

Whether Tim actually killed Mad Jack I do not know, but he was there, knew all about it, and apparently had a part in the killing.

During the two years or so that I had Tim with me, bit by bit I gathered most of the facts about the murder of Mad Jack from Tim and other aborigines.

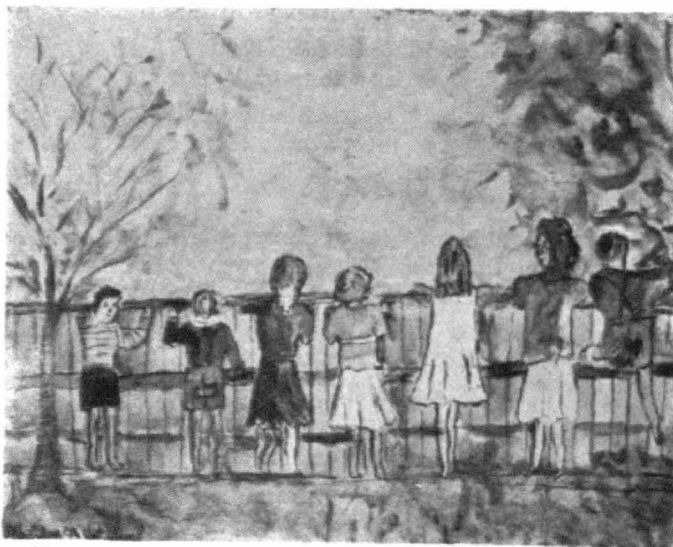
It appears that Mad Jack was just a silly old man, who foolishly enticed the Munjongs with their women on to his lugger and left temptation in their way.

When the Munjongs saw food, blankets, rifles, knives and axes on the boat, they speared Mad Jack, and, according to Tim, threw the body overboard.

After the murder, the aborigines sailed the lugger up on the high tide—which has a rise and fall on that coast of 39 feet—to a mud bank in one of the creeks running down into Yampi Sound. They then looted the lugger and went inland to shoot cattle.

The point of my story is this: Old Tim, the murderer, was one of the most gentle and intelligent Munjongs I ever met. He always seemed to have great respect for me, and, if it had not been for his loyalty, I would not be alive to-day, for Old Tim protected me from the Munjongs.

I never reported to the police that I had Tim with me; my job was to muster wild cattle and live at peace with the Munjongs. But, in the end, they drove me out of the country by spearing and hunting my cattle and by firing the long grass.

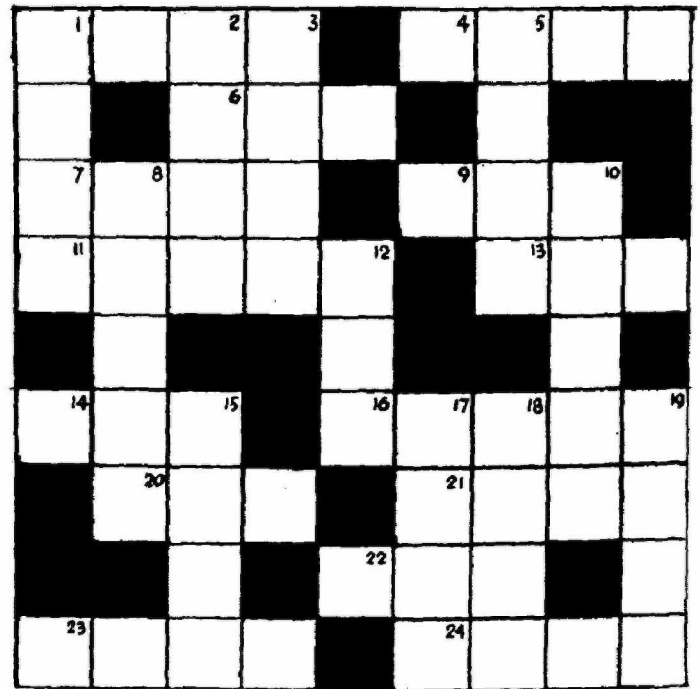


“What’s going on over there?” for this drawing by Elma Cunningham of Forster.



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

1. Animal like frog.
4. Opposite of female.
6. Black, sticky liquid from coal.
7. It is 238,857 miles away from us.
9. Name of dog.
11. Name.
13. To lose life.
14. Evergreen plant that clings to trees, rocks, walls, etc.
16. A nebulous heavenly body with a tail.
20. As slippery as an . . .
21. Female horse.
22. Twine or thread knotted into meshes.
23. A hollow between hills.
24. Part that joins head to body.

CLUES DOWN

1. Not wild.
2. Smallest part of anything.
3. Native of Denmark.
5. It can neutralize a base.
8. Tree with fruit yielding oil.
10. One who works in a mine.
12. Huge bird in Eastern stories.
15. To scream.
17. Sign foretelling what is to happen.
18. Second in command of ship.
19. Hard-wood tree usually found in Burma.

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