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He achieved first class proficiency in both.

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On the landing day alone 1,605 six pounder shells were fired, 1,425 high explosive mortars, and 137 phosphorus bombs. It was one of several campaigns involving Australian forces during 1944 and 1945 that aroused considerable controversy among those who knew they were to take place. Alexander and Marjory returned to India soon afterwards and were stationed at Karachi on the coast of present-day Pakistan, on the Arabian Sea.

### History & The Vault

A rifle is an awkward burden in the jungle.

#### Natural Resources Conservation League of Victoria

Emigration to Australia On 19 October 1926 Alex's older brother, William, like thousands of others from Scotland, emigrated to Australia under a scheme whereby employers in Australia would sponsor young people from Britain and find them work once they arrived in the country. Once in Australia, the children were generally brought up to perform manual labour, the girls as domestic servants referred to in the later part of this period as household workers and the boys as farm labourers.

Nine days later it became apparent that the massive build up of troops on the island of Moratai by 19 June would be difficult to sustain so the landing was brought forward to 1 July. By 11:40 am two tanks had arrived and enabled the Hill to be captured by 12:50 am.

## The Wilkies

The massive bombardment of Balikpapan was the biggest Australian artillery effort of the war. We might, today, speculate upon the futility of the battle in which Alexander Wilkie and thousands of others died.

## The Wilkies

Into the valley of death rode the six hundred during the Crimean War.

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Military Training For some time Alex undertook various training programs on the basic soldier's pay of ten shillings per day, paid fortnightly. Janet Hadley Williams A Companion to Medieval Scottish Poetry editor, with Priscilla Bawcutt. They became lost because their bayonets and the lightning caused the compasses to malfunction.

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