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A small crowd assembles on the bay shore to watch the departure of A9 *Shropshire* and A18 *Wiltshire* [both at left] from Port Melbourne in September 1914. This photo was developed from a negative in the possession of member Ken Lyall. The photograph was taken by Ken's mother, then Hilda Maxwell. Other photos on the roll of film appear to have been taken in Broadmeadows Camp prior to the first contingent's departure.

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Answers to DIGGER Quiz No. 32

- 1. Pro Patria ('For Country').
- 2. Arthur Blackburn (Pozieres, July 1916); Roy Inwood (Polygon Wood, September 1917); Phillip Davey (Merris, June 1918). Davey's two brothers also served in the 10th Battalion and won MMs.
- 3. Private Phillip Robin (KIA) and Private Arthur Blackburn.
- 4. The band was made up of men from the Brigade's four battalions, hence they were from Queensland, SA, WA and Tasmania. Men from Broken Hill in far-western NSW were also allocated to the brigade.
- 5. The 3rd Brigade comprised the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions. (This brigade was given the honour of being the first to land on Gallipoli.)
- 6. Lieutenant Colonel Michael Wilder-Neligan CMG, DSO, DCM.
- 7. The 10th Battalion drew from South Australia and Western NSW (which formed the 4th Military District).
- 8. The 10th made one attack on Celtic Wood.
- 9. The first (of two) attacks on Celtic Wood was made by the 11th and 12th Battalions on 7th October 1917.
- 10. The 10th Battalion raided Celtic Wood two days later, on 9th October 1917.
- 11. The raid was led by Lieutenant Frank J Scott of Gawler, SA.
- 12. The 42 men were not seen again. Conjecture is that the missing men were taken prisoner and then 'disposed of'.
- 13. The preceding artillery barrage on the wood had not been as dense as expected.
- 14. The raid was intended to 'persuade a watchful and wary foe to spread his fire and retain reserves at Broodseinde away from II ANZAC ...' [The Anatomy of a Raid, Tony Spagnoly, 1991]
- 15. The German 448 Infantry Regiment makes no mention of what happened on 9th October 1917 in their history.



Commemoration at Aeroplane Cemetery, Belgium

Participants in the FFFAIF Western Front tour were invited to nominate soldiers whom they wished to commemorate in the CWGC cemeteries. The tour organisers then skilfully arranged the travel itinerary so these visits could take place. In this photo, Maurice Campbell is relating the story of his uncle, **Sgt Harold Campbell**, 3rd Battalion, who is buried as an 'unknown soldier' in Aeroplane Cemetery near Ieper. Such commemorations took place on every day of the tour and proved quite emotional, not only for the relative of the deceased but also for the audience who gathered at the graveside to hear the soldier's story of service and sacrifice.

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