

13th Brigade.

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2nd BATTALION

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S (West Riding) REGT.

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Wednesday August 5 <sup>th</sup> 4.0 am - 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Mobilization. Parkville Barracks Dublin -	The Battalion Continued to Mobilise - Programme arranged for 1 <sup>st</sup> Day was carried out.	
Thursday August 6 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day of Mobilization. Barracks -	Mobilisation Continued. Programme arranged for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day was carried out.	
Friday August 7 <sup>th</sup> Barracks	350 Reservists arrived from the Depot. They marched in well & their general appearance created a favourable impression - At 7.30 am under Lt-Travers TRAVERS (Dipdt)	
Saturday August 8 <sup>th</sup> Barracks	At 11.30 pm. the remaining part of Reservists under Capt KENNARD (3 <sup>rd</sup> Batt) reached Barracks for the Depot. 360 all rank. The Battalion completed its mobilisation - in Personnel, Horses and Material.	

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<u>Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup></u> Barracks. 11.0 am.	A further small draft of 10 Cos & men arrived from the Depot under Captain <del>John</del> DIGBY - (3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn) A Short Church Parade was held at 11.0 am - The Bn paraded as整齐 as possible with a party of from 2nd Bn K O Y L I. - <span style="float: right;">WONNIFRITH</span> The sermon was preached (Rev. D. F. <del>Wright</del> CR. Further special details completed wih regard to Mobilization by Company Commanders & Promotions <small>carried on in the Battalion to complete establishment.</small> The Battalion paraded without M <sup>us</sup> Line Marched	
<u>Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.</u> Barracks. 8.30 am.	Marched to Phoenix Park. where the Brigade wih R. E. Gun Regt was mustered <small>SUTHBERT</small> & Brig General G. J. <del>Cuthbert</del> CR & carried out some Drill evolutions in Brigade. In a 1 <sup>st</sup> class order Parade, the Bn <small>to</small> <u>Steady</u> , & Carried out the various movements.	

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Sunday August 11 <sup>th</sup> 8.30 am.	<p>The Bt. paraded at full strength with 1<sup>st</sup> Line Transport for Rattle march, joining remainder of Brigade at 4<sup>th</sup> rd's near FOX &amp; GEESE INN CRUMLIN. The march was continued under Brig. gen CUTHBERT<sup>CB.</sup> through CLONDALKIN back to FOX &amp; GEESE INN. Totalling 10 miles for the Battalion to Barracks. The day was sultry &amp; the recruits - as a whole - found the march rather trying - many of them falling out owing to feet &amp; other trouble. The 1<sup>st</sup> Line Transport marched well - the horses generally being of excellent stamp &amp; quality, &amp; well up to the work required of them -</p>	

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Wednesday August 12 <sup>th</sup>	<p>All Companies were placed at the disposal of their Commanders for Drill. Artillery &amp; other Services from Blaize onwards.</p> <p>Re B: was finally brought up &amp; bar strength by <sup>hurting</sup> promotion &amp; appointments, &amp; the necessary interchanges carried out between the Expeditionary Force &amp; the 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcement. -</p>	
<p>Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup></p> <p>11.30 am.</p> <p>1. pm.</p>	<p>The Battalion paraded for embarkation in "SS GLOUCESTERSHIRE" in 2 Train loads leaving Barrack at 11.30 am. 5 pm.</p> <p>HQ Qrs proceeded with 1<sup>st</sup> Train load &amp; reached <del>Alexandria</del> ALEXANDRA BASIN at 1.15 pm.</p> <p>2nd Train load under MAJOR MACLEOD reached the Docks at 3. PM.</p> <p>The 18<sup>th</sup> Transport was all embarked by 6. pm.</p>	

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Friday August 14 <sup>th</sup> : 1.30am. <u>ALEXANDRA DOCK - DUBLIN</u>	<p>The Bn Sailed from PORT OF DUBLIN at 1.30am -      The quarters on board were very close. At all      officers had sleeping berths in Cabins and were      comfortable.</p> <p>Other Battalions on board were 2<sup>nd</sup> R. KOSB &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> R. W. K.      Regt: Also 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade HQ -  <u>THE LIZARD LIGHT HO. passed at 6pm.</u></p>	
Saturday August 15 <sup>th</sup> : 4.15 SEA	<p>Land's End was passed at 6. pm &amp; THE      LIZARD at 6.30pm -</p>	
Sunday Aug: 15 <sup>th</sup> : 5.30 AM. 1.30pm.	<p>Met 3 French Torpedo Boats at 5.30am -      The Transport was stopped for 20 minutes &amp; after      an exchange of signals was allowed to proceed -      "SS GLOUCESTERSHIRE" lay to off HAVRE &amp;      proceeded into Dock about 4 pm.      Disembarkation commenced forthwith &amp;      continued all night. The Battalion      turned back to the boat at the dock owing to heavy rain.</p>	

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Sunday August 16 Havre. 6.00 am.	<p>Re Br: paraded &amp; marched with HQ &amp; Co of 13th Infantry Brigade &amp; 2 other Battalions to Reg Camp at BLEVILLE 5 miles away. The Rain descended in torrents &amp; everyone was wet through on reaching Camp at 8.00 am. — The remainder of the day was spent in Camp.</p> <p>At 5.30 p.m. read out on Parade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) BG's message to The Brigade.</li> <li>(b) Field Marshal Earl Kitchener's message to all Troops.</li> <li>(c) H.M. The King's message proclamation to his Soldiers.</li> </ul> <p>Three cheers were given for His Majesty &amp; for the Colonel.</p> <p>On Entering Havre from unknown destination</p>	

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