



### 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Norfolk Regiment

The 8<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion, Norfolk Regiment was raised at Norwich in September 1914 as part of Kitchener's Second New Army and the joined 53<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 18<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Division. The Division initially concentrated in the Colcehster area, moving to Salisbury Plain in May 1915.

They proceeded to France, landing in Boulogne on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1915, the division initially concentrating near Flesselles. In 1916 they were in action on The Somme including The Battle of Albert, capturing their objectives near Montauban, The Battle of Bazentin Ridge including the capture of Trones Wood, Battle of Delville Wood, Battle of Thiepval Ridge, Battle of the Ancre Hights playing a part in the capture of Schwaben Redoubt and Regina Trench and The Battle of the Ancre.

In 1917 they took part in the operations on the Ancre including Miraumont and the capture of the Irles, they fought during the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line and in the Third Battle of the Scarpe before moving to Flanders. There they were in action in The Battle of Pilkem Ridge, Battle of Langemarck and the First and Second Battle of Passchendaele.

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 1918 the battalion was disbanded in France and the men transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Norfolks.