

## Regimental Organisation (OrBat) 1914-1918

To better understand this process it is worth looking briefly at the method of recruiting and the Army structure in 1914.

Since its formation, the Standing British Army has run under the Regimental system, which insures a spirit-de-corps. within its ranks. Simply that individuals fight better for a Regiment (Regt), Battalion (Batt), Company (Coy) & their friends with in their Platoons (Plt) & Sections (Sect).

The British Army Regiments of 1914 consisted of two Regular Battalions and three Territorial Battalions. (Territorial Army having been formed in August 1908 on disbandment of Militia units).

An Infantry Regiment orbit consisted of:

### **Battalions:**

1st & 2nd (Regular)

3rd (Training)

4th/5th (Territorial (up to 1915 home service only)

6th - 10th New service formations on declaration of war . (some regiments recruited 30 new service Batts)

A Battalion consisted of 5 Companies, 1 x HQ & 4 line Companies (A,B,C & D) later in the war a 6th (Support Companies) was added. Each line Company was divided into four Platoons, each Platoon was divided in to four sections of 10-12 men. (Some service Companies in the early stages were increased to 10 Platoons)

