

## *5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment Territorial Force - Oakham Company*

On Sunday 2nd August 1914, the Oakham Company of the 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment Territorial Force set off by train for Bridlington, to take part in its annual two weeks' training camp. However, events overtook them when war was declared on Tuesday 4th August and within forty-eight hours they would find themselves back again in Oakham to prepare for a destination in France early the following year.

On Thursday 6th August, they marched out of Oakham for Loughborough, their route taking them through Langham and Melton Mowbray to an overnight stop in Asfordby school and on to Loughborough the following day. The picture opposite taken by a member of the Nourish family with a Box Brownie camera shows the Oakham Territorial Force marching in "Loose Formation" on the main road through Langham opposite the entrance to Well Street (later the same day). The pipe and drum band can be seen at the front.

The Rutland Troop of the Leicestershire Yeomanry Cavalry, who were in Melton Mowbray with rest of "A" squadron to await their mounts, cheered them on.

