

MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWSLETTER

Inside is a copy of a letter (self-explanatory sent by our Society to Morwell City Council. A copy has also been sent to individual councillors.

We also reprint an article from the Melbourne "Age" on the 'Auchterlonie Collection' and we draw your attention to the 'Marvellous Letters of Melbourne' project being run by the 'Herald-Sun'. Perhaps we could compile a collection of 'Marvellous Letters of Morwell' - your Secretary will be pleased to receive any contributions.

Guest speaker at our July meeting will be Mr. John Irving who is a descendant of the first teacher at Commercial Rd. State School and is also connected with the Donaldson family, well-known in Morwell for many years.

Please remember to pay your membership subscriptions if you haven't already done so - \$7 a single, \$10 a couple or family.

We were pleased to receive a complimentary copy of "Hard to Go Bung"; the story of post World War 2 soldier settlement in Victoria, from the Rural Finance Corporation. This book has been added to our library and is available for members to borrow.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY JULY 21st

Letter to Councillors

2 Harold St.

Morwell 3840

June 25 1992

Dear Councillor.....

This is a cry for help!

You probably saw Morwell Historical Society's display of photographs, documents etc. at the recent Municipal Centenary celebrations. It created tremendous interest among the residents of Morwell and we were gratified at its reception.

We think that our Photographer/Archivist, Eric Lubcke, did an outstanding job in putting together that display, considering the difficulties under which he has to work.

The photographs, negatives, newspapers and maps are at present stored in very cramped conditions in Eric's home. The photographs should be stored in acid-free pockets in special cabinets in order to preserve them. They should be indexed and the negatives made available to people and organisations wanting copies. None of this is possible at present because we have nowhere to keep filing cabinets, indexes, etc.

We have a small but valuable collection of historic documents - original school rolls, minute books, record books etc. - which are stored in boxes in members' garages. This is no way to treat valuable documents but we have nowhere else to put them.

We have been offered many historically significant items - tools and implements, trophies, books etc. - which we have had to decline because we have nowhere to keep them. If this situation does not change, many of these items, which are part of our Morwell heritage, will be lost for good.

The remaining 500 or so copies of our successful book "Glimpses of Our Past" are at present stored (thanks to the generosity of Mr. Bob Drennen) at Gippsland Printers' workshop, but the time is fast approaching when we will have to find storage for them elsewhere.

We desperately need a home! We have money to buy furniture and there are members willing to put time into cataloguing and preserving our collection but we must have somewhere to house it.

We have requested assistance from Council officers in this matter on a number of occasions over the past four years but we have never received a written reply. We were given to understand, at one stage, that we would be able to use the record room at the old Town Hall for

storage but this has not so far been forthcoming.

Can you help us? We feel that this Municipal Centenary year would be an appropriate time for Morwell Council to set up an archival storage area where items of significance to this municipality can be preserved for posterity. Our choice for this would be the old St. Mary's Anglican Church in Commercial Rd. School grounds. This would make an ideal museum and we ask you to consider the possibility of obtaining a lease on it for that purpose some time in the future.

Meanwhile, our most pressing need is a secure room where we can preserve and, if possible, display our collection for the benefit of the residents of our City.

We are therefore asking for the use of some part of the old Town Hall - either the record room, or, if this is not available, the foyer and adjoining rooms previously used by the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

We believe that a historical display in the old Town Hall could become an added tourist attraction in Morwell (especially given its proximity to the Centenary Rose Garden) as well as providing a resource for students and a source of interest and pride for the general public.

We have sent a copy of this letter to each City Councillor, as well as one addressed to Council as a whole and we hope that you will give our request consideration at the next meeting of Council.

Yours sincerely,



L.W. Bond, President



E. McMaster, Hon. Secretary

Morwell Historical Society Inc.

On behalf of the Committee and members.

100 YEARS AGO

The Maryvale Eucalyptus Factory.

In these dull times it is very gratifying to find a new industry springing up our midst which is likely to give employment to several persons, as well as making a thickly green timbered paddock rather valuable than otherwise, if it happened to be owned by an enterprising gentleman like Mr. Robert Mercer, the proprietor of the Maryvale Eucalyptus factory. This establishment is situated in one of Mr. Crinnigan's paddocks, about 2½ miles from Morwell, and owned by Mr. Robert Mercer, who explained to us, last Saturday the process by which the oil was obtained from the leaves. First of all, he said, the large trees are lopped, and the small ones felled, the leaves are then picked off and put on to a large square piece of hessian. When this is full the corners are all tied together, and the leaves taken to the factory, where they are weighed. The price paid to the pickers is so much per 100lb, and for the purpose of picking it would require some 15 or 20 men when the factory was in full working order. Mr. Mercer would be willing to take leaves from any of the farmers sons who in their spare time could pick some, and thus make a few shillings pocket money. After the leaves are weighed they are steamed, and to pass through this process they are placed into two large square tanks called the distilling tanks. These tanks are about 2 feet apart, each one having a sieve-like false bottom, under which are two cross pipes full of steam-jets. These are connected with the boiler by a pipe which is joined to the centre of another cross one, the ends of which are connected with the pipes running under the false bottom. As the leaves are on this bottom, the steam passes through them to the top of the tank, on the top of which is a large cover with a copper pipe leading to a copper worm which is placed in a round tank filled with cold water. This tank is called the condensing tank. As the steam from the leaves passes through this worm it is cooled and runs out of a pipe at the bottom as oil. When no more oil can be obtained out of one tank the steam is shut off by a valve, and the top lifted off on to the top of the other distilling tank, and the steam turned on. The tank with the old leaves is then taken out of a large door and the leaves emptied out. It is then filled again with new leaves and replaced. This process is done alternately with the distilling tanks, and kept up all day long. Mr. Mercer expects to have his factory at work during this week. We wish him every success.

Advertiser
15-7-1892

Morwell Total Abstinence Society.

On Monday evening last, in the Wesleyan Church, the annual business meeting of the above-named society was held. There was a good attendance of members, Mr. Hamilton (president) being in the chair.

The Chairman reported that since their last meeting a very successful public temperance meeting had been held in the Mechanics' Institute, at which an eloquent address was delivered by Mr. W. D. V. Reid, the Rev. A. McDonald presiding, and the Revs. Carlton and Francis also taking part.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, the result being as follows:—President, Mr. Hamilton (re-elected); treasurer, Mr. Chambers; and secretary, Mr. W. Seccombe, each of whom were unanimously elected to the respective offices.

The following ladies and gentlemen were elected the committee for the year:—Messrs Chambers, Johnston, Noar, Kinder; Misses Noar, Tulloch, Chambers, Johnston; and Messrs Cooper, D. Cooper, R. Tulloch, Kinder and C. Bell.

The Revs. A. McDonald, J. Francis, W. J. Carlton and Mr. W. D. V. Reid were elected ex officio members of the committee.

The Secretary was instructed to furnish a report of the meeting to the press.

It was resolved that the public temperance meetings be held in future monthly, on the nearest Tuesday to the full moon, at 8 p.m., and that the next public meeting be held on Tuesday week the 12th inst.

Several new members were admitted to the society.

A sub-committee consisting of the President, treasurer, secretary, Mrs. Chambers and Miss Noar were appointed to arrange a programme for the next public meeting.

This concluded the business of the evening.

Ladies don't forget that Maxwell Bros. are the cheapest and best Drapers in Morwell.

Tremendous Excitement now on at Maxwell Bros Morwell.

Advertiser
1-7-1892

SPORTING.

FOOTBALL.

MORWELL V. YINNAR.

A match between the above clubs was played on Saturday last on Mr. O'Hara's ground near Yinnar, resulting in an easy victory for the Morwell team, the score being Morwell, 4 goals 12 behinds; Yinnar, 1 goal 1 behind. Morwell had their strongest team.

FOSSILS V. MORWELL CLUB.

On Wednesday afternoon last a match between the married men of Morwell and district and the Morwell club took place on the Snow ground. The weather was most unpropitious and the ground in a very sloppy condition. Indeed the weather was so bad that play had to be discontinued at half-time, the game then standing, fossils one goal to Morwell's nil. Many of the players were in fancy costume, Mr. Rollason emulating the dusky savage on his war horse, "Robin," whilst Messrs. Whelan, J. Murdoch and P. Lyne also represented the negro class. Mr. P. Keegan appeared as a swagman "humping bluey," whilst Mr. B. Mather created great diversion by his antics as a member of the "foote." The play on the married men's side was of course exceedingly good, but they were greatly handicapped by the absence of such well-known athletes as Messrs. Theobald, Godridge, Cummins and Laidlaw. Mr. J. Harris, however, did great service for his side, and more than once gained the plaudits of the spectators for his sensational runs. The only goal kicked was due to the brilliant play of Mr. Harris, who came through his men like a traction engine and sent the ball whistling through the sticks by a splendid kick before his opponents knew what he was but. Mr. Wm. Murdoch is also deserving of notice for at one time he magnanimously rushed in and kicked a behind for the other side. It was not his fault it was not a goal. Mr. W. Marshall too was most assiduous in his endeavours to show his prowess at the game and at one time collared a man who was a hundred yards from the ball because he says, he looked as though he was going after it. Mr. W. Robinson immortalized himself by falling on Donald, whilst Mr. C. Davey proved himself worthy of a Melbourne team by having a go at every one he came in contact with, irrespective of where the ball was. Mr. Bruton who captained the team, carefully placed his men at the start and ten minutes afterwards they were all following. The married men were urged on to greater exertions by scores of their own and other people's progeny yelling out "go in fossils," "knock em down fossils" and so forth. Altogether it was a pleasant game, except that it was a little one-sided, the Benedicts literally walking over their opponents. We had almost forgotten to mention that Messrs J. Donaldson and Beach played for the married men, which resulted in a protest being entered, which however was dismissed on the ground that if they were not married, it was time they were. A similar match will take place on Wednesday week, when all will be in fancy costume.

Advertiser
22-7-1892

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SHIRE
OF MORWELL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I have the honor to announce that I am a Candidate for municipal honors in the new Shire of Morwell. Seeing that I have resided amongst you for 11 years, and having a practical knowledge of the wants of the Shire, I respectfully solicit your support and interest, and can assure you that should you do me the honor to return me, I will do all in my power to forward the interests of the whole of the district.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours Faithfully,
WILLIAM TULLOCH.

SHIRE OF MORWELL.

TO THE RATEPAYERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I beg to inform you that I am a candidate for the position of Local Auditor to the new Shire of Morwell, and should you do me the honor to return me, I will do my utmost to satisfactorily and honourably fulfil the duties pertaining to the office.

I am Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours Faithfully,
JOSEPH B. MILLER.

SHIRE OF MORWELL.

TO THE RATEPAYERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I have the honor of announcing that I am a candidate seeking to represent you in the newly constituted Shire of Morwell, the election for the first council of which takes place in August next. Should you think me capable of looking after your interests at the council board, I respectfully solicit your vote and interest, and will strive to realise your anticipations.

I am Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours Obediently,
DONALD SHAW.

SHIRE OF MORWELL.

TO THE RATEPAYERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
At the request of a number of Ratepayers, I have decided to become a Candidate for a seat in the Shire of Morwell at the forthcoming election in August. If elected as one of your representatives, I pledge myself to do my utmost to promote the interests of the ratepayers of the Shire, irrespective of locality.

I am Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours Faithfully,
M. MULCARE.

SHIRE OF MORWELL.

TO THE RATEPAYERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I beg to announce myself as a Candidate for a seat at the Council table for the new Shire of Morwell. In so doing I may point out that I have been long identified with the various interests of the shire, and am confident that if returned, I could conscientiously perform the duties of a councillor. Trusting to receive your votes and interest.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours Faithfully,
C. F. BATES.

From Morwell Advertiser
July 15, 1892

TO THE RATEPAYERS

OF THE

SHIRE OF MORWELL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—It is my intention of becoming a candidate for the above shire, concerning which I will see you latter on. Should you do me the honor of electing me as one of your representatives, I pledge myself to attend to the interests throughout the whole shire.

I am, ladies and gentlemen,
Yours Faithfully,
WM. MURDOCH.

SHIRE OF MORWELL.

To the Ratepayers.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

In response to the request of many of my friends and supporters I have determined to contest the coming election for a seat in the newly constituted Shire of Morwell. Although my tenure of office as a councillor in the Traralgon Shire has been brief you have had ample opportunity to judge whether I am fitted for the position. As for myself I can only say that if I have failed to realise the expectations of those who returned me as their representative it is through no fault of mine, for I have endeavoured to fulfil my pledges to the ratepayers faithfully, and to the best of my ability, and should you do me the honor to return me as one of your representatives in the first Council of the Morwell Shire I will still strive to act in the best interests of ratepayers.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
BERT. TURNLEY.

SHIRE OF MORWELL.

To the Ratepayers.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to announce that I am a Candidate for the position of Local Auditor to the Shire of Morwell at the forthcoming election, and to assure you that should you honor me with your confidence I will use my utmost endeavours to faithfully discharge the duties pertaining to that office.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours Obediently,
D. MACMILLAN.

SHIRE OF MORWELL.

TO THE RATEPAYERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
I beg to announce that it is my intention to offer my services as one of your Representatives at the forthcoming Election. Having had the honor of representing you for the last 12 years in the Traralgon Council, should I think be a sufficient guarantee that I will fully attend to your wants in future. I have therefore to request that support which you have hitherto so generously accorded me.

I am Ladies and Gentlemen,
Faithfully Yours,
EDMOND KELLEHER.

Candidates
in the election
for Morwell's
first Shire Council



LAHEY AT LARGE

JOHN LAHEY

Historians will fall with joy on an astonishing collection of Australian Light Horse memorabilia that has emerged from an old tin trunk in Morwell. Probably its most valuable part is 1500 photographs and negatives that, except for one, have never been published.

The collection is the work of one man, George Auchterlonie, of the 8th Light Horse Regiment, who died in 1949. He was a compulsive collector. He began saving things on the day he enlisted in 1915 and continued saving them until he was discharged in 1920.

Parts of the collection will go on show next month, fittingly in the 75th anniversary year of the Light Horse's most famous engagement, the charge at Beersheba in 1917. Auchterlonie was there, but as a reserve.

Throughout his time in the Middle East and on leave in Europe, Auchterlonie kept a continuous diary. He wrote 105 letters and 100 postcards. He saved theatre programs that he acquired on leave. He saved poems, train tickets, leave passes, the program of the 1919 Dublin horse show, the names of Dame Nellie Melba's songs at the Royal Albert Hall in

1919, and the troop-ship's journal on his way back home. He was like a bower bird.

From Auchterlonie alone it is possible to know what the 8th Light Horse men ate, what illnesses laid them low, what they thought of officers, what they thought of each other and what names they gave their horses, which were the speedy and hardy New South Wales breed, the walers. Auchterlonie's horse was Paddy.

His mates had horses with names such as Pompei, Ragtime, Pluto, Sammy, Charlie, Gun Pack, Jack, Tommy, Dick, Knucky, Jean, Mick, Ginger and Jacko. Auchterlonie recorded the hoof number, color and sex of each horse. He wrote down the name of every man in his squadron, the name of his horse and the number of his rifle.

Auchterlonie even left the printed instructions the men were given if they were to have sexual intercourse so far from home.

His collection has been sorted out by his daughter-in-law, Gloria Auchterlonie, of Morwell, and parts of it will go on public show in Gippsland. Mrs Auchterlonie says that probably the only photograph of the 1500 that has been published is the one in Patsy Adam-Smith's book 'The Anzacs', showing the Light Horse entering Damascus. It moved into public circulation several years ago, because George Auchterlonie gave a copy of it to the State Library of Victoria.



George Auchterlonie



Glen and Gloria Auchterlonie: his father was a compulsive collector.

One important thing about the Australian soldier's jacket in the First World War was that nothing glinted in the sun. The buttons, badges and the word "Australia" were brass, oxidised to dull black. Along with the jacket's looseness, this design was deliberate. Glints could alert the enemy.

So you can almost feel Sergeant George Auchterlonie's quiet fury when he recorded that English officers forced men of the 8th Australian Light Horse Regiment to polish their spurs in Palestine. The Light Horse had worked out how to cope with any marauding enemy pilot, but spurs glinting in the desert negated it all.

George Auchterlonie, the man whose treasure-trove of Light Horse memorabilia has now become public, gives the strong impression in his diaries, letters and notebooks that the Australians despised English officers. He is not the first.

In one letter to his father in March 1918, from camp, Auchterlonie wrote: "There is a big shivoo on today, the Duke of Connaught is here and our division is out on review — I'll bet there is some harsh swearing and they'll be lucky if they don't count him out. The boys hate that sort of thing and won't do their drill properly — there is a 'Tommy' general over us and they love him like poison so that makes matters worse."

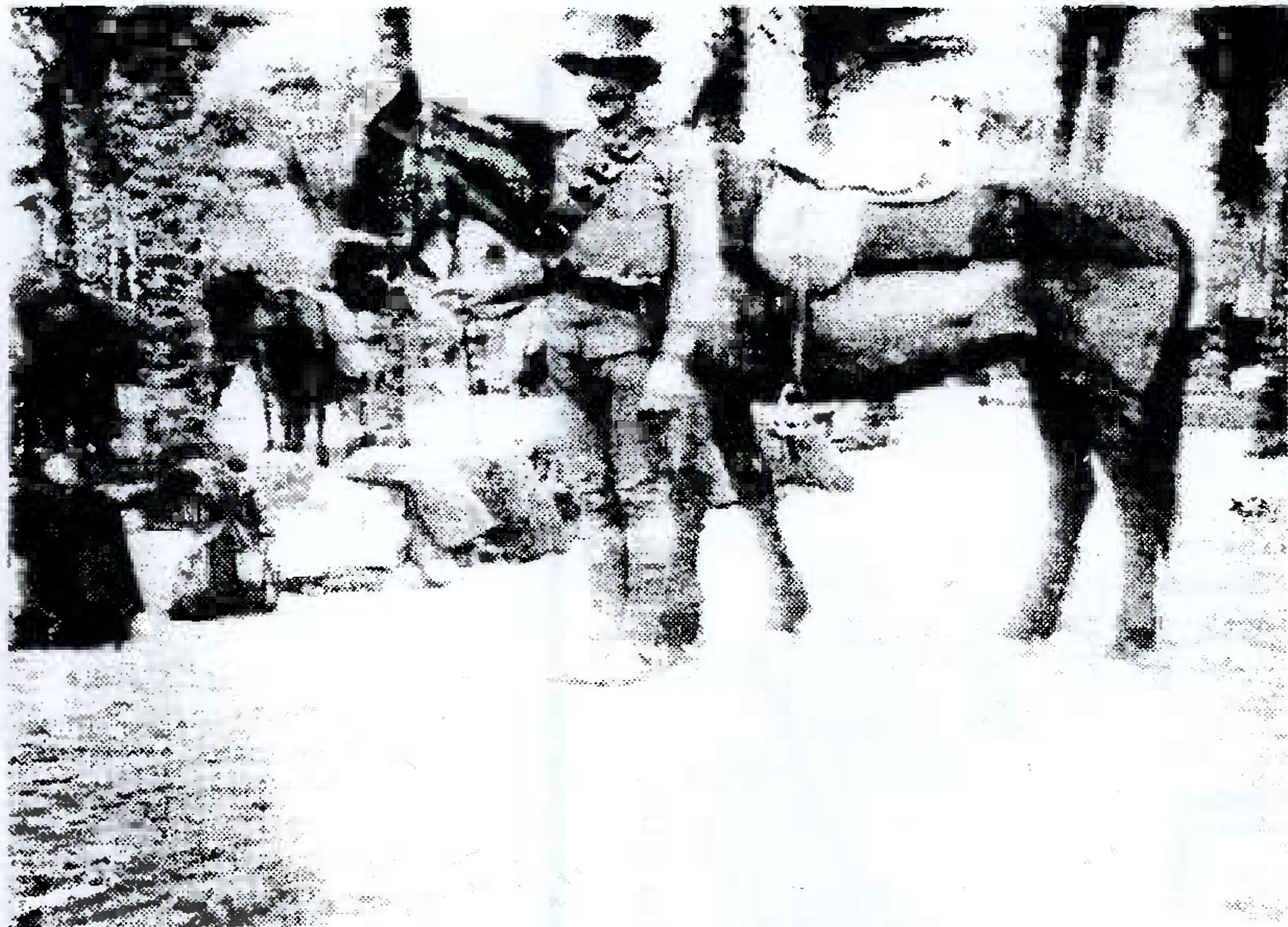
The word "shivoo" is almost out of the language now. So is "Billjim" for Australian soldier. So are dozens of other expressions in Sergeant Auchterlonie's writings, which span from 1915, when he enlisted, to 1920, when he was discharged.

Photographs of him show an open-faced man who was 28 when he enlisted. He was a farmer at Narracan, about 183 centimetres tall, with fair hair and blue eyes. Pictures of him in later life show an authoritative, upright man walking in Morwell beside the visiting Duke of Gloucester. Mr Auchterlonie was at that stage president of the Morwell shire. You'd trust him with your last two bob.

In later years, his daughter-in-law, Gloria, became the shire president. After George Auchterlonie died, aged 62 in 1949, the tin trunk in which he had stored his memorabilia was kept a time under a bed at the farm where his daughter, Frances Lipscombe, lived in Duffield. Then it went into the garage. Then it came to the house of Gloria and Gien Auchterlonie in Morwell.

It was Gloria who began investigating the contents in 1985. When she opened the trunk, "I realised the historical worth of it". But it was not until 1990, when she was recovering from illness, that Mrs Auchterlonie found the leisure to move the trunk to a spare bedroom and investigate almost full-time. She still has a few things to do before everything is classified or matched. This two-year time-span gives you some idea of the quantity and variety of the material.

Enter Allan Box, a lecturer in education at Monash University College, Gippsland, a man knowledgeable in military history. To cut a long story short, Monash came good with a grant that has enabled him to write a catalogue describing the Auchterlonie collection, to annotate the diaries up to the stage of publication and present an exhibition to the Gippsland people.



George Auchterlonie: he despised English officers.

The collected works — but not the originals — will be housed in the university's centre for Gippsland studies, at Churchill. A public exhibition will be held at the community gallery, La Trobe Valley Arts Centre, from 17 July for three weeks.

Allan Box says the 8th Light Horse (dismounted) was the second of the two regiments that made the disastrous and infamous Gallipoli charge at the Nek in 1915. The other regiment was the 10th, from Western Australia. Both were almost wiped out. Later that year, George Auchterlonie, having done his training at Broadmeadows, joined the 8th in Egypt as part of reinforcements.

"It seems to me that he must have been a sergeant clerk or something similar to have been able to acquire or snaffle all of the information he recorded," Mr Box says. "It was very well organised, described and indexed."

The 8th regiment went through Palestine, taking part in big set battles such as Gaza and Romani. Apart from that, it skirmished, down to the point where men rode out in fours. One would hold the horses while the three others fought. Auchterlonie did not leave vivid descriptions of battles, and he was taciturn about skirmishes — "stunts", he called them. He would record that he had been on a stunt and a mate had been killed, and that was all.

Unknowingly, however, he was strong on personal relations. He was interested in the way people lived and in the things that they found important. It was fascinating to him that when new uniforms arrived after men had fought and slept in the old ones for three years, the officers got first pick. "He viewed officers in a different way to that in which he viewed his mates," Mr Box says. "Officers were not his mates."

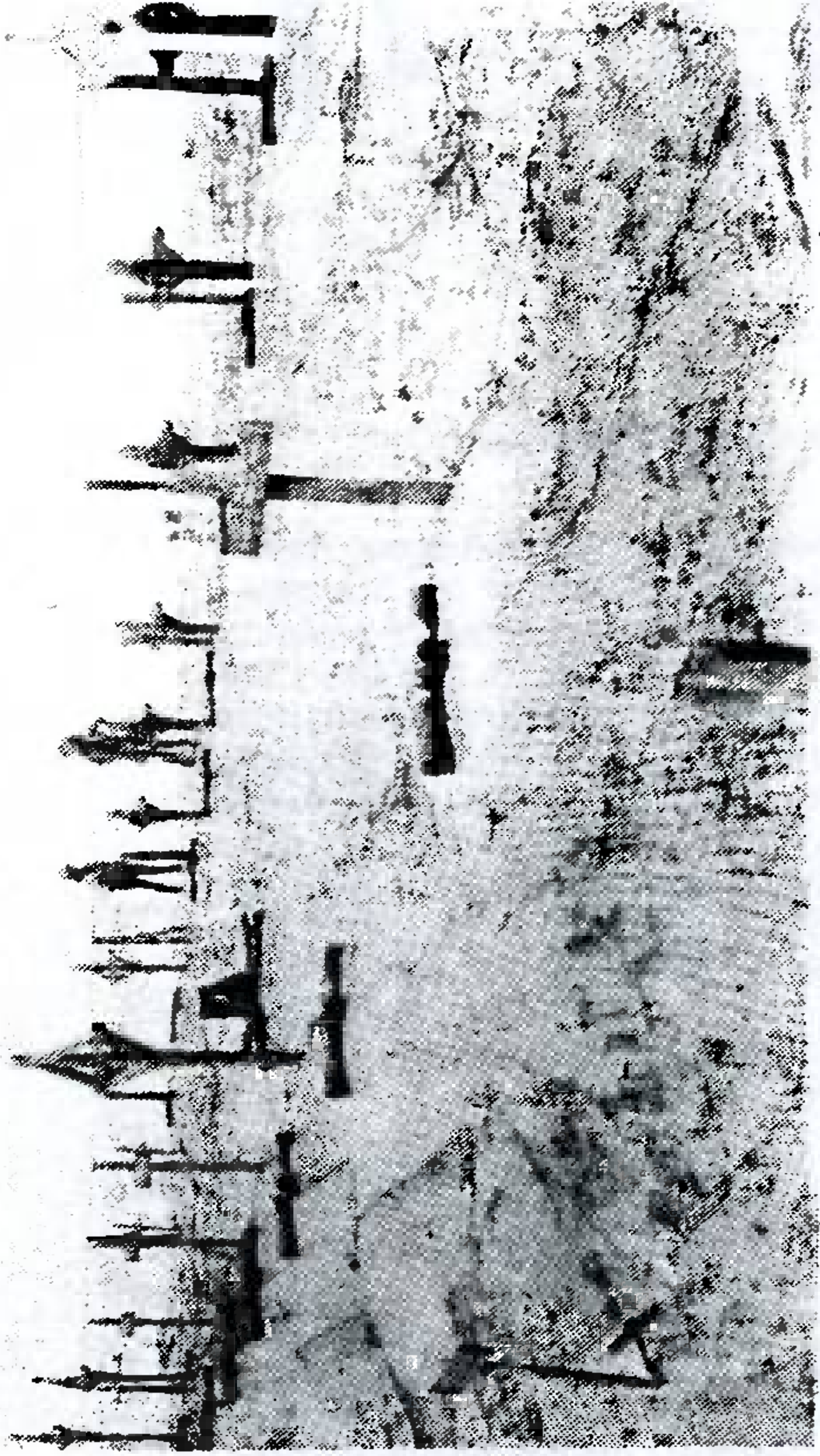
In November 1917, Sergeant Auchterlonie and the rest of the 8th regiment were on the northern wing at Beersheba when the 4th and the 12th made the charge that wrote them into military history. The 8th was in place to draw away any Turkish reinforcements. Auchterlonie wrote later that there had been a lot of skite about the 4th at Beersheba. It had been time the 4th did something, he wrote, because it had been on the other side of the canal while the 8th had been in the thick of it.

Auchterlonie was not an emotional writer. But he came close to it in a letter to his sister Grace in February 1919, describing how he had walked around "all the (Australian) graves with their little barb wire fences and the bedouins ploughing around them". He went on: "They are in good order now and all have crosses, but we will be going away soon and there will be no one within hundreds of miles to look after them. There are lots of little patches of graves I know of between the canal and Damascus and some of the best fellows anyone could wish to meet are in them ..."

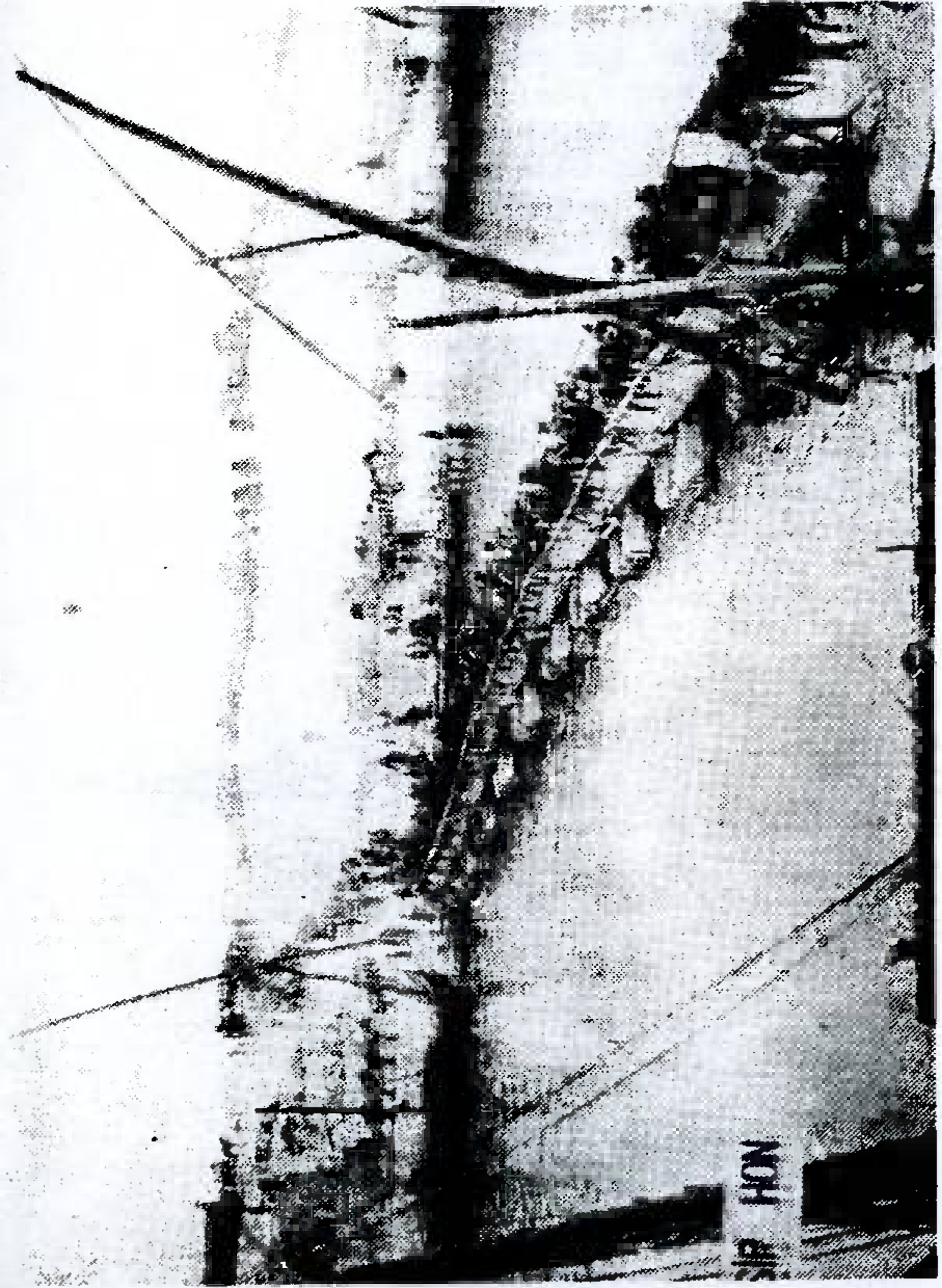
Auchterlonie's diaries are complete except for the first book, which disappeared in Palestine when a thief ransacked his bag. If it has come into anybody's possession (the way these things sometimes do in war), Mr Auchterlonie would be glad to get it back.

*The Auchterlonie Collection
(cont.)*

Some photos
from the
Auchterlonie
Collection
'Age' 9-6-1912



Graves of Australians who died at Rafaron in 1917.



Crossing the River Jordan on a pontoon bridge.



A camp at Belah, April 1917: "The Duke of Connaught is here and our division is out on review -- I'll bet there is some harsh swearing . . . the boys hate that sort of thing."

How Batman bought his land

To Sir George Arthur,
June 25, 1835

I have the honor of reporting to your Excellency... the result of an expedition undertaken by myself at the expense of, and in conjunction with, several gentlemen to Port Phillip, on the south-western point of New Holland, for the purpose of forming an extensive pastoral establishment and combining therewith the civilisation of the native tribes in that part of the country.

On the evening of our arrival at Port Phillip, we saw the native fires at a distance of about five miles. I joined this tribe at about 12 o'clock

and stayed with them until about 12 the next day, during which time I fully explained to them that the object of my visit was to purchase from them a tract of their country; that I intended to settle amongst them with my wife and even daughters; and that I intended to bring sheep and cattle.

The chiefs appeared most fully to comprehend my proposals and much delighted with the prospect of having me live amongst them. I then explained to them the boundaries of the land I wished to purchase, and which are defined by hills, to which they have affixed names.

On the next day, the chiefs proceeded with me to the boundaries and they marked with their own native marks the trees which were at the corners of their boundaries, and they also gave me their own private mark, which is kept sacred, so much so that the women are not allowed to see it.

I have the honor of enclosing herewith a copy of each of the deeds executed by the natives to me, which I confidently trust will most clearly manifest that I have proceeded upon an equitable principle.

— John Batman
(Public Record Office)

TO Chief Secretary, Melbourne, February 18, 1878

IF a Russian iron clad vessel were to appear in Hobson's Bay and some vessel, say the Nelson, previously prepared to do so, could pour five or six hundred gallons of cold water down the steam funnel to reduce the steam pressure in the boiler, the iron clad vessel would be perfectly unmanageable.

They could not work the big guns nor move the vessel nor pump her out and if the process could be

continued only one quarter of a minute it might be continued until you sunk her.

James Beyr Edwards
Melbourne
(Public Records Office)

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Search on for writings

THE search is on for Marvellous Letters of Melbourne.

They are the letters tucked away in shoe boxes or hidden in attics which tell of Melbourne's life and times.

They are the personal accounts and business communications, the postcards and jottings that reveal a city's heart and soul.

Thousands exist in city archives — but how many more are there under beds and in cupboards?

The *Herald-Sun*, Australia Post and Melbourne City Council want to unearth them in celebration of our city.

August 12 marks this city's official 150th anniversary — and the letters will appear in a *Herald-Sun* supplement and in displays at Australia Post's new philatelic centre.

Send them to Marvellous Letters of Melbourne, GPO Box 4544SS, Melbourne, 3001.

● Letters must have been written before 1950. They will not be returned, so send photocopies.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

CGS Annual History Conference

As the theme of this year's conference will be heritage issues, we've decided to hold it at Strathfieldsaye. Speakers will include Graeme Davison, professor of history at Monash University (Clayton) who is also on the council of the National Trust and Miles Lewis, who lectures in architecture at Melbourne University. One of Miles's specialties is early farm building techniques, and he will include examples from Strathfieldsaye in his talk. The conference will be on Saturday 28 November which is also an open day. A full programme and map will be included in the next issue of *Roundup*.

Strathfieldsaye

The CGS is also involved with the 150th celebrations at Strathfieldsaye, the historic property on Lake Wellington now owned by Melbourne University. We are preparing a publication that will serve as a history and a guide to the property. Strathfieldsaye is a remarkably intact collection, consisting of homestead and farm buildings dating from the 1850s, with an extensive garden, and also archival material relating to the property: diaries, letters, ledgers, accounts. Through studying this property, many Gippsland themes are explored - Aboriginal history, squatting, mission stations, changing land-use through to environmental changes to the Gippsland Lakes.

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EXHIBITIONS

MUSEUM OF VICTORIA

An Australian Pilgrimage - From Intolerance to Multi-Culturalism. Muslims in Australia 1960-1990's.

Until 16 August 1992. Examines the many misconceptions about the Muslim community here in Australia and abroad. Objects on display include: Northern Territory Aboriginal bark paintings depicting pioneer Macassan camel drivers, saddlebags and cooking utensils of these Muslims. Puppets, batiks, and costumes can be seen.

Drawing on Nature

Until 30 August. Items gleaned from the Museum's magnificent collection by Paul Fox to illustrate the way a cultural filter has operated on those who have collected and recorded natural history in Australia. On one wall of a long gallery are European representations, on the opposite wall Aboriginal (including some of Donald Thompson's remarkable photographs of the 1930s). Don't miss it.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

Tutu Gorgeous. Until 23 July 1992. Features hundreds of overhead tutus, stage backdrops, and stage props, all in celebration of 30 years at the Australian ballet.

GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM, BENDIGO

The Salvation Army in China.

Until October 1992. The Golden Dragon Museum in conjunction with the Bendigo Branch of the Salvation Army are presenting a spectacular exhibition of the history of the Salvation Army in Australia from its very beginning up to the present day. This exhibition, to be held in the Loong Gallery, will highlight the Salvation Army in China 1917-1926. It will be supported by authentic documentation from many areas and with the co-operation of the Salvation Army who have loaned artefacts, photographs, and various other relevant material.

PERFORMING ARTS MUSEUM

TV Times: 37 Years of Watching Television in Australia.

Until 19 July 1992

A fun and original examination of the realities of TV watching - the programs and personalities on our screens, and its integral role in Australians' lives and lounge rooms since 1956. Authentic period television sets screen our nearly forgotten viewing history.

WORTH BOTTLING?

The Queenscliffe Maritime Centre is holding its second Model Boats Exhibition and Model Boat Competition from 4 to 19 July, 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. All types of models will be represented as well as demonstrations and literature on how to make them.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC CENTRE

The Centre, 321 Exhibition St, Melbourne, offers a pictorial history of landmark events through the colourful world of stamps. There are fascinating displays of vintage postal delivery vehicles, videos on the history of stamp collecting and computers to design your own stamps, and over 90 years of archival material. Guided tours (1 hour) \$3 per adult (\$1 concession). For bookings, contact Ray Bolitho (03) 204 7736.

Australian Gallery of Sport and Olympic Museum

100 Years in Black and White

5 May-31 October 1992

Collingwood Football Club history. Unexpected ephemera, objects, videos.

THE STATE COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BIENNIAL STATE CONFERENCE AND INAUGURAL IAN WOODROFFE LECTURE 1992

SATURDAY AUGUST 29 & SUNDAY AUGUST 30
AT DAYLESFORD

Hosted by Central Highlands Historical Association & Daylesford & District Historical Society

VENUES

Saturday: Daylesford Town Hall

Sunday: Daylesford Museum

THE FOUNDATION OF MELBOURNE?

The arrival of Fawkner's ship Enterprise on 30 August 1835 is to be commemorated this year. There will be a service at St Paul's Cathedral in the morning and a commemoration at the Polly Woodside in the afternoon. We shall have full details in next month's History News, but members may like to put the date in their diaries.

Fawkner himself was not on board the ship on this trip but disembarkation on this date marks the first permanent settlement on the site of Melbourne. The ship tied up opposite the present Customs House at the foot of Market Street.

AUGUST EXCURSION

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL - TUESDAY 18 AUGUST

Help celebrate MELBOURNE 150 by joining the RHSV excursion, a visit to Melbourne Town Hall, on Tuesday 18 August 1992. Meet under the Town Hall portico, Swanston Street at 2.30 p.m. Guided tour and afternoon tea provided. Excursion will finish about 4 p.m., in good time for the 5.15 p.m. lecture at the Royal Mint. Cost \$5 to members of RHSV and affiliated societies, others \$6, payable on booking with the Director RHSV no later than Friday, 7 August. Limit 20 participants: early booking advisable.

The Jewish Museum of Australia

Courage to Care

29 June-24 September 1992

This exhibition is a small tribute to the few, but significant, people who risked their lives during the Holocaust to help save Jews.

Lillydale Museum

The Glory Box: A Chest Full of Hopes and Dreams
To September 1992

The tradition of the glory box. What is a glory box? Where did they come from? Why did so many women have glory boxes? What did they put in them? How have they changed over the years? Did you have one?