***DIARY OF 2/4th BATTALION THE BORDER REGIMENT, 1914-19.***

1920. FOREWORD.

THE following pages, compiled chiefly by Captain L. MacGlasson, are nothing more than a straightforward statement of the doings of the Battalion. They are put in diary form, and it is hoped will serve all ranks as a record of the part they took with the Battalion in the Great War and the Afghan Campaign.

F. W. HALTON, Lieut. -Colonel,

Late Commanding 2 /4th Border Regiment.

9th December, 1920. Carlisle.

WARRANT OFFICERS AND SENIOR N.C.O.'S WHO SERVED WITH THE BATTALION IN INDIA.

Date of Appointment. REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR.

24/10/14 Colour Sergeant Instructor "W. A. Price.

30/ 4/15 Company Sergeant-Major F. H. Eender.

7/ 4/17 Company Sergeant-Major P. Harrison.

REGIMENTAL QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT.

25/10/14 Colour Sergeant A. Molyneux.

20/ 3/17 Company Quartermaster-Sergeant F. W. Hallaway.

16/ 4/18 Company Quartermaster-Sergeant T. P. Welsh.

4/ 2/19 Company Quartermaster-Sergeant P. Wilson.

COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR.

Colour Sergeant R. Beamer.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant J. Hodgson.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant T. Earl.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant R. Bell.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant G. D. Knight.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Straughan.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant H. Finlayson.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant R. Downs.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Dowson.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant J. E. Bell.

Sergeant S. Graves.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Nixon.

COMPANY QUARTERMASTER -SER GEANT .

29 / 1/15 Colour Sergeant G. Barrow.

30/ 4/15 Sergeant G. L. Watson.

16 / 4/18 Sergeant J. Mc.Vey.

16 / 4/18 Sergeant R. Irving.

4/ 2/19 Sergeant J. Davidson.

11 / 7/19 Sergeant E. Merron.

19/10/19 Sergeant T. Atkinson.

19/10/19 Sergeant W. Turner.

ORDERLY ROOM SERGEANT.

28 / 6/16 Colour Sergeant R, P. Wallace.

DIARY.

Oct. 24th The 2 /4th Border Regiment, or the 4th Border (Reserve) Regiment as it was originally called, was formed during the Great War, at Kendal, on the 24th October, 1914, under the command of Lieut. -Col. J. F. Haswell, V.D., with Captain F. W. Halton, T.D., as Adjutant, and Colour Sergeant Instructor W. A. Price as Regimental Sergeant- Major. It consisted of 350 men recruited for the Battalion, and 193 N.C.O.'s and men, many of whom were recruits transferred from the I/ 4th Border Regiment on the departure of that Battalion from Sittingboume, Kent, to Burmah. The detachment from Sittingboume arrived at Kendal on the 27th October, 1914, and the whole Battalion was billeted in the town. The period during which the Battalion remained at Kendal was spent in preliminary training, recruiting, and, as far as possible, equipping the Battalion.

Dec. 1st C.S.-M. J. J. Brooks, of the 6th Border Regiment, appointed Lieutenant and Quartermaster.

,, 7th The Battalion, consisting of 13 officers and 791 other ranks, proceeded to Blackpool, and was billeted at South Shore, Battalion Headquarters being established at the Grand Hotel. One officer and 10 other ranks were left at Kendal to

form a Depot. The Battalion was attached to the South Lancashire Brigade, under Brigadier-General Campbell. No Brigade work was attempted, but preliminary training was carried out in earnest, the seashore and adjoining country providing a most excellent training ground. The four company system was adopted. Squad and company drill, route marching, preliminary musketry, physical training and bayonet fighting, night operations and outpost schemes, were enthusiastically tackled, in spite of the shortage of rifles and equipment, which proved the most serious obstacle to training, the shortage of rifles especially retarding the musketry training.

1915

During the Battalion's stay at Blackpool the activity of the German submarines off the mouth of the Mersey and in the Irish Channel necessitated the patrolling of the shores. The Battalion had to find the South Shore picket, which patrolled the shore at night for three miles in the direction of St. Annes, and also the guard on the South Shore Pier.

1916

Jan. 5th A draft of 30 men arrived from the Depot at Kendal.

,, 12th The Battalion, together with the remainder of the Brigade, was inspected by Lieut. -General Sir R. Pole-Carew, K.C.B., inspector-General of the Territorial Force, and on the 15th a special Brigade Order was published congratulating all units of the Brigade on their satisfactory appearance at the inspection.

,, 22nd A draft of 17 men arrived from the Depot at Kendal.

,, 29th A draft of 53 men arrived from the Depot at Kendal, completing the strength of the Battalion.

In January the Battalion was asked to supply a draft to the 5th Battalion The Border Regiment proceeding to France, but the request was finally cancelled.

Feby. 16th Captain V. S. Jones, 4 officers, and 167 other ranks proceeded to Fleetwood to provide the guards on the Arsenal and the Harbour.

,, 22nd The Battalion was asked to volunteer for service in Burmah. Practically every man volunteered, but owing to a considerable number being too young for Foreign Service, only 767 N.C.O.'s and men were available. Japanese rifles had been received with which to arm the Battalion. These were, however, never issued, and Lee- Enfield Mark 1\* rifles were substituted. Owing to the previous shortage of rifles, and the necessity of using a certain number for guard duties, very few men had fired on an open range, except some of those transferred from Sittingbourne, and a small number who were exercised at Fleetwood.

1915.

Feby. 28th Captain F. W. Haltou, T.D., promoted Major aiid appointed Second in Command. Lieut. H. Thomson Appointed Adjutant.

Mar. 2nd Two officers and 329 other ranks were transferred to the Depot. In order to partially equip the men proceeding to Burinah it was necessary to take practically every service- able article of clothing from the men transferred to Kendal.

,, 3rd The Battalion, consisting of 28 officers and 767 other ranks, left Blackpool in two parties for Avoumouth. The final destination of the Battalion was changed from Burinah to Poona, Bombay Presidency, India. The Battalion had no mess property, but money grants were received in lieu.

,, 4th The Battalion arrived at Avonuiouth at noon, and immediately embarked on H.M.T. Donyola, together with a draft

of East Lancashire R.E.'s and other drafts proceeding overseas to various places in the East, and Naval ratings proceeding to Aden and Bombay. The transport, escorted by two torpedo boats, sailed at night, but collided shortly after midnight with a steamer in the Bristol Channel off Barry, which necessitated the landing of the troops and women and children in tugs and the ship's boats at Barry, and the dry docking of H.M.T. Donyola. The Battalion was thanked for its conduct by the Army Council. (Copy of the Army Council's letter is appended.)

}> 5th " C " and " D " Companies were landed at Barry and quartered at the docks; "A" and " B " Companies were taken to Cardiff, quartered at the docks, and most hospitably treated by the National Reserve Detachment of the Manchester Regiment.

,, 6th "A" and " B " Companies returned to Barry, the stores were transferred from H.M.T. Dongola to H.M.T. Tunisian,

the Battalion embarking on H.M.T. Tunisian the same night, with Captain John Hall as captain of the transport.

,, 7th H.M.T. Tunisian left Barry Docks at 10.00 hours, anchored outside owing to the presence of a German submarine in the Bristol Channel, and sailed at 23.00 hours, with all lights out, escorted by two torpedo boat destroyers. Owing to the fusing of an electric wire a fire broke out at the moment of sailing, but was extinguished by the ship's crew.

1915.

Mar. 8th 2 /Lieut. G. H. Mc.Vittie (Penrith) died from meningitis and was buried at sea. Owing to the danger of ubmarines, A course was steered well to the West of the usual steamer route, and land was not sighted until Gibraltar, which was reached on the morning of the 12th.

,, 12th After six hours the transport proceeded to Port Said, passing the Island of Pantalaria oil the morning of the 15th.

,, 19th Port Said was reached early on the 19th. Officers and senior N.C.O.'s were allowed two hours ashore, and after coaling, the transport passed through the lines of the British and French warships (assembled for the attack on the Dardanelles) and into the Suez Canal.

,, 24th Suez was reached the next day, and Aden on the night of the 24th. The majority of the Naval ratings transferred at Aden to the Empress of Japan, which was being employed in maintaining the blockade of the German East African ports. Aden was left on the afternoon of the 25th, and on the morning of the 81st Bombay was reached.

,, 31st The Battalion disembarked in the evening, and left by train at night for Pooua.

April 1st Arrived at Poona. Met at Ghorpuri Siding by Brigadier- General H. T. Brooking, C.B., and the officers of the 2/4th Wiltshire Regiment, who kindly sent their band to play the Battalion into the station. Stationed in Ghorpuri Barracks. Lieut. P. L. Corban-Lucas and 40 other ranks of the 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment were attached to the Battalion as an instructional party. The month of April was spent in company training and preliminary musketry, officers and N.C.O.'s being sent to Schools of Instruction at Quetta, Pachmari, and Satara.

,, 29th The Battalion was inspected by Major-General C. G. Donald,

Inspector of the Territorial Force in India.

,, 30th The Battalion took part in the Brigade parade for the presentation of medals by Brigadier-General H. T. Brooking, C.B., to the 102nd K.E.O. Grenadiers, lately returned from Muscat.

1915.

May 1st "A" and " C " Companies, under the command of Captain J. E. C. Graham, proceeded to Kirkee as the Detachment for providing the British guards at the Arsenal and Aminuition Factory, in relief of the 2 /4th Wiltshire Regiment. Musketry was commenced by " B " and " D " Companies on the Wanowrie range. Owing to the very large number of recruits in the Battalion, the majority of the men had to fire both Table A and Table B, which necessitated firing on the range until the end of May, 1916.

June 1st The Battalion tactical schemes (an attack on the ridge and 2nd beyond the Bund Bridge, and the defence of olkar Bridge) were carried out under the supervision of Brigadier-General H. T. Brooking, C.B.

June 19th One officer and 24 other ranks proceeded from Kirkee to Bombay, escorting explosives for Mesopotamia and East Africa.

,, 22nd Captain M. G. Fisher, 1 officer, and 50 other ranks, left Pooua to escort 1,200 Turkish prisoners of war from Mesopotamia by sea from Bombay to Rangoon, proceeding to the Prisoners of War Camp at Thyetmyo. After the

completion of this duty the escort preceded to Singapore, brought the Indian mutineers from Singapore to Calcutta, and thence to Madras, returning by rail to Poona on the 24th July.

July Sth Inspection of the Battalion by Brigadier-General Cowper,

G.O.C. Poona Divisional Area.

,, 15th Lieut. E. P. Hardy and the Machine Gun Section proceeded to Satara.

,, 16th One officer and 26 other ranks proceeded from Kirkee to Bombay as escort to ammunition train.

,, 19th One officer and 26 other ranks proceeded from Kirkee to Bombay as escort to ammunition train.

,, 31st "A" and " C " Companies, under the command of Captain J. E. C. Graham, returned to Headquarters. The Detach- ment suffered very severely from malaria fever whilst stationed at Kirkee.

1915.

August 4th Intercession Service at St. Mary's Church, Poona.

,, 13th Two N.C.O.'s and 13 privates left Poona as a draft to the 1st Battalion The Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry on service with Expeditionary Force " D." This small draft was part of General Townshend's force which advanced on Baghdad, took part in the Battle of Ctesiphon, the subsequent retreat, and finally was besieged in Kut.

Oct. 28th Arroyo dos Molinos Day commemorated and regimental sports held.

Nov. 12th " B " and " D " Companies, under the command of Major G. H. Heelis, who was posted to this Battalion from the I/ 4th The Border Regiment, proceeded to Kirkee as the British Infantry Detachment, in relief of the 2/4th Wiltshire Regiment.

,, 29th Headquarters and "A" and " C " Companies left Poona for Kamptee, Central Provinces.

,, 30th " B " and " D " Companies, under the command of Major G. H. Heelis, left Kirkee for Allahabad.

Dec. 1st Headquarters and "A" and " C " Companies arrived at Kamptee and relieved the I/ 5th Buffs proceeding to Mesopotamia, 2 officers and 92 other ranks forming the Infantry Detachment at Fort Sitabuldi, Nagpur.

,, 2nd " B " and " D " Companies, under Major G. H. Heelis, arrived Allahabad and relieved the I/ 5th Hampshire Regi- ment, 2 officers and 104 other ranks forming the Infantry Detachment at Fort Allahabad. At Poona, in spite of a number of men unavailable for parade owing to guard duties, very substantial progress had been made in the training of the Battalion. Officers and N.C.O.'s had attended schools of instruction. Platoon, company, and battalion drill had been well learned. Preliminary musketry had been finished. Table A had been fired, and a considerable part of the Battalion had completed Table B. Scouts and signallers were trained. Simple company schemes had been carried out, and the Battalion had learned how to look after itself in India.

,, 14th Lieut. E. C. Kinghorn proceeded to Mesopotamia and was attached to 1st Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

1915.

Dec. 22nd Inspection of half Battalion by Brigadier-General C. G. Prendergast, C.B., G.O.C. Jubbulpore Infantry Brigade.

25th Major F. W. Halton, T.D., appointed D.A.Q.M.G. 6th (Poona) Divisional Area.

1916.

Jany. 20th "A" Company proceeded to Sooradavee in order to complete field firing. Returned 24th January, 1916.

,, 24th " B " Company proceeded to Shankargarh for company training. Returned 5th February, 1916.

,, 27th " C '" Company proceeded to Sooradavee for field firing and company training. Returned 18th February, 1916.

Feby. 7th " D " Company proceeded to Shankargarh for company training. Returned 19th February, 1916.

,, 4th Inspection of Allahabad Detachment by Major-General May, G.O.C. the 8th (Lucknow) Division.

,, 18th "A" Company proceeded to Sooradavee for company traiing. Returned 4th March, 1916.

Mar. 7th Inspection of half Battalion by Brigadier-General C. G. nnd 8th Prendergast, C.B., G.O.C. Jubbulpore Infantry Brigade, a company attack, supported by the Machine Gun Section, being carried out at Sooradavee on the second day.

,, 19th Headquarters, "A," and " C " Companies left Kamptee for Peshawar, North-west Frontier Province, having been relieved by the 1st Garrison Battalion Scottish Rifles. Whilst at Kamptee the Battalion found the garrison (strength 2 officers and 92 other ranks) for Fort Sitabuldi, Nagpur. This Detachment, in addition to the ordinary duties, were instructed in the artillery and machine guns which formed part of the armament of the Fort. An attached section was formed for the Depot of the I/ 5th Buffs, to which many of that battalion returned from Mesopotamia sick and wounded after the unsuccessful attempts to relieve the troops under General Townshend, besieged in Kut. The Detachment at Allahabad found the Detachment for the Allahabad Fort. The companies proceeded to Shan- kargarh for company training and field firing.

1916.

The Detachment was inspected by both the G.O.C. Allahabad Brigade (Brigadier-General Johnston) and the G.O.C. the 8th (Lucknow) Division (Major-General May).

Mar. 20th" B " and " D " Companies left Allahabad for Peshawar, having been relieved by the 1st Garrison Battalion The Manchester Regiment.

,, 23rd " B " and " D " Companies arrived at Peshawar. The whole battalion was accommodated in mobilisation tents (opposite the 72nd Punjabi lines), where it remained until 6th May. It was attached to the 1st (Peshawar) Infantry Brigade, under Brigadier-General L. C. Dunsterville, C.B., A.D.C.

,, 29th The Battalion was inspected by the G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Infantry Brigade.

April 1st One officer and 70 other ranks took over the duties of the Peshawar Fort Detachment.

,, 4th The troops at Peshawar paraded 011 the Brigade Parade Ground to celebrate the assumption of Viceroy and Governor-General in India by the Right Honourable Sir Frederick John Napier Thesiger, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Baron Chelmsford.

,, 6th Tactical scheme by Peshawar Infantry Brigade, under Brigadier-General L. C. Dunsterville, C.B., A.D.C., between Shah and Katcha Garhi, "A" Company acting as escort to the Signal Section beyond Shah on the Michni Road.

,, 20th The Battalion was inspected by Major-General Sir F. Campbell, K.C.B., G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Division.

May 6th Headquarters, " C," and " D " Companies proceeded to Gharial Spur, Murree Hills, by route march, from Rawal Pindi. Arrived llth May. "A" and " B " Companies moved into Roberts Barracks, Peshawar.

June 2-5th A draft of 35 N.C.O.'s and men arrived at Gharial Spur from the 3 /4th Border Regiment, England. August 1st " D " Company left Gharial Spur for Peshawar. ,, 2nd "A" Company arrived at Gharial Spur from Peshawar. One officer and 70 other ranks, " D " Company, took over the duties of the Peshawar Fort.

1916.

Aug. 26th A draft of 3 officers and 243 other ranks arrived at Gharial Spur from the 3 /4th Border Regiment, England.

Sept. -5th Inspection of the Battalion at Chamiari Camp by Brigadier- General H. Isacke, C.M.G., Director of Military Training India.

,, 8th Inspection of the Peshawar Detachment by the G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Infantry Brigade.

,, 12th Inspection of the Battalion at Chamiari Camp by the Northern Army Commander, Lieut. -General Sir A. A. Barrett, G.C.B., K.C.S.I. Captains W. C. S. Angus and R. Hargreaves proceeded to Mesopotamia, and were attached to the I/ 5th East Kents.

,, 15th Detachment ordered to be held in readiness to proceed to Aden for attachment to the 1 /4th Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. This order was subsequently countermanded.

Oct. 1st The 1st (Peshawar) Division mobilised for active service against the Mohinands.

,, 3rd Headquarters, " A," and " C : " Companies left Gharial for Peshawar. Arrived 7th October, 1916.

,, 23rd Lieut. J. Glasson proceeded to Shab Kadr on duty as Officer Commanding Advanced Base Depot. Returned 30th November.

,, 28th Arroyo dos Molinos Day commemorated. Battalion shoot, sports, football match, and concert held.

Nov. 1st Inspection by G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Division (Major- General Sir F. Campbell, K.C.B., D.S.O.).

,, 12th Captain V. S. Jones proceeded to Shab Kadr as Officiating Staff Captain to the 1st (Peshawar) Infantry Brigade. Returned 4th December.

,, 15th Captain P. S. Hamilton, 4 officers, and 150 other ranks proceeded to Adozai, acted as reserve in the engagement against the Mohmands at Hafiz Kor on the same day, and afterwards as escort to the 16th Artillery Brigade. One officer and 70 other ranks of " C ' Company took over the duties of the Peshawar Fort Detachment.

,, 19th Two officers and 38 other ranks returned from Adozai.

,, 21st Captain P. S. Hamilton, 2 officers, and 110 other ranl<< returned from Adozai.

1916.

Nov. 30th The Battalion moved from the Roberts Barracks into camp near Taikal Cemetery. Eight officers arrived from England for attachment to the Battalion.

Dec. 6th Two officers arrived from England for attachment to the Battalion.

,, 7th A draft of 2 officers and 40 other ranks arrived from the 3 /4th Border Regiment, England.

,, 13th His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Charles Munro, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., inspected the troops of the Peshawar Garrison on the Brigade Parade Ground.

1917.

Jany. 1st New Year's Day Proclamation Parade under the G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Division.

,, 3rd \ Tactical schemes at Kacha Garhi under Brigadier L. C.

10th, Dunsterville, C.B. Battalion proceeded to and returned 24th, f from Bara on " Kitchener's Test." 31st, }

Feby. 3rd Ten attached officers proceeded to Anibala.

,, 4th Mobilisation of the Battalion for the Mohmand Blockade Line.

,,6th Inspection by the G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Infantry Brigade.

,, 7th The Battalion (17 officers and 642 other ranks), under the command of Lieut. -Colonel J. F. Haswell, V.D., proceeded, with the 5th Gurkhas, to Sadar Garhi, for service on the Mohmand Blockade Line ; camped for the night in the Perimeter Canip, Adozai, the whole force being under Brigadier- General N. Woodyatt, C.B.

,, 8th Marched from Adozai to Sadar Garhi. Arrived at 13 hours, and took over blockhouses Nos. 4 to 16 (inclusive), in relief of the 1st Battalion The Durham Light Infantry (" C " Company, Nos. 4 to 7; "A" Company, Nos. 8 to 11; " B " Company, Nos. 12 to 16; Headquarters, " D " Company, and one section Mountain Battery in the Perimeter Camp, Sadar Garhi).

,, 14th Lieut. L. MacGlasson appointed Adjutant vice Captain H. Thomson.

,, 22nd Communication trenches completed from Nos. 5 to 16 block- houses.

1917.

Mar. 1st Lieut. R. T. Bruckmau, 2 officers, aiid 100 other ranks, proceeded at 04.30 hours to join the column under rigadier- General N. Woodyatt, C.B., for the destruction of the villages of Jahaugirpura and Wazir Kalai. Detachment returned at 18.45 hours, having marched twenty-six miles and destroyed the villages.

,, 7th One officer and 50 other ranks arrived at Sadar Garhi from the Depot.

,, 8th Ten officers arrived at the Depot at Peshawar for attachment to the Battalion.

,, 10th Enemy sniped No. 15 Blockhouse during the morning from sangars on the hill to the north-west.

,, 13th No. 7 Blockhouse and the listening post on the left attacked at 20.50 hours by tribesmen from the front and from the nullah to the east of the blockhouse. The tribesmen were driven off, the wire remaining intact.

,, 22nd Tribesmen attempted to break through the wire near No. 11 Blockhouse at 23.30 hours. Driven off by the listening post.

April 5th Detachment, supported by armoured car, demolished the sangars 1,700 yards in front of No. 11 Blockhouse.

,, 9th Five Afghans taken prisoners in front of No. 10 Blockhouse stated that they had come from Dakka and were proceeding to Peshawar to draw their allowance as pensioners of the Indian Army. Sent to Shab Kadr under escort.

,, 10th His Excellency the Viceroy, Baron Chelmsford, visited the Mohmand Blockade Line and inspected No. 12 Blockhouse. The Battalion picketed the Abazai Road near Matta, and the three hills to the north of No. 12 Blockhouse. Mohmands sniped the picket on Hill 1461 from 14.00 hours to 17.30 hours, when the pickets were withdrawn, the enemy following up the retirement until dispersed by the fire from No. 8 Mountain Battery.

,, 18th Took over Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Blockhouses from the Frontier Constabulary.

,, 24th Took over Munda Kala Post (1 officer and 25 other ranks) from the 35th Sikhs.

,, 26th Relieved at Munda Kala by the 35th Sikhs.

1917.

April 28th Four or five Pathans entered the Bhoosa Agent's tent sixty yards outside the Sadar Garhi Camp. Sentry fired on the raiders, and the raiders dispersed, i'he Bhoosa Agent was brought into the camp seriously wounded and died shortly afterwards.

,, 29th Relieved by the 106th Hazara Pioneers, who took over Nos. 1 to 1C Blockhouses (inclusive) from the Battalion.

,, 30th Left Sadar Ghari and marched to Nagamou. Bivouacked for the night.

May 1st Marched from Nagoman to Peshawar. Strength of Battalion returning 14 officers, G attached officers, and 627 other ranks.

The Moniand Blockade Line stretched for seventeen miles from the gorge on the Swat River to the Kabul River beyond Michni Fort. The line consisted of a chain of block- houses from 300 to 1,000 yards apart, built on the north side of the Michni-Abazai Road, but clear of the foothills. A barbed wire entanglement was built from end to end of the line, with live wire placed in front. A communication trench was dug, connecting all the blockhouses, along which listening posts were stationed between dusk and dawn. Brigade Headquarters were established at Fort Shab Kadr, while Battalion eadquarters were established at Sadar Garhi, Shab Kadr, Subaii Khwar, and Michni, a Detachment of the 35th Sikhs being at Abazai Fort and the Frontier Constabulary at Matta.

,, 4th One officer and 71 other ranks of " D " Company took over the duties of the Infantry Detachment at Fort Peshawar.

,, llth Headquarters and "A" Company proceeded to Lower Gharial, Murree Hills.

,, 12th " D " Company proceeded to Gharial.

,, 13th Detachment of 2 officers and 150 other ranks proceeded to Nowshera.

,, 17th Headquarters and "A" Company arrived at Lower Gharial.

,, 18th " B " Company arrived at Lower Gharial.

June 1st Lieut. E. P. Hardy and 18 other ranks proceeded to Mhow on transfer to the 4th Machine Gun Corps.

,, 15th A draft of 40 N.C.O.'s and men arrived from the 3/4th Border Regiment, England.

1917.

July 1st Lieut. -Colonel J. F. Haswell, V.D., relinquished the com- mand of the Battalion on transfer to the R.A.M.C.

8th Lieut.-Colonel J. F. Haswell, V.D., left Lower Gharial for Quetta.

,, 25th Lieut. J. L. Strang and 40 other ranks proceeded to Mhow on transfer to the Machine Gun Corps.

August 6 th Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Halton, T.D., from D.A.Q.M.G. Gth (Poona) Division, assumed command oi' the Battalion vice Major G. H. Heelis, relieved.

Sept. 25th A draft of 123 N.C.O.'s and men arrived at Bombay from England, and proceeded to Cherat, N.W.F.P.

Nov. 1st " B " Company left Lower Gharial for Cherat. ,, 2nd Headquarters and "A" Company left Lower Gharial for Cherat.

,, 5th Peshawar Detachment left Peshawar for Cherat, by road. Nowshera Detachment left Nowshera for Cherat.

,, 7th The Battalion arrived at Cherat.

,, llth "A" and " B " Companies proceeded to Dag on company training.

,, 28th Inspection by G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Division (Major- General Sir F. Campbell, K.C.B.).

,, 29th " C " and " D " Companies proceeded to Dag on company training; "A" and " B " Companies returned to Head- quarters. A draft of 70 N.C.O.'s and men arrived from the 3 /4th Border Regiment, England.

Dec. 12th Celebrated "Arroyo dos Molinos " Day. Sports in the afternoon, football match and concert at night.

,, 28th Brigadier-General G. D. Crocker assumed the command of the 1st (Peshawar) Infantry Brigade vice Brigadier- General L. C. Dunsterville, C.B., A.D.C., proceeded on service.

1918.

Jany. 1st New Year's Day. Station parade.

,, 12th The Battalion (15 officers and 4G7 other ranks) proceeded to Jallozai for battalion training.

,, 23rd The Battalion left Jallozai and proceeded to Nowshera Thana

Jany. 24th The Battalion left Nowshera Thana and arrived at Walai for brigade training with the 1st Infantry Brigade, con- sisting of 2nd Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, the 15th Sikhs and the 35th Sikhs, No. 6 Mountain Battery, No. 263 Machine Gun Company ; one squadron 33rd Cavalry and one section 1st Sappers and Miners were attached to the Brigade.

Feby. 1st Inspection of the Brigade in the field by the G.O.C. 1st and 2nd (Peshawar) Division.

Feby. 4th Inspection of Brigade in the field by the Northern Army and 5th Commander (General Sir A. A. Barrett, K.C.B.).

Feby. 7th The Battalion left Walai. Arrived Nowshera Thana 7th, Pabbi 8th, Upper Dag 9th, Cherat 10th.

,, 20th Inspection of the Battalion by Brigadier-General G. D. Crocker, G.O.C. 1st Infantry Brigade.

April 22nd "A" Company left Cherat for Peshawar. M 2.fo7 Headquarters, " C," and " D " Companies left Cherat for Lower Gharial.

,, 24th "A" Company arrived at Peshawar.

,, 29th Headquarters, " C," and " D " Companies arrived at Lower Gharial.

May 2nd " B " Company marched from Cherat to Nowshera via the Manki Pass.

Nov. 1st Headquarters, " C," and " D " Companies left Lower Gharial for Cherat.

,, 7th Arrived Cherat and joined " B " Company, which had left Nowshera in October, marching to Cherat via the Manki Pass.

,, ,, 20th The Battalion celebrated the signing of the Armistice.

,, 22nd Ten days' holiday by order of the Commander-in-Chief, India.

Dec. 12th Headquarters, " B," " C," and " D " Companies left Cherat for Peshawar. Arrived 14th, quartered in the Khyber Barracks.

1919.

Jany. 1st New Year's Day. Proclamation parade under the G.O.C. 1st (Peshawar) Division.

,, 5th Brigade tactical scheme near Kacha Garhi and Jamrud.

,, 6th The Battalion moved into Taikal Camp.

Feby. 19th Tactical scheme under G.O.C. 1st Infantry Brigade west of Pallozai Khwar.

April llth Advance party proceeded to Lower Barian.

,, 18th Disturbances in Peshawar City. and 19th

May 6th Received orders to mobilise against Afghanistan.

,, 7th Mobilisation completed. Strength, 17 officers and 548 other ranks.

,, 8th Detachment, 1 officer and 60 other ranks, proceeded to Risalpur as protection to the Royal Air Force aerodrome.

,, 10th Detachment, 1 officer and 64 other ranks, .stationed at Camp- bellpur also proceeded to Risalpur.

,, 13th The Signal Section (1 officer and 26 other ranks) arrived from Lower Barian.

,, 16th The Battalion moved from Taikal Camp into Roberts Barracks.

,, 20th Detachment of 1 officer and 12 other ranks provided for the armoured train between Pabbi and Jamrud.

,, 26th One officer and 49 other ranks arrived from Lower Barian. A picket of 1 officer and 11 other ranks provided for the Bara Aqueduct nightly until 31st May.

,, 28th Captain A. W. Anderson, 2 officers, and 100 other ranks proceeded to Kohat at 14.00 hours to join the Thai Relief Force.

,, 29th The Detachment arrived at Kohat at 06.00 hours, and pro- ceeded to Hangu by motor lorries at 10.00 hours.

,, 30th The Detachment joined the Thai Relief Force under Brigadier-General R. E. H. Dyer, C.B. Left Hangu at 16.00 hours and marched to Togh, arriving 23.30 hours.

,, 31st The Detachment left Togh at 04.00 hours, marched to Doaba (17 miles), arriving 12.00 hours.

1919.

June 1st The Detachment left Doaba at OG.OO hours as escort to the artillery. The artillery came into action near the aero- drome N.N.E. of Thai. Bivouacked for the night on the artillery position.

,, 2nd The armoured train between Pabbi and Jamrud was attacked and partly derailed by tribesmen between Kacha Garhi and Jamrud at 00.30 hours. Corporal Murray and Private Brown of " C " Company wounded. The Detachment with the Thai Relief Force moved out at 09.00 hours and attacked the enemy holding a small hill north of Thai, the enemy evacuating the position. Returned to camp at 14.30 hours.

,, 3rd The Detachment proceeded four miles on the Parachinar Road beyond Thai, forded the Kurram River, and marched to the Afghan camp at Yusuf Khel. The camp was found deserted except for two wounded Afghans. Returned to Thai.

,, 4th Captain Anderson, 4 officers, and 200 Indian ranks, pro- ceeded to Yusuf Khel to clear the camp and ammunition dump abandoned by the Afghans. Returned 19.30 hours.

,, 6th The Detachment from Risalpur (2 officers, 120 other ranks) returned to Peshawar.

,, 8th The Thai Detachment left by train for Kohat and proceeded to Peshawar.

,, 9th The Detachment arrived Peshawar and bivouacked at the City Station.

,, 10th The Detachment proceeded to the Cholera Segregation Camp at Budni Bridge, returning to Headquarters on the 19th.

,, 13th Two pickets of 16 N.C.O.'s and men provided to form part of the cordon at night around the cantonment. Section taken over, Taikal Road to Jamrud Road.

,, 21st Fifteen officers and 282 other ranks proceeded at 01.30 hours to Bara, less 2 officers and 80 other ranks who preceded Headquarters at 20.00 hours on the 20th to picket the villages of Sarband and Pushta Khera during the night

20 /21st, rejoining at Bara at 05.45 hours. The Battalion formed part of the force under Major- General Shepherd to clear the Kajauri Plain of raiders, who had been active at Peshawar, Kacha, Garhi, and Bara. Forty prisoners taken. Battalion left Bara at 11.30 hours, reaching Peshawar at 13.30 hours.

1919.

July 17th The Armoured Train Detachment cancelled.

,, 24th Escort of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men provided for His Excellency and 26th the Comniander-in-Chief during his visit to Dakka and the Peshawar area.

,, 28th Believed of the two pickets between Jainrud and Taikal Roads.

Aug. 10th A guard of 1 officer and 54 other ranks provided for His and 14th Excellency the Viceroy during his visit to Dakka and the Peshawar area.

,, 12th Inspection of the Peshawar area troops by His Excellency the Viceroy.

,, 23rd Lieut. B. F. Chester appointed Adjutant vice Captain L. MacGlasson, resigned on transfer to Home Establishment. In addition to finding the Detachments for Thai, Risalpur, &c., the Battalion found the Infantry Detach- ment for Peshawar Fort, and a very large number of the garrison guards. At the commencement of the Afghan War, owing to the departure of the Regular Battalions, the Battalion had to find all the duties in the station, the men remaining on permanent guards from ten to fourteen days until relieved by battalions from other Divisions. Numerous escorts had also to be found to proceed to Dakka and Jamrud with the Northern Army Commander, Afghan Envoys, prisoners, ammunition, &c.

The Battalion was from time to time under the com- mand of Major G. H. Heelis whilst Lieut. -Colonel Halton, T.D., was employed as Commanding Peshawar Station, Administrative Commandant Peshawar, on the Lines of Communication, vice Brigadier-General Lane, and com- manding Peshawar Divisional Area vice Brigadier-Genera l L. Y. Campbell, C.M.G.

Sept. 8th Peace Treaty with Afghanistan signed.

,, 13th Six officers and 200 other ranks proceeded to Cherat.

,, 20th A draft of 27 men left Peshawar for demobilisation.

,, 30th Six officers and 200 other ranks returned to Peshawar from Cherat.

1919.

Oct. 13th A draft of 53 men left Peshawar for demobilisation.

,, 19th A draft of 77 men left Peshawar for demobilisation.

,, 23rd A draft of 4 officers and 104 other ranks left Peshawar for demobilisation .

.,, 26th A draft of 1 officer and 111 other ranks left Peshawar for demobilisation.

Nov. 7th A draft of 3 officers and 69 other ranks left Peshawar for demobilisation.

,, llth The Battalion, consisting of 13 officers and 202 other ranks, left Peshawar for demobilisation, having been on the North- west Frontier for 3 years and 8 months without the loss of a single rifle or a round of ammunition. The band of the 2nd Battalion Somerset Light Infantry played the Battalion to the railway station.

,, 15th The Battalion embarked at Bombay on H.M.T. Friedrichsruh for England.

Dec. 9th The Battalion disembarked at Plymouth and proceeded to its various dispersal stations, with the exception of a Cadre of 3 officers and 7 other ranks, which entrained for Kendal. The Cadre was subsequently moved to the Infantry Drill Hall, Carlisle, and from there dispersed on the 31st January, 1920.