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DIGGER



Photo: All ranks and units ... all ages and sizes ... all going home. A group of returning Diggers (and perhaps two nurses or wives and the ship's captain) aboard the *Ascanius*, which left England on 23rd September 1919. Sergeant Alfred French, Camel Corps and 15th LHR, is the first man seated on left of the front row, and is profiled in this issue. Photo courtesy of member Margaret French.

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Answers to DIGGER Quiz No. 24

1. The intersection was named 'Hellfire Corner'.
2. The Menin Road led to Broodseinde, Polygon Wood, Zonnebeke, Westhoek and Hill 60.
3. Hooge Crater.
4. Private Patrick Bugden, VC, 31st Battalion.
5. The Battle of Polygon Wood.
6. The Battle for Menin Road commenced on 20th September 1917 and ran into the 21st.
7. Polygon Wood was 26th-28th September 1917.
8. The Battle of Broodseinde was fought 4th-5th October 1917.
9. The First Battle of Passchendaele was on 9th October 1917.
10. The Second Battle of Passchendaele was on 12th October 1917. The Canadian forces then continued fighting for the village of Passchendaele between 26th October and 10th November. In this period, Australians suffered casualties from gas attacks and shellfire, despite not participating in the offensives.
11. Storm troops were German units specially trained by the Germans to lead attacks (especially in the Spring Offensive of 1918).
13. The support trench was the trench immediately behind the front fire trench.
14. Tanks were defined as armoured motor-cars propelled by a caterpillar-tractor system.
15. Tapes were light-coloured strips of cloth laid on the ground to give alignment or direction to troops moving to or forming for an attack.
16. Tear-gas shells were filled with a sweet-smelling compound which caused the eyes to water profusely; largely used by the Germans in 1916 for shelling observation posts, etc.
17. 'Tel' was Arabic for 'hill' e.g. Tel-el-Kebir.
18. 'Tepe'; was Turkish for 'hill' e.g. Gaba Tepe.
19. Trajectory was the curve described by a projectile while in the air.
20. Traverses were buttresses interposed between successive bays of a trench; barriers against enfilading fire.

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