

B COMPANY
6TH BATTALION, 2ND BRIGADE
 HMAT A20 HORORATA, OCTOBER 1914



6th Infantry Battalion (Victoria) Colours
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MILITARY UNITS

In 1914, a company was a military unit consisting of between 80 – 150 men, e.g. B Company. Several companies plus their supporting elements were grouped together to make up a battalion, e.g. the 6th Battalion. Four to six battalions made up a brigade and three to six brigades made up a division.

LOCALS ENLISTED IN B COMPANY 1914

LANCE CORPORAL
 BOX, Alonzo Sheldrake (1881–1958).
 Born at Davey Avenue, Oakleigh.

PRIVATE
 LONG, Robert Arthur (1884–KIA¹ 8 May 1915).
 Address: Leamington Crescent, Caulfield East.

PRIVATE
 SCHMIDT, Alexander (1894–KIA 8 May 1915).
 Address: Hotham Street, Elsternwick.

PRIVATE
 SCHMIDT, John Henry (1889–1950).
 Address: Hotham Street, Elsternwick.

¹. KIA: Killed in Action.

Note: B Company names from elsewhere may be viewed
 at Box Cottage on Sunday 29 April.



Above: 6th Battalion boarding HMAT A20 Hororata. Reproduced from AWM Ref. PB0437



Above: HMAT A24 Benalla (right) and
 HMAT A20 Hororata (left) AWM Ref. C02793

6TH BATTALION, A–H COMPANIES

A COMPANY, 2ND LIEUTENANT
 RIDDELL, Consett Carre, DSO,
 (1887–unknown). Address: Elsternwick.

B COMPANY, SERGEANT
 COOK, Norman Alan (1890–1917).
 Address: Cochrane Street, Gardenvale.

C COMPANY, LANCE CORPORAL
 WINDSOR, Michael George
 (1894–unknown). Born at Caulfield.

D COMPANY, LANCE CORPORAL
 BURTON, Harold Jefferson
 (1880–unknown). Address: Caulfield.

E COMPANY, CORPORAL
 WHITE, Dudley Clifford
 (1892–KIA 25 April 1915).
 Address: Oakleigh.

F COMPANY, 2ND LIEUTENANT
 COX, Alan Birchenall
 (1894–KIA 8 May 1915).
 Address: St Clair, Narong Road, Caulfield.

G COMPANY, PRIVATE
 HERRICK, Wilfred John (1892–unknown).
 Address: Orrong Road, Caulfield.

H COMPANY, CORPORAL
 MURPHY, Robert Leontine Scott
 (1878–unknown). Address: Nurney,
 Trevelyan Street, Elsternwick.

Main Sources

A–H Companies <https://aif.adfa.edu.au/showGroup?gid=INF>
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Moorabbin

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HMAT A20 HORORATA

This April we remember all those who served in the First AIF from 1914–1918. Particularly some of the volunteers from Caulfield and Moorabbin enlisted in the 6th Battalion during August/September 1914.

Shortly after WW1 was declared by Prime Minister Andrew Fisher¹ (Australian Labor Party), Alonzo Sheldrake Box (1881–1958) joined the 6th Battalion, B Company, 2nd Brigade. He was a son of John Box, younger brother of our William Box.



Alonzo Box
 image
 Box Cottage
 Collection

After training at Broadmeadows Alonzo, along with his mates in the 6th Battalion, sailed for WW1 on HMAT A20 Hororata in the first convoy of warships that left Port Melbourne on 19 October 1914.

¹. Andrew Fisher (1862–1928) was born in Scotland.



6th Battalion arriving at Port Melbourne during
 October 1914. Image AWM Ref. C02491

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SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2018

1–2 pm

Informal Members' Meeting

Grace Lewis Room

please email moorabbinhs@gmail.com
 for refreshment purposes

2–4 pm

tour of the barn and cottage

includes

“Roll Call”

B Company, 6th Battalion,
 2nd Brigade,
 1st AIF Division, 1914

Lest We Forget

**BOX COTTAGE
EARLY SETTLERS' HERITAGE
CENTRE OPERATED BY
CITY OF MOORABBIN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC
(CMHS)**

**2017–2018 CMHS
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<https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/box-cottage-museum>

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Federation of Australian Historical Societies
South Metro History Network
Kingston History Network

E-Newsletter Team

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CMHS MATTERS

MEMBERS' GENERAL MEETINGS

Prior to open days on the last Sunday of February to November, CMHS Members meet informally from 1–2 pm in the Grace Lewis Room.

Should a member be willing to present a talk or read an article about our history or heritage for about 15–30 minutes during these informal meetings, please contact CMHS to arrange a date. Suggested topics may be: a not so well-known local settler; one's own house; a local heritage house; a vintage object or photo, or other.

NEXT MEETING

CMHS members are urged to support our society by bringing a friend to the next informal general members' meeting — from 1 pm prior to Open Day, 29 April

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held as necessary to manage the day to day business affairs of the society. All Members are welcome to attend these meetings which are held in the Grace Lewis Room. For dates, times or to submit a proposal or receive an agenda, please contact moorabbinhs@gmail.com.

In addition to Committee roles, CMHS Members may take on other responsibilities, e.g. help catalogue acquisitions; act as a museum guide, or organise heritage events and displays.

CITY OF MOORABBIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

BOX COTTAGE

Since the Cottage grounds were flooded in late December 2017 (by leakage from GEM Bowling Club water tank) the Garden Team, Daryl, David and Carol, have been hard at work restoring the grounds to their former glory. GECC Parks and Gardens will remove the drowned Pittosporum tree next to the Grace Lewis Room and trim the elm tree.

BARN

Daryl and David are working on replacing the floor mortar which has come loose in a number of places in the barn.

STORAGE

As well as managing the business affairs of the Society, Carol is currently reorganizing the barn shed to provide more storage for heritage artefacts/items and detailing the contents. She is also arranging for the installation of a new gallery track in the Dairy.

HISTORY FILES

Joan has commenced the task of indexing CMHS History Files in the Grace Lewis Room cabinets, and continues the mammoth job of cataloging CMHS' collection for uploading to the Victorian Collections website.

BRIEF HISTORIES

Fran compiled short biographies of three local women¹ for Glen Eira's International Women's Day Lunch at the Town Hall on 9 March. In addition, Fran has listed the names of local volunteers who, along with Alonzo Box, were enlisted in B Company, 6th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st AIF.

¹ Elizabeth Box, Stefanie Rennick and Pamela Irving.

COTTAGE PROMOTION

Thanks to Glen Eira Historical Society (and GECC), Fran handed out Box Cottage leaflets during GECC's Allnutt Park Pet Party on 18 March.

MUSEUM GUIDES

Robina and Jim helped induct new volunteers, Jessica and Aaron, as museum guides on Sunday 25 March.

KINGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

CMHS member, Frank Thatcher represented our Society at the quarterly Kingston Historical Societies Network meeting. This was held on Wednesday 14 February 2018 at the rooms of the Mordialloc and District History Society, Old Bakery Lane, Mentone.

Kingston City historian Dr Graham Whitehead reported that the Kingston Historical Website is being redesigned. He noted that there will be a new structure which will include more detailed content and there will be provision for the Network Societies to report on their activities.

FARM MACHINERY PRESERVATION

Tim Bearup, Manager KCC Libraries and Social Development, also reported at the Kingston Network meeting, that further to a proposal on 'Farm Machinery Preservation' — previously sent to Kingston City Council — a request has been received from Council to expand the scope of the project. This could include contacting other market gardening families in the municipality. Councillor Geoff Gledhill (KCC), Mr Ron Jacobs, Chelsea & District History Society, and Mr Kevin Coulter, Dingley Village History Society will provide contact details for other families who may be interested.

**FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN
HISTORICAL SOCIETIES (FAHS)**

Federal Government funding for FAHS¹ has been restored by the Hon Josh Frydenberg, the minister ultimately responsible for signing off on decisions made by the Department of the Environment and Energy.

¹ FAHS represents 100,000 members and 1000 community/volunteer historical and heritage societies and museums across Australia.