

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS EMBARKED
WITH THE 16TH BATTALION
THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS
TO FRANCE

ON MARCH 6TH, 1916

Commanding Officer :

Lt.-Col. C. Herbert-Stepney Wounded 15/8/17.

Second-in-Command :

Major H. M. Milward - *Lt.-Col., C.O. 17th Battalion
Sherwood Foresters
14/6/16; wounded 1915.

Adjutant :

Capt. S. F. Lilley - - Invalided 1/18; O.C. Demob.
1st Battalion Sherwood
Foresters.

" A " Company :

Capt. R. F. Truscott - - *Lt.-Col.; A.Q.M.G., G.H.Q.
Capt. P. H. Coleridge - - Wounded 5/8/17.
Lieut. R. H. Ellis - - Trans. R.E. 10/2/17.
2nd Lieut. A. H. Strutt - - Killed in action 27/4/18.
2nd Lieut. C. G. Lord - - *Capt.; wounded 28/6/17;
trans. R.A.F. 1917.
2nd Lieut. N. C. Dawson - - Killed in action 12/7/16.

" B " Company :

Capt. W. G. Constable - - *Major; trans. 2nd-in-Com.
11th Battalion Lancs. Fus.
11/10/16.
Capt. J. G. Cooke - - Killed in action 9/10/16.
Lieut. H. R. Stevens - - *Major; O.C. 117 T.M.B.;
2nd-in-Com. 3/11/17;
wounded 24/3/18.
Lieut. A. Hardy - - *Capt.; wounded 9/10/16.
2nd Lieut. J. Brown - - *Lieut.; wounded 3/9/16.
2nd Lieut. H. L. Morell - - Wounded 2/4/16.
2nd Lieut. C. F. Bower - - *Lieut.; killed in action
13/9/17.

* Promoted.

" C " Company :

Capt. A. P. H. Le Prevost - *Lt.-Col.; wounded 24/3/18;
C.O. 17th Battalion
K.R.R.C.
Capt. R. A. Butt - - Trans. 10th Battalion Sher-
wood Foresters 6/16.
Lieut. D. W. Stevens - *Capt.
2nd Lieut. A. D. Parkin - *Lieut.; wounded 28/5/16,
22/10/17.
2nd Lieut. C. J. Hart - *Lieut.; killed in action
9/10/16.
2nd Lieut. H. V. Northam - Trans. R.A.F. 1916.
2nd Lieut. A. L. Holland - Wounded 15/6/16; trans.
R.A.F.; killed in action.

" D " Company :

Major N. Houghton - - *Lt.-Col.; C.O. 16/8/17; killed
in action 13/9/17.
Capt. D. H. Cohen - - App. Staff Capt. 117th Bde.
4/17; trans. R.A.F. 1917.
Lieut. P. U. Laws - - *Capt.; wounded 24/6/16,
9/10/16; killed 20/9/17.
Lieut. R. L. Illingworth - *Major; Senior Officers' School,
Aldershot, 10/7/18.
2nd Lieut. R. C. Davies - *Lieut.; wounded 22/6/16,
31/3/18.
2nd Lieut. J. R. Cholerton - *Lieut.; wounded 12/7/16.
2nd Lieut. W. R. A. Leh- *Lieut.; died of wounds
feldt. 9/10/16.

Machine Gun Officer :

Lieut. R. F. Dunn - - Trans. M.G. Corps 5/16.

Transport Officer :

Lieut. G. N. E. Strong - - Trans. Home Service 6/16.

Quarter-Master :

Lieut. A. P. Lunam - - *Capt.; trans. Adjutant &
Q.M. Convalescent Camp
30/1/18.

Medical Officer :

Capt. W. P. H. Munden, Attached A.D.M.S. 39th Div.
R.A.M.C. 7/16.

Chaplain :

Rev. A. P. Daniels - - Trans. Mespot. Forces
18/4/17.

* Promoted.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS
SUBSEQUENTLY JOINED
THE BATTALION IN FRANCE

DATE OF JOINING

30/4/16	2nd Lieut. F. H. Chappell	Killed in action 3/9/16.
"	2nd Lieut. E. H. Lifetree	Killed in action 21/5/16.
8/5/16	2nd Lieut. C. E. Garland	*Lieut.; wounded 23/3/18.
5/6/16	2nd Lieut. A. Stevenson	*Capt.; wounded 31/5/17, 21/9/17.
"	2nd Lieut. H. S. Seabrook	Killed in action 12/7/16.
"	2nd Lieut. T. C. O. Williams.	*Capt.; died of wounds 27/3/18.
"	2nd Lieut. S. W. Hill	Trans. 117th T.M.B.
"	2nd Lieut. O. M. Simpson	Wounded 3/9/16.
"	2nd Lieut. W. Benner	Wounded 3/9/16; killed in action 2/9/18.
"	2nd Lieut. L. W. Godwin	Killed in action 9/10/16.
19/6/16	2nd Lieut. A. Scragg	Wounded 9/10/16.
25/6/16	2nd Lieut. F. H. Gosling	*Lieut.; wounded 22/3/18.
1/7/16	Lieut. Max. Jackson	Invalided home.
17/7/16	Lieut. S. J. L. Lindeman, R.A.M.C.	Capt.; trans. 133rd F.A., 16th Division, 5/18.
24/7/16	2nd Lieut. W. J. Hastings	Wounded 3/9/16.
10/9/16	2nd Lieut. C. Darke	Wounded 9/10/16.
"	2nd Lieut. A. E. Cooling	Wounded 9/10/16.
12/9/16	2nd Lieut. A. R. Butler	Wounded 6/10/16.
"	2nd Lieut. C. W. Laws	Wounded 9/10/16; killed in action 27/6/18.
"	2nd Lieut. E. J. H. Bowler.	
"	2nd Lieut. V. Bowmer	Wounded 5/1/17.
27/9/16	2nd Lieut. J. P. Teahan	Killed in action 9/10/16.
29/9/16	2nd Lieut. V. J. Copestake.	Wounded 9/10/16.
20/10/16	2nd Lieut. E. S. Esam	Trans. 117th T.M.B.
21/10/16	Capt. L. H. Askwith	Wounded 3/8/17; died.
"	Lieut. S. G. Burch	Killed in action 13/11/16.
"	Lieut. F. P. Holmes	Transport Officer; invalided 6/10/17.
25/10/16	Lieut. R. Ure	Invalided 28/3/17.
26/10/16	Lieut. T. L. Darbyshire	Transport Officer; sick 14/5/17.
"	2nd Lieut. P. J. Dunckley	Trans. Indian Army.
"	2nd Lieut. E. E. Bull	Trans. Home Service.
7/11/16	2nd Lieut. R. A. Johnson	Wounded.
9/11/16	2nd Lieut. T. Williams	Trans. Home Service.
"	2nd Lieut. A. S. Mellor	Wounded 17/8/17.

* Promoted.

DATE OF JOINING

10/12/16	Major H. A. Leggett	- Wounded 31/5/17; trans. Base Depot, Etaples, 5/7/17.
17/12/16	Lieut. P. E. Burrows, M.C.	*Capt.; trans. Indian Army; killed in Palestine.
18/12/16	2nd Lieut. W. M. Spreckley.	Wounded 1/17.
"	2nd Lieut. L. A. Gothard	Invalided 30/11/17.
20/12/16	2nd Lieut. W. A. Medcalf	Wounded 21/9/17.
28/12/16	2nd Lieut. B. T. McPherson.	Invalided 14/1/18.
"	2nd Lieut. W. E. Wright	*Capt.; wounded 16/4/18, trans. 26/4/19.
"	2nd Lieut. H. M. Meakin	Trans. Home Service 7/2/18.
30/1/17	2nd Lieut. W. H. L. Bulkeley.	*Lieut.; trans. 15th Battalion Sherwood Foresters; Capt. G.S.O. 3 Education.
3/2/17	2nd Lieut. J. Hutchinson	Trans. 2/8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters.
4/2/17	Lieut. R. E. Burt	- Invalided 28/3/17.
15/2/17	2nd Lieut. C. J. Wells	-
8/3/17	2nd Lieut. H. M. Harrison	Trans. Home Service 5/2/18.
21/3/17	2nd Lieut. E. N. Smith	Trans. 2/8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters.
21/4/17	2nd Lieut. G. R. MacDonald.	Trans. 2/8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters.
25/4/17	2nd Lieut. F. G. Graves	Killed in action 20/9/17.
7/5/17	2nd Lieut. G. F. Gibson	Sick 29/5/17.
9/5/17	Lieut. C. H. L. Rixon, R.A.M.C.	Capt.; wounded 2/8/17.
13/5/17	2nd Lieut. A. Robinson	Wounded 12/9/17.
21/5/17	2nd Lieut. G. Sabine	*Lieut.; invalided 27/9/17; killed in action 22/10/18.
18/6/17	2nd Lieut. F. N. Bowley	Killed in action 20/9/17.
19/6/17	2nd Lieut. J. G. Morris	Wounded 13/9/17.
"	2nd Lieut. C. E. Robinson	Wounded 31/3/18.
27/6/17	2nd Lieut. G. F. White	Trans. Indian Army.
8/7/17	Rev. J. F. Bloxam, C.F.	Trans. 100th Inf. Bde., 33rd Div., 15/8/18.
13/9/17	Major J. R. Webster, M.C.	*Lt.-Col.; C.O. 14/9/17; killed in action 22/3/18.
19/9/17	2nd Lieut. T. W. Flewitt	Invalided 23/10/17.
27/9/17	Capt. L. J. B. Harrison	Killed in action 27/3/18.
11/10/17	2nd Lieut. B. C. B. Wiles	Trans. 15th Corps School.
"	2nd Lieut. H. B. Buswell	Wounded & missing 31/3/18.

* Promoted.

DATE OF JOINING

26/10/17	2nd Lieut. E. E. Wilson	Wounded 22/3/18; killed in action 4/11/18.
1/11/17	2nd Lieut. J. McD. Burke	Wounded 20/11/17.
25/11/17	Lieut. R. M. Dryan	Wounded 31/3/18.
"	2nd Lieut. C. A. G. Moore	Killed in action 19/4/18.
"	2nd Lieut. W. C. Whitworth	Capt.; trans. 53rd Batt'n Sherwood Foresters.
25/11/17	2nd Lieut. E. V. Smalley	*Act. Capt.; demobilised 22/1/19.
"	2nd Lieut. A. G. Holloway	Killed in action 24/3/18.
8/12/17	2nd Lieut. F. G. Steward	Trans. M.G. Corps.
10/12/17	2nd Lieut. T. Powell	Wounded 22/3/18.
12/12/17	Lieut. R. N. Barker	Wounded 23/3/18.
"	2nd Lieut. C. E. Allen	Wounded 22/3/18.
"	2nd Lieut. W. H. Foxon	Wounded 31/3/18.
13/1/18	2nd Lieut. H. Drabble	Wounded 24/3/18.
18/1/18	2nd Lieut. L. C. Smith	Wounded 16/4/18.
"	2nd Lieut. N. S. Dye	Wounded & missing 25/3/18.
"	2nd Lieut. F. Nurse	Missing 30/3/18.
"	2nd Lieut. G. E. Wood	Wounded 27/3/18.
22/1/18	2nd Lieut. L. L'Estrange	
9/2/18	Capt. A. Kerr	Trans. 10th Battalion Sherwood Foresters; killed in action 3/11/18.
"	Capt. J. W. J. Millar, D.S.O., D.C.M.	Wounded 15/4/18.
"	Lieut. M. A. Ellissen, M.C.	*Act. Capt.; trans. 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters.
"	Lieut. G. Reece	Wounded 22/3/18.
"	Lieut. N. L. Dexter, M.C.	Acc.; wounded 22/2/18.
"	2nd Lieut. W. E. Boswell	*Act. Capt.; demobilised 5/2/19.
"	2nd Lieut. C. H. Rollason	Wounded 30/3/18.
"	2nd Lieut. G. Powell	*Act. Capt.; trans. 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters.
"	2nd Lieut. L. Surridge	*Act. Capt.; trans. 53rd Battalion Sherwood Foresters.
14/4/18	Major J. S. Cassy, M.C.	*Lt.-Col.; C.O. 14/4/18; demobilised 26/2/19.
26/10/18	2nd Lieut. W. T. Rumsey	1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment, attached.

Mons. P. Maillot - - - Interpreter.

*Promoted.

AWARDS AND MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES

V.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
D.S.O. & BAR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
D.S.O.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
M.C. & BAR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
M.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
O.B.E.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
D.C.M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
M.S.M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
M.M. & BAR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
M.M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
CROIX DE GUERRE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
MONTENEGRIN MEDAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
ORDER OF AVIZ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
MENTIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15

OFFICERS

D.S.O. AND BAR.

Lieut.-Colonel C. C. Herbert-Stepney.

*Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Milward.

*Lieut.-Colonel A. P. H. Le Prevost.

D.S.O.

Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Webster, M.C.

Major R. L. Illingworth.

Second Lieut. G. Powell.

M.C. AND BAR.

Major R. L. Illingworth.

Major H. R. Stevens.

Rev. J. F. Bloxam, C.F.

O.B.E. AND ORDER OF AVIZ OF PORTUGAL.

*Lieut.-Colonel R. F. Truscott.

* Not serving with Battalion at time of award.

M.C.

Captain S. F. Lilley.
 Captain P. H. Coleridge.
 *Captain D. W. Stevens.
 Captain A. Stevenson.
 Captain C. G. Lord.
 Captain L. H. Askwith.
 Captain P. U. Laws.
 Captain T. C. O. Williams.
 Captain W. E. Wright.
 Captain S. J. L. Lindeman, R.A.M.C.
 Rev. A. P. Daniels, C.F.
 Captain and O.M. A. P. Lunam.
 Lieut. J. R. Cholerton.
 Lieut. R. C. Davies.
 Lieut. A. D. Parkin.
 Lieut. F. H. Gosling.
 Lieut. W. J. Hastings.
 Second Lieut. A. L. Holland.
 Second Lieut. V. Bowmer.
 Second Lieut. V. J. Copestake.
 Second Lieut. R. A. Johnson.
 Second Lieut. A. S. Mellor.
 Second Lieut. H. M. Meakin.
 Second Lieut. G. F. White.

MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES.

Lieut.-Colonel C. C. Herbert-Stepney, D.S.O.
 (and for service at home)* (Three times).
 Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Webster, D.S.O., M.C.
 *Lieut.-Colonel R. F. Truscott, O.B.E. (twice).
 Major N. Houghton.
 Major R. L. Illingworth, D.S.O., M.C.
 Lieut. P. U. Laws, M.C.
 Second Lieut. G. Powell, D.S.O.

WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

VICTORIA CROSS.

71138 Cpl. E. A. Egerton.

MILITARY CROSS.

R.S.M. J. Pepper.

*Not serving with the Battalion at time of award.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

76096 C.S.M. W. Arkinstall.
 26733 C.S.M. Bullimore.
 6328 C.S.M. A. Cokayne.
 26132 C.Q.M.S. F. Delves.
 26665 Sgt. S. Bradwell.
 26777 Sgt. E. Freeman.
 26867 Sgt. W. Hardy.
 25699 Sgt. A. G. Hildreth.
 26683 Sgt. S. A. Stych.
 26965 L/Sgt. H. Hallam.
 29177 Cpl. E. Gillatt.
 70051 L/Cpl. S. Edwards.
 22796 Pte. J. Betts.
 27272 Pte. H. Slater.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

26079 C.Q.M.S. S. Parsons.
 27701 Sgt. A. Cobb.
 6907 Sgt. J. Rowan.

MILITARY MEDAL AND BAR.

26842 C.S.M. B. Walker.
 25748 Sgt. T. W. Barks.
 27395 Sgt. J. Page.
 26208 Sgt. E. Sheldon.
 26285 L/cpl. G. H. Elson.
 26804 Pte. H. Farnath.
 20458 Pte. A. Hawbrook.
 20483 Pte. J. Robinson.

MILITARY MEDAL.

26070 Sgt. F. C. Breed.
 26674 Sgt. J. E. Cree.
 26274 Sgt. A. Freer.
 30660 Sgt. C. Gardiner.
 27329 Sgt. J. Jayes.
 24803 Sgt. J. Thompson.
 26156 Sgt. P. Trueman.
 25592 Sgt. W. Whitehead.
 25934 Sgt. A. Wiggott.
 25900 L/Sgt. S. Colledge.
 26151 L/Sgt. E. Gilbert
 (attached 117th T.M.B.).
 26230 L/Sgt. C. E. Holywell.
 16556 L/Sgt. H. Neale.

MILITARY MEDAL—*continued*.

26249	Cpl. G. W. Bennett.
26080	Cpl. A. Bush.
27392	Cpl. A. W. Challis.
26148	Cpl. A. Crich.
26563	Cpl. E. Jaynes.
26638	Cpl. G. Leake.
25592	Cpl. A. Mitchell.
27198	Cpl. A. Rushton.
16802	L/Cpl. J. Hayes.
12821	L/Cpl. S. Hurt, D.C.M.
26889	L/Cpl. H. Marsh.
76458	Pte. F. Adams.
26953	Pte. J. Annable.
10688	Pte. A. Astle.
50362	Pte. A. Baines.
25810	Pte. A. Barber.
53406	Pte. G. Baxter.
71105	Pte. G. Beckett.
15629	Pte. J. Bell.
26719	Pte. L. Boaler.
76275	Pte. T. Butchart.
59589	Pte. E. Cooper.
51697	Pte. R. Cooper.
24184	Pte. T. Corpe.
53405	Pte. G. Coy.
76141	Pte. A. Crothers.
27479	Pte. W. Eakin.
25375	Pte. W. Fowkes.
27620	Pte. J. Howitt.
25812	Pte. J. Hutchinson.
63049	Pte. P. Lacey.
32850	Pte. P. C. F. Lovatt.
14186	Pte. J. T. Mellor.
27092	Pte. E. Nightingale.
26438	Pte. G. R. Parsons.
25863	Pte. T. E. Pegg.
27267	Pte. W. Poxon.
70079	Pte. W. Root.
71548	Pte. S. A. Taylor.
22602	Pte. B. Thornley.
39930	Pte. G. Williams.
59635	Pte. J. Woodward.

MONTENEGRIN SILVER MEDAL.

22796	Pte. J. Betts, D.C.M.
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FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE.

26222	L/Sgt. A. Gyte.
	L/Sgt. W. H. Shaw
	(attached 117th T.M.B.).

MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES.

R.S.M. J. Pepper.
C.S.M. Turney.
C.O.M.S. S. Parsons.
Sgt. C. Slack.
Pte. Crossland (attached 117th T.M.B.).

BATTLE HONOURS

1. "FRANCE AND FLANDERS." In "FRANCE AND FLANDERS" from 6th March, 1916, to 8th June, 1919.
2. "SOMME," 1916-1918.. Present on the "SOMME" from 28th August, 1916, to 14th November, 1916.
3. Battle of the "THIEPVAL RIDGE." Battalion occupied Trenches on the "SERRE SECTOR" (Map 57, D.K. 29.5 to K.29). 20th September, 1916.
4. Battle of the "ANCRE HEIGHTS." Battalion held Trenches in this Sector for the whole period 1st October to 11th November, 1916, and were present at the Capture of "SCHWABEN AND STUFF REDOUBTS" "REGINA TRENCH."
5. Battle of the "ANCRE" Battalion took part in the Capture of "BRAUMONT HAMEL"; in the Capture of "SAINT-PIERRE-DIVION," 13th November, 1916. (The Battalion, assisted by one company of 17th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, captured "SAINT-PIERRE-DIVION" and took over 700 German Prisoners.)
6. "YPRES," 1917-1918.. Present in the "YPRES" Salient from 21st December, 1916, to 28th January, 1918.
7. Battle of "PILCKEM RIDGE." Present in the Battle. Battalion secured the Crossings of the "STEENBEER" (Trench Map St. Julien 28. N.W. 2 G.I. b9. 50-1-75). 31st July, 1917.
8. Battle of "LANGE-MARCK," 1917. Present in Trenches (Map sheet 28-I-36) 17th August, 1917.
9. Battle of "MENIN ROAD BRIDGE." Present in the Battle (Map sheet 28, objective J. 31. b9. 50. 250 and J. 26. C. 4. 25).

BATTLE HONOURS—continued.

10. Battle of "POLYGON WOOD." Battalion present in Trenches in Front of "RIDGE WOOD," "TOWER HAMLETS SECTOR" (Map sheet 28 N.W.), 27th September, 1917.
11. Second Battle of "PASSCHENDAELE." Battalion present in Trenches as above "TOWER HAMLETS SECTOR" 7th November to 10th November, 1917.
12. Battle of "St. QUENTIN." "SORREL LE GRAND," 21st March, 1918.
13. Battle of "ROSIERES" "LONGUEVILLE," 22nd and 23rd March, 1918. "MAUCOURT," 27th March, 1918.
14. First Battle of "KEMMEL RIDGE." "WYTESCHAETE," 17th April, 1918.
15. Second Battle of "KEMMEL RIDGE." "RIDGE WOOD," "VIERSTRAAT," "DICKENBUSCH," 25th April, 1918.
16. Battle of "SCHERPENBERG." Trenches near Dominion Camp in Front of "VLAMERTINGHE," 28th April, 1918.

SPECIAL HONOURS FOR KING'S COLOUR

1. "FRANCE AND FLANDERS."
2. "SOMME," 1916-1918.
3. Battle of the "THIEPVAL RIDGE."
4. Battle of the "ANCRE."
5. "YPRES," 1917-1918.
6. Battle of "PILCKEM RIDGE."
7. Battle of "LANGEMARCK."
8. Second Battle of "PASSCHENDAELE."
9. Battle of "St. QUENTIN."
10. First Battle of "KEMMEL RIDGE."

REINFORCEMENTS

It is not unimportant in the history of any Battalion on active service for the reader to realize the numbers of Officers and men with which the unit was periodically reinforced. These statistics, however, break somewhat crudely into the narrative, and therefore, the historian has collected the details together below.

Date.	Officers.	Other Ranks.
April, 1916	3	45
May, 1916	1	22
June, 1916	10	—
July, 1916	2	—
August, 1916	—	50
September, 1916	9	362
October, 1916	8	—
November, 1916	3	88
December, 1916	8	—
January, 1917	1	129
February, 1917	3	204
March, 1917	2	84
April, 1917	2	34
May, 1917	4	—
June, 1917	4	—
July, 1917	1	—
August, 1917	1	4
September, 1917	3	92
October, 1917	3	187
November, 1917	6	—
December, 1917	5	—
January, 1918	6	15
February, 1918	9	200
April, 1918	1	—
	95	1,516

FOOTBALL MATCHES

Opponent.	Date.	Score.		Result.
		For.	Against.	
15th Battn. Sherwood Foresters, at Nottingham.	May, 1915	13	1	Won
R.A.M.C., at Aldershot	Nov., 1915	2	2	Draw
14th Battn. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.	Nov., 1915	3	3	Draw
17th Battn. K.R.R.C.	24th Feb., 1917	12	0	Won
17th Battn. Sherwood Foresters.	13th Mar., 1917	6	0	Won
25th Howitzer Battery	2nd April, 1917	1	2	Lost
11th Battn. Sherwood Foresters.	4th June, 1917	3	1	Won
17th Battn. Northumberland Fusiliers.	7th June, 1917	4	1	Won
9th Battn. Sherwood Foresters.	8th July, 1917	5	0	Won
17th Battn. Sherwood Foresters.	16th July, 1917	4	3	Won
39th Div. Amun. Col.	2nd Sept., 1917	2	2	Draw
17th Battn. Sherwood Foresters.	2nd Oct., 1917	1	0	Won
17th Battn. Sherwood Foresters.	13th Oct., 1917	6	3	Won
145th Field Co. R.E.	30th Oct., 1917	3	1	Won
1st Battn. Sherwood Foresters.	23rd Jan., 1918	6	1	Won
13th Battn. Gloucester Regiment.	15th Feb., 1918	6	0	Won
5th Battn. Cameronians	6th Mar., 1918	1	0	Won
5th Battn. Cameronians	10th Mar., 1918	1	0	Won
10th Depot Army Ordnance Dept.	20th May, 1918	1	1	Draw
39th Div. Signal Co.	2nd Aug., 1918	4	0	Won
10th Depot Army Ordnance Dept.	10th Aug., 1918	2	2	Draw
7th Battn. Suffolk Regt.	29th Aug., 1918	5	3	Won

FOOTBALL MATCHES—continued.

Opponent.	Date.	Score.		Result.	
		For.	Against.		
7th Batta. Suffolk Regt.	3rd Sept. 1918	4	1	Won	
18th Batta. Northumberland Fusiliers.	17th Sept., 1918	0	1	Lost	
13th Batta. Gloucester Regiment.	12th Oct., 1918	4	1	Won	
16th Batta. Rifle Brigade	19th Oct., 1918	1	1	Draw	
10th Batta. Lincolnshire Regiment.	26th Oct., 1918	3	1	Won	
18th Batta. Northumberland Fusiliers.	10th Nov., 1918	2	0	Won	
23rd Batta. Northumberland Fusiliers.	20th Nov., 1918	6	1	Won	
14th Batta. Highland Light Infantry.*	2nd Dec., 1918	3	1	Won	
14th Batta. Highland Light Infantry.	—	0	1	Lost	
25th Batta. Northumberland Fusiliers.	—	5	0	Won	
18th Batta. Northumberland Fusiliers.	—	2	3	Lost	
23rd Batta. Northumberland Fusiliers.	—	0	6	Lost	
23rd Batta. Northumberland Fusiliers.	—	1	0	Won	
13th Batta. Gloucester Regiment.	—	2	2	Draw	
		Goals.			
Matches played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
30	24	7	5	124	45

NOTE.

August 8th, 1917.—"B" Company won the Brigade Inter-Company Football Competition by defeating the 117th Trench Mortar Battery. Score, 8-0.

March 8th, 1918.—"B" Company won the Semi-final of the Divisional Inter-Company Football Competition by defeating the winning Company of the 4/5th Batta. Black Watch (score, 1-0).

The Final never seems to have been played, probably owing to the German offensive.

* This match gave us the Championship in the Brigade Cadre League.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

By BRIGADIER-GENERAL R. D. F. OLDMAN, D.S.O.,

SEPTEMBER, 1916.

"I wish it explained to all ranks that we are taking part in operations of considerable magnitude. Not only is our own Division attacking, but the 5th Army and the Army on our right.

"Our own Brigade has the honour to attack, capture and hold the extreme left of the British Forces engaged."

LETTER RE BATTLE OF BEAUMONT HAMEL,
SEPTEMBER 3rd, 1916.

PERHAPS some extracts from a letter written at the time by one who was with the largest (but least useful) party left behind in Knightsbridge at the outset. The extracts are given as they stand, though certain gaps which were left at the time in conformity with the censorship regulations have been filled in:—

"At 5 a.m. the British bombardment began. . . . My Company had previously been posted at various scattered points to be in readiness to carry out their duties, which were to a large extent to carry stores after the assaulting troops, unless required for any other purpose. I had intended to have some food and hot tea after the preliminary bombardment, but fate was against this, as the above-mentioned 'other purpose' came into the realm of reality much sooner than I expected. I received an order to get together what men I could and reinforce the front (line). In ten minutes we (i.e., 53 men, 2 officers and a Lewis gun) were off. The Germans were concentrating their artillery for the most part on our front line and 'No-Man's Land,' and although I marched up under heavier shelling than I have yet experienced over here, . . . I got my Company to the rendezvous (Victoria Trench) without loss, and myself reported to the commanding officer of another battalion (Lieut.-Colonel Milward, 17th Battalion Sherwood Foresters) in a deep dug-out, then being used as advanced Battalion Headquarters. (Lieut.-Colonel Milward) . . . was waiting

for information (from his Company in the German Front Line), and kept me at his Headquarters for some time. On getting a report (to the effect that the Battalion in support, the King's Royal Rifles, had not yet gone over, but that his troops were short of ammunition and bombs), he ordered me to send off a party of my men to carry ammunition and bombs to the German front line, and myself to report to him later so that he could give me orders for the remainder of my Company. Then my troubles began. I started off to Victoria Trench, (some distance off) where I had left my Company to make the necessary arrangements. On emerging from the dug-out I found the world transformed, almost unrecognisable. The Germans had put their artillery barrage on to the trench where I was and that in which was my Company. My Orderly was seriously wounded, and I had to leave him at Battalion Headquarters. The trenches were all blown to bits, and I was walking on the top. It was difficult to find the way. I met no one; the noise was terrific; the shells were dropping without exaggeration in torrents like tropical rain. . . . When I reached the rendezvous I found the transformation of the world had extended as far as that, but in addition two companies of other regiments were there also (the King's Royal Rifles and the Cheshires), and all my Company were mixed up with them. One of the two officers I had left was wounded, and had gone back to the dressing station. My other officer was right at the other end of the crowded trench, and I could not get at him; movement was impossible unless I could get the men of at least one other regiment out. . . . It is difficult to pass in trenches at any time, and in these there were wounded filling up the narrow way, and parapets blown down as well. . . . All this time the torrential rain of shells was falling, the parapets and parados being blown down and a noise like an inferno. I endeavoured to extricate (the Cheshires, as they seemed to know in which direction they wanted to go). I passed a note down to their officer. (It seemed) . . . they had lost their way. I said if he would let me know where he wanted his men to go I would see they went there . . . (At last) I got them to file by, making the few of my men who were near me make room. After about thirty or forty minutes I got rid of them, and was able to reach what I hoped would be the remainder of my Company, and my remaining officer. I found the latter and part of the Company, but not nearly all. We got the carrying party together, took them to the nearest dump for ammunition, loaded them up, and under

this officer's guidance sent them off. . . . I (then) managed to find more men of my Company . . . and my Lewis gun team—three of the latter buried (by a shell), and the other three disinterring them and the gun. We went on . . . and found another officer (of the Battalion) with one of the carrying parties of another Company . . . I told him to collect any of my Company he saw and tell them to wait for me . . . and retraced my steps to advanced Battalion Headquarters to report the position. . . . I reported, and was told to wait, so I filled up the interval by begging for, and eating, food. I also sent a long report to the C.O., and asked for orders. . . . (In due course) I got orders to rejoin the Battalion at a certain point. (I emerged again) . . . and struggled down a ruined communication trench. The bombardment still continued, but it was less intense. I reached . . . the dug-out (in which I had spent the night in Knightsbridge) and later rejoined the Battalion at the point indicated. There I found the remainder of my Company, who it appeared had received the Commanding Officer's message (ordering us back), which had missed me in the confusion of the other two regiments. That is to say, half had received it, and the half, which I found, had not; (the carrying party I had sent off from Victoria Trench had had a terrible time, but had got back (also) safely (to the new assembly point). They had not been required to go as far as the German front line (as a withdrawal had begun).

"In our (assembly trench) we waited a very long time. The scattered parties of the Battalion coming in the whole afternoon. We got some tea . . . and waited for orders. They might have been anything. (We had assembled to make a further attack as a Battalion), but in the end the orders were to the effect that we were to be relieved, and must 'clean up' the trenches. This meant evacuating wounded—a slow business getting stretchers down the narrow alleys. It was quieter . . . where we were, and (indeed) everywhere (else), also such shells as came over were more to our right . . .

"At dusk the relieving Battalion (1/1st Cambs.) came up, but the relief itself took a long time, owing to the state of the trenches. . . . About 11 p.m. we moved out. We had hardly gone before the Germans put over a heavy barrage of gas shells."

This account, in its lack of clarity, gives a fairly accurate reflection of the day as it presented itself to us at the time. The main facts, however, were clear enough later.

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT BY "THE TIMES"
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, DATED SEPTEMBER
3rd, 1916, PUBLISHED IN "THE TIMES" OF
SEPTEMBER 5th.

"A FORMIDABLE POSITION.

"Meanwhile the frontal attacks on the enemy's main front line both above and below the valley made by the curve of the ANCRE served to distract attention from the forward thrust at this point. The German position here on the ANCRE is, perhaps, as strong as anywhere on the whole Western front, the two opposing fronts of the valley, rising on the right to the THIEPVAL Plateau and on the left to the high ground in a crease of which BEAUMONT HAMEL lies, making it naturally very formidable. The Germans have been here for nearly two years, and have strengthened it in every possible way. The slopes as well as the edges of the flat are honeycombed with trenches and dug-outs and strongholds of all sorts, while under BEAUMONT HAMEL itself are huge caves in which whole Battalions can find shelter from artillery.

"The attacking troops on the left (that is, north of the valley) swept through both first and second lines. The troops on the right were held up by positions of great strength at the southern angle of the valley. Those on the left, after killing a great number of the enemy, finding their right unprotected, and being attacked by overwhelming forces, presumably from the underground warrens on the BEAUMONT HAMEL side, withdrew from the trenches they had taken. They did this with relatively slight loss. I have this afternoon spoken with officers of the troops engaged, and, while they would rather have kept the trenches they had won, they are fully satisfied that they inflicted on the enemy much heavier losses than they suffered.

"These operations on the left took place, as I have said, in the early morning, before dawn. On the right the attack was not made until nearly noon, being in co-operation with the French on our right. The front of our attack reached from before GUICHY down to the neighbourhood of ANGLE Wood."

LIEUT.-COLONEL WEBSTER'S ORDER FOR
WITHDRAWAL ON MARCH 22nd, 1918.

"TO OFFICERS COMMANDING ALL COMPANIES.

- "1. If the order to withdraw is given Companies will move off in the following order: 'A,' 'B,' 'D' and 'C' Companies, at 10 minutes interval.
- "2. The first three Companies will move in artillery formation of two platoons, with 'C' Company in extended order to act as rear guard.
- "3. Companies are reminded that the enemy are reported to have cavalry up.
- "4. Lewis gun limbers will meet Companies at about E.25.A.9.9. The guns will not be put on the limber, and 10 drums per gun will be carried with the beams.
- "5. Route.—Cross country. Present position E.25.A. Mustering in J.10.D.

"Touch must be kept throughout, and if the enemy follows up closely must be fought from hollow to hollow.

"All officers are responsible that the pace kept is a steady one.

"G.22. 22.

16. SF. H.Q.

"4.55 p.m.

"C. E. GARLAND,

"Lieut."

EXTRACTS FROM THE DESPATCHES OF

Field Marshal SIR DOUGLAS HAIG,

Illustrative of the Activities of the 39th Division

I.

THE SECOND SOMME BATTLE. 20/7/18.

(The withdrawal to the Somme.)

§23. "Accordingly at 11.0 p.m. on the 22nd March orders were issued by the Fifth Army Commander that the troops of the XVIII Corps should fall back during the night behind the line of the Somme south of Voyennes, in touch with the III Corps on their right; while the XIX and VII Corps endeavoured to secure the main Peronne bridgehead on the line Croix Molineux—Monchy Lagache—Vraignes, and thence northwards along the third zone of defence to the junction with the Third Army about Equancourt.

"These withdrawals were carried out under constant pressure from the enemy, covered by rearguards of the 20th, 50th and 39th Divisions (Major-General E. Feetham commanding the last-mentioned division), which were continually in action with the German troops.

II.

THE FIGHT FOR THE ROZIERES LINE.

§43. "In view of the absence of reserves behind this front other than the composite force already referred to, the situation was serious. Troops of the 1st Cavalry Division were hurried across the river and occupied Bouzencourt, in which neighbourhood they had sharp fighting. A very gallant and successful counter-attack carried out with great dash by the 2nd Battalion Devon Regiment and the 22nd (Pioneer) Battalion Durham Light Infantry, both of the 8th Division (which was itself heavily engaged at the time at Rosières), supported by troops of the 50th Division, at this date under command of Major-General H. C. Jackson, held up the enemy a short distance south-west of Proyart. A counter-attack by the 66th Division restored the situation about Framerville, and at nightfall our troops were still east and north of Harbonnières, whence our line ran north-westwards to Bouzencourt."

III.

THE AMIENS DEFENCE.

§44. "During the night of the 27th/28th March parties of the enemy worked their way southwards from Morcourt and Cérisy and entered Bayonvillers and Warfusée-Abancourt, astride the main Amiens road. Our troops east of these places were seriously endangered, and in the early morning of 28th March were directed to withdraw to the line Vrély-Marcelcave. Our line from Marcelcave to the Somme was manned by Carey's Force, with the 1st Cavalry Division in close support. During the evening the enemy concentrated heavy artillery fire on Marcelcave and forced these troops to withdraw a short distance to the west of the village.

"The position of our troops at Arvillers and Vrély, however, in the deep and narrow salient between the Avre and Luce Rivers, was rapidly becoming untenable. The enemy was pushing southwards from Guillaucourt, and beyond our right flank had entered Contorie and was pressing the French troops back upon Hangesten-Santerre. A gallant attempt by troops of the 61st Division to regain Warfusée-Abancourt and lighten the pressure from the north proved unsuccessful, and in the course of the afternoon and evening our troops fell back through the 20th Division, which during the evening was disposed on the line Mezières-Démuin. At nightfall we held approximately the Amiens defence line on the whole front south of the Somme from Mezières to Iganucourt and Hamel."

IV.

THE STORM-CLOUD IN THE NORTH.

(The first Attack on Kemmel.)

§64. "At different times on the 16th April a number of strong local attacks were made by the enemy on the Meteren-Wytschaete front, which were for the most part repulsed with heavy loss to him by the 25th, 34th and 49th Divisions. At Meteren and Wytschaete, however, he succeeded in penetrating our positions, and after much rather confused fighting established himself in both villages. Counter-attacks delivered during the evening by British and French troops failed to eject him, though at Wytschaete a battalion of the 9th Division reached the eastern edge of the village, and our line was ultimately established up close to its western and northern outskirts."

V.

THE STORM PASSES.

(The Capture of Kemmel Hill.)

§67. "These operations on the southern front were followed on the 25th April by a renewal of the enemy's attacks in great strength north of the Lys.

"Following upon a very violent bombardment, at about 5.0 a.m., the enemy attacked the French and British positions from Bailleul to the Ypres-Comines Canal with nine divisions, of which five were fresh divisions, and one other had been but lightly engaged. The main object of the attack was the capture of Kemmel Hill by a direct assault upon the French, combined with an attack upon the British right south of Wytschaete, aimed at turning the British right flank and separating it from the French. At that date the British right flank lay on the Messines-Kemmel Road, at a point about half-way between Kemmel and Wytschaete.

"After very heavy fighting, the German infantry worked their way round the lower slopes of the high ground, and at 10.0 a.m. had succeeded in capturing Kemmel Village and Hill; though elements of French troops held out until a late hour on the hill and in the village.

"The weight of the attack in the British sector fell on the 9th Division and attached troops of the 49th Division, who at 7.0 a.m. were still holding their positions about Wytschaete intact, though heavily engaged. Fierce fighting continued in this neighbourhood for some hours later, and great numbers of Germans were killed by rifle and machine gun fire at short range. Later in the morning the right of the 9th Division was forced to fall back fighting stubbornly to Vierstraat, but at 1.0 p.m. our troops still held the Grand Bois north of Wytschaete.

"In the afternoon the attack spread northwards along the front held by the 21st Division. By the evening our troops had been gradually pushed back from their forward positions, and held a line running from Hill 60 to Voormezele, whence it passed north of Vierstraat to our junction with the French about La Clytte. The Allied Line had not been broken, and reinforcements were hurrying up.

"Next day fighting continued fiercely. In the early morning a very gallant counter-attack by the 25th Division, with attached troops of the 21st and 49th Divisions, undertaken in conjunction with the French, penetrated into Kemmel village, taking over 300 prisoners. Our troops then found

themselves exposed to heavy machine gun fire from the flanks, and were unable to maintain their positions.

"Later in the morning the enemy renewed his attacks in strength; but, in spite of repeated efforts, was only able to make small progress at certain points. Troops of the 21st, 30th, 39th and 49th Divisions (Major-General C. A. Blacklock commanding the 30th Division), and the South African Brigade of the 9th Division, had heavy fighting, and made several gallant counter-attacks. It will not have been forgotten that each of the 21st, 30th and 39th Divisions had experienced severe and prolonged fighting in the battle of the Somme.

"Successful counter-attacks were carried out also by the French, in the course of which the village of Loere was recaptured in a very gallant action.

"The capture of Kemmel Hill seriously threatened our positions in the Ypres salient, the communications and southern defences of which were now under direct observation by the enemy, while his continued progress to the north-west in the Voormezele sector would make the extrication of troops east of Ypres most hazardous. A further readjustment of our line in the salient was accordingly carried out on the night of the 26th/27th April, our troops withdrawing to the general line Pillekem—Wieltje—west end of Zillebeke Lake—Voormezele."

VI.

THE ENEMY'S ADVANCE STAYED.

§68. "On the 28th April local fighting took place in the neighbourhood of Loere and Voormezele, without material change in the situation; but on the following day, encouraged by the capture of Kemmel Hill, the enemy made a determined effort to improve his success.

"After a bombardment of exceptional intensity, which started at 3.10 a.m., a series of strong attacks were launched about 5.0 a.m. against the French and British positions from west of Dranoutre to Voormezele. Very heavy fighting rapidly developed on the whole of this front, and ended in the complete repulse of the enemy with the heaviest losses to his troops.

"At Loere and to the north of that village the enemy made desperate attempts to overcome the resistance of our Allies and gain possession of the high ground known as the Scherpenberg. At one time parties of his troops entered Loere, and penetrated to the cross roads between the Scher-

penberg and Mont Rouge, but in both localities successful French counter-attacks drove him out after bitter fighting.

"On the British front the positions held by the 21st, 49th and 25th Divisions were strongly attacked between 5.0 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. On the failure of these attacks bodies of German infantry advanced at 6.0 a.m. in mass formation, with bayonets fixed, against the 49th Division, and were repulsed with the heaviest losses. The 25th Division was again attacked at 8.35 a.m., and during the morning repeated attacks were made without result, and on this Division and the 49th Division, as well as on the 21st Division and attached troops of the 30th and 39th Divisions. At all points the attack was pressed vigorously with massed bodies of troops, and the losses suffered by the German infantry were very great. Throughout the whole of the fighting our infantry and artillery fought magnificently, and in more than one instance our troops went out to meet the German attack and drove the enemy back with the bayonet.

"At the end of the day, except for a small loss of ground about Voormezele, our line was intact, and the enemy had undergone a severe and decided check."

ROLL OF HONOUR