW? THE THEME I MENTIONED AT THE OUTSET IS WORTH RECALLING. WE, THE SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS, HAVE AN ETERNAL OBLIGATION TO REMEMBER THE EFFORTS OF WOMEN AND MEN WHO HAVE SERVED AUSTRALIA IN WAR. WE CAN HONOUR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS BY TRYING TO LIVE IN THE MANNER THEY WOULD HAVE EXPECTED FROM US. THIS IS A CHALLENGE, AS OUTLINED IN 1946 BY A RAAF PILOT, WHO HAD SPENT HIS SCHOOL YEARS IN THE GEELONG AREA, BY THE NAME OF JOHN GORTON – LATER AUSTRALIA'S 24TH PM.

WHEN SPEAKING AT A SERVICE MARKING THE FIRST ANZAC DAY AFTER WW2, MR GORTON NOTED THAT 'THE RETURNED SERVICEMEN WOULD

SEEK US TO SECURE ADVANCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR COUNTRY – TO REDUCE POVERTY, INCREASE EDUCATION AND IMPROVE OUR SPIRITUAL STANDARD OF LIVING; AND FOR AUSTRALIANS TO TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THE WORLD, NOT AS A SELF-SUFFICIENT SEALED OFF UNIT, BUT AS A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY'. HE ADDED THAT 'THE FOUNDATION STONES HAVE BEEN LAID IN WAR, SO IN PEACE WE CONTINUE TO BUILD'.

MR GORTON'S WORDS ARE MOST RELEVANT TODAY, AS WE FACE MANY NEW CHALLENGES, SUCH AS PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT, ASSISTING OUR FELLOW ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS, AND HELPING OTHER NATIONS TO LIVE PEACEFULLY. THESE ARE THE AREAS IN PEACE WE CAN BUILD ON. SO HOW DO WE DO THIS AS INDIVIDUALS? OUR EFFORTS MAY NOT SEEM MUCH, BUT IT IS VALUABLE TO REFLECT ON THE PRACTICAL ISSUES THAT CONFRONT US DAILY, WHERE YOU AND I COULD CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER AUSTRALIA. FOR EXAMPLE:

- . DO WE RESPECT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR NATION?
- . DO WE ATTEND CHURCH.
- . DO WE WORK, NOT JUST FOR MONEY, BUT TO CONTRIBUTE?
- . DO WE PLAY SPORT WITH A SPORTING ATTITUDE.

- . DO WE BEHAVE AS LEADERS FOR OUR YOUTH?
- . DO WE READ, TO LEARN FROM HISTORY AND DO WE HAVE A QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE.

THESE ARE SOME WAYS THAT WE CAN 'FIGHT ON', TO BE WORTHY OF THE WARTIME EFFORTS THAT WE COMMEMORATE TODAY.

I CAN IMAGINE STANDING ON THE BEACH AT ANZAC COVE, AND LATER, WALKING ALONG THE NECK AND LONE PINE, SEEING WELL KEPT GRAVES MARKING THE SPOTS WHERE AUSTRALIANS, SUCH AS CAPT SHOUT, REST TODAY, THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME AND THEIR GRIEVING FAMILIES.

AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES CAN BE FOUND ALL OVER THE WORLD, FROM MANY WARS. SADLY, AS THE YEARS ROLL ON, THE EFFORTS OF OUR FOREFATHERS ARE LESS WELL KNOWN. I ASK YOU, ON ANZAC DAY, TO REMEMBER THE MANY AUSTRALIANS, INCLUDING THE VETERANS HERE WITH US TODAY, WHO HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT FOR AUSTRALIA. WE MUST TREASURE ANZAC DAY AS A SPECIAL DAY, WHEN WE RECALL WITH PRIDE THE EFFORTS OF AUSTRALIANS TO STAND UP TOGETHER FOR WORTHWHILE PRINCIPLES.

I ALSO ASK YOU TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF PEACE IN YOUR OWN LIFE, REMEMBERING THE CHALLENGES OF WAR FACED BY OUR RETURNED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN. THE MANY PROBLEMS THAT FACE OUR WORLD TODAY REQUIRE OUR COMMITMENT AND PERHAPS THERE IS A SPECIAL CHALLENGE FOR YOU THAT APPEARS INSURMOUNTABLE. ON ANZAC DAY WE SHOULD ASK OURSELVES, HOW WOULD THE RETURNED VETERAN, OR CAPT SHOUT, EXPECT US TO FACE THESE CHALLENGES? IF WE CAN DRAW FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, I SUGGEST THAT THE RIGHT COURSE OF ACTION WILL EMERGE FOR US, AND OUR VETERANS EFFORTS WILL HAVE BEEN REMEMBERED IN A PRACTICAL WAY THAT WOULD PLEASE THEM.

PRIMARY SCHOOL***PRIMARY SCHOOL 1***

THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO COME AND TALK TO YOU THIS MORNING TO COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY, WHICH MOST AUSTRALIANS, RECOGNISE AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE YEAR.

ANZAC.... NOW THAT'S AN UNUSUAL WORD.... ORIGINALLY IT WAS NOT A PROPER WORD, IT WAS A SET OF INITIALS WHICH DESCRIBED THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS WHO WERE IN EGYPT IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THE INITIALS STOOD FOR AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS AND IN 1915, THOSE MEN, TOGETHER WITH BRITISH, INDIAN AND FRENCH SOLDIERS WERE SENT TO FIGHT IN THE PART OF TURKEY KNOWN AS THE GALLIPOLI PENINSULA. IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE WAY THOSE AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS FOUGHT, AND THE WAY THEY FACED THE HARSHIPS AND DANGERS WHICH CONFRONTED THEM THAT THE INITIALS BECAME A WORD - ANZAC - WHICH TODAY IS RESPECTED IN BOTH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

THEIR ACTIONS FORGED WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE ANZAC SPIRIT AND THAT SPIRIT HAS BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ALL

AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN EVER SINCE – IN FRANCE, LATER ON IN WORLD WAR 11, KOREA, MALAYSIA, BORNEO AND VIETNAM, ALL OF WHICH HAPPENED LONG BEFORE YOU WERE BORN. IT IS ALSO PRESENT IN THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS OUR SERVICE PEOPLE UNDERTAKE TODAY.

WHAT DOES THE ANZAC SPIRIT MEAN? I BELIEVE IT IS A SHORT WORD FOR A NUMBER OF QUALITIES WHICH ALL OF US, NOT JUST MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE, CAN USEFULLY USE IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

THE ANZAC SPIRIT REPRESENTS A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND DIRECTION. THE ORIGINAL ANZACS KNEW WHAT THEY HAD TO DO, THEY KNEW OF THE DANGERS AND THE DIFFICULTIES BUT THEY GOT DOWN AND DID NOT LET THOSE DIFFICULTIES STOP THEM FROM OBEYING THEIR ORDERS. IT IS TRUE THAT THE WHOLE CAMPAIGN DID NOT ACHIEVE WHAT WAS HOPED FOR. BUT THE SOLDIERS ON THE GROUND STAYED UNTIL THEIR LEADERS DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO WITHDRAW.

YOU CAN APPLY THIS TO YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE. YOU KNOW WHAT WORK YOU HAVE TO DO AT SCHOOL AND WHAT TASKS YOUR PARENTS

MAY HAVE SET YOU TO DO ABOUT THE HOUSE. NO MATTER WHAT DIFFICULTIES YOU THINK ARE IN THE WAY, THINK OF THE ANZACS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE FOLLOWED THEM AND PUSH THE DIFFICULTIES TO ONE SIDE AND DO ACCOMPLISH YOUR TASK.

SECONDLY, THE ANZAC SPIRIT REPRESENTS AN ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IS ANOTHER QUALITY YOU SHOULD APPLY IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIVES. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO. IT IS EASY TO SAY 'I DID THAT' OR 'THAT'S MY WORK' WHEN EVERYTHING GOES RIGHT. WE ALL KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THINGS DO NOT GO RIGHT. SOMETIMES YOU DO SOMETHING WHICH IS AGAINST THE WISHES OF YOUR PARENTS AND TEACHERS. REMEMBER THE ANZAC SPIRIT AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

THE ANZAC SPIRIT ALSO INCLUDES A SENSE OF COMPASSION. THIS HAS BEEN SUMMED UP IN THE AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE AS MATESHIP. THIS MEANS TO WATCH OUT FOR YOUR MATE, HELP HIM OR HER AT ALL TIMES AND DON'T POKE FUN AT OTHER PEOPLE AT SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY MAY HAVE HAD SOME MISFORTUNE, OR COME FROM A DIFFERENT PART OF THE WORLD.

SO THESE THREE VERY SIMPLE THINGS ARE WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE ANZAC SPIRIT. ANOTHER WORD YOU CAN APPLY TO THIS SAME SPIRIT IS UNSELFISHNESS.

NOW, I LIKE EVERY OTHER PERSON HOPES THAT AUSTRALIA WILL NEVER BE INVOLVED IN ANOTHER WAR – AND THAT YOU WILL NEVER BE CALLED UPON TO EXPERIENCE SUCH A TERRIBLE THING. BUT YOU SHOULD USE THESE THINGS I HAVE TALKED ABOUT – A SENSE OF PURPOSE; ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND UNSELFISHNESS, NOT ONLY WHILE YOU ARE AT SCHOOL, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO IN YOUR LIVES. IF YOU DO THIS YOU WILL BE KEEPING THE FAITH WITH THOSE WHO PUT THE WORD ANZAC INTO OUR LANGUAGE AND YOU WILL BE HELPING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ANZAC SPIRIT IS ALWAYS PART OF LIFE IN AUSTRALIA.

PRIMARY SCHOOL 2

TOMORROW IS ANZAC DAY, A DAY WHEN WE REMEMBER THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDINGS OF AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS OF ANZACS, AS WE NOW CALL THEM, ON SOME BEACHES FAR AWAY FROM AUSTRALIAN SHORES. THE PLACE WHERE THE ANZACS LANDED IS CALLED GALLIPOLI, A PART OF A COUNTRY CALLED TURKEY. TOMORROW THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, CEREMONIES WILL BE CONDUCTED TO HONOUR THE MEMORY OF THOSE BRAVE ANZACS.

WELL, WHAT HAPPENED? VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING, WHEN IT WAS STILL DARK, THIRTY SIX LARGE ROWING BOATS, LOADED WITH AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS AND TOWED BY NAVAL BOATS, LEFT THE PROTECTION OF THE LARGER BRITISH SHIPS AND SET OFF FOR THE BEACHES OF GALLIPOLI. THEY WERE ABOUT TO INVADE TURKEY.

AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER, THE FIRST BOATS CRUNCHED AGAINST THE ROCK AND SAND OF A PLACE NOW CALLED ANZAC COVE. THE SOLDIERS SCRAMBLED ASHORE AND STARTED TO CLIMB UP THE STEEP SLOPES. AS ENEMY MACHINEGUN FIRE CAME DOWN ON THEM, MANY

WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN THOSE FIRST FEW HOURS ASHORE. IN THE DARK, MANY OF THE BOATS HAD DRIFTED OFF COURSE AND HAD LANDED QUITE A LONG WAY AWAY FROM WHERE THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN. THEY HAD, IN FACT, LANDED WHERE THE TURKISH FORCES WERE THE STRONGEST AND WHERE THE MACHINE-GUN AND ARTILLERY FIRE WERE THICKEST.

BY TWO O'CLOCK THAT AFTERNOON, SOME 12,000 MEN HAD LANDED. LATER THAT DAY, SOME VERY BRAVE AUSTRALIANS REACHED THE HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING THE BEACHES, HOWEVER THEY WERE SOON FORCED TO TURN BACK, NEVER TO RETURN. WITHIN A MONTH, OVER HALF OF THOSE WHO HAD LANDED AT GALLIPOLI WERE EITHER DEAD OR WOUNDED.

FOR SEVEN LONG MONTHS, THE ANZACS HUNG ON TO THEIR POSITIONS ON THE CLIFFS AND SLOPES OF ANZAC COVE. THE AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS COULD NOT GO FORWARD BUT NEITHER COULD THE STUBBORN TURKS FORCE THEM BACK INTO THE SEA. IN THOSE MONTHS A SPIRIT DEVELOPED AMONGST THE SOLDIERS - A SPIRIT WHICH RELIED ON EACH SOLDIER HELPING OUT HIS MATES.

BY THE END OF THAT YEAR, 1915, SOME 32,000 AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS HAD BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED AT GALLIPOLI. THE BATTLE HAD BEEN A MILITARY FAILURE, THE ANZACS HAD LOST AND THEY WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW AND LEAVE TURKEY.

THE BATTLE WAS OVER, BUT IN THOSE MONTHS WHEN SO MANY AUSTRALIANS HAD DIED UNDER TERRIBLE CONDITIONS OF HEAT AND COLD, OF SICKNESS, OF SUFFERING, OF LACK OF SLEEP, AND FOOD AND SHELTER, IN THESE MONTHS THE LEGEND OF ANZAC WAS BORN.

WELL, WHY DO WE NOW REMEMBER THIS OCCASION? THE ANZAC STORY SHOWS US HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS AND STILL IS TO DO OUR VERY BEST FOR OUR COUNTRY AUSTRALIA AND TO FIGHT FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IS RIGHT. THE STORY TELLS US THAT WE MUST ALWAYS BE LOYAL TO OUR COUNTRY, AND TO OUR FRIENDS, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST AND TO DO EVERYTHING AS WELL AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. THE EXAMPLE OF THE MEN OF ANZAC AND LATER GENERATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD INSPIRE US TODAY. THOSE MEN AND WOMEN BELIEVED IN MATESHIP, OF HELPING OUT A MATE OR A FRIEND, THEY WERE DETERMINED AND COURAGEOUS PEOPLE. THEY WERE TRUE AUSTRALIANS.

ANZAC DAY IS NOT ABOUT TALKING OF WAR AND FIGHTING AS SOMETHING FANTASTIC. IT IS A REMINDER THAT WAR IS HORRIBLE AND WHILE WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT THE ANZACS AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS HAVE DONE, WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE NEVER ANY WINNERS IN WARS.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO WATCH A PARADE TOMORROW AND SEE ALL THE OLD SOLDIERS WHO ARE STILL ALIVE MARCHING, OR IF YOU SEE THEM ON TV TOMORROW NIGHT, REMEMBER THAT WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF ALL OF THEM BECAUSE THEY HAVE GONE TO WAR TO FIGHT TO MAKE AUSTRALIA WHAT IT IS TODAY. YOU SHOULD CLAP THEM AND THANK THEM FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR US - THEY HAVE KEPT AUSTRALIA A FREE AND WONDERFUL COUNTRY IN WHICH TO LIVE.

PRIMARY SCHOOL 3

ANZAC DAY IS VERY SPECIAL AS IT COMMEMORATES THE FATEFUL LANDING OF THE MEN FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AT ANZAC COVE ON THE 25TH APRIL 1915. MANY PEOPLE WILL THIS YEAR ATTEND DAWN SERVICES THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA; HOWEVER, MANY OTHERS IN AUSTRALIA WILL THINK OF THE DAY ACCEPTING IT AS JUST ANOTHER HOLIDAY. BUT ANZAC DAY IS NOT JUST ANOTHER HOLIDAY, NOR IS IT A DAY SET ASIDE TO CELEBRATE WAR AND ALL THE DREADFUL THINGS IT INVOLVES. ANZAC DAY IS A DAY OF COMMEMORATION, TO SAY 'THANK YOU' AND TO HONOUR ALL SOLDIERS, FROM ALL WARS, WHO HAVE FOUGHT, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY DIED, FOR AUSTRALIA, FOR IT IS THESE MEN AND WOMENS' SACRIFICES THAT ALLOW YOU TO LIVE IN A COMFORTABLE HOME AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND SUCH A NICE SCHOOL.

MANY PEOPLE ASK WHY IT IS THAT WE USE THE DAY THE ANZACS LANDED ON THE GALLIPOLI PENINSULA AT THE START OF A LOST CAMPAIGN TO COMMEMORATE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN FIGHTING FOR THE AUSTRALIANS' BELIEFS. WHY IS IT NOT THAT WE USE THE DAY THE WAR ENDED OR PERHAPS THE DAY A GREAT BATTLE WAS WON? WHY COMMEMORATE A DEFEAT? THE ANSWER IS THAT AUSTRALIA IS

DIFFERENT, INDEED AUSTRALIANS ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF ANZAC. BEFORE THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN, AUSTRALIANS, WHO HAD AN ENTHUSIASM FOR AUSTRALIA, HAD A GREATER PATRIOTISM FOR THE OLD COUNTRY, ENGLAND. THAT IS TO SAY THAT THEY STILL ACCEPTED ENGLAND AS HOME EVEN THOUGH THEY LIVED IN AUSTRALIA. WHEN AUSTRALIANS WERE CALLED IN 1915 TO FIGHT, THEY ENLISTED PARTLY FOR A SENSE OF ADVENTURE AND PARTLY BECAUSE THE EMPIRE NEEDED THEM. THE AUSTRALIANS WERE, HOWEVER, AN UNTRIED FORCE WHICH THE BRITISH THOUGHT TO BE UNRULY AND UNDISCIPLINED. IT WAS AT ANZAC THAT THE REPUTATION STARTED OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS AS BEING TOUGH MEN, MEN WHO COULD ENDURE, MEN WHO COULD GO ON FIGHTING, NO MATTER WHAT. IT WAS ANZAC THAT IT WAS SEEN THAT THE AUSTRALIANS, EVEN IF BEATEN, WERE GREAT FIGHTERS AND THEIR LOSS WAS NOT DUE TO LACK OF COURAGE, STAMINA OR SPIRIT. IT WAS AT ANZAC THAT THE LEGEND OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER WAS BORN AND AUSTRALIA WAS SEEN, NOT JUST AS ANOTHER COUNTRY IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE, BUT AS A COUNTRY IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

IT IS THEREFORE A GOOD DAY, A SPECIAL DAY FOR YOU AND ALL AUSTRALIANS TO SAY 'THANK YOU' TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE GIVEN US ALL SO MUCH.

I AM SURE THAT MOST OF YOU KNOW THE STORY OF SIMPSON AND HIS DONKEY; BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T, SIMPSON WAS AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER AT GALLIPOLI WHO, WITH HIS DONKEY, MURPHY, UNSELFISHLY HELPED THE WOUNDED FROM THE AREA WHERE THERE WAS FIGHTING TO ANZAC COVE AND SAFETY. HAVING SAVED COUNTLESS SOLDIERS THIS, HE WAS EVENTUALLY KILLED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF US THINK ABOUT SIMPSON AND HIS UNSELFISH WORK BECAUSE IT IS SIMPSON AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS WHO HAVE UNSELFISHLY GIVEN THEIR TIME AND LIVES FOR US THAT WE COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY.

SO, DON'T JUST THINK THAT IT IS JUST ANOTHER HOLIDAY, REMEMBER THAT IT IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY. A SPECIAL DAY WHEN ALL AUSTRALIANS SHOULD SAY 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE FOUGHT AND DIED TO ALLOW YOU TO HAVE YOUR CHOICE IN A COUNTRY THAT IS FREE.

ANZAC IS INDEED A SPECIAL DAY. LEST WE FORGET.

PRIMARY SCHOOL 4

ON THE 25TH OF APRIL 1915, A GROUP OF VOLUNTEER AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS FOUND THEMSELVES WADING ASHORE BEFORE DAWN AT A SMALL BEACH ON THE GALLIPOLI PENINSULA IN TURKEY; NOW KNOWN AS ANZAC COVE. THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS, AND CALLED THEMSELVES ANZACS. MANY OF THESE MEN WERE ONLY TEENAGERS, SOME AS YOUNG AS 16. ALL WERE ANXIOUS TO PROVE THAT AS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR NEW NATION THEY WOULD NOT BE FOUND LACKING IN COURAGE AND MILITARY ABILITY; AND THAT THEY COULD ACQUIT THEMSELVES AT LEAST AS WELL AS THE SOLDIERS OF OLDER, MORE ESTABLISHED COUNTRIES OF EUROPE. THE EVENTS OF THE FIRST ANZAC DAY ARE THE UNBREAKABLE AND PERMANENT FOUNDATION FOR OUR NATION BUILDING. THE QUESTION OF NATIONAL IDENTITY IS VERY IMPORTANT.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATION WAS AT THE TIME OF GALLIPOLI ONLY 14 YEARS OLD; AND IT HAD YET TO FORM AN IDENTITY TO CALL ITS OWN. IT BELIEVED IT HAD ACHIEVED NOTHING GREAT OR HEROIC FROM THE NATIONAL STANDPOINT, BUT WAS ABOUT TO BE CALLED UPON TO DO SO.

FOR EIGHT MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST LANDINGS, THOSE YOUNG ANZACS UNDERWENT A 'TRIAL BY ORDEAL'. 36,000 AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED AT GALLIPOLI.

IN THAT TERRIBLE BATTLE AT GALLIPOLI, AND IN THE ASSOCIATED HOSPITALS AND TRAINING CAMPS, YOUNG AUSTRALIANS EARNED A REPUTATION FOR COURAGE, SELF-RELIANCE AND MATESHIP. THE EXPERIENCE DREW AUSTRALIANS TOGETHER AS A NATION AND ESTABLISHED AN AUSTRALIAN CHARACTER AND SET STANDARDS FOR ALL THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN WHO FOLLOWED THEM IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR, AND IN ALL SUBSEQUENT WARS.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL 5

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ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDING OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS TROOPS AT GALLIPOLI, WE COMMEMORATE THE EVENT WITH A SPECIAL SADNESS BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE MEN WHO MADE THAT FATEFUL LANDING ON THE 25TH OF APRIL 1915 ARE ALL BUT GONE.

IT IS APPROPRIATE THEREFORE, THAT WE REVISIT THE REASONS WHY WE COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY AND EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANS TO US AS A NATION AND AS INDIVIDUALS.

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT AUSTRALIA CAME OF AGE ON THE MORNING SOME 14 YEARS AFTER FEDERATION. THAT MAY BE TRUE AND PERHAPS THAT IS WHY WE HOLD THE DAY IN SUCH HIGH REGARD IN OUR NATIONAL CALENDAR. IT CERTAINLY IS NOT TO CELEBRATE A GREAT MILITARY VICTORY, BECAUSE THE LANDING AND SUBSEQUENT BATTLE AT GALLIPOLI WAS NOT THAT. THE ANZAC FORCE WAS LANDED AT THE WRONG PLACE AFTER SETTING OUT AT ABOUT 3.30AM FROM THE FLEET OF SHIPS ANCHORED OFFSHORE, ON A NIGHT SO DARK THAT NOT EVEN THE SHORELINE WAS VISIBLE. THEY INITIALLY ENCOUNTERED FAIRLY LIGHT RIFLE FIRE FROM THE TURKISH

DEFENDERS BUT THE TURKISH POSITIONS WERE QUICKLY REINFORCED AND BY MID MORNING THE AUSTRALIANS AND THE NEW ZEALANDERS WERE FACED WITH WITHERING RIFLE AND MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM ABOVE. AT THE END OF THAT FIRST DAY 2,000 MEN LAY DEAD FOR THE GAIN OF ABOUT SIX SQUARE KILOMETRES AND AN ADVANCE OF SCARCELY ONE KILOMETRE INLAND, WHERE THEY CLUNG DESPERATELY TO A SMALL FOOTHOLD. IT WAS A MILITARY DISASTER FROM ANY VIEWPOINT, EXCEPT FOR THE WELL-PLANNED AND SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION WHICH FOLLOWED SOME EIGHT MONTHS LATER. THE FINAL COUNT OF THE DEAD WAS 250,000, OF WHICH 10,000 WERE ANZAC TROOPS.

BUT OF COURSE IT IS JUST NOT GALLIPOLI WE REMEMBER ON THIS DAY, NOR IS IT EVEN THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THIS IS A DAY SET ASIDE FOR US TO COLLECTIVELY GIVE THANKS TO ALL THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK AND IN MANY CASES PAID THE SUPREME PRICE. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LOSSES AND SACRIFICES OF THEIR FAMILIES. THESE MEN AND WOMEN DID NOT START THE WARS IN WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED, THAT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY AND OUR GOVERNMENT IS THE AGENT OF THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA. THE

SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN AND WOMEN THEREFORE, WERE FIGHTING ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA.

WHAT THEY DID WAS TO OFFER THEIR VERY EXISTENCE WHEN THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEIR COUNTRY NEEDED THEM. I SAY THEIR COUNTRY, BUT IN MANY CASES, PARTICULARLY IN THAT FIRST WORLD WAR, THEY WERE DOING SO FOR A COUNTRY WHICH WAS NOT THEIRS BY BIRTH OR EVEN CITIZENSHIP, FOR MANY OF THEM HAD BEEN BORN OVERSEAS AND WERE AUSTRALIAN BY IMMIGRATION.

ANZAC DAY IS THEREFORE A DAY FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS, REGARDLESS OF RELIGION, RACIAL BACKGROUND OR EVEN PLACE OF BIRTH. IT IS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE BRAVERY AND SELF-SACRIFICE OF PAST AND PRESENT GENERATIONS. IT IS A DAY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SELFLESSNESS OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR AUSTRALIA SO THAT IT CAN BE A PLACE OF FREEDOM FOR ALL. ON THIS ANZAC DAY WE THANK AND RECOGNISE THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS, KOREA, MALAYA, VIETNAM AND MORE RECENTLY, CAMBODIA, SOMALIA, RWANDA AND THE PERSIAN GULF.

ANZAC DAY IS NOT A DAY FOR HONORING WAR, FOR WAR IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE HONORED. WAR IS SOMETHING WHICH IS USED AS A LAST RESORT WHEN DIPLOMACY HAS FAILED AND IT IS USED BY A NATION TO SAFEGUARD ITS SOVEREIGNTY. WE DO HOWEVER, ON ANZAC DAY, HONOUR THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN WARFARE TO PROTECT THAT SOVEREIGNTY, NO MATTER HOW DISTASTEFUL IT MAY HAVE BEEN TO THEM PERSONALLY AND IN SPITE OF THE RISK OF LOSING THEIR LIVES.

TO THEM, ON ANZAC DAY, WE SAY:

'BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, AS WE ARE PROUD OF YOU. PARADE YOURSELVES CONFIDENT IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR DEEDS ARE APPRECIATED BY THE AUSTRALIANS FOR WHOM WHO SERVED, NO MATTER WHICH OF AUSTRALIA'S BATTLES YOU HAVE FOUGHT. YOU HAVE HELPED CREATE A TRADITION WHICH OUR RELATIVELY YOUNG NATION CAN DISPLAY WITH HONOUR IN ANY COMPANY. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THIS'.

SECONDARY SCHOOL 2

WE MEET TODAY NOT TO CELEBRATE OR GLORIFY WAR, BUT RATHER TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY DURING CONFLICT AND CRISIS.

WE REMEMBER TOO, THOSE WHO SERVED ON THE HOME FRONT, SUPPLYING MATERIAL AND MORAL STRENGTH TO OUR FIGHTING FORCES FOR THEIRS WAS NO LESSER SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

ON ANOXIC DAY, WE SALUTE NOT ONLY THE SPIRIT OF THE ANZACS BUT, IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THEM, WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEDICATE OURSELVES TO STRIVING FOR OUR COUNTRY AS THEY DID AND UPHOLDING THEIR FINEST QUALITIES OF COURAGE, COMMITMENT, ENDURANCE AND MATESHIP.

ANZAC DAY IS MORE THAN A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, BUT RATHER A FUNDAMENTAL AUSTRALIAN TRADITION. WHEREVER AUSTRALIANS OR NEW ZEALANDERS ARE TO BE FOUND TODAY, IT IS LIKELY THAT AN ANZAC DAY SERVICE OF SOME DESCRIPTION IS TAKING PLACE. SUCH IS THE FEELING THAT AUSTRALIANS HAVE FOR THE 25TH OF APRIL.

ANZAC DAY IS NOT MERELY A DATE, OR SOME REMOTE CAMPAIGN, BUT RATHER A SPIRIT. IT IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE QUALITIES OF PAST GENERATIONS OF AUSTRALIANS WHO IN HARDSHIP DISPLAYED COURAGE, DISCIPLINE, SELF-SACRIFICE, SELF-RELIANCE, RESOURCEFULNESS AND FRIENDSHIP. EVEN AS THE NUMBERS OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN GROW SMALLER, THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC DAY, WHICH WAS BEQUEATHED TO US FROM BATTLEFIELDS LONG AGO, WILL LIVE ON BECAUSE IT IS A REFLECTION OF THE VERY HEART OF OUR NATION.

EVERY NATION REMEMBERS SOME PAST EVENT, SOME BATTLE, OR SOME DEFINING MOMENT OF HISTORY. OUR DEFINING MOMENT CAME IN 1915 AT GALLIPOLI, A CAMPAIGN WHICH, IF NOT AN OUTRIGHT DEFEAT, WAS CERTAINLY NOT A SUCCESS.

HISTORY SHOWS THAT, FOR A PEACE LOVING PEOPLE, WE HAVE BEEN A FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY, WHEN STIRRED TO ACTION AND ALSO REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL AT THE BUSINESS OF WAR. ON EVERY OCCASION WHEN AUSTRALIANS HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO PROTECT FREEDOM, THEY HAVE DONE SO GENEROUSLY, EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.

GALLIPOLI WAS NOT THE FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH AUSTRALIANS HAD SERVED OVERSEAS. IN 1885, NEW SOUTH WALES SENT A CONTINGENT TO THE SUDAN WAR AND AS THE TWENTIETH CENTURY DAWNED, AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENTS ALSO SERVED IN THE BOER WAR. ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIANS DIED IN ALL OF THESE WARS, NONE HAD THE INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC IMPACT OF THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN.

THE YOUNG MEN OF GALLIPOLI WERE THE FIRST ANZACS, ORDINARY YOUNG AUSTRALIANS DOING THEIR BEST IN A CAMPAIGN OF INTENSE FEROCITY. THEIR CASUALTIES, HERE HORRENDOUS, NEARLY 8,000 AUSTRALIANS WERE KILLED, AND 78,000 WOUNDED, AND TO WHAT END?

THE CAMPAIGN WAS A FAILURE, AND YET OF ALL THE BATTLEFIELDS ON WHICH AUSTRALIANS HAVE DIED, IT IS THE DISASTROUS GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN THAT HAS COME TO SYMBOLISE THE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER'S COURAGE, DETERMINATION, FIGHTING PROWESS, HUMOUR AND MATESHIP. THE ESSENCE OF GALLIPOLI WAS THAT IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY AND POTENTIAL DEFEAT, THE AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT TRIUMPHED.

GALLIPOLI WAS NOT THE ONLY BATTLE OF THE GREAT WAR. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WAR A QUARTER MILLION AUSTRALIANS FROM A NATION OF ONLY 5 MILLION HAD BEEN CASUALTIES, AND SIXTY THOUSAND AUSTRALIANS HAD BEEN KILLED; A TRAGIC AVERAGE OF ONE PERSON FOR EVERY SEVENTEEN IN OUR POPULATION, EITHER DEAD OR INJURED AS A RESULT OF WAR.

I PAUSE TO REFLECT WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN HAD WE NOT LOST SUCH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF OUR FINEST YOUNG MEN:

- . THE RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO DEVELOP;
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- . THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT WAS STYMIED.

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WE HAVE THE NEED OF THE QUALITIES OF THE ANZACS STILL, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DRAW ON THEM, FOR THEY CAN ONLY MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER AND OUR NATION MORE CONFIDENT. LET US ALL REMEMBER ANZAC. IN PARTICULAR, WE SHOULD PASS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCCASION TO OUR YOUTH.

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THE AUSTRALIAN CHARACTERISTICS CONFIRMED AT GALLIPOLI MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN, AND WE NEED TO REINFORCE THEM IN OUR

EVERY DAY LIVES. THE ANZACS SHOWED US THAT AUSTRALIANS HAVE A UNIQUE QUALITY WHICH ALLOWS US TO HOLD OUR HEADS HIGH IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO FACE CHALLENGES TOGETHER AND OVERCOME THEM, TO PUT COMMUNITY BEFORE SELF, TO BE COURAGEOUS, DETERMINED, SELF-RELIANT AND STRONG COMPETITORS.

THEIR ACTIONS FORGED WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE ANZAC SPIRIT AND THAT SPIRIT HAS BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ALL AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN EVER SINCE....LATER IN WW1 AND WW2, KOREA, MALAYSIA, BORNEO, AND VIETNAM, ALL OF WHICH HAPPENED LONG BEFORE YOU WERE BORN. IT IS ALSO PRESENT IN THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS OUR SERVICE PEOPLE UNDERTAKE TODAY.

THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC; HANDED DOWN OVER THE YEARS FROM ONE GENERATION OF AUSTRALIANS TO THE NEXT AND NOW TO YOU. IN RECENT YEARS THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC HAS CAPTURED THE IMAGINATION OF SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE.

FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY, WE NEED TO

CARRY THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC WITH US ALWAYS AS WE CONTINUE THE
TASK OF BUILDING A BETTER AUSTRALIA FOR YOUR FUTURE.