



## Along the Mail Route

Manager Williams, of the Quirindi Aboriginal Station, has thrown out a challenge to all other stations.

Mr. Williams claims that few other aboriginal stations can approach the figures set up by his youngsters for scholastic achievements.

He explained that there are forty-four children attending school on the Station, and another seventeen attending high school.

This is surely a record of which any station might be justly proud.

### This Aborigine was an Example to All Men

The following article was published in the Macksville News and it gives us great pleasure to reprint it here in Dawn.

“Douglas Grant, 65, who died in Sydney recently, was no ordinary man. In fact he was a very extraordinary character.

“He was an aborigine who, throughout his life, was an example to his fellow men, be they black, white, brown, or brindle.

“Moreover, he was a living testimony of what some aborigines could do if given a chance.

“Back in the 80’s during a police raid on an intractable band of aborigines, the latter retreated and left a squalling youngster behind.

“A Scotsman, Harry Grant, adopted the young fellow, educated him and later allowed him to join the first A.I.F.

“After serving in Gallipoli and France with the 13th and 34th Battalions, the young aborigine was captured by the Germans and exhibited in Berlin as a rarity.

“After the war, the lad visited Harry Grant’s relatives in Scotland, and on his return to Australia resumed his job as a draughtsman at Morts Dock, being finally transferred to Lithgow.

“Grant, who spoke with a Scottish accent, was a brilliant scholar, a smart dresser, an interesting conversationalist, and a credit to the man who raised and trained him.”

### A SHOCK FOR NIP!

IN the recent war the first Japanese combatant captured in Australia, it is claimed, was taken by an Aborigine. The Japanese had been forced to make a parachute descent on a lonely part of Bathurst Island. He must have been surprised — more so if he understood English — when a native crept up, snatched his revolver, which he thrust into his ribs, and hissed “Stick ’em up, pal!” The technique had obviously been learnt at the pictures. In settled areas of Northern Australia aborigines are allowed to attend the cinema once a week and are intense devotees of cowboy and gangster films.



The Board is very disappointed that it has received no nominations from fullblood aborigines for election to the Board.

Several times now in the past few months the Board has called for nominations but so far has received none.

The Kinchela boys who have become members of the South West Rocks Life Saving Club are doing famously.

Every Sunday for some weeks now, the boys have been taken to the beach for training in reel drill, line drill and resuscitation.



All their preliminary drills have been accomplished with eagerness and zest, and their instructor, Reg Saunders, a well-known identity in Surf Lifesaving, is well satisfied.

Now that the weather is getting cooler the boys are still keeping up their training, but in the Kinchela Recreation Hall.

The Life Saving Club has generously allowed the boys to keep the reel at Kinchela until next season.