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Photo: This wagon was used by the 5th Australian Veterinary Corps in Egypt to convey wounded or sick horses. The 'horse-ambulance' was donated by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Courtesy of Max Walters, whose father, Captain Cecil Walters, is standing in the foreground. Cecil served with the 1st Veterinary Corps and the 5th Mobile Veterinary Section (5th Division), before short stints with the Australian Veterinary Hospital and 3rd Army Brigade AFA. He returned to Australia in 1918 to continue his studies in human medicine, later graduating as a doctor.

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Answers to Digger Quiz No. 23

1. The numbers indicate the medals have been issued to the soldier or his next of kin.
2. 'NE' means the soldier was 'not entitled' to that service medal. (Usually it is the 1914/15 Star that is recorded as 'NE' due to the soldier enlisting after its period of entitlement – Ed.)
3. No – never.
4. Yes. Some Australians who went overseas in WWI rendered approved service but were never taken on strength of a unit in an operational theatre, so they did not qualify for the Victory Medal. They received only the British War Medal.
5. Australian Archives. (The abbreviation 'NAA' for National Archives of Australia is also used today - Ed.)
6. Assistant Adjutant & Quarter Master General.
7. Australian Dictionary of Biography (which is now searchable on the Internet).
8. Australian Director of Medical Services.
9. Aide-de-Camp.
10. Australian Field Artillery.
11. Australian Flying Corps.
12. Australian Headquarters.
13. Australian Imperial Force.
14. Australian Military Forces.
15. The Battle of Romani.
16. Jerusalem.
17. The Sinai Desert.
18. Formed in Sinai, February 1917.
19. August 1917.
20. The 1st and 3rd Battalions ICC were Australian, and were mainly men drawn from the Australian Light Horse. The 4th Battalion ICC had two Australian companies.

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