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Who is Fallen Diggers?

Fallen Diggers is a registered not-for-profit volunteer charity which have been researching missing Australian servicemen and women since 2013. Our charity specialises in conflict archaeology and battlefield archaeology and is dedicated to researching missing WW1 and WW2 Australian Military Personnel, with the objective of affording them the dignified and honourable burial that they deserve.

Fallen Diggers works collaboratively and cooperatively with many key stakeholders including, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (<https://www.cwgc.org/>), Australian Army's Unrecovered War Casualties-Army (UWC-A) (<https://www.army.gov.au/our-work/recovering-lost-soldiers>) and the Australian War Memorial (<https://www.awm.gov.au/>).

Vision: *All fallen Australian Service men and woman will have their name and a known burial.*

Mission: *To research, locate and identify our missing service men and woman.*

Objective: *To ensure that all these brave souls are afforded a dignified and honorable burial, and that their families get the opportunity to say goodbye.*

Since 2013, Fallen Diggers have positively located 47 missing soldiers. Our charity currently holds approximately 100 submissions for assessment and finalisation.

Further research to date has indicated a possible 14 field burial sites that require further investigation. These sites may contain multiple burials.

In 2022, Unrecovered War Casualties–Army conducted 17 rededication services in Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries throughout France and Belgium. These important services allow a previously unknown Australian soldier to regain their identity to give them a voice, and receive the dignity and remembrance they deserve. Of these 17 services, 16 were as a direct result of successful submissions assessed and submitted by Fallen Diggers: 16 missing Australians that Fallen Diggers have located and effectively given back to our nation, and importantly, returned to their families.

In addition, working locally, Fallen Diggers, in conjunction with Southern Ocean Exploration, are investigating the disappearance during the Second World War of multiple aircraft from the Royal Australian Air Force. These aircraft crashed while on training flights - subsequent searches for

both aircraft and crew at the time proved unsuccessful. Our goal is to locate and confirm the identity of aircraft, and to have each of these sites protected as a war grave.

With over 30,000 Australian service personnel still missing, Fallen Diggers remains firmly committed to the investigation and, where possible, identification of our missing service personnel. Fallen Diggers sincerely believes that every service member who has given their life for their country, where possible, should have the dignity of a decent burial and a known grave, and their family should have the comfort and closure of knowing that they are not forgotten.

In our experience, bringing comfort and closure to the families of our missing service personnel is very important and powerful, even though decades may have passed since the guns have fallen silent. For every soldier we locate, a mother's prayer has been answered, and a family finally get a chance to pay their respects and acknowledge the life of a young man who has all but been lost and forgotten.

Fallen Diggers is happy to discuss any requirements and answer any questions.


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Thank you for your ongoing support.



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For Fallen Diggers



Fallen Digger Honour Roll

Remembered with Dignity

Pte Harry Huntsman

L/Cpl William Grove

Pte Charles Eacott

Pte George Neilson

Pte Frederick Graham

Pte Alex Williamson

Pte Francois Eveillard

Pte Cecil Burns

Dvr Henry Comerford

Pte William Guest

2nd Lt Reg Hickling

L/Cpl James Launchbury

Pte Charles Williams

Sgt Walton Grayson DCM

Cpl Edward Inglis

Pte Charles Gage

Dvr Ronald Gillham

Gnr Norman McDonald

Cpl Albert Knight MM

Cpl Athol Kirkland

Cpl Stan Cochrane

2Lt Charles Bowden

2nd Lt Reuben Parkes

Cpl Donald Anderson

Pte Lewis Webster

Pte Dudley Green

L/Cpl Vivian Taylor

Pte Robert Bowness

L/Cpl George Campbell

Pte John Quinn

Pte Thomas Cohen

L/Cpl Patrick O'Neill

Sgt Edwin Lillie MM

Pte George Littleboy

Pte Leslie Styles

L/Cpl Leslie Broadbent MM

Lt Sim McGregor Wood

Lt James Mark Kennedy

Dvr Albert Nicholson

Pte Elvin Hayes

2Lt Henry Pike

Pte Henry Mills

Pte Horace Hilton Thoroughgood

Spr Keith Blaxland Lister Hays

Pte William Alfred Higgs