

The King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment



The Great War 1914 - 1919



The 2/5th Battalion

The battalion was raised to supplement the existing 5th Battalion. The battalion was formed at Lancaster in September 1914, it contained volunteers from North Lancashire. The 2/5th Battalion spent November in Blackpool. The men spent 1915 at Sevenoaks before moving to Aldershot in 1916. The battalion only arrived in France in 1917. It spent the rest of the war in

France and Belgium fighting in the 170th Brigade of the 57th Division.

A total of 14 officers and 284 other ranks died during these operations.

In addition to regular spells in the trenches, the 2/5th Battalion was involved in the following actions:

During the 3rd Battle of Ypres (31st July-10th November 1917)

- **The battle of Poelcappelle** (25th October) The men moved out of the trenches to attack Shaap Balie.
- **The 2nd Battle of Passchendaele** (26th October) The attack halted almost at once because the ground was so swampy. The battalion was in support and helped to break up a German counter-attack.

The 2nd Battle of Arras, 1918 (26th-30th August 1918)

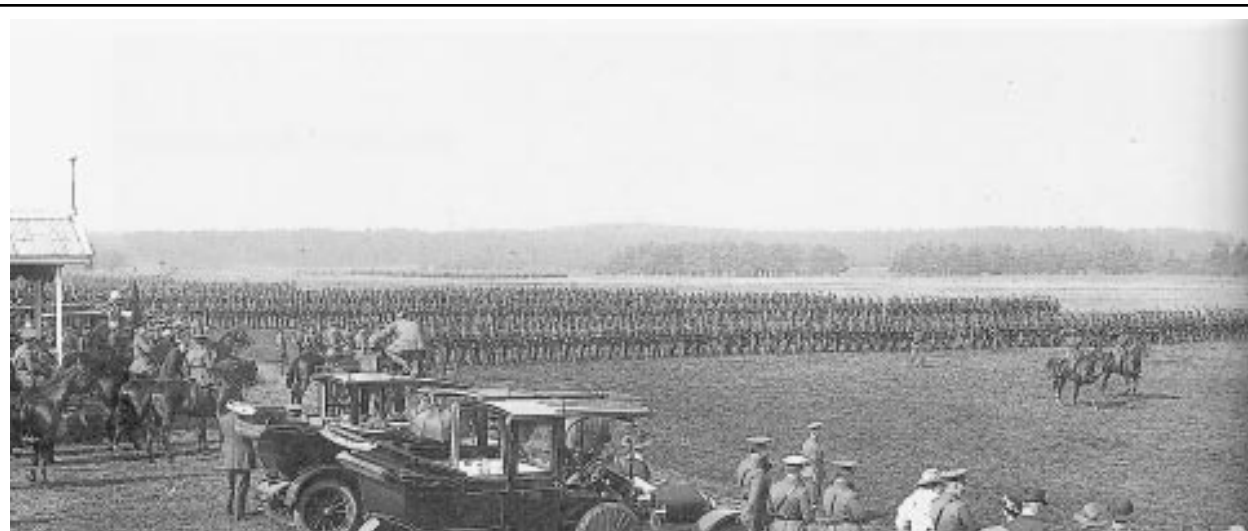
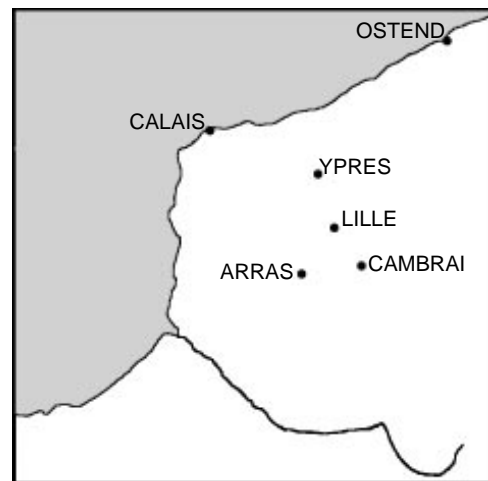
This was one of the fierce battles fought by the British Army in the approach to the Hindenburg line. The 2/5th Battalion was involved in attacks at **Hendicourt by Cagnicourt** (26th August) and **Riencourt** (29th August).

The Capture of Cambrai (September-October 1918)

This was one of the most heavily fortified sections of the Hindenburg Line. However, the attacking troops had plenty of artillery support and the attack was a success.

The Capture of Lille

This great manufacturing city fell to British troops on the 17th October.



The 2/5th Battalion (TF) march-past during a review of the 57th West Lancashire Division (TF) by HM King George V at Aldershot in September 1916