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Photo: Victorian volunteers for the AIF pose for the camera soon after their arrival in camp, believed to be at Bendigo. These eighteen men were probably sharing a tent. The only identified men are Frank Walker (second from left, front row, wearing the cuneal cap); his brother Arthur Walker on his left, also in uniform and wearing a hat; and Ern Dickman, with his arm around Arthur's shoulder. A wonderful study of Australian faces. Courtesy of Trevor Munro.

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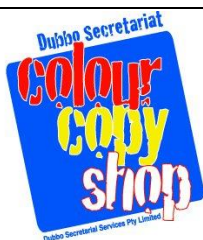
Answers to DIGGER Quiz No. 31

1. A purple 'T' with the numbers 1, 2 or 3 designating the Company.
2. The Australian Electrical and Mechanical Mining and Boring Company.
3. The 'Alphabetical Company'.
4. 'The Red House', containing German machine gunners and snipers.
5. To demolish the house with explosives (46 kilograms were used).
6. Sergeant Hugh Frazer and Sapper Morris.
7. The first of three Military Crosses that Woodward was awarded during WWI. He was annoyed that Sergeant Hugh Frazer and Sapper George Morris did not receive any decorations in the attack on Red House. Later in the war Hugh Frazer won the DCM for rescuing buried men. He died on 31st May 1918 and is buried in Ebblingham Military Cemetery. Sapper George Morris survived and returned to Australia after the war ended. (George's brother, Thomas, was featured in *DIGGER* 30, pp55-57. George Morris will be profiled in a future issue.)
8. The detonation of the first mine at Hawthorn Redoubt by the British, ten minutes before zero hour on the 1st July 1916.
9. The official name was 'Wallangatta Dugouts', but it was commonly called 'The Catacombs'. An entrance was adorned with a cut-out metal kangaroo.
10. 3rd October 1916.
11. Sorting out the 'Berlin Tunnel', which had been fought over and countermined by the Canadians and Germans.
12. 9th November 1916.
13. 'Gentlemen, we may not make history tomorrow but we will certainly change the geography.'
14. There were 21 mines in total; 19 were fired on the 7th June 1917. The remaining two were outside the battle perimeter and these were not fired.
15. At 3.10am on 7th June 1917.

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