



Terese Binns, a fourth-generation Tasmanian was raised and worked in Launceston. She is a retired library technician and a keen family historian and researcher. Terese was recognised with an OAM in the King's Birthday Honours in 2023 for her service to veterans, and to the community.

Her interest in military history came about while investigating her husband Wayne's family history. He is a returned veteran of the Vietnam campaign, and his grandfather fought at Gallipoli. His father, Jim joined the 22nd Tasmanian Light Horse militia in 1938. In 1942, Jim was full time with the 22nd Australian Motor Regiment until it was transferred to Victoria where he was discharged upon the unit's disbandment in 1943.

Terese lives on a small acreage near Longford to indulge her passion for horses, hence her latest activities with taking part in First World War military re-enactments with the Northern Tasmanian Light Horse Troop, a group she founded.

She has ridden side-saddle as a World War One Australian Army Nurse in the Campbell Town Anzac Day parades and participates at the Remembrance Day services. The Troop attends numerous public events throughout the year when Terese and other members recreate a WW1 medical Casualty Clearing Station.

Her interest in animals led her to organise commemoration services for war animals at Campbell Town Cenotaph since the Government announced in 2019 a yearly National War Animal Day on 24 February. In 2020, through the Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation, (AWAMO), she arranged to have a war animal plaque placed on the new memorial wall at Campbell Town. This was unveiled by the Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Guy Barnett MP.



These interests have taken her to many places overseas where Australians fought during WW1. She represented Australia in her WW1 Australian Army Nursing Service uniform during the Centenary years. 2012 saw her participate as a light horse trooper in a re-enactment of the 'Charge of Beersheba' with the Australian Light Horse Association, (ALHA), in Israel on the plain where the original battle took place. This tour also included Egypt, where a re-enactment of riding on the old horse exercise tracks around the pyramids was arranged.



On 27 September 2014 she took part in the ALHA Centenary Commemorative Ride, following the footsteps of the original light horse parade through the streets of central Brisbane to the port. Earlier that month she participated in Australia's First World War Centenary Service held near Rabaul at the Bitapaka War Cemetery and visited the location of the captured German wireless station where Australia's first casualties of World War One fell.

Terese attended the Centenary Services at Pozières and at the Windmill Memorial in 2016 during an extensive tour of the Somme and Belgium battlefields. Three Australian Divisions had participated in the fight for Pozières and losses amounted to over a third of the men involved.

In 2018, she joined a thanksgiving cavalry ride, "Pursuit to Mons" from Cambrai in France to Mons in Belgium with the International Cavalry Association. Small villages along the way held services to their fallen and welcomed the cavalcade of horses.



Terese continued to Greece and Macedonia, touring WW1 battlefields, visiting Commonwealth War Grave cemeteries and attending several major Armistice Centenary Services.

Finally, during a cruise of the Aegean Sea from Thessaloniki to Athens, Terese visited battlefields on Gallipoli and called in on Lemnos Island, where the French, British, Canadian and two Australian military hospitals were sited around Mudros Harbour. Lemnos Island played a vital role in the Gallipoli Campaign.

Terese continues to be a driving force for the recognition and education of our heroic war animals bringing their stories to life.



The Troop at the 2023 State Commemorative War Animal Service at Campbell Town.

- Northern Tasmanian Light Horse Troop Founder, 2017, and Event Coordinator, current.
- Initiator, *War Animal Remembrance Day*, Tasmania, since 2020.
- Presenter to veterans & community groups, *Animals in War*, *ALH in WW1*, *AANS Lemnos Revisited & WW1 Mystery Memorial Boxes*, 2017 - current.
- Light Horseman reenactor, *In the Steps of the Light Horse*, Australian Light Horse Assoc, 2012.
- Participant, *Centenary Tour of the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force, New Guinea*, Kokoda Historical, 2014.
- Light Horse reenactor, *ALHA Centenary Commemorative Ride*, Brisbane, 2014.
- Participant, *Australian Centenary Services*, Pozieres, France, 2016.
- Participant, *Walking the Italian Campaign*, Battle Honours, 2016.
- Participant, *Anglo-Zulu Boer War Journey*, Battlefields of the World, 2017.
- Light Horse Reenactor, *The Pursuit to Mons*, International Cavalry Association, 2018.
- Participant, *WW1 Centenary Battlefield Tour*, Salonika Campaign Society, 2018.
- Participant, *Centenary of Armistice in the Mediterranean*, Wild Earth Travel, 2018.