The Australian Graves Registration Unit on the Western Front

Reading List

The Australian Graves Detachment was formed in February of 1919 and started work in April of the same year. Under the command of Major John Mott, the AGD was based in Villers-Bretonneux and the surrounding area. The unit consisted of 1,100 men, drawn from each of the five Australian divisions, tasked with locating, identifying and reburying Australian war dead on the Western Front.

The books listed below are available in the Institute’s Ursula Davidson Library. The call number (i.e. compactus shelf address) follows the citation in each case.


LYCETT, Tim and PLAYLE, Sandra (2013) *Fromelles: the final chapters: how the buried diggers were identified and their lives reclaimed* (Melbourne : Viking) Call No: 572 LYCE 2013

PEMBERTON, T. J. (1926) *Gallipoli to-day* (London : Benn) Call No: 575 PEMB 1926


The Times Publishing Company (1928?) *War Graves of The Empire; Reprinted from the Special Number of The Times November 10, 1928* (London : The Times Publishing Company) Call No: 500 TIME  [Chapter 3: Gallipoli ; Suvla; ANZAC; Helles p.53-56]

FIM AUSTRALIA (1997) *Their job nobly done* (video recording) (Sydney: Film Australia) Call No: V503.2


Secondary sources

Australia - Department of War Veterans and Office of War Graves (2010) *Dedication and burial Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) military cemetery. Order of service, 19th July 2010* (Canberra :
Department of Veterans' Affairs) Call No: P572 DVA 2010  [A record of the graves, rather than information about the unit]

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (1980) *Memorial Registers. No.4 - Helles Memorial Gallipoli : No.5 - The Chunuk Bair memorial (New Zealand Forces). No.8 - Buttes New British Cemetery (New Zealand) Memorial Polygon...* (Maidenhead : ) Call No: 570.01 CWGC

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