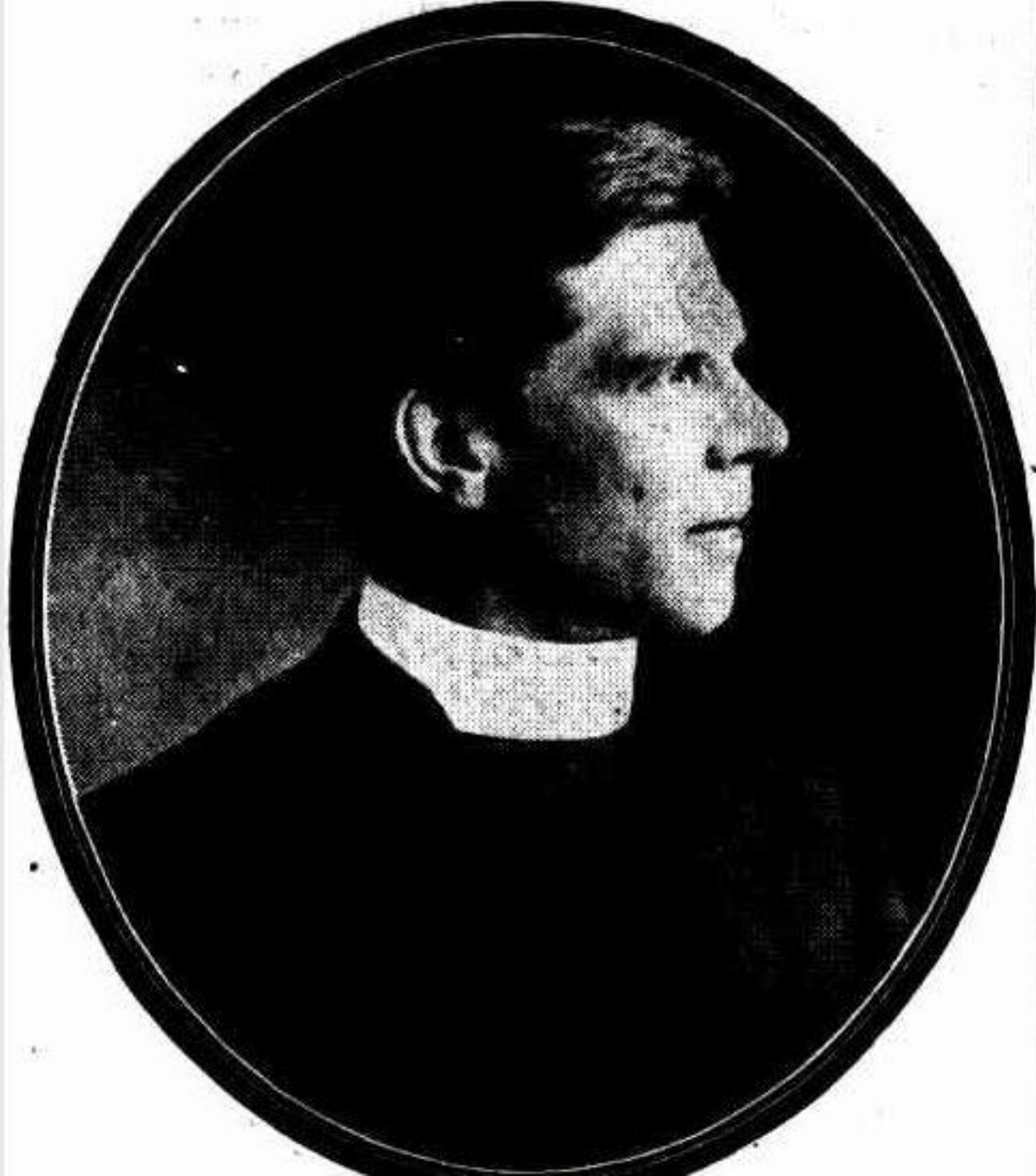


Anzac Day, Sydney, 1916: an Origin Story

How the Anglican Church laid
the foundations for Australia's
National Day of
Commemoration

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A Chaplain in His Dug-out.

HERE we see the Dean of Sydney at the entrance to his dug-out in the 2nd Battalion trenches. Dean Talbot, who went out with the first contingent from Sydney, was decorated soon after the capture of the Gallipoli.

DEAN TALBOT.

WELCOME HOME.

Dean Talbot, who returned to Sydney by the military transport which arrived on Saturday last, was welcomed home last night, first at a short service in St. Andrew's Cathedral, conducted by Archdeacon D'Arcy Irvine, and afterwards at a crowded meeting in the Chapter House, at which the Archdeacon presided. The Dean, who was still in uniform and looked swarthy and weather-beaten, but "fit," had a rousing welcome from the whole congregation. Five addresses of welcome were made—by Mr. C. R. Walsh, as senior lay canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral, by the Rev. Chas. Clarke, on behalf of the Cathedral congregation, by Mr. W. E. Gafes, representing the churchwardens, by Mr. A. C. Webb, for the Old Boys' Union, and by Mr. A. Noake, on behalf of the choir.

Dean Talbot said that six months before war broke out he was appointed senior chaplain of the Church of England to the military forces in the State of New South Wales. Therefore, when war was declared, and our troops were going to take part in it, "I felt it was up to me," he said, "as we say in Australia, to go with them as chaplain, notwithstanding that 30 or 40 clergymen had volunteered to go." After that for an hour and a quarter the Dean went on in an easy conversational style to describe life in camp, life on the troopship, life in Egypt, life in Gallipoli. The address was an epitome of his experiences, with mention of General Bridges, Lieutenant-Colonel MacLaurin, Lieutenant-Colonel Braund, and many others who went away from this State, but will never return; and where he enlarged in any way it was to speak appreciatively of the self-sacrifice of our boys, the goodness of the officers, the devotion of the doctors, nurses, and stretcher-bearers, the heroism of the men at Cape Helles and Anzac, and on board the torpedoed transport Southland, and the goodness of Australian soldiers generally.

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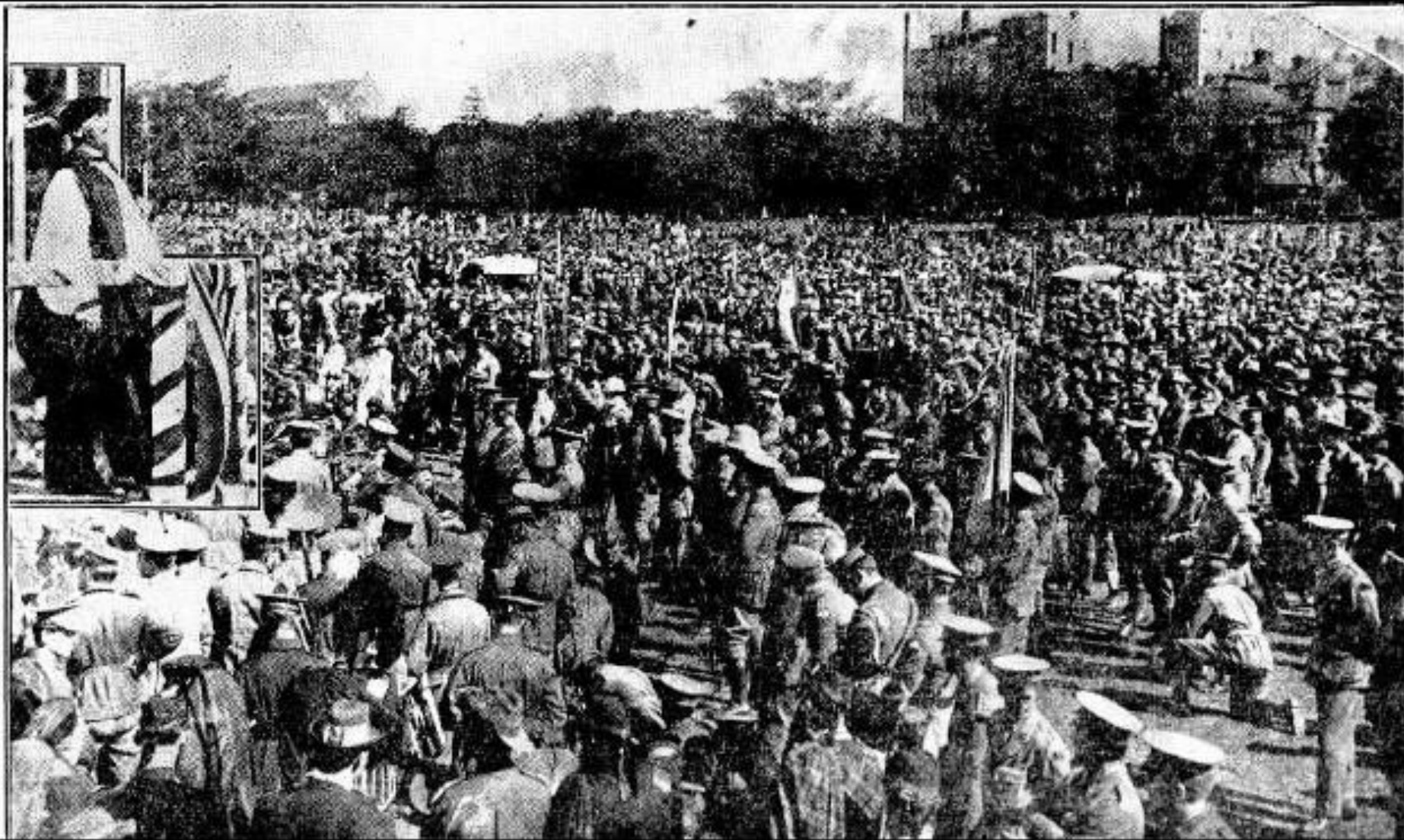
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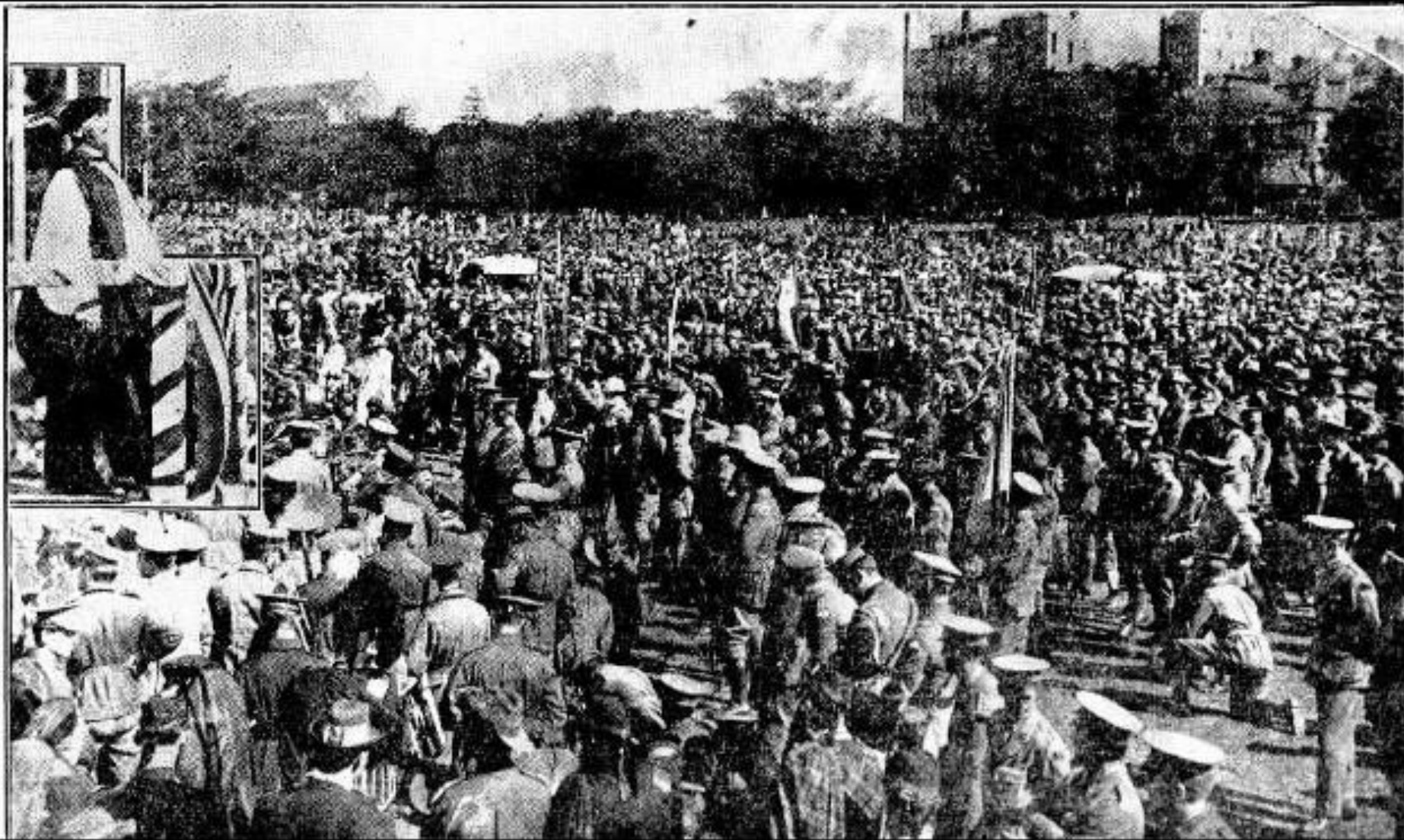
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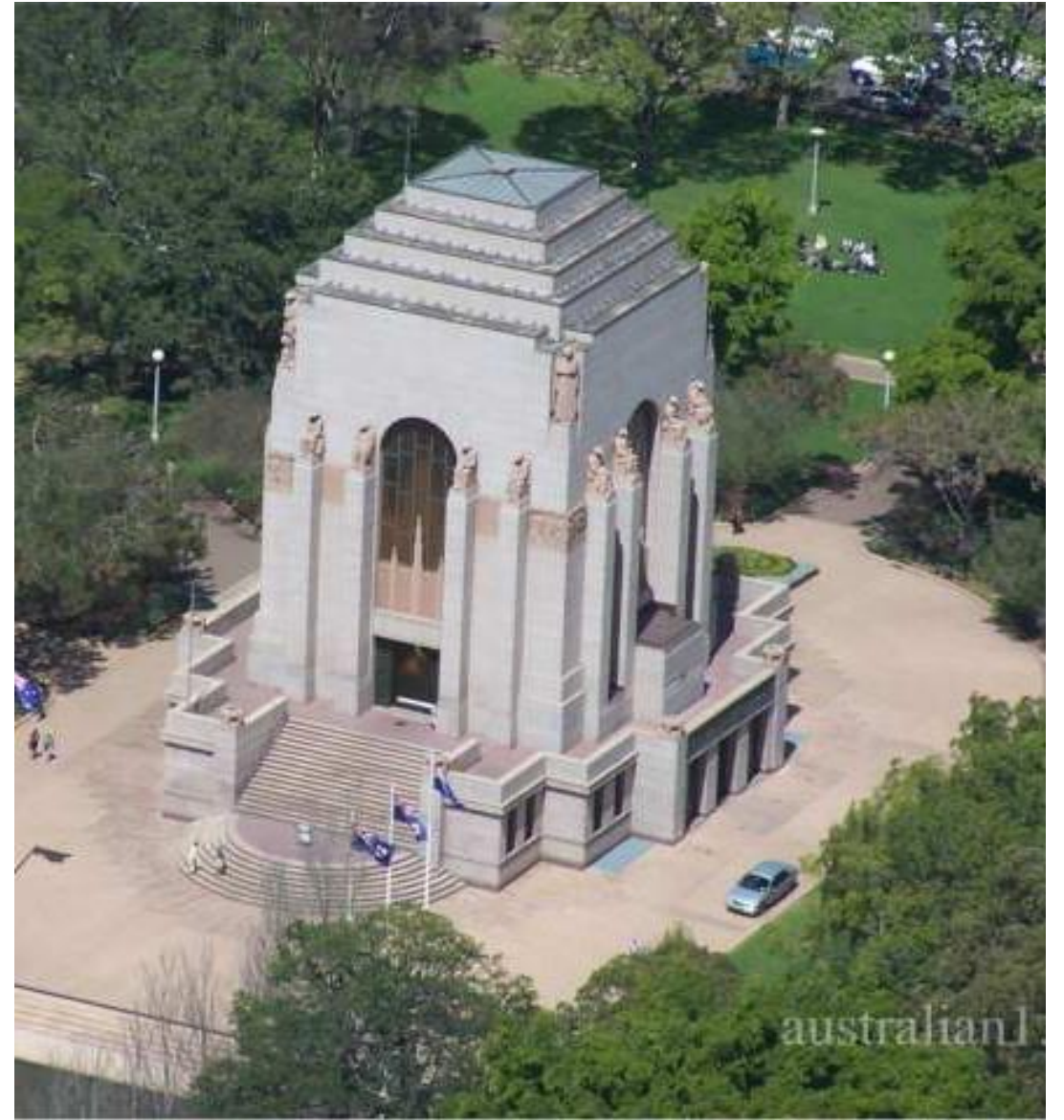
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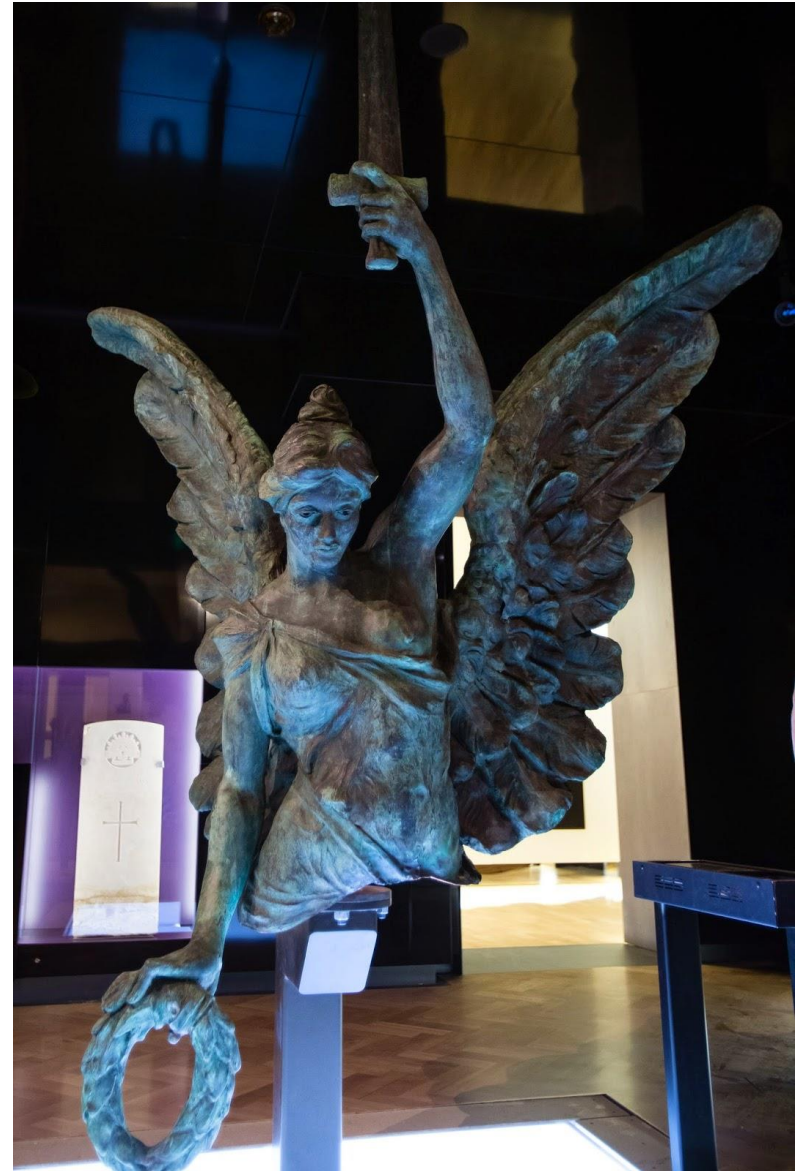


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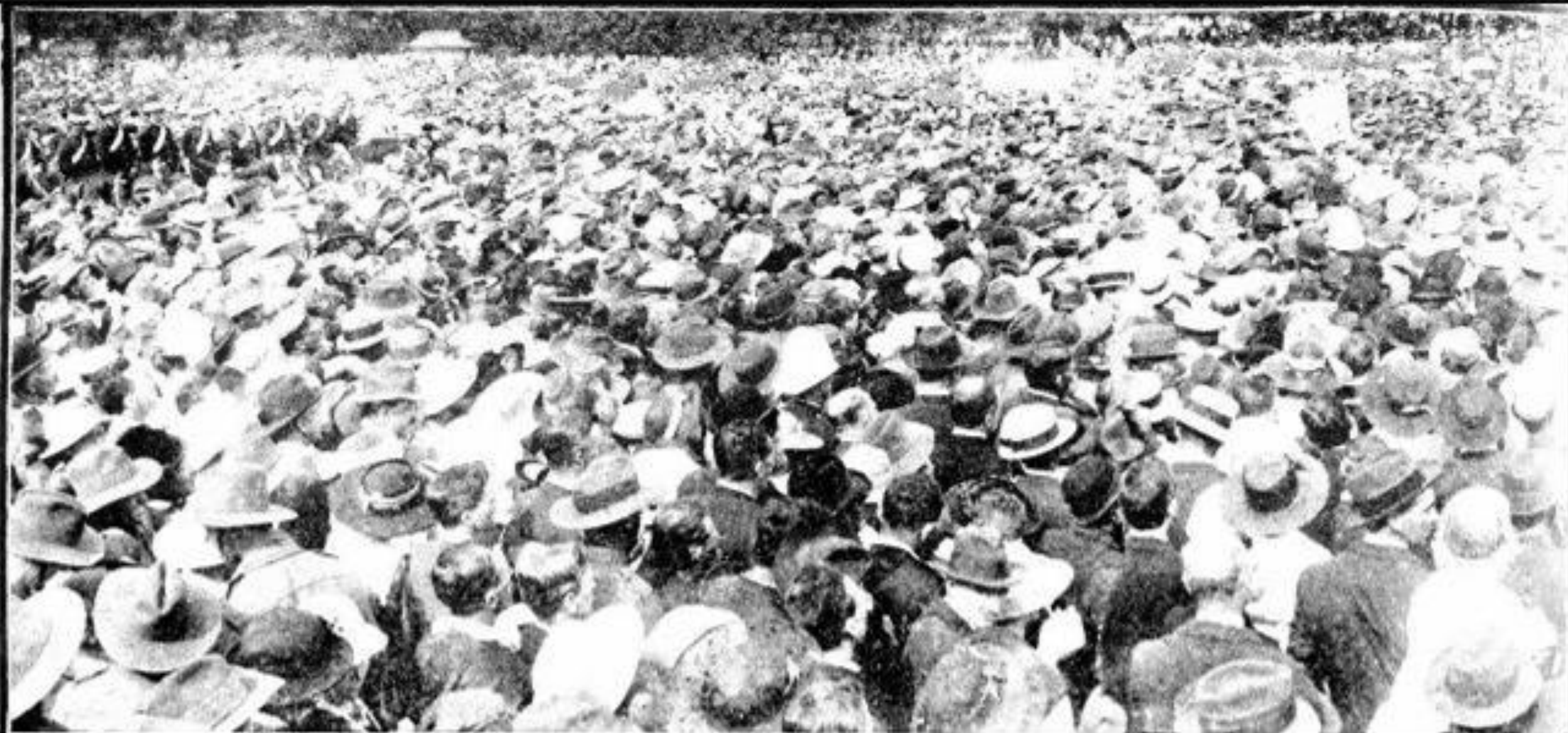








THE RELIGIOUS NOTE IN THE CELEBRATIONS



SECTION OF THE GREAT CROWD IN THE DOMAIN.

This picture joins on to the one on the opposite page. The police estimated that there were between 100,000 and 200,000 people present.





