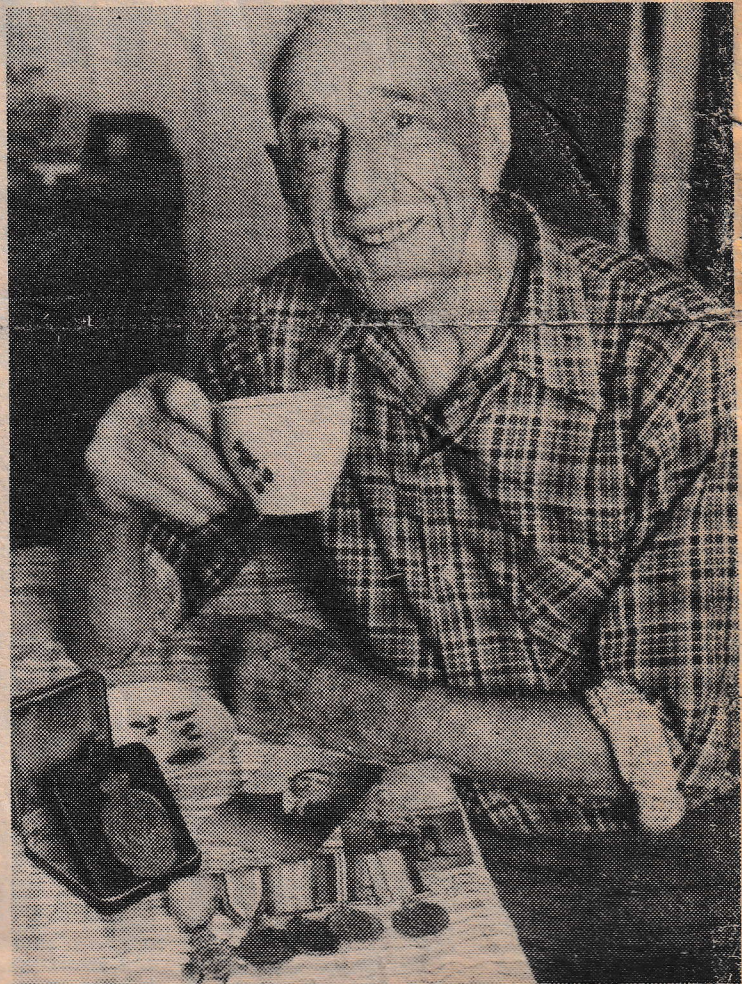


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Wes said the comradeship of the war was highlighted by a leave he had in Paris.

"I met five Aussie soldiers on the train and we hired ourselves a local French guide when we got to Paris," he said.

"I could sprout for a week on Paris.

"We'd all been at the front line for about six months and so we were

"Although Wes has lived in Brisbane since 1924 when he moved north from Sydney, his World War I mates were mostly from New South Wales.

Previously he would travel down there on Anzac Day to take part in the march but now that the Gallipoli veterans have to ride in jeeps he reckons it's "time to call that a day".

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"THAT leave in Paris was really a wild time," said Gallipoli veteran Weston Floyd, 85, with a twinkle in his eyes.

He burst into laughter at his home in Lincoln St, Wilston, as he recounted this adventure and the mateship of the World War I years.

"That is the real strength behind Anzac Day," Wes said.

Student

"But the spirit of Anzac Day is fading a bit now as most of my old army mates are dead.

"My last Gallipoli mate died last year.

"And that leaves only me from our battalion."

Wes was 17 years old and a Teachers College student in Sydney when he decided to enlist.

Wes recalls Gay Paree

"I accosted the Minister for Education and the Blackfriars College principal who were meeting in a room at the college and told them I wanted to go and fight," Wes explained.

"They were not too happy about being interrupted, and after a few minutes of quiet conversation between them I heard the principal say: 'We will have to give in some time.'

"The minister then said: 'Okay. Go ahead and join up'.

"So I raced over to Victoria Barracks, lied about being 18 and found myself in the army.

"But I was just a kid among all those soldiers.

"I had no training at all and shot only five rounds from a rifle before being sent overseas."

Wes arrived in Gallipoli in August, 1915, just before the infamous Lone Pine Battle in which 75 members of the First Battalion were killed, 219 were wounded

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