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Photo: A group of Diggers from Tumut, NSW, photographed in camp in France, 1917. Courtesy of Paula Cavanough, who writes: "My grandfather, Bill Sturt, standing at the back with his hand on Gus Keown's shoulder. 520 Percy McAlister is on the right of Gus Keown. Frank Henery and 506 Walter Malone at on the left end of the middle row and Fred Malone and Tom Malone on the left end of the front row." See also page 2 and page 20 for details of these men.

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