

Historical Officers Report August 2015

Events of the Great War as reported in the Camden News
Cables from the European War

5th August

Good reports have been received from Petrograd from the battle zone immediately north of Warsaw. Heavy German attacks are being broken and the enemy's losses are said to be terrible.

The Russians appeal to the Allies to realise that they are doing everything humanly possible to arrest the Austro German offensive.

Holland has called to the colours all men who were formerly exempt the decision practically amounts to universal service, and increases the army from 330,000 to 550,000.

A British submarine sunk a German destroyer close to the German coast; two enemy steamers were submarined by the Allies in the Sea of Marmora.

Milan papers state that there are 90,000 wounded in Constantinople, and that the Mosques at Istanbul have been transformed into hospitals.

Vienna reports that German regiments have passed Cholm pursuing the Russian.

6th August 1915 *the battles for Lone Pine and Sari Bair begin*



7th August 1915 *Australians Charge the NEK, Gallipoli*



8th August 1915

VC won at Gallipoli by L/Cpl I Keysor

9th August 1915

6 VCs won at Gallipoli

Capt A.J. Shout, Lt's W.J. Symons, F.H. Tubbs

Cpl's A.S. Brown, W. Dunston and Pte J. Hamilton

12TH August

Private Thomas Milton Morris killed in action

Prussian casualties to July 31st were 1,641,560 officers and men. German sources state that the. German losses on the Russian: front from May 1 to July 1 totalled 270.000 men.

Britain's reply to the United States firmly adheres to the right of blockade in order to cut off the enemy's commerce.

A German squadron of nine battleships, twelve cruisers, and many destroyers was repulsed by the Russian fleet at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga. Mines damaged one German cruiser and two destroyers.

The enemy's operations against Riga are declared to have failed entirely.



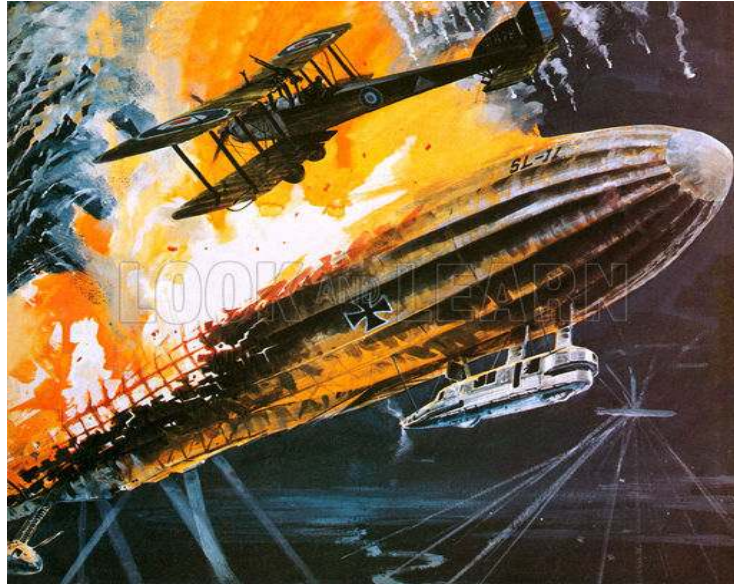
The Turkish battleship Hair-ed-Din Barbarossa formerly the German Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm has been sunk by a Submarine, most of the crew being saved.



General Hamilton reports that substantial progress has been made by the Australians in storming strongly held positions at Gallipoli.

Zeppelins have made another raid on the east coast of England and dropped bombs, killing thirteen people and wounding twelve.

One of the Zeppelins was brought down and completely destroyed. Flight Lieutenant Lord who was sent to engage the Enemy was killed while landing in the dark.



19th August

General Hamilton reports that owing to the Australians' dash the area in Anzac has been trebled with heavy enemy losses.

Two Zeppelins raided the east coast of England and dropped Incendiary and explosive bombs, killing four men and two women, three men eleven women and nine children were injured fourteen houses were damaged. One of the raiders is believed to be damaged.



"The Times" says that every man who fought on sea or Sand, at the Dardanelles deserves the name of hero. The conflict teemed with individual acts of heroism.

Owing to a change of wind driving gas clouds back, a German column in Poland was caught between the gas and its own artillery. The column was practically wiped out.

22nd August 1915

Major Leonard John Banfield killed in action Hill 60, Gallipoli

Sergeant William Robert Dugay died of wounds. Cairo

26th August

Sir Ian Hamilton reports that the enemy's reinforcements at the Dardanelles brought to a standstill the advance of the Allied troops at Suvla. Heavy casualties were sustained by both sides at Anzac and Suvla.

Wounded from Gallipoli describe the recent fighting as the most desperate and successful that has taken place.

It is officially announced that Italy has declared war on Turkey. Reports from Constantinople state that the Italian Ambassador has taken his departure. Rome advices prior to the declaration were to the effect that the Italian Cabinet had decided on an immediate explanation from Turkey.

Turkey declared that she was will to allow Italian citizens to leave Turkey.

The Athens correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle," says that the landing at Suvla was the most brilliant piece of work yet carried out during the war, and that the battle following the highly successful disembarkation was tho most stubborn and sanguinary yet fought at tho Dardanelles.

It was a fierce and long struggle, which brought out all that is best in the fighting qualities of the British troops.

During tho Suvla operations, tho Australians and New Zealanders to the southward had been, heavily engaged, the attack from Suvla by forces on the right, and the forces on the left, was so successful that a junction was effected, resulting in a 12-mile continuous battle line.

30th August 1915 ***VC won by 2Lt. H.V.H. Throssell at Gallipoli***

On the Home Front

The annual meeting of the Camden A. H. & I. was held.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC SEND-OFF

A spirit of enthusiasm, seldom witnessed in Camden waved over the community over the district and was deeply displayed at the large gathering in the Foresters Hall last night when hundreds assembled to do honour a number of brave young fellows who have offered their services to the country, and are about to enter the fight for our lives and our countries liberty.

The Mayor presented each volunteer a wristlet watch from the people of the district. The recipients' were.

W. DUNN, H. CHESHAM, S. BRAIN, D. PATTERSON, C. O.WHEELER, H. S. BROWN
G. ROWNEY, A. DOUST, J. M. S. WASSON, C. C. MAXWELL, M. MAXWELL

C. M. DAWSON, C. LONGHURST, PHIL SMALL, J. STAPLETON, HORACE
MCDONALD, G. LONGLEY, J. BLATTMAN, A. HOLDSWORTH

Sergeant John Wasson, who was wounded at the Dardanelles, has now returned to the Front.

P. Wye of Badgerys Creek, recently reported wounded in action at the Dardanelles has returned to the fighting line.

Mr. Ryder of Cobbitty Paddocks has received word that his son Trooper C. Ryder, has been wounded in action.

SHEEPSKIN WAISTCOATS

For our soldiers on the front the need is urgent and the time is short if the waistcoats are to be in England by end of October.

Camden still continued to function as a country town with the weekly sales reported in the paper of Fat Cattle and milker's sales. The weekly Horse sales were also reported.

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