

Headquarters,  
62nd (West Riding) Division.

2nd August 1918.

Dear Sir,

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About a month ago the 1/5th Devonshire Regiment was sent to the Division which I have the honour to command.

It came from Egypt and at once took its place in the line. A fortnight ago we were despatched South to take part in the great Battle of the Marne alongside French troops.

You will, I am sure, be proud to hear that the 1/5th Devonshire Regiment has more than worthily upheld all the proud traditions of the distinguished Regiment of which it forms a part.

The men are of fine physique, soldierly bearing and splendid courage. They played a worthy part in the great battle and were continuously engaged with the enemy from the 20th of July till the 30th of July - a very high trial for troops inexperienced in Continental warfare. I never want to have a finer Battalion under my Command, and I think it is only right, therefore, that I should acquaint the Territorial Association of Devonshire with my opinion of the prowess of their countrymen.

The fact that this Division is a West Riding Division ( having till a month ago been composed entirely of troops from the West Riding of Yorkshire ) does not detract from the fact that we are proud to welcome amongst our Yorkshiremen so distinguished a Battalion as that which we have had the honour to receive into our ranks.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

*(Sd) W.P. Braithwaite*  
*Major General*

Chairman,  
Devonshire Territorial Association,  
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Exeter.

P.S. I enclose a copy of the Order of the Day.