

6th Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment

Battalion War Diary July 1915 to December 1917

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CWGC CASUALTIES (before embarkation)

25/01/1915

Pte 10877 John JONES, Westleigh (St Paul) Churchyard

06/03/1915

Pte 11965 John Williams, Deepcut Military Cemetery

17/04/1915

Pte 11019 Henry ROBERTS, East Sheen Cemetery

July 1915

2nd July

MUDROS, Isle of LEMNOS

The Battalion having embarked at AVONMOUTH on the ss HMT 'AUSONIA' on 13th June 18915 arrived at MUDROS on 2nd July after an uneventful voyage. Touching at MALTA and ALEXANDRIA. The Battalion has gone into bivouacs on the slope of the hill near the village of MUDROS.

3rd July

The whole Battalion has been employed on fatigues, bringing our own and the 38th Brigade's baggage from the NEW PIER to camp since 6:00 am.

4th July

Sunday. Nothing to report.

5th July

Bn route marched 6:30 am. At 9:45 pm orders received to be prepared to move at once. Battalion ready at 11:30 pm at which time this order was cancelled.

6th July

The Battalion moved off to GALLIPOLI PENINSULA leaving LEMNOS 7:00 pm, disembarked on W BEACH.

7th July

Gallipoli

Arrived at Gallipoli at about 2:00 am, disembarked W BEACH at once. Marched to GULLY RAVINE and bivouacked there.

8th July

Battalion remained in the Gully Ravine until 6:00 pm when it moved up into the advanced trenches. The men were dispersed among the men of the 86th Brigade for instructional purposes.

9th July

The Battalion came back into reserve trenches at 5:00 pm, ESKI LINES.

10th July

The Battalion remained in ESKI LINES all day, supplying fatigues.

11th July

2:00 pm

Battalion commenced moving into the front trenches which it took over from the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers with B & C Coys. A & D Coys went into trenches with the Royal Fusiliers.

4:30 pm.

By this time the whole Battalion was in position.

Battalion still in trenches occupied on 11th. At 4:00 pm an attack by a party of Dublin Fusiliers was made in which the Battalion took no part.

5:00 pm.

After a rigorous bombardment the Right of our line held by the French (?) and some Highland troops made an advance of some distance. Battalion took no part in this operation.

13th July

Battalion still in trenches as on 12th. Nothing of note occurred. More fighting on our extreme right in which our troops apparently retired a short way.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 15730 Arthur DURHAM, Helles Memorial

Private 11230 John Thomas HENDERSON, Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery

14th July

Battalion in same trenches. Another attack was made on our extreme right and appeared successful.

15th July

A & D Coys now joined the Battalion which occupied the trenches held by the Munster Fusiliers and 1st Lancashire Fusiliers, 29th Div.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10482 Sidney Edwin BENNETT, Helles Memorial

Private 16679 Arthur COOMBES, Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery

16th July

Nothing to record.

17th July

Battalion moved out of trenches to GULLY BEACH for rest.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 15879 John PILKINGTON, Helles Memorial

Private 19423 William SIMPSON, Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles

18th July

Battalion remained in the same place as 17th

19th July

Battalion moved up at 12 noon and took over trenches of the 126th Bde, 42 Division at KRITHIA GULLY ravine.

20th July

Nothing of interest to record. Enemy trenches bombarded with H. EX. Shells by our guns at 4:40 pm for a short time.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10350 Percy Courtney PITCHER, Redoubt Cemetery, Helles

21st July

Exactly same as on 20th

22nd July
Ditto

23rd July
Ditto

24th July
Ditto

25th July
Ditto

26th July
Ditto

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10914 Richard PRESCOTT, Redoubt Cemetery, Helles

27th July
Ditto

28th July

Battalion was relieved in the trenches by Lancashire Fusiliers, TF Bde, and moved into the rest lines below ESKI LINES.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11129 James POTTER, Pieta Military Cemetery

29th July

Battalion in same trenches as on 28th and underwent a good deal of annoying shelling

30th July
Ditto

31st July

Battalion moved over to MUDROS in 2 portions at 7:45 pm & 8:15 pm embarking on Y Beach.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10922 Edward BARKER, Helles Memorial

Private 14605 Joseph CANNON, East Mudros Military Cemetery

August 1915

1st August

MUDROS

Battalion arrived MUDROS and moved into Brigade Bivouac, 1 mile S.E. Mudros

2nd August

Battalion was inspected by the GOC Brigade

3rd August

Battalion remained in bivouac

4th August

Embarked on HMT OSMANIEAH about 9:30 am and landed at ANZAC COVE at 11:00 pm and marched to VICTORIA GULLY

5th August ANZAC COVE

Quiet day. Improved terraces.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10902 James WILSON, Helles Memorial

6th August

VICTORIA GULLOY shelled from 4:45 am to 7:00am and again in the evening from 4:45 pm until after dark. 68 casualties. The Bn left bivouac at 10:45 pm and arrived at CHAILAK DERE at 4:30 am on the 7th

7th August

Advanced up the CHAILAK DERE in support of the New Zealand Army Corps.

11:00 pm Received orders to join the 39th Infantry Brigade. Arrived 2:30 am on 8th

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 11226 William HILTON, Helles Memorial

8th August

Ordered to follow Royal Warwick Regiment and to be ready to advance at 4:15 am. The rear half of the Royal Warwick Regt lost touch with leading half Bn and the Bn was still close to 39th Brigade HQ at 5:00 am.

At 9:30 am the Bn was ordered to advance up the ASHYL DERE and join in the attack. On reaching the attacking troops found that the attack had ceased shortly after dark. D Coy was sent forward to relieve the Worcester Regt and entrench. B Coy and ½ A Coy to its right & the other ½ A Coy joining up with the 10th Ghurkas. G Coy in support. The naval searchlight from one of our ships interfered with entrenching for 3 hours.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 7621 George WHITE, Alexandria Military Cemetery

9th August

At 1:30 am orders were received to creep up the hill and assault at 5:15 am. The 6th Ghurkas under Major ALLANSON & 2 Corps, 6th South Lancs Regt under his orders on our right, the whole to be in conjunction with the attack by 5 Battery Artillery bombardment 4:30 am to 5:15 am. The Bn advanced and occupied the Turkish trenches with few casualties, Unfortunately, attack by the other 5 Bns had been delayed & the Bn and the 6th Ghurkas were not able to hold on to the position won and were compelled to retire back to line held by 6th Ghurkas. 3 Coys of the Battalion held on to GHURKA HILL until relieved by the R. Warwick Regt. When the companies returned to the regiment line. 1 Coy remaining in support of R. Warwick regt.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Pte 11242 John ACKERS
Pte 15714 Alfred Edward ASTLEY
Lance Corporal 10608 Thomas BENION
Pte 13032 William BENNETT
Lance Serjeant 11580 Joseph BRANNON
Corporal 10646 Joseph BRODIGAN
Pte 10798 Edward CAFFREY
Pte 14339 Frederick CORNS|
Pte 11326 Daniel DOYLE
Pte 11257 John EVANS
Serjeant 10832 Edward FOX
Pte 15717 Charles HIGGINS
Pte 10611 James HILL
Pte 16658 Alfred HOLTON
Pte 11258 Henry HOWARD
Pte 10618 John HUGHES
Lance Corporal 10311 Ernest JAMES
Pte 12842 John Henry JONES
Pte 15905 Alfred LONG
Second Lieutenant Henry LONGBOTTOM
Pte 11083 Frederick John MASON
Pte 14645 Fred McNEILL
Pte 10602 Harry MOLYNEAUX
Second Lieutenant Walter Bassett MORGAN
Pte 11166 William Edward PICTON
Corporal 16663 Thomas ROBERTS
Pte 11012 James SCHOFIELD
Lieutenant Gilbert SHUFFREY
Pte 13911 Robert SNAPE
Corporal 11071 Samuel WALKER
Corporal 11093 Henry WINSTANLEY

All of the above casualties from 9th August are commemorated on the Helles Memorial

Pte 11699 Sam TOMLINSON, Basra Memorial
Pte 12026 Arthur STANTON, Port Said War Memorial Cemetery
Pte 11829 Thomas John SWAIN, Port Said War Memorial Cemetery

10th August

The Turks bombed the position held by the R. Warwick Regt. All the night and at 3:00 am opened a heavy rifle fire. No attack was made then but at 4:45 am a strong attack was made and the enemy was able to occupy the hill to the left of that held by the Bn and to bring enfilade fire to bear with M.G.'s. Two companies supporting the R. Warwick Regt. On GHURKA HILL and two companies extended the line to the left. Two M.G.'s and twenty men in a redoubt were able to prevent the enemy advancing round our left flank. The Bn suffered very heavy casualties and at 10:00 am it was decided to withdraw to the second line. The Ghurkas retired first and at 10:30 the Bn retired gradually to the second position. Few casualties during actual retirement.

The Bn had suffered very heavy casualties during the two days fighting. The M.G. Section under Lt VAN DER VALLE rejoined from the redoubt after dark.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 12274 James ANDREWS, Helles Memorial
Private 10959 Frank ANTROBUS, Helles Memorial
Private 15886 James ARROWSMITH, Helles Memorial
Private 11513 Walter ASHCROFT, Helles Memorial
Private 10984 William ASHTON, Helles Memorial
Serjeant 11877 William BAKER, Helles Memorial
Private 11341 Samuel BEBBINGTON, Helles Memorial
Private 15736 John BRAMHALL, Helles Memorial
Private 11090 Thomas BUNN, Helles Memorial
Private 16379 James BURKE, Embarkation Pier Cemetery
Private 11146 Richard CAIN, Helles Memorial
Private 12455 James CALLAGHAN, Helles Memorial
Private 12484 John James CARMICHAEL, Helles Memorial
Private 12151 Nicholas CARNEY, Helles Memorial
Private 10943 John Robert CHAPMAN, Helles Memorial
Private 10767 William COGHLIN, Helles Memorial
Serjeant 10458 Martin CONNOR, Helles Memorial
Private 15768 James Napier Poole COOPE, Helles Memorial
Private 12387 William CRESSER, Helles Memorial
Private 16386 Edward CUPITT, Helles Memorial
Private 10545 Fred DAVIES, Helles Memorial
Private 12335 William DAVIES, Helles Memorial
Private 11680 Thomas DOUGHERTY, Helles Memorial
Private 11013 Wilfred DUNKERLEY, Helles Memorial
Private 10475 James ELLIOTT, Helles Memorial
Private 15770 Herbert Ernest FAIRBARD, Helles Memorial
Private 15745 John FAIRHURST, Helles Memorial
Private 12533 Samuel FINNEY, Helles Memorial
Private 13009 George GORDON, Helles Memorial
Private 10390 John GRATTON, Helles Memorial
Private 15791 Edward GREENWOOD, Helles Memorial
Corporal 11551 George GRIFFITH, Helles Memorial
Private 11299 Joseph HALSALL, Helles Memorial
Private 11493 Thomas HALSALL, Helles Memorial
Private 15675 Alfred HAWKINS, Helles Memorial
Private 12615 Samuel Thomas HEYES, Helles Memorial

Private 13138 Anthony HIGH, Helles Memorial
Private 10452 John Hollins HITCHINSON, Helles Memorial
Private 12889 Patrick HUGHES, Helles Memorial
Private 10633 Charles JOHNSON, Helles Memorial
Serjeant 10835 William JOHNSON, 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery
Private 11953 Amos JONES, Helles Memorial
Private 11096 William KNOTT, Helles Memorial
Private 10810 James KNOWLES, Helles Memorial
Corporal 10836 John LARKIN, Helles Memorial
Private 15790 William LEE, Helles Memorial
Lance Serjeant 11794 William John LITTLE, Helles Memorial
Private 11627 Henry MADDISON, Helles Memorial
Private 2485 Charles MITCHELL, Basra Memorial
Private 14549 Daniel MOLLOY, Helles Memorial
Private 19422 James MONKS, Helles Memorial
Private 11319 Bernard MOORE, Helles Memorial
Lance Corporal 11597 Rodger MURRAY, Helles Memorial
Private 10539 Ralph NORMAN, Helles Memorial
Lance Corporal 11686 Edward ONEILL, Helles Memorial
Lance Corporal 10517 Patrick Bernard OREILLY, Helles Memorial
Private 11881 James PENDLEBURY, Helles Memorial
Private 12483 Robert PLANT, Helles Memorial
Private 10999 John William POMFRET, Helles Memorial
Private 10895 Albert RADLEY, Helles Memorial
Private 11185 John Robert RAFTERY, Helles Memorial
Private 11003 Ralph RAINFORD, Helles Memorial
Private 10320 Joseph REVILLE, Helles Memorial
Private 10432 Edward RILEY, Helles Memorial
Serjeant 10513 John Whitfield ROBERTS, Helles Memorial
Private 10436 Herbert Cecil ROBINSON, Helles Memorial
Private 13038 James ROTHWELL, Helles Memorial
Private 11342 William SEDDON, Helles Memorial
Serjeant 10499 Ernest William SEELEY, Helles Memorial
Private 15972 John SHARPLES, Helles Memorial
Lance Corporal 10754 James SHUTTLEWORTH, Helles Memorial
Corporal 11593 James SKELLY, Helles Memorial
Private 10862 Samuel SMALE, Helles Memorial
Private 11363 David SMITH, Helles Memorial
Private 11082 Percy SMITH, Helles Memorial
Private 11440 Joseph STOWELL, Helles Memorial
Private 11692 Daniel TAYLOR, Helles Memorial
Private 11080 Robert Eden TAYLOR, Embarkation Pier Cemetery
Private 15739 Thomas THOMAS, 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery
Private 10890 Thomas THOMASON, Helles Memorial
Private 11032 John THOMPSON, Helles Memorial
Private 11634 Peter TWIST, Helles Memorial
Private 19450 Walter WALKER, Helles Memorial
Private 11173 Joseph WALLWORK, Helles Memorial
Private 15660 Martin WALSH, Helles Memorial
Private 10362 Richard Hamblett Warburton, Helles Memorial

Private 16061 John WESTERMAN, Helles Memorial
Private 12194 Joseph WHELAN, Helles Memorial
Private 14710 Henry WHITE, Helles Memorial
Private 10937 William WILDMAN, Helles Memorial
Private 10838 John WILDSMITH, Helles Memorial
Captain Herbert Jocelyn Ussher WILKINS, Helles Memorial
Lieutenant George Henry WILLIS, 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery
Corporal 10321 Thomas WRIGHT, Helles Memorial

11th August

Major G MOTT took over command of the Battalion also of the R. Warwick Regt. Lt-Col H K WOODS invalided. The Battalion took over the line held by the 14th Sikhs.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 6092 Francis William DOBSON, Helles Memorial
Private 11392 Alfred VALENTINE, Helles Memorial

12th August

Consolidation position. Water very scarce. Major fever. Cheshire Regiment arrived and took over the R. Warwick Regt.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 15646 Edward BANKS, Helles Memorial
Private 12534 Robert HUMPHREYS, Helles Memorial
Private 10930 James WILMAN, Helles Memorial

13th August

Brig. Gen LAYLEY inspected the trenches

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 16669 William EARL, Helles Memorial
Private 12374 John GILL, Helles Memorial
Private 11458 Patrick McNALLY, Portianos Military Cemetery
Private 12695 William RIDGWAY, Helles Memorial

14th August

Bn took over Connaught Rangers trenches in addition

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 13923 Thomas BELL, Helles Memorial
Private 15787 George COLLIER, Portianos Military Cemetery
Private 15735 Fred KIERNAN, Helles Memorial
Private 12804 George MORRISON, Pieta Military Cemetery

15th August

Enemy fired on Communication Trench with (illegible) fire and MG causing some casualties.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10820 Alfred AGGER, Helles Memorial

16th August
Quiet

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11365 James KILGALLEN, East Mudros Military Cemetery

Private 11109 Thomas ODDIE, Helles Memorial

17th August

Two drafts arrived bringing strength of Bn to 450 (1st reinforcement from MUDROS and a draft from ENGLAND)

Relieved by Connaught Rangers at 8:00 pm

Battalion went into rest gully arriving at 11:00 pm

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 12575 Evan HALSALL, Portianos Military Cemetery

Private 11735 Walter SAXON, Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery

18th August

In REST GULLEY

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 12862 William GIBBS, Pieta Military Cemetery

19th August

Relieved King's Own R L Regt in trenches right section on the ARGYL DERE

20th August

Party of 50 lent to RE rejoined

CWGC CASUALTIES

L/Cpl 3055 James BURGESS, Helles Memorial

Private 11307 James LEDGER, Helles Memorial

21st August

The Battalion employed to use covering fire in support of 6 Corps

22nd August

Three officers from the Ceylon Planters Rifles joined

23rd August

2 Lt ASHTON (?) rejoined

24th August

Bn relieved by R. Warwick Regt. and went into Brigade Reserve

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10488 Henry NORRIS, Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery

25th August
Bn in Brigade Reserve

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11339 Thomas FINNEY, Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery

26th August
Bn in Brigade Reserve

27th August to 31st August

The command of the Battalion was taken over from Major G MOTT (invalided) by Major FAIRLIE, Loyal North Lancs Regiment, and the Bn became a 'consolidated' battalion with the 6 LNLR

Casualties during August 1916

Officers:

Killed - Major H J USSHER WILKINS, Lieut G H WILLIS, 2/Lt W MORGAN.

Wounded and missing, believed killed - Lieut Shullery

Missing, believed killed - Lieut Longbottom

Wounded - Capt JM BIRCH, Capt COTTONS, Capt JARVIS, Lieut T R FAULKNER, Lieut G HUGHES, Lieut & QM FOWER (?), 2/Lieut VOLEKER, Lieut NAYLOR, Capt E MARSH, Adjt.

Other Ranks: Killed, wounded and missing, Approx 500. Note, Strength August 1st, Approx 700

CWGC CASUALTIES

Corporal 15674 Charles TANDY, 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery (27th August)

Private 12848 John BAILEY, Helles Memorial (28th August)

Corporal 10329 John Samuel HAYES, Pieta Military Cemetery (29th August)

September 1915

1st September to 3rd September

The Battalion during this time was attached to the 6th Loyal North Lancs Regiment with whom it comprised a composite battalion. Draft, 10 officers, 98 men.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11872 Richard Thomas DOWELL, Pieta Military Cemetery (1st September)

Private 10480 Martin KING, Helles Memorial (1st September)

Private 10481 William McNeill, Helles Memorial (1st September)

Private 12556 James CAVANAGH, Helles memorial (2nd September)

Serjeant 8381 James HOLLAND, Green Hill Cemetery (2nd September)

Private 18029 James MILLS, Pieta Military Cemetery (2nd September)

Private 12774 George Ernest SHAW, Lala Baba Cemetery (2nd September)

Serjeant 7956 Henry Leonard MOORE, Helles Memorial (3rd September)

4th September to 21st September

The composite battalion was relieved by 6th Scottish Horse and marched to GHAZI BABA during which period two drafts arrived, strength 1st 60 men, 2nd 91 men

During this period the battalion was engaged in digging and road construction fatigues, the somewhat ??? training of Battalion bombers and machine gunners, whose numbers were somewhat reduced from the previous month's fighting. On the 10th September, Major F H CHARLTON arrived and took over command of the Battalion which on that date ceased to be a composite Bn with 6 Loyal North Lancs Regiment.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11882 William ISHERWOOD, Widnes Cemetery (6th September)

Corporal 11127 Thomas CLEGG, Manchester Southern Cemetery (11th September)

L/Cpl 10923 John SCOTT, Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery (11th September)

21st September

Shelled by enemy artillery. Casualties 3 killed, 4 wounded

22nd September to 29th September

The Btn enjoyed in fatigues, mostly night digging of communication trenches. Machine Gun & Bomb Throwing training was possible during these days. On the 29th, one officer and 49 men arrived from England. Casualties during these days, 8 wounded.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 12247 Frank HIGGINS, Hill 10 Cemetery (22nd September)

Private 16403 John MALEY, Hill 10 Cemetery (22nd September)

Private 11768 William GRAINGER, Helles Memorial (24th September)

Private 10825 William John CORRIGAN, St Helens Cemetery (28th September)

29th September to 30th September

Btn moved to local reserve of 30th Brigade and on the 30th took up section of 13th Division Line from N.E. of CHOCOLATE HILL and in front of SCIMITAR HILL.

October 1915

1st October

All quiet. Occasional sniping by the enemy and our own troops.

2nd October to 3rd October

Sniping, only by enemy. Patrols out at night

4th October

Enemy bombarded our trenches at 9:20 am for half an hour. Casualties, 3 wounded.

5th October

Draft 3 officers and 97 men from England.

All quiet, sniping only by the enemy and our own troops

6th October

3 officers joined from England

7th October

3 officers, 150 other ranks arrived

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 19526 James FLOOD, Helles Memorial

8th October to 14th October

All quiet. Our own patrols out every night. Nothing of importance to report. Casualties during this period, 1 killed, 2 wounded.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 18866 Ernest FLOWERS, Pieta Military Cemetery (10th October)

14th October to 23rd October

Patrolling by night, building of new trenches and improvements of existing ones proceeded with. Training of Btn Bombers, Machine Gunners, Wire Workers & Snipers carried on by classes. Casualties during this period, 1 killed, 3 wounded, From the 19th to 24th Enemy Artillery increasingly active.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 12161 William O'CONNOR, Helles Memorial (16th October)

Private 19319 Vincent MERRICK, Addolorata Cemetery (21st October)

24th October

1 Officer 40 Other Ranks (all wounded & sick from hospital) now rejoined fir from MUDROS. Weather from 14th to 24th unsettled, cold & fine intervals also some rain.

25th October

All quiet

CWGC CASUALTIES

L/Cpl 11376 John GRUNDY, Helles Memorial

26th October

Enemy shelled our section of the line in the evening. No casualties.

27th October

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10324 Isaac HARRISON, Green Hill Cemetery

Private 17400 Harold LOMAS, Green Hill Cemetery

Cpl 621 Thomas TOPHAM, Green Hill Cemetery

28th October

AT 7:30 in the morning, the enemy artillery briskly shelled the support & fire trenches on our front. This firing culminated in a short but violent bombardment with shrapnel shell at 11:45 am. The bombardment ceased at midday. Casualties, 3 killed, 14 wounded. 48 shells were counted in 10 minutes on one sector of our support line which is at that point only 30 yards in length. During the past week the enemy have been searching the dead ground behind our lines with heavy artillery fire. No damage done and no casualties sustained. Weather today fine and warm.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 15776 James BRENNAN, Hill 10 Cemetery

29th October

All quiet. Lieut. B BAYSPOOLE, 10th Bedfordshire Regt (attached) slightly wounded.

30th October

On the night of the 29th-30th October a patrol of the 2 East Lancashire Regt reported a large body of the enemy massing in the low ground in front of CHOCOLATE HILL. Necessary precautions taken but the movement did not materialise.

31st October

All quiet. Casualty, 1 wounded.

November 1915

1st November to 2nd November
SUVLA, Turkey
All quiet. Casualty, 1 wounded

3rd November
Enemy Heavy Artillery shelled the section of the line held by us during the afternoon. At 9:30 pm the shelling again opened and continued until 11:00 pm. No damage done. No casualties. During the night 3rd-4th November the Regiment supplied a covering party to the Brigade while a new forward trench was in course of construction. Major F N CHARLTON promoted Lieut-Col.

4th November
All quiet. Casualties in covering party reported, 2 wounded

5th November
Enemy Heavy Artillery again shelled the section of the line held by us with guns of 8 inch calibre for 2 hours commencing at 4:00 pm. No casualties and only superficial damage to trenches. About 25% of shells used were defective & did not burst.

6th November
All quiet. Weather from 1st to 6th fine, cold and clear.

7th November
Enemy Heavy Artillery again active. Casualties, 2 wounded.

8th November
All quiet on our front

9th November
One Company of the Battn occupied the new forward trench. Casualties, 2 killed

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 13165 Henry WELSH, Helles Memorial

10th November
Enemy Heavy Artillery shelled our sector of the line for one hour commencing at 9:00 am. No damage done, No casualties. Casualties from general causes, 8 wounded. Officer Patrols out nightly. Continuation of wire fixing on our front.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10658 Thomas YATES, Green Hill Cemetery

11th November to 15th November
All quiet. Weather changeable. Gales & storms at intervals.

16th November
Enemy shelled our sector of the line at 4:15 pm for 20 minutes. Casualties, 4 wounded. Capt. C R ATLEE rejoined from MUDROS.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10772 Alfred John CLEAVER, Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery

17th November

All quiet. Strong S.E. gale, some rain

18th November to 25th November

Nothing to report on our front. Casualties from shell fire during this period, 3 wounded.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Cpl 2887 Thomas FOX, Hill 10 Cemetery

26th November to 27th November

On the night of 26th/27th a violent thunderstorm accompanied by very heavy rain commenced at about 6:00 pm. By 11:00 pm trenches were knee deep in water. Drainage at once proceeded with and trenches practically free of water by morning. On the 27th the rain ceased and the temperature dropped below freezing point. As the men were drenched this caused great distress in all ranks. The situation however was taken in hand by the Officers & a serious state of affairs prevented by the immediate construction of braziers from old biscuit tins and fires & hot meals were soon got going. No deaths from exposure occurred in this Battn. The temperature remained below freezing until the 30th.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 18145 Samuel Henry SANDALL, Helles Memorial

28th November to 29th November

The cheerfulness of all ranks during this extremely trying period was most notable and prevented the morals of the Battn suffering in any way.

30th November

All quiet

December 1915

1st December 1915 to 3rd December 1915

The Battn engaged on digging a new defensive works North of CHOCOLATE HILL. On Dec 1st a draft of 2 officers and 96 other ranks arrived from LEMNOS. Occasional shelling during this period. Casualties, 1 officer wounded, 2 other ranks killed and seven wounded.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 17901 Edmund DEWETT, Green Hill Cemetery (2nd December)

L/Cpl 18226 John SWANN, Helles Memorial (2nd December)

Pte 18594 Thomas STALLARD, Hill 10 Cemetery (3rd December)

4th December

Casualties, 4 wounded

5th December

2 Lieut. N B SAUNDERS, K.S.L.I. Regt (attached) wounded in night patrol. Our trenches were briskly shelled with shrapnel at 12:50. No casualties.

6th December

Draft 1 Officer, 98 Other Ranks arrived from LEMNOS

7th December

At 4:45 pm a howitzer using shrapnel shelled our new forward trench for half an hour. Casualties, 1 killed, 3 wounded. One officer of the R.E. in our trench at the time was wounded. 1 Officer, 1 man arrived from England

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 7681 William KINSELLA, Helles Memorial

8th December to 9th December

All quiet. Casualties 2 wounded

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 16175 William DONOVAN, Pieta Military Cemetery (9th December)

10th December

B Company under Capt ATLEE left for LALA BABA to construct defensive works there. Increased enemy sniping.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 3401 Joseph SHEEN, Addolorata Cemetery

11th December to 15th December

All quiet. During this period our artillery nightly shelled the enemy who usually replied by firing at our part of the line. Their night firing was erratic. And the shells used did not burst with any degree of regularity. The defensive works at CHOCOLATE HILL were proceeded with.

16th December

All quiet. Casualties, 1 wounded. B Company returned from LALA BABA defences.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 17089 George McARTHUR, Helles Memorial

17th December

1 man killed by enemy sniper.

During the period December 1st to December 18th, the preliminaries of the evacuation of SUVLA BAY and ANZAC were carried out. This consisted of the evacuation of surplus ammunition, kits, water carts, stores, etc. etc. Patrolling during this period was vigorous and constant and in the latter part of it, one or two large bodies of the enemy were encountered, evidently a covering party to a digging party. The wire on our front was considerably strengthened and mines laid out and made active until the night of the 17th December.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 19167 William KAVANAGH, Pieta Military Cemetery

18th December

On the night of the 18th-19th December 1915, the first party (as per attached orders) left under Capt (illegible) and embarked on the s.s. "Princess Ena" proceeded to LEMNOS, transferred to HMS SWIFTSURE and disembarked on the 19th December & proceeded to 13th Divn Camp PORTIANIS and LEMNOS.

19th December

On the night of the 19th/20th the period of final evacuation was completed, the parties moving off as follows (strength of companies shown in attached orders).

1st Party under Capt C R ATLEE proceeded to LALA BABA to man the last line known as the LALA BABA defences. Party left front line at 5:30 pm.

2nd Party under Capt H H DOUGLAS-WITHERS left at 7:45 and embarked at 10:00 pm on the s.s. "Osmania", left the GALLIPOLI PENINSULA at 3:00 am Dec 20th, proceeded to IMBROS, disembarked and assembled with Battn.

3rd Party under Capt J M BIRCH with 50 all ranks were the last to leave the front line and embarked on HMT "Princess Irene", proceeded to IMBROS to place of assembly of Battn.

Capt C R ATLEE's party after remaining in the LALA BABA defences until the evacuation was complete then embarked his party on HMT "Princess Irene" and proceeded to IMBROS to place of assembly.

20th December

IMBROS

The Battalion remained at IMBROS on bivouac during the morning and embarked on the "Hunts Green" at 2:00 pm.

21st December

On board the HUNTS GREEN

The Hunts Green proceeded at dawn to LEMNOS

22nd December

The Battn disembarked and proceeded to PORTIANIS Camp

CWGC CASUALTIES

L/Sjt 11350 James BRIDGE, Pieta Military Cemetery

23rd December to 31st December

The Battn remained in camp during this period. The evacuation of the Battn from the GALLIPOLI PENINSULA was completed without a hitch or a casualty of any description. On the 23rd, a draft of 1 officer and 25 men joined from the Base Detail Camp.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 16226 Thomas PENDLEBURY, Leigh Cemetery (28th December)

January 1916

1st January to 18th January

The Battalion remained in Rest Camp at PORTIANIS, LEMNOS. On the 7th & 8th the Brigade were under orders to move to HELLES (during the period of final evacuation) at 20 minutes notice if required.

18th January

Lt Col Charlton, 5 officers and 500 other ranks embarked on HMT HORORATA. Capt. H H Douglas, further 25 officers and remainder of Btn embarked on HMT TUNISIAN.

22nd January

The Btn went into standing camp at PORT SAID, EGYPT.

22nd January to 31st January

The Btn remained at PORT SAID.

CWGC CASUALTIES

CQMS 11077 Edwin Davis COLLIER, Pieta Military Cemetery

February 1916

2nd February

Port SAID

Capt H H Douglas-Withers took over command of the Btn via Lt-Col F H Charlton proceeding on leave to England. 3 other officers also proceeded on leave to ENGLAND.

3rd February

The 13th Division was inspected by Lt-Gen Sir A J MURRAY, Commander in Chief of the forces in EGYPT. The Btn as a unit of the division took part in this parade.

4th February to 13th February

During this period the Btn under orders for MESOPOTAMIA continued to train & refit at PORT SAID. Picquets were furnished at intervals for the SUEZ CANAL defences.

14th February

The Btn entrained at SUEZ in two parties as follows; 1st Party Capt H H Douglas Withers, the Btn less 5 officers 250 men and MG Section. 2nd Party Capt C R Attlee, 4 officers 250 other ranks & MG Section. On arrival at Suez both parties detrained & the Btn embarked on HMT IONIS. The GS lumber wagons & heavy baggage embarked at PORT SAID on HMT CORSICAN. Orders issued for the move.

15th February

HMT IONIC sailed from SUEZ.

15th February to 25th February

At sea. During this period training was continued by sections to officers and men daily & physical drill for all ranks. Rifles were withdrawn and placed in the ships armoury under the Btn Armourer Sgt for inspection & repair. MG training was continued and a short course fired.

25th February

Arrived KUWAIT

27th February

HMT ELEPHANTA came alongside and transfer of baggage etc commenced.

28th February

Sailed in HMT ELEPHANTA, sailed for BASRAH

29th February

Arrived BASRAH. Remained on board.

March 1916

1st March

On Board HMT ELEPHANTA

2nd March

Moved up river to MAGIL and berthed.

3rd March

Btn engaged clearing baggage from HMT ELEPHANTA

4th March

Btn disembarked and re-embarked in two parties;

1st. The Bn (less one company) Capt. H H Douglas-Withers commanding, plus ½ MG Section

2nd. Capt C R Atlee, B Coy, Reg. Transport and ½ MG Section

1st Party on BLOSSE LUNCH, 2nd Party on launch P2. The second party sailed at 5.30 pm

5th March

BLOSSE LUNCH sailed and reached KURNAH by nightfall. D Coy formed outposts.

6th March

Tied up to river bank. C Coy formed outposts. 1 man drowned

CWGC CASUALTIES

Lance Corporal 11015 Patrick Craig, Basra Memorial.

7th March

Arrived AMARA, took in supplies.

10th March

Arrived SHEILH SAAD. Bivouacked in perimeter camp.

March 11th

Moved into brigade Camp

12th March to 16th March

Btn engaged in fatigues & training when possible. Training of specialists continued. On the 14th, Lieut.-Col. F H Charlton rejoined & took over command of the Bn. Heavy rains and floods during this period. River Tigris rose rapidly but did not overflow.

17th March

On the night of the 17th/18th March the Bn formed 2 Companies for outpost duty.

18th March

At 3 am A & D Companies took part in a reconnaissance in force 7 miles due east of SHEIKH SAAD in the direction of UMM EL BRAM. The remainder of the Btn remained on outpost duty until the return of the column at 11 am. The column consisted of GOC 13th Div. Commanding, 1 Battery RFA 38th Brigade, 1 Sqn Light Cavalry.

No Casualties

19th March

Strong S.E. Gale, some rain

20th March

All quiet. Bn received orders to march to WADI CAMP next day (9 miles)

21st March ^t

The 38th Bde moved to WADI CAMP at 9.30 am from SHEIKH SAAD after being addressed by Major-Gen F S Maude, CB, CMG, DSO. Arrived at WADI CAMP around 2 pm. The Bn supplied 1 Company ('C') & three posts for outpost duty moving into position at 4.30 pm. Weather cool & cloudy. Baggage proceeded by barge up river.

22nd March to 25th March 25th

The Bn was engaged in training, brigade Training, training of bombers & specialists. Large fatigue parties were employed repairing the bund on the right bank of the Tigris. One company nightly manned the section of the perimeter held by the Regt.

26th March

The CO, Adjt & Coy Commanders visited the trenches in the HANNAH position on the left bank of the Tigris and carried out a reconnaissance of the enemy position at this point.

27th March

Quiet. Enemy aircraft over the camp at 7.30 am

28th March

Quiet. CO, Adjt & Coy Commanders visited SHEIKH SAAD to attend Divisional conference.

29th March

Quiet

30th March

Quiet

31st March

2nd in command & Coy Commanders visited HANNAH POSITION trenches & allotted Btn tranches, HE, Dressing Stations, etc. Rain during day.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Lance Corporal 17830 Fred HERBERT, Wandsworth Cemetery

April 1916

1st April

Heavy rain

2nd April

Hannah Position

The regiment moved to the UM EL HANNAH at dusk and occupied position allotted to them under the Brigade North of the position.

3rd April

Preparation for the assault on the UM EL HANNAH put in progress

4th April

Arrangements for assault completed. The Battalion moved into the third line in accordance with plans of GOC, 38th Infy brigade. A quiet night.

CWGC CASUALTIES

2/Lt Henry Nicholson LECHLER

2/Lt Harold WAKEFORD

2/Lt Edward Geoffrey WAUGH

All remembered on the Basra memorial

5th April

At 4.55 am the assault on the HANNAH POSITION took place and the 1st line was taken by the Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regt, the second by the East Lancs Regt. While this operation was in progress the third line was heavily bombarded, on the fire lifting the regiment advanced and occupied the third line. CWGC Casualties which were very slight were as follows; Capt C R Attlee and 2/Lt W S Ireland wounded and about 18 OR wounded. these being caused mostly by our own men pushing on into our own barrage. By 7 AM the whole of the HANNAH POSITION was in our hands, a few prisoners were taken, and a number of Turkish dead found, the remainder falling back to the FALAHIYEN position. At 11 am the Regiment took up a line with its left on the 40th brigade and its right on the East Lancs.

During the movement the regiment was shelled by 2 small guns. The line was due N and S about 500 yards W of PETRES POINT. A line was entrenched under distant rifle fire about 1400 yards from the enemy who had held the 40th Brigade up and caused them a number of CWGC Casualties. At about 1.30 pm the Kings Own Rifle Regt and Loyal North Lancs pushed on another 400 yards and entrenched. The assault on FALAHIYEN position was ordered for 7.35 pm.

The artillery bombardment commenced at 7 pm and was most intense. The Btn moved forward third in order under severe rifle fire. There was perfect steadiness and order. By 9 pm the position was in our hands; the fact that 3 officers and 23 men of "A" Coy were found dead just in front of the enemies trenches testified to the intensity of the Turkish fire. The division was relieved by the 7th Division and went into bivouac at FALAHIYEN.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 16668 James ARCHBOLD

Serjeant 11791 Edmund BALMER

Private 12607 Henry CORR
Lance Corporal 10185 Edward CULLEY
Private 17726 Leonard DAVIES
Private 18896 Thomas William FARNELL
Private 10737 Joseph FENTON
Private 16651 Archibald FURY
Private 2372 James HEWITT
Private 18777 George HIGHAM
Private 10620 Michael HOWARD
Private 17762 John HYNES
Private 11411 Walter ISHMAEL
Private 11406 John William LUCK
Private 18107 George MAIDEN
Private 12882 Frederick McCABE
Corporal 19007 Joseph McDOWELL
Lance Corporal 11281 Thomas MITCHELL
Private 19426 Michael MONAGHAN
Private 17777 Edwin MORRIS
Private 18817 Ernest MOTT
Private 19340 Lewis NAYLOR
Private 300 Joseph O'BRIEN
Private 17536 Edward Francis ORAM
Private 18058 William O'SHAUGHNESSY
Lance Corporal 2241 Hugh OWENS
Private 18237 William PETERS
Private 2464 Thomas POWER
Private 26048 Arthur PRITCHARD
Private 16187 Robert RAWLINSON
Private 13699 Samuel ROBINSON
Private 19315 John Henry SPENCER
Private 17736 Douglas STOTT
Private 10347 William TOWNSEND
Private 17600 Robert WAGNER
Private 11911 James WALSH
Corporal 10856 Jack WELSBY
Private 17402 Basil WHITHAM
Private 2921 Robert WILCOTT
Corporal 11848 John James WILLIAMS
Private 3395 John WILSON
Serjeant 11550 Joseph WILSON
Private 17789 William WRIGHT

All are remembered on the Basra memorial

6th April
Battn in bivouac

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 11798 Alfred Charles EVANS, Amara War Cemetery
Private 18390 Frederick John GRIFFIN, Amara War cemetery

Lance Corporal 10529 Richard MOLLOY, Basra Memorial

7th April

The officers of the Battalion carried out a reconnaissance of the SANNAI YAT position and were out all night.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 10378 Robert WALTON, Basra Memorial

8th April

SANNAI YAT

The Division moved to the SANNAI YAT position to assault same at dawn. During the night the Turks were very quiet and hardly fired a shot.

9th April

The Battalion was in position by 2 am in four lines of platoons in column at 50 yards distance with East Lancs on left and Kings Own on right. At 4.30 the movement towards SANNAI YAT position commenced. When the leading line of the assaulting column were within 100 yards of the enemy lines a number of flares were fired by the Turks obliquely from their front causing some confusion in the line of direction. At the same time the enemy opened a very heavy MG and rifle fire followed almost at once by shell fire. The rapidity with which the guns opened on us showed how well acquainted the Turks were with our plan of attack. An intense artillery bombardment was timed to take place simultaneously with the assault but this was about 10 minutes late in opening. The confusion caused by the converging flanks was partly the cause of the failure. Part of the attack fell back and others dug in, but returned to the original line the same night at dusk by order. The Brigade was relived at midnight.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Lance Corporal 11408, Alfred ASHTON

Captain Bernard BAYSCOOLE

Private 18206 George BEAUMONT

Private 11475 William BENNETT

Private 11477 Benjamin BROWN

Private 19296 John Dennis CUNNINGHAM

Second Lieutenant Giles Vellacott DAUNT

Private 18122 Harry FRANCE

Private 18042 Richard GEE

Serjeant 12314 Joseph GERRARD

Private 10929 Owen GRANT

Corporal 10518 Ernest GRAY

Private 17858 Thomas GREEN

Private 18262 Patrick HASSETT

Serjeant 11645 William ILLIDGE

Private 18100 John Henry LYSONS

Private 19350 John Edward MARTIN

Lance Corporal 11038 James MUIR

Private 2017 Bernard MURRAY

Private 2466 John NEVIN

Private 11241 Edward SCALLY

Serjeant 10645 James SINNOTT

Serjeant 6601 John SULLIVAN
Private 12336 William WATTERSON
Private 11344 John WEBSTER
Private 19154 Charles ZORN

All remembered on the Basra memorial

10th April to 12th April
In bivouac at FALAHYEN

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 9199 Henry James COWLING, Basra Memorial (10th April)
Company Serjeant Major 15168 John Higgin SPEAKE, Basra Memorial (11th April)

13th April
The brigade went to ABU ROMAN MOUNDS on right bank of river.

14th April
Went into reserve to 3rd Division. Moved up to RHODES POST during the morning. Returned to original bivouac at nightfall.

15th April
Brigade returned to RHODES POST during day and remained there that night.

16th April
CWGC CASUALTIES
Private 11607 James BERRY, Basra Memorial

17th April
Brigade returned to original bivouac one mile behind RHODES POST after successful attack on BIET AEESA trenches by 3rd Division.

7.30 pm
Battalion ordered up to reinforce 9th brigade at TWON PIMPLES. Battalion reached rendezvous about 8.30 pm. Dispositions as follows. 2 Coys to reinforce 47th Sikhs. 1 Coy to support. Bombers ordered to advance up communication trench to A4. 1 Coy in support in neighbourhood of TWIN PIMPLES. 47th Sikhs were not attacked that night again. Considerable opposition found in pushing barricade forward up communication trench to A4 and progress slow owing to lack of bombs.

18th April
By early morning we had driven enemy out of communications trench and established barricade where trench ended and small depression began running 200 yards to A4. Battn occupied firing line from barricade in communications trench leading to A4 to the neighbourhood of the boil. In the afternoon 2 Coys relieved by Wilts and occupied section at bottom of communications trench to the TWIN PIMPLES. At about 3.30 pm attempt made to occupy remainder of communications trench up to A4, but owing to inability to get into touch with East Lancs who were bombing from A3 to A4, the attempt failed.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11462 John CLEAVER, Basra Memorial

Private 1996 John COTTINGTON, Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial

Private 11111 John HOLLAND, Basra Memorial

2/Lt Richard KING, Amara War Cemetery

19th April

About 3.30 am water reported to be coming down communication trench which necessitated construction of successive bunds. At about 6.45 am heavy bombardment by both sides and general advance beyond AIEESA trenches. 2 Coys headed by bombers advanced up flooded communication trench to A4, but failing to get in touch with North Staffs line taken up NE and SW in the neighbourhood of the barricade in continuation of the Wilts line.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Lance Serjeant 11973 Patrick BARRY

Private 17379 William Henry CUMMING

Private 17698 Martin DEMPSEY

Corporal 11799 Alexander DINSMORE

Private 19507 John Henry DORBER

Private 19295 George GARRITY

Private 19018 Sidney GERRARD

Private 11755 John HEESON, Amara War Cemetery

Corporal 11325 Michael LAVELLE

Private 12309 Peter MAINES

Private 1901 Bernard McGARRY

Private 15970 Richard MOLYNEUX

Private 3157 Jeremiah MURPHY

Private 19447 John ROBERTS

Private 11668 Joseph SOUTHERN

Private 15741 John STATHAM

Serjeant 3162 John STEPHENSON

Private 12167 John TAYLOR

Private 15068 David John THOMAS

All except Pte Heeson are on the Basra Memorial

20th April 20th

2.30 am

Battalion relieved by Gloucesters and withdrawn to reserve trenches.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Corporal 10952 Francis DUNCAN, Amara War Cemetery

Private 11016 Thomas Fitzgerald, Basra Memorial

21st April

Battalion in reserve. Draft of 1 officer (Capt E H Back) and 134 Other Ranks arrived & taken on strength of battalion.

3 machine guns assisted attack on SANAI YAT from CROFTERS CORNER

22nd April

Battn in reserve. At night fatigue parties engaged in constructing communication trenches under direction of 39th Brigade.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 18318 James HEATON

Private 19262 Robert Jones

Private 2386 James TREVOR

(All on Basra War Memorial)

23rd April

Battn in reserve. At about 7.30 pm relieved North Staffs in Section A3 to A4.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 17493 Benjamin ENTWISTLE, Basra War Cemetery

Private 12088 James FRODSHAM, Basra Memorial

24th April

At night working parties engaged in constructing 2 strong places in rear of firing line.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 18182 James COWLEY, Basra Memorial

Lt Frank Henry MILLICHAP, Amara War Cemetery

25th April

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 19463 James Taylor, Basra Memorial

26th April

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 14347 John EMBLEN, Amara War Cemetery

Private 18841 William McDonald, Basra War Cemetery

Private 12229 Peter William OWENS, Amara War Cemetery

Corporal 18695 Percy Platt, Amara War Cemetery

27th April

All quiet

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11933 Thomas BANNERTH, Amara War Cemetery

Private 10416 Edward DILLON, Basra Memorial

28th April

Relieved by Loyal North Lancs & withdrawn to reserve

29th April

Battalion in reserve

30th April

At daybreak battn moved back to the ABU ROMAN MOUNDS.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 18064 Thomas HARRISON, Amara War Cemetery

Private 12162 John Walker, Amara War Cemetery

May 1916

1st May

ABU ROMAN MOUNDS

6.00 am. Battn inspected by Lt-Gen Sir P H N LAKE KCB, KCMG

7.30 pm Battn moved up to Reserve trenches in rear of TWIN PIMPLES

2nd May

At daybreak moved back to rear of ABU ROMAN MOUNDS

5.45 pm. Battn moved up to Reserve trenches in rear of TWIN PIMPLES.

3rd May

Battn remained in Reserve Trenches

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 15720 John LINDSAY, Amara War Cemetery

Private 11445 Patrick McGOVERN, Amara War Cemetery

4th May

5.30 pm./ Battn took over Section A1 to A3 of Firing Line from KORL Regt.

5th May to 15th May

Battn in Firing Line. Usual sniping. Nothing to report

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10848 Nathan GREEN, Basra Memorial (8th May)

Second Lieutenant Henry Ormsby BOYD, Basra Memorial (9th May)

Private 19211 George Arnold MAKIN, Amara War Cemetery (9th May)

Private 16391 Edward JONES, Basra Memorial (11th May)

15th May

8.00 pm Battn relieved by 9th Bhopals (21st Bde) and moved to ABU ROMAN MOUNDS.

16th May

Battn at rest

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 6313 Charles Edward MESSHAM

17th May

Battn at rest

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11457 Henry HUNT

Private 15902 Mark MASON

(Both Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial)

18th May

6.45 pm. Battn inspected by Brigadier

19th May

4.30 pm. Battn moved to relieve 7 Brig. At F27, 28, 29 and S10, 14, 15 & 16

19th May to 25th May

Battn remained in sections taken over on the 19th. All quiet. Nothing to report. Battn took over and occupied in addition F31 and S17.

25th May to 31st May^t

Nothing to report.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 18561 William HAYES, Amara War Cemetery (25th May)

Private 18645 Henry HOLMES, Basra Memorial (27th)

Private 18595 William Edward FLEETWOOD, Amara War Cemetery (30th May)

Company Serjeant Major 10586 Michael McATEER, Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial (30th May)

June 1916

1st June

Battalion occupying F27/31 and S13/17 inclusive. All quiet. Training of specialists and others continues morning and evening.

2nd June to 6th June

No change

7th June

F27 and S13 evacuated and S15 occupied

8th June

No change. Started for camp at MASONS MOUNDS at 8.00 pm.

9th June

Battn in camp at MASONS MOUNDS. At night furnished garrisons and patrol for protective redoubts.

10th June

Provided OC 3rd Divn Ration Convoy to CHAHELA Trenches

11th June to 12th June

No change

13th June

8.00 pm. Battn started for SHEIKH SA'AD via ORAH acting as escort to XIII Div HQ and 38th Brig HQ, arriving at ORAH about midnight and at one went into camp.

14th June

Battn in camp at ORAH. 8.00 pm recommenced march to SHEIKH SA'AD arriving about midnight and at once went into camp.

15th June to 18th June

Nothing to report

19th June

1 officer and 100 men relieved 40 Bde on outpost duty at GOMORRHA

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 19187 William FOX, Amara War Cemetery

20th June to 27th June

Nothing to report

28th June

Party at GOMORRAH returned to Battalion

29th June to 30th June

Nothing to report

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26062 John HARMER, Basra Memorial (22nd June)

Private 26021 John CHRISTOPHER, Basra War Cemetery (29th June)

Private 16762 James CRAWFORD, Amara War Cemetery (29th June)

Private 12006 Richard MEADOWS, Alexandria War Memorial Cemetery (30th June)

July 1916

1st July

SHEIK SA'AD

Battn in camp at SHEIKH SA'AD

2nd July

Battn in camp at SHEIKH SA'AD

3rd July

3.00 am. All available NCO's and 3 officers detailed as part of escort for TWIN CANALS convoy from SODOM under Major UNWIN, LNLR

4th July to 5th July

Nothing to report

6th July

3.00 am. Supplied part of escort to TWIN CANALS convoy as before under Major HENDERSON, 6th KO

7th July to 8th July

Nothing to report

9th July

2 officers, 100 NCO's and men detailed for escort duty as before under Major DAVY, E.L. Regt.

10th July to 13th July 13th

Nothing to report

14th July

3.00 am. 2 officers, 130 NCO's and men detailed for escort duty as before under Major UNWIN, LNLR

15th July to 18th July

Nothing to report

19th July

3.00 am. 2 officers, 100 NCO's and men detailed for escort duty as before under Capt. CATTARNS, SLR

20th July to 21st July

Nothing to report

22nd July

7.30 pm. 1 officer, 40 NCO's and men occupied posts 20, 21 and 22, returned to camp 4.30 am 23rd July.

23rd July

1 officer, 40 NCO's and men occupied posts 20, 21 and 22 as before

24th July

Posts occupied as before

25th July to 27th July

Posts occupied as before

28th July

2.30 am. 30 NCO's and men detailed for escort duty as before under Capt CATTARNS

7.30 pm Posts occupied as before

29th July

No change

30th July

30 NCO's and men detailed for escort duty as before under Capt WOOD, ELR

31st July

Posts 17, 18 & 19 taken over from LNL Regt & occupied with 1 officer, 42 NCO's & men.

August 1916

3rd August

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 17548 Phillip STOCKWELL, Amara War Cemetery

6th August

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 2594 George DOHERTY, Basra War Cemetery

7th August

Sheikh Sa'ad

Lt Col F H CHARLTON proceeded on leave to AMARA and Capt R A O TAYLOR assumed temporary command of the battalion.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10966 Richard DOLMAN, Amara War Cemetery

8th August

Cpts R A O TAYLOR, J M BIRCH G R CATTARNS and Lts Lindley and Batchelor and 100 rifles supplied escort to convoy to SODOM

18th August

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 22291 Joseph McMAHON, Basra War Cemetery

19th August

Battalion on convoy to SODOM, under Cpts BORCH, CATTARNS & LYONS and Lt KIRWAN

22nd August

Lt Col F H CHARLTON rejoined from leave and Capt R A O TAYLOR relinquished temporary command.

23rd August

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26584 William BLYTHE, Basra War Cemetery

24th August

Battn took over Posts 20 to 22 from 8th Welsh (Pioneer) Battn

25th August

Battn on SODOM convoy, under Cpts TAYLOR & LYONS and Lts KIRWAN and BATCHELOR

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26251 James William CHORLEY, Basra War Cemetery

September 1916

6th September

Sheikh Sa'ad

Struck camp and Battalion took possession 1 mile NNE of old camp with smaller perimeter

10th September

7 am. Battalion took over H Redoubt and Post 13 & 14. The redoubt being a permanent garrison and manned by 1 officer and 4 NCO's and 21 men. Posts manned by night only by 1 NCO and 6 men.

11th September

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 17833 Samuel PARRY, Basra War Cemetery

Private 26280 John TRAVIS, Basra War Cemetery

14th September

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28318 Harry EDWARDS, Basra War Cemetery

18th September

6.30 am. Redoubt and posts taken over by provisional Battalion 1/6th Devons

20th September

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28285 George COLLIN, Basra War Cemetery

24th September

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26733 Wilfred SMITH, Basra War Cemetery

27th September

5 pm. Battalion moved to A Beach to embark on P23.

28th September

P23 not having arrived Battalion pitched camp near A Beach.

29th September

Battalion embarked on P23 which left SHEIKH SA'AD about 9 am en route to ABU SHITAIB

October 1916

1st October

5 pm. Arrived at ABU SHITAIB but remained on board River Steamer P23 for the night.

2nd October

Disembarked and went into camp at ABU SHITAIB where the following details arrived:-

Rejoined from leave to India- Capt C R GOLDIE-TAUBMAN & Lt L C W FRADD

Rejoined from hospital – 2/Lt W C CRAIG and 57 other ranks

Draft – 2/Lts A S HORNE, R J JEFFERSON, K F A ORRELL & J MASTERMAN and 199 other ranks

3rd October to 6th October

Battalion in training at ABU SHITAIB

7th October

2 more officers arrived. 2/Lt H V LEVER and 2/Lt H W PERRY-GORE

8th October to 16th October

Battalion in training

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 19050 Thomas MOSS, Amara War Cemetery (12th October)

Corporal 17711 Francis Henry McCABE, Delhi Memorial (13th October)

17th October

2/Lt M H HALL arrived and taken on strength

18th October

Lt R G SHAPLEY arrived & taken on strength

19th October

2/Lt V L WATSON arrived & taken on strength. 2/Lt H V LEVER admitted to hospital sick.

20th October to 22nd October

Battalion training

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 31179 Arthur LESTER, Thiepval Memorial (attached to 7th Battalion in France) (22nd October)

23rd October

Battalion training.

4.20 am. Officers of the Battalion inspected by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief

24th October to 31st October

Battalion training. Usual Guards, Fatigues, Picquets, etc.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 27059 Hugh MOTTERSHEAD, Kirkee 19154-1918 Memorial (27th October)

November 1916

1st November to 30th November AMARA
Battalion in training at AMARA. Usual guards.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28307 Edward WESTON, Amara War Cemetery (16th November)

Private 28793 Robert ECCLES, Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial (22nd November)

December 1916

1st December

AMARA

2.00 pm. Embarked on P50 for SHEIKH SA'AD

2nd December SHEIKH SA'AD

6.00 pm. Arrived SHEIKH SA'AD, disembarked and camped on the bund.

3rd December

"B" Coy moved up to TWIN CANALS. Remainder of battalion remaining at SHEIKH SA'AD

4th December

Battalion moved up to TWIN CANALS by road.

5th December to 12th December

Battalion remained in camp at TWIN CANALS.

12th December SINN ABTAR

6.30 pm. Battalion left TWIN CANALS and marched to SINN ABTAR, arriving about midnight.

13th December

5.50 pm. Battalion left SINN ABTAR and marched to IMIM-AL-MANSOR

14th December

3.00 am. Left IMIM-AL-MANSOR and marched to R8

10.00 am. Moved to R9. and commenced digging 2 redoubts in neighbourhood of R12 to S9.

15th December

Battalion in reserve. At night Battalion in reserve to 39 Brigade and marched about a mile, after lying there a couple of hours the attack was postponed and Battalion returned to 38 Bde.

16th December

A & B Coys were digging neighbourhood of A9 when orders came for the whole Brigade to advance to neighbourhood of Q7, Battalion lying in support to Loyal North Lancs Regt who were at Q8. 2 working parties were lent to North Lancs.

17th December

POINTED RUIN

5.30 pm. Battalion moved up to POINTED RUIN via UMM as SAAD. Commenced work on two leunettes and one string point, occupying a line as from 800 yds from the HAI RIVER.

18th December

Battalion moved forward a distance of 350 yards in line with Worcester Regt who also moved forwards and there commenced a new leunette on the HAI RIVER bund. We extended on our right to 1200m yards from the HAI river and took over one leunette from the East Lancs regt.

19th December to 23rd December

Companies proceeded to complete leunettes, strong points, communications trenches, waterworks, etc.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 3517 James LAW, Basra Memorial (22nd December)

23rd December

Handed over leunette to East Lancs regt. "C" Coy coming back to 100 yards s of Battn HQ to rest.

23rd December to 28th December

Companies proceeded to complete leunettes, strong points, communications trenches, etc.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10939 Maurice JONES, Amara War Cemetery (24th December)

Private 10286 Joseph WIGNALL, Basra Memorial (24th December)

28th December

"C" Coy relieved "D" Coy in leunette on HAI RIVER. "D" Coy coming into reserve

29th to 31st December

Work on trenches continued

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26003 John McNAMARA, Amara War Cemetery (29th December)

31st December

"D" Coy occupied rear leunette with one platoon. During the period the Battalion occupied the trenches, sniper posts were established and patrols sent out.

Casualties for period 16th to 31st.

Killed - Other Ranks – 3.

Wounded – Officers – 1 Other Ranks – 12

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28345 Alexander GILBERTSON, Basra War Memorial

January 1917

1st January to 14th January 1917

HAI RIVER

In trenches, East bank of HAI. L10, L9 and SP4. Consolidating positions

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11237 Harry BATTERSBY, Basra Memorial (9th December)

Private 11435 William COLLINS, Basra Memorial (11th January)

Private 18713 Arthur FROST, Amara War Cemetery (12th January)

Private 19276 Albert William HODKINSON, Amara War Cemetery (12th January)

Private 10991 John JONES, Amara War Cemetery (12th January)

Private 28664 William Thomas BAGOT, Basra Memorial (13th January)

2/Lt Keith Faulkner Andrew ORRELL, Basra Memorial (13th January)

14th January to 15th January

Relieved by Wiltshire Regt and moved up to L8 and L9 exclusive

15th January to 16th January

Moved to L6 to L5 exclusive, there consolidating positions

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28791 John DEAN

Private 12081 Robert Charles MARSH

Private 19429 John O'HARA

Private 17803 John STANSFIELD

Private 28714 Karl Sydney WISEMAN

(All died on 15th January and are commemorated on the Basra Memorial)

30th January to 31st January

Advanced to front Turkish lines and occupied same, continuing work of consolidation.

Casualties for this month were Lts K F M Orrell Killed, W C CRAIG Died of Wounds and C W BAXTER wounded, Other Ranks 9 killed 53 wounded.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 16117 James GELLING, Amara War Cemetery (16th January)

Private 26195 Walter TINKER, Amara War Cemetery (16th January)

Private 19339 John ASCROFT, Basra Memorial (17th January)

Private 14020 John Richard HARRIS, Amara War Cemetery (17th January)

2/Lt Willie Colston CRAIG, Amara War Cemetery (20th January)

Corporal 8241 Edward JONES, Amara War Cemetery (26th January)

Private 26645 Frank WINTER, Basra Memorial (28th January)

Corporal 10863 Thomas JONES, Amara War Cemetery (29th January)

Private 16365 William MILLWARD, Amara War Cemetery (29th January)

Private 28435 Leonard NAYLOR, Basra Memorial (29th January)

Serjeant 8722 William EMERY, Basra Memorial (20th January)

Private 11075 William Arthur TAYLOR, Amara War Cemetery (30th January)

February 1917

1st February

East Bank of River HAI

Battalion advanced and captured enemy third line, practically without loss. In the evening the Battalion was relieved by Manchester Regt. The Battalion marched back to 1st Line transport lines.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 18657 John William BOOTHROYD, Basra War Memorial

Private 28404 Frederick CLARK, Basra Memorial

Private 26397 Walter HARRISON, Basra Memorial

Private 11432 Alfred HUGHES, Basra Memorial

Serjeant 10843 Walter SMITH, Basra Memorial

2nd February

Battalion crossed River HAI, camping at S.19

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28663 Oliver PRESCOTT, Amara War Cemetery

3rd February

West Bank of River HAI

Battalion moved to R.28

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28687 Robert GOODMAN, Amara War Cemetery

4th February

Battalion placed in Corps reserve and moved to R.19 thence to N37-N36 line.

5th February to 7th February

The Battalion held the line N36-N37 with a line of outpost picquets from 5th to 7th inclusive.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26661 James RALPHS, Basra Memorial (6th February)

8th February

The Battalion moved to Pioneer Trench

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 6975 Michael O'Neill, Amara War Cemetery

9th February

The Kings Own Regiment attacked and captured the enemy first line, supported by South Lancashire Regiment. The regiment's bombers were lent to the Kings Own and did very good work. Sgt Prescott & Sgt O'Neill awarded the Military medal. Capt & Adj P WARD wounded in head (died later).

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 15894 Frederick FULLER, Amara War Cemetery

Private 11554 Thomas HARTLES, Amara War Cemetery

Private 28795 Walter HERRINGTON, Amara War Cemetery

Private 11940 Thomas SYZE, Amara War Cemetery

Private 19233 Walter Yates, Amara War Cemetery

10th February

The Battalion attacked and captured Strong Point N43

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 9450 James ASPINALL, Amara War Cemetery

L/Cpl 17954 Peter BRISLANE, Amara War Cemetery

Private 11455 John LLOYD, Amara War Cemetery

11th February

The Battalion attacked and captured Strong Point M16

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28424 Sidney HARRISON, Basra Memorial

Private 18232 William HOUGHTIN, Basra Memorial

Private 16653 W SULLIVAN, Amara War Cemetery

12th February

The Battalion took up line M 18 G M 18 F M 18 D M 18 C. Capt CATTARNS killed

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 17822 Edwin BARLOW

Captain Glanvil Richards CATTARNS

Private 18616 Peter COSGROVE

Private 15847 James DONELY

Private 26119 John JERVIS

Private 7417 Alexander KENNEDY

Private 36858 William NEWTON

Private 28450 Edwin Amos THOMAS

(All commemorated on the Basra Memorial)

13th February

C Coy supported by the meaning Coys as soon as they could be brought up, and led by Capt GOLDIE-TAUBMAN advanced from M 18 G and captured trench from that point to L 44 during day and night. Capt GOLDIE-TAUBMAN awarded Military Cross. 2nd Lieut CHEEN wounded. From the 10th to 13th inclusive, Battalion captured 5000 yards of enemy trench and was on the move continuously. Sgt Kennedy awarded Military Medal.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Corporal 8827 Albert Emmanuel GANNON, Basra Memorial

Private 19284 Thomas POTTER, Basra Memorial

14th February

Consolidation of line captured.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 11787 James William BEAVERS, Amara War Cemetery

Serjeant 9288 Zachariah PAYNE, Basra Memorial

Private 21617 William Henry SPRINGTHORPE, Basra Memorial

Private 18707 Albert TAYLOR, Basra Memorial

Private 18579 James WILCOCK, Amara War Cemetery

Private 15009 Joseph ZUAREB, Basra Memorial

15th February

Surrender of Turks on DAHRA bend. Battalion moved to R 19.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26511 George BRYCE, Amara War Cemetery

Serjeant 18156 Frank Lancelot ROSE, Basra Memorial

16th February

Battalion at rest in bivouacs without tents. Tremendous rain and hail storm. Ground covered with inches of water in no time. Everyone very wet, but happy.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Corporal 8552 John GREENAWAY, Amara War Cemetery

17th February

West Bank of River HAI

Battalion at rest

18th February to 23rd February

Battalion took over and held piquet line near NAHR BASSOUIA from Feb 18th to 23rd inclusive.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 10555 Thomas DOWNING, Basra Memorial (19th February)

Private 10912 Robert BURTON, Basra Memorial (21st February)

Private 10764 Richard JONES, Basra Memorial (21st February)

Captain Peter Womersley WARD, Basra War Cemetery (23rd February)

24th February

Crossed River TIGRIS

25th February

Left Bank River TIGRIS

Battalion started out as Flank Guard to Divn advance guard marching up river. Enemy encountered about noon, flank guard became merged with advance guard and captured water course from enemy. Enemy still held left of water course. Party led by 2nd Lieut JACKSON cleared water course on left with bayonet in face of terrific machine gun fire, rifle grenades and bombs. 2nd Lieuts JACKSON and JEFFERSON killed, 2nd Lieuts FLETCHER & SHAPLEY wounded, 21 men killed, 58 wounded.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26566 Thomas CHESTERS

Corporal 19305 George COLQUHOUN

Private 18126 Henry COTTERILL

Private 36851 William DAKIN

Private 26262 Alfred DAY

Private 19476 John William FLETCHER
Private 18423 John GARSIDE
Serjeant 19170 Stanley HALLAM
Corporal 11244 George HARDING
Private 19421 Richard HARRISON
Serjeant 26567 John Charles HASKAYNE
Second Lieutenant Arthur Gordon JACKSON
Second Lieutenant Ralph James JEFFERSON
Private 28431 Benjamin William LISTER
Private 18222 John LOFTHOUSE
Private 28321 Edward Redmond LYTHAM
Private 11422 Joseph MARSDEN
Corporal 10328 Hugh MITCHELL
Private 28701 Samuel Joseph NELSON
Private 18439 James NIGHTINGALE
Private 19061 Walter SEWARD
Corporal 2534 William STEPHENSON
Corporal 1069 James TURNER
Serjeant 9099 John WALSH

All commemorated on the Basra Memorial

26th February

Battalion advanced with Division and occupied Bghaileh bend of river.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 8691 William Charles BRUNT, Amara War Cemetery

Corporal 8742 Albert FORREST, Basra Memorial

27th February

Battalion detached to escort Corps, moved one mile up stream from Bghaileh

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28298 James William MATHER, Delhi Memorial

Serjeant 8164 Patrick PHELAN, Basra Memorial

28th February

Battalion at rest

March 1917

1st March

MESOPOTAMIS

Left Bank of River TIGRIS

Battalion as Corps troops moved to ROMAN RUINS

2nd March

Moved to UMM-AT-TURBAL

3rd March

Moved to AZIZIYAH

4th March

Battn rejoined Brigade and rested

5th March

Battn marched with Bde to ZEUR

6th March

Battn marched with Bde to CTESIPHON

7th March

Battn as vanguard to Brigade advance guard to Division

8th March

Battn in reserve to attempt by Brigade to cross Dialah River

9th March

Battn in reserve to 2nd attempt to cross Dialah River. Sent rowers to help row boats. Lodgement made.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 12048 Samuel FRODSHAM, Basra War Cemetery

10th March

Battn crossed the Dialah River

11th March

Battn marched to BAGHDAD and round it. Not allowed to enter.

12th March

Battn took up outpost line north of Baghdad.

13th March to 19th March

Battn held out first line north of Baghdad.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 2615 William Thomas SMITH, Basra Memorial (15th March)

Private 17498 Albert HARRISON, Manchester Southern Cemetery (19th March)

20th March

Batten held out first line north of Baghdad. Gen CAYLEY commended the troops

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 15697 James Edmund AIREY, Amara War Cemetery

21st March to 23rd March

Batten held out first line north of Baghdad.

24th March

Batten held out first line north of Baghdad and moved camp into (illegible).

25th March

Batten held out first line north of Baghdad.

26th March

Moved in two hours notice and marched to Khan-Jadidal, just over 20 miles.

27th March

Marched to Jamaslin

28th March

Rested

29th March

Marched to Jadidal. Outpost line round Sindiyah

30th March

Marched along Chupir Road with 3 Coys and rations

31st March

Held out front line around Sindiyah

April 1917

1st April to 4th April

Battn held outpost line Sindiyah

5th April

Battn relieved of outpost line by 7th Punjabs

6th April

Moved to Kuwar Reach

7th April

Battn held right flank outposts at Kuwar Reach

8th April

Battn moved to Shat-al-Adheim

9th April

Battn in reserve

10th April

Battn formed advance guard to ½ Bde marching at Shat-al-Adheim & returning after slight encounter with Arabs.

11th April to 17th April

Battn in reserve.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 36855 Alfred LEGGETT, Alexandria (Chatby) Cemetery (14th April)

Private 43520 John HORSLEY, Chatby Memorial (15th April)

Private 36408 Wilfred WINTERBOTTOM, Chatby Memorial (15th April)

18th April

Battn crossed the Abhaim in pontoons and attacked the cliffs at dawn and captured them. Further advance during afternoon ended in complete rout of enemy. Battn followed up and camped at Khan Dubiyah.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26653 Joseph BURNS, Basra Memorial

Private 8486 William CLARKE, Basra Memorial

19th April

Battn rejoined Bde

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 16123 Joseph IVEY, Baghdad War Cemetery

Private 11433 Frederick TEAT, Baghdad War Cemetery

20th April

Battn in reserve

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 16275 William ECKERSLEY, Baghdad War Cemetery

21st April

Battn took over Shat-al-Adheim bridge defence

22nd April

Battn held Shat-al-Adheim bridge defence

23rd April

Battn rejoined Bde, marching out at night with Marshall's Column up Shat-Al-Adheim

24th April

Battn with Turks at dawn. Capt FRADD wounded, 2 Lieuts DUNNING, MOLYNEAUX and FRASER wounded, latter dying later. Turks routed and picquet line established in their position.

CWGC CASUALTIES

CSM 7323 Louis Bertram GRANT, Basra Memorial

Corporal 2614 Isaac HARTLEY, Basra Memorial

Private 18630 Herbert MORGAN, Basra Memorial

Private 28447 John O'BRIEN, Baghdad War Cemetery

Private 21265 Frederick THELWELL, Basra Memorial

Private 36862 George WALL, Basra Memorial

Private 19869 Robert WEST, Basra Memorial

25th April

Battn advanced up Shat-Al-Adheim for ten miles.

26th April

Battn advance guard to column marching to Satha Post. Formed outpost line, relieved at 6:00 pm by 35th Bde

CWGC CASUALTIES

L/Cpl 10630 Albert Ernest Mead BROWNSMITH, Baghdad War Cemetery

2/Lieut Alexander Roderick FRASER, Baghdad War Cemetery

27th April

Battn re-took over outpost line from 25 Bde at 6:00 am.

28th April

Battn advanced 5 miles up stream of Shat-al-Adheim

29th April

Battn crossed Adheim and moved into position for attack

30th April

Battn attacked Turks, being on left of Bde. Capt WATSON, Lieuts O'BRIEN & DIXON wounded. Held position captured from Turks all day under heavy shell and rifle fire which caused numerous casualties. 6 killed, 54 wounded and one missing out of 180 rifles in action. At dusk, went into reserve on Three Ridges.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Corporal 12077 William BENNETT

Private 26600 William BOULTON

Private 11752 Thomas CRAVEN

Private 11332 James DYAS

Private 18336 Harold FIDLER

Private 28670 James Boardman JOHNSON

L/Cpl 12517 Augustine LAROCHE

Private 26461 Irving LATIMER

Serjeant 10782 Patrick SHEERAN

Private 15788 Joseph Wilfred SMART

L/Cpl 26492 James Henry SUDWORTH

(All commemorated on the Basra Memorial)

The following officers joined the Battn during the month:- Lieuts A G WILLIAMS, E C DOWNES, 2 Lieuts J A CALLAGHAN, J A GEE, J W DUNNING, W DIXON, E J T JAMES, A R FRASER, J C ROWSON, A de S HUTTON, J B E MARTYN.

May 1917

1st May

MESOPOTAMIA, Left Bank of TIGRIS

Battn in reserve to Bde too up position on 3 Ridges. Turks reported in full flight & object of column achieved.

2nd May

Bde with Battn moved to right bank of Shat-al-Adheim

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 18166 William Sydney USHER, Basra Memorial

3rd May

Battn as rearguard to Bde retired on Satha Post

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26374 Patrick BYRNE, Baghdad War Cemetery

Private 11984 Peter LEA, Baghdad War Cemetery

4th May

Retirement continued to Julial-en-Na (sp?)

5th May

Retirement continued to Darluba (sp?). Battn advance guard

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 14967 Simon GLYNN, Baghdad War Cemetery

6th May

Started march to summer camp, escort to Corps of Military. Crossed Shat-al-Adheim

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 12015 William SWANN, Baghdad War Cemetery

7th May

Pulled 60 pounders across pontoon bridge on Shat-al-Adheim, Marched to Kirwan (sp?) Reach as rearguard to Bde.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26017 Charles HADLEY, Amara War Cemetery

8th May

Escort to Corps Artillery marching to Sindiyah

9th May to 10th May

Camped at Sindiyah

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 21910 James ATHERTON, Amara War Cemetery

11th May

Moved to Summer camp, move completed by 9:00 am. At 12 Noon, warned by Bde for duty on L of C of Col Ferguson's column lying at Deli-Abbas. Marched out at 5:00 pm, Company on road at 11:30 pm.

12th May

Arrived at Shialah Port at dawn. Pitched camp. At 4:00 pm ½ Battn comprised of C & D Coys continued march. A & B Coys held Shialah Port.

13th May

C & D Coys arrived and took over Dishdari Port

14th May

Situation unchanged

CWGC CASUALTIES

Serjeant 7209 William VAUGHAN, Baghdad War Cemetery

15th May

Col Ferguson's object achieved, he withdrew on Shialah Port bringing in C & D Coys

16th May

Battn marched into camp on River Tigris at Sindiyah

17th May to 31st May

In camp at rest

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 26585 James HARROP, Basra War Cemetery (25th May)

Private 36303 Robert Maxwell IANSON, Basra War Cemetery (29th May)

June 1917

1st June to 29th June

MESOPOTAMIA, Left Bank of River Tigris

Battalion in rest camp

On 15th June, the Battalion celebrated the Bi-Centenary of the Regiment. At 6:00 a.m. the Battn was inspected by and marched past Brig. General Cayley, KCMG, CB, who afterwards addressed the Battn.

30th June

Battalion took over outpost line from 9th Warwicks & Worcester regt. North Lancs on left. East Lancs and King's Own in reserve.

CWGC CASUALTIES

No men of the Battalion are recorded as having died in June 1917

July 1917

1st July to 31st July

MESOPOTAMIA, Left Bank of River Tigris

Battn occupying picquet line. XIV Divn on Right, LNL Regt on left.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28304 Albert TILLSTON, Baghdad War Cemetery (3rd July)

Serjeant 11810 Joseph CANAVAN, Amara War Cemetery (6th July)

Private 36686 William Carr SMITH, Baghdad War Cemetery (11th July)

Private 37969 William VARNEY, Baghdad War Cemetery (17th July)

Private 36901 John William WOOD, Baghdad War Cemetery (17th July)

Private 36723 William HALL, Baghdad War Cemetery (19th July)

Private 12188 William AIRD, Baghdad War Cemetery (22nd July)

Private 10651 John BRIDGEN, Warrington Cemetery (22nd July)

Private 36263 James Albert CONNELL, Baghdad War Cemetery (22nd July)

Private 13544 James Henry ROTHWELL, Baghdad War Cemetery (23rd July)

6th Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment

Officers serving with the Battalion on 31st July 1917

Rank	Name		Remarks
Lieut-Colonel	Charlton	F H	Attached 38 th Bde. Headquarters
Major	Birch	J K	
Captain	Hammill	J	Harir Camp
"	Lindley	J C	
"	Molyneux	H W	
"	Ullo	J R	
Lieutenant	Martyr	J B E	
"	Fletcher	R R R	
"	Yates	J	
"	Hutton	Ade S	Att. Railways
"	Gee	J A	
"	Knight	W	
"	Rowatt	J	3 rd Corps HQ
"	Dunning	J W	Harir Camp
"	Matthews	V J	Harir Camp
"	Smith	A G C	
"	Rutherford	W	
"	Masterman	J	
"	Charge	H L	
"	Archer	C H	
"	Parry	H A M	
2/Lieutenants	McClure	A	
"	Wright	W S	
"	Dallas	P T	
"	Woollett	F G	
"	Green	G	
Captain A/Adjt	Callaghan	J A	
Officers Attached			
Captain	Hopkins	E L	RAMC
Lieutenant	Searby	H R	4 th Ox & Bucks
"	Gilbert	T W	7 th DCLI

August 1917

1st August to 12th August

MESOPOTAMIA, Left Bank of River Tigris

Battn occupying picquet line. XIV Divn on Right, LNL Regt on left.

Battn occupied daily in digging and strengthening defences of outpost line, improving lunettes and Strong Points and means of Communication

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 28443 Harold MAWMAN, Baghdad War Cemetery (9th August)

13th August to 31st August

Battn occupying picquet line. XIV Divn on Right, LNL Regt on left. 40th Bde relieved XIV Divn unit on night of 12th/13th August

14th August

Arab shot whilst approaching wire near Lunette 15 at about 10:00 p.m.

27th August to 28th August

Divisional artillery registered points in front of Battalion's sector of outpost line.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 36876 Fred RAYNER, Baghdad War Cemetery (23rd August)

Private 36877 George R TOWNSLEY, Baghdad War Cemetery (26th August)

Private 28413 Fred WIGGLESWORTH, Basra War Cemetery (27th August)

September 1917

1st September to 16th September

MESOPOTAMIA, Left Bank of River TIGRIS

Battalion occupying Picquet Line – 40th Bde on right and Loyal North Lancs on left. Battalion occupied in digging and improving lunettes and strong points and also digging communication trenches. Artillery registered on points in front of Picquet Line. Training carried on and water supply improved.

CWGC CASUALTIES

L/Cpl 8932 Charles Willis NEWTON, Basra War Cemetery (14th September)

Private 10699 Patrick MISKELL, Sucrerie Cemetery, France (15th September)

(Private Miskell was serving with the Labour Corps in France)

17th September to 18th September

Battalion relieved by 7th North Staffords, Battalion went into rest and reserve at SINDIYAH.

19th September to 30th September

Battalion in rest and reserve at SINDIYAH. Intensive training carried on in all branches, specialists and general training.

October 1917

1st October to 15th October

MESOPOTAMIA, SINDIYEH

The Battalion in rear and in reserve at SINDIYAH, left bank of TIGRIS. Occupied in intensive training in all branches of both specialists and general training.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 203920 Tom TURNER, Madra War Memorial (11th October)

16th October to 27th October

The Battalion marched out of SINIYEH at 4:00 a.m. on 16th October, forming part of 38th Brigade in reserve to 40th Brigade, both Brigades being in support of 14th Division operating from BUKUBA on left bank of DIYALAH RIVER. October 18th, 40th Brigade occupied DELI ABBAS with practically no opposition, whilst Turkish forces retired on prepared positions in JABAL HAMRIN RANGE. 38th Brigade bivouacked in DELI ABBAS on night of October 18th/19th.

At dawn on the morning of October 19th, 38th Brigade advanced on MUJARIYIN NORTH and MUJARIYIN SOUTH. The 40th Brigade in reserve at DUWALIB, South Lancs on right and Loyal North Lancs on left, supported by East Lancs on left and King's Own R Lancs in reserve, led the attack. Under light artillery, machine gun and rifle fire from Turks, South Lancs successfully occupied MUJARIYIN SOUTH, whilst Loyal N Lancs occupied MUJARIYIN NORTH. The South Lancs then advanced on right and occupied MANSURIYAH AL JABAL, a large enwalled village at base of JABAL HAMRIN RANGE. After desultory artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, and a successful artillery barrage by our artillery we occupied JABAL HAMLIN RANGE on the MANSURIYAH CUT AREA, and Turks withdrew their guns and troops in direction of SURANIYAH and KARABARAH.

S. Lancs occupied village of MANSURIYAH AL JABAL on night October 19th/20th and moved out to JABAL HAMRIN HILLS on evening of October 20th and went into bivouac. South Lancs made a reconnaissance in force towards KARABARAH at dawn on October 20th and engaged Turks all day, considerable exchange artillery, rifle & machine gun fire. Drove Turks back over hills and held their positions until dusk when force was withdrawn. Casualties, 1 officer wounded, about 3 men killed or died of wounds and 26 wounded. October 22nd/23rd resting and in reserve. October 24th moved camp to point on plains between MUJARIYIN NORTH and MANSURIYAH AL JABAL and rested in reserve and making roads to outpost lines.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 36332 Richard BEVAN, Baghdad War Cemetery (16th October)

Private 203654 John James BYRNE, Basra Memorial (19th October)

Private 36297 Alfred COLLINGE, Basra Memorial (21st October)

Private 36548 Joseph SAXON, Basra Memorial (21st October)

Private 12100 Harry BEARD, Basra Memorial (25th October)

28th October to 31st October

DELI ABBAS, Outpost Line

Moved camp to near DELI ABBAS and took over left sector of 38th Brigade outpost line from Wilts Regt of 40th Brigade. Disposition of 38th Brigade – L N Lancs from right bank of DIYALAH RIVER INCLUSIVE across JABAL HAMRIN to LONGRIDGE HILL exclusive; East Lancs LONGRIDGE HILL inclusive to MUJARIYIM NORTH exclusive; King's Own MUJARIYIM NORTH inclusive to WESTERN

HILL exclusive and in reserve; South Lancs WESTERN HILL inclusive to right bank KHALIS CANAL inclusive. Turks occupying AJABAL HAMRIN HILLS north of KARABARAH.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 36302 John BARKER, Baghdad War Cemetery (30th October)

November 1917

1st November to 30th November

DELIA ABBAS

Battalion in camp at DELI ABBAS, holding left flank of 38th brigade defensive outpost line extending from DIALAH RIVER on right to DELI ABBAS on left. 40th Brigade's right flank outpost about 6 miles on left of Bn's line. 38th Brigade's outpost line from right to left as follows; Loyal North Lancs, East Lancs, King's Own R Lancaster (1 Company) and South Lancs. K.O.R.Lancs in reserve less 1 company at MUJARIYIM NORTH.

South Lancs outpost line as follows; B Coy on right, C Coy in centre, A Coy on left plus 1 platoon of D Coy, and D Coy (less 1 platoon) in reserve.

Battalion spent whole month in digging, wiring and constructing outpost line of lunettes, strong points and communications trenches. During month, 1 officer and 20 other ranks Turkish deserters surrendered to Battalion's outpost.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Private 50012 William George Maurice Morgan, Baghdad War Cemetery (10th November)

Private 27050 Robert HAGUE, Basra War Cemetery (16th November)

Private 26063 Joseph TAYLOR, Baghdad War Cemetery (25th November)

December 1917

1st December to 2nd December

DELI ABBAS

The Battalion was relieved in the DELI ABBAS line by 9th Bn R. Warwickshire Regt, 39th Inf. Bde, and occupied position held by King's Own R Lancs Regt and East Lancs Regt.

2nd December

MUJARIYIM NORTH

In camp and holding line as above preparatory to active operations.

3rd December

Moved off from position as above at 6:00 a.m. in Brigade Reserve. Camped in bivouacs in hills of LONGRIDGE HILL for night, holding central position between L North Lancs and King's Own Regt.

4th December

Moved off at 3:30 a.m. and took Pass at 285 b 90 on JEBEL HAMRIN. No opposition and joined with N Lancs Regt. Proceeded later to join Brigade in SAKHAITUTAN PASS. Captured 2 Turkish prisoners and small booty. Marched towards SUHANIYAH POLICE POST and took up Picquet Line guarding road to SAKHAITUTAN PASS. King's Own and East Lancs on right of us and L North Lancs on left.

5th December to 27th December

SAKHAITUTAN PASS

In picquet line guarding SAKHAITUTAN PASS ROAD above SUHANYIAH POLICE POST, digging and consolidating position and carrying on training all branches, specialists, etc.

CWGC CASUALTIES

Rifleman 36857 Eli Smith MELLOR, Cape Town Cemetery (13th December)

(it isn't clear why Rfn Mellor was in South Africa when he died)

28th December to 31st December

CAYLEY'S PASS

Moved camp to CAYLEY'S PASS and commenced digging new position and generally carrying on training in signalling, musketry, general Infantry training, Bombing, Machine Gun, gas, etc.