



REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Major R. E. MAFFETT, Commanding.

Station-SIALKOT.

FEBRUARY 1916.

Editorial.

Another six months have passed since the last issue of these notes and still finds us here at Sialkot.

The Great World's War drags on, and the bitter disappointment felt by all ranks at not being allowed to take their share in the conflict has given way to stoical resignation and the fervent hope that we may even yet come in somewhere at the finish.

Our best wishes for the coming year go out to our friends and comrades at the front and we take this opportunity of thanking those who so kindly remembered their old corps and sent us "Salaams" at the beginning of the year.

Doings of the Battalion.

2nd Lieuts. E. W. Rogers & J. A. Hoffmann joined the Battalion for duty from the 11th Service Battalion on the 25th July 1915.

On the 29th July the Battalion was inspected by Major General Sir, G. C. Kitson, K. C., V. O. C. B. C. M. G. Commanding 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division.

The remarks by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief on the report of the Battalion were, "A very satisfactory report."

Lt-Col W M Watson returned from duty on the Staff and resumed Command of the Battalion on the 24th September 1915.

The Battalion, less 'A' Company, left Sialkot for Peshawar for service on the North West Frontier on the 24th September 1915.

The 2 Platoons 'A' Company at Ghora Dhaka and the 2 Platoons at Kalabagh left those Stations on the 23rd and 24th Sept. respectively, to join the Battalion at Peshawar. By forced march they reached Rawalpindi on the 25th and 27th, from whence they entrained for Peshawar, arriving there on the 26th and 28th September 1915.

On arrival at Peshawar it was a great disappointment to all ranks to find that we were not to be sent out to Shabkadr to take our share of the fighting out were merely required to garrison the station.

This feeling was increased by the fact that we could distinctly hear the guns firing at the enemy.

The Battalion entrained at Peshawar on the 16th October for Sialkot arriving there on the 17th.

The two Sergeants, Unattached List and 16 men of the Lawrence Military Asylum, Sanawar, who had been attached to the Battalion for six months to be trained for active service, proceeded to Poora to join the Signal Depot, 18th October 1915.

On the 10th November 1915, the Battalion was again inspected by Major General Sir, G C Kitson, K. C. V. O. C. B. C. M. G. Commanding 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division.

By the request of Lt-Col. W. M. Watson on his leaving the Battalion for appointment to the Temporary Commander of the Rawalpindi Infantry Brigade the following Battalion Order was published:—

"Lt-Col W. M. Watson in bidding farewell on vacating the Command of the Battalion wishes to convey to all ranks his thanks for the loyal and hearty support that has been given by all ranks during his period of Command, and to express his appreciation of the good work which has been done. He wishes all ranks every prosperity in the future."

Capt E C Boutflower returned to the Battalion for duty on 10th August 1915, from appointment as Station Staff Officer, Jullundur.

Major R. E. Maffett assumed Command of the Battalion upon the departure of Lt-Col W. M. Watson.

The undermentioned Officer and N. C. Os. qualified at the 2nd ordinary course 1915 at the central school of musketry Pachmar:—

	Qualification	
	Musketry	Machine Gun
Lieut. M. E. Crane	Q	...
Serjt J. H. Willis	Q	...
Serjt E. A. Mills	Q	...
2nd Lt. W. G. Baker	qualified at the 1st Special Machine Gun Course held at the Central School of Musketry, Pachmari, during 1915	

No. 4076 Pte. A. Coates and 4186 Pte. T. F. Marshall awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

No. 7924 Serjt. A. Turner qualified at the School of Musketry Pachmari in Musketry and Machine Gun at the 7th Territorial Course 1915.

Serjt J. Gordon qualified at the special Machine Gun Course 1915 held at the Branch School of Musketry, Rawalpindi.

C. Q. M. S. Barron was awarded Silver Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

General.

2nd Lts J. A. Fletcher, V. S. Smith, H. Watkin and G. P. Marsh joined the Battalion on 30th December 1915 for attachment from 11th Battalion

2nd Lt E. C. Wilson 9th Bn. Royal West Kents Regt, arrived on 30th December 1915 for attachment to the Battalion.

2nd Lt. N. A. L. Stilling joined the Battalion on 14th Jan. 1916.

Major E. M. Liddell joined the Battalion at Peshawar from the Adjutancy Bengal Volunteer Rifles.

We were pleased to hear that C. Q. M. S. C. Skelton had been appointed Regt. Serjt. Major of the 8th Service Battalion.

Serjt. C. Hemblys, who left the Battalion at Lahore to proceed on active Service with a Cavalry Brigade, i/c of the Ambulance, is about to be permanently posted to the Supply and Transport Corps.

A letter has been received from C. S. M. J. P. Rush who was wounded at Mons and is at present a prisoner in Germany, stating he was quite well and is being treated as well as may be expected under the circumstances.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Regt. Serjt. Major C. Mackay 4th Service Battalion. The following is an extract of a letter received from the Colonel Commanding concerning the death of Sjt. Major Mackay :--

"Serjt. Major Mackay was standing with a Captain and me at the time he was killed. Mackay was saying "Next week I shall be out of it all, for a good week" when a shell came and killed him instantaneously without even touching either the Captain or me."

Supplement to the London Gazette dated 1st January 1916.

The following were mentioned in Despatches Lieut. Colonel, R. N. Bray, Captain M. N. Cox, Captain S. I. Marriner, Lieut. Colonel T. A. Hayden D. S. O. Captain A. E. Miller.

The Commanding Officer received a letter from Lt.-Col. R. N. Bray Commanding the 2nd Battalion in France wishing us a "a lucky New year."

News has been received that Lt.-Col. C. D. Bruce is a prisoner of war.

A letter has been received from Serjt. J. Columbine from the Trénoches in France thanking the Editor for the last production of Regimental Notes and wishing all luck to the Battalion.

Br Gen P. A. Turner is in Command of the 195th Bde of the 65th (Lowland Division) Territorial force which comprises 2nd Bn. of the Royal Scots and 2nd Bn. of the Scottish Rifles.

News has been received that the 2nd Bn. are leaving the 13th Brigade 5th Division and are joining the 12th Brigade of the 39th Division.

By the latest advices we are sorry to hear that there is little improvement in the condition of Lt.-Col. W. E. M. Tyndall D. S. O.

Lieut. A. Bridgens 1st Dorsetshire Regt. late of this Bn. has again been wounded in Mesopotamia.

Serjt. J. Kendall has obtained a Commission in the 8th Lincolnshire Regiment, for gallantry in the field.

From Mesopotamia Trophies and letters have been received by "A." Coy. and "D." Coy.

A letter has been received from Lt. W. Wilkinson, in which he says that he is on his way to Egypt with Australian Troops.

Promotions.

4361 Q. M. S. W. T. Pearman, Indian Unattached List, promoted Garrison Serjt Major and appointed permanent Garrison Serjt Major Allahabad 29th April 1915.

Serjt. E. Ogden, promoted Cr. Serjt 17th June 1915 and appointed C. Q. M. Serjt

Lieut. R. H. W. Owen promoted Captain 10th June 1915.

Serjt J. Wills appointed permanent Cr. Serjt Instructor Unattached List and posted to Rangoon Volunteer Rifles 3rd September 1915.

Lt.-Col. P. A. Turner C. M. C. to be Brigade Commander and to be Temporary Brigadier General whilst so employed.

Temporary and Lt. E. W. Rogers to be Temporary Lt. 10-6-1915.
Lieuts. R. A. Scott, A. E. Miller and E. G. Gatacre to be Captains
10th June 1915.

Major R. N. Bray promoted Temporary Lieut.-Col. 3-7-1915.

The following Captains to be Majors, dated 1st September 1915.

R. C. Carter	W. E. Maples
M. V. Le P. Trench	J. H. B. Wilson.
R. M. Tidmarsh	H. S. Carlyon.
E. M. Liddell	L. Herapath
E. J. Pickering	F. H. B. Wellesley.

The following 2nd Lieuts. to be Lieuts. 20th June 1915 :—

W. G. Baker	C. Wheeler.
C. Rowland	H. S. Sampson.

Captain H. W. Glenn was appointed Platoon Commander Cadet
College Wellington 22nd September 1915.

Army School Master S. R. Yeabsley promoted Warrant Officer
Class II 29th January 1915.

R. Q. M. S. A. Steele promoted Warrant Officer Class II, 22-2-15

C. S. M. R. Wood, C. Forster, T. W. Milner and W. Shorthouse
promoted Warrant Officers Class II, 29th January 1915.

Lt.-Col. W. M. Watson appointed Temporary Brigade Commander
to Command Rawalpindi (Infantry) Brigade.

Deaths.

8326 Lce J. Carter died at Rawalpindi 9th July 1915 of Tetanus
9014 Pte Rumney Killed by accident at Ghora Dhaka 14-8-15.

10090 Cpl A. Lister died at Kalabagh 6th September 1915. of
Suspected Cholera.

Arm Q. M. S. Messenger :—

Son Harry Claude died at Sialkot 9th November 1915 of Enteritis

10085 Pte. H. Regan died at Murree 12th October 1915 of Septic
Poisoning.

Arm Q. M. S. Messenger :—

Son George died at Sialkot 18th November 1915 of Enteritis.

War Notes.

Distinguished Conduct Medal.

8614 Pte. A. Whitear for "Gallant Conduct in voluntarily assisting
in the removal of the wounded from the advanced dressing station at
Rue-de Berecaux on 17th March 1915 whilst under fire."

We regret to learn that L-Sjt. Woollard and L-Cpl. Clayton have been killed in action in Mesopotamia.

A letter has been received from R Q. M. S. Du Port, who is serving in the 7th Bn. Yorkshire Regiment in which he states that he is getting on very well, and is at the present time out of the trenches and training a Football team to compete for a cup presented by Major-General T. D. Pilcher. We wish the team good luck.

Births.

C S. M. W. Shorthouse, Son, born 25-7-15.

7398 Pte Hylands, Son, born 7 8-15.

3748 Sjt. J. Wilson, daughter born 28 8-15.

Sjt. Cartidge, Son, born 30-12-15.

Band Master H. Langtry, Son, born 8-1-16.

Marriages.

Major A. A. St. Hill to Miss. L. Blakeney Carr at Bombay on the 26th Sept, 1915.

Sjt Townend to Miss S. Culpan at Colaba 24-1-16

Capt & Adj. W. G. Officer to Miss. W. M. O. Kensington at Lahore on the 5 2-16.

Sports.

The following are the winners of the various Shields.

Hockey 'A' Coy. Association 'C' Coy Rugby 1st Team 'C' Coy. Rugby 2nd Team 'D' Coy. Shooting 'A' Coy Sports 'A' Coy.

The Annual Sports were held on the 18th and 19th February 1916 and proved a great success. This year they were held on open ground in the centre of Cantonnments and there was a very good attendance of guests including Br-General A. A. J. Johnstone the General Officer Commanding the Station who was keenly interested throughout.

The events were well contested there being especially keen competition between "A" & "D" Companies as to which would win the shield. This eventually went to 'A' Company who beat 'D' Company by 2 points, thus reversing last year's order when 'D' Coy. were the winners by 1/2 point.

The following were the winners of the various events :—

Garrison Mile	}	L-Cpl. Needham.
Regtl Mile		
$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile	}	Serjt. Hall.
$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile		
220 yards		Pte. Guy.
100 yards		Pte. Guy.
Hurdles		Pte. Newham.
Putting Shot		Dr Walsh.
High Jump		Bdm Taylor.
Long Jump		Cpl. Martin.
Throwing Cricket Ball		Pte. Huckle,
Veterans		Bd-Sjt. Hanna.
Serjeants		Serjt. Hall.
Corporals		Cpl. Martin.
Bomb Throwing		Pte. Driver.
Obstacles		Pte. Kershaw.
Subalterns Obstacles		Lieut. Baker,
Company Relay	}	'D' Company,
Team Obstacles		
Team Cross Country		
Tug of War		

Cup given for best individual performance in sports Pte Guy.

The Battalion for 2nd year in succession have won the 2nd Rawalpindi Divisional Boxing Shield and the team are now competing in the All India Competition.

The (Havercakes) 33rd & 76th Regiment of Foot.

The old recruiting serjeants in those far off golden days
 Attracted Yorkshire soldier lads in very novel ways
 They stuck a cake upon their swords and through the village street
 They marched with drums abeating
 And shouted out this greeting
 And sent an invitation forth to all they chanced to meet

Have a cake have a cake
 Come along with me
 Serve your king and country
 In lands beyond the sea
 Dont be a foot sojer marching far and wide
 In the West Riding Regiment all the sojers ride
 Have a cake have a cake it doesnt taste so bad
 Come with me and you shall be a gallant havercake lad

The old recruiting serjeant when he tramped the Yorkshire moors
Made all the nervous mothers close and barricade their doors
For the Magic of his calling was most terrible to hear
And all the mothers trembled
To see the lads assembled
For when he passed their lads were apt to disappear

Have a cake have a cake
Come and serve the king
George the fourth has need of you
Time is on the wing
In the flats of Flanders the booming guns are heard
Be a riding soldier join the gallant 33rd
Have a cake have a cake your lass will be so glad
To know that you're a soldier boy and a gallant havercake lad

The old recruiting serjeants they are sleeping in the ground
But the young recruiting serjeants tramp the old familiar ground
The young recruiting serjeants with their ribbons in their caps
Still carry on their missions
And in the old traditions
Are beating up the villages for likely looking chaps

Have a cake have a cake
Through summer dust and snow
Your King and country need you
And I think you ought to go
Theyre fighting s ill in Flanders where your fathers
fathers died
The West Riding Regiment come and have a ride
Have a cake have a cake a rotten time th-y've had
Come and be a have a cake a have a cake lad

NOTICE.

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