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## Fromelles Burial Site Explored

The Australian Army, under the auspices of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and in conjunction with British and French Governments, is undertaking the limited excavation of a suspected WWI group burial site in Fromelles, France. This work is being carried out by a team of professional archaeologists between 26 May/14 June 2008. The excavation should prove once and for all whether the remains of up to 400 fallen Australian and British soldiers lay beneath the soil of a small field adjacent to Pheasant Wood. Non-invasive surveys and archival research suggest the soldiers were buried at the site by German Forces following the Battle of Fromelles which took place over 19-20 July 1916, latest news from the dig today confirms that a number of human remains have been uncovered on the site.

## This month in History – June

**On Land** – June 1944 the first V-1 struck London next to the railway bridge on Grove Road, Mile End. Eight civilians were killed in the blast. Initially reported as downed raiders, this pilot less flying bombs carried 1 ton of HE and by VE day 2,419 had reached London, killing about 6,184 people and injuring 17,981

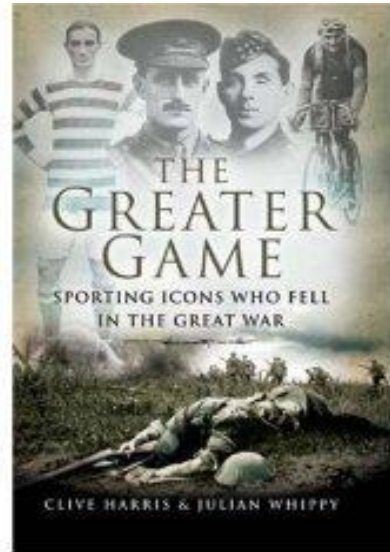
**VC**— 2Lt GRD Moor 2/Hampshires 6 June 1915, undoubtedly one of the more controversial awards in history & one that always stirs passionate debate on our Gallipoli tours, Dallas Moor, described by his CO as “a tall, wild looking, dark haired boy of 18”, stemmed a retreat of his own men and consolidated a key position then retook a heavily defended Turkish position. In the process he is described as having had to shoot one or two panic stricken fugitives amongst his ranks!. Moor went on to earn an MC & Bar during his time in France proving beyond doubt his gallantry. Strangely he never rose above the rank of Lt and tragically he fell victim to the flu that swept across France dying in Nov 1918 age 22 & is buried in France.



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