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Photo: Driver 2342 Laurence Payne, 23rd Battalion. [T Munro]

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Answers to *DIGGER* Quiz No. 39

1. Abdul = Turk (individual or collective noun).
2. Ack Emma = Morning (a.m.); sometimes also Aircraft Mechanic.
3. Alleyman = German soldier (from French *Allemagne*).
4. Archie = Anti-aircraft fire or artillery piece.
5. Banjo = Spade, from the shape of the entrenching tool.
6. Base rat = A soldier perpetually at the base, thereby maintaining comfort and safety.
7. Billjim = An Australian (from two common first names, Bill + Jim).
8. Bivvy = Bivouac, a form of temporary shelter.
9. Boche = German.
10. Bull ring = British Army training establishment at places like Rouen, Harfleur, Havre and Etaples. The Bull Ring at Etaples was famous for its strict discipline.

Changes to Roll of Honour for those who died at sea

In preparing Frev's story on the *Kanowna* for publication, checking of the units for those who died at sea (and were subsequently buried at sea) revealed that the AWM's online Roll of Honour showed for most of the deceased that their 'place of death' was France, Egypt or England.

Apparently, this quite deceptive information comes from the past practice of showing 'place of death' as being the country in which the soldier's name appears on a memorial to the missing. So if a Digger died on the voyage home (even if just off the Australian coast), but his name appears on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, then his place of death was recorded on the ROH as 'France'.

After contacting Wendy Gadd at the AWM (who was aware of the problem), sending the list of names from Frev's article has seen their places of death changed to reflect reality. The database now shows such entries as: Red Sea; Tasman Sea; Indian Ocean; at sea off South Africa; North Atlantic Ocean; Great Australian Bight and the Gulf of Aden. Thanks, Wendy, for making the changes to the ROH.

The Editor has pondered how history would have been altered if **Victor Reston**, who died one day out from Sydney, had been kept onboard so that he could have been buried on Australian soil. Would that have made Reston, **General Bridges** and the **Unknown Soldier** at the AWM the only three AIF men who died while on active service to be buried in Australia? – Ed.

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