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The next general meeting of the Granville Historical Society will be held at 2.00 pm on Saturday 28 March 2015
At our Research Centre
62 Railway Parade Granville

Guest Speaker

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Railway Navvies, Grog Shops

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Granville Historical Society

"A Place where heritage & culture are valued & celebrated."

I do not believe that we are nearly at the end of March - if last year went fast, then this year is flying. We have been flat out, firstly with my new position as President of the Granville RSL Sub-branch, we have squeezed in a lot more administration into our household. This year will make us more flexible. But we welcome working with the members of the Sub-branch once more. The sub-branch would like to thank Arthur Naylor for his assistance with bringing the artefacts back up from the basement; we are yet to finish the placement for Anzac Day.

The Granville Sub-branch was very grateful when we offered one of our projects "Anzac Memory Sticks", photographs of Granville Anzacs on red planters, with a red Flanders poppy attached. These will be planted by members of the Granville community who attend the Dawn Service on 25 April next. If the society has a photo of your WW1 ancestor, there will be a memory stick made for placement in the garden. The Sub-branch has also arranged to move the Memorial for one of our VC winners, George Cartwright, from Granville Park to the Soldiers Memorial Park in front of the Granville Youth and Community Centre.

The Anzac Memory sticks will be placed after the wreaths are laid during the ceremony. Our project will add a special touch to allow the Granville community to express their gratitude for the men and women who fought to keep Australia safe. After the ceremony attendees will be invited to breakfast at "Diggers". We have been working with the management to help them to make this a very special Anzac Day, to honour past-members of the Sub-branch, who fought in World War 1. Colin Humphreys has finished his Granville Roll of Honour project, and it will now be indexed and

prepared for printing. Arthur Naylor has been preparing photos and planters for the Memory sticks, as well as WW1 research for Granville, Guildford and the Royal Gate.

On Friday 24 April 2015 at 3.30 pm, the society has been invited to participate in the Pre Anzac Festival in Parramatta Square where we will hold a short ceremony to launch our "Royal Gate" Anzac Project. The Head Minister of St John's Cathedral Parramatta, Reverend Bruce Morrison, will say a few words about the Parish and its participation in World War 1. The Lord Mayor, Scott Lloyd, will welcome attendees to the City, I will tell the story of a couple of soldiers, Tam Cao, the artist will present his painting of the "Gate" to Mr Morrison.

This will be the first part of the two parts of this project, the second part will be held on Remembrance Day 11 November 2015. Final details are yet to be decided. We are working with Parramatta Historical Society, and will meet with Brian Bowyer, the President of the Society and the Lord Mayor, to work out what format that will take, and of course where the painting will be hung in Parramatta.

We are working on projects with ICE (Information and Cultural Exchange, Parramatta). This year they have an Anzac Theme. The feature will be the World War 1 Memorial Windows at St. Mark's Church. Stephanie and Colin Humphreys will be assisting with the project, along with our archivist Arthur Naylor.

Memorial Service Granville marking the Centenary of Gallipoli will be held at St Mark's Church on Saturday 2 May next at 2.00 pm.

Dennis Overton (Friends of St Marks Granville) invites ancestors of the men honoured in the memorial windows to attend. Phone 02 9688 2216 Mobile 0408282584 for more information. Andrew Overton 0488 602 419.

And just a reminder about the scheduled April meeting.

As Anzac Day falls on our meeting day in April, after consultation with members and their commitments a decision was made to cancel the meeting on 25 April.

Barry G Bullivant OAM

President

OUR ANZACS THE MEN WHO LANDED AT GALLIPOLI

Thirty-four men from Granville and district were members of the Australian Infantry 1st Division that landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. Up to 20 others were in light horse, engineers, artillery, ammunition and transport units that came ashore that day or were preparing to join the invading forces. (These numbers do not include reinforcements who arrived about a week later) The NSW infantry units containing the Granville men were the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 13th battalions. Three other NSW battalions, the 17th, 18th and 19th, arrived at Gallipoli in late August.

One of the first units to disembark was a group from the 1st Field Company Engineers, who had the task of building a road from the beach to carry guns, ammunition and water to the troops on higher land. Their ship arrived off Gallipoli from the Australian staging base on the island of Lemnos, 100 kilometres away, at approximately 2 am, and they began to come ashore at 4.30. Sappers from a second engineers unit, the 2nd Field Company, reached the shore at 7 am, and began sinking wells for water. Within 24 hours they had found supplies sufficient for 500 animals and all the troops in the vicinity.

The first wave of the invading force included four infantry battalions from the 3rd Brigade which came ashore at 4.30 am. The 9th, 10th and 11th from Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia, were to press ahead up the slopes, with the 12th in reserve. The brigade was heavily shelled while transferring from destroyers to smaller boats and came under machine gun fire on landing. Over the next five days, these battalions would lose 18-hundred men killed, wounded or missing.

The 3rd Battalion of the 1st Brigade began to disembark at 5.30 am and all men were ashore by 8.30. They immediately rushed to the slopes and with other Australian infantry captured the second ridge from the enemy. An early gain, but the 3rd Battalion would also sustain heavy losses - 300 men in all.

The 1st and 4th Battalions commenced disembarkation at 6.45 am. B Company from the 1st Battalion went forward two hours later but its advance was halted, and reinforcements were requested. By 10 am, the whole battalion was thrown into the firing line. Its total casualties for the five days were 411.

Landing of the 4th Battalion was complete by 1.05 pm and the men took up positions to support the 8th Battalion from Victoria. All companies were in the firing line by dark. Total casualties for the week were 182.

The 2nd Battalion landed in the second and third waves, following the battalions of the 3rd Brigade that were pushing ahead. Once ashore, A and D companies were sent to

assist two other battalions in fighting on the seaward slopes of a strategic hill known as Baby 700. Total losses for the first five days – 434.

The 13th Battalion reached Anzac Cove in the afternoon of April 25. A, B and C Companies (less one platoon of C) disembarked under fire between 4.30 and 9.30 pm. D Company and the platoon from C disembarked at 3.30 the next morning. A short time later, the battalion went into action to support two other battalions of the 4th Brigade and fill a defensive gap at the head of the Monash Valley. Its casualties in the first week numbered approximately 500. By 3 May, all attempts to capture Baby 700 had failed.

These are the men who landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915:

1st Battalion:

Headquarters: Henry Arthur Charlton, (Granville) Died, probably 25 April 1915
A Company: Charles Hastings Snow (Merrylands)
C Company: Frank Hosford (Harris Park)
D Company: Henry Yoiston Howes (Granville)
H Company: Francis Joseph Mattes (Granville)

2nd Battalion:

Headquarters: John Alexander Hutchinson (Granville); Lieutenant Charles Whyte (Granville)
A Company: Cyril Hamilton Marsh (Clyde)
C Company: Ernest Everard Higginson Died, 20 May 1915
D Company: Thomas Verran Hammond (Clyde), Died, 24 July 1915
Thomas Samuel Monks (Granville)
E Company: John Francis Owens (Guildford)
F Company: James Thomas Wright (Merrylands)
G Company: Stanley Owen Stafford (Granville, Died 6 August 1915; Arthur
Ruddick Stafford (Granville)
Malcolm Edward Vause (Granville)
H Company: William Thomas Morgan (Old Guildford)
2nd Battalion (1st Reinforcements):
Roderick Waller Dodd (Rose Hill)
2nd Battalion (3rd Reinforcements):
James Thomson (Merrylands)

3rd Battalion:

Headquarters: William Aubrey Oates, Merrylands

A Company: Robert Raymond Donnelly (Parramatta), Died, 28 April 1915
Andrew James Monk (Harris Park)

B Company: Douglas McPherson, (Granville), Died, 29 April 1915
James Clyde Bridges (Harris Park) Died, 28 April 1915

G Company: Ernest Henry Hickson, (Merrylands)

H Company: Athol McKinnon (South Granville), **Died, 6 June 1915**
William Granger (Merrylands)

3rd Battalion (1st Reinforcements):
Francis Barter (Granville); William Hutchison (Granville), **Died, 10 July 1915**

4th Battalion:
F Company: James Cowan Squire;

H Company: Ernest Fitzroy Rowley, Parramatta **Died, 30 April 1915**

4th Battalion (1st Reinforcements):
George Anderson Howes (Granville)

13th Battalion:
A Company: Robert Alfred Thompson (Granville) **Died, 3 May 1915**

D Company: David Shiells

E Company: Charles Alexander Crawford (Merrylands)

13th Battalion (3rd Reinforcements)
John Joshua Lott (Merrylands)

1st Field Company Engineers:
Cleveland Edmund Page (Auburn) **Died, probably 25 April 1915**

1st Field Artillery Brigade:

1st Battery: Robert Clarke (Clyde); Arthur Cyril Field

2nd Battery
Ernest Wilkinson Fairey (Merrylands); William Arthur Turner (Guildford)

3rd Battery: Frederick Arthur Williams (Granville), **Died, 4 December 1915**

Army Service Corps, Divisional Train, No. 2 Company;
James Lidjot Beaton (Granville)

Army Service Corps, Divisional Ammunition Column, No. 1 Section:
Richard Crampton Rowley (Parramatta), **Died, 30 April 1917**
William Edmund Dawson (Granville)
Raymond Joseph Ruhan (Granville)

The Light Horse Brigade was initially not part of the Gallipoli operation because it was considered unsuitable for conditions there. However it was soon deployed without its horses to reinforce the infantry battalions. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Light Horse Regiments landed at Gallipoli on 12 May, followed later in the month by several others.

1st Light Horse Regiment:**A Squadron: Lieut. Arthur Andrew White, South Granville****B Squadron: Wesley William Easterbrook (Granville);****Frederick Sellers (South Granville), Died, 30 May 1915****6th Light Horse Regiment:****A Squadron: George Rawdon Ffrench Nobbs (Granville) Died, 9 August 1916****7th Light Horse Regiment:****Claude Cadman Easterbrook****MG Section: Frank L'Estrange (Granville)****C Squadron: Murray MacMillan (Granville)****No. 2 Australian General Hospital:****These two nursing sisters embarked from Sydney 28 November 1914 and were posted to No. 2 Australian General Hospital, Cairo****Dorothy Cawood (Parramatta); Edith Fabier (Merrylands)**[Sources: AIF unit war diaries: - <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/awm4/>WW1 Embarkation rolls: - https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/nominal_rolls/first_world_war_embarkation/?Search_Mode=advancedThe AIF Project: Unit embarkation lists can be found at:<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/listUnitGroups>C.E.W Bean, *Official history of Australia in the war of 1914-18* Vol. 1, particularly Chapters 12 & 26, https://www.awm.gov.au/histories/first_world_war/AWMOHWW1/AIF/Vol1/]