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## WELCOME to REVELATIONS 25

► Ni sa bula vinaka, Malo e lelei, Mālō le soifua, Kia ora, and welcome to our March 2024 issue of Revelations.

One of the striking images in this issue is a mosaic of crosses located throughout Booth College of Mission. These images lead us into the theme of Easter, and we highlight one of the Easter Camps held by The Salvation Army 40 years ago.

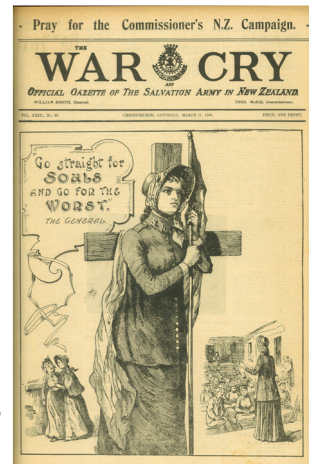
We tell the special story of a war orphan who arrived in New Zealand on Anzac Day, 1922. Adopted into a Salvationist family, he became a Salvationist. As an able seaman, his life was lost in 1941 when HMS Neptune was sunk in the Mediterranean.

The work in the Archives is another focus for this issue as we highlight the processing and cataloguing of some of our earliest Salvation Army correspondence. Major Pollard's letters to Captain Elizabeth Herdman written from 1883 to 1885 gives some insight into the detailed work we do with items in the Archives.

We hope you enjoy this issue and have a blessed & safe Easter.

With God's Blessing.

**Gregory Jennings** | Territorial Archivist ◀



## POLLARD'S LETTERS

Seven letters to Captain Elizabeth Herdman 1883-1885



► In the process of updating our catalogue, we have been rediscovering some of The Salvation Army's precious documents.

One such find has been a series of original letters written by Major George Pollard, the first dated the 3rd of September 1883 promoting then Cadet Elizabeth [Lizzie] Herdman to Captain and appointing her to Port Chalmers Corps on 9th September 1883. A further six letters were written by Major George Pollard to Captain Lizzie Herdman during her time as an officer, concluding with a letter dated 23

January 1885 accepting her resignation.

The letters were discovered in different parts of the archives collection, some in a collection of Cyril Bradwell's papers and others in an officer file for Captain Lizzie Herdman.

Maree, our Assistant Archivist, Arrangement and Description collated the letters into one place, handling them with cotton gloves and bone folders (a tool for manipulating paper).

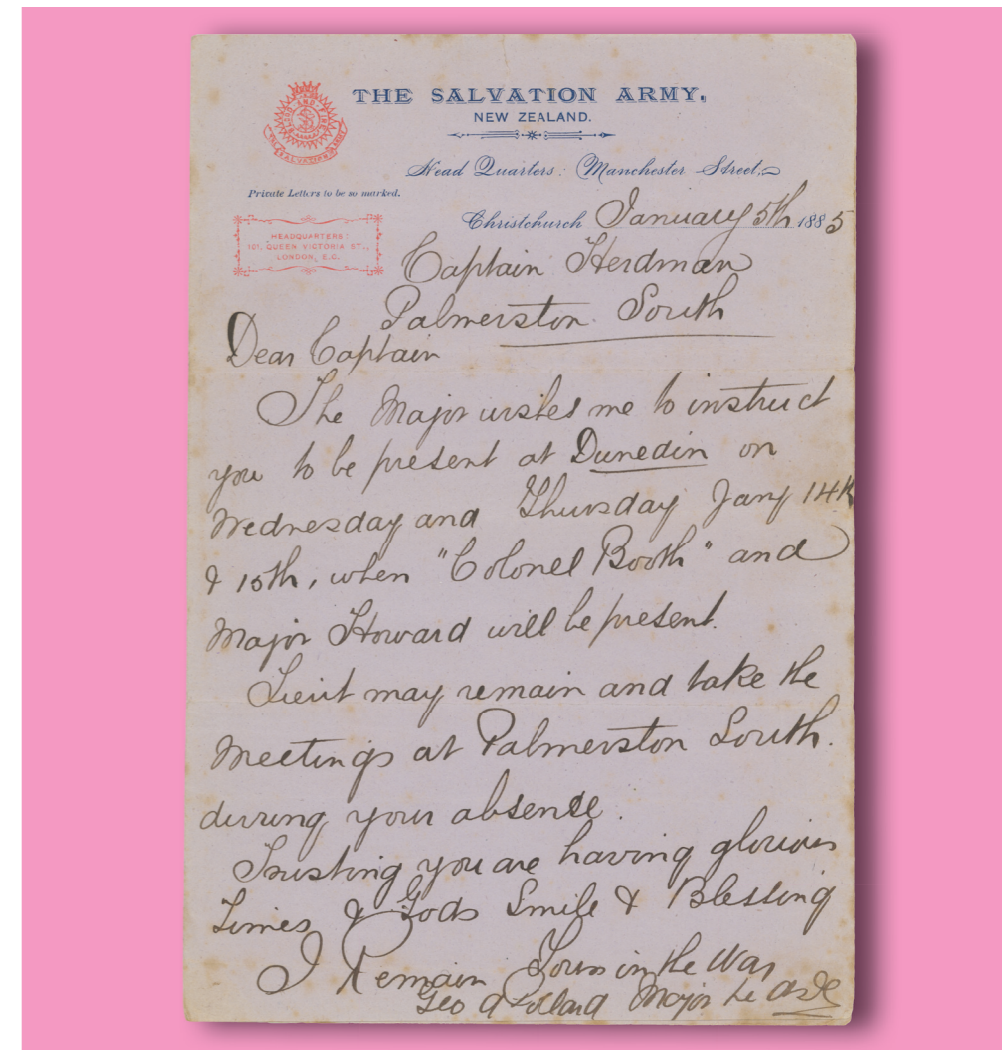


They were examined for condition, and any marks and damage were noted.

The letters were described highlighting the printing of the letterhead including the colour of the notepaper, dimensions, details of the address block, typefaces used and the colour of the inks. Considering the age of the letters the ability to produce such detailed letterheads is quite remarkable.

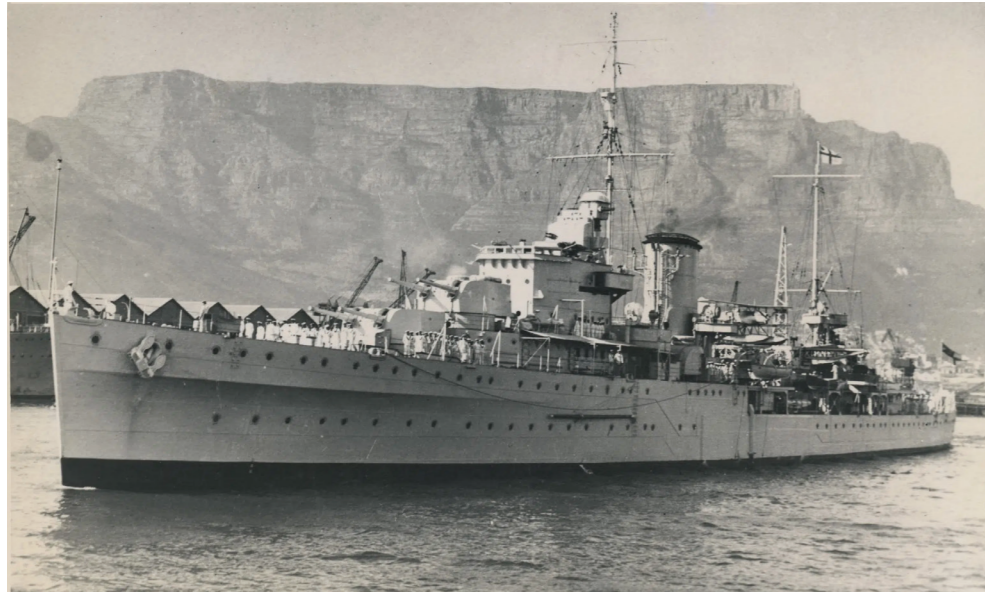
The actual content of the letters was transcribed along with a description of the content, handwriting, signatures, colour and condition of ink, grammar, punctuation, and abbreviations used.

The letters were then digitised before being packaged between tissue, acid-free paper and stiffening card for long-term storage.



# DUNCAN PERCIVAL MUNRO

"O hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea"



► Able Seaman Duncan Percival Munro C/5475, was the adopted son of Salvationists Brother James & Sister Ellen Munro of Woolston, Christchurch. He lost his life on board H.M.S Neptune early in the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> December 1941, when 764 souls out of 765, including 150 New Zealanders, were lost when the cruiser hit a series of mines off the coast of Libya, and sank quickly in the Mediterranean Sea.

Duncan was born Percy Wrenn in the United Kingdom, and he arrived in New Zealand on Anzac Day, 1922 on board the ship 'Waimana'. He was one of the 21



War Cry, 6 May 1922



orphans on board bought over from the United Kingdom under the Salvation Army's Commissioner Scheme. The arrival of the children was covered in an article and photograph in The War Cry issue on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1922. He was placed in the Salvation Army's Timaru Boy's Home (later Bramwell Booth) in May 1922 shortly after his arrival. In August the same year he was adopted by soldiers James and Ellen Munro. ◀

Duncan Percival Munro, c1941

# DONATING PHOTOGRAPHS

How to Label Photographs

The best way is to write on the back of photographs using a 2B pencil; it's softer and won't leave an indentation. On newer photographs that have been processed on coated papers the pencil won't work; you will need to use an acid free non-bleeding archival marker. These can be found in craft and hobby stores. The most important thing to remember is: **NAMES - PLACE - EVENT - DATE**



Fielding Corps Home League 1945

# EASTER CAMP 1984

Central North Division Easter Camp, Maraekakaho



at Stoney Creek Ranch, Maraekakaho 1984

# THE CROSS

Crosses located at Booth College of Mission

1. Quilted Cross by Beverly Dyke, 1998
2. BCM Chapel (Whare Karakia) window
3. Embroidered by Major June Moreland; Prize winner of TSA Centenary Craft competition, 1983
4. Cross made by cadets Disciples of the Cross session (2012-2013)
5. Painting by Cindy Alsop, The Salvation Army Australia
6. Detailed Cross crafted by a graduate of the Bridge Centre, Christchurch, 1995
7. Presented to Commissioner Earl Maxwell by Tongan Salvationists 1992
8. Preaching Stand c1950, Miramar Bridge programme.
9. Rimutaka Prison Carving, presented to cadets in appreciation of their prison ministry, c2010

