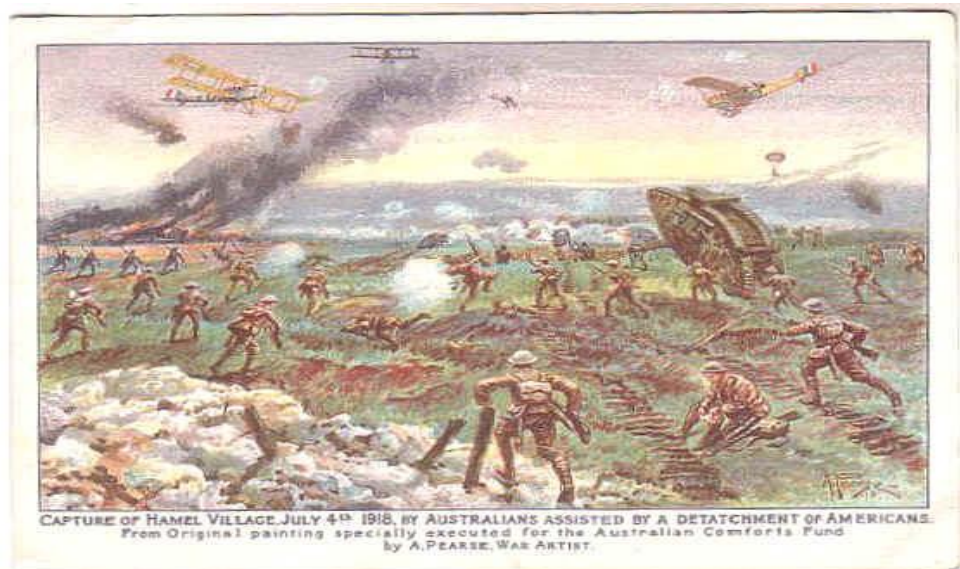


**The Military History Society of New South Wales Incorporated presents
Monash at The Battle of Hamel: a brilliant pupil outshines his master.**

By Robert Muscat, a Member of the Council



Although the strategic goal was limited, the significance of the battle of Hamel on the morning of 4 July, 1918 was its standing as a prelude to the success of precise coordination between combat services and meticulous planning. Both achieved by the brilliance of Lieutenant General Sir John Monash and his Divisional Commander Major General Ewan Sinclair-McLagan. Lt. Gen Monash proved himself at the Battle of Messines, under the leadership of General Sir Herbert Plumer, from whom he learnt the conference model which was implemented in the planning of Hamel. Monash also adopted the use of military technology, such as tanks, planes and immediate communications to “break the back of the enemy” and avoid unnecessary casualties of the infantry. Hamel is also remembered as the first occasion American soldiers, still yearning for combat experience, fought alongside war weary veterans of the Australian infantry. The success of the 93 minute battle is a testament of finely tuned Australian infantry under superb field commanders and their indomitable Corp commander, Lt. Gen. Monash.

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Saturday 7th July 2018, 2.00pm – 3.00pm

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