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## J. H. PATTERSON, SURGEON, SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

Dr James Harold Patterson (1873-1914), son of W. and Sarah Patterson of Mayfield, Launceston, qualified as a surgeon in Edinburgh U.K. He served as Surgeon-Lieutenant (later Captain) with the 5th Victorian Rifles in the Boer War War in South Africa in 1901-2 and was awarded the Queen's medal for bravery. While on active service he wrote regular letters to his mother and also kept a diary type letter for her describing his experiences. Later he settled as a general medical practitioner at Tallangatta, Victoria, and also acted as Surgeon to the Light Horse. He married Emily Grace Haines and had three children but died in 1914, aged 49.

- P.4/1 Boer War letters Jan. 1901 - Feb. 1902  
Letters from Dr. J.H. Patterson while on active service in South Africa during the Boer War to his mother, Sarah Patterson.  
(xerox copies of 19 letters)
- 2 Boer War diary Apr. 1901 - Mar. 1902  
Diary of Dr. J. H. Patterson written while on active service during the Boer War in south Africa, often in the form of a letter as it was sent to his mother whenever it was possible to post letters.  
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- 3 The role of the Fifth Victorian Mounted Rifles in 1901, pub. 1904  
Newspaper cutting of an account of the role of the 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles in the Boer War, by J. H. Patterson, originally written as a letter. Also press cutting on the Boer War and menu of Annual Reunion Dinner of 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles (with signatures)  
(3 xerox copies in folder)
- 4 Letters to mother, Mrs S. Patterson 1910, 1913  
2 letters from J. H. Patterson from army camps in Victoria, referring to "the kiddies' journey" (1910), birthday wishes and gift to his mother from "the Tallangatta family".  
(2 xerox copies)
- 5 Obituaries of Dr. J. H. Patterson June 1914  
(xerox copies)