

1st BATTALION. THE QUEENS WEST SURREY REGIMENT

The original copy of this war diary was lost on Oct. 31st 1914. together with the greater part of the Battalion . this copy was rewritten from the only available record which remained on November 10th 1914 and following days, namely the personal diary of one of the surviving officers ..Supplemented from memory

- 4th August 1914 **BORDON**
5.30 p.m. received order to mobilize
9,15 p.m. conference of all officers of the battalion to ascertain extent of readiness. Previous to this an order had been issued for an Emergency Mobilization so that a good deal of the preparations had been completed.
- 5th August 1914 First day of mobilization 9.00 p.m. Conference of all officers as above. 450 Reservists joined from Depot at 11,30pm
- 6th August 1914 Second day of Mobilization. 130 Reservists joined from Depot about 4,00 p.m.
- 7th August 1914 Third day of Mobilization
5,00 p.m. Mobilization completed and same reported to 3rd Bde. H.Q.
- 8th August 1914 Reveille 4,45 am Half Battalion at a time preceded to Range where the following practices were fired by every man :- 100 yds (grouping) and 300 yds slow and rapid.
- 9th August 1914 Battalion exercised under the commanding Officer in different formations at and around OXHEY FARM.
- 10th August 1914 Musketry on Range at 500 yds. and practiced Fire Control. Judging Distance etc under Company arrangements in the intervals of firing. During the afternoon carried out an attack on WEAVERS DOWNS under the commanding officer.
- 11th August 1914 Battalion parade, strong as possible at 9,00 a.m. -and went for short route march and practiced' formations for the preliminary stages of an attack.
- 12th August 1914 **ON THE MOVE,**
Battalion paraded and march to BORDON STATION Right half at 9,00 a.m. left half at 10,30 a.m. Destination known, arrived at SOUTHAMPTON at 2,00 p.m. and embarked on S.S. BRAEMAR CASTLE, the WELSH REGT, shared this transport with the Battalion 8,15 p.m. Left wharf and proceed out of harbour escorted at first by a destroyer, Destination still unknown.
- 13th August; 1914 **HAVRE**
11,00 am arrived at HAVRE and landed. Unloading of Baggage, horses etc, proceeded until 5,30 p.m. Marched 8 miles' to-CAMP MUMERO 6. Transport was' obliged to go round by another road as