Frank RUSSELL

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS STORY?

Frank Russell's inclusion on the board is a bit of a mystery, as he appears not to have served during the Great War.

Russell was born in 1886, his father, RF Russell, was the Chief Inspector of Schools. Frank Russell was educated at Prahran and later attended Queens College at Melbourne University.

Originally, a school teacher, Russell retrained as a lawyer and eventually opened a practice with his brother, Leslie Russell, in Collins street, as Russell and Russell. His brother continued in solo practice and worked as a solicitor at Dandenong and Frankston in the 1920s.

Rejected from the Australian Army because of poor eyesight, Russell also tried his luck in travelling to England to become part of the British Army, but to no avail. He returned to Australia in May 1918. A contemporary account suggested that he had been involved in "business, writing and war work" during his absence from Australia.

After the War, he worked as a journalist, venturing again to Europe and America. He died in London in 1934.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A French villager enjoying a cigarette with members of 1st Australian Tunnelling Company, October 1918, France.