

## 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

### Casualties

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	How	Where	Hometown	Notes
BOSCOE	WILLIAM	PTE	5068	236935	22 Oct	DOW	HOME	SALFORD	
COLWELL	CHARLES JOHN	SGT	2185	235647	24 Oct	KIA	F&F	ROSS	Served Suvla Bay
HODGES	WILLIAM ALFRED	PTE	1121	235120	16 Oct	D	F&F	KEMPLEY	Tpt, served Egypt 1915, awarded TFWM
MARCHANT	WILLIAM GOODWIN	PTE	4262	236728	16 Oct	KIA	F&F	HEREFORD	
POOLE	HARRY WILLIAM	CPL		202098	25 Oct	KIA	F&F	WELLINGTON	KSLI attached
THACKWAY	PHILLIP JOHN	LSGT	1619	235346	15 Oct	KIA	F&F	ROSS	Served Suvla Bay
WEBB	WILLIAM EDWARD	PTE	3275	236113	24 Oct	KIA	F&F	RHYADER	
WHITTAKER	HERBERT WILLIAM	PTE	1453	235275	26 Oct	DOW	F&F	M MARCLE	Served Suvla Bay

LSgt Thackway (known as Jack) was one of 5 brothers that served, his brother Fredrick William (known as Bill) was discharged as a result of wounds received at Suvla Bay. The photograph is of him as a Lance Corporal, taken in the Middle East probably in 1916. Above his lance Corporal 'stripe' he is wearing the badge of a qualified Lewis Gunner.

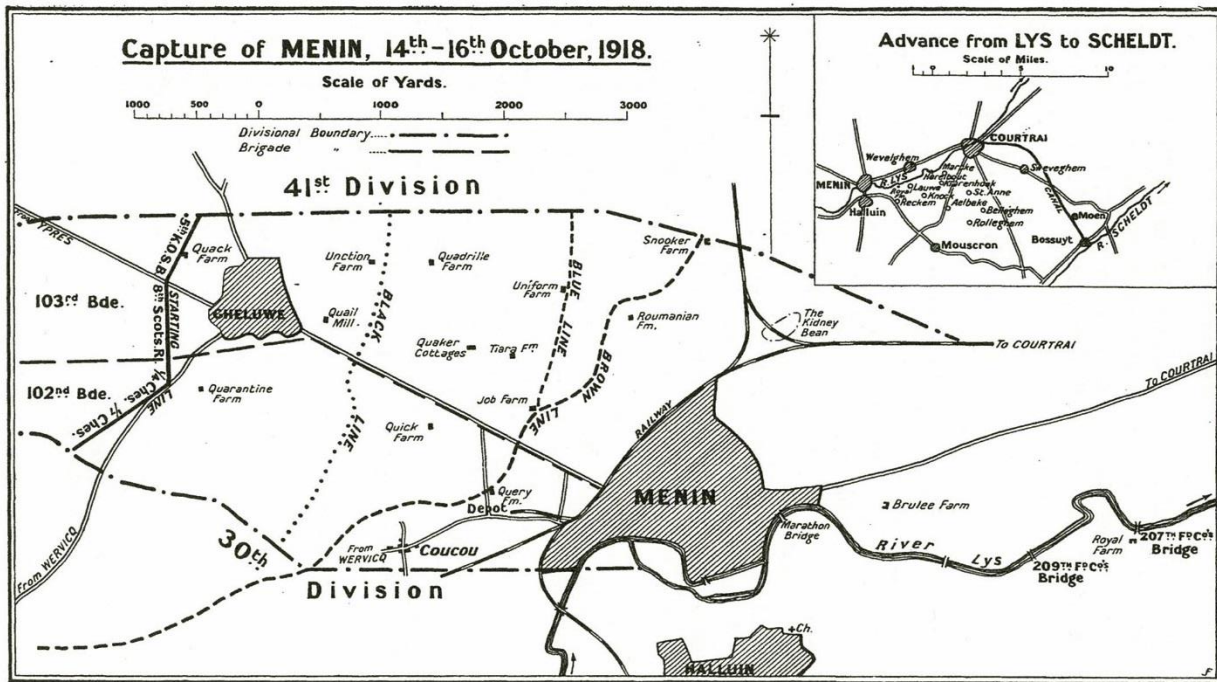


**SERGT. THACKWAY KILLED.**  
Sergt P. J. Thackway, Herefordshire Regt., son of Mr and Mrs J. Thackway, of Tudorville, was killed in action in France on Oct. 22nd, when he was shot through the stomach and died instantly. He was 22 years of age and joined up in August, 1914. He went through the Suvla Bay and Palestine campaigns with the Regiment before being transferred to France in June last, where he had seen considerable service in the great offensive now being pursued by the Allies. Several letters have been received from his comrades, all of whom speak in highest terms of Sergt. Thackway as a Non-Commissioned Officer, and who for sometime had been acting as machine gun instructor to the Regiment. Mr. and Mrs Thackway had five sons serving, one of whom has been discharged through wounds; one has now made the supreme sacrifice, and the other three are now in the forces.

## From 34 Div War Diary

On 2 Oct the Div moved to an area east of the Ypres-Comines canal about Zandvoorde. This movement was over roads in full view of the enemy's positions south of the Lys, but fortunately the Hun was fully occupied, and we only suffered one casualty. During this day Gen Nicholson received orders to take over the Werwicq-Menin line from 35 and 41 Divs, and to be prepared to fight for it. Later the orders were repeated with the fighting omitted, and on the night of 2/3 Oct the line was taken over, 103 Bde being on the right, 102 on the left, and 101 in reserve about Zandvoorde. The line ran from about 2500 yds north of Werwicq to Gheluwe, a front of about 3500 yds, almost the whole area under direct observation from north and east of the Lys. The only line of supply was along a plank road, unfit for lorries, from St Eloi to the canal near Hollebeke, and thence parallel to the front. Fortunately the Hun was disorganised, and the Div got in with little trouble. The enemy, however, found time in a few days to attend to this matter of our supplies, and shelled parts of the road so effectively that a new route had to be found, and this could only be used by pack animals. On the night of 5/6 103 Bde went into reserve just east of Zandvoorde, being relieved by 102, and on the same night 101 took over the adjacent brigade front on the left from 124 Bde. At this time a renewal of the advance was contemplated on 7th, but it was postponed till 14th. On the 6th news arrived that the Hun had suggested an immediate armistice.

Several changes in the holding of the line took place, and by the morning of 13th 102 were on the right and 103 on the left, all ready for the attack, which was fixed to start at 0525hrs 14 Oct. The line as held on the morning of the 4th ran irregularly south-west from a point roughly 400 yds north-west of the northern end of Gheluwe, through Quack Farm to the Ypres-Gheluwe road, thence due south to the Werwicq-Gheluwe road, and thence again south-west some 100 yds to the Div boundary. The village of Gheluwe fell entirely within 103 Bde area. The frontline troops from left to right were 103 Bde, 5KOSB, 8 Scottish Rifles; 102 Bde 4 Cheshires, 7 Cheshires. The two battalions of 103 Bde were each formed in depth on a single company front; those of 102 on a 2 company front, with one in support and one in reserve. 5 A&SH were in reserve on a two company front some 1800 yds in rear of the centre of 103, and 1 Herefords in rear of 102 Bde. The information pointed to the area about to be attacked being held by a system of fortified posts and pill-boxes. Special arrangements were made for dealing with all of these that were known, but as the advance was to be made behind a creeping barrage it was impressed on all ranks that the leading troops must keep up with the barrage, leaving the mopping up of any post that held out to the troops following them. The village of Gheluwe was to be dealt with by the fourth companies of the KOSB and Scottish Rifles, which were to follow their leading companies, passing on either side of the village till they were abreast of the centre, and then turn inwards and mop up the village from north and south. During the first twenty-eight minutes of advance the village was to be kept under smoke and thermite barrage by the arty and special RE Coy. About 1500 yds in advance of the jumping-off line was the Black line, on reaching which there was to be a pause of 15 minutes for reorganisation, after which the barrage was to advance again, till it reached a line some 250 yds beyond the Blue line, which was about 1500 yds from the Black. This Blue line on the front of 102 and right of 103 Bde was to be the final objective, and on this part the barrage was to remain steady while specially selected points were consolidated.



The morning was very foggy, and what with our smoke barrage round Gheluwe, the enemy's gas, and the natural fog, the advance was made in an atmosphere strongly reminiscent of a yellow London fog, which made the maintenance of direction very difficult. In parts it was impossible to see more than 5 yds, and officers and sergeants led with the aid of compasses; some sections advanced holding each other by the belt. Nevertheless the front posts of the enemy were overwhelmed, but most of our casualties occurred in this first stage from posts too near our line to be included in the barrage even though the Light Trench Mortars had dealt with them.

The advance was resumed at 0618hrs. 4 Cheshires, with A and B Coys, made a rapid advance to Coucou, where about 70 prisoners were taken, among whom was a communicative and obliging German who spoke English well and guided his captors through the Menin depot close up to Menin. A party of 20 men held its position just north of the Menin road till about 1300hrs. It came under machine gun fire. The main body continued passing near Job Farm, and eventually returned to Battalion HQ near the jumping-off line, having taken some 110 prisoners and contributed towards the capture of a field gun which fell into the hands of the Scottish Rifles near Quick Farm. 4 Cheshires, in addition to the above, took, during the day, a field gun and several prisoners near Query Farm and some machine guns near Quarantine Farm. 1/7 Cheshires on the right had but a short way to go, and soon reached their objective and pushed out patrols to the outskirts of Menin.

The approximate casualties on this very successful day were only 12 officers and 255 other ranks, and the prisoners taken were 586. Three field guns, many trench mortars, machine guns, and much light railway material and rolling stock were also captured.

There was intense machine gun fire all along the enemy's front during the night, which prevented the patrols we sent out entering Menin, in which many fires were seen and many explosions heard. Early on the 5th patrols were pushed out. It appears that the honour of being the first through the town rests with Lt Montague and a patrol of the 4 Cheshires, which, after overcoming some resistance, got right through the town and reached Brulee Farm by 0900hrs, but the A&SH were not far behind, for at 0915hrs one of their patrols reached the Marathon bridge, which they found blown up and still burning.

Menin was quickly occupied by 102 Bde, and posts established on the right bank of the Lys, at Mongrel and Marathon bridges. 103 Bde carried on the line along the Wevelghem road to the east of Tent Farm. The enemy held Ripe Farm till dusk, and also the northern outskirts of Halluin. During the night of 15/16th patrols of 1 Herefords and 5 A&SH crossed the river, and, meeting near the church on north-east outskirts of Halluin, captured a machine gun, which the former brought back, re-crossing by a pontoon bridge which the enemy had forgotten to destroy. The A&SH patrol, under 2Lt D Thomson, built a bridge of material salvaged on the bank, and by this bridge, Z Coy of the Scottish Rifles

crossed at 0600hrs on 16th, but they made no great progress on account of the heavy and accurate machine gun fire. The company held its position all day, suffering many casualties, and was withdrawn about 1900hrs as the bridge was nearly destroyed, and was actually broken up by a shell just after the company had recrossed.

On the 18th Gen Woodcock and HQ 101 Bde made a triumphant entry into Lauwe, which was the first Belgian town we had entered which was still inhabited. The inhabitants gave the General a demonstrative and enthusiastic welcome. The enemy was evidently in full retreat, and crowds of liberated civilians were met on all sides.

On the 19th the advance was resumed. 2/4th Queen's formed the advance guard. By noon some 6000 yds had been covered, then there came a temporary check in front of Belleghem, which was occupied by the enemy, who also had machine guns in the buildings to the north. The Loyal North Lancs sent 2 companies round either flank of the position. The encircling took some time, and it was midnight before Courtrai road, east of Belleghem, was reached, and a company of the Queen's had passed through the village. The remainder of the division crossed the Lys, 102 Bde going to St Anne's, and 103 Bde to Knokke.

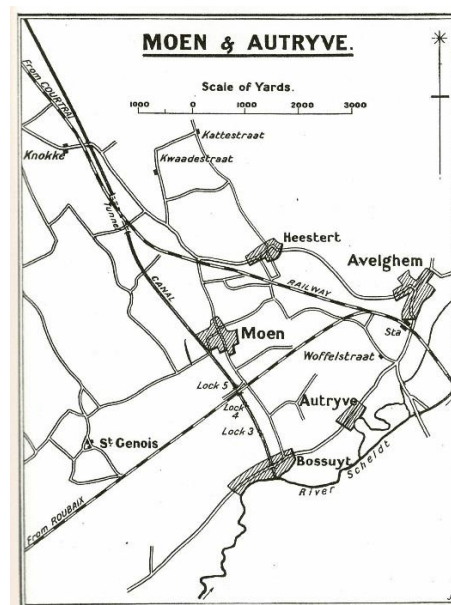
On the 22nd orders were received to interpose again between 30 and 41 Divs and continue the advance. 102 Bde, which had not been in action since the 16th, relieved the right brigade of 41 Div in the front line. The sector occupied by the brigade faced a little north of east, 600 yds west of, and parallel to, the Conrai-Bossuyt Canal. The left rested on the canal tunnel, part of which was held by the enemy, and right on the Scheldt, near Bossuyt.

1 Herefords were on the left, and 1/7th Cheshires on the right, 1/4th Cheshires in reserve. 123 Bde, 41 Div, which was on the left, was to make an attack at 0415hrs on 24th, and in this 102 Bde was to co-operate.

123 Bde held the line from the left of 102, and almost in at right angles to it in a north-easterly direction across the canal, north of the tunnel. It was to attack in a southerly direction till its right flank was past the tunnel, and then change direction to the south-east, which would leave a gap between its right flank and the canal, which would increase as the advance progressed. The Herefords were to close this gap, crossing the canal as soon as 123 Bde had passed the tunnel. No sooner had the relief been accomplished than the support and reserve companies of the battalion had to move to the vicinity of the tunnel, their places being taken by 2 companies of 1/4 Cheshires.

The attack of 42 Div, however, did not progress far enough to render the co-operation of 102 Bde necessary, and on the 24th a new scheme of attack was evolved. As a preliminary to which the 1/4 Cheshires relieved the right battalion of 123 Bde, 23 Middlesex, which held the east bank of the canal north of the northern exit of the tunnel, which was held by the enemy. Thence 41 Div line ran south of Kwaadesstraat, and bent back to the north of Kattestraat.

The main attack was to be made in a southerly direction from this Line, but a subsidiary attack was to be made by 1/7 Cheshires in the neighbourhood of Locks 3, 4, and 5 under a heavy barrage and smoke screen put down by 34 Div Arty. It was hoped that the battalion would be able to get across the canal and meet 1/4 Cheshires as they advanced down the east bank. The village of Moen was to be kept under a dense smoke cloud by the field howitzers from 4 minutes before to 96 minutes after zero, which it was hoped would admit of the encirclement of the village and its easy mopping up by the rear companies of 1/4 Cheshires. The advance was to be continued on in conjunction with 41 Div in a south-easterly direction.



The creeping barrage for the main attack was to be put down by 41 Div Arty, but two batteries of 34 Div were to thicken and extend it to include the canal as far as the northern edge of Moen. The subsidiary attack was made at

0300hrs, and was only partially successful. A and C Coys 1/7 Cheshires cleared Bossuyt and lined the river bank on the far side, but B Coy was unsuccessful in its attempt at crossing at Lock 4, owing to heavy machine gun fire. The enemy at 0800hrs made a clever counter-attack under a heavy trench mortar barrage, and took 3 officers and 22 other ranks prisoners.

At 0900hrs the barrage for the main attack commenced 200 yds in front of the jumping-off line, and moved forward at 200 yds a minute. 4 Cheshires fighting line, under Maj Morris, advanced steadily, lengthening its line to the right as the right flank of 23 Middlesex inclined away from the canal. By 0930hrs 1/4 Cheshires was clear of the tunnel, over which 1/7 Cheshires crossed and moved in support of 4 Cheshires. The Cheshires easily overcame the resistance on their front, but the enemy's machine gunners farther east were more active and persistent, so that 41 Div progress was slower. By 1215hrs B and D Coys of 1/4 Cheshires were east of Moen, and A was between that village and the canal. 2Lt Rouse, commanding B, had been wounded in the thigh by shrapnel at 0500hrs, but he led his company till late in the afternoon, when Maj Morris ordered him back.

Col Drage and HQ personnel of 4 Cheshires passed through the western part of Moen, being met by some unfortunate inhabitants of that place, who were in a very unenviable position. The Herefords were close behind 1/4 Cheshires, and rendered ready aid wherever it was needed. By 1300hrs C Coy 1/4 Cheshires had cleared Moen of the enemy, and Colonel Drage was enabled to reorganise his battalion south of that village, preparatory to a further advance. A Coy moved with its right on the canal, and B with its right on the Moen-Autryve road. D and 1 Herefords moved in rear of the left flank of B, ready to ward off any attacks from that flank, as the progress of 123 Bde was not known. C Coy followed in the centre as reserve. At 1500hrs Lt Lokeman, of D Company, 1/7 Cheshires, reported to Col Drage having crossed the canal at Lock 4. A French civilian now came to Col Drage and gave him much useful information. By 1600hrs B Coy, 1/4 Cheshires, now under 2Lt Stafford, with D, reached the northern outskirts of Autryve, and had to wait till our guns had finished bombarding it before they could enter. By 2030hrs Autryve was cleared, and all our objectives had been gained. The losses of 1/4 Cheshires on this day were 10 killed and 24 wounded, and they took 57 prisoners and 7 light machine guns. In Autryve they found many wounded civilians, to whom every attention was paid, and as many as possible were taken to hospital by the stretcher-bearers.

102 Bde's losses totalled 87, and exactly that number of prisoners was taken. During the night the line was organised. The left flank of 30 Div was just west of Bossuyt, thence the 7 Cheshires held the line to the Moen-Bossuyt, whence 1/4 Cheshires took up the defence to the eastern outskirts of Autryve. 41 Div's right was at Woffelstraat, in touch with our right. The enemy withdrew across the Scheldt during the night, and we pushed our outposts to the left bank. Autryve was nearly demolished by the Huns' guns. On 26th the enemy evacuated Avelghern, which was occupied by 41 Div.

With the exception of the unfortunate episode at Lock 4 the operation had been eminently successful. During the 25th Gen Nicholson received orders that the Division was to be transferred to 2nd Corps, and on 26th 101 Bde Gp moved to the new area south-east of Harlebeke, and 103 Bde Gp to St Anne. During the night of 26/27th 102 Bde Gp was relieved by 21 Bde, 30 Div, and concentrated in the St Anne area by midday 27th. On 30th the final touches were put to the arrangements for a further advance on 31st, which had been in preparation for some time. 2nd and 19 Corps and 7 French Corps d'Armee were taking part in the attack, and 34 Div was to have the assistance of 30 tanks of 12 French Tank Bn. 41 French Div was on our left, and 31 British on our right.

**From The Battalion War Diary:**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Detail</i>
1 Oct	Battalion marched brigaded to P8D32, went into old enemy sheds for the night.
2 Oct	0700 - Battalion moved to P6C central; in reserve for 41 Div. 1930 - Orders received to relieve 124 Bde in line, Q4C central to Q8 central. Battalion in support. As there was no support battalion to relieve, Battalion had to dig in approximately Q2C&D. Very dark night, no guides available and no one who knew the ground. Battalion dug in and when daylight came the position was found to be in rather dead ground.
3 Oct	Situation normal. Usual harassing fire. Position selected for new support line. 1800 – Battalion proceeded to dig in selected positions in Q2C&D. Transport officer and 8 men wounded.
4 Oct	Orders to move, later cancelled. Work on defences continues. Artillery fire situation normal.
5 Oct	Situation normal. Usual enemy artillery and machine gun fire on our areas.

6 Oct	Orders received to relieve front line – later cancelled.
7 Oct	Situation normal. Battalion relieved by 2 Loyal North Lancs about 1930 and proceeded by a cross country track to an area about P3A59. Only a few pill boxes available for shelter and nearly all ranks bivouaced in open.
8 Oct	Divisional reserve, Resting and cleaning up.
9 Oct	Two companies working on roads under REs. Company commanders on recce.
10 Oct	Two companies working as per 9 <sup>th</sup> .
11 Oct	As per 10 <sup>th</sup> .
12 Oct	Orders received to relieve 2/4 Royal West Surreys in support line, north division sector. 1900 Battalion moved off to effect relief in old support line; situation normal.
13 Oct	Situation normal. 2100 Our artillery carried out a gas bombardment of selected areas – enemy replied.
14 Oct	0535 - Zero hour – Battalion in position ready to move. 0930 - B & C Coys ordered to advance and consolidate yellow line. 1020 – A & D Coys ordered to occupy old front line. 1230 – C Coy sent to reinforce 1/4 Cheshires in front line. 1800 – Two platoons of A Coy to support C Coy. 1900 – Enemy shelled area continually all night with gas. During night companies consolidated their positions.
15 Oct	0550 – B Coy proceeded through the front line of 1/4 Cheshires to eastern outskirts of Menin. Battle patrols pushed forward and cleared town after slight opposition. Company followed and took up lines about R14B88 to R16A11. Got into touch with 103 Bde on left. 0900 – C Coy ordered to take up a position about the lock R14CB1. 1100 – A Coy ordered to cover river from R13C52 to R19A38, D Coy to be in reserve about R13A28. 1800 - Front line re adjusted; 1/4 Cheshires withdrawn to support. Battalion in touch with 103 Brigade on left and 31 Division on right.
16 Oct	0100 - Patrols sent out. One patrol was sent to outskirts of Halluin; patrol after crossing River Lys by means of the remains of Marathon Bridge advanced 1,200 yards towards church; surprised enemy machine gun post and captured the gun, returning to the river bank and getting across by means of an enemy pontoon bridge which the patrol found and swung across the river. 0730 – B Coy ordered to cross the River Lys by means of pontoon bridge and reinforce 8 Scottish Rifles, who had succeeded in rushing a platoon over to the Halluin side, but were unable to advance clear of the bridgehead, being held up by machine gun fire; B Coy could not cross. 1200 – A Coy ordered to cross river about R19A38 by means of a small raft constructed from duckboards, carrying 2 men and worked by a party of the 1/4 Cheshire Regiment. Under cover of artillery and rifle fire the company succeeded in getting across by 1600. As pls crossed they they advanced and cleared the enemy from buildings called Rascals Retreat. The Coy then dug in about R19A61, 64, 76 to hold the crossing. The crossing and subsequent advance were made under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. For 5 hours D Coy worked at repairing the lock and making a bridge about R14C61; timber and other material having to be obtained from the houses in Menin. During the time the position was shelled and sniped at by the enemy. At about 1600 the work being nearly completed, the enemy opened up a very heavy artillery bombardment and destroyed the whole works. 1800 – Battalion relieved by 2/16 London Regiment and proceeded to area K35.
17 Oct	Brigade reserve. Administration and cleaning up. Lt Col Meldon arrived and assumed command.
18 Oct	Company and specialist training. Orders to be prepared to move.
19 Oct	0630 – Battalion marched brigaded to R11A25 to await orders. 0930 – Orders received; Battalion moved through Lauwe to M15C. Civilian population were greatly excited at sight of British troops. 1400 – Battalion moved to Aelbeke, M29. 1700 – Battalion again moved to St Anne, men accommodated in Monastery.
20 – 22 Oct	Battalion remained at half an hours notice to move.
23 Oct	0800 - Battalion moved to about Q31D, ready to take over front line.

	1800 - Battalion proceeded to relieve 23 Royal Fusiliers in front line from about U4C central to O28 and D17. Relief completed by 2345.
24 Oct	0215 - In conjunction with advance of 123 Bde on east of canal from about O22, in a south easterly direction, B Coy were ordered to force the tunnel and canal crossing about O28D to 59, supported by C Coy. As 123 Bde did not advance the rear of the crossing was not cleared and the Battalion did not press attack. B Coy dug in about O28C10 and C Coy around O28C33. Remainder of day passed quietly.
25 Oct	<p>In accordance with instructions the Battalion formed up in depth about O28B48, west of canal. When barrage fell, companies closed up. As soon as 1/4 Cheshires on east bank of canal, and facing south east cleared the crossing about 0917 - A Coy went across by platoons to east bank and changing direction south east followed the reserve company of the Cheshires. The 3 remaining companies followed in succession, the rear company being clear of the canal crossing at 1015. Detail of companies was A &amp; B in support of and in close touch with 1/4 Cheshires; C Coy in rear of B, detailed to follow and mop up village of Moen. D Coy to follow slowly in rear of C Coy and mop up area up to Moen. There was no opposition to canal crossing; barbed wire in course of erection but not complete.</p> <p>1020 – Enemy shelled crossing with 4.2s; by this time the whole Battalion was moving south easterly with right flank on the canal. On reaching the road crossing the railway at O92CCX7 the reserve company 1/4 Cheshires were held up by machine gun fire from left flank. A Coy brought a Lewis gun to fire on position with desired effect and the advance was resumed.</p> <p>The advance was again held up by machine gun fire about O29D26; this was again effectively dealt with by Lewis guns, and advance continued; Moen was under smoke barrage and enemy shell fire. One company Cheshires were held up at the house O35A19; 2 platoons of B Coy went to assist and the house was captured with about 30 prisoners and 1 machine gun.</p> <p>1100 - C Coy proceeded to clear village of Moen, enemy having 2 machine guns on eastern side of village. These were dealt with and village reported clear at 1258.</p> <p>1400 - Advance continued.</p> <p>1510 – Battalion was ordered to advance down east brigade boundary.</p> <p>1640 – Touch obtained with 41 Div on left, brigade having reached its objective, Battalion proceeded to dig in as support about V7A &amp; B and V1C.</p> <p>Enemy shelled area continually throughout the night.</p>
26 Oct	<p>Battalion remained in position.</p> <p>2230 – Battalion relieved and proceeded to T6A arriving at 0330.</p>
27 Oct	0900 – Battalion marched brigaded to St Anne; men in houses and farms. Lt Col I N Meldon proceeded to command 1 Royal Dublin Fusiliers; Lt Col E N Evans MC RWF arrived and assumed command of Battalion.
28 Oct	Battalion marched brigaded to B23D67 and men billeted in farms.
29 Oct	Battalion marched brigaded to Harlebeke and occupied huts, east of town.
30 Oct	Administrative work and company training.
31 Oct	As per 30 <sup>th</sup> . BGC inspected first line transport.

WAR DIARY APPENDIX

OCTOBER 1918

Traps 38 0/2

Daily Sick %	.66%	Total sent to Hospitals
% Hospital		for month of October
		0 0/2
		3 1/2

Examinations	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Dues
	0 0/2	0 0/2	0 0/2	0 0/2
	1 10	1 60	2	1

Officers joined.

2/2 Lt J. A. Myles	12-10-18
Lt Col W. M. Mearns	14-10-18
Lt J. A. DeWitt	24-10-18
Lt J. A. Edwards	25-10-18
Lt Col E. J. Evans	26-10-18
Lt J. D. Hunt	26-10-18

Officers Engaged.

Lt J. D. Bell	to France	26-10-18
Lt Col G. A. C. Galt	to France	26-10-18
Lt Col J. H. Mearns	to Egypt	27-10-18
Lt Col J. G. Lyons	to France	30-9-18
Lt Col J. D. Bushell	to France	8-10-18
Lt J. P. Ward	to England	10-10-18
Lt J. H. Hopkins	to England	10-10-18
Lt J. L. Williams	to England	15-10-18
Lt J. A. Bertram	to England	26-10-18
Lt J. A. Clark	to England	8-10-18
Lt J. D. Mitchell	to England	15-10-18
Lt J. H. Lumsden	to England	14-10-18

Pte HJ Parker was to be awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for action on 16 October:



London Gazette 11 March 1920  
 28788 Pte H J Parker,  
 1/1st Herefordshire Regiment.

At Menin, On 16 October 1918, as a stretcher bearer, when he organised and led other stretcher bearers and so rescued ten wounded men from being drowned in the river, the bridge they were working on being destroyed by shell fire. He displayed conspicuous gallantry and resourcefulness under heavy machine gun fire.

The Battalion was still suffering casualties including gas injuries as indicated by 235570 Pte Randall service record:

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
9.9.17	Wife	Wounded	do	6.11.17	10213 EFQ 2583 17.11.17
11.11.17	Wife	Wounded	do	6.11.17	89724
6.11.17	Wife	Wounded	do		
14.11.17	Wife	Wounded	do		
2.10.18	do	Wounded	Field	24/10/18	1021
19.9.18	12th Div.	Sgt. Lewis R.	do	19.9.18	2A 27906
6.9.18	do	Di. to Base Class 4.	do	6.9.18	14A 25706
7.9.18	do	Wounded	Platoon	6.9.18	1st
	do	Wounded 14/9 to 28/9/18	"		1.12.18/30/18
2.10.18	do	Wounded	"	1.10.18	Roll
	Wife	Wounded	Field	16.10.18	2A 8267
19.10.18	104. F.A.	W. J. Gas	Adm.	16.10.18	2A 8267
31.10.18	H. J. How	Gas Shell v.d.	Adm. Danvers	17.10.18	2A 20224

**From the Diaries of:**

Sgt Colley

The Battalion was now continuously in action and right through Sep the regiment was continuously in the front, passing through Gheluvelde, Menin and Laurve being the first English troops to pass through these places.

On Oct 29 we withdrew from the line although we did not know at the time it turned out to be our last time. We were quartered on Harlebeke within easy shelling distance, and we suffered greatly from nightly hostile bombing attacks.

Sgt Pugh

I came home for fourteen days leave on Sep 27 and was back in time for the attack on Menin. In the meantime the Battalion had been in heavy action. We took the town and the Colonel and officers were decorated. After Menin we came back to rest at Moselle

Sgt Harris

Sgt Harris was clearly having problems with his teeth, this had probably been exacerbated by Army rations and life on the field.

7 Oct	Leave finished went over to Surbiton
8 Oct	Left Victoria and reached Dover; crossed to Boulogne
9 Oct	12 hour ride to Rouen; spent the night in rest camp.
10 Oct	Reported to CIPD at 9 in the ?. Write to Cis & Sid
11 Oct	Reported to the dental det; wrote to Jack
12 Oct	Write to Mother, Mrs Smith, Doris & Ivy
13 Oct	Attached to ? for dental treatment; wrote to Gert & L
15 Oct	Four teeth taken out; went to Tivoli
16 Oct	Gum rest; whist drive at Sgts' Mess
17 Oct	Wrote to Auntie Cas, Alice and Len; went to cinema
18 Oct	Three teeth extracted; went into Rouen
19 Oct	Watched rugby match between Australians and New Zealanders
20 Oct	Went to service
21 Oct	Clearing the football pitch in morning; camp patrols. Letter from Gert
22 Oct	Letter from home; wrote back and to Gert
23 Oct	Went to concert at Mess
24 Oct	Ran across F Hill and T Rushton at base
25 Oct	Wrote to Cis. Letter from L
26 Oct	Letter from Olive
27 Oct	Letter from Ivy
28 Oct	Wrote to Olive, Reg & Syd
29 Oct	Went to cinema
30 Oct	Letter from Alice and Reg; Whist drive in Mess; Turkey surrenders
31 Oct	Wrote to L & Reg

News of those missing in the late July/early August engagements were also being received:

Previously reported wounded, now reported killed :—  
**HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.**  
 Davies (238554), H. T., Hereford.  
 Harvey (35659), F. S., Dudley.  
 Waites (235865), Lance-Corpl. L. A., Ross.  
 Previously reported missing, now reported killed :—  
**HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.**  
 Dyke (21223), A., Albrighton.  
 Harris (236384), G. M., Hereford.  
 Peters (235349), W., Ross.  
 Rogers (235767), Corpl. C. L., Hereford.

### LANCE-CORPL. L. H. WAITES, KILLED.

Information has now been received that Lance-Cpl. L. H. Waites, of the Herefordshire Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Waites, of 20 Millpond Street, Ross, previously reported wounded and then returned as wounded and missing, is now said to have been killed in action in France, on July 23rd last. Lance-Cpl. Waites joined the army on the 2nd September, 1914, and took part in the Gallipoli campaign, during which he was invalided home with gastritis. He returned to Egypt in April of 1916, taking part in the many engagements with his regiment both in Egypt and in Palestine. In July of this year he was, with others, transferred to France, and according to the report he fell in their first engagement in the Battle of Soissons. As a young man he was apprenticed with Mr. Walter Lugg, as a cooper, at the Broad Street Works, and remained there for eleven years, afterwards going as a cooper at the Cirencester Brewery. He was 30 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child.



PTK. H. DAVIES,  
Hereford Regiment, who was killed in France  
on July 23rd. He was a nephew of Mr. Simp-  
son West Street, Pembroke.

The 1st Volunteer Bn - Hereford (formerly the Volunteer Training Corps (VTC))

The Volunteer Battalion continued to be active:

### 1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

BATTALION ORDERS BY CAPTAIN G. M.  
MORTON, ACTING O.C.

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.  
October 3rd, 1918.

No. 47.

1. Permanent Staff.—No. 16274 R.S.M. O'Neill will attend parade at Kington on the 10th inst.

2. Musketry Classes.—Classes of instruction in musketry will be held by S.S.I.M. Galley, commencing at Bromyard on the 4th inst., and at Leominster on the 6th inst.

3. Hotchkiss Gun Classes.—A class for officers and N.C.O.'s of "C" Company will be held at Ross on the 6th inst., under Lieut. I. D. James.

4. Training in Water Duties.—Further courses of instruction in water duties will be held at Blackpool during October and November, each course being for three days. The names of men wishing to attend will be notified to Orderly Room by Officers Commanding Companies.

(Signed) C. L. Gabell, Capt. & Adjt.  
1st Vol. Batt. Herefordshire Regt.

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BATTALION ORDERS BY CAPTAIN G. M.  
MORTON, ACTING O.C.

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.  
October 10th, 1918.

No. 48.

1. Permanent Staff.—No. 38955 C.S.M. Jones, J. E., will attend parades at Leominster on the 13th inst., and Upton Bishop, on the 15th inst.

2. Attached Instructors.—The following instructors are attached for duty to the Companies named:—No. 14582 C.Q.M.S. Gaskell, J., and No. 202429 Sergt. Collins, W. F. J., "A" Company; No. 10173 Sergt. Bartlett, J., and No. 265267 Sergt. Stevens, H., "B" Company; No. 246027 C.S.M. Hollinrake and No. 201750 Corpl. Kippax, "C" Company; No. 200012 Sergt. Evans, J. T., "D" Company.

3. Inspections: Musketry.—The Supervising Officer for Musketry (Vols.) Central Area B, Western Command, will attend parades at Bromyard on the 15th inst. Ross on the 16th inst., and Ledbury on the 17th inst.

(Signed) C. L. Gabell, Capt. & Adjt.  
1st Vol. Batt. Herefordshire Regt.

## 1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

BATTALION ORDERS BY CAPTAIN G. M.  
MORTON, ACTING O.C.

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.

October 24th, 1918.

No. 50.

1. Inspection.—The Battalion will parade as strong as possible on Monday, October 23th, 1918, at 7 p.m., for inspection by Brigadier-General Cholmondeley, C.B. Dress: Marching order. Where possible, Government boots will be worn. Men without uniform will parade with rifle, belt and bayonet. Recruits without arms or uniform will parade separately. The Commanding Officer hopes that every officer, N.C.O. and man will make a special effort to attend.

2. School of Instruction.—The following officers, N.C.O.'s and men attended the week-end School of Instruction in drill, musketry and bayonet fighting, etc.:—Lieut. H. J. Hammond, Lieut. O. M. Holt Needham, Lieut. H. S. H. Bickham, Lieut. J. W. Hewitt, Lieut. C. B. Caldicott, Lieut. J. W. W. Smith, Lieut. T. C. Clarke, Lieut. Sir G. Cornwall, Bart., Lieutenant C. A. Griffith, Sergeant Hexon, Sergeant Bray and Corporal James (Ledbury), Sergt. Kemp, Corpl. Newton, Corpl. Holding, Lance-Corpl. Wood, Pte. Hobson and Pte. Coombs (Ross), Corpl. Harris (Fawley), Sergt. Dimery (Much Birch), Lance-Corpl. Jenkins and Pte. Wadsworth (Hereford), Pte. Hodgskiss (Moccas).

3. Proposed Corps Rules.—Under the powers provided by the Volunteer Act, 1863, Section 24, a general meeting of the members of the Battalion to decide upon the adoption of Corps Rules, will be held on Sunday, November the 3rd. Members will vote at their Company Headquarters immediately after regular parade.

4. Appointment.—No. 902664 Corpl. Bindon, A. J. C. of "C" Company, to be appointed Acting Sergeant from 23/10/18.

(Signed) C. P. Caldicott, Lt. & Asst. Adjt.,  
1st Vol. Batt. Herefordshire Regt.

### 1st BATTALION Herefordshire Volunteer Regt. " B " Company (No. 5 Platoon) Leominster.

Sunday, October 6th, Machine Gun Section, 10.15 a.m.,  
" B " Co., Open Range, 10.15 a.m., Musketry Class,  
10.15 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8th, No. 5 Platoon, 7.30 p.m.,  
Wednesday, October 9th, Machine Gun Section,  
7.30 p.m.

Monday, Miniature Range will be open, 7.30 to 8.30  
p.m. Corpl. C. Hoff in charge.

W. M. ELLWOOD, Lieut.,

" B " Co., 1st H.V.R.

Headquarters,  
Leominster,  
Oct. 1st, 1918.

### 1st BATTALION Herefordshire Volunteer Regt. " B " Company (No. 5 Platoon) Leominster.

Sunday, October 20th, No. 5 Platoon, 10.15 a.m.  
Machine Gun, 10.15 a.m., for practice, Open Range.  
Monday, October 21st, Miniature Range, 7.30 p.m.;  
Corpl. C. Hoff in charge.

Tuesday, October 22nd, No. 5 Platoon, Guard and  
Outposts, 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23rd, Machine Gun, 7.30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28th, BATTALION INSPEC-  
TION, 7 p.m., at HEREFORD, by GENERAL  
HEADLAM. Dress: Musketry Order.

No. 5, 6, 7 & 8 Platoons of " B " Co. will leave  
Leominster by 6.25 p.m. train and return from Hereford  
7.55 p.m. The Machine Gun Section will parade with  
No. 5 Platoon. Every N.C.O. and Man is required to  
attend.

No Parades on Sunday, October 27th, or Tuesday,  
October 29th.

W. M. ELLWOOD, Lieut.,  
" B " Co., 1st H.V.R.

Headquarters,  
Leominster,  
October 16th, 1918.

1st V.B. HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.  
"C" COMPANY.

Orders for Week commencing  
Thursday, October 3, 1918.

Thursday 3.—Hentland 7.30 (Corpl. Holding).—Whitchurch, 8.0.

Friday 4.—Fawley 7.30, Outposts (C.S.M. Hollinrake).—Brockhampton 7.30 (Cpl. Mingay).—Broad Street Min. Range, 7 to 9 p.m. (Cpl. Newton).

Sunday 6.—Armoury 10 a.m. for Classification Firing.—Upton Bishop 2.30 (Sergt. Caws).—Hentland 2.30 (Cpl. Holding).—Hoarwithy 2.30 (Cpl. Harris).—Whitchurch 2.30.

Officers and N.C.O.s at Drillhall for Hotchkiss Gun Instruction at 10 a.m. (Lieut. I. D. James).

Monday 7.—Armoury, 7.30, Recruits (Corpl. Kippax.)

Tuesday 8.—Upton Bishop 7.30 (L. Corpl. Wood).

Wednesday 9.—Armoury, 7.30, Drill (Sgt. Llewellyn).—Hotchkiss Gun Section, Drillhall, 7.30.

Thursday, 10.—Hentland 7.30 (Cpl. Holding).—Whitchurch 8.0 Musketry (L. Corporal Howell).

It is proposed to hold a Week-end School of Instruction for Officers and N.C.O.'s at Hereford, from the 19th to 21st inst. Names of those wishing to attend must be sent in by Monday, the 7th inst.

Actg. O.C. "C" Coy. 1st VB. H.R.  
S. PRICE, 2/Lieut.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Cadet Bn Herefordshire Regiment

The Cadet Battalion continued to parade.