

Epilogue



Coxyde Military Cemetery

Here ends the last known diary entry of Lieutenant Ralph Dorchell Doughty, and it is with the greatest honour and respect that his set of diaries are now being looked after by members of the Kivell family so that Ralphs memory will never be forgotten.

It also seems unlikely to me that Ralph would have given up writing entries in his set of diaries, having done so almost continuously since the 5th April 1915. This would have been his sixth diary, and if it existed it would have covered the remainder of March, all of April, May, June and most of July 1917. The reason for him not continuing with his diary entries is not known, maybe his commitment to busy army life did not allow Ralph to make entries in any more diaries.

I personally would like to think that if there was another diary that it is keeping Ralph company when he was laid to rest in Coxyde Military Cemetery. *R.I.P*

Peter Kivell.



IN MEMORIAM

DOUGHTY, - In loving remembrance of
Lieutenant R. D. Doughty. M.C.
who died of wounds in France, July
25th, 1917. His duty done.

Inserted by his loving father, sisters
and brothers.

Ralph's Army Record



AUSTRALIAN ARMY
CENTRAL ARMY RECORDS

Regimental number: 193

Place of birth: Stratford, New Zealand

School: Stratford Public School, New Zealand

Age on arrival in Australia: 21

Religion: Church of England

Occupation: Warehouseman

Address: 'Craignathan', Hayes Street, Neutral Bay, New South Wales

Marital status: Single

Age at embarkation: 23

Height: 5' 10.5"

Weight: 154 lbs

Next of kin: Father, W M Doughty,

Broadway, Stratford, Taranaki, New Zealand

Previous military service: Served for 5 years in 'H' Battery, New Zealand Field Artillery; left on completion of service.

Enlistment date: 24 August 1914

Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll 28 August 1914

Place of enlistment: Sydney, New South Wales

Rank on enlistment: Bombardier

Unit name: Field Artillery Brigade 1, Battery 2

AWM Embarkation: Roll number 13/29/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board Transport A8 Argyllshire on 18 October 1914

Rank from Nominal Roll: Lieutenant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 3rd Field Artillery Brigade

Promotions:

2nd Lieutenant

Promotion date: 12 March 1916

Lieutenant

Promotion date: 13 June 1916

Fate: Died of wounds 25 July 1917

Age at death from cemetery records: 26

Place of burial: Coxyde Military Cemetery (Plot I, Row F, Grave No 20), Belgium

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Miscellaneous information from cemetery records.

Parents: William Mamby and Susanna DOUGHTY, Stratford, New Zealand

Medals: Military Cross

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Forward Observing Officer. He sent back most valuable information, and was responsible for bringing artillery fire to bear on the enemy at a critical time."

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' Date: 11 October 1917

Other details War service: Egypt, Gallipoli, Western Front, Passchendaele

Joined Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli, 20 June 1915.

Appointed Acting Corporal, 20 June 1915;

promoted Provisional Corporal, 20 June 1915.

Admitted to 11th Casualty Clearing Station, 20 July 1915 (pyrexia), and transferred to Hospital Ship; rejoined unit, 5 August 1915.

Disembarked Alexandria, 3 January 1916 (general Gallipoli evacuation).

Promoted 2nd Lieutenant, 12 March 1916; Tel El Kebir.

Taken on strength, 9th Battery, 12 March 1916.

Embarked Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force, 23 March 1916; disembarked Marseilles, France, 29 March 1916.

Promoted Lieutenant, 13 June 1916.

Wounded in action, 18 November 1916 (buried by shell: concussed, head and shoulder), and admitted to 38th Casualty Clearing Station; transferred to Ambulance Train No 26, 19 November 1916, and admitted to No 8 General Hospital, Rouen; transferred to England, 21 November 1916, and admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, 22 November 1916. Discharged to No 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs, 27 December 1916.

Marched out to Reserve Brigade, Australian Artillery, Heytesbury, 21 January 1917.

Proceeded overseas to France, 31 January 1917; rejoined 3rd Field Artillery Brigade, 9 February 1917.

Awarded Military Cross.

Wounded in action (second occasion), 23 July 1917 (gun shot wound, abdomen), and admitted to 91st Field Ambulance.

Died of wounds, 25 July 1917.

Medals: Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Commemorative Scroll



He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name is not forgotten.

Lieutenant Ralph Dorschel Doughty M.C.
3rd AFA Brigade Australian Field Artillery

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AWM - Australian War Museum

