
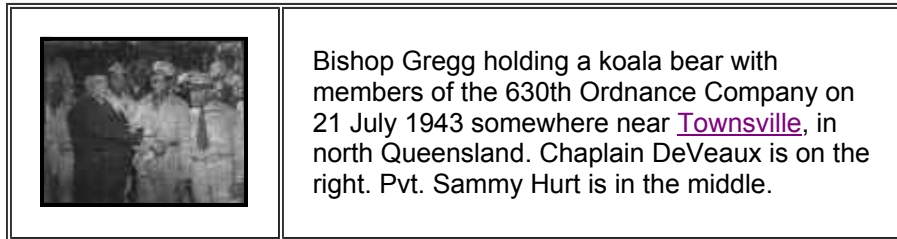


BISHOP JOHN A. GREGG AND CHAPLAIN DEVEAUX INSPECTION TOUR OF BLACK TROOPS IN AUSTRALIA IN 1943

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In 1943, Bishop John Andrew Gregg, the leader of the African Methodist Church in the north central United States visited black troops fighting during WW2 as an envoy for President Roosevelt. This was the first part of a world tour visiting black troops. Chaplain DeVeaux was his military escort.

The purpose of Bishop Gregg's trip was to check on the morale of the soldiers, and to bring good tidings and news from home. Later on in 1943, he was invited to the European theatre, eventually travelling approximately 100,000 miles.



Bishop Gregg and Chaplain DeVeaux arrived in [Townsville](#) at 7:55 p.m. on 20 July 1943. They had previously visited Sydney and Brisbane. They stayed at the [Queen's Hotel](#) on [The Strand](#).

On 21 July 1943, they visited 6 nearby camps. 3 were Quartermaster Regiments, and 3 were Ordnance Regiments. They also visited a Pack company. At noon they had lunch at the [Townsville Red Cross Center \(North American Service Club\)](#) with Mr. Bond. They spoke with a white worker called Miss Frazier, who was from Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.

Bishop Gregg indicated that the [Townsville Red Cross Center \(North American Service Club\)](#) was not as nice as the ones he had seen in Brisbane and Sydney. Apparently Mr. Bond advised that he was looking for a new location.

They later drove 30 miles to another camp. They returned to the [Queen's Hotel](#) at about 7pm. They left for New Guinea the next morning.

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
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