

Bridgetown's Gallipoli ELEVEN

Examining the records of the men from Bridgetown who enlisted for service in WW1 reveals some poignant links.

Of the forty-six Bridgetown men who were killed in action overseas, eleven were killed in action at the Gallipoli Peninsula and can be honoured as fallen Anzacs.

Amos Doust, Joseph Facey, Gerald Gray, Herbert Hallett, Louis Klopper, William Lailey, Percy Seaman, Clarence Sutton were assigned to

10th Light Horse Battalion.

Amos Doust, Louis Klopper, William Lailey embarked on the **same day, 8th February 1915** and with Clarence Sutton lost their lives on the **same day, 7th August 1915** in the engagement that became known as the **Charge of the Nek.**

Herbert Hallett and Percy Seaman were killed in action on **29th August 1915 in the Hill 60** offensive.

Joseph Facey was killed in action **14th September 1915.** Gerald Gray was killed in action **25th May 1915.**

Stanley Bugden and Alban Munn were assigned to **16th Infantry Battalion,** were killed in action on **2nd May 1915.** They had embarked together on **22nd December 1914.**

Arthur Martins assigned to **12th Infantry Battalion** died of wounds received in action on **26th April 1915.**

When the Great War began in August of 1914, no-one could have imagined what would follow. Rewriting the human experience with a degree of tragedy and loss never seen before. By the end, 16,000,000 people lay dead, 20,000,000 wounded. And the world plunged into an economic despair that would seed a second world war. It was the crucible from which our modern world arose. The Gallipoli Campaign on the Mediterranean Front of the War was Australia's first major battlefield in which its citizens fought and died in significant numbers. The invasion force, comprising British, French, Indian, Australian and New Zealand soldiers, was the largest amphibious landing for nearly 2,500 years.

