

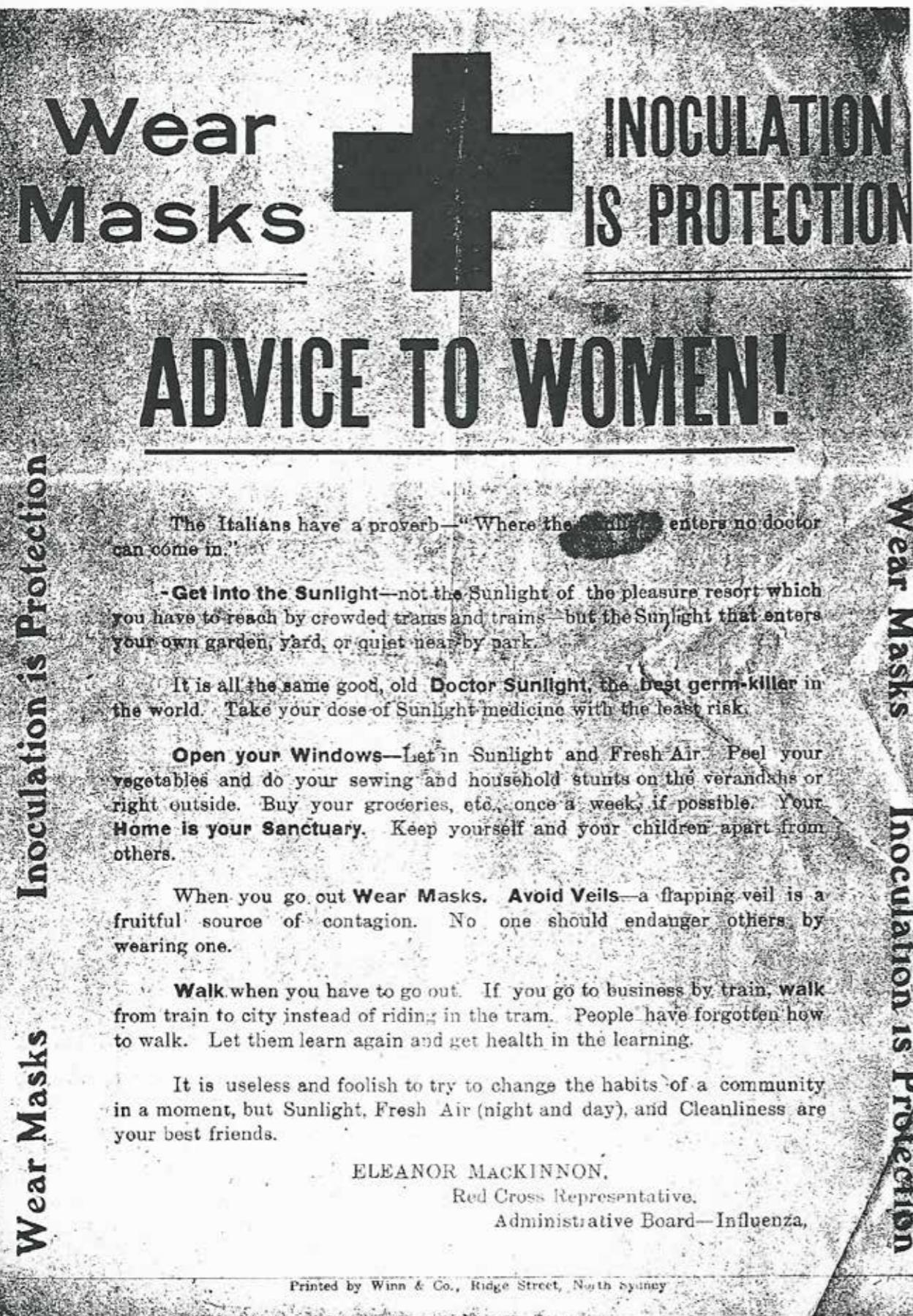
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145 BALMAIN ROAD  
LEICHHARDT 2040  
PO BOX 155  
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**1ST LEICHHARDT SCOUT GROUP FOUNDED 1908**

**RECORDS OF JAMES X COUTTS, SCOUT LEADER AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,  
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FROM 1908 TO 1938**

(Transcription of records collated by Allan Songberg,  
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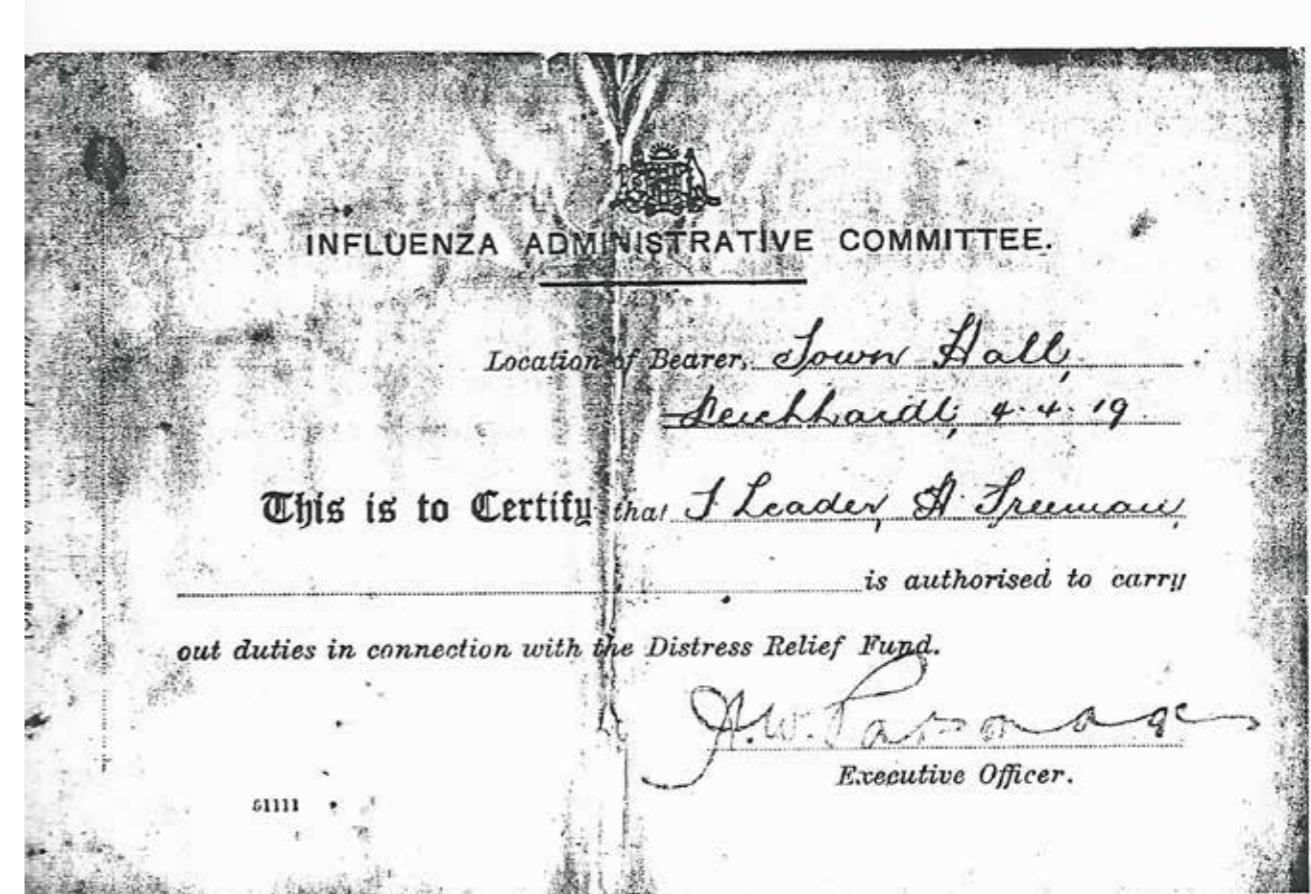
**PART 5**



1919

In April 1919, the Influenza came to Sydney hundreds died and thousands became sick. The Troop was called upon to help. Depots were started in every suburb by the Board of Health. Leichhardt working from the depot at the Town Hall. Tasks carried out were delivering food and bedding, driving and running messages.

Leichhardt Council issued a letter under the Municipal Seal to the Troop for this service.



7/5/19

Report of Scout R. Morris

- Reported at T.H. for duty at 9:0 am.
- 9:05 Went to Stevens (Chemist) and returned at 9:10.
- 11:30 Went to 46 Renwick St, 138 Marin St  
for Mrs Morris.  
returned at 11:45.
- 11:50 Went to 28 Edith St, 138 Marin St with message.  
returned at 12:30.  
Went home about 12:30.

C. H.  
P. D. M.  
7. 5. 19.

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Report of Scout J. Hammings

Signed on at 9:0 am.

- 11:0 Went for Mrs Jackson to Confectioners for milk.
- Went to Mrs Coalis for eggs for Mrs Jackson.
- 11:30 Got sulky for Mrs Morris. returned at 12:00.
- Took bedding to 46 Renwick St.
- Went for dinner at 1:0 pm.
- 2:00 Took a parcel for Mrs Hodgson to 138 Marin St.
- 3:30 Helped Red Cross with afternoon tea 3:11.
- Took sulky home at 5:0 pm. to Mrs Morris.
- Went to get tea at 6:00 pm.
- Posted some letters for Mrs Hodgson at 7:30

C. H. M.  
P. D. M.  
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Report of Scout R. Tickner

- Reported at Town Hall at 9:0 am.
- 9:15 Sent 6 000 Muttons (Confectioners) by Red Cross for milk  
Sent with food billies to the following places:-
- 10:45 90 Carlisle St 9 Broad St  
11 Broad St. . . . . Returned at 11:00.
- 12:00 Washed bottles for Mrs Hodgson (Mrs Jackson) <sup>cleaned knives</sup>
- 1:00 Took Miss Rochester and a nurse to Mrs White  
and another place in Norton St.  
returned at 2:30
- 3:00 Pealed potatoes for Miss Ricles
- Went to the following shops for articles described:-
- Miss Barkers for { 1 tin Canned Jam, 4 egg  
1/2 lb butter, 1/2 pt milk
- Greengrocers for { 6 potatoes, 6 tomatoes,  
6 beans, 3 onions
- Butchers for 3 lbs minced steak
- 2:15 Helped wash up tea things in Kitchen

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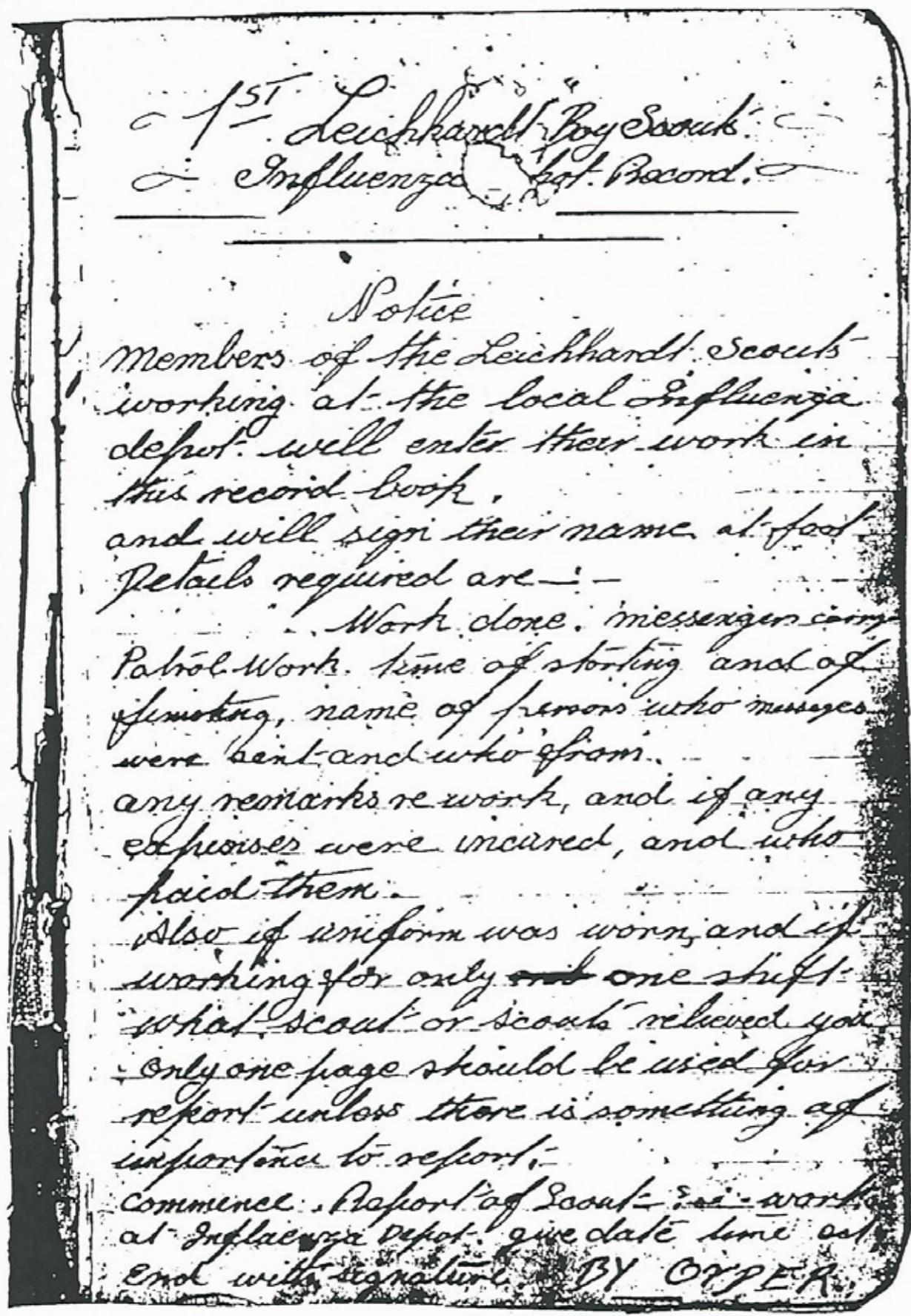
Report of P. D. Locket

Reported at 7:0 pm.

- Assisted in Red Cross until 10:00 pm when  
I went home.

P. D. Locket

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### 1st Leichhardt Boy Scouts

### Influenza Report Record

#### Notice

Members of the Leichhardt Scouts working at the local Influenza depot will enter their work in this record book and will sign their name at foot.

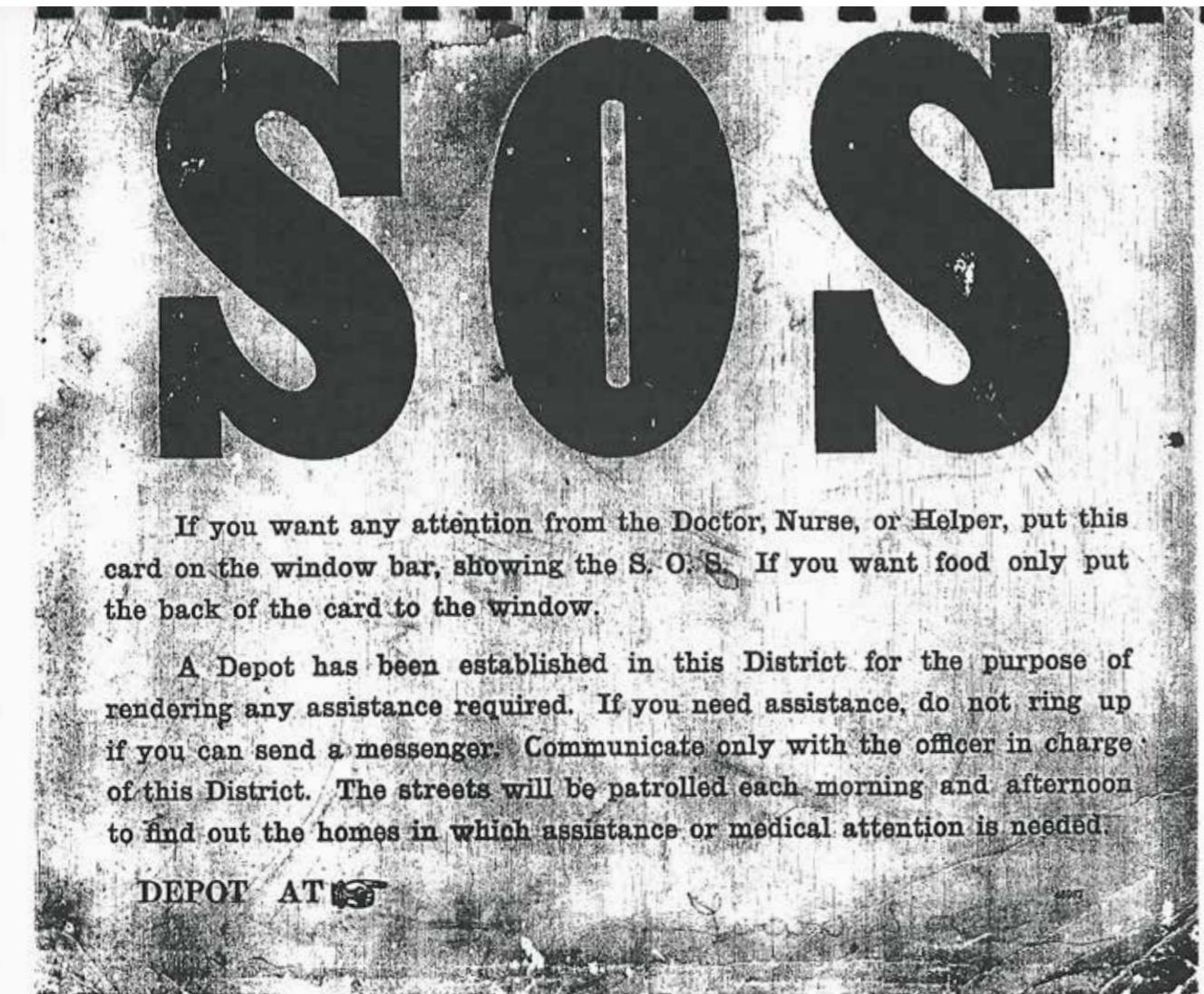
Details required are -

Work done, messengers carry, Patrol Work, time of starting and of finishing, name of persons who messages were sent and who from, any remarks re work, and if any expenses were incurred, and who paid them.

Also, if uniform was worn, and if working for only one shift what scout or scouts relieved you only one page should be used for report unless there is something of importance to report.

Commence Report of Scout ---- work at Influenza Depot, give date time and End with signature.

BY ORDER.



## SOS

If you want any attention from the Doctor, Nurse, or Helper, put this card on the window bar, showing the S.O.S. If you want food only put the back of the card to the window.

A Depot has been established in this District for the purpose of rendering any assistance required. If you need assistance, do not ring up if you can send a messenger. Communicate only with the officer in charge of the District. The streets will be patrolled each morning and afternoon to find out the homes in which assistance or medical attention is needed.

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E. LIBRARY The Librarians duties will be to accept all suitable books and to thank donors for them. to number and issue books to Library members and see that they are returned in good condition and to open Library on Friday Evenings and keep Library Books.

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P.C., G.C.M.G.

Royal Naval House,  
Grosvenor Street,

SYDNEY 21st. August 1919.

IN REPLY PLEASE ADDRESS  
THE HON. SECRETARY,  
BOX 2021, G.P.O.

WEST SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Coutts:-

I have much pleasure in notifying you that at the Executive Meeting held last evening a resolution was unanimously carried, recommending the Chief Scout to award you with the honorary "Silver Wolf" in recognition of the great services you have rendered during the past 10 years.

I will write to His Excellency today asking him to forward the application to London Head Quarters, and I hope it will not be long before we have the honour of conferring the coveted honour on you.

With kind regards, yours sincerely.

Hon. Commissioner for N. S. Wales.

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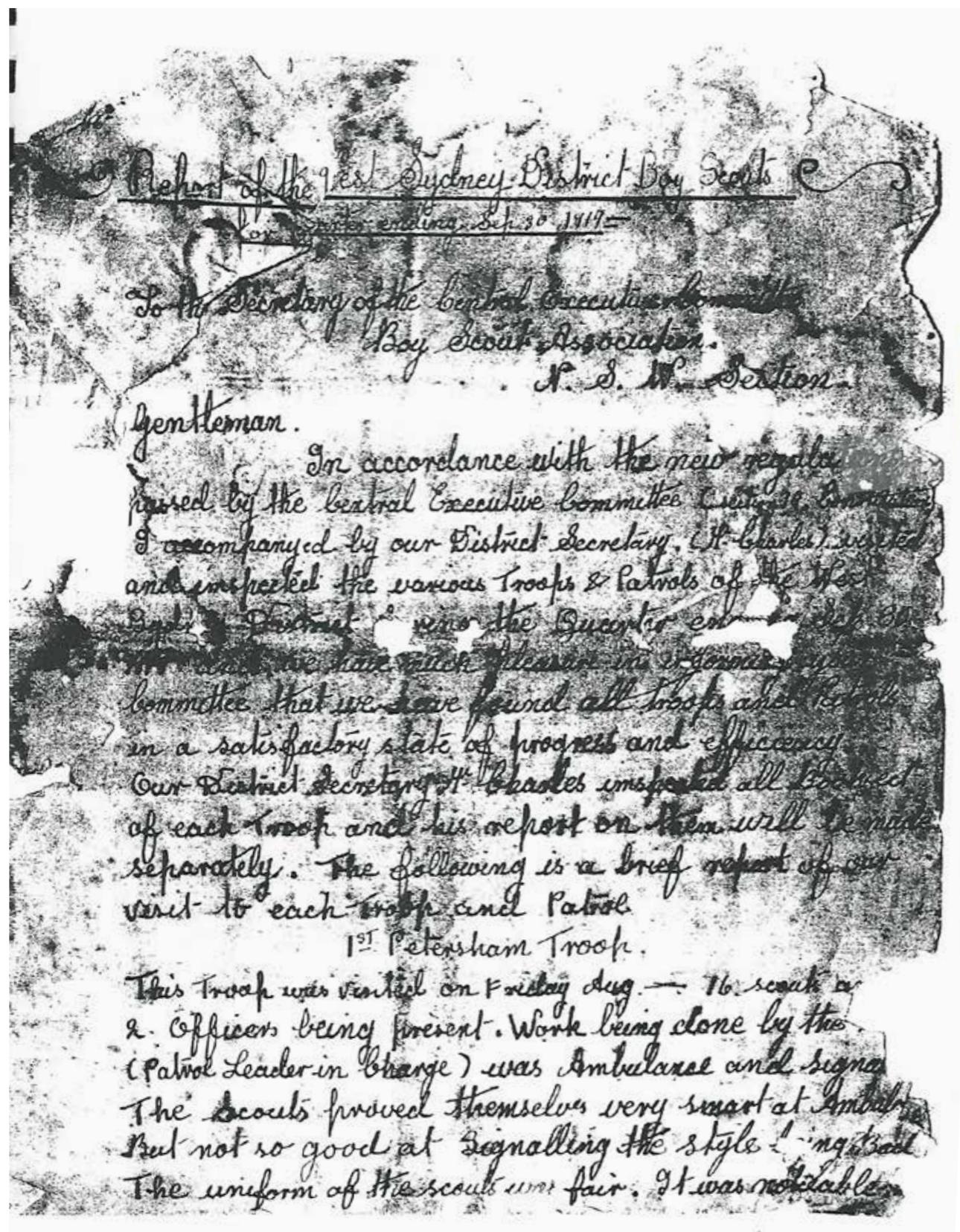
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For -arter ending Sep 30, 1919

To the Secretary of the Central Executive Committee Boy Scout Association

N.S.W. Section

Gentlemen,

In accordance with the new regulations passed by the Central Executive Committee -----  
I accompanied by our District Secretary (H. Charles) visited -----  
and inspected the various Troops & Patrols of the West Sydney District

----- the Quarter ----- have much pleasure in informing you --- Committee  
that she have found all Troops and Patrols in a satisfactory state of progress and efficiency. Our  
District Secretary Mr Charles inspected all ----- of each Troop and his report on them will  
be made separately. The following is a brief report of our visit to each Troop and Patrol.

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## West Sydney Council

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