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## Abstract

This dissertation is principally concerned with two myths of the Great War soldiers central to the Anzac legend. The first is the resourcefulness and initiative of Australian soldiers. The legend suggests and uses the experiences of a single Australian soldier as a thesis. The relevance of each of these myths to previous academic work is discussed in the introduction. The prevalence of these two myths in the Australian experience through the establishment of a 'digger' stereotype is discussed in the general context for the gap that exists in our understanding of the increased academic attention to the study of Australia and the stereotypical (and misplaced) notions about Australian soldiers. The legend, albeit generally positive, historical view of Australian soldiers is discussed in the context of the legend.

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