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Mr John Patrick O'Halloran
By email: joh1945@bigpond.net.au

Dear Mr O'Halloran,

As you know, the Australian War Memorial is home to Anzac Day commemorations for the nation each year. This year, all Australians including veterans are being encouraged to commemorate Anzac Day at home while public gatherings are restricted as a result of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. This will be supported by an increased range of digital engagement activities based on the theme *Anzac at Home*.

A range of web, video and digital engagement content is planned. This includes repurposing existing video content from the Memorial's collection and exhibitions. As such, I am writing to inform you that excerpts from your 2018 interview for *In Their Words* will be used to support this year's commemorations. The excerpts may be shown on broadcast television, and may be shared on the Memorial's website and social media channels.

The nation's military history and generations of Defence service personnel such as yourself are testament to the resilience and fortitude necessary to survive through tough times. Through sharing your powerful story this Anzac Day, the public will have the chance to reflect on our shared history.

Further information on the *Anzac at Home* hub is available on the Memorial's website via www.awm.gov.au/anzacathome

Yours sincerely,

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Here is their spirit in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made. C.E.W. Bean

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