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Dave:
In case you did not see
this article

We are not quite as
old as Burke & Wills.

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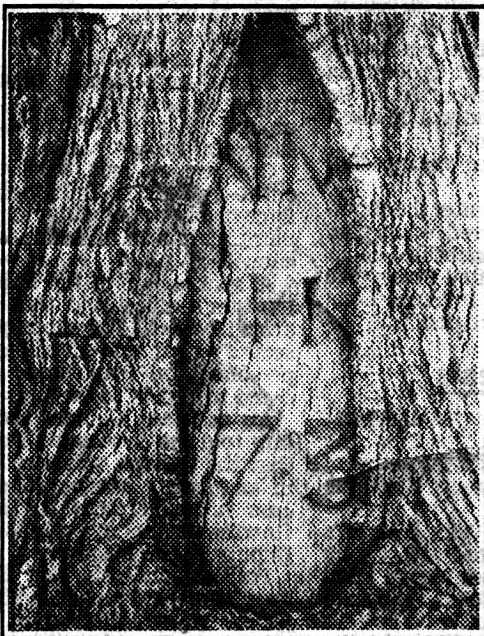
With the compliments of the Chief Surveyor

Dave Cook
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THE film crew working on Michael Edgley's \$9m *Burke and Wills* epic thought they'd made a significant find when they recently discovered this blaze on a tree less than a kilometre from where Robert O'Hara Burke died in 1861.

There was great excitement when the blaze was spotted on the northern bank of Coopers Creek, eight kilometres from In-namincka.

Dick Lang of Desert-Trek thought that because of the depth of the bark, the blaze — marked with the initials "N.M.", the letter "H" and the figures 1-73 — appeared to be more than 100 years old.

Well folks, I hate to disapoint you, but a call to Jim Stead at the division of National Mapping in Canberra yesterday revealed the blaze was one of theirs. NM

Jim tells me the "NM" stands for National Mapping, the "H" for the surname of the surveyor (Dave Hocking) and the 1-73 for the number of the survey point.

It was carved on the tree on July 19, 1952!

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