

Web Embroidery List (WEL) Number 5

This week's list is especially chosen for ANZAC day.

I am sure long term members will remember Nikki Mortimer's very interesting presentation a few years ago about the World War 1 embroidered post cards. Here are two sites which provide some information about them and photographs of examples.

- <https://museumcrush.org/from-your-soldier-boy-silk-postcards-of-the-first-world-war/>
- <https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/embroidered-silk-postcards>

After the First World War embroidery became a form of rehabilitation for some and the next site describes this and shows some examples in Australian collections

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/stitches-time-rehabilitation-embroidery-awm-collection>

The Overlord Tapestry tells the story of the World War 2 D-Day landings, known as Operation Overlord. I was lucky enough to visit the tapestry, which is now housed in Southsea, Portsmouth when I visited the United Kingdom about thirty years ago. The first clip is a Movietone News story about the tapestry and the second talks about the women who made it.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3j2oltip3A>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R7TEUt6YXc>

Directly after the Second World War, the financial situation in the United Kingdom was not good. Queen Mary (the King's Mother) offered a twelve panelled tapestry carpet that she had worked on during the war to the Prime Minister for the benefit of the nation. It was eventually sold to

a Canadian group for public display for over \$100,000 dollars. Here are two articles about it.

- <http://stitchingbyacornishseashore.blogspot.com/2016/03/the-queen-stitched.html>
- <https://annbernard.com/embroideries-that-record-historyqueen-marys-carpet/>

Finally for those who want to make their own poppies here are two options:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heZF_Dto-FA&list=PLGyHP4RE0z9Tq8vvKR2K7pMlx5GIHqAyg&index=2

This second video is meant to be used with a kit, but I think most of you will be able to draw your own outlines to make this beaded poppy brooch.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lr7_SGRs1E