

**Disbandment  
of  
2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion  
The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians)  
1922**

**Introduction**

1. Lieutenant Colonel W S Caulfeild MC (1887-1980) served as an officer of The Leinster Regiment from 1908 until the Regiment was disbanded in 1922, then transferring to The East Surrey Regiment. He retired from the Army in 1935 but was re-employed during the Second World War in the Royal Artillery.
2. Caulfeild was seconded to the Egyptian Army from December 1919 until returning to the United Kingdom in 1921. He was then attached to the rear party of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Leinster Regiment (located in Sobraon Barracks, Colchester) effective 16 December 1921.<sup>1</sup>
3. At this time the main body of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was serving with the British Upper Silesian Force, having been despatched from Colchester to Upper Silesia on 31 May 1921. The decision to disband The Leinster Regiment and four other Irish infantry regiments 'as soon as the exigencies of the Service permit'<sup>2</sup> prompted the return of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion to Colchester, where it arrived at around midnight on 28/29 March 1922. Sobraon Barracks also housed the Depot of The Leinster Regiment, which had been evacuated from Crinkill Barracks, Birr on 2 February 1922.
4. Detailed instructions on the disbandment were still awaited when, on Monday 15 May 1922, Caulfeild assumed the appointment of Adjutant of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion vice Captain H McCormick MC.<sup>3</sup> Caulfeild held this appointment until the disbandment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and the Depot was completed on 31 July 1922.<sup>4</sup> Among the papers that Caulfeild left to his family on his death is a file marked 'Disbandment File' that contains extensive documentation concerning the 1922 disbandment.
5. Caulfeild's disbandment file is in private ownership. The purpose of this note is to extract selected information that may be of general interest.

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<sup>1</sup> It seems unlikely that Caulfeild reported for duty at Colchester on 16 December 1921. His return from Egypt may have been prompted by ill health (malaria and dysentery) but his seconded status (presumably covering leave in the United Kingdom and funded by the Egyptian Government) was not terminated until 17 May 1922.

<sup>2</sup> Army Order 78 dated 11 March 1922. The four other regiments were The Royal Irish Regiment, The Connaught Rangers, The Royal Munster Fusiliers and The Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Army Order 78 also directed the disbandment of The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's) but this was later cancelled, equivalent manpower savings being achieved through combining The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and The Royal Irish Fusiliers into a single Corps with two regular battalions.

<sup>3</sup> One source gives 12 May 1922 as the effective date, but 15 May 1922 is the date that was belatedly notified in Battalion Part 1 Orders on 10 June 1922. Until 10 June, Caulfeild's signature block gave his appointment as 'A/Adjutant' (presumably meaning Acting Adjutant).

<sup>4</sup> Caulfeild held the same appointment from 3 May 1912 to 1 October 1914, thus being responsible for the mobilization of the Battalion in 1914 and serving as its first Adjutant on active service in the Great War.

## Contents of the Disbandment File

6. Items of particular interest in the disbandment file include:
  - a. A nearly-complete run of Battalion Part 1 Orders<sup>5</sup> from inclusive Monday 29 May 1922 (Serial No 121) to inclusive Saturday 22 July 1922 (Serial No 159)<sup>6</sup> plus what is believed to be the last issue of Part 1 Orders on Saturday 29 July 1922 (strangely bearing Serial No 115).
  - b. Copies of relevant Army Orders, Army Council Instructions and War Office letters.
  - c. Lists and returns showing the preferences of officers for transfer to new regiments and arrangements made for the temporary attachment of officers elsewhere while applications for transfer were processed.
  - d. An undated two-page typed list giving details of the disposal of 122 Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers.<sup>7</sup>
  - e. Copies of various returns incorporating statistics for the disposal of personnel and the reducing strength of the Battalion.
7. The file also includes extensive documentation that is less likely to be of general interest (eg copies of an audit board report, copies of standard-format letters to officers concerning leave arrangements and items of correspondence on various ephemeral topics).

## Overview of Disbandment Arrangements

8. **General.**
  - a. The disbandment of the five Irish infantry regiments took place in the context of a wider programme of reductions in Army manpower in 1922.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Part 1 Orders were normally issued on each working day to disseminate instructions and information to all ranks. They were issued in the name of the Commanding Officer but compiled and signed on his behalf by the Adjutant. Part 2 Orders (not included in the disbandment file) served the quite separate function of listing personal occurrences (eg leave, hospitalization, summary punishments, course qualifications) that impacted on individual records of service and/or pay and were the means by which such occurrences were notified to the relevant Records Office and Pay Office.

<sup>6</sup> Part 1 Orders for Thursday 1 June 1922 (Serial No 124), Saturday 17 June 1922 (Serial No 138) and Friday 23 June 1922 (Serial No 143) seem to be missing. It is possible that Part 1 Orders were not issued on these days and that the clerk applying the subsequent serial numbers mistakenly assumed otherwise. Part 1 Orders for Monday 5 June 1922 (Serial No 127) are followed by Part 1 Orders headed 'Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1922' and also bearing Serial No 127; it is believed that the second Part 1 Orders bearing Serial No 127 were issued on Tuesday 6 June 1922 and should have been Serial No 128. The correct numbering is resumed from Wednesday 7 June 1922 (Serial No 129).

<sup>7</sup> The term Non-Commissioned Officers did not embrace Lance-Corporals; Lance-Corporal was an appointment (filled by selected Privates) until 1961 when it became a formal rank.

<sup>8</sup> Other reductions in 1922 included the amalgamations of cavalry regiments, the disbandment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> regular battalions of those infantry regiments that had maintained such battalions and the disbandment of The Machine Gun Corps.

Assertions are occasionally sighted that the disbandment of the five regiments was in pursuance of an obligation placed upon the British Government under the terms of the Anglo-Irish Treaty signed on 6 December 1921. Such assertions are incorrect, although the changing political situation in Ireland made the five regiments very obvious targets for disbandment in preference to non-Irish regiments.

b. The detailed arrangements for the disbandment of the five Irish infantry regiments were promulgated in two Army Council Instructions<sup>9</sup> published on 25 May 1922:

(1) Army Council Instruction 279 concerning the disbandment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Connaught Rangers, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Leinster Regiment and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

(2) Army Council Instruction 280 concerning all other components (regular battalions, Militia battalions and regimental depots) of the five regiments including 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Leinster Regiment and Depot The Leinster Regiment.

c. The two Army Council Instructions directed that regular battalions were to reduce as soon as possible to cadres<sup>10</sup> to dispose of personnel, arms, equipment, stores, accounts/funds, records, documents etc and that the personnel of the cadres were then to be disposed of in the same manner as the other officers and men. Personnel of regimental depots were to be posted to regular battalions and were to similarly reduce to cadre strength<sup>11</sup> as soon as possible. No deadline was given for the completion of the disbandment process but 31 July 1922 later emerged as the effective disbandment date for all components of all five regiments.

d. The most challenging task was the disposal of personnel, both officers and other ranks.

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<sup>9</sup> Copies of both Army Council Instructions are in the disbandment file. It is not clear why it was necessary to issue two separate instructions on the same date, particularly as there seem to be no major variations between the arrangements promulgated in the first document and those promulgated in the second document. Army Council Instruction 280 made extensive references to passages within the text of Army Council Instruction 279, making it necessary to study both documents to arrive at an understanding of the arrangements applicable to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Leinster Regiment.

<sup>10</sup> Army Council Instruction 280 gave the composition of a battalion cadre as Commanding Officer, Second-in-Command, President Mess Committee (Officers' Mess), Adjutant, Quartermaster, Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, Company Sergeant-Major, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, Armourer (Royal Army Ordnance Corps), Orderly Room Sergeant, Orderly Room Clerk, Sergeants' Mess Treasurer, Officers' Mess Sergeant, Transport Sergeant, four Sergeants, eight Corporals, four Storemen, four Clerks, five Batmen and 30 Privates; 69 all ranks total.

<sup>11</sup> Army Council Instruction 280 gave the composition of a depot cadre as Officer Commanding, Quartermaster, Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, Sergeants' Mess Treasurer, two Storemen and two Batmen; eight all ranks total.

## 9. Disposal of Officers.

a. An Army-wide scheme of compulsory redundancy for officers was launched on 22 February 1922 under which the War Office required the identification of officers considered 'least necessary or desirable for retention'.<sup>12</sup> Recommendations for the compulsory retirement of such officers were to reach the War Office by 1 April 1922 and the Army Council would then make final decisions.

b. Officers in the regiments affected by Army Council Instructions 279 and 280 who were not selected for compulsory retirement under the above scheme were to remain on the Active List and be transferred to other infantry regiments (retaining their substantive ranks and seniority). Although officers were invited to submit their preferences for transfer, there was no guarantee that these would be met. As it would take some time to process the large number of transfers, officers were to be found useful employment in the meantime through temporary attachment to other units.

## 10. Disposal of Other Ranks.

a. Army-wide arrangements for the compulsory premature discharge of other ranks serving on special short-service and duration-of-war engagements were promulgated on 12 May 1922.<sup>13</sup>

b. Other ranks serving on normal engagements in the regiments affected by Army Council Instructions 279 and 280 had the following options:

(1) Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers satisfying various criteria could volunteer for transfer to the Royal Engineers in the rank of Private or to the Royal Corps of Signals in the rank of Signaller.

(2) Non-Commissioned Officers willing to accept a reduction in rank and Privates could volunteer for transfer to the Irish Guards.

(3) All ranks could volunteer for general service in the infantry in their substantive ranks but with no guarantee that they would be allocated to the regiments that they preferred.<sup>14</sup>

(4) All ranks serving on engagements involving service in the Army Reserve could elect for premature transfer to the Army Reserve.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> War Office letter 100/GEN No/7210 (MSCR) dated 22 February 1922; a copy is in the disbandment file.

<sup>13</sup> Army Order 181 dated 12 May 1922; a copy is in the disbandment file.

<sup>14</sup> Boys under 18 (enlisted for training as drummers, musicians, tailors, shoemakers etc) could volunteer for this option. If a Boy was not content with his allocation, he could elect to be discharged.

<sup>15</sup> A potential attraction of this option (as opposed to discharge) was the receipt of reservist pay throughout the extended period of service in the Army Reserve.

c. Other ranks serving on normal engagements in the regiments affected by Army Council Instructions 279 and 280 who did not pursue the above options were to be discharged on the grounds that their services were no longer required on reduction of establishment.

d. Concerns arose that the prospect of having to serve in Ireland might discourage potential volunteers for general service in the infantry (ie transfers to other regiments). This prompted the issue of a War Office undertaking that transferees 'will not in any circumstances be sent to Ireland for duty while conditions in that country render it possible that they may have to be employed in connection with internal disorder'.<sup>16</sup> Personnel allocated to regiments with the home battalion serving in Ireland would be either retained in Great Britain or drafted to the overseas battalion. Individuals willing to serve in Ireland were to register their willingness in writing.

#### 11. **Compensation and Terminal Leave.**

a. Terms of compensation for officers being compulsorily retired and for other ranks volunteering for premature transfer to the Army Reserve or being compulsorily discharged were promulgated on 11 May 1922.<sup>17</sup>

b. Officers with less than 15 years' service (the threshold for retired pay) were entitled to gratuities ranging from £600 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant with under one year's service to £2500 for a Captain with 14 years' service.

c. Other ranks with at least 14 years' service were eligible for pensions (the normal threshold being 21 years' service). Arrangements for those with less than 14 years' service were complex but typically included 28 days' terminal leave (drawing full pay and allowances). Certain categories were entitled to gratuities.

d. Separate instructions<sup>18</sup> authorized the grant of leave to officers who had been recommended for compulsory retirement so that they could look for civil employment; individuals were liable to recall from leave if the Army Council did not endorse their retirements. Officers who found civil employment could ask for an early decision by the Army Council.

#### **Progress of the Disbandment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion**

12. The disbandment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion effectively started when copies of Army Council Instructions 279 and 280 were received in Battalion Headquarters at 1000 hours on 29 May 1922.

13. A chronology of the disbandment (derived from the contents of Caulfeild's disbandment file) is at Annex A.

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<sup>16</sup> War Office telegram 253 AG2a dated 3 June 1922; a copy is in the disbandment file.

<sup>17</sup> Army Orders 179 and 180 dated 11 May 1922; copies are in the disbandment file.

<sup>18</sup> War Office letter 100/Gen No/7257 (MSCR) dated 20 May 1922; a copy is in the disbandment file.

14. Lists showing the disposal of officers, the disposal of Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers and the disposal of Privates (including Lance-Corporals) are at Annexes B, C and D respectively. All three lists are derived from documentation within the disbandment file.

15. The speed and scope of the disbandment process are highlighted by a return (Army Form B 157) in the disbandment file that shows the strengths of the Battalion by rank (exclusive of officers) as at 1 July 1922 and as at 1 August 1922 (ie the day after the effective disbandment date). On the reverse of the return are figures for the disposals of personnel effected during the relevant period by rank and category. This data is summarized in the following table:

Ser	Item	Warrant Officers	Senior Non-Commissioned Officers	Corporals	Privates (including Lance-Corporals and Drummers)	TOTAL
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	Strength 1 July 1922	24	44	47	456	571
2	Transfer	21	40	31	149	241
3	Army Reserve	NIL	NIL	5	204	209
4	Discharge	1	3	7	88	99
5	Total Sers 2-4	22	43	43	441	549
6	Strength 1 August 1922	2	1	4	15	22

**NOTE:** The above figures relate to the period 1 July to 1 August 1922 and do not reconcile with the data at Annexes C and D; the Annexes include disposals of personnel that took effect before 1 July 1922 and may be incomplete overall.

## Conclusion

16. Caulfeild's disbandment file provides a valuable contemporaneous record of the final episode in the history of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Leinster Regiment (which Caulfeild had first joined as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in India in 1909).

17. As Adjutant, Caulfeild was responsible to his Commanding Officer for the overall management of the disbandment process. The contents of the file reveal his conscientious and effective discharge of this unwelcome task.

## Annexes:

- A. Chronology of the Disbandment.
- B. Disposal of Officers.
- C. Disposal of Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers.
- D. Disposal of Private Soldiers (Including Lance-Corporals).

## Chronology of the Disbandment

Ser	Date (All 1922)	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Thursday 2 February	Depot The Leinster Regiment evacuated from Crinkill Barracks, Birr.	Collocated with rear party of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion at Colchester.
2	Wednesday 22 February	Issue of War Office letter promulgating Army-wide scheme of compulsory redundancy for officers.	100/Gen No/7210 (MSCR); copy in disbandment file.
3	Saturday 11 March	Publication of Army Order 78 <i>inter alia</i> directing disbandment of The Leinster Regiment 'as soon as the exigencies of the Service permit'.	
4	Tuesday 28 March	Main body of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion disembarked at Dover and proceeded to Colchester.	Return to home station from British Upper Silesian Force.
5	Thursday 11 May	Publication of Army Order 179 promulgating terms of compensation for officers made compulsorily redundant.	Copy in disbandment file.
6	Thursday 11 May	Publication of Army Order 180 promulgating terms of compensation for soldiers compulsorily discharged or transferred prematurely to Army Reserve.	Copy in disbandment file.
7	Friday 12 May	Publication of Army Order 181 promulgating Army-wide scheme for compulsory premature discharge of soldiers serving on special short-service or duration-of-war engagements.	Copy in disbandment file.
8	Monday 15 May	Captain W S Caulfeild MC assumed appointment of Adjutant.	
9	Thursday 25 May	Publication of Army Council Instructions 279 and 280 promulgating detailed arrangements for disbandments pursuant to Army Order 78.	Copies in disbandment file.
10	Monday 29 May	Copies of Army Council Instructions 279 and 280 received by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion at 1000 hours. Summary of arrangements for disposal of other ranks published in Part 1 Orders the same day.	
11	Wednesday 31 May	Officers instructed to submit applications by 1000 hours Monday 5 June listing five preferences for transfer to new regiments.	
12	Wednesday 31 May	List of regiments most in need of other ranks on transfer published in Part 1 Orders.	
13	Thursday 1 June	Band played at Colchester Officers' Club from 1630 to 1830 hours.	
14	Friday 2 June	Battalion rifle meeting held at Middlewick ranges.	
15	Friday 2 June	Composition of Cadre and Depot Cadre published in Part 1 Orders.	Subsequent minor adjustments to the two Cadres notified periodically in Part 1 Orders.
16	Saturday 3 June	Commanding Officer's parade held at 1000 hours. Colonel-Commandant 11 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade due to attend.	Dress was drill order.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
17	Sunday 4 June	Commanding Officer's parade held at 1200 hours. Colours carried by Lieutenant W J T Irwin and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant A C Duffield. <sup>1</sup>	Dress was ceremonial as for church parade.
18	Monday 5 June	Valedictory message from Commanding Officer published in Part 1 Orders.	Text at Appendix 1.
19	Tuesday 6 June	Privates Fennelly, Malshinger and Markey departed Colchester on transfer to new units.	Believed to have been first transfers of other ranks; relevant Part 1 Order does not specify units. Many further transfers took place during June and July.
20	Wednesday 7 June	List of regiments prepared to accept Privates on transfer published in Part 1 Orders.	Expanded version of list published on 31 May.
21	Thursday 8 June	Part 1 Orders advised officers and other ranks wishing to vote in 16 June election for Irish Parliament to read copy of Army Council Instruction 290 held in Orderly Room.	Army Council Instruction 290 presumably addressed procedures for postal and/or proxy voting.
22	Friday 9 June	Officers' Mess meeting at 1345 hours.	
23	Friday 9 June	Lieutenant W J T Irwin marched discharge party to Colchester railway station at 1450 hours. Pipes in attendance.	
24	Sunday 11 June	Colours carried to Colchester railway station by Lieutenant A V Petri and Lieutenant P K Doyle MC escorted by Guard of 100 men commanded by Captain W S Caulfeild MC. Band in attendance.	Colours taken to London by train departing at 1006 hours and lodged in Wellington Barracks for night 11/12 June.
25	Monday 12 June	Colours taken over by His Majesty King George V within ceremony at Windsor involving Colours of regular battalions of all disbanding Irish infantry regiments. Commanding Officer attended and was handed valedictory message by His Majesty.	Colour party comprised Captain W S Caulfeild MC, Captain T E M Battersby, Regimental Sergeant-Major C H Smith MC DCM, Company Sergeant-Major J Finn and Company Quartermaster-Sergeant J Cannon.
26	Wednesday 14 June	Sergeants' Mess meeting at 1400 hours 'for a further sale of furniture'.	
27	Wednesday 14 June	Valedictory message from His Majesty King George V published in Part 1 Orders.	Text at Appendix 1.
28	Thursday 15 June	Remaining personnel of Depot posted to A Company.	
29	Thursday 15 June	Valedictory message from Commander 4 <sup>th</sup> Division published in Part 1 Orders.	Text at Appendix 1.

<sup>1</sup> Part 1 Orders do not reveal the purpose of this parade, which seems to have involved the unusual parading of the Colours without the troops on parade being armed. It seems most likely that the purpose of the parade was take a group photograph of the Battalion before disbandment (and before the Colours were taken to Windsor). Two copies of a 1922 group photograph of the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion showing the men without weapons and the Colours present are preserved within the collections of the National Army Museum (Accession Numbers 1957-12-61-1 and 1976-11-29-1).



(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
30	Friday 16 June	Lieutenant R H Hyde-Sander MC marched discharge party to Colchester railway station at 1445 hours. Band in attendance.	
31	Friday 16 June	Corporals' Mess meeting at 1800 hours.	
32	Wednesday 21 June	Lieutenant C C Barry MC <sup>2</sup> marched discharge party to Colchester railway station at 1450 hours. Band and Pipes in attendance.	
33	Wednesday 21 June	Part 1 Orders announced results of Sergeants' Spoon Shoot.	1 <sup>st</sup> Company Sergeant-Major Matthews (score 48); 2 <sup>nd</sup> Company Sergeant-Major Instructor in Musketry Brown (score 42); 3 <sup>rd</sup> Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Cannon (score 40).
34	Thursday 22 June	Medical inspection for all officers in Officers' Mess at 1100 hours.	
35	Saturday 24 June	Part 1 Orders announced award of 35 Certificates of Education (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class) for period 1 March to 31 May.	'... best result obtained by any Unit in the Area, and considering the Battalion only returned from Silesia at the end of March, it is all the more creditable to all concerned'.
36	Wednesday 28 June	Annual inspection of barracks.	
37	Saturday 1 July	Personnel of B, C and D Companies posted to A Company, which was re-designated Cadre Company.	Major (brevet Lieutenant Colonel) C C Harman DSO (formerly commanding Depot Cadre) assumed command of Cadre Company.
38	Saturday 1 July	Strength of Battalion (exclusive officers) was 571 (24 Warrant Officers, 44 senior Non-Commissioned Officers, 47 Corporals, 442 Privates and 14 Drummers).	
39	Saturday 8 July	Part 1 Orders announced that Adjutant would distribute to all ranks in station printed copies of valedictory message from His Majesty King George V; President of Regimental Institutes would forward copies to those who had left.	
40	Tuesday 11 July	Officers' and Sergeants' Messes closed; Corporals' Mess meeting at 1800 hours.	
41	Tuesday 11 July	Cadre reduced to eleven all ranks (Commanding Officer, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, Orderly Room Sergeant and six Privates).	Part 1 Orders announced that Cadre would not be maintained beyond 31 July.
42	Friday 14 July	Ration store closed.	

<sup>2</sup> The posting of Lieutenant C C Barry MC to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Leinster Regiment was notified in Part 1 Orders on 30 May 1922 with instructions that he was to report to Chatham on 1 June 1922. The disbandment file contains no explanation of his presence in Colchester on 21 June 1922.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
43	Saturday 15 July	All other ranks attached 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment for accommodation and rations.	
44	Saturday 15 July	Part 1 Orders announced that photographs of Colours being handed to His Majesty King George V could be obtained from Barratts Photo Press Ltd, 89 Fleet Street, London EC4.	Proofs held in Orderly Room; postcard prints were 6 pence each or 5 shillings per dozen.
45	Saturday 29 July	Issue of what appears to be final Serial of Part 1 Orders.	
46	Sunday 30 July	Audit of accounts of Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess, President of Regimental Institutes and Band completed.	Copy of Audit Board report in disbandment file.
47	Monday 31 July	Effective date of disbandment.	
48	Tuesday 1 August	Strength of Battalion was two officers (Adjutant and Quartermaster) and 22 other ranks (residual Cadre and others awaiting disposal). Other ranks comprised two Warrant Officers, one senior Non-Commissioned Officer, four Corporals and 15 Privates (reflecting reduction in other rank strength of 549 since 1 July).	Those in Colchester attached 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment effective 1 August; those elsewhere (eg hospital) were to be sent to Depot The Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

## Appendix:

1. Valedictory Messages.

**Valedictory Messages**

**1. Valedictory Message from Lieutenant Colonel R A H Orpen-Palmer DSO, Commanding 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians).**

Now that the actual disbandment of the Battalion is about to commence, I wish all ranks to know how proud I have been to command such a body of men. At Home and Abroad, in peace and in war, whether in France, Belgium, Colchester or Silesia, the Battalion has won a fine reputation second to none, a reputation acknowledged everywhere by Brigade and Divisional Commanders. It is a grief and more to all of us that we see our splendid Regiment destroyed; but it is through no fault of our own, and we as Irishmen have done our duty, to our Country and our Empire. I have spent more than half my life in The Leinster Regiment and I have never served away from it, and I had hoped when my time of command had finished, and as years passed by, to watch with pride, the Regiment, ever gaining further laurels, but it was not to be. The Regiments you transfer to should be proud to get you, and if ever I should be called upon to command elsewhere, there is nothing I should prefer to getting as many of you as possible. You are very deep in the affections of your Commanding Officer, and will always be, and I wish you all every happiness in your future careers. Farewell.

*Published in Part 1 Orders on Monday 5 June 1922*

**2. Valedictory Message from His Majesty King George V.**

**WINDSOR CASTLE  
THE OFFICER COMMANDING, 2<sup>nd</sup> BATTALION  
THE PRINCE OF WALES'S LEINSTER REGIMENT (ROYAL CANADIANS)**

**TO THE OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS,  
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF  
THE PRINCE OF WALES'S LEINSTER REGIMENT (ROYAL CANADIANS)**

It is with feelings of no ordinary sorrow that I address you for the last time, for I know that I am taking leave not merely of a fine Regiment, but of great memories and great traditions which hitherto have been kept alive and embodied in you.

It grieves me to think that my son's regiment will shortly be no more. Loyal Canadians created your first Battalion at a time of danger to the Empire, while your second Battalion was born in India. Though your years are not yet three score and ten, it is hard to part with a Regiment so peculiarly representative of the Empire.

May the glorious work begun by you and now ended so shortly after the close of your first great European campaign be carried on by your affiliated regiments in Canada.

You have your Colours, your trophies and your household gods, which are dear to you as honour itself. You have thought fit to entrust your Colours to me for custody and I am very proud to take charge of them, to be preserved and held in reverence at Windsor Castle as a perpetual record of your noble exploits in the field.

Meanwhile be very sure that, with or without external monument, the fame of your great work can never die.

I thank you for your good service to this Country and the Empire, and with a full heart I bid you – Farewell.

12<sup>th</sup> June, 1922.

(Sd) **GEORGE R. I.**

*Published in Part 1 Orders on Wednesday 14 June 1922*

**3. Valedictory Message from Major General Sir Cameron Shute KCB KCMG, Commanding 4<sup>th</sup> Division.**

I don't like to think that your officers and men are being scattered to the four winds without any word of good-bye from me.

Will you therefore convey to them all my sincere sympathy and my great appreciation of the good work which they have all done during the time they have been in the 4<sup>th</sup> Division.

They have always been smart and well behaved and have excelled in all games and sports and have been amongst the best in the Division at Musketry, Bayonet Fighting, Boxing, etc.

We shall all miss them, and my Staff and I all wish them every possible good luck wherever they may go.

I am sure they will always maintain the honour and traditions of their old Regiment.

*Extracted from a letter to the Commanding Officer  
and  
published in Part 1 Orders on Thursday 15 June 1922*

## Disposal of Officers

### NOTES:

- (a) Details in columns (b) and (c) are derived primarily from lists and returns within Caulfeild's disbandment file.
- (b) Details in column (d) are derived primarily from the July 1924 edition of *The Monthly Army List* (augmented with electronic searches of *The London Gazette* in a few cases)
- (c) The interim disposals in column (c) record the arrangements made to find useful employment for officers while their applications to transfer to other regiments were being processed.
- (d) A summary of the final disposals reflected in this Annex is:
- **Transfers to Infantry Regiments.** 23.
  - **Transfers to Tank Corps.** 2 (Lieutenants Lewis and Simmons).
  - **Compulsory Retirements.** 6 (Captain Barnwell, Captain Haddick, Lieutenant Hyde-Sander, Lieutenant Irwin, Lieutenant Kingston and Lieutenant Markey).
  - **Retirements.** 2 (Major Seagrim and Captain Pratt; no evidence sighted that these retirements were compulsory).
  - **Resignation of Commission.** 1 (Lieutenant de Blaby).
  - **TOTAL.** 34.

Ser	Personal Details	Interim Disposal in 1922	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Acton Captain E L L MC	Attached to Headquarters 11 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Colchester)	Captain, The East Surrey Regiment in 1924 (commanding Detention Barracks at York).
2	Allen 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant R L K	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Lieutenant, The Norfolk Regiment in 1924 (serving with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion).
3	Barnwell, Captain J DSO MC	Leave in anticipation of compulsory retirement	Formerly Depot. Retired 17 July 1922 (granted rank of Major).
4	Battersby Captain T E M	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Formerly Officer Commanding B Company. Captain, The Devonshire Regiment in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).
5	de Blaby Lieutenant G T		Resigned commission 31 May 1922.
6	Caulfeild Captain W S MC	Adjutant of Cadre	Captain, The East Surrey Regiment in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).
7	Crozier Captain (QM) W G	Quartermaster of Depot Cadre and then attached to Headquarters 11 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Colchester)	Captain (QM), The East Lancashire Regiment in 1924 (serving with the Depot).
8	Doyle Lieutenant P K MC	Assistant Adjutant of Cadre and then attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Lieutenant, The East Surrey Regiment in 1924 (serving with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion).

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
9	Duffield Lieutenant A C <sup>1</sup> (promoted Lieutenant 16 July 1922)	Attached to Depot The Essex Regiment (Warley)	Lieutenant, The East Surrey Regiment in 1924 (serving with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion).
10	Farrell Lieutenant J A J DSO	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (Upper Silesia and Rhine Army)	Captain, The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).
11	FitzSimon Lieutenant C R M D O'C MC	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Lieutenant, The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster) in 1924 (serving with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion).
12	Haddick Captain V A <sup>2</sup>	Leave in anticipation of compulsory retirement but then posted to special employment in Ireland effective 1 July 1922	Retired 21 November 1922 (assumed to have been delayed compulsory retirement).
13	Hamilton Captain C S	Attached to Depot The Essex Regiment (Warley)	Formerly Depot. Captain, The East Lancashire Regiment in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).
14	Hamilton Lieutenant N F V	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Lieutenant, The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's) in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).
15	Hardie Captain (QM) J DCM	Quartermaster of Cadre	Captain (QM), The Worcestershire Regiment in 1924 (serving with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion).
16	Harman Major (brevet Lieutenant Colonel) C C DSO	Officer Commanding Depot Cadre and then (from 1 July 1922) Officer Commanding Cadre Company and President of Mess Committee	Major (brevet Lieutenant Colonel), The Royal Sussex Regiment in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).
17	Hyde-Sander Lieutenant R H MC	Leave in anticipation of compulsory retirement	Retired 24 August 1922 (granted rank of Captain).
18	Irwin Lieutenant W J T	Leave in anticipation of compulsory retirement	Retired 17 July 1922.
19	Kingston Lieutenant J J	Leave in anticipation of compulsory retirement	Formerly Depot. Retired 17 July 1922.
20	Lewis Lieutenant R G	Tank Corps probationary course (Woolwich)	Captain, Royal Tank Corps in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).

<sup>1</sup> Lieutenant Austin Christopher Duffield was removed from the Army effective 17 June 1927 on conviction by the Civil Power. The conviction was for the murder of his Commanding Officer (Lieutenant Colonel J S FitzGerald, commanding 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The East Surrey Regiment) in Gibraltar on 7 April 1927; the sentence was death (subsequently commuted to penal servitude for life by the Governor of Gibraltar). It seems possible that the Warrant Officer Class 1 Austin Christopher Duffield (101309) of the Kenya Armoured Car Regiment who was appointed MBE in the 1945 Birthday Honours List was the same person.

<sup>2</sup> Haddick was re-employed during the Second World War and afterwards, retiring for the second time in April 1950 in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He wore the uniform of The Leinster Regiment throughout this period of re-employment.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
21	McCann Lieutenant D P A MC	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Transferred to The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and resigned commission 15 December 1923.
22	McCormick Captain H MC	Attached to War Office (staff of Director of Personal Services)	Captain, The South Staffordshire Regiment in 1924 (serving at the War Office on the staff of Director Personal Services).
23	Markey Lieutenant R J	Leave in anticipation of compulsory retirement	Retired 8 September 1922.
24	Nye Lieutenant A E <sup>3</sup> MC	President of Mess Committee within Cadre until 1 July 1922 and then attached to Headquarters 4 <sup>th</sup> Division (Colchester)	Captain, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1924 (student at Staff College).
25	Orpen-Palmer Lieutenant Colonel R A H DSO	Commanding Officer of Cadre	Lieutenant Colonel, The East Surrey Regiment in 1924 (commanding the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion).
26	Otway Captain H F MC	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Formerly Officer Commanding D Company. Captain, The Lancashire Fusiliers in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).
27	Petri Lieutenant A V	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Lieutenant, The East Surrey Regiment in 1924 (serving with Boys Technical School, Chepstow).
28	Pratt Captain A B MC	Attached to War Office (Mobilization Directorate)	Retired 1922 (date not sighted; no evidence sighted that retirement was compulsory).
29	Rogers Captain C R de W DSO	Attached to Headquarters 11 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Colchester)	Formerly Officer Commanding A Company. Captain, The Welch Regiment in 1924 (serving with the Depot).
30	Seagrim Major A H DSO	Attached to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Leinster Regiment from 11 May 1922	Retired 22 July 1922 (granted rank of Lieutenant Colonel; no evidence sighted that retirement was compulsory).
31	Sharp Lieutenant M C E	Leave in Canada pending secondment to The West India Regiment	Captain, The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire) in 1924.
32	Simmons Lieutenant S B G MC	Tank Corps probationary course (Woolwich)	Lieutenant, Royal Tank Corps in 1924 (serving with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion).
33	Venour Captain V W H	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Colchester)	Formerly Officer Commanding C Company. Captain, The King's Regiment (Liverpool) in 1924 (serving with the Inter-Allied Railway Commission, Cologne).

<sup>3</sup> Subsequently Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Nye GCSI GCMG GCIE KCB KBE MC (Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, 1941-46; Governor of Madras, 1946-48; High Commissioner to India, 1948-52; High Commissioner to Canada, 1952-56).

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
34	Weldon Major H W DSO	Second-in-Command of Cadre and then attached to XXIV Brigade Royal Field Artillery	Lieutenant Colonel, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in 1924 (commanding the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion).



## Disposal of Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers

### NOTES:

(a) Details in this Annex are derived from an undated two-page typed list of 122 individuals within Caulfeild's disbandment file. Scrutiny of Battalion Part 1 Orders has generated the addition of an entry for Corporal Drinan and the amendment and addition of some minor details.

(b) The numbers of Warrant Officers and senior Non-Commissioned Officers are far in excess of the authorized establishments of an infantry battalion and a regimental depot. This may reflect the recall of men from extra-regimental employment for the disbandment process.

(c) The service numbers in column (b) are those allocated under the Army-wide system of numbering instituted in August 1920 (The Leinster Regiment being allocated the numbers 7177001 to 7211000).

(d) Caulfeild's list does not include post-nominal letters such as 'DCM' and 'MM'; such details in column (b) of this Annex are derived from various sources and are probably incomplete.

(e) Details in column (b) within square parentheses concerning Meritorious Service Medals<sup>1</sup> and 1914 Stars are derived from the programme for a presentation of decorations and medals at Colchester on 6 February 1920 and are almost certainly incomplete.

(f) Details of regiments in column (c) reflect the information available within the disbandment file; in some cases the specific unit (ie battalion or regimental depot) is not given. Individuals would generally have been posted to the home battalion or regimental depot in the first instance; some men may then have been drafted to the overseas battalion.

(g) Entries in column (c) such as 'Discharge 392 xxv' or 'Discharge 392 xvi' are references to the sub-paragraphs of Paragraph 392 of the 1912 edition of *The King's Regulations and Orders for the Army* (as amended) that regulated the discharge of other ranks.<sup>2</sup>

(h) A summary of the disposals listed in this Annex is:

- **Transfers to Infantry Regiments.** 95.
- **Transfer to Royal Garrison Artillery.** 1 (Corporal Griffiths).
- **Transfer to Tank Corps.** 1 (Lance-Sergeant Thorpe).
- **Transfers to Army Reserve.** 2 (Corporals Holman and Singleton).
- **Discharges.** 22.
- **Details of Disposal Not Sighted.** 2 (Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant Boyer and Lance-Sergeant Burke).
- **TOTAL.** 123.

Ser	Personal Details	Disposal
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Abbott, Bandmaster W (7178484)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Norfolk Regiment
2	Austin, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant P (7177219)	Depot The Lancashire Fusiliers
3	Barre, Corporal A (7178801)	Discharge 392 xxv
4	Bland, Sergeant W (7177038)	Depot The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
5	Bolger, Corporal H (7178496)	Discharge 392 xxv
6	Bond, Corporal C (7177489)	Discharge 392 xxv
7	Boyer, Sergeant A (7177320)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The South Staffordshire Regiment
8	Boyer, Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant R (7177105) MM [1914 Star]	Cadre and subsequent disposal not sighted (disposal in Caulfeild's list is blank and no relevant detail found within Part 1 Orders)
9	Brennan, Sergeant J (7178446)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)

<sup>1</sup> Award of the Meritorious Service Medal did not generate an entitlement to post-nominal letters.

<sup>2</sup> This link - <http://www.forrestdale.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/KingsRegs1912/para-21.html> - should generate details of the various sub-paragraphs. For discharges under sub-paragraph xxv that were attributable to the 1922 reduction of establishment, the cause of discharge was amended to read 'His services being no longer required, on reduction of establishment'.

(a)	(b)	(c)
10	Brennan, Corporal W (7177570)	Cadre and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
11	Brooks, Corporal T (7177020)	Cadre and then 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
12	Brophy, Lance-Sergeant M (7178095)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
13	Brown, Company Sergeant-Major Instructor in Musketry H (7177070) MM	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
14	Burke, Lance-Sergeant M (7177015)	Cadre (Transport Sergeant) until 24 June 1922 and subsequent disposal not sighted (disposal in Caulfeild's list is blank and no relevant detail found within Part 1 Orders)
15	Butterfield, Sergeant (7177093)	Depot The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
16	Byrne, Lance-Sergeant G (7178347)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
17	Byrne, Sergeant M (7177229)	Cadre and then Depot The Lancashire Fusiliers
18	Cannon, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant J (7177111) [1914 Star]	Cadre and then 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
19	Carroll, Corporal M (7177537) [1914 Star]	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
20	Casey, Corporal V (7178292)	Discharge 392 xxv
21	Colbert, Company Sergeant-Major T (7177045)	Discharge 392 xvi
22	Collins, Corporal M (7177196)	Cadre and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
23	Coogan, Sergeant (7177236)	Depot The Manchester Regiment
24	Cooney, Corporal R (7177688)	The Devonshire Regiment
25	Corbally, Corporal R (7177335)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
26	Coughlin, Lance-Sergeant M (7178476)	Discharge 392 xvi
27	Cox, Sergeant C (7177090)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
28	Cully, Sergeant R (7177209)	Depot The Border Regiment
29	Cumiskey, Company Sergeant-Major (7178167)	Depot The Lancashire Fusiliers
30	Daly, Corporal P (7177324)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
31	Darcy, Corporal M (7178415)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
32	Deevey, Corporal W (7177426)	Cadre and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
33	Devaney, Company Sergeant-Major M (7177622) [Meritorious Service Medal]	Depot The King's Regiment (Liverpool)
34	Doran, Company Sergeant-Major J (7177116)	Depot The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
35	Doran, Sergeant M (7177365)	Depot The Manchester Regiment
36	Drinan, Corporal (7177204) <b>NOTE:</b> Not included in Caulfeild's list; detail derived from Part 1 Orders.	Cadre and then Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
37	Duncliffe, Sergeant J (7177177)	Depot The York and Lancaster Regiment
38	Egan, Corporal J (7177468)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
39	Ephgrave, Lance-Sergeant W (7177169)	The Devonshire Regiment
40	Ferris, Sergeant J (7177231)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
41	Finn, Company Sergeant-Major J (7177094)	Cadre until 1 July 1922 and then 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
42	Flanagan, Corporal J (7177754)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
43	Flood, Corporal F (7177038 or 7178966; both are listed)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
44	Flynn, Corporal J (7177100) [1914 Star]	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
45	Gallichan, Sergeant P (7178665)	Depot The Lancashire Fusiliers
46	Gibbons, Sergeant H (7177165)	The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster)
47	Gillic, Corporal J (7177761)	Cadre and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment

(a)	(b)	(c)
48	Glover, Sergeant J (7177021)	Depot The King's Regiment (Liverpool)
49	Grant, Company Sergeant-Major J (7177193)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
50	Griffiths, Corporal L (7177442)	Royal Garrison Artillery
51	Guest, Corporal G (7178121)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
52	Guilfoyle, Sergeant J (7177079) [1914 Star]	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
53	Haggerty, Corporal W (7177462)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
54	Halpin, Lance-Sergeant T (7178029) [1914 Star]	The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's)
55	Hartley, Company Sergeant-Major J (7177089) [1914 Star]	Depot The Manchester Regiment
56	Haughney, Sergeant T (7177414)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
57	Hayes, Regimental Sergeant-Major P (7177127) [1914 Star]	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The King's Regiment (Liverpool)
58	Hogan, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant P (7177065) <b>NOTE:</b> Number may be incorrect; the same number is listed for Leeson.	Discharge 392 xvi
59	Holden, Regimental Sergeant-Major G W (7177087)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire) (commissioned as Lieutenant (QM) 28 September 1923)
60	Holman, Corporal A (7177570)	Army Reserve
61	Hurley, Company Sergeant-Major J (7177041)	Depot The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
62	Keating, Company Sergeant-Major T (7177033) [Meritorious Service Medal and 1914 Star]	Depot The Lancashire Fusiliers
63	Keeling, Corporal C (7179138)	Discharge 392 xxv
64	Kelly, Sergeant J (7177064)	Depot The Manchester Regiment
65	Kelly, Sergeant N (7177051)	Depot The Lancashire Fusiliers
66	Kiely, Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant T (7177090)	Depot Cadre and then Depot The Lancashire Fusiliers
67	Killeen, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant F (7177486)	Depot The Border Regiment
68	Lane, Corporal C (7178339)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
69	Lane, Company Sergeant-Major T (7177031)	Cadre (Sergeants' Mess Treasurer) and then Depot The Manchester Regiment
70	Lapthorne, Corporal C (7177248) [1914 Star]	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
71	Leary, Company Sergeant-Major S (7177677)	Discharge 392 xviii
72	Leeson, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant W (7177065) <b>NOTE:</b> Number may be incorrect; the same number is listed for Hogan.	Discharge 392 xvi
73	Long, Corporal E (7177385)	Discharge 392 xxv
74	McCarthy, Sergeant J (7177054) DCM [1914 Star]	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
75	McCray, Sergeant P (7177050)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
76	McDougall, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant J (7177165)	Depot Cadre (Sergeants' Mess Treasurer) and then The Royal Scots Fusiliers
77	McEvoy, Sergeant E (7177218)	Cadre and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
78	McGowan, Sergeant (Drum Major) B (7177064) [1914 Star]	The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's)
79	McGowan, Company Sergeant-Major J (7177130)	Cadre (listed as Clerk) and then Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
80	Maloney, Corporal J (7177343)	The Devonshire Regiment

(a)	(b)	(c)
81	Marriott, Sergeant F (7177123) [1914 Star] <b>NOTE:</b> Disposal in Caulfeild's list is blank; detail in column (c) derived from Part 1 Orders.	The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
82	Matthews, Company Sergeant-Major J (7177022) DCM	Cadre from 1 July 1922 and then discharge 392 xxi
83	Milliken, Corporal W (listed as 717865; probably 7177865))	Cadre (listed as Clerk) and then Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
84	Milloy, Sergeant J (7177150) [1914 Star]	Depot The Manchester Regiment
85	Moody, Sergeant J (7809126 or 7809176; both are listed)	Depot The Manchester Regiment
86	Morgan, Company Sergeant-Major W (7177173)	Depot The Northamptonshire Regiment
87	Moynihan, Sergeant B (7177198)	Depot The Manchester Regiment
88	Mullane, Corporal M (7177328)	Discharge 392 xxv
89	Murphy, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant C (7177059)	Depot The Manchester Regiment
90	Murphy, Corporal J (7177827)	Discharge 392 xxv
91	Nixon, Company Sergeant-Major R (7177068)	Discharge 392 xviii
92	Nolan, Sergeant C (7177411) [1914 Star]	The East Surrey Regiment
93	Norris, Corporal J (7177769)	Cadre and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
94	O'Brien, Company Sergeant-Major J (7177129) DCM MM [1914 Star]	Depot The Manchester Regiment
95	O'Brien, Colour Sergeant J (7177247)	Depot The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
96	O'Brien, Corporal M (7177556)	Cadre and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
97	O'Connor, Sergeant M (7177160)	Depot The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster)
98	O'Donovan, Corporal J (7177159) <b>NOTE:</b> It is believed that references to a Corporal Donovan within Part 1 Orders are references to this individual.	Discharge 392 xxv
99	O'Hanlon, Corporal O (7178047)	Discharge 392 xxv
100	O'Neill, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant A (7177298)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
101	O'Sullivan, Sergeant (7177037) <b>NOTE:</b> It is believed that references to a Sergeant Sullivan within Part 1 Orders are references to this individual.	Cadre and then Depot The Manchester Regiment
102	Pender, Sergeant C (7177170)	Cadre (listed as Clerk) and then Depot The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
103	Phelan, Quartermaster-Sergeant (Orderly Room Sergeant) P (7177121) [1914 Star]	Cadre and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment
104	Pogue, Sergeant J (7177983)	Depot The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster)
105	Quarney, Sergeant F (7177026)	Cadre (Orderly Room Clerk) and then discharge 392 xxi
106	Rawson, Sergeant A (7177262)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment
107	Roche, Sergeant J (7177988)	Discharge 392 xxv
108	Scully, Corporal W (7178419)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment
109	Sheehan, Corporal J (7177133)	Discharge 392 xvi
110	Shine, Corporal O (7177027)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
111	Singleton, Corporal J (7177521)	Army Reserve
112	Smith, Regimental Sergeant-Major C H (7177102) MC DCM [1914 Star]	Cadre and then 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Manchester Regiment (commissioned as Lieutenant (QM) 29 March 1923)
113	Swift, Lance-Sergeant C (7177162)	Cadre (Officers' Mess Sergeant) and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Welch Regiment

(a)	(b)	(c)
114	Thorpe, Lance-Sergeant F (7177315) [1914 Star]	Tank Corps
115	Walker, Corporal J (7177228)	Cadre and then Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
116	Wall, Company Sergeant-Major D (7177132) [1914 Star]	The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
117	Walsh, Sergeant J (7177034)	Depot The Manchester Regiment
118	Wheble, Sergeant J (7177152)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
119	Whelan, Sergeant J (7177043)	Cadre and then Depot The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
120	Whitty, Sergeant T (7178017) MM	Discharge 392 xxv
121	Winter, Company Sergeant-Major R (7177072) DCM MM	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment for secondment to West African Frontier Force (Nigeria Regiment)
122	Winter, Corporal T (7178308)	Discharge 392 xxv
123	Young, Company Sergeant-Major L (7177289)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment



## Disposal of Private Soldiers (Including Lance-Corporals)

### NOTES:

- (a) Details in this Annex are derived from scrutiny of Battalion Part 1 Orders and certain other documentation within Caulfeild's disbandment file.
- (b) Transfers to the Army Reserve and discharges were not published in Part 1 Orders and are thus excluded from this Annex.
- (c) The service numbers in column (b) are those allocated under the Army-wide system of numbering instituted in August 1920 (The Leinster Regiment being allocated the numbers 7177001 to 7211000).
- (d) Details of regiments in column (c) reflect the information available within the disbandment file; in many cases the specific unit (ie battalion or regimental depot) is not given. Individuals would generally have been posted to the home battalion or regimental depot in the first instance; some men may then have been drafted to the overseas battalion.
- (e) A summary of the disposals listed in this Annex is:
- **Transfers to Infantry Regiments.** 142 (assuming that the intended transfers of Lance-Corporal Ryan and Private Smith took place).
  - **Transfer to Royal Corps of Signals.** 1 (Private Gibbons).
  - **Transfers to Unspecified Units.** 3 (Privates Fennelly, Malshinger and Markey).
  - **TOTAL.** 146.

Ser	Personal Details	Disposal
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Austin, Private (7178546)	The Welch Regiment
2	Baker, Lance-Corporal (6733586)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
3	Barber, Private (7179007)	The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own)
4	Barton, Lance-Corporal (7177397)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
5	Beard, Private J (7178647)	Depot The Northumberland Fusiliers
6	Birmingham, Boy	The Welch Regiment
7	Birnie, Boy	The Welch Regiment
8	Boyle, Private (7177787)	The Gloucestershire Regiment
9	Brett, Private (7178377)	The Welch Regiment
10	Bridger or Bridges, Boy	The Essex Regiment
11	Brophy, Private (7177887 or 7178887; both are listed)	The Welch Regiment
12	Brown, Private (7178659)	The Welch Regiment
13	Buckley, Private (7178618)	The Hampshire Regiment
14	Byatt, Private (6000510)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)
15	Callaghan, Drummer (7177030)	The Lancashire Fusiliers
16	Cannon, Private (7179023)	The Welch Regiment
17	Canty, Private (7178874)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
18	Carroll, Private (7178299)	The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
19	Chase, Private (7178356)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
20	Church, Private (7178888)	The Welch Regiment
21	Cleary, Private J (7177069)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment
22	Codd, Private (7178652)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
23	Coles, Boy	The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own)
24	Collier, Private (7177732)	The South Staffordshire Regiment

(a)	(b)	(c)
25	Collins, Private (7179189)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
26	Comber, Private (7178955)	The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)
27	Coyle, Private (7179261)	The Devonshire Regiment
28	Cox, Boy	The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own)
29	Crafter, Private (6549692)	The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
30	Creagh, Drummer (7178000)	The Lancashire Fusiliers
31	Davies, Private (5876020)	The Hampshire Regiment
32	Davies, Lance-Corporal (7178675)	The South Staffordshire Regiment
33	Davis, Private (7178906)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
34	Dearing or Deering, Boy	The Welch Regiment
35	Dewan, Lance-Corporal (7177876)	The Welch Regiment
36	Dewane, Private (7177144)	The Welch Regiment
37	Didham, Private (7178677)	The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)
38	Donoghue, Private C (7177067)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
39	Donoghue, Lance-Corporal (7177387)	The Welch Regiment
40	Dowling, Private (7177491)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
41	Doyle, Private (7178316)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
42	Drinkwater, Lance-Corporal (7177597)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
43	Fennelly, Private (7076756)	Posted to new unit effective 7 June 1922 (relevant Part 1 Order does not identify unit)
44	Gallagher, Private (7177803)	The Welch Regiment
45	Garland, Private (7178425)	The Welch Regiment
46	Gibbons, Private (7177763)	Royal Corps of Signals
47	Gleeson, Private (7177751)	The Devonshire Regiment
48	Glen, Private (7177462)	The Welch Regiment
49	Glynn, Private (7177098)	The Welch Regiment
50	Goodall, Lance-Corporal (7178334)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
51	Goulding, Lance-Corporal (7178409)	The Welch Regiment
52	Gourlay, Private (7179043)	The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
53	Hale, Lance-Corporal (7177567)	The Hampshire Regiment
54	Hale, Private (7177615)	The Hampshire Regiment
55	Hargood, Boy (7178350)	The Gloucestershire Regiment
56	Harte, Private (7178767)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
57	Hayes, Private (7177029)	Depot The Gloucestershire Regiment
58	Hearne, Private (7178560)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
59	Hosford, Private (7177109)	The Welch Regiment
60	Hourigan, Private M (7177108)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment
61	Howell, Private (7179084)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
62	Hyland, Private (7178063)	The Welch Regiment
63	Ingram, Private (7178807)	The Welch Regiment
64	Jennings, Private (7178319)	The Devonshire Regiment
65	Jerrum, Private (7178859)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
66	Jones, Lance-Corporal (7177067 or 7178611; both are listed)	The South Staffordshire Regiment
67	Keane, Private (7178590)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)



(a)	(b)	(c)
68	Kelly, Private (7177860 or 7178600; both are listed)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
69	Kenneally, Private (7179153)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Gordon Highlanders
70	Kennedy, Private (7179142)	The Welch Regiment
71	King, Drummer (7177760)	The Welch Regiment
72	Kinsella, Lance-Corporal (7178873)	The Welch Regiment
73	Lambourne, Boy	The Welch Regiment
74	Lane, Private (7178534)	The Welch Regiment
75	Larkin, Private (7178806)	The Welch Regiment
76	Leavey, Private (7177690)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
77	Lee, Private (7177002)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
78	Leonard, Private (7178966)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
79	Leveridge, Private (7178524)	The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
80	Lopeman, Lance-Corporal (7177959)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
81	Lysaght, Private (7177087 or 7178087; both are listed)	The Welch Regiment
82	McCarthy, Private (7177840 or 7178840; both are listed)	The Devonshire Regiment
83	McEvoy, Lance-Corporal (7177509)	The Hampshire Regiment
84	McGarry, Private (7177802)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
85	McKennor, Private (6132473)	The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
86	McLoughlin, Private (7178094 or 7179094; both are listed)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
87	McMahon, Boy	The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own)
88	McNeill, Private (7177192)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
89	Mackey, Private (7179018)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
90	Mahoney, Private (7177004)	The Welch Regiment
91	Malshinger, Private (7178723)	Posted to new unit effective 7 June 1922 (relevant Part 1 Order does not identify unit)
92	Mansfield, Lance-Corporal (3513896 or 3573896; both are listed)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
93	Markey, Private (7177424)	Posted to new unit effective 7 June 1922 (relevant Part 1 Order does not identify unit)
94	Martin, Private (7178986)	Depot The East Lancashire Regiment
95	Middleton, Lance-Corporal (7178554 or 7178584; both are listed)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
96	Millett, Private (7177666 or 7177766; both are listed)	Depot The Lancashire Fusiliers
97	Mingay, Private (7178388)	The Welch Regiment
98	Mooney, Private (7178813)	The Devonshire Regiment
99	Moore, Private (7178603)	The Devonshire Regiment
100	Mullins, Boy	The Welch Regiment
101	Mundy, Boy	The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment
102	Murphy, Private (7177471)	The Welch Regiment
103	Murphy, Private (7177850)	The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
104	Murphy, Private (7178414)	The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
105	Murray, Lance-Corporal (2744015)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Gordon Highlanders
106	Murrell, Lance-Corporal (7178852)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
107	Nice, Private (7178386)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
108	Nunn, Boy	The Welch Regiment
109	O'Connor, Private (7178013)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)

(a)	(b)	(c)
110	O'Connor, Private (7179073)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
111	O'Dell, Lance-Corporal (7178831)	The Devonshire Regiment
112	Parnell, Boy	The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment
113	Patrick, Drummer (7177690)	The Lancashire Fusiliers
114	Pender, Private (7177817)	The Welch Regiment
115	Phelan, Private (7177445 or 7177455; both are listed)	The Welch Regiment
116	Phillips, Boy (7177768)	The Gloucestershire Regiment
117	Pledge, Lance-Corporal (7179239)	The Welch Regiment
118	Pomfrett, Private (7178939)	The Gloucestershire Regiment
119	Pope, Private (7178843)	The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
120	Prone, Private (6972145)	The Welch Regiment
121	Pudney, Private (7178866 or 7178666; both are listed)	The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)
122	Quilter, Private (7178345)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
123	Regan, Private (7179158)	The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
124	Reilly, Lance-Corporal (7178599)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
125	Robertson, Private (7179097 or 7179907; both are listed)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
126	Robinson, Lance-Corporal (7178453)	The Devonshire Regiment
127	Rourke, Private (7178768)	The Welch Regiment
128	Ryan, Lance-Corporal (7811427 or 7811437; both are listed)	The South Staffordshire Regiment <sup>1</sup>
129	Scott, Private (7178346)	The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
130	Sheridan, Private (7179093)	Depot The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire)
131	Singer, Private (7177666)	The Welch Regiment
132	Singleton, Private (7178337)	Depot The Gloucestershire Regiment
133	Smith, Private J (7177022 or 7177023; both are listed)	Outcome of application to transfer to The Welch Regiment not sighted
134	Spillett, Private (7178938)	The Welch Regiment
135	Squire, Lance-Corporal (7178552)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
136	Stafford, Private (7178005)	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
137	Sullivan, Boy (7178802)	The Essex Regiment
138	Taffe, Private (7178780)	The Hampshire Regiment
139	Traveskis, Private (7179262)	Depot The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
140	Whelan, Private (7177145)	The Welch Regiment
141	Williams, Lance-Corporal E (7178418)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's)
142	Wooldridge, Private (7178683)	The Welch Regiment
143	Wright, Private (7177155 or 7179155; both are listed)	The Devonshire Regiment
144	Wright, Private (722382; one digit appears to be missing)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Gordon Highlanders
145	Wyse, Private (7177816)	The Gordon Highlanders
146	Young, Private (717849; one digit appears to be missing)	The Devonshire Regiment

<sup>1</sup> A letter from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion to South Irish Records (Warwick) dated 27 June 1922 stated that Ryan's transfer was taking place 'under instructions from War Office' (notwithstanding objections by South Irish Records that The South Staffordshire Regiment was not accepting soldiers on transfer).