

## Section 154

### The Other Battalions

# The Home Service Garrison Battalion

## 1st Garrison Battalion

Initially men classified for Garrison Home Service were posted to the 3rd Battalion starting with number 24615 on the 5th June 1916.

The First (Home Service) Garrison Battalion began to be formed 28th August 1916 when batches of men arrived from the Worcestershire Regiment and the Ox and Bucks LI. They were numbered 29528-29695. Further batches arrived 2nd September numbered 31604-32296, again from west country regiments plus large numbers from the Royal Warwicks. A further batch arrived on the 9th September numbered 32297-32320 from the Worcesters and until 22nd October numbered 32321-32606. These were almost all Derby men who had been classified as serving for Home duties only and included in their number were men from Berkshire as well.

More men were transferred in October and November numbered 32699-32797 and towards the end of December numbered 33753-33874.

For the next few months the regiment was mainly concerned with calling up Berkshire men many of whom finished up in the 1st Garrison Bn as they were classified for Home duties.

Transfers into the 1st Garrison Bn resumed on 25th Feb 1917 (numbers 34684-34753)

A large number of men were transferred on to the Home Service Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers on the 10th Feb 1917

Thereafter there was a trickle of men posted to the 1st Garrison Bn mainly from men who were called up.