

1923 REGIMENTAL CHRONICLE
1st Bn OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY

SUMMARY OF FIRST BATTALION DIARY.

January 1.—Lieut. E. A. Packe, D.F.C., awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours.

Captain and Bt.-Major R. J. Brett, D.S.O., attached to the Battalion on graduating at the Staff College pending Staff employment.

January 6.—2nd Lieut. E. C. Richards ceased to be attached to the Battalion on embarking for India to join the 2nd Battalion.

January 9.—Draft of 70 other ranks embarked for India to join 2nd Battalion.

Lieut. C. J. Eyston attached to the Depot for temporary duty, pending the arrival of a subaltern from 2nd Battalion.

January 24.—Major-General Sir C. D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding 4th Division, visited the Regiment.

January 29.—Draft of 19 other ranks arrived from Regimental Depot.

February 2.—Lieut. A. B. Hamilton qualified at a course at School of Education.

2nd Lieut. W. D. Dickinson, A.E.G., ceased to be attached to the Battalion.

February 15.—Draft of 16 other ranks embarked at Southampton for India.

February 20.—Lieuts. A. B. Hamilton and L. R. Randall attended an examination in Subject A for promotion.

March 1.—2nd Lieut. C. W. P. Branson joined the Battalion on appointment from the Royal Military College, and posted to "A" Company.

March 9.—Draft of 17 other ranks embarked at Southampton for 2nd Battalion.

March 21.—Major H. F. Whinney, D.S.O., O.B.E., posted to the Battalion on transfer from the Royal Fusiliers.

A draft of 18 other ranks arrived from the Regimental Depot.

March 28.—Lieut. R. H. Doyne joined on transfer and attached to "B" Company.

March 29.—2nd Lieut. J. P. A. G. Graham joined on transfer and posted to "B" Company.

April 3.—Lieut. R. D. Winsloe joined on transfer and attached to "A" Company.

April 5.—A draft of 16 recruits arrived from the Regimental Depot.

April 11.—Seven re-enlisted men arrived from the Depot.

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April 16.—Captain R. C. Loverock, D.S.O., O.B.E., 2nd Battalion, attached to the Battalion till the trooping season.

Captain L. M. E. Dent, D.S.O., attached pending absorption on ceasing to be employed as an Adjutant, Territorial Army.

April 24.—Fifteen Non-Commissioned Officers and men posted to the Battalion from the Depot on reduction of establishment, due to the reorganisation of the Depot on a headquarter and one-company basis under Army Order 99 of 1923; under which all acting Non-Commissioned Officers revert to their permanent grades.

April 28.—Captain and Bt.-Major G. E. Whittall, M.C., attached to the Battalion pending absorption on return from duty with the Sub-Commission of Ottoman Gendarmerie with effect from May 15.

May 4.—Major A. E. Sanderson, D.S.O., posted to 2nd Battalion, and to remain attached to 1st Battalion till the trooping season.

May 9.—A draft of 19 recruits arrived from the Depot.

May 10.—General Lord Horne, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command, inspected the Battalion on parade, on his relinquishing his command.
Strength on parade: 23 Officers, 8 W.O.'s, 98 N.C.O.'s, 195 Privates, 20 Boys; total, 344.

May 17.—Lieut. R. H. Doyne posted to the Depot as Assistant Adjutant.

Lieut. C. J. Eyston rejoined the Battalion on ceasing to be attached to Depot, and posted to "C" Company.

May 19.—Captain L. M. E. Dent, D.S.O., posted to the Battalion and granted leave pending retirement.

May 29.—Captain and Bt.-Major G. E. Whittall, M.C., joined and took over command of "C" Company.

May 31.—Thirty-two recruits joined from the Depot.

June 2.—Battalion paraded for the celebration of H.M. the King's Birthday.

Present on parade : 24 Officers, 7 W.O.'s, 81 N.C.O.'s, 235 Privates, 20 Boys; total, 367.

June 4.—Twenty-three Officers of the Battalion, including Major C. F. Henley, Reserve of Officers, attended His Majesty the King's Levee at St. James' Palace.

June 11.—The Inspector of Remounts inspected the animals of the Battalion.

June 21.—The following Officers posted to the Battalion:—Captain and Bt.-Major G. E. Whittall, M.C.; Captains B. Burt-Smith, M.C., E. A. Packe, M.B.E., D.F.C., and J. E. H. Neville, M.C.; Lieut. R. D. Winsloe posted to 2nd Battalion.

June 25.—2nd Lieut. R. P. Sleigh, Bucks Battalion (T.A.), attached to the Battalion for four weeks.

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July 1.—Captain C. W. H. Bailie posted to the Battalion on relinquishing Adjutancy of the Depot, and posted to "B" Company.

July 5.—The Battalion furnished a Guard of Honour of 100 rank and file with the band and buglers under Captain J. E. H. Neville, M.C., Lieut. K. S. Jefferson, and Lieut. C. A. Sawyer, with the King's Colour, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Statue of Sir John Moore and of the opening of Memorial Hall (an Officers' library) by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The Non-Commissioned Officers lined the inside of the enclosure. His Royal Highness was much gratified by the Guard of Honour, and he told the Colonel Commandant several times that he was very pleased to see such a smart and steady lot of men.

July 10.—Thirty-one recruits joined from the Regimental Depot.

July 11.—2nd Lieut. E. D. Moore, 4th Battalion (T.A.), attached to the Battalion for three weeks.

July 12.—Captain J. E. H. Neville, M.C., assumed the appointment of Adjutant, vice Captain J. J. Powell.

July 19.—Captain J. J. Powell posted to the Regiment to fill an existing vacancy.

July 20.—2nd Lieut. H. F. Parshall, Bucks Bn. (T.A.), attached to the Regiment for a fortnight.

July 23.—2nd Lieut. A. G. W. Jolliffe, unattached list (or O.T.C, candidate), reported for six weeks' attachment.

July 25.—Twenty-two recruits joined from Regimental Depot.

August 14.—Captain T. G. C. Caulfeild-Stoker attached to the Battalion pending absorption.

August 16.—Thirty-one recruits joined from the Regimental Depot.

August 21.—Colonel Commandant W. J. Dugan, C.M.G., D.S.O., carried out the Annual Inspection of the Regiment. He inspected Books, Barracks, Institutes, etc.

August 27.—Major and Bt.-Colonel A. G. Bayley, C.B.E., D.S.O., posted to the Battalion.

Captain B. H. Bonham Carter, 3-14th Punjabis, attached to the Battalion for one month.

September 3.—Major A. E. Sanderson, D.S.O., re-posted to the Battalion pending command of the Depot.

September 5.—2nd Lieut. D. M. O'Connor attached to the Battalion on first appointment pending embarkation to join the 2nd Battalion.

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September 20.—Major-General Sir C. D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., inspected the Battalion on parade to say farewell—on handing over the command of the 4th Division. Strength on parade: 25 Officers, 7 W.O.'s, 94 N.CO.'s, 353 Privates and 17 Boys; total, 496.

September 24.—Captain H. S. Eagle attached to the Battalion pending embarkation to rejoin the 2nd Battalion in India.

September 26.—Twenty-nine recruits joined from the Regimental Depot.

October 1.—2nd Lieut. D. M. O'Connor reported for attachment.

October 14.—Bt.-Colonel A. G. Bayley, C.B.E., D.S.O., reported for duty.

November 3.—Captain W. G. Tolson, M.C., attached to the Battalion on ceasing to be employed as Adjutant of the 4th Battalion.

Following Farewell Order received from Major-General Sir C. D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.:—

"On the termination of my period of command of the 4th Division, I thank all ranks in the Division and Eastern Area for their unfailing loyalty, zeal and co-operation, and I wish all Good-bye and Good Luck."

November 5.—Twelve other ranks from the 2nd Battalion arrived pending discharge.

November 28.—Captain J. J. Powell posted to the Regimental Depot, vice Captain G. Naylor, M.C., appointed Adjutant, 4th Battalion.

Draft of one Sergeant and thirty Privates, under command of Lieut. R. D. Winsloe, embarked for India to join the 2nd Battalion,

December 10.—Captain (Bt.-Major) G. E. Whittall, M.C., cross-posted to 2nd Battalion to fill an impending vacancy.

December 11.—Captain (Bt.-Major) A. C. M. Paris, M.C., attached to the Battalion.

December 19.—Captain W. G. Tolson, M.C., posted to the Battalion to fill an existing vacancy.

December 21.—Lieut-Colonel F. H. Stapleton, C.M.G., relinquished command of the Battalion, and Lieut.-Colonel (Bt.-Colonel) A. G. Bayley, C.B.E., D.S.O., assumed command in his place.