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Re: The disappearing regiment in WWI

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>A friend was asking me if I knew where this large-scale abduction event
>is written up within the UFO literature. I came across it years ago
>and can't remember now where I saw it. Can someone on the List?

>It involved British soldiers, as I recall, engaged against Turkish soldiers
>in WWI. The one group marched into a "cloud," which then lifted up and off.

>Thanks,

>Jim Deardorff

I believe that the story of the "disappearing regiment" arose during the Dardanelles campaign that commenced on 25 April 1915 when troops from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand went ashore at Gallipoli, Turkey.

The campaign was doomed to failure and the Australian & New Zealand forces were at the sharp end of the fighting from the start and suffered incredible casualties for very little gain. In fact on several occasions when a battalion's roll was called after a battle the number of survivors who were capable of answering to their names could be numbered on the fingers of both hands.

I'm not sure at what point in the campaign this story began but there is little doubt that it referred to an Australian battalion. However, it is only a story and is not grounded in fact. While a battalion may have been seen marching into a cloud they were only going up to the front and, while many of the troops never returned there is no official record of an entire battalion disappearing.

I have also heard the story in relation to a British unit that allegedly vanished in similar circumstances during the fighting around Ypres. Again, I don't believe that there is any basis in fact. Rather, I think it was just another unit chewed up in the dreadful fighting that went on there.

Of course it is possible that there are some people out there who may suggest that this was all covered up as part of the great UFO/Government conspiracy but let's not forget that this was 1914-1918 and to try and link this to

conspiracy theory is just too far-fetched.

If anyone wants more info, write to me off-list and I may be able to find out which battalion was involved. I did come across that information some years ago but I now can't remember the exact details.

Stuart Livesey

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