

Historical Officers Report December 2015

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

2nd December 1915

Mr. Ashmeed Bartlett says that it is a thousand pities that the Australians who are magnificent fighters were not concentrated in France.

A report from Milan, dated Thursday afternoon, declares the word has been received announcing the fall of Gorizia. An Austrian communiqué admits that several Italian attacks penetrated their lines. A Paris message declares that Gorizia is no longer tenable by the Austrians.

Germany is reported to have prohibited newspapers from referring to the food crisis. Maximilian Harden declared: "We must confess that the German people are suffering."

7th December Evacuation of Anzac and Suvla forces begin



9th December 1915

It is reported that several battalions of Bulgarians have been sent to Gallipoli, instead of German troops, as was originally planned.

Admiralty announcement reveals the remarkable success of British submarines in the Sea of Marmara. A Turkish Destroyer and some supply ships have been sunk.

Germans in Constantinople claim that 2,000,000 Turks will be armed by next spring, and that the expedition against Egypt will be ready early in January.

Three high officials and a subordinate officer of the Hamburg-American Company in New York have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment for violating American neutrality laws.

16th December 1915

Austrians claim to have sunk five steamers and several sailing craft which were landing war material off the Albanian coast. A French submarine was also destroyed. Big German concentrations, preliminary to an attempted Coup de main, are reported on the west.

The British transport Woodfield was submarined off Morocco on November 23, with 20 military casualties.

President Wilson, U.S.A., asked for great increases in the Naval and military forces, including the creation of a continental army. The proposal was received in silence.

The British and French War Offices have energetically commenced to re-virtual and re-equip the Serbians, via Albanian ports. Supplies arrived some days ago.

There is said to be evidence that General von der Goltz hopes to command 4,000,000 Turks and 100,000 Germans, to advance on India in the spring.

From Copenhagen it is reported that an enormous peace demonstration took place in Berlin on Thursday night. The crowd continually cried, "Peace".

A French Submarine is reported to have sunk a Turkish transport of 8000 tons in' the Sea of Marmara. The Turks it is said have now only seven transports left.

20th December 1915 Evacuation of Anzac and Suvla Completed



No copies of the Camden News exist for the remainder of the year

From the Home Front

The drought in the northern and coastal districts of the State continues unbroken; with a few exceptions, the month's rainfall was below normal in every division.

Inquiry, by letter, is to be directed to all males of military age from 18 to 45 as to whether they are willing to enlist, and if not, why not.

SAND BAGS.

If anyone has spare sugar bags, salt, cement, or chaff bags, and will send them to Mrs. Street, Commercial Bank, they will be sorted, packed and sent to the Central Sand Bag depot, Sydney, to be made into sand bags for the front, where they are greatly required. If the bags are washed out in hot water and dried, they will be doubly acceptable.

The Paris "Figaro" draws attention to the new issue of Debrett's, which shows that over 1800 members of the English nobility have lost their lives in the field, and adds: "England may be proud of her noblemen".

Including the casualties from the latest list Australia's battle losses at Gallipoli now total 85,477.

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