

THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

Their First World War 'Story' – September 1915

The 'Bigger' Picture

- The Tsar supersedes the Grand Duke Nicholas in supreme command of the Russian Armies with General Alexeiev as Chief of Staff.
- United States Government request recall of Austro-Hungarian Ambassador.
- Bulgarian Government order mobilisation.
- Greek Premier (M. Venizelos) asks for guarantee of 150,000 British and French troops as condition for Greek intervention. French and British Governments inform Greek Government that they are prepared to send troops requested. Greek Government formally refuse French and British 'offer'.
- 'Dede Agatch Agreement' concluded between Turkey and Bulgaria rectifying Turkish frontier in favour of Bulgaria.
- Greek Government order precautionary mobilisation.
- Serbian Government give undertaking to Greek Government to cede Doiran and Gevgeli eventually to Greece, and not to claim Strumitsa.
- Viscount Ishii succeeds Marquis Okuma as Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Greek Premier (M. Venizelos) obtains secret consent of King Constantine to proposed Entente expedition to Salonika.
- British and Russian Governments agree to request of Persian Government for a monthly subvention.
- German Government inform United States Government that United States demands for limitation of submarine activity are accepted.

The Home Front

- Gen Sir J Wolfe Murray, Chief of the Imperial General Staff resigns; Lt-Gen Sir A. J. Murray appointed.
- Lord Derby assumes control of recruiting in Great Britain.

The Western Front

- Allied Autumn Offensive begins:
 - Battle of Loos begins
 - Third Battle of Artois begins
 - Second Battle of Champagne begins

Other Fronts

EASTERN FRONT

- Great Austro-German Offensive continues.
 - Grodno captured by German forces
 - Russian counter-offensive in Galicia. Battle of Tarnopol begins
 - Battle of Dvinsk begins
 - Pinsk taken by German forces.
 - Vilna taken by German forces (see 9th).

INDIA

- Action of Hafiz Kor (North-West Frontier).

CAUCASUS FRONT

- The Grand Duke Nicholas appointed Viceroy of the Caucasus.

PERSIA

- Bushire (South Persia) again attacked by tribesmen

WEST AFRICA

- Second Allied Attack on Mora (Cameroons)

MESOPOTAMIAN FRONT

Battle of Kut,

MEDITERRANEAN

- Ruad Island, off Syrian coast, occupied by French forces.

ADRIATIC

- Italian battleship 'Benedetto Brin' destroyed by internal explosion in harbour at Brindisi.

At Sea

Merchant Shipping

British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month - 72 ships of 151,000 tons gross

The 'Herefords'

Hereford

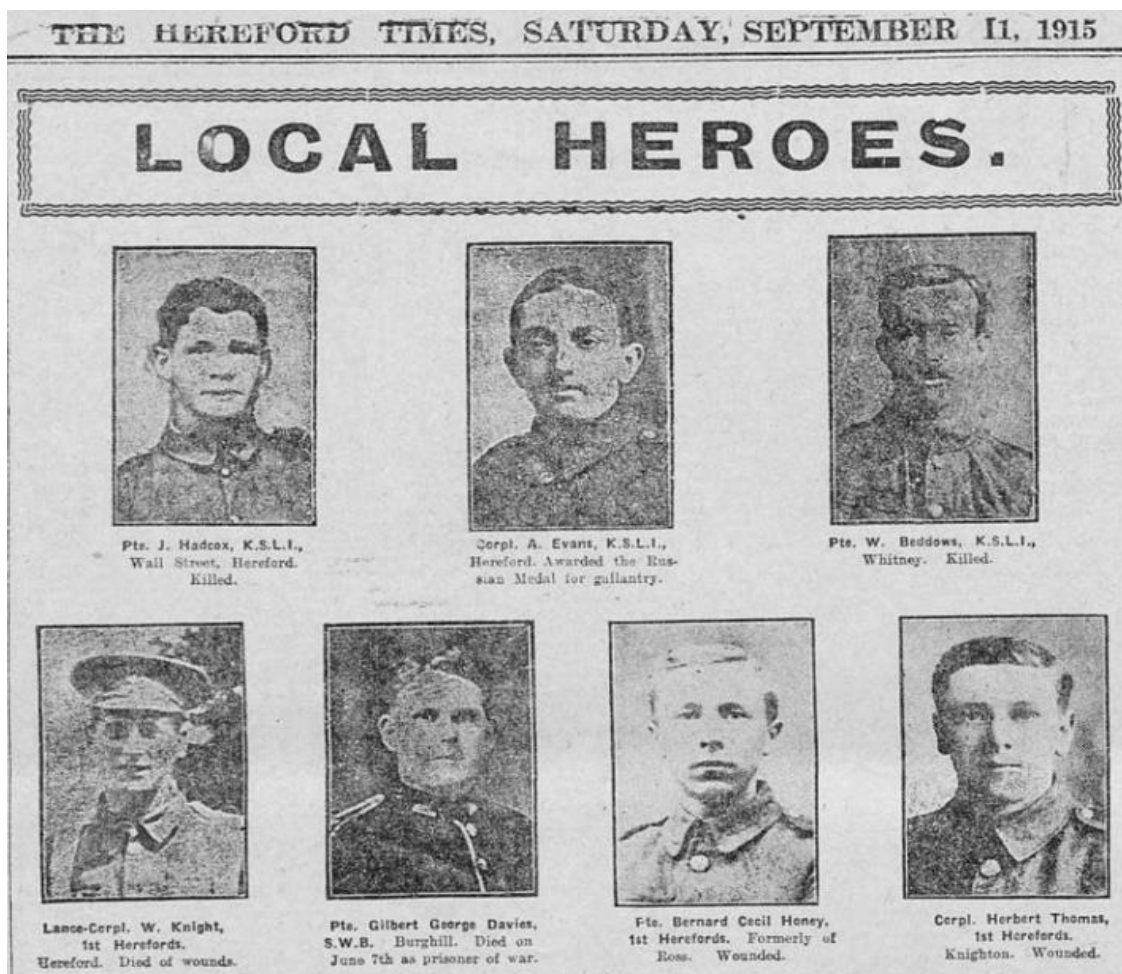
The population of Herefordshire remain hungry for information about the Battalion at Suvla Bay. Letters are being received, but may be up to 4 weeks old, casualties have returned to England and have been 'interviewed' and additionally there are official reports and accounts in national papers. Rumours are rife, optimism high and many reports are incomplete and further confuse the position.

Captain Capel returned to Hereford after a 2 week stay in a private hospital in London; it was reported he was almost fully recovered and had been granted 2 months leave. He praised the Herefords for their work – the men were splendid – but his account was almost 4 weeks old!

The local newspapers printed regular accounts of soldiers and their exploits:

THE HEREFORD TIMES, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1915

LOCAL HEROES.



Pte. J. Madcox, K.S.L.I., Wall Street, Hereford. Killed.

Corpl. A. Evans, K.S.L.I., Hereford. Awarded the Russian Medal for gallantry.

Pte. W. Beddows, K.S.L.I., Whitney. Killed.

Lance-Corpl. W. Knight, 1st Herefords. Hereford. Died of wounds.

Pte. Gilbert George Davies, S.W.B. Burghill. Died on June 7th as prisoner of war.

Pte. Bernard Cecil Honey, 1st Herefords. Formerly of Ross. Wounded.

Corpl. Herbert Thomas, 1st Herefords. Knighton. Wounded.



Lance-Corpl. Sydney Farmer,
1st Herefords. Knighton.
Wounded.



Pte. John William Turner,
1st Herefords.
Knighton. Died of wounds.



Pte. T. G. Davenport,
16th Hussars. Knighton.
Wounded.



Sergt. Thomas Stinton,
1st Herefords.
Knighton. Wounded.

THE HEREFORD TIMES, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1915

LOCAL HEROES.

PRISONER OF WAR.



PTE. W. O. WOOD,
1st Herefords, Dinador, Hereford,
who is a prisoner of war in Constantinople. He was wounded in the left shoulder and left knee, and was taken prisoner the day after the Herefords landed.

DARDANELLES NEWS.



SERGEANT CORNER,
Of B Company, 1st Herefordshire
Regiment, whose letter giving news
of Captain Sir Archer Cuff, Bart.,
has created so much concern in the
city and county.

A LEOMINSTER COLONIAL.



TROOPER FRANK COWLES,
Australian Light Horse (son of Mrs.
Cowles, Walton, Leominster), who
has died in Desperant Hospital
from wounds received in the Dardanelles, and was buried at Lyons-hall this week.



SIGNALLER W. R. GRIFFITHS,
1st Herefords, Old Radnor, wounded
in the Dardanelles.



PTE. C. E. EVANS,
1st Herefords, Old Radnor, wounded
in the Dardanelles.



PTE. T. G. COOK,
1st Herefords, Old Radnor, wounded
in the Dardanelles.

LOCAL HEROES.



Photo: Oakley, Bromyard.
PTE. PERCY JAMES,
of the Army Transport, son of Mr. William James, Bromyard, who was killed September 19th, through colliding with a motor transport somewhere in France.



PTE. WILLIAM OSEMAN,
1st Herefordshire Regiment, whose home is at Bromyard. He has given to the *Hereford Times* a graphic account of the events which led up to the death of Sir Archer Cuff, Bt.



PTE. JAMES ALLEN WINTER,
1st Herefords, of Bromsgrove, nr. Ledbury. Died from wounds received at the Dardanelles on August 26th. He was 20 years of age, and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Winter.



PTE. FRANCIS WM. BURNSNELL,
Preston, North Staffordshire Regiment, killed in the Dardanelles.



PTE. HENRY LISTER,
Preston, 1st Herefords, now a prisoner of war, taken by the Turks in the Dardanelles.



PTE. JOHN THOMAS TAYLOR,
Preston, 1st Herefords, who has died at Malta as the result of wounds received in the Dardanelles.



PTE. A. L. ASHURST,

2111 Pte Alfred Lewis ASHURST, of Westfaling Street was evacuated from Suvla Bay with dysentery to England and died on 10 September – he was buried after a military funeral at Kensall Green London, near the hospital he died in.

PATRIOTIC HEREFORD FAMILY.



TWELVE MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY SERVING THE KING.

The above are seven sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Hales, 9, Barrs Court Terrace, Hereford, and five other members of the family—11 in the Army and one a police officer. The father is in the middle of the group.

Top row (reading left to right): Pte. George Hales (son of Mr. Wm. Hales); Pte. Charles Hales (son), Pte. Charles Clark (grandson, son of Sergt. Thomas Clark), Driver Thomas Attwood, R.F.A. (son-in-law).

Middle row: P.C. Frederick Hales, Weobley (son), Sergt. Thomas Clark (son-in-law), Mr. William Hales (the father), Pte. James Hales, Army Veterinary Corps, who died on active service June 22 (son), Pte. John Hales (son).

Bottom row: Pte. Ernest Arnold, R.A.M.C. (stepson of John Hales), Pte. Frederick Arnold, R.A.M.C. (stepson of John Hales), Pte. Thomas Hales (son), and Pte. Arthur Hales (son).

The Depot functions continued:

Enlistments:

3926 Pte John POWELL
238288 Pte Jack MILLER
239528 Pte Jack LIVINGSTONE
238230 Pte Sydney KNOTT of Leominster

Discharges:

None

On the 25 September 3479 Pte Henry Arthur EVERSHAM of the 2nd Battalion died and was buried in Hereford Cemetery.

1st Battalion

The optimism of the landing have disappeared; the initial assaults of August were not successful, troop numbers have been depleted by casualties and sickness. Supplies and support to the troops are not sufficient to support major assaults. The condition of the men is poor and getting worse due to: the heat, shortage of water, the monotonous and poor diet, the flies and generally insanitary conditions, in addition to the constant enemy threat are all taking a toll.

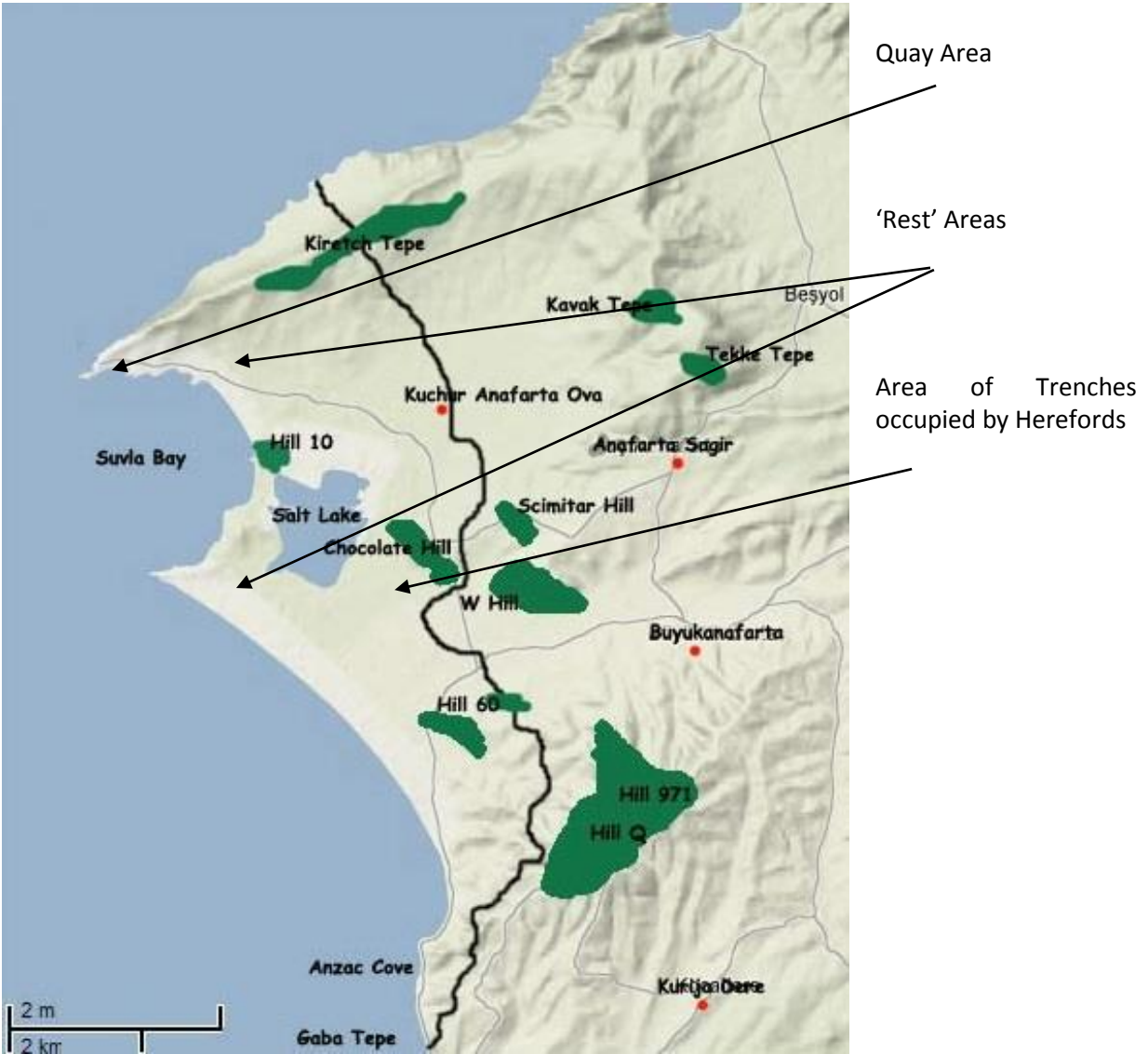
Commanders lack of initiative and delays have adversely impacted operation and momentum has been lost, there seems little ability to regain this.

Already the opposing sides were digging in and facing each other and stalemate was setting in, as it had on the Western Front and the Gallipoli Helles Front. The general routine was setting in of 8 days in 'the line' and then 4 days at 'rest'.

On the 29th September the Battalion was required to find 439 men for fatigue duties only 433 were available. 750 men had landed on 8 August, some 350 reinforcements had been received, thus some 650 men had become 'casualties'.

The Herefords were occupying trenches close to where they had fought on the 9/10 August. 887 LSgt Jack Griffiths wrote in a letter to his parents – I am writing this while in the trenches, so just excuse writing. I have just had a wash in a corned beef tin, the first for 4 days we don't get much rest we are at it night and day.

A resupply and rest area had been set up to the North of the Salt Lake, and much effort was being invested in preparing the quay area. Perversely while at rest the men were required to undertake fatigue duties, often of a hard physical nature and many men preferred front line duties to 'rest'. Additionally at Suvla while 'rest' may include the opportunity to bathe in the sea, no where on the peninsula was out of Turkish artillery fire, and rest and fatigue duties exposed individuals to these threats.





Fatigue parties working at the Quay at Suvla Bay.



A fatigue party hauling a water cart

Whilst the Quay area was established many arrivals and departures from Suvla took place 'over the beach' on small landing craft type boats known as 'beetles'; these had a front ramp to assist with embarking and disembarking.



'Beetles' at Suvla Bay



A typical trench scene at Suvla Bay

War Diary

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| 1 Sep | Quiet day. At 7.30pm Turks opened up artillery fire on the 29 Div manning trenches at Kiretch Teppi and Jephson's Post 135TG. Heavy rifle fire also from Turkish artillery fire directed on southern slopes of Karakoldagh to prevent arrival of reserves. Our men of war established a belt of fire behind the Turkish trenches for same purpose. Learnt next day that the Turks never left their trenches. Fire ceased about 9.00pm. Battalion stood to arms from 7.30pm to 8.00pm in front of our fire trenches. Lt F H Llewellyn, 2Lts Boulton and Wilson and 43 men joined Battalion from England about 11pm. |
| 2 Sep | Quiet day. Listening posts out at night. Much firing in direction of Chocolate Hill, 105L5-7. |
| 3 Sep | Quiet day. Men working improving trenches, cutting new communication trench etc, carrying parties for Res. Wiring party on; 5 RWF to our left, north flank fired very lights which did not help matters. 2Lt Dillow left for England to join 2 nd Herefords. |
| 1-4 Sep | Men got into trench routine and kept trenches in a fair sanitary condition. Trench standing orders were issued. Rations were brought up nightly to Brigade dumps and drawn by battalions from there. Water supply fairly plentiful but sometime RE provided pump; very difficult to prevent pollution without all materials; galvanised sheets, timber, sandbags etc are very scarce. Commenced vacating trenches at 10pm being relieved by 160 Bde. |

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| 5 Sep | Proceeded to B rest camp, 116P6-9, arriving about 2am; men very tired. Bivouac was not allocated before hand and much difficulty in finding out when Battalion could draw water. Camp very dusty and full of flies. The Battalion would rather be in the trenches. Shelled a bit during the day. Church service to Battalion at 7pm. |
| 6 Sep | Much the same as preceding day. A good deal of shrapnel. Holy Communion service for officers and men at 7pm by Revd Lloyd, Chaplain to the Brigade. Lt Pilkington to hospital sick. Routine appears to be 8 days in firing line, 4 days in so called rest camp. Large digging fatigues every night. Company officers went up to view trenches which are to be taken over by the Battalion in Sulajik. Battalion moved out of rest camp about 7.30 pm to relieve 4 Cheshires and part of 5 Welsh in trenches 105B3-6. The relief completed by midnight. 2Lt Ballinger left for England to join Monmouthshire Regt. |
| 8 Sep | Much rock in this area. A Battalion of RDF on our right, south flank, 6RWF on our left, 5RWF in reserve ordered to extend the line taking over 100 yards from 6RWF. Our Battalion disposed with 10 platoons in firing line and 6 in support; fire trench line 560-750 yards. Orders to effect that there should be one man to every 1 ½ yards of trench; traverses excluded. There was a great deal of work to be done in these trenches, scarcely any covering parts for support trenches. New communication trench required. |
| 9 Sep | Good trench routine established. Listening posts and patrols organised and every trench numbered etc. |
| 10 Sep | Work on trenches. Certain amount of sniping. |
| 11 Sep | Battalion commenced doing wiring on its own trenches; concertina wire interlocked with barbed wire. |
| 12 Sep | Carried on trench work, wiring; latter by night. |
| 13 Sep | As for 12 th . Sgt H C Reeve unofficially reported as having been Gazetted as 2Lt. |
| 14 Sep | A good deal of shrapnel over trenches today. Day and night work carried out as usual. |
| 15 Sep | Rain in early morning; time to think of drainage scheme, but it must be taken in hand on broad lines for the whole of the front occupied by 9 th Corps, otherwise no good. |
| 16 Sep | 160 Bde relieved 158, relief for Herefords completed 11.30 am. Battalion moved out by companies to old Rest Camp B. |
| 17 Sep | Quiet day. Water arrangements better, use of 2 water carts to draw water from wells. Mr Reeve went to hospital this day sick. |
| 18 Sep | As per 17 th . |

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| 19 Sep | Holy Communion for men at 6pm. 2Lts Poulson and Challis arrived from 2/1 st Herefords to join 1/1 st . 2Lt Russell appointed acting staff captain to 158 Bde. |
| 20 Sep | As per 17 th . |
| 21 Sep | Moved to new rest camp at 11605 at 7.30pm. |
| 22 Sep | Improving cover in new rest camp. About 30 HE and shrapnel shells, but no casualties. Battalion finding over 400 officers and men for fatigues. |
| 23-24 Sep | Sun shining. No casualties. Lt Lloyd to hospital sick. |
| 25 Sep | Move to reserve camp at Karakoldagh 116D9 at 6.30pm. Cold night. Water arrangements 1 gallon per man for all purposes. Water fetched from A Beach. Water receptacles scarce. |
| 26 Sep | Sunday. Usual heavy fatigues. |
| 27 Sep | Good news from France. Gun and rifle fire all along the line at night. |
| 28 Sep | Sirrocco winds. COs of Battalions went to view RV positions in case Battalions were moved up to support firing line. |
| 29 Sep | Fatigues ordered to furnish 439 men; only 433 available. |
| 30 Sep | Fatigues as before. One man killed [3102 Hodnett??] and one man wounded by blasting operations by East Yorks Pioneer Battalion. |

Sgt Colley's Diary

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| 1 Sep | Our details about 3 officers and 50 men arrived. It was in these trenches that I got my first letters, although there had been a mail previous to this one. |
| 4 Sep | At night 4/5 we moved down to A Beach. Here we had a decent rest and a bathe. It was here also that we had official notification of the death (through wounds) of my chum Stan Mason, who was wounded on 16 Aug. |
| 8 Sep | Returned to the trenches once more and again nothing of exceptional interest occurred. After a stay of 8 days we again returned to A Beach. Here we had our first pay, why we had money I do not know as there was absolutely nothing to spend it on. |
| 20 Sep | We went to another rest camp between West Beach and Kangaroo Beach. We hung out here for about 3 days and then removed our camp to the north side of Karokal Daga. It was rather heavy marching up this hill, but we arrived all right. Here my dugout was some what like a rabbit hole in appearance. I had to crawl on my hands and knees to get in. During the first few days we were all inoculated against Cholera. Cpl W E Lewis came to join me in the Orderly Room, as the work |

had grown greatly, much to my sorrow. We had a new Orderly Room made as my old one was only capable of holding one.

Pte Davies' recollections

worrying over the boys out yonder, it only upsets them and you,-- pray for them hourly, and "keep smiling".

Naturally while on active service I became an expert cook, but the trouble was to get something to cook; we always had a fair supply of biscuits and plum and apple jam, and sometimes by ways and means got hold of a little bacon-fat. The biscuits were terribly hard out there, (I have soaked them for twenty-four hours and could not soften them through) so with the help of a home made grater, or two big stones we smashed them into rough biscuit flour, put this in a tin with some water and plum jam, mixed well, boiled slowly and there you had "Gallipoli Pudding".

I do not know if you would like any more of my recipes, but I can assure you that they are not to be found in any cookery-book.

A very good dish is "Hissoles" made as follows:-

Take a tin of bully beef and shred contents, then a quantity of coarse biscuit flour, take as much water as you can get, (should there not be sufficient to wash your hands first--don't). Moisten the mixture then press or roll between the hands to desired shapes, and fry in bacon-fat, if you have any. From experience I can tell you they are fit to eat for my Company's Captain very often commandeered my supplies.

We were terribly plagued by flies, millions of them, and no doubt they were largely responsible for the various diseases so prevalent; it was nearly impossible to eat biscuits and jam without also partaking of flies as well, and when toward evening they were quiet, we were kept very much awake by other pests, in consequence of which we were as lightly clad as possible

As the surprise landing failed to dislodge our opponents from the most important positions, a combined sea and land attack took place. I well remember this tremendous

The following list was published in the Hereford Journal:

| THE HEREFORDS ROLL OF HONOUR. | |
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| 41 Territorials Killed in the Dardanelles | |
| KILLED IN ACTION. | |
| *Sir Archer Croft, Lugwardine Court. | |
| Sergt.-Major W. H. Faulkner, 51, Chandos Street, Hereford. | |
| Corporal G. Smith, Much Marclo. | |
| Lance-Corpl. T. Mills, Oswestry. | |
| Lance-Corporal T. J. Osborne, Y.M.C.A., Hereford. | |
| Lance-Corporal. A. Hodges, The Pound Dymock. | |
| Signaller Jack Williams, Church Street, Ledbury. | |
| *Private C. Cartwright, Ross. | |
| Private J. B. Cox, Much Marclo. | |
| Private Joe Griffiths, Raven Hotel, Hereford. | |
| Private H. Howse, St. John's, Worcester. | |
| Private F. Jenkins, Howle Hill, Waiford. | |
| Private H. Ladmöre, King Street, Hereford. | |
| Private W. J. Mapp, Peterchurch. | |
| Private S. Mason, Newbridge-on-Wye. | |
| Private Jack Millar, St. John's Mount, Bodenham Road, Hereford. | |
| Private E. Minchin, Dymock. | |
| Private R. H. Page, Beaufort, Brecon. | |
| Private W. Partridge, Ledbury. | |
| Private W. H. Poyner, Merdford. | |
| Private D. Rees (R.A.M.C. Attached). | |
| Private S. J. Thornton, Stockport. | |
| Private W. J. Turner, Cwm, Knighton. | |
| Private Watkins, Ledbury. | |
| Private R. Whiting, Bishopswood. | |
| DIED. | |
| Sec.-Lieut. H. J. Reeve. | |
| Sergeant A. Herbert, Ryelands Street, Hereford. | |
| Sergeant Raymond, Ross. | |
| Corporal E. Cutler, A.S.C., St. Martin's Street, Hereford. | |
| Lance-Corporal F. C. Jones, Brampton Bryan. | |
| Lance-Corporal W. Knight, 7a, Perseverance Road, Hereford. | |
| Private A. Ashurst, Hereford. | |
| Private T. G. Cook, Floodgates, Kington. | |
| Private R. E. Gunn, son of Mr. Wm. Gunn, 110, Park Street, Hereford. | |
| Private A. Husbands, Ross. | |
| Private G. Morgan, Rhayader. | |
| Private A. Newman, Hereford. | |
| *Private E. H. Price, 5, Bath St., Hereford. | |
| Private H. Raymond, 92, Bath Street, Hereford. | |
| Private J. T. Taylor, Presteign. | |
| Private J. Winter, Broomsgreen, Ledbury | |
| MISSING. | |
| Major W. T. Carless. | |
| Lance Corporal G. W. Jones, Llandrindod | |
| Lance-Corpl. P. A. Powell, Llandrindod. | |
| Private W. J. Beucher, Huntington. | |
| Private T. Bull, Kentchurch. | |
| Private F. A. Dutton, Hereford. | |
| Private L. C. Evans, Ross. | |
| Private A. Hill, Hereford. | |
| Private G. W. Jones, Llandrindod. | |
| Private H. Lister, Presteign. | |
| Private R. T. Mainwaring, Kington. | |
| Private W. J. Mapp, Peterchurch. | |
| Private S. T. Mason, Bromyard. | |
| Private W. H. Morgan, Llandoverry. | |
| Private W. T. Roden, Hereford. | |
| Private F. Stallard, Swindon. | |
| Private T. C. Williams, Breinton. | |
| Private W. O. Wood, Dinedor. | |
| *Not officially confirmed. | |

The following is a list of recorded fatalities for September:

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| HODGES | ARTHUR | LCPL | 917 | 2/9/15 | KIA | GALLIPOLI | DYMOCK |
| TAYLOR | JOHN THOMAS | PTE | 2315 | 3/9/15 | DOW | MALTA | PRESTIEGNE |
| ASHURST | ALFRED LEWIS | PTE | 2111 | 10/9/15 | Died | HOME | HEREFORD |
| WHITING | ROBERT | PTE | 3280 | 10/9/15 | KIA | GALLIPOLI | BISHOPSWOOD |
| PRICE | ERNEST HENRY | PTE | 1625 | 16/9/15 | Died | AT SEA | HEREFORD |
| MAPP | WILLIAM JOHN | PTE | 1167 | 18/9/15 | KIA | GALLIPOLI | PETERCHURCH |
| HANKS | ERNEST THOMAS | PTE | 2209 | 23/9/15 | Pneumonia | AT SEA | CLEHONGER |
| REEVE | HERBERT JOSEPH | CPL/LT | 1995 | 24/9/15 | DYSENTRY | MALTA | BIRMINGHAM |
| HODNETT | EDWARD JOHN | PTE | 3103 | 30/9/15 | By accident | GALLIPOLI | LEOMINSTER |

Casualties continued to mount, but the routine of trench life and the absence of assaults across open ground meant these were fewer than in August.

Pte Ashurst was evacuated wounded and died in England; Pte Price was wounded and died at sea from his wounds and was buried at sea. Pte Taylor was wounded and evacuated to Malta where he died. Lt Reeve was Commissioned from the rank of Lance Sergeant on 21 August and notified to him at Suvla Bay on the 13th September; evacuated sick on 17th September and died at Malta on 24 September.

Pte Hodnett's memorial headstone lies in Hill 10 Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) cemetery:



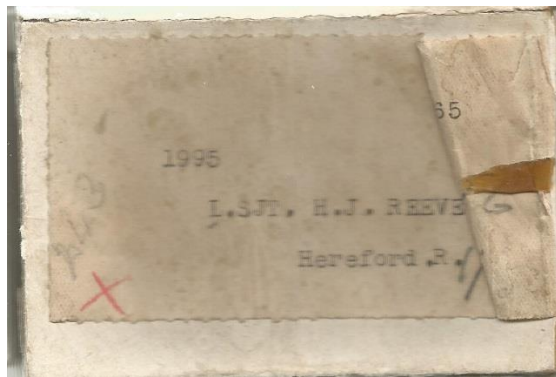
Hill 10 CWGC – general view



Lt Reeve's medals were one of the 113 groups of Herefordshire Regimental soldiers that served at Suvla Bay that were displayed by the Museum at the Suvla100 Commemorations.



Issue box of British War and Victory Medals



Issue box of 1914/15 Star



Identity Disc – HJ Reeve

| Name | Corps. | Rank | Regt. No. |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| REEVE | HEREFORD R. | *1/5/c | 1995 |
| | | *2 Lieut | 1995 |
| HERBERT Joseph | | | |
| Medal | Ref. | Page | on 1st of Parl. 21/8/15 |
| HEREFORD R. * OFF 207 | 105 | | 37 |
| 15 Year * 7/1/102 | 65 | 1/XX/2259 | HEREFORD R. |
| | | 24/25-4-23 NW/3/59/17 | Send Soldiers 24/1/17 |
| Theatre of War first served in | 20 | | |
| Date of entry thereon | 9/8/15 | | |
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The Medal Index Card of Second Lieutenant HJ Reeve.



Memorial Plaque (also known as Death Plaque and Widow's penny) presented to next of kin of soldiers who died during World War One



HE whom this scroll commemorates
was numbered among those who,
at the call of King and Country, left all
that was dear to them, endured hardness,
faced danger, and finally passed out of
the sight of men by the path of duty
and self-sacrifice, giving up their own
lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it
that his name be not forgotten.

*2/Lieut. Herbert Joseph Reeve—
Herefordshire Regiment.*

1013 Pte William O Wood of Dinedor was reported as being a prisoner of the Turkish, he survived the war and was discharged in April 1919.

2nd Battalion

The 2nd Battalion remained training in the Bedford area.

No doubt many were eager to join the 1st Bn as reinforcements.

The local newspaper included a photograph of D Coy who had been invited to a local printworks for lunch.



Photo. by] THE CALL OF THE COOK HOUSE [our Representative.
The men of "D" Co., 2nd Hertfordshire Regiment assemble for dinner at the "Be da, Times" Printing Works, in Sidney Road.

War Diary

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Detail</i> |
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| 1 Sep | Convoy scheme at Felmersham. 2217 LSgt Roe passed test as range taker and as teacher of the Barr & Stroude Range Finder. 16 men detailed for divisional machine gun course. |
| 2 Sep | Battalion scheme. Miniature range allotted to Battalion until 11 th . 2Lt Pritchett detailed for transport course at Blackheath. Platoon on miniature range. 2Lts F G Challis and J C R Poulson proceed to join MEF. |
| 3 Sep | Capt Davey obtained first class at musketry course – Bisley. Routine. |
| 4 Sep | Battalion on brigade duty from Retreat, kit and rifle inspections. All NCOs instructed in fire orders. |
| 5 Sep | Divine Service at St Martins Church. Two men struck off strength as deserters. |
| 6 Sep | Battalion scheme on line Vicarage Farm, Milton House. 2Lt R E Haymes, Cpl Taysom and LCpl Kilgour detailed for map reading course. |

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| 7 Sep | Battalion in attack Wilshamstead Herrings Green. |
| 8 Sep | Battalion on brigade duty from Retreat. Battalion in defence – Stevington Point 218. |
| 9 Sep | Routine. 2278 Cpl Cauncey obtained 'Very Fair' at Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting Course. |
| 10 Sep | Presentation of illuminated address to 3226 Pte H G Langford for life saving. Brigade Field Day. Board held to enquire into loss of rifle number 355. Capt Davey detailed as umpire to 203 Infantry Brigade. |
| 11 Sep | Routine. 2Lts Haymes and Clifton detailed to attend DCM for instruction. |
| 12 Sep | Battalion on Divisional and Brigade Duty from Retreat. Divine Service at St Martins' Church. |
| 13 Sep | B, C & D Coys in defence at Oakley. A Coy night trench digging at Queen's Park. |
| 14 Sep | A, C & D Coys in defence at Brigade Stagsdon Road. B Coy night trench digging at Queens' Park. 2551 Sgt Muir obtained Distinguished at Machine Gun Course, Bisley. Board held to examine report on unserviceable clothing |
| 15 Sep | Six officers of DCLI attached to this unit joined for duty. 2Lts Parker, Williams, Llewelyn and Haymes attend tour about posts under Brigade major. Convoy scheme at Wootton. 2Lt G Williams and Cpl Williams detailed for Physical Training Course. |
| 16 Sep | Battalion on Divisional and Brigade Duty from Retreat. Routine. |
| 17 Sep | Brigade Field Day. Col C E Cull relinquished command of 208 th Infantry Bde. Lt C C Kelly and Cpl Bratt detailed for Grenadiers Course. |
| 18 Sep | Routine. 2Lts C C Kelly, C L Duff-Gordon, F A Trumper, W F Cornwall, L Stokes, W G Fanning, T M Ragg, C E Cresswell, F S Phillips and F G Challis promoted Lieutenants temporarily from 26/5/15. 2818 SQM Sgt Court commissioned. |
| 19 Sep | Divine Service at St Martins Church. |
| 20 Sep | Brigade duty from Retreat. A Coy instruction on miniature range. B, C & D night operations at Biddenham. |
| 21 Sep | B Coy on miniature range. A, C & D scheme at Clapham. 3183 LCpl Sparey detailed for map Reading Course. |
| 22 Sep | Routine. |
| 23 Sep | Routine. 2Lt H L J Pigon joined for duty. |
| 24 Sep | Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting. The CO, Adj and Capt Davey attended operation at Thetford under GOC 1 st Army. |
| 25 Sep | Routine. Lt F S Phillips detailed as assistant instructor in bomb throwing course at Bedford. 2Lt Clifton, LSgt Smith and Cpl Taysom detailed to attend this course. |
| 26 Sep | Divine Service at St Martins' Church. |

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| 27 Sep | Battalion proceeded on bivouac A, B & D Coys to Lavendon C Coy to Yardley Hastings. |
| 28 Sep | Field Operations. Battalion returned to Bedford in the morning. |
| 29 Sep | Routine. |
| 30 Sep | Two companies instruction under Commandant of School Honey Hill Drill Field. NCOs musketry instruction. |

3rd Battalion

The 3rd Battalion were still in Abergavenny, and some of those that had been evacuated from Suvla Bay, and were now again fit for duty reported for duty to the 3rd Bn. Amongst these was Lt RW Roberts, lately Quartermaster of the 1st Battalion and wounded in the thigh by shrapnel at Gallipol.