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Buckinghamshire by Lt. Col H.M. Williams, and was officially recognised on 26th September 1914. On
February 1st the 2nd Bucks moved to Northampton, joining the South Midland Reserve Brigade,
afterwards the 184th Infantry Brigade. Employed on Home Defence, the battalion performed duties
including trench digging around Epping and Chelmsford. On 6th August, a year after the
declaration of war, the battalion was inspected by Lord Kitchener himself. In May 1916, after being
inspected by HM King George V, the battalion embarked for France, lading at Le Havre on May 25th
and going into the trenches around Laventie. On July 19th the battalion took part in a disastrous
diversionary attack near Estaires, designed to distract German attention from the ongoing battle of
the Somme. The attack was a complete failure and all officers of the three attacking companies
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