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Australians — *on the* — WESTERN FRONT

INVESTIGATING THE EXPERIENCE
OF AUSTRALIANS ON
THE WESTERN FRONT 1916–18



Resources for Kindergarten – Year 3

The following pages provide some key images to help young children explore some aspects of Australia's World War I heritage.

This activity could be carried out in the lead-up to the school's commemoration of Anzac Day (25 April) or Remembrance Day (11 November).

Students colour in the five images, and cut out and paste on the appropriate caption for each. These can be printed for the students to create their own books.

Teachers will find several coloured artworks in the Image Library on the CD-ROM that they can show to students, to help them choose appropriate colours.

Other excellent resources for students at this level can be found at:

www.dva.gov.au/commem/commac/studies/studies.htm and

www.anzacday.org.au/education/childhood/default.htm

Students could also be encouraged to create other images and symbols associated with these commemorative days — such as poppies, rosemary, wreaths, medals, etc.

Teachers can show photos or film from the libraries on the CD-ROM to start class discussions about war, who serves in war and what their jobs might be, commemorative symbols, war memorials and family history.



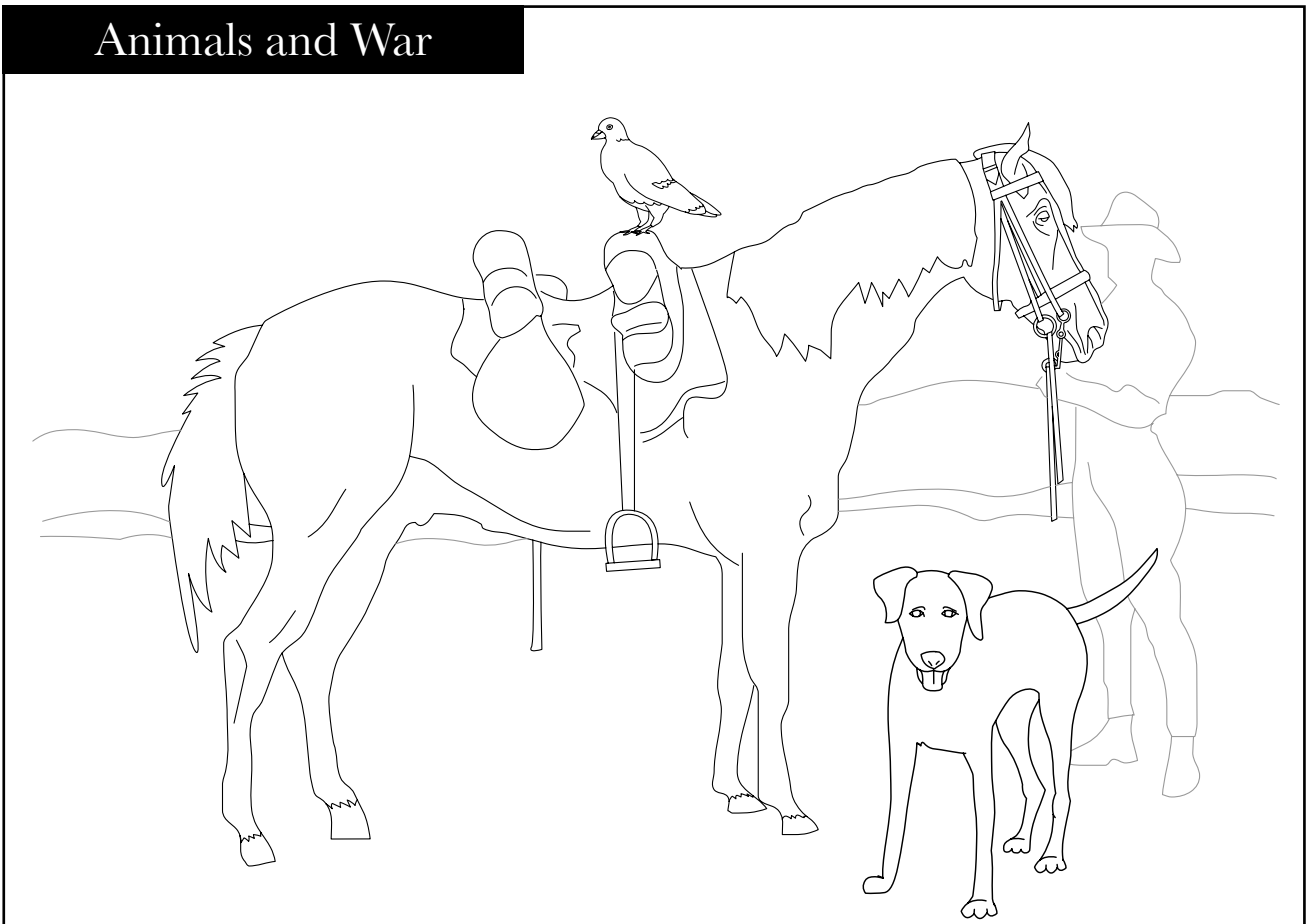
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A machine-gun position established by the 54th Battalion during the morning of the attack through Péronne, France, 2 September 1918.

An Australian Nurse



Animals and War



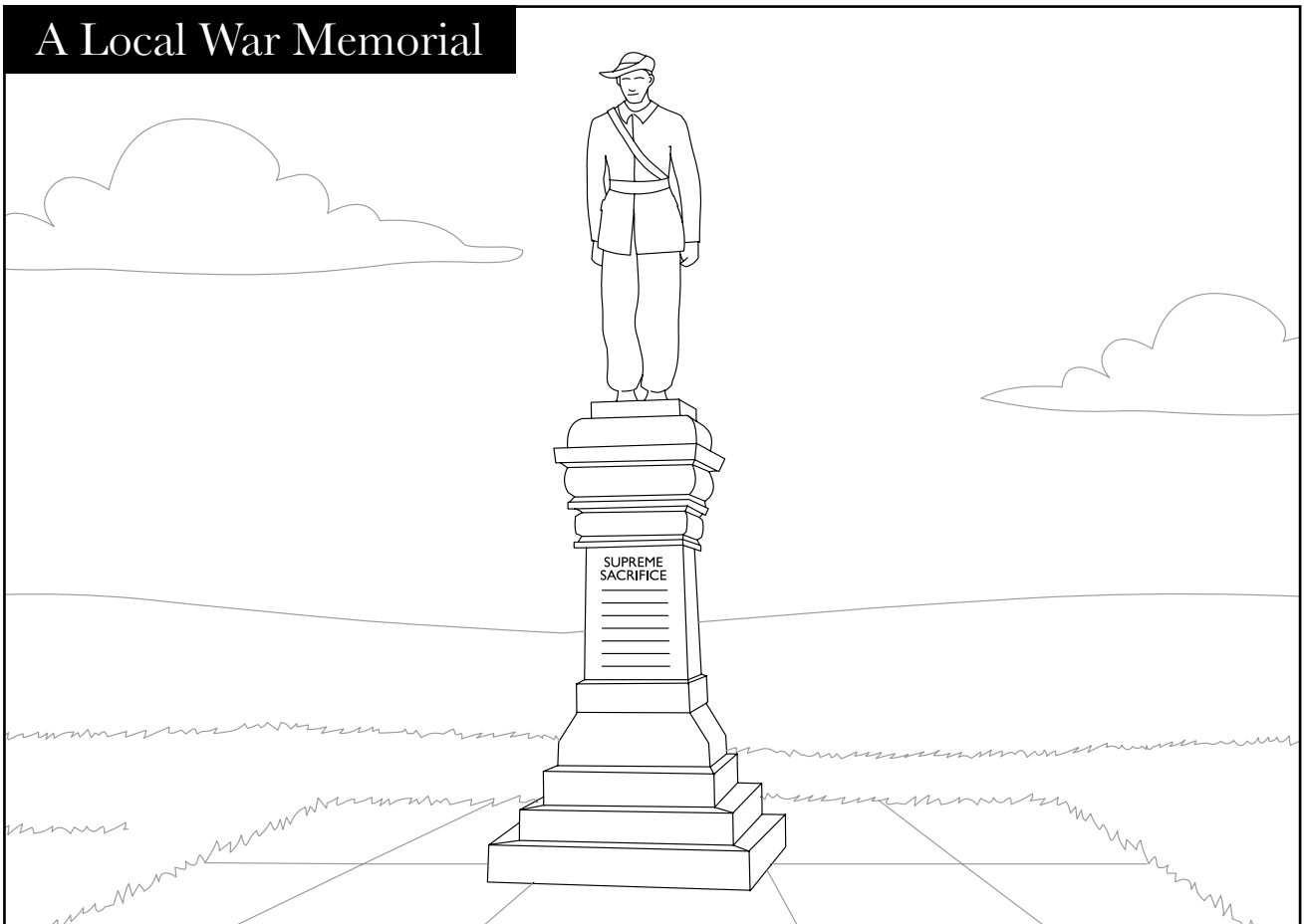
An Australian Soldier



An Anzac Day March



A Local War Memorial



CAPTIONS FOR THE FIVE PICTURES:

The Australian soldiers were known as 'diggers' during World War I.

Soldiers use some animals to help them in war.
How are these animals helping the soldiers?

Anzac Day is a special day in Australia. We remember all the people who have been in wars. The banners tell us where the soldiers and nurses were during a war.
Young people often wave small flags as they watch.
Has anyone in your family been a soldier or a nurse in war?

There are many war memorials in Australia. These help us to remember the people who protected our country. Is there a war memorial near your home?

Many Australian nurses took care of the diggers during World War I.