

## Patterson Letters & Tax Stamps

### Personal papers retained by John Patterson until his death

- Transcriptions of the 4 letters and a scanned sample of each original
- Scanned samples of tax stamp and employment records, with transcriptions of details (p.8)

#### 1. Envelope:

No post mark

#### Addressed to:

Pt J Pattersons

No 3 Comp A.S.C.

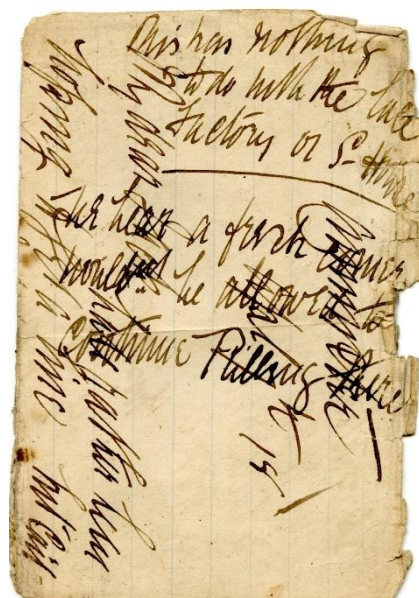
1<sup>st</sup> Australian Divisional Train

France

#### 1. Letter:



Notes written at right angles over start of letter: 2 views



This has nothing to do with the butter factory or S House.  
We hear a fresh ..... wouldn't be allowed to continue ..illing there

Apl 7<sup>th</sup> 18

My dear Jack

Had rather been hoping to get a line but can't worry at not doing so in these busy and sad times but should be glad to know you are all right but it's an anxious(?) time for .....

Well now I have some news and we hope you will be pleased to hear it. That is that we have sold up house & business with the little garden across & the two buildings attached (which you may have noticed have got very dilapidated) for £1000 to G D Enslow (??) that is Hiram Bakers nephew ..... for ..... knew him in the Market house.

He married Katie Giles & lived at Marmsbury as his uncle did, Well we knew for some time that he would like to get here.

So Father offered it to him after H Dunkings refused, at least he said much as he should like the house which of course comes within his own property he couldn't see his way to make the ..... at our valuation & he was quite willing for us to try and sell to D Enslow (??) who as he said it was worth more to & he wanted to buy not rent so there it is. We feel it a pretty fair price indeed especially in these times when no other butcher would ..... of taking on.

You see it has been so dreadfully worrying since Xmas & now the rationing starting this week. We felt we absolutely could not carry it through but father didn't at all like the idea for a long time but now it's done I think he feels very glad, D Enslow (??) takes on to the shop tomorrow the 9<sup>th</sup> & will take on our cards and their owners.

You would never believe all the writing it has meant introducing every man, woman and child's name and full address used to filling up the cards. Harry Clark very kindly helped do 3 long sessions and all Good Friday afternoon, then we thought we should have to hold on as D only decided end of last week of course we shouldn't put up the shutters and then try to let or sell because boys would be gone anyhow.

I am very thankful he will ..... the shop but.. I rather hoped for the time F will milk the second cow if he can & he will be busy with his allotment also the Bristol people have been very anxious that we should come their way but don't suppose that's likely to come off.

What's your idea? In any case F wouldn't be happy except to do something or other. Can't stop longer I have had such a lot to write around but trust you are alright dear love

From me, your loving Mother.

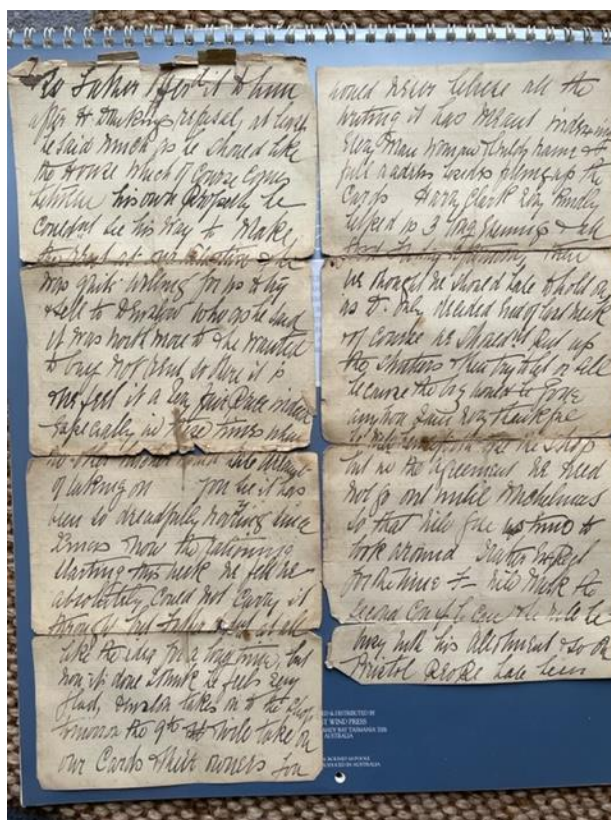
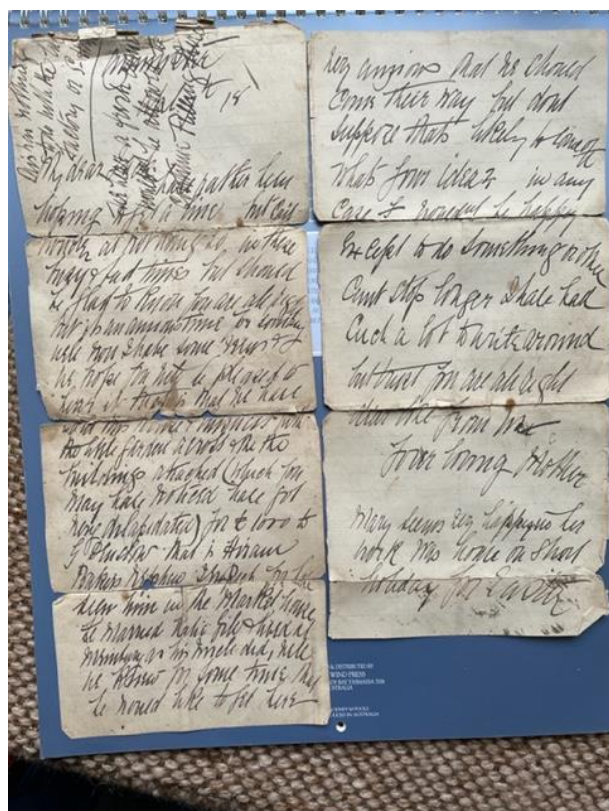
Mary seems very happy in her work was home on short holiday for Easter

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## 2. Envelope:

### Post mark:

Original stamp and postmark - removed

One other postmark: 15Au33 Sth Australia

### Addressed to:

J A G Patterson  
c/o R V Hannaford  
Hallett  
South Australia

Try c/o Bon Accord Hotel  
Aberdeen  
SA

## 2. Letter:

Axminster  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 1929

.....Jack,

I was very glad to get a.....

.....last week it was such a.....

I could not write not.....

.....to write, I wish you had a .....

.... and you were settled to.....something....

....time now you are letting your best days slip along

I can't help think.....a chance for you (if you try)

as well as others I saw on a paper there are over a million unemployed in England.

One half are those who don't want to work but live on the Dole (let others keep them, loaf and grumble, it seems to be spreading over the world laziness and strikes.

Suppose by now you are looking for Winter and we for Summer. I can assure you Old England just now is looking beautiful Flowers Grass and Trees and Birds.

I still keep on the field and go out most days but am afraid it will not be very profitable this year. Cattle are so dear my 1 1/2 year old steers cost £16 each last March. I could have had 5/- (shillings) each profit when I bought them I am afraid against I have them fat theh cost will not leave much for rent but if it gives me an interest in something. I can't do much only walk out there so don't know if I shall go up to Loudon (?) this year. Home seems to suit me best.

I think Norman and family are going in Cornwall this summer for their holiday. They have had a big disappointment. Their house which they built at Coulsdon was badly built rotten.....quite a sell. Norman has not been too well for some time. The girls are grown. Gwen the eldest is as tall as Lucy. Billy still holds his job at Glenvills.

Old Charl is having a hard struggle to make ends meet at Herve Bay. He works and struggles with no holiday for five years and can't make any headway. Their two children both have scholarships and nice children and his wife does her

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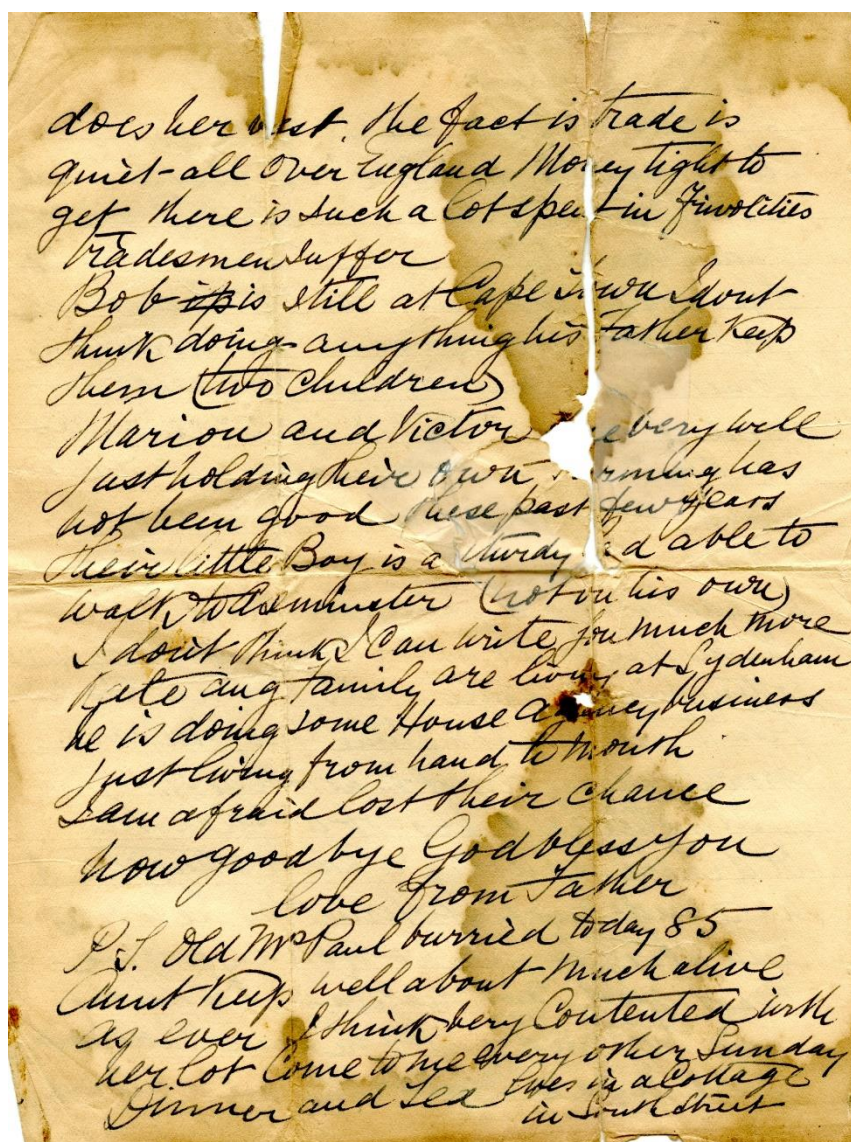
I don't think I can write you much more. Kate and family are living at Sydenham. He is doing some House Agency business just living from hand to mouth. I am afraid lost their chance.

Now goodbye God bless you.

Love from Father

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## 3. Envelope:

## Addressed to:

J.A.G. Patterson  
~~C/o Patterson Esq~~  
 Pysent St  
 Horsham  
 Victoria  
 Australia

c/o Hon Sec  
 Returned Soldiers  
 Mortlake

## 3 Post marks:

Croydon Surrey 1 Sep 1935 (England)  
 Horsham 7 Oc 35  
 Murtoa 14 Au 36

## 3. Letter

Our silver wedding this year, do you remember  
 Father's & Mother's I do dear old souls they were  
 pleased that day  
 Springport 1909  
 The Spinney,  
 Shirley Church Road,  
 Addington,  
 Nr. Croydon.  
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 made a move to the above  
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Printed letterhead address  
 -occurs on each page

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 (year uncertain) June 10

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As you will see we have made a move to the above address and I hope this will be the last one for some time at least. I suppose when Norm retires which he is due to do we shall not be able to afford the Spinney as it is fairly big and has 1 1/2 acres of ground. To you that is nothing in Australia but as the home places go it is fair. We like it very much & are quite rural about 3-4 miles from Croydon and have squirrels, nightingales and blackberries all on our own spot.

I am afraid I have been a long while in writing but have been a bit on the sick list and have only just returned from a month at the seaside. None of the four of us ever seemed to be too fit, the girls are just too much like their Father and Mother, nervy. Both of them work quite hard in their different ways and while Betty who is only just 17 & has not left school yet, Gwen was 21 last year and would very much like to earn her own living but it is very difficult to find suitable jobs unless one is terribly clever these days.

Nearly a year ago next month dear old Father passed out and it has been a very unsettling time home here with one and another. As the dear old soul used to say you can't please everybody Luce. Somebody is sure to be put out, so I should leave em alone. If it was not for dear old Fred's hard savings as you will have seen by now Father had nearly come to the end of his & we were beginning to wonder how we could best keep it from him. He had always been so good giving and denying himself to do so too.

I wish you had known him better, there is no-one today anywhere near like him & the older he got he seemed to be more understanding & a great love for us all. He so often talked of you & never a hard or unkind word.

Just as dear Mother would say don't go and be a goose & get rid of the little nest egg before you have got it Jack.

Home here times have been very bad & poor old Bill has had to keep his business going. Charl was gone because he owed it to others who lent him money when he started at Herve Bay. Kate has put most down to provide a home & I have tried to fill up a few gaps for others here & there & I believe you are the only one who has the amount to make good with. So after dear old Fred's hard work and Fathers don't let it slip through your fingers. I know I believe we all love spending & how jolly hard it is to keep any these days, still the rainy day may come.

At last I believe Bill is beginning to get on his feet again & as you may have heard Bob is home with his wife and family & C Harry has fixed them up with a nice home & Bob is in with Bill, Harry's money in it. The old folk were up a few weeks ago & never felt so pleased with Bob in their lives & he has settled down much more of late years. So as you can imagine there is nothing that Harry will not do for Bob & Bill. He feels Bill is a steadying hand on Bob. Jennie has altered beyond words & idolises her two grandchildren & cannot do enough for them all which helps to make it better all round.

I do not think Charl finds many plums about & has been having a very hard time, of course the season is on just now but they have very bad winters there and it is still a very uphill job. He never grumbles & keeps plodding on.

What are you doing with yourself. I suppose a bit of all sorts as you would say, but we don't hear of you settling down to a home of your own & can picture you smiling at the very thought of being tied up, like George but we have heard rumours of him lately. He always was a bit secretive wasn't he & never seems to think his own people worth bothering about silly old chap still we all know him.

I do not seem to have much news so can only keep you up in the family tit bits which isn't much, for we all seem to go our own way now-a-day.

Am hoping to run down to Axminster next month to see how things are. Mary does not keep us up in home news much but there she never was a great writer. It is strange how in such a short time we have so lost touch with our home of 50 or more years standing. I have got the sideboard which used to be in the upstairs drawing room at Victoria Place and the Grandfather clock & that is good to look at sometimes.

Well Jack cheerio for now & I shall look for a letter to know how you are soon.

All the very best with much love  
Your affec sister  
Luce



#### 4. Envelope:

Pale blue with RSL emblem in top LHS corner  
Original stamp & post mark removed  
Another post mark: Streatham 18 Au36

#### Addressed to:

Mr J A Patterson  
c/o Gordon Chirnside Esq  
~~Carranballac~~ Skipton

#### 4. Letter

Copy of report of Matron  
Commonwealth of Australia Darwin Medical Service  
5 July 193...

Dear Mr Patterson

Your brother Frederick Patterson was very ill with pneumonia and pleurisy when he was brought to us at 4:00 PM on the 6th of December 1930. He was a wonderful patient and was given all the attention that could be given.

The nurses all liked him. He did not improve at all and died very suddenly on the 20th of January 1931 at 4:00 PM. The sister on duty was with him. He did not speak. He collapsed and died in less than 5 minutes. He told us that he had had a turn of hard luck.

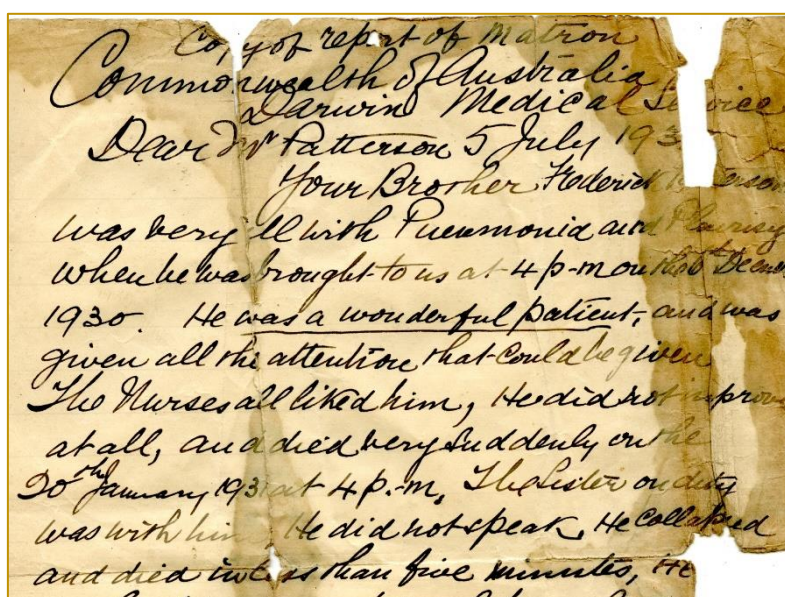
I had a letter from a Mip Turnour some time ago wanting to know all particulars as they had been corresponding with one another for years.

Mr Patterson had no friends here that I know of. He gave your name and address as his nearest relative when asked for a telephone address of a friend or relative near by.

Yours faithfully,

J Ashbourne

(Matron)



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Darwin Medical Service  
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was very ill with Pneumonia and Pleurisy  
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20<sup>th</sup> January 1931 at 4 p.m. The sister on duty  
was with him. He did not speak. He collapsed  
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## Tax stamps

Jack Patterson had kept some 'Tax Deduction and Wages Records' dating from the 1940s amongst his few personal items.

**TAX DEDUCTION SHEET AND WAGES RECORD**  
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1945.

The large portions of the tax stamps must be affixed to the back hereof in respect of the periods shown.

**DUPLICATE**  
(To be delivered to employee on 1st July, 1945, or upon earlier cessation of employment.)

Employer's Name **EDWARD WALFORD MANIFOLD**  
Address **Mondilibi, Mortlake**  
Identity Card Number **Y6 M92 18565**

Employee's Name **JOHN PATTERSON**  
Address **Hamilton**  
Identity Card Number **Y18 M86 14141**

Number of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

Payments during—	Gross Pay, (including Allowances and Value of Board and Quarters.)			Tax Deducted Weekly.			Total Tax Deducted Each Four Weeks.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
16th "									
23rd "									
30th "									
6th Apr. "									
10th "									
20th "									
24th "									
1st May "									

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Sheet 1

Financial Year ended 30 June 1945

Employer: Edward Walford Manifold

Address: Mondilibi, Mortlake

Employee: John Patterson

Address: Hamilton

2 weeks worked in April @ £4/-/3<sup>d</sup> per week.

Total tax deducted is 8/6 per week (total 16/12<sup>d</sup>).

2 stamps 12/- and 5/- (total 17/-) appear on the reverse.

Sheet 2 shows Jack Patterson worked for Thomas Leigh Simpson of Sazli, Dunkeld.

5 weeks July- August, 4 weeks Dec – January.

He earned £3/2/6<sup>d</sup> with 4/- deducted for tax.

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—VICTORIA**  
Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1944  
**DUPLICATE**

The employer must affix in the spaces hereunder the LARGE portions of stamps to the value of tax instalment deductions made during the four weeks ended on the dates shown in the spaces. The employer must cancel by writing his name across each line of stamps. Stamps must not overlap. To obtain credit for the value of these stamps a return of Income of the year ended 30th June, 1945, must be filed by the employee with the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation. If there is no tax payable an advice will issue, and a refund will be made on presentation of that advice and the stamps to the Taxation Office. If there is tax payable an assessment notice will issue. When the assessment notice is received, the notice and the stamps should be forwarded to the Taxation Office. If value of stamps is more than assessment a refund of balance will be paid. If value of stamps is less than assessment balance must be paid by cash. Do not forward this form with your Income Tax Return.

Four weeks ended—	Gross Pay, (including Allowances and Value of Board and Quarters.)			Tax Deducted Weekly.			Total Tax Deducted Each Four Weeks.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Four weeks ended 28th July, 1944									
Four weeks ended 25th Aug., 1944									
Four weeks ended 22nd Sept., 1944									
Four weeks ended 20th Oct., 1944									

Below the table are several Australian tax stamps, some signed and dated.

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—VICTORIA**  
Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1944  
**TAX DEDUCTION SHEET AND WAGES RECORD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1945.**

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(To be delivered to employee on 1st July, 1945, or upon earlier cessation of employment.)

Employer's Name **Thomas Leigh Simpson**  
Address **Sazli, Dunkeld**  
Identity Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employee's Name **Jack Patterson**  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Identity Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

Payments during—	Gross Pay, (including Allowances and Value of Board and Quarters.)			Tax Deducted Weekly.			Total Tax Deducted Each Four Weeks.		
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Week ended 7th July, 1944									
14th "	3	2	6						
21st "	3	2	6						
28th "	3	2	6						
4th Aug.	3	2	6						
11th "	3	2	6						
18th "									
25th "									
1st Sept.									

<- reverse of sheet 2 - this record contains a number of stamps signed by T Leigh Simpson.

Sheet 3 - a separate remnant of tax stamps signed and dated April & May 1942.