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**Table One**

**Population figures from 1911 Census<sup>1</sup>**

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
Birkdale UDC	18000	7286	10714
Bootle CB	69876	34408	35468
Formby UD&CP	5947	2593	3354
Great Crosby UD&CP	12273	4881	7392
Litherland UD&CP	14795	7146	7649
Little Crosby UD&CP	844	441	403
Southport CB&CP	51643	21076	30567
Waterloo/Seaforth UDC	26396	11803	14593
Sefton RDC	5953	2803	3150
West Lancashire RDC	20683	10451	10232

**Table Two**

**Estimated mid-year population totals**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SOUTHPORT<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>BOOTLE<sup>3</sup></b>
1912	70,640	71,152
1913	71,092	72,186
1914	71,747	73,230
1915	67,700	71,617
1916	67,000	71,135
1917	66,000	68,871
1918	66,000	73,500
1919	70,000	77,000
1921 <sup>4</sup>	76,621	76,487

<sup>1</sup> 1911 Census Table 5 extracts

<sup>2</sup> Southport Borough Council Medical Officer of Health Reports, 1914-20

<sup>3</sup> Bootle Borough Council Minutes - Medical Officer of Health Vital Statistics 1920

<sup>4</sup> 1921 Census Table I extracts

**Table Three****Table showing marital status in 1911<sup>5</sup>**

PLACE	MEN			WOMEN		
	Unmarried	Married	Widowed	Unmarried	Married	Widowed
Birkdale	4,159	2,870	257	6,829	3,075	810
Bootle	21,732	11,471	1,205	20,585	12,422	2,464
Formby	1,629	888	76	2,198	918	238
Gt.Crosby	2,859	1,902	120	4,865	2,052	475
Litherland	4,532	2,429	185	4,446	2,720	483
L.Crosby	306	123	12	251	122	30
Southport	15,507	11,777	1,078	25,332	12,330	3,619
Waterloo	7,364	4,093	346	8,741	4,727	1,125
Sefton RD	1,788	919	96	2,030	910	210
West Lancs	6,618	3,427	406	6,099	3,465	668

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<sup>5</sup> 1911 Census Tables 17, 18 extracts

**Table Four**  
**Principal types of employment (Female totals in bold)<sup>6</sup>**

	B'dal e	Bootle	Formby	Gt.Crosby	L'land	S'port	W'loo
Civic		397 <b>52</b>				423 <b>31</b>	
Prof./clerical/ medical/teaching	308 <b>177</b>	408 <b>592</b>	130 <b>56</b>	190 <b>155</b>	52 <b>52</b>	995 <b>839</b>	307 <b>237</b>
Domestic Service	94 <b>1802</b>	179 <b>2244</b>	26 <b>534</b>	31 <b>1570</b>	59 <b>285</b>	503 <b>4986</b>	69 <b>1497</b>
Rail	256	826 <b>4</b>	69	49	203	711 <b>5</b>	317
Docks	2	4167	13	23	322		343
Agric./fishing/ Market gardening	363 <b>11</b>	110 <b>5</b>	314 <b>20</b>	183 <b>11</b>	74 <b>3</b>	802 <b>45</b>	103 <b>3</b>
Engineering	74	2714 <b>30</b>	35	75	236	1112 <b>32</b>	321
Construction	56	1378	148	354	425	1677 <b>6</b>	633
Chemical/ explosives/ matches	38 <b>1</b>	86 <b>360</b>	9 <b>1</b>	56	203 <b>155</b>	3 <b>3</b>	139 <b>48</b>
Tanning etc	11 <b>1</b>	251 <b>49</b>	2	17	184	68 <b>38</b>	26
Textiles/jute/blea ching/dyeing	44 <b>4</b>	92 <b>513</b>	3 <b>1</b>	8 <b>1</b>	4 <b>61</b>	163 <b>97</b>	28 <b>48</b>
Dressmaking	125 <b>346</b>	340 <b>1003</b>	18 <b>102</b>	45 <b>103</b>	69 <b>161</b>	629 <b>1363</b>	107 <b>358</b>
Private means/ unoccupied	1441	4013	456	730	881	3470	1636

<sup>6</sup> 1911 Census Tables 23, 24,25 extracts

**Table Five****Southport employment in last week of August, 1914 <sup>7</sup>**

Building trade	493
Engineers	666
Food retail	512
Other retail	650
Hotels and restaurants	606
Laundries	394
Gardeners	45
Railway workers	426
Taxis	204
Dairymen	32

**Table Six****Bootle employment distribution, 1913 <sup>8</sup>**

MEN			WOMEN	
Merchant service	2383		Teaching	340
Dock labour	3278		Clerical	291
General labourer	691		Domestic Service	1495
Coal heaver	252		Charwoman	258
Boiler maker	265		Laundry	380
Matchworkers	86		Matchworkers	360
Tanners	203		Jute Manufacture	240
			Bleaching/dying	273
			Dressmaking	562

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<sup>7</sup> Southport Borough Council National Aid Committee Report 2nd September 1914

<sup>8</sup> B/30 Bootle Borough Council Minutes Vol.XXI Medical Officer of Health Annual Report 1913-14

**Table Seven**

**Average height and weight of potential recruits (Southport)<sup>9</sup>**

	Height @	Weight @	Year
	age 15	age 15	age 15
Age 21 in 1914	5ft 5in	8st 10lb	1908
Age 20 in 1914	5ft 2in	7st 8lb	1909
Age 19 in 1914	4ft 11in	6st 3lb	1910
Age 18 in 1914	5ft 3in	7st 1lb	1911
Age 17 in 1914	5ft 4in	8st 3lb	1912

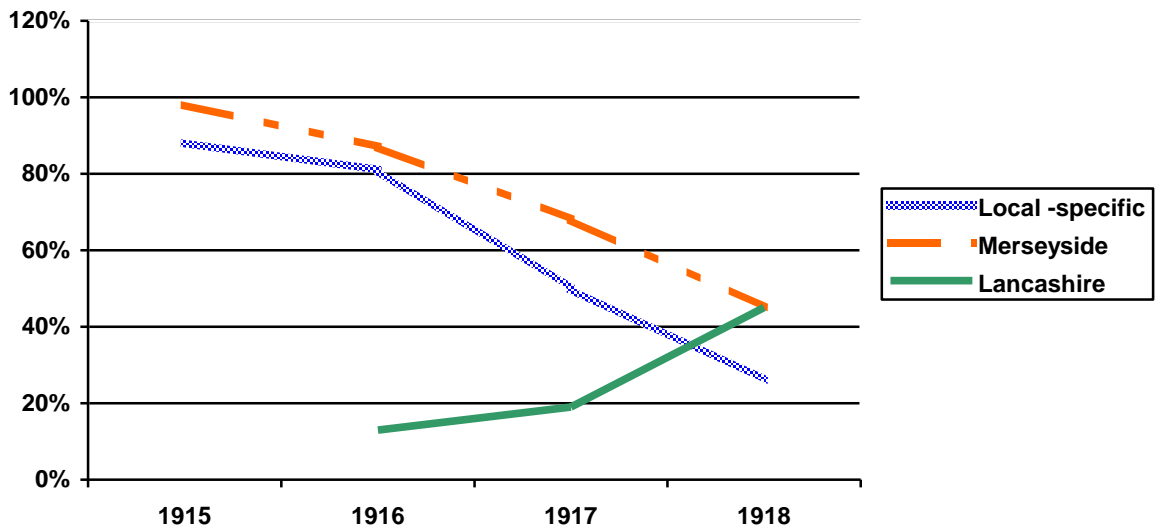
**Table Eight**

**Proportions of local men in the 1/7<sup>th</sup> King's Battalion<sup>10</sup>**

YEAR	LOCAL – SPECIFIC	LOCAL AND MERSEYSIDE	LANCASHIRE
1915	88%	100%	-
1916	85%	87%	13%
1917	50%	68%	19%
1918	26%	45%	45%

**Graph One**

**Proportions of local men in the 1/7th King's Battalion**



<sup>9</sup> Southport Borough Council Education Committee Reports Table E 1911-15

<sup>10</sup> *Soldiers Died* op cit. pp. 48-58

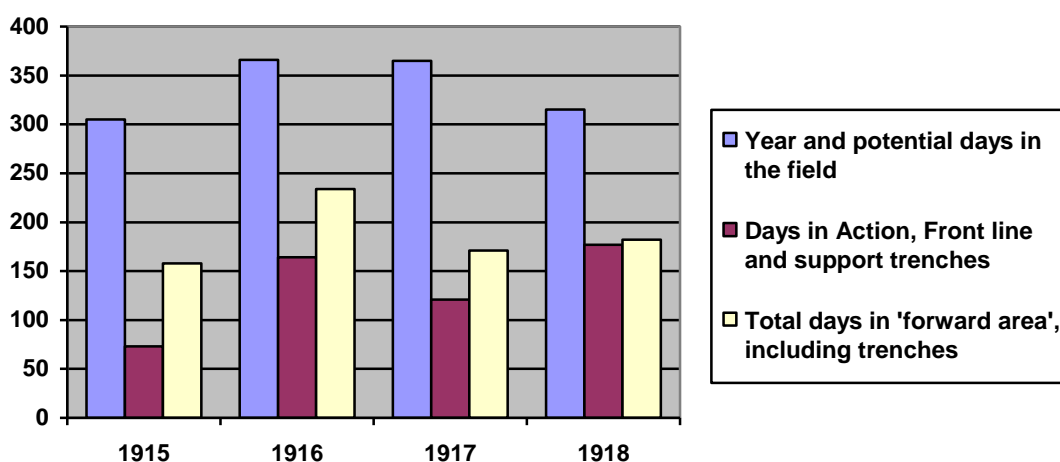
**Table Nine**

**Percentage numbers of days spent in the Front areas 1915-18<sup>11</sup>**

Year and potential days in the field	Days in Action, Front Line and Support Trenches	Total days in 'forward area', including trenches
1915 - 305	73 - 24%	158 - 52%
1916 - 366	164 - 44%	234 - 63%
1917 - 365	121 - 33%	171 - 47%
1918 - 315	177 - 56%	182 - 57%
<b>Total for whole War</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>55%</b>

**Graph Two**

*Percentage numbers of days spent in the Front areas 1915-18*



<sup>11</sup> These Figures have been calculated from an analysis of the Battalion War Diaries. The yearly averages have been used in the cases of April 1915, May 1916, and July 1917, which are missing from the series of monthly War Diaries.

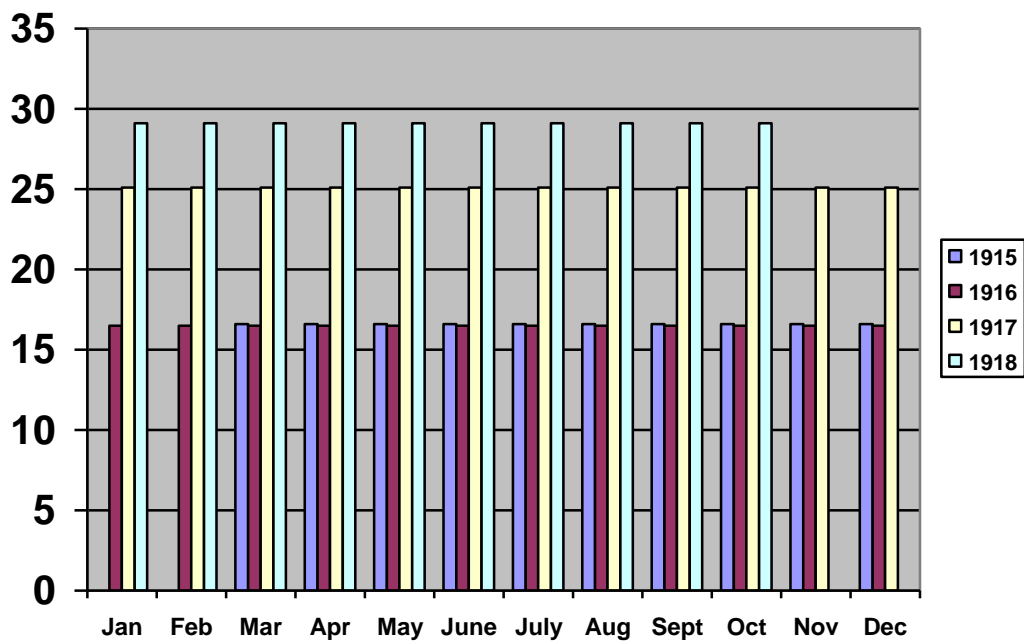
**Table Ten**

**Average monthly deaths in 7<sup>th</sup> King's Battalions<sup>12</sup>**

YEAR – AND NUMBER OF MONTHS IN ACTION	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DEATHS PER MONTH
1915 (10 months)	16.6
1916 (12 months)	16.5
1917 (12 months)	25.1
1918 (10 months)	29.1

**Graph Three**

**Average monthly deaths in 7<sup>th</sup> King's Battalion**

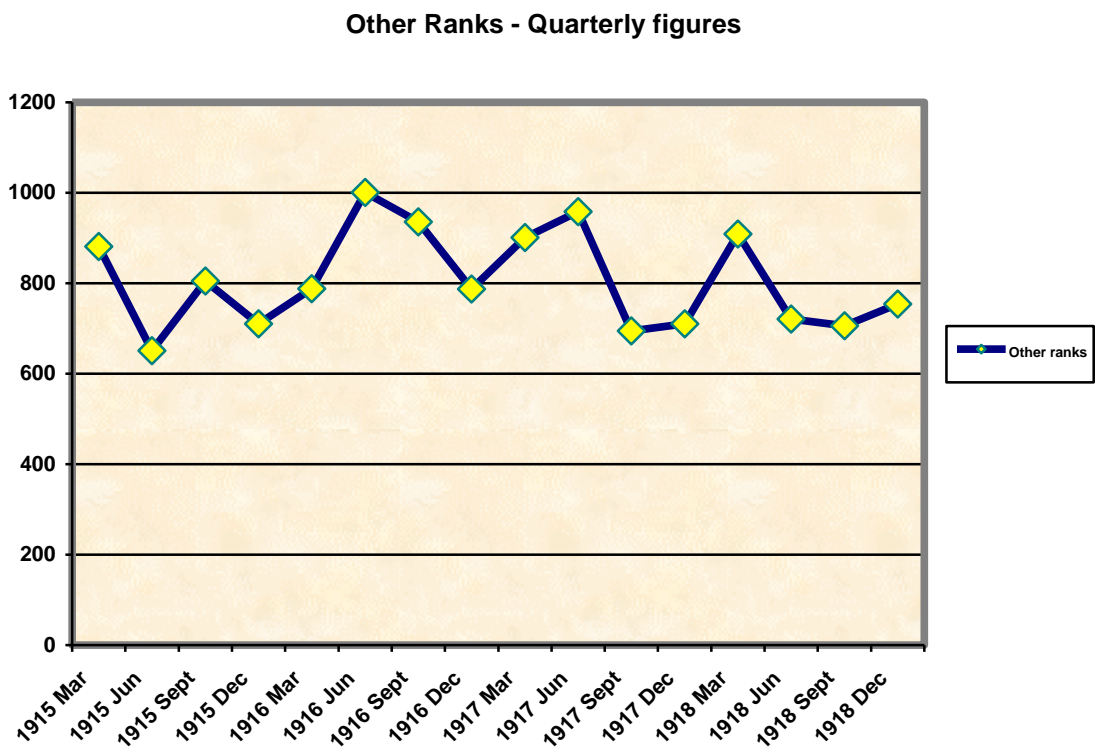


<sup>12</sup> *Soldiers Died* op cit. pp. 48-58



## Fighting Strengths of 1/7<sup>th</sup> King's Liverpool Battalion <sup>13</sup>

Graph Four



<sup>13</sup> Compiled from records of fighting strengths recorded in War Diaries on, or around, 25th day of the quarter month:  
WO95/1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division  
WO95/1630 – 7<sup>th</sup> Division  
WO95/2901, 2908, 2909, 2910, 2950 - 55<sup>th</sup> Division  
WO95/378 Third Army  
WO95/525 Fifth Army

**\_Table Eleven**

**Nature of alleged disciplinary offences in 7<sup>th</sup> King's Battalions 1915 – 1919** <sup>14</sup>

<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Drunkenness	28
Misc. s.11	12
Misc. s.40	38
Disobedience	16
Breaking out of camp	15
Insubordination	5
Sleeping/Quitting post	8
Striking an officer	5
Theft	1
Cowardice	2
Desertion	20
Indecency	1
Offence against inhabitant	1
s.20	2
s.29 (false evidence)	1
s.18 (self-inflicted wound)	1

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<sup>14</sup> Collated from WO213/3-26 Field General Courts Martial Registers 1915 – 1919

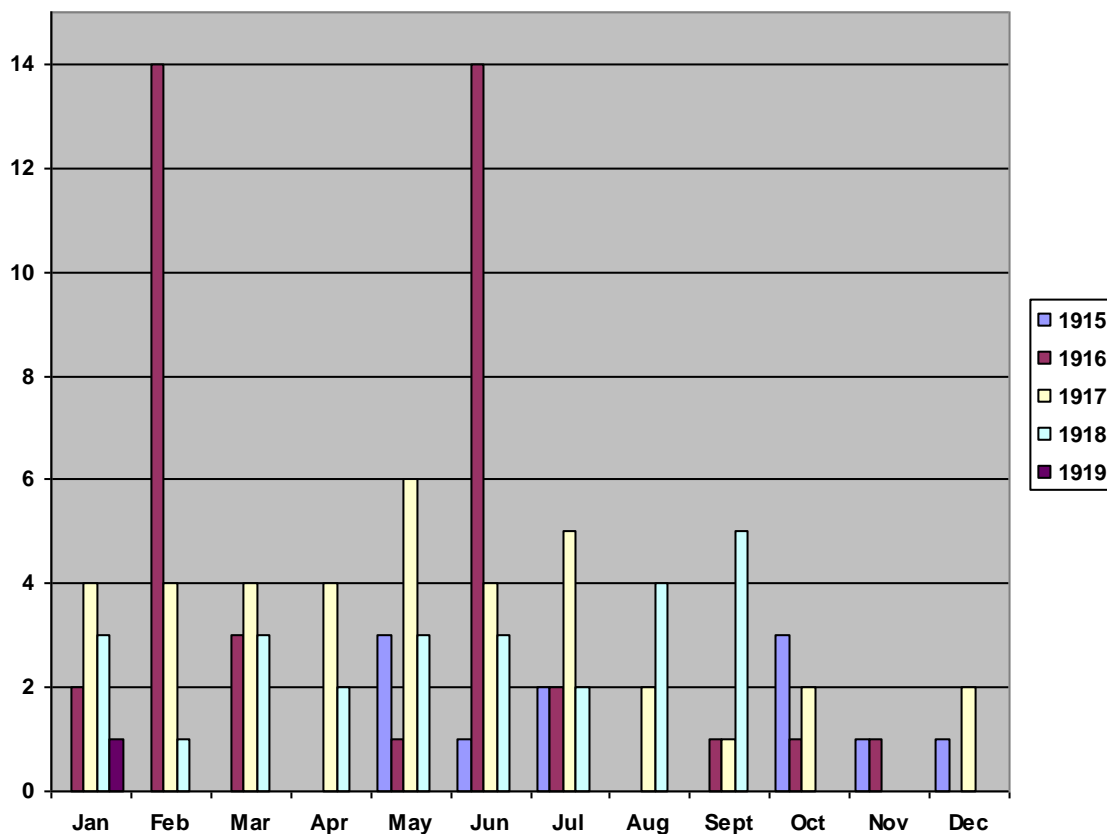
**Table Twelve**  
**1/7th Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment - Monthly disciplinary cases**<sup>15</sup>

	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	Total
January		2	4	3	1	
February		14	4	1		
March		3	4	3		
April			4	2		
May	3	1	6	3		
June	1	14	4	3		
July	2	2	5	2		
August			2	4		
September		1	1	5		
October	3	1	2			
November	1	1				
December	1		2			
						<b>115</b>

The Figures in the Table have only counted the trials of : Private A.J. Hilton (8th and 10th July 1915)<sup>1</sup>, Private J. Hale (2nd and 7th June 1917)<sup>1</sup> and Private J. Duffy (15th and 28th June 1918)<sup>1</sup> once, although in each case two hearings were necessary

**Graph Five**

**Number of disciplinary cases brought each month**



<sup>15</sup> WO213/3-26 Field General Courts Martial Registers 1915 - 1919

**'Wipers' - Major H d'Ath Blumberg**

Can yer 'ear the fellers singin' in Number One Platoon?  
They're marchin' out o' Wipers – it ain't a day too soon.  
Twelve months in the trenches, shelled, and gassed, and sniped and drowned,  
With nothing else to stare at but them dismal swamps around.  
Good-bye Wipers! Though I 'opes it is for good,  
It 'urts me for to leave yer – I little thought it would.  
When I gets back to Blighty, and all the fightin's done,  
Mebbe the picters of the past will rise up one by one.  
Like movies at the Cinema, they'll bob up in my brain,  
The places that I knew so well, - I'll see them all again.  
The battered-in Asylum; the Prison scorched and scarred;  
And 'ole Salvation Corner with the guns a bellowin' 'ard.  
The muddy, ruddy Ramparts; the mist upon the Moat;  
The grey Canal between whose banks no barges ever float.  
An' them Cathedral ruins – O Gawd the fearsome sight!  
Like mutilated fingers they points up through the night.  
Can yer 'ear the fellers singin' in Number One Platoon?  
They're marchin' out o' Wipers – it ain't a day too soon.  
The blighters what relieves us – we'll treat 'em fair an' kind,  
They're welcome to the souveneers what we 'ave left be'ind.  
Good-bye Wipers! Though I 'opes it is for good,  
It 'urts for me to leave yer – I little thought it would<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> *Sub Rosa* June 1918: Major Blumberg penned several other poems including one dedicated to Festubert, published in the *Southport Visiter* 3rd February 1921 p.5 as part of the campaign to adopt Festubert investigated in the final Chapter. He also wrote 'Givenchy Field' about the battle on 9th April 1918 – See: *Stand To!* op cit. December 1999. He usually simply attached his initials to his work – H. d'A. B.