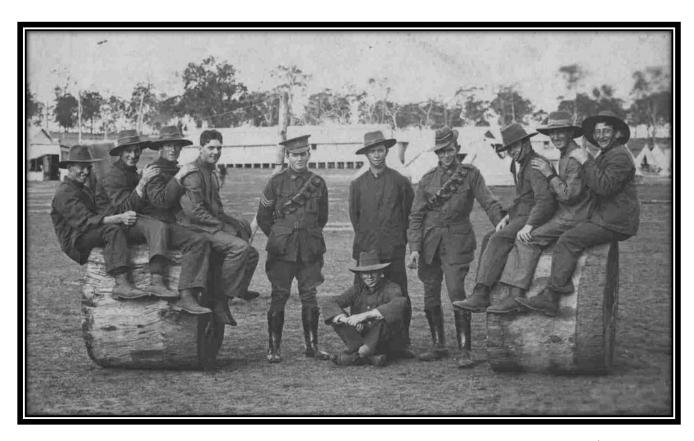


# DIGGER

"Dedicated to Digger Heritage"



**Photo**: 'This is a photo of me and some more rolling these blocks up to the mess rooms' – Bert Egan, 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion. The photo was taken at camp in Sydney, probably at Menangle. The logs would most likely be used as butchers' blocks. Bert Egan is the soldier sitting extreme right and is profiled in this issue. Courtesy Maurice Campbell.

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#### Answers to DIGGER Quiz No. 41

- 1. 130 Horseferry Road, Westminster, London.
- 2. Miss Vera Deakin (daughter of the former Australian Prime Minister, Sir Alfred Deakin).
- 3. Larkhill (3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Divs), Perham Downs (1<sup>st</sup> Div), Rollestone (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Divs), Parkhouse (ASC, AMC, Eng & Sigs) and Tidworth (HQ & MGC).
- 4. Christchurch (Hants.), Brightlingsea (Essex), Shefford near Hitchin (Herts.), Belford Park near Grantham (Lincs.).
- 5. Perham Downs, Weymouth, Bovington (Wool), Worgret Hill (Wareham). Where men were sent was mainly determined by when they would be fit for return to the front or repatriation to Australia.
- 6. Canberra (Federal Territory, now the ACT); Berrima, Bourke, Holdsworthy, Liverpool, Molonglo, Trial Bay (NSW); Brisbane, Enoggera (Qld); Fort Largs, Torrens Island (SA); Bruny Island, Claremont (Tas); Melbourne, Langwarrin, Point Cook (Vic); Rottnest Island (WA).

## WA members hold get-together

At the instigation of member **Paul Graham**, four members of the FFFAIF (and two guests) living in and near Perth, Western Australia, met up on 18 November for a tour of the naval base at HMAS *Stirling*,



Rockingham, followed by refreshments. Paul arranged the gathering so that FFFAIF members could meet each other, share common interests and discuss military history projects they are working on. After entering the base by the 4.5km long causeway, the group visited the Z Force Area (WWII), then the Clearance Diving Team to see some mines from WWII and the Gulf Wars. The party then inspected the naval ships and submarines in the wharf area and heard from a submariner about life in the navy. This was followed by tea, coffee and cold beer in the Senior Sailors' Mess and inspection of relics from ships that have been paid off from the

navy. Well done, Paul, on organising the day. **Above left (l to r):** Paul Graham, Andrew Pittaway, Sandra Playle, Alan Rayfield and Roley Rayfield.

South Australian member, **David Wright**, is interested in holding a similar gathering at the Walkerville RSL Club. If you live in SA and would be interested in attending, David can be contacted via the Editor.

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