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Photo: An unnamed group of men from the 24th Battalion. Courtesy of Margaret Clarke.

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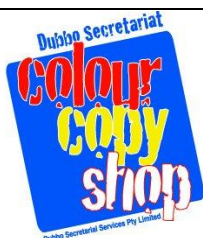
1. The nickname was a pun on 'Maid of Orleans' – 'Made of All Leanes'. Brothers Benjamin and Raymond Leane, three nephews and other relations served in the 48th Battalion. Ray Leane was Lieutenant Colonel of the 48th in 1916-1918, rising to lead the 12th Brigade till the Armistice.
2. Captain Edward Leane, KIA 23rd May 1917 and Major Benjamin Leane, KIA 10th April 1917.
3. The 48th was the daughter of the 16th Battalion (WA/SA). Both would be considered amongst the best fighting units of the AIF.
4. Their shoulder patch was round, with white over blue.
5. Private James Park Woods won his VC at Le Verguier, northwest of St Quentin, on 18th September 1918.
6. Lieutenant George D Mitchell. His book is one of the best – add it to your library.
7. DCM (when a corporal at Bullecourt, 1917) and the MC (when lieutenant at Albert, 1918).
8. Dernancourt – this battle is the subject of one of the AWM's dioramas.
9. The 48th hung on for another one hour and ten minutes.
10. Bullecourt casualties were 15 officers and 421 other ranks (of which 3 officers and 118 men were taken prisoner).
11. Pozieres (1916) to Le Verguier (1918).
12. The 'RAP' is the post in or close behind the line where the regimental surgeon and details give first treatment to the wounded.
13. A revetment is a buttress of wood, sandbags, or other material to hold up a steep side of trenches or open works.
14. A grenade or bomb fired from a rifle by special contrivances – sometimes by the insertion of a rod into the rifle-barrel; sometimes operated by the firing of an ordinary cartridge.
15. Shallow pits dug by soldiers, usually under fire in battle, from which they can fire their rifles; the first stage of a trench.
16. A salient is a curve in the line of battle, projecting towards or into the enemy's line. (Examples would be the Ypres Salient and the Sugarloaf Salient at Fromelles.)
17. A salvo is a single discharge of the guns of a battery in succession.
18. A sangar is a wall of loose stones piled so as to form a small breastwork.
19. A work similar to a trench, but dug forward from an existing trench or cavity by men working below the level of the surface.
20. The 75-millimetre field gun of the French Army, known for its rapid rate of fire.

Website news

(1) For the latest developments at Fromelles there is no better source than our website: www.ffaif.org.au. Our member on-the-spot, Carole Laignel, has sent photos of many of the reburials (which took place in some very cold weather, so thanks Carole!). (2) Photos of your local war memorial can be sent to projectffaif@yahoo.com.au. (3) Coming soon to the website! Photos of the Western Front: Then & Now.

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