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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Home and Territories Department.

FILE OF PAPERS.

SUBJECT:

Maitland District
(East Maitland School)

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS COVER.

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Exhibition Buildings,

30th January, 1923.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of January 20th, relative to the circumstances of capture of the war trophy allotted to the Public School, East Maitland, and in reply I have to inform you that Light Machine Gun No. 6648 is one of the many thousands handed over to Great Britain by Germany under the terms of the Armistice, November 11th, 1918.

Yours faithfully,

Director,
Australian War Museum.

The Headmaster,
Public School,
EAST MAITLAND,
N.S.W.

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Public School
East Maitland

Received the machine gun alluded to
in the accompanying form for and
on behalf of the Public School
East Maitland

22/1/23. Sgd Albert H Dowd
Headmaster

Memo to O. & C.

Please acquaint me as to
whether the gun in question was captured
by either of the Batt's mentioned in the
application if possible

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Allotment Form (2a)

East Maitland Public School

Entitled to *One machine gun*

UNIT(S) FROM WHOSE CAPTURED TROPHY(IES) ALLOTTED

IS TO BE SELECTED,

(Several to be given in order of preference)

Are brackets required?

(Postal note for 8/- to be attached if brackets are required)

Address to which to be forwarded.

Headmaster

Public School

East Maitland, N.S.W.

Most economical method of despatch.

By sea to.....

By rail to.....

Trophies allotted.

Light machine gun no 6648

Ceded Trophy

Notification of despatch.

Package No..... Case No. *164*

~~Placed on board G.S. at Melbourne,~~
~~..... for despatch to your G.S.~~

~~In. Captain G.S. of your class who will arrange for it in package to~~

Sydney
~~Placed in rails at Melbourne in~~ *Jan-8th 1923*
~~in truck No.~~

S.H. M.

Officer in Charge of despatch.

East Maitland Public School.

AGREEMENT.

the undersigned Trustees, appointed by the *East Maitland*..... School to receive the trophy allotted it by the Victorian State Trophy Committee, accept the trophy and will comply with the conditions laid down, viz:

- (a) Arrange for the trophy to be permanently exhibited in the School or School grounds and for its subsequent preservation and safe custody.
- (b) Arrange a simple ceremony at which it will be formally taken over.
- (c) Bear all expenses connected with transport and installation after arrival at the nearest railway station.
- (d) In the event of the School being discontinued the trophy will revert to the Australian War Museum.

Trustees

Albert Dowd Headmaster

Oscar C. Walker Hon Sec

William E. Cotterell Treasurer
P. & C. Sec

Date

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2nd November, 1922.

Dear Sir,

The New South Wales State Trophy Committee recently allotted to the Education Department a number of machine guns for distribution to the Public Schools within the State, and in this connection I am to inform you that your School was recommended by the Department to participate in the distribution.

The allotment to your school is one Machine Gun and I shall be glad if you will kindly complete the attached agreement form and return to this office, when steps will be taken to forward the trophy to you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to Committee.

The Headmaster,
Public School,
EAST MAITLAND
N.S.W.