



The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding).

REGIMENTAL NOTES 1921-1922.

The favourable reception of last year's Regimental Notes has encouraged the Editor to repeat the experiment, and at the instigation of General Sir Herbert Belfield, the Colonel of the Regiment, to enlarge the scope of the Notes, and make them really Regimental by including in them something about all the Battalions of the Regiment. As a start it seemed a good idea to give a short War Record of each Battalion, and at first the idea did not appear to present any great difficulties. But it has now been borne in on the Editor's mind that it is no easy matter to get a ready-made short War Record out of Battalions; nor is it any easier to make a short record when you have been supplied with newspaper cuttings, or a history of the Battalion during the War. However, having started the idea, an attempt to carry it out will be made in these Notes, but the War records will be extremely short and confined to a few hard facts, it being found that once interesting facts or stories were included, the shortness of the record vanishes, and it at once becomes of a length entirely beyond the scope of these Notes.

The Editor (no real claim is made to the title, but it is merely used for the sake of brevity to denote the Compiler of these Notes) will welcome any suggestions, or criticisms, in reason on *Regimental Notes*, without promising to make use of them—last year he received two suggestions; one has already been referred to, and, coming from the Colonel of the Regiment, appeared so much like an order that it had to be acted on, apart from the fact that it was obvious that last year's *Regimental Notes* had no real claim to its title. The other came from a very old friend of the Editor's, and was that *Regimental Notes* should appear quarterly. The suggestion seemed to entail something too much like hard work for the Editor, and was therefore not acted on.

THE REGIMENT.

COLONEL—LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR HERBERT BELFIELD,
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O.

The request for menus of the Annual Dinner, since the amalgamation of the Dinner Clubs of the 33rd and 76th Regiments, to complete the collection of those at present in the hands of the Honorary Secretary, only resulted in the receipt of two menus, for which thanks are due to Mrs. Strafford and Brigadier-General P. A. Turner. Menus for the years 1891-4, 1896, 1897, 1900, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1909-11 are still required.

The Regimental Memorial has taken definite form since the issue of last year's *Notes*: it had to be somewhat altered and its eventual form is an Altar in York Minster, and a Roll of Honour Book containing over 8,000 names. The site of the Altar, near which the Roll of Honour will be kept, is the S.E. corner of the south choir aisle. The scheme as a whole is to convert this corner of the Minster into a Regimental Memorial Chapel, and will, it is hoped, be eventually enclosed by wrought-iron screens, but at present some existing rails will be used for this purpose. How far the scheme can be carried out at present depends on the funds raised. Appeals have been sent to all connected with or interested in the Regiment, so far as addresses are available, and this opportunity is taken to remind those who have received appeals, and who intend to subscribe, but have not at present done so, that it will greatly assist the Committee in their work if donations, or at any rate information as to the amount of intended subscriptions are sent to Brigadier-General P. A. Turner, Kilsyth, Storey's Way, Cambridge, as soon as possible.

In addition to the Regimental Memorial the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions have a Pension Fund, and are also placing a panel in the Sandhurst Chapel to those Officers who fell in the War and who were cadets at Sandhurst, the inscription gives the names of these Officers and ends with the words: "and to all Officers and Other Ranks of the Regiment who died in the War." As has been pointed out in the Appeals, all subscriptions from those belonging to or interested in the other 10 Battalions go entirely to the Regimental Memorial

in York Minster, and of course a proportion of money raised from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions is being devoted to this object.

Last year's Dinner was held on Saturday, 4th June, at Oddenino's Imperial Restaurant, Regent Street. For the third time in succession, in fact, for the three dinners held since the end of the War, the Regimental number was hit off and 33 sat down to dinner. The Duke of Wellington was able to accept the invitation and honoured the Club by his presence. The following are the names of those who dined :—

The Duke of Wellington, Lt.-Gen. Sir Herbert Belfield, Major-General T. H. Hardy, Brigadier-Generals R. N. Bray, P. A. Turner and W. M. Watson, Colonels J. A. C. Gibbs and A. K. Wyllie, Lieut.-Colonels L. R. Acworth, F. A. Hayden, K. A. Macleod, R. E. Maffett, E. M. K. Parsons, C. J. Pickering, H. Picot, M. V. le P. Trench, H. H. Wayman, Majors A. Ellam, E. R. Houghton, C. W. J. Ince, S. F. Marriner, H. W. W. Wood, Captains G. H. Beyfus, R. O'D. Carey, R. S. Cholmley, M. N. Cox, M. E. Crane, H. E. Griffin, J. V. Kirkland, D. Paton, C. St. S. Phillips, J. S. W. Rushbridger, Lieut. E. W. Rogers.

The first Ladies' Tea Party was held on the same afternoon at Princes' Rooms, Piccadilly. Over 50 were present, and it was voted a distinct success. It is hoped to make it an annual event. It is impossible to give an actual list of those present, as signatures were not obtained.

The Dinner and Tea this year will be on Saturday, May 27th, a week earlier than usual, as the following week-end is Whitsuntide, and the Committee considered that the Saturday before Bank Holiday was not a suitable date. They decided to retain the Saturday, partly on account of the difficulty of getting a room at Oddenino's on any other night in Derby week at so late a date, but chiefly on account of the likelihood of getting more serving officers from the 2nd Battalion at the week-end. The change is only to be for this year, and next year Derby week will be returned to.

Great hopes had been raised that both Line Battalions would have been in England for the Dinner this year, but after many orders and counter-orders the 1st Battalion sailed for Gibraltar on the 11th April. It would have been a great thing if it had come off, and the Committee had made

up their minds that if possible they would have arranged the Dinner earlier in the year to bring about the unique situation of both Battalions being at home for the Dinner. Unfortunately the delayed arrival of the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot from Ireland made it impossible.

The two Line Battalions had a scheme for a reunion of all ranks, with trooping of colours, torch-light tattoo, etc., which would have been most enjoyable, and it is to be much regretted that the early departure of the 1st Battalion from England, combined with the delayed arrival of the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot, defeated the scheme.

It was with the greatest regret that all who knew him heard of the death of Brigadier-General R. N. Bray, C.M.G., D.S.O., on the 23rd October, from the effects of the War. The Regiment sustained a great loss by his death.

The First Annual Dinner and General Meeting of the Old Comrades' Association since 1913 was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on the 24th September, 1921. Efforts had been made to hold it in November, 1920, and again in April, 1921, but in each case it had to be postponed owing to industrial troubles.

Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield was in the chair, and 176 members of the Association, including all ranks, were present. During dinner a band formed of Old Comrades played a selection of music.

The next Annual Dinner is to be held at Halifax during September of the present year.

A Pension Fund has been started, and £150 per annum has been set aside for this purpose out of the income of the Association (the amount is subject to revision should the income fall below £400 per annum). Pensioners are to be selected from members of the Association or their widows, who are in distressed circumstances, preference being given to those who are incapacitated for work by reason of age or permanent disability.

Subscriptions to the Association are now as follows:—
Life Membership for Officers £5 and Other Ranks £1.
Annual Subscriptions for Officers 5/6 and for Other Ranks 2/-.

It is interesting to note that the Service Battalions are not yet quite a thing of the past. In the March Army List of the present year there is the following entry:—

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

Lieutenants :

*Smith, V. S. 1 July, '17.

*Suter, R. 27 December, '18.

*Owen, A. J. 1 March, '19.

*Temporary.

1st BATTALION.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL R. K. HEALING.
STATION—GIBRALTAR.

The 1st Battalion moved from Surafend to Cairo at the beginning of May, 1921, and expected to be there for at least a year and to be together as a Battalion, a state of things that had not existed since they left India. Almost immediately, however, after their arrival in Cairo they received orders to hold themselves in readiness to embark for home, and eventually arrived in England on the 23rd and 24th June, having travelled in two ships, one of which with the Headquarters and majority of the Battalion having been to Constantinople on the way home. The Battalion on landing was sent to Tidworth, where Lt.-Colonel Healing took over his Battalion for the first time, since his appointment to command it on 3rd February, 1920. After being only about three months at their new station they were ordered to Ireland and went to the Curragh, where they remained for nearly four months, most of the time guarding over 2,000 Sinn Fein prisoners at Rath Camp, an arduous and disagreeable duty. On the 22nd January the Battalion returned to Tidworth and remained there till the 11th April, when they sailed for Gibraltar. During these three months rumour as to the destination of the Battalion had been very busy, Constantinople and Gibraltar figuring most constantly as their next station. Gibraltar at any rate, has this advantage over Constantinople, that there is accommodation for the wives and families. On the 11th December, Lieut.-Colonel Healing went sick and was placed on half pay, and the command devolved on Major Tidmarsh. Again rumour was very busy, as to the command this time, but eventually

Lieut.-Colonel Healing was reinstated, much to everyone's satisfaction. The move to Gibraltar makes the Battalion's 15th move in two years! Mrs. Healing, Mrs. Tidmarsh and Mrs. Glenn accompanied their husbands.

The Battalion entered for the Army Rugby Cup and got through two rounds, but were beaten in the 3rd Round by The King's Own (Lancaster).

The Boys' Soccer Team was head of the Boys' League in Ireland when they left that country, having only lost one match.

The History of the Battalion is now practically ready for issue. The History proper goes to the beginning of the War, and there is a chapter added which briefly relates the doings of the Battalion up to date. The King has been graciously pleased to intimate that he will accept a copy, but has requested that no specially bound copy should be prepared for him.

The History is being issued in two editions—one at £2 2s. od. a copy, and a cheaper edition at 3/- or 4/-. Those requiring either should communicate with F. E. Wallis, Esq., 2, Ashling Villas, Cheltenham, who is the Honorary Treasurer of the History Fund. Copies will be sent to subscribers of £2 2s. od. or upwards without application.

2nd BATTALION.

COMMANDING OFFICER—BVT.-COLONEL C. L. SMITH, V.C., M.C.
STATION—ALDERSHOT.

The Battalion was stationed at Collinstown throughout most of the year and were frequently employed on raids and patrol duties in and around Dublin until the Irish Truce in July. The Battalion was stationed at Liverpool on Civil emergency duty from April 6th to May 8th.

Lieuts. J. G. Lepper, R. H. H. Jackson, O.B.E., M.C., and J. Chatterton, M.C., were Gazetted to the Regiment in February and posted to 2nd Battalion.

St. George's Day Parade was held at Liverpool. Twenty-eight Officers and 640 Other Ranks were on parade. Roses were presented by Major-General Sir C. L. Nicholson, K.C.B., C.M.G.

The Brigade Annual Inspection was held in September.

On 14th September Lieut.-Col. R. N. Bray, C.M.G., D.S.O., was placed on retired pay on account of ill-health with the rank of Brigadier-General. Bvt.-Col. C. L. Smith, V.C., M.C., D.C.L.I., was posted as Lieut.-Colonel.

Capt. C. H. B. Pridham was posted to the Battalion from the West India Regiment in October.

Capt. R. H. D. Bolton exchanged with Capt. A. O. L. Davis from Indian Army in November.

A Draft of 114 Other Ranks joined the Battalion from the 1st Battalion in December, being men almost time expired and ineligible to proceed with 1st Battalion to the Rhine, where it was then under orders to proceed to.

The Battalion has just arrived at its present station and is accommodated in the Ramillies Barracks.

3rd BATTALION (MILITIA).

HON. COLONEL—COLONEL A. K. WYLLIE, C.B.

COMMANDING OFFICER—NOT APPOINTED.

HEADQUARTERS—HALIFAX.

The 3rd Battalion may be said to be in a state of suspended animation. Its comparatively recent title of "Special Reserve" has gone, it has reverted to its old name and appears in the Army List as 3rd Battalion (Militia). Practically all the Officers have been gazetted out, and there only remain one Honorary Colonel, three Captains, an Adjutant and a Quartermaster, the two last being Regulars on the Depôt Staff. It is trusted that by next year there will be something more to record about it!

THE DEPÔT.

COMMANDING OFFICER—CAPTAIN R. J. A. HENNIKER, M.C.

STATION—HALIFAX.

In addition to the flying of the Depôt Flag, made by Mrs. M. V. le P. Trench, on all Regimental Honour Days, it has been decided to observe the Special "Honour" Days of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, *i.e.*, "Waterloo" Day, 1st Battalion's, and "St. George's" Day, 2nd Battalion's.

On 18th June, 1921, the Depôt entertained the 4th Bn. D. of W. Regt. In the morning the Colour was "Trooped," the Depôt Staff being augmented by 17 Squad. The parade was a great success, the troops displaying exceptional smartness and steadiness, considering the lack of opportunity for special practice. In the afternoon a Cricket Match was played *versus* the 4th Battalion, miniature rifle competitions and side shows being provided for the visitors. All ranks of the 4th Battalion were entertained to tea.

St. George's Day will be observed in future by all ranks wearing the White Rose.

The Cricket Ground is being extended on to the Parade Ground by 10 yards, and it is hoped that this will be completed before May. Part of the money is being found by the Army Sports Control Board and the remainder by the newly-instituted Depôt Recreation Ground Fund to which all ranks contribute.

The Inter-Squad Boxing Competition has been held quarterly, and some excellent sport provided. The Recruits have invariably shown the greatest keenness and pluck in their contests, and the spirit of "playing for the side" has always been uppermost.

Although, owing to lack of material, a Depôt Rugby Team has not been run, every Recruit has been taught the elements of Rugby Football during the winter months. It is hoped that by this means the old Rugby greatness of the Regiment may be revived.

The Cadre-Platoon Staff attended the Annual Camp of the 2nd West Riding Infantry Brigade (4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Bns. D. of W. Regt.) at Whitby, giving demonstrations and instructional classes.

Seven Separate Courses of Instruction have been held at the Depôt during the past 5 months for Officers, Permanent Staff, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s of the Four Territorial Battalions. Over 14 Officers and 130 Other Ranks have attended these Courses, which are taken by the Cadre Platoon Staff. Besides their value from a training point of view, these Courses serve in no small way to increase the Regimental spirit of all the different units of the Regiment.

General Sir Ivor Maxse, Commanding the Northern Command, again showed his appreciation of the work carried out by all ranks at the Depôt in 1921, by placing the Depôt among the five Depôts selected by him out of all those in the Command (13) "as most nearly approaching his ideal."

4th BATTALION (TERRITORIAL).

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL THE LORD SAVILE, K.C.V.O.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COL. J. WALKER, D.S.O., T.D.

HEADQUARTERS—HALIFAX.

During the year Tactical Exercises have been carried out both by the Battalion and by each Company.

Early in April the industrial unrest that prevailed at that time caused Government to take certain precautionary measures, and the Battalion was held in readiness for instant action. On the 9th April recruiting for the Defence Force was opened, and 24 Officers and 450 Men of the Battalion responded to the call. The men were at first in billets in the Halifax Secondary Schools, but later each Company took up separate billets and were distributed in Halifax, Brighthouse, Bradshaw and Sowerby-Bridge. The Companies were inspected by the G.O.C. 49th West Riding Division and by the Brigade Commander, during the time that they were a part of the Defence Force. The dispersal of the Battalion as a unit of the Defence Force was ordered on the 2nd July, and recruiting for the Territorial Army re-opened almost at once. Fifty per cent. of the N.C.O.'s and men from the Defence Force re-enlisted in the Territorial Army, causing a great amount of work to fall on the Staff of the Battalion, who had worked very hard since the commencement of the dispersal of the Defence Force.

On the 18th June (Waterloo Day) the Depôt of the Regiment invited the Battalion up to the Depôt Barracks. A cricket match was played and other sports were held and a most enjoyable day spent.

On the 24th July the Battalion proceeded to camp at Whitby. The Camping ground was very well situated on the high ground north of the town. The Battalion returned to Halifax on the 7th August after a most successful camp.

The Battalion Prize Shoot was held at Bradshaw on the 25th September.

On the 31st December the strength of the Battalion was 19 Officers and 426 Other Ranks.

5th BATTALION.

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL SIR HILDRED CARLILE, BT.,
C.B.E., T.D.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COL. G. P. NORTON, D.S.O.,
T.D.

HEADQUARTERS—HUDDERSFIELD.

The year 1921 from the Territorial Battalion point of view was sadly interfered with by the creation of the Defence Force during the Coal Emergency. Most of the Officers of the Battalion and many of the Men joined the Defence Force.

A very enjoyable and profitable time was spent at Annual Training at Whitby from July 24th to August 7th. At the Brigade Sports held in Camp the Battalion carried off a large number of prizes.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held at Huddersfield Drill Hall on December 8th, when Mrs. H. R. Davies, wife of Major-General H. R. Davies, kindly distributed the prizes.

The Battalion Church Parade took place at Huddersfield Parish Church on Sunday. "A," "B," and "D" Companies have each had their own Church Parades in addition.

A Memorial Painting in oils by Mr. J. H. Lobley, depicting the 1/5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment holding the line at Ypres in 1915 has been presented to the town of Huddersfield. It is a very true and faithful interpretation of what was admittedly one of the worst periods of the War experienced by the Battalion.

The King's Colour given to the 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment has been received during the year, and is to be placed alongside the old Volunteer Colours of the Battalion in the Huddersfield Drill Hall.

A Battalion War Memorial is to be placed inside the Huddersfield Drill Hall with a record of nearly 1,200 names of those who died during the War whilst serving with the Battalion.

The Annual Supper of the 5th Duke of Wellington's Old Comrades' Association was held in Huddersfield on July 15th last, when upwards of 150 were present.

The Third Annual Dinner of the 5th Duke of Wellington's Officers' Dinner Club took place at the George Hotel, Huddersfield, on November 25th, 1921, when about 50 past and present Officers of the Battalion were present.

The Officers' Mess of the Battalion have had two very fine pieces of plate presented to them during the year. Lt.-Col. H. Wilson, T.D., has purchased and presented the Northend Nichols Cup. This Cup was presented to Major Nichols over 100 years ago when he was in the Huddersfield Volunteers. Colonel Sir E. H. Carlile, Bt., C.B.E., T.D., J.P., has also presented a very fine Cup to the Mess in Memory of the Officers and Men of the Battalion who died during the late War.

6th BATTALION (TERRITORIAL).

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL E. P. ARNOLD-FOSTER, T.D.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL C. M. BATEMAN,
D.S.O., T.D.

HEADQUARTERS—SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN.

The present year has been a very uneventful one as far as the Battalion is concerned, except during the Defence Force time—April to July—when the Battalion had about 300 all ranks stationed at Bingley, Skipton and Saterforth, where there was a guard on the explosive store.

The Battalion camped at Whitby from July 24th to August 7th.

Major G. K. Sullivan, O.B.E., M.C., was elected Secretary of the West Riding County Association on the 25th April, 1922. He commanded the 4th Duke of Wellington's Regiment for a short time in France.

7th BATTALION.

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL THE VISCOUNT LEWISHAM.
COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COL. G. TANNER, D.S.O., T.D.

HEADQUARTERS—MILNSBRIDGE.

The strength of the Battalion on 1st April, 1921, was 368, but recruiting was seriously interfered with afterwards by the formation of the Defence Force, the existence of which continued until three weeks before proceeding to the Annual Training. Very few recruits were of course taken on during the existence of the Defence Force, and every man who had joined the Defence Force from the Territorial Battalion had to be re-enlisted at the end of the 90 days. Nevertheless the Battalion went to Camp at Whitby during the last week in July and the first week in August 440 strong. An enjoyable time was spent there and some excellent training was got through, the wind-up being an inspection by the G.O.C. in C. Northern Command, General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

A team was entered for the Territorial Army Football Championship, and after winning the first three rounds were knocked out in the Divisional Semi-Final by the Sheffield Artillery.

A team was also entered for the Divisional Cross-Country Championship at York on the 25th March, but was unsuccessful.

“A” and “B” Companies have held their Prize Distributions, and each of them had a very successful affair.

At present the Battalion is 520 strong, and there is every prospect of reaching the present peace establishment of 637 before the Annual Training, which is to be held at Scarborough during the first fortnight in August.

8th BATTALION (SERVICE).

The Battalion had hoped to arrange an Officers' Reunion Dinner, and repeated efforts have been made to bring this about, but owing to the fact that the homes of all the Officers are so scattered, the scheme has never matured.

In July, 1920, General Sir Herbert Belfield presented a King's Colour to the Battalion at the Dépôt, Halifax, and it was afterwards handed over to the Vicar of the Parish Church for safe custody.

9th BATTALION (SERVICE).

In July, 1920, at the Depôt, Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield presented the Battalion with a King's Colour, and it was handed over for safe custody to the Vicar and Wardens of Halifax Parish Church. On the same day he unveiled a Memorial Stone to the Fallen of the Battalion in the Porch of the church. The stone was designed by Captain K. B. Mackenzie, late commander of "D" Company of the Battalion. A book containing the names of the Fallen was also handed over to be kept in the church.

The Annual Smoker was held on the Saturday before Christmas Day at the Market Tavern, Bradford, and afforded all ranks an opportunity of meeting many old friends from the trenches.

The P.R.I. funds were handed over to the Regimental Old Comrades' Association, earmarked for the benefit of those who served with the 9th Battalion in France, and who are in need of help. It is pleasant to know that several deserving cases have been given relief from this fund.

10th BATTALION (SERVICE).

Since the disbandment of the Battalion three years ago it has dissolved into its original atoms, and, except with a few Officers, all touch has been lost. A parade was arranged in 1920 for the Colour Presentation at Halifax, but even this was only brought about with great difficulty; this may be easily understood, as the members of a Service Battalion once it ceased to exist were soon scattered over the whole of the kingdom.

11th BATTALION SERVICE (RESERVE).

The Battalion was disbanded in 1917, so there is naturally nothing to record about it in the past year. Some interesting notes, however, were sent in by ex-Regimental Sergeant-Major J. Rollinson, and a few extracts are given. The notes show the great disappointment that was felt by the Battalion when they were changed from a fighting unit into a reserve one, but they also bring out the fact that they carried out their job of training drafts for the overseas battalions with great thoroughness and success. A judicious mixture of sports with the actual military work appears to have been a feature of the training.

On the disbandment of the Battalion a silver cornet was presented to the band of the 2nd Battalion, and a number of books and pictures were given by the Sergeants' Mess to the Depôt Sergeants' Mess.

12th BATTALION SERVICE (LABOUR).

No material for these Notes is available about this Battalion, except that with the other Service Battalions they were presented with a King's Colour by the Colonel of the Regiment in July, 1920.

13th BATTALION (SERVICE).

On the 24th July, 1920, Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield presented a King's Colour to the Battalion, it was consecrated and deposited in the Parish Church, Halifax, the same day.

A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE REGIMENT DURING THE WAR.

In 1914, at the beginning of the War, the Regiment consisted of 7 Battalions, before the end of it there were, or had been, about 20, with an establishment of somewhere round 20,000.

The 1st Battalion who were in India when War was declared had the bad luck to have just left Ambala and the Sirhind Brigade, which went over to France in August, 1914. The Battalion had proceeded to Lahore in the Autumn of 1913, and were still there in August, 1914.

The Battalion remained in India throughout the duration of the War, and their only bit of luck as a battalion came at the end, when they took part in the Afghan Campaign.

The 2nd Battalion were at Dublin in the 13th Brigade, and went to France with the Fifth Division on August 13th, 1914, and remained in that country and Flanders throughout the war.

The 3rd Battalion mobilised on the 8th August, 1914, and, being the Special Reserve Battalion, remained in England and carried out its appointed duties of training and despatching drafts overseas.

The 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions (Territorial) in August, 1914, formed the 2nd Brigade of the West Riding Territorial Division, and after mobilising and training went to France in April, 1915, as the 1/4th, 1/5th, 1/6th and 1/7th Battalions, forming the 147th Brigade of the 49th (West Riding) Division.

They remained in France complete as a Brigade till the re-organisation of Brigades early in 1918 on the three-battalion system, when the 1/5th amalgamated with the 2/5th and joined the 186th Brigade.

In January, 1917, the 2nd lines of these four Battalions went to France, as the 186th Brigade which belonged to the 62nd (West Riding) Division. The re-organisation of Brigades affected the 186th more than the 147th, as the 2/6th went to the latter Brigade for amalgamation with the 1/6th, and the 2/7th was disbanded in June, 1918, and the 2/4th Hants. Regiment joined the Brigade.

The 3rd Line Territorial Battalions came into existence when the 1st Line went overseas, and were eventually merged into the Reserve Battalions.

The 8th (Service) Battalion was raised amongst the first of the New Army, and embarked for the Dardanelles early in August, 1915, being in the 32nd Brigade of the 11th Division. They served throughout the Gallipoli operations and then in Egypt, later proceeding to France where they arrived in July, 1916. The Battalion was disbanded in February, 1918, under the 3 Battalions to a Brigade re-organisation.

The 9th (Service) Battalion was another of the earliest New Army Battalions to be raised, they went to France in July, 1915, in the 52nd Brigade of the 17th Division, and remained there till the end of the War.

The 10th (Service) Battalion was raised in September, 1914, and went over to France in August, 1915, as a unit of the 69th Brigade which was in the 23rd Division. It remained in France till November, 1917, when they were transferred to Italy, where they remained until April, 1918 when the Battalion was disbanded.

The 11th (Service) Battalion was a unit of the 92nd Brigade, and was raised for service overseas like the remainder of the New Armies; and it was a great disappointment to the Battalion when in July, 1915, the exigencies of the Service necessitated it, with the other units of the 4th New Army, being turned into a Reserve Battalion. The Battalion was broken up on the formation of the Training Reserve, the last entry in the Army List of it as a Battalion appears in April, 1917.

The 12th (Service) Battalion, a Labour unit, was formed in May, 1916, and served in France. It was in being for just under two years.

The 13th Battalion was raised about June, 1918, in France, by the amalgamation of four Labour Companies, and formed one of the units of the 178th Brigade of the 59th Division, which was then reforming as a B I Division (namely for holding the line only). The Battalion received heavy drafts of B I men, and by a process of elimination was brought to a state of efficiency for line holding. The Battalion went into the line at the end of July, it took part in the general advance in September, and was in the front line on Armistice Day. After the Armistice the Battalion proceeded to Dunkirk, where they helped to construct and then to run a demobilisation camp. This was their last work before being disbanded.

The following books dealing specially with the doings of the various units of the Regiment during the War have been published :—

History of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, during the first three years of the Great War. By J. J. FISHER. Published by the *Halifax Courier and Guardian* in a paper cover. The book contains a lot of interesting information about the Regiment, both before and during the first three years of the War. The author had intended writing another volume, giving the story of the last part of the War. Unfortunately he died suddenly about 12 months ago.

The West Riding Territorials in the Great War. By LAURIE MAGNUS. Published by Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co. Carter Lane, E.C.

The History of the 1/4th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, 1914-19. By CAPT. P. G. BALES, M.C. Published by Edward Mortimer, Ltd., Regent Street, Halifax, and 34, Paternoster Row, London.

“*CRAVEN'S Part in the Great War.*” Compiled and edited by J. T. CLAYTON of the “*Craven Herald*” Skipton. In this book will be found an account of the doings of the 6th Battalion and others of the Regiment.