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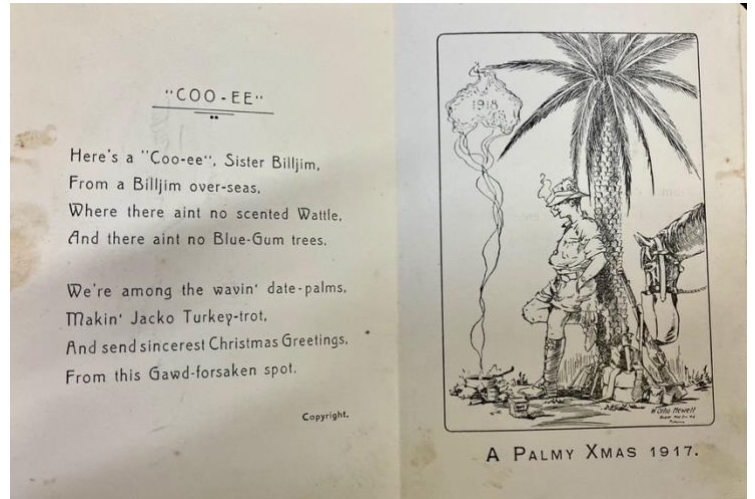
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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 14 March 1951: UN forces re-occupy Seoul, Korea
- 16 March 1943: Flt-Lt William Newton, RAAF No. 22 Sqn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions at, Salamaua Isthmus, New Guinea
- 17 March 1942: Gen Douglas MacArthur arrives in Australia to assume command of the South West Pacific Area
- 17 March 1953: 2 RAR replaces 1 RAR in Korea
- 18 March 1941: 16 Bde arrives in Greece
- 18 March 1943: Japanese Admiral Yamamoto dies as his plane crashes after being shot down near Bougainville
- 18 March 1945: The last Japanese stronghold, Bacon Hill, New Britain, is captured by Australians
- 20 March 1916: Anzac Corps lands in France
- 20 March 2003: [Invasion of Iraq commences](#)



Billjim

Billjim was a term used to describe the typical Australian soldier of the First World War and was derived from two of the most popular male names used in Australia, Bill and Jim. It was the affectionate name the public had for their soldiers, especially the Light Horse. It became the natural title of the [Edward Dyson ditty](#) of the era which captured perfectly this celebration of mateship.

By contrast the terms *Anzac*, or even *Digger* were not nearly as popular and emotive as *Billjim* during the First World War.

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