**ANZAC pilgrimages to the cemeteries, sites and battlefields of WWII:**

**Kokoda**

Please complete this form and return it electronically by emailing: acmcc8@student.monash.edu.au or via post. You need not record your name if you choose not to and any report/publication will use pseudonyms unless otherwise requested. There is no set page length (please write on the back of this questionnaire if you require more space); please feel free to write whatever you wish – extracts from diaries are especially welcome. All questions are optional. If you have further questions, please email: acmcc8@student.monash.edu.au

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1. **Do you attend commemorative/remembrance services in Australia or overseas?**
   (for example, Anzac Day, Remembrance Day)
If Yes:
1.1 Where do you usually attend such services?

1.2 What type of service do you usually attend? (e.g. Anzac Day)

1.3 How often do you attend such services? (e.g. annually, on special occasions)

1.4 When attending these commemorative services, did Kokoda feature in either your personal memory or in group commemorations? (Please write on the back of this paper if you require more space)

Please elaborate:

2. Have you walked the Kokoda Trail?  

If Yes:
2.1. Approximately what date did you walk the Kokoda Trail?

If No:
Answer Questions 2.2, 3 and 4 only (then answer the questions on the last page of this questionnaire under the heading "Please Note")

2.2 If you have not walked the Kokoda Trail personally, have you “experienced” the Kokoda Trail (vicariously) through others who have walked the Kokoda Trail? (e.g. family member/s and friends who have walked the trial; by watching official broadcasts; by reading memorabilia etc. You may wish to comment on what you think it would mean to you to make the pilgrimage to Kokoda). (Please write on the back of this paper if you require more space)

3. How do you think Kokoda is viewed in 2012, that is, 70 years after the fighting took place?
4. Do you think that there has been a growing interest in Kokoda in recent years and why do you think this has happened or not happened?

5. Rank the following reasons as to why you walked the Kokoda Trail:

**Ranking Scale:** 1 being the least important and 6 being the most important or tick N/A

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6. Why did you walk the Kokoda Trail? (what motivated you to walk the Trail)
7. Do you have a family member, relative or friend buried or commemorated in a war cemetery in Papua New Guinea?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

If Yes:
7.1. Tell me about that person, including your relationship to that person?
8. Many of the tombstones bear inscriptions or epitaphs chosen by the families/loved ones of the men and women who were killed.

Was there such an inscription for ‘your’ soldier (e.g. family, friend)?

☐ N/A   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

If Yes:
8.1 Please describe the inscription (e.g. what is written on the headstone/grave):

8.2 Do you know why the inscription was chosen?

☐ N/A   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

8.3 If yes, could you elaborate about the reason?

9. Were there any other inscriptions that you saw at the war cemetery in PNG that you found particularly powerful or moving?

☐ N/A   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

9.1 If Yes:
Please elaborate:
10. If you were visiting the grave of a particular person, do you know anything about that person? Are there any family stories or anecdotes you would like to share? (e.g. Reason for enlisting; the way in which the person died; how the person is remembered by family and loved ones; do any surviving letters or diaries exist. Please feel free to record your own memories of this person based on either personal experience or the stories passed down through family and friends). (Please write on the back of this page if you require more space)

11. The families of Service men and women often faced years of uncertainty and worry. In some cases, their loved ones returned from war, in others not, but all mourned the loss of lives 'stolen' from them.

If relevant, can you relate something of your family’s experiences of loss? (Please write on the back of this page if you require more space)

12. If ‘your’ solider (family/friend/other) survived the war, how did this person cope with the memories of the war? (e.g. What did this person tell you or other family members about their experiences at and after war?) (Please write on the back of this page if you require more space)
13. Would you consider your trip to Papua New Guinea to walk the Kokoda Trail a “pilgrimage”?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Please elaborate: if it was a type of pilgrimage, tell me why you think that, or if it wasn’t, tell me why think that.  (Please write on the back of this page if you require more space)

14. It has often been said that people undertake a pilgrimage/journey are in search of “closure”.

Is this true of you also?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

14.1 What did you hope to achieve from your journey?

14.2 Did you achieve what you had hoped to achieve?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Please elaborate:  (Please write on the back of this page if you require more space)
15. A pilgrimage can often be a very private journey – even if undertaken with a group of people. Can you describe a particular time when you remembered loved ones, mates or others who suffered as a result of the Kokoda Campaign?

(Please write on the back of this page if you require more space)

16. Many people who walk the Kokoda Trail have a disturbing, moving or a memorable experience.

Did you have such an experience?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If Yes:

16.1 What was your most disturbing/moving/memorable experience whilst walking the Kokoda Trail? (include the site or location at which this experience occurred)

(Please write on the back of this page if you require more space)

17. Many visitors to the Kokoda Trail and to Bomana War Cemetery (Port Moresby) leave their own inscription in a Visitors’ Book.

What, if anything, did you write in any Visitors’ Books whilst in Papua New Guinea? (and where was the Visitors’ Book(s) that you left a message in? (e.g. Visitors’ Books found at campsites; Commonwealth War Graves etc)
18. Many people who walk the Kokoda Trail visit cemeteries and memorials leave their own tributes such as, wreaths, photographs or something from home:

Did you leave a tribute?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No  

If Yes:
18.1 What did you leave and why did you choose such as tribute?

19. You may have attended several commemorative services during your pilgrimage or journey along the Kokoda Trail. Some of these may have been official occasions (e.g. Anzac Day), others may have been much less formal (e.g. a gathering at a graveside; Dawn Service at Isurava during the trek).

Which of these ceremonies did you find most moving or meaningful, and why?  
(Please write on the back if you require more space)

20. How did your experience of walking the Kokoda Trail affect or develop your friendship with other people in your trekking group?  
(Please write on the back if you require more space)

20.1 If you travelled with a family member, did the experience of walking the Trail bring you closer together?  
☐ N/A  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  

Please elaborate:  
(Please write on the back if you require more space)
21. Did your travel and experience on the Kokoda Trail change your perception about the way you perceive Anzac Day?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Please elaborate: (Please write on the back if you require more space)

22. Did your travel and experience on the Kokoda Trail change your perception about the way you perceive yourself as an Australian?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Please elaborate: (Please write on the back if you require more space)

23. Do you have in your/your family’s possession relevant Service Dossiers, diaries, letters, photographs, newspaper clippings or other relics?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If, Yes, please elaborate:

PLEASE NOTE: (Please write on the back if you require more space)

The Australian War Memorial in Canberra has expressed an interest in collecting and preserving this questionnaire. Would you like your questionnaire to be placed in such a collection?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

To protect the privacy of individuals, pseudonyms will be used in writing up this history of war, grief, commemoration and pilgrimage to Kokoda. Would you prefer your real name to be used?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be available for a face to face interview?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you keep a diary of your travels?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you know of anyone else that would be interested in doing this survey?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide contact details:

Do you have any further comments?

Thank you very much for your time and participation. Your completion of this survey is greatly appreciated.
Consent Form

Title: ANZAC pilgrimages to the cemeteries, sites and battlefields of WW2

NOTE: This consent form will remain with the Monash University researcher for their records

I agree to take part in the Monash University research project specified above. I have had the project explained to me, and I have read the Explanatory Statement, which I keep for my records. I understand that agreeing to take part means that:

I agree to be interviewed by the researcher  □ Yes □ No
I agree to allow the interview to be audio-taped and/or video-taped  □ Yes □ No
I agree to make myself available for a further interview if required  □ Yes □ No

I agree to complete questionnaires asking me about my pilgrimage to a war site or attendance at an Anzac Day service commemorating World War Two.

I understand that my participation is voluntary, that I can choose not to participate in part or all of the project, and that I can withdraw at any stage of the project without being penalised or disadvantaged in any way.

I understand that any data that the researcher extracts from the interview / survey for use in reports or published findings will not, under any circumstances, contain full names or identifying characteristics.

I understand that any information I provide is confidential, and that no information that could lead to the identification of any individual will be disclosed in any reports on the project, or to any other party.

I understand that data from the interview/ /transcript/audio-tape/survey will be kept in a secure storage and accessible to the research team. I also understand that the data will be destroyed after a 5 year period unless I consent to it being used in future research.

Participant's name

Signature

Date