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ON
MAJ NEVILLE MARSH

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AN ESSAY ON

THE ACTIONS OF MAJOR NEVILLE MARSH THAT SYMOBLISE THE SPIRIT OF AUSTRALIAN NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORP'S (ANZAC's).

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INTRODUCTION

1. Major Neville Marsh, Joint Health Command was born in Hamilton, Victoria on the 27/11/52. He grew up in Harrow, Victoria. Neville started his Military Career in 12/8/1970 as a Regular Recruit and is now currently a Major in Joint Health Command. Neville's job in the Australian Regular Army has taken him too many places including: Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth, Sydney, Darwin, Germany and England. Neville has achieved many great things during his career including: Commissioned from the ranks, Australian Day Medallion, Defence Force Service Medal with two clasps and the Australian Defence Force Medal. I have chosen MAJ Neville Marsh for this task because of the qualities and values he upholds. I look up to MAJ Neville Marsh as he is a great mentor, leader and is always willing to help.

THE ACTIONS OF MAJOR NEVILLE MARSH THAT SYMOBLIZE THE SPIRIT OF ANZACS.

2. The actions of ANZACS that strike me are there:

Endurance: Shown by all men who climbed out of the boats on to the shore of ANZAC Cove.

Courage: The Courage we saw in Lone Pine

Ingenuity: The tactical decisions made, to keep men safe.

Good Humour: The jokes that keep spirits high

Mateship: Simpson and His Donkey

Sacrifice: The 9000 Australians that rest in Turkey

Compassion: Both the Australians and the Turks to lay down their weapons in order to bury their dead.

3. I think the best reference to these actions is the story of Simpson and His Donkey. A twenty year old English man named John Simpson Kirkpatrick. Private Simpson found himself at ANZAC Cove on 25 April 1915, and was killed less than four weeks later. He was no Rambo that shot everything that moved, he was a humanist, one who disregarded orders, and his own safety to save others. Simpson was a man who liked to work alone; he used his donkey to carry injured patients from the battlefield to the shores of ANZAC Cove, Gallipoli.

4. A year ago MAJ Neville Marsh took me to the Weapon Training Simulator System at Royal Military College Duntroon, to help me pass my shooting test to qualify me to attend an Annual Continual Training (ACT) on marksmanship. With MAJ Neville Marsh's help I passed. I wouldn't have been able to pass without MAJ Neville Marsh's help with coaching in the principals of marksmanship.

5. MAJ Neville Marsh is always willing to help me or my family. MAJ Neville Marsh has a lot of experience and knowledge in all areas. MAJ Neville Marsh's personality is a great credit to himself. He is always cheerful, friendly and MAJ Neville Marsh's humour where can I start MAJ Neville Marsh is always sharing a joke with someone and anyone who knows Neville can support this.

6. In modern day society I do not think what ANZAC's when through is fully recognised by the younger generations.

7. I was shocked when an exchange teacher from Canada knew nothing about ANZAC Day or the Events that occurred in the following months. I told her that, "ANZAC Day is a National Day of Remembrance for all the Serving and Ex-Serving personal that have paid the ultimate price to Australia, their lives, it also marks the start of WW1. On the 25th April 1914 many men climbed out of boats to climb up a hill with gun fire from above. Hundreds of men perished that day, a day that will never be forgotten.

8. I am writing this, the 25th April 2010, the 95th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing I am amazed at the mere number of teenagers at the dawn service. I like to attend the dawn service every year; it has been instilled in me by my father.

Lest We Forget.