

Leader, 11th September, 1915

Keith Wallace-Crabbe

Keith George Wallace-Crabbe was a 20-year-old clerk when he enlisted on 9th October, 1914 as a second lieutenant. He lived at 17 Byron St, St Kilda, and had joined Albert Park by the 1910-11 season. His wins include the James Aitken pairs for novices in 1913, and a maiden four at the 1914 Albert Park Lake Regatta.

Sent to the Dardanelles with the 14th Battalion, he landed at Gallipoli on the first day. He was promoted to lieutenant in May 1915, and assisted Albert Jacka in an action which resulted in the latter receiving the first Victoria Cross awarded during the Great War. Keith was killed in action three months later on 22nd August at Knoll 60.

Keith has no known grave, and is remembered at the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.