

Appendix E

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

A.182 Brigade Operation Order 8th April 1917

B. 2/7th Battalion the Royal Warwickshire Regiment Operation Order 8th April 1917

C. Commanding Officers After Action Report. 10th April 1917

Appendix F

Summary of Casualties of the 2/6th Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, July 1916-2nd 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 11th-20th 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 th -28 th and November 2 nd 1918	8 Officers	285 Other Ranks
Total	92 Officers	1722 Other Ranks

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WO 95/3036 Adjutant and Quarter-Master General 1915 Nov. - 1919 July

WO 95/3037 Headquarters Branches and Services: Commander Royal Artillery 1915 Sept. - 1918 June

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WO 95/3038 Commander Royal Artillery 1918 July - 1919 May

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WO 95/3039 Headquarters Branches and Services: Commander Royal Engineers 1915 Sept. - 1917 June

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WO 95/3041 Deputy Assistant Director Ordnance Services 1915 Sept. - 1919 June

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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 2/4th Bn The Gloucestershire Regiment on the 8th of July 1916, eventually becoming 2nd 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 9th Battalion The Northumberland Fusiliers during their time as part of the 61st 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 19th 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 2/4th 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 1/4th Bn, The Gloucestershire Regt and, as an officer, in the 2/4th 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.

2080 Box: Con shelf. Papers of Lieutenant C B Hunt. 133 letters written by a former School Inspector who served with 2/4th Battalion the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry between September 1916 and his capture by the Germans in February 1917.

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11427 Box P457. Papers of A Thomas. A 329 page manuscript account of his service with the 2/4th 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 2/9th 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 8th 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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