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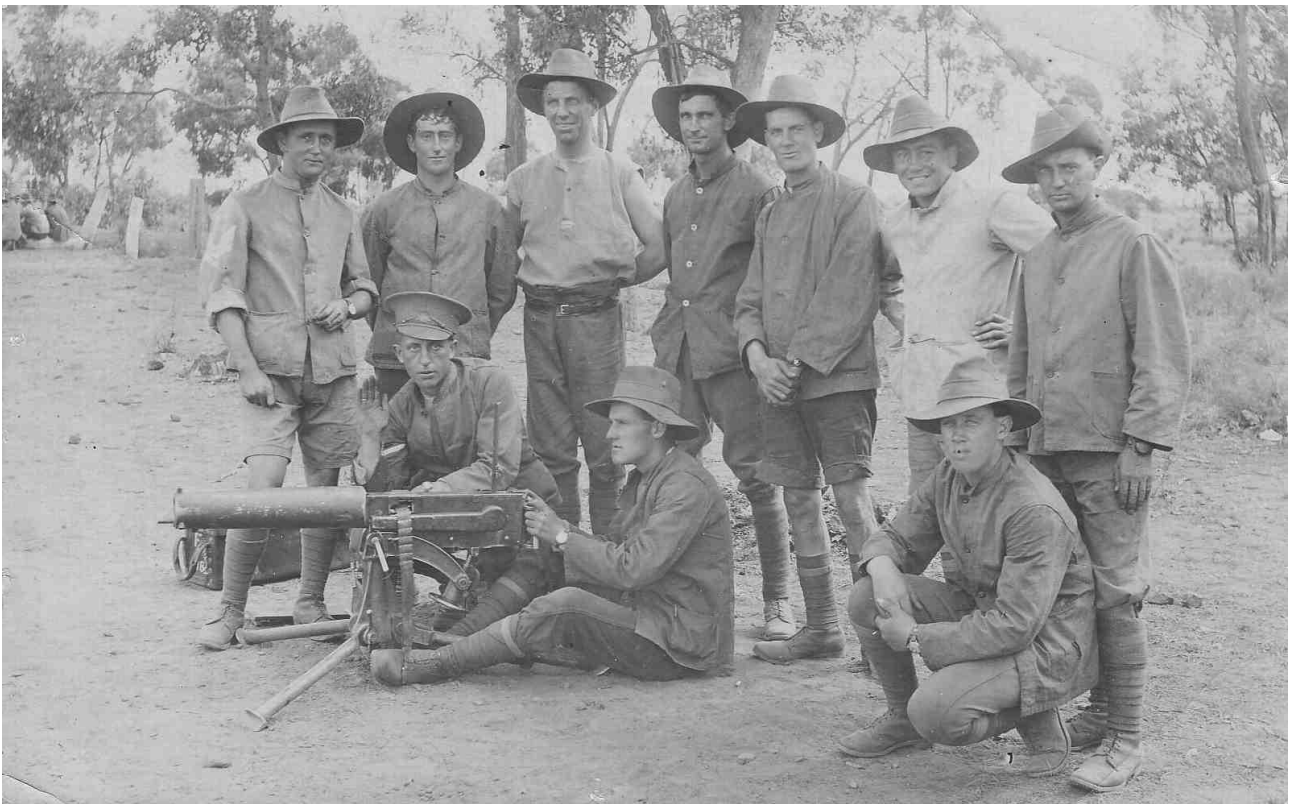


Photo: Machine gunners of the 12th Reinforcements for the 5th Machine Gun Company in training at Seymour camp, Victoria. The soldier behind the Vickers machine gun wearing the cap is Francis Townsend. Photo contributed by Jennie Rediger of Uralla, who is the niece of Frank.

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Answers to *DIGGER* Quiz No. 33

1. John Meredith, who is perhaps better known for his contribution to Australian folk music.
2. Leslie Greenleaf was the youngest Gilgandra Coo-ee and the last marcher to pass away. He was awarded the MM.
3. RG (Dick) Hitchen had the idea of the March but it was his brother, WT (Bill) Hitchen, who put the idea into effect.
4. The State Recruiting Board and the Defence Department were not impressed with the idea of a march, thinking it would be 'too costly and cumbersome, and would not be an effective means of getting volunteers'.
5. The Gilgandra Recruiting Association decided to ignore the official critics and proceed with the march.
6. The timetable assumed an average march of ten miles (16km) a day.
7. The Coo-ee March began on Sunday, 10th October 1915.
8. Wellington provided the largest number of volunteers.
9. New haversacks and military greatcoats.
10. Blue dungaree overalls and white floppy hats.
11. A bushfire.
12. 'Hitchen's Own'.
13. Thirty-two.
14. Harefield, UK. Bill died of illness before reaching the Western Front. (Most of the Coo-ees served with the 13th and 45th Battalions.)
15. Brian Bywater. Brian's collection is a must-see if you are in the area, as is the excellent Coo-ee March display at the Gilgandra Tourist Information Centre.



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*The FFFAIF Committee of Management offers members and their families
best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday season and for ongoing good health and prosperity
in the New Year.*

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