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An extract from a letter from Thomas Baker Brown to his father, 29<sup>th</sup> December 1915. He describes having trouble with his feet after a 15 mile march, and being inspected by the 'new Commander of the Battlion' in Scarcroft.

**“Yesterday we had a Batt [battalion] route march of 15 miles. The only thing that troubled me were my feet. On arrival at Poppleton Lt. [lieutenant] Haswell had a feet inspection and gave me some boracic powder to put on mine. It has done them a lot of good. “**

**Key words:**

Battalion – a large group of about 1000 foot-soldiers (infantry)

Boracic powder is used to treat fungal infections such as athletes foot. It can help treat itchy and smelly feet.

Question: Why do you think Thomas had to go on a 15 mile march as part of his training?

Thomas Baker Brown: The story of a First World War soldier from North Tyneside

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