



Pensioner Barracks & Parade, 1860s.
(W.A. Museum)

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ENROLLED PENSIONER FORCE
DISPLAY
ARMY MUSEUM OF W.A.

FROM 26TH OCTOBER 2002

A General Meeting will be held in the Post 1945 Room at 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 26th October 2002.

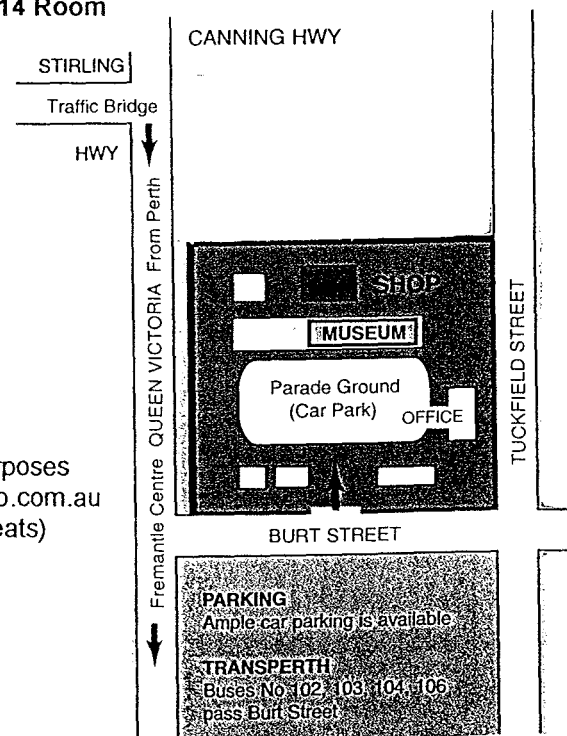
Guest Speaker Nicholas Reynolds - Keeper of the Photographs

Entry Fee - \$5.00 includes entry to Museum after 12.30 and Morning Tea after our General Meeting. Morning Tea vouchers will be issued when paying Entry fee

Display will be in the Pre 1914 Room

- Display will focus on Fremantle, with an emphasis on:
- "The Hashemy" which arrived in October 1850
 - Staff Officers of the Enrolled Pensioner Force
 - Land Grants North Fremantle
 - Profiles of some individual EPG's
 - Other items relevant to the Fremantle EPG district
 - Display of weapons relevant to the period (courtesy of the Army Museum)
 - Display of artefacts (courtesy Paul Bridges, Deputy Curator, Army Museum)
 - Display of Medals (courtesy of Army Museum & Graham Donley)
- And Other relevant material.

Please advise name and number attending for catering purposes
 Margaret Hickey: Phone 9450 4006 e-mail :kintore@dodo.com.au
 Lawn Area at rear if you wish to bring a picnic (no tables/seats)



CONVENOR'S REPORT

I would like to send a special welcome to **all our new members**. It is rewarding to find that there are descendants of our illustrious Enrolled Pensioner Guards who are interested in researching and recording the careers and lives of their ancestor. We are proud of the role played by '**our men**' in the stabilisation and growth of this State. Our aim is always to promote the image of their contribution and to continue to record all those ex soldiers who took the bold step in leaving the relatively safe haven of their homeland to travel to the other side of the world in an effort to improve the future prospects of not only themselves but also their families.

On behalf of Committee and the Group, I thank those members who renewed their subscriptions and in some cases added a donation toward the running of the Group and cost of mounting displays promoting the Enrolled Pensioner Force. We appreciate your continued participation and support and look forward to seeing you at our General Meetings.

If there are any members who would like to attend our meetings but are restricted because of transport, please let us know, and perhaps there may be someone living near you who would be happy to offer a lift.

MEETING DATES for 2003 have been confirmed and are listed in the Newsletter.

Our Group has been delighted to accept the gift from Mr. Derrick Prall of 2 bayonets mounted in a secure glass case. The bayonets are to remain in the care of the Enrolled Pensioner Special Interest Group. In the unlikely event of the Group disbanding, Mr. Prall has requested the bayonets be donated to the Army Museum of Western Australia. We sincerely thank **Mr. Prall** for his generous gift which will be appreciated and admired by our members.

Our Committee have been busy behind the scenes updating the Group Website in WAGS own Website. With more people accessing the Internet, it is important we keep our aims and promotions informative and available. Special thanks to Terry Carroll, Phillippa Ward and Jeanette Lee for their work on this project.

Deputy Convenor, Terry Carroll is also to be thanked for his untiring work on upgrading the computer donated for the use of our Group. He has now installed a data base with much information relative to the EPG. This will be available to members after General Meetings have concluded.

At our July Meeting, **Professor Geoffrey Bolton** gave a most interesting talk on the place and role of the Enrolled Pensioners in Western Australian history. He mentioned sources which illustrated the majority of the Pensioners were a boost to the economy of the struggling Colony and most continued to establish themselves and subsequently their families as a core of respectability'. All members present were appreciative of Professor Bolton's comments and his willingness to answer questions

We now look forward to our October Meeting and display at the Army Museum in Fremantle. News of that display in the Newsletter.

Jean McDonald

Convenor

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**ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS
RESOURCE FILES
IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY
AUSTRALASIAN ROOM 4.**

Since the formation of the ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARD Group, members have been submitting profiles of their EPG ancestors. Members of your Committee have also been very diligent in compiling information from sources at the Battye Library, Perth and the State Records Office, Alexander Library. Phillippa Ward, Jeanette Lee and Daphne Byrne have contributed much data of interest to our members. Together with material from published sources, a varied array of information has been compiled into accessible files housed on the shelves in the Australasian Room, WAGS Library. These files are for the use of members who are working towards 'putting the flesh onto the bones of the skeleton' of their EPG ancestors.

We strongly urge members to make use of those Research Files and to continue to offer copies of the results of their research to add to the evergrowing information available on our illustrious ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS.

Our aim is to have a resource which can be accessed by future genealogists and used as a supplement to the work done by earlier historians, including Frank Broomhall in "The Veterans".

The list below gives a brief outline of the contents of each file so far compiled and now on the shelves in Unit 4, Australasian Room, WAGS Library 48 May Street, Bayswater.

FILE 1

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS RESOURCE FILE - RESEARCH AIDS

Contents: General hints --getting started.
 Information on sources in -
 Alexander Library/ Battye Library, Perth.
 W.A. Genealogical Society - Bayswater
 Family History Libraries - (Latter Day Saints)
 Emigration
 Other sources

FILE 2

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS RESOURCE FILE - DISTRICTS

Contents - Various extracts of information on:
 Barracks, Perth
 Camden Harbour
 Claremont
 Cockburn
 Fremantle
 Guildford/West Guildford (Bassendean)
 Greenough
 Kojonup
 Port Gregory
 Rottnest
 South Perth
 York

FILE 3

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS RESOURCE FILE

Contents - Pensioner Lists
 Information on individual Pensioners
 Ships information on Pensioners
 Extracts from various sources

FILE 4

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS RESOURCE FILE - MILITARY RESEARCH

Contents Sources of information
 Weapons
 Regiments
 Lists of EPF at Queen's Jubilee 1897
 Published sources
 Sundry information

FILE 5

DOCUMENTS IN STATE RECORDS OFFICE

Referring to the

ENROLLED PENSIONER FORCE

And

REPORTS of the STAFF OFFICER of PENSIONERS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Compiled by Jeanette Lee

FILE 6

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS - PROFILES

Submitted by Members - including

AINSWORTH	William	MACK	Michael
BAKER	Robert	McINTYRE	Daniel
CLANCY	Peter	MINORGAN	Thomas
COOPER	George	OLIVER	William
DONEGAN	John	PASSMORE	Henry
GALLAGHER	John	RUTLEY	George
HALE	John	SHERIDAN	Bernard
HAYDEN	James	SIGSON	Charles
HELLIWELL	Robert	STONE	James
(HOLLYWELL)		THROSSSELL	Michael
HENDERSON	Richardson	TUNNEY	John
HERBERT	Henry	VAGG	Edward
KAIN	Bernard	WALSH	Michael
KELLY	Thomas	WHITELY	James
LATHAM	John	WIMBRIDGE	William
LITTON	John		

FILE 7

**PAUPERS DOCUMENTS IN THE STATE RECORDS OFFICE - ALEXANDER LIBRARY
ACCESSION 36**

Includes index

Note: A pauper in the time of our Enrolled Pensioners would in today's Society be classified as a person in need of some type of welfare assistance such as: widows, school children, disabled, mentally ill. In effect any situation requiring government assistance.

Compiled by Phillippa Ward

FILE 8

PENSIONER LANDS BOOK - STATE ARCHIVES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Cons 4892 1850-1889

Includes index

Compiled by Phillippa Ward

FILE 9

**SHIPS - VARIOUS INFORMATION ON CONVICT SHIPS and the
PENSIONER GUARDS ENGAGED**

Compiled by Phillippa Ward

INDEX

ADELAIDE	MINDEN
BELGRAVIA	NORWOOD 1
CLARA 1	NORWOOD 11
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CLYDE	PYRENEES 1
CORONA	PYRENEES 11
DUDBROOK	RACEHORSE
EDWIN FOX	RAMILLIES
HASHEMY	ROBERT SMALL
HOUGOUMONT	SCINDIAN
LINCELLES	SEA PARK
LORD DALHOUSIE	STAG
LORD RAGLAN	SULTANA
MARION	VIMIERA
MERMAID	WILLIAM HAMMOND
MERCHANTMAN 1	WILLIAM JARDINE
MERCHANTMAN 11	YORK

FILE 10

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCES FOR PENSIONER LANDS in
STATE RECORDS OFFICE**

In alphabetical order

Compiled by Phillippa Ward

FILE 11

REFERENCES TO ENROLLED PENSIONERS in PUBLICATIONS

Compiled by Jeanette Lee

And

**EXTRACTS FROM EARLY DAYS Journal of the Royal Western
Australian Historical Society concerning ENROLLED PENSIONERS**

Compiled by Jean McDonald

FILE 12

REELS IN THE AJCP (Australian Joint Copying Project)

Referring to the ENROLLED PENSIONER FORCE

Compiled by Jeanette Lee

FILE 13

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS - MEMBERS RESEARCH LISTS

In alphabetical order

The search for Robert's last resting place.

It all started when I had a letter from Daphne Holgate asking if there were any further details available about her Robert Holgate's suicide, which I had published in the April 2002 newsletter, in the column "More Odds and Ends", from Sue Baddeley in the UK. Sue had shared this information from her database. Daphne H. was hoping there were further details available as to if and where this tragedy occurred, and if she could obtain a death certificate.

She was able to tell me that Robert arrived in 1856 on the 'Runnymede' with his wife and two daughters, as a member of the Enrolled Pensioner Force. The daughters were baptised in the Roman Catholic Church in Fremantle in 1860, but there is no mention of his son John Alexander's arrival in Western Australia. Daphne believed her Robert may have been a boot maker in Busselton at some time.

According to Frank Broomhall's "The Veterans", Robert had enlisted in 1826 aged 19 years and had served almost 23 years including 3 years 1 month in Mauritius, and 5 years 4 months in the West Indies. He was of exemplary character and had been awarded five good conduct medals. He was discharged in 1848 with chronic Rheumatism. The opportunities for a better life for his family brought them to Western Australia

When I spoke to Sue about the date of the tragedy, she said that she had two dates on her database, one being the 7th January 1865 and the other 7th January 1868.

Daphne Byrne (the EPG members' researcher), and I decided we would work together on this, and Daphne commenced searching the Registrar Generals Records for the 'Registration of the death' unsuccessfully. She then began searching from 1865, the Police Occurrence Books for the Vasse region where Robert had lived, once again without success.

I again wrote to Robert's Daphne to say we were assuming that he had died in Busselton and urging her to give us any information that she had, which may give a clue. In the meantime, Daphne Byrne would continue to search the Police Occurrence Books and the newspapers, as likely sites for the reporting of the tragedy.

A reply from Robert's Daphne. Amongst the information she provided which confirmed the account in "The Veterans", she said that Robert had been a witness at the marriage of his son John Alexander Holgate on the 5th April 1865 at Fremantle.

That meant we could eliminate the date 1.7.1865 from Sue's database and we decided to concentrate on 1.7.1868. I thought I would look at the Fremantle Cemetery records for 1.7.1868, and found that there was an entry on that date for a Robert Aldgate. The report said "Robert Aldgate, died 7.01.1868, Fremantle, aged 59 years, hung himself in a tree, Pensioner Guard", and the name of the Rev. George James Bostock officiating. This was the extent of my involvement as Daphne Byrne continued the search.

Further accounts of the tragedy that our Daphne found verified that this is Daphne Holgate's Robert.

The Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians volume 1 A-C

Page 22 ALDGATE Robert, b: 1809, d: 7.1.1868 (suicide) Frem, Pensioner Guard.

Western Australian Pioneer Index 1841 -1905

ALDGATE Robert, D A59, Father:Unknown, Mother:Unknown, BirthPlace:Unknown 1868/3786

Death Index 1841 -1896

ALDGATE Robert Registry district: Fremantle Number: 3786/68 (for death certificate)

The Colonial Secretary's Office (CSO) Inward Correspondence.

Accession 36, Folio 597 volume 4185 09.01.1868

Widow Holgate Letter written for relief.

419/2 Fremantle Occurrences (Police) 1st Feb 1867 -29th April 1868

Jan 7th Report that a boy identified a man named Robert Aldgate, a Pensioner was found deceased. *It is likely that the policeman reporting the incident 'spelled' the name as it 'sounded'.*

Jan 8th Inquest held on Robert Aldgate who committed suicide on the 7th inst.

The Herald Jan 11th 1868

Report on the death of Robert Holgate, a Pensioner. His wife reported that he had been very depressed and had been on medication.

The death of Robert Holgate was one of many tragedies which occurred in those early years of the Colony, and many concerned Pensioner Guards and their families who had held such hopes for their families' futures. This has been written with the permission of Robert Holgate's descendants in the hope that it will help others with their research. We thank them for allowing us to tell their story.

Daphne Byrne

Phillippa Ward

Display co-ordinator - Jeanette Lee

While working on the display for the Fremantle Artillery Barracks, I became aware of how few (if any) memorials of the Pensioners Guards remain in Fremantle.

The Fremantle Pensioner Barrack was allowed to deteriorate to the point when we welcomed its demolition. No trace remains of the cottages comprising the village at North Fremantle, surely some of them were worthy of preservation? Apparently not. Even more strange is the lack of photographs although the colonial buildings are extensively represented.

The Swan River Pioneer and the Convict Groups can gaze upon the Roundhouse, Fremantle Town Hall, the old Fremantle Boys School (FTI) the Arts Centre (Asylum), Gaol and many Colonial buildings and feel a connection with their ancestors. While acknowledging the tribute, I find it absolutely beyond my imagination to stand in Pensioner Guard Road in trendy Northbank and feel at one with my great grandfathers. Would the ghosts of our Veterans feel at home on their old parade ground, Fremantle Oval? Or the Stan Reilly Centre in South Terrace echo life in the Pensioner Barracks? Admittedly the Staff Officers, Bruce and Finnerty, have their names celebrated in street names, even Mrs. Bruce is remembered by Johanna Street in North Fremantle. But, where are the names of the rank and file men celebrated? We cannot rebuild that which has been demolished but could it not be acknowledged as having existed?
Jeanette Lee.

A note of thanks for our researcher Daphne Byrne.

Dear Daphne

I received your welcome letter and enclosed paper cutting, thank you so much for this information on Alice Elizabeth Benson, yes you are quite correct, she is (was) an aunt of mine -born 7th December 1878, later married James Menzies Laing -but I don't have her death date so will check that when I get the chance.

Thanks again Daphne for your thoughtful care of the EPG members' interests, mine in particular today.
Regards,

Josephine Sanders (Jo)
WAGS member 7028

(Unfortunately because of lack of space in this Newsletter the article referred to has been omitted, however I will have it on file at the next General Meeting). Ed.

Meeting Dates for 2002 and 2003.

26th October, 2002 - Fremantle Artillery Barracks 10.00 a.m.

2 nd February, 2003	Unit 4	WAGS	48 May Street, Bayswater.	12.00 noon
26 th April, 2003	Unit 1	WAGS	48 May Street, Bayswater	12.00 noon
26 th July, 2003	Unit 1	WAGS	48 May Street, Bayswater	12.00 noon
25 th October, 2003	Unit 1	WAGS	48 May Street, Bayswater	12.00 noon

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INSTRUCTIONS

To Staff Officers in preparing the Transfer Certificates

This Form is to be properly filled up and sent to the Staff Officer of the District, in Great Britain or Ireland, to which the Pensioner has given notice of removal. In the case of a removal to London, and the man being unable to state his intended place of residence there, his Transfer Certificate is to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for War, and the man instructed to report himself at the War Office as soon as he has fixed his residence, when the Transfer Certificate will be sent to the proper District.

In all cases of Pensioners proceeding to the Colonies, this Form is to be prepared in *Duplicate*, and forwarded to the Secretary of State for War, Pall Mall, and where a free passage has been granted by the Secretary of State for War to a Pensioner, upon condition of his paying for his rations, and those of his family, out of his pension, the same must be stated on the face of this Certificate, and the date and number of the Authority from the War Office quoted. The Staff Officer will be held responsible if, by omitting this important information, directions are given for paying the man in the Colonies without deduction.

Chelsea Pensioners, and Pensioners from the East India Company, proceeding to the Colonies are to be paid to the end of the Current Quarter, in advance, and Greenwich Pensioners to the date of quitting their Districts. Any advance beyond this must be sanctioned by the Secretary of State for War.

Without the permission of the Secretary of State for War, previously obtained, the Staff Officer possesses no authority to transfer a Pensioner to any place not within Her Majesty's Dominions.

Submitted by Sue Baddeley, Military Historian (U.K)

Apologies to Sue Baddeley for the omission in acknowledging her article about "Strays" in the last Newsletter. We are grateful to Sue, Military Historian, U.K. for once again sharing her research with our group as an aid to members in their own research.

Microfilm of original records in possession of the British Library, London
Sent in by Gay Fielding - Queensland.

Attestation papers and service records of soldiers transferring from the British Army to the Indian Establishment (government) are arranged under the former British regiment.

Title	British Army transfers to the Indian Establishment, 1853-1861	
Authors	India Office. Military Department (Main Author)	
	Note	Location Film
	1st Dragoons to 35th Foot	VAULT BRITISH Film 2029982 Item 1
	42nd to 75th Foot (to folder 268)	VAULT BRITISH Film 2029982 Item 2
	42nd to 75th Foot (folder 269 to end)	VAULT BRITISH Film 2029983 Item 1
	76th Foot to Rifle Brigade	VAULT BRITISH Film 2029983 Item 2
	List of volunteers to Indian Establishment, 1859-1861 List of recruits at the Warley Depot from infantry to artillery, 1853-1857 List of volunteers to the 1st-5th Bengal Light Cavalry, 1857	VAULT BRITISH Film 2029983 Item 3

From the PROCAT.

The following is submitted by Gay Fielding, Queensland, who has delved into the PROCAT website and found the following, and sharing it in the hope that it is helpful to members

- ♦ The admission books for pensions payable in the colonies , 1871-1875, are in WO 23/147-152
- ♦ The Registers of Indian Army Pensions, 1849-1868, are in WO 23/17-23.

PENSIONS PAYABLE IN THE COLONIES ... THE BREAK UP OF THE W023'S BY TIME LINE IS.....

Admission book:	pensions payable in the colonies
1817 June-1826 Dec -	WO 23/147
1827 Mar.-1839 May-	WO 23/148
1839 June- 1 847 Dec-	WO 23/149
1848 Jan - 1853 Dec-	WO 23/15
1854 Jan- 1862 Dec-	WO 23/151
1863 Jan- 1875 Dec-	WO 23/152

Piece details for WO 23

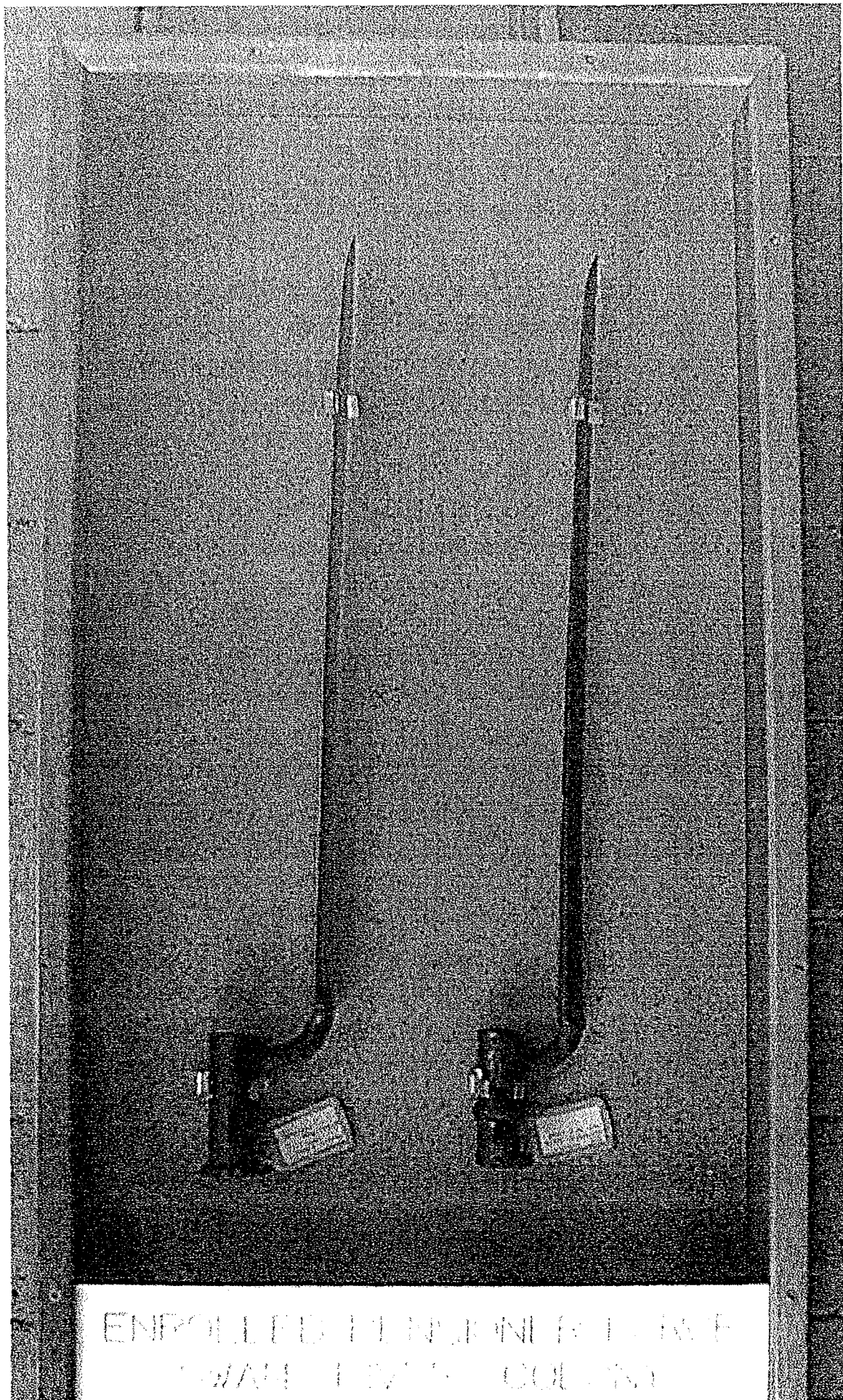
East India Company Pensioners:	Alphabetical index of those in receipt of Pension 1849-1857	WO 23/21
East India Company Pensioners	Alphabetical index of those in receipt of Pension 1858-1865	WO 23/22
Fast India Company Pensioners	Alphabetical index of those in receipt of Pension 1866-1876	WO 23/23

Indian Army Pensioners: Registers of admission

Piece details for WO 23/17

Piece Details for WO 23/17	1849 -1852
Piece Details for WO 23/18	1853- 1856
Piece Details for WO 23/19	1857-1863
Piece Details for W023/20	1863 - 1868

Submitted by Gay Fielding.



We express our gratitude to **Derrick Prall** for his donation of the bayonets (pictured above) to our group.