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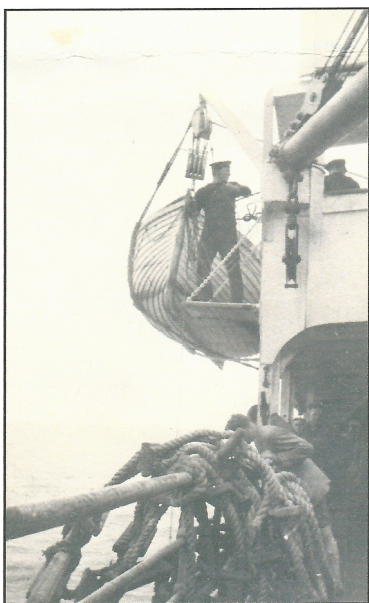
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The next meeting of the City of Moorabbin Historical Society will be on Anzac Day, Sunday 25th April 2010. The Member's Meeting is from 1-2pm, and 'Box Cottage' will be open, from 2-4pm. The Committee hopes all our members can be present. New members are most welcome.

ANZAC DAY SUNDAY 25TH APRIL 2010.

A day of national remembrance of all our armed forces past and present

Below are some informal photos taken aboard the troopship "Port Sydney" by 2nd Lieutenant Vic Smith as he returned home at the finish of WW1 in 1919.



"Swinging the Lead"
coming into port. 1919



"Washing day" for the troops
aboard "Port Sydney"



Finally in port - now the
endless wait to disembark!

RE-VISITING SOME 'BOX COTTAGE' FACTS

For all our reader's interest see over-page for a photograph of the original 'Box Cottage', as it was in **June 1977**, after Mr Laurie Lewis, of Lewis Timber Pty Ltd, purchased the land, (including the cottage), from the Reitman family. At the time of purchase, planning to develop a new warehouse, Laurie demolished a shed and exposed the pioneer's weatherboard cottage. This protective shed most certainly accounts for the little timber dwelling's preservation. Laurie, appreciating the unique value of the historic little cottage, kindly offered to dismantle and donate the little 1840s workman's dwelling, to the City of Moorabbin.

Prior to the land, (which included the cottage), being sold to Lewis Timber Pty Ltd, the Reitman firm had used the cottage as a storage facility for their concrete moulds. Laurie tells us, that, at that time there was still some original furniture and artefacts in the cottage. Sadly some of these original pieces were later looted by vandals. Never-the less, the original sun-dried bricks, with their convict marks, the doors and windows were in good order. The cottage's water well, that was located beside the cottage, was "capped off" with a concrete dome, and still remains on Lewis' property today in 2010.

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