The Warry Bugle

At the Opening Ceremony of the Anzac Memorial Podium on November 11, 2002, Mr Peter Olds presented to the Maryborough Central State School the "Warry Bugle". The school donated the "Warry Bugle" to the Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum.

Victor Warry was presented with a bugle from his father Mr Richard Warry. The bugle was inscribed "Presented by Mr R.S. Warry, Maryborough, to 2nd Rfts, 42nd Btn, June 1916".

Victor was killed in action on 29th July, 1916 at Pozieres at the age of 21. Towards the end of the War, on the battlefield of Pozieres where Victor was killed, a soldier spotted a piece of metal partly covered with mud. It was a bugle. The soldier read the inscription and asked Stan Warry, who was standing nearby, if Mr R.S. Warry was any relation. "He's my father," Stan replied.

Stan brought the bugle back to Australia and later gave it to his brother Ernest. It was passed to his son Norwood and eventually, as Norwood had no children, it was given to Mr Peter Olds for safe keeping.

Coincidently, the brand of the bugle is "Victor", made by W.H. Paling & Co Ltd of Paris.

It is remarkable the circumstances in which this bugle made its way back home to Maryborough and the Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum is honoured to be the recipients of such a poignant piece of Anzac memorabilia. A dent on the bugle's side, possibly made by a bullet, is a sobering reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by our Anzacs.

The "Last Post" and "Reveille" was played on this bugle at the Maryborough Central State School 2002 Remembrance Day Ceremony. Honouring the centenary of our Anzacs the "Warry Bugle" will be used to play the "Last Post" and "Reveille" at the Maryborough State High School Anzac Day Ceremony on 24 April 2015

