



Seven of the 7th

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The men who survived the disaster were given 2 weeks leave at the last minute and returned from Liverpool by train. Marched up from the docks to Lime Street station they looked so exhausted and bedraggled that, taking them to be German prisoners of war, local children pelted them with stones.

On their arrival in Gallipoli in August they found there was not much left of their battalion following the battle of *Gully Ravine* on June 28th 1915. Many of the wounded left on the battlefield died of dehydration. During the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign an estimated 250,000 troops were killed, wounded, taken prisoner or hospitalised before the final withdrawal in January 1916.

Research volunteer Heather Thomson kindly shared her Grandfather's story with the research group.



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