The tunnel was closed on 25 September 1913, and was utilised for growing mushrooms. During World War 2 it was used by the RAAF to store 500 LB. bombs and chemical weapons including mustard gas. The facility was known as No. 2 Sub Depot of No. 1 Central Reserve RAAF and was vacated by the RAAF after the war. It features in the 'Alcatraz Down Under' episode of 'Cities of the Underworld' on the History Channel.

In the Blue Mountains Tourist magazine Autumn 2018 in an article titled “Lapstone and a Shoe Maker” by Paul Innes he has, During World War Two, the old Lapstone Tunnel was used to store munitions,….”

State Heritage Register

Glenbrook Railway and World War Two Mustard Gas Storage Tunnel

History Historical Notes:

It was apparently initially used by the RAAF to store 500lbs bombs.

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The RAAF’s No. 1 Storage Reserve stored 500lb bombs in the tunnel, and then chemical weapons including mustard gas, establishing the storage facility on a concrete floor,…….

### Mushrooms and Bombs

The last train ran through the tunnel in 1913. Subsequently it was leased for mushroom growing, which continues to the present day. During World War 2 it was used by the RAAF to store 500lb bombs, then chemical weapons including mustard gas. The RAAF laid a concrete floor.

Martin, David. ["Glenbrook's old Railway Tunnel - Blue Mountains"](http://infobluemountains.net.au/rail/lower/glen-tunnel-old.htm). *infobluemountains.net.au*. Blue Mountains Railway Pages.

You can also follow the stairs up to the old zig-zag railway formation at Top Points and the defunct Lucasville Platform. From here you can then follow the middle road down to Knapsack Quarry and the highway. On reaching the highway, continue south to Skarratt Park South, and the old Glenbrook Tunnel. The last train ran through the Glenbrook Tunnel in 1913. During World War 2 it was used by the RAAF to store 500lb bombs and then chemical weapons including mustard gas. Today it is used for growing mushrooms.

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