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ANZAC DAY 2023 - WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Because I am spending many hours working on the library and have limited time to work on the Bugle. I have put together a collection of photographs depicting war time on Bribie Island.



Men of the 52nd Australian Water Transport Company load supplies onto their small ships at the Customs House Wharf Brisbane, for transportation to the Forts at Bribie, Moreton and Stradbroke Islands.

AWM Photo: 060094

Gun crew around their 6" naval gun at Fort Cowan on Moreton Island, 13 November 1943. This installation was similar to the 6" guns mounted at Fort Bribie.



AWM Photo: 060072



Photo by: Graham Bradshaw - March 2023

This concrete building situated outside the cabins at the Bongaree Caravan Park was used as an Ammunition Store.



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This Monument stands in Oxley Place, Sandstone Point where tanks and troops once landed.

TOORBUL POINT — COMBINED TRAINING CENTRE—1942



**3 PLATOON, 34 WORKS COMPANY ON PARADE AT TOORBUL POINT 19/12/1942
SERGEANT J.W. WILLIAMS LEADS THE PLATOON AND SALUTES
BRIGADIER H. WRIGLEY, COMMANDER 1 BASE SUB AREA TAKING THE SALUTE**

Fort Bribie Observation Post before being camouflaged, 1943. AWM Photo: 044511



AWM Photo: PO1022.014



Two Stuart M3A1 Tanks and crews of the 2/4th Armoured Regiment train on Bribie Island in 1942. It was thought that the swampy wooded terrain was similar to what would be encountered at Buna, New Guinea in the future.



This concrete building on the beach at Woorim housed the Moreton Bay Indicator Loop Control Room and Office. Sand bagging prevented the building from toppling into the sea. Now the erosion is close.

This concrete building with the door housed the generator used to power the Indicator Loop Control Room at Woorim.



This battle, fought between men of the 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, and the D445 Viet Cong Battalion, took place in the Phuoc Tuy Province of South Vietnam. It was a short, sharp deadly battle fought at close quarters against several defensive machine gun positions. Australian casualties were 8 KIA and 27 wounded. 1 APC was destroyed by Viet Cong recoilless rifle fire. The driver was killed and several others were wounded.

ROLL OF HONOUR

2781363 Arnold P.J., Private - 6 R.A.R. - N.S.*

2781899 Birchell M.J., Private - 6 R.A.R. - N.S.*

38728 Rich A.W., Private - 6 R.A.R.

5411599 Riley W.M., Private - 6 R.A.R.

15561 Rooney K.M., MID, Lance/Corporal - 6 R.A.R.

5713981 Waters B.D., Private - 6 R.A.R. - N.S.*

5713986 Webster D.R., Private - 6 R.A.R. - N.S.*

3786644 Pomroy V.I., Trooper - 3 Cav. Regt. - N.S.*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM — LEST WE FORGET



* Denotes: National Serviceman



This APC M113A1 belonging to A Squadron, 3 Cavalry, Regiment, was hit by a Viet Cong 75mm high explosive recoilless rifle round during “Operation Bribie”, the 17th of February 1967. The Driver, Trooper V. I. Pomroy was killed instantly and several others were wounded.