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## 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal

The 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal was presented to all 71 surviving Great War veterans for Anzac Day 1999.

The medal commemorates the 80th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I.

The bravery of Australians who fought in World War I gave rise to the ANZAC tradition and marked Australia's nationhood on the world stage.

### About the award

The 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal was the first commemorative medal in the Australian system of honours and awards.

The Prime Minister, the Hon. John Howard MP, announced that he would recommend the commemorative medal to the Queen on Remembrance Day, 11 November 1998.

The 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal was established on 27 January 1999 by Letters Patent.

The medals were minted in record time so the surviving veterans of World War I could receive them by Anzac Day 1999.

### How it is awarded

All surviving veterans of World War I were personally presented with the 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal prior to Anzac Day 1999 by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs or another government member.

There is no post-nominal.

### Past recipient story

Alec Campbell was awarded the 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal on Anzac Day 1999. As a 16-year-old Tasmanian he served at Gallipoli.

At the time of his death in May 2002 he was the last surviving Anzac and participant in the Gallipoli campaign.



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### Medal design

The 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal is a nickel-silver medal ensigned with the Crown of King George V. The obverse has a raised central replica of the Bullecourt Digger. The words '80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal' are on the perimeter of the medal. The reverse of the medal shows the Federation Star over the central inscription 'Lest We Forget' surrounded by two sprays of golden wattle that cross at the base.

### Medal ribbon

The medal ribbon has a central black stripe flanked by red and black stripes. Red and black are the colours of the Flanders poppy worn as a mark of respect on Remembrance Day.

### Fast facts

#### POST NOMINAL:

None

#### INTRODUCED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM:

1999

#### NUMBER AWARDED:

71 as at June 2006

### More information

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