

## **1<sup>st</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Manchester Regiment**

### **1916 Egypt**

#### **January 1916**

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, MUDROS

Battalion spent this period in elementary training, a course of instruction for junior Officers and N.C.O.s was started.

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

Orders received to embark on H.M.T. ARCADIAN.

Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

HQs and 300 men embark on H.M.T. ARCADIAN.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

The Battalion sails for Alexandria.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

The Battalion arrives at Alexandria.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

The Battalion disembarks and entrains for Cairo. Trams are provided from Cairo Station to MENA CAMP.

Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

Orders received to move to TEL-EL-KEBIR, an advance party of 1 Officer and 54 other ranks.

Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

The Battalion moves to TEL-EL-KEBIR.

Jan 28<sup>th</sup>

Orders received to move to SHALLUFA.

Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

The Battalion, less transport and transport personnel, moves to SHALLUFA and on arrival sends a party of 6 Officers and 180 other ranks as outposts for the night.

Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

The day is spent in moving baggage across the SUEZ CANAL to camp.

## **February 1916**

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

Lt. Col. D. H. WADE rejoins from England. A draft of 2 Officers, 2/Lt. SIDEBOTHAM and HENTHORNE, and a draft of 98 other ranks arrives from England. 25 other ranks from 42<sup>nd</sup> Division Base Details Camp.

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

Battalion left SHALLUFA for KABRIT less transport, 1 Officer and 50 other ranks to KABRIT SOUTH, the remainder to KABRIT NORTH.

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Battalion engaged in putting the post into a state of defence.

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our Company moves out 3 ½ miles to form a small post called BURNLEY.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

Information received that Capt. O.J. SUTTON and 2/Lieut. N. COOKE awarded the Military Cross, and L/Cpl. PEARSON and Cpl. PICKFORD the D.C.M.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Work continued on defences of KABRIT.

## **March 1916**

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Work continued on defences of KABRIT.

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cards of congratulation received from Major-General Commanding 42<sup>nd</sup> Division, for good work done in Gallipoli.

341 Sgt. LEE J.  
2146 Cpl. PLATT A.  
728 L/Cpl. GREEN A.  
2826 Pte. SMITH A.  
2231 Pte. SHEEKEY W.

2067 Pte. SWINDELLS J. S.

Capt. F. W. KERSHAW rejoins Battalion from Hospital.

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

Battalion on outpost duty at KABRIT and engaged in work on defences.

2/Lieut. S RUTTENAU rejoins Battalion from England.

2/Lieut. B. H. BRISKER admitted to Hospital.

Mar 18<sup>th</sup>

Draft of undermentioned Officers arrive to the Battalion:

2/Lieut. J. H. CLARKE

2/Lieut. A. M. LECKLER

2/Lieut. L. O. HARD

2/Lieut. B. S. J. BOND-ANDREW

2/Lieut. B. FRENDMAN

2/Lieut. M. J. DUNLOP

2/Lieut. R. Y. ? FUGE

Mar 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Work on KABRIT defences continued.

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>

Lieut. G. W. HANDFORTH rejoined battalion from England.

Mar 24<sup>th</sup>

Draft of 1 Officer (2/Lt. W. G. GREENWOOD) and 56 other ranks arrive to Battalion from England.

Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Work on KABRIT defences continued.

Mar 30<sup>th</sup>

2 Officers, 1/Lieut. SIDEBOTTOM and 2/Lieut. HENTHORNE also 52 other ranks transferred to "A" and "B" Stoke Gun Batteries.

## **April 1916**

Apr 1<sup>st</sup>

Battalion moved from KABRIT to SUEZ having been relieved by 9<sup>th</sup> Hants. (T.F.).

Apr 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Major A. E. FAWENS 1/7<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment taken on the strength and posted as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command.

Apr 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Battalion training continued, also Brigade and Divisional Training and Musketry and Grenading Training commenced.

Apr 14<sup>th</sup>

Draft from England. 60 other ranks from 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Border regiment arrive to the Battalion.

Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Battalion engages in Brigade Divisional Training.

Apr 21<sup>st</sup>

Draft to Battalion from England. 99 W. O., N.C.O.s and men.

Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Battalion, Brigade and Divisional Training continued.

Apr 25<sup>th</sup>

Accident through bomb exploding. 2 men killed and 11 wounded, 1 subsequently dying from wounds.

## **May 1916**

May 1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. BROADBENT rejoined from England. Lieut. J. KNOWLES attached from 11<sup>th</sup> battalion Yorks & Lancs Regiment transferred to Base Depot and struck off strength.

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Training continued.

May 9<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. HARD, L. O. 14<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment rejoined Battalion.

May 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Lieut. Col. D. H. WADE takes over temporary command 126<sup>th</sup> Brigade from 18-5-1916.

Capt. F. WOODHOUSE takes over temporary command of Battalion from 18-5-1916. Major A. E. F. FAWENS on leave.

1 Officer, Lt. G. T. HYDE and 66 other ranks (Draft arrive to Battalion from England 19<sup>th</sup> May).

May 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

Training continued. Training during month included Battalion, Brigade and Divisional Musketry, Grenading and route marching.

Several Officers, N.C.O. s and men attended courses of instruction at CAIRO.

Draft of 24 other ranks arrived to battalion from England, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **June 1916**

June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Battalion occupied in training, including Brigade and Divisional Training.

2/Lieut. C. E. COOKE joins Battalion from England and 3/6/16. 2/Lieut. H. E. BUTTERWORTH joins Battalion from England on 4/6/16.

June 6<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

June 7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

Lieut. HYDE and 5 other ranks to Courses of Instruction at ZEITOUN. Battalion still occupied in training and men employed on hutting.

June 17<sup>th</sup>

Lieut. HYDE and 5 other ranks rejoin from Courses of Instruction at ZEITOUN.

2/Lieut. W. J. ABLITT attached 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade.

2/Lieut. G. R. BERNARD granted leave to England.

June 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Battalion still engaged in training. 2/Lieut. FIELDING admitted to Hospital, sick. Lieut. G. T. HYDE appointed Quarter Master.

June 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Battalion moved (along with rest of Brigade) to FERDAN and occupied camp on W. bank of SUEZ CANAL. Moved across on evening of 21<sup>st</sup> to Camp on E. Bank of Canal (FERDAN BRIDGEHEAD) Colonel and Company Commanders proceeded to FERDAN RAILHEAD.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Moved from FERDAN BRIDGEHEAD to ABU URUQ and took over defences from 9<sup>th</sup> West Yorks. 1 section of 126<sup>th</sup> Brigade Machine Gun Company attached.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Battalion engaged in Outpost Duty at ABU URUQ, also digging and wiring on defensive works scheme.

Major and Quarter Master M. H. CONNERY admitted to Hospital, sick 23.6.16. 126<sup>th</sup> Brigade Stokes T. M. Battery attached under 2/Lt. T. AINSWORTH. Draft of 110 other ranks arrive to Battalion from England.

## **July 1916**

Jul 1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

During this period, a considerable amount of work on the defences at ABU URUQ, chiefly wiring and the maintenance and improvement of existing trenches. Range marks were placed in front of all works and reserves of food, water, S.A.A. and Bombs in works completed. Night Outposts and Day Observation Posts were maintained and Night Patrols sent out to meet Patrols from 125<sup>th</sup> Brigade at BALLY BUNION. Mounted Officers went out in turn with Patrols of D.L.O.Y. Parties were marched down to Canal daily for bathing. Bombing instruction was continued. Almost all N.C.O.s and men received elementary training and Platoon teams received more advanced instruction. Hon Maj. and Quarter Master CONNERY, M. H. invalided Home 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1916. Major NOWELL, R. B. joined Battalion from England and posted as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1916.

Jul 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Battalion relieved at ABU URUQ by Dismounted squadron of Australian Light Horse and march to FERDAN where Camp was pitched on W. Bank of Canal.

Jul 26<sup>th</sup>

Battalion was marched from EL FERDAN at 16:00. Arrived BALLAH 08:00, bivouaced on E. Bank of Canal during day. March returned at 00:15 on night of 26/27. Reached HILL 40, KANTARA about 06:30 and pitched Camp.

Jul 27<sup>th</sup>

Party of 21 W.O.s, N.C.O.s and men rejoined Battalion from Base. Leave to England continued.

Jul 31<sup>st</sup>

Battalion engaged in equipping on special establishment for Mobile Column. Also training and Rank Marching.

## **August 1916**

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nothing to report.

Aug 4<sup>th</sup>

Party of 1 Officer (2/Lt. BOND-ANDREWS) and 75 men to Composite battalion at KANTARA.

Battalion moved to GILBAN by march route. Battalion, less C and D Companies, advance Guard to Brigade.

C and D Companies, under Major NOWELL, Right Flank Guard. A and B Companies Night Outposts at GILBAN on night of 4/5<sup>th</sup> August. Transport and men unfit to march left behind at HILL 40.

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Aug 7<sup>th</sup>

2 Officers and 6 men detailed as Guards to 426 Turkish Prisoners captured near KATIA and arriving at DUEDDAR about 20:00.

Aug 8<sup>th</sup>

1 Officer (2/Lt. PREEDMAN) and 30 men proceeded with Turkish Prisoners to KANTARA to rail and rejoined same evening. Battalion proceeded by rail to PELUSIUM and went into Camp N. of railway line.

Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

Battalion (along with 1/4<sup>th</sup> E. Lancs Regiment) marched to Mt. ROYSTON and searched battlefield. A quantity of Turkish arms equipment, S.A.A. etc. being collected and a few enemy dead buried.

Aug 10<sup>th</sup>

Battalion found outposts at PELUSIUM. Outpost Company, D Company.

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Battalion engaged in training and Route Marching. 2/Lieut. G. E. RODNELL (3/4<sup>th</sup> E. Kent Regiment) and 2/Lieut. E. E. TOWLER (10<sup>th</sup> South Lancs Regiment) posted to Battalion for duty from 13/8/16.

Battalion took over outposts at PELUSIUM for 48 hours from 07:00 on 18<sup>th</sup>. Relieved by 1/4<sup>th</sup> East Lancs Regiment on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

During this period the Battalion was engaged in training and route marching (including Brigade Training) and Night Operations with occasional Route Marches to seashore for bathing. Camel loading was practiced and tents were covered with scrub to conceal them from hostile aircraft.

Battalion received first dose of inoculation against cholera on the 20<sup>th</sup> and second dose on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Part II orders contained the following entries:

Qtr. Mr. & Hon Major CONNERY	– awarded Military Cross
No 1792 L/Cpl. DAVIES A.	– awarded D.C.M.
No 1632 Sgt. GREENHALGH J.	– awarded D.C.M.
No 1083 Pte. LITTLEFORD S.	– awarded D.C.M.

## **September 1916**

Sep 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Battalion engaged in training at PELUSIUM.

Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Battalion marched to ROMANI and bivouaced for the night.

Sep 10<sup>th</sup>

Battalion marched to ER RABAH. C Company Capt. SUTTON advance guard to Division. Arrived at ER RABAH about 18:00 and bivouaced.

On morning of 11<sup>th</sup> march was resumed to OGHROTINA which was reached about 06:00, when Battalion took up No 1 Section of line extending from W. end of OGHROTINA RIDGE through HILL E. and HILL D. covered by outposts line of 1/10<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment.

Sep 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Battalion engaged in entrenchment of defensive line Outposts taken over from 1/10<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sep 14<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Sep 15<sup>th</sup>

Capt. F. WOODHOUSE proceeded to BASE en route for England. 2/Lieut. A. N. LECKLER and 2/Lieut. R. J. N. DALE attached on probation to R.F.C. ABOUKIR for instruction in aviation.

Sep 16<sup>th</sup>

Battalion still engaged in entrenchment of line and providing outposts. 2/Lieut. H. G. SHATWELL takes over command and pay of D Company.

Sep 17<sup>th</sup>

1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion East Lancs Regiment took over HILL D. Lieut. D. B. STEPHENSON rejoins Battalion from Hospital.

Sep 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Nothing of importance to record.

Sep 21<sup>st</sup>

Battalion relieved by 1/8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Manchester Regiment and moved into Reserve at NEGILIAT. C and D Companies, under Major NOWELL, sent to dig trenches on position S. of OGHROTINA RIDGE.

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Battalion engaged in training.

Sep 24<sup>th</sup>

C and D Companies rejoin Battalion.



Sep 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

During this period Battalion was engaged in training, including Field Firing. Divisional Guards provided every 3 days. Course of Instruction at ZEITOUN. Party of 36 other ranks granted furlough to England. Daily Part II Orders contained the following:

No 2231 Pte. SHEEKEY awarded Silver Medal

Qtr. Mr. Hon. Major M. H. CONNERY )

No. 1623 Sgt. J. GREENHALGH ) Mentioned in despatches for distinguished & gallant conduct.

No. 1792 Cpl. A. DAVIES )

No. 1083 Pte. S. LITTLEFORD )

### **October 1916**

Oct 1st

Battalion finding Divisional Duties at NEGILIAT.

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

Battalion took over No. 4 (Left) Sector of OGH RATINA Defences from 1/7<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment. C Company Outpost Company. A and B in defence line and D in reserve at Battalion H.Q.

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nothing to record.

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

Party of 6 Officers and 167 other ranks to Change of Air Camp SIDI BISAR, ALEXANDRIA. 2/Lt. BEARD F. granted five weeks leave to England left for Basr.

Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

2/Lt. HAND, L. O. proceeded to Basr en route for England for transfer to Royal Flying Corps.

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

Battalion moved to No. 1 (Right) Sector of OGH RATINA Defences. "B" Company on HIL E., "C" Company on OGH RATINA RIDGE, "A" Company in reserve, "D" Company at SIDI BISHR Change of Air Camp.

Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

2/Lt. GRAY A. granted 5 weeks leave to England. Left for Basr.

Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

Orders received for concentration of 126<sup>th</sup> Brigade near KILO 60, NEGILIAT.

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Battalion moved into Bivouac near KILO 60. "B" Company Outpost Company. No. 1 Section. New Outpost Line. Party of 6 Officers and 162 other ranks rejoined from SIDI BISHR Change of Air Camp.

Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to report.

Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

Battalion (less Outpost Company) engaged in Field Firing on range N. of Railway.

Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

Route March from S.E. from NEGILIAT.

Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

Companies engaged in training.

Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

Battalion practiced in attack.

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to report.

Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

Battalion Route March. Detachment of D.L.O.Y. accompanied.

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

"D" Company relieved "B" Company (Outpost Company). Three Officers and 68 other ranks to SIDI BISHR. Change of Air Camp. Lt. STEPHENSON and 2/Lt. COOKE C.E., rejoined from ZEITOUN School of Instruction.

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

"A", "B" and "C" Companies Field Firing. Major NOWELL took over temporary command of Battalion vice Lt-Col. WADE on leave.

Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

Outpost Line taken over at 17:00 by a Company of East Lancs. "D" Company withdrawn to Battalion H.Q.

Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

Battalion marched along with 1/10<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment to BIR-EL-ABD. Battalion on S. side of Railway with two platoons. "A" Company as R. Flank Guard. Halt for an hour, after which march was resumed and BIR-EL-ABD reached without incident, except that column halted and scattered for about 20 minutes owing to enemy aeroplane flying overhead. Battalion bivouaced N. of Railway at EL ABD for night of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>.

2/Lt. NAYLOR, S. joined Battalion from England.

Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

Orders received from Lt. Col. G. W. ROBINSON to take over R. Sector (S. of Railway) of EL ABD Defensive Line tomorrow. Lt. Col. D. H. WADE rejoined from leave. Major R. B. NOWELL relinquished temporary command of Battalion.

Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

Battalion, along with 1 section Brigade Machine Gun Company, took over R. Sector of EL ABD Defence Line, ground being vacated by various Units of 52<sup>nd</sup> Division, which had previously occupied it. "D" Company on right (Works 1-2-3). "B" Company centre (Works 4-5). "C" Company Left (Works 6-7). "A" Company in reserve.

Digging on works commenced.

Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Two Officers and 18 other ranks left for School of Instruction ZEITOUN. 2/Lt. NAYLOR, S. admitted to Hospital.

Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

Admitted to Hospital.

Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

C. in C. visited L. of C. Post at EL ABD but did not go round the lines S. of the Railway.

Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, ABD

Turkish aeroplane flew over and dropped 4 bombs. Aeroplane again came over and dropped 4 bombs.

3 Officers and 65 other ranks rejoined from Change of Air Camp, SIDI BISHR. Lt. Col. WADE took over as L. of C. Post Defence Commander, vice Lt.-Col. G. W. ROBINSON 1/10<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment to hospital.

Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men provided to escort party of 15 men and 48 women and children (captured Bedouins) to KANTARA.

## **November 1916**

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, ABD

Battalion in Right Sector of Defensive Line at ABD. "B", "C" and "D" Companies relieved by 1/6<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment. Battalion concentrated at Battalion H.Q.

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

Battalion engaged in training.

Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

1 Officer (2/Lt. CLARKE) and 12 other ranks to Course of Instruction at No. 3 Section Grenade School, KANTARA.

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

2/Lt. DEMEL left Battalion for England for transfer to Royal Flying Corps.

Route March S. W. from ABD.

Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

2/Lt. AINSWORTH left base for furlough to England.

Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

Lieut. (Temp) H. H. KNIGHT and 69 other ranks (draft from England) arrived to Battalion.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

Battalion marched to KILO 60 (SALMANA) with remainder of Brigade.

"B" Company Advanced Guard (Capt. KERSHAW) arrived SALMANA. Enemy aeroplane passed over, flying West. Bivouaced for night 9/10<sup>th</sup> E. of Railway.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

Marched resumed for K.100 (ABU TILUL). 2 platoons "D" Company (Lt. ROBINSON) rearguard to Brigade.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, ABU TILUL

Arrived K.100. Battalion (covered by outpost line of 1/10<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment), took up line D.E.F. (Ref. 1/123, 0 0 Map, SABKET-EL-BARDAWIL). "A" Company on right, "B" Company in centre (HILL E.) and "C" Company on left (HILL F.). "D" Company in reserve.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

Battalion took over outposts on its own front from 1/10<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment.

Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

Entrenchment of position proceeded with. One section 126<sup>th</sup> Brigade Machine Gun Company attached to Battalion.

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

Section Commander (Maj. Gen. SIR W. DOUGLAS) visited line occupied by Battalion.

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

Rifle and Lewis Gun practice from Trenches. 2/Lt. F. BEARD rejoins from furlough to England. 2/Lt. DALE, R. J. M. reposted to Battalion from Royal Flying Corps, (admitted Hospital from R.F.C.).

Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

36 other ranks rejoined from Composite Battalion.

Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

Serge clothing taken into wear. Route march of men rejoining from Composite Battalion.

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

Major T. E. HOWORTH rejoins from England. By order of 126<sup>th</sup> B.O.E. he is detailed for duty with 1/5<sup>th</sup> East Lancs Regiment. 2/Lt. O. S. NEEDHAM rejoins from ZEITOUN.

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

2 Officers (2/Lt. ROBINSON, B. F. and 2/Lt. CLARKE, J. H.) and 8 other ranks to Courses of Instruction at ZEITOUN.

Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

Battalion moves to MAZAR and takes up defensive position, its right resting on left of 1/5<sup>th</sup> East Lancs Regiment and with 1/10<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment on its left, Line is covered by Outposts provided by "C" Company. "A" Company is on right of Battalion Sector, "B" Company in centre and "D" Company on left.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

100 N.C.O.s and men sent for disinfection by steam disinfector at MAZAR station.

Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

200 N.C.O.s and men sent for disinfection.

Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

200 N.C.O.s and men sent for disinfection. Companies in defence line take over their own outposts. "C" Company withdraws into local reserve at Battalion H.Q.

## **December 1916**

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, MAZAR

Battalion still occupying defensive positions N. of railway.

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nothing to record.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

2/Lt. W. G. GREENWOOD attached to Canal Transport Corps for Course of Instruction.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

2/Lt. W. W. QUINNEY, 10<sup>th</sup> Lancs Fusiliers, and 2/Lt. J. CARREY, 15<sup>th</sup> King's Liverpool Regiment, posted to the Battalion.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

New identity discs (green) received and issued to all ranks.

Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

New flashes issued to all ranks, to be worn on shoulders of S.D. Jackets. Major T. E. HOWORTH rejoins from 1/5<sup>th</sup> East Lancs Regiment and takes over command of "C" Company vice T. Capt. O. J. SUTTON.

Battalion Route March, direction – bearing of 7 degrees from Battalion H.Q. Firing practice for Reserve Lewis Gunners from a point due N. of FLAG HILL.

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

"C" Company relieved "B" Company in Defense Line. "B" Company moved into local reserve at Battalion H.Q. 2/Lt. R. J. N. DALE rejoined from Royal Flying Corps.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Battalion took part in tactical exercise in which 42<sup>nd</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Divisions and ANZAC MTD DIVN were engaged. Defensive line taken over by 10<sup>th</sup> Manchesters on 13-12-16 and held by that unit until re-occupied by Battalion on 14-12-16 on conclusion of operations.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

Nothing to record.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

Brigade order received from Battalion to move into Divisional Reserve at point J.5 – 3.4 on reorganization of MAZAR defences. Battalion concentrated at Battalion H.Q. and moved to pt J.5 – 3.4 move being completed by 17:00.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Orders for move effected yesterday, cancelled. Battalion moved back to position vacated on 16.12.16 and reoccupied defensive line. Distribution as before, viz. "A" Company on Right, "C" in Centre and "D" on Left (each Company finding its own outposts). "B" Company in reserve at Battalion H.Q. Move completed by 12:00.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

2/Lt. ROBINSON, B. F. and 2/Lt. CLARKE, J. H. and 6 other ranks rejoined Battalion from ZEITOUN School of Instruction.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

Capt. D. HOW 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers, joined Battalion.

Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

Battalion concentrated at Battalion H.Q. for move to KILO 128 along with all other units of Division. Bivouac at KILO 128 for night of 20/21<sup>st</sup>.

Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, KILO 128

Orders received to return to MAZAR. 50 camels handed over to Camel Transport Corps. March to MAZAR. Arrived MAZAR and went into bivouac N. of 126<sup>th</sup> Brigade H.Q. Battalion part of Divisional Reserve.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

Nothing to record.

Summary of Killed, Wounded, Missing and Sick during month of January 1916.

**OFFICERS**

Total	Killed	)
	Wounded	) NIL
	Missing	)
	<u>Sick to Hosp.</u>	<u>2</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>2</u></b>

**OTHER RANKS**

Total	Killed	)
	Wounded	) NIL
	Missing	)
	<u>Sick to Hosp.</u>	<u>18</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>18</u></b>