

## EDITORIAL NOTE

The principal writings of Duncan MacCallum include the following :

*Essays in Early Colonial Defence in New South Wales with particular reference to the Volunteer Movement* (2 vols.). M.A. thesis, University of Sydney, 1961. (Unpublished ; available on microfilm.)

“ Some Aspects of Defence in the Eighteen Fifties in New South Wales ”, *Royal Australian Historical Society Journal and Proceedings*, vol. 44, part 2 (1958), pp. 71-115.

“ The Alleged Russian Plans for the Invasion of Australia, 1864 ”, *Royal Australian Historical Society Journal and Proceedings*, vol. 44, part 5 (1958), pp. 301-22.

“ The Early Volunteer Corps—The Origins of the Modern Australian Army ”, *Arts*, vol. 1, no. 3 (1959), pp. 142-66.

“ The Early ‘ Volunteer ’ Associations in New South Wales and the Proposals in the First Quarter of the Nineteenth Century ”, *Royal Australian Historical Society Journal and Proceedings*, vol. 47, part 6 (1961), pp. 352-67.

“ Empty Historical Boxes of the Early Days : Laying Clio’s Ghosts on the Shores of New Holland ”, *Arts*, vol. 6 (1969), pp. 43-65.

The article “ Some Aspects of Defence ” reprinted in this number of *Arts* forms, with slight verbal changes, the seventh and eighth chapters of the thesis, and was chosen to exemplify its scholarly qualities. The review article on Professor La Nauze’s biography of Alfred Deakin, which appeared in *J.R.A.H.S.*, vol. 52, part 3 (1966), pp. 241-7, was included to give a taste of Duncan MacCallum’s abilities as a critic of others’ research, combining a combative rigour of scrutiny with punctilious courtesy and generous appreciation.

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