

ANZAC POEMS AND LETTERS - WINNING ENTRIES

Dear soldiers

Thank you for protecting our country.

I appreciate your braveness. I am so grateful for you.

From Paul

PS Thank you for protecting us and protecting our country.

Paul Year 1

To the soldier

Thank you for taking care and keeping our world tidy. We all think soldiers are the most bravest people in all of the world. We thank you for all the wonderful stuff you have done. We all hope you have some lovely peace and rest. We go to our assembly and we sing the national anthem and we sing the Australian anthem. We stand still with our hands by our sides. We all care and take pride in the song. We will never know how hard it is, so thank you to all of the lovely, caring, thoughtful soldiers.

Ava-Grace Year 2

To Aunty Shirly

How are you in the military camp?

And the most important thing is, are you safe enough at the moment?

I am always thinking about you and your safety and I am missing you and looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Where are you at the moment? Just wanted to know if you're in a safe area.

If something happens please inform us as soon as possible and we are praying for you.

Are you having enough to eat and drink, and staying comfortably?

Are your friends fine at the moment?

I can't forget the last time you were here in our place. We had a lovely time together and hope to have the same again.

Take lots of care and stay safe.

Lots of love from John

John Year 3

The life we had was good

It broke our hearts when we had to leave our children

They left at dawn

The children cried and so did their wives

It was time

The day we landed on the shore

The bullets lead me to the core

As the day went on

Some of us had to pass

Always in our hearts

Trent Year 4

Real people risk their lives to save us
Every soldier with guns in their hands
Or with their friend lying in their arms
Sweet victory eventually comes to them
Tanks trembling through the dirt
In fear they fight
Never to be forgotten
Presence of them still lies in us
Every soldier trembling through the mud
And every digger digging for the run
Countless times being shot at but never forgotten
Everywhere we go we will never forget them
Lest we forget

Elijah Year 5

As battle rages and bullets pass across the field
Soldiers stumble their fate sealed
Looking around at our New Zealand brothers
Courageously defending others
We stand side by side
We shake with fear
But fight with pride
And although we think we will lose
We will die as kiwis and kangaroos
The bright red flowers mark our grave
Now we lay
The strong and brave
And although some may weep or cry
We were soldiers who gave war a try
We died for the country we defended
We hope we will be long remembered

Josiah Year 6