PRESS STATEMENT
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THE ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION AND LAPEL BADGE

Last March the Minister for Defence announced that the Australian and New Zealand Governments had decided to issue a Medallion and Lapel Badge to the veterans of the Gallipoli Campaign.

The Army has been given the job of producing the Medallion and of issuing as many as possible to Gallipoli veterans or to the next-of-kin before Anzac Day.

This means that a good deal of work will have to be done, not only in producing the Medallion, but also in processing all the applications that will come forward.

The Medallion will have the name of the veteran inside and it will be issued to all surviving members of the Australian Defence Force who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula or in direct support to the members from close off-shore, during the period from the first Anzac Day in April, 1915 to the final evacuation in January the following year.

Next-of-kin will be entitled to receive the Medallion on behalf of their relative if the relative died in active service or has since died.

The Lapel Badge will be available for wearing but only for those who actually served in Gallipoli, it will not be issued to next-of-kin.

The Medallion was designed by Mr. Raymond Ewers, based on suggestions that came from the Department of the Army. It will be about three inches high and two inches wide, one side of the Medallion shows Simpson and the donkey carrying a wounded soldier to safety and on the lower half there will be a laurel wreath above the word "Anzac". The other side of the Medallion will show Australia and New Zealand superimposed by the Southern Cross.

I have already suggested that all those who wish to apply
for a Medallion should contact - The Officer in Charge of the Central Army Records Office at Albert Park Barracks in Melbourne. On the other hand, if enquiries are sent direct to me, I will see that they are processed as quickly as possible.

I have also approached the R.S.L. and the Gallipoli Legions seeking their cooperation in helping to get relevant information from the Gallipoli veterans. This will greatly help the Army in processing any particular application.

To avoid having to ask additional questions which might delay the issue of the Medallion and Lapel Badge, applications should include the full name, regimental number and unit in which the applicant served in Gallipoli and the present private address.
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