GALLIPOLI UNCOVERED · LESSON 3

Life at Gallipoli and who served

Name: _____

What was it like at Anzac, and who was there?

Voices from Anzac

Read each voice. What does it tell us? Tick.

"Bully beef and biscuits. You couldn't eat your biscuit dry. It was like chewing rock."
Russell Weir, Wellington Battalion

"As soon as the work was finished the flies and the lice, the permanent residents, took up their abode."
Ormond Burton, about his shelter (a "bivvy"), 1935

"Our water is the worst job, we are on top of a hill and we have to carry all our water up from about half a mile away."
Frank Clark, 1915 letter

	Food	Flies	Water
Weir	☐	☐	☐
Burton	☐	☐	☐
Clark	☐	☐	☐

Why did so many get sick?

Too many men in a small space + not much _____ + swarms of _____ + poor _____ = diseases like dysentery and typhoid.

Who was there?

Who	One fact
The Native Contingent (Māori volunteers)	Landed at Anzac Cove on _____ 1915.
Nurses	About _____ NZ nurses served overseas in the war.
Cyril Bassett	Won the Victoria Cross for mending _____ wire under fire.
Niuean and Cook Island men	Joined from 1915. Served in Egypt and _____.

Did you know? A soldier often got only about 1.9 litres of water a day for drinking, washing and cooking. That is less than a 2-litre bottle.

Quotes: NZHistory, Soldiers' experience (Weir, Burton; punctuation simplified); Auckland Museum, Letters from the front line (Clark, 21 August 1915).