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THE COLLINGWOOD BATTALION

The Cobbold Family History Trust was privileged to take part in the Collingwood Battalion Memorial Service on 4th June, 95 years to the day since the Battalion was wiped out at Gallipoli in 1915. The Battalion was part of the Royal Naval Division, made up of naval personnel trained to carry out the tasks of infantry soldiers.

“The Collingwood Battalion landed on the Gallipoli peninsular on 30th May and took part in the third battle of Krithia on 4th June. At 12.15pm, as if on parade, the battalion moved forward in a long extended line. They marched across the bare ground into merciless Turkish fire. By that evening 16 officers were dead, 8 wounded and over 500 men were casualties. The Collingwood Battalion literally ceased to exist, and on 8th June the survivors were posted to other units in the RND”.

Bernard Freyberg (later, Lt. Gen. The Lord Freyberg VC GCMG KCB DSO), a leading member of the RND, who had already given courageous service at Gallipoli was away wounded at the time of the Collingwood disaster but returned to take command of the Hood Battalion.

It was on behalf of the Hood Battalion that his daughter-in-law, the Trust's Patron, Lady Freyberg, laid one of the 22 wreaths placed on the Collingwood Memorial.

Regular visitors to this site will know that Ivry, Lady Freyberg has more Cobbold blood than most Cobbolds on account of the fact that she boasts 6 Cobbolds in her 4 previous generations.



**IN MEMORY OF
THE COMMANDING OFFICER
OFFICERS AND MEN
OF THE COLLINGWOOD BATTALION.
ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION
WHO FELL IN ACTION IN GALLIPOLI
ON 4TH JUNE 1915. WHEN THE
BATTALION WAS PRACTICALLY DESTROYED.**

**THE COLLINGWOOD BATTALION
COMPLETED ITS TRAINING ON THESE DOWNS
THIS MEMORIAL IS ERECTED BY THE SURVIVORS.**

