

1919 REGIMENTAL CHRONICLE
2nd Bn OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY

RECORD OF THE 2nd BATTALION 1919.

1st January 1919.—The following officers were on the strength of the 2nd Battalion, forming part of the Army of Occupation of Germany, at Stommeln :—

Headquarters.

Lieut.-Colonel R. B. CROSSE, Commanding.
Major J. J. POWELL, Second in Command,
Captain E. H. WHITFELD, M.C., Adjutant.
Captain E. J. ANDERSON, M.C., Education Officer.
Captain A. J. CHAFFEY (A.S.C.), Educational Duties.
Lieut. T. TYRWHITT-DRAKE, M.C., Scout and Bombing Officer.
Lieut. C. R. HORLEY, Lewis-gun Officer and O.C. B Company.
Lieut. P. BOOTH, Musketry Officer.
Lieut. R. A. FITZGERALD, Acting Lewis-gun Officer.
Captain L. E. W. O. FULLBROOK-LEGGATT, M.C., Demobilization Officer.
Lieut. E. H. VIGARS, D.C.M., Transport Officer.
Lieut. T. A. COFFIN, Gas Officer and Educational Duties.
Lieut. J. B. MURRAY, Pioneer Officer and Acting Town Major.
Lieut. E. K. BLYTH, Signal Officer.
2nd Lieut. C. R. CROSLEY, Intelligence Officer and Demobilization Duties.
Lieut. F. BARNES M.C., Quartermaster.
Captain W. A. TAYLOR (R.A.M.C.), Medical Officer.
The Rev. E. M. GUILFORD, B.A., M.C., Chaplain.

A Company.

Captain C. W. H. BAILIE. Lieut. P. H. R. WHITEHEAD. Lieut. A. COCKSHUT. Lieut. H. A. SMITH, M.C. 2nd Lieut. E. C. SIMMONS. 2nd Lieut. J. THORNE. 2nd Lieut. L. M. CROSFIELD.

B Company.

Captain F. D. R. MILNE, M.C. Lieut. L. W. GILES, M.C. 2nd Lieut. G. W. SHAW. 2nd Lieut. D. E. HAYMEN. 2nd Lieut. F. H. PLAISTOWE. 2nd Lieut. F. H. KNIGHT.

C Company.

Captain P. A. BOBBY, M.C. Lieut. O. H. M. STURGES. Lieut. J. P. WAYTE, M.C. Lieut. F. H. COWELL (A.S.C.) Lieut. H. E. WELLS. Lieut. R. G. P. HOWIE. Lieut. R. H. COAD, M.M.

D Company.

Captain H. S. EAGLE. Lieut. L. S. DOWSON. Lieut. R. BLACKWELL. Lieut. G. E. PEARSON. Lieut. H. VERNON. 2nd Lieut. F. C. HOLLAND. 2nd Lieut. R. M. HARMAN.

Extra Regimentally Employed.

Lieut. T. WALKER, in charge of Divisional Troop.
2nd Lieut. R. H. DALBIAC, Claims Officer, H.Q. 5th Infantry Brigade.
2nd Lieut. C. H. SHEPPARD, 5th Light T.M. Battery.

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SUMMARY OF BATTALION DIARY.

January.—The Battalion remained at Stommeln (Germany) until the 7th, carrying out Educational Training with classes in English, Drawing, Shoe-making, Tailoring, Veterinary Science, and Horseshoeing. Orders were issued that revolvers were only to be carried by officers and others armed with them when proceeding on duty beyond the bounds of the Regimental Area. By another order British troops were forbidden to purchase locally eggs, milk, sugar, meat, bacon, cheese, jam, rice, sago, and potatoes.

On the 7th the Battalion moved to Zons, and took up billets fair, but capable of improvement. Educational Training (with a definite weekly programme) was then resumed and continued until the end of the month, the remainder of the time being devoted to Military Training, sports, and recreation.

On the 25th notification was received of the award of the *Distinguished Conduct Medal* to 8214 C.-S.-M. A. SMITH, M.M. (for 1st October 1918).

It was also intimated that the late 2nd Lieut. H. A. I. B. STOKES (attached from 3rd Battalion) had been awarded the *Military Cross*.

The following changes among the officers took place this month: Captain W. A. Taylor (Medical Officer) left for demobilization, and was succeeded by Captain J. T. Bowman, D.S.O., relieved a few days later by 1st Lieut. F. L. McGahey, U.S.M.C.

On the 20th Captain P. A. Bobby, M.C., proceeded to England for demobilization, and was succeeded in command of C Company by Lieut. J. P. Wayte, M.C.

February.—This month was spent at Zons principally in carrying out Educational Training and Demobilization.

On the 19th notification was received that the Regiment would be relieved by the 6th London Regiment (Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Benson, D.S.O., late 52nd), and would in due course be reduced to Cadres A and B establishment and transferred to England.

During the month men of the Regiment who had been attached to the Divisional Band and the 5th Light T.M. Battery rejoined for duty. Changes in officers during February : Promoted Lieutenants.—C. R. Crosley, H. L. Windross, G. W. Shaw (1st February); Lieut. O. H. M. Sturges relieved Lieut. J. P. Wayte, M.C., in command of C Company (6th); Lieut. T. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.C., joined School of Instruction, Berkhamsted (10th); Captain A. J. Chaffey (attached from R.A.S.C.) to Cologne (H.Q. 2nd Army) as Provost Reinforcement Officer; 2nd Lieut. C. H. Sheppard rejoined from 5th L.T.M. Battery (18th); Major J. J. Powell to England on appointment as Adjutant, Depot, Oxford (24th).

The following notes on Demobilization have been compiled by Captain Whitfeld, M.C.: The Regiment sent its first draft for demobilization, a party of 13, from Stommeln on the 28th December 1918. One officer (2nd Lieut. H. L. Windross), however, had been recalled to the Foreign Office on the 20th November. The total number sent away during December was 15, and during January 1919 56 other ranks and two officers (Captain P. A. Bobby, M.C., and Captain W. A. Taylor (R.A.M.C.)) were demobilized

For every soldier demobilized five forms had to be completed—one in quadruplicate, two in duplicate. In addition, every man had to be measured for civilian clothes, be inspected by the Medical Officer, and obtain a certificate from his company to the effect that his clothing was serviceable.

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The parties were usually played to the station by the band, and in their rear followed the limber carrying the three days' ration which each man had to take, as well as blankets, packs, etc. The average time occupied by a party from the date of leaving the Regiment until its final dispersal was eight days. From the Regiment all drafts proceeded to Concentration Camps, either at Cologne or at Diiren, whence they were sent to the Base Ports, and on to the various Dispersal Stations in Great Britain, where all arms and equipment were handed in.

During February four officers (Lieut. Smith, M.C., Lieut. Cockshutt, 2nd Lieut. Dalbiac, and Lieut. T. Walker) and 150 other ranks were demobilized. A striking feature of the Demobilization scheme was the way in which men who joined the army in 1918 were available over the old soldiers for priority of release, because they were coal-miners, or belonged to an Agricultural Group, or were applied for as Demobilizers and Pivotal men. But all soldiers re-enlisting for the post-bellum army were given first priority of release, so that they might have their furlough and report at the end of it to the Depot. With regard to the formation of the post-bellum army, re-enlistments were for periods at 2, 3, and 4 years (i.e. up to 31st March 1922, 1923, 1924), and the following were eligible to re-enlist: Men serving on regular engagements whose term of colour-service had expired, or would expire, before 1st April 1919. Men of the New Armies and of the Territorial Force. On the 19th January the first batch were sworn in, amongst them being 2 W.O.'s, 1 C.-Q.-M.-Sergeant, and 1 Sergeant. By the 31st January 31 men had been attested, and by the 6th February the numbers had risen to 50, and later on to 75.

March 1st.—On the 1st Captain E. H. Whitfeld, M.C. relinquished the appointment of Adjutant, on completion of three years, and was relieved by Lieut. C. R. Horley. "Summer Time" came in at 23.00.

March 2nd.—Bandmaster C. B. Neville rejoined from the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion. On the 3rd, Captain F. D. R. Milne, M.C. proceeded to 5th Infantry Brigade H.Q., as acting Brigade-Major; and on the 4th, 2nd Lieut. D. E. Haymen was promoted Lieutenant.

March 16th.—The "Regiment marched via Sturzelburg to the area Delrath-Mevenheim-Uckerath, being billeted along the road through these places, and very scattered. H.Q. at Mevenheim. Lieut. Murray Town Major and Regimental Staff Officer for Civil Duties; Lieut.-Colonel Crosse "Summary Court Officer" for the new area.

Educational Training was resumed, and Demobilization continued. There were with the Regiment a certain number of men detainable in or volunteering for the Army of Occupation, and since the Regiment was to be taken out of the Army of the Rhine, these men were held in readiness for transfer to the 9th (Service) Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment (Pioneers), and during the month 160 N.C.O.'s and men were so transferred, moving by rail via Cologne, etc., to Solingen.

Six officers (Lieuts. T. A. Coffin, H. E. Wells, J. P. Wayte, M.C., C. R. Crosley, G. E. Pearson, and 2nd Lieut. L. M. Crosfield) and 129 other ranks were demobilized in March.

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Re-enlistment went on satisfactorily, 31 N.C.O.'s and men being attested this month. It had been the ambition of C.-Q.-M.-S. Dodd the Regimental Recruiting Sergeant, to witness the attestations of one hundred men, and the day he left the Regiment, to be demobilized, he saw his wish realized. His success was due not only to his enthusiasm, but also to his careful and straightforward explanations of the conditions to the young soldier; and his recruiting posters in Zons will long be remembered. The most prominent of these was worded as follows :—

LOST!
A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
REWARD
£50 AND 3 MONTH'S FURLOUGH

Of the 100 re-enlistments 57 were for 2 years, 15 for 3 years, and 28 for 4 years, the bounties being £20, £40, and £50 respectively.

April 1st.—The strength of the Regiment was now a little over 300, with the following officers: Lieut.-Colonel R. B. Crosse, D.S.O.; Captains E. J. Anderson, M.C., E. H. Whitfeld (*A/Major*), C. W. H. Bailie, F. D. R. Milne, M.C., A. J. Chaffey (*E.A.S.C., attached H.Q. 2nd Army*); Lieuts. O. H. M. Sturges (*A/Captain*), L. S. Dowson, C. R. Horley, R. Blackwell, L. W. Giles, M.C., P. Booth, H. S. Eagle (*A/Captain*), R. A. FitzGerald, L. E. W. O. Fullbrook-Leggatt, M.C. (*A/Captain*), E. H. Vigers, D.C.M., P. H. R. Whitehead (*leave*), H. Vernon, J. B. Murray, E. K. Blyth, F. H. Cowell (*R.A.S.C., leave*), R. H. Goad, M.M., G. W. Shaw (*hospital*), D. E. Haymen; 2nd Lieuts. E. C. Simmons, F. C. Holland, E. H. Sheppard, F. H. Plaistowe, J. Thorne, R. M. Harman, F. H. Knight; Lieut. and Quartermaster F. Barnes, M.C.; Captain F. L. McGahey (*Medical Corps, U.S.A.*); Rev. E. M. Guilford, M.C. (*Chaplain to the Forces*).

The Regiment had now been reorganized in two companies, A and B Companies being No. 1 Company, C and D No. 2 Company.

April 4th.—In accordance with orders received on the 2nd the following officers proceeded to England, to report to the O.C. 1st Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, Wellington Lines, Aldershot :—

Captain Bailie; Lieuts. Sturges, Dowson, Blackwell, Giles, Booth, Eagle, Goad, Vernon, Haymen; and 2nd Lieuts. Simmons, Holland, Plaistowe, Thorne, and Harman. Eight retainable men proceeded to join the 9th Gloucestershire Regiment,

April 7th-10th.—The Regiment moved to Gohr and Broich and were accommodated in very fair billets and more concentrated than formerly. On the 10th seven officers' chargers were dispatched via Cologne and Boulogne to England, to be returned to the Regiment on its arrival. No. 1 Company was now commanded by Captain E. J. Anderson, M.C., and No. 2 Company by 2nd Lieut. Knight. Captain F. D. R. Milne, M.C., and Lieut. J. B. Murray were granted indefinite leave pending orders as to posting, and the Rev. E. M. Guilford, M.C., was transferred to duty at Calais.

April 12th—30th.—On the 12th the carrying of Field Dressings was ordered to cease. On the 20th a Police Post replaced the Regimental H.Q. Guard. Ten retainable men proceeded to join the 9th Gloucestershire Regiment on the 28th, and 2nd Lieut. Knight left for demobilization.

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During the month recreation of all kinds was indulged in—sports, games, dances, whist drives, concerts, etc., 193 other ranks were demobilized, leaving only about a dozen for demobilization.

On the 30th April the strength of the Regiment was 102 other ranks and the following officers: Lieut.-Colonel R. B. Crosse, D.S.O.; Captain E. J. Anderson, M.C.; Captain (A/Major) E. H. Whitfeld, M.C.; Lieut. (A/Captain) C. R. Horley, *Adjutant*; Lieut. (A/Captain) L. E. W. O. Fullbrook-Leggatt, M.C.; Lieut. E. K. Blyth; Lieut. F. Barnes, M.C., *Quartermaster*; Captain F. L. McGahey (Medical Corps, U.S.A.), *Medical Officer*.

May 1st.—A certain amount of uneasiness at the continued delay in our move home from Gohr began to be apparent, and there did not seem to be any reason for the delay. Life was monotonous, and it was difficult to maintain profitable employment and amusement for every one. Moreover, the heat was becoming trying, and exercise had to be taken principally in the evening.

May 3rd.—The Cadre of the Regiment this day appeared in its final stage, viz. :—a very small Headquarters and one Company, the latter commanded by Captain E. H. Whitfeld, M.C. (with C.-S.-M. Lay, M.M., and C.-Q.-M.-S. Parkinson).

Every endeavour was made to keep up the semblance of the organization *as a Regiment*, in order that every one should understand that there was no question of the Regiment being broken up to start again, but that it was merely passing through a stage in the coming period of reconstruction. It was impressed upon the Cadre personnel that the future of the Regiment depended on them, as to them new-comers and recruits would turn for example, because they had been with the Regiment continuously or nearly so.

May 7th.—It was notified that in future "British Army of the Rhine" would be used in addresses, instead of "British Expeditionary Force."

May 9th.—Zons and Eschweiler were placed out of bounds. Khaki shorts were taken into wear.

May 21st.—The Cadre warned to proceed home via Duren and Antwerp, destination being Cambridge Barracks, Woolwich.

May 25th.—Captain E. J. Anderson, M.C., and billeting party proceeded to Duren.

May 26th.—The Regiment moved in two parts to billets in Duren.

May 27th.—Entrained at Duren at 2 p.m.

May 28th.—Arrived at Antwerp at 6 a.m., and went into No. 2 Camp.

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June 1st.—The Cadre of the Regiment arrived at Tilbury Docks from Germany, via Antwerp, composed of 7 officers and 75 other ranks:—

Captain and Brevet-Major R. B. Crosse D.S.O., Commanding.

Captain E. H. Whitfeld, M.C.

A/Captain C. R. Horley, Adjutant.

Lieut. L. E. W. O. Eullbrook-Leggatt, M.C., Demobilization Officer.

Lieut. E. K. Blyth, Signal Officer.

T/Lieut. F. Barnes, M.C., Quartermaster.

T/Captain E. J. Anderson, M.C., Education Officer.

Proceeded thence to Woolwich, via London, and was accommodated and rationed by Depot Royal Horse Artillery.

June 2nd.—Moved to Cambridge Barracks, Woolwich. Visited by Major-General Sir J. Hanbury Williams, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., and Lieut.-Colonel A. J. F. Eden, C.M.G., D.S.O.

June 3rd.—Lieut. (A/Captain) C. R. HORLEY awarded the *MILITARY CROSS*.

June 12th.—Proceeded to Depot, Oxford, Mobilization Stores having been handed in at Woolwich.

Civic reception by the Mayor and Burgesses of the City of Oxford. Speeches at the Station. March through City of Oxford. Lieut.-Colonel A. J. F. Eden, C.M.G., D.S.O., assumed command of the Regiment.

June 14th.—Inspection of the Regiment and Presentation of Medals by Major-General Sir John Hanbury Williams, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., Colonel of the Regiment.

June 16th.—Cadre of the Regiment, less a skeleton left to deal with administration, began 28 days' leave.

PARIS VICTORY MARCH.

July 9th.—Colour Party composed as under left the Depot for Paris :—

Lieut. (A/Captain) C. R. Horley, M.C.

Lieut. E. K. Blyth.

R.-S.-M. F. Clare, D.C.M.

R.-Q.-M.-S. A. Beare.

C.-S.-M. E. J. Smith, D.C.M., M.M.

July 10th.—Arrived Paris, and encamped at Bagatelle, in the Bois de Boulogne.

July 12th.—Practised Parade with Colours (cased) prior to Victory March.

July 14th.—Rouse 2.45 a.m. Parade 4 a.m. March to point of Assembly and Breakfast.

Preliminary Inspection by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig of British Colour Parties.

March commenced at 8.30 a.m.

British Colour Parties in Column, four Colour Parties abreast.

The Regiment between 42nd and 44th Regiments of Foot.

Colours at the carry and flying through the Arc de Triomphe, which had been closed since the 1870-1 War; Memorial of the Dead saluted; the President Monsieur Poincare

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saluted; march continued via Rue des Champs Elysees, Rue de Rivoli, Rue Royale, Place de l'Opera and Boulevards to Place de la Republique; board motor lorries and return to camp. Processional Route 6 miles.

July 16th.—Left Paris for England, via Havre.

July 17th.— Arrived Chelsea Barracks (Welch Guards).

LONDON VICTORY MARCH.

July 19th.—Victory March through London.
Memorial of Dead saluted. Colours carried from the Admiralty to Buckingham Palace. His Majesty the King took the salute at the Victoria Monument. Processional Route 6 1/2 miles.

July 21st.—Colour Party returned to Depot.

BATTALION DIARY CONTINUED:-

July 18th.—Major J. A. Ballard is appointed Second-in-Command, with effect from 1.7.19.

Officers posted as under :—

To Command Companies :—

Major A. J. N. Bartlett, D.S.O., C Company, to be known as "Major A. J. N. Bartlett's Company."

Captain J. L. Portal, D.S.O., A Company, to be known as "Captain J. L. Portal's Company."

Captain (Brevet-Major) R. B. Crosse, D.S.O., B Company, to be known as "Major R. B. Crosse's Company."

Second in Command of Companies :—

Captain E. H. Whitfeld, M.C., A Company.

Captain G. Field, M.C., B Company.

Officers above are shown in order of seniority.

Captain (Brevet-Major) R. B. Crosse, D.S.O., attached temporarily to D Company and assumed command of it ; Captain G. Field, M.C., in temporary command of Major Crosse's Company.

The following Officers proceeded to Cork on duty with a view to facilitating the absorption of the 3rd Reserve Battalion into the 2nd Battalion :—

Lieut.-Colonel A. J. F. Eden, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Captain (Brevet-Major) R. B. Crosse, D.S.O.; and later, Major A. J. R. Bartlett, D.S.O., Captain J. L. Portal, D.S.O., Captain G. Field, M.C.

July 19th. — Victory March of the Regiment, with representatives of all its Battalions, through Oxford.

Parade formed up in Parks at 11 a.m. in rain; marched off at 12.30 p.m. via Keble Road, St. Giles, Corn Market to Tom Quad at Christ Church; Mayor saluted at Town Hall. Speeches by Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Member of Parliament for University, and Major-General Sir R. Fanshawe, K.C.B., D.S.O., who commanded the parade. Dinners served at various colleges and Town Hall. The 52nd to Balliol College, entertained by Deputy Mayor and Master of Balliol. Parade dismissed after dinner.

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July 20th. — The Regiment was granted permission to wear riband of British War Medal 1914-1919.

July 24th. — Regimental Dinner 43rd and 52nd at Hyde Park Hotel. Major-General Sir John Hanbury- Williams, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., in the Chair.

July 28th.— Lieut. W. A. R. Ames rejoined the Regiment and was posted to Major R. B. Crosse's Company, with effect from 25.7.19. and Lieut. Vernon to D Company, with effect from 27.7.19.

Major R. B. Crosse took over temporary command of B and D Companies for the move to Ireland.

July 30th. — The Regiment moved from Oxford to Cork and absorbed the personnel of the 3rd Battalion from 1.8.19.

August 2nd.—Lieut. K. S. Wootten detailed for 3rd Course at Army School of Physical Training, assembling on 11th August at Aldershot.

Lieut. Dowson appointed Ammunition Officer.

August 4th.—Captain and Brevet-Major G. W. Titherington posted to C Company, with effect from 26.7.19. Captain W. E. C. Terry posted to D Company, 31.7.19. Orders received for following attached officers to proceed to India on 7.8.19 :—Lieut. R. G. Wilsden, Lieut. T. W. F. Guilford, 2nd Lieut. R. W. E. Craddock, 2nd Lieut. C. Grey, 2nd Lieut. G. W. Shelley. 2nd Lieut, E. D. Stevens proceeded for dispersal.

August 6th.—Lieut. H. V. Smith for dispersal.

August 8th/9th.—Southern District Sports Meeting :—First, 3rd Battalion Welch Fusiliers; Second, 52nd.

August 9th.—Lieut. N. G. Clarke on rejoining on 8.8.9 was posted temporarily to D Company.

August 12th.—Dispersal of Lieut. H. V. Smith cancelled.
2nd Lieut. L. R. Randall appointed Regimental Bombing Officer.

August 13th.—Lieut. C. C. Statt transferred from B to A Company.

August 14th.—Lieut. G. Kirk took over duties of Ammunition Officer.
Plain clothes allowed to be worn out of barracks by officers and warrant officers.

August 15th.—Lieut. H. M. Gray rejoined for duty and posted to C Company.
Draft of 217 other ranks for Army of Occupation in Egypt ordered to be prepared.

August 16th.—Lieut. Beckett transferred from A Company to B Company.
Lieut. Keble transferred from D to B.

August 19th.—D Company to be known as "Major H. L. Wood's Company," with effect from 1.8.19.

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August 20th.—The Egyptian draft, now reduced to 109 other ranks was inspected by the Commanding Officer.

August 21st.—Lieut. E. H. Vigars rejoined the Regiment, posted to C Company, from 20.8.19, and took over the duties of Regimental Transport Officer from Lieut. J. F. Kelly, who resigns his commission.

Lieut. J. E. Shillingford joined for duty and proceeded for dispersal.

August 22nd.—Presentation of Medals by Brig.-General J. O. Travers, C.M.G.,D.S.O., Commanding No. 2 Sub-District; C.-Q.-M.-S. North received *Military Medal*.

Lieut. E. K. Blyth and Lieut. C. B. Coleman on rejoining were posted to D Company.

August 26th.—Lieut. Blyth took over temporary duties of Regimental Anti-Gas Officer.

Lieut. H. M. Gray proceeded for dispersal.

August 27th.—Lieut. Keble and Lieut. Cummings proceeded for dispersal.

August 28th.—Captain N. W. Elliott proceeded for dispersal. Captain D. Murphy joined and posted to C Company, with effect from 28.8.19.

August 31st.—Captain P. M. Ridout (S.R.) was posted to B Company, with effect from 31.8.19. During the month several small drafts arrived from Depot.

September 3rd.—Major H. L. Wood took over his own Company (D). Lieut. G. P. B. de Pass, on arrival, was attached to A Company, and Lieut. J. Burns to C Company.

The following S.R. officers received orders to embark to join the Armies of the Black Sea on 7th inst. :—

Major A. V. Spencer, D.S.O., Captain C. A. Fowke, M.C, Lieut. R. L. McConnell, Lieut. W. A. Ramsay, Lieut. W. A. Cox, Lieut. H. V. Smith, Lieut. H. Vaughan, Lieut. F. W. Taylor, Lieut. F. J. Stephens.

(Orders cancelled on 25th September and the officers demobilized.)

September 4th.—Lieut. J. Burns for dispersal.

Lieut. Holiday took over duties of Ammunition Officer.

September 5th.—Fire at "Douglas" Mills, near Cork; about 60 men of the Regiment proceeded promptly to the scene of the fire, which had already destroyed practically the entire mills; £20 sent to the Commanding Officer by the owner of Mills in recognition of services rendered; this was divided amongst the men, who received the sum of 6s. 8d. each.

The following Officers from Sandhurst arrived and were posted as shown against their names :—

2nd Lieuts. D. E. B. Manning (B), J. B. Jarvis (B), J. E. Dunbar-Kilburn (A), E. A. Oakeley (A).

September 10th.—2nd Lieut. E. C. Simmons proceeded on leave prior to attending Course at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, on 22.9.19 (6 weeks' course).

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September 11th.—The Colours of the 3rd Battalion were moved to Depot, Oxford. Lieuts. Ramage and Rowbotham for dispersal.

September 12th.—Major Ballard assumed temporary command of Regiment during Lieut.-Colonel Eden's absence on leave.

September 13th.—Captain E. N. C. Woollerton for dispersal.
2nd Lieut. J. S. Forbes arrived and was attached to C Company.

September 15th.—Classes for 1st Class Education Certificates commenced : about 20 Candidates.
2nd Lieut. P. T. Sears for dispersal.

September 17th.—Lieut. L. W. G. Lome for dispersal.
Raid on *Cork Examiner* Offices, Lieut. A. S. Holiday with 20 men assisting the police.
The *London Gazette* of this date contained the following : "Lieut.-Colonel A. J. F. Eden, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Colonel, seniority from 3.6.19."

September 18th.—Orders for Egyptian Draft cancelled, thereby affecting some 109 (previously 217) men who had been warned for this, clothed and sent on leave, and had been waiting for orders for several weeks.

September 19th.—Lieut, and Acting Captain Horley, M.C., relinquished the acting rank of Captain (granted 1.3.19), and reverted to the permanent rank of Lieutenant.

September 20th.—2nd Lieut. J. Pickard on arrival was posted to D Company.

September 21st.—Three parties from the Regiment were sent out to help suppress "Feis" and Meetings of Sinn Feiners. Stones were thrown at one of the parties, and a man of the Regiment was hit and seriously injured. (For this he eventually received £160 compensation.)

September 25th.—2nd Lieut. Forbes for dispersal, and next day Lieuts. Perkins and Kirk.

September 28th/29th.—A Policeman having been shot by Sinn Feiners on the 28th, a party was dispatched with Royal Irish Constabulary to arrest those responsible.
Report :—

Sir,—

I have the honour to report on the proceedings of two parties under my Command, called to assist the Police in finding and arresting men in connexion with the attempted murder of 2 R.I. Constables at Berrings on 28.9.19.

The first party consisted of myself, 2nd Lieut. Manning, 2nd Lieut. Oakeley, and 20 other ranks. It paraded at 16.45 hours on 28.9.19, and proceeded in 4 Light Lorries to King Street and Union Quay Police Barracks.

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It there picked up 20 Police and went on to Ballincollig, picking up 4 Police there, and so on to Dripsey and Berrings.

It was then ordered that we should go back, as it was hopeless to do anything that night, and the Party was ordered for the next morning.

The Second Party, consisting of myself and 23 other ranks paraded here at 07.45 hours, and proceeded in 4 Light Lorries to King's Street Police Barracks. Here 20 R.I. Constables joined us, and the party proceeded to Ballincollig Police Barracks. Here we were joined by the District Inspector and continued in 3 Lorries, leaving one behind because of a breakdown, the personnel to come on later in another Lorry, ordered by telephone.

We proceeded then by Dripsey to Point 523—on Sheet 186 (Blarney)—a Cross Roads about half-mile South of Bally Cunningham; here the Police searched two houses and arrested one man, whom we took on to a house about a mile South of Barrabourin, which we searched but found nothing; this was the house of the man who did the shooting (a Captain of the Sinn Fein).

We then went on foot to a house by Kilmartin Upper which we searched and found a bandolier and water-bottle. We arrested a man here and searched another house near by. One man was seen running away and was chased by a Constable and one of our men, but without success, as he had a good start.

We then returned to the house we had previously searched and arrested one man in the Farm and two men outside, who started to run but were caught.

We then had dinners accompanied by the weepings of a dirty old woman, the mother of some of the prisoners.

We were here joined by a 3-ton Lorry, which had relieved the broken-down one, and we proceeded with the prisoners to a house between 619 and 533 (on the same road coming back).

This we raided but made no arrests, and the party proceeded to the Cross Roads previously visited, and so to Donoughmore. One house was raided on the way and various illegal documents confiscated.

A Public House was raided in Donoughmore, and the party then proceeded to a house just North of 3 Cross Roads, Point 438, about 1 mile South of Garraun North.

One house was raided on the way, and a man arrested who was in bed there. The father (a man of about 70) was considerably annoyed at his house being searched, and tried to fight: two Constables and one of his daughters pushed him out with a good deal of effort, and his movements were controlled outside by our party.

At the house described (point 436) a certain number of illegal documents and badges were found, the man being a Captain of Sinn Fein.

After this we returned to Ballincollig and dumped the prisoners there, leaving 1 light Lorry and 6 Police to bring them on to Cork.

The party returned to Cork, dropped the Police, and arrived in Barracks at 17.30 hours, where teas and dinners were provided.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Obedient Servant,

E. K. BLYTH, Lieutenant, 2nd Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

September 29th.—Railway strike in England: all leave stopped.

Lieut. Kirk and Lieut. Perkins and party of men who had proceeded for dispersal rejoined because of the strike.

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September 30th.—Lieut. J. J. Beckett to Cookery Course at Dublin.
Party of Recruits (58) under Lieut. Dowson and Lieut. Randall to Kilworth for field practices.

At the end of this month the Regiment were finding Detachments at the following places, and although on paper the Regiment was 1,050 strong, owing to duties and the unsettled state of the country training was very severely handicapped and interfered with. Demobilization of all "Derby men" was concluded during the month, only Regular soldiers and those, under certain conditions, who joined under the Military Service Act and a few volunteers being left.

Ballincollig, B Company, 1 Platoon; A Company (about 210 strong);
Macroom, 1 Platoon, A Company;
Killeagh, 1 Platoon, C Company;
Youghal, 1 Platoon, C Company.
(D Company was the Recruit Company).

October 6th.—Brevet-Major R. J. Brett rejoined and was attached to C Company, with effect from 5.10.19.

October 9th.—Lieut. D. S. L. Perkins for dispersal.
Personnel allowed to proceed on Courses, the Railway Strike being over.

October 10th.—Leave again opened.
Lieut. J. Kirk and Lieut. A. H. Dubber for dispersal.

October 11th.—2nd Lieut. W. G. Clarke took over duties of Ammunition Officer.
The following for dispersal: Lieut. F. J. Collinge, Lieut. R. F. T. Wood, 2nd Lieut. W. A. McConnell, 2nd Lieut. H. E. Ruffell, 2nd Lieut. J. Pickhard, Lieut. J. C. Cunningham.

October 12th.—2nd Lieut. D. S. Newton-King on joining was attached to C Company.

October 13th.—Lieut. R. Saintey for dispersal.

October 15th.—Lieuts. J. E. Ellis and C. B. Coleman for dispersal.
Lieut. Whitehead and Lieut. Isaac to Musketry refresher Course at School of Musketry, Ballinlinlar.
Detachments relieved by 2nd Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry returned from Ballincollig, Macroom, Youghal, Killeagh.

October 16th.—Lieut. A. S. Holiday for dispersal.
Colonel A. J. F. Eden, C.M.G., D.S.O., relinquished command of the Regiment, and Major A. J. Ballard assumed temporary command, Major H. L. Wood assuming temporarily duties of Second in Command.
Extract from Regimental Orders No. 204 (4) of 16.10.19 :—
"Colonel A. J. F. Eden, C.M.G., D.S.O., had the opportunity of speaking to the majority of the Regiment on parade on the 15th inst., but to those who were unavoidably absent he wishes the best of health and happiness both with the Colours and on their return to Civil life.

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"He asks them to constantly remember that to uphold the good name of the Regiment must be their daily endeavour, not forgetting that it is not by the partial exertions of a few, but by the united and steady efforts of all that the honour and reputation of the whole Regiment can be maintained."

2nd Lieut. W. G. Clarke was transferred from D to B Company.

October 18th.—Lieut. J. T. Craggs for dispersal.

October 20th.—Lieut. Bennett took a party to assist R.I.C. to arrest men connected with the stealing of three rifles from soldiers in a train.

October 21st.—Major R. J. Brett to temp, command of D Company.

October 22nd.—Lieut. T. E. Smith for dispersal.

October 23rd.—Lieut. F. A. Naylor for dispersal.

October 24th.—2nd Lieut. J. Thorne to be Lieutenant. Dated 24.10.19.

October 25th.—Major H. L. Wood assumed temporary Command of the Regiment during the absence on urgent private affairs of Major J. A. Ballard (25.10.19 to 29.10.19).

October 29th.—Detachment of A Company proceeded to Macroom to relieve 2nd Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry who were very weak owing to demobilization of Military Service Act men.

October 30th.—Large party of Military Service Act men demobilized. Lieut. Bennett proceeded with this party, about 56 strong, to Fovant.

Lieut. P. E. Craddock for dispersal.

Colonel A. J. F. Eden, C.M.G., D.S.O., visited the Regiment and presented a Clock to be competed for yearly, and given to the winning Platoon in the Regimental Football Competition.

November 1st.—The Regiment, which till to-day had been in No. 2 Sub-District, Southern District, is now in Cork Brigade, 6th Division, owing to change in designation.

Brig.-General Travers, C.M.G., D.S.O., relinquished Command of Cork Garrison on 1st November 1919, and Brig.-General H. W. Higginson, C.B., D.S.O., assumed Command.

November 2nd.—Lieut. E. A. Packe, D.F.C., on joining, was posted to C Company, with effect from 20.10.19.

November 5th.—Captain K. Horan, on joining, was attached to D Company.

During this week Major R. B. Crosse, D.S.O., was at the Depot, attending a conference to settle questions of cross postings of Officers and other ranks towards reorganization of the 43rd Light Infantry.

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Armistice Day: November 11th.—The Regiment assembled in the Sports Field at 11 a.m. and massed Bands played "Land of Hope and Glory," followed by "God Save the King," the Bugles sounding "Last Post."

Lieut. S. P. C. Slattery joined, and was posted to D Company.

November 14th.—Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel L. H. R. Pope-Hennessy, D.S.O., assumed Command of the Regiment, with effect from to-day.

Lieut. G. P. de Pass for dispersal.

November 16th.—2nd Hampshire Regiment arrived at Cork (Victoria Barracks)

November 17th.—Lieut. W. A. R. Ames to Hythe, Lewis Gun School.

Lieut. C. H. Murray, on joining, was attached to D Company.

November 23rd.—Five parties of the Regiment were posted at points of vantage in Cork to prevent any demonstrations being held on the occasion of the 52nd Anniversary of the "Manchester Martyrs." All was quiet. Troops out all day. Cooker went round. Regiment confined to Barracks.

November 24th.—Lieut. J. Thorne proceeds to Seaford to attend M.G. Course.

November 25th.—Lieut. C. B. Crawford, on joining, was posted to A Company.

November 26th.—Captain P. M. Ridout proceeded for dispersal.

Lieut. J. W. Shaw on joining, was posted to B Company.

Headquarters of 43rd arrived Victoria Barracks, consisting of Major Whittall M.C., and 9 other ranks.

November 27th.—Major Henley, 43rd, arrived.

Captain J. W. G. Wyld, D.S.O., M.C., on joining, was posted to D Company.

November 29th.—Lieut. E. Holt, M.C., on arrival, was attached to A Company.

The whole Regiment was confined to Barracks from 10.11.19 to 18.11.19 owing to disturbance between Civil and Military over the week-end 8.11.19 to 10.11.19, the result of the 2nd King's Shropshire Light Infantry being transferred from Fermoy to Cork. At Fermoy, when marching to Church, a party of 20 men had been attacked by Sinn Feiners, rifles taken, several men wounded and one man killed. As the result of this a considerable amount of damage was done in Fermoy to property, with the result that the Shropshire Light Infantry were moved to Cork, where feeling was very high.

Several shooting affairs took place in the streets of Cork, and the D.A.P.M. was wounded. The Shropshire Light Infantry were moved from Cork to the Curragh on 18.11.19.

December 3rd.—Lieut. R. M. Harman, on joining, was posted to A Company.

December 6th.—Lieut. F. C. Holland, on joining, was posted to D Company.

Lieut. M. G. Smith for dispersal.

December 7th.—Lieut. T. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.C., on joining, was posted to B Company.

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December 10th.—Lieut. P. Booth, on joining, was posted to C Company.

December 15th.—Brevet-Major B. J. Brett awarded D.S.O. in final list of War Honours.

December 16th.—Captain W. E. C. Terry appointed temp. Major whilst employed as President of Quartering Committee.

December 19th.—Captain Horan, Lieut. Blackwell, and 50 other ranks to Dublin escorting Sinn Feiners from Cork Male Prison.

Lieut. Eagle took over transport duties temporarily.

December 25th.—*Christmas Day.*—No Guards found by the Regiment this day. Over 200 of the Regiment were on leave.

Note.—*The 43rd and 52nd spent the latter part of 1919 in the same Barracks at Cork.*