

## **Appendix E**

### **Action of the 2/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Fresnoy le Petit, April 8/9<sup>th</sup> 1917**

#### **A.182 Brigade Operation Order 8<sup>th</sup> April 1917**

#### **B. 2/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion the Royal Warwickshire Regiment Operation Order 8<sup>th</sup> April 1917**

#### **C. Commanding Officers After Action Report. 10<sup>th</sup> April 1917**

## **Appendix F**

### **Summary of Casualties of the 2/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, July 1916-2<sup>nd</sup> November 1918**

It should be borne in mind that the average fighting strength of an infantry battalion was usually about 38 officers and 500-600 men. Against total strength of the Battalion, however, these figures, at 750 men p.a., represent 75% p.a. casualties. Very close to those predicted in Field Service Regulations for infantry formations. See: Footnote 86.

July-October 1916, Including the Battle of Fromelles      13 Officers      188 Other Ranks

Operations on the Somme and during the German Retreat, December 1916-April 1917

5 Officers      49 Other Ranks

Third Battle of Ypres, September 1917      7 Officers      172 Other Ranks

Arras, October/November 1917      5 Officers      34 Other Ranks

Battle of Cambrai, December 1917      15 Officers      147 Other Ranks

German Offensive, March 1918      14 Officers      380 Other Ranks

German Offensive April 11<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 1918      12 Officers      213 Other Ranks

River Lys and Nieppe Forest, May-August 1918	7 Officers	157 Other Ranks
Advance on Armetiers, September 1918	6 Officers	97 Other Ranks
Attacks on Vendeies & Maresches, October 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> and November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1918	8 Officers	285 Other Ranks
<b>Total</b>	<b>92 Officers</b>	<b>1722 Other Ranks</b>

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WO 95/3044 Divisional Troops

WO 95/3044 307 Brigade Royal Field Artillery 1918 Apr. - 1919 June

WO 95/3044 308 Brigade Royal Field Artillery 1915 Sept. - 1917 Jan.

WO 95/3045 Divisional Troops

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## **Imperial War Museum**

### Department of Documents

4776 Box 80/32/1 Papers of Col Sir G Christie-Miller. Col Sir Geoffrey Christie-Miller DSO MC TD. 1881 - 1969, A TF officer he served with various battalions within the Division over the course of the war, commanding variously the 2/4 Battalion The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (temporarily) and the 2/5 Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment.

4160 Box 83/12/1 Papers of Lt Col J D Wyatt. Wyatt was a regular army officer from the Northamptonshire Regiment. He took part in the 1914 Christmas truce near Fleurbaix, was wounded in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle in 1915 and, on recovery, posted to the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Gloucestershire Regiment on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1916, eventually becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> in command. The papers contain six diaries and transcripts.

6968 Box 77/3/1 & Con shelf. Papers of Lt Col W A Vignoles. Commanding officer of the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Northumberland Fusiliers during their time as part of the 61<sup>st</sup> Division. Diary transcripts including the Battle of the Lys during the March 1918 retreat and the fighting in the Nieppe Forest (summer 1918); together with its histories (125pp) in diary form of the operations of the 9th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, November 1917 - April 1918 and September - November 1918.

10933 Box 69/25/1. Papers of Captain G Donaldson. Photocopies of transcript extracts from letters (62pp, May - July 1916) and a transcript account (15pp) describing his joining the 2/7th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment as a subaltern at Coventry in October 1914, in which he gives insights into the reasons others joined up and describes the decimation of the battalion for munitions workers as well as the move overseas and descriptions of the trenches. Also extracts from letters about him after his death in action on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1916.

1978 Box 92/19/1 Papers of Captain H C Meysey-Thompson CBE. Diaries covering enlistment through the Inns of Court at the age of 31 in August 1914, Commissioning into the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion the Royal Berkshire Regiment and the training and equipping of that unit until his transfer to the Kings Royal Rifle Corps prior to that unit moving to France in May 1916.

749 Box 90/37/1 Papers of Lt Shipway. Shipway served in the 1/4<sup>th</sup> Bn, The Gloucestershire Regt and, as an officer, in the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Bn, The Gloucestershire Regt and was promoted from the ranks in 1915. A somewhat shy man his short memoir includes a valuable account of events at Cambria in 1917, where he was captured.

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4565 Box 81/14/1. Papers of J L Bramley, A journal of service with 2/7<sup>th</sup> Bn The Worcestershire Regiment, until the Battalion was disbanded in 1918 and became the 24<sup>th</sup> Entrenching Battalion. The papers contain a well written 77 page journal with a lengthy description of the Allied retreat in March 1918.

4685 Box 80/1/1 Papers of D Manning. Various with the Divisional Cyclist Company, D Company 2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment and the Intelligence Corps attached to the 61<sup>st</sup> Divisional Head Quarters. Descriptions of fighting at Fromelles in 1916 and service in the line in 1917. An account of the fighting at Cambrai in late 1917 together with descriptions of intelligence work and twenty-four letters to his wife.

11427 Box P457. Papers of A Thomas. A 329 page manuscript account of his service with the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry between April and December 1918.

13761 Box 06/31/1 Papers of E E Tomkins. Tomkins served as an NCO with the 2/9<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment, His 57 letters, with transcripts, covering the period from May 1916 until December 1918 before dying of a gunshot wound on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1919 (NB. the IWM entry is for January 1918, so either this date, or that covering the period of correspondence, is in error.).

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