

SHOOT STRAIGHT, YOU BASTARDS!

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE KILLING OF 'BREAKER' MORANT

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February 27th 2002 marked the 100th anniversary of the execution of Harry 'Breaker' Morant and Peter Hancock in Pretoria. Although found guilty by a court martial of shooting Boer prisoners, both men claimed they were acting under orders from Lord Kitchener. A celebrated larrikin, buckjumper and bush balladeer, Morant went to fight for King and country, but ended up centre stage in one of Australia's greatest military controversies.

For most soldiers executed in such circumstances there is no appeal from beyond the grave and, but not so for Morant and Handcock. With the help of retired Vietnam veteran Col. Barry Calligari (Retd) this updated and expanded edition of *Shoot Straight, You Bastards!* blows the lid off a century of secrecy and denial by producing indisputable documentary proof:

- That both Lord Kitchener and the British Government issued orders to shoot Boers; who were caught wearing khaki, who displayed the white flag and who committed atrocities against British servicemen.
- These orders were enshrined in the Manual of Military Law and as Commander-in-Chief Kitchener was able to issue them without reference to London or without having to write them down.
- That learned legal opinion both at the time and in the present day supports the contention that Morant and Hancock did NOT get a fair trial and the charges against them should be quashed.

Shoot Straight, You Bastards! is an explosive read – as controversial an event today as it was 100 years ago.

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