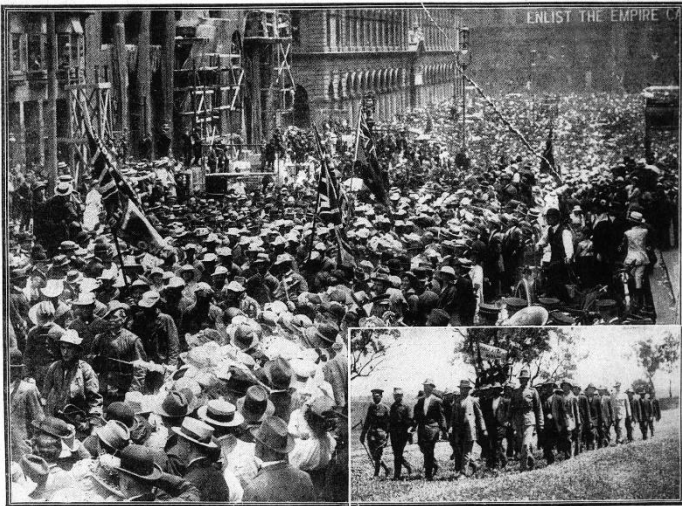
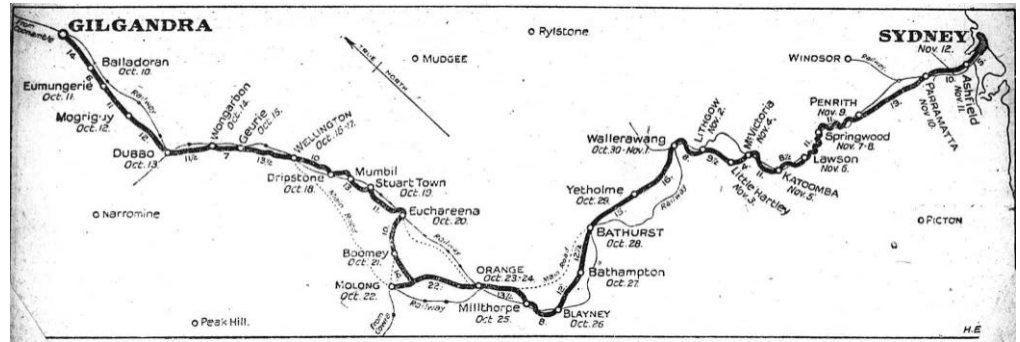


1915 Coo-ee March



'The start and the finish' (Sydney Morning Herald, 13/11/1915)

The 1915 Gilgandra to Sydney Coo-ee March was the idea of Captain Bill Hitchen of the Gilgandra Rifle Club and his brother Dick, as a means of raising new recruits to answer the "Coo-ee" recruitment call from the Dardanelles for more men to fight for King and Country. The 320 mile (515 km) recruitment march left Gilgandra with 25 marchers on Sunday, 10th October, 1915, stopping in each town and village along the route to be welcomed by local officials and members of each community, and to hold recruiting speeches to increase their ranks. The contingent arrived in Sydney on Friday, 12th November, 1915, with its numbers swelled to 263 marchers. This march started a snowball of other similar recruitment marches in late 1915 and early 1916.

2015 Coo-ee March Re-enactment

A centenary re-enactment of the 1915 Coo-ee March is planned to be held from 17th October to the 11th November 2015 to commemorate the march, and the men who joined its ranks, with parades and memorial ceremonies at the villages and towns where the original Coo-ees stopped and recruited men to join up and enlist in the AIF during the First World War. The planned itinerary is as follows:



Re-enactment marchers at 2014 Gilgandra Coo-ee Festival memorial service

Saturday, 17 October 2015

Gilgandra to Balladoran

Sunday, 18 October 2015

Balladoran to Eumungerie

Monday, 19 October 2015

Eumungerie to Mogriguy

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

Mogriguy to Dubbo

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

Dubbo to Geurie

Thursday, 22 October 2015

Geurie to Wellington

Friday, 23 October 2015

Wellington to Stuart Town

Saturday, 24 October 2015

Stuart Town to Euchareena

Sunday, 25 October 2015

Euchareena to Boomey

Monday, 26 October 2015

Boomey to Molong Creek

Tuesday, 27 October 2015

Molong Creek to Orange

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

Orange to Milthorpe

Thursday, 29 October 2015

Milthorpe to Blayney

Friday, 30 October 2015

Blayney to Bathampton

Saturday, 31 October 2015

Bathampton to Bathurst

Sunday, 1 November 2015

Bathurst to Yetholme

Monday, 2 November 2015

Yetholme to Wallerawang

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Wallerawang to Lithgow

Wednesday, 4 November 2015

Lithgow to Mt Victoria

Thursday, 5 November 2015

Mt Victoria to Katoomba

Friday, 6 November 2015

Katoomba to Springwood

Saturday, 7 November 2015

Springwood to Penrith

Sunday, 8 November 2015

Penrith to Blacktown

Monday, 9 November 2015

Blacktown to Parramatta

Tuesday, 10 November 2015

Parramatta to Ashfield

Wednesday, 11 November 2015

Ashfield to Sydney

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