

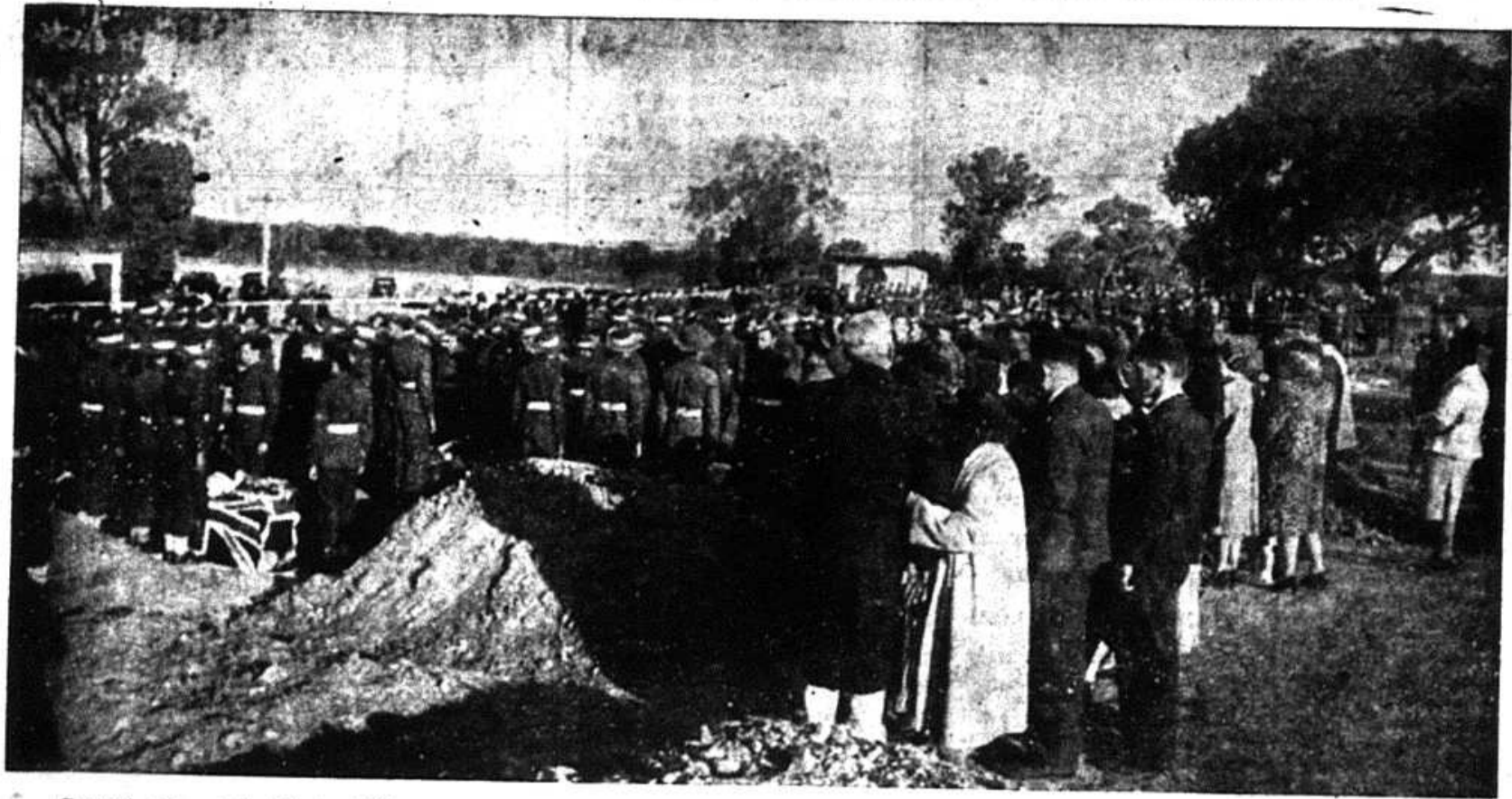
The Fallen Soldiers

PATHETIC SCENES IN WAGGA CEMETERY ON WEDNESDAY

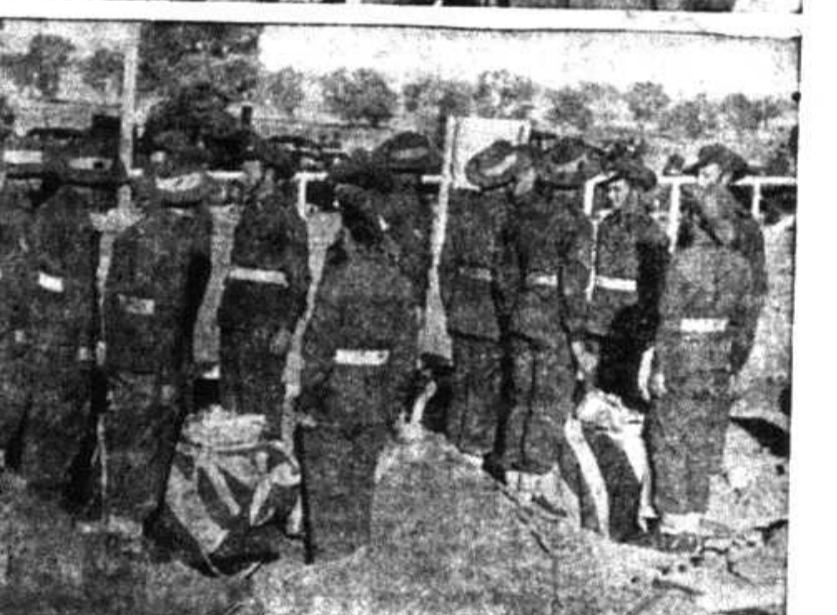
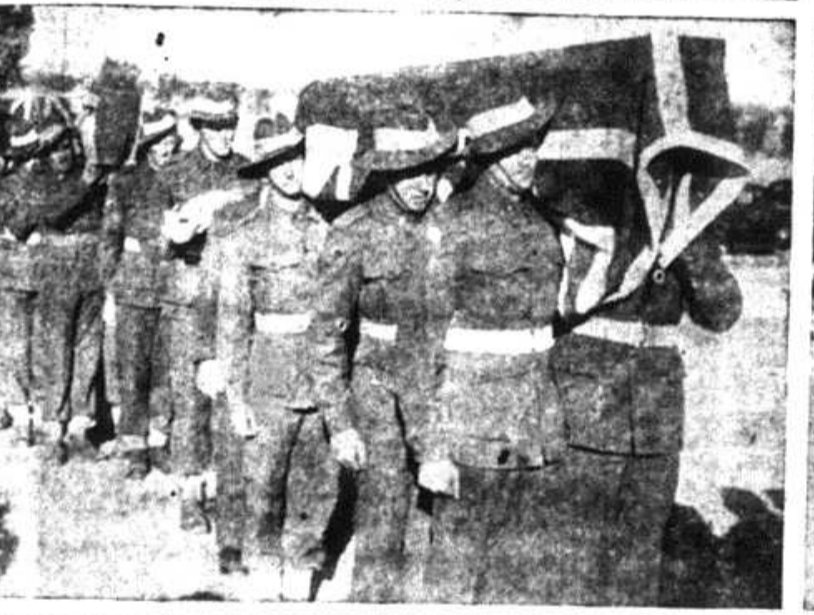
LIST OF NAMES

Following is a corrected list of names of the soldiers killed in Monday's explosion and buried on Wednesday:

- NX204475 Spr. Collin Francis Boyd (N.S.W.)
- NX205981 Spr. Joseph James Collins (N.S.W.)
- NX141715 Cpl. William Barclay Cousins (N.S.W.)
- N481536 Spr. Norman Rourke John Dilley (N.S.W.)
- NX205999 Spr. Alan Flood (N.S.W.)
- NX205863 Spr. Joseph William Paull (N.S.W.)
- SX34059 Spr. Denby Eric Grasby (S.A.)
- NX205951 Spr. Kevin Alexander Hurst (N.S.W.)
- NX180545 Spr. Colin Leslie Hurley (N.S.W.)
- WX25792 Spr. Ronald Irwin Linthorpe (W.A.)
- NX 205652 Spr. Terence Ronald Moore (N.S.W.)
- SX34069 Spr. Ivan Walter Thomas Merritt (S.A.)
- Q273563 Spr. Stanley Robert Morphy (Q.)
- NX180219 Spr. Leslie John Mather (N.S.W.)
- NX205833 Spr. Jack Clinton Nixon (N.S.W.)
- NX180218 Spr. Geoffrey Wilton Partridge (N.S.W.)
- Q273551 Spr. Ernest Frederick Foschalek (Q.)
- QX63309 Spr. Frank Wilfred Platt (Q.)
- VX98197 Spr. Kevin Francis Pierce (V.)
- VX57880 Sgt. Herbert John Pomeroy (V.)
- NX81964 Spr. Stanley Ernest Ross (N.S.W.)
- S115374 Spr. William Reid (S.A.)
- NX205938 Spr. Edward Charles Robson (N.S.W.)
- N480870 Spr. Thomas Woods (N.S.W.)
- WX27166 Spr. Alfred Edward Woods (W.A.)
- WX23101 Spr. Alfred George Widd (W.A.)



General scene at the Wagga Military Cemetery showing relatives, friends and soldier comrades standing round the graves, whilst many hundreds more lined the boundaries.



These pictures show the caskets being carried to the graves, the buglers who sounded the Last Post; the scene just before the coffins were lowered into the graves; and (top left) a priest leading the funeral procession.

On Dangerously Ill List

SX34062 Bartlett, A.

OFFICIAL WREATHS

The vast number of beautiful tributes placed on the graves made a striking display as well as bearing evidence of the widespread sympathy which was extended to the relatives of the victims of the tragedy. Many of the wreaths came from the R.A.E. Training Centre—from the commanding officer, officers the men, and the A.W.A.S.—every grave having its quota while many organisations were represented as well as relatives and friends, about 20 floral offerings coming from Parkes alone for the grave of Corporal Cousins.

Correspondence

AN APPRECIATION

(To the Editor "The Daily Advertiser" Wagga.)

Sir,—I desire to express my very deep appreciation and thanks to the following public bodies and persons for the invaluable assistance and co-operation extended to myself and staff in connection with the funeral arrangements being made respecting the interment of the 26 soldiers who accidentally met their deaths at Kapooka on May 21, 1945:—
Wagga Police.
Mayor and Municipal Council Staff.
Chamber of Commerce, Returned Soldiers' League, Railway Department.
It is desired to specially thank Inspector Randall, Det. Sergt. Cloke, Sergt. Sherwood and Mr. C. A. Bender, Inspector of Telephones, for their unstinted co-operation and all car owners who made transport available for the relatives. May I also thank the people of Wagga for the sincere and silent tribute expressed by their presence at the roadside while the funeral procession passed.

COL. W. D. McDONALD.

of the 26 soldiers at Wagga on Wednesday afternoon. The Wagga District Ambulance was in attendance and Superintendent M. P. Loh rendered first aid.

PRIVATE CARS AT FUNERAL

As was mentioned in this column yesterday, a number of privately owned motor cars were made available to convey the relatives of the dead soldiers in the funeral procession. The Chamber of Commerce adopted the suggestion made by one of its leading members to offer these cars to the Town Hall authorities. The Mayor and the town clerk greatly appreciated the gesture, and more cars than were needed assembled for the purpose of taking relatives to the cemetery. Unfortunately a section of the Sydney press stated that these cars were commandeered by the police—a quite erroneous statement.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in memory of the victims of the Kapooka tragedy will be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday night. The service will be conducted by the Rev. C. J. Wells, the preacher being Chaplain B. C. Archbold, M.C., of Kapooka.

WAGGA AMBULANCE ASSISTS

Several soldiers and some civilians found the strain of the proceedings too great and collapsed at the graveside at the funeral

NORFOLK ISLAND

Norfolk Island, which is administered by the Australian Department of External Territories, was garrisoned during 1942-43 by New Zealand troops. The last of the troops left on February 11, 1944, when improved war conditions in the South-West Pacific made it no longer necessary to maintain garrison troops on the island.

This is contained in the report of the Administrator, Major-General Sir Charles Rosenthal, recently tabled in Parliament.

The island, which has been administered as Australian territory since 1914 assumed a military importance early in 1942 because of its strategic position in relation to both Australia and New Zealand. It is nearly 1,000 miles north-east of Sydney.

Early in the year 1942 the military situation in the South-West Pacific was such that it was decided to proceed immediately with the construction of an aerodrome capable of accommodating the largest aeroplanes.

In August, 1942, an advance party of Australian and American engineers arrived at Norfolk Island and commenced the construction of two main aerial routes. Plant and equipment for carrying out the work were brought from Australia and the United States of America. The landing of heavy equipment by lightering from ships lying in the open roadsteads presented a task of some magnitude, but it was accomplished by the island watermen without loss or accident of any kind. Shortly after this, New Zealand troops arrived.

Between July 1, 1942, and June 30, 1943, approximately 15,000 tons of cargo were handled. Great difficulty was experienced in handling this

R.A.F. PRISONERS

NEARLY ALL BROUGHT FROM GERMANY

LONDON, Thurs.: Bomber Command Lancasters have brought back most of the 760 liberated R.A.F. war prisoners so far rescued from Germany. There are only about 170 still to be repatriated.

NEW COMMANDER

FOR BRITISH AIR FORCES IN GERMANY

LONDON, Thursday: Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas has been appointed Air Officer Commander in Chief of the British Air Forces in Germany.

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