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C T Freight, Melbourne, assist in shipping a striking bronze statue of a leaping Australian Light Horseman that will be the centrepiece of a new memorial honouring the WWI legends

Renowned Melbourne sculptor Peter Corlett has spent two years crafting the figure in his Fitzroy foundry.

The sculpture will be formally unveiled at the new Park of the Australian Soldier at Beersheba in Israel next month. The statue is of a mounted horseman, with bayonet drawn, leaping over Turkish sandbags. It represents one of the most famous cavalry charges in history, which took place at the site in 1917.



Larger than life: Loading at CT Freight Melbourne & Peter Corlett with his vivid bronze sculpture of an Australian Light Horseman.

Corlett has created other famous statues, including Phar Lap, Weary Dunlop and, most recently, the four bronzed entertainers at Docklands. The final touches were being applied to the 1.5-tonne figure yesterday. It will be packed up tomorrow and flown to Israel for the official dedication of the park by Governor-General Michael Jeffery on April 28.

The sculpture and the park is an initiative of the Pratt Foundation. It will honour the brave charge in the Sinai Desert 91 years ago when an Australian military legend was born.

Late on October 31, 1917, Brigadier General William Grant led the charge of 800 soldiers from the Australian 4th and 12th Light Horse Brigades at the Turkish trenches, capturing the wells of Beersheba.

The statue is 10 per cent bigger than life size. Only the constraints of getting it crated and into the hold of a jumbo jet limited its size,



Corlett said. Corlett rated the intricate artwork as one of his finest. "I love the motion and the movement," he said. It will be placed on an elevated triangular plinth in Beersheba.

Veterans' Affairs Minister Alan Griffin will also attend the dedication ceremony. "The sculpture captures the essence of a Light Horseman charging at full speed. It is magnificent," he said. Pratt Foundation spokesman Sam Lipski said the organisation was delighted. "We're stunned out of our brains, to be honest. We're very happy," Mr Lipski said

CSCL, OOCL, ANL upgrade north Asia-Australia AANA service

CHINA Shipping Container Line (CSCL), Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL) and ANL Singapore Pte Ltd (ANL) have announced that they will upgrade their ANL/ ACE North Asia (AANA) service on the Japan, Korea, China (including Taiwan) route to Australia. The upgraded AANA service will operate from May with five 4,250-TEU vessels on a 35-day round-trip voyage. Previously, the service operated with six 2,500-TEU vessels. This will significantly reduce the transit times from major Asian markets to the East Coast of Australia by an average of four days, according to a CSCL statement. "The upgrade further highlights the commitment of the operators to provide the best service levels to their customers," it said. Port rotation will be northbound, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Yokohama, Osaka, Busan, Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung, and then southbound to Yokohama, Osaka, Busan, Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung, Melbourne Sydney and Brisbane.

Viva re-appoints cargo GSA



Viva Macau has decided to re-appoint a GSA to handle its air freight ex Australia. Effective 01 April, European Cargo Services will again represent the Macau-based airline in Australia through sub agent GSA Cargo Services, managed by Donna Mayne.

Australian forwarders demand new wording on IATA contract

THE Australian Federation of International



Forwarders (AFIF) has expressed dissatisfaction with the wording of the new IATA Conditions of Contract that came into force recently under IATA Resolution 600B.

AFIF wants further wording be to added to the face of the forwarder HAWB (or Neutral AWB, where used as a House Airway Bill or HAWB). The federation said in a statement that the new wording would better explain the conditions of contract regarding carriage.

It is as follows: "The Conditions of Contract on the reverse hereof, including the Conditions of Carriage referred to in those Conditions of Contract, apply not only to carriage between airport of departure and airport of destination but also to all other carriage referred to in those Conditions of Contract and all other services provided by the carrier." Brian Lovell, the chief executive of AFIF, was cited as saying that the additional wording had been suggested to members because the new IATA Conditions of Contract do not adequately define the term "Carriage" for their protection.

The new Conditions of Contract have required freight forwarders to review their trading conditions and the application of those conditions to the services which they provide to their customers, a report by Perth-based Air Cargo Pacific Asia said.

The new provisions in the Conditions of Contract make reference to the Montreal Convention in addition to the Warsaw Convention, and treat 250 French gold francs as the conversion equivalent of 17 Special Drawing Rights (SDR). Also, Clause 4 relating to the carriers' liability limitation has been changed by the replacement of a limitation of US\$20 per kilogramme by a per kilogramme monetary limit as set out in the carriers tariffs or general conditions of carriage, provided that that monetary limit, where it is less than SDR17 per kilogramme, will not apply for carriage to or from the US, it said.

Qantas to increase services to US to 47 from March 27



AUSTRALIA's Qantas Airways has unveiled plans to operate a record 47 services to the United States each week, starting from March 27, when it commences new services from Brisbane and Sydney. As a result, the new return services will be: two per week between Brisbane and Los Angeles from March 27 and April 1; one per week between Sydney and Los Angeles from March 30; and one per week between Sydney and Honolulu from April 5."

This latest increase in capacity confirms our confidence in the growth potential of this important international route," said general manager John Borghetti. "Additional services from Brisbane will see Qantas offer a daily, non-stop service between Queensland and California for the first time," he said.

Mr Borghetti said that in addition to Qantas services between Australia and the US, the airline also offered customers access to Canadian and Mexican destinations. "With our codeshare partners American Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Horizon Air and Mexicana, Qantas customers can connect to 12 destinations in the US, nine in Canada and four in Mexico," he said. "Qantas also codeshares on LAN services between Sydney and Santiago, Chile, and plans to commence services to a South American destination in its own right by the end of 2008." Following the commencement of the new US services,

Qantas will offer 17 services per week from Sydney to Los Angeles; 14 services per week from Melbourne to Los Angeles; a daily service from Brisbane to Los Angeles; five services per week from Sydney to San Francisco; a daily service from Sydney to New York, via Los Angeles; and four services per week from Sydney to Honolulu. "Qantas will further enhance its US services in October, when it operates its first A380 services from Australia to Los Angeles," Mr Borghetti added.

Customs warns of ICS outage

Australian Customs has advised the Integrated Cargo System (ICS) will be cutting over to new IT facilities on 12-13 April. Customs expects the move to take approximately 10 hours. The ICS will be unavailable from Saturday 12 April at 16.00hrs AEST to Sunday 13 April at 0200hrs AEST. The "Broker Import Summary Report" will not run on Saturday 12 April or Sunday 13 April, however it is expected to be available again on Monday 14 April.

Customs acknowledges the impact this outage may have on industry being able to meet cargo reporting obligations during this time. It has urged brokers and forwarders wherever possible to report cargo 'due to be reported during the outage period' to instead report prior to the outage. EDI users will still be able to send messages during the outage period, but users should be aware that these messages will be queued and not processed until such time as the ICS comes on line again. A spokesperson for Customs said the migration of services is being staggered to minimise any risk to industry and other stakeholders. From an industry perspective, interfacing with Customs cargo business systems will remain the same. There is no general requirement to change certificates, IP addresses or email addresses. The only exception is for those clients with a direct connection to the existing Burwood (NSW) data centre. All affected direct connection clients have been contacted and their change requirements are being addressed.

If you have a query you can contact industryengagement@customs.gov.au



CT Freight throws weight behind Australian Boxing

Junior Talipeau is aged 23 years, is a local church leader and lives in Caringbah NSW with his wife Amy. By day, Junior is a painter and personal trainer who, as time permits, trains after work to further his professional boxing career. A boxer with an orthodox stance; yet left handed, Junior commenced his

professional middleweight boxing career in March 2006.

Training under Al Sykes in boxing gyms at Kogarah and Caringbah NSW, Junior has been fortunate to spar with two of Australia's great boxers, Kostya Tszu and Anthony Mundine. Thus far Junior has won all 10 of his pro fights, 3 by TKO and along the way, has won the World Boxing Foundation Asia Pacific Middleweight title and the Australian Middleweight title.

Clive Thomas, of C T Freight, has lent his support as Junior has climbed the middleweight boxing ranks to his present ranking of 62 out of 952 in the world. Junior defends his Australian Middleweight title on Friday 4th April 2008 at the Croatian Club here at Punchbowl NSW, against William Hadlow of Queensland.

On this Friday night there will be three title fights, two of which will be world title contests and a big crowd is expected for this televised event. The promoter has requested a three fight option from the winner of Junior's Australian Middleweight title defence and if Junior successfully defends his title, he expects to be fighting overseas in the not too distant future. Fighting overseas will provide Junior with the opportunity to further develop his skills against the best in the world and to secure the financial rewards on offer for such fights.



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