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Devotion, Daring and Sense of Destiny

Surveyors of the Early Commonwealth

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CANBERRA has a host of compelling centenary stories, none better than that of the men (and their hardy wives) who, between 1910 and 1915, camped on the Limestone Plains and nearby mountains in order to survey the border of the new Australian nation's federal territory. It was a big border. Getting around it took years—and large doses of courage, persistence and determination. Weather and water always loomed large. The surveyor stories intertwine with, and in some cases uniquely represent, some of Australia's first 'nation-building' narratives during an extraordinary era.

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