Bognor and Chichester Men at Gallipoli.

The need of plenty of tobacco, to counteract the presence of so many flies, is remarked upon in a letter which has been received from Company Sergeant Major E. Blake, of the 4th Royal Sussex Regiment at Gallipoli.

He writes acknowledging a parcel of cigarettes and tobacco sent out by the Bognor Branch of the Chichester Dairies Company for the “D” Company.

The cigarettes and tobacco were distributed among the Bognor and Chichester men of “D” Company, the writer says, and he proceeds:—

“I regret to say that they are very few now, owing to casualties and sickness. I assure you, tobacco and cigarettes of the good old English brands are very acceptable here. We get an issue weekly, but it is not what we were used to, and the issue is very small.

We have to smoke nearly all day to keep the flies away. There are more flies here to the square yard than you find to the square mile at home; in fact this is not a good white man’s country at all.

We are at present on reserve several miles from the firing line, but are continually under shell fire, so get some amusement dodging.”

The following are the only Bognor and Chichester men with the “D” Company at present (26-10-15).


All the above signed the letter of thanks.