BALMAIN EXCURSION: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: FULL DAY TOUR

Commencing at the Watch House, built 1854, the interesting itinerary planned by Mr. Bob Chambers of the Balmain Association, will command immediate interest for the building was one of a pair of police stations designed by Edmund Blacket.

The excursion will conclude at the Boatman's Cottage, c 1841, at mid-afternoon. Between the two will be an inspection of the Grange (c 1847) which contains some beautiful antique furniture and of two churches; glimpses of terrace houses and of the controversial containerisation project, together with some magnificent view of Sydney Harbour.

"The Grange" was in such a dilapidated condition two years ago that a demolition order had been issued against it. Now, however, it has been restored by Mr. and Mrs. Barton. It has a tenuous link with Wollongong for it was built for John Adolphus Young whose second wife was Jane Throsby of Moss Vale, a distant relation of the founder of Wollongong, Charles Throsby Smith.

TOUR DETAILS: The bus will leave Cross Roads at 8.45 a.m., following the usual route — Crown, Kembla, Bourke Streets and the Princess Highway to Bulli Pass.

Fare $2.50 per person; school children (must be accompanied by an adult) at half fare.

Picnic lunch — thermos flasks — will be partaken in the delightful Elkington Park.

MILITARY HISTORY: ENQUIRY

An enquiry has been received from Mr. Colin Hornshaw of 27 Day Street, Drummoyne, 2047 (Phone 81-3255) as to information on and/or acquisition of the following:

(a) The badge of the 28th Illawarra Light Horse Regiment, period 1912-18.


(b) The Badge — first issue 1930 — worn by 34th Illawarra Regiment.

"The 34th Illawarra Regiment (Infantry) is quite a well-known unit and its badge — a large 34 with laurels and crown above and title below is familiar. . . . It was originally raised as the 37th Infantry in 1913 but we have no information that a badge was issued then or when it became the 34th Battalion in 1918 — however the adoption of the motto "MALO MORI QUAM FOEDARI" in 1927 was the prelude to the issue of its first badge, possibly in the early 1930s — and apparently a very wanted issue."

Any information will be appreciated by Mr. Hornshaw who is a member of the Military Historical Society of Australia.