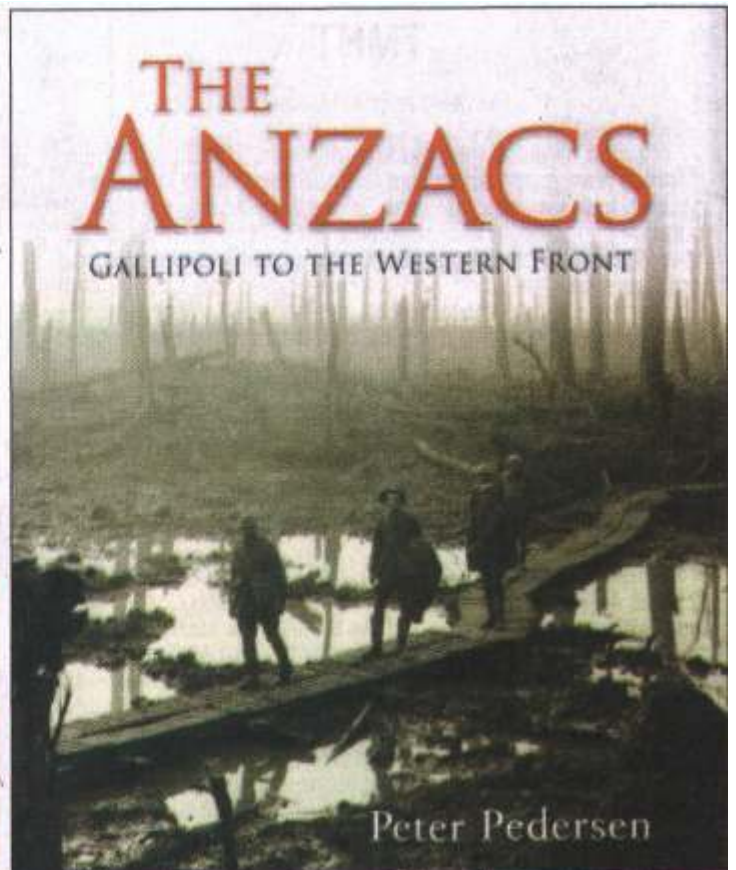
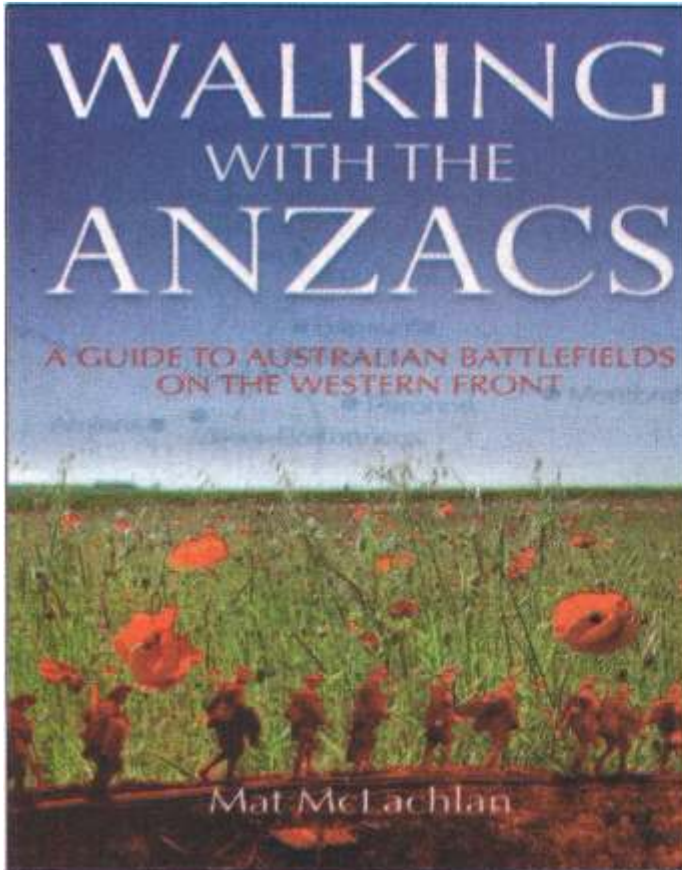




## book reviews



**WALKING WITH THE ANZACS**  
**A Guide to Australian Battlefields on the Western Front**  
By Mat McLachlan  
Published by Hachette Australia  
\$40.00

**Walking With The Anzacs** is the essential companion for anyone visiting the Western Front. The Australian battlefields of the Western Front cover a large area and author, Mat McLachlan, has divided them into five main areas of operation: Belgium, French Flanders, the Somme, the Hindenburg Line and the Aisne. Each battle is detailed with it's respective effects on the war and well-illustrated walking tours takes the modern visitor through key sites on the battlefield and tries to give an impression of what it must have been like for those brave soldiers who fought. Each walking tour includes a list of sites of interest such as battlefield landmarks, memorials and cemeteries of interest to Australians.

It is very well set out with easy-to-follow directions and full of everything a traveller to the Western Front would wish to know about what happened here. As McLachlan writes – "the glory and the tragedy, the courage and the cowardice, the compassion and the cruelty should be remembered.... The Digger speaks of concepts close to our hearts: courage in adversity, sticking by your mates, being Australian." More and more Australians are reflecting on the soldiers who helped shaped their nation and are choosing to make their pilgrimage to the battlefields - this is the book to take with you.

**THE ANZACS**  
**Gallipoli to the Western Front**  
By Peter Pedersen  
Published by Penguin  
\$59.95

This beautiful hardcover book traces the evolution of the Australian Imperial Force from the enthusiastic amateurs of Gallipoli to the skilled warriors of the

Western Front, where fighting in conditions of unspeakable horror and brutality they won their legendary reputation as the best infantrymen of the war and perhaps of all time. Combining detailed battle narratives with soldiers accounts, Peter Pedersen moves from Gallipoli through Palestine to the Western Front, graphically re-creating the campaigns of a war in which over 200,000 Australians - two out of every three combatants - were killed or wounded. Including the New Zealanders at every stage, he also covers the war in the air and at sea, in dressing posts and hospitals, and on the home front devastated by casualty rates and riven over conscription. Illustrated with over 300 photographs and artworks, this epic work recalls to memory the forgotten heroes, and the bloody campaigns, of a war that brought glory to the Australian nation but tragedy to every Australian family.