

24th April 1915

Dear Mother

We are now on board the Derantha (A3) at the island of Lemnos (Greek) about five or six hours sail from the Dardanelles. I have been here ever since we left Egypt & have done a good bit of training on the island. There is to be about eighty thousand troops in the attack. We are leaving for the Dardanelles this afternoon so will be in action within day or two from now. You will hear about it later I expect. The Third Brigade (9th, 10th & 12th Battalions) have been chosen as a covering party for the whole Division so we will be the first to land. We had a message from the King wishing us success & so on to day. It is a great undertaking but I am sure we shall take them though of course not without losses. They have some big guns which will do some damage if they manage to get the range on us. We have four days rations with us & two hundred rounds of ammunition each so there will be no going back when we land but must push them to enable the rest to land safely. This Expedition has French, British, Australian & Indian troops in it. Do not know if you will get this note but if you do you will know that whatever happens it will be for the best.

With love to all the family

I am your affectionate son

Arthur

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Mrs H. R. Anderson
"Glen Cottage"
Bagdad
Tasmania
Australia

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HM. Hospital Ship
Jason

Alexandria

May 20, 1945

Dear Mr. Anderson

I send you the enclosed
letter which was written to you
by your boy; ~~on the day before~~
~~he died~~ ^{on the day before he died} given to the sister
of the ward by him, to send on
to you. This ~~was~~ the sister
has asked me to do for her as
I have been writing to several
of the mothers. She tells me
what a good & nice boy he
was. It was before I joined the
ship: so I had no chance of
speaking to him. The Australians

had a stiff fight & did
very well. But it was at some
cost & your boy was among the
number. It will be your comfort
to know that he did his duty
& that his last thoughts were
of yourself -

Believe me

~~Yours truly~~

Alec Warner

chaplain A.M.A.S. Garrison

Gallipoli Peninsula.
May 20th 1915.

Dear Mr. Anderson.

I regret to inform you
that your son was killed in action
on April 25th 1915.

He died fighting nobly
for his country.

I trust that the knowledge
that he was honored & beloved by all
will be some consolation to you in
your sad bereavement.

On behalf of the 12th Battalion
I offer you our deepest sympathy

I remain

Yours faithfully

E. H. M. Smith
Lt. Col.

M.S.

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In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred to,
is to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE. 9th March 1916

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Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 152, Private A. L. Anderson, 12th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he died at sea, on board Hospital Ship "Gascon" on the 27th April 1915, of wounds received in action at Gallipoli.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to supply all possible information in connexion with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

J. McLean

Capt.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. H. R. Anderson,
BAGDAD. TAS.