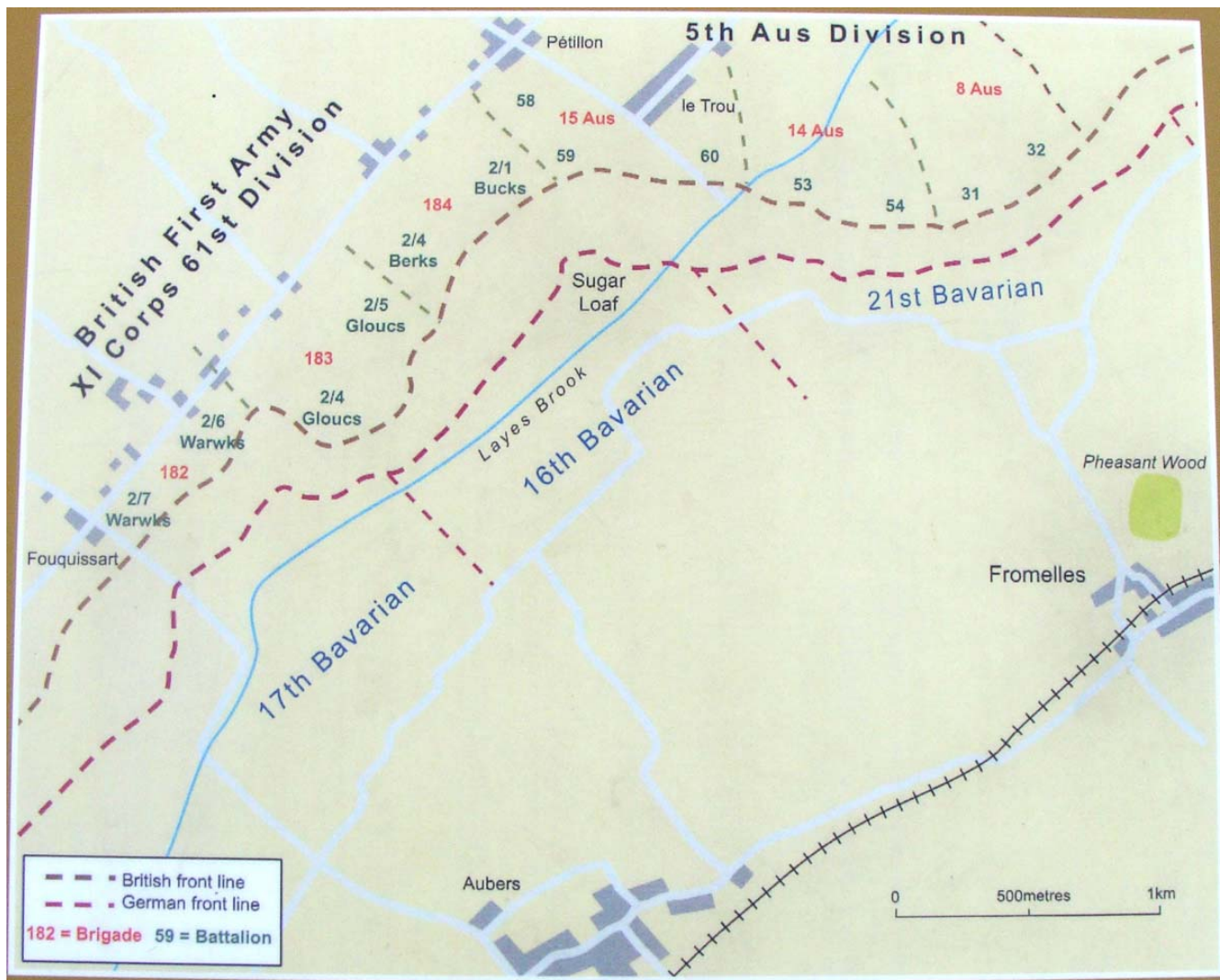




## Missing Soldiers of Fromelles Group

### Battle Lines Drawn

**Extracted from a photograph of a hoarding displayed during the construction of the new Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery.** [Produced by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) such on-site hoardings gave context to the construction of the new graveyard and communicated specific information about what will become a significant place of remembrance]. Facilitated by military historian Pierre Vanderveldon of [Inmemories.com](http://Inmemories.com), the images contained in this document have been published to assist the researcher with various interpretive aspects of the dig. For example aspects such as the location of the British frontline, the Sugar Loaf, Auber's Ridge and Le Trou aid post. Pierre also graciously made available the headstone photographs linked to our Quick Guide and the Discussion Paper 'Dedication of the new Fromelles military cemetery.'



Hoarding designs like the one below helped the CWGC promote its work on-site at Fromelles and to spread background and news of major developments. A visual tribute as it were while the cemetery was being designed, constructed and completed:

## Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery

Our construction site hoardings, not in themselves things of beauty, presented us with a wonderful opportunity – a blank canvas upon which to record a visual tribute to the men who will be buried here.

From the UK – Stonyhurst, St Mary's Hall in Clitheroe, Lancashire

From France – Ecole Primaire Pierre Curie, Arras and Ecole Communale de Fromelles

Three nations are represented at this site – Australia and the United Kingdom, whose soldiers fought and died at Fromelles, and France too, over whose land the battle raged.

Each nation was briefed to use images that represented their own country in the design – in the case of Australia and the UK, to bring a little piece of home to a distant field of battle.

Who better than the children of these nations to add their contribution to this place of remembrance?

The children used their talents in this project to do all that they could to honour those men who, in a more profound way, did all that they could for their nations by laying down their lives.

From Australia – Camberwell Primary School, Victoria

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Les panneaux du site de construction, qui ne sont pas particulièrement esthétiques, nous ont fourni une belle occasion : celle de graver sur une toile vierge un hommage visuel aux hommes qui seront inhumés ici.

Royaume-Uni : École Stonyhurst, St Mary's Hall de Clitheroe, Lancashire

France : École Primaire Pierre Curie d'Arras et École Communale de Fromelles

Trois nations sont représentées sur ce site : l'Australie et le Royaume-Uni, dont les soldats ont combattu et ont trouvé la mort à Fromelles, et la France, le territoire sur lequel la bataille a fait rage.

Il a été demandé à chaque pays d'utiliser des images le représentant. Dans le cas de l'Australie et du Royaume-Uni, l'objectif est d'associer le pays natal à ce champ de bataille éloigné.

Qui mieux que les enfants de ces nations pouvait apporter sa contribution à ce lieu de mémoire ?

Les enfants ont utilisé tous leurs talents dans ce projet pour rendre hommage à ces hommes qui se sont entièrement dévoués à leur patrie, jusqu'à y laisser leur vie.

Australie : École Primaire Camberwell de Victoria

## Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Furthermore the organization commemorates all men and women of the Commonwealth who died or went missing during WWI and WWII. The cemeteries, burial plots and memorials run by the CWGC, are said to be a means of honouring those who died, and as one would expect the electronic REGISTER linked to the world community, helps members of the public to find a grave or name on a memorial.

Homepage of the CWGC can be accessed via <http://www.cwgc.org>, at which point one needs to follow the prompts.