

# “Soldier & Saint: Lt Gen Sir Stanley George Savige and the 50,000 Assyrians Saved”.



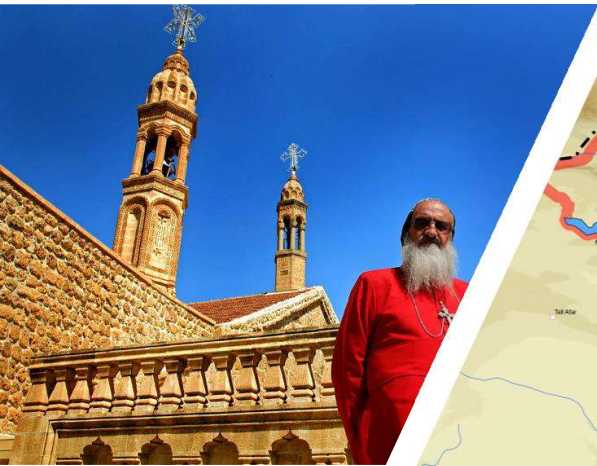
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# Assyrians Honour Stan Savige

## 31 August 2006 – Kew Cemetery





# The Assyrians

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“[I] have been asked by General Smyth our commander if I would undertake a desperate venture which would probably cost my life but had a sporting chance. Nature of work and place unknown. Accepted.”

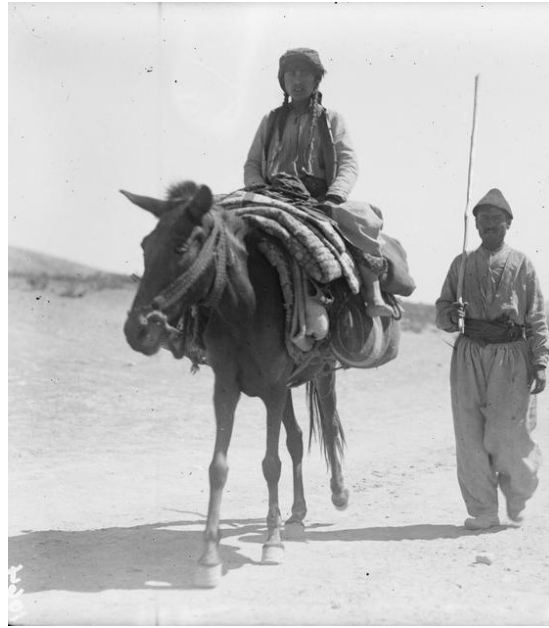




## Assyrian Forces in North-west Persia

**Left:** Assyrian troops led by General Agha Petros with a captured Ottoman banner – 1918

**Right:** Assyrian fighters – 1918



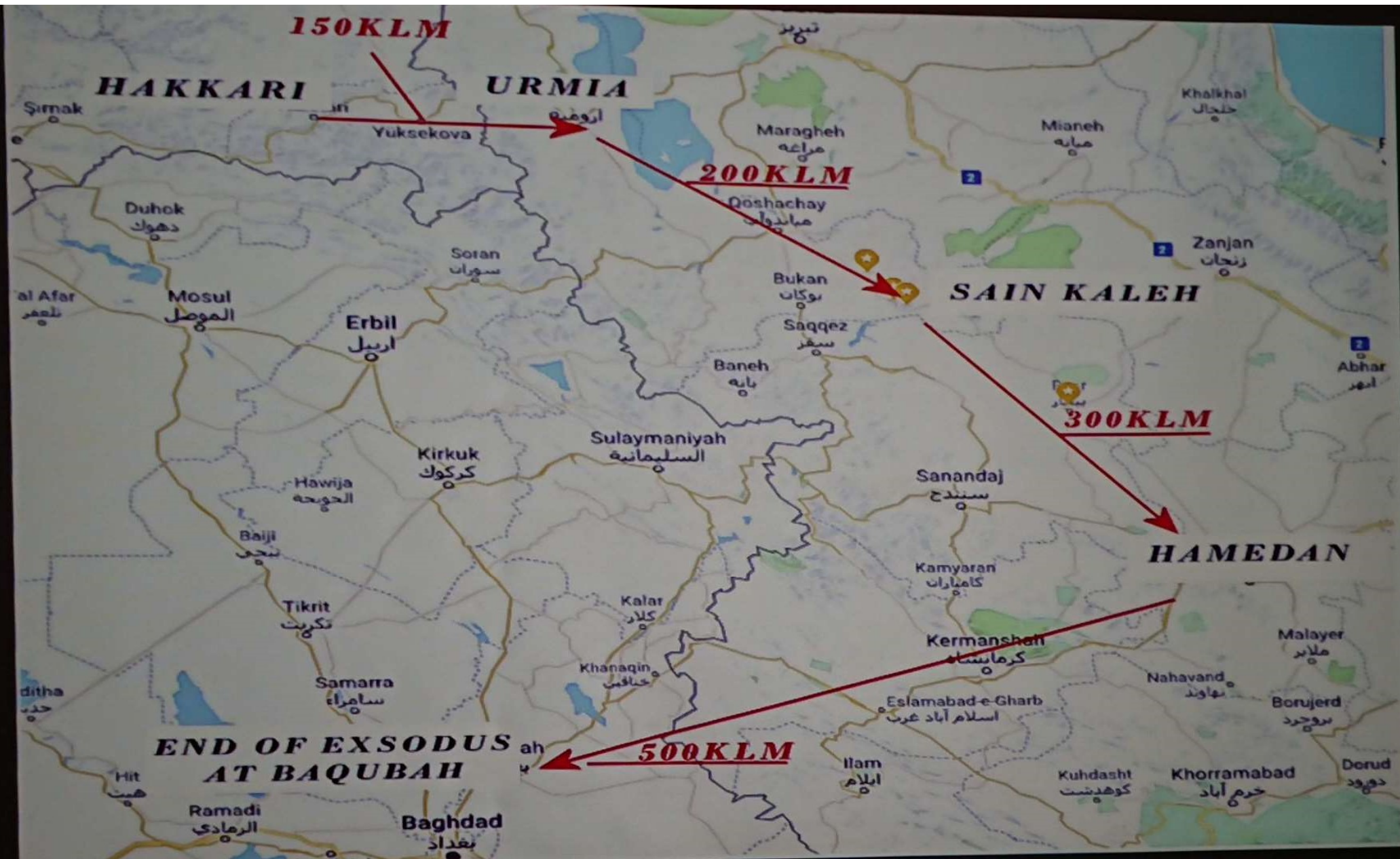
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Assyrians in Flight: photos taken near the town of Bijar (between Urmia and Hamadan) and at the Asadabad Pass (between Hamadan, Persia and Baqubah, Mesopotamia)

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**Footage recorded by Australian soldiers of Assyrians making the long and arduous journey during their exodus from Urmia, Persia in August 1918**





# Australian soldiers distributing food and clothing to Assyrian refugees along the Urmia-Hamadan Road





## The Baquba Refugee Camp

# DSO Citation



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For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the retirement of refugees from Sain Qaleh to Tikkan Tappah between the 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 1918 also at Chalkaman on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1918. In command of a small party sent to protect the rear of the column of refugees, he by his energy, resource, and able dispositions the hostile troops, many of whom were mounted were kept at a distance although in greatly superior force. He hung onto position after position until nearly surrounded, and on each occasion extricated his command most skilfully. His cool determination and fine example under fire inspired his men, and put heart into the panic of the stricken refugees”.