**STRETCHER-BEARERS**

**SAVING AUSTRALIANS FROM GALLIPOLI TO KOKODA**

*Stretcher-bearers: Saving Australians from Gallipoli to Kokoda* is a compelling account of the experience of Australian stretcher-bearers during the First and Second World Wars.

Respected military historian Mark Johnston traces the development of formal stretcher-bearing from its origin in the early nineteenth century under Napoleon to the battlefields of the Second World War. This book sheds new light on familiar figures, such as Simpson and his donkey, while giving voice to stories previously untold. Johnston’s original research draws on accounts by stretcher-bearers who worked on the front line, as well as tributes from rescued soldiers, to deepen our understanding of the crucial role these soldiers played in Gallipoli, Palestine and the Western Front in World War I, and in the Middle East and the Pacific in World War II. The narrative is further driven by rich imagery, featuring more than 130 full-page photographs.

Written by a leading expert on the Australian Army and the Second World War, this book provides a generously illustrated, engaging and moving account of the history of the stretcher-bearer, a figure praised by countless Diggers but never previously the subject of a book.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAMC Australian Army Medical Corps
AASC Australian Army Service Corps
ADMS Assistant Director Medical Services
ADS Advanced Dressing Station
AGH Australian General Hospital
AIF Australian Imperial Force
Amb Ambulance
AWM Australian War Memorial
Bde Brigade
Bn Battalion
Capt Captain
Cav Cavalry
CCS Casualty Clearing Station
CO Commanding Officer
Coy company
Cpl Corporal
CSM Company Sergeant Major
DCM Distinguished Conduct Medal
Div Division
Fd Field
Gnr Gunner
GOC General Officer Commanding
HE High Explosive
HQ Headquarters
IWM Imperial War Museums
L/Cpl Lance-Corporal
Lt Lieutenant
Lt-Col Lieutenant-Colonel
Maj Major
MBE Member of the British Empire
MC Military Cross
MDS Main Dressing Station
MID Mentioned in Despatches
MJC Mark Johnston’s Collection (private)
ML Mitchell Library
MM Military Medal
NAA National Archives of Australia
NCO Non-commissioned officer
ABBREVIATIONS

Pte  Private
RAP  Regimental Aid Post
RMO  Regimental medical officer
RSB  Regimental stretcher-bearer
SB   Stretcher-bearer
Sgt  Sergeant
SLV  State Library of Victoria
Spr  Sapper
VC   Victoria Cross