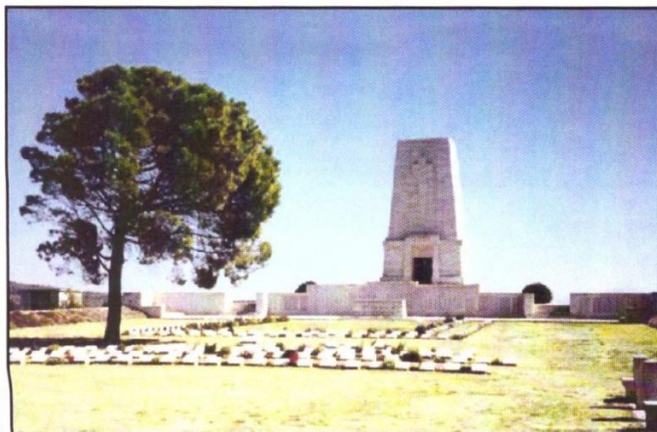




Hugh Calderbank



LANCE SERJT.
CALDERBANK H.

Lone Pine memorial, Gallipoli,
Turkey

25th April 1915
Aged 31
Lance Sergeant
Australian Infantry
(A.I.F. 11th Bat.)

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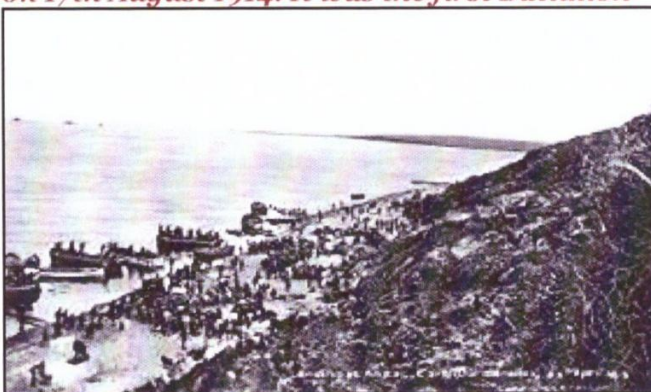
Lance Sergeant Hugh Calderbank was the first of the known four of the memorial casualties to die as a consequence of the ill-fated attack against Turkey which took place at the Gallipoli headland in the Dardenelles.

In fact he was killed during the first day landings, on what is now known as ANZAC Day, whilst serving in the 11th Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force.

Hugh Calderbank had been born in Standish, Lancashire in 1884 to parents Hugh and Elizabeth. After being educated at 1st Street Grammar School in Standish, and having spent five years in the Church Lad's Brigade, he went on to become a bugler in the 5th East Surrey Volunteers, before signing up for ten years service in the Royal Marine Light Infantry. He bought himself out of service in 1908 and then emigrated to Australia, the country of his father's birth, in 1911. He found work as a 'Tram motorman' and was married to wife, Sibbald.

His residence in Australia was 57, Shearer Street, Highgate Hill, Perth W.A., when on the 9th September 1914, he joined the AIF at the outbreak of war in Europe.

The 11th Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force was raised at Black Boy Hill Camp, Bellevue, in Western Australia on 17th August 1914. It was the first Battalion to be recruited in Western Australia and with the 9th, 10th and 12th Battalions formed the 3rd Brigade. Following a period of training of just two weeks, the Battalion then embarked at Fremantle on the H.M.A.T. Ascanius on the 2nd of November 1914. The Ascanius formed part of a convoy of 38 troopships carrying approximately 35,000 Australian and New Zealand troops and reached the port of Alexandria in Egypt on the 2nd of December 1914. After arriving in Egypt, the Battalion camped and trained at Mena, 10 miles



Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, 1915.

Lance Sergeant Hugh Calderbank was almost certainly either killed or mortally wounded during those first frantic hours ashore in Turkey. His name appears inscribed on the Lone Pine memorial in Gallipoli as one of the fallen who have no known grave. The following are two reports carried out by the Australian Red Cross Society into their bureau files containing details of missing men from the 1914 - 1918

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**161 Lance Sergeant
Hugh Calderbank**

11th Battalion

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CALDERBANK
SGT. H. 161.

(W. & M. end June.)

Informant says that Calderbank was in his company, and they were both in the landing on 25/4/18. When they lined up on the beach on the evening of the fifth day after the landing Calderbank was not there. Informant says he is quite certain he never saw or heard of him after the first landing.

Ref:- Pte. A. W. Johnston, 64. II A.I.F. A.C^o.
Atelier Hospital, Helipolis, Cairo.

W. J. Isbister, 13/12/15. (L.)

11 A.I.F. CALDERBANK
SGT. H. 161.

W. & M. June.

Informant says Calderbank was wounded in the early days of the landing. He heard ~~later~~ from one of the officers (he thinks Major Peck, but he is not sure) that Calderbank was on a hospital ship wounded.

Ref:- Sgt. D. Calvin, 20 II A.I.F. A.C^o.
Gezira Hospital, CAIRO.

W. J. Isbister, 22/12/15. L.

Hugh Calderbank is also commemorated, along with his mother Elizabeth upon a stained glass window within St. Margaret's Church in Stanford-le-Hope.



Stained glass window, St Margaret's Church, Stanford-le-Hope.