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Potts' Comrades - Section H-L

HABGOOD - A H [2253]

HABGOOD - J H [2012]

HALL - T [2116]

HALLIDAY - C A [760]

HARPER - John [2044]

photo - Trooper J E Harper Pangbourne - wounded
[see Nicholls]

HARRIS - R R [1241]

HAWES - Leonard Martin [949]

Photo - Sergeant L M Hawes of the Berks Yeomanry second son of Mr and Mrs H W Hawes of the Station Hotel Twyford, died from wounds received in action in the Dardanelles.

HAWES - On August 25th died of wounds received in action in the Dardanelles Sergt Leonard Martin Hawes of the Berks Yeomanry second beloved son of Mr and Mrs H W Hawes of the Station Hotel, Twyford aged 25 [BC 3/9/15]

[see Willoughby]

HAYNES - Frederick J [1792]

Trooper Haynes, Wantage, slightly wounded in the hand with shrapnel.

Trooper Haynes of the 1st Troop B Squadron Berkshire Yeomanry of Wantage has been wounded. Writing from the base hospital he says: "At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 21st August we started into what one could call a proper death trap. In the front of us was a three mile open plain before reaching the hill which we were to attack. All the way across that three miles we were heavily shelled by shrapnel. Our loads were heavy but it was only play compared with what we had to face. At last we reached the hill. Never shall I forget what happened. If such a place as Hell exists it was on that hill. My regiment started the attack and under rifle, maxim and shrapnel fire we could not live in

such a place. We were ordered to drive them out so on went out bayonets with a mighty cheer and the cry "Come on Berks". Never shall I forget that charge. It was like driving the Devil out of Hell. But we went amid a perfect hail of lead and took two lines of trenches. Our brave fellows dropped all round, but we did our worst. Our support, not being strong enough, we were ordered to retreat but it was only over about 20 yards. The worst I have to tell you and that is that nearly all my pals are gone, but God was on my side. My hand is slightly damaged with shrapnel but it is only skin deep.

HENDERSON - [Colonel]

Captain Porter has received the following letter from Colonel Henderson MP

I think you may like to hear what General Payton has to say about the Yeomanry. I've received a letter from him dated October 15th and the following extracts may be of interest to the association.

"I was indeed sorry to lose your services and you have my entire sympathy. I know it must have been a severe blow to you to leave your regiment when you did; but you have the satisfaction that where all did well, none did better or distinguished themselves more than the Berkshire Yeomanry and they have stuck to it well ever since under the most trying circumstances and dire sickness and disease. All this they could not have done had you not instilled into them the spirit and discipline you did, and which they will maintain"

He further adds:-

" I hope you will let it be known what my opinion of the Yeomanry officer now is. He and his men are the salt of the earth. God bless them.

To my bitter regret the Board at Oxford pronounced me unfit for any further foreign service owing to my old enemy phlebitis. Major Wigan, as you may have heard has sufficiently recovered from his wound to return to the Regiment.

I hope General Payton's remarks on the Regiment will make young men in the county realise what a chance they have in joining a regiment so well thought of by its Division Commander [BC 29/10/1915 p11]

[see Hughes]

HENNESSY - W J [1742]

HILEY - H H - [1967]

Trooper H H Hiley of the Berks Yeomanry killed was a son of the vice-president of the Windsor and Eton Football Club and was a capable forward.

HINES - J E [2225]

HODGES - Horace John [1730]

Trooper Horace J Hodges Berkshire Yeomanry of 95 de Beauvoir Road Reading has been confined to hospital while others of his comrades were fighting in Gallipoli. He is now well but is still in Cairo in charge of horses. He has been in the Yeomanry for three years.

photo - Trooper H J Hodges 95 de Beauvoir Road Reading, Royal Berks Yeomanry who has been in hospital in Egypt

HOLLAND - H E [2062]

HOLME - George B [1371]

George Holme of The Market Place Wallingford (wounded) should be described as Lance Corporal [BC 24/9/15]

HOOKE - W N [2011]

HORNE - W J [1176]

The late Sergeant W Horne of Hungerford whose portrait appears elsewhere, was well known and held the esteem of the officers and men of the regiment. Joining some years ago he soon obtained a reputation for horsemanship, especially in jumping and, benefitting by his example, his section always held a good position in competitions held at their annual camps. Previous to the war Sergt Horne was attached to the C Squadron but on mobilising the squadron was split up and he along with many other Hungerford men was transferred to the B (Reading) squadron and by keenness and attention to duty was promoted to troop sergeant [BC 24/9/15 p 7]

photo - Sergeant W Horne, Berks Yeomanry of Hungerford. Killed [BC 24/9/15 p 4]

HOWARD

[see Jefferies]

HOWE G W [2053]

HOWELL - Harry [1981]

[see Gale]

HUGHES - Richard [Major]

Major Richard Hughes has been promoted to be temporary Lieutenant Colonel of the Berks Yeomanry, the appointment being dated September 25th. Major Hughes served in the South African War and took part in the operations in Cape Colony and Orange River Colony, February to June 1900. He received the Queens medal with two clasps.

As is generally known Colonel Henderson MP who commanded the Yeomanry was invalided home. Major Gooch died of wounds received when leading the attack on August 21st and Major Wigan subsequently to August 21st was wounded just below the knee. [BC 29/10/1915 p 12]

HURNDALL - Frank Brereton [Capt]

Those who took part in this engagement speak highly of the bravery and excellent leadership of the adjutant, Captain Frank Brereton Hurndall of the 20th Hussars who, when Major Gooch was wounded, took over command. Captain Frank Hurndall resided for about three years at Earley Lodge and was very popular. He joined the 20th Hussars April 22 1903 becoming Lieutenant July 21 1906 and captain July 15 1911. He has been adjutant of the Berks Yeomanry since October 16 1912. [BC 24/9/15]

HUTCHINS - F R [2230]

JAMES - H R [2052]

Mrs James of 1 Brookland Villas, Tilehurst Road Reading has been officially informed that her son Trooper H R James, Berkshire Yeomanry, has been wounded, degree not stated. Trooper James, who is a fine big fellow, was this week 22. Previous to the war he was in the Merchant Service. He was on the Oceanic when war was declared and the ship was chased by a German cruiser for 48 hours. Soon after landing at Southampton he joined the Yeomanry, He is also a first class athlete and on Easter Monday he won three first prizes at the military sports in Norfolk.

photo - Trooper H R James, Berks Yeomanry of Tilehurst Road, Reading (wounded) He was on the Oceanic when it was chased by a submarine. [BC 24/9/15 p 4]

JARMAN - Harry [1726]

JEFFERIES - H G [1681]

H G Jefferies (of the Berkshire Yeomanry, killed) was the Windsor and Eton minor goalkeeper when the County Minor Cup was won. He gained his junior badge in 1912-13 and was also picked reserve for the senior county. Berks and Bucks Juniors won every match in which Jefferies played. His last season prior to the war was with the Maidenhead Norfolkians who gained second place in the Great Western Suburban League table owing much to the ability of their goalkeeper. They also reached the County Cup final.

Photo - Lance Corporal H Jefferies, Berks Yeomanry of Windsor, the Berks and Bucks goalkeeper, killed at Hill 70 in Gallipoli. [BC 1/10/15 p5]

A Corporal in the Windsor A Squadron of the Berks Yeomanry, writing to a friend in Windsor, concerning the fighting on August 21st says

"I will do my best to give you the few details I know of my lost comrade, Lance Corporal H G Jefferies, known to us all as Jeff. We were in different troops in the charge and how I came across Jeff was like this. Evening had fallen and all who were left of our little band were busy digging themselves in etc. Well I managed to slip away and going to one of the poor dead fellows took his water bottle off. Next I found four fellows very near to each other - all out of no 2 Troop. The four were Jeff and Wheeler, Pearce and Smith. The first two were about a dozen yards from the last two. I managed to give all four a good long drink. Jeff recognised me for he said, is that you Tommy, I can't say for certain but I think his wound was in the leg somewhere for he wouldn't let me touch him there. Jeff fell within thirty yards of the Turks' trench. This was the last I saw of my late pal. But the most extraordinary thing is that morning found Jefferies on Chocolate Hill. How he got there I cannot say for from when I left him to Chocolate Hill is well over two miles. I fancy he must have got to the first dressing trench and I expect he died when he was being taken to the base. I fancy Sergeant Ottrey and Private Howard (scouts) were near by at his end but I can't say for certain. He was buried on the western side of Chocolate Hill. Pearce was out for three nights and two days before he got to the first dressing station, it being impossible for the RAMC to get up there.

I can see from the Press that they talk of the Charge up Chocolate Hill. This is not so. That hill was already in our hands when we started our advance over the Salt Lake. I should think we had every gun trained on us so as to take the Turks' attention off the fellows who were advancing from the trenches up Hill 70. Now the point which does not seem clear is, that it was only our brigade that made the charge up Hill 70. Why reinforcements were not given to us I cannot say. Lord Longford was in charge of our Brigade. I thought he was going on well and I am surprised to hear of his

death.[BC 22/10/1915 p8]

JENKINS - J T P [1591]

KEARVELL - G W [2018]

Another Maidehead man serving in the Berksire Yeomanry - Trooper G W Kearvell, son of Mr and Mrs Kearvel of Camden Road, Furze Platt, Maidenhead - was also wounded in the engagement in Gallipoli, having been shot in the left shoulder. He is at present in King George's Hospital, London [BC 1/10/15 p7]

KERRY - Sydney Gordon [1073]

A well known Reading man in the person of Troop-Sergeant Sydney Gordon Kerry whose home is at 50 Newport Road Reading, has been wounded. Intimation was first received by his relatives that he was killed, but happily information was afterwards received stating him to be wounded. Troop-Sergeant Kerry, who was engaged at the Reading Electric Light Company has seen eight or nine years in the Berkshire Yeomanry. He has won prizes for tent pegging and shooting and for two successive years has held the Karlake Cup for his troop for the best turned out troop. He also assisted to win the regimental challenge cup for the third successive year and also the Lloyd Lindsay trophy. As a rough rider he has attained a high standard of excellence. Troop-Sergeant Kerry is a well known member of the Bohemian Island Club and enjoys great popularity.

photo - Troop Sergeant S G Kerry 50 Newport Road Reading - wounded

KINGSCOTE - Maurice J [Lt]

An engagement is announced between Lieutenant Maurice J Kingscote, 1st Berkshire Yeomanry, younger son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Thomas Kingscote of Watermoor House, Cirencester and Violet Owen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Herbert Oweb Lord, of Lilley Brook, Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire. [BC 26/11/1915 p 14]

KINGTON - R [1252]

[see Biggs]

KIRK - H E [1881]

Trooper H E Kirk of the A Squadron Berkshire Yeomanry has been mentioned in dispatches in connection with the action at Hill 70. In addition Trooper Kirk has received a Commission in the Suffolk Regiment. His many Windsor friends will be glad to hear of this double distinction [BC 12/11/1915 p 15]

KNOWLES - G H [2064]

LANE - Sidney

Trooper Sidney Lane of the Berkshire Yeomanry writes from the Dardanelles in a letter dated 29th August:-

"I expect by now you have heard the news of our Division and the glory we have won.

I am pleased to say that all my own chums are still alive and well, except P Gooch who is wounded. Will Quartermaine, Bert White and myself came out safely from the big charge of which more later. We lost a lot of men and practically all the officers.

I was certainly lucky; I was hit in the chest by a piece of shrapnel making a bruise four inches square and when retreating was hit again by a piece of shell in the back; it cut through my bandolier, coat and shirt, just scratching the skin so I count myself very fortunate.

Am writing this in my dug out which is about four feet deep and room for two. we get plenty of jam and biscuits and drink our tea from the jam tins and we have only had one wash and shave during the last 10 days.

Trooper Lane whose home is at 7 Ormsby Street Reading only joined the Yeomanry September 1st 1914 and was at once selected for the front line.

LEE - R E [2388]

LEWIS G P [2020]

LIVINGSTONE - R [1925]

Trooper R Livingstone of Horse Shoe Road Pangbourne was wounded on Hill 70 by a bullet in the leg and is going on favourably. He was formerly in the employ of Mr Crosswaithe of Little Bowden, Pangbourne. [BC 24/9/15 p 7]

LONG - Arthur George [1216]

News has been received by his parents who reside at Ingleside, Bulmershe Rd, Reading that their son Sergeant Arthur George Long has been slightly wounded. Sergeant Long who has been associated with the Yeomanry for between eight and nine years was engaged at the borough surveyors office which he entered on leaving Kendrick School.

[see also West]

LONG - W E [2040]

LOVEGROVE - R N [1673]

Trooper R N Lovegrove of the Berks Yeomanry who is killed had been in the Yeomanry for some three or four years. He was in the drawing office of Messrs Nalder and Nalder Ltd. A good footballer he played regularly for Wantage Town and in 1912 he was selected and played for the North Berks League against the Newbury League.

photo - Trooper R N Lovegrove, Berks Yeomanry of Market Place Wantage killed [BC 1/10/15 p5]