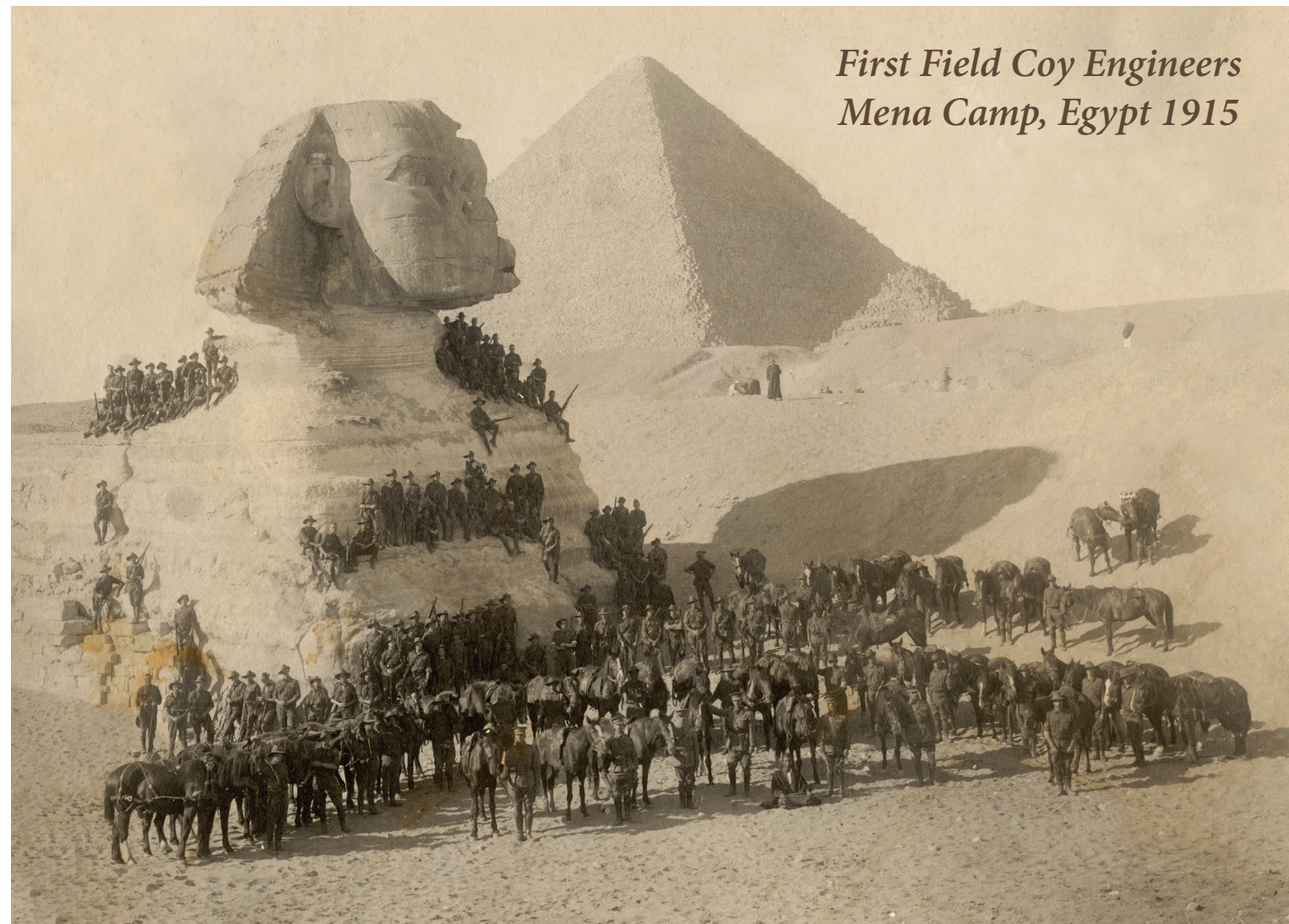




Thomas Drane was presented a Gallipoli medal on behalf of the town by the Forbes Deputy Mayor Mr J. H. Bates. The medals were presented to Sapper T. E. Drane and Corporal W. Vaughan both of whom returned from Gallipoli.



Identification tag and hand drawn map of the Gallipoli battlefield. These items would have been with T.E. Drane at the Gallipoli landing on the 25th April, 1915



First Field Coy Engineers
Mena Camp, Egypt 1915



Gallipoli landing 25th April 1915

“It was just Hell let loose, nothing short of murder, to see our boys go down like sheep, it made your blood boil, and then that is the time you get mad with excitement, and you are only out to kill or be killed, to avenge the pals who you have loved like brothers.

I along with my chums were lucky to reach the shore after a few attempts to wade through water up to the neck. It was the coldest Turkish bath I ever had.

There were quite a number of our fellows drowned in trying to get ashore with their packs pulling them down.”

Extract from T.E. Drane's war diary.

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