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

DIED.

Date.

No. Rank. Name. Coy. Place of Death.

Home.

1915.

8th March 2460 2/Lieut. Mc.Vittie, G. H. C At Sea, on Board Penrith H.M.T. Tunisian

2 1st July 2461 Private Clarkson, R. D. A Station Hospital, Kendal

Wanowrie

9th Nov. 1665 Corporal Prickett, T. H. A

22nd Nov. 2244 Private Walker, H.

22nd Nov. 200591 L/Cpl. Thomas, B.

1916.

25th May 2693 Private Keddie, R.

27th May 2875 Private Walker, J.

30th May 2477 Drummer Park, J. T.

22nd June 2271 Private Parmley, W.

25th June 2963 Private Tinkler, W.

30th June 2509 Private Qoudie, F.

8th July 2909 Private Forster, H. W. B

20th Aug. 1696 Corporal Pearson, F.

24t Nov. 1753 Private Bond, H. C. B Whilst Interned, Milnthorpe

Konia, Asia Minor

1917.

20th June 201445 Private Atkinson, G. B Station Hospital, Stavley

Murree

1917.

24th Sept. 201719 Private Pugmire, R. A Station Hospital.

Peshawar

Oct. Lieut. Sewell, W. A. B B. E. F., France

1918.

7th March 200233 Corporal Irving, J. G. D Station Hospital,

Burhan Camp

23rd May 34481 Private Mc.Gee, J. D Station Hospital,

Peshawar

10th July 203517 Private Thompson, J. T. A

12th July 202172 Private Pearson, W. C

13th July 203580 Private Me. Sherry, J. A

22nd July 203604 Private Barker, C. H. A

29th July 200473 Private Gibson, J.

14th Aug. 202017 Private Cross, B.

12th Sept. 201806 Corporal Proctor, J. D Station Hospital, End Moor

Gharial

23rd Sept. 201793 L/Cpl. Gibson, J.

22nd Oct. 201559 Private Birkett, R.

23rd Oct. 201424 Private Hetherington, W. A

26th Oct. 200666 Private Douthwaite, H. A

30th Oct. 201572 Private Brown, F.

1st Nov. 203634 Private Telford, G.

5th Nov. 201095 L/Cpl. Little, T. E.

7th Nov 200604 Private Teasdale, F.

13th Nov.201475 Private Handford

14th Nov 201428 Private Grisdale, E.

16th Nov. 202090 L/Cpl. Walker, J.

6th Dec. 200475 Private Henshaw, H.

1919.

19th March 203532 Private Mitchell, S.

24th June 10327 Private Cuthbert, H. A B.G.H., Rawalpindi Montrose

24th June 203127 Private Ellis, J.

24th Sept. 201252 Corporal Thompson, W. D Line of March,

Jallozai

28th Sept. 201401 Private Pryce, A.

30th Sept. 200554 Segt. Proctor, G.

1915.

Wounded

22nd Nov. 1455 L/Cpl. Irving, J. G. D 1st Oxford & Bucks Ctesiphon,

22nd Nov. 1753 Private Bond, H. O..

22nd Nov. 1844 Private Button, J. W. D

22nd Nov. 2855 Private Sitith, J. E. B.

22nd Nov. 2295 L/Cpl. Thomas, B. C

22nd Nov. 2980 Private Megahy, T.B

22nd Nov. 1899 Private Inman, W. T. C

1918.

10th March Lieut. Kinghorn, E. C. D Attached 30th Squadron, R.F.C.

1919.

2nd June 20091 Corporal Murray, W. J. C 2/4th Border Regt. Afghan Campaign

2nd June 200894 Private Brown, G.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

2956 Private Sanderson, T. B Attached l/5th

2471 Private Jackson, >S.

2271 Private Parmley, W C C Attached 1st Oxford Kut, Mesopo- & Bucks L.I. taniia

29th April 1753 Private Bond, H. O. D

ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS.

5th July, 1915.

The men are cheerful and work well and keenly. In spite of the numerous Station duties, the Battalion should be fit for service in another four months after completion of musketry training. A contented spirit pervades all ranks. A good, useful Battalion.

(Signed) H. T. BROOKING, C.B.,

Brigadier- General,

Commanding Poona Brigade and Divisional Area.

A satisfactory report.

Adjutant-General for Commander-in-Chief in India.

30th September, 1915.

1916. A satisfactory report.

Adjutant-General for Commander-in-Chief in Jndia.

15th November, 1916.

8th Feb. 1917.

The Regiment is fit for war and well trained in all branches. Their fire and discipline will now be tested on the Mohmand Blockade Line. The efficiency of the Battalion has improved since last year. Officers and men work well. The interior economy is good.

(Signed) L. C. DUNSTERVILLE, C.B., A. B.C.,

Brigadier-General,

Commanding the Peshawar Infantry Brigade.

The officers and non-commissioned officers are competent, and their standard of efficiency as commanders is rising. The rank-aud- file are physically a fine body of men, well behaved, and keen. The Battalion shows marked improvement since coming into the Division five months ago. It is now on the Mohmand Blockade Line, and is reported to me by the General commanding there to be taking its place satisfactorily in the Brigade. I consider credit is due to Lieut. -Colonel Haswel'l for the satisfactory condition of the Battalion. It is fit for active service.

(Signed) SIR F. CAMPBELL, K.C.B., D.S.O.,

Major-General,

Commanding 1st (Peshawar) Division.

I have not seen this Battalion at field training.

It has a fine, smart, well-turned-out body of men, and a keen

lot of officers, so that it ought to do well.

(Signed) A. A. BARRETT,

Lieut. -General,

Commandinff Northern Army.

25th June, 1917.

A very satisfactory report.

Adjutant-General in India for Commander-in-Chief in India.

6th March, 1918.

20th Feb. 1918.

This Battalion is well trained, and has attained a high standard of efficiency. Drill is very steady and smart, and work on manoeuvre particularly good. All details of training are thoroughly and care- fully attended to. The officers as a whole are very zealous, and possess considerable knowledge of their work. The men are keen, well disciplined, and show a A r ery good spirit. Taking the pre-war standard of a Regular Battalion as 100, I fix the standard of this Battalion as 85. Interior economy satisfactory. Fit for service.

(Signed) G. D. CROCKER,

Brigadier-General,

Commanding Peshawar Infantry Brigade.

A well-commanded, well-officered unit. The rank-and-file are steady ; movement is brisk. All ranks take an interest in training matters. The standard attained is high, and a very good tone exists throughout. Fit for service.

(Signed) SIR F. CAMPBELL, K.C.B., D.S.O.,

Lieut. -General,

Commanding 1st (Peshawar) Division.

I was much pleased with what I saw of this Battalion during Brigade training. The men are very quick movers across country, and all ranks give evidence of having been carefully instructed.

(Signed) A. A. BARRETT,

General,

Commanding Northern Command.

27th May, 1918.

A very satisfactory report.

Adjutant-General for Commander-in-Chief in India.

April, 1919.

28th Jan. 1919.

Instruction and training in all subjects is carried out very thoroughly. The instructors are particularly capable and up to date, and the men are keen. Drill is steady and smart, and work on manffiuvres very good. A well-organised and efficient Battalion. The officers have a good knowledge of their work, and take an interest in it. The men are well disciplined, keen, and anxious to do well. I have a high opinion of this Battalion. It is fit for service. Interior economy satisfactory.

(Signed) G. D. CROCKER,

Brigadier-General,

Commanding 1st Infantry Brigade .

A very well-disciplined Battalion. All ranks take a pride in maintaining a soldierly bearing. I have always had confidence in this unit as being well trained, a valuable asset in the Division, and as being one which would always do creditably in the field. This view I maintain. Fit for service.

(Signed) SIR F. CAMPBELL, K.C.B., D.S.O.,

Commanding 1st (Peshawar) Division.

INSPECTION REPORTS BY THE INSPECTOR OF INFANTKY

(NORTHERN).

June, 1917.

I was most favourably impressed throughout by all the work I saw. Training is being carried out on very sound lines. Great attention is p;ii<l to detail, and reflects great credit on all concerned.

LETTER FROM GENERAL STAFF IST (PESHAWAR) DIVISION TO THE G.O.C.

IST (PESHAWAR) INFANTRY BRIGADE ENCLOSING ABOVE.

In forwarding a copy of the report of the inspection of the 2 /4th Border Regiment by the Inspector of Infantry Northern, I am to request that you will convey to the Officer Commanding the Battalion the pleasure it gives the Divisional Commander to receive this excellent report.

20th August, 1917.

July, 1918.

I only saw Headquarters and two Companies, the other two Com- panies being on Detachment in the 1st Division. I was satisfied with the standard of training reached, and all ranks appeared keen.

3rd January, 1919.

This is a very well trained Battalion, which is the more creditable as it has been much split up, and in places where there was not good ground. The men are particularly pleasant spoken and keen to do well. They are very well turned out, and the N.C.O.'s particularly are exceed- ingly smart and well taught. It would be difficult to find a battalion with a better spirit or more anxious to do well.

LETTER FROM THE ARMY COUNCIL.

23rd April, 1915.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to request that your Excellency will be good enough to inform the Officer Commanding 2 /4th Border Regiment that the Council have been glad to receive a good report of the discipline and conduct of the Battalion during the accident to H.M.T. Donyola on the 5th March last, and during its subsequent transfer to another ship.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) B. B. CUBITT.

To His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India,

Army Headquarters, India.

COPY or A LETTER FROM His EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA TO OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 2/4TH (CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND) BATTALION THE BORDER REGIMENT :

On your departure from India, I desire to place on record my high appreciation of your services to the Empire during the period of the Great War. Many of you previous to the outbreak of war had, by joining the Territorial Force, already given proof of that patriotism and public spirit for which the Force has rendered itself so conspicuous.

On the declaration of war your ranks were quickly filled by eager volunteers, animated by the same spirit of self-sacrifice ; when called upon to undertake the further obligation of service overseas your response was immediate and unanimous. By so doing you set free a large number of Regular units for service in the main theatres of war, at a time when every trained soldier was of the greatest value.

I share with you the disappointment, which I know you all feel so keenly, that it has not been your luck to fight the enemy in Europe. Many of you, however, have seen service on the Indian Frontier, and by your conduct and bearing have added to the reputation of the famous regiments whose names you bear.

For the greater portion of your service in India you have been engaged in the somewhat dull routine of garrison duty. The standard of efficiency which you attained, both in training for war and in discipline, reflects the highest credit on you all.

Since the termination of active fighting in all the theatres of war you have been subjected to the further stress of waiting for your relief. That you have appreciated the difficulties which the authorities have had to face in this respect is clear from the patience with which you have borne this trying period. You are now returning to your homes in the United Kingdom, and I bid you good-bye, God-speed, and a happy home coming. As an old commander of a Territorial Division at home, I am proud to have again been associated with this Force in India.

(Signed) C. C. MUNBO, General,

Commander-in-Chief in Iru/iti.

June 18th, 1920.

The Thanks of the Government of India, inscribed on vellum, were received in England.

COMPOSITION OF BATTALION, 4x H MARCH, 1915.

The N.C.O.'s and men wlio sailed for India in March, 1915, were

recruited from the following districts in Cumberland and Westmorland :

Carlisle and District 338

Keswick and Brampton ... ... ... ... 70

Penrith and District ... ... ... ... 95

Milnthorpe, Appleby, Kirkby Lonsdale, &c. ... 86

Kendal, Staveley, and Burneside ... ... 83

Winder mere, Ambleside, and Langdale ... 53

Various ... ... ... ... 42

Total . . 767

MISCELLANEOUS.

REGIMENTAL ANNUAL MUSKETRY RETURN. Table B, Part III.

Year 1915-16 1916-17 1917-18 1918-19

Average 81.2 109.3 127.14 111.3

Marksmen 2 141 457 211

1st Class Shots ... 78 312 264 471

2nd Class Shots ... 377 235 22 98

Failed in Part I ... 138 22 6 2

Failed in Part III ... 124 13 2 29

Partly exercised ... 11 2 15 20

Not exercised 20 27 16 12

750 752 782 843

Year. Best Shooting Coy. Average Score. Battalion Shot.

1915-16 ... "A" Company ... 85.4 ... Pte. Park, "A" Company.

1916-17 ... "B" do. ... 122.7 ... Cpl. Tyson, "B" Company.

1917-18 ... "B" do. ... 137.54... Pte. Stainton, "A" Company.

1918-19 ... "A" do. ... 118.5 ... L/Cpl. Robinson, "A" Company.

For the Musketry Year 1917-18 the Battalion was the best shooting battalion with the 1914 rifle in India.

EXTRACT FROM BATTALION ORDERS OF 24TH JANUARY, 1915.

The Commanding Officer has much pleasure in publishing for information that C.Q.M.S. Earl, T., of this Battalion, has been awarded by the Royal Humane Society a Testimonial on Vellum for having on the 28th November, 1914, gone to the rescue of a woman who was in imminent danger of drowning in the river at Kendal, and whdse life he gallantly saved.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Battalion team were ruuuers-up for the Murray Cup, 1918 (open to all India).

The following- were won :

Peshawar Divisional Cup, 1919.

Williams Challenge Cup, 1919 (open to all India).

EXTRA REGIMENTAL EMPLOYMENT.

The following extra-regimental employments were held by officers of

the Battalion in India:

Name.

Lt.-Col. J. F. Haswell, V.D.

Lt.-Col. F. W. Halton, T.D.

Lt.-Col. V. S. Jones

Major G. H. Heelis

Major H. G. Marshall

Capt. J. Jackson

Capt. H. C. Grierson-Jackson

Capt. P. S. Hamilton

Capt. M. G. Fisher

Capt. W. E. Walker

Capt. H. Thomson ...

Capt. B. F. Chester ...

HONOURS FOR SERVICES DURING THE OPERATIONS

AGAINST AFGHANISTAN, Dated 1st January, 1920.

To be additional Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the

Indian Empire Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel John Francis Haswell,

Royal Army Medical Corps.

To be an Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent

Order of the British Empire Captain Vincent Strickland Jones.

To be a Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent

Order of the British Empire Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) Patrick

Swinglehurst Hamilton

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.

Gaette of India, October, 1918 Lieut. -Colonel J. F. Haswell, V.D.

Gazette of India, 20th August, 1918 Lieut. -Colonel F. W. Halton, T.D.

For Distinguished Service during the operations against Afghanistan, London Gazette, dated 3rd August, 1920

Captain J. Brooks.

Captain V. S. Jones.

Lieutenant (Acting Captain) L. MacGlasson.

No. 200822 Sergeant (Acting Company Sergeant-Major) J. E. Bell.

No. 202062 Lance-Corporal (Acting Sergeant) J. E. Morgan, attached No. 8 Casualty Clearing Hospital.

No. 202065 Private (Acting Lance-Corporal) J. Owen.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No. 201411 T/W.O. Cl. II (O.R.S.) R. P. Wallace.

No. 200994 Pte. A. Lawson.

MEDALS.

The British War Medal is issuable under Special A.O. V of 1919 to those who served overseas between 5th August, 914, and llth November, 1918.

The Indian General Service Medal, with clasp inscribed "Afghanistan N.W. Frontier, 1919," is issuable under A.O. 223 of 1920 to those who served west of the Indus between 6th May, 1919, and llth November, 1919. It is expected that the award of the Victory Medal, under A.O. 183 of 1920, will extend to the operations on the Mohmand Blockade Line in 1917, but the further A.O. specifying what operations are included has not been published at the date of the publication of this diary.

The Territorial Force War Medal is issuable, under A.O. 143 of 1920, to all members of the Territorial Force who were serving on August 4th, 1914, or who had completed not less than four years' service with the Territorial Force before August 4th and rejoined that Force on or before September 30th, 1914, provided that they undertook, on or before

September 30th, 1914, to serve outside the United Kingdom, were passed as physically fit for service overseas between August 4th and September 30th, 1914, served outside the United Kingdom between August 5th, 1914, and November llth, 1918, and did not qualify for the 1914 Star or the 1914-15 Star.

UNION FLAG.

A Silk Union Flag was received after the Battalion had been dispersed. It is proposed, after Consecration and Presentation, to deposit this in Kendal Parish Church.

MEMORIAL TABLETS.

Arrangements have been made for placing in the Cathedral at Carlisle and Kendal Parish Church Cast Bronze Tablets inscribed with the names of those who died whilst serving, and the cost to be defrayed from moneys subscribed by all ranks.

At the date of the issue of this Diary there is a movement on foot to erect a Tablet in the Cathedral at Carlisle to the memory of all of the Border Regiment who died in the Great War, and to include the Line, Territorial, and Service Battalions. In any event, the Tablet in Kendal Parish Church to those of the 2 /4th Battalion will be erected as a Battalion Memorial.

DEPENDENTS.

A sum of money was subscribed in India by all ranks, and will be distributed, after the Memorial is paid for, amongst the relatives of those who died whilst serving.