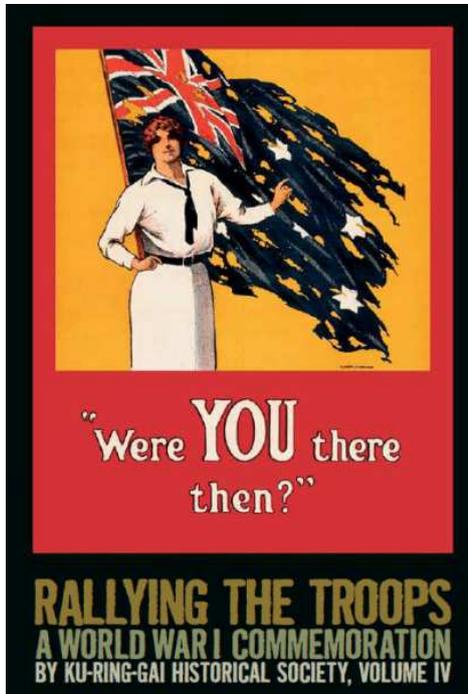


RALLYING THE TROOPS

WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE SERIES VOLUME IV LAUNCH

By KU-RING-GAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

Foreword by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd),
Governor of NSW



The fourth and final volume of this award winning series is about to be released. The series commemorates nearly 1800 men and women associated with the nine suburbs of Ku-ring-gai who served in the Great War. Not all were born and bred in Ku-ring-gai. Their connections to the area varied, through family, residence, education or work. Many originated well beyond Ku-ring-gai, not only throughout NSW & Australia, but also Canada, New Zealand, France, Russia, India, the United States and even Germany. Significant numbers had been recent immigrants from the United Kingdom. Volume IV relates the war stories of over 430 of these veterans including Ku-ring-gai's only recipient of the Victoria Cross, Major Blair Wark VC, DSO. This volume includes details of the final battles of 1918 leading to the Armistice. It also focuses on the daily lives of soldiers and nurses, official preparation for their return to civilian life with education and employment schemes, financial assistance on their return and ongoing medical care. Each chapter contains examples of the involvement of particular veterans.

The home effort supporting those on active service was substantial and Ku-ring-gai residents were prominent in the organisations that provided comforts to the troops. There was disquiet and suspicion of German residents, despite many of them being naturalised Australians.

The guest speaker is **Lambis Englezos AM**, who was primarily responsible for locating the 'missing (250) Diggers' at Fromelles, undiscovered by the War Graves Commission following the 1918 Armistice. Many of these Diggers, including two from Ku-ring-gai, have now been identified through their DNA and reburied in marked graves at Pheasant Wood Military Cemetery.

The MC for the book launch will be **Lt Col Paul Simadas RFD**, chairman of the Western Front Association.



THIS AWARD-WINNING SERIES IS COMING TO AN END WITH THE RELEASE OF THE FOURTH AND FINAL VOLUME.

**THE BOOK LAUNCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2018
IN THE BORONIA ROOM, HORNSBY RSL CLUB, HIGH STREET, HORNSBY 3.00 PM
FOR 3.30 PM START.**

You and your friends are most welcome to attend this free event.

Hornsby RSL Club is adjacent to the Hornsby Railway Station and opposite the Westfield Centre with ample Parking

rsvp@khs.org.au by 20th November appreciated, but not essential – Thank You