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Photo: Driver Geoffrey Atkinson, 10th FCE, [left] with some friends in Paris on 29th March 1919. The building in the background has been identified by Yves Fohlen as the Palais du Trocadéro, created by architect Gabriel Davioud for the 1878 Exposition Universelle in Paris. It was demolished in 1937 to build the Palais de Caillot. Photo courtesy of Ruth Atkinson, Geoffrey's daughter. Driver Atkinson is profiled in this issue.

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Answers to DIGGER Quiz No. 25

1. William Edward ('Billy') Sing.
2. Sing was born in Clermont, Queensland, on 2nd March 1886.
3. Sing was allocated to the 5th Light Horse Regiment. His service number was 535.
4. Horse breaker.
5. Sing was credited with 201 confirmed kills.
6. Sing was awarded the DCM at Gallipoli; MM at Polygon Wood; and Belgian Croix De Guerre.
7. Yes – to Elizabeth Stewart on 26/9/1917 in Edinburgh. From the scant information available it appears she did not follow him to Australia, and she remains a mystery to this day.
8. Ion Llewellyn ('Jack') Idriess.
9. Idriess wrote 'The Desert Column'.
10. Oliver Hogue, who wrote under the pseudonym of Trooper Bluegum.
11. Lieutenant Colonels Richard Courtney (Gallipoli); Charles Dare; John Peck; Walter Smith; Henry Crowther; William Arrell.
12. The Military Cross.
13. Lieut. Col. Charles Dare.
14. Brigadier General Charles Brand.
15. Lieutenant Harold Wanliss.
16. Reverend Andrew Gillison (The 'Cocoa King') and Chaplain Frank Rolland.
17. The First Battle of Bullecourt.
18. Victoria.
19. Near Villers-Bretonneux.
20. Jacka died at the age of 39, from chronic nephritis at Caulfield Military Hospital, Melbourne.

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