

Year 3 Teacher Resource 1 Symbols and Emblems

A symbol substitutes one thing for another in a concrete fashion, ie a dove for peace. An **emblem** is an image that represents a concept or a belief. For example the Christian cross is a symbol of the crucifixion; but is an emblem of sacrifice. Often the words emblem and symbol are interchanged.

The Australian Army Badge

A bayonet is a symbol of war, the crown is a symbol of the monarchy, a banner with the words 'The Australian Army' shows the importance of the Army . Together they make the 'Rising Sun' an emblem of the spirit of ANZAC embodying the characteristics of bravery, mateship, ingenuity, humour etc.

Australian Army Badge is always referred to as the 'Rising Sun'.



The Australian Army Badge is comprised of:

- i. a collection of bayonets in a semi-circle (an early weapon of war)
- ii. a crown (Australian connection to the British Empire and monarchy),
- iii a banner reading 'The Australian Army'.

See the changing appearance of the Australian Army badge at <http://www.army.gov.au/Our-history/Traditions/The-Rising-Sun-Badge>

The rising sun is pinned to the upside of the slouch hat.



A Western Australian from the 11th Battalion in his slouch hat



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Description

Studio portrait of 150 Private (Pte) Hugh Richard Biggin, 11th Battalion, of Pingelly, WA. A farmer before enlisting in August 1914, Pte Biggin left Australia as an original 11th Battalion member in November 1914 and served on Gallipoli and the Western Front. He was with a Lewis gun section at Mouquet Farm when he was killed instantly by a German shell on 20 August 1916, age 25.

<http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/P06787.002/>

The photograph of Hugh Biggin, taken in 1914, shows him wearing his slouch hat and AIF uniform.

You could ask the students the following questions:

- 1) What colour was the AIF uniform?
- 2) Epaulets can be seen on his shoulders. What are they?
- 3) What emblems does he have on his uniform? (a badge seems to be placed on his left pocket and there is something below his left shoulder -this is probably the Battalion colour. See Lesson set 3)
- 4) What other emblems could be added to his uniform during the war? (signs of rank, medals such as the Military Cross and Victoria Cross).