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The Colonial Garrison 1817-1824. The 48th Foot - The Northamptonshire Regiment in the Colony of New South Wales, by Clem Sargent, TSC Publications 1996, Canberra. Permission kindly given by his son, Clem Sargent being deceased.

The biographies copied from this book are mainly those found in Appendix X - Members of the 48th Regiment who remained or returned to settle in New South Wales.

Nine are Officers and a further two who did not come to Australia with the Regiment, but came later. Most of these biographies are quite detailed.

The other entries are 51 NCOs who remained. Their details mainly date of enlistment, age and at what place enlisted; civilian occupation; date and place of discharge; brief details of post 48th activities.

The editors of BDA have added some additional details to many man's listing where such details were found in other sections of the book, which in some cases is quite extensive.

e.g. Sergeant Lewis CAMPBELL – Enlisted 20 November 1814, aged 24, transferred from 23rd Regiment where he had served from 3 July 1805, enlisted originally at Gosport, ENG; born Galway, IRL; Pre-enlistment occupation: Labourer; Discharged 3 January 1823 at Sydney, NSW. Post 48th Regiment activities: Regimental schoolmaster at discharge; appointed constable at Parramatta 25 April 1825; dismissed 20 December 1827; overseer to Charles Thompson at Bathurst 1828; died 7 April 1854, buried St Bartholomew's, Prospect [NSW].

[from page 19 of the book] - The Sergeant School Master, Lewis Campbell, was on board the *Dick* so Erskine would have been forced to seek other assistance to instruct the children on the *Matilda* according to 'the Plan recommended by the Reverend Dr Bell' as laid down in the Regulations.

[from page 131 of the book] - Sergeant Lewis Henry Campbell was the regimental schoolmaster, responsible for educating illiterate soldiers and the children of the regiment. He had transferred to the 48th in November 1814 from the 23rd, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers (they did not become Welsh until later) on the disbandment of the second battalion which Campbell had joined in July 1805. After his discharge on 3 January 1823 Campbell went to work for a Robert Crawford who seduced Campbell's wife. She left Campbell who then obtained an appointment as a police constable, only to be dismissed from the position in 1827. In the 1828 Census Campbell was shown as working as an overseer to Charles Thompson at Bathurst. His later history is not known but he died in April 1854 at

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Seven Hills at the age of 71 and was buried at Saint Bartholomew's Church of England, Prospect [NSW].

Unfortunately, Clem Sargent's research papers and his remaining stock of this book were destroyed after his death.

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