

# LEST WE FORGET - THE STANHOPE CONNECTION

## **Alfred Coutts Meldrum**

VX29726 Australian Infantry  
Honoured on the Stanhope Cenotaph

Alf was born in Huntly, Scotland in 1904, and at 19 moved to Australia.

Soon after arriving he obtained work on a dairy farm in McGrath Road, Stanhope.

Alf was interested in any form of music; he loved playing the mouth organ.

It was in Stanhope on June 24 1940, that Alf enlisted in the Australian Army. Alf was attached to the newly formed 2/22nd Battalion which was called Lark Force.

Alf played the side drum in the Battalion's Band, which was made up of volunteers from the Brunswick Salvation Army. The band led the Battalion on a farewell march through the crowded streets of Melbourne before its departure for Rabaul.



## **William Avenel McLennan**

VX23813 Australian Infantry  
Honoured on the Stanhope Cenotaph

William (Bill) McLennan was born in Healesville in 1907 and raised on a dairy farm in Middle Road, Stanhope. Bill was married with two children.

When he enlisted on June 7 1940 he was placed with the 'C' Company in the 2/22nd Battalion called Lark Force and on February 19 1941 they were sent to Rabaul.

