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SA Railway enthusiasts discover graffiti from WWII soldiers scratched on carriage

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Pitchie Ritchie Railway treasurer Jeremy Browne with Car 5. Picture: Dean Martin

FIVE years ago, the enthusiasts at the Pichi Richi Railway Society peeled back some masonite on a decrepit rail carriage they were restoring and stumbled onto a little piece of Australian history.

Carved in the wooden interior of Car 5 were names and numbers. They figured out the scratchings, graffiti really, had been left by soldiers who had used the carriage to travel to and from the fighting in World War II.

Some of the carvings are obvious - "Armstrong 1944" or the service number NX1401527 - others had faded with the years.

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ANOTHER teenager has been charged over an alleged plan to attack police on Anzac Day.



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Now Pichi Richi treasurer Jeremy Browne is trying to track down the relatives of 10 soldiers identified from the markings in the carriage.

"It is railway history and it's Australian history and we would love to hear from the families," Mr Browne said.

"For the families it would be terrific to know their grandfather had travelled in this carriage and carved his name."



Pitchie Ritchie Foundation Member, Jeremy Browne, with some of the graffiti. Picture: Dean Martin

The men would have come from all over Australia and passed through Quorn in the state's Mid-North during World War II.

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Parents' plea: Don't avenge our son



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British teen arrested over Anzac Day plot




A 14-YEAR-OLD boy from Northern England has been arrested over an alleged terror plot in Australia, authorities have said.



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Despite help from the Australian War Memorial and the RSL, no relatives of the men who travelled on Car 5 have been found, even though service records have been tracked down for many of them.

Names identified so far are Willoughby, Blackmore, Booth, Deal, Giblin, Graham, Hutcheson, Luttie, Nash, Newell and Street.

Mr Browne said it would have been a "grubby old trip" for the men of Car 5, taking between three and five days to reach Alice Springs from Quorn, heading to Darwin.

Car 5, manufactured in 1908, has been sitting in the Pichi Richi maintenance sheds since the early 1970s.

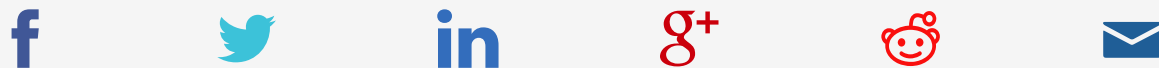
It had been spotted by Mr Browne in a dusty paddock somewhere out the back of Terowie where a farmer was using it as a tool shed. He bought it for \$300, plus another \$300 for the farmer to tow it to Quorn with a tractor.

Car 5 will be on public display for the first time on Anzac Day.


If you believe you had a relative who may have travelled on Car 5 contact museum.officer@pr.org.au or go to pichirichirailway.org.au/trackstowar

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