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HISTORIAN,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

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From the information in my possession the details in connexion with the late Lieutenant Victor Clive Holyman, R.N.A.S. & R.A.F. would be as follow: —

Born in (place) Devonport, Tas. on (date)

August 27th
??/??/1894 (precise
date required)

Belong to (town or district) Launceston, Tas.

Profession or calling

~~Shipping clerk~~ *Master Mariner*

Lost in "Miss Hobart" aeroplane disaster, 19 Oct. 1934.

It would be appreciated if you would give me, at the earliest possible date, any details which would assist in compiling this information.

Yours faithfully,

C.E.W. Bean
C.E.W. Bean
Historian.

Captain I.N. Holyman, M.C.,
50 High Street,
Launceston, Tasmania.



Confidential

Record of Service

of

Victor Elvie Holyman

Date of Birth : 27th August 1894.

Previous Service : Nil recorded.

Appointments : Temp. Lt Sub Lieut R.N.A.S. 18.6.16
Lieut. A.F.S. R.A.F. 1.4.18.
Transferred to Unemployed list 3.2.20
Relinquished Temporary Commission }
and permitted to retain rank } 1.9.21.

Postings : Crystal Palace 18.6.16.
Chingford 8.7.16
Cranwell 23.10.16
No 3 Wing France 17.11.16.
No 1 " " 9.3.17
Manston 2.10.17
Marleham Heath 29.10.17.
Six months leave (Australia) - 1.18
attached to R. Australian Navy. 5.18.
South Eastern Area 16.9.19.
Transferred to Unemployed list 3.2.20.

Honours & Awards : Nil recorded

Previous Occupation : Apprentice & Mercantile Marine Officer.

Last known address : "Garryville"

High St
Launceston

Tasmania (1920)



Joseph Holt

Miles St.

Hanborne

7. d. . 41.

Please find enclosed Particulars you
require for the Late Joseph Holt.
Hoping same is in order.

Mrs. Emma Holt.

per. Beatrice Hanbrough.

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Born in (place) Charters Towers, on (date) 26 / 1 / 1889 (precise date required)
Belong to (town or district) Q'land Charters Towers, Q'land
Profession or calling Railway employee.
Killed in action 18th Sept. 1918.

It would be appreciated if you would give me, at the earliest possible date, any details which would assist in compiling this information.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Emma Holt,
C/o Mrs. Beatrice Naibrough,
Miles Street,
Hawthorne,
BRISBANE, N.E. 1.

C. E. W. Bean

(C. E. W. BEAN),

Historian.

26 January 1889. ✓

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Mrs. Emma Holt,
C/o Mrs P. West,
Sturt Street,
Townsville,
QUEENSLAND.



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Q'land date required)
Belong to (town or district) Charters Towers, Q'land.
Profession or calling Railway employee.

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Profession or calling Railway employee.

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Emma Holt,
52 Sutton Street,
Kangaroo Point,
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Historian.

24th March, 1941.

Madam,

the late Joseph Holt (No 4316; 15th Battalion)

Charters Towers, ??/??/1889 (precise
 Q'land date required)
 Charters Towers, Q'land.

Railway employee.

Mrs. Emma Holt,
 C/o Mrs P. West,
 Sturt Street,
 Townsville,
 QUEENSLAND.

address

~~Dr~~ Q'ld Repat ~~list~~

Try 52 Sutton St.
 Kangaroo Point.
 Brisbane

Q'ld. sent 15/4/41

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 Hawthorne
 NE, Brisbane
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24th Dec. 1940.

Madam,

the late Lieutenant Norman Richard Holt, (21st
Battalion)

Flemington, Vic.

??/??/1890 (precise
date required)

Moonee Ponds, Vic.

Clerk.

Killed in action 1st Sept. 1918.

Mrs. T. Holt,
9 London Place,
St. Clements,
ENGLAND.

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~~Leut Arthur Reginald) HOLT HOUSE~~
432 Brighton Road
Seacliff, S.A.
20 August 1958

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Victoria Barracks
Paddington, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

The Late Reginald Arthur Holthouse
Royal Flying Corps (formerly) 6868 Private
15 Field Ambulance A.I.F.

I am in receipt of your inquiry of 18 inst
for which I thank you.

I have pleasure in supplying details
as under:

Born at Riverton, S.A. 28 May 1885.

He later resided at East Terrace, Adelaide S.A.

Employed by International Correspondence
School as canvasser.

Afterwards joined Gilbert & Sullivan
Opera Company, touring South Africa
New Zealand & South Australia.

Trained at Mekham Camp, S.A.
embarked at Melbourne with the

15th Field Ambulance for Egypt.
It later transferred to 42nd Squadron
Royal Flying Corps was killed in
action 15 April 1918.

Any further information required
will be supplied with pleasure.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
R. J. Hollis

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7 July 1938.

Sir,

the late Lieutenant Arthur Reginald Holthouse, Royal
Flying Corps (formerly 6868, Private, 15th Field
Ambulance, A.I.F.)

Riverton, S.A.

??/??/1885 (precise
date required)

Adelaide, S.A. (? suburb)

Salesman

Killed in action, 10 April 1918.

H.A. Holthouse, Esq.,
"The Briars",
Kapunda, S.Aust.

*Readdressed (12/8/38) to
Mrs. R J Holthouse (nurse)
of N Rankine St
432 Brighton Rd
Seachiff SA*

ANDERSON, Private WILLIAM WALTER (no. 2103; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 21 August 1915.

ATRIDGE, Private ARTHUR SYDNEY (no. 2250; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 8 August 1915.

BACKUS, Private THOMAS HENRY (No. 5253; 14th Battalion)
Died of illness, 26 May 1916.

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~~MINNEM~~, Private JOHN JOSEPH (No. 1916; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 8 August 1915.

BOWLEY, Private WILHEMY (No. 2120; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 8 August 1915.

BATCH, Private OLIVER ARNOLD (No. 1569; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 8 August 1915.

CUBITT, Corporal ALBERT (No. 839; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 8 August 1915.

CURNOW, Private LEONARD GILCHRIST (No. 1526; 14th Battalion)
Died of illness, 8 September 1915.

DAVEY, Private ROLAND GEORGE (No. 1669; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 27 August 1915.

EDMUNDS, Private SAMUEL HENRY (No. 2137; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 20 August 1915.

ELLIOTT, Private WILLIAM HENRY (No. 2257; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 8 August 1915.

FAWKNER, Private ALBERT ERNEST (No. 1356; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 9 August 1915.

FREEMAN, Lance-Corporal ALBERT EDWARD (No. 190; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 27 August 1915.

GARNER, Private ALBERT (No. 1940; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 21 August 1915.

GRIFFIN, Private DANIEL JAMES (No. 59; 14th Battalion)
Died of wounds, 16 September 1915.

HARRIS, Private GEORGE (No. 1754; 14th Battalion)
Died of wounds, 20 August 1915.

HARTLAND, Private WILLIAM (No. 1361; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 20 August 1915.

HALES, Private WILLIAM (No. 2155; 14th Battalion)
Killed in action, 21 August 1915.

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13th June, 1941.

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Born in (place) Flemington, Vic. on (date) ??/??/1890 (precise date required)

Belong to (town or district) Moonee Ponds, Vic.

Profession or calling Clerk

Killed in action 1 Sept., 1918.

It would be appreciated if you would give me, at the earliest possible date, any details which would assist in compiling this information.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. N.R. Holt,
66 Athol Street,
Moonee Ponds,
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24th Dec. 1940.

Sir,

the late Lieutenant Norman Richard Holt,

Flemington, Vic.

??/??/1890 (precise
date required)

Moonee Ponds, Vic.

Clerk.

Killed in action 1st Sept. 1948.

R.T. Holt Esq.,
96 Athol Street,
Moonee Ponds,
VIC.

on Aunt House & Repat Vic lists -
sent. Mrs T. Holt (widow)
9 London Place
St Clements
Oxford
Eng

Aunt House
No R. widow
address

6/2/41

Try (mother) Mrs N.R. Holt
66 Athol St.
Moonee Ponds
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15/6/41

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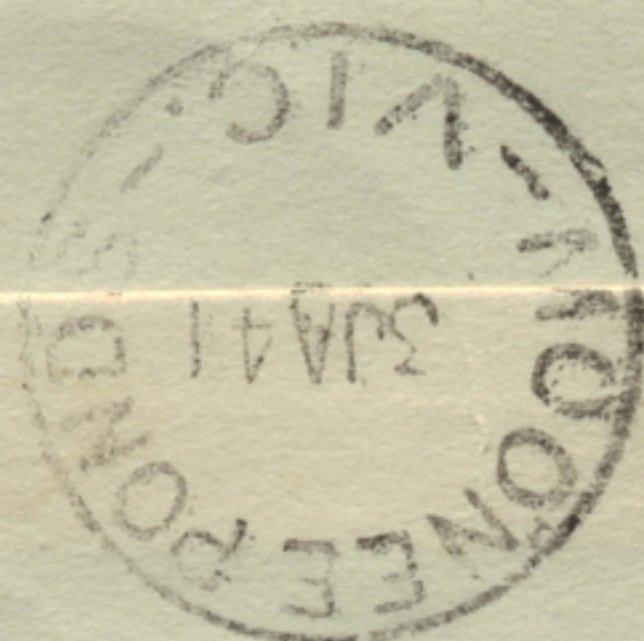
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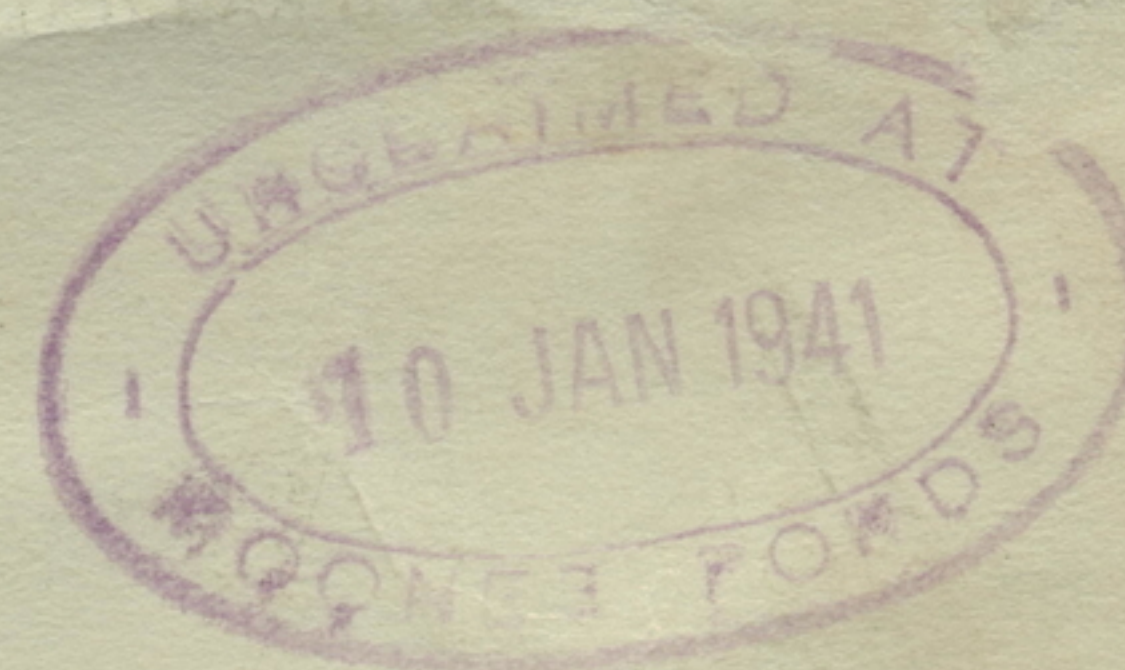
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4 April 1935.

Sir,

*Lieut. E. G. Holton
48th*

yourself (Lieutenant in 48th Battalion)

Kensington, S.A.

29 August 1894

Highgate, S.A.

Gardener

E.G. Holton, Esq.,
Fullarton Road,
Highgate, S.A.

C.E.W. Bean

rear, to serve as the boundary between right and left battalions, and each battalion officer ran his tape along the intended front of his unit. The officer, holding the compass, would send one of his scouts with the tape as far as he could see him, directing him by tugging the ~~transmission~~ tape - one tug meaning "go right", two "go left", and a long tug "halt". The tape was then fixed down with sticks or clods. It required 50 reels to tape the brigade front. During the work Germans could be seen by the light of their own flares, and the Australians had to keep very low to avoid being sighted from the Molenaarselsthoek pillboxes.

In the sector of the 2nd Brigade immediately on the left of the 1st, no tape was laid for the left rear battalion, the 7th, the intelligence officer, Lieut. W.G. Pollock (Brunswick, Vic.), ~~xx~~ being killed by a shell. Lieut. C.F. Clowe (Middle Park, Vic.) and the battalion scouts, however, guided the 7th to its proper position.

the possibility of detection added to the tension, but the night was quiet until shortly before dawn. What happened then is described in the diary of an observer who, at the time, was making his way to a shell-hole observation post a mile in rear.

(8-point)

It was lowering and drizzly, and the German flares looked dull and glazed like fishes' eyes.....It was so overcast and drizzly that we could not see (the way). At about 5.20....a yellow flare went up on the Broodseinde Ridge, instead of a white (as heretofore). It was followed by a couple more, and then sheafs of them; then others to left and right, spreading gradually. About seven minutes later, or less, the German barrage began to come down, battery by battery. By 5.30 it was really heavy - crump, crump, crump, crump, crump - like empty biscuit tins banging down into the valley ahead and on to the Glencorse heights. Of course we thought the attack had been discovered. It made one miserably anxious to hear it, but we had heard the same at Bullecourt twenty minutes before the attack, when one had learnt that our men can attack even after such a barrage.....Then (at 6 a.m.) our barrage opened - tremendous.....

At the time, hardly a word of this German bombardment reached the various Anzac headquarters. The rain ceased, and at 6.58 came word through the 2nd Division that all was going well. At 7.20 success signals were reported to have been seen, fired at the first objective; at 8.55 they were seen at the second. At the same time the 21st Squadron, R.F.C., the first to send a machine struggling through the gale and low clouds, reported that flares (lit in shell-holes by the troops) were seen all along the final objective of the II Anzac Corps: "Our men appeared everywhere at ease and not troubled." At 10.50 the 4th Squadron reported sighting the electric lamp of some headquarters at Zonnebake signalling "O.K.", and at 11.40

6813 44yr William Argubant
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Anzac Day 1967
will be a day to re-
member for Bill
Holtsbaum.

For Mr. Holtsbaum
next Tuesday's re-
unions will be the
climax to three days
of big events.

It will all start on Sun-
day when Mr. Holtsbaum
shares a triple birthday
party with his mates at
the Sir Leslie Morshead
War Veterans' Home at
Lyneham.

The party has been
arranged to mark the
third birthday of the
home which opened on
April 26, 1964.

But Mr. Holtsbaum
also will be celebrating
his own birthday, which
falls on Anzac Day and
the birthday of another
resident of the home, Mr.
Jan Dus which falls on
Sunday.

Then on Tuesday morn-
ing both Mr. Holtsbaum
and Mr. Dus will join
other veterans of the
world wars in the Anzac
Day march.

They will be the only
residents from the home
taking part.

Mr. Holtsbaum's three
Canberra grandchildren
will be among the crowds
expected to line the
route.

Representatives of all
Canberra Ex-Service as-
sociations will be among
the guests at Sunday's
veterans' home party.

The function will
launch the home's appeal
for \$10,000 needed for
extensions.

The administrator of
the home, Mr. G. Mc-



Pherson, said: "\$20,000 is
needed and we have
half.

"We have been work-
ing for two years to raise
the money. Now the posi-
tion is urgent.

"We have 18 men here
now and we have a wait-
ing list."

Mr. McPherson said
the buildings planned
would double the accom-
modation of the home.

The home is designed
to take the extensions. It
is a single storey modern
building centrally heated.

It provides facilities for
ex-service men and
women who are largely
able to look after them-
selves.

Bill Holtsbaum and Jan
Dus are typical of the
veterans housed at the
home.

ABOVE: Mr. Bill
Holtsbaum polishes
his campaign med-
als ready for Tues-
day's march.

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The Official Historian,
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Dear Sir,

Your circular of 29th March last has just been
received by me.

The particulars pertaining to myself as set out
in your letter are correct.

Yours faithfully,

John D. Holyman

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29 March 1935.

Sir,

yourself (Captain in 12th Battalion)

Devonport, Tas.

9 July 1896

Launceston, Tas.

Shipping Clerk

Captain I.N. Holyman, M.C.,
50 High Street,
Launceston, Tas.

C.E.W. Bean

²⁹ impracticable, the attack was fixed for April 20th as part of an extensive operation planned for that day. On April 18th, although the bombardment had already begun, it was decided that the Fifth Army must wait till the Third was more advanced,³⁰ and a week's postponement therefore became inevitable. The artillery was accordingly ordered to damp down its bombardment, except against sections where the wire was still uncut, or against strong-points, batteries, and similar targets. The gun-crews of the field artillery, thrust forward in the exposed valleys³¹ and sunken roads, had been strained with prolonged work and harassed by German counter-batteries.³² The group commanders were therefore now allowed to withdraw for rest part of each battery - and, after the further postponement on April 24th, whole batteries - the resting crews, however, being ready to move up instantly on receipt of the word that their task was to be resumed. The 2nd Australian Division, which on April 14th had taken over with its 5th and 6th Brigades the front of the intended attack, was allowed to relieve them on April 20th by its 7th Brigade, the 5th and 6th being then withdrawn to near Bapaume for more rest and training. On the same day news began to spread that the army commander had agreed to give the Australian ~~sixth~~ divisions the rest for which Birdwood had been pressing. The 11th Division,³³ fresh from three months' training after transfer from

²⁹ The date, April 15, had been fixed by an order of April 12. On the 13th Birdwood wrote pointing out that the wire between O.G.1 and 2 had not been destroyed on April 11, and was very difficult to see. "I ask, therefore, that the date of the attack be not fixed until sufficient evidence is available that the preparation is complete." On the night of April 13 it was postponed until "not before the 16th".

³⁰ The postponements were even more frequent than might be inferred from these details. On ~~May~~ April 12 the attack was ordered for the 15th. On the night of the 13th it was postponed till "not before" Monday, 16th. On April 14 it was further postponed to "not before" April 17, and next day to "not before" the 19th. On April 16 it was definitely ordered to take place on the 20th, but on the 17th was ~~postponed~~ postponed until the 22nd. On the night of the 18th occurred the long postponement until April 26 or 27. On April 24 the date was changed to "probably" the 28th, but later, in view of the disappointing results of the First and Third Armies' attack on April 23 and 24, it was changed to "probably" May 3. Gough's definite order to attack on May 3 was issued on April 30.

³¹ See p. .

(beginning previous chap)

Copy of extract
from the Second Supplement No. 31480 to the
London Gazette, dated 30th July, 1919, relating to
the conspicuous services rendered by Captain
Ivan Nello HOLYMAN, 12th Battalion, Australian Imperial
Force -

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously
please to approve of the above award to the undermentioned
Officer in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty
in the field -

Captain IVAN NELLO HOLYMAN."

Near Jeancourt on 18th September, 1918,
he showed marked gallantry and decision in the handling
of his company. During the operation the company, with
a strength of 120, took over 100 prisoners and more than
twelve machine guns. That such considerable results were
attained was due to the courage and initiative displayed
by him, and to his skilful direction of the splendid
fighting company under his command.

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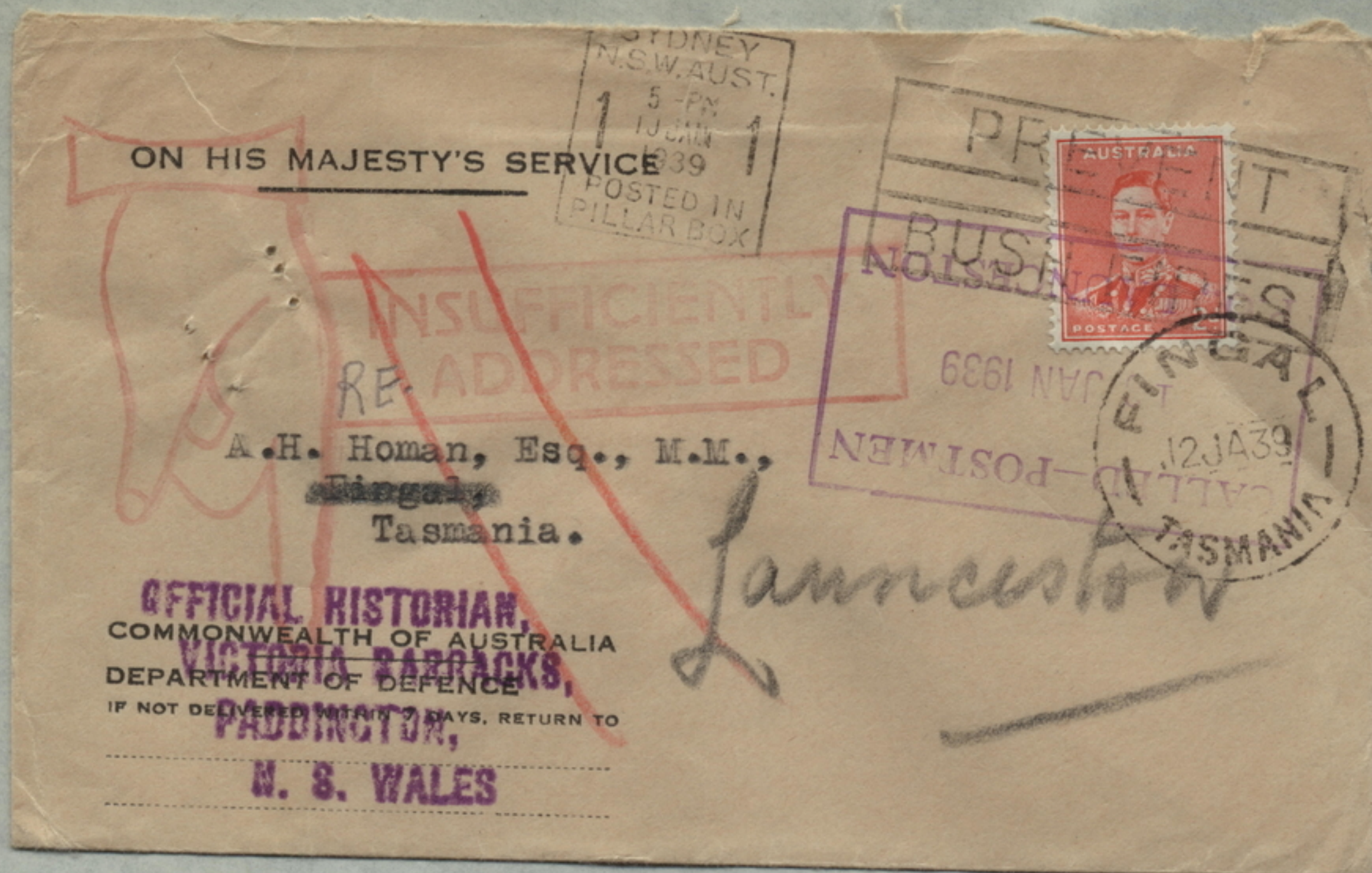
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In view of all these difficulties, Colonel Holmes decided to tell the admiral that he regretfully considered the Kanowna's troops unfitted for active service, and to recommend that they be returned to the State to which they belonged. In the meantime the admiral was informed by wireless from the Sydney that it was considered desirable to discharge the transport Kanowna and the troops on board her, unless he urgently required them.

(??? AUGUST)

September

On the morning of ~~August~~ 7th the cruisers Sydney and Encounter, the auxiliary cruiser Berrima, the destroyers Warrego and Yarra, the submarines AE 1 and AE 2, the transport Kanowna, and the supply-ship Aorangi left Port Moresby for the appointed rendezvous. The Parramatta followed, convoying the collier Koolunga and the oil-tanker Murex, as these vessels were too slow to keep up with the others. The reef-guarded entrance to Port Moresby had not been left far behind when it was noticed that the Kanowna was falling back. Shortly afterwards she stopped, swung broadside on to the convoy, and hoisted the signal "lost control". The Sydney turned in a half-circle and went back towards her, sending on one of the destroyers, which ranged alongside the drifting transport. It was then ascertained that the firemen had mutinied and refused to stoke the ship, objecting to proceeding any further with the expedition.¹⁸ The Sydney signalled to the Berrima: I have

¹⁸ Though the troops had volunteered for overseas service, the Kanowna's crew, it must be remembered, had not.

sent the Kanowna direct to Townsville." Another message ran: "It was only the firemen who mutinied; there were volunteers from the troops to do the stoking. I suggest that trainees be disbanded, and, if more troops required, seasoned men (who have) passed medical test be employed." To this Colonel Holmes replied: "I consider the Kanowna detachment as at present constituted and equipped unfit for immediate service, and in view of to-day's events and your action in ordering

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Dear Sir

Your letter 25th May was sent on
to me by my brother.

I was Matron of Childrens Hospital
Perth when I left for Egypt &
joined 1st Aust Gen. Hospital
August 1915.

I returned to the same position
(which had been Rept for me) in
Jan 1920 & remained at the Hospital
till 1925 when I opened the
Private Hospital for Children only in
conjunction with the late Sister
Lorell - On her death two years
ago I bought her share &

am now The Sole Proprietor.
Hoping this is the information
you require

Believe me
Yours faithfully

Helen. Horner

and half-white French oversea troops - which since April 21st had been held in readiness for decisive action at the junction of the two armies. On the evening of April 24th General Humbert had placed it under the orders of General Debeney, who, although Hangard had been lost that day by the French, allotted it for counter-attack in the Gachy area, in order to secure the Villers-Bretonneux plateau to which Foch attached so much importance. General Rawlinson had tried throughout the 24th to get French co-operation with his own counter-attack, and, if this division could have attacked simultaneously with the Australians, there can be little doubt that both Monument Wood and the Bois de Hangard would have been taken. But this could not be done, and not until 11 o'clock on the morning of the 25th was General Daugan ordered to bring his division across the Avre. It was, as its war diary records, "in superb condition and the troops impatient to attack." The order was to advance - if possible, that night, if not, on the morning of the 26th - and seize a line from, and including, Monument Wood on the left, to Hangard Wood on the right. It would operate with four regiments in line - the 8th Zouaves to seize Monument Wood, and and 4th and 7th Tirailleurs and the Foreign Legion to recapture the ground between it and Hangard Wood. Hangard Wood was to be attacked by tired British troops,¹⁷¹ temporarily under French

¹⁷¹The 10th Essex and 7th Queen's (18th Division, but lent to the 58th Division).

command, and it was proposed that in the first place only its western edge should be seized, the wood being afterwards attacked by the French from the north, assisted by British tanks, and British infantry from the west. Farther south two battalions of the 131st French Division would attempt to recapture Hangard. The commander of ~~the~~ the XXXI corps, General Toulorge, was given a free hand with the plans but was to consult with the III British Corps.

The reconnoitring parties of the Moroccan Division, coming up on the afternoon of the 25th, found that they could obtain

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25 May 1937.

Madam,

yourself

Ararat, Vic.

Melbourne (? suburb)

Nurse

Sister H.M.M. Homan, A.R.R.C.,
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Camberwell, E.6, Vic.

C.E.W. Bean

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15 August 1933.

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yourself

Norwood, S. Aust.,

17 March 1874.

Dulwich, S. Aust.

M.L.A., S. Aust., 1906-15 and 1927-30.

Attorney-General, S.Aust., 1909-10, 1912-15, and 1927-30.

Hon. H. Homburg,
Victoria Avenue,
Dulwich, S. Aust.

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war by Turkey, and, prior to that event, a memorandum to the Secretary of State for the Colonies from the High Commissinoer for the Commonwealth (Rt. Hon. Sir George Reid) stating his "serious apprehension," based on the experience of the Canadian troops on Salisbury Plain, as to the advisability of bringing Australian troops direct to a winter camp in England.

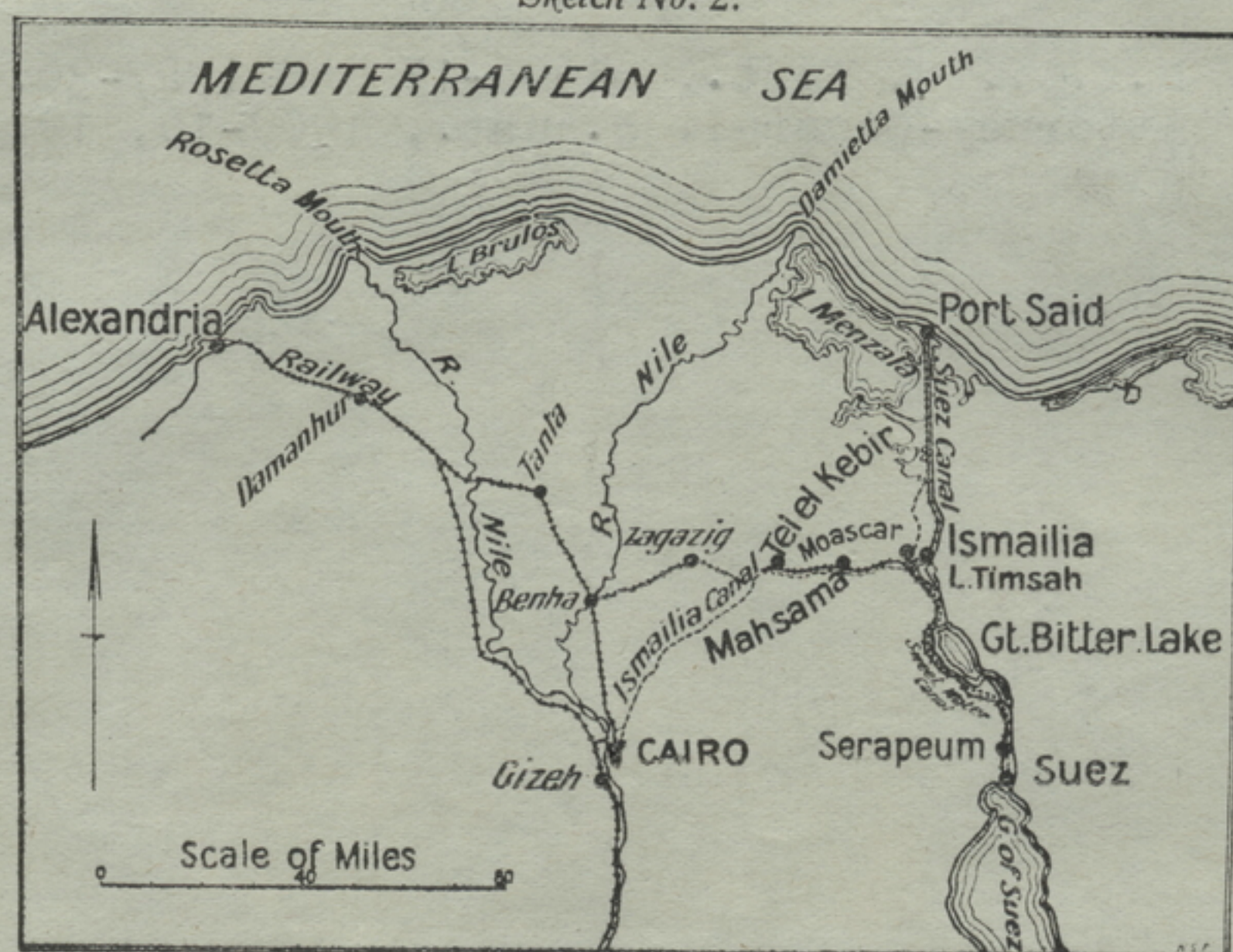
On receipt of the message the flagship went ahead, and from Suez the G.O.C., A.I.F., together with certain members of his staff and unit representatives, proceeded to Cairo to report to the Egyptian Command and arrange for camp allotments. The A.D.M.S., 1st Australian Division, followed from Port Said.

The D.M.S., A.I.F., did not accompany the party. On hearing of the change of plans, General Williams requested permission

to proceed on to England to carry out the arrangements for the five large hospital units of the Australian Medical Service which should be now *en route*. . . . It is almost certain that they will be employed in Europe at an early date,

giving as a further object the disposal of Red Cross money

Sketch No. 2.



Brig Gen. Sir Archibald Fraser HOME

11th Hussars

Reville
Dec 1934

BRIG-GENERAL A. F. HOME, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., the hon. treasurer of the B.E.S.L., is one of the most likeable spirits that anyone could wish to meet, gracious and cultured.

His wife, who, by the way, is a native of Rockhampton (Q.), and is just as charming as her husband, is an ideal partner. General Home is the embodiment of all that is true in the words "an English gentleman." He derived great



pleasure from his visit to the

various States in Australia, and enjoyed "mixing" with ex-members of the A.I.F. of all ranks. The son of a soldier, General Home entered the Army in 1895, receiving a commission in the 11th Hussars, and by 1914 was a major at the Staff College, Camberley. He served in France from 1914 to 1919, retiring from the army in the latter year. The French decorated him as a Commander of the Legion of Honour. General Home is a member of the King's Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms. While men of his calibre are in control of the British Empire Service League, that body must continue to progress, and to attract to its ranks the cream of our race, imbued with the one desire—to make the British Empire a bigger and more potent force in world affairs.

2,500 yards. The interval between the attacks - the time available for ^{bombardment and other} preparation of all sorts - was not six or eight days, but three. Presumably the reason ^{for this} was the supposed weakening of the enemy's morale. Plumer and Harington still believed that far-reaching strategic success was possible, and, at this stage, in contrast with their earlier caution, they tended to propose objectives beyond the capacity of the troops. For example, they would have liked I Anzac ^{at this stage} ~~for example~~ to carry out the extraordinarily difficult operation of seizing the Keiberg; and they hoped that at a subsequent stage, when the Canadian Corps advanced down the eastern slope to Magerm^{er}rie, I Anzac would take Moorslede. On October 8th General Birdwood had to point out that there was no hope of any of the I Anzac divisions being able to last through ^{such} ~~these~~ operations. ² The 2nd was already exhausted, ³ the 4th was to advance the flank on

² Birdwood and White pointed out that an attack on Moorslede and the Keiberg, if made, could best be undertaken from the north-west. *The 4th Division would be used on Oct. 12, and the subsequent capture of the Keiberg would exhaust the 5A.*

³ General Paton of the 6th Brigade had been warned by several of his battalions that their men were unfit for the operations of the 9th. General Smyth (2nd Divn.) accordingly went forward with him to inspect the conditions. The two generals themselves had great difficulty in getting through the mud. Smyth warned Birdwood of the troops' condition.

October 12th, and the 5th, after three days' carrying through the mud, would be no longer fresh. In view of the condition of the troops and of the ground, Birdwood was obliged to limit the action of I Anzac to the least that would suffice for maintaining II Anzac's flank.

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The objective being deep, the forward movement of the artillery had to be continued at urgent pressure. Guns in the course of movement could not be used for bombardment, and, as only three days were available for the bombardment, it could ~~obviously~~ ^{- and was not -} not be carried out on a scale comparable with those for the previous strokes. Actually, in spite of immense efforts by gunners and roadmakers between the 4th and 12th of October,

The Germans noted that effective counter-battery fire in the intervals between ~~the~~ attacks had almost ceased.

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2. 21 years, 22/2/15., Kington, England.
3. Brisbane, Queensland.
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5. Railway, Clerk.
6. Lance-Corporal 19/7/15. *Station Road, Indooroopilly, Q'ld., 1st Decbr, 1930.*
Temp; Corporal 18/10/15.
Temp; Sergt; 2/1/16.
Sergeant 2/4/16.
Staff-Sergt; 25/9/16.
2nd Lieutenant 7/4/17.
7. Posted to 7th Field Ambulance on enlistment, and allotted Regtl; No. 3509.
T.O.S., 26th Battalion 12/3/17.
8. M.M.
9. DIED OF WOUNDS 1/6/17. *our circular letter*
10. (Father) B.G. Homer, Esq., *Station Road, Indooroopilly, Brisbane, Queensland.*
11. Wounded 3/5/17. *reference to particulars concerning my son the late Lieut. B.G. Homer, M.M., A.I.F., and beg to inform the particulars embodied in your letter are correct except with the inclusion of date of birth, which is 1st March 1894. I shall be glad to know what further particulars are desired in this connection, and would be pleased to know whether particulars are desired by you of my other three sons (one of which died on Gallipoli), who also served in the Great War.*

Awaiting your further communication,
and trusting I can be of further service to you.-

Yours faithfully,

B. G. Homer.

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12th Lieut. Bean 5/10/10.

Crawford Street,
CHELMER, Q'ld.,
13th Decbr, 1930.

Dear Sir.,

I am in receipt of your circular letter (Vol.1V, page xii,81.M.S) dated the 26th ultimo in reference to particulars concerning my son the late Lieut.H.W.Homer, M.M., 26th Bn., A.I.F., and beg to inform the particulars embodied in your letter are correct except with the inclusion of date of birth, which is 1st March 1894.

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26 November 1930.

Sir,

the late Lieut. H.W. HOMER, M.M., 26 Bn., A.I.F.,

Kington, Hereford-
shire, England,

??/??/1894.

Indooroopilly, Q'land.

Railway clerk.

B.G. HOMER, Esq.,
Station Road,
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16 December 1930.

B.G. Homer, Esq.,
Crawford Street,
Chelmer, Q'land.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for the details which you forward concerning your son the late Lieutenant H.W. Homer, M.M., 26th Battalion. For purposes of record, I should be glad if you would let me have similar particulars of your other three sons who served in the A.I.F., one of whom, I understand, is 3593 Lance-Corporal H.R. Homer, who died of illness on 12 November 1915.

Yours faithfully,

C.E.W. Bean
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Official Historian.