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# DIGGER



**Cover photo** is from the collection of member, Ken Lyall. The men are probably from the 10<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance. "Salisbury, Nov 23, 1916. Dear Fat, This photo taken outside our hut last Sunday in the snow. You will notice we are all wearing our 'tin hats' otherwise known as steel helmets. Leaving here for France at 4am in the morning ... Your affect. cousin, Geoff." Note the snow the men have placed on their helmets.

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