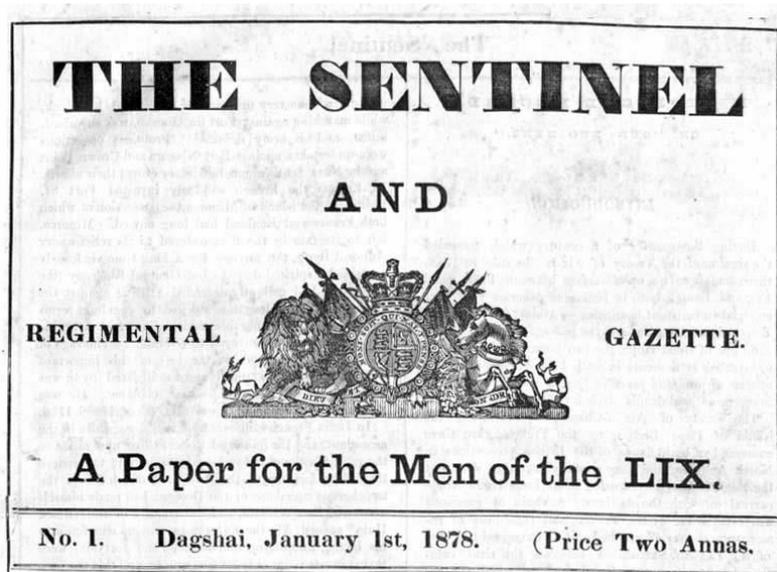


JOURNALS OF THE ANTECEDENT REGIMENTS

In late 1877 when the Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment was putting together the first edition of the "Sentinel" in his office at Dagshai, India he could never have imagined his journal was the forerunner of over 1150 others which 135 years later would be photographed, have the words analysed by computer and converted into portable document format (pdf) so that the host of soldiers and events contained therein could be made known to the world.



The journals are part of the unique collection held by the museum. They can now be easily searched by family researchers, historians and others alike. A few examples have been randomly selected from the journals to illustrate what they contain.

The Sentinel was discontinued at the end of 1878 when the Battalion went to war in Afghanistan and when it recommenced in 1883 in the title it had the "Lilywhites Gazette". The April 1885 Edition remembered the sinking of the "Sea Horse" on 30th January 1816 in Tramore Bay with large loss of life and on the same page had reminiscences from the Afghan war.

"On the 30th day of January, 1816, the 'Sea Horse' transport, Captain Gibbs, was wrecked in Tramore Bay, upon which melancholy occasion 12 officers, 264 non-commissioned officers and privates of His Majesty's 2nd Battalion 59th Regiment, together with Lieut. Allen, Royal Navy, 15 sailors, and 71 women and children, perished within a mile of the shore. Of the hapless inmates of this ill-fated vessel only 4 officers and 26 soldiers and seamen were providentially rescued from the raging ocean."

"The 2nd Battalion of the 59th Regiment commenced their military career in the autumn of 1808, when they accompanied Sir David Baird to Corunna, and were conspicuously brave in the arduous campaign under Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Moore; they partook of the fate of the expedition to Walcheren; they also bore a distin-

Cambray, 24th June, 1815.

Surrender of Paris, 6th July, 1815.

[Here the narrative ends. For the present state of these monuments we refer our readers to last December's paper, from which we reproduce the following copy of an inscription on the mansoleum:—

"This Tomb was restored in July, 1881, by General Hope Graham, C.B., who, as Lieut.-Colonel, commanded the 59th Regiment for seven years."—Ed. "Lilywhites' Gazette."]

REMINISCENCES OF THE LAST AFGHAN WAR.

BY COLOUR-SERGT. D. DUNCAN, 59TH FOOT.

CHAPTER IV.—FROM QUETTA TO KANDAHAR.

The journals contain a wealth of information about individual soldiers regarding their appointment, promotion, movement and sporting activities. Here are 2 examples, firstly from the Lancashire Lad of September 1892

CRICKET.			
'B' Company 1st N. Lanc. Regt. v. 20th F. B., R. A., played on the 18th August, and ended in a victory for the R. A. by 8 wickets. SCORES.			
'B' Company.			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Pta. Woodruffe b Spencer	10	b Hardinge	1
Dr. Smith b Mitchell	3	run out	0
L.-C. Borick b Mitchell	5	b Spencer	2
Lieut. Ducat b Spencer	7	b Mitchell	40
Sergt. Davis lb w, b Spencer	0	c & b Mitchell	4
Lieut. Carter b Spencer	0	b Hardinge	5
Pte. Bisson b Mitchell	1	c Maddox b Mitchell	1
„ Bradshaw b Spencer	0	b Spencer	0
„ Gill h w, b Mitchell	2	b Spencer	2
„ Spence St. Adams			
„ b Mitchell	0	not out	1
„ Turner not out	0	b Mitchell	0
Extras	5	Extras	4
	33		60

The following Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers are undergoing a course of instruction at the School of Musketry, Deolali:—

Lieut. G. W. Wyld-Browne.
Sergeant R. Maudsley.
„ G. Still.

The course includes lessons in the drill and mechanism of the Lee-Mitford Rifle, with which the British troops in India are expected to be armed by April next.

2317 Sergt. P. Mansfield, "G" Coy., is appointed Assistant Instructor in Army Signalling, vice Sergt. Evans, 19-8-92.

194 Pte. J. Potter, "G" Coy., has been permitted to re-engage to complete 21 years' service with the colours, 23-8-92.

1473 Cr.-Sergt. W. Mallinson, "F" Coy., is appointed Acting Sergt.-Major vice Sergt.-Major Kelly placed on the Sick List, dated 21st July 1892.

1252 Sergt. G. McDonough, "F" Coy., is appointed Acting Pay-Sergeant in "F" Coy. vice Cr.-Sergt. Mallinson.

And the South Lancashire Regimental Chronicle of January 1926

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.		MARRIAGES.	
To 12 years.			
3645492	Cpl. T. Randall, 2nd Battalion, 18/8/25.	Chapman.—3645097 Pte. J. Chapman, 1st Battalion.—To Miss Ada M. Lander, 12/10/25.	
3645102	Pte. H. Harrison, 2nd Battalion, 28/8/25.	Moindriot.—3648634 Cpl. Moindriot, 1st Battalion.—To Miss E. V. Smith, 7/11/25.	
3646001	Sgt. J. Gregory, 2nd Battalion, 27/10/25.	Singleton.—3648771 Bandsman S. Singleton, 1st Battalion.—To Miss Hilda Wright, 24/10/25.	
3645595	C.Q.M.S. W. H. Green, 1st Battalion, 27/10/25.	Holland.—3122473 Pte W Holland, 1st Battalion.—To Miss Sadie Blackmore, 7/12/25.	
3645905	Pte. H. Grady, 1st Battalion, 27/10/25.		
3645000	Pte. D. J. Donovan, 1st Battalion, 27/10/25.		
3645823	Pte. A. Garrod, 1st Battalion, 5/11/25.		
3645748	L/Sgt. T. Goodier (M.M.), 1st Battalion, 24/11/25.		
To 21 years.			
3644336	Cpl. A. Croft, 2nd Battalion, 8/9/25.		
7177537	Sgt. F. Carroll, 1st Battalion, 29/9/25.		
3644809	Sgt. H. Barker, 1st Battalion, 7/10/25.		
3644309	Sgt. (I.M.) W. H. Yeomans, 1st Battalion, 11/10/25.		
Until attaining age of 55 years.			
3644002	R.Q.M.S. J. Allardice, 6/11/25.		
For further period of 4 years.			
3647544	L/Cpl. J. J. Burke, 5th Battalion, 20/10/25.		
		DEATHS.	
		Stemmer.—3645663 Sgt. T. Stemmer, 2nd Battalion.—Daughter, Dorothy Ethel, at Mhow, 3/9/25.	
		Veale.—3644899 L/Sgt. L. Veale, 2nd Battalion.—Daughter, deceased at Mhow, 14/9/25.	
		Sheils.—7110605 Sgt. M. Sheils, 5th Battalion (P.S.)—	

They also include many obituaries of officers and other ranks which can be very informative.

The Journals contain significant accounts of actions in WW1. An example is the part played by the 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment in the Retreat from Mons during late August and early September 1914.

**THE 30TH FOOT IN THE GREAT WAR,
1914—1918.**

PART 1. AUGUST, 1914, TO OCTOBER, 1914.

THE BATTLE OF LE CATEAU, THE RETREAT FROM MONS. BATTLES OF THE MARNE AND AISNE.

The period covering the Battle of Le Cateau and the Retreat from Mons has consequently been substituted by the diary of a Company Officer. The Official War Diary has, however, been almost entirely resorted to for the period covered by the

However the great day arrived and on June 6th, under Lieut.-Colonel R. P. H. Burbury, we landed at Luc Sur Mer, near Ouistreham, on the left flank of the Normandy beaches. We had the honour of being one of the 3rd Division's two assault Battalions. All objectives were taken within a few hours, but at a loss of six officers killed (including the C.O., Majors J. F. Harward and R. H. Harrison), five wounded, and 115 O.R.s killed, wounded or missing. It was the start of a period of heavy bitter

The first edition of the South Lancashire Regimental Chronicle after WW2 contains a short account of their action and losses on D-Day in WW2.

These are just a few examples of what the journals contain between 1878 and the immediate period after WW2. The journals from 1950 onwards cover similarly the soldiers, activities and conflicts of the last half of the 20th Century together with the mergers of the East, South and Loyal North Lancashire Regiments to eventually form the Queen's Lancashire Regiment in March 1970.

Following scanning and optical character recognition the journals have been converted into searchable (.pdf) files enabling searches to be made of the information they contain. The journals have been placed on DVDs as follows:

<u>DVD</u>	<u>Regiment</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>
1	East Lancashire	1878 to WW1
2	East Lancashire	WW1 to start WW2
3	South Lancashire	WW1 to start WW2
4	East, South & Lancashire	WW2 to 1970
5	Loyal North Lancashire	1885 to start WW2
6	Loyal North Lancashire	WW2 to 1970

DVDs can be purchased from the Museum priced at £15 each, £40 for three or £75 for the full set of six.