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Training in Cheltenham - Members of the 10th Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment "The Fighting Tenth", pose for a photograph during training near Battalion HQ located in the Lansdown Crescent area of Cheltenham. (Mr John Dowling of Brisbane, Australia very kindly provided the photo and permitted its use on this website and this is acknowledged with thanks.)



Training on Leckhampton Hill, Cheltenham - Members of the 10th Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment pose for a photograph during training at Leckhampton Hill in early 1915. (Photo sourced by and purchased from "The Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum".)



Leaving Cheltenham - Members of the 10th Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment on the platform of Cheltenham LMS Railway Station with their families on 3rd August 1915. They are leaving Cheltenham and all that was dear. Their first time in action would be on 25th September 1915, the first day of the Battle of Loos, when most of the battalion would become casualties.

From Wikipedia and other 'Battle of Loos' websites:

The **Battle of Loos** was the largest [British](#) offensive mounted in 1915 on the [Western Front](#) during [World War I](#). The first British use of [poison gas](#) occurred and the battle was the first mass engagement of [New Army](#) units.

The battle opened on 25 September. In many places British artillery had failed to cut the German wire in advance of the attack.^[4] Advancing over open fields within range of German machine guns and artillery, British losses were devastating.^[5] However, the British were able to break through the weaker German defences and capture the town of [Loos](#), mainly due to numerical superiority.

During the battle the British suffered 50,000 casualties. German casualties were estimated much lower, at approximately half the British total. The British failure at Loos contributed to Haig's replacement of French as Commander-in-Chief at the close of 1915.

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