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MEDIA RELEASE
VICTORIAN MOUNTED RIFLES CENTENARY

On Wed May 1, 1985 the Victorian Mounted Rifles will celebrate the centenary of its formation.

Initially raised from the Rifle Clubs of the Colony of Victorian and NSW border districts, the unit has served the community in both peace and war.

Its 100 year history is that of five generations of Australians from these districts, whose heritage it is the duty of the present serving members to protect and preserve.

To mark the 100th birthday of the Victorian Mounted Rifles a commemorative envelope has been struck featuring the recently released Victorian Mounted Rifles Stamp.

In conjunction with Australia Post Albury Office, these envelopes will be cleared from a special post box at the Unit Headquarters, Victoria Street, Albury at 11.00am on Wed May 1, and conveyed to the Albury Mail Exchange, by mounted troopers from the Units Light Horse Troop, where they will be post marked.

These envelopes will in time become a collectors item as their issue has been limited to 500.

Further 100th birthday celebrations will occur on Sat May 4 at Tuilerier Winery where the Centenary Dinner is being held.

On Sat Jul 27 the Unit will conduct mounted parades in Albury and Wodonga. A week later on Sat Aug 3 in Wangaratta and Benalla a centenary church parade will be conducted on Sun Aug 4 at the Holy Trinity Church in Benalla where two kings banners of the 8th Australian Light Horse are now laid up.

A further mounted parade will take place in Cobram on Sat Aug 24.

The Unit Centenary Ball is scheduled for Sat 23 Nov at the Wodonga Civic Centre.

For further information contact CAPT Steve Glanville Buna Barracks Victoria Street, Albury.