

THE KING'S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT) Movements of Battalions 1914-18

1st Battalion.

4.8.14 Talavera Barracks, Aldershot: 6th Bde. 2nd Div.
13.8.14 landed at Havre.
11.11.18 6th Bde. 2nd Div. France; Preux-au-Sart, N.E. of Le Quesnoy.

2nd Battalion.

4.8.14 Peshawar. Remained in India throughout the war.

3rd (Reserve) Battalion.

4.8.14 Seaforth, Liverpool.
Aug. 1914 Hightown.
July 1915 Pembroke Dock.
End 1917 to Ireland at Cork.

4th (Extra Reserve) Battalion.

4.8.14 Seaforth, Liverpool. To Edinburgh?
6.3.15 landed at Havre and to Sirhind Bde. Lahore Div. At Robecq.
10.11.15 attached 137th Bde. 46th Div.
3.12.15 attached 56th and 58th Bdes. 19th Div.
27.2.16 to 98th Bde. 33rd Div.
11.11.18 98th Bde. 33rd Div. France; Sassegnies, N.W. of Avesnes.

1/5th Battalion T.F.

4.8.14 65, St. Anne Street, Liverpool: Liverpool Bde. West Lancashire Div.
Autumn 1914 Canterbury.
22.2.15 landed at Havre and to 6th Bde. 2nd Div.
15.12.15 to 99th Bde. 2nd Div.
7.1.16 to 165th Bde. 55th Div.
11.11.18 165th Bde. 55th Div. Belgium, Ath.

1/6th (Rifle) Battalion T.F.

4.8.14 Princess Park Barracks, Upper Warwick Street, Liverpool: Liverpool Bde. West Lancashire Div.
Autumn 1914 Canterbury.
25.2.15 landed at Havre and to 15th Bde. 5th Div. at Bailleul.
18.11.15 to Third Army Troops.
26.1.16 to 165th Bde. 55th Div.
11.11.18 165th Bde. 55th Div. Belgium, west of Ath.

1/7th Battalion T.F.

4.8.14 99 Park Street, Bootle: Liverpool Bde. West Lancs. Div.
Autumn 1914 to Canterbury.
8.3.15 landed at Havre and to 6th Bde. 2nd Div. at Vendin-lez-Bethune.
4.9.15 to 5th Bde. 2nd Div.
11.11.15 to 22nd Bde. 7th Div.
7.1.16 to 165th Bde. 55th Div.
11.11.18 165th Bde. 55th Div. Belgium: Ligne, west of Ath.

1/8th (Irish) Battalion T.F.

4.8.14 75 Shaw Street, Liverpool: Liverpool Bde. West Lancs. Div.
Autumn 1914 Canterbury.
Feb. 1915 to North Lancs. Bde. at Sevenoaks.
18.4.15 with North Lancs. Bde. to Highland Div. At Bedford and Bde. became 3rd Highland.
3.5.15 landed at Boulogne.
12.5.15 formation became 154th Bde. 51st Div.
7.1.16 to 165th Bde. 55th Div.
31.1.18 to 171st Bde. 57th Div. absorbing 2/8th Bde.
11.11.18 171st Bde. 57th Div. France; Hellemmes, east of Lille.

1/9th Battalion T.F.

4.8.14 57 Everton Road, Liverpool: South Lancs. Bde. West Lancs. Div.
13.8.14 to Edinburgh–Brigade was on Forth Defences.
Oct. 1914 to Tunbridge Wells.
13.3.15 landed at Havre and to 2nd Bde. 1st Div.
12.11.15 to 3rd Bde. 1st Div.
7.1.16 to 165th Bde. 55th Div.
1.2.18 to 172nd Bde. 57th Div. Absorbing 2/9th Bn.
11.11.18 172nd Bde. 57th Div. France; Hellemmes, east of Lille.

1/10th (Scottish) Battalion T.F.

4.8.14 7 Fraser Street, Liverpool: South Lancs. Bde. West Lancs. Div.
Aug. 1914 Edinburgh–Brigade was on Forth Defences.
10.10.14 Tunbridge Wells.
2.11.14 landed at Havre and to 9th Bde. 3rd Div.
6.1.16 to 166th Bde. 55th Div.
11.11.18 166th Bde. 55th Div. Belgium; Villers Notre Dame, west of Ath.

7th (Isle of Man) Volunteer Battalion.

4.8.14 Douglas: attached West Lancs. Div. This was the only surviving Volunteer Bn. after the formation of the Territorial Force in 1908. A service company was formed in 1915 and posted to the 16th Bn. King's at Hoylake in Mar. 1915. In Oct. 1915 it was transferred to the 3rd Cheshire at Birkenhead and became the 1st Manx (Service) Coy. On 12.1.16 the company joined the 2nd Cheshire at Salonika and became A Coy. of that Bn. A second service coy. was formed at Bidstone Camp, near Birkenhead on 27.11.15. This coy. was later broken up and used for drafts for France.

2/5th Battalion T.F.

Formed at Liverpool Sept. 1914.
Nov. 1914 to Blackpool.
Feb. 1915 to Canterbury in 171st Bde. 57th Div.
July 1916 to Bourley, Aldershot.
Sept. 1916 Woking.
Feb. 1917 landed in France.
1.2.18 disbanded in France; personnel to 2/6, 2/7th, 11th and 12th Bns.

2/6th (Rifle) Battalion T.F.

Formed at Liverpool 10.9.14.
10.11.14 Blackpool.
8.2.15 to Canterbury in 171st Bde. 57th Div.
15.3.15 Margate.

13.7.15 Upstreet Camp.
15.7.16 Bourley, Aldershot.
27.9.16 Inkerman Barracks, Woking.
14.2.17 landed at Boulogne.
11.11.18 171st Bde. 57th Div. France; Faubourgh de Fives, Lille.

2/7th Battalion T.F.

Formed at Bootle about Oct. 1914.
Nov. 1914 Blackpool.
Feb. 1915 Canterbury in 171st Bde. 57th Div.
July 1916 Tweseldown, Aldershot.
Sept. 1916 Woking.
Feb. 1917 landed in France.
11.11.18 171st Bde. 57th Div. France; Faubourg de Fives, Lille.

2/8th (Irish) Battalion T.F.

Formed at Liverpool about Oct. 1914.
Nov. 1914 Blackpool.
Feb. 1915 Canterbury in 171st Bde. 57th Div.
July 1916 Tweseldown, Aldershot.
Sept. 1916 Woking.
Feb. 1917 landed in France.
31.1.18 absorbed by 1/8th Bn. in France.

2/9th Battalion T.F.

Formed at Liverpool about Oct. 1914.
Nov. 1914 Blackpool.
Feb. 1915 to Kent?, Ashford in 172nd Bde. 57th Div.
July 1916 to Mytchett, Aldershot.
Sept. 1916 Blackdown.
Feb. 1917 landed in France.
1.2.18 absorbed by 1/9th Bn. in France.

2/10th (Scottish) Battalion T.F.

Formed at Liverpool about Oct. 1914.
Nov. 1914 Blackpool.
Feb. 1915 to Kent?, Ashford in 172nd Bde. 57th Div.
July 1916 to Mytchett. Aldershot.
Sept. 1916 Blackdown.
Feb. 1917 landed in France.
20.4.18 to 55th Div.
30.4.18 absorbed by 1/10th Bn.

3/5th and 3/6th Battalions T.F.

Formed in Liverpool in May 1915 and in autumn to Blackpool.
Early 1916 to Oswestry and on
8.4.16 became 5th and 6th Res. Bns.
1.9.16 became 5th Reserve Bn. in West Lancs. Reserve Bde. at Oswestry. No further change.

3/7th, 3/8th and 3/9th Battalions T.F.

Formed in May 1915 and in autumn to Blackpool.

Early 1916 to Oswestry and on
8.4.16 became 7th, 8th and 9th Res. Bns.
1.9.16 became 7th Reserve Bn, in West Lancs. Reserve Bde. at Oswestry. No further change.

3/10th Battalion T.F.

Formed at Liverpool in May 1915 and in
Autumn 1915 to Blackpool.
Early 1916 to Oswestry and on
8.4.16 became 10th Reserve Bn. 1.9.16 West Lancs. Reserve Bde. at Oswestry. No further
change.

11th (Service) Battalion. (Pioneers).

Formed 23.8.14 at Seaforth Liverpool–K1–to Barrosa Barracks, Aldershot: Army Troops 14th
Div.
28.11.14 to Farnham in billets.
11.1.15 became Pioneer Bn. 14th Div.
24.3.15 to Watts Common, Farnborough.
30.5.15 landed at Boulogne.
27.4.18. Reduced to cadre at Molingham, S.E. of Aire.
17.6.18 cadre to England to Brookwood.
19.6.18 absorbed in 15th Loyal N. Lancs.

12th (Service) Battalion.

Formed Sept. 1914 at Seaforth, Liverpool–K2–to Aldershot; Army Troops 20th Div.
Jan. 1915 to 61st Bde. 20th Div.
Feb. 1915 Witley.
April 1915 Salisbury Plain.
27.7.15 landed at Boulogne.
11.11.18 61st Bde. 20th Div. France; St. Waast-la-Vallee, west of Bavai.

13th (Service) Battalion.

Formed Oct. 1914 at Seaforth, Liverpool–K3–to Salisbury Plain; Army Troops 25th Div.
Nov. 1914 to Bournemouth in billets.
Feb. 1915 to 76th Bde. 25th Div.
May 1915 to Aldershot.
27.9.15 landed at Havre.
15.10.15 76th Bde. to 3rd Div.
23.10.15 to 8th Bde. 3rd Div.
4.4.16 to 9th Bde. 3rd Div.
11.11.18 9th Bde. 3rd Div. France; Le Grand Sart, east of Le Quesnoy.

14th (Service) Battalion.

Formed Oct. 1914 at Seaforth, Liverpool–K3–65th Bde. 22nd Div. on South Downs at Seaford
and in
Dec. 1915 to Eastbourne in billets.
April 1915 Seaford.
June 1915 Aldershot.
5.9.15 landed at Boulogne.
28.10.15 sailed from Marseilles.
5.11.15 arrived Salonika.
11.6.18 left 22nd Div. for France via Itea-Taranto.

26.6.18 Forges-les-Eaux.
23.7.18 to 66th Div.
13.8.18 absorbed by 18th Bn. in 199th Bde. 66th Div.

15th (Reserve) Battalion.

Formed at Formby in Nov. 1914 as a service bn. of K4 in 105th Bde. of original 35th Div.
10.4.15 became a 2nd Reserve Bn.
July 1915 Kinmel. Aug. 1915 Prees Heath in 11th Reserve Bde.
1.9.16 became 49th Training Reserve Bn., at Prees Heath in 11th Reserve Bde.

16th (Reserve) Battalion.

Formed Dec. 1914 at Hoylake as a service bn. of K4 in 105th Bde. of original 35th Div.
10.4.15 became a 2nd Reserve Bn.
July 1915 Kinmel.
Aug. 1915 Prees Heath in 11th Reserve Bde.
1.9.16 absorbed in Training Reserve Bns. of 11th Reserve Bde. at Prees Heath.

17th (Service) Battalion (1st City)

Raised in Liverpool by Lord Derby on 29.8.14
Sept. 1914 in old watch factory at Prescot.
30.4.15 to Belton Park, Grantham in 89th Bde. 30th Div.
27.8.15 taken over by the War Office.
Sept. 1915 to Larkhill.
7.11.15 landed at Boulogne.
14.5.18 reduced to cadre at Buyssechre, N.E. of St. Omer.
16.6.18 to 66th Div.
30.6.18 to England with 75th Bde. 25th Div. at Mytchett, Aldershot. Reformed on East Coast and returned to Aldershot.
9.9.18 75th Bde. Bde. left 25th Div. and renumbered 236th for service in North Russia.
11.10.18 sailed from Glasgow for Murmansk and then on to Archangel where it remained until Sept. 1919.

18th (Service) Battalion. (2nd City).

Raised in Liverpool by Lord Derby on 29.8.14. To Hooton Park Racecourse then Knowsley Park.
30.4.15 to Belton Park, Grantham in 89th Bde. 30th Div.
27.8.15 taken over by the War Office.
Sept. 1915 to Larkhill.
Nov. 1915 landed at Boulogne.
25.12.15 to 21st Bde. 30th Div.
24.9.17 1/1 Lancashire Hussars (16 officers and 290 other ranks) joined battalion: previously VIII Corps Cavalry Regt. Became 18th (Lancashire Hussar Yeomanry) Bn.
11.2.18 to 89th Bde. 30th Div.
14.5.18 reduced to cadre at Le Paradis, N.E. of St. Omer.
19.6.18 to 66th Div. 13.8.18 absorbed 14th Bn. and reformed.
19.9.18 to 199th Bde. 66th Div.
11.11.18 199th Bde. 66th Div. Belgium; Vieux Sart, east of Avesnes.

19th (Service) Battalion. (3rd City).

Raised in Liverpool by Lord Derby on 29.8.14.
Nov. 1915 to Knowsley Park.

30.4.15 to Belton Park, Grantham in 89th Bde. 30th Div.
27.8.15 taken over by the War Office.
Sept 1915 to Larkhill.
Nov. 1915 landed at Boulogne.
14.5.18 reduced to cadre at Buysseure, N.E. of St. Omer
19.6.18 to 66th Div. and absorbed by 14th Bn.

20th (Service) Battalion. (4th City).

Raised in Liverpool by Lord Derby on 16.10.14.
To Tournament Hall, Knotty Ash and then Knowsley Park.
30.4.15 to Belton Park, Grantham in 89th Bde. 30th Div.
27.8.15 taken over by the War Office.
Sept. 1915 to Larkhill.
Nov. 1915 landed at Boulogne.
8.2.18 disbanded at Chauny, east of Noyon.

21st and 22nd (Reserve) Battalions.

Formed at Knowsley Park
Aug. 1915 as local reserve bns. from depot coys. of 17th and 18th Bns. (21) and 19th and 20th Bns. (22).
May 1916 Formby in 16th Reserve Bde.
1.9.16 became 67th and 68th Training Reserve Bns. in 16th Reserve Bde. at Altcar.

23rd and 24th (Works) Battalions.

Formed May and June 1916. 23rd at Prescott.
In Mar. 1917 at Prescott and Hereford.
April 1917 23rd Bn. became 1st Labour Bn. No record of 24th Bn. May have become 27th Bn.

25th Battalion T.F.

On 1.1.17 43rd Provisional Bn. became 25th Bn. at Sheringham in 223rd Bde. 43rd Bn. had been formed in 1915 with Home Service personnel of T.F. Bns.
By July 1917 at Sidstrand.
7.5.18 landed at Calais as a Garrison Guard Bn. and to 59th Div. at Estree Cauchie.
16.6.18 to 176th Bde. 59th Div.
July 1918 title of Garrison Guard dropped.
11.11.18 176th Bde. 59th Div. Belgium: Velaines N.E. of Tournai.

26th Battalion T.F.

On 1.1.17 44th Provisional Bn. in 218th Bde. 73rd Div., moving to Kelvedon, Essex, became 26th Bn. This bn. had been formed in 1915 with Home Service personnel of T.F. Bns. The 73rd Div. was broken up early in 1918 and the bn. was disbanded at Kelvedon on 29.3.18.

27th (Works) Battalion.

Could have been renumbering of 24th Bn. April 1917 became 2nd Labour Bn.

27th (Home Service) Battalion.

Formed on 27.4.18 at Sidstrand to replace 25th Bn. in 223rd Bde. Remained at Sidstrand.

28th Battalion

Formed at Clacton about 22 June 1918 but it was broken up early in July to reconstitute the 17th Bn. which had been reduced to cadre in May 1918.

1st Garrison Battalion.

Formed on 19.8.15 at Seaforth, Liverpool and went to Egypt in Sept. 1915 and remained there.

2nd Garrison Battalion.

Formed in Nov. 1915 at Pembroke Dock.

Mar. 1916 to Egypt and may have been at Mudros later in the year

Jan. 1917 to Salonika and on L. of C.

28.8.17 to 228th Bde. attd. 28th Div.

30.9.18 228th Bde. 28th Div. Macedonia; Paprit, north of Salonika.

3rd (Home Service) Garrison Battalion.

Formed at Pembroke Dock April 1916.

Aug. 1917 became 3rd Bn. Royal Defence Corps.

1st and 2nd Dock Battalions.

Formed in Aug. 1915 and in (?) 1918 at Liverpool where they remained.

51st (Graduated) Battalion.

On 27.10.17 the 217th Graduated Bn. (formerly 60th Training Reserve Bn. from 20th Welsh Regt.) at Fermoy in 195th Bde. 65th Div. became the 51st Bn.

Early in 1918 the 65th Div. was broken up and the battalion returned to England and joined 203rd Bde. 68th Div. at Yarmouth by 11.3.18.

May 1918 at Benacre Park and in June at Herringfleet where it remained.

52nd (Graduated) Battalion.

On 27.10.17 the 233rd Graduated Bn. (formerly 75th Training Reserve Bn. from 12th East Lancs. Regt.) at Herringfleet in 205th Bde. 68th Div. became the 52nd Bn. Then to Lowestoft and in spring to Saxmundham. About June 1918 to Henham Park where it remained.

53rd (Young Soldier) Battalion.

On 27.10.17 the 72nd Young Soldier Bn. of the Training Reserve (formerly 21st Bn. Lancs. Fusiliers) at Prees Heath became the 53rd Bn. and moved to Kinnel and the 14th Reserve Bde. where it remained.