



REGIMENTAL NOTES

1st Bn. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regt.)

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Station—SIALKOT.

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Editorial.

At a time when every one's attention is fixed on the stirring events which are taking place in Europe we fear that the doings of a Battalion in India will seem at least somewhat uninteresting. We have however decided to continue the publication of Regimental Notes because we are certain that news of the Battalion will always be welcome to those who have served in it and we hope that before the next issue appears we shall ourselves have taken a part in the making of History.

Doings of the Battalion.

When the last number of Regimental Notes was published the Head Quarter wing was stationed at Lower Gharial and, of the other wing, one Company was in Lahore Cantonment and the other at Fort Lahore.

On Monday the 19th of August we received orders that one Company from Lower Gharial was to proceed to Ferozepore and the remainder of the Head Quarter's wing to return to Lahore Cantonment.

The Ferozepore detachment left the next morning and the remainder of the Head Quarter's wing at 9 a m on Wednesday and marched to Rawalpindi where they entrained for Lahore.

Those of us who took part in that march will agree that they do not want another like it unless the destination is Berlin We did the 43 mile march, on top of a heavy baggage fatigue in 21 hours which is not such a bad performance for a party composed largely of Recruits and Convalescents.

After our arrival at Lahore Cantonment, which is a halting stage on the main line to Karachi, we were continually being tantalised by the sight of more fortunate units on their way to the front. A large camp had been pitched for the use of troops passing through and early in October 3 men of the Battalion who were on duty in this camp were attacked by cholera and died but fortunately the disease did not spread any further.

On 30th October we were ordered to send one Company to Amritsar, leaving only one Company with Head Quarters in Lahore Cantonments

In September our hopes were in raised by the news that we were to be relieved by a Territorial Battalion, only to be dashed to the ground on receipt of orders to move to Rawalpindi

For the next few weeks our movements were uncertain, early in November we heard that we were to go on Manoeuvres with the Pindi Brigade but a few days before manoeuvres were to commence these orders were cancelled and we heard that our destination was to be Sialkot.

On 14th Novr the 6th Battalion Devon Territorials arrived at Lahore Cantonment to relieve us; the Detachment from Lahore Fort returned to Cantonments two days later and those from Ferozepore and Amritsar on the 17th November 1914.

On the evening of 18th Novr the Battalion entrained for Sialkot and arrived here the next morning.

This our present station is in many ways a great improvement on Meean-Meer it is far more compact and healthy and though the garrison is much reduced from its former size and now consists only of ourselves, the 32nd Sikh Pioneers (at present in Kohat) and the Depots of several Native Cavalry Regts, yet we find plenty to keep us occupied.

On Novr 30th there were rumours of trouble on the Frontier, the 32nd Pioneers left the next day for Kohat and we ourselves were mobilised and sent a company under Capt. Maples to Rawalpindi.

However up to the present date we are still here and the Company from Rawalpindi rejoined us in time for Christmas.

Another detachment of 2 Officers and 30 men has since been sent to Campbellpur but will we hope only be away a short time.

Extracts from a letter written by the wife of an officer in the 2nd Battalion.

"General Ferguson has written home to say how splendidly the Regiment has done, they were called up at a very critical time and saved the situation in the fight against the Prussian Guards."

"Colonel Gibbs, Major Townsend and Capt. Jenkins are all together and are quite well treated, the 2 last are doing well Col Gibbs has had 2 sinews in his back severed"

"Captain Umfraville is recovering from his wound, at Osborne and is doing well."

Extracts from orders.

"Lance-Serjeant Pogson, formerly in this Battalion, was awarded the Medal for distinguished conduct in the Field for;—

Near Ypres on the 8th November 1914, after his officers had all been killed or wounded, having commanded the right half of his company (part of the time detached) with great skill and gallantry and assisted company Serjt. Major Taylor in retaking trenches from the enemy."

"Major General Sir C. Ferguson Commanding 5th Dvn at Mons has publicly expressed his admiration of the splendid behaviour of The Duke of Wellington's Regt. as Rear Guard, where their courage and tenacity saved the Division."

Various.

Serjt. Major Wilkinson formerly of this Battalion, accompanied the Australian Expeditionary Force despatched against the German possessions in the Pacific. He took part in the capture and occupation of Rabaul and was in charge of a reconnaissance of the Island.

Two Families closely connected with the Regiment can boast of a fine record of service for their country.

Of the Foster family one has been killed in action and four others are serving in different Battalions of the Regiment.

Of the Hemblys family 7 members are serving in different Battalions of the Regiment and 2 others in other corps

Probably there are several other Regimental families that can claim as excellent a record but these two are quoted to show how the West Riding is doing its duty.

Regimental Association

Towards the end of last year a special subscription was started with the object of helping the families of those who are fighting in France

The appeal was generously responded to by all ranks; donations have already been received from 7 companies & amount to Rs 990-10-0

These donations together with those of officers, the $\frac{1}{2}$ proceeds of an entertainment given by Mr. Thwaites in the Regt. Theatre and other subscriptions, £ 160 in all, have already been sent to the Head Quarters of the Association, in England and more will be sent later.

We hope that those of our readers who have not hitherto heard of this appeal, will now send their subscriptions to

The Secretary,

Regimental Association

1st Duke of Wellington's Regiment

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Congratulations to Colonel Thorold on promotion to Brigadier General.

Transfers.

Regtl No	Rank and Name.	Date of Leaving.	Posted or attached to
	Major P. A. Turner	16-8-14	Commandant Expeditionary Force "A" Base Depôt British Troops
	Captain R. M. Tidmarsh	7-8-14	Detained in England by War Office for service with 2nd Bn.
	Captain M. V. Le P. Trench	1-10-14	D. A. D. R. I. Bombay
	Captain J. H. B. Wilson	9-11-14	" " Karachi
	Captain W. E. Keates	7-8-14	Attached 2nd Bn
	Lieut. D. Firth	17-12-13	Leave England, Medical Certificate.
	Lieut. M. N. Cox	7-8-14	Detained in England by War Office.
	Tempy		
	Captain		
	Lieut. R. W. Russell	20-9-14	Transferred to 2nd Bn 9th Gurkha Rifles With New Army.
	" A. E. Miller		
	" R. A. Scott	16-11-14	Leave England, Medical Certificate.
	" E. A. Bald	20-9-14	Transferred to 2nd Bn 10th Gurkha Rifles.
	" M. E. Crane	20-9-14	Transferred from 97th Infantry in Exchange with Lt. R. W. Russell
5082	Cr. Serjt. J. A. Rollinson		} Sent home as Instructors to the New Army 10th October 1914.
5508	" S. Newroth		
5364	Serjt. J. Flaherty		
5748	" F. J. Ward		
7362	" T. Hayton		
6201	" A. Abslom		
5686	" W. R. Nobbs		
5653	" H. G. Cott		
8246	" G. Mayman		
5719	" L. Du Port		

Transfers.—Contd

Regtl No	Rank and Name	Date of Leaving	Posted and attached to
6784	Serjt. C Skeiton		Indian Field Ambulance No 113 Expeditionary Force "A".
5222	Serjt. R W. Grady		} Pack Store Serjt. No 7 B F Ambulance Force "A".
6876	L Serjt. J. Kendall		
8060	L-Corpl J. Forge		} Divsl. Supply Column Force "A".
9310	Private P. Beddall		
8631	Private A. Ashton		} Expeditionary Force.
9460	L-Corpl J. Rooney		
9585	Private G. Ratchford		} No 32 Signal Company Expeditionary Force "A"
9579	" I. Simpson		
8618	" F. Short		
8605	L-Corpl A. Ruddiman		
9663	Private J. Spearman		
9727	" J. Field		
8977	Private A. Dudley		
8987	" W. Searle		
8751	" J. Moore		
8743	" W. Cooper		
9450	" E. Rolph		
9076	" A. Clinton		
9154	" E. Blythe		
9025	" R. House		
9268	" A. Wright		} No 7 & 8 British Field Ambulance Expeditionary Force "A".
8850	" H. Seymour		
8614	" A. Whitear		
8575	" A. Cbx		
9156	" J. Oldfield		
10066	" J. Kitson		
9124	" W. Traynor		
9273	" W. Martin		
9839	" J. Wimpenny		
9421	" S. Hubbard		
9888	" H. Grant		
9661	" F. Blackmore		

Transfers.—Contd.

Regtl No	Rank and Name.	Date of Leaving	Posted and attached to
5745	Serjt E Hemblys		S & T. Serjt 3rd Cavalry Bde Field Hospital Expeditionary Force "A".
5966	L-Serjt. F. Mitchell		Pack Store Sjt 3rd Cavalry Bde Expeditionary Force "A".
8572	Private G. Baxter		} 9th British Field Ambulance Expeditionary Force 'A' Base General Hospital Expeditionary Force "A".
8912	" F. Rowland		
8985	" A. Paul		
7802	Serjt. C Rape		
8919	Private G Croft		
8847	" W Baulch		
8913	" P Dyer		
8735	Private R. Ward		
8550	" F. Stonebridge		
9098	" W. Fairburn		
9004	" H Baker		
8595	" D. Mc Hugh		
8513	" C. Bootham		
8995	" P Daly		
8942	" W Penfold		
8642	" F Russell		
8889	" G. Doughty		
9001	" H. Wall		
8951	" B Humphries		
8924	" A. Davis		
9020	" T. Hunter		
8988	" G. Halstead		
8728	" G. Gordon		
8756	" E. Jones I		
8940	Private O. Richards		
	Promotions		
	2nd Lt. D Looney	9-1-15	Promoted from Serjt. Major

Deaths.

9079	Private	T. E. Hewitt	2-7-14	Died at Murree of Abscess Liver due to Dysentry.
9033	"	H. E. Ryan	27-8-14	Died at Lahore Cantt of Cholera.
8615	"	G. Mawe	28-8-14	Do.
10006	"	J. Brennan	28-8-14	Do.
9943	"	F. A. Rose	17-10-14	Died at Lahore Cantt of Tetanus.
9810	"	D. Mc Kenna	31-10-14	Died at Lahore Cantt of Malaria.
8713	"	G. Marples	4-12-14	Died at Lahore Cantt of Enteric Fever.
		Promoted from Staff Major		D. Looney
				O. Richards
				E. Jones
				G. Gordon
				G. Halstead
				F. Hunter
				A. Davis
				B. Humphries
				H. Wall
				G. Doughty
				F. Russell
				W. Penfold
				F. Doherty
				C. Bootham
				D. Mc Hugh
				H. Baker
				W. Fairburn
				F. Stonebridge
				P. Dyer
				W. Baulch
				G. Cook