

would have prevented him from seeking rest for himself, and he claimed he did not need it; but there is a certain note of resignation in his letters which does not appear in the diaries. He expresses his longing to be with his wife: 'Yes, I do want you. I long and long and am beginning to lose my enjoyment of this life, as it entails separation from you. You are in all my spare time in my thoughts and I so look forward to our reunion'.⁴² Malone was killed on Chunuk Bair on 8 August 1915.

A recent commentator has suggested that Malone's views on the nuclear weapons question would not be difficult to deduce, implying I think that they would have been conservative.⁴³ I have often wondered what he would have made of the useless slaughter of men in France, or of the atrocity of 'area' bombing in the Second World War and conclude that his compassion would have prevailed. It is not merely family loyalty that makes me say that; I think the evidence is in what he wrote. One of the most striking features of the diary has been its power to project Malone's personality and gain the admiration and even affection of his readers, even when they have read him in the pursuit of impartial research; they become his 'fans'. The letters have not been available before, except to Pugsley, and I suggest now that one should not be read without the other. They have a contribution to make beyond military history; in my admittedly partial opinion they deserve a place in our literature.

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