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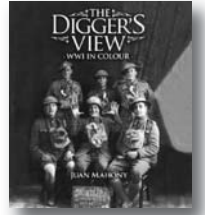


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The digger's view: WWI in colour

by Juan Mahony

The Digger's View Pty Ltd: New Lambton, NSW; 2014; 270 pp.; ISBN 9780957969612 (hardback); RRP \$50.00



On the eve of the Anzac Centenary this book and the project to create it deserve high praise. *The Digger's View* is a magnificently produced high quality book that will create a connection with any reader. The book is crammed with rare colourised photos and diary entries that provide a very personal perspective of some of the Australian soldiers who served during World War I.

The Digger's View was five years in the planning and production. The collaboration between Juan Mahony and Kent Rowe Digital Print has resulted in a unique and fresh look at Australia and World War I. The project sought to better appreciate what Australian soldiers experienced; and to explain what they observed and reflected on during the war.

All the images in the book have been painstakingly colourised to accurately portray what the diggers' world looked like. Each high resolution image takes between one day to one month to complete, and the attention to detail in

the colouring process achieves results far superior to automated recolouring techniques. The results are nothing less than spectacular.

The narrative text from the participants further enhances the personal perspective. The book includes a comprehensive glossary, list of abbreviations, and chronology of events as well as statistics about the First Australian Imperial Force. Group photos have all the individuals identified and there is also a biographical note for all those that feature in the book as well as a comprehensive names index.

The Digger's View is available in bookshops and on-line at www.thediggersview.com.au where sections of the book can be viewed. At \$50.00 RRP this book is terrific value for money and would make a handsome gift. If you only buy one book to mark the Anzac Centenary *The Digger's View* should probably be it.

Marcus Fielding