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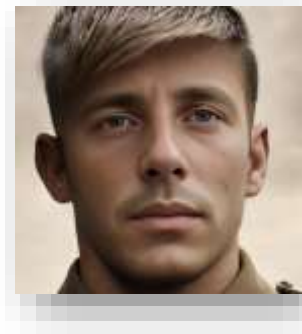
Virtual Veterans

Student User Guide

History | Year 9

Explore true stories from WWI with ‘Charlie’ – our Virtual Veteran

There’s no better way to understand the impact of World War I than through the personal stories of Queenslanders, just like you, who lived through this tumultuous era. Our Virtual Veteran ‘Charlie’ can help you explore true stories contained in letters and diaries written by soldiers and nurses who served in the war and Queenslanders at home who contributed to the war effort.



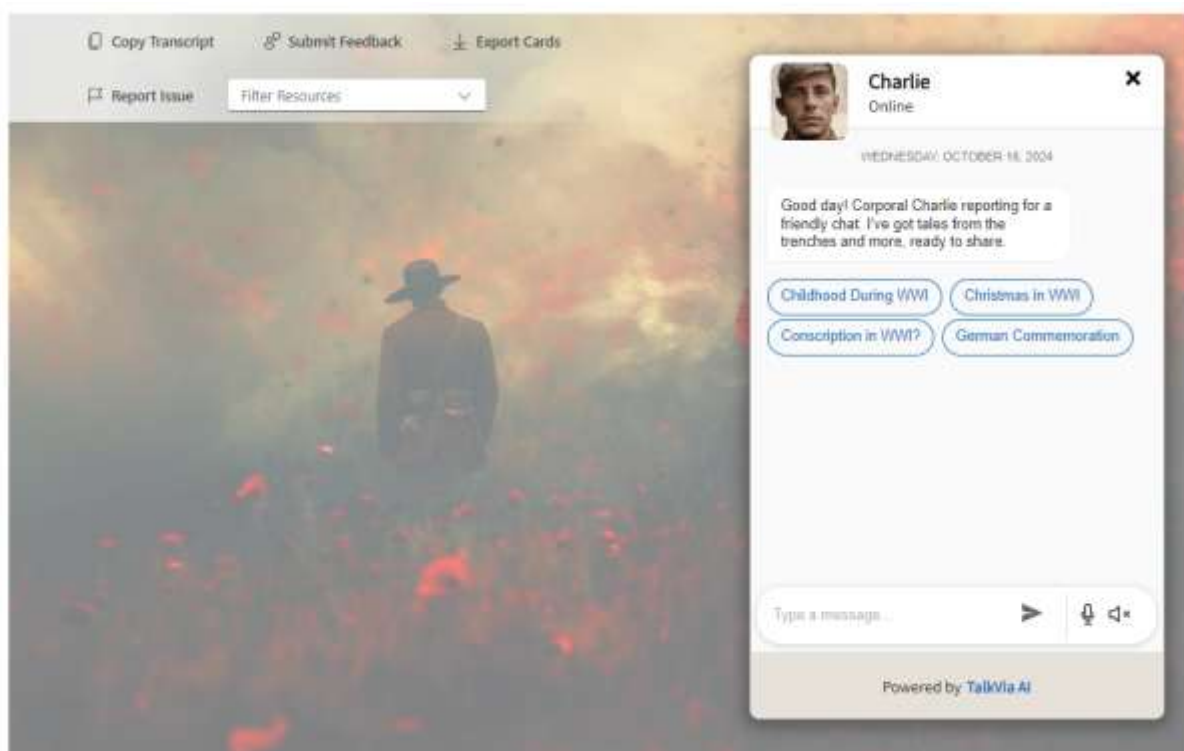
A positive use of AI for your research

Artificial intelligence is only as good as the information used to train it. ‘Charlie’ has been taught about World War I by reading:

- Over 1.5 million words transcribed from letters, diaries and archival documents contained in State Library of Queensland’s World War I collection.
- Over 50,000 Queensland newspaper articles published from 1914 to 1918.
- The Australian War Memorial’s *Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918* – a 12-volume series detailing Australia’s role in World War I.

Meet ‘Charlie’.

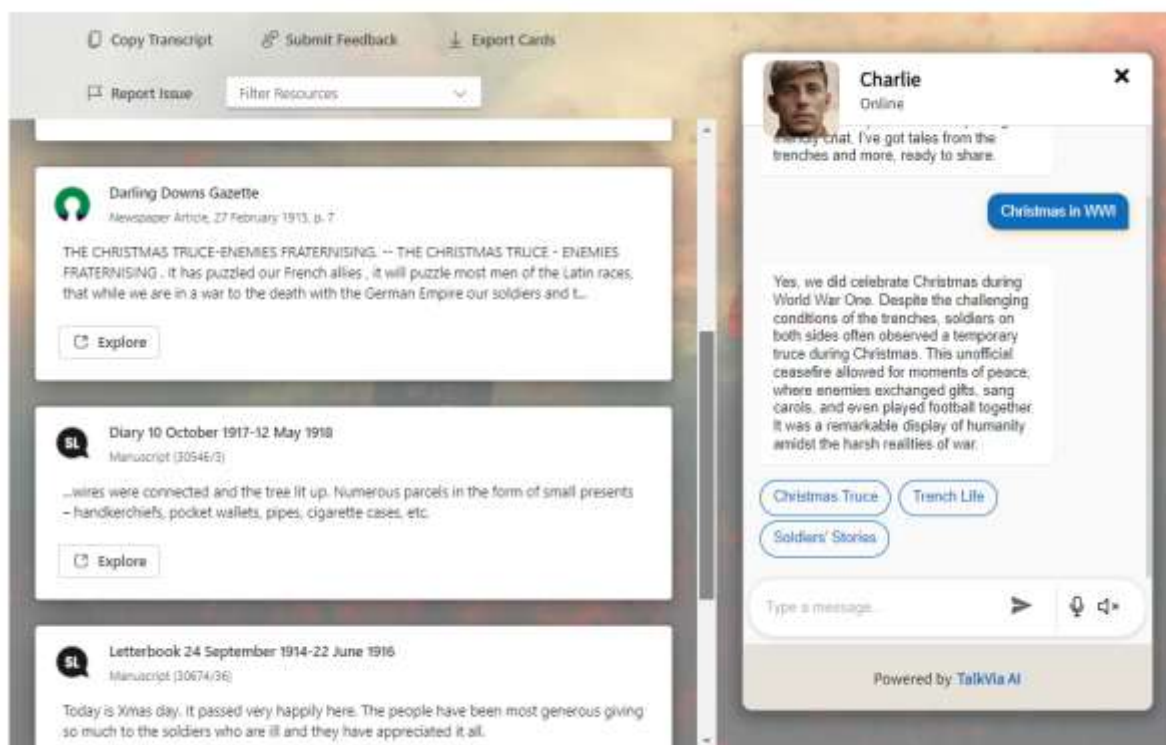
‘Charlie’ lives on the Anzac Square website on a page called “[Virtual Veterans](#)”.



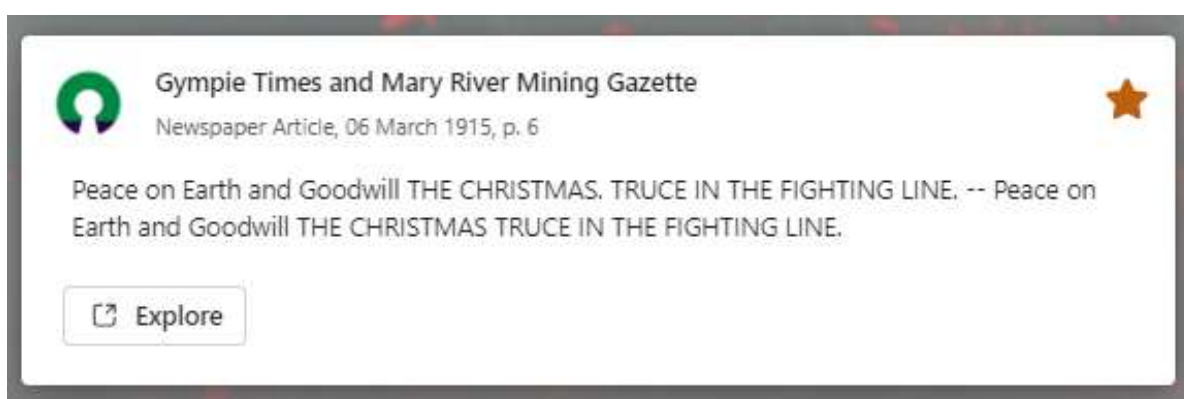
Conversations with 'Charlie'

You can ask 'Charlie' anything about World War I or use some of the prompts provided in the chat to explore popular topics.

When 'Charlie' answers your questions, he also provides you with direct links to primary sources that you can read to learn more about the topic you are discussing.

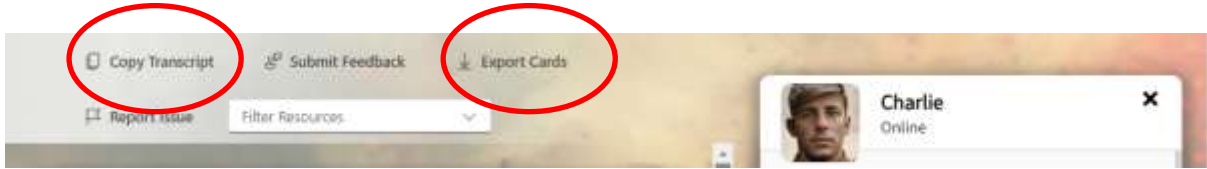


As you continue your conversation and scroll down, you will notice that some of the new primary sources have a star. These are the sources that are directly related to your latest question to 'Charlie'.



Recording your conversation and sources

Virtual Veterans provides features that enable you to export a record of your conversation with Charlie and an Excel spreadsheet contain links to all of the primary sources provided for you on your topic.



Citing your sources

It's important to cite your sources when including information from your conversations with 'Charlie' in your research assessments. Here are some ways to cite your sources using the APA 7 citation style.

To cite a letter or diary from State Library's collection:

A screenshot of a digital diary entry viewer. The main content is a handwritten diary entry on aged paper. Below the entry, there is a navigation bar with 'View transcript' and a hamburger menu icon. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Download', 'Cite', and 'Share'. The 'Cite' button is circled in red, and a red arrow points from it to a 'Cite' popup window. The popup window shows the citation: 'APA (7th edition) Fudge, L. R. (1915). *Diary 10 October 1917-12 May 1918*.'. The background of the viewer is dark, and the text of the diary entry is in cursive. The page number 'Page 6 of 21' is visible in the navigation bar.

To cite a newspaper article:

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Peace on Earth and Goodwill
THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE IN THE FIGHTING LINE.
The remarkable truce which obtained in the fighting line in Belgium and France, where British and German are opposed to one another, has been the subject of much comment. The following letter published in the London "Evening News" will be read with interest. It was from Sergt. A. Lovell, A Company, 3rd Life Brigade.
Christmas Day, 1914.
My Dear Parents.—Christmas Day! The most wonderful day on record. In the early hours of the morning the events of last night appeared as some weird dream—but to-day, well, it beggars description.
You will hardly credit what I am going to tell you: but thousands of our men will be writing home to-day telling the same strange and wonderful story. Listen.
Last night as I sat in my little dug-out writing, my chum came bursting in upon me with "Bob! Hark at 'em!" And I listened. From the

DISTRICT
(From Our District)
COORAN
Patriotic.—A well-attended meeting of the residents around Cooran was held early in the week, in connection with the distribution of the Cooran Patriotic Fund. There was a good attendance, and Mr. H. Suttler presided. It was decided to contribute forward £40 for the relief of destitute Belgians. It was suggested that the ladies should conduct a sale of gifts to increase the funds, and a meeting of ladies will take place on Saturday to complete the arrangements. Several promises of support were given, Mr. T. Noonan and Mr. T. Jensen each donating a better half.
Cricket.—A match will be played here this week-end between a team from the Northern Suburbs, Gympie, and the local team. The following will represent Cooran.—A. H. Cooran.

To cite the *Official History of Australia in the War of 1914–1918*:

“Official History of Australia in the War of 1914–1918.” 2016. Awm.gov.au. Australian War Memorial. 2016. <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C1416844>.

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