



## NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA Inc.

### Malaya / Borneo Veterans Service.

We are gathered here today, to pay a last tribute to Lawrence John Gard, who served with us in war, and has now gone to join the great Army of those who fell in battle in defence of the Empire.

He came through the ordeal of War. How well he served will be known to many here today, how well he served his fellow man, on his return, is known to members of the Malaya / Borneo Veterans. Members who mourn with me the passing of a loyal friend.

Lawrence John Gard, Princess Mary's 10th Ghurkha Rifles. British Army.

Remembering his many qualities, the happy times we spent together, we join in a silent pledge, to sink all differences, one with the other, and extend the hand of comradeship to all in need, as he would have us do.

As brother follows brother into the great beyond, we who are left, close our ranks, to carry on the tradition of unselfish service.. to the disabled, and to the bereaved, and to maintain the highest ideals of citizenship.

Poppy in hand. They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Through dust of conflict and through the battle flame, tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proven, your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

The service of the day is over, and the hour has come for rest, this blood red poppy, the traditional emblem of sacrifice, the symbol of life given for one's country, links us with Lawrence it is a token of our affectionate and proud remembrance.

I place it here in abiding Memory. Please come forward and place your poppy on the casket.

I ask you to please stand, and join with me Reverently, in a silent tribute to Lawrence John Gard. Lest We Forget.

