

# **NIEUPOORT (LOMBARTZYDE SECTOR)**



## **Belgian Coast**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1917 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917.**

**The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)**

**1/4<sup>th</sup>, 1/5<sup>th</sup>, 1/6<sup>th</sup>, 1/7<sup>th</sup> BATTALIONS  
of  
147<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE, 49<sup>th</sup> (WEST RIDING) DIVISION**

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## FOREWORD

This book was compiled as the result of the realisation of the number of casualties that had been inflicted in this Sector, over such a short period of time, whilst working on the (as yet unpublished) book concerning the War Memorial Boards in Huddersfield Drill Hall. This War Memorial had been erected by the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in 1924, and was being refurbished by the Drill Hall Trustees to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war, in 2018. Two of the Regimental Archive Volunteers 'volunteered' to try and identify those who had been commemorated on this War Memorial.

The authors were aware that the 49<sup>th</sup> Division had been stationed on the Belgian coast and that it had not been a particularly easy tour of duty but little was recorded about this in the Regimental Archives, apart from a section in the 1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion's History of the First World War, by Capt P G Bales, who had been the battalion Adjutant at the time.

Michael Green produced some interesting research on the casualties of all four 'Dukes' Battalions in 147<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, and it was decided to compile this book based on that research. Some careful editing and a very helpful collaboration with a third member of the Regimental Archives Team, Richard Harvey, in the matter of maps and photographs, resulted in this addition to the DWR Regimental Archives' Collection.

It will join other publications to be uploaded onto the 'Dukes' Regimental Website for future generations to gain an insight into the activities of those who were caught up in that dreadful conflict and how they endured the terrible conditions of that time and prevailed against seemingly overwhelming odds to bring victory in November, 1918. Lest We Forget.

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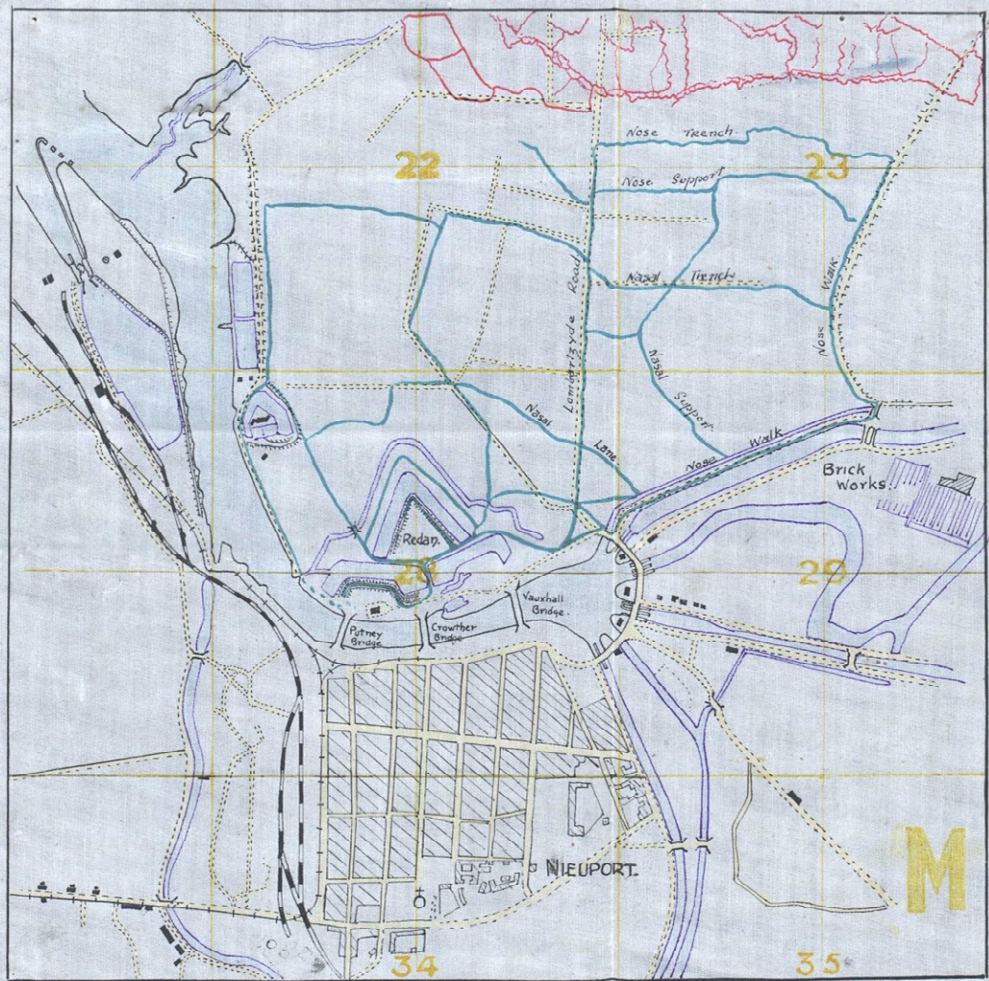


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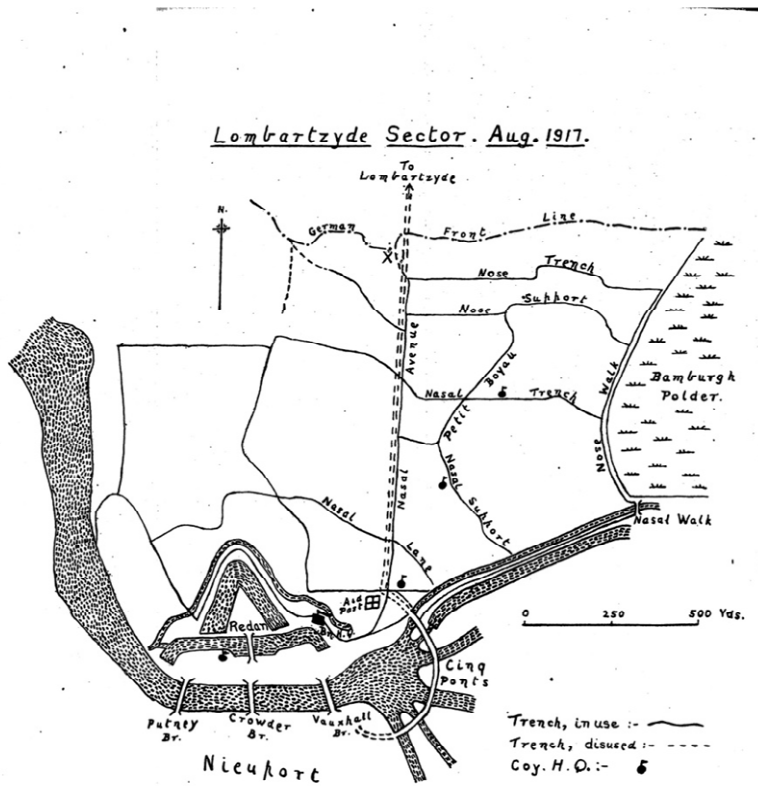
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Sketch Map of Nieuport, August 1917.

LCpl R Maude, Aug 1917.





Sketch Map, Nieuport, 1917.

Capt P G Bales.



Air photograph, Nieuport, 1917.

Capt P G Bales.

German Front Line - - - - -  
 British Front Line ————

THE LOMBARTZYDE SECTOR.  
 Aeroplane Map.

# Map – Belgian Coast



## INTRODUCTION.

Between 13<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> October, the 49<sup>th</sup> Division, including the four Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, which comprised 147<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, left the Somme area and moved to Dunkirk, then on to Nieuport, to take part in a diversionary attack, which was planned to include an amphibious landing by the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division on the Belgian coast behind the German front lines. This was the first phase of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres, which was then delayed until 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Unfortunately, the Germans had carried out a spoiling attack on the 11<sup>th</sup> July, pushing the Allied forces to the south side of the Canal, apart from a very small area immediately to the north of Nieuport, this was known as the Lombartzyde Sector, Lombartzyde itself being occupied by the Germans.

Both sides had massed artillery to prevent further attacks across the canal and this was the sector taken over by the 49<sup>th</sup> Division, after a period of training for the major attack against the Germans in this area, which was ultimately cancelled.

The Brigade operated on the Right Sub Sector, defending trenches named Nose and Nasal Support, with a communicating trench called Nasal Avenue (thought at the time to be a reference to the dreadful stench of death from the rotting corpses of the 11<sup>th</sup> July German attack). This sector was also the subject of high concentrations of gas, especially the newly developed Mustard gas, used indiscriminately by the German artillery. There was little in the way of machine gun or rifle fire, during the period the Division was responsible for this area, but the units lost heavily to gas, shrapnel and large-calibre high explosive shells. The 'Tommies' were heartened to realise that the British artillery was seldom inactive, and the German fire was very much overshadowed by the Allied response. An SOS signal to warn of an enemy attack would very swiftly bring down an effective hail of shell fire designed to destroy and demoralise any attacking enemy force.

The Unit War Diaries of all four DWR Battalions have been summarised on a daily basis and highlighted when the units were in the front line or active through patrolling or raiding. It will be noted that each Battalion did not actually spend that long on these tours in the front line, but each tour resulted in heavy casualty rates suffered by each Battalion whilst on duty, and even in the rear areas. One officer died of wounds inflicted during an enemy aerial attack whilst attending a course.

The casualty returns for each Battalion are annotated for each day and those men who were killed or died of wounds are commemorated in this book. Where known, their final resting places are also detailed in the Appendix.

After a period of relative quiet manning the coastal defences, from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, the Division was on the move again, reaching their destination on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1917 – where the troops were to take part in the final phase of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres – the Battle for Passchendaele.

To the end of the war, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that this sector was by far the worst place on the Western Front for artillery fire during the weeks that the Division had to endure the constant noise and the fear of sudden death.

Even so, when away from the Front Line, the conditions were considered to be good, although jellyfish and German observation of the beaches did curtail their enjoyment of the seaside facilities.

## WAR DIARY ENTRIES

### July 1917.

- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July:**

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Left L'EPINETTE to MERVILLE via HAZEBROUCK, then to DUNKERQUE and on to FORT MARDICK.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. The battalion marched to MERVILLE and entrained at 13.20 hrs to Hazebrouck and Bruges, de-trained at DUNKERQUE at 20.30 hrs before marching to camp at St. POL.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. The Battalion, except for 'A' Coy, entrained at MERVILLE to DUNKERQUE and marched to camp near to St. POL.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. General training, before moving to new location.

- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather wet with fine intervals).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. At FORT MARDICK, training – company attack on the dunes.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. 4 companies left Merville and arrived at camp at 09-00hrs for training on the dunes.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion marched to camp on the dunes, 'A' Coy. Joined with 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. on the train. Sea bathing in afternoon, but with problems with jelly fish.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. From DUNKERQUE to St. POL, marched from station to camp.

- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** (All Battalions left 49<sup>th</sup> Div., to join 32<sup>nd</sup> & 66<sup>th</sup> Divs. XV Corps).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Lt Col Sugden returned from leave and took command. Church Parade then training with 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. am.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade then training with 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn am. ½ holiday pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade am, then NCO's tactical lecture pm.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade am, then specialist training of companies in attack.

- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather, very hot, - 'beautiful day').

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training in company order amongst dunes.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> btn. Training on dunes all day. Divisional band in camp at night.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Lt. Col. CM Bateman returns from leave. Training on sand and in the dunes.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Company training in attack over dunes.

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather – hot day).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training in company order amongst dunes.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training - 2 companies attack and skill at arms 08-30 to 13-30. M.O's inspection pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training and information lectures.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Company training in attack over sand.



- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather – rain all day).
- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Marched from FORT MARDICK to BRAY DUNES. Advanced party sent to OOST DUNKERQUE.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion left St. POL at 04-00 hrs marched to camp at BRAY DUNES (10 miles).
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion moved off at 05-00 hrs, marched to BRAY DUNES via DUNKERQUE (11 miles).
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion marched to BRAY DUNES 05-00 to 09-30 hrs.

- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** (All Battalions – orders to move cancelled).
- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Resumed training.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Whole battalion, skill at arms training.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Company training in dunes.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack on dunes.

- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather – fine).
- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved from BRAY DUNES to GHYVELDE.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved from Bray BRAY DUNES to GHYVELDE.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved to GHYVELDE, camp to camp, 1 hour march. Later training in respirator and musketry.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Marched from BRAY DUNES to GHYVELDE, 1.5 kilometres.

- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** (weather – fine & warm).
- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training for attack.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training am & pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Skill at arms training am. Attack practice pm.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack on model trenches.

- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** (All battalions – Church Parade 09-30hrs).
- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training for attack.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. After Church Parade, skill at arms training am, and sea bathing pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. 10-30 onwards, attack training.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack and specialist training.

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** (weather – ‘beautiful’).
- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Attack training am, NCO’s lectures ‘Skill at Arms’ pm.

- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack am, skill at arms training pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. 06-00 to 08-30 general training, 09-45 to 12-45 skill at arms training.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack & specialist training. 5 Officers & 40 ORs to NIEUPOINT to take over trenches in LOMBARTZYDE Sector.
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- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather – ‘wet day’).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Attack training am, skill at arms training pm.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion training continues.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training for attack. 17-30, lecture ‘musketry, to officers & NCO’s, by Major Somerill.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Court Martial sentence of Pte. Holtby. 18-30 hrs. Remainder of Battalion moved to Nieuport via Adinkerke.
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- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather – fine).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Attack training am, ORs games & bathing pm. Officers lectures.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Major A Walker 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. attached as 2i/c Battalion training.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Attack training as before.
  - **1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. At NIEUPOINT. Report of 2 ORs wounded and 2 gassed.**
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- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather – fine & bright).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Attack training. Pm Officers & NCO’s lectures.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion continued practicing for attack.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training attack at dawn. Later sea bathing near BRAY DUNES and clean clothing issued.
  - **1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Heavy shelling 03-30 hrs. By 13-00 hrs, 2 ORs wounded, 2/Lieut Adams wounded & Capt J Ramsden gassed.**
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- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Attack training from dawn, then breakfast. No training pm.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion continued training for attack.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Brigade attack training.
  - **1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Heavy shelling – 1 OR killed, 9 wounded, 4 ORs gassed.**
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- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Attack training am, games & bathing pm.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion continued training for attack.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. CO & Coy Commanders went to NIEUPOINT to recce assembly. A little shelling from heavy guns.



- **1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Very heavy shelling. 6 ORs wounded by shelling, 4 ORs gassed.**
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July:** (weather – heavy thunderstorms).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice dawn attack, then to village church, later bathing.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. With 1/4<sup>th</sup> & 1/6<sup>th</sup> plus 2 Btms. From 148 Bde practiced dawn attack. Church Parade later.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack 03-30hrs, returned to camp 06-30 hrs. Church service at 11-30 hrs.
  - **1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Lighter shelling. 7 ORs wounded by shells, 2 ORs gassed.**
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack carried out am.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Skill at arms training am, Training in tactical problems pm. Notified attack not going ahead.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack am, Skill at Arms training pm.
  - **1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 2/Lt R A Lyon & 24 ORs 'C' Coy raided enemy trench. 3 ORs missing in action, presumed killed, 1 wounded, 6 gassed.**
- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion move to La PANNE - BAINS via GHYVELDE, ADINKERKE and La PANNE.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion moved to La PANNE – BAINS.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. 06-00 hrs 500 men moved to OOST DUNQUERKE.
  - **1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. H.Q. shelled – no damage. 6 ORs wounded, 1 OR gassed. (Battalion strength for July: authorised: 29 officers & 847 ORs. Actual: 19 Officers & 726 ORs.**

### August 1917.

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August:** (weather – very wet, rain all day).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. In rest at La PANNE.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion occupied coastal defences from ROUTE EOLIENNE.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. At OOST DUNKERQUE. Attack cancelled. 700 men in various working parties.
  - **1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. At Redan, NIEUPORT. In support at LOMBARTZYDE Redan. Some shelling, 3 casualties.**
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August:** (weather – wet, with fine intervals).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. At rest at La PANNE.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Orders received to move to trenches on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Recce party to left LOMBARTZYDE Sector.

- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Many varied working parties, then order received to move to COXYDE-les-BAINS & NIEUPORT.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Orders to relieve 97 Infantry Bde cancelled. 4 ORs wounded in action.
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- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August:** (weather - very wet & windy).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Pm relieved by 1/4<sup>th</sup> Suffolk Regt. Battalion moved by bus to Oost Dunkerque.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Arrived at coastal defences near OOST DUNKERQUE Les BAINS.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion relieved 2/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Manchester Regt.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Working party of 100 shelled, 1 casualty.
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- **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion out of line, training by Major A L Mowat. Quiet am, heavy bombardment later – mustard gas shells.
  - **1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Heavy artillery fire all day – gas shells. All bridges damaged, telephone communications out & enemy aircraft over area.**
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. In NIEUPORT, Active enemy artillery – gas shells.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quiet am. Officer recce trenches at 11-30 hrs. gas shelling, 2 killed and 2 wounded.
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- **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather – bright day).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quieter day, patrols into no-man's-land.
  - **1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion guns active, LOMBARTZYDE & WESTENDE. Enemy attack BRUGES, NIEUPORT & REDAN.**
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Heavy artillery shelling – gas shells. Many casualties. 3 killed, 3 wounded by shells & 39 gas poisoning.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Draft of 134 men arrived. Gas shelling early. 2 casualties and 1 man drowned.
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- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August:**
  - **1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Evening/night recce of enemy wire. 2 night patrols, 1 under 2/Lt. Robb.**
  - **1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Enemy fairly quiet. Evening stand to. Night gas shelling, and patrols into no-mans-land.**
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Heavy shelling, 200 men in working parties. 16 men gas poisoned.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quiet day. 100 ORs in carrying parties. 11 men gassed.
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- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quiet am & pm, but heavy shelling 19-10 to 20-50 hrs in REDAN & NIEUPORT.
  - **1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quiet day until evening. Bde & Btn. Ammunition dumps both blown up. RSM & 2 Sgts missing, presumed killed, 32 total casualties.**

- 1/6th Btn. Quiet day. Preparations for raid by Capt. Burton & 2/Lts. Dyer & Lacey.
  - 1/7th Btn. Quiet day. Heavy shelling 19-45 to 21-00hrs. RSM wounded & 7 casualties.
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- **Wednesday 8th August:** (weather – heavy night rain).
  - **1/4th Btn. Early morning raid by Btn unsuccessful, but raid by 1/6th a success. Very heavy artillery shelling pm & night, in area of Redan & NIEUPORT.**
  - 1/5th Btn. 01-00 hrs raid by 1/6th Btn. Successful.
  - **1/6th Btn. 01-00 hrs raid a success. 5 POW's and 1 machine gun of 114th Infantry Battalion captured.**
  - 1/7th Btn. Raid by 1/6th Btn a success
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- **Thursday 9th August:** (weather – fine day).
  - **1/4th Btn. Combined gas and artillery bombardment at LOMBARTZYDE heavy pm and night.**
  - 1/5th Btn. 01-30 enemy carried out gas attack LOMBARTZYDE village, GROOT BAMBURGH Farm & NIEUWENDAMME.
  - **1/6th Btn. NIEUPORT trenches, heavy gas attack at night.**
  - 1/7th Btn. Gas attack at LOMBARTZYDE. Bad trenches, relieve 1/5th Btn.
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- **Friday 10th August:**
  - **1/4th Btn. Relieved at LOMBARTZYDE by 1/6th Btn. Later went into relief at PRESQUE L'ISLE and remainder in billets or dug-outs on canal bank.**
  - 1/5th Btn. Many enemy planes active. Relieved at night by 1/7th Btn. On relief available to counter attack or carry materials at night.
  - **1/6th Btn. 21-30 hrs, started to relieve 1/4th Btn. In LOMBARTZYDE Sector.**
  - 1/7th Btn. Quiet night. Wiring at night. 1 OR killed. 1 wounded 7 Lt. Davies wounded in head.
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- **Saturday 11th August:** (weather – fine day, heavy storms at night).
  - 1/4th Btn. Remained in dug-outs, engaged in working parties.
  - 1/5th Btn. Quiet day. Working parties to support lines as previous night.
  - **1/6th Btn. In trenches, NIEUPORT, LOMBARTZYDE Sector & Redan.**
  - 1/7th Btn. Quiet day. 3 companies wiring. 4 ORs wounded.
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- **Sunday 12th August:** (weather – bright & fine).
  - 1/4th Btn. 200 men in working parties, NIEUPORT. No training done.
  - 1/5th Btn. Am shelled by enemy. Large working parties at night.
  - **1/6th Btn. Heavy shelling, many casualties.**

- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. In NIEUPORT Sector, shelled daytime. Working parties, 1 casualty & 9 gassed.

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August:**

- **1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. In LOMBARTZYDE Right sub-sector.**
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. More active enemy shelling. Many H.E & gas shells. Btn relieved by 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn.
- **1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Relieved 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn in LOMBARTZYDE Right sub-sector.**
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Relieved 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn in PRESQUE L'ISLE.

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather – dry day, heavy thunder at 19-30 hrs).

- **1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Midnight to 02-00 then 04-00 hrs heavy bombardment.**
- **1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quieter day. Much shelling by enemy at night.**
- **1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. LOMBARTZYDE Right sub-sector.**
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. At PRESQUE L'ISLE, 2/Lt R A Lyon (cyclist) killed in action. 1 OR killed, 10 ORs wounded (gunshot) 21 gassed.

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August:**

- **1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Stand to in NASAL SUPPORT.**
- **1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Heavy bombardment on NOSE SUPPORT, & NASAL TRENCH 02-00 to 05-00 hrs & 07-00 to 09-00 hrs. 30 x 15 inch shells fell near to HQ, rest of day quiet.**
- **1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quieter day.**
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quieter day. 3 casualties wounded & 23 gassed.

- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August:**

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quietest day in Sub-sector. Time spent re-wiring front line. Relieved by 20<sup>th</sup> Btn. Royal Fusiliers.
- **1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. 02-15 hrs gas attack on LOMBARTZYDE. Relieved by 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Shelling at night.**
- **1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Gas attacks, working parties remained in dug-outs.**
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Relieved by Cameronians. Total casualties for time at Nieuport: 255.

- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August:**

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. On relief, marched to Queensland Camp, OOST DUNKERQUE.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Btn moved to OOST DUNKERQUE, then La PANNE via COXYDE and KIRKE PANNE.
- **1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Redan, COXYDE coastal defences. am enemy shelling at 04-15 hrs.**
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. March to La PANNE & COXYDE. Late breakfast and cleaned camp. Arrived La PANNE 1815 hrs.

- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather – fine day).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Relieved 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders on coastal defence.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Cleaning up, and bathing. Many men suffered effects of gas.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. At COXYDE BAINS. Bathing & cleaning. Very large sick parade.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. La PANNE. Day spent settling in and cleaning.
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- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather - 'excellent').
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. At OOST DUNKERQUE BAINS, manning Right Sub-sector, coastal defence.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade with 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn, then CO's inspection. ½ holiday in afternoon.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Quiet day, news of 6 MMs and 10 gallantry cards.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade with 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Then 1 1/2hrs drill, saluting etc.
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- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather - 'fine, beautiful day').
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal defences as before.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Hot baths and training men.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bathing & Training on sands.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training on sands am. Draft of 2 officers and 20 ORs arrived.
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- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal defences as before.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. At La PANNE BAINS, light training & physical games am. Sea bathing and parades pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bathing in sea and training on sands. Concert in evening at Hotel Terlinck.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training am, bathing pm. HQ moved take over from 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn Manchester Regt.
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- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August:** (weather – fine & dry very hot day).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal defences as before.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Skill at arms training am. Sea bathing pm. Late night many enemy planes & town bombed.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training am. CO's inspection of A & B Coys in full kit.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training am. Bathing pm. 12 Gallantry Cards awarded.
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- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:** (weather – 2 heavy showers am, heavy thunder at night).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Major A.L.Mowat assumes command. Battalion on coastal defence.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Morning showers, some training on dunes.

- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Light shelling. 1 Military Medal awarded.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Am training halted by rain. Pm Officers instructed in drill.
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- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather – showers am then stormy day with sunshine).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal defences as before.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training continued in sand & dunes.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bathing at La Panne. 1 Officer awarded Military Cross, 2 ORs awarded Distinguished Conduct Medals.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bathing in baths, inspection and sick parades of 60 to 70 men, bad throats – gas inhalation.
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- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal defences as before.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training as before am. ½ holiday pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Few shells & bombs am, training & bathing pm.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training A & D Coys. B Coy clearing coastal trenches. Orders received to move on 27<sup>th</sup> to COUDERKERQUE.
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- **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade and coastal defences.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parades am, sea bathing parades pm. Orders received to move to CAPPELLE on 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parades am. CO's inspection of 'C' & 'D' Coys in full kit. Many shells fell.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 'A' Coy on coastal defence. 2 MM's awarded by GOC.
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- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather - very wet afternoon & evening).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Relieved from coastal defence by 2/5<sup>th</sup> Btn Manchester Regt. Moved to Surrey Camp, OOST DUNKERQUE.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Majority of Battalion moved to COXYDE under Major S C Brierly.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Relieved on coast by 2/6<sup>th</sup> Btn Manchester Regt. training 'skill at arms' and lectures pm.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 09-00 hrs, moved to COXYDE BAINS. Billeted in houses. No training due to rain.
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- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather – strong winds & heavy showers).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training at Surrey Camp.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. 2 Coys practiced attack am, remainder on working parties, cleaning homes Nr. Kursall Hotel.

- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training attempted, but abandoned due to heavy rain & high winds.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training begun but abandoned due to weather.
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- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather – heavy rain all day).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved from Surrey Camp to billets in private houses, in La PANNE.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. All available men practiced attack on training ground. Remainder of Bde. Moved to La PANNE.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved off by march to La PANNE.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved to La PANNE camp at KIRKE PANNE. HQ in La PANNE.
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- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August:** (weather – showers, heavy at times).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. At La PANNE, Practiced ceremonial drill (for GOC 147 Inf. Bde.).
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practiced ceremonial drill, for Corps Commander's Inspection on 1<sup>st</sup> September.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Drill practice with other Btns.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice drill for inspection by Corps Commander, on beach, am. Specialist training pm.
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- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August:** (weather – wet & windy at intervals).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Ceremonial Drill practice as before.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Ceremonial drill practice am. Skill at arms training, pm. (Casualties for August: 4 Officers wounded, 37 ORs killed, 82 wounded, 2 missing, believed killed, 94 gassed, 2 shell shock, 7 wounded but remained on duty).
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Formed up on sand at 1100hrs for Ceremonial Parade practice.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Rehearsal for inspection am. Draft of 6 men received. (Authorised strength for August: 32 Officers & 857 ORs. Actual: 18 Officers & 768 ORs).

### September 1917.

- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** (All Battalions of 147 Bde – Inspection by GOC Lt General Sir J P DuCane, with Div Commander Maj General E M Perceval & Brig General C Lewes). (weather – wet afternoon).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Parade inspection.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Parade inspection and medal presentation, MCs, DCM & MMs.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bde Inspection and medal brooches presented.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bde Inspection and medals presented. Joined by Chaplain.
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- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>. September:** Church Parades for all Btns. (weather – bright & sunny).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade and skill at arms training am, sea bathing pm.

- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade and training until 13-00hrs.
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- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** (weather – ‘fine, glorious day’).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal Defence Training
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. 2 Coys practiced attack on sand dunes am, relieved 2 Coys at Coxyde, pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training attacks am, skill at arms training pm.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training at Bray Dunes am. 2/Lt Reynolds to be A/Captain.
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- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather - ‘beautiful day’);
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal Defence Training
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Hot baths am, skill at arms training pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training attacks am, bathing at La PANNE, pm.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training all day near dunes. Lt Col Parkin on leave, Major Hill assumes command.
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- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion Transport inspection by OC 49 Div. Train.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Brigade Staff tour of training grounds am, ½ holiday pm. Enemy bombs dropped on town.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Skill at arms training am. ½ holiday pm.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Working parties, bathing and training.
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- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – fine day, very heavy thunderstorms at 2000hrs).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal Defence Training
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. 2 Coys practiced attack am.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training in dunes, and attack practice, later musketry practice.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training, 3 Coys in attack.
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- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal Defence Training
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. 2 Coys practiced attack am. Skill at arms training & instruction ‘defensive flank’ pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Attack practice & musketry on ranges.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training – Battalion in attack. 2 Officers drafted in, 2/Lt’s E Tanner MC & Jackson.
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- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – ‘glorious day’).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal Defence Training



- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Company practice – attack am, Sgts conducted promotion examinations for NCO's pm. Company at COXYDE relieved by 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training all day. 'B' Coy moved to COXYDE to relieve 1/5<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training on sands Nr. BRAY DUNES am, ½ day holiday pm.
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- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade am.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade and skill at arms training am. Sea bathing pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade am.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parade and skill at arms training am.
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- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – 'glorious day').
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion carried out tactical training at La PANNE –BRAY DUNES.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training – practiced attack & assist 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. With attack. Scheme viewed by Sir H Rawlinson.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Usual training + Lewis Gun training. General Plumer present.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. All day, bathing & kit inspections.
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- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – 'another beautiful day').
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Lt Col R E Sugden returned from leave and resumed command.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Battalion attack practice. Lt Col H S Tew relinquishes command, Major J Walker 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Assumes command.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training on beaches daytime, and night operations.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Company attacks am, skill at arms training pm.
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- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – fine).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coastal Defence Training
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Skill at arms training am, ½ holiday pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training am, boxing contest pm.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice battalion attack under observation of Brigadier. Night operations.
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- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – fine & bright).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. At Bray Dunes, moved to camping ground on dunes.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved with 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. To BRAY DUNES. Sea bathing pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Brigade practice attack on dunes.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Btn. In attack as part of Bde. After instruction by Brigadier.

- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September:**

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. BRAY DUNES, training, mainly Btn + Bde in attack.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Skill at arms training am, attack practice pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training on beach and inter platoon musket competition.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training near camp, skill at arms, musketry & gas helmet.

- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – fine day).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training as previous day.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training continued am, ½ holiday pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack on dunes.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training near camp, 3 Coys in attack am, ½ holiday pm. Lt Col Parkin returned.

- **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – ‘lovely day’).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parades, followed by training amongst sand hills, east of Bray.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parades am, Btn. Sea bathing pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parades am, football pm.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Church Parades then skill at arms training.

- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September:**

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training on sand dunes near Bray.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training continued morning & afternoon.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bathing at Belgium Baths am, training pm.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Company drill, 3 Coys in attack, and Brigade boxing contests. Draft of Capt Whitwam and 70 ORs join.

- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – very wet morning and more rain later).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training on dunes.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Skill at arms training.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Musketry competition on sands, then heavy rain.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Btn. In attack am, ½ holiday pm. Heavy shelling in area.

- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – fine with strong wind).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training on dunes am, Bde boxing tournament pm.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Brigade attack plans am, Bde boxing tournament pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bde. Attack on dunes am, Boxing tournament pm.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bde in attack east of BRAY DUNES am, Boxing finals pm.

- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September:**

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training continued.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training continued.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training on sands am + pm. Soccer competition evening.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Btn. In attack am, skill at arms training pm.

- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September:**

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training as before.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. In baths at PONT de GHYVELDE am, inter battalion musketry competition pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Specialist training on sand.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Route march, 9 miles on beach to BRAY DUNES am. Bathing & foot inspection pm.

- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:**

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training & ceremonial drill am, Musketry competition shoot off pm.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack on dunes.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 1 Coy – musketry, 3 Coys Btn. Drill – box respirator & lectures on gas pm.

- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September:** (49 Div left 15<sup>th</sup> Corps, joined 2<sup>nd</sup> ANZAC Corps, 4<sup>th</sup> Army).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. March from BRAY DUNES to COUDEKERQUE, 8 ½ miles.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Left La PANNE & BRAY DUNES marched to TETEGHEM.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. 09-00hrs moved from BRAY, arrived UXEM at 13-30.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 10-00 hrs marched via BRAY, UXEM to TETEGHEM. Arrived 16-30hrs.

- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather - very hot day).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Btn moved to WORMHOUDT by march from COUDEKERQUE, 10 miles.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. March from TETEGHAM to WORMHOUDTE, 11 miles, 29 men fell out due to heat.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Marched from UXEM to WORMHOUDTE, via TETEGHEM.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 10-00hrs marched via WYLDER to WORMHOUDTE, arrived at 14-00hrs.

- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather - very hot day).

- 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. March from WORMHOUDTE to BYSSCHEURE, BROXEELE area. 9 ¼ miles.
- 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Early march to BROXEELE via RUBROUCK.
- 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. 06-30hrs march to BROXEELE via RUBROUCK.
- 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 07-20 march to OOSTHOUCK. Arrived at 10-00hrs.

- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – fine but dull).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. In training at BUYSSCHEURE.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Kit inspection and clean up am. Brigade conducted tour for COs + Coy Commanders am. ½ day holiday pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Cleaning & skill at arms training.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. At OOSTHOUCK, all day kit inspection + drill practice. Brigade lecture 10-30hrs to 13-30hrs.
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- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September:**
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training continued.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice attack am, skill at arm training pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Bathing am, practice attack pm.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Practice with Btn. Scheme, ‘attack pill boxes’ + ‘mopping up’.
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- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – very hot & dry).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Marched from BUYSSCHEURE to AUDENTHUN area.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved from BROXEELE to ESQUERDES, via St OMER & WIZERNES, 13 miles. – large fire in BROXEELE, assisted locals.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Marched from BROXEELE to SETQUES via St OMER.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. March to QUELMES, arrived 16-30hrs.
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- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – ‘hot day’).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training in AUDENTHUN area.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training am.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training in attack on ‘pill boxes’.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Btn. In attack, tactical schemes for COs & Company Commanders.
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- **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** (weather – fine & warm, cool evening & morning).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Marched from AUDENTHUN to LONGUE CROIX area. (very poor billets).
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Marched from ESQUERDES to STAPLE, via ARQUES + Le NIEPPE.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved to EBBLINGHEM via ESQUEDES, and march past of Divisional Commander.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 08-00hrs left for Staple. Arrived 17-30hrs. Major T B Hall left Btn. To take over 49<sup>th</sup> Div Right Camp.

### October 1917.

- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October:** (weather – ‘good’).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. In billets, skill at arms training.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. In billets, north of STAPLES. Skill at arms training am, Major Walker gave lecture to Officers & SNCOs am. ‘Tactics in YPRES Battle’ pm.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Day spent cleaning up & skill at arms.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. At Staple, Company training am only.
  - **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:** (weather – ‘another glorious day’).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Skill at arms training.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Coys practiced attack in area of billets.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. 09-00hrs to 12-30hrs training. Officer’s conference pm.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Training under company arrangements.
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- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** (weather – fine day, rain at night).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. March from LONGUE CROIX to Clyde camp. Whole Bde in tents.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved from STAPLE to ESK via CASSEL & STEENVOORDE.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved from billets, marched via STEENVOORDE to WATOU, Tay Camp.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Marched from STAPLE to camp near POPERINGHE, - WATOU.
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- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** (weather – wet).
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> Btn. Early morning march to Red Rose camp, Then unexpected order to move to VEIN & VEND, to relieve New Zealand Forces.
  - 1/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Moved to Derry camp near VLAMERTINGHE. Then moved by march, via YPRES, to relieve New Zealand Forces.
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> Btn. 06-15hrs, moved off to VLAMERTINGHE ‘cold, wet march’. Arrived to relieve New Zealand Forces.
  - 1/7<sup>th</sup> Btn. 07-30hrs, marched from camp to Query Camp. Arrived at YPRES to relieve New Zealand Forces.

**Report on Operations**  
**carried out early morning of 8th August**  
**led by 2/Lieutenant Robb 1/4th Battalion.**  
**[Transcription below]**

REPORTS ON OPERATION  
 CARRIED OUT EARLY MORNING  
 OF AUGUST 8TH

APPENDIX 2A

① Ref. Last Night's Operations.

I enclose report from O.C. Party, 2 Lieut. ROBB and 2 N.C.O.s.  
 We failed to establish a post at M. 22. 6. 80. 25 for the following reasons.  
 (1) Direction was lost owing to winding about in the marshy land. The result being that 2 Lieut. ROBB fetched up with about 6 men at the enemy post. The remainder of the party got too much to the left.  
 (2) When the 6th. Battalion withdrew, the party who should have consolidated were told that the order to withdraw "BUXTON" had been given and they got mixed up with the 6th. and finally arrived at Company H.Q.  
 (3) The carrying party got out of direction also but I consider it was an error of judgment on my part to allow them to start from my front line trench instead of in rear of waves. I did this to save carrying so far.

By the time all men were collected it was too light to attempt to retake post.  
 My present left post is exactly on the LOMBARTZYDE ROAD at M. 22. 6. 86. 10.

R. E. SUGDEN Lieut. Colonel.  
 1/4 West Riding Regiment.

② To/ Adjt. "VEIN".

From O.C. 'A' Company.

"I enclose reports of 2 Lieut. ROBB, CPL. YATES and CPL. TAYLOR, in respect to the consolidation of posts allotted to my company.  
 On receipt of Mr. ROBB'S chat stating that he was obliged to return at 2.25 a.m. I at once went up the line but it was then too late to organize a party to take consolidate and dig a trench from M. 22. 6. 80. 25. Mr. ROBB reported that it was held by the enemy and I satisfied myself that it was so.  
 The post at M. 22. 8. 9. 6. I held as a second bombing post."

ALF. E. MANDER Capt.

③ To/ O.C. A Coy.

"At 12. 10 a.m. 5/8/17 my party assembled in correct starting point. After the barrage opened I gave the order to "Lead on Front" and was followed immediately in rear by Corporal YATES.  
 On arrival at enemy post I saw the 6th. Battalion party captured two prisoners and a Light Machine Gun. I immediately began allotting my party to their tasks but found only Corporal YATES and 5 men. There I put on to constructing blocks and immediately made endeavours to find the remainder of the party but could not. For the purpose of consolidating a point, carrying up ammunition and supplies, I did not consider 6 O.T. sufficient and told the men to go back at 2.10 a.m."

A. J. ROBB 2 Lieut.

④ "I reached my objective and made blocks. I had part of my own party and some of others posts with me.

I repelled an attack. I had men wounded and had too few men to hold. I saw Mr. ROBB and reported that I had only four men unrounded and he told me to come back."

J. YATES, Capt.

⑤ "I had instructions to follow the road after Mr. ROBB. We were called upon to advance. I did not see Mr. ROBB but thought I was following the road. We were turning zig-zag way and I must have misjudged distance. I started consolidating a part of the trench I thought to be the post when I was told I was on the wrong spot.

"I looked for Mr. ROBB both right and left but could not find him. Then not getting into touch with any of our men I thought I was on the wrong spot and retired.

The post I was actually consolidating was I think in the enemy front line."

H. TAYLOR, Cpl.

**Transcription of  
Report on Operation  
carried out early morning of 8th August**

1. Ref last nights operations:

I enclose report from OC Party, 2 Lieut Robb and 2 NCOs.

We failed to establish a Post at M.22.b.80.25 for the following reasons:

(1) Direction was lost owing to winding about the marshy land. The result being that 2 Lieut ROBB fetched up with about 6 men at the enemy Post. The remainder of the party got too much to the left.

(2) When the 6<sup>th</sup> battalion withdrew, the party who should have consolidated were told the order to withdraw, 'BUXTON', had been given and they got mixed up with the 6<sup>th</sup> and finally arrived at Company HQ.

(3) The carrying party got out of direction also, but I consider it was an error of judgement on my part to allow them to start from my front line trench instead of in rear of waves. I did this to save carrying so far.

By the time all the men were collected it was too light to attempt to retake Post.

My present left Post is exactly on the LOMBARTZYDE Road at M.22.b.88.12.

R E Sugden Lieut Colonel  
1/4<sup>th</sup> West Riding Regiment

2. To Adjt "VEIN".

From OC A Company

"I enclose reports of 2 Lieut Robb, Cpl Yates and Cpl Taylor, in respect of the consolidation of Posts allotted to my Company.

On receipt of Mr Robb's chit stating that he was obliged to return at 2.25am I at once went up the line but it was then too late to organise a party to take, consolidate and dig a trench from M.22.b.80.25. Mr Robb reported that it was held by the enemy and I satisfied myself that it was so. The Post at M.22.d.9.8 I hold as a second 'bombing Post'."

Alf E Mander Capt

3. To OC A Coy

At 1210am 8/8/17 my party assembled in correct starting point.

"After the barrage opened I gave the order to "Lead on Fourth" and was followed immediately in rear by Cpl Yates.

On arrival at enemy Post I saw the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion party capture two prisoners and a light machine gun. I immediately began allotting my party to their tasks but found only Cpl Yates and five men. These I put on to constructing blocks and immediately made endeavours to find the remainder of the party but could not. For the purpose of consolidating a point, carrying of ammunition and supplies, I did not consider 6 OR sufficient and told the men to go back at 2.10am."

A J Robb 2 Lieut

4. "I reached my objective and made blocks. I had part of my own party and some of other parties with me.

I repelled an attack. I had men wounded and had too few men to hold. I saw Mr Robb and reported that I only had four men unwounded and he told me to come back."

J Yates Cpl

5. "I had instructions to follow the road after Mr Robb. We were called upon to advance. I did not see Mr ROBB but thought I was following the road. We were turning zig-zag way and I must have misjudged distance. I started consolidating a part of the trench I thought to be the Post when I was told I was on the wrong spot.

I looked for Mr Robb both right and left but could not find him. Then, not getting in touch with any of our men I thought I was on the wrong spot and retired.

The Post was actually consolidating was, I think, in the Enemy Front Line."

H Taylor Cpl



## **AWARDS & DECORATIONS:**

### **1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

#### **Military Medals:**

200172 Pte N Dennis, for actions on the night of 4/5th August.  
201013 L/Cpl A R Mitchell, for actions on the night of 4/5th August.  
200192 Sgt H Smith, for actions on the night of 8/9th August.  
203188 Pte Lowth, for actions on the night of 16/17th August.

### **1/5th Battalion:**

#### **Military Medals & Divisional Gallantry Cards:**

240274 Pte W Archer, 17 08 1917.  
242136 Pte P Blakeborough, 17 08 1917.  
242488 Pte R J Yaxley, 17 08 1917.  
241432 H Schofield, 17 08 1917.  
204521 Pte R Woodcock, 25 08 1917.  
242408 Pte F Sykes, 17 08 1917.  
240112 Cpl G Wilkinson, 29 08 1917.  
242391 Pte A Bradbury, 29 08 1917.  
240433 Pte W D Crosland, 29 08 1917.

### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

#### **Military Cross:**

Lieut (A/Captain) B G Buxton, on 24 08 1917, for conspicuous gallantry on the night of 7/8<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

#### **Distinguished Conduct Medals:**

265115 Cpl G Dufer – D Coy, for actions on the night of 7/8<sup>th</sup> August 1917.  
266505 Pte J Bibby – D Coy, for actions on the night of 7/8<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

#### **Military Medal:**

265239 Cpl C Cook – D Coy – on 28 08 1917, for actions on the night of 7/8<sup>th</sup> August.

### **1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**Gallantry Cards:** All awarded on 22 08 1917, for gallantry at Nieuport:-

2/Lieut. F Haslam.  
2/Lieut. K Aspinall.  
306340 Sgt R Horton.  
305649 Sgt R Rhodes.  
268609 Pte J Bell.

37945 Pte W Baker.  
268646 Cpl L Hall.  
305579 Pte S Nelson.  
305037 L/Cpl D Kilbride.  
306365 L/Cpl W Barnes.  
307471 Pte W Robinson.

**Military Cross:** – awarded on 1<sup>st</sup> September:  
2/Lieut. F Haslam.

**Military Medals:** – awarded on 1<sup>st</sup> September:  
Sgt Horton.  
Sgt Rhodes.

### **PROMOTIONS, etc:**

#### **1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

##### **London Gazette 03 08 1917:**

From 01 06 1917, w.e.f. from 29 06 1917:-

Captain E Senior to be Major  
Captain S C Brierly to be Major  
Lieut. R M Palmer to be Captain  
Lieut. P N King to be Captain  
2/Lieut. Pounder to be Lieutenant

Lieut. A/Captain, J B Cockhill reverts to Lieutenant wef 03 08 1917 on ceasing to command a Company

Lieut. A/Captain, E G Wilkinson reverts to Lieutenant wef 11 08 1917 on ceasing to command a Company

### **BATTALION STRENGTHS & REINFORCEMENTS**

#### **1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**5<sup>th</sup> August:**  
6 ORs joined.

**10<sup>th</sup> August:**  
Captain J F Sykes & 10 ORs joined.

**27<sup>th</sup> August:**

47 ORs joined.

**28<sup>th</sup> August:**

4 ORs joined.

38 casualties re-joined the battalion.

**1<sup>st</sup> September:**

2/Lieut. C S Floyd re-joined the Battalion.

**6<sup>th</sup> September:**

2/Lieut. R G Irvine re-joined the Battalion.

**7<sup>th</sup> September:**

2/Lieut. W H Harvey joined the Battalion.

2/Lieut. L J Penny joined the Battalion.

2/Lieut. R J Machin joined the Battalion.

**9<sup>th</sup> September:**

Lieut. C Lawton joined the Battalion.

2/Lieut. J S Trickett re-joined the Battalion.

**11<sup>th</sup> September:**

Lt. Col. H S Tew returned to England.

2 ORs joined the Battalion.

**12<sup>th</sup> September:**

2 ORs joined the Battalion.

**16<sup>th</sup> September:**

19 ORs joined the Battalion.

**17<sup>th</sup> September:**

2/Lieut. H E Burgoyne joined the Battalion.

**18<sup>th</sup> September:**

2/Lieut. F J Cook joined the Battalion.

**21<sup>st</sup> September:**

Captain P N King returned to England, sick.

**26<sup>th</sup> September:**

Major J Walker appointed A/Lt Colonel whilst commanding the 1/5th. Battalion.

1 OR joined the Battalion.

**28<sup>th</sup> September:**

9 ORs joined the Battalion.

**29<sup>th</sup> September:**

2/Lieut. J E Ward joined the Battalion.

2/Lieut. H V Heaton joined the Battalion.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**7<sup>th</sup> September:**

2/Lieut. E Tanner MC joined the Battalion.

2/Lieut. Jackson joined the Battalion.

**17<sup>th</sup> September:**

9 ORs joined the Battalion.

**BATTALION ATTACHMENTS to OTHER DIVISIONS:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August, attached to 66<sup>th</sup> Division.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August, attached to 32<sup>nd</sup> Division.

17<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August, attached to 66<sup>th</sup> Division.

29<sup>th</sup> August – returned to 49<sup>th</sup> Division.

## CASUALTIES:

The Battalions' Casualty Lists have been tabulated in chronological order, however, the four war diaries were completed with differing levels of detail and accuracy and the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion's War Diary merely shows monthly totals for wounded, whereas the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion's War Diary lists each casualty by name.

Even so, a comparison of the numbers and types of casualty readily shows which unit was in the front line at any one time and the nature of the injuries sustained, particularly from gas.

The reference numbers relate to the Cemetery and Memorial maps at Appendix A. Each grave or memorial is indicated on the cemetery plans.

### 25<sup>th</sup> July:

#### 1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:

**RIDEHALGH Thomas Arthur** Pte. 307834 (ref: 7/18).

Age 28. Born at Halifax, resided with his wife at 13, Mount Street, Halifax enlisted in 1916 at Halifax.

A master butcher at 309 Gibbet Street, Halifax.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 25 07 1917.

Commemorated in St.Hilda's Church, Gibraltar Road, Halifax Roll of Honour; St.Mary's, Rhodes Street, Roll of Honour; Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance; Halifax Butchers Roll of Honour – Borough Market; Halifax Bowling Club, Thrum Hall Lane, Roll of Honour & Calderdale War Dead, page 231.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.B.10.

**STOTT John William** Pte. 307844 (ref: 7/20).

Age 21. Resided at Moor Hey Farm, Sowood, Stainland, enlisted in August 1916 at Halifax.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 25 07 1917.

Commemorated at Stainland St.Andrew's Church Roll of Honour; Stainland Providence .Congregational Church Roll of Honour & Calderdale War Dead, page 446.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.B.11.

### 26<sup>th</sup> July:

#### 1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:

1 OR killed in action, 2/Lieut. Adams wounded, Capt. J Ramsden gassed, 31 OR gassed, 16 ORs wounded.

**GIBSON Ernest Alfred** L/Cpl. 305494 (ref: 7/8).

Age 24. Son of Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Gibson, of 34, High Street West, Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire.

Resided in Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and at Hard End, Marsden, with his cousin, Sgt. Gibson. Enlisted August 1914 at Milnsbridge, Huddersfield. He had served for 4 years with the Territorial Battalion of the Northampton Regiment.

Employed at ready Carr Mill, Marsden.

Wounded on 25 07 1917 at Nieuport and Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 26 07 1917.  
Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 1.L.7.  
Commemorated on Marsden War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M  
Stansfield, page 163  
*"He died that we may live"*

**SUGDEN Norman** Pte. 306461 (ref: 7/21).  
Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 26 07 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.B.13.

**27<sup>th</sup> July:**

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**  
1 OR Killed in action, 9 ORs wounded, 4 ORs gassed.

**28<sup>th</sup> July:**

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**  
6 ORs wounded (shell), 1 OR gassed.

**BROOKES Joseph William** Pte. 307934 (ref: 7/6).  
Born at Nottingham, enlisted at Nottingham.  
Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 28 07 1917.  
Formerly Pte. 38879, Northumberland Fusiliers.  
Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 3.L.7.

**29<sup>th</sup> July:**

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**  
7 ORs wounded (shell), 2 ORs gassed.

**BLAND Nelson** Pte. 307755 (ref: 7/4).  
Resided at 368, Queens Road, Halifax, Reservist, called up August 1914 at Halifax.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 29 07 1917.  
Buried in Oostende New Communal Cemetery. B.7.  
Commemorated in the Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 61.

**30<sup>th</sup> July:**

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**  
3 ORs reported missing, 11 OR wounded, 6 ORs gassed.

**BROOK Harold** Pte. 307759 (ref: 7/5).  
Age 19. Born 24 09 1897 the Son of Mr. & Mrs. George Brook, 14, Thornton Road, Crosland  
Moor, Huddersfield, later of 200, Manchester Road, Huddersfield.  
Enlisted at Huddersfield,.Employed as a packing case maker, by Wilson, Travis 7 Co. of William  
Street, Huddersfield.  
Died of Wounds, (gas poisoning), at Nieuport, France & Flanders 30 07 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 3.A.6.

Commemorated on St. Thomas's Church, Longroyd Bridge Roll of Honour; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 67.

*"In loving memory of Harold, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brook of Huddersfield"*.

**FLETCHER Leonard** L/Cpl. 307255 (ref: 7/7).

Born at Sheffield, enlisted at Sheffield.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 30 07 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 1.L.46.

**GOWERS Wilfred** Pte. 307632 (ref: 7/9).

Age 24. Husband of Mrs. A. Gowers, of 1, Prospect Street, Bingley.

Born at Castle Howard, Yorkshire, resided in Bingley, enlisted at Keighley.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 30 07 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 1.L.45.

#### **31<sup>st</sup> July:**

##### **1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

6 ORs wounded (shell), 1 OR gassed.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> August:**

##### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

265558 Sgt R Segger – D Coy, wounded.

265728 Cpl T H Knowles – A Coy, wounded.

18896 Pte J A Bailey – A Coy, wounded.

##### **1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

3 ORs wounded, 1 OR gassed.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> August:**

##### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

29963 Pte J Walling – A Coy, wounded.

266006 Pte A Banks – A Coy, wounded.

267481 Pte A Adams – A Coy, wounded.

##### **1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

4 ORs wounded.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> August:**

##### **1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**WOOD George William** L/Cpl. 242570. (ref: 5/41).

Age 24. Husband of Alice, of 30, Verdon Street, Sheffield.

Born at Doncaster, resided in Sheffield, enlisted at Doncaster.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 03 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.7.

*"Faithful unto death"*.

### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

266171 Pte H Pickering C Coy, killed in action – shell.

#### **PICKERING Hubert Pte. 266171 (ref: 6/11).**

Age 37. Son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pickering, of Burnley. Husband of Catherine, of 15, Vicarage Road, Kelbrook, Colne.

Resided in Kelbrook, Lancashire, enlisted Skipton.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 03 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.3.

Commemorated in “Cravens Part in the Great War”, page 273 (with photograph) & “Guiseley Terriers”, page 136 (with photograph).

Formerly Pte. 24600, East Yorkshire Regiment

*“Missed most by those who loved him best – from his wife and children”.*

### **1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

1 OR wounded.

#### **HEMSLEY Sam Pte. 307187 (ref: 7/11).**

Age 21. Son of Mr. & Mrs. James Hemsley, of 22, Balmoral Street, Hebden Bridge.

Born at Hebden Bridge, enlisted in October 1916 at Hebden Bridge.

A baker for Law & Pickles.

Killed in Action, (shell fire), France & Flanders 03 08 1917

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.4.

Commemorated on Hebden Bridge Methodist Church Roll of Honour; Salem & Cross Lanes Methodist Church Book of Remembrance (original memorial now lost); Calderdale War Dead, page 539.

Mentioned in the Hebden Bridge Times, 17 09 1917.

*“Until the day breaks”*

#### **WOODALL Alfred Pte. 30868 (ref: 7/22).**

Age 27. Son of William & Annie.

Born at Rowley Regis, Birmingham, resided in Springfield, Staffordshire, enlisted at Old Hill, Staffordshire

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 03 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.2.

*“Home at last, thy labour done, safe and blest, the victory won”*

### **4<sup>th</sup> August:**

#### **1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

201750 Pte H Thomas – C Coy, killed in action.

Capt. Geldard – D Coy, wounded.

23393 Pte F Dyson – A Coy, wounded.

202740 Pte W Chatburn – A Coy, wounded.

24439 L/Cpl F Mills – A Coy, wounded.

305690 L/Sgt J Benstead – C Coy, wounded.



**THOMAS Harold** Pte. 201750. (ref: 4/26).

Age 20. Resided at 11, Gaythorne Street, Brighouse. Enlisted in May 1916 at Brighouse.

Employed as a silk dresser at Wood Bros. & Sons, Thornhill Brigg Mills, Brighouse.

Killed in Action, whilst serving as Battalion Runner, at Lombartzyde, France & Flanders 04 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.BA.8

Commemorated on Brighouse War Memorial; & Calderdale War Dead, page 452.

Mentioned in The Brighouse Echo 17 08 1917 (with photograph).

Recipient of the Brighouse Tribute Medal.

Formerly Private in the Artists Rifles.

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**CROSSLAND Tom** Cpl. 240118. (ref: 5/9).

Age 21. Born at Holmfirth, Son of Mr. & Mrs. John Crosland, of Underbank Old Road, Holmfirth. enlisted at Holmfirth.

Joined the local Territorials, aged 17. Invalided home Christmas, 1916, with trench feet.

Killed in Action, (hit by shrapnel whilst going to the trenches) France & Flanders 04 08 1917.

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial; Underbank War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial, memorial in Holy Trinity Churchyard, Holmfirth & M Stansfield page 110.

*Note:* CWGC shows name as Crossland, M Stansfield shows name as Crosland.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

2 ORs Killed in action, 2 ORs wounded, 1 OR wounded at duty.

**5<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

201210 Pte W Greenwood – C Coy, killed in action.

204210 Pte F Field – B Coy, killed in action.

200375 L/Cpl H Milton – C Coy, killed in action.

203278 Pte H Hackers – C Coy, killed in action.

203691 Pte H C Green – C Coy, killed in action.

201011 L/Cpl H Lister – C Coy, killed in action.

202615 Pte R Bower – C Coy, killed in action.

200172 Pte N Dennis – C Coy, wounded.

201816 Pte A Clough – C Coy, wounded.

204216 Pte C Brook – A Coy, wounded.

203581 Pte A Broadley – A Coy, wounded.

306446 Pte T L Wood – A Coy, wounded.

201908 L/Cpl J Marshall – C Coy, wounded.

203837 Pte E Russell – C Coy, wounded.

202198 Pte L Pickles – D Coy, wounded.

202845 Pte D Manning – C Coy, wounded.

202830 Pte A Huby – C Coy, wounded.

202676 Pte A E Povey – A Coy, wounded.  
20351 Pte M Towers – A Coy, wounded.  
203330 Pte H Parker – B Coy, wounded.  
24352 Pte G Varey – C Coy, wounded.  
200949 Pte W Greenwood – D Coy, wounded.  
203546 Pte H Booth – D Coy, wounded.  
203221 Pte R W Craggs – A Coy, accidentally killed.  
203355 Pte A Aldridge – D Coy, gassed.  
203255 Pte E Bell – D Coy, gassed.  
203310 Pte J Binns – D Coy, gassed.  
203549 Pte J T Bowden – D Coy, gassed.  
202786 Pte T Boyle – D Coy, gassed.  
201496 Pte G Smith – D Coy, gassed.  
204114 Pte W Rodgers – D Coy, gassed.  
200625 Pte F Hirst – D Coy, gassed.

**BOWER Riley** Pte. 202615. (ref: 4/4).

Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road, Military Cemetery. 1.BA.7.

**CRAGGS Robert** Pte. 203221. (ref: 4/7).

Age 20, son of Robert & Emma, of Newsham, Darlington.  
Born at Little Burden, Durham, resided in Durham, enlisted at Barnard Castle, Durham.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.  
Commemorated on the Nieuport Memorial.

**FIELD Fred** Pte. 204210. (ref: 4/9).

Born at Dewsbury, resided in Sowerby Bridge, & address at 11, Broad Street, Halifax. enlisted at Halifax.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road, Military Cemetery. 1.BA.2.  
Commemorated on plaque at St. George's Church, Christ Church, Sowerby; Sowerby Bridge.  
Roll of Honour & Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance; Calderdale War Dead, page 522.  
Mentioned in the Hebden Bridge Times, 24 08 1917; Halifax Weekly Guardian, 24 08 1917 & 25 08 1917; Halifax Courier 17 08 1917 & 21 08 1917 (with photograph).  
Calderdale War Dead shows name as James Fred Field.

**GREEN Harry Whaley** Pte. 203691. (ref: 4/12).

Resided at 9, Wainhouse Terrace, King Cross, Halifax, with his wife & 1 child. Enlisted at Halifax,  
Killed in Action, (by shell fragment), at Lombartzyde, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.BA.3  
Commemorated in St. Paul's, King Cross Roll of Honour; Halifax GPO, Gaol Lane, Roll of Honour; The Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 133.

Mentioned in the Halifax Weekly Guardian, 18 08 1917 (with photograph).

**GREENWOOD Wilfred** Pte. 201210. (ref: 4/14).

Resided at 8, New Street, Southowram, Halifax, enlisted November 1914 at Halifax.

Wounded once.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.BA.1

Commemorated on Southowram War Memorial; St Anne's-in the-Grove Church, Southowram.

Roll of Honour & Calderdale War Dead, page 385.

**HACKERS Albert** Pte. 203278. (ref: 4/15).

Age 20. Son of Mr & Mrs Hackers of 8. Preston Terrace, Roundhay Road, Leeds.

Born at Leeds, enlisted at Leeds.

Killed in Action, Lombartzyde Right Sector, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.

Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.BA.5.

*"Son of Mr & Mrs Hackers, Leeds, England"*.

**LISTER Herbert Edward** L/Cpl. 201011. (ref: 4/20).

Resided at 143 Cheapside, Greetland, Halifax, enlisted at Halifax.

Killed in Action, Lombartzyde, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.BA.6

Commemorated at Greetland, St.John's Church, West Vale Roll of Honour; Greetland Wesleyan Methodist Church Roll of Honour (church demolished & RoH lost); Greetland War Memorial, Clay House, Greetland & Calderdale War Dead, page 409.

Mentioned in The Halifax Courier 24 08 1917.

**MILTON Henry** L/Cpl. 200375. (formerly 1800) (ref: 4/21)

Age 33. Born at Shipley, resided with his wife at 10, West End Place, Hipperholme, Halifax, enlisted at Halifax.

Worked at Brooke's brickworks, Hipperholme.

Killed in Action, (by shell fire, whilst sleeping), at Lombartzyde, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 1.BA.4

Commemorated on Coley St John's Church Roll of Honour & Calderdale War Dead, page 418.

Mentioned in The Brighouse Echo 24 08 1917.

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**ASQUITH Vernon** Pte. 242279. (ref: 5/1).

Age 26, Son of Joseph E. & Helena of 10, Greenfoot Lane, Barnsley.

Enlisted at Barnsley.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial.

**DENBY Jonas** Pte. 263013. (ref: 5/10).

Age 34. Son of Isaac & Sarah J. of Lea Mount, Oxenhope, Keighley.

Born at Oxenhope, resided in Oxenhope, enlisted at Keighley.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.28.

*"Ever remembered"*

**ONION Willie** Pte. 268562. (ref: 5/25).

Age 21, Son of Joe & Amy, of "Brierfield", Broad Lane, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.29.

*"Peace, perfect peace"*.

### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

300162 Pte B North – D Coy, killed in action.

29016 Pte F Hiles – B Coy, killed in action.

15678 Pte G Marsh – B Coy, killed in action.

265447 L/Cpl T Kennedy – B Coy, wounded.

267736 Pte F Schofield – B Coy, wounded.

265266 Sgt J E Bradbury – B Coy, wounded.

(All gas casualties):

265191 Pte L Kay – B Coy.

266735 Pte A Leach – B Coy.

266313 Pte J Edwick – B Coy.

266786 L/Cpl W Hall – B Coy.

16633 Pte J S Phillips – B Coy.

300138 Pte A Woodhead – B Coy.

267724 Pte W Hill – B Coy.

265596 Cpl J Booth – C Coy.

265028 Cpl J McHugh – C Coy.

266433 Pte J Lund - C Coy.

29986 Pte J W Taylor – C Coy.

265866 Pte A J Carter – C Coy.

268686 Pte J Bennett – C Coy.

23747 Pte J Smith – C Coy.

22937 L/Cpl F C Amos – C Coy.

265069 Sgt A Davis – D Coy.

265400 Pte W Lonsdale – D Coy.

265996 Pte C W Kay – B Coy.

267823 Pte E Birch – B Coy.

266923 Pte A Ward – B Coy.

266517 Pte H Bannister – B Coy.

267826 Pte J Conway – B Coy.

201954 Pte J Moran – B Coy.

265409 Pte F Wardman – B Coy.

24419 Pte J Warren – B Coy.

265105 Pte S Wademan – B Coy.  
265232 Pte H J Clark – B Coy.  
308053 Pte J Ingram – B Coy.  
265103 Pte H Champion – B Coy.  
265650 Pte E Dickenson – B Coy.  
266722 Cpl R Whiteoak – B Coy.  
16271 Pte E Wheatcroft – C Coy.  
268246 Pte J E Thornton – C Coy.  
268238 Pte E Gill – C Coy.  
267523 Pte F Garlick – C Coy.  
12842 Pte G Peacock – C Coy.  
265775 Pte H Gooding – C Coy.  
266649 Pte G L Green – C Coy.  
267553 Pte G Bloomer – C Coy.

**HILES Frank** Pte. 29016 (ref: 6/7).

Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.  
Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.11.  
Commemorated in “Guiseley Terriers”, page 137.

**MARSH George** Pte. 15678 (ref: 6/9).

Age 35. Son of Joseph & Mary E. of Holmfirth, Huddersfield.  
Resided at Dunford Road, Underbank, Holmfirth, Huddersfield. Enlisted before Easter 1915 at Huddersfield.  
Wounded in October 1916 and home on sick leave.  
Employed at Washpit Mills and by M. Haigh, plasterers.  
Killed in Action, (by shell landing on his dugout), France & Flanders 05 08 1917.  
Commemorated on Underbank War Memorial; M Stansfield, page 293 & “Guiseley Terriers”, page 137.  
Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.10.

**NORTH Bertie** Pte. 300162 (ref: 6/10).

Age 36. Son of Mr. H.S.North of 7, George Street, Wood Bottom, Baildon, Shipley.  
Resided in Baildon, Shipley, enlisted at Shipley.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 05 08 1917.  
Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.D.9.  
Commemorated in “Guiseley Terriers”, page 137.  
*“To memory ever dear”.*

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

RQMS Beaumont & 1 OR wounded.

**BARKER Thomas** Pte. 305892 (ref: 7/1).

Age 32. Son of Thomas & Sarah Ann. Husband of Mrs M A Heap (formerly Baker) of 16, Craddock Street, Mossley, Manchester.

Born at Seaham, Sunderland, resided in Mossley, Lancashire, enlisted at Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.

Died in France & Flanders 05 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.H.20.

*"The Lord be with you"*.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> August:**

##### **1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

203515 Pte G Hirst – A Coy, wounded.

201193 Pte G Prearson – A Coy, wounded.

202819 Pte A Dickens – A Coy, gassed.

203789 Pte L Marsh – C Coy, gassed.

23766 Pte J Matthewson – C Coy, gassed.

##### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

(All gas casualties):

266983 Pte W Moorby – B Coy.

265288 Pte A Sutcliffe – B Coy.

265459 Pte M Hodgson – B Coy.

266498 Pte E Oversby – C Coy.

18003 Pte J H Shackleton – C Coy.

265611 Pte G Maud – C Coy.

266656 Pte A Jowett – C Coy.

266357 Pte L Skinner - C Coy.

268241 Pte A Jones – C Coy.

267574 Pte H Whiteley – C Coy.

29897 Pte J D Thornton – C Coy.

29854 Pte C Handidge – C Coy.

267532 Pte J B Dibb – C Coy.

267596 Pte G H Richardson – C Coy.

265614 L/Cpl W R Shepherd – C Coy.

265797 Pte R Seed – D Coy.

265205 Pte E Nicholls – C Coy.

##### **1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

11 OR gassed, 1 OR wounded, 1 OR drowned in canal (fell from 'Vauxhall Bridge').

#### **7<sup>th</sup> August:**

##### **1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

204221 Pte E S Oates – B Coy, wounded.

##### **TOWERS Morris** Pte. 30351. (ref: 4/27).

Age 34. Son of Joseph & Sarah. Husband of the late Nellie.

Resided in Yeadon, Leeds, enlisted at Yeadon.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. A.15.

*"Thy will be done"*.

### **1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**BARNFATHER George** L/Cpl. 242270 (ref: 5/2).

Age 20, Son of Jane & the late John, of Gordon Street, Guide Post.

Born at Choppington, Northumberland, enlisted at Morpeth.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, 2.A.5

**BROWN Anthony** Pte. 242318. (ref: 5/3).

Resided in Spennymoor, Durham, enlisted at Durham.

Killed in Action 07 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.B.15

**CARRIS Horace** Pte. 242141. (ref: 5/4).

Age 21. Son of Alfred & Ann of 22, Leeds Road, Eccleshill, Bradford.

Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.28

**CATON Richard** Pte. 241376. (ref: 5/5)

Age 42. Resided with his wife and 4 children at 111, Wakefield Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted at Huddersfield

Employed by M Bedforth & Sons of Aspley.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.7.

Commemorated in M Stansfield, page 86.

**CHAMBERS Charlie (Charles Edward)** Sgt. 240111. (ref: 5/6).

Age 25. Son of Henry & Emma of 'Park View', Kirkburton, Huddersfield.

Born at Kirkburton, Huddersfield, resided in Honley, enlisted at Kirkburton.

Local Territorial pre-war. Embarked for France April 1915.

Employed by B. H. Moxon & Sons of Kirkburton.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917 .

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, 2.A.4.

Commemorated in All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; M Stansfield, page 87, & Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial.

*"Treasured memories of one dearly loved"*.

**COWLING Fred** Pte. 242056. (ref: 5/8).

Age 24. Son of John & Annie, of 52, Woodbrook Road, Lees, Oldham.

Born at Lees, Lancs. Resided in Lees, enlisted at Springhead, Lancs.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.8.  
*"His Country called, He answered"*.

**ENGLISH Thomas** Pte. 242320. (ref: 5/12).

Born Edmondsley, Durham, resided in West Stanley, Durham, enlisted at Stanley.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.29.

**HAIGH George** Pte. 203744. (ref: 5/13).

Age 22. Born at Golcar, 3rd. Son of Mr & Mrs. George Haigh of 3, Junction House, Slades Road, Golcar. Resided in Golcar, Huddersfield, enlisted at Huddersfield.  
Employed as a weaver by W & E Crowther, Crimble Mills, Slaithwaite.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Commemorated on St. John's Church, Golcar, Roll of Honour; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 180.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.30.

**HARDY Fred** L/Cpl. 240386. (ref: 5/14).

Age 34. Born at Meltham, Huddersfield, Son of James hardy, of 149, Longwood Road, Longwood, Husband of Mary Hardy, 9, Learoyd's Yard, Leeds Road, Huddersfield, father of 5 children. Enlisted 08 08 1914 at Huddersfield.  
Employed by Middlemost Bros. as a teaser & fettler.  
Killed in Action at Nieuport, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Commemorated on St. Mark's Church, Longwood, Roll of Honour; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 193.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.6.

**HASSALL William Jones** Pte. 242748. (ref: 5/15).

Born at Christchurch, Staffs, enlisted at Stafford.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Formerly Pte 3861 Northumberland Fusiliers.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.9.

**HEADEY Percy** L/Cpl. 240512. (ref: 5/16).

Age 34. Son of William Henry & Elizabeth. Husband of Annie, of 30A, South Street, Huddersfield, father of 3 children.  
Born 06 10 1882 at 30a, South Street, Huddersfield, enlisted 05 09 1914 at Huddersfield.  
Employed as a weaver by Lockwood & Keighley, Upperhead Mills, Huddersfield.  
Killed in Action, at Nieuport, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.27.  
Commemorated on St James's Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 200.  
*"Ever remembered"*.

**HOLMES Charles Herbert** Sgt. 240017. (ref: 5/17).



Born at Huddersfield, resided in Darlington, Durham, enlisted at Mirfield.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.3.

**HOLMES Fred** Pte 242399. (ref: 5/18).

Born at Halifax, enlisted at Bradford.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle road Military Cemetery. 2.A.10.

**JONES Joseph** Pte. 241393. (ref: 5/20).

Born at Huddersfield. Resided at 168, Kilner Bank, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Enlisted at Huddersfield.  
Employed by H. Williams, wool merchant of Upperhead Row, Huddersfield.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Commemorated on Moldgreen War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 248.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.11.

**NASH Frederick** Pte. 242479. (ref: 5/24).

Age 34. Son of Charles & Alice, of 41 new King's Road, Fulham, London.  
Born at Fulham, London, resided in Fulham, enlisted at West London.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Formerly Pte. 20271 East Surrey Regiment.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.34.  
*"Peace, perfect peace"*.

**SMITH Thomas** Pte 242761. (ref: 5/27).

Born at Gilsland, Cumberland, resided in Gilsland, enlisted at Haltwhistle, Northumberland.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.32.  
Formerly Pte. 3845 Northumberland Fusiliers.

**SUTCLIFFE William Denton** Pte. 242432. (ref: 5/29).

Age 20. Son of Lemuel & Emma Jane, of 29, Melbourne Street, Farsley, Leeds.  
Born at Farsley, Stanningley, Leeds, enlisted at Farsley.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.E.27.  
*"A loved one called to rest"*.

**SYKES Norman** Pte. 242528. (ref: 5/32).

Born at Bradford, resided in Greengates, Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.  
Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.  
Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.31.

**TAYLOR Percy** Pte. 204164. (ref: 5/33).

Age 19. Born at Golcar, Huddersfield, the 4th son of Mrs. Atkinson of 3, Hangingroyd, Wellhouse, Golcar. Resided in Golcar, enlisted September 1916 at Huddersfield. Embarked for France 28 12 1916.

Employed as a fettler, by J. Lockwood & Sons, Milnsbridge.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.E.28.

Commemorated on St. John's Church, Golcar, Roll of Honour; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 432.

**TAYLOR Tom** Pte. 242435. (ref: 5/34).

Age 20. Son of William & Mary E. of 24, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial.

**TIFFANY Charles** A/RSM 240002. Military Cross. (ref: 5/35).

Age 45. Husband of Clementine, of 4, Colne Street, Paddock, Huddersfield.

Born 08 07 1873 at Almondbury, Huddersfield, to Ernest, of 4, Colne Street, Paddock, Huddersfield. Enlisted at Almondbury. Embarked for France April 1915.

Had been a member of the Local Volunteers and Territorial Army for 27 years.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.33.

Commemorated on All Saints Church, Paddock Roll of Honour; All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton, Roll of Honour; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial and M Stansfield, page 441. Military Cross awarded on 01 07 1916, for conspicuous gallantry. (London Gazette entry 19 08 1916).

*"Faithful unto death"*.

**WATSON John Ernest** Pte. 242754. (ref: 5/37).

Enlisted at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.36.

**WEBSTER George** Pte. 242645. (ref: 5/39).

Age 27. Husband of Lily, later of 47, Regent Road, Blackpool.

Born at Clapham, Yorkshire, resided in Middleton, enlisted at Keighley.

Killed in Action 07 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.35.

*"At rest"*.

**WRIGLEY Ben Allen** Pte. 203925. (ref: 5/42).

Age 29. Born at Slaithwaite. Resided at 62, Spa Mill Terrace, Slaithwaite. Enlisted July 1916 at Slaithwaite, Huddersfield. Embarked for France November 1916.

Employed by J. Haigh & Co. Slaithwaite.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Commemorated on Carr Lane United Methodist Church, Slaithwaite, Roll of Honour; St. James's Church, Slaithwaite Roll of Honour; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 500.

Buried in Ramscape Road Military Cemetery. 2.A.26.

### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**GRANGER Arthur** Sgt. 266448 (ref: 6/5).

Age 36. Son of Squire & Hannah, of 9, Ruby Street, Ingrow, Keighley. Husband of Elizabeth Ann of 18 George Street, Keighley.

Resided in Keighley, enlisted at Skipton.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 07 08 1917.

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial.

### **1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

RSM Holmes & 6 ORs wounded.

### **8<sup>th</sup> August:**

#### **1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

203235 Pte T Bertram – A Coy, killed in action.

235119 Pte T Scott – A Coy, wounded.

203090 Pte G E Ashcroft – A Coy, wounded.

204039 Pte H Eastwood – A Coy, wounded.

203070 Pte A Dennison – A Coy, wounded.

202200 Pte H Wilkinson – B Coy, wounded.

200349 Pte E G Fossey – C Coy, wounded (died of wounds on 10 08 1917).

201918 Pte T Brennan – A Coy, wounded.

201130 Pte H Darlington – A Coy, wounded.

203366 Pte R D Moffat – A Coy, wounded.

203548 Pte J Beagles – D Coy, wounded.

30720 Pte A Boothman – A Coy, missing in action.

**BERTRAM Thomas** Pte. 203235. (ref: 4/3).

Born at Burnmoor, Durham, resided in New Lambton, enlisted at Houghton-le-Springs.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 08 08 1917.

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial.

**DENNISON Abraham Booth** Pte. 203070. (ref: 4/8).

Age 37, husband of Mrs M.A. Dennison of 18, Olive Cottage, Olive Terrace, Bingley

Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bingley.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 08 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. A.18

*"Thy will be done"*

### **1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**WHITLEY Richard** Pte. 242382. (ref: 5/40).

Born at Shipley, enlisted at Shipley.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 08 08 1917.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. 2.B.14.

**WRIGLEY Harry** Pte. 242649. (ref: 5/43).

Age 21, Son of Mr. J.H. & Mrs. M Wrigley of 17, Turner Street, Waterhead, Oldham.

Resided in Waterhead, Lancashire, enlisted at Milnsbridge, Huddersfield. Embarked for France, June 1915.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 08 08 1917.

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial.

### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

2/Lieut. H F Dyer – D Coy, bullet wound, right arm.

266448 Sgt A Grainger – D Coy, wounded & missing.

265427 L/Cpl H Jarman – D Coy, missing during raid.

265189 Pte J Crabtree– D Coy, missing during raid.

266630 Pte H Marshall – D Coy, missing during raid.

267935 Pte A Shepherdson – D Coy, missing during raid.

266624 Pte W Tillotson – D Coy, missing during raid.

268035 Pte E Wilkinson – D Coy, killed by shell.

204463 Pte J Bloom – D Coy, wounded by shell legs & back.

266868 Pte W H Bastow – D Coy, wounded by shell left hand.

265165 Pte W Mackay – D Coy, wounded by shell left leg.

268142 Pte H Baldwin – D Coy, wounded by shell right eye.

267474 Pte A Pearson – D Coy, wounded by shell right leg.

24699 Pte R Wilson – D Coy, wounded by shell left leg.

267855 Pte W Eccles – D Coy, wounded by shell right eye.

265483 Pte J Scott – D Coy, wounded by shell left eye.

266688 Cpl G A Barker – D Coy, wounded by shell head.

265239 Cpl C Crook – D Coy, wounded by shell right hand.

267869 Pte A Hinchcliffe – D Coy, wounded by shell back.

267339 Pte F Lawson – D Coy, wounded by shell both eyes & hand.

201636 Pte J Ludlow – D Coy, wounded by shell both eyes.

268296 Pte A Tomlinson – D Coy, wounded by shell neck.

300141 Pte C Havers – D Coy, wounded by shell neck.

266098 Pte J Smith – D Coy, wounded by shell cheek.

266666 Pte A Smith – D Coy, wounded by shell arm.

23570 Pte J H Parkin – D Coy, wounded by shell hand.

265935 L/Cpl A Whittaker – D Coy, wounded by shell back.

265115 Cpl G Driver – D Coy, wounded by shell knee.

265588 L/Cpl C E Grainger – D Coy, wounded by shell knee.

266239 L/Cpl C Horner – D Coy, wounded by shell back.

267921 Pte J C Ryner – D Coy, wounded by shell head.

266272 Pte W Marshall – D Coy, wounded by shell face.

201488 W Mitchell – D Coy, wounded by shell chin.

**WILKINSON Edwin** Pte. 268035 (ref: 6/14).

Age 19. Son of Joseph & Elizabeth, of 11, Beatrice Street, Oldham.

Resided in Oldham, enlisted at Lees, Lancashire.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 08 08 1917.

Commemorated on the Nieuport Memorial & in “Guiseley Terriers”, page 139.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

7 ORs wounded.

**9<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

203068 Pte G Barwick – A Coy, killed in action.

201685 Pte G Mounsey – C Coy, killed in action.

204170 Pte A Shaw – C Coy, killed in action.

203742 Pte H Holland – C Coy, killed in action.

31341 Pte S Cockroft – C Coy, killed in action.

203196 Pte H Sorfleet – C Coy, killed in action.

Lieut. E W Flatlow – A Coy, wounded.

204245 Pte J Bradley – A Coy, wounded.

203418 Pte H J Bowen – A Coy, wounded.

202806 Pte G Niven – A Coy, wounded.

202698 Pte T Thompson – A Coy, wounded.

235624 Pte T W Clegg – B Coy, wounded.

31244 Pte E H H Barty – B Coy, wounded.

201711 L/Cpl G W Kelly – C Coy, wounded.

203286 Pte A Kline – C Coy, wounded.

204184 Pte F H Thorpe – C Coy, wounded.

203187 Pte A Lyon – C Coy, wounded.

**BARWICK George** Pte. 203068. (ref: 4/1).

Enlisted at Keighley. Resided in Oxenhope.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 09 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.F.13.

**COCKROFT Spencer** Pte. 31341. (formerly 5502) (ref: 4/6).

Age 38, husband of Mary Hannah, 1 New Inn Yard, Boothtown, Halifax.

Born at Halifax, resided in Halifax, enlisted at Halifax.

Killed in Action, Presqu'île, France & Flanders 09 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.F.9

Mentioned in the Halifax Weekly Guardian 10 08 1917, On Bradshaw War Memorial, in the Halifax Book of Remembrance, & Calderdale War Dead, page 88.

*“Missed most by those who loved him best”.*

**HOLLAND Herbert** Pte. 203742. (ref: 4/17).

Born 09 09 1889, Son of Mrs. Holland of 202, Dod Lee Green, Longwood, Huddersfield.  
Resided in Longwood, Huddersfield, enlisted 07 08 1916 at Huddersfield. Embarked for France in December 1916.

Employed as a miller at J. Broadbent & Sons, Parkwood Mills.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 09 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.F.14

Commemorated on Salendine Nook Baptist Church Roll of Honour; St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood Roll of Honour; Longwood War Memorial; in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard, 120E & M Stansfield, page 223.

**MOUNSEY George** Pte. 201685. (ref: 4/22).

Resided at 8, Causeway, Halifax. Enlisted in 1915 at Halifax.

Employed as an assistant engineer at Halifax Flour Society.

Died of shrapnel wounds at a dressing station, France & Flanders 09 08 1917.

Commemorated on the Nieuport Memorial Belgium; Halifax St.John's Parish Church (now Halifax Minster) Roll of Honour; The Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 204.

Mentioned in The Halifax Weekly Guardian, 18 08 1917.

**SHAW Arthur** Pte. 204170. (ref: 4/23).

Age 34. Son of James Edward & Sarah Jane of Golcar. Husband of A. Shaw, 57, Town Ends, Golcar, father of 4 children.

Born at Golcar, Huddersfield, resided in Golcar, enlisted 23 09 1916 at Huddersfield.

Embarked for France January, 1917.

A pattern weaver, at Pearson Bros. Victoria Mills, Golcar.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 09 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.F.11.

Commemorated on St. John's Church, Golcar Roll of Honour; Golcar Baptist Church Roll of Honour & M Stansfield, page 380.

*"At Rest"*.

**SORFLEET Harry** Pte. 203196. (ref: 4/24).

Age 25. Son of Florence Belton (formerly Sorfleet) & George R. Belton (step-father), of 5, Stonewell Row, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.

Born at Horncastle, Lincolnshire, enlisted in Horncastle.

Killed in France & Flanders 09 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.F.10

*"Sadly missed"*.

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**WATSON Robert Burton** Pte, 268587. (ref: 5/38).

Age 23, Son of Siddall & Mary, of King Street, Yeadon, Leeds.

Born at Yeadon, Leeds, enlisted in Yeadon.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 09 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. A.22.

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

265267 Cpl G Page – B Coy, gas poisoning.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

1 OR wounded.

**10<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**BROOKE Colonel** Pte. 204216. (ref: 4/5).

Age 35, husband of Mabel, 168 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield.

Born at Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, resided in Crosland Moor, enlisted 29 09 1916 at Huddersfield. Embarked for France & Flanders April 1917.

Died of Wounds, at 39<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station (severe gunshot wounds to chest, sustained at Nieuport, 05 08 1917) France & Flanders 10 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. C.7.

Commemorated on St. Barnabas, Church, Crosland Moor Roll of Honour; Crosland Moor Methodist Church Roll of Honour & M Stansfield, page 66.

*“Not for one brief day forgotten”.*

**FOSSEY Ernest George** Pte. 200349 (formerly Pte 1742) (ref: 4/11).

Age 41. Born April 1876 at Halifax. Resided with wife, Emma (nee Casson) & 8 children, at 23, Crossley Terrace, Halifax. [Later of 21, Hopwood Lane, Halifax] .

Formerly a Volunteer and Territorial soldier, with service in The South African War (Pte. 7008 1st. VB West Riding Regiment). Re-enlisted at Halifax 05 04 1915.

Dyer’s labourer for Helliwell & Ingham, Sowerby Bridge.

Member of West Ward Working Men’s Club, Halifax.

Wounded 08 08 1917. Died of Wounds at 39<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station, Flanders 10 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. C.8.

Commemorated in the Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 122.

Mentioned in The Halifax Evening Courier on Friday 17th. August 1917: report and letter home to wife; Halifax Evening Courier Tuesday 21st. August 1917: photograph, & The Halifax Weekly Guardian 25 08 1917.

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

268254 Cpl A G Maisey – A Coy, wounded by shrapnel, face & left leg.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

Sgt Hutchinson & 1 OR killed in action, 2/Lieut. Davies wounded in head (and died 2 days later), 1 OR gassed, 1 OR wounded.

**HITCHMAN Fred** Sgt. 305140 MM (ref: 7/12).

Age 26. Son of Harry E. & Jane E. of 1, Woodend View, Mossley, Manchester.

Resided in Mossley, Lancashire, enlisted at Uppermill, Lancashire.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 10 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.F.16.

*“Free from the world’s temptations”.*

**11<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

203357 Sgt R Nelson – D Coy, wounded.

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**DYSON John Roland** Pte. 267722. (ref: 5/11).

Born 20 01 1893 at Pogwell Farm, Dalton Green, Huddersfield, son of Tom Edward & Sarah.

Resided in Kirkheaton, enlisted August 1916, at Halifax.

Employed as farm labourer by his father.

Invalided home once with trench feet.

Wounded at Langemarck, France & Flanders 09 08 1917, had wounds dressed at Dressing Station, and died before reaching the Casualty Clearing Station. (M Stansfield states Died 11 08 1917).

Commemorated on St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton Roll of Honour; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial; M Stansfield page 132 & on headstone in Kirkheaton Cemetery.

Buried in New Irish Farm Cemetery. 13.F.7.

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

266906 Pte C M Gant – C Coy, killed by shell.

265464 Pte M Baxter – C Coy, wounded in head & left leg, by shell.

265986 Pte J W Emmott – C Coy, wounded right leg, by shell.

267922 Pte C J Rooney – B Coy, gas poisoning.

**GANT Charles Meynell** Pte. 266906 (ref: 6/4).

Born at Durham, resided in Christchurch, New Zealand, enlisted at Skipton.

Killed in Action, (shell fire), France & Flanders 11 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.F.25.

Commemorated in “Guiseley Terriers”, page 139.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

4 ORs wounded, 1 OR wounded at duty.

**BAXTER Moses** Pte. 265464 (ref: 6/1).

Age 33. Son of Thomas & Norah.

Enlisted at Skipton.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 11 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. C.13.

Commemorated in “Cravens Part in the Great War”, page 267 (with photograph), & “Guiseley Terriers”, page 140 (with photograph).

*“Eternal rest give unto him, o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. R.I.P.”.*

**DAVIES Rudolph Ellis.** Lieutenant. (ref: O/2).



Age 27. Son of the late Rev. A.J. Davies, of Taunton, Somerset. Husband of Mrs. K. Davies, of 29, Montague Road, Cambridge.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 11 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. G.3.

### **12<sup>th</sup> August:**

#### **1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

202828 Pte S Fletcher – C Coy, killed in action.

235137 Pte H Cousins – C Coy, wounded.

#### **FLETCHER Simeon** Pte. 202828. (ref: 4/10).

Age 24, son of George & Harriet of 37, Sloane Street, Ripley Ville, Bradford.

Resided in Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 12 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.G.28

“Gone but not forgotten”

#### **1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

#### **CLARK(E) Alfred** Pte. 21029. (ref: 5/7).

Age 26. Son of Mary A. of New Street, Barrow-on-Soar, Loughborough.

Born at Barrow-on-Soar, Leics. Resided in Barrow-on-Soar, enlisted at Loughborough.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 12 08 1917.

Formerly Pte 24949 Leicestershire Regiment.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.G.10.

#### **YOUNG Norman** Pte. 240669. (ref: 5/44).

Age 22. Son the third son of Edwin & Sarah, of 12, New Buildings, Hardend, Marsden, Huddersfield.

Born at Marsden, Huddersfield, resided in Marsden. Enlisted November 1914 at Huddersfield.

Employed as a piecer by Robinson Bros., Clough Lea Mills, Marsden.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 12 08 1917.

Commemorated on Marsden War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 501.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.G.9.

“*The Lord is thy keeper*”.

#### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

265403 Sgt W Ireland – A Coy, killed by shell.

265160 Sgt C V Child – A Coy, killed by shell.

266001 Pte B J Wilkins – A Coy, wounded by shell both legs & arms.

267586 Pte H Shaw – C Coy, wounded by shrapnel right leg.

10924 Pte H Foster – C Coy, wounded by shrapnel right hand.

267832 Pte C Threadgale – B Coy, gas poisoning.

267490 Pte A E Bingham – A Coy, gas poisoning.

265245 Pte G E Deighton – D Coy, rifle bullet wound.

**CHILD Charles Victor** Sgt. 265160 (ref: 6/2).

Age 32. Husband of Sarah, of 14, Clitheroe Street, Broughton Road, Skipton.

Born at Hornby, Lancashire, enlisted at Skipton.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 12 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.G.20

Commemorated in “Cravens Part in the Great War”, page 269 (with photograph), & “Guiseley Terriers”, page 140 (with Photograph).

*“Though death divides, yet memories linger”.*

**WILKIN Bertie James** Pte. 266001 (ref: 6/13).

Age 24. Son of Jane of Barnoldswick. Husband of Mrs E E Wilkin of 35, Philip Street, Barnoldswick.

Resided in Barnoldswick, enlisted at Skipton.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 12 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. A.26.

Commemorated in “Cravens Part in the Great War”, page 273 (with photograph) & “Guiseley Terriers”, page 141 (with picture).

*“We who loved him, sadly miss him, forever with the Lord”.*

**IRELAND William** Sgt. 265403 (ref: 6/8).

Age 26. Son of Edward & Annie of Skipton. Husband of Elizabeth, of 36, Westmoreland Street, Middletown, Skipton.

Born at Skipton, enlisted at Skipton.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 12 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.G.19.

Commemorated in “Cravens Part in the Great War”, page 271 (with photograph) & “Guiseley Terriers”, page 140 (with photograph).

*“Not dead to those who loved him, not lost, but gone before”.*

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

1 OR wounded, 9 ORs gassed.

**13<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

200866 Pte J E Lyons – B Coy, wounded.

201858 Pte F Howe – C Coy, wounded.

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

16698 Pte P E Gladwin – B Coy, gas poisoning.

265639 Sgt H Stell – D Coy, gas poisoning.

267522 Pte W Denby – wounded by shell.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

1 OR Killed in action, 4 ORs wounded, 3 ORs gassed.

**LYON Reginald Anthony.** Lieutenant. 6<sup>th</sup> (Cyclist) Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, attached 1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (**ref: O/5**).

Age 27. Son of Thomas & Margaret Lyon. Husband of Emily Ann Lyon, of 73, Naunton Crescent, Cheltenham.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 13 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery 2.H.17.

*“Dulce et Decorum est Pro Patria Mori”.*

#### **14<sup>th</sup> August:**

##### **1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

200556 Sgt W Harrison – A Coy, killed in action.

203512 Pte F Kershaw – A Coy, killed in action.

12418 Pte F Greenwood – A Coy, killed in action.

203342 L/Cpl T Freestone – B Coy, gassed.

202026 Pte C Beeton – B Coy, gassed.

200616 CQMS S Mackensie – A Coy, gassed.

202026 CQMS A Hodgson – B Coy, gassed.

203268 Pte J Wightman – C Coy, gassed.

201731 Pte J Johnson – C Coy, gassed.

268583 L/Cpl H Rogerson – C Coy, gassed.

203138 Pte A E Pearson – C Coy, gassed.

201429 Pte H Hooson – A Coy, wounded.

203685 Pte H Fletcher – C Coy, wounded.

203729 Pte E Hudson – C Coy, wounded.

##### **GREENWOOD Frank** Pte. 12418. (**ref: 4/13**).

Resided in Halifax, enlisted at Halifax.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 14 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 1.H.32.

##### **HARRISON William** Sgt. 200556. (**ref: 4/16**).

Age 25. Son of Albert & Alice Ann, of 3, Holme Street, Lightcliffe, Halifax.

Resided in Lightcliffe, Halifax, enlisted in August 1914 at Halifax.

Carpet weaver at T F Firth & Co. Bailiffe Bridge.

Killed in Action, Lombartzyde, France & Flanders 14 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.H.22

Commemorated on Bailiffe Bridge War Memorial; Lightcliffe St. Matthew's Church Roll of Honour; T F Firth & Co. Roll of Honour & The Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance.

Memorial Service held at Ebenezer Chapel 09 09 1917.

Mentioned in The Brighouse Echo 07 09 1917 (with photograph).

*“In loving memory - gone but not forgotten”.*

##### **KERSHAW Frank** Pte. 203521. (**ref: 4/19**).

The brother of Lilian Kershaw, of St. Andrews Place, Bradford.

Enlisted at Bradford.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 14 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.H.16.

*"He made the supreme sacrifice"*

### **1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**TINDAL Peter** Pte. 242311. (ref: 5/36).

Age 21. Son of Mr & Mrs R. Tindal of 21 Northumbria Terrace, Amble, Northumberland.  
Born at Duns, Berwickshire, Resided in Amble, Northumberland, enlisted at Alnwick,  
Northumberland.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 14 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.H.31.

*"Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on his gentle breast"*.

### **1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion** all gas poisoning:

268650 Cpl E Rosenthal – C Coy.

29943 Pte H Walker – C Coy.

29900 Pte W Sykes – C Coy.

266514 Pte H Goodgrove – C Coy.

267399 Pte F Dunn – C Coy.

300124 Pte W Wright – C Coy.

267336 Pte F Sutcliffe – C Coy.

267589 Pte J E Tate – C Coy.

266549 Pte W Wademan – C Coy.

265275 Pte W Young – C Coy.

267868 Pte F Holden – C Coy.

300018 Pte W North – C Coy.

267321 Pte W Clegg – C Coy.

267894 Pte M Sykes - C Coy.

267337 Pte S Crowe – C Coy.

267788 Pte A White – D Coy.

300097 Pte B Metterick – D Coy.

267540 Pte E T Gossage – B Coy.

266363 Pte H Crossley – B Coy.

267404 Pte W Ellison – B Coy, wounded, right arm by shell.

### **1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

2/Lieut. R A Lyon (attached from Cyclist Corps, 6th. Norfolk Regiment, to C Coy), killed in action, 1 OR killed in action, 10 ORs wounded (shell), 21 OR gassed.

**LUNN Herbert** Pte. 307810 (ref: 7/14).

Age 29. Son of William Henry & Hannah, of Milnsbridge, Husband of Clara, of 132 Brierley Road, Manchester Road, Huddersfield.

Born at Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, enlisted at Huddersfield.

Employed as a scourer by Kaye & Stewart, Broadfield Mills, Lockwood.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 14 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.H.21

Commemorated on Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 288.

*“Worthy of everlasting love from those he has left behind”.*

**SHAW Norman** Pte. 307089 (ref: 7/19).

Age 22. Son of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Shaw, of Horsforth, Leeds.

Born at Leeds, resided in Horsforth, Leeds, enlisted at Leeds.

Killed in action, France & Flanders 14 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.H.19.

**15<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

202822 L/Sgt G Rushworth – D Coy, wounded.

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**INGHAM Harry** Pte. 242177. (ref: 5/19).

Age 23. Son of Calvin & Sarah, of 14, Prescott Terrace, Allerton, Bradford.

Born at Bradford, resided in Allerton, Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 15 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.H.30.

*“Far away but to memory dear”.*

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion**, all suffering effects of gas:

267525 L/Cpl F Longbottom – C Coy.

265593 Sgt R Andrews – C Coy.

16216 Pte T Lusty – C Coy.

201366 Pte J Pearson – B Coy.

265114 Cpl J Barnes – B Coy.

204307 Pte T Pickles – B Coy.

12725 Pte J Richardson – B Coy.

267458 Pte T Blake – B Coy.

267510 Pte P Hainsworth – B Coy.

267524 Pte T Kennedy – B Coy.

267821 Pte A Danby – B Coy.

266994 Pte J Lord – B Coy.

204302 Pte W Raistrick – B Coy.

265420 Pte Broadfoot – B Coy.

265086 L/Cpl V Dickson – B Coy.

15857 Pte A Johnson – B Coy.

267409 Pte W Allister – B Coy.

267928 Pte W Bestwick – B Coy.

263217 Pte C Daft – C Coy.

300134 Pte J Moore – B Coy.

267897 Pte F Tomlinson – C Coy.

267851 Cpl G Bailey – C Coy, sent to hospital.

266182 Pte Waterhouse – D Coy, sent to hospital.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

1 OR killed in action, 2 ORs wounded (shell), 23 ORs gassed.

**BEAN Herbert Major** Pte. 307938 (ref: 7/2).

Age 24. Son of John, of Eagle, Newark & the late Emma.

Born at Eagle, Lincolnshire, enlisted at Lincoln.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 15 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. C.20.

*“He did his duty simply, nobly, and in doing it he died”.*

**BEAUMONT Harry** Pte. 307757 (ref: 7/3).

Son of Eliza, of 67, Tumbling Hill Street, Bradford.

Resided in Bradford, enlisted at Halifax.

Died in France & Flanders 15 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 11.H.15.

**HARGREAVES Wilfred** Pte. 307277 (ref: 7/10).

Age 24. Son of Arthur & Sarah Ellen, of 6, Vulcan Street, Dewsbury.

Born at Bingley, resided in Dewsbury, enlisted at Dewsbury.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 15 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.H.18.

**HUGHES Vincent** Pte. 307214 (ref: 7/13).

Age 30. Husband of Mrs. E.H. Hepworth (formerly Hughes), of 39, Annie Street, Bradford.

Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 15 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. C.17.

**PALMER Joseph** Pte. 305037 (ref: 7/15).

Resided in Mossley, Lancashire, enlisted at Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 15 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. C.21.

**16<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

203188 Pte H Lowth – C Coy, wounded.

203159 Pte A Mellor – B Coy, wounded.

201524 Pte J E Bloomer – D Coy, wounded.

201872 Pte A Priestley – D Coy, wounded.

203315 Pte B Hinchcliffe – B Coy, wounded.

269041 Pte C G Wright – D Coy, wounded.

24106 L/Cpl T King – C Coy, gassed.

203499 Pte C Ambler – D Coy, gassed.

203077 Pte J T Chambers – D Coy, gassed.

203650 Pte A Denham – D Coy, gassed.  
2/Lieut A J Robb – gassed.

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**MORRELL Gill** Pte. 267210. (ref: 5/22).

Enlisted at Keighley.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 16 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.J.6.

**MURRELL Ambrose** Pte. 242550. (ref: 5/23).

Age 28. Born at Huddersfield, Son of Mrs. Murrell of 16, Water Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted at Huddersfield.

Employed in the office of Wallace Ltd., St. John's Road, Huddersfield.

Reported missing, presumed Killed in Action, at Nieuport, France & Flanders 16 08 1917

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 314.

**STEVENS Henry Cheslyn** Pte. 242488. (ref: 5/28).

Born at King's Lynn, Norfolk, resided in King's Lynn, enlisted at East Dereham.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 16 08 1917.

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial.

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

267530 Pte A Davidson – C Coy, badly wounded by shell.

202996 Pte H Smith – C Coy, wounded by shell.

267410 Pte H Bell – A Coy, wounded by shell, left hand.

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

1 OR wounded (shell), 5 ORs gassed.

**17<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

2/ Lieut. C S Floyd wounded in action.

2/Lieut. W L Sidders wounded in action.

2/Lieut. J S Trickett wounded in action, gassed.

2/Lieut. C E Everitt wounded but remained at duty.

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

265508 Pte J Graham – B Coy, wounded – gas.

266155 Pte T Morgan – A Coy, wounded by shell.

**DAVIDSON Arthur** Pte. 267530 (ref: 6/3).

Age 20. Son of Sam & Mary, of 36, Newport Road, Manningham, Bradford.

Born at Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 17 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. C.28.

*“Dearly loved, deeply mourned”.*

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

1 OR wounded (shell).

**18<sup>th</sup> August:**

**BEAGLES John** Pte. 203548. (ref: 4/2).

Age 30.

Born Whipload, Lincs, resided in Holbeach, enlisted at Spalding.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 18 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. C.30.

*"Rest in peace"*.

**22<sup>nd</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

200598 A/CSM J Parkinson – C Coy, wounded.

**24<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

203462 Pte W Freeman – A Coy, wounded.

**25<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

203142 Pte C Micklethwaite – B Coy, wounded.

**27<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**MARTIN Thomas** Pte. 24336. (ref: 5/21).

Age 21. Son of George & Selina, of Easthorpe, Londesborough, Market Weighton.

Born at Londesborough, resided in Londesborough, enlisted at Beverley.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 27 08 1917.

Formerly Pte. 38246 York & Lancaster Regiment.

Buried in Coxyde Military cemetery. 3.C.18.

*"He Nobly answered duty's call, His life he gave for one and all"*.

**SHACKLETON Thomas William** Pte. 242847. (ref: 5/26).

Age 19. Son of James & Betty, of 5, Bank Street, Todmorden.

Born at Todmorden, enlisted in August 1916 at Todmorden.

Employed by E. Knowles, Stansfield Road, Todmorden.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 27 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 3.C.19.

Commemorated on Todmorden Unitarian Church Roll of Honour; Todmorden Municipal War Memorial; Todmorden Odd Fellows Hall, Oxford Street, Todmorden Roll of Honour & Calderdale War Dead, page 702.

*"Loved in life, Remembered in death"*.

**SYKES James Henry** L/Cpl. 240663. (ref: 5/30).



Age 22. Son of Mr & Mrs Joe Sykes, of 21, Northgate, Almondbury, Huddersfield.  
Born at Almondbury, Huddersfield, resided in Almondbury, enlisted November 1914 at  
Huddersfield.

Embarked for France April 1915.

Employed as a cotton spinner, by J. Eccles & Co., Firth Street, Huddersfield.

Killed in Action, (whilst sleeping in his billet behind the firing line, by a shell), France &  
Flanders 27 08 1917.

Commemorated on Almondbury War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M  
Stansfield, page 420.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.C.21.

*"His will be done"*

**SYKES Norman** Pte. 242409. (ref: 5/31).

Age 22. Son of George W & Alice Sykes, of 2, Cobcroft Road, Fartown, Huddersfield.

Employed as a warehouseman and pattern room man.

Born 14 11 1889 at Halifax Old Road, Huddersfield, enlisted January 1916 at Huddersfield.

Killed in Action, (whilst sleeping in his billet behind the firing line, by a shell), France &  
Flanders 27 08 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery. 2.C.20.

On Fartown & Birkby War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield,  
page 422.

*"He trusted in God, God called him".*

**28<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**HOOSON Herbert** Pte. 201429. (ref: 4/18).

Age 37. Son of the late James & Betty of Raglan Street, Halifax, Yorkshire.

Born at Halifax, enlisted in 1914 at Halifax.

A printer at The Halifax Courier & Halifax Guardian.

Wounded once.

Died of Wounds, at La Panne Coastal Defences, France & Flanders 28 08 1917.

Buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery. B.32.

Commemorated in the Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance; Calderdale War Dead page 163.

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**DYER Harry Frank.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (ref: O/3).

Age 31, Son of William John & Emma (nee Ward) of "Linley", Hadley Road, New Barnet,  
Hertfordshire.

Born at Bridgenorth.

BA Cantab. (1st Senior Optime) 1907, scholar & Prizeman, Corpus Christi College. Master at  
Giggleswick School.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 28 08 1917.

Buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, 7.B.31.

*"I thank God upon all my remembrance of you, from death unto life".*

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**PRATT Arthur** Pte. 204297 (ref: 7/16).

Age 24. Husband of Ada Pratt, of 23, Thornbury Road, Bradford.

Resided in Bradford, enlisted at Bradford.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 28 07 1917.

Buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery, 3.L.14.

**29<sup>th</sup> August:**

**1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**RAMSDEN Arthur** Pte. 204481 (ref: 7/17).

Age 18. Born at Holmfirth, the Son of John Thomas & Frances, of Bank Top, Holmbridge.

Born at Holmfirth, Huddersfield, enlisted at Holmfirth, mobilised with the local Territorials, age 15. Embarked for France June 1917.

Employed as a mill hand by T & J Tinkler.

Killed in Action, Nieuport, France & Flanders 29 07 1917.

Commemorated on Nieuport Memorial; Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial & M Stansfield, page 347.

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion – totals for August 1917:**

Other Ranks: 37 Killed in action, 82 wounded in action, 94 gassed, 2 shell shock, 2 missing, believed killed in action,

7 wounded but remained at duty.

**2<sup>nd</sup> September:**

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**HARDISTY Robert** Pte. 266853 (ref: 6/6)

Age 36. Son of the late Robert Hardisty, of Skipton. Resided in Ilkley, enlisted at Skipton.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 02 09 1917

Buried in Dunquerke Town Cemetery. 2.A.8

Commemorated in “Cravens Part in the Great War”, page 280 (with photograph) & “Guiseley Terriers”, pp. 82/3 (with photograph).

**11<sup>th</sup> September:**

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

266518 Pte H Petty – B Coy, wounded by shellfire and died of wounds on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**12<sup>th</sup> September.**

**1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**PETTY Herbert** Pte. 266518 (ref: 6/12).

Age 20. Son of John & Mary, of ‘Sunny Mount’, Rufford Park, Yeadon, Leeds.

Born at Horsforth, Leeds, resided in Yeadon, enlisted at Guiseley.

Died of Wounds, France & Flanders 12 09 1917.

Buried in Zuydcoote Military Cemetery (Nord, France) 1.B.7

‘D’ Company.

*“We have loved him in life, let us not forget him after death”.*

**19<sup>th</sup> September:**

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

**CROCKER Joseph.** Lieutenant. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion (ref: O/1).

Killed in Action, France & Flanders 19 09 1917.

Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, panels 82 – 85.

**29<sup>th</sup> September:**

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion:**

2/Lieut. R Jury, wounded (by aeroplane bomb, whilst on signalling course near Dunkerque).

Later Died of Wounds, on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1917.

**1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion – totals for September, 1917:**

4 ORs reported wounded.

**6<sup>th</sup> October:**

**JURY Reginald.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion (ref: O/4).

Age 23.

Died of Wounds, sustained whilst on signalling course, near Dunkerque on 29th September, 1917. Died at St Malo 06 10 1917.

Buried in Malo-Le-Bains Communal Cemetery. 1.A.6

*“Died of Wounds, Peace Perfect Peace, With Loved Ones Far Away”.*

**ACCOUNT OF NIEUPOORT CAMPAIGN, COMPILED BY G B HOWROFT, 1/7<sup>th</sup> DWR,  
held in Huddersfield Drill Hall:**

**1917 July, Dunkerque**

On July 13, in accordance with rumours which had been current for at least a fortnight, we moved up to Dunkerque, leaving Merville by train at 8.50pm & arriving at about 4.0am. A march of four miles brought us to a pleasant camp among the sand hills near St Pol about a mile from the sea. Here we adapted ourselves to a life in many ways new to us. The troops were, by now, used to eating a little of the local earth with their food but now they had to learn to eat sand in quantity. The same applied to horses, many of which developed sand colic and died, so that eventually the expedient had to be adopted of tying them up very short so that for the rest of our stay on the coast they were never able to lie down to sleep.

There were compensating advantages, the horse revelled in galloping on the soft sand & in splashing in the water; it was sight never to be forgotten to see the transport exercising on the beach, with great heavy draught horses galloping wildly about with naked transport men on their back. Bathing was popular, but we had the good fortune to miss the unpleasant experience that fell to the lot of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> DWR. At a certain period of the year the sea on the Belgian coast is suddenly filled with tiny jellyfish, the great majority of which, within a day or two, are stranded and dried up on the beach. The ¼ and 1/5 Batts happened to choose their bathing the day on which the jelly fish made their first appearance, the results were extraordinary; the road from the sea to camp was lined with men in various degrees of unfitness, suffering from the effects of jelly fish stings. It took some of them many hours to make their way back to camp. Bathing was suspect for some days.

For four days we trained among the sand hills of St Pol, then, on July 18, marched past Dunkerque to Bray Dunes; on the way we met some battalions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Div coming out from the coast sector of the line.

Our recent move north was part of the transfer of Fourth Army to the coast, where the 1<sup>st</sup> Div had recently taken over the extreme left front of Nieuport from the French, the intention, which was fairly widely known, was to attack along the coast in conjunction with the attack at Ypres. Apparently the enemy knew this as well as we did, for before the 1<sup>st</sup> Div had been long installed they attacked & drove the two battalions back over the Yser canal. The 1<sup>st</sup> Div was now being relieved, in part by the 49 Div, & were going back, which we did not know, to special training for a landing on the Belgian coast.

A day's training was snatched at Bray Dunes & on the 20<sup>th</sup> we crossed the frontier into Belgium again to spend four days at Ghyvelde. Here we rehearsed, in lovely weather, an attack on model trenches representing the enemy line opposite Nieuport. The total frontage now remaining to us across the canal at Nieuport was well under a mile; from this bridgehead the Fourth Army was to deploy! The particular job of the 7<sup>th</sup> DWR was to advance on a one platoon front and change direction right somewhere about the enemy front line – an amazing manoeuvre which no one immediately concerned ever imagined could be carried out successfully. This scheme held the field till X Day – two days before it was to be carried out – but was then, to our great relief, cancelled.

On July 24, after an address by Br Gen Lewes, the Battn left by bus at 6.30pm via Adinkerque and Coxyde to Oost Dunkerke. We were to have marched from here straight through Nieuport to the line but report came that Nieuport was being shelled with mustard gas and by way of

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precaution we waited all night on the road between Oost Dunkerke and Nieuport, in the hope that the gas would clear. Mustard gas was new at the time; all we knew of it was derived from terrible stories of how some battalions of the 146 Bde had been completely wiped out by it & we were disposed to treat it with respect.

As dawn began to break it became obvious that we had better move on & so, with some diffidence, we did. The ton smelt strongly of mustard & we wore respirators. On arriving in the town it was reported that all the bridges across the canal were broken, but further investigation showed that one bridge at any rate survived & during the usual morning lull while the Bosche gunner had his breakfast the Battn moved once more, as in 1915, to the East bank of the Yser canal. For the moment it relieved 1/5 KOYLI in support & during the day, by small parties, relieved the 1/5 KOYLI in the front line becoming the left of the two battalions which held the Lombartzyde Sector.

It was an interesting sector. To our left were the sand dunes, some rising to considerable height which the 1st Div had just lost. Our front was on the flat land behind the dunes, but at a level just high enough to keep above water. A little to our right the land was lower, one of the many Polders - & was inundated. Across this watery No-Man's-Land the Belgian Army had for three years breathed defiance at the inaccessible enemy. The French had always taken the precaution of keeping a French division on the coast sector where No-Man's-Land was a less complete defence & it was from the French that the 1<sup>st</sup> Div had taken over. For the present, two British divisions held this front, the 66<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> E Lincs) occupying the length from Nieuport to the sea.

There was every sign of a long period of peace, such as obtained on many parts of the French front, having reigned before we came. Some of the dugouts were quite nicely fitted up & had little gardens in front of them; a sad change had already begun & was completed while we were there.

The trenches were for the most part built up above ground level & although much damaged during the recent attack still gave pretty good cover so that some movement by day was possible. In some parts, however, the enemy posts were very near & cooking in the line was not possible – it had to be done at the transport lines. Nor could our position be considered comfortable; there was always the possibility present in one's mind that the enemy might finish off the work he had begun on the 1<sup>st</sup> Division & push us back into Nieuport.

Battn HQ – which incidentally served as HQ for the support Battn as well – was something new to us. It consisted of a plain, windowless building with enormously thick walls & roof built – it was said – as a powder magazine in the fortifications erected by Vaubin for Louis XIV. Its official name was the Palinbrug or the Redan but, unofficially, it was always the 'Rubber House', presumably from the way in which shells bounced off it. Vaubin could never have imagined the gratitude felt by HQ personnel when shells were bursting all round about (M.28.e.8.8). Other dugouts for odd men of HQ & for the Support Battn lined the banks of the old fortifications & a bridge crossed the canal almost opposite. Four such bridges, consisting of duckboards 18" wide floating on bundles of cork, spanned the canal between the Palinbrug & the Cinq Ponts, where the canal split into several branches. These bridges added much to the interest of life. The naked feeling of being perched on a narrow duck board in the middle of a canal some 50 yards wide & hearing a shell coming, is not easily to be forgotten. The exploit of crossing such a bridge in the dark, carrying a load of rations & wearing a gas mask

goes to prove the truth of the saying that the Army can do anything with a man. The enemy, of course, knew exactly where these bridges were and shot intermittently at them, with the result that all were never in action at once & frequently all were broken.

We soon found that the mustard gas was not immediately fatal. As a result of our exposure to it on our way through Nieuport Capt J Ramsden & 33 other ranks went to hospital, slightly gassed; the powers of resistance of individuals appeared to vary greatly &, in spite of continual gas shelling of HQ, & in a less degree of other parts of the line, only a few casualties per day were sustained through it.

Our invulnerable HQ, of which the upper part was clearly visible to the enemy, was a favourite target for all sizes of guns & all kinds of shells. At no time was it altogether safe to leave the kindly shelter of the building; 2Lt Adams, who was then Intelligence Officer, was wounded just outside on the first day in. The supposed safety of HQ was an illusion; it was rumoured that the companies up the line spent a good part of the day with their backs to the enemy watching the shells bursting on HQ – to their no small amusement!

On July 30, 2Lt R A Lyon, who had recently joined from a cyclist battalion, & the greater part of his No 10 platoon, attempted a raid on the enemy line M.22.b.85.30 – b.65.30. Apparently, they walked right into an enemy post waiting for them. Three men were missing & several wounded & of course no identification was secured.

On July 31, we were relieved by the 2/6<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regt (of the 66<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> E Lancs Div) – moved back into the dugouts in the Redan, HQ remaining in the Rubber House. Apart from the relief from the strain of the front line, we were not much better off, for there was more shelling & much more gas, in the Redan than in the front line. In spite of the shelling our 6 days tour had cost us only 3 killed and 3 missing, but 57 wounded and 47 gassed.

On July 31, the expected attack at Ypres took place; of Aug 3 the 147 Bde relieved the 199 Bde, but the Battn did not move. The situation from the point of view of the higher command was apparently uncertain & complicated & the uncertainty in higher quarters was reflected in a stream of orders & counter orders for inter battalion reliefs.

The night Aug 5/6 was a very disturbed one & the Battn stood to most of the night. One man on ration party unfortunately fell off the bridge at high tide & was drowned. This regrettable accident served as the explanation of fabulous amounts of lost kit in the succeeding month or two; if the official correspondence of the time could be collated it would be found that Pte Barker was carrying several Lewis guns with spare parts & magazines complete, besides much clothing & other equipment. The Sergeant Shoemaker (Miller) was more fortunate; he fell in but he was fat enough to float & the strong hand of the Provost Sergeant came to the rescue. He had been sent for to come up to the line ostensibly to mend boots, but primarily to remove certain idea as to the trade union hours which seemed to flourish at QM stores. The cure was complete.

On Aug 6, a draft of 134 other ranks was received; fortunately to them a new order laid it down that drafts should not go straight up to the line, but should be detained at the Transport Lines & absorb into their companies during a spell out of the line.

The evening of Aug 7 provided some of the healthiest shelling Battn HQ ever experienced; for over an hour a continual stream of 5.9 shells fell on or close to the Rubber House. The companies in the line are reputed to have enjoyed the spectacle but no one who was in HQ at

the time is likely to forget that evening. RSM J Holmes was wounded & 5 DWR lost most of their HQ NCOs in a dugout nearby. Some comic relief was provided by the two COs – Lt Col Parkyn & Col Tew – discussing at which end of the building it would be wise to make a dash for safety & being driven back by a savage explosion before they had time to make their move to ‘safety’. Vaubin’s brick walls were the safest place in the district.

After still another false alarm we relieved the 1/5 in the line (left subsector) on the night of the 9<sup>th</sup>; HQ still not moving. The next night Sgt F Hitchman (Scout Sergeant) was killed near HQ & 2Lt Davies was wounded & died two days later.

The weather had now become bad; the flat ground, wet at the best of times, became impassable; the attack at Ypres was making poor progress & our parallel attack was cancelled. On Aug 11 we set to wiring in our front line, no doubt to the relief of the enemy who, however, put a stop to it next night by sending over lachrymatory gas shells. Perhaps to show the variety of his resources, he spent part of the next day shelling the town with heavy shells, one of which dropped short & made HQ behave for a moment as if it had really been a rubber house!

The night of 13/14 was fully occupied by our relief by the 1/5, on completion of which, at 4.0am, we moved back across the canal to Bde Reserve on the Presue Ile sector, during the relief 2Lt R A Lyon was killed.

Here the Battn was split up in dugouts and cellars over quite an extensive area; although only a few hundred yards from the Redan the atmosphere was quite different & everyone was able to at last get some rest. A good many men who had stuck it as long as they could now went down with gas.

The Brigade had for a few days been under the orders of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Div & on the night of the 16/17 the Battn was relieved by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cameronians & marched back via Oost Dunkerke to Coxyde.

No one was sorry to see the last of Nieuport. Twenty one days in or close to the front line is not at the best an enjoyable experience but, added to that, the bad weather, frequent shelling, a difficult tactical situation, the prospect of carrying out a hopeless attack & above all, an atmosphere never free from mustard gas, so that all the Battn had a sore throat & red eyes – all these things made Nieuport something of a nightmare. The Battn, though it had not suffered nearly so badly as some units in the Division, was very unfit.

Our casualties in these three weeks had been 255, of whom about half were gassed.

We spent the night of 16/17 marching back to Coxyde where we rested and cleaned up in some very comfortable huts and moved on the afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup> to La Panne. Here we found, perhaps, the best billets of the whole war – except one company which had to take over coast defence & watch the empty sea from behind wire entanglements.

*The 1/6<sup>th</sup> Bn rejoined the Brigade on the 18<sup>th</sup> August. This was the end of the Division’s direct involvement in this Sector. By 4<sup>th</sup> October the troops were ready to join the main battle further south – the Battle of Passchendaele.*

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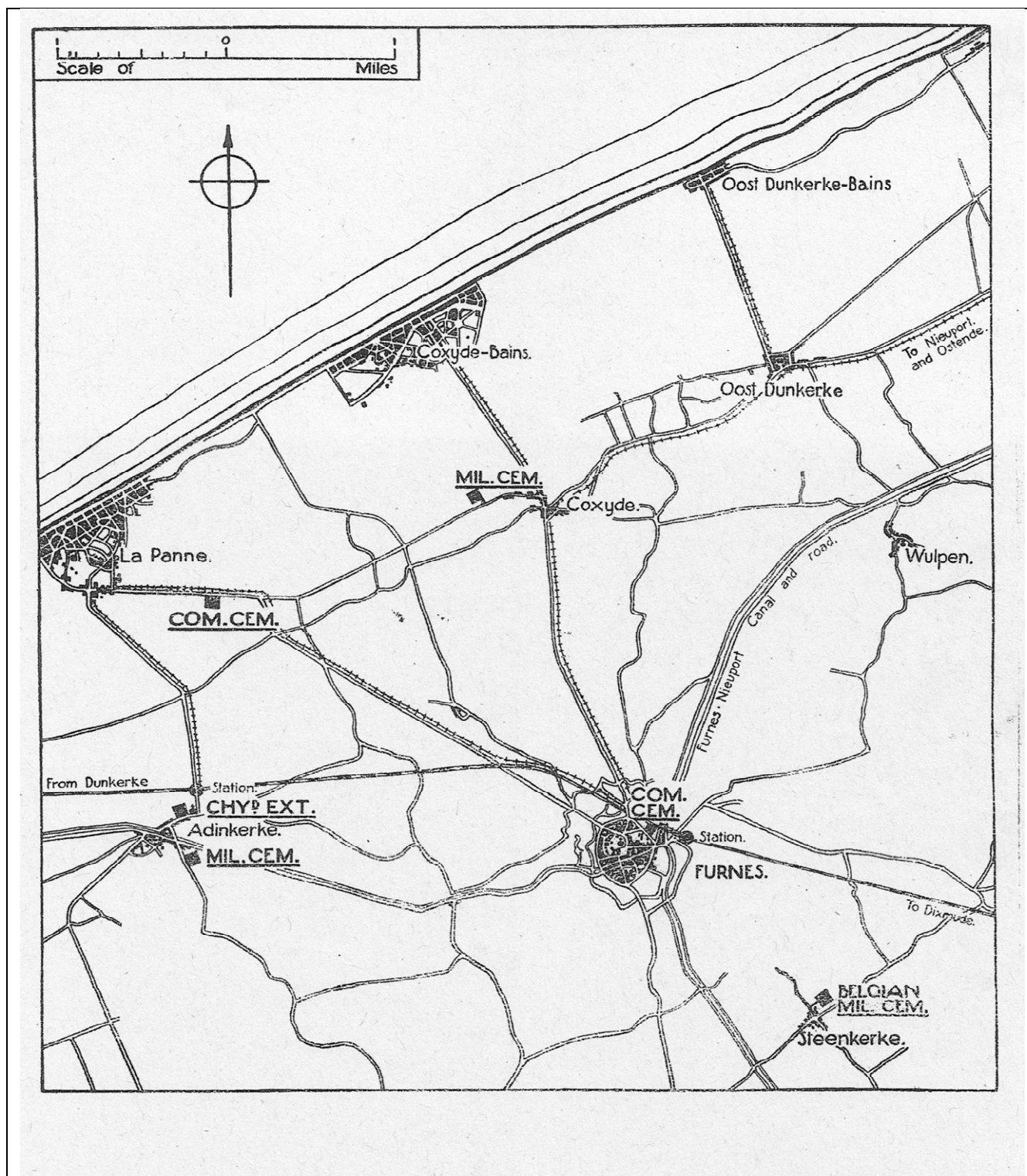
## THE CEMETERIES AND MEMORIALS.

The following maps and cemetery plans have been taken from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission publications. Each cemetery plan indicates the grave location of the fallen, using the Reference numbers for each entry. The location of the Nieuport Memorial is on Page A 5.

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**La Panne Communal Cemetery, Adinkerke Military Cemetery, Adinkerke Churchyard Cemetery Extension and Coxyde Military Cemetery**



## ADINKERKE CHURCHYARD EXTENSION

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## ADINKERKE MILITARY CEMETERY, FURNES

CEMETERY INDEX NUMBER B. 172.

**A**DINKERKE is a village and commune in the Province of West Flanders, three miles West of Furnes on the road to Dunkerque, with a railway station (Adinkerke-Panne) on the line from Dunkerque to Dixmude and Ghent. From June to November, 1917 the British XV Corps held the front from the sea to St. Georges; the 24th and 39th Casualty Clearing Stations were posted at Oosthoek (between Adinkerke and Furnes) from July to November, and the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station at Adinkerke for a short time in June.

ADINKERKE CHURCHYARD EXTENSION is a Belgian Military Cemetery on the West side of the Churchyard, containing 1,658 Belgian, 67 British and two French War Graves. The British graves are in two small plots, covering 265 square yards in all; they are numbered consecutively with the other graves. They contain the bodies of 59 officers and men from the United Kingdom (including Naval airmen and Royal Marine gunners, some of whom died in 1915 and 1916) and eight of the British West Indies Regiment.

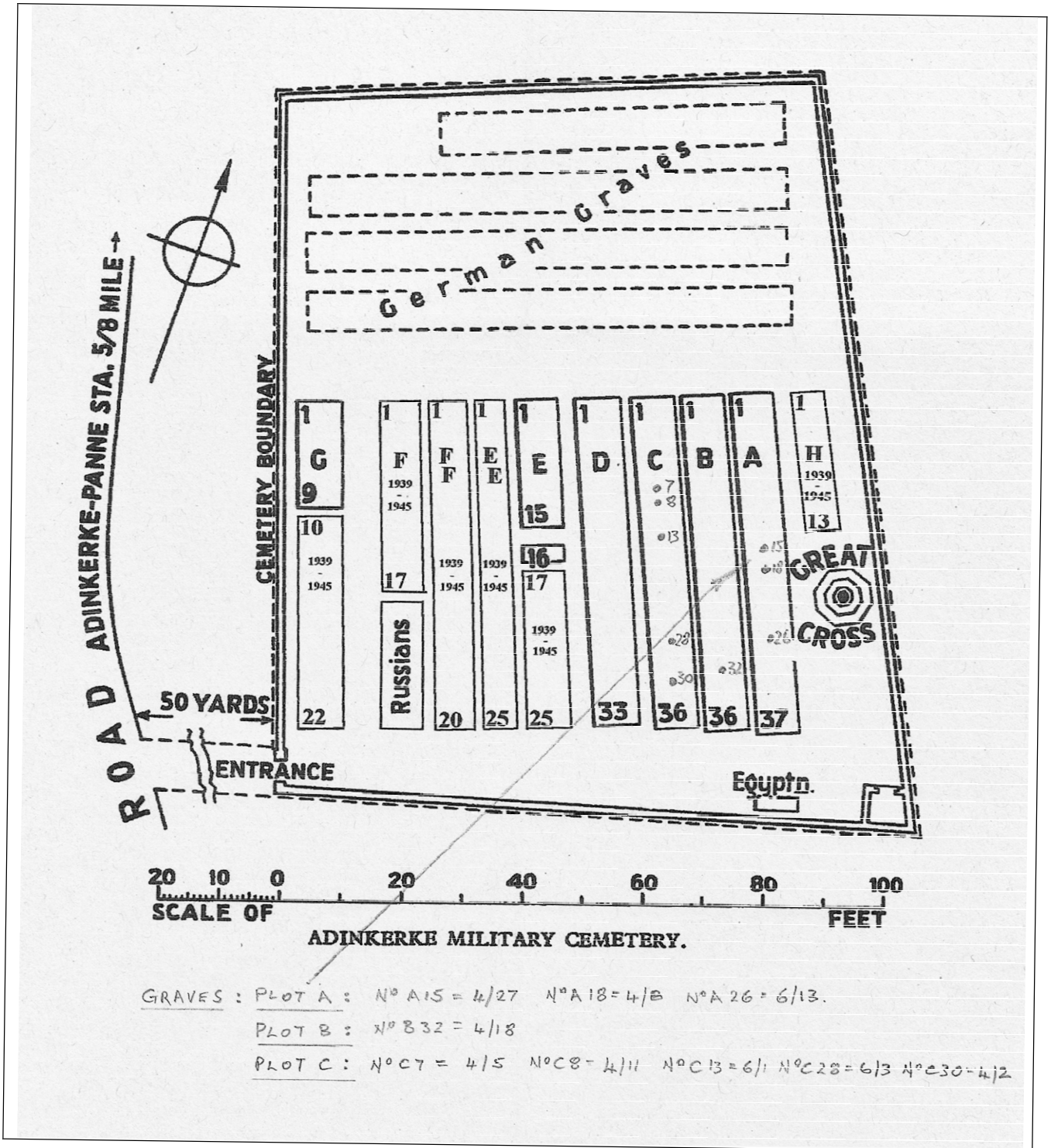
Another Belgian Military Cemetery is on the East side of the road to La Panne.

ADINKERKE MILITARY CEMETERY is at the East end of the village, and in the neighbouring commune of Furnes. It was used during the presence of the XV Corps in the area, and at intervals until 1919; a French extension to the West was made in 1918, but the 104 French graves have been removed. It contains the graves of 158 officers and men from the United Kingdom (including two R.N.A.S. and two R.A.F.), five Australian artillerymen, two men of the Canadian Railway Troops, two men of the British West Indies Regiment, one man of the Egyptian Labour Corps, four Russians and 98 German prisoners. Sixty-one of the United Kingdom soldiers belonged, or were attached, to Artillery units.

The Military Cemetery covers an area of 1,368 square yards. It is enclosed by a low rubble wall, and planted with flowering hawthorns and crab-apple trees. It is approached by a path between hornbeam hedges.

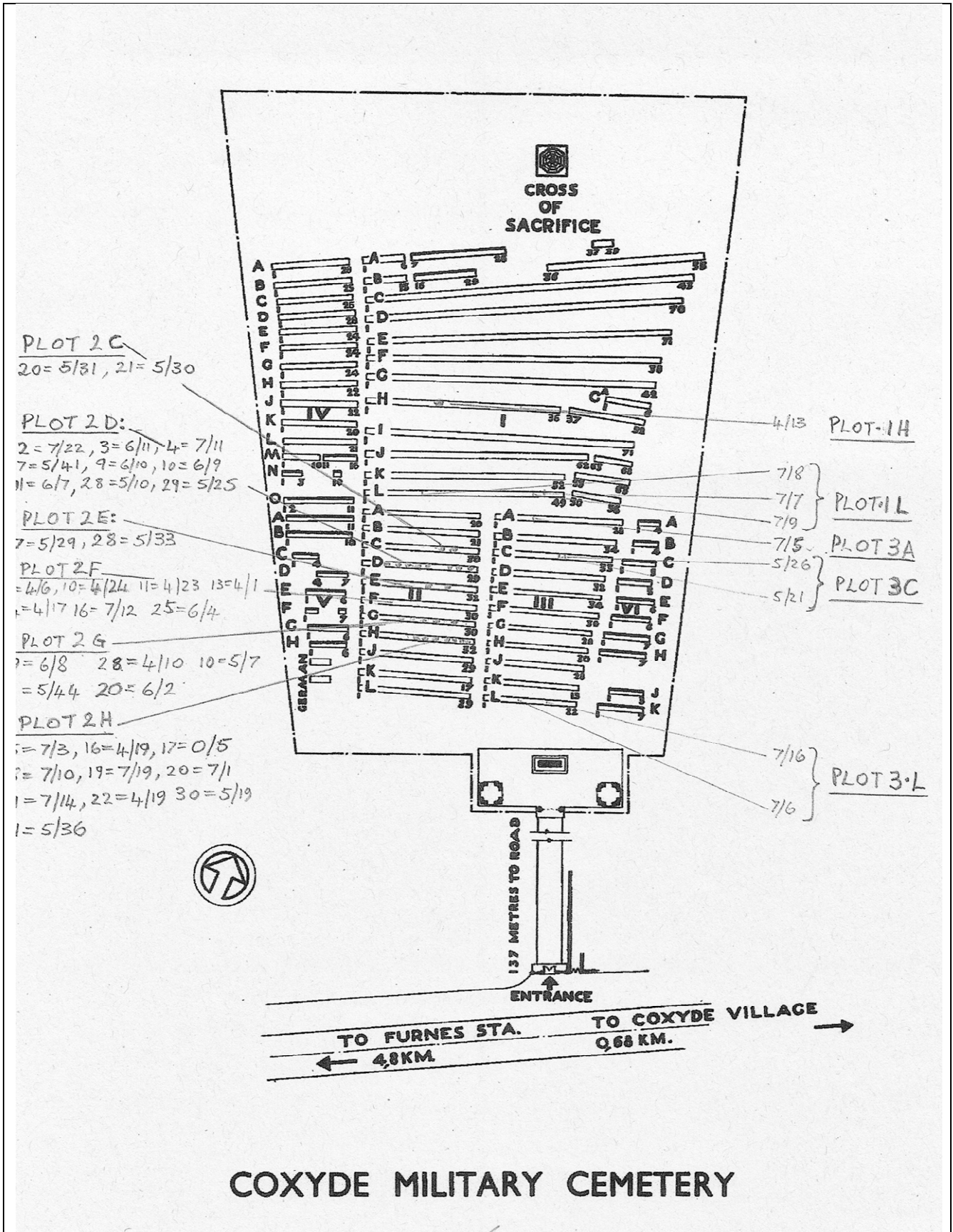
The Registers record particulars of 67 War Graves in the Churchyard Extension and 168 in the Military Cemetery.

# Plan of Adinkerke Military Cemetery

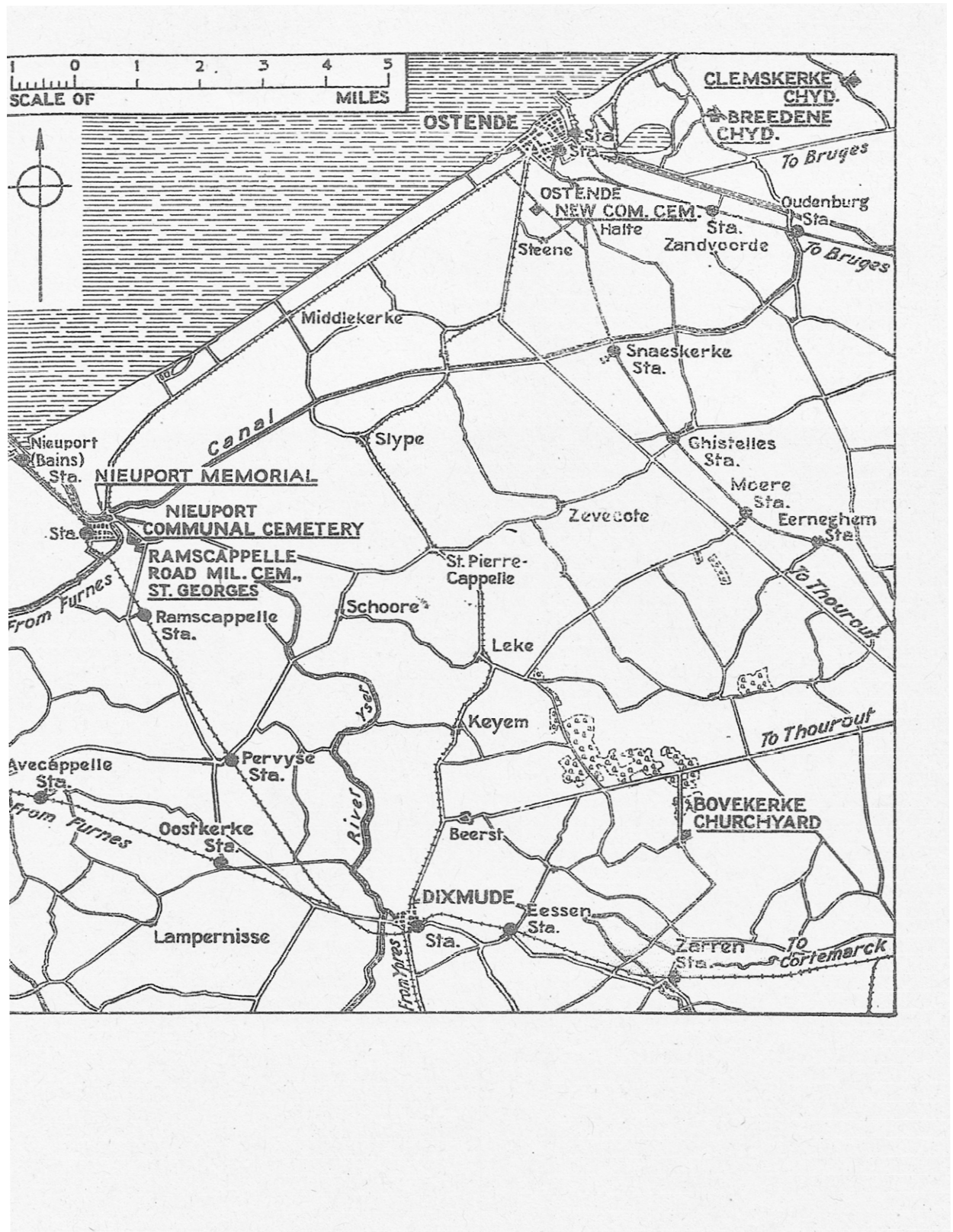


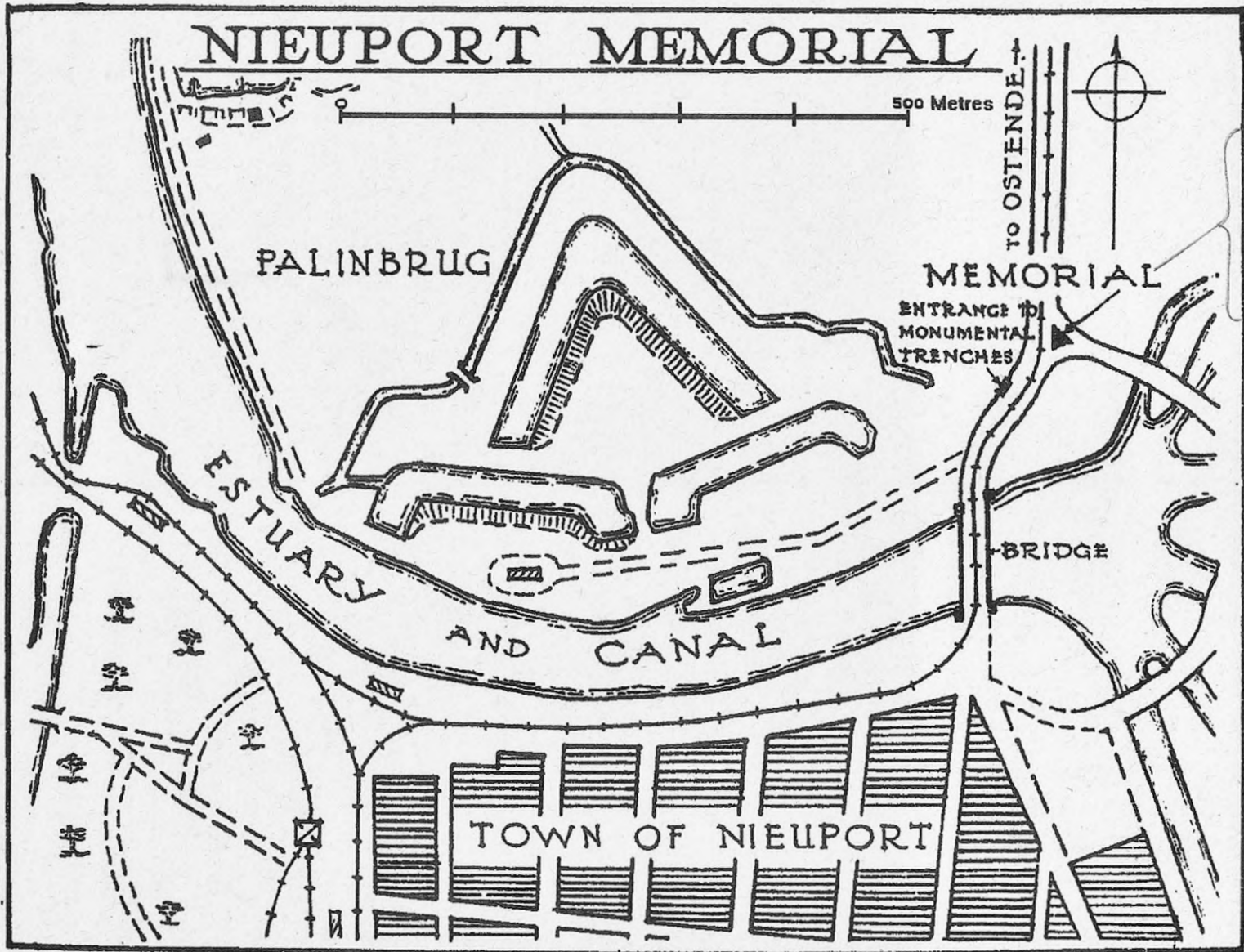


# Plan of Coxyde Military Cemetery



Nieuport Memorial, Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, Ostende New Communal Cemetery and Bovekerke Churchyard



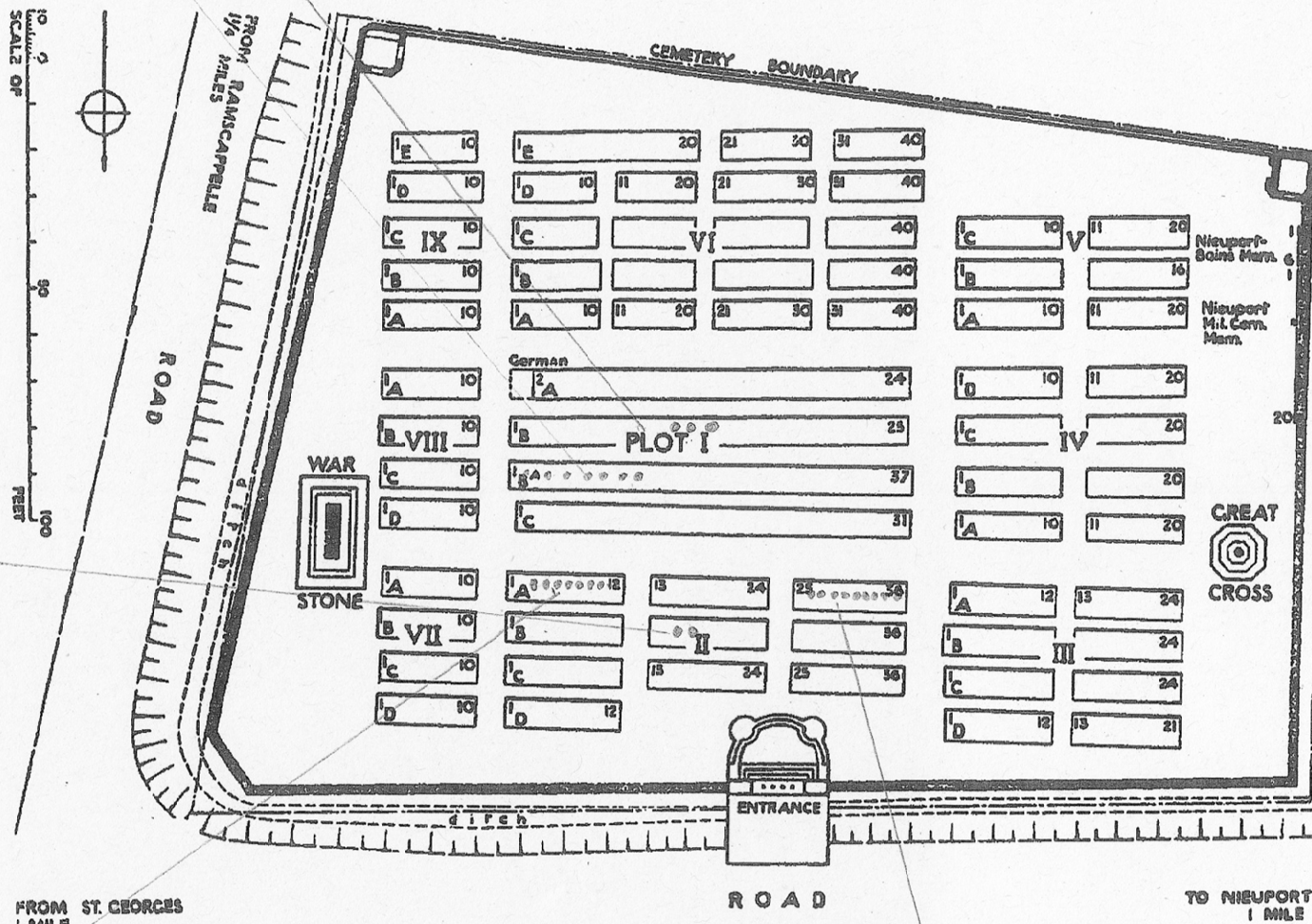


Nieuport Memorial



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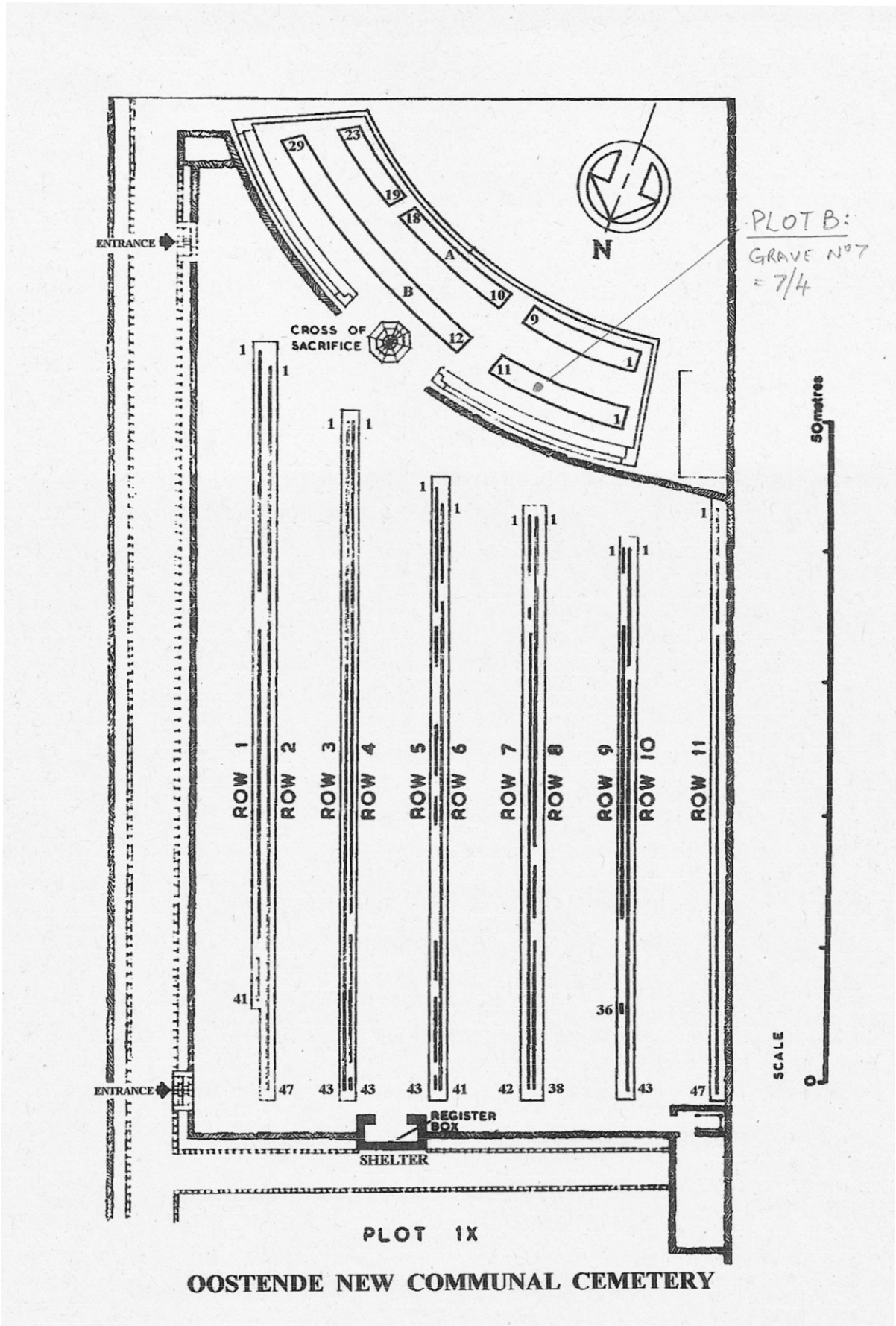
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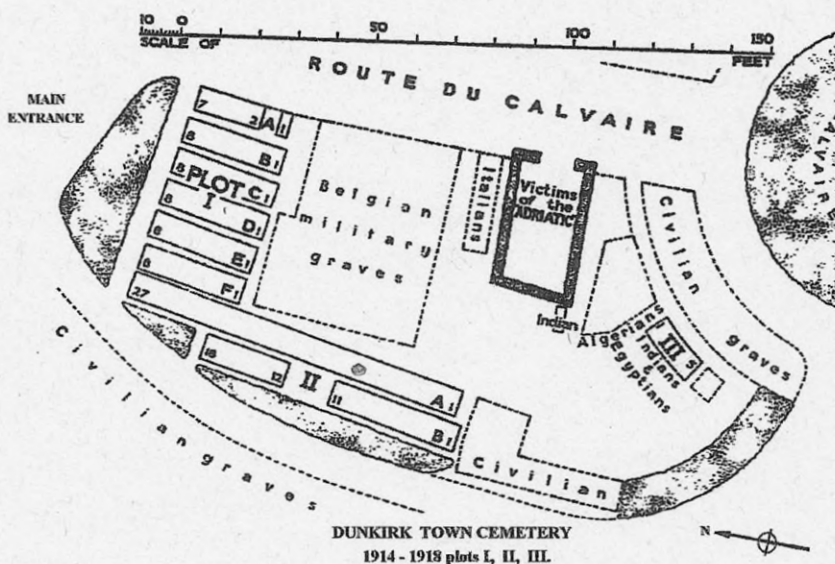
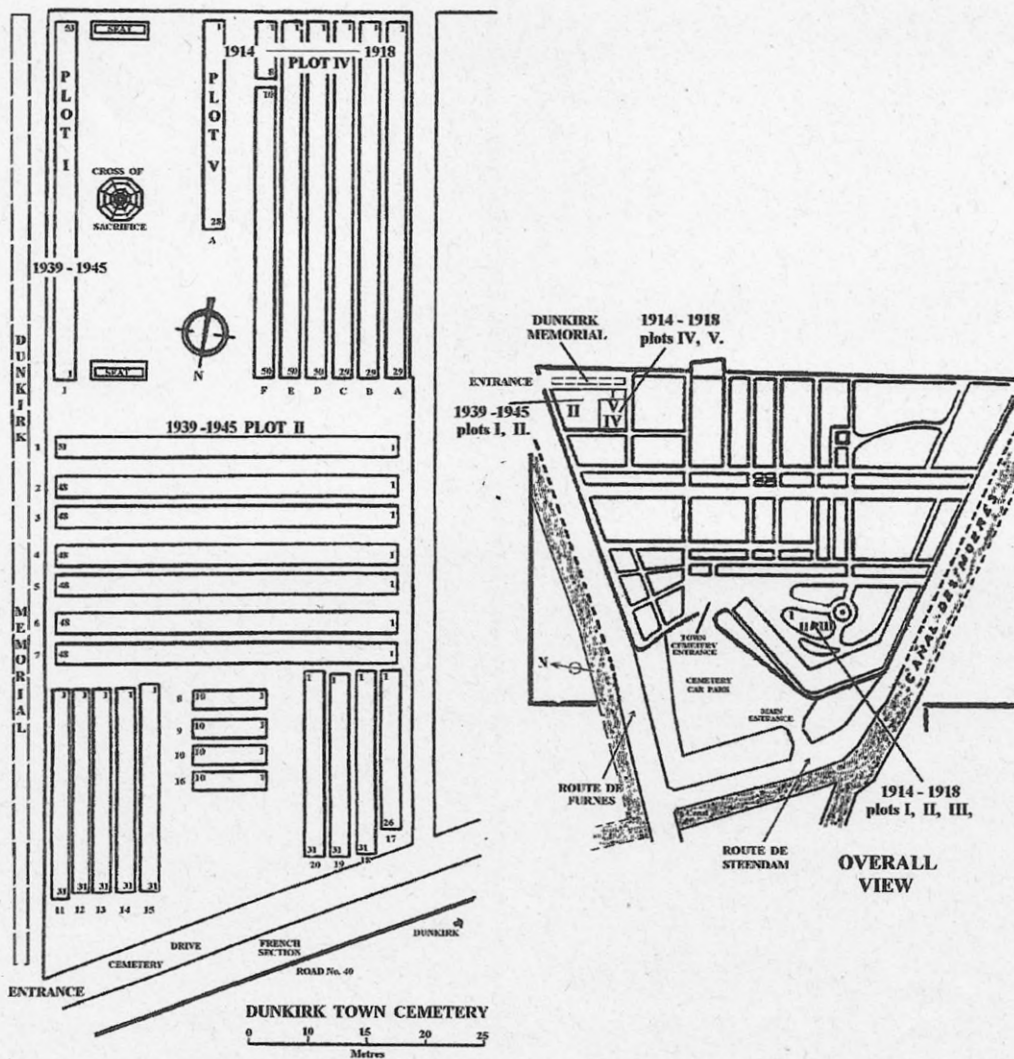
Plan of Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery



# Plan of Oostend New Communal Cemetery



# Map and Plan showing Dunkirk Memorial & Cemetery



# Plan of Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

