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**war diaries, 1914-18 War**

Cavalry

**Item number: 9/8/1**

**Title: 1/1st Welch Horse,**  
**Mediterranean Expeditionary Force**

September - December 1915

TRIPPLICATE

1/1<sup>st</sup> Welch. HORSE M.E.F.

FROM 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

To 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1915.  
*31 Dec.*

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Sept.	1915		<p>Early in September the Regiment received notice to hold itself in readiness to proceed overseas. The month was spent in equipping the Regiment for dismounted service abroad. Horses were handed over to the 2nd Line Regiment on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p>	
	23/9/15	-	<p>The Regiment proceeded to Liverpool and there embarked on H.M.T. 'OLYMPIC' as part of a large force of Dismounted Yeomanry consisting of the Eastern Mounted Brigade South Eastern Mounted Brigade and 2<sup>nd</sup> South Western Mounted Brigade, and details.</p>	
	1/10/15		<p>Arrived MUDROS harbour where Regiment remained on board until</p>	
	8/10/15		<p>transhipped to H.M.T. 'Parkings' which proceeded to ANZAC COVE GALLI POLI P., the same afternoon. Arriving there at 1930 the Regiment was disembarked on lighters &amp; proceeded ashore where they were marched to reserve gullies in rear of Hill 60. Within two days of its arrival on the Peninsula the Regiment was detailed to take over and carry out all the extensive mining and sapping operations on our front.</p>	

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			<p>front of HILL 60 which had been commenced, but which work had been delayed owing to the want of experienced miners and men accustomed to dig.</p> <p>The work continued under the direction of the G.O.C. 54<sup>th</sup> Division, to which the L.M.B. were attached, for some six weeks, when the 54<sup>th</sup> Division evacuated and a considerable re-adjustment of the line necessitated the moving of the L.M.B. closer to the front line.</p> <p>The Welch Mine still continued. Mining and digging new saps and in addition were put in charge of the 5 important bombing posts on HILL 60, which was now being garrisoned by a Gurkha Battalion, and also took over some 200 yards of the front line to the R. of HILL 60.</p>	
	13/12/15		<p>Very secret information was conveyed to Senior Officers of units of the C in C's intention of evacuating the Peninsula of the whole force now loading it.</p>	

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	12/15/15		A strong advance party left the Peninsula on Dec 15th 1915.	
	17/12/15		A considerably larger force was evacuated, and finally on 19-20 Dec	
	19-20		The remaining Troops were withdrawn. The Welch force were detailed to find the last Garrison on Hill 60, consisting of 4 officers & 39 men, which formed part of the E.M.B. rear guard of 100 officers & men, under the command of Lt Col the Rt Hon Lord Kensington D.S.O.	
			This rear guard was withdrawn and embarked on trawlers at 4 am on the morning of the 20th & proceeded direct to MUDROS where it arrived at 12 noon. The main part of the Regiment having been withdrawn earlier in the evening of the 19th embarked elsewhere & it was not until December 26th that the whole	

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			<p>Regiment was concentrated once again at SIDI BISHR CAMP, ALEXANDRIA.</p> <p>After concentration the next three months were spent in re-equipping &amp; re-organising &amp; resting and training the men after their arduous work on the Peninsula which work was on several occasions both verbally and by publication of orders, most favourably commented on by the General Officers, who knew and appreciated the work that had been performed which had primarily consisted of military mining of a dangerous nature and which was instrumental in effecting one of the biggest explosions during the whole of the operations resulting in the total destruction of the Turks front line trench for some 200 yards.</p> <p>The following men who did valuable service as miners, were ultimately killed in a Mine Explosion:-</p>	

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	20/1/15		<p>No 136. Lt Cpl. Evans. L.          246. Pte. Jones. G.          540. " Jones. L.          18. " Humphreys. E.          79. " Longrove. A.E.          137. " Lewis. W.C.          322. " Rees. R.          182. " Davies. P.</p>	
			<p>Decorations and mentions for work on the Peninsula, as per Gazette, were as follows:-</p>	
			<p>London Gazette.</p>	
			<p>Supplement. 3/10/16.</p>	
			<p><u>Awarded the Military Cross.</u></p>	<p>2 Lt (Temp Lieut) Charles Fleming Aitken.          2 Lt. Ronald Carlisle.</p>
			<p><u>Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.</u></p>	<p>No. 245. Sergeant James Webber          (Welsh Horse).</p>

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			<p>Extract from London Gazette (Supplement) 12/17/16. With reference to the despatch of 10/4/16 - L.G. 293241. The following are mentioned for distinguished and gallant services rendered during the period of Gen. Sir Chas. Monro's command of the M.E.F.</p> <p>Kensington, Lt. Col., Lord H., DSO Lewis, Lieut. O.G. Aitken, Lieut. (temp Lieut) C.F. Carlisle, Lieut. R. Webber, 275. Sgt. J. Hickles, 11. Sq. A.L. Gunstone, 286. L/C W. Peters, 728. Pte (a. L/C) A.</p>	