

The battlefields



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Men from the Moreland area fought and died in many of the worst battles of World War I.

These include battles at Gallipoli on the Turkish coast (1915) and on the Western Front – including Pozières (France, 1916), Fromelles (France, 1916), Passchendaele (Belgium, 1917), Bullecourt (France, 1917) and Villers-Bretonneux (France, 1918).

The Western Front was the line of trenches stretching from the coast of Belgium to the Swiss border that marked the German advance west.

Other battles occurred in the Middle East, such as Beersheba (Egypt, 1917).

Trench warfare was freezing, muddy, smelly, loud and terrifying. The soldiers suffered many diseases and conditions in the trenches, including ‘trench foot’, and many died of illness.

For most of the War, Australians were under British command. This changed when General John Monash from Melbourne took command of Australian troops in May 1918. Monash improved the morale of Australian soldiers and helped win several important battles.

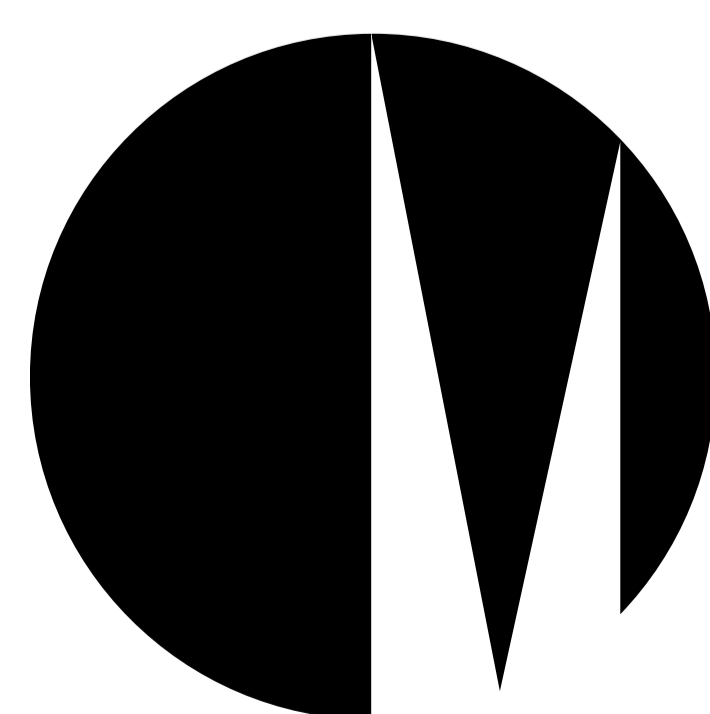


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Image 1.
Soldiers in a trench, possibly at Gallipoli. ca. 1915 - 1918.
T.P. Bennett. Source: State Library of Victoria , H83.103/247

Image 2.
General Sir John Monash and aides, 1918.
Source: State Library of Victoria, H42579.

Image 3.
Australian troops making way to the trenches, Ypres, October 1917.
G. Wilkins (Captain). Source: State Library of Victoria , H37630/18