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Above, main picture: Australian graves at Noreuil, France. Courtesy Heather Ford.  
Inset: Silk postcard from Private Duncan McCallum, 16<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1 Feb 1916. Courtesy Wendy Mahoney.

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