

## FASCINATING FIND

### FUZZY WUZZY



NATIVE WATER GOURD  
AS USED ON KOKODA TRACK  
TO GIVE WATER TO THE  
INJURED BY THE  
"FUZZE WUZZIE ANGELS"  
DURING WWII

*During World War II the Aussie diggers on the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea were supported by the local native civilian population. Their valuable work in caring for and transporting wounded soldiers was reflected by the endearing term the diggers gave them, "fuzzy wuzzy angels".*

*Some verses from a poem penned at 4am at Kokoda by sapper Bert Beros praising their work.*

*Slow and careful in bad places  
on the awful mountain track,  
and the look upon their faces  
makes us think that Christ  
was black.*

*Not a move to hurt the carried  
as they treat him like a saint,  
it's a picture worth recording  
that an artist's yet to paint.*

*May the mothers in Australia,  
when they offer up a prayer,  
mention those impromptu angels,  
with the fuzzy wuzzy hair.*

*This container made from a native water gourd with a woven netting bag and handles was used by the Fifth Light Horse Museum, along with other memorabilia from the Boer War, World Wars I and II, and the Vietnam war.*