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Photo: Mrs Cassie Robertson poses as Britannia, surrounded by some cadets.

Her 16 year old son, Noel, enlisted in 1918 and is profiled in this issue.

Photo courtesy of Noel's daughter, FFFAIF member Margaret Morrissey.

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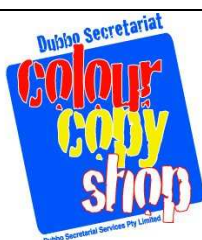
1. McKenzie was the Salvation Army chaplain. (He was allocated to the 4th Battalion.)
2. McKenzie stood 6'2" and weighed 17 stone.
3. McKenzie sailed on the First Australian Contingent on the *Euripides*, embarking at Sydney on 19/10/14.
4. Chaplain McKenzie served on Gallipoli and the Western Front.
5. McKenzie's nickname was 'Fighting Mac'.
6. The Military Cross, for 'distinguished service in the field'.
7. McKenzie was supposed to have been recommended for the Victoria Cross three times. Apart from the MC he *was* MID.
8. The Burial Service at sea (or on land if in port) of those who died on the voyage – usually of illnesses such as pneumonia or meningitis.
9. The Reverend Andrew Gillison.
10. William Dexter DSO MC, who served from 1914 to the end of the War.
11. Chaplains involved themselves in organising sports, concerts, fun competitions and games. The timing of the rounds in boxing matches often fell to the chaplains. Censoring the men's letters was a task they were also invited to undertake.
12. The Reverend AC Plane.
13. Chaplain James Green (Methodist).
14. The Reverend John Fahey.
15. (a) A **minenwerfer** was a German trench mortar (b) **Mobilisation** is the process by which an armed force passes from a peace to a war footing (c) A **monitor** is a warship of shallow draft and low freeboard intended for use in coastal defence or attack (d) A **mountain gun** was a small cannon constructed for transport, along with its carriage, in several pieces upon pack animals (e) A **Nissen hut** was largely used in camps instead of tents, or for offices; constructed of semi-circular sheets of galvanised iron, which thus form both walls and roof (f) **No-man's land** is the space between the two opposing front trenches or front lines (g) A **Nordenfeldt gun** was an early type of machine gun firing a 1-inch projectile (h) A **nullah** was a gully or dried-up stream bed (i) An **observation post** was a position commanding some desired view of the enemy's position; occupied by observers for artillery, etc (j) An **observer** was one sent out to observe the enemy's line of movements, the fire of guns upon targets, etc.

First notice of 2009 AGM: This year's Annual General Meeting and associated activities will be held in the Albury-Wodonga region on October 10th/11th. Further details will be circulated with *DIGGER* 28 and via our website (www.ffaif.org.au) and to members' e-mail addresses. Please consider attending this annual gathering which usually includes tours, a dinner, a guest speaker as well as the AGM. Great fun to be had!

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