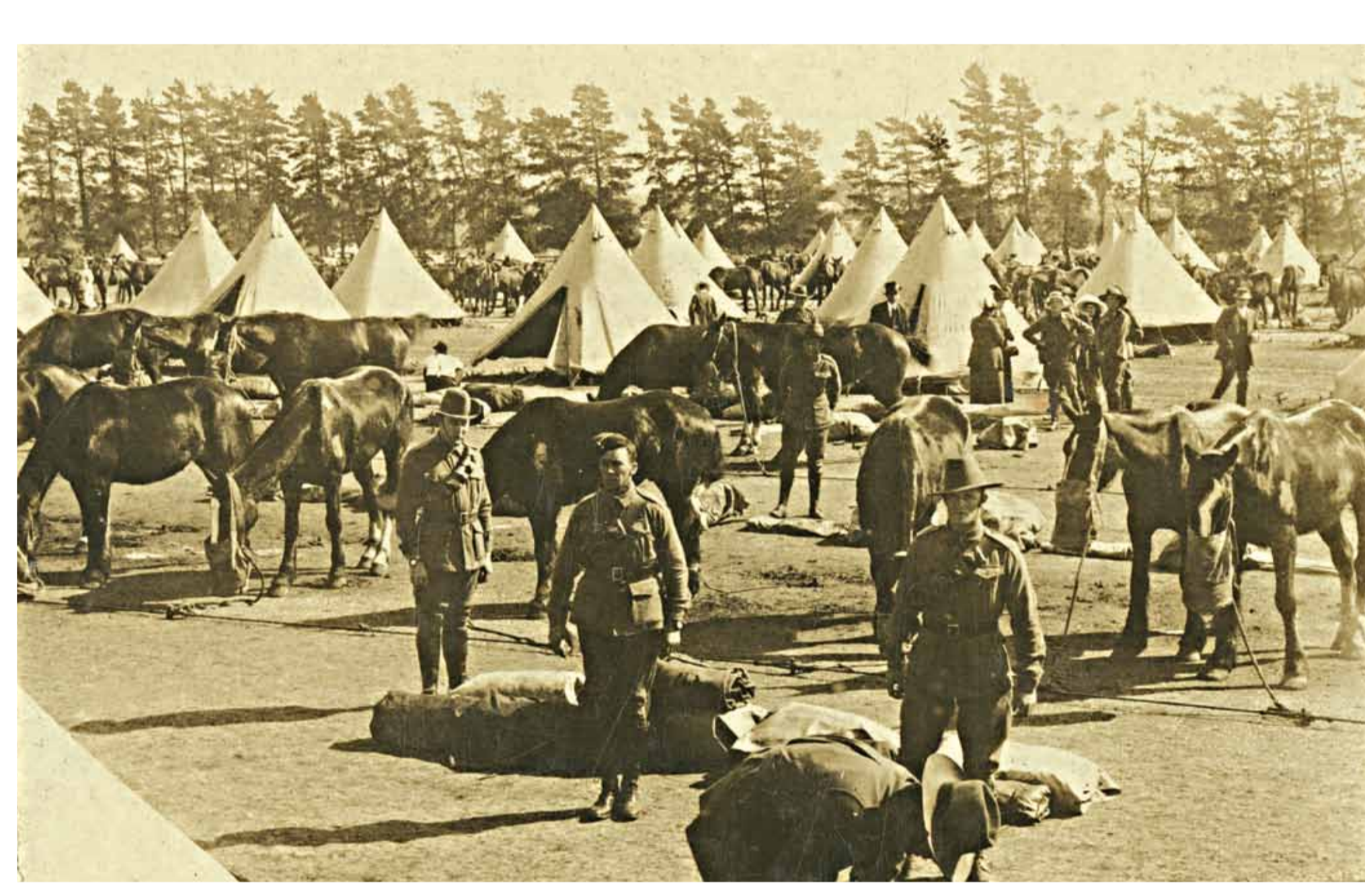
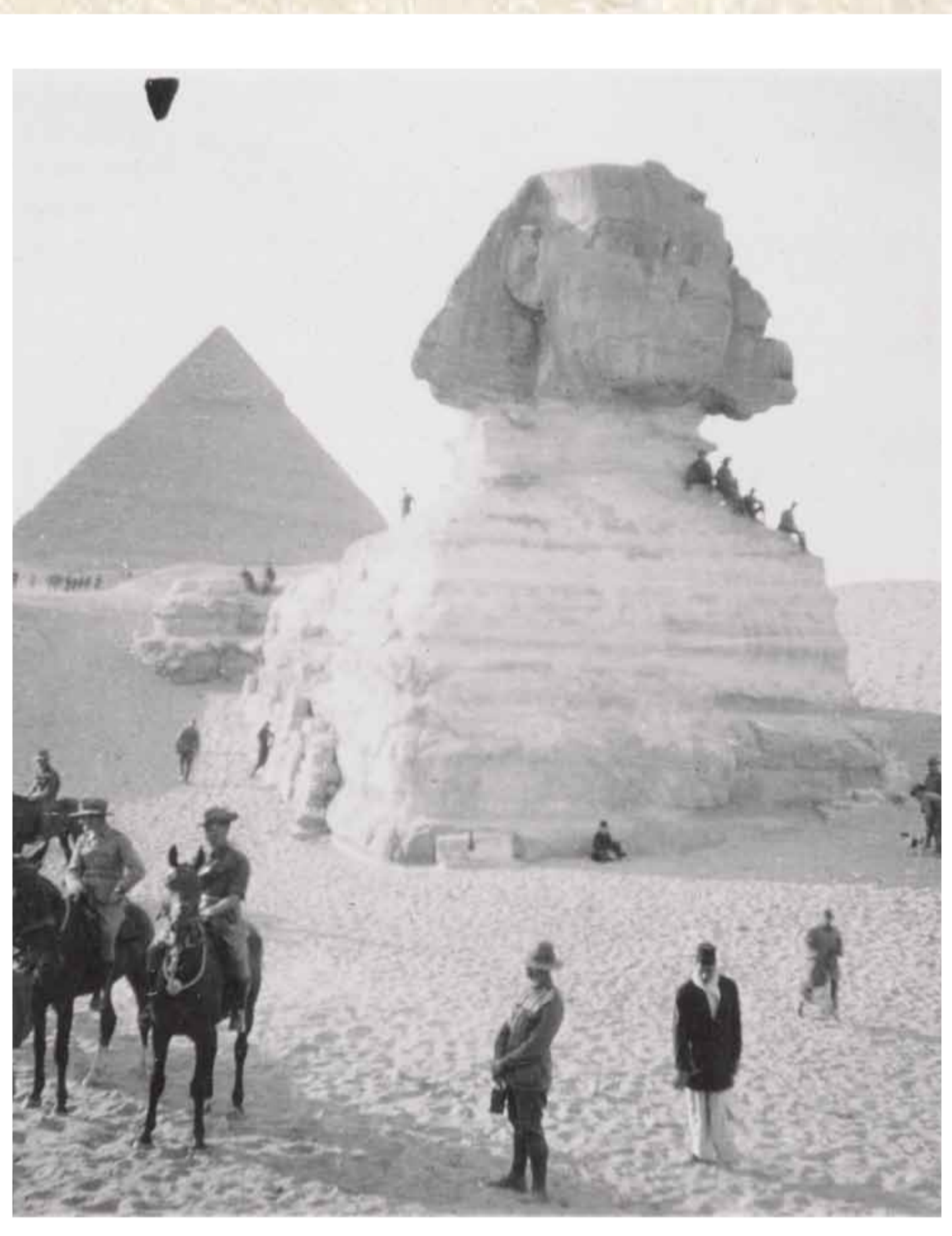


Training for War



Broadmeadows was home to the major army training camp for the Australian Imperial Force.

The land was previously known as Mornington Park. It was a wide field, suitable for military practice, including training for the Light Horse regiments. It is the current location of the Maygar Army Barracks on Camp Road in Broadmeadows.

To reach the camp, soldiers marched from Victoria Barracks in St Kilda Road and headed north up Sydney Road, only resting near Fawkner Cemetery. The camp soon became a popular location for family outings on Sundays.

Soldiers slept in tents and food was basic. Training was hard, but it did not prepare soldiers for a modern war with machine guns, gas, shells and aeroplanes – technology that did not exist in previous wars.

Some men only completed a few months training before departing on troopships from Port Melbourne.

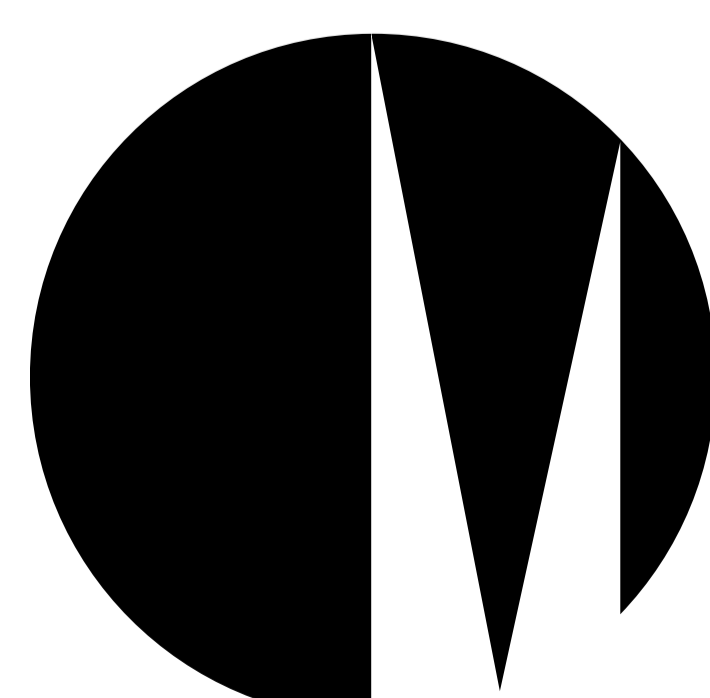
Once overseas, some soldiers received further training in Egypt.



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Image 1.
Soldiers having a meal, Broadmeadows Army Camp
William Harrison, ca. 1914-1918. Source: State Library of Victoria, H96.28/6

Image 2.
Elevated view of Australian soldiers in front of the Sphinx, Egypt.
C.A Masters. ca 1914-1916. Source: State Library of Victoria, H81.169-5

Image 3.
A view in the artillery lines of the Australian Expeditionary Force in camp at Broadmeadows.
George Rose, 1914. Source: State Library of Victoria, H86.98/216

Image 4.
22nd Battalion awaiting embarkation in H.M.A.T 20 'Hororata' [Port Melbourne]
J. E. Barnes, 1916. Source: State Library of Victoria, H40761