

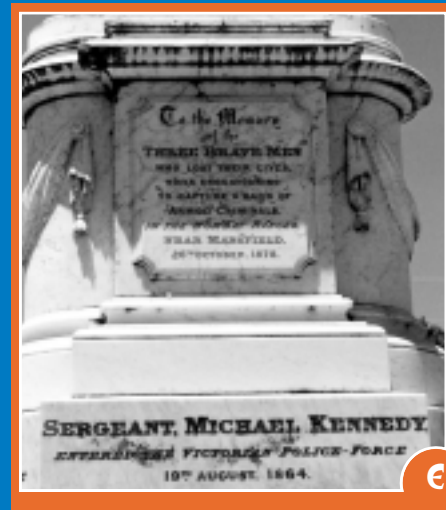
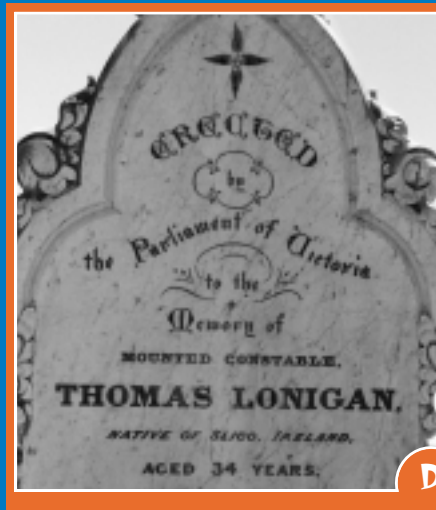
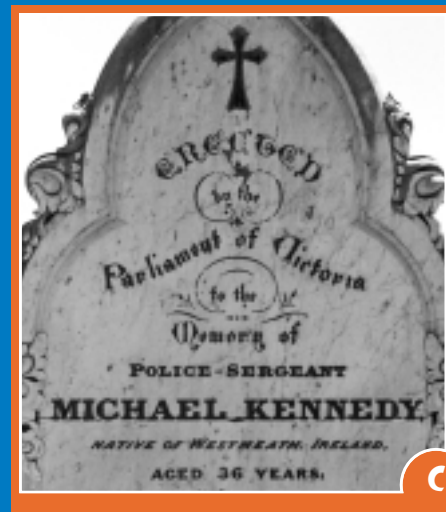
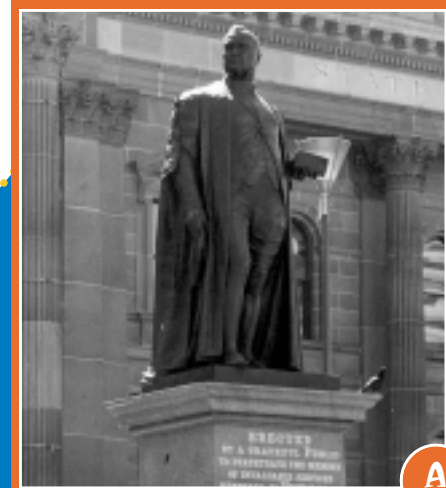
His victims

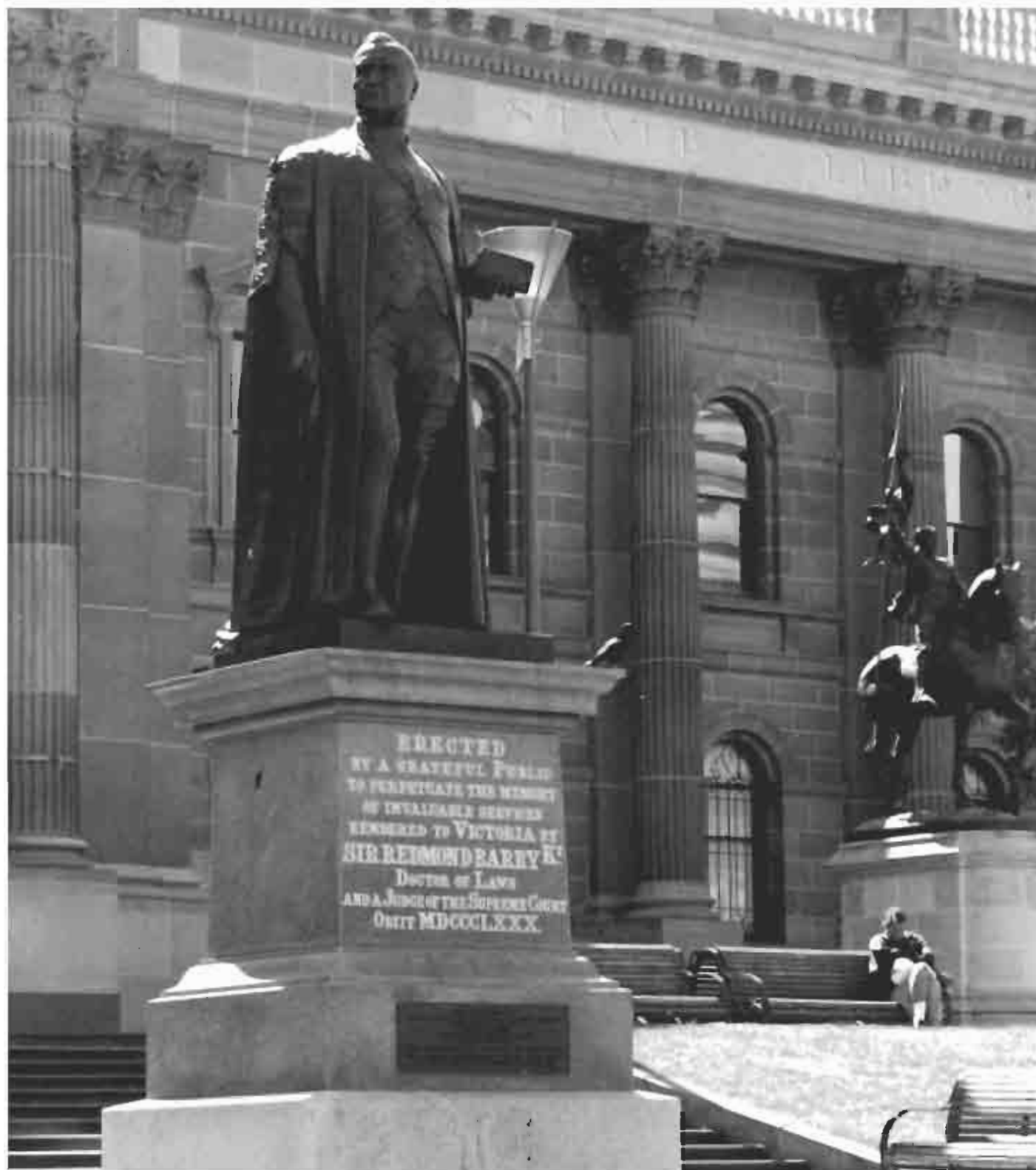


Little is heard of the families of the policemen who were shot by Kelly at Stringybark, and although there were public subscriptions and expressions of sympathy at the time, we hear far more sympathy expressed for Kelly and his gang. Who were the real victims of the battle: those whose duty it was to preserve law and order, or those who defied the law of the land and had been outlawed for their efforts?

There is a statue in Melbourne commemorating the civic contribution of Judge Redmond Barry (A) the man who sentenced Kelly to death. In Mansfield there are three headstones in a cemetery (B–D) and a monument in the main street (E) to the police killed at Stringybark Creek (three of whom were based at Mansfield). They give us some hint of the feelings of the victims towards Ned Kelly.

- 1 What is the message of the Mansfield memorial and the headstones?
- 2 Why do you think the messages are so similar?
- 3 Each of the policemen who was killed had a wife and children. Why do you think they were not mentioned on the headstones?
- 4 How useful are these memorials and headstones as evidence of the likely attitude of the victims towards Kelly? Discuss your ideas.







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the Parliament of Victoria.

to the

Memory of

MOUNTED CONSTABLE

MICHAEL SCANLAN.

NATIVE OF KERRY, IRELAND.

AGED 35 YEARS.

WHO.

IN THE EXECUTION OF DUTY.

WAS MURDERED BY ARMED CRIMINALS,

IN THE WOMBAT RANGES, NEAR MANSFIELD,

ON THE 26TH OCTOBER, 1878.



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Memory of

POLICE-SERGEANT

MICHAEL KENNEDY

NATIVE OF WESTMEATH, IRELAND.

AGED 36 YEARS.

Who was

CRUELLY MURDERED BY ARMED CRIMINALS.

IN THE WOMBAT RANGES NEAR MANSFIELD.

ON THE 26TH OCTOBER, 1878.

HE DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY,

OF WHICH HE WAS AN ORNAMENT.

HIGHLY RESPECTED BY ALL GOOD CITIZENS, AND

A TERROR TO EVIL-DOERS.

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to the

Memory of

MOUNTED CONSTABLE,

THOMAS LONIGAN,

NATIVE OF SLIGO, IRELAND,

AGED 34 YEARS,

WHO,

IN THE EXECUTION OF DUTY,

WAS MURDERED BY ARMED CRIMINALS,

IN THE WOMBAT RANGES, NEAR MANSFIELD

ON THE 26TH OCTOBER, 1878

To the Memory
of the
THREE BRAVE MEN
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES,
WHILE ENDEAVOURING
TO CAPTURE A BAND OF
ARMED CRIMINALS,
IN THE WOODHAT RANGES,
NEAR MANSFIELD,
26TH OCTOBER, 1878.

SERGEANT, MICHAEL KENNEDY

ENTERED THE VICTORIAN POLICE-FORCE

19TH AUGUST, 1864.