

Australian War Memorial Petition

To The Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Due to the amazing act of courage in past wars by pigeons and members of the Australian Corps of Signals Pigeon Service; we would like the Australian War Memorial to have a decent permanent display. It's very important for all visitors to have the opportunity to learn about the gallantry of pigeons in wartime.

1st March 2019

Name

Signature

PIGEONS OF WAR

OF FEATHERED MESSENGERS IN MILITARY

Good many German Aliens have
to their cost, the practice of
using carrier pigeons (without a
license) just now is very dangerous and

themselves, pigeon-fancying is strictly
prohibited. It is good reason for this pre-
scription that such feathered messengers can
convey information and correspon-
dence in this country.

It is discovered belonging to an
alien, or else killed. How
information will be gathered from
which appeared in a morning

was seen to alight on the
barracks at Dorchester,
and German and Austrian
quarters.

it, and under its wing was
written in German!"
shown, a Proclamation

(men) to keep car-
riers without permission

and raid.
Central Armies have
themselves of
posts. The first

can country to
has been
and training stations
established for

purpose in 1871.

the early experi-

from successful,

owing to the

and that in the

main unsuit-

able birds

were used.

The most

secret

and suc-

cessful

is that known

as the "Homing

occupants, were established
of these birds were employed
authorities for transmitting

Among the Belgians pigeon-

flying clubs have been

Until the present

rupted the sport

little village in the

its own "Society"

Every year, too, a

tional competition

sented by King Am

to be covered was

many as 1,000

known to compete.

Since Russia first

ple, the system

military pigeon-

adopted by Ger

France, Italy, Bul

and Portugal.

perhaps, partly

the movement

the large

Thus, for years

a sum of £1,000

has been set

of the milita

in the

and develop

such a service

200,000 feather

gers are now

more than 1,000

tums" and instr

theatre of war. Bes

pigeons, all trained

civilians, even the pets

schoolgirls are car

numbers