

**WAR DIARY OF 'A' SQUADRON NORTH IRISH HORSE¹
5 AUGUST 1914 TO 31 MAY 1916**

GHQ Mounted Troops

August 1914

5	Enniskillin, Londonderry, Dundalk, Belfast (Troops). Officers, N.C.Os and men of Special Service Troops came up for mobilization.
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7-16	Dublin. Entrained to Dublin to form Special Service Squadron. Mobilization equipment drawn and training carried on.
17	Embarked S.S Architect at North Wall Docks.
18	At sea.
19	Landed at Havre. Proceeded to No.1 Camp St Adresse ² .
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21	Entrained for Busigny.
22	Detrained at Busigny. Marched to Le Cateau.
23	Detailed as escort to Commander in Chief.
24	Half Squadron detached to 4 th Division marched to Solesmes.
25	One half Squadron formed a (?) to cover detrainment of 4 th Division, retired to Beauvois.
26	One half Squadron joined 3 rd Division at Caudry, retired to (?)revoir.
27	Rear guard for 3 rd Division to Vermand.
28	Rear guard for 3 rd Division to Noyon, rejoined 4 th Division.
29	Marched out to camp at Sempigny.
30	Rear guard to 4 th Division to (Biruiat?).
31	Rear guard to St Sauveur.

¹ Official War Diaries (Ref. WO 95/86, WO 95/2914) written and signed by **Major (later Lieutenant-Colonel) John Henry Michael Cole**, Viscount, Commanding A Squadron, North Irish Horse.

² Sainte Adresse

September 1914

1	Rear guard of 4 th Division to Baron.
2	Rear guard for 4 th Division to Dommartin.
3	Marched Dommartin to Lagny.
4	Rear guard to Jossigny.
5	Rear guard to Brie-Comte-Robert.
6	Advance guard to 4 th Division to Magny-le-hongres.
7	Advance guard to 4 th Division to Corbeville.
8	Advance guard to 4 th Division to Signy-Signets.
9	Rejoined General Headquarters at Coulommiers.
10	Coulommiers.
11	Marched to La Ferme Paris near Marigny.
12	Marched to Fere-en-Tardenois.
13-30	Fere-en-Tardenois. Guards and escorts to Commander-in-Chief.

October 1914

1-7	Fere-en-Tardenois. Guards and escorts to Commander-in-Chief.
8	Entrained for Abbeville.
9	Detrained at Abbeville.
10-12	Abbeville. Guards and escorts to Commander-in-Chief.
13	Entrained for and detrained at St Omer.
14-16	St Omer. Guards and escorts to Commander-in-Chief.
17	Marched to Hazebrouck under orders for Assistant Provost Marshall.
18	Marched to Bailleul, detailed for Police duties and Road Control from Messines to Estaires.
19-23	Police duties and Road Control, Messines to Estaires.
24	Reassembled at Bailleul.
25	Marched to St Omer, and joined General Headquarters Troops.
26-31	St Omer. General Headquarters Troops duties.

November 1914

	St Omer. Guards and escorts to Commander-in Chief. General Headquarters Troops duties.
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December 1914

	St Omer. General Headquarters Troops duties.
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January 1915

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February 1915

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March 1915

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April 1915

	St Omer. General Headquarters Troops duties.
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May 1915

1-26	St Omer. General Headquarters Troops duties.
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27	Marched to Blendecques.
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28-31	Blendecques. Guards and escorts to Commander-in-Chief.
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June 1915

	Blendecques. Guards and escorts to Commander-in-Chief.
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July 1915

	Blendecques. Guards and escorts to Commander-in-Chief.
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August 1915

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GHQ Mounted Troops/ Divisional Mounted Troops 55th Division	
January 1916	
1-2	Blendecques.
3	Entrained for Limeux to join 55 th Division.
4-31	Limeux. Divisional Cavalry duties.
Divisional Mounted Troops 55th Division	
February 1916	
1-7	Limeux. Squadron, Brigade and Divisional training.
8-15	[8 February] Marched to St Ledger les Domart. [8-15 February] St Ledger les Domart. Squadron training and Divisional Cavalry duties.
16	Marched to Sarton.
17-24	[17 February] Marched to Humbercourt. [17-24 February] Humbercourt. Squadron training and Divisional Cavalry duties.

25-29	[25 February] Marched to Couturelle. [25-29 February] Couturelle. Divisional Cavalry duties.
March 1916	
1-7	[1-7 February] Couturelle. Divisional Cavalry duties. [7 February] Marched to Humbercourt.
8-31	Humbercourt. Divisional Cavalry duties.
April 1916	
1-30	Humbercourt. Divisional Cavalry duties with 55 Division.
May 1916	
1-4	Humbercourt. Divisional Cavalry duties.
5	Marched to (Loeseuse?).
6-9	Divisional Cavalry duties.
10-31	[10 May] Marched to Grouches to form VII Corps Cavalry Regiment comprised of A, D & E Squadrons. Major Viscount Cole to Command 1/ North Irish Horse. O.B 1517. [10-31 May] Grouches. Corps Cavalry duties.