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Photo: Men of the 3rd Division AIF and a Scottish soldier mingle with some locals near Le Havre in France. The soldier sitting in front of the two ladies is Gilbert Brinsden, 37th Battalion, profiled in this issue. Photo courtesy of Andrew Pittaway, Fremantle, who is seeking the names of any of the other Diggers.

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Answers to *DIGGER* Quiz No. 34

1. 'Jacka's Mob' was written by Edgar John Rule.
2. 'Jacka's Mob' was first published in 1933.
3. Jacka's mob was the 14th Battalion, which formed part of the 4th Brigade (which became part of the 4th Division after Gallipoli).
4. The history of the 14th Battalion was written by Newton Wanliss, whose son Harold served in the 14th Battalion and was killed in action on 26th September 1917.
5. Around 5 500 men passed through the ranks of the 14th Battalion.
6. Rule reached the rank of Temporary Captain and was awarded the MM and MC.
7. The 14th Battalion was formed from Victorian enlistments, mostly drawn from Melbourne and suburbs.
8. Jacka also received the MC and Bar.
9. Jacka won the VC at Courtney's Post, Gallipoli, on 19th May 1915.
10. Joseph Bickley, William Howard, Frank Poliness and Stephen De'Araugo played a part in the VC-winning exploit.
11. The 14th Battalion was given the nickname the 'Bacon Stealers'.
12. Padre Andrew Gillison and Chaplain Frances Rolland.
13. Lieutenant Colonel JH Peck CMG, DSO (known affectionately as 'Dear Old Dad').
14. Jacka had his problems with Major General Charles Henry Brand CB, CMG, DSO.
15. Lieutenant Colonel Charles Dare DSO.

The Aussie who had endured a long succession of sunless days in frigid Belgium, regarded the landscape with keen interest. 'What's all that bright-looking stuff laying about all over the place?' he enquired of a cobbler. They both contemplated it with deep curiosity. The light of recognition gradually appeared on the cobbler's face. 'I remember it!' he said reminiscently, as of one recalling a circumstance of the vague long ago – 'it's sunlight!'

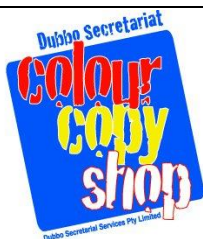
Duckboard Harrier, '*Aussie*', March 1919

The Digger was very annoyed with the Tommy MP, who had pinched him for being in Charleroi without a pass, and he decided to say something really nasty. He thought painstakingly for a minute and then relentlessly uttered these cruel words: 'Cripes! If you had any sense you wouldn't be on a job like yours. Why, if the size of your head was in proportion to your brains, half a peanut shell would do you for a panama!'

Duckboard Harrier, '*Aussie*', March 1919

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