



**5541 Private Glen Roy Barrington**



**4210 Sergeant Henry Matthew Skinner MM**

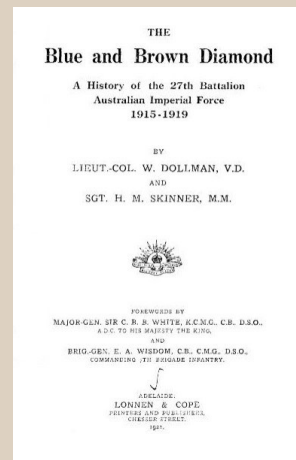
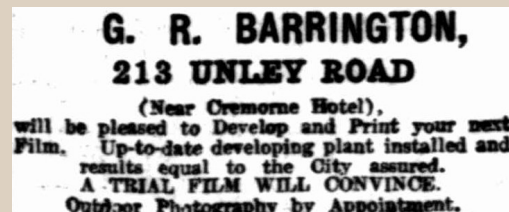
## 27th Battalion Grave Photographic Expedition

The 27th Battalion history 'The Blue and Brown Diamond' relates that 4210 Sergeant Henry Matthew Skinner MM and battalion photographer 5541 Private Glen Roy Barrington left Mont-sur-Marchienne, Belgium on 2 February 1919 to photograph scattered graves of soldiers of the unit at the request of Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Royden Chalmers with the intention of supplying the next of kin with a photograph of the deceased soldier's grave. In all 66 photographs were taken, with Skinner featuring in a number of the images.

The Battalion funded the purchase of a camera through its adjutant Captain Ronald Dudley Southon MC for Private Barrington to photograph the graves. The camera and negatives were later acquired by Major John L Treloar on behalf of the Australian War Museum, reimbursing costs for the camera to Captain Southon. After the war Barrington established a photographic studio whilst Skinner co-authored the 27th Battalion history 'The Blue and Brown Diamond'.



**Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Royden Chalmers CMG DSO**



**Captain Ronald Dudley Southon MC**

Sources: <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C1695>  
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