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Photo: Bombardier Herbert Hampton MM (left) with two of his mates: one from the 1st Division FAB or DAC (right) and the other (centre) possibly from the 1st Division AMC. Herbert Hampton is profiled in this issue.

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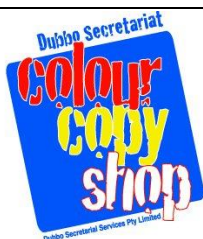
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Answers to *DIGGER* Quiz No. 29

1. The 28th Battalion was a Western Australian unit, formed at Blackboy Hill Camp in April 1915.
2. The 28th Battalion was part of the 7th Brigade (2nd Division).
3. The 28th's colour patch was a 'white over blue' diamond.
4. The Nek, or the junction of Rhododendron Spur and Sari Bair. The Apex was nearby.
5. From Gallipoli they first went to a valley near Mudros on Lemnos Island, before heading to Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt.
6. The reinforcements went to the 51st Battalion, which was formed as the 'daughter' of the 11th Battalion (also WA).
7. The 'Nursery Sector' near Armentieres.
8. The Old German line between Ovillers-Courcellette Road and the Bapaume Road. Here the battalion received 467 casualties, with all four company commanders killed.
9. The 28th was rested in Belgium near Zillebeke and Steenvorde.
10. The battalion was at Flers in the dreadful winter of 1916/17. Mud to a depth between three inches and three feet covered the trench floor and oozed from the trench walls. The weather was freezing and caused the Australians great hardship.
11. The outpost villages near Bullecourt were Queant and Noreuil.
12. The 5th, 6th and 7th Brigades were tasked to capture the villages.
13. Many bomb (hand grenade) fights took place as the 28th Battalion and Germans sought to capture or retain the villages.
14. The 28th had a supporting role to the attacking battalions and were also a source of reinforcements when more men were needed.
15. The 28th Battalion's last action was in the Beaurevoir Line in the first week of October 1918.
16. The 36th Battalion was drawn from NSW and was formed at Broadmeadows Camp (Newcastle) in February 1916.
17. The 36th was one-quarter of the 9th Brigade, 3rd Division.
18. The 36th's colour patch was oval, with 'white over green'.
19. The 36th was often referred to as 'Carmichael's Thousand', after the NSW politician, Ambrose Carmichael, who served in the battalion as a captain. Carmichael recruited many of the men from the rifle clubs of NSW.
20. The 36th Battalion suffered heavily at Crest Farm.

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