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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

The Battle of Beersheba ended with an audacious attack when two regiments of the famed Australian Light Horse swept into the town and forced the garrison to withdraw or surrender. The Battle of Beersheba was one of the most important of the Sinai-Palestine Campaign and it has earned Beersheba an enduring place in Australian wartime history.

Indigenous men served in all Light Horse Regiments, and some participated in the charge at Beersheba. In order to honour and acknowledge those men, the Australian Government is delighted to support The Rona Tranby Trust to record the stories of these heroes as recalled by their descendants.

The Centenary of the battle is a wonderful opportunity for furthering the movement for reconciliation, and for recognising the important role that Indigenous Australians played in the victory over the Ottoman Empire in the Middle East.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Tehan', written in a cursive style.

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