

Australian Soldiers Playing in the Snow

Though it certainly does snow in Australia, and the country even has ski hills, the majority of Australians don't grow up with snow. Particularly in the days before long-distance travel was commonplace, a lot of Australians never even saw snow. So when Australian soldiers were posted abroad to places like Northern Europe, Canada, and Korea, they tended to have an awful lot of fun with it.



Snowball-armed soldiers and their prizewinning kangaroo snowman at a Convalescent Camp in England, 1917.



Australian soldiers having a snowball fight at a camp in southern England, 1916.



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Nurses and convalescent Australian soldiers have a snowball fight at a hospital in southern England, WWI.



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Australian soldiers make a snowman in Seoul, Korea, 1950.



Soldiers play leapfrog in the snow (and what looks like snowball catch), Belgium, 1919.



Men of the Royal Australian Air Force in a snowball fight on an English air base, 1942.



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Soldiers sledding down a snowy road, Belgium, 1919.



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A snowball fight including an Australian Major-General, Belgium, 1919.



RAAF men with their snowman in Canada, ca. 1942.



RAAF men posing with snowballs in Cyprus, 1953.



Soldiers in a snowball fight in Belgium, 1919.



Soldiers throw snowballs at a pal in a tree, Belgium, 1919.



Convalescent soldiers pull a nurse on a sled at a hospital in southern England (with another fellow behind waiting with snowballs).



Soldiers with their snowman in Korea, 1956.



Convalescent soldiers and their snowman of Kaiser Wilhelm II, at a camp in England, 1917.



Australian cavalry having a snowball fight among the cedars in Lebanon, 1919.



RAAF men, their snowman, and the classic "dump snow on someone's neck right before the shutter," Korea, 1951.



Another kangaroo snowman, WWI.