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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Edwin Watchorn's military service extended over a period of more than thirty years from 1880 until 1913. His career encompassed the most dramatic changes in Tasmania's military history from the effective re-establishment of Tasmania's volunteer defence force in 1880, Tasmania's involvement in the Boer War, the formation of the Australian Army from the colonial forces after Federation to the preparations for what became World War One.

Watchorn's military career was a distinguished one. Enlisting in the Southern Tasmanian Volunteer Rifle Regiment in 1880 he was commissioned as Lieutenant in October 1881. An accomplished sportsman he was to represent Tasmania in many intercolonial rifle shooting competitions and in 1886 was one of two Tasmanians in the first Australian Rifle Team to compete at Wimbledon, Britain. The following year saw him win the annual Tasmanian defence force rifle championship for the third consecutive time and retain the gold prize medal.

In 1888, he was promoted to Captain in the Tasmanian Rifle Regiment and company commander. Nine years later in 1897 as Brevet Major he was appointed Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion of the Tasmanian Rifle Regiment. At this time, he was also energetically involved in the establishment of the Southern Tasmanian Cadet Corps.

Two years later in 1899 he was promoted to the rank of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel. This was followed in 1901 by his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen. Composed of some 260 officers and men this was the largest single Tasmanian contingent to be sent to the Boer War. The contingent left Hobart in March 1901 and returned in June 1902.

During his service in South Africa Watchorn was mentioned in despatches and soon after his return the award of the Companion of the Order of the Bath was gazetted. In April 1903 he was formally invested into the Order by the Governor General, Lord Tennyson at a ceremony in Sydney.

The establishment of the Australian Army in 1903 saw Watchorn appointed as Major and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel (Australian Army) and Commanding Officer Derwent Infantry Regiment. This Regiment was to be central in the protests in Tasmania about the widely recognised inequality of pay for Tasmanian volunteers. These protests culminated in the almost complete boycott by members of the Regiment of the military parade and inspection by Major General Hutton and the Federal Minister for Defence on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1904.

Despite receiving widespread community sympathy for their actions, the immediate consequence was the effective disbandment of the Regiment.

Although Watchorn and a number of senior officers were present at the parade the next month they were placed on the unattached list effective from the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Following Major General Hutton's resignation at the end of 1904 Watchorn was appointed Lieutenant Colonel and reappointed Commanding Officer of the Derwent Infantry Regiment from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1906. A clear demonstration of confidence in him. In 1908 Watchorn was appointed Officer Commanding Hobart Defences a position he was to hold until his retirement on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1913.

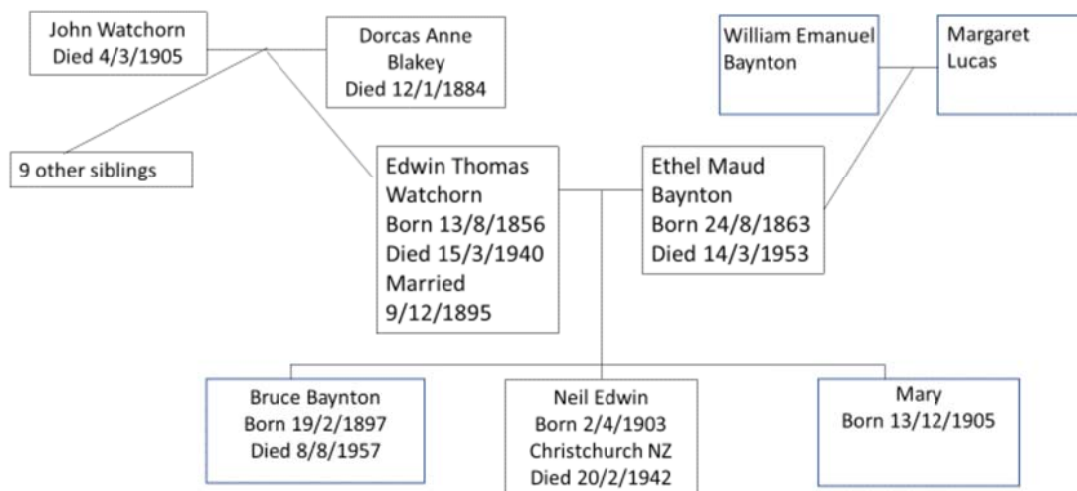
The following year was to see him appointed in September staff officer in charge of embarkation for the Tasmanian Military District.

Throughout Edwin Watchorn's military service with both the Tasmanian Defence Forces and the Australian Army he was to pursue a very successful commercial career with his family's company. Established by his father John Watchorn, the business passed to Edwin and his older brother in 1885 some three years after his father's election to the Legislative Council. His active involvement with the family business was to continue until only a few years before his death.

Even before enlisting in the Tasmanian Defence Force Watchorn was a member of the Southern Tasmanian Rifle Association. Throughout his military career he was to maintain a very active interest in the development of rifle clubs in Tasmania as an integral part of the state's defence capacity.

Edwin Watchorn died on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1940 and he received a funeral with full military honours. He was survived by his wife and three children. Both of his sons were to serve in the Australian Army.

## 2. Lt. Col. Edwin Thomas WATCHORN FAMILY TREE



### 3. CHRONOLOGY – Edwin Thomas Watchorn

1856 (13<sup>th</sup> August) Born, Hobart

18?? Educated at the City School, Macquarie Street, Hobart (The Mercury 7/5/1886)

187? Joined family company Watchorn Brothers (The Mercury 7/5/1886)

1878 (6<sup>th</sup> June) At the Artillery Concert “A very excellent gymnastic performance was then given by Messers, ... Watchorn” (The Mercury 7/6/1878)

1878 (9<sup>th</sup> August) Assault at Arms and Concert, Theatre Royal, tendered to Professor West by his Pupils. “one of the most notable of the evening – was a quarter-staff combat between that gentleman (Prof West) and Mr. E. Watchorn in which after some capital play, the latter got the best of it.” (The Mercury 10/8/1878)

1879 Joined the Southern Tasmanian Rifle Association (The Mercury 7/5/1886)

1880 Enlisted in the “Hobart Rifle Regiment” (The Mercury 7/5/1886)

1880 (23<sup>rd</sup> May) Private Watchorn, Southern Tasmanian Volunteer Rifle Regiment one of the organisers of the Queen’s Birthday Regimental Ball. (The Mercury 25/5/1880).

1881 (26<sup>th</sup> February) One of 15 men representing Southern Tasmanian Volunteer Rifle Regiment in rifle match with members of crew of *H.M.S. Wolverine*. (The Mercury 28/2/1881).

1881 (25<sup>th</sup> May) Represented the Southern Tasmanian Rifle Association in competition shoot with visiting Japanese Naval ship *Riujo*. Won competition and presented with Japanese sword and tanto. (Shepherdson 2008, The Mercury, 18/5/1881 and 2/6/1881, The Examiner 30/12/1881)

1881 (3<sup>rd</sup> October) Volunteer Watchorn elected at special parade to be candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieutenant Betts. (The Mercury 10/10/1881).

1881 (10<sup>th</sup> October) – Mr. Edwin Watchorn gazetted as Lieutenant in the Southern Tasmanian Volunteer Rifle Regiment (Commission dated 10/10/1881) (ODR 10584) (The Mercury 1/11/1881).

1882 (24<sup>th</sup> May) – Lieutenant Watchorn carried the Regimental Colour as part of guard of honour at Government House levee to mark the Queen’s Birthday (The Mercury 25/5/1882)

1882 (14<sup>th</sup> November) – Lieutenant Watchorn member of Intercolonial rifle team which departed from Hobart on the S.S. *Mangana*. (The Mercury 18/11/1882,

The Examiner 21/11/1882)

1883 (24<sup>th</sup> May) – Lieutenant Watchorn carried the Regimental Colour as part of guard of honour at Government House levee to mark the Queen's Birthday (The Mercury 25/5/1883)

1884 (1<sup>st</sup> March) – Lieutenant Watchorn acted as one of two judges at the Garrison sports at the upper cricket ground (The Mercury 3/3/1884)

1884 (17<sup>th</sup> March) – Lieutenant Watchorn member of Tasmanian Volunteer Rifle Regiment competing with Southland Rifles, Invercargill (The Mercury 15/3/1884, 18/3/1884)

1884 (8<sup>th</sup> October) – Lieutenant Watchorn captain of the Tasmanian team to compete in inter-colony shooting competition in Sydney (The Mercury 8/10/1884, Daily Telegraph 22/10/1884)

1885 (27<sup>th</sup> June) – Lieutenant, Hobart Rifles – Won annual Champion Rifle Match at Launceston Range (The Mercury 29/6/1885, Examiner 1/01/1886)

1885 Mr. John Watchorn retired from the family business with it being carried on by his eldest son W. J. Watchorn and E. T. Watchorn as Watchorn Bros (The Mercury 24/8/1914)

1886 (23<sup>rd</sup> March) – Lieutenant Watchorn – Won fourteenth annual rifle championship among the Defence Force of Tasmania (The Mercury 22/3/1886, The Examiner 22/3/1886)

1886 (22<sup>nd</sup> April) – Lieutenant Watchorn one of two members of the Tasmanian Defence force to represent Tasmania as part of the first Australian Rifle Team at Wimbledon, Britain (Departed May and returned December), (The Mercury 22/4/1886, 13/05/1886, The Examiner 29/4/1886, 4/12/1886)

1886 (24<sup>th</sup> April) – Lieutenant Watchorn participated in Easter Camp at Ross (The Mercury 24/4/1886)

1887 (11<sup>th</sup> March) – Lieutenant Watchorn part of guard of honour for the arrival of newly appointed state governor, Sir Robert Hamilton (The Mercury 12/3/1887)

1887 (8<sup>th</sup> April) – Lieutenant, Tasmanian Rifle Regiment – participated in the Easter Camp, Newnham and was presented with two medals for rifle championships won in the past two years (Daily Telegraph 9/4/1887, 13/4/1887)

1887 (30<sup>th</sup> April) – Lieutenant Watchorn wins annual rifle championship for third time and is able to keep gold medal (The Mercury 2/5/1887)

1887 (15<sup>th</sup> August) – Lieutenant Watchorn part of Tasmanian team to represent Tasmania in the intercolonial rifle competition in Adelaide (The Examiner 16/8/1887, 23/8/1887, The Tasmanian 3/9/1887)

1887(9<sup>th</sup> November) – Inaugural meeting of the Tasmanian Rifle Association, Lieutenant Watchorn a member of the Association and participant in competition

(The Mercury 9/11/1887)

1888 (30<sup>th</sup> March) – Lieutenant Watchorn – participated in the Easter Camp Elwick, Hobart (The Mercury 31/3/1888)

1888 (May) – Lieutenant Watchorn, Tasmanian Rifle Regiment “has been provisionally promoted to be captain from December 2, last.” (The Mercury 7/5/1888)

1888 (10<sup>th</sup> December) – Captain Watchorn part of Tasmanian team in Intercolonial Rifle Match held in Hobart (The Colonist 29/12/1888)

1889 (12<sup>th</sup> June) – Captain Watchorn one of pall bearers at Lt. Selby’s funeral (The Mercury 14/6/1899)

1889 (14<sup>th</sup> November) – Captain Watchorn member of Tasmanian team at the Victorian Rifle Association’s Annual Meeting (The Mercury 15/11/1899)

1890 (April) – Captain, Tasmanian Rifle Regiment – Participated in Easter Camp, Perth (The Mercury 07/04/1890)

1890 (26<sup>th</sup> May) Captain Watchorn attended a mess luncheon at Hadley’s Orient Hotel in honour of Colonel Legge on his retirement after the Queen’s Birthday levee (The Mercury 27/5/1890)

1890 (5<sup>th</sup> June) Captain Watchorn – Rifle Regiment involved in Sham Fight at Kingston with Kingston Channel Rifles (The Mercury 7/6/1890)

1891 (27<sup>th</sup> March) Captain Watchorn – Tasmanian Rifle Regiment participated in the Easter Camp at Ross (The Mercury 27/5/1891)

1891 (12<sup>th</sup> October) Captain Watchorn – commanded a detachment of 50 men from the Tasmanian Rifle Regiment which formed guard of honour for Admiral Lord Charles Scott and captains of the Auxiliary Squadron (The Mercury 13/10/1891)

1892 (23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January) Captain Watchorn – participated in friendly rifle match between HMS Curacao and the Tasmanian Rifle Regiment (The Mercury 25/1/1892, 1/2/1892)

1893 (24<sup>th</sup> May) Captain Watchorn – commanded Tasmanian Rifle Regiment honour guard at levee held to mark the Queen’s Birthday at the Town Hall (The Mercury 25/5/1893)

1894 (10<sup>th</sup> December) Captain Watchorn – present at Colonel Warner’s valedictory parade held at Anglesea Barracks. (The Mercury 11/12/1894)

1895 (18<sup>th</sup> November) Captain Watchorn participated in exercise defending Alexandra Battery from attack (The Mercury 19/11/1895)

1895 (9<sup>th</sup> December) – Married Ethel Maud Baynton, Congregational Church

Hobart. (The Mercury 28/12/1895)

1896 (August) Captain Watchorn officer commanding A company Tasmanian Rifle Regiment (The Mercury 22/08/1896)

1896 (November) Captain Watchorn's assistance in enabling the Garrison Band to compete successfully in the intercolonial band concerts in Sydney acknowledged publicly (The Mercury 11/11/1896, 19/11/1896)

1897 (April) Captain Watchorn participated in the Easter Camp held at Strathroy as Officer Commanding A Company Tasmanian Rifle Regiment (The Mercury 16/4/1897)

1897 (17<sup>th</sup> June) Major Watchorn, promotion by brevet in honour of her Majesty the Queen having completed 60 years' reign (The Mercury 19/06/1897)  
Participated as Brigade Major in associated Queen's Diamond Jubilee encampment at Domain and sham fight (The Mercury 24/06/1897)

1897 (18<sup>th</sup> August) Major Watchorn involved in establishment of the Southern Tasmanian Cadet Corp (The Mercury 24/07/1897, 3/08/1897, 19/08/1897, 26/08/1897)

1897 (December) Captain and Brevet Major Watchorn promoted to the rank of major and appointed to command the Tasmanian Rifle Regiment (The Mercury 14/12/1897)

1898 (7<sup>th</sup> April) Major Watchorn participated in the Easter Camp at Merton Vale near Campbell Town as Commanding Officer of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Tasmanian Rifle Regiment) (The Mercury 8/04/1898)

1898 (10<sup>th</sup> May) Major Watchorn participated in the meeting to form the Queenborough Infantry Force (The Mercury 11/05/1898)

1899 (24<sup>th</sup> January) Major Watchorn commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Tasmanian Infantry Regiment has been granted the hon. Rank of lieutenant-colonel (The Mercury, The Examiner 24/01/1899)

1899 (31<sup>st</sup> March) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn participated in the Easter camp near Bellerive commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (The Mercury 3&4/04/1899)

1899 (Aug) – Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn involved in restructure of defence force as disciplinary measure (The Mercury 10 & 12/08/1899)

1900 (14<sup>th</sup> March) Tasmanian Infantry Regiment Patriotic Ball held at the Gaiety Theatre, Zeehan under the patronage of Colonel Legge (Commandant), Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn and officers of the Tasmanian Defence Force (Zeehan and Dundas Herald 12/3/1900)

1900 (23<sup>rd</sup> March) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn has applied for the command of the bushmen's contingent. Fifty men are now in barracks (The Examiner 24/3/1900) (4<sup>th</sup> April) Captain R C Lewis (brother of Premier) appointed to command contingent (The North Western Advocate and Emu Bay Times



5/4/1900)

1900 (13<sup>th</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn participated in Easter Camp held at St Leonards (The Mercury 16/4/1900)

1900 (7<sup>th</sup> December) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn attended banquet in the former Exhibition Building given by the Mayor and Corporation as part of the celebrations marking the return of the first Tasmanian contingent to the Boer War (The Mercury 8/12/1900)

1901 (14<sup>th</sup> February) – Lieutenant Colonel appointed Commanding Officer of the fifth Tasmanian contingent (2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen). (Daily Telegraph 14/02/1901)

1901 (14<sup>th</sup> March) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn appointed to command of both contingents (Head Quarters Order No 59-1901)

1901 (18<sup>th</sup> March) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn award of Volunteer Officers' Decoration announced in Gazette (The Mercury 19/03/1901)

1901 (27<sup>th</sup> March) Tasmanian Imperial Contingent under command of Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn (The Mercury 28 & 30/03/1901), landed Port Elizabeth 21/04/1901.

1902 (15<sup>th</sup> June) – Lieutenant Colonel – Commanding Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen. Contingent arrived back in Tasmania.

1902 (17<sup>th</sup> June) – Lieutenant Colonel – Mentioned in despatches gazetted (AWM)

1902 (26<sup>th</sup> June) – Lieutenant Colonel – Companion of the Order of the Bath gazetted (AWM) (Daily Telegraph 27/06/1902)

1902 (11<sup>th</sup> November) – Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn commanding the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Tasmanian Infantry at military parade at the Domain where he was presented Volunteer Long Service Medal by Commandant Colonel Legge (The Mercury 11/11/1902)

1903 (2<sup>nd</sup> April) Birth notice "On Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Christchurch, N.Z., the wife of Col. Watchorn C.B.: a son (The Mercury 4/4/1903)

1903 (11<sup>th</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn was in command of the Hobart portion of the Tasmanian Defence Force that left for the Easter encampment at Ross (The Mercury 10/4/1903)

1903 (18<sup>th</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn invested with CB by Governor General Lord Tennyson in Sydney (The Mercury, The Examiner 23/4/1903)

1903 (1<sup>st</sup> July) – Major and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel (Australian Army) – Commanding Officer Derwent Infantry Regiment, (The Examiner 11/11/1903, The Mercury 14/12/1903)

1904 (5<sup>th</sup> February) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn member of reception party for the official visit to Tasmania of Federal Minister for Defence A. Chapman and Major General Sir E Hutton (The Mercury 6/2/1904)

1904 (6<sup>th</sup> February) Military parade and inspection by Major General Hutton and the Federal Minister for Defence at which the Derwent Infantry Regiment was largely unrepresented. Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn Commanding Officer of the Regiment was present (The Mercury, The Daily Telegraph 9/2/1904)

1904 (29<sup>th</sup> March) Major and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Thomas Watchorn CB VD, Officer Commanding Derwent Infantry Regiment placed on the unattached list as from 6<sup>th</sup> February (The Examiner 29/3/1904, The Mercury 15/4/1904)

1904 (23<sup>rd</sup> July) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn present at trial of disappearing target invented by Sergeant-Major Goucher at the Sandy Bay rifle range (The Mercury 25/7/1904)

1905 (1<sup>st</sup> February) National memorial to the Tasmanian soldiers in South Africa was unveiled by the Governor HE Sir Gerald Strickland, Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn present (Tasmanian News 1/2/1905, The Mercury 2/2/1905)

1905 (5<sup>th</sup> June) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn participated in military parade and presentation of South African medals by HE Governor Strickland at Anglesea Barracks (The Mercury 6/6/1905)

1906 – Built *Farleigh*, 380 Huon Road, South Hobart (The Mercury 6/1/1906)

1906 (1<sup>st</sup> January) Appointed Lieutenant Colonel and Commanding Officer of the Derwent Infantry Regiment (The Mercury 26/1/1906 & 26/2/1906).

1906 (3<sup>rd</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn Commanding Officer of the Derwent Infantry held their Easter camp at Kingston from 12/04/1906 (multiple camp sites used) (The Tasmanian News 3/04/1906, The Mercury 4 & 12/04/1906)

1907 (27<sup>th</sup> January) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn, umpire at night exercises Kingston (The Mercury 29/01/1907)

1907 (28<sup>th</sup> March) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn commanded Derwent Infantry Regiment at Easter camp at Kingston (multiple camp sites used) (The Mercury 20/03/1907)

1907 (5<sup>th</sup> May) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn commanded Brigade for parade and inspection by Major General J C Hoad, Inspector General of Commonwealth Forces near the Queen's Battery (The Mercury 6/05/1907)

1908 (16<sup>th</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn commanded the Derwent Infantry Regiment at its' Easter camp at Tarooma (The Mercury 8 & 16/04/1908)

1908 (16<sup>th</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn to be officer commanding Hobart

defences (The Mercury 16/04/1908)

1908 (17<sup>th</sup> October) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn directed military exercises in Clarence District (The Mercury 19/10/1908)

1909 (8<sup>th</sup> April) (The southern) Tasmanian Garrison divided into three camps for Easter, Colonel Watchorn in charge of Hobart defences (The Mercury 10/04/1909)

1909 (18th Sept) Lieutenant Colonel – O C commanding Hobart defences present at Military Review at the Domain for newly appointed State Commandant Lieutenant Colonel Parnell (The Mercury 20/9/1909)

1910 (8<sup>th</sup> February) Colonel Watchorn participated in “Kitchener” camp at Ross and Mona Vale (Daily Post 5/2/1910, 7/2/1910)

1910 (5/6<sup>th</sup> February) Colonel Watchorn part of reception party to welcome Lord Kitchener at Hobart Station on Saturday and accompanied him to Fort Nelson on Sunday (The Mercury 7/2/1910, Daily Post 7/2/1910)

1910 (May) Lieutenant Colonel – O C Hobart’s defences, In command of King’s funeral parade, Hobart (Daily Post 19 & 21/05/1910)

1911 (13<sup>th</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn – participated in the Easter Camp at Ross (The Mercury 16/3/1911, 6/4/1911)

1911 (22nd June) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn OC Hobart Defences – commanded the troops participating in the celebration of the King’s Coronation (The Mercury 23/6/1911)

1912 (5<sup>th</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn – participated in the Easter Camp at Ross (The Examiner 6/4/1912)

1913 (8<sup>th</sup> February) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn – participated in tactical exercises between Bridgewater and Brighton as part of inspection by Inspector-General of the Commonwealth Military Forces, Major General Kirkpatrick (The Mercury 10/2/1913)

1913 (March) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn– OC Hobart defences – announcement retiring as Colonel (The Mercury 14/3/1913)

1913 (23<sup>rd</sup> March) Colonel Watchorn – attended Easter Camp at Ross (the Mercury 26<sup>th</sup> March 1913)

1913 (1<sup>st</sup> April) Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn– OC Hobart defences – retired ([naa.gov.au/browse/records/165483](http://naa.gov.au/browse/records/165483))

1914 (September) Colonel Watchorn appointed staff officer in charge of embarkation for the Tasmanian Military District (The Examiner 15/9/1914)

1917 (14<sup>th</sup> July) Colonel Watchorn present at Domain Review where the 1899 quota of Senior Cadets transferred to the Citizen Forces (The Mercury

16/7/1917)

1940 (15<sup>th</sup> March) Colonel Watchorn's death (The Mercury 18/3/1940) Cremated at Cornelian Bay after a funeral with full military honours on 18<sup>th</sup> March (The Mercury 19/3/1940)

#### **4. CHRONOLOGY BOER WAR – Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen**

Principal Reference: - Bufton, J., 1905. Tasmanians in the Transvaal War. The Examiner

11th January (1901) – Assembled New Town Camp, (New Town Show Ground), (The Mercury 11/01/1901)

14<sup>th</sup> February – Lieutenant Colonel appointed Commanding Officer of the fifth Tasmanian contingent (2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen). (Daily Telegraph 14/02/1901)

23<sup>rd</sup> February Inspection of Tasmanian contingent by Minister of Defence G Collins (The Examiner 23/02/1901)

27<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen departed Hobart on S.S. *Chicago*. Contingent commanded by Lt Col E. T. Watchorn and consisted of 12 officers, 241 others with 289 horses.

24<sup>th</sup> April – Landed at Port Elizabeth, South Africa. (The North Western Advocate and Emu Bay Times 14/05/1901, Daily Telegraph 30/05/1901)

27<sup>th</sup> April – Arrived by railway at Cradock, Cape Colony.

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May – Engaged at Gannashoek near Mortimer with Gideon Scheeper's Commando (Minnaar, 1987). Trooper John Warburton died of wounds (11<sup>th</sup>) (Tasmanian News 13/05/1901, The Examiner 14/05/1901)

16<sup>th</sup> May – Operating with Colonel Henry Scobell's Column about Cradock.

1<sup>st</sup> June – Engagement at Aliman's Fontein.

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Joined Colonel G. F Gorrings's Flying Column. (Tasmanian News 20/08/1901)

8<sup>th</sup> June – Engaged Wynand Malan's Commando at Rietfontein

3<sup>rd</sup> July – Engagement near Zuurburg.

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Engagement near Schilder Krans.

1<sup>st</sup> August – Chased enemy into Col. Munro's Column.

13<sup>th</sup> August – Engagement at Roodepoort, captured Commandant Erasmus, Cachet, and others of the Pieter Kritzinger's Commando. (The Mercury 23/09/1901 & 5/04/1902)

14<sup>th</sup> August – Engagement with Kritzinger at Lamenkrost.

16<sup>th</sup> August – Chased Kritzinger across Orange River. (The Mercury 1/10/1901)

16<sup>th</sup> September – Engaged General Smut's forces at Wildeschutt's Berg, Drakensberg District.

21<sup>st</sup> October – Engaged Van Reenan's Commando

14<sup>th</sup> November – Rejoined Scobell's column

18<sup>th</sup> November – Corporal John Orr killed in action at Rietpoort near Jameston against William Fouche's commando (The Examiner 23/11/1901, The Mercury 8/01/1902))

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Captured Commandant Jacobus Besters and ten others.

25<sup>th</sup> November – Lance Corporal Francis Cowell died of enteric fever, Deelfontein.

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Trooper James Phegan died of dysentery, Dordrecht.

25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas at Dordrecht, dinner paid for by officers.

13<sup>th</sup> February – Colonel B Doran assumes command of the Column

14<sup>th</sup> February – Trooper Leonard Huttley died of enteric fever, East London (Daily Telegraph 21/02/1902)

February (1902) – Operations with 17<sup>th</sup> Lancers in Camdeboo Mountains.

18<sup>th</sup> February – Killed Commandant Judge Hugo in engagement at Grootfontein. (The Examiner 28/03/1902)

10<sup>th</sup> March – Captured Commandant Rudolph at Klein Taffelberg. (Tasmanian News 1/05/1902)

4<sup>th</sup> May – Corporal Douglas Lyne died of enteric fever, Norval's Point. (The Examiner 6&8/05/1902)

9<sup>th</sup> May – Depart Victoria for Port Elizabeth by railway.

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Embarked on *T.S Manila* at Durban. (The Examiner 23/05/1902)

15<sup>th</sup> June – Disembarked Hobart (The Mercury 16/6/1902)

16<sup>th</sup> June – Welcome Home at the Exhibition Building Hobart

30<sup>th</sup> June – Contingent disbanded.

## 5. PAPERS – Edwin Thomas Watchorn

5/1 Commission Edwin Thomas Watchorn, Lieutenant Tasmanian Volunteer Rifle Regiment 10/10/1881 (Acc. No.10584)

5/2 Papers related to Tasmanian Volunteer Rifle Regiment 1881 – 1895 including: -

- Advice Governor Strahan receiving officers of the regiment December 1881 (Acc. No.1007)
- Tasmanian Rifle Regiment Details of Drills for August 1890 (Acc. No.10451)
- Roll of “A” Company (Acc. No. 10543)

5/3 Papers related to representing Tasmania in the Rifle Competition at Wimbledon 1886, including: -

- Leave of Absence to represent Tasmania in the Rifle Competition at Wimbledon 8/05/1886 (Acc. No.10539)

5/4 Papers related to Tasmanian Cadet Corps activities 1897 including: -

- Appointments as officers 2/11/1897 (Acc. Nos.1005-1006)

5/5 Papers relating to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Tasmanian Infantry Regiment 1899 – 1900 including: -

- Papers relating to the provision of khaki uniforms (Acc. No.9919)
- Attendance at Class of Instruction (Acc. No.10474)
- Envelope addressed to Officer Commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Tasmanian Infantry Regiment

5/6 Derwent Regiment letter and telegraph register includes unused OS perforated Tasmanian 1 penny stamps (x13) and 2 penny stamps (x16) and associated memos 1907 – 1915 (Acc. No.5156)

5/7 Papers related to the organisation of Commonwealth Military Forces in Tasmania 1902 (Acc. No.10602)

5/8 Miscellaneous papers relating to the Commonwealth Military Forces 1902 – 1903 including: -

- Memo Col Legge for Officers Commanding Companies and Detachments in Country Districts 31/12/1902 (ODR10110)
- Hand written schedule of inspections of Companies and Detachments of the 1st Battalion Tasmanian Infantry Battalion 17/2/1902 – 20/6/1902

[badly water damaged] (Acc. No. 10120)

- Memorandum for Watchorn to meet the General Officer Commanding at Anglesea Barracks 7/01/1903 (Acc. No.10113)
- Report on inspection of Infantry Brigade correspondence record keeping 24/06/1902 (Acc. No.10005)

5/9 Hand written draft of letter re seniority post 1902

5/10 Printed report on Annual Continuous Training at Ross in 1911 at which Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn Officer was Commanding Red Force.

5/11 Hand written draft report/lecture on "Complete and Quick Communications", no-date

5/12 Miscellaneous papers

## 6. PAPERS – Others

6/1 Commission William Emanuel Baynton, First Lieutenant, The Kingborough Rifle Corps of Southern Tasmania Volunteers 4/10/1861 (Acc. No.5573)

6/2 Commissions Arthur Frederick Tunks

- Sergeant Major Arthur Frederick Tunks, Lieutenant Army Service Corp 13/06/1896 NSW (Acc. No.10586)
- Second Lieutenant Arthur Frederick Tunks, First Lieutenant Army Service Corps 29/06/1997
- Lieutenant Arthur Frederick Tunks, Captain on probation Army Service Corps 1/07/1899

(Note born in New South Wales and lived in Sydney all his life. Served as mayor of North Sydney. Commissioned as Captain in the Australian Army Service Corps 1/07/1903 Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No 2 9/01/1904)

6/3 Correspondence, postcards, photographs notebook and soldiers book to Karl Haag (many water damaged) including: -

- German field messages 13/2/1917 - 21/08/1917
- Letters and envelopes addressed Karl Haag, Infantry Regiment No. 125 3/07/1917 – 9/08/1917
- Notebook
- Soldiers Book for Carl Haag Infantry Regiment Kaiser Friedrich (Konig v Preussen (7 W) Nr 125 10 Kompagnie (Acc. No.10644)
- Draft coded cards

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

7/1 Correspondence personal to Watchorn 1888 – 1914 (Acc. Nos. 10233,10234,10235,10238,10240)

Correspondence includes: -

- Letters relating to purchase of metal skates (Acc. Nos.10237, 10239, 10241) 11/06/1888
- Partial letter to Watchorn while in South Africa from family member (Acc. No. 9863)
- E G Moore 8/10/1902 (Acc. No.10501)
- J Murphy related to supply of piping for mine as well as inquiry about allotment from military service in South Africa 24/11/1902 (Acc. No.9983)
- McClure Valentine Co relating to shipping apples March 1903 (Acc. No.10428)

7/2 Correspondence personal to Watchorn related to military affairs, March 1890 – May 1903 including: -

- C Walch 20/03/1890 sending copy of Walch/s Literary Intelligencer December 1878 with article "A Week's Camping with the Regulars at Aldershot by Private J W H Walch". Watchorn's signature on journal. (Acc. No. 10425)
- Watchorn to W Moore re Cadets 10/11/1898 (Acc. No.10439)
- Lt Reginald Stourton 1<sup>st</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen, Albany WA 3/01/1901 (Acc. No.10538)
- A Giblin on behalf of the B Coy. Rifle Club 20/7/1902 (Acc. No.10499)
- Invitation to attend Military Ball, Kempton 23/10/1902 (Acc. No.10068)
- Invitation to contribute to presentation gift for Col Legge on his retirement 8/12/1902 (Acc. No.10112)
- Coronation Celebrations Committee Pyrotechnical Display 19/05/1903 (Acc. No. 10111)
- Letter regarding farewell entertainment of Mr. TT Hopkins, no date

7/3 Correspondence personal to Watchorn related to military service in South Africa 1902 – 1903 including: -

- N E Lewis (Premier), Hobart 11/6/1902 (Acc. No.10031)
- P Dalton, Dordrecht 23/10/1902 (Acc. No.9985)
- A. Eckford 5/11/1902 (Acc. No.9982)
- Major Thomas Heath, London 13/9/1902 (Acc. No. 10051)
- W. W. Herring Cooper, Pretoria 15/10/1902 - 24/11/1902 – refers to Hallam (Acc. No.10032)
- J Bisdee, Hutton Park 24/11/1902, 15/3/1903 refers to Hallam (Acc. No.10052)
- H Hallam, Sudan 23/1/1903 – published in full in The Mercury 25/3/1903 (Acc. No. 10033)
- Other (Acc. No. 10062)



7/4 Correspondence personal to Watchorn from former members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen and their families

- A Bell, Transport "Devon" 18/05/1902 (ODR10551)
- R Chalmers, 17/6/1902, 18/11/1902 (Acc. Nos.10026, 10067)
- F Webb, Johannesburg 12/10/1902 (Acc. No.10073)
- C Richardson, 23/10/1902 (Acc. No.10083)
- J Riley, Zeehan 2/11/1902 (Acc. No.10082)
- W E Scritchley 5/11/1902 (Acc. No.10030)
- J Murphy, 6/11/1902 (Acc. No.10028)
- G Brewster, 11/11/1902, 24/12/1902 (Acc. Nos. 10069, 10116)
- G Glover, Dover 17/11/1902 (Acc. No.10070)
- C Easton-Brown, Zeehan 20/11/1902 (ODR10071)
- M H Swan, Western Australia 27/11/1902, 6/1/1903 (Acc. Nos.10072, 10076, 10502)
- J Young 12/1902 (Acc. No.10075)
- A Stocker Dunedin, 29/11/1902(Acc. No.10085)
- L Witherington, Flinders Island 9/3/1903 (Acc. No.10078)
- Cpl White, Crotty 11/05/1903 (ODR10074)
- J Cooper, Egypt with 12<sup>th</sup> Batt & at Gallipoli 8/03/1916 (Acc. No.10122)
- Lettercard from Rev Buffon seeking promised contribution for "Tasmanians in the Transvaal War"21/?/1903 (Acc. No. 5549)
- Partial letter 10/6/1903 (Acc. No.10452)
- Brownell part letter post 1918 (Acc. No.10471)
- C Henderson Ulverstone no-date (Acc. No.10077)

7/5 Correspondence related to publication Tasmanians in the Transvaal War 1902 – 1903: -

- Lettercard from Rev Buffon seeking promised contribution for "Tasmanians in the Transvaal War"21/?/1903 (Acc. No. 5549)
- Partial letter 10/6/1903 (Acc. No.10452)

7/6 Papers relating to Investiture by Governor General in order of the Bath at Government House Sydney, 18/04/1903 (Acc. Nos.10494, 10497 – 10498)

7/7 Letter Book 7/09/1889 – 5/07/1904 contains wide range of letters relating to commercial, club and military subjects including matters relating to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen both in South Africa and after return to Tasmania.

## 8. PHOTOGRAPHS

8/1 Photographs including: -

- Edwin Watchorn from scrapbook with Program for the Unveiling Ceremony of the Tasmanian Soldiers National Memorial 1/02/1905

(Acc. No.10601)

- Unknown female on board ship (Acc. No.10459)
- Hebe (yacht) and two unknown males on Dead Island (Acc. No.10588)

## 9. EPHEMERA

9/1 Military Ephemera including: -

- Flyer for Rifle Match 30/09 1896 between Major Wallack's team of Volunteers and Defence Forces and Mr. Thomas Westbrook's team of volunteer Riflemen (Acc. No.10468)
- Poster (part) Launceston Rifle Regiment – Annual Regimental Prize Meeting 26/12/1887 (Acc. No.10449)
- Sandy Bay Infantry Co Annual Military Ball 9/08/1901 (Acc. No.10654)
- 1st Battalion Tasmanian Infantry Regiment, Commonwealth of Australia envelope (Acc. No.10358)
- Invitation to a Smoke Concert presented by the Filibuster Band at the Barracks 6/06/1903 (Acc. No.10435)
- Silk souvenir for the unveiling ceremony of the Soldiers' Memorial and presentation of the medals and decorations. Reprinted from The Mercury 2/2/1905 (Acc. No.10583)
- Postcard "Tasmania's Greetings 1909" to Major Lewes DSO, O/C AGA Hobart (Acc. No.581)
- Reprint of The Derwent Star and Van Diemen's Land Intelligencer 12/04/1810 with details of the death and funeral of Lt Governor Collins (Acc. No.10560)

9/2 Watchorn Personal Ephemera: -

- Lettercard from Rev Bufton seeking promised contribution for "Tasmanians in the Transvaal War" 21/? /1903 (Acc. No. 5549)
- Watchorn Brothers 3 Elizabeth St Hobart Letterhead 188 (Acc. No.10361)
- Bidence & Son receipt for three shirts 7/1902 (Acc. No.10473)
- Envelopes addressed to either Col. or Mrs. Watchorn, Davey St., Hobart (Acc. Nos. 10457, 10458, 10461, 10463)
- Envelope addressed to W G Baynton, Sandy Bay (Acc. No.10456)

9/3 Other Ephemera –

- Silk souvenir "Tasmania's Welcome to H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh sung by the Sunday School Children of Hobart Town" (Acc. No.10579)
- Isthmian Club Tent Menu Henley July 1891 (Acc. No.10440)
- Ribbon "Children's' Demonstration to the Duke and Duchess of York" "welcome to Tasmania 4<sup>th</sup> July 1901"

- Certificate for subscription to the “Seventh War Loan issued to C E Cox 24/10/1918

9/4 Trade related market reports and advertising (Acc. Nos.10436, 10437)

9/5 Newspaper cuttings

## **10. OTHER MATERIAL**

10/1 Map – Reconnaissance of Country in Vicinity of Rokeby Road near Camp 1899 – hand annotated, damaged (Acc. No. 10368)

10/2 Army Orders

- Instruction relating to The Pay Duties of Officers Commanding Companies, &c. of Regular Troops (Acc. No.10382)
- Army Orders 1900 - 1/12/1900 signed E T Watchorn (Acc. No. 10380)
- Army Orders 1901 – 1/01/1901 signed E T Watchorn (Acc. No. 9478)
- Army Orders 1903 – 1/07/1903 signed Col Watchorn CB (Acc. No.381)

## **11. MISCELLANEOUS**

11/1 Unused army stationary forms for “Tasmanian Defence Force” and “First Battalion Tasmanian Infantry Regiment” (Acc. Nos. 4963, 4964)

11/2 Unused foolscap note book with labels “Harry Watchorn” and N H Propsting Printer (Acc. No.10668)

## **12. BOOKS AND MAGAZINES**

Pall Mall Magazine September 1898 (Acc. No.10424)

Artillery Training Vol 1 signed Bruce B Watchorn (Acc. No. 9720)

Artillery Training Vol III – Organization and Employment of Artillery in War 1921 signed Bruce B Watchorn (Acc. No.9745)

## **13. PAPERS – Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen**

13/1 Papers related to the raising and operation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen in Tasmania until departure for South Africa 18/02/1901 –

22/03/1901 including: -

- Various papers for period 20/02/ 1901 – 14/03/1901 includes Head Quarters Order No 59-1901 date 14/03/1901 appointing Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn to the command of both contingents (Acc. Nos.9982 – 9890) and Dr. Charles Mattei as Surgeon-Lieutenant (Acc. No.5361)
- Letter 26/03/1901 from Tasmanian Department of Agriculture listing the fodder and requisites for horse delivered to “Chicago” (Acc. No.9862)

13/2 Order Book 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 18/02/1901 – 4/03/1902 (Acc. No. 5155)

13/3 Papers relating to the embarkation and travel of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen to South Africa including: -

- Authorization to enter enclosure on New Wharf for Departure of the Imperial Contingent for South Africa 25/03/1901 (Acc. No.10434)

13/4 Watchorn's Field Memos (Army Book 153) for periods 2/11/1901 – 9/12/1901, 9/12/1901 – 17/01/1902, 21/01/1902 – 23/03/1902, 20/4/1902 – 13/05/1902 (Acc. Nos. 9854 – 9856)

13/5 Hand written operating, orders, field notes, memos and letters relating to military activities in South Africa: -

- Operation Order No c/30 from Col Douglas Haig to Tasmanian Contingent 7/05/1901 (Acc. No.5305)
- Note advising of execution of Boer prisoner 24/11/1901 (Acc. No.5298)
- Lists of locations and associated dates where 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen served (Acc. No.10496)
- Message book 13/05/1901 – 21/05/1901 (Acc. No.10670)

13/6 Watchorn's Telegraph Books 14/05/1901- 21/08/1901, 4/11/1901 – 27/02/1902, 27/02/1902 – 12/05/1902 (Acc. Nos.10065, 10066, 100247,5160)

13/7 Telegrams 1/05/1901 – 24/03/1902 and without date for Watchorn and Col Gorringe (Acc. Nos.10088 – 10102) including: -

- Col Watchorn to Premier N E Lewis advising that Trooper Warburton seriously wounded, 10/05/1901 and death, 12/05/1901 (Acc. No.501 – 5402)

13/8 Subaltern and Guard Reports 27/28 April 1901

13/9 Field reports to and from Watchorn related to Boers passing through British lines and sabotaging railway line near Drennan Station 6/05/1901 –

10/05/1901 (Acc. No.10106 – 10109)

13/10 Sgt A E Mount 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen hand written order book  
13/3/1902 – 26/4/1902 (Acc. No.10245)

13/11 Nominal and Muster Rolls including: -

- Nominal Rolls for No1 and No 2 companies hand annotated (Acc. Nos. 10007, 10008)
- Hand written return "War service of Officers engaged in South Africa from 30<sup>th</sup> November 1900 until 31<sup>st</sup> May 1902 (Acc. No.9457)
- Muster Rolls 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen – undated (Acc. Nos.10300, 10353)
- Hand written list of Officers, NCO's and Men not with Headquarters 22/05/1902 (Acc. No. 10022)
- Hand written list of Officers and their dates of appointment (Acc. No.10023)

13/12 Hand written lists of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen men, their home addresses and assignments to Troops and Squadrons - no dates (ODR 10053 – 10061 and hand-written list of war service of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen engaged in South Africa (Acc. No.10001)

13/13 Promotions, transfers, duty changes and discharge documents including  
01/08/1901 – 5/03/1902 (Acc. No.10303, 10314)

13/14 Death, injuries and sickness reports, lists and other papers including: -

- Report of Death Pte. Cowell died Deelfontein 25/11/1901 (Acc. No.5311)
- Nominal roll of those admitted and discharged from hospital (Acc. No.10017)
- Subscription List for Trooper Cowell photograph following death for his mother (Acc. No.103550)
- Hand written Sick Report A Squad 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 05/05/1902 (Acc. No. 10021)
- Advice Trooper Phegan died at Dordrecht 4/12/1901 (Acc. No.10118)
- Advice Trooper Warburton died Queen's Central Hospital Craddock 12/05/1901 (Acc. No.9916)

13/15 Defaulters Book A Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen (Acc. No. 9857)

13/16 Court of Inquiry proceedings including: -

- Pte. W Hewitt 2<sup>nd</sup> TIB 10/10/1901 (Acc. No.5174)
- Pte. C French 2<sup>nd</sup> TIB 17/10/1901 (Acc. No.5172)
- Alleged looting near camp 20/11/1902 (Acc. No.5181)
- Pte. Waddle 2<sup>nd</sup> TIB 21/01/1902 (Acc. No.5177)
- Pte. H Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> TIB 25/04/1902 (Acc. No.5176)

13/17 Court Martials and Criminal Proceedings including: -

- Crime Reports 21/1/1902 (Acc. No.10103-04)
- Trooper A Pegg 23/01/1902 (Acc. No.5173)
- Sergeant J. Moore 31/01/1902 (Acc. No.5157, 10354)
- Pte. J McDonald Queensland Imperial Bushmen 20/04/1901 (Acc. No.9858)
- Trooper R Richards 3<sup>rd</sup> NSW Mounted Rifles 31/05/1902 (Acc. No.5171)
- Trooper J Donnelly 3<sup>rd</sup> NSW Mounted Rifles 31/05/1902 (Acc. No.5170)
- Trooper R Burns 3<sup>rd</sup> NSW Imperial Bushmen 31/05/1902 (Acc. No.5169)

13/18 Pay Lists 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen, Tasmania and South Africa including: -

- Consolidated Pay Sheet January – February 1901, Officers Pay List 19/02/1901 – 15/03/1901
- A Troop – No1 (April – August 1901), No2 (September – December 1901), No3 (January 1902), No4 (February 1902), No5 (March 1902), No6 (April 1902), No7 (May 1902) (Acc. Nos. 9939 – 9945)
- B Troop - No1 (April – August 1901), No2 (September – December 1901), No3 (January 1902), No4 (February 1902), No5 (March 1902), No6 (April 1902), No7 (May 1902) (Acc. Nos.9932 – 9938)

13/19 Pay Allotments – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen including: -

- Allotments and Pay - Staff and No 1 Company and No 2 Company (Acc. Nos. 9961, 9962)
- Allotments and Pay - A Company 1/4/1901 – 31/1/02, 1/3/1902 – 31/03/1902

13/20 Pay returns, hand written lists and miscellaneous papers related to pay and allowances including family remittances 22/05/1901 – 15/02/1902 (Acc. No.10317, 10328, 10332)

13/21 Station Paymaster “S” Branch Main Barracks, Cape Town payments, adjustments and related documentation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen, 24/07/1901 – 13/03/1902 (Acc. No. 10263, 10264)

13/22 Monthly Returns and Duty State for Field Service

13/23 Papers relating to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen horses and mules including: -

- Hand written and annotated Numbers & Descriptions of Horses of the Second Tasmanian Imperial Contingent (Acc. No.5157)
- Hand written Statement of Horse and Mules belonging to the 2<sup>nd</sup> TIB for week ending 30/05/1901(Acc. No. 9877)
- Civilian Agreements for service as Mule Drivers (Acc. No.9875, 10399 - 10423)
- Hand written notes and receipts for horses

13/24 Receipts and Waybills for Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen including: -

- Issue and Receipt vouchers – 24/04/1901 -13/04/1902 e.g. “Panniers medical comforts” (Acc. Nos. 4967, 4968, 4969, 4970,10266, 10267, 10268,10269,10270,10271)
- Miscellaneous equipment lists and receipts – (Acc. No.10352)
- Acc. No.9872)
- Requisition Book (Army Book 30) 27/05/1901 – 25/06/1901 (Acc. No.10667)

13/25 Equipment Ledger (Army Book 239) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen, May 1901 – March 1902 (Acc. No.9813)

**13/26 11/1 Financial records including Cash Book - Accounts of Moneys paid to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imp. Bushmen, Army book 123, (Acc. Nos.10347,10256)**

13/27 Miscellaneous financial records including: -

- Miscellaneous cheques issued by Commercial Bank of Tasmania for payment at the Standard Bank of South Africa, Cape Town (Acc. Nos.10063 – 10064)
- Acknowledgement of receipt of payments from Lt Col Watchorn from The Standard Bank of South Africa 6/11/1901 – 18/03/1902 (Acc. Nos.10250 – 10254)

13/28 Indulgence Cablegrams July 1901 (Acc. No.5403, 5407)

13/29 Miscellaneous memoranda issued in South Africa and related to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 4/5/1901 – 18/05/1902 (Acc. Nos.10084, 10115, 10119) including: -

- Memo response to letter about Collie dog left on train 9/11/1901 (Acc. No.9850)

13/30 Miscellaneous published British Military Orders, memorandums and other documents including: -

- Poster – Bilingual Proclamation of martial law from April 22nd by General Kitchener (Acc. No. 10481)

13/31 Translated copies captured Boer Reports including: -

- Dispatch from C R De Wet Commandant Orange Free State to Advocate Smuts 8/02/1902 (Acc. No 10244)
- Appointment of Advocate Smuts as Chief of all fighting forces in the Cape Colony following the capture of Commandant Kritzinger 8/02/1902 (Acc. No 10244)
- Two reports from General Smuts (Acc. No 10243)
- Expedition of Transvaalers to the Cape Colony (From August to October 1901)
- Report regarding the situation in Cape Colony

13/32 Lists of Boers (Acc. Nos 5427,5560,5562)

13/33 Papers and returns associated with embarkation from South Africa including: -

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen and other military returning on S. S. Devon and H M T Manilla May – June 1902 (Acc. Nos. 10034 – 10044, 10046 – 10050, 10114)
- Seniority list of officers to embark in “Manilla” at Royal Albert Dock – no date (Acc. No. 10045)
- Return of troops awaiting embarkation to Australasia and New Zealand (Acc. Nos 10590 -10600)

13/34 Discharge documentation including hand written lists (Acc. Nos. 10000, 1004)

13/35 Tasmanian and Australian Government papers related to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen and Australian involvement more generally in South Africa including: –

- Receipt for balance of pay due to 2<sup>nd</sup> TIB from Treasury (Acc. No 10258)
- Miscellaneous papers 12/1/1903, 4/3/1903 (Acc. Nos. 10080 – 10081)

13/36 Ledger 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen from 20/05/1901, includes entries for each member of the contingent (Army Book 129) (Acc. No. 5164)

13/37 Commercial Bank of Tasmania Ltd., - ET Watchorn's account book with the Commercial Bank of Tasmania Ltd., for period 16/6/1902 to 18/8/1902 (Acc. No 10257), Commercial Bank of Tasmania cheque books 16/6/1902 (Acc. Nos. 10259, 10260)

13/38 Rolls of those in the Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen entitled to



medals and associated papers (Acc. Nos. 9990 – 9997)

13/39 Official papers and personal letters related to the award of Pipes presented by Queen Alexandra to non-commissioned officers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 4/02/1902 – 11/12/1902 (Acc. Nos. 10124 – 28)

13/40 Papers relating to missing firearms of members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 11/07/1902 – 5/11/1902, includes Commonwealth Military Forces file 02/2222 (Acc. Nos 10130 – 10232)

13/41 Miscellaneous papers

#### **14. CORRESPONDENCE – Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen**

14/1 Correspondence Head Quarters Office, Hobart, Head Quarters Order Nos. No 63-1901, No 70-1901, No70-1901

14/2 Military correspondence including from 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen to Watchorn –

- Sgt G Shaw South Africa seeking transfer to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen with attached reference from R C Lewis OC 1<sup>st</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 18/05/1901 – (Acc. Nos. 10024 - 25)
- G. E. Taylor South Africa seeking support as referee for promotion 8/07/1901 – (Acc. No. 10261)
- L Lupton South Africa seeking to serve with 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 10/07/1901 (Acc. No 5376)
- ? Caword, Gamma Hock personal 27/08/1901 (Acc. No 5382)
- Sgt A Peace, Hobart personal 22/09/1901 (Acc. No 5381)
- Capt. Spencer South Africa personal 2/10/ 1901 – 8/01/1901 includes:  
- Reference to Hallam and Laughton affair (Acc. Nos. 5377-78, 5405, 5417)
- Walter Werrett South Africa seeking certificate as to ability as Veterinary Sergeant 18/10/1901 (Acc. No 5371)
- A Goldhawk? Regarding shotgun loaned to Corporal Murphy 20/10/1901 together with internal report on matter (Acc. Nos. 5372 & 5373)
- 
- Lt Heathcote, South Africa seeking to serve with 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 7/12/1901 (Acc. Nos. 5380)
- Sgt P Kerr South Africa seeking transfer to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen from Bushveld Carabineers, originally part of 1<sup>st</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 12/12/1901 – (Acc. No 10027)
- C Duff? South Africa seeking to serve with 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen 27/12/1901 (Acc. No 5379)
- Frank Whitney G F C Depot, Middelburg 3/01/1902 (Acc. No 54140)
- F W Litchfield, Caulfield inquiring about son serving with 2<sup>nd</sup> TIB

8/01/1902 (Acc. No 5428)

- Colonel Gorringe, Cape Town 23/01/1902 (Acc. No 10546)
- H M Pryor-Jones Coldstream Guards re meerkats and squirrels 20/04/1902 (Acc. No 10548)
- Chalmers, Durban personal 1/06/1902 (Acc. No 10447)
- Col Scobell, 23/01/1902 on departure from South Africa (Acc. No 10546)
- Lt H Hallam, South Africa, partial letter (Acc. No 5541)
- Charles Winfield Cape Colony "31/02/1902" seeking commission with reference letters including from Adam Taylor Valleyfield (Acc. No 5465 – 5468)

14/3 Civil correspondence and declarations including to Watchorn while in South Africa including civil correspondence and declarations to Watchorn

- Letter from F Vaughan Kirby to Col Gorringe re assignment of attachment of native troops 1/02/1901 (Acc. No 10086)
- Letter of introduction for Lt Col Watchorn to Col McCalmount 5<sup>th</sup> Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt, Field Forces South Africa from J Farrell, New Norfolk 22/03/1901 (Acc. Nos. 10446, 10505)
- Letter from J Dickson, Land Settlement ORC to Captain Spencer re grant of land 19/12/1901 (Acc. No 5375)
- Letter from Vincent Cotterell re damage by Tasmanian troops at the farm Boterhoogte 3/01/1902 and draft response from Watchorn (Acc. No 5421)

14/4 Personal correspondence to Watchorn while in South Africa including: -

- Letter D Davies The Grand Lodge of Tasmania response to inquiry about membership 2/01/1901

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14/5 Letter Books Lt Col Watchorn 17/10/1901 – 4/03/1902, 19/11/1901 – 24/08/1902, 30/07/1901 – 20/06/1903 (Acc. Nos. 10246, 10248, 10249)

## **15.EPHEMERA – Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen**

15/1 Envelope addressed to: -

- Col Goringe, O/C GFC, Klipfontein,
- Lieut.?
- Col "Catchen" OC Tasmanian Contingent
- Saddler J G Glover
- Trooper J J Joyce
- Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn

15/2 Receipt from

- Shirleys' Cape Town to Lt Colonel Watchorn for purchase of one white canvas bath 12/09/1901 (Acc. No 5325)
- J W Stevens Craddock Lt Suche account 2/05/1901 – 28/05/1901 dated

26/11/01 (Acc. No 10467)

- Mosenthal & Co to Lt Colonel Watchorn for whisky and brandy 8/7/1901 (Acc. No 10530)

15/3 Newspaper cuttings: -

- photograph of "The Late Trooper Warburton" (Acc. No 10371)
- A Letter from Colonel Watchorn August 1901 (Acc. No 10489)
- Letter from Bugler Ballantyne (Acc. No 10472)

15/4 Christmas card from Officer Commanding and Officers of the First Battalion Tasmanian Infantry Regiment 24/12/1901 (Acc. No 10479)

## **1 16. OTHER MATERIAL – Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen**

16/1 Field Service Manual South African Command – Mounted Infantry Company (Acc. No 5165)

16/2 Annotated Register of Voters – Electoral District of Wodehouse

16/3 Star Chart of Southern Heavens (Acc. No 5182)

## **17 MISCELLANEOUS – Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen**

17/1 Unused army stationary forms including Roll of Individuals entitled to South Africa Medal and Clasps under Army Order granting the Medal, Issued 1<sup>st</sup> (Acc. Nos. 9442, 9443, 9444, 9445, 9446, 9447, 9448, 9449, 9450, 9451, 9452, 9453, 9454)

17/2 Unused army stationary forms including "Form of Pass" for civilians under signature of D. Haig, Colonel, Commanding Columns operating in Midland District (Acc. Nos. 4956, 4957, 4958, 4959, 4960, 4961, 4965)

- Unused B Doran's Column Effective Fighting Strength 1902 ((Acc. No 5535)

17/3 Unused civil and military envelopes (Acc. No 9455, 10337)

17/4 Unused pay, allowance and will forms (Acc. Nos. 4988, 4989, 4990, 4991, 4992, 4993, 4994, 4995, 4996, 4997, 4998, 4999)

17/5 Unused court martial and criminal justice forms (Acc. Nos. 4966, 4971, 4972, 4973, 4974, 4975, 4976, 4977, 4978, 4979, 4980, 4981)

17/6 Unused embarkation, voyage and disembarkation forms (Acc. Nos. 4982, 4983, 4984, 4985, 4986, 4987, 9456)

17/7 Unused Account of Equipment for Camp Service (Acc. Nos.9800 – 9802)

17/8 Unused Army Book 108 Vouchers and Requisitions for Field Equipment Accounts (Acc. No. 9803)

17/9 Unused Account Book cover supplied for the public service (ODR 9859)

17/10 Unused Parchment Certificates for Tasmanian Unit Imperial South African Contingent (Acc. Nos. 10655 – 10658)

17/11 Unused Field Service Vouchers and Issue Journal Army Book 8 and Requisition Book Army Book 30(Acc. Nos. 10671-2, 10667)

17/12 Unused Triplicate Telegram Book for Post Office Telegraphs Cape of Good Hope (Acc. Nos. 10662, 10664-5)

## **18. BOOKS – South Africa**

Doyle, A.C., 1902 The War in South Africa Its Cause and Conduct. Smith Elder & Co, London. Inscribed in pencil “Ethel Watchorn Christchurch”

Unknown (without cover or title page) book on South Africa (Acc. No. 10589)

## **19. OTHER COLLECTIONS**

Material directly associated with E T Watchorn is held by a number of state and national institutions including: -

### **19.1 National Museum of Australia**

Items held include: -

- Binoculars, (The binoculars are engraved “Lieut. Col. Watchorn” and” From Officers of 1<sup>st</sup>. Bat. T.I.R.”, presented on departure of Second Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen.
- Military saddle and stirrup leather,
- Swaggers sticks (X2).

### **19.2 Australian War Memorial**

Items include: -

- Boer War dossier: documents relating to the service of Tasmanians in South Africa and Lieutenant Colonel Watchorn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial

Contingent, 1901-1902. (AWM ORMF4004) (microfiche of correspondence and documents – Dewey Number 968.048309946, Libraries Australian ID 13482355) (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/version/29257760> )

- C.F.R. Crawford papers: includes discharge and reference written in July 1902 by Lt. Col. E T Watchorn. (PR86/056)

### **19.3 Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery**

Items include: -

- Tanto presented to Edwin Watchorn by Captain of the Japanese naval ship Riujo for winning shooting competition with Southern Tasmanian Rifle Association 24<sup>th</sup> May 1881.

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