

## Section 145

### The Labour Battalions

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The 13th Battalion began to be formed 18th July 1916 when men arrived from the Hampshires Depot, although its official formation date is 21st July 1916.

Over the next few months transfers from a much wider range of regiments, including the London Regt and the East Lancs Regiment and even the Royal Naval Division joined the 13th Bn They were mainly numbered in the range 29696-31590 but that range included men posted or transferred to many other Berkshire Battalions.

## France

The 13th Battalion went to France 19th September 1916 under Brevet Col A E S Searle. They landed at Le Havre but were then transferred to St Pol Camp near Dunkirk.

St Pol Camp was bombed on the 24th March 1917 resulting in one man killed and 8 wounded - The man killed was 30540 Pte George Selby of Puddletown Dorset.

## Casualties

The battalion suffered 4 deaths: in addition to Pte Selby they were:-

31284 Pte William Dawson of Oxford - died 14/3/17

30147 Pte William Randall of Charlton Hovethorne, formerly 21664 in the Somerset Light Infantry who died 15/3/17

29986 Pte William Henry Waters of St Just - formerly 24794 in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

## Labour Corps

They were incorporated into the Labour Corps on the 9th May 1917 and became 164 Coy (97801 to 98400) and 165 Coy (98401 to 99000)

*For their subsequent history see section 146*

## Men of the Battalion

### 164 Company

97827 16626 Woolford - F

97831 17520 Brown - S

97978 33625 Fear - H H Wilts

98002 33643 Hainsworth - S W Wilts

98045 30637 Hunt - Richard Nicholas Worcs D

98057 25448 Jackson - John William

98063 33608 Jones - R P Wilts

98075 18248 Lambert - S G

98176 17498 Richardson - Frederick

98179 30613 Rigsby - William Archibald SLI D

98264 30449 Williams - Harold OBLI D

### 165 Company

98401 5406 Presland - E A

98437 30935 Weeks - W H Wilts D

98445 30260 Allsworth - A OBLI 9/2

98465 33613 Beasley - E Wilts

98475 28542 Bird - Thomas

98496 30934 Bunt - Thomas John DCLI D

98569 16248 Kinchin - W

98591 30689 Goodfellow - Alfred Walter Hants D

98637 31042 Holt - Albert Victor Warwicks D

98646 30691 Hutchins - William Wilts D

98712 30681 Nancarrow - Henry Hants D

98714 30634 Newman - Harry OBLI D

98719 29750 Oaks - George Arthur Wilts D

98720 30957 O'Dell - Harry Hants D

98721 33066 O'Hanlon - Patrick Henry u/k

98723 30076 Orme - Frederick RBR

98724 30257 Osborne - William SLI D

98725 30840 Palmer - William Henry SLI D

98727 29735 Palmer - Fred SLI D

98729 30623 Paynton - Thomas OBLI D

98730 30779 Pearce - Henry SLI D

98733 30774 Pethereridge - Albert James London 3/21

98734 30823 Pethick - William Devons 6

98736 29745 Phelan - Patrick Warwicks 4

98737 30326 Pickett - James Worcs 13

98738 30601 Pollard - Thomas Henry E Lancs 10

98739 30331 Poole - Walter George Worcs 13

98740	30708	Potticarry - William	Hants D	98809	30630	Stockford - Albert Ernest	OBLI D
98743	30699	Grant - George	Glosters D	98810	33673	Stockley - Albert Edward	Wilts
98744	30744	Quick - John	SLI D	98811	30742	Stott - George	SLI D
98745	30913	Rawlings - Isaac		98813	30690	Strong - Sidney	Wilts D
98746	31426	Rayner - William	R Fus 7	98814	33633	Stubbings - Thomas	Wilts
98749	30909	Rendle - William		98815	30043	Swallow - John	RBR
98751	31460	Reynolds - James	u/k	98816	31226	Sweetyer - John	RBR 3/4
98752	30721	Richards - Augustus John	London 19	98817	31224	Tarrant - Joseph Burton	RBR 3/4
98753	33600	Richardson - Thomas	Wilts	98848	33647	Webb - John Charles	Wilts
98754	31222	Rines - John	RBR 3/4	98849	30328	Wedlake - James Edward	Worcs 13
98755	31562	Roberts - George Henry	Worcesters 1G	98852	33646	Westbrook - James	Wilts
98756	30837	Robbins - Peter	SLI D	98855	30825	Western - Frederick	Devons 6
98758	29974	Robinson - James	OBLI D	98857	31474	White - Enos Alfred	Worcesters 1G
98759	30962	Rossi - Antoiria	Hants D	98858	30727	Whybrow - John	London 19
98761	30371	Rowbotham - Charles	RBR	98859	30899	Wilkes - Thomas	
98762	30026	Rowley - George Henry	RBR	98861	30990	Williams - Charles	DCLI D
98763	30067	Royston - Joseph	RBR	98862	30930	Willis - John	DCLI D
98764	30062	Rose - Victor	RBR	98863	30906	Wilson - George Herbert	
98768	30357	Samways - Thomas Charles	RBR	98865	31272	Winkworth - Arthur	Hants 13
98769	30892	Sargent - Thomas John		98866	30072	Withers - Henry George	RBR
98771	30890	Saving - Harry		98867	33612	Withey - William Henry	Wilts
98772	30627	Scarsbrook - Joseph	OBLI D	98869	30666	Woffendon - Albert	Gloster 6
98775	31297	Semaine - William	R Fus 7	98870	30677	Wood - Walter	Hants D
98777	31425	Sharp - Henry William	R Fus 7	98874	30330	Yeates - Alfred	Worcs 13
98778	31452	Shergold - Sidney	Hants 2/4	98875	29979	Young - William H	OBLI D
98779	30770	Shillito - Sydney Herbert	London 3/21	98876	29843	Young - Frederick John	DCLI
98780	30904	Shingfield - Charles William		98877	30943	Young - William	London 3/7
98781	30370	Shoat - Charles	RBR	98878	30955	Young - James	Hants D
98782	31437	Shore - H	London 3/17				
98783	30817	Shortbridge - Richard	Devons 6				
98784	30628	Shurvall - Edward George	OBLI D				
98786	33644	Symons - Judah	Wilts				
98787	30983	Sims - James H	DCLI D				
98788	30911	Shelley - Edward					
98792	30605	Smith - Ernest	E Lancs 10				
98794	30696	Smith - Gilbert Joseph	Glosters D				
98795	30781	Smith - Frederick William	London 6				
98796	30903	Smith - William					
98799	30992	Smith - Charles Richard	Worcs D				
98801	30694	Soloman - Abraham	Glosters D				
98802	29860	Solmon - Alfred Basil	S Wilts				
98803	29989	Sowden - John					
98804	30676	Sparkman - William G	Hants D				
98806	31038	Steed - William	Hants D				
98807	33604	Stevens - Harry	Wilts				
98808	30268	Stevens - Thomas	OBLI 9/2				