



What's online

Upcoming events

Anzac Day chats (April)
Lest we forget...

Participate in a Learning Place online chat or blog to mark Anzac Day. Online guests will share their powerful stories and experiences, providing students with a unique insight into life during the Second World War. It is also a time when students can share their feelings and appreciation for our veterans. For more information visit the Learning Place website.

Curriculum Exchange resource centre treasures

Find the following resources in the CX resource centre at www.learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources

TLF Learning objects

A *Peter Dalton: enlistment and the call to war (L369)*
Help an Australian teenager decide whether to enlist for military service in World War I.

Use interviews, background materials and military and political events to make your decision.

TLF digital resources

B *The first Anzac Day Parade in Brisbane, 1916 (R3002)*

This black and white photograph of the first Anzac Day march held in Brisbane during World War I in front of an enthusiastic crowd features a banner, 'Enlist now'.

C *Farewell march of Australian troops, London, 1919 (R3166)*

This is the cover of a program for an event marking the departure of the First Australian Imperial Force (First AIF) from London after World War I.

EduSites

D *Anzac Day*
The Department of Veterans' Affairs provides excellent background information on Anzac Day, with educational resources including projects and activities based on the national curriculum levels for SOSE.

CWGC: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

This online memorial pays tribute to those who were killed during the two World Wars and explains the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. There is an extensive education section, containing web-based activities and free information sheets on battles and war-related topics.

TIPS

Australian snapshots of war (w00004)

In this WebQuest, students take on the role of historians, conducting research into the life of an ex-service person.

Browse topics

There are three topics – Anzac Day, World War I and World War II – in the new Curriculum Exchange resource centre. To access them, click on 'Browse by topic' and then 'Curriculum topic'. Each topic links to a large number of resources.

Talk to our ANZAC heroes online



Chat online with **Jim Taylor**

World War II veteran who joined the army in 1943 at the age of 18.

QUEENSLAND teachers and students will be pleased to hear the Learning Place's popular Anzac Day online sessions are on again this year from April 17 to 24.

Since 2004, Queensland students have increased their understanding of the importance of Anzac Day through the online chat sessions, blogs and forums.

This year's guests include World War II veterans Cyril Gilbert, Jeff Pooler, Syd Whyte, Ken Briggs and Jim Taylor.

Mr Taylor joined the army in 1943 at the age of 18. He was at Cowra during the Japanese prisoner-of-war breakout, and served in Bougainville in 1944, fighting the Japanese in the Pacific. On one occasion, he stepped on a booby trap and ended up sitting on three

unexploded mortar bombs.

'Last year's chats were quite an experience,' Mr Taylor said.

'The kids were firing off questions thick and fast. Some of them were quite funny – one boy wanted to know if I had taken any of my family to war with me.'

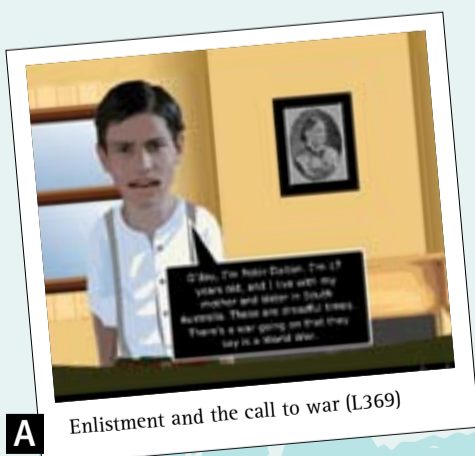
'Others wanted to know if I still had my rifle – I don't, of course – and how many Japanese I'd killed. So I had to explain that's something we don't talk about.'

Mr Taylor said that for many years he didn't like to talk about the war.

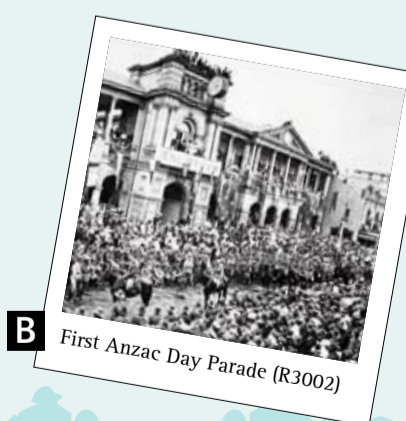
'I saw some atrocities. You don't want to talk about that,' he said.

'But now I want to share some of my experiences. Children need to know something of what happened. They don't have a concept of what going to war means, and why people came back changed, because of what they've seen and had to do.'

Teachers can register their students to take part in the chats, blogs and forums through a secure project room on the Learning Place website.



A Enlistment and the call to war (L369)



B First Anzac Day Parade (R3002)



C Farewell march (R3166)



D The Department of Veterans' Affairs website

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