



Transcript of the diary of Private George Lancaster, 1/1st East Riding of Yorkshire Yeomanry, Egypt/Palestine, 1917

Original spellings of place names have been retained, with more common forms noted where appropriate. Punctuation added where necessary. Queries or expansions of abbreviations added in square brackets thus [...]. Explanatory footnotes can be found at the end of this transcript.

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Cover	Address: Bay Horse Inn, Gillygate, York.
Monday 1 st January	At Dueidar, Sinai Peninsula, Egypt. In telephone tent – Walter Atkinson arrives, Bert Headley, Richardson & others. Very wet & cold.
Tues 2 nd January	Dueidar, in camp. Very wet & cold. Atkinson attached to H.Q. as a signaller.
Weds 3 rd January	Dueidar. On Hill 303 with Upton. Very cold & wet & quite a miserable day.
Thurs 4 th January	Dueidar, in camp. Very wet again.
Fri 5 th January	Dueidar, in telephone tent. Wrote to Hilda*1 & mother & others.
Sat. 6 th January	Dueidar, in camp.
Sun. 7 th January	Dueidar, in telephone tent. Wrote to Hilda. More reinforcements arrived (2 walkers, [illegible word] etc).
Mon. 8 th January	Dueidar, in camp. Still wet.
Tues 9 th January	Dueidar. On Hill 303 – not so cold & very little rain.
Weds 10 th January	Dueidar, in camp. Finished as Mr. Mathieson's 2 nd servant.*2
Thurs 11 th January	Dueidar, in our telephone office with Upton. Wrote to Hilda.
Fri 12 th January	Dueidar, in camp. Afternoon parade, washing day.
Sat. 13 th January	Dueidar, in B.W.I. telephone office (Eashby?) "C" Squadron changed with "A". Rec'd letter from mother, also papers & wallet & diary from [illegible]. Rec'd £1 from Mr. Mathieson on finishing as his 2 nd servant. Wrote to mother. Saw Gillie*3.

Pages for 14th – 21st January are missing from the diary

Mon 22 nd January	Romani*4, in camp – awful day – big wind & lots of sand.
Tues 23 rd January	Romani. Big regimental scheme. Had a good time. Wrote to mother.
Weds 24 th January	Romani. Another scheme. Rec'd two letter from Hilda. Also one from mother & Harry Stanley.
Thurs 25 th January	Romani, on Katib Gannat [a look out post on a hill] Wrote to Hilda (No.1)
Fri 26 th January	Romani. Went for a bathe in the Mediterranean at Mohamadiya. Cleaned tack(?) & rifle in the afternoon. Rec'd another letter from Hilda (No.4)
Sat 27 th January	Romani, on Katib Gannat. Wrote to mother & Hilda (no.2). Pay book roughly shows that I have a balance in hand of £8.
Sun 28 th January	Romani. Had my washing day. Rec'd letter & papers from mother. Wrote to Harry Stanley.
Mon 29 th January	Romani. On scheme.
Tues 30 th January	Romani. Striking camp ready for move at 7 tomorrow. Very strong sandstorm & worse luck had to sleep in the open.
Weds 31 st January	Romani to Bir El Abd*5. Left Romani at 7 o'clock & arrived Abd at about 2 o'clock. Stayed at Khirba for dinner. Saw [word illegible] on the way. Slept the night in the open as [word illegible] overturned.
Thurs 1st February	Bir El Abd. Exercise. Another night in the open. Wrote to Hilda (no.3)
Fri 2 nd February	Abd. Exercise & then general fatigue, putting up tents etc. Went to YMCA tent with Gillie Howie & party & had a good sing song.
Sat 3 rd February	Abd. In telephone tent with Fred Downing.
Sun 4 th February	Abd. Usual routine.
Mon 5 th February	Abd. On post orderly duties for one week.
Tues 6 th February	Abd. Post orderly, rec'd mail at 10.30 – got letter from Hilda (5) & mother. Parcel mail at 6.00pm. Wrote to Hilda (no.4)
Weds 7 th February	Abd. Post orderly. Wrote to mother.
Thurs 8 th February	Abd. Post orderly. Another mail, also parcels – none for me. Busy day.
Fri 9 th February	Abd. Post orderly.
Sat 10 th February	Abd. Small mail but rec'd letters (7 & 8) from Hilda & 1 from mother. Wrote to Hilda (no.5) & mother.
Sun 11 th February	Abd. Post orderly. 54 th Division arrived for the night. Terrible lightning & thunder storm during night.
Mon 12 th February	Abd. Post orderly. Scheme for brigade with live shot & shell.
Tues 13 th February	Abd. Post orderly. "Kenneth Lancaster" written below.
Weds 14 th February	Abd. Post orderly. Wrote a short note to Hilda (no.6). F.P.C. to mother.
Thurs 15 th February	Abd. Post orderly – Busy making preparations for move tomorrow.
Fri 16 th February	Left Abd. At 9.30 & proceeded to Salmana where we bivouacked for the night. Rotten wet cold night. Left transport & men behind at Abd.*6

Sat 17th February Left Salmana at 10 o'clock & journeyed to Tilul*7 where we stayed overnight. Plenty of rain, but Walter Atkinson & self managed an A1 dugout.

Sun 18th February 27th birthday. Proceeded another day on our journey to El Arish and landed to Mazar*8 – very big camp – biv[oacke]d just outside.

Mon 19th February Left Mazar at 8.40 & after a long day's trek we stayed the night at Bardawell. [=modern Salah Al Bardawi].

Tues 20th February Left Bardawell early & had another somewhat tiresome trek before reaching El Arish [modern Al' Arish in eastern Sinai]. Marched in open order along the beach & camped just beyond the town. On night guard. Managed a very welcome tin of milk & choc. Numerous aeroplanes & gun fire discernible.

Weds 21st February El Arish – visited by Taube*9, but no damage. Had a bath.

Thurs 22nd February El Arish. Busy day with mails rec'd. 2 letters from home & 2 from Hilda. Managed to [word illegible] a bathe on my way down to the P.O. Wondering when I shall have time to write again.

Fri 23rd February Left El Arish & proceeded to Sheik Zawaid*10, which is about 15 miles W of El Rafa. Performed a quiet dug out.

Sat 24th February Went out as protection for surveyors*11 "B" Sqdn came into touch with enemy patrols who very quickly retired.

Sun 25th February Sheik Zawaid. Cleaned tack etc. Improved dug out. We are now in front line & expecting a scrap anytime. Alarm – spent night at command post but nothing doing. Very cold.

Mon 26th February Sheik Zawaid. Had a quiet day. Wrote to mother & Hilda.

Tues 27th February Sheik Zawaid. Another quiet day.

Weds 28th February Sheik Zawaid. YMCA opening today. Tremendous [word illegible]. At command post for night.

Thurs 1st March Sheik Zawaid. Regiment in support of [word indistinct, possibly LH – for light horse?] on long reconnaissance Rafa and beyond. Was signaller to Major White*12 when troop went in chase of Turkish patrol but could not get within rifle distance of them. Had a hard riding day. Landed back at 6. Had a lovely sleep. Saw a taube[?]* being shelled also one of ours getting same from the Turks

Fri 2nd March Sheik Zawaid. Quiet day in camp. Rec'd letter from Hilda.

Sat 3rd March Sheik Zawaid. Went for a bathe, sea rough but enjoyed it immense also very necessary! On night duty at command post.

Sun 4th March Sheik Zawaid. On signalling duty on [word illegible] hill with Bowes. Wrote to mother & Hilda. On night duty at command post.

Mon 5th March Sheik Zawaid. Reveille 4.30. Proceeded in support of 5 & 6 ALH [Australian Light Horse] to dislodge Turks from Khan Yunus [on border of modern Gaza strip] & 2 other villages & occupy same. Accomplished same without opposition as enemy had retired during the night. Arrived back at 6.30 after upwards of a 50 miles ride. Got some splendid Jaffa oranges.

Tues 6 th March	Sheik Zawaid. Busy with mails. On night duty at command post.
Weds 7 th March	Sheik Zawaid. English mail arrived with letter from mother. Wrote to Hilda & mother.
Thurs 8 th March	Sheik Zawaid. 26 bags of parcels – rec'd one from mother. Handed all our rifles & ammunition in, rec'd Mark VI.
Fri 9 th March	Sheik Zawaid. Busy with mails in morning. Had a bathe in after[noon]. Got clothes fumigated. Rumoured fall of Baghdad.
Sat 10 th March	Left Sheik Zawaid at 10.40 & proceeded 10 miles further east & camped. On sea close to a place called Bin El Issisaid* 13 Made a lovely dugout with my plate. 4 Taubes dropped bombs. Sandstorm spoilt our sleep.
Sun 11 th March	Issisaid. Very nasty sandstorm. Was on night guard.
Mon 12 th March	Issisaid. Very heavy rainstorm – absolutely drenched. Went out on a long reconnaissance within view of Beersheba.
Tues 13 th March	Issisaid. Much better day. Managed a dip in the afternoon. Wrote to mother & Hilda.
Weds 14 th March	Issisaid. Another quiet day. Had a dip again. Had a touch of diarrhoea. Wrote to Pattie[?]
Thurs 15 th March	Issisaid. Reg't out as protection to RE well sinkers. [Word illegible] post on pt. 320.
Fri 16 th March	Issisaid. Quiet day – two dips. Wrote to mother & Hilda.
Sat. 17 th March	Issisaid & Bir El Malhalla* 14 Quiet day in camp. Rec'd letter from Hilda & mother, also papers.
Sun 18 th March	Bir El Melhalla. Went down to HQ with Mr. Mathieson. Had a dip.
Mon 19 th March	Bir El Melhalla. Quiet day – two dips.
Tues 20 th March	Bir El Melhalla. Another quiet day, dips as usual.
Weds 21 st March	Bir El Melhalla. Went down to Pt. 194 for Sunday mail. Had a dip in afternoon. Wrote to mother & Hilda. On night guard.
Thurs 22 nd March	Bir El Melhalla. Preparing for move – 5 day reconnaissance? Went to Rafa twice for local mail and oddments. Did not move.
Fri 23 rd March	Bir El Melhalla. Usual dips. Did not move again.
Sat 24 th March	Bir El Melhalla. Moved at 2 am & marched all night to a place called Belah* 15 , where we arrived at about 7 o'clock. Travelled without any change[?], but cleaning kit had to be shared.
Sun 25 th March	At 9 o'clock the Bde [Brigade] set out on a reconnaissance into the hills NE of Gasa – found all clear. In the evening we had to form a line of out posts until relieved by the 53 rd Division – they arrived at 9.30. We arrived at Belah at 11.30 feeling anything but bright.
Mon 26 th March	At a quarter to two we were ordered away again, without of course sleep & rations or water & proceeded N of Gaza with the ALH [Australian Light Horse]. We soon came under shell fire & immediately the ALH were attacked by Turkish reinforcements (12,000) & were fighting hard all day. At about 2pm we dashed into action amidst heavy shrapnel & machine

gun fire – after a quick advance under hot rifle fire we captured a redoubt & 50 prisoners – 1 killed & 4 injured were our only casualties.***16**

Tues 27th March Retired to***17**, Turkish reinforcements having got into Gasa***18** to SW & at 12 midnight we were again at it in defending the sand dunes S of Gasa – we had no casualties though, but were dreadfully exhausted from lack of sleep. Retired at 3pm to position near on the sea shore & despite fatigue had a glorious bathe. Had my first sleep since setting out, how delicious. Very hot.

Weds 28th March Moved off again to search enemy trenches SW & found them occupied – impossible to dislodge them so retired to Belah at 2pm where we soon settled down to rest. Rescued an RFC [Royal Flying Corps] officer whose machine had fallen into the sea.***19**

Thurs 29th March Moved off at 7pm to position nearer water supply & there prepared a camp – had a glorious easy day – including two bathes. Lovely sleep. Very hot.

Fri 30th March Belah. Had a bathe in morning. Rec'd two letters from mother & 1 from Hilda.

Sat 31st March Left Belah at 11 o'clock to take up a line of out posts for 24 hours. Nothing doing except our large guns kept booming late in the evening.

Sun 1st April Belah. Had a bathe in the morning. Rec'd 2 letters from mother & 1 from Hilda.

Mon 2nd April Near Belah. Small mail arrived. Went down to Khan Yunus for local mail. Rec'd papers from mother.

Tues 3rd April Near Belah. Lively cannonade. Congratulations from Sir P. Chetwode re Gaza engagement.***20**

Weds 4th April Stayed in orchards at Khan Yunus as a blind to the Turks. On outpost at night.

Thurs 5th April Moved camp from Belah to seashore. Had a lovely dip. English mail arrived with letter from mother and Hilda.

Fri 6th April On outpost duty before Jemmi.

Sat 7th April Still on outpost duty but relieved at 1300

Sun 8th April Belah. Easy day. Two dips. Busy with outward mail. Went sick with rheumatism. Wrote to mother, Hilda.

Mon 9th April Belah. Took outward mail down to rail head. Had a dip.

Tues 10th April Belah. Went to HQ. Has a dip.

Weds 11th April Belah. Dug in Gas mask parade.

Thurs 12th April down to HQ. Taube dropped two bombs. Sent photos to mother, Hilda

Fri 13th April Belah. Went down to HQ. On telephone guard at night.

Sat 14th April Belah. Went down to HQ & rec'd a good dose of Turkish shells. Welsh [word unclear] & hospital badly hit – 6 killed 60 wounded - & ASC dump 5 killed. Went on 24 hours outpost at 1300 before Jemmi.

Sun 15th April Wrote to mother, Hilda –

Mon 16 th April	Busy with English mail. rec'd letter from Hilda and papers from mother. 2 nd attack on Gasa – left camp at 6.30pm & rode all night in a southerly direction.
Tues 17 th April	Gasa. Arrived Shilal* 21 about 6am after a weary overnight in the saddle – after waking went on to outpost line at [a blank space here] & held. Reinforcements going into Gasa – very hot day but managed a glorious drink at a well.
Weds 18 th April	Gasa attack. Still hard at it but very few casualties. Many patrol scraps – very busy signalling – continually night and day. Taubes very troublesome.
Thurs 19 th April	Gasa attack – had to beat a big retreat before large forces of Turks. Everybody about beat
Fri 20 th April	Gasa attack still proceeding. Feeling very knocked up having been continually at it since last Sat'y – had no more than ½ hrs sleep at a time. Fearful bombing attack from taubes who caught the Australians in close order 100 killed & wounded & scores of horses.
Sat 21 st April	Took up another outpost line and dug in. nothing doing except trenches between patrols – very busy signalling day. Had a glorious wash while watering horses.
Sun 22 nd April	Still on left sector and had a day of alarms – Turkish Cavalry moving about in strong force but no heavy fighting. Left outpost line at 6pm and took up position further left. Managed to get a night off duty but could not sleep owing to cold.
Mon 23 rd April	At village of Mendur Heavy cannonade – squadrons busy digging in. Two troops A Sqdn had a nasty time in the wadi.
Tues 24 th April	Mendur village. Plenty of activity but no attacks.
Weds 25 th April	Moved further SE in support. Went down to Belah to bring mail & had a glorious bathe – Recd letter from mother wrote to mother and Hilda
Thurs 26 th April	Still in support – extremely hot day
Fri 27 th April	Still in support – another terribly hot day. At 3.30 moved up into outpost line at Tel el Farar [generally Fara in other sources]. Jimmy went lame (slight splinter)* 22
Sat 28 th April	Tel el Farar. Moved up into advanced outpost line in place of Staffs [the Staffordshire Yeomanry].
Sun 29 th April	Tel el Farar advanced outpost line – on duty every other night & all day
Mon 30 th April	Tel el Farar on night duty – wrote to mother & Hilda.
Tues 1 st May	Tel el Farar. Went down to Belah for mail, stayed all night as another mail coming in morning – had to do Night Guard. Rec'd letters from Hilda & Harry (a son) Stanley
Weds 2 nd May	Tel el Farar. All quiet. Heavy cannonade on Gasa during the night.
Thurs 3 rd May	Tel el Fara. Still quiet.
Fri 4 th May	Tel el Fara. Very quiet. Taubes busy during the night dropping 40 bombs on Belah.
Sat 5 th May	Tel el Fara. Still on outpost. Our planes attacked Turkish positions during the night. Wrote to Hilda & mother.

Sun 6 th May	Tel el Fara – went to HQ at Khan Yunis for parcel mail (19) - no letter
Mon 7 th May	Tel el Fara. Usual duties
Tue 8 th May	Tel el Fara. Usual duties. Wrote to mother and Hilda.
Weds 9 th May	Fara. Took outward mail to Kahn Yunis
Thurs 10 th May	Tel el Fara. Saw Hubert Wright for the first time he having arrived last night.
Fri 11 th May	Fara. Normal
Sat 12 th May	Fara. Mail arrived recd letters from mother & Hilda – wrote to mother & Harry Stanley & [illegible] to Hilda
Sun 13 th May	Fara. as usual – wrote to Hilda
Mon 14 th May	Fara
Tues 15 th May	Fara. Mail arrived with 2 from Hilda & 1 from mother – parcel from H.Q.T(?)
Weds 16 th May	Fara. Usual duties – another of our planes brought down.
Thurs 17 th May	Fara. Wrote to HR Trotter(?) Relieved of our outpost by the Suffolk Yeo[manry] (dism[ounte]'d) at 1700 & moved to about a mile W of Fara.
18 th & 19 th May	[Pages torn out]
Sun 20 th May	Fara. Stand to 3.30. Severe sand storms and very hot winds – too awful for words. Had a long talk to Hubert.
Mon 21 st May	W of Fara. Acted as Bde post orderly & went down to HQ. Wrote to mother and Hilda.
Tues 22 nd May	W of Fara. Stand to 3.30. Went out on stunt to blow up viaduct railway near Khalassa – set off at 6.30 & travelled all night.
Weds 23 rd May	Achieved our object without opposition & blew up bridge of 18 spans & 15 miles of rails. Arrived back at Fara at 7.30 feeling very sore.
Thurs 24 th May	Fara. Post orderly for Brigade & so went to Khan Yunis. Bombs dropped near camp whilst I was away.
Fri 25 th May	Fara. Stand to 3.30. Very hot day. Small mail came up with letter from Hilda.
Sat 26 th May	Fara. Quiet day. Wrote to Hilda.
Sun 27 th May	Fara. Bde Post Orderly
Mon 28 th May	Left Fara at 0800 & proceeded on to the coast to a place called Tel el Marrakeb for a week.* 23 Very nice spot but terrible swarms of flies. Had a dip, rather rough
Tues 29 th May	Tel el Marrakeb. Reveille 6am. Quiet day – lovely bathe – got fumigated. Wrote to mother & Hilda.
Weds 30 th May	Tel el Marrakeb. Bde post Orderly – went down to Khan Yunis.
Thurs 31 st May	Tel el Marrakeb. Quiet day – bathe. Gas mask demonstration.
Fri 1 st June	Tel el Marrakeb. At office for not clearing up on yesterdays mask parade – admonished. Afternoon parade & signalling.
Sat 2 nd June	Tel el Marrakeb. Bde Post Orderly. English letter mail but nothing for me. Vin Upton came onto HQ. [Word illegible] to Bde & Patterson(?) to 'A' [squadron].
Sun 3 rd June	Tel el Marrakeb - had usual dip. Wrote to Hilda
Mon 4 th June	Tel el Marrakeb. Parcel mail arrived with parcel from Harry Stanley. Usual dips. Went sick with pains in stomach & [illegible].

Tues 5 th June	Tel el Marrakeb. Signalling parades. Dips etc. Lovely time.
Weds 6 th June	Tel el Marrakeb. Another English mail parcel from mother & letter, also letter from Hilda. Off riding.
Thurs 7 th June	Tel el Marrakeb. Making preparations for move. Off riding.
Fri 8 th June	Moved at 8am to a position SE of Abasan el Kebir – about ½ way between there & Rafa. Extremely hot journey, many men sick. Called on [illegible] on way out. Bde post Orderly.
Sat 9 th June	Point 320? Easy day-
Sun 10 th June	Had to go sick again – was told I had a varicose.
Mon 11 th June	Bde post orderly. Dean went to Bde – Wrote to mother & Hilda (photos). Off riding.
Tues 12 th June	Still sick.
Weds 13 th June	Inspection by G.O.C. Desert Column. Still sick. Rec'd letter from Hilda & mother, also papers.
Thurs 14 th June	Bde post orderly. Off duty sick – Dean went in my place. F.P.O. moved up the line, quite close to our bivouac area. Rec'd letter from Hilda.
Fri 15 th June	Off duty sick – pains in stomach.
Sat 16 th June	By parcel mail arrived – candy and socks from mother.
Sun 17 th June	More parcels arrived (14). Party went for bathe. Rec'd letter from Jim.
Mon 18 th June	Pt 9.500. Kilo 9, Rafa. Went to the coast for a bathe. Had a most enjoyable day.
Tues 19 th June	Musketry course – only got a 12" ring.*24 Wrote to mother & Hilda
Weds 20 th June	No Entry
Thurs 21 st June	Usual signalling parade
Fri 22 nd June	Nothing out of the ordinary. Still very hot.
Sat 23 rd June	Went down to sea shore for bathe – very enjoyable lark.
Sun 24 th June	Wrote to mother & Hilda – very hot
Mon 25 th June	Extremely hot – helios test at Bela – made a bungle of cipher, but managed running[?] hand AI[?]
Tues 26 th June	Usual signalling routine. 15 bags mail arrived but <u>nothing doing!</u>
Weds 27 th June	Again, usual signalling. Made out allotment form of 6d a day to mother, also Remittance form for £5 to mother (as from July 1 st).
Thurs 28 th June	Kilo 9. On telephone duty. Wrote to Jim, mother & Hilda.
Fri 29 th June	Was cleaning the lines when the [illegible abbreviation] sent for me & told me to parade at 7am to proceed to Khan Yunus rest camp – a great surprise! Arrived eventually at the rest camp at about 11 o'clock & after settling down had a dip. Issued with mug & plate, pyjamas, shoes, shaving soap, [illegible], envelopes [illegible]. Lunch a big plate of apricots & rice, middle of afternoon, cups of lime juice & a handful of biscuits. Bedded down on the sands reading a book from the library. Dinner – roast beef, onion sauce & mashed potatoes. At night, listened to gramophone with Cpl. Howard.

Sat 30 th June	Khan Yunus Rest Camp. B'fast 7am – bacon, eggs & porridge. Bathe. Lunch – rice & fruit & roast fowl. Rabbit, onions & mashed pot's. Lime juice & biscuits both morn & afternoon. [?] Balance as per Reg[imental?] Pay [2 illegible words] £10 – 13 - 11½. (this does not take into [illegible] the Remittance of £5).
Sun July 1 st	Khan Yunus Rest Camp. Bathe before B'fast - Ham & eggs & porridge. Lunch - stewed prunes & rice with milk. Dinner – roast beef, onions, cabbage & potatoes.
Mon 2 nd July	Khan Yunus Rest Camp. Another delicious day – bathe before b'fast. Allan Greenshaw up here, Charley Faill & Dolly Edwards. Suffering from hexarmine.*25 New offensive?
Tues 3 rd July	Khan Yunus Rest Camp. Usual happy bask. Charley Stamper & Pattison. Wrote to mother.
Weds 4 th July	Khan Yunus Rest Camp. [otherwise blank]
Thurs 5 th July	Khan Yunus Rest Camp. [otherwise blank]
Fri 6 th July	Khan Yunus Rest Camp. NZMR [New Zealand Mounted Rifles] band gave selections. Passed [illegible] for out[?]
Sat 7 th July	Khan Yunus Rest Camp. Usual bask.
Sun 8 th July	Rest camp, Khan Yunus. Wrote to mother. Left rest camp at 15.30 & arrived with Regiment at 18.00. 2 letters from mother & Hilda (June 15 & 18 th).
Mon 9 th July	Kilo. 9 Abasan El Kebir.*26 On telephone duty from 1pm. Wrote to Hilda.
Tues 10 th July	Kilo. 9 Abasan El Kebir. Usual day.
Weds 11 th July	Kilo. 9 Abasan El Kebir. On telephone duty up to 1pm. Rec'd letter from Hilda & photo.
Thurs 12 th July	Kilo. 9 Abasan El Kebir [otherwise blank]
Fri 13 th July	Kilo 9 Abasan El Kebir [otherwise blank]
Sat 14 th July	Kilo 9 Abasan El Kebir [otherwise blank]
Sun 15 th July	Kilo 9 Abasan El Kebir. Grazing etc.
Mon 16 th July	Kilo. 9 Abasan El Kebir. Wrote to Hilda & mother
Tues 17 th July	Kilo. 9 Abasan El Kebir. Signallers tested by Bde signalling officer – bugger. 12s + 14s – helio 8s.
Weds 18 th July	Kilo 9. Usual parades.
Thurs 19 th July	Reg't received sudden orders to proceed to Malek & left about 12.30.*27 I was left behind on telephone duty etc. Rec'd letter from mother (June 28 th).
Fri 20 th July	Kilo 9. Wrote to Hilda & mother. REg't returned at 15.00 after a tiring time & nothing doing.
Sat 21 st July	Kilo 9. Reveille 6am & no parade. AI beat CI 2 goals to nil in troop football competition.
Sun 22 nd July	Kilo 9. Went down for a bathe with Geordie Bowes. REc'd papers from mother & letter from Hilda (June 30). (Photos – I am not on them).
Mon 23 rd July	Kilo 9. Usual signalling parades.
Tues 24 th July	Kilo 9. Ditto
Weds 25 th July	Kilo 9 [otherwise blank]
Thurs 26 th July	Kilo 9. As usual.
Fri 27 th July	Kilo 9. [otherwise blank]

Sat 28 th July	As above
Sun 29 th July	Kilo 9. Staffs beat ERY by 3pts to nil at Rugby Union.
Mon 30 th July	Kilo 9. 11.30 Another quick marching order [word illegible] – moved up to w of [section illegible due to ink stain] but returned [ditto] by 6pm. [Rest illegible except “Strong w”(wind?)]
Tues 31 st July	[Entry partly obscured by large ink stain]. Kilo 9. Telephone duty this.... Wrote to mother & Hilda. 2 nd pay book Febry 23 to July 31 £1/ 18/ 2 in debt. Credit on no.1 pay book £8 therefore £6-1-10 in credit.
Weds 1 st August	Kilo 9.
Thurs 2 nd August	Kilo 9.
Fri 3 rd August	Kilo 9. On Divisional scheme. Rec'd 2 letters from Hilda & 1 from mother, also papers.
Sat 4 th August	Kilo 9. Rec'd letter with photo (!) from mother.
Sun 5 th August	Kilo 9. Fired 100yds grouping 12 in. On telephone duty in afternoon. Wrote to mother & Hilda & Jim & [???] to Frank.
Mon 6 th August	Kilo 9. Usual.
Tues 7 th August	[As above]
Weds 8 th August	[As above]
Thurs 9 th August	Kilo 9. As usual. On telephone night guard – first turn.
Fri 10 th August	Paraded at 0630 on divisional scheme – very hot but we had a quiet time except for cable laying.
Sat 11 th August	Kilo 9. Nothing unusual.
Sun 12 th August	Kilo 9½. On telephone duty in the morning. Wrote to Hilda & mother. Drew 8/- pay.
Mon 13 th August	Kilo 9. Usual. Rec'd two letters from mother, two letters Hylda, 1 from Will Cox. Practice trials for sports. On telephone night guard.
Tues 14 th August	Kilo 9. In the afternoon, went into Sheikh Nuran to be fumigated.
Weds 15 th August	Kilo 9.
Thurs 16 th August	B[rigade]de sports. Regiment won quite 2/3rds of the prizes.
Fri 17 th August	On telephone in afternoon. Wrote to Will Cox & mother & [???] to Hilda. Went with Mr. Adams*28 to Bde Sig[na]ls as acting corporal on Cpl Glenn coming as Sig. Sgt. Telephone night duty.
Sat 18 th August	Proceeded to Shauth*29 on outpost line duty. Relieved the – Bde. <u>In orders that I be Cpl. Signaller in charge of B Sqdn. 2/6 a day less 6d allotment.</u>
Sun 19 th August	Shauth. Proceeded on night patrols. No.5 post with Wilkinson.
Mon 20 th August	Shauth. Day in. Stood to at 3.15
Tues 21 st August	Shauth. Went out at 5am on day patrols no.5 post with Garside. Landed back at camp at 7pm.
Weds 22 nd August	Shauth. Day in. 3.15 stood to.
Thurs 23 rd August	Shauth. Went out to day patrols, also night patrols. In charge of [word illegible] at no.3.
Fri 24 th August	Shauth. Got back to camp feeling done up. Rec'd orders to go out on operations. Abu Essam to Beereshaba.

Sat 25 th August	On operations all day. Plenty of bombs & shells, but we managed to keep clean. Set off back to camp at 7.30pm & marched all night, arrived about 4am.
Sun 26 th August	Shauth. Off sick – bad hands. Wrote to Hilda & mother. Rec'd two letters from Hilda. On telephone duty day & night.
Mon 27 th August	Shauth. Day patrols – not out owing to bad hands. Rec'd letter from mother. On telephone duty day & night. On last pay book I make out a debt of 5/6- as from Feb'y 23 rd to this date.
Tues 28 th August	Shauth. Light duty.
Weds 29 th August	Shauth. Went out at midnight to El Buggar ridge [west of Beersheba].
Thurs 30 th August	Shauth. Stayed until dawn at Karm, where there are plenty of figs, nuts etc. B Sqdn then proceeded on El Buggar in communication with A & C, but drew blank.
Fri 31st August	Shauth. Rec'd parcel from mother, [?] cake bad. Off duty – [?] Went on reconnaissance to Asluj, s of Khalassa. Rested at night at Pt.770 after watering at Abu Essani.
Sat 1 st September	Shauth. At 3pm proceeded to Asluj – arrived there at 8.30 & found splendid water. Left Asluj at 10.00 & got back to Abu Essani at 7pm. Horses & men absolutely beat. 10 horses destroyed.
Sun 2 nd Sept	Left Abu Essami at 4am, arrived back at 9.30 thoroughly whacked.
Mon 3 rd Sept	Shauth. Wrote to mother & Hilda.
Tues 4 th Sept	Shauth
Weds 5 th Sept	Shauth
Thurs 6 th Sept	Shauth
Fri 7 th Sept	Shauth. Nothing doing. Rec'd letter from Hilda (Aug 17 th) & mother (Reg)
Sat 8 th Sept	Shauth. Wrote to mother & Hilda
Sun 9 th Sept	Shauth
Mon 10 th Sept	Shauth
Tues 11 th Sept	Shauth
Weds 12 th Sept	Went out at 5am on officers reconnaissance to 970 opp[os]ite Beersheba – plenty of shells knocking about. Roughly £7.5.0 in credit.
Thurs 13 th Sept	Arrived back at camp at 1am thoroughly beat.
Fri 14 th Sept	Shauth. Wrote to Hilda & mother.
Sat 15 th Sept	Shauth. Wrote to mother.
Sun 16 th Sept	Shauth. On telephone duty. Presentation of M.C. to Capt. Robinson* 30 by Gen[eral] [name unclear, possibly Barrow]. Wrote to Walt Atkinson & Les Weatherley.
Mon 17 th Sept	Shauth. Preparations for the move tomorrow to Marakeb. Rec'd letter from mother.
Tues 18 th Sept	Shauth-Marakeb. Left camp at 8.30 & arrived at Marakeb at 14.30. Had a bathe. Very cold night. [the Yeomanry were temporarily in reserve at this point].
Weds 19 th Sept	Marakeb. Nice quiet bask. Slater came back & into [first name illegible] Palmer's section.

Thurs 20 th Sept	Marakeb. Inoculation. Rec'd letter from Hilda (Aug 27 th). Wrote to Hilda.
Fri 21 st Sept	Marakeb. Usual rest, but got a rather bad cold.
Sat 22 nd Sept	Marakeb. Usual dips etc.
Sun 23 rd Sept	Marakeb. Usual days easy, but went tro Khan Yunus for signalling equipment.
Mon 24 th Sept	Marakeb. Rec'd parcel (Aug 6 th) from mother. Started signalling parades – in charge of [word unclear] signallers, 7.45 to 8.45 – 15.00 to 16.00.
Tues 25 th Sept	Marakeb. Usual sig. parades. Wrote to mother.
Weds 26 th Sept	Marakeb. Battalion parade. Usual sig. parade in afternoon.
Thurs 27 th Sept	Marakeb. Got a chill off duty. Rec'd letter from Walt Atki.* 31 Wrote to Hylda. East Riding concert in YMCA, champion!
Fri 28 th Sept	Marakeb. Fired 100yds application, managed a 4" & [illegible] 5pts from the O.C.
Sat 29 th Sept	Marakeb. Fired course. 200yds appli[ca]tion[?] 16 .15 rounds rapid 18. Rec'd letters from Hilda & mother (Sept 13 th). Vic Upton* 32 went to [unclear abbreviation].
Sun 30 th Sept	Marakeb. Dip. Evening service.
Mon 1 st October	Marakeb. Went to the transport dump and reeled coils onto new reels – a full day's job. City of London concert party at YMCA – a splendid performance.
Tues 2 nd Oct	Marakeb-[place name illegible]. Went through the system of aeroplane signalling – very interesting.
Weds 3 rd Oct	Marakeb-Port Said* 33 Usual morning parade. Left camp at 3.30 for Port Said – travelled all night in an open truck across the Sinai desert, arriving Kantara* 34 09.30 Thursday morning.
Thurs 4 th Oct	Port Said. Arrived at the rest camp at about 13.30 feeling absolutely beat. Had a look around at night. Good supper at Sams.
Fri 5 th Oct	Port Said. Wrote to Hilda & mother.
Sat 6 th Oct	Port Said
Sun 7 th Oct	Port Said
Mon 8 th Oct	Port Said. Wrote to Hilda. Bought nickel spoons 12/-. Went to cinema.
Tues 9 th Oct	Port Said. Had a walk round the harbour with Stan Maw & others. Pictures at night.
Weds 10 th Oct	Port Said. Went around the Armenian camp – very fine site. Pictures at night. Saw hydroplane alight, also leave.
Thurs 11 th Oct	Port Said. Wrote to mother.
Fri 12 th Oct	Port Said-Marakeb.
Sat 13 th Oct	Marakeb. Arrived back at camp at 11 o'clock! Transferred to A Sqdn. Cpl G.W. Johnson's sec[tion]. Rec'd letters from mother, Pattie & Hylda.
Sun 14 th Oct	Marakeb. Was inoculated against typhoid.
Mon 15 th Oct	Marakeb. Divisional scheme [illegible] , also communication. At office for being late on parade.
Tues 16 th Oct	Marakeb
Weds 17 th Oct	Marakeb
Thurs 18 th Oct	Marakeb

Fri 19 th Oct	Marakeb. On scheme for aerial communication. Rec'd letter & papers from mother.
Sat 20 th Oct	Marakeb. Dismounted attack, awfully hot.*35. Wrote to mother, sent £2, also to Hilda [some bank details omitted here]
Sun 21 st Oct	Marakeb
Mon 22 nd Oct	Marakeb. Usual parades.
Tues 23 rd Oct	Marakeb. Usual parades. Wrote to Frank Wallace & Walt Atkinson. Rec'd letter (Oct 2 nd) from Hilda.
Weds 24 th Oct	Marakeb
Thurs 25 th Oct	Marakeb. Wrote to mother & Hilda.
Fri 26 th Oct	Marakeb. Left Southampton two years ago today.
Sat 27 th Oct	Marakeb. Preparing to depart.
Sun 28 th Oct	Marakeb to Shellal. Left seaside camp at 0930 & arrived Shellal at 1800.
Mon 29 th Oct	Shellal. Stood to all day.
Tues 30 th Oct	Shellal. Stood to all day. Rec'd letters from mother & Hilda.
Weds 31 st Oct	Regt holding line left of Beersheba, nothing doing. Favourable news re operations around Beersheba. A Sqdn on night outpost line 280 to 300. Nothing doing. C.P. at Nagili.*36
Thurs 1 st November	Captured Beersheba yesterday. Went on to Goz El Geleib in support. Stayed in front of Goz El Basal at night.
Fri 2 nd Nov	Goz El Basal all day in support.
Sat 3 rd Nov	Still at Goz El Basal, stood to. Good news from Gasa front.
Sun 4 th Nov	Went into trenches before Bir Sfteis[?]*37 PC to mother & Hilda. ?? wrote to Hilda ??
Mon 5 th Nov	Arrived in Malta two years ago today. Relieved by Australians. After watering, continued our journey to Beersheba. Went through the place about ten o'clock [pm] and had three quarters of an hours rest & then proceeded further north.
Tues 6 th Nov	Beyond Beersheba in support of further advance. At [Khuweilfe] took over portion of line [?] & dug ourselves in. [this entry partly scribbled over and hard to read]
Weds 7 th Nov	Still in trenches – our dugout is not very healthy owing to snipers & shrapnel.
Thurs 8 th Nov	Left trenches & executed strong reconnaissance in force. Working towards the coast, but Johnny had flown during the night.*38 Travelled all night and eventually watered at El Sheria – horses having been without a drink for 40 hours.
Fri 9 th Nov	Landed Alexandria two years ago today. El Sheria. 4am. Landed here after watering, made myself a cup of tea. Up again at 6. 2 divisions carried out another reconnaissance in the direction of Abu Dilekh [NE of Sheria] but Johnny gone. Haven't had a shave for a week.
Sat 10 th Nov	Huj. Moved up at 0645 right forward – watered at [El] Najelie & took up a position in front of Tel El Sofa. A Sqdn night outpost.
Sun 11 th Nov	Terrible sufferings in search of water – was just about done – drank gallons and so did Jimmy – he is awfully thin. Left for El Mendel*39 at 5 o'clock & arrived after watering at 12 o'clock.

- Mon 12th Nov El Mejdal. Left at 9.30 for Essed [Esdud] – to [word unclear, possibly Benotes] Abd on the coast. Opposition on the way, but eventually we attained our objectives & pushed Johnny from his position between the two railways – by the 21st Army Corps. We bivouacked the night on the sand dunes.
- Tues 13th Nov. Moved up from Burcka-Essed region & advanced our line to Rezonaclee[?], Akir & the R[ai][wa]y junction. *40 The Sqdn captured Akir with two troops, with the sword & captured 60-70 prisoners [the battle of El Mughar ridge]. Wigglesworth killed. Sgt. Pickard, Ramsden, Cunningham & Nightingale wounded. *41 Held our line during the night. Hubert Wright slightly wounded.
- Weds 14th Nov At 5am the Bde advanced cleared the plane [sic] to Akir, which is a model Rothschild village of Jews. Had a big tuck out of bread bread, red wine, figs e[t]c – just had time for a wash, then we advanced our line across the Jerusalem Rly [railway] close to Ramleh – got it very hot from shrapnel – Mr. Bailey killed, Sgt. Brown & Riley wounded. * 42
- Thurs 15th Nov The Bde had another victory yesterday – 500 prisoners & 6 guns – but we were only in reserve. Held the new ground until relieved by the I.C.C. *43 at 7 o'clock. Bivic [bivouacked] at Naane. Hon Neil Primrose killed. *44 Roughly £4 18 / 1 in credit.
- Fri 16th Nov A Sqdn reconnoitring, got badly shelled – 4 casualties. Went into Ramleh. *45
- Sat 17th Nov Looz [=Ludd] or Ramleh? Bivic'd the day here & managed a wash & shave. Rec'd letter from Hilda.
- Sun 18th Nov Left Ramleh at 0615 on our way to Jerusalem? Got into awful rocky country & only made very slow progress. Spent the night in the hills near wells.
- Mon 19th Nov Pushed on at about 10 o'clock towards Jerusalem, but exceedingly slow – came into touch with Turks at dusk. Heavy rains all night, got drenched. No rations or forage for 40 hours.
- Tues 20th Nov Attacked 6am, but Turks impshied [?] *46 Arrived on foot at Ain Arich [Ain Arik] at 10.15 – got figs & water – 11 miles NW of Jerusalem. Used our emergency rations & found little tibben for horses. Heavy rains – had a dreadful night.
- Weds 21st Nov No rations – living on what we can cadge. Rotten well, wet through, very cold.
- Thurs 22nd Nov Still without [rations?] & in close touch with Turks & feeling very rotten; wet through for three days. Withdrawn at 0220, weary walk back over the rocky cliffs etc.
- Fri 23rd Nov Arrived bivouac area thoroughly beat. Got rations, that a rare feast. Bieier El Taha? [Beit Ur El Tahta, NW of Jerusalem. Beit = “house”].
- Sat 24th Nov Remained bivi area until afternoon, when we returned into the hills for outpost beyond Foka. [Beit Ur Foka] Retired at dusk back to behind Foka & stayed the night. Wrote to mother & Hilda.

Sun 25 th Nov	Removed further back to old bivi area – just had time to get something to eat when I had to go out with 4 Troop as local protection. Played all night without coats. Reg[imen]t again went forward into the hills owing[?] to Turkish counter attack.
Mon 26 th Nov	4 Troop joined up with Regt on being relieved by L.I.Y. *47 S.M. [Sergeant Major] Wilson & Vic Thompson wounded. On telephone duty at H.Q. at night.
Tues 27 th Nov	On HQ signalling duty tonight – plenty of activity, but Johnny did not attack although we were very weak.
Weds 28 th Nov	Staffs [Staffordshire Yeomanry] supporting 6 th Bde in an attack, but had to retire after gaining their objective – A Sqdn took over their line and remained with them. <u>A day of fighting.</u>
Thurs 29 th Nov	On line left of Foka. Ordered to retire across the wadi. Terrible heavy climb – thoroughly beat. Took up another line behind Foka.
Fri 30 th Nov	Relieved at 2am by 52 nd Bde. Marched to Bivi area behind Tahta. Resumed march at 1pm to Annaby [=Annabeh] – long march & hopelessly whacked – very bad feet – got badly shelled.
Sat 1 st December	Left Annaby & came to Yebnah [Yebna] to our horses for rest.
Sun 2 nd Dec	Yebnah. Rec'd several letters from mother, Hilda, Jim & Pat.
Mon 3 rd Dec	Yebnah. Feeling off colour – diarrhoea etc. More letters.
Tues 4 th Dec	Yebnah. Still feeling bad. 3 more letters & photo from Hilda.
Weds 5 th Dec	Yebnah. Bde inspected & complimented by Gen. Chetwode. *48
Thurs 6 th Dec	Yebnah. Transferred to B into no.3 Troop, Cpl Maker's section.
Fri 7 th Dec	Yebnah. Very heavy rains day & night. Wrote to mother.
Sat 8 th Dec	Yebnah. Raining, very cold. Wrote to Hilda.
Sun 9 th Dec	Yebnah. Still raining heavily, no rations.
Mon 10 th Dec	Yebnah. A little finer thank goodness. Cpl. Tipper[?] took charge of signals so am expecting to get reduced to Pte.
Tues 11 th Dec	Yebnah. Regt. Moved back to Mejdal owing to transport difficulties. Sent as Cpl on dump guard under Sgt. Scott to wine press. Very hard morning unloading, but will not be a bad job.
Weds 12 th Dec	Yebnah. Wine press dump guard. Mr. Adams came in charge of transport to take things up to Regt. Loaded up during afternoon.
Thurs 13 th Dec	Left wine press at 0830 & trekked all day & bivied the night at Esdud.
Fri 14 th Dec	Left Esdud 0700 & arrived El Mejdal at 12.30.
Sat 15 th Dec	El Mejdal. Sig. NCO's parade 0915. drawing equipment etc. Canteen opened – quiet.
Sun 16 th Dec	El Mejdal. Off riding owing to sores & rash.
Mon 17 th Dec	El Mejdal. Reg'l parade. Off riding.
Tues 18 th Dec	El Mejdal. Bde. parade. Off riding.
Weds 19 th Dec	El Mejdal. Divisional parade before Gen Allenby. Still very wet.
Thurs 20 th Dec	El Mejdal. Rec'd letters from mother. Hilda & Frank Walker.
Fri 21 st Dec	El Mejdal. A little finer. Wrote to Hilda & mother.

Sat 22 nd Dec	El Mejdal. Transferred to "C" as a private once more (no.1 Troop, Mr. Featherstone). Rec'd parcel from mother containing Oxo malted milk, cake etc. "C" sqdn.
Sun 23 rd Dec	El Mejdal. Heavy rain. On telephone duty during night.
Mon 24 th Dec	El Mejdal. On telephone duty all day with Wright – strong cold wind, rain & sand.
Tues 25 th Dec	El Mejdal. Terrible day – very wet & cold. Numerous thunderstorms during night. Good dinner of turkey & vegetables – extra plum pudding. Hot rum & milk & beer, cigar & cigarettes.
Weds 26 th Dec	El Mejdal. Boxing Day. Sun came out for a change. Nice easy day & plenty of good things. Sing song at night.
Thurs 27 th Dec	El Mejdal. "Isolated" – scabies? Signed remittance form for £5 to mother.
Fri 28 th Dec	El Mejdal. Isolated. Sent to F.H. [field hospital?], from there by ambulance wagon & motor ambulance to Julius *49 Met Sgt. Welsh (Dorsets) – good grub. Diagnosed "scabies".
Sat 29 th Dec	Had bfast [at] Julius, then motor ambulance 35 th C.C.S.[?] Deir Sendis[?]. Had dinner and then [illegible word] ambulance, train & eventually landed El Arish about 11pm, having had a cup of tea & sandwiches supplied on the way down. 26 th C.C.S.*50
Sun 30 th Dec	26 th C.C.S. El Arish. Had hot bath etc. Wrote to mother & Hilda.
Mon 31 st Dec	No entry

Notes

- *1 His future wife.
- *2 A 2nd Lieutenant T.B. Mathieson appears in the October 1917 Army list in the ERY section.
- *3 Trooper Gilbert Howarth, a close friend.
- *4 Romani is Bi'r al Rummanah in modern Egypt, near the Mediterranean coast of Sinai, about 23 miles east of the Suez Canal.
- *5 Modern place name is Bi'r al 'Abd.
- *6 Salmana probably equates to the modern town of Qaryat Salmana in northern Sinai
- *7 Tilul is probably modern day Qaryat al Tilul
- *8 = modern day Bir El Mazar, which is about halfway between Bi'r al Abd and Al'Arish on the Sinai coast.
- *9 Probably a reference to a type of German monoplane – “Taube” = dove in German.
- *10 Sheik Zuwaid is near the border between Sinai and Palestine (then part of the Ottoman Turkish empire, now the Gaza Strip), whilst Rafa is now just inside Gaza.
- *11 Who were building the new railway from the Suez canal to the Palestine border.
- *12 = Major J.D. White – see 1917 army list.
- *13 Not identified, spelling unclear; somewhere near Sinai/Palestine border.
- *14 Should be Melalha, which is on the Gaza coast.
- *15 = Deir El Balah SW of Gaza.
- *16 The ERY war diary notes that the man killed was Private Throssel – he came from Howden.
- *17 One would expect a place name here, but none is given.
- *18 More generally spelt “Gaza”.
- *19 The war diary notes that the rescue was carried out under fire and two Distinguished Conduct Medals were awarded.
- *20 Sir Philip Walhouse Chetwode (1869-1950), at this time commander of the Desert Column, a group of mounted units.
- *21 Shellal, south of Gaza on the Wadi Guzze.
- *22 Gillie Howarth's horse was called Jimmy.
- *23 On coast, north of Khan Yunus.
- *24 The Regiment was issued with new rifles on this day.
- *25 A reference to Army issue solid fuel stoves? – hazardous if used without adequate ventilation.
- *26 5km east of Khan Yunus.
- *27 The regiment's war diary says “El Melek” – in area south of Gaza and west of Beersheba.
- *28 Perhaps 2nd Lt. A.C. Adams (see October 1917 Army List)
- *29 = El Shauth
- *30 Captain J.F.M. Robinson (see 1917 Army list)
- *31 Walter Atkinson was also a Trooper in the ERY.
- *32 Corporal Arthur V. Upton. He transferred from the ERY to the Royal Engineers (see medal card).
- *33 Evidently Lancaster had some leave at this point.
- *34 British supply base on Suez canal
- *35 The regiment's war diary notes this was tactical exercise performed before General Barrow.
- *36 C.P. presumably = Command Post
- *37 Place name unclear; somewhere to NW of Beersheba.

- *38 i.e. the Turks.
- *39 Actually El Mejdal, NE of Gaza.
- *40 Junction station, where rail lines running SE to Gaza, NW to Jaffa and E to Jerusalem met, was a key objective of General Allenby's advance in this campaign.
- *41 Trooper Reginald Norman Wigglesworth, Sergeant Frederick Pickard
- *42 Lt. Bailey, Trooper Frank Riley
- *43 Imperial Camel Corps
- *44 Captain Neil James Archibald Primrose, of the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry, son of Lord Roseberry.
- *45 Across the Jaffa-Jerusalem rail line. Amongst the casualties were Lt. C.G. Smith and Trooper Ernest Byass.
- *46 A slang word for withdrew perhaps?
- *47 Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry
- *48 General Sir Phillip Chetwode, commander of XX Corps.
- *49 Julis was the Yeomanry Division's casualty clearing station.
- *50 Presumably Casualty Clearing Station.

Appendix 1

Other ERY soldiers mentioned in George Lancaster's diary, with identifications where known:

Mr. Adams (=2nd Lt. A.C. Adams?)
Wag Ainsley (=Edwin R.C. Ainslie, of Hedon)
Walter Atkinson
Mr. Bailey (=Lt. Bailey)
George Bowes
Cunningham
Dean
Fred Downing (possibly Samuel F. Downing)
Dolly(?) Edwards
Charles R. Faill
Mr. Featherstone (=Sgt. Major, later Lt. Walter Featherstone)
Garside
Cpl. Glenn
Allan Greenshaw
Bert Headley (possibly Boyes R. Headley)
Cpl. Howard
Gilbert Howarth (aka "Gillie")
Cpl. G.W. Johnson
Sgt. Lyon (=Harold W. Lyon, of Market Weighton)
Cpl. Maker
Mr. Mathieson (=Lt. T.B. Mathieson)
Stan Maw
Nightingale
Pattison
Sgt. Pickard (=Frederick Pickard)
Stan Price
Ramsden
Richardson
Capt. Robinson (=J.F.M. Robinson) **awarded Military Cross*
Sgt. Scott
Slater
Charley Stamper(?)
Vic Thompson
Cpl. Tipper
William Turner
Vin Upton
Walker
Wigglesworth (=Trooper Reginald Norman Wigglesworth)
Wilkinson
Sgt. Major Wilson
Hubert Wright



