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Marlow remembers

Seventeen servicemen from the town including a 15-year-old died in the campaig

commemorative events will take peninsula in modern-day Turkey. servicemen who died on a small controversial conflicts of the First 110,000 Allied and Turkish place to remember more than World War. Across the globe, While the campaign is often campaign, one of the most centenary of the Gallipoli

were among those killed during the nine months of fighting. Marlow and the surrounding area Seventeen men and boys from and sailors in their ranks. Allied forces also included French, British and wider Imperial soldiers associated with the Australian and New Zealand armed forces, the

November 1914. At that time, its lands covered much of the Middle at that time included Egypt. Russia and Britain whose Empire hreat to the Allies, especially East as well as modern-day Turkey. Germany and Austria-Hungary in the First World War on the side of ts entry into the war was seen as a The Ottoman Empire had joined

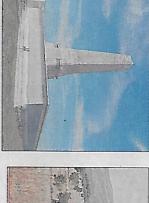
Constantinople with the hope of landed troops on the Gallipoli of the war. When that failed, they naval campaign in February 1915 to peninsula, 200 miles from and take the Ottoman Empire out ry and capture Constantinople The Allies initially launched a

quickly marching on the city.

However, the Allies were underprepared, lacked the right



British troops fighting at Gallipoli



Helles Memorial. Picture courtesy of Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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Gallipoli Association Scimitar Hill today. Picture courtesy of The

and men who started the attack, avoid the fires. This in turn made soldiers had to bunch together to were eventually driven back in the face of heavy shell and machine-140 were killed or wounded. them easy targets for the Turkish machine-guns. Of the 321 officers caught fire in the shelling and the over which they had to cross had gun fire. Much of the scrubland

consequences. British servicemen fell ill during the campaign, sometimes with fatal estimated that at least 145,000 sanitary conditions. It has been scarce water supplies and poor In addition to the dangers posed by the Turkish forces, the Allies linesses brought on by the climate, nad to contend with a range of

cemetery there. pneumonia in hospital in Cairo. He is buried in the war memorial Royal Bucks Hussars died of regiment was attacking Scimitar Hill, Private Jack Langley of the On the same day that his

and had been a student at Sir William Borlase's School between 1889 and 1894. Jack was born in Marlow in 188

the many gallant members who answered the call", praising Jack's flew its flag at half mast as a tribute to "the memory of one of Borlasians Committee and a keer On hearing of his death, the club member of Marlow Rowing Club generosity, high spirits and He was a member of the Old



Jack Langley's grave in Cairo V Memorial Cemetery. Picture could the War Graves Photographic Picture cou

he was evacuated by ship to re to hospital in Egypt. However, as a Rifleman in the 8th Hamp Territorials (Isle of Wight Rifl Like many of those who wer wounded or became ill at Galli age when he enlisted in March

quickly marching on the city. COTTS (STITLE) AT THE STORE OF However, the Allies were under-

resources and were poorly led. prepared, lacked the right the Turkish troops who faced underestimated the resilience of They had also badly

They made very little progress and eventually withdrew their forces in missing. attacks across rough terrain on on April 25, the Allies suffered been killed, wounded or were well-defended Turkish positions. January 1916. By then, more than neavy casualties in repeated 20,000 British servicemen had Right from the initial landings

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was the commanding officer of the and a veteran of the Boer War, he Wethered family. A career soldier One of the early casualties was Lieutenant-Colonel Owen Godfrey 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment at Faussett who was born in Marlow in 1867 and was related to the

> Commonwealth War Graves Commission Helles Memorial. Picture courtesy of

shot as he climbed from his dug the time of the Gallipoli landings. He was reportedly called out by name by the Turkish troops and

campaign. His elder brother James and was killed on May 4. He is commemorated on the Helles Memorial in Turkey, along with Sherry Clanchy from Cambridge Marlow who died during the private in the Royal Marine Light then a chauffeur. He enlisted as a Road in Marlow. He was employed was also killed later in the war in the names of five other men from Infantry soon after the war started before the war as a gardener and Another early casualty was

when their regiment, the Royal the same day in the campaign Three men from Marlow died on

Scimitar Hill today. Picture courtesy of The

operation to capture Scimitar Hill opposed to being part of the established volunteer regiment as regular army given the large the British Army increasingly overseas service and, in any case, regular army. Although they were Bucks Hussars, took part in an ncurred during the war. number of casualties already needed reserves from outside the nome, many volunteered for nitially intended to serve only at The Hussars were a long-

the fighting. While they seemed They landed at Gallipoli as reserve England in April 1915 and were initially to make good progress in their attack on Scimitar Hill, they almost immediately thrown into forces on August 18 and were first sent to Egypt for training. The Royal Bucks Hussars left

> readiness for any harmless fun". "generosity, high spirits and

a JP and Chairman of Marlow subsequently chaired the Appeals Tribunal which, from March 1916, following year. another son, Walter, who was being conscripted into the army. Marlow who appealed against Urban Council. He also Foster, who was killed the August 1916 and a stepson, Hedley killed on the Western Front in He was subsequently to lose neard the cases of those men from His father, also called Jack, was

on September 30. 15 when he died from enteric fever North from Station Road was just to die in the campaign. William the youngest soldier from Marlow Another casualty of illness was

High Street and was clearly underworking in a hatter's shop in the Before the war, he had been the many gallant members who answered the call", praising Jack's

and so good, and both Sister

heartache to both of us whe were very fond of him and i describing him as a "a dear

The matron on board the wrote to William's mother

like many others, was burie

Hospital Ship "Glenart" and died on the journey on boar he was evacuated by ship to

to hospital in Egypt. Howeve

year. on the war memorial in All in this article are commemo All the men and boys mer

went". William kept a short of his time during the camp which was printed in the So

Bucks Free Press the follow

One is an association forme http://www.marlowww1.org our town. For more go to the conflict affected the peo research and commemorate Church in Marlow. Marlow Remembers Worl

Cairo War Memorial Cemetery. Picture courtesy of Commonwealth War Graves Co



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