

THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

Their First World War 'Story' - December 1916

The 'Bigger' Picture

The Home Front

Considerable government reorganization took place:

- Mr Asquith, British Premier, resigns; Mr Lloyd George succeeds him.
- Last meeting of War Committee of British Cabinet; War Cabinet formed. The War Committee held their last meeting on December 1st and ceased to function on the formation of the War Cabinet.
- Coalition Ministry formed.
 - Lord Derby appointed Secretary of State for War, replacing Mr Lloyd George.
 - Viscount Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, resigns; Mr Arthur Balfour appointed.
 - Ministry of Labour formed.
 - Ministry of Food formed.
 - Ministry of Pensions formed
 - Ministry of Shipping formed
- Decision made to institute National Service.
- Decision to initiate Imperial Conference.
- Admiral Sir Henry Jackson, First Sea Lord, resigns and is replaced by Admiral Sir John Jellicoe.
- Mr Arthur Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, resigns and is replaced by Sir Edward Carson.

Diplomatic

- Allied¹ Note presented to Greece demanding complete demobilization - Greek Government accepts.
- Entente² Powers send Ultimatum to Greece demanding withdrawal of entire Greek Armies from Thessaly - Greek Government refuses.
- Greek Government issued warrant for arrest of M Venizelos on charge of high treason; British Government decide to recognise Government of M Venizelos
- Entente Governments commences blockade of Greece.
- Notes presented by Central Powers³ to United States Ambassadors in their respective countries requesting them to inform the Governments of the Entente Powers that the Central Powers are ready to negotiate for peace
 - President Wilson issues Circular Note suggesting negotiations for peace

¹ - Britain, France, Germany and at varying times: Belgium, Serbia, Greece, Montenegro, Romania, Italy, Japan, Armenia, Belgium, Greece, Hejaz, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serb-Croat-Slovene state and Czechoslovakia.

² - Britain, France, Germany (Entente Alliance 1907)

³ - Austro-Hungary, Bulgarian, Germany, and Turkey.

- Anglo-French Conference meets in London to discuss the German and United States 'Peace Notes'; also the situation in Greece, the Salonika expedition, and the division of the front in the Western Theatre.
- German, Austro-Hungarian and Turkish Governments send reply to President Wilson's Note; immediate meeting of delegates suggested.
- Entente Governments reject German peace proposals.
- Bulgarian Government reply accepting President Wilson's Note.
- Russian Premier (M Trepov) announces that the Allies have acknowledged Russia's right to Constantinople and the Straits
- Rumanian Government removed from Bucharest to Jassy
- British Government recognise the 'King of the Arabs' as the King of the Hejaz
- Reorganisation of French Government. M Briand remains Premier. New War Cabinet of five Ministers formed. General Joffre becomes Technical Military Adviser to the War Cabinet.
- General Joffre created Marshal of France
- Dr von Korber, Austrian Premier, resigns
- Bulgarian Government reply accepting President Wilson's Note.
- Count Heinrich Clam-Martinitz appointed Austrian Premier
- Rasputin murdered in Petrograd.

The Western Front

Winter sets in with a commensurate reduction in operations.

- French offensive at Verdun ends.
- General Nivelle becomes Commander-in-Chief of French Northern and North-Eastern Groups of Armies
- British and Chinese Governments conclude agreement for employment of Chinese labour in France.

Other Fronts

EASTERN FRONT

Winter sets in with a commensurate reduction in operations.

RUSSIA

- Murman Railway (from Murmansk to Petrograd) declared open.

RUMANIA

- Battle of the Arges
- Bukharest capitulates to the German forces

GREECE

- Allied forces withdrawn from Athens and the Piraeus after conflicts with Greeks Massacre of Venizelists in Athens

EGYPT/WESTERN DESERT

- British advance into Sinai continues

MESOPOTAMIA

- British operations for the capture of Kut begin

At Sea

- German commerce raider 'Wolff' leaves Germany
- Italian battleship 'Regina Margherita' sunk in Italian minefield

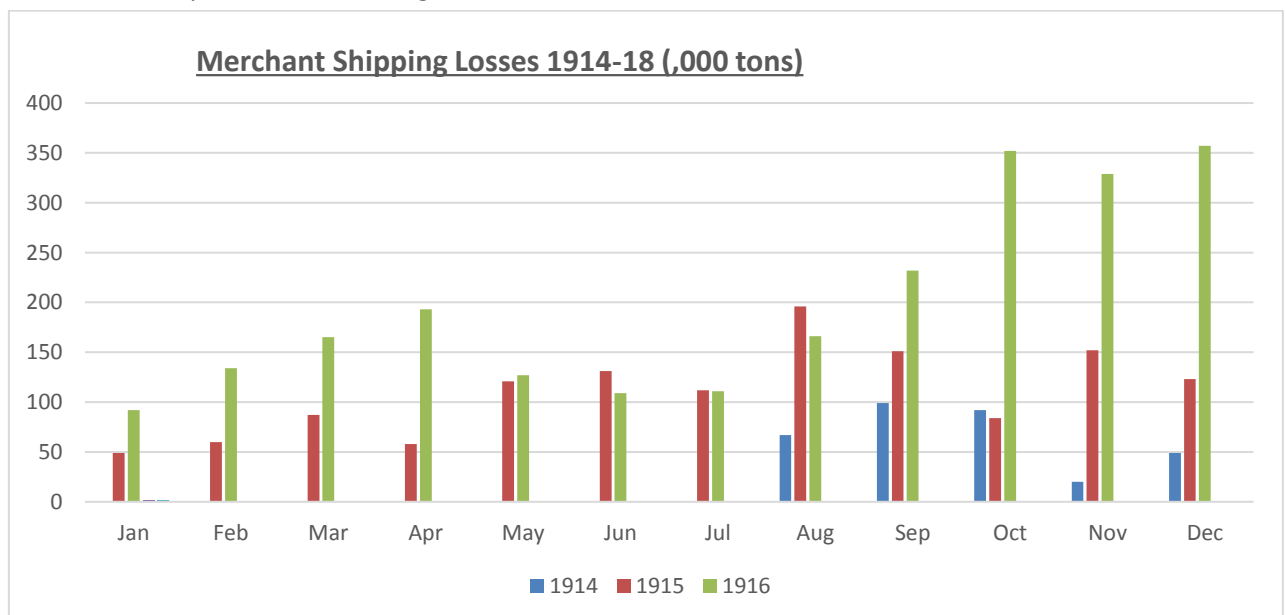
U Boat Warfare

- Funchal (Madeira) bombarded by German submarine
- French battleship 'Gaulois' sunk by submarine in the Mediterranean

MERCHANT SHIPPING

- British and French Governments conclude The Clementel Agreement to: unite British ships in French service to those already employed; co-ordinate Allied tonnage; create inter-allied bureau to centralise charter of neutral shipping

- British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month - 207 ships of 357,000 tons gross.



The 'Herefords' - Casualties

NAME		RANK	NO	DATE	SERVING WITH	WHERE	HOMETOWN
EVANS	LIONEL CHARLES	PTE	1796	15 Dec		As POW of Turks	Ross
NICHOLAS	EDWARD	PTE	4463	15 Dec	Died of Wounds 27793 11 Border Regt	As POW Germany	Ludlow
GRIFFITHS	WILLIAM	PTE	4494	17 Dec	Died of Wounds 27752 11 Border Regt	France	Staunton

Pte Evans died as a prisoner of war of the Turks; it is not known when he was captured. It is possible he was wounded and died as a result of wounds, but prisoners of the Turks were subject to harsh conditions to which many succumbed.

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BAGHDAD
(NORTH GATE)
WAR CEM.
(PART I)

EVANS, Pte. L. C., 235435. 1st Bn. Herefordshire Regt. 15th Dec., 1916. Age 27. Son of James and Kate Evans, of 46, Nursery Rd., Ross, Herefordshire. Angora Mem. 61.

Ptes Nicholas and Griffiths were both serving at their time of death with 11 Border Regiment and had been transferred to them as reinforcements and were serving on The Somme. Pte Griffiths died of wounds and is buried in Cambrai cemetery; Pte Nicholas is buried in Berlin and died as a POW. It is also possible that Pte Griffiths was a POW as the CWGC says:

Cambrai was occupied by the Germans on the 26th August 1914 and in spite of the early British successes in the Battle of Cambrai 1917, it was not captured until the 8th October 1918.

Porte-de-Paris Cemetery was used by the enemy for the burial of German and Allied dead during the War, and a large German obelisk was erected. It contained at one time German burials, French, Russian, Rumanian and Belgian. The German graves, however, were removed after the Armistice, and the British graves were regrouped in two Plots on either side of the local War Memorial, near the middle of the cemetery.

It is possible that both soldiers were involved in the Redan Ridge engagement.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

Stahnsdorf.
Berlin. Brandenburg
Germany.

REPORT No. 1

SCHEDULE No. 35 c

PLACE OF BURIAL Berlin South-Western Cemetery - Stahnsdorf.

Map Reference Sheet 24. C.2

The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
<u>Plot 6 Row A</u>						
Rnd 'Hawke'	PO/10514	✓Derbyshire	Stkr. G.H.	7.9.18	E.	1/
R.F.A. 104.B.		William G.N.A.	Pte. E.W.	18.10.14	E.	2/
	31738	✓England	Pte. W.E. (?)	PH/L5/578698		
1/Lincolns	7337	✓Cooper	A.	22.1.15	E.	3/
11/Border.R.	27793	✓Nicholas	Pte. E.	15.12.18	E.	4/
Rnd 'Hawke'	PO/4140 A	✓Leask	Seam. G.	14.6.18	E.	5/
R. Berks. R.	3358	✓Lidster	Pte. G.A.	17.5.18	E. 7086	6/
42/M.G.C.	128300	✓Fisher	Pte. T.	17.5.18	E.	7/
23/Middlesex	41206	✓Yarwood	Pte. A.	18.5.18	E.	8/
5/Yorks.	39194	✓Watson	Pte. G.A.	8.6.18	E.	9/
1/E. Yorks.	30036	✓Ferguson	Pte. J.	16.6.18	E.	10/
7/D.C.L.I.	16660	✓Perry	Pte. W.	23.6.18	E.	11/
19/K.L'pools	13823	✓Byrne	Pte. S.	27.6.18	E.	12/
		(Byrne ?)				
11/Rifle Bde.	S/1419	✓Thompson	L/C. C.J.	13.4.17	E.	13/

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SLIPS CHECKED

11/2/25
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News was also being received of other casualties from the draft of Herefordshire men that had been transferred to the 11 Border Regiment; there are conflicting reports of individuals which shows the confusion with obvious distress to families and friends.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

SERGEANT C. W. DAVIES.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Davies, of 7, Mostyn Street, Hereford, have received news which leads them to fear that their only son, Sergeant Charles Wm. Davies, of the Border Regiment (formerly of the Herefordshire Regiment), was killed in action in France about the middle of November. The news came in a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Davies, which they received on Sunday, from Sergeant Ayers, of Hereford, their son's chum. In it Sergt. Ayres says: "We went into an attack on the —th at daybreak, and I have seen nothing of my chum since. I have made all enquiries as to his welfare, but I regret to say all I can find out about him was that poor Charlie was killed." He adds, however, that there is just a chance he may be among the "missing." It is thought that the engagement was on November 18th, when a detachment of former "Herefords" was in action. Sergt. Davies was only just 21 years of age. Like his father, he was on the staff of the Post Office. He joined the Hereford staff as a messenger when he was 13 years of age, and remained there until he was 18. He then went to Chepstow as a postman, and was there until he joined the colours. He enlisted in the Herefordshire Regiment on April 3rd, 1915, and was subsequently transferred to the Border Regiment, proceeding to the Front in September last.

PTE. P. J. EDMUNDS MISSING.

Pte. Percy John Edmunds, of the Herefordshire Regt., but lately attached to the Border Regt., has been reported missing in France after an attack by that Regiment on November 18th. He was formerly employed at the "Journal" Office, and is a brother of Mr. A. R. Edmunds, of 6, Clifford Street, Hereford.

GUNNER GEORGE GRUBHAM.

We regret to learn that Machine-Gunner George Grubham, Border Regt., of East St., Hereford, was killed in action on November 18th. He was a son of the late Mr. Thomas Grubham, a freeman of the city.

PRIVATE C. WHITTINGTON IN HOSPITAL.

Private Charles Whittington, son of Mrs. Whittington, of 108, Whitecross Street, Hereford, is in hospital at Southampton suffering from "trench feet."

LEOMINSTER SOLDIERS.

In our last issue we recorded the fact that Private Harry Wilkins, of the Herefordshire Regiment, attached to the Border Regiment, had been seriously wounded. Notification has now been received that he died of wounds in France. He was wounded in the shoulder. Private Wilkins was the only son of Mrs. Wilkins, 122, South Street, Leominster, and before enlisting in the Herefordshire Regiment, he was employed as a baker at Ashperton; previously he was engaged by Mr. W. Poiner, Leominster. He was 24 years of age, and was very much respected by all who knew him.

Private Bert Fletcher, of the Herefords, attached to the Border Regiment, son of Mrs. Fletcher, of Ebnal Farm, Leominster, is in hospital at Derby, suffering from wounds in the hand and his back. He was buried by a shell for some hours.

Private Sidney Pugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Pugh, of High Street, Leominster, also of the Herefords, attached to the Border Regiment, is in hospital, exposure having brought on rheumatic fever.

PEMBRIDGE MAN'S DEATH.

George Albert Haines, of Marston, Pembroke, attached to the Border Regt., previously reported wounded, has since died of his wounds.

PEMBRIDGE MEN WOUNDED.

Private George Albert Haines, of the Herefords, attached to the Border Regiment, has been seriously wounded in the stomach. He is a son of Mrs. Haines, of Marston.

Private Stanley Pinches, of the Herefords, attached to the Border Regiment, a son of Mr. W. H. Pinches, of Pembroke, has had a narrow escape, his elbow being grazed by a shell.

DILWYN SOLDIER WOUNDED.

Private Charles Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Haynes, of Stretford Bridge, Dilwyn, who joined the Herefords, and is attached to the Border Regiment, received a flesh wound, and lay in a shell hole all day, under fire, waiting for dark. He is now in hospital at Thorpe, and is going on well.



PTE. HARRY WILKINS.

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Of the 11th Border Regiment, whose death from wounds received in action, was reported last week. He was the only son of Mrs. Wilkins, 122, South Street, Leominster. He was 24 years of age. Before enlisting in the Hereford Regt., in February last, he was employed as a baker at Ashperton, and formerly in Leominster.

Pte. A. B. WILLIAMS.

Of the Headquarters Co., A.S.C., who met his death under circumstances described in another column. He is a son of Company Sergt.-Major Williams, of Kingsland, and joined his father's unit when 14 years of age as a trumpeter. He was 19 years of age at the time of his death.



PTE. A. B. WILLIAMS.

DIED OF WOUNDS IN FRANCE.

It is with regret that we announce the death from wounds received in action in France of Pte. Harry Wilkins, 11th Border Regiment, only son of Mrs. Wilkins, 122, South Street, Leominster. On Friday last Mrs. Wilkins received a communication from the Chaplain stating that her son was wounded and had laid out in the snow for many hours before being brought in. This was followed by an official wire on Saturday to the effect that Pte. Wilkins was dangerously ill in hospital in France, wounded in the left arm. On Tuesday morning two letters were received. The Rev. R. C. Jones, C.F., wrote: "Your son, Pte. H. Wilkins, of the 11th Border Regiment, is lying in A 5 ward in this hospital (XI. General Hospital, France). He was wounded in the left shoulder and is feeling better after the operation yesterday. Will you write him a cheerful letter? It will do him good." The Matron, after saying that Pte. Wilkins was in a dangerous condition, wrote: "He had an operation yesterday to try and improve it and it is impossible to say what will be the result. He is having every possible care and attention and he has all he wants, so you must hope for the best." On Tuesday night, however, a further official wire intimated that Pte. Wilkins died on November 27th. The following day a post card was received from the Matron dated November 28th: "Your son is much worse I am sorry to tell you and the surgeon thinks there is practically no chance of his recovery. He is quite peaceful."

Before enlisting in the Hereford Regiment on February 8th Private Harry Wilkins was employed as a baker at Ashperton, Ledbury. He left Leominster three years ago, being previously engaged with Mr. Poiner, Etnam Street. Pte. Wilkins, who was only 24 years of age, was much liked and deep sympathy is felt with the bereaved mother.



THE LATE PTE. BERT HAINES.

Our portrait is of Pte. Bert Haines, 11th Border Regiment, who died on November 21st from wounds received in action in France, three days before. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Haines, Marston, Pembridge. He was much liked in the parish and his death is greatly regretted. He was a bell-ringer at the Parish Church, where a service to his memory was held on December 3rd.

PUDLESTON MAN IN HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Dallow, The Furze, Pudleston, has received information that her son, Pte. Dallow, is now in an hospital at Nottingham. She does not know if he is wounded or ill. He joined the Herefords and went to France with the K.S.L.I., and was later attached to the Border Regiment.

A number of letters have arrived in Leominster from local men attached to the Border Regiment. Naturally there is considerable anxiety in the minds of the relatives.

HEREFORD MAN MISSING.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamblin, 45, Cotterell Street, Hereford, have received official notification from the War Office that their eldest son, Private Reginald Hamblin, of the Herefordshire Regiment, attached to the Border Regiment, has been missing since the attack on November 12th. Previous to joining the Army early in the year, he assisted his father as a plumber.

PETERCHURCH MAN.

We regret to state that Mrs. Metcalfe, of Peterchurch, has had notice from the War Office that her youngest son Pte. Moses Metcalfe, has been killed in France.

KINGTON MEN MISSING.

Information has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cowdell, of Woodbrook, Kington, that their son, Private Arthur S. Cowdell, of the Herefordshire Regiment, attached to the Border Regiment, is missing. He joined the Herefordshire Regiment some months ago, and was recently sent to France.

Unofficial information contained in a letter sent to Titley from a soldier serving in the same regiment, states that Private Cuthbert Flowers, of the Herefordshire Regiment, attached to the Border Regiment, is also missing. Previous to joining up when his group was called, Private Flowers had been for several years in the employ of Mr. J. M. Currie, Master of the Radnorshire and West Herefordshire Hounds, as stud groom and second whip, and resided at The Kennels, Titley. He married since joining the Army.

LEOMINSTER MEN MISSING.

Notification has been received that two Leominster men have been missing since November 18th last. They are Pte. George Davies, of Crane's Lane, and Pte. Frederick George Nicholas, of 11, Bridge Street. Both were in the Herefordshire Regiment, but were attached to the Border Regiment.

LEDBURY SOLDIERS MISSING.

Official notification has been received that three Ledbury men, Ptes. Frank Tarbath, Dd. Owen, and E. Williams, of the Border Regt., are missing. Pte. Tarbath is the youngest son of Mr. Harry Tarbath, Seven Stars Inn, Ledbury, and is a single man. He enlisted under the group system in the Herefordshire Regiment, and was later transferred to the Border Regt., and had been in the Ancre battle. Pte. Owen is a married man with two children and was formerly employed by Mr. C. H. Hill, sculptor, etc., New Street. He was a member of the National Reserve, having done several years' service in the Territorials, and was called up in September, 1914, going into the 2nd Herefords, and this year was transferred to the 3rd Battalion at Owestry, and subsequently to the Border Regiment. Pte. Ted Williams is a married man with three children and enlisted in the autumn of 1914 in the Herefords, subsequently being transferred to the Border Regt. He was in civil life a gardener, and worked for Dr. Miles Wood, Orchardleigh. All three men went out together with a draft for the Border Regt., and two other Ledbury men of the draft, Ptes. W. P. Clarke and W. Davies, are wounded and in hospital in England.

HEREFORDS WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

The following men of the Herefordshire Regiment, attached to the -th Border Regiment, have been wounded in the fighting which took place in France about November 18th: Pte. Bert Fletcher, son of Mrs. Fletcher, Ebnal Farm, Leominster, wounded in the hand and his back. He was also buried by a shell for some hours and is now in hospital at Derby. Pte. George Albert Hines, son of Mrs. Haines, of Marston, Pembridge, was seriously wounded in the stomach. Pte. Charles Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Haynes, of Stratford Bridge, received a flesh wound and lay in a shell hole all day, under fire, waiting for darkness. He is now in hospital in Norwich. Pte. Stanley Pinches, son of Mr. W. H. Pinches, of Pembridge, had his elbow grazed by a shell. Pte. Sidney Pugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pugh, of High Street, Leominster, is in hospital in France, suffering from rheumatic fever brought on by exposure.

Men who had been transferred to other Regiments were also becoming casualties in France.

KENDERCHURCH SEXTON'S LOSS.

The former sexton of Kenderchurch, Mr. Arthur Higley, who recently retired, lost his youngest son, Percy, in the Gallipoli campaign a year ago. Now we have to record the death of the youngest son of the newly appointed sexton, Mr. Heyden Heiron, Wallace Heiron, who was killed in France recently. Wallace Heiron was a typical British soldier, of a happy disposition, and he made many friends. He was one of the first to answer his Country's call. A memorial service was conducted in the little church by the Rev. J. W. Reeder, vicar. Special hymns were sung, the Dead March being played by the organist, Miss Garbons, at the close. The sermon was spirited and full of encouragement to those who had lost sons in the noble cause of King and Country. A good number were present and Mr. and Mrs. Heiron have been the recipient of much sympathy from a large circle of friends. Pte. Wallace Heiron belonged to the Herefordshire Regiment, but was attached to the Gloucesters.

HEREFORDIAN WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

Pte. G. G. Aylward, of the Hereford Regiment, who has been transferred to the Royal Warwicks in France, was wounded in the fight for Beaumont Hamel a fortnight ago, a piece of shrapnel entering his right arm below the shoulder. He had nearly finished "digging in," and had to get to the rear for treatment, which he did safely in spite of the enemy machine guns. Pte. Aylward was in training with the Reserves last summer; he is a Herefordian and an old Lutonian. He is now at the East Sussex Hospital at Hastings.

The London Gazette

Honours & Awards

General Headquarters,

13th October, 1916.

SIR,—

In accordance with the final paragraph of my Despatch dated 1st October, 1916, I have the honour to submit herewith the list of Officers and others whose services I desire to bring particularly to your attention.

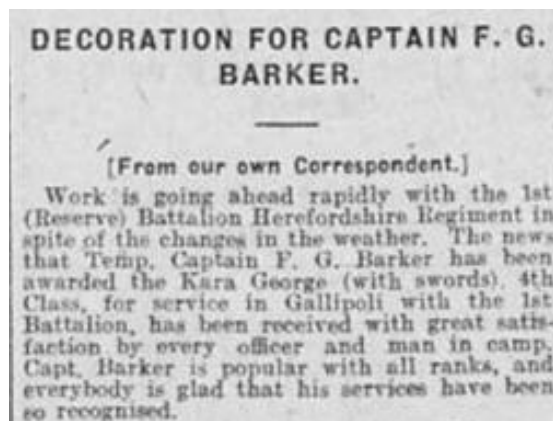
I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. J. MURRAY, General,
Commander-in-Chief,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

Publication Date			Detail
01/12/1916	Adams	737 LCpl F	MID
01/12/1916	Bright	1579 Pte AH	MID
01/12/1916	Capel	EA	MID
01/12/1916	Drage	G	MID
01/12/1916	Hopkins	WA	MID
01/12/1916	Pateshall	HEP	MID - HQ 53 Div Staff
01/12/1916	Probert	1244 Pte CW	MID
01/12/1916	Roper	1252 Pte AW	MID

From the 2nd Battalion:



REGIMENTAL HONOUR.

CAPT. CAPEL GAZETTED WITH MILITARY CROSS.

The "London Gazette" of Saturday contained a long list of awards to officers for gallantry and devotion to duty. Among them is Captain Ernest Amphlett Capel, Hereford Regiment (son of the Rev. A. J. Capel, Vicar of St. John's Parish, Hereford), who, as previously announced in the *Hereford Times*, has been awarded the Military Cross for his splendid services during the Turkish bombardment of our posts during the attack on Romani, which our troops turned into a rout. The award is given on the following grounds:

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He held his post against the enemy under intense fire, displaying great courage and determination. Later, he rendered valuable service by observing for the artillery.

This is what an officer who was in the engagement wrote home soon after the affair, the initials given, as everybody guessed, referring to the officer whose conduct has now been recognised:—

"Unfortunately the Turks' big guns, 6in. high explosive, took it into their heads to wipe out Captain C—'s post, and for just over twenty-four hours they dropped shell after shell in and around the place. From where we were—about 100 yards away—it seemed as if nobody could be alive at all. The explosions were terrific and deafening, clouds of smoke obliterating the place for a short while each time. . . . The men were great, especially seeing that they had no means of retaliation. Captain C— was superb. Although knocked over once (unhurt) he kept at it all the time—no rest, sleep, or food, cool and resourceful all the time." It was in this action that Lieut. G. L. Wallis (son of Alderman E. L. Wallis) was wounded. Three shells exploded in the machine-gun trenches in one minute, and the writer stated that not a man of the section escaped altogether. The Herefords suffered some 50 casualties in the bombardment. A party of Turkish infantry, mostly snipers, were within a few hundred yards of the Hereford's post during the period of the battle—it was then dark—and according to the letter which we published the other officers (Lieut. P—, Sec. Lieut. J—, Sec. Lieut. M—, and Sec. Lieut. W—) were also cool and resourceful, and displayed that bravery typical of the British race.

HEREFORD REGIMENT.

THREE OFFICERS AND FOUR MEN RECOMMENDED.

ROMANI BATTLE DESPATCH.

A special supplement to the "London Gazette" last week-end, contains a long despatch, dated October 1st, from General Sir Archibald Murray, commanding the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, describing the operations undertaken in Egypt during the four months ending on September 30th last. The principal event of this period was the desert battle in the Qatia district, which resulted in the decisive defeat of a Turkish force of 18,000 men and the capture of 4,000 prisoners, several guns, and much war material. This brilliant victory was achieved under difficult and trying conditions, and the Commander-in-Chief pays a well-deserved tribute to the heroism, tenacity, and resource displayed by all the units engaged. Among the officers and men mentioned as being recommended for good service in a second despatch are three officers and four men of the Hereford Regiment. They are as follows:—

Lieut.-Colonel Gilbert Drage, O.C.
Captain E. Amphlett Capel.
Sec. Lieut. W. A. Hopkins.
Pte. (acting L.-Corpl.) F. Adams (737), of Hereford.
Pte. A. W. Roper (1252), of Hereford.
Pte. C. W. Probert (1244), of Hereford.
Pte. A. H. Bright (1379), of Hereford.

FOURTEEN MENTIONED SINCE THE WAR.

Both Lieut.-Colonel G. Drage (whose home is at The Rhodd, Presteign) and Captain E. A. Capel (a well-known Hereford solicitor and County Councillor) were wounded in the Gallipoli campaign, the former also being mentioned for his services on the Peninsula. Capt. E. A. Capel, as announced in the *Hereford Times* last week, has been awarded the Military Cross for his gallant part in the Romani battle, and presumably the above recommendation for notice has in his case already been acted upon. Of the men the three last mentioned were in the Suvla Bay landing, and had the luck to escape being wounded. Some time ago Capt. E. T. P. Rogers and Quartermaster S. C. Herbert (Hereford) were also mentioned in despatches for good work in the present campaign; while in July Sec. Lieut. (temp. Capt.) A. G. R. Whitehouse, Sec. Lieut. (temp. Capt.) P. Ashton, also

of the Hereford Regiment, were among those recommended for services in Gallipoli. In the early part of the year two other Hereford Regiment men (Pte. D. Pike, Ross, and Pte. E. Mann, Wootton-under-Edge; the latter being given the D.C.M.) were mentioned for good work and bravery at Gallipoli. Thus six Hereford Regiment officers (some twice) and seven men have been mentioned during the war.

THE FOUR HEREFORD MEN.

Pte. C. W. Probert (1244), is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Probert, of 42, Newtown Road, Hereford. He is 19 years of age, and was in the Herefords before the outbreak of war. Side by side with the good news of his honour his parents experienced a sad event in their family, for his brother, Pte. Richard Probert, also of the Herefords, died last week at his home and was buried on Monday at the Cemetery with military honours. Pte. C. W. Probert was an employee of the G.W.R. sheds, and before that he was at the *Hereford Times* works.

Pte. A. Bright (1379) is the only son of Mrs. Bright, of 3, Priory Place, Widemarsh Common, Hereford, and is 33 years of age. He joined at the outbreak of war, before which he was employed by Mr. Charles Cooke, builder.

L.-Corpl. F. Adams (737) is the son of Mrs. Adams, 52, Great Berrington Street, Hereford. He is 30 years of age, and joined the Battalion at the outbreak of war. He has a brother, Pte. Thomas Adams, who is guarding prisoners in the Isle of Man, and a nephew, Pte. Harold Adams, who is serving with the Cheshires in France. L.-Corpl. Adams went out with a draft when Capt. Capel rejoined his battalion in March last, and has since been promoted sergeant.

Pte. A. W. Roper (1252) has his home at 8, Barr's Court Place, and is very well known in that district.

Promotions & Appointments (extracts from the London Gazette)

Publication Date			Detail	Effective Date	Remarks
07/12/1916	Boulton	RJ	to be captain	08/11/16	
29/12/1916	Goss	JW	To be second lieutenant		
01/12/1916	Hooper	RS	relinquishes appointment of staff captain	04/11/16	
23/12/1916	Hooper	RS	to be DAA & QMG	01/12/16	
01/12/1916	Jones	FTA	To be second lieutenant	01/12/16	
11/12/1916	Kenworthy	E	to be captain	04/12/16	HRVC, special appointment
20/12/1916	Renn	TW	to be lieutenant	01/08/16	detached
16/12/1916	Trumper	FA	to be lieutenant	28/06/16	
27/12/1916	Whitehouse	AGR	to be captain	11/08/15	

**LIEUT.-COL. W. B. WOOD-ROE'S
NEW APPOINTMENT.**

The "Gazette" notifies the following appointments:—

Works Battalion, Liverpool Regiment.—
W. B. Wood-Roe, from Lieut.-Colonel, T.F. Res., to be temp. Major (Sept. 8th).
Staff-Captain.—Capt. H. Jack, Durham L.I., T.F., vice Sec.-Lieut. (temp. Captain) R. S. Hooper, Hereford Regt., T.F. (Nov. 4th).
Lieut.-Col. Wood-Roe, T.D., late of the Hereford Regiment, was placed in the T.F. Reserve last May. When war broke out he held the rank of Major in the Herefords, and was appointed officer in command of the Regimental Depot when the 1st Battalion left for the East Coast. He was thereafter promoted Lieut.-Col. of the 2nd (then the Reserve) Battalion—he was gazetted shortly after Lieut.-Col. Gilbert Harris was placed in the Reserve, and succeeded by Major (now Lt.-Col.) Gilbert Drage—a Battalion which was raised under his command in a few days. When it moved to Aberystwyth for brigade training he was unfortunately subject to ill-health, which was no doubt the cause of his subsequent retirement from the command of the battalion, with which he was very popular, being a considerate though a firm commander who knew how to get the best out of his men. Lieut.-Colonel Wood-Roe is a Ledbury resident, and possibly under present circumstances may be seen again in Hereford. He saw service before joining the Herefords (the Ledbury Company) in 1896, and is a member of the Herefordshire Territorial Forces Association.

Captain Hooper, who has vacated his staff-appointment, gained his commission under Lieut.-Col. Wood-Roe, coming from London to join the regiment when war broke out, where he was engaged in journalism.

HEREFORD

Depot functions continue.

No enlistments are recorded, and although no documentary evidence can be located, it appears that all recruits were allocated General Service or Kings Shropshire Light Infantry numbers while they undertook their training in regionalised training units. When they completed their training and were posted to a unit they would receive a regimental number in the run for their 'new' regiment. Hereford continued to be a recruiting centre. This can be seen from the documents of 238495 Pte Congdon.

The entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 3262 Name *C. E. Congdon*
 Showing preliminary training, other special courses of training, Annual Training,† and when mobilized, etc.

Corps	Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
Service towards engagement reckons from <i>5/5/15</i>						
<i>2. June 2/15</i>	<i>Embodied Ser</i>	<i>Transferred</i>	<i>Pte.</i>	<i>5.5.15</i>		<i>W. H. ...</i>
<i>Hereford Regt 241st</i>		<i>Authy. Transf. Order No. 1324</i>		<i>16.12.16</i>		<i>...</i>
		<i>67th Div. d/5.12.16</i>				<i>...</i>
UFFOLK REGT. 44TH.	TRANSFERRED.	AUTHY. W/O LETTER	<i>Pte.</i>	11 JUL 1917		<i>...</i>
		<i>27/Jan 16/27 (G.S.) d/21.6.17</i>				<i>...</i>

Some of those discharged were:

NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1	TERM	HOMETOWN	Notes
DUNN	WILLIAM	PTE	4451	xvi		
EVANS	REGINALD	PTE	5443	xvi	RHYADER	
PEACOCK	HERBERT	CSgt	3681	unfit	Hereford	Age 48; Supplementary Coy
PRIDY	GEORGE	PTE	3445	xvi		
YOUNG	GEORGE ALF	PTE	1905	xvi Wounds	HEREFORD	Served Suvla Bay

xvi - unfit through either wounds or sickness

iiicc - unlikely to become an efficient soldier

timex - Territorial soldier whose time of commitment has expired.

Pte Priddy had joined the 1st Battalion in Egypt in March 1916, he was discharged as a result of sickness. He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
PRIDDY	Herford R.	Pte	3445
George			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	T/1106 B.	53.	
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

Name	Corps	Reg. No.	Rank	Date of Discharge	Cause of Discharge
Priddy	1 st Herford R.	3440	Pte	13.2.16	Para 392 (XVI)
G. Priddy				Enlistment	
				12.4.15	Sickness K.

Date of application (a) Badge (b) Medal

No. of File " "

Address of applicant :-

Action taken List T. J. / 86

W5655-5783 60,000 8/16 HWV(P913) G16/1202
 #189-123 5 2,000,000 11/6

P.C.

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 No. 13/26
 WAR OFFICE

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the "WAR BADGE"

Regt. No.	Rank	Name (in full)	Unit discharged from	No. of Badge and Certificate (To be completed at War Office)	Date of :-		Cause of Discharge (Wounds or Sickness and para. of R.R.)	Whether served Overseas (Yes or No)
					Enlistment	Discharge		
236	Pte	James Williams	1 st Welsh (Banw) Coy	76490	26. 6. 14	12. 12. 16	Para 392 (XVI) Sickness	Yes
329	Pte	James Pearce	1 st Welsh (Banw) Coy	76491	7. 8. 14	11. 12. 16	" " " "	Yes
344	Pte	Priddy G.	1 st Herford Coy	76492	12. 4. 15	13. 12. 16	" " " "	Yes
534	Pte	Shawcross J. J.	7 th B. M. Coy	76493	4. 10. 16	13. 12. 16	" " " "	No
2094	Pte	George J. G.	2 nd Welsh (Banw) Coy	76494	22. 9. 15	14. 12. 16	" " " "	Yes
2725	Pte	Hughes Thomas	Drumhead Coy 2 nd M.C.R.	76495	10. 12. 15	25. 8. 16	(with Special Dispensation) Sickness para. 392 (XVI) at Sumner	No
4891	Pte	James Barclay	5 th Welsh Coy	76496	28. 8. 16	29. 9. 16	392 (XVI) Sickness	No
3063	Pte	James Herbert	5 th Welsh Coy	76497	12. 3. 15	2. 10. 16	392 (XVI) Sickness	No
541	Pte	Hughes W. Henry	6 th Welsh Coy	76498	10. 9. 15	14. 1. 16	(with Special Dispensation) Sickness para. 392 (XVI) at Sumner	No

Badge sold on back CRY 110

4/27/20
 189787


I certify that the particulars furnished hereon are correct.
 Place: J. F. Record Office, Shrewsbury Date: 29th November 1916

I certify that Badges and Certificates, numbered as above, have been issued to the individuals concerned.
 Place: J. F. Record Office Date: 23 Jan'y 1917

Signature and Rank of Officer certifying Characters' service: J. F. Record
 Signature and Rank of Officer certifying Individuals' service: J. F. Record

Soldiers who were 'sick' were transferred to the Depot as in the case of 2656 Cpl Bishop, who had suffered an appendicitis and was transferred from the 2nd Battalion to the Depot.

Table II.—Only for Admissions to Hospital or to the Sick

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of days in Hospital	Remarks
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year			
68 th W. Div Rec Hosp Beafield	28	9	15	9	10	15		12	
2/1 st W.F.A. Clearing Hosp. Aonbury Camp	16	7	16	21 st	7	16	Acute Abdominal Pain appendicitis	5	
68 th W. Div Rept Hosp Beafield	21	7	16	22	7	16	Appendicitis	2	In
	22	7	16	15	11	16	appendicitis	115	

TRANSFER FROM THE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT.

STATEMENT showing the articles of Clothing in possession of a man proceeding from the 2nd Line 1st Bn; The Herefordshire Regt to the Depot Hereford
 Date of Transfer 21.12.1916.
 No. of Rank & Name 2656 Cpl Bishop A.S.
 Date of enlistment or re-commencement of Service 21.12.16

No;	Articles not in possession to be struck out of the list, and any articles not included should be inserted.	No;	Articles not in possession to be struck out of the list, and any articles not included should be inserted.
2	boots, ankle, pairs.	1	Coat or Great Coat.
1	Cap.		Spurs, Jack, pairs.
2	Trowsers, pairs.		Buttons, shoulder.
	Brooch.	1	<u>Kit Bag</u>
	" Canvas.		
2	Jacket, Service Dress or Blue.	1	Kit of Necessaries Complete.
1	Puttees, pairs.		
2	Trowsers, Service Dress or Blue.		
	Waistcoat, Cardigan.		

Signature of the Soldier A. Bishop Cpl.

Certified that this statement is correct in every particular.

Date 21.12.1916.
 Station Louceston
 Name of Unit man is leaving:- 2/1st Herefordshire Regt.
 Date _____
 Station _____

h. S. Munro 16.
 In Commanding "8" Company.
 2nd Line 1st Bn; The Hereford Regt.
 Commanding " " Company.

Name of Unit man is joining _____

INSTRUCTIONS. This Transfer Clothing and Necessaries Statement will be made out by the Depot and will be sent to the Commanding Officer of the Unit receiving the Transfer, who will retain it.

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

The Volunteer Bn continued to be active and wanting to expand.

HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEERS.
Appeal on Behalf of 1st Battallon.

The Lord Lieutenant (Sir John Cotterell) has issued the following letter on behalf of the 1st Battallon Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment Clothing and Equipment Fund:—

Sir,—The accompanying appeal has my entire approval. The object is one of great national importance, and I hope everyone to whom this letter is addressed will consider it his duty to subscribe.—I am, Sir, etc.,

J. R. G. COTTERELL, H.M.L.,
Pres. County T.F.A.

Garnons, Hereford.

(Enclosure).

Dear Sir,—On the authority of the Lord Lieutenant for the county each Company in the Regiment has been instructed to raise Funds in its own district for the purpose of uniforming and equipping the Company and for the general purposes of the Regiment.

After the very definite statements by Lord French and others in authority to the effect that every regular soldier or territorial fit for service abroad will be required for that purpose, and that the defence of the country will to a great extent devolve upon the Volunteers, we have confidence in appealing for subscriptions for the above-mentioned objects. As about £2,000 will be required for the county, and orders for uniforms, etc., have to be given forthwith, it is hoped that ladies and gentlemen of the district will respond liberally with the least possible delay, and that the Hereford Company (which includes Hereford, Weobley, Dore, and Bredwardine) will be able to report a full measure of financial support.

The Hereford (A) Company, through the generosity of the members, residents, and friends of the movement, have been able to uniform and equip the majority of their efficient mem-

bers, but the funds so collected are now exhausted, and as the uniforms are now showing signs of wear, replacements will be necessary; there are also a considerable number of recruits requiring uniform and equipment.

Subscriptions can be paid to the "Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment Account" at the National Provincial Bank, Hereford, or may be sent to the General Hon. Secretary, Mr Geo. Holloway, at the address below.

As the Government now have a scheme under consideration for providing funds in future, it is hoped that when the equipping and uniforming is once carried out no further appeal for subscriptions will be necessary.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR W. FOSTER,
Lieut.-Col., County Commandant.
G. A. C. THYNNE,
Capt. Com. Hereford Company,
Victoria Street, Hereford.

1st BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.

"A" Company.

ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 9th.

Tuesday, December 5th.—7.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon will fall in at 6.15 p.m., Drill Hall, pick up rifles, and march to St. Peter's Church House for rifle exercise. Recruits will fall in with No. 2 Platoon.

Thursday, December 7th.—7.30-9 p.m. Recruits class firing, Holmer range. For duty, Sergt.-Inst. of Musketry, the Rev. W. B. Glennie.

Friday, December 8th.—No. 1 Platoon will fall in at 7.15 p.m., Drill Hall, and march to St. Peter's Church House, on Tuesday, 7.15 p.m., ambulance class. 8 p.m., Drill Hall, drum and file practice.

No. 1 Platoon will furnish a guard at Electric Light Works, as per details above for No. 2 Platoon on December 3rd. Orderly officer, Lieut. H. Hammonds.

Note.—The guard for duty at Electric Light Works on Sunday, December 10th, will be furnished by No. 6 Platoon, under orders as above.

WEOLLEY DETACHMENT.

No. 5 Platoon, December 7th, Birch Schools, 7.30-9 p.m., drill. Musketry.—Passed shooting test as stated: Recruits, Marksman, B. J. Warren.

Platoon commanders will furnish monthly returns (on forms provided), together with parade states, by the 1st December prompt. N.C.O.'s to furnish Company Sergt.-Major with attendance rolls of all drills and guards at which they are detailed for duty on the following morning without fail.

(Signed) G. A. C. THYNNE, Coy. Comdr.,
Commanding "A" Coy., H.V.R.
Headquarters, Hereford,
Dec. 1st, 1916.

CARE OF EQUIPMENT, ETC.

(Copy).

VOLUNTEER FORCE.

1. Every care must be taken of this equipment, and detailed arrangements made by battalions for keeping it clean. This is especially necessary where the equipment is handed over by one rifle to another, and does not remain in the sole charge of the same man. Moss tins must be properly polished, and for cleaning the equipment only the following polishers may be used:—Nutta, Cherry Blossom, and Wren. Pouches must be kept well filled with paper to prevent their cracking.

2. The G.O.C.-in-C. desires that on the occasion of a March Past greater attention be paid to the following points: Arms to swing freely. The command, "eyes right" or "eyes left," to be given by each Platoon Commander. Officers invariably salute with the right hand.

(Signed) J. E. WYNNE, 2nd Lt., for IA. Col.,
Special Officer for Volunteer
Services, Western Command,
Chester, Nov. 12th, 1916.

RIFLE MATCH.

A match between Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons of the Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment took place on the morning of Boxing Day, on the Tudorville Miniature Range, Ross. Thirty members competed, the best 12 targets on each side being counted, the winning team sharing part of the money subscribed for the Christmas Prizes and a sum of £1 kindly given by Mr. F. W. Herbert, Perrystone. After a keen and interesting competition in which No. 2 Platoon led for some time, No. 1 Platoon finished with a higher average, and won by 27. Score:—

No. 1 Platoon.		No. 2 Platoon.	
Sergt. James	99	Pte. Hyde	97
Pte. Pragnell	95	Sergt. Kettley	96
Sergt. Llewellyn	93	Pte. Parsons	95
Pte. Kemp	92	Pte. Elgo	95
Pte. Hardy	91	Corpl. Hughes	94
E. J. Pragnell	90	Com. Price	92
Corpl. Thomas	90	Corpl. Hicks	91
Sergeant Hall	89	Sergt. Kemp	85
Corpl. Caws	89	Pte. Thornley	84
Pte. Marshall	87	Pte. Eves	78
Pte. Norman	85	Pte. Maddy	77
Q.M.S. Pearson	86	Pte. King	75

1086

1030

1st Battalion

From the history of the 53 (Welsh) Division history:

The Division (less 160 Bde) remained as General Reserve for the Eastern Force.

The Divisional artillery was also reorganised under command of Brigadier Short.

At a higher level Sir Arthur Murray moved his HQ from Ismailia to Cairo, and Lt Gen Sir Charles Dobell assumed command of the Eastern Force at Ismailia. Gen Sir Phillip Chetwode assumed command of the Desert Column.

Christmas Day was celebrated by 158 and 159 Bdes at Romani. A little extra food and a limited ration of beer had been brought up from Port Said.

Whilst the British troops were ready to assault into the Sinai, the Turks withdrew and by the end of December Sinai was free of Turkish troops.

A steady time spent training and preparing for future operations; this is reflected in the static strength numbers for the Battalion.

Date	Location	Detail
1 Dec	Romani	Training
2 Dec		Training; brigade night operations. Bn left camp 1450 and marched to a point on Ismailia road opposite K122 on CSR, with full camel transport and bivouacked. Hot meal served about 1800, cooks having come by road. Bde moved out of bivouac at 2200. It took 35 minutes to load all camels by bright moonlight. Marched 1.5 miles on bearing 315°. Bns in line, each in column of route, camels in rear. Halted for 4 hours. 1/7 th RWF and 1/1 st Herefords marched on a mile and then turned to a bearing 67°, 1/6 th RWF converging. Halted just before dawn about 700 yds from position held by 1/5 th RWF [L of Katib el Ferdan ref map Ismailia 1:100,000]. Attacked just at dawn, finally marched back to camp. Attack successful owing to good compass leading and pacing. Distance about 12 miles.
3 Dec		Sunday – Lt Col Drage and Lt FH Evelyn rejoined from England leave.
4 Dec		Training. Lecture on field firing by GOC 53 Div
5 Dec		Training. Demonstration of field firing under GOC 53 Div, to determine limits of individual effective fire. Maj ALB Green left unit en route for England.
6 Dec		Brigade training. Bde attached 1/2 nd Bn Essex Regt, who took up position about Hill 45 [CZ 1:40,000 003 B32]. 1/1 st Herefords formed advance guard from Rednit. Halted by BGC as direction was thought to be wrong. Attack took a long time to develop owing to difficulty in finding enemy's flank. Exercise showed the great difficulty of identifying hills shown on map on the ground.
7 Dec		Training. Maj ALB Green sailed from Port Said.
8 Dec		Training
9 Dec		Training
10 Dec		Sunday

11 Dec		Brigade Ex. Bde attached ½ Bn 1/7 th Essex who held a position on Hill 36 [OZ 1:40,000 002 T14/15]. Attach successful; enemy's right flank easily turned from sand dune 2000 yds W of his position. 2Lt WF Chipp returned to duty with Bn.
12 Dec		Training
13 Dec		Training
14 Dec		Training. Bn ex NW of camp; companies not well handled; a lack of decision shown. Marked improvement in handling of Lewis Gun teams. Capt CEG Pilkington returned from hospital. Miss Lena Ashwell's concert party visited El Ferdan, East Bank.
15 Dec		Training
16 Dec		Bn Trg. Miss Lena Ashwell's concert party gave a special performance for 158 Bde.
17 Dec		Sunday
18 Dec		2Lt AV Banks to hospital. Bde Ex. Bde attacked position near bridge over Abbassia Canal, w of Katib el ferdan [Ismailia 1:100,000] a change of direction successfully carried out.
19 Dec		Training. 2Lt WC Wilson to hospital; 2Lt LKV Job to Bde Bomb School as instructor vice 2Lt A Wilson.
20 Dec		Combined training with 1/7 RWF and MG Coy in area CZ 1:40,000 002 T 10/15/16/20/21/22 – attack. Following Honours and Awards published in Battalion orders: Mention in Despatches published 2 Dec 1916: Lt Col G Drage Capt E A Capel 2Lt W A Hopkins 737 Sgt F T Adams 1244 LCpl C W Probert 1252 LCpl W O'Brady 1579 Pte A H Bright
21 Dec		Training
22 Dec		Training. GOC Eastern Frontier Force visited camp. Following reversions and promotions published: Temp Capt Crossley to 2Lt Temp Capt Bailey to 2Lt Temp Capt A V Banks to 2Lt
23 Dec		Demonstration of Lewis Gun in attack, with formation of ammunition dumps, by Lewis Gun Officer in CZ 1:40,000 o2 T 14 & 20, attended by Coy Comds.
24 Dec		Training
25 Dec		Christmas Day. Swimming races and athletic events, Short Church Parade at 9am. Concert with competition around campfire at 7pm.
26 Dec		Training and cleaning up camp. Heavy storm of wind and rain.
27 Dec		Combined trg with 1/6 RWF and M Coys, area NW of camp. Attack on position held by skeleton enemy – fair.
28 Dec		Brigade route march, brigade started at 8.30am, marched to railhead and about 1 mile towards Ballah Bunyan by road, then turned west and marched across desert, Battalion in line and wheeling in turn. Back in camp 1pm. A bright cold windy day. Four men fell out; a great many with sore feet.
29 Dec		Training. Inspection of wheeled transport by BGC. Heavy rain.
30 Dec		Company Trg and field firing
31 Dec		Sunday Church Parade – 2 Offrs, 8 ORs to Zeitoun Sch of Instr.

Originals

WAR DIARY.

1/1 ST. HEREFORDSHIRE REGT.

APPENDIX I

Weekly State	Officers	O.R.
Week ending 2. 12. 16	34.	929.
9. 12. 16	34	923
16. 12. 16	36.	928
23. 12. 16	34.	931
30. 12. 16	34	931

APPENDIX 2.

Weekly Casualty Returns.

Week ending	Hospital.	
	Officers	O.R.
2. 12. 16	.	16.
9. 12. 16	.	13
16. 12. 16	.	11
23. 12. 16	2.	16.
30. 12. 16.	.	14.

APPENDIX 3.

Reinforcements etc.

Temp. Capt BAILLIE. B.G arrived from England 1. 12. 16
 CROSSLEY. A.H. " " "
 Lieut BANKS. A.V. " " "
 of Lieut POCHIN. E.H. " " "
 Off Leave Lieut Col DRAGE. G. " 4/12/16
 Lieut EVELYN F.H.L. " " "
 To England Major GREEN. A.L.B. Embarked. 7/12/16
 of Lieut BANKS A.V. To Hospital. 18/12/16
 of Lieut WILSON W.C. " 19/12/16
 an Capt PILKINGTON C.E.G. " 3/12/16
 of Capt PILKINGTON C.E.G. From Hospital 15/12/16

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Maj ALB Green

Date	Location	Detail
1 Dec		Brigade Ex east of canal. Whole thing rather a failure due to Australian enemy taking up position on wrong ridge. 159 Bde march through and bivouaced the night on way to Kantara and Romani with camel transport. Col Swindells and others to dinner.
2 Dec		Brigade night ops. Moved out of camp at 3pm with full camel transport. Bivouaced moved out at 10pm and did night march and attacked at dawn. Beastly cold.
3 Dec		Slept all morning. In afternoon did mess accounts. Hear CO returns tonight so hope to get off Tuesday.
4 Dec		Spent a busy day handing things over to CO. Mess a/cs to Russell and Regt a/cs to Sale. Got away by 9.42 train in evening to Port Said, went to Casino Palace Hotel.
5 Dec		Find boat not expected to sale before Thursday. Booked passage. Very annoyed at losing my field glasses and camera. Think Davies must have forgotten to put them in the train. Enquired at lost luggage dept at station but could find no trace of them.
6 Dec		Got my ticket. Bought odds and ends to take home. Notified by cooks at 7.30 in evening to go on board at midnight, afterwards changed to 10pm.
7 Dec		Caledonia. Left Port Said at 0800 so might have spent night at hotel. Very noisy on board all night – coaling and taking in cargoes. Boat drill at 1000 – every one to carry life belts. Special lookout watches for passengers.
8 Dec		Sighted Crete about noon and picked up an escort. Not a very exciting day. Made friends with Mrs Dallin and Henderson of Westminster Dragoons. Quite nice and amusing.
9 Dec		Weather became a bit rough during night and a good many absentees from meals. Took on a fresh escort during the night, TBD 57.
10 Dec		Much calmer and most people came down to breakfast. Sighted Malta about 8am and at 9 put in close to shore to await orders. Didn't get away until after noon. Took on fresh escort TBD 82.
11 Dec		Came on to blow in the night and quite rolling in the morning. Picked up coast of Sardinia about noon and it was much calmer when we got under lee of shore. Very fine rock scenery. Much colder. Escort still with us.
12 Dec		Came on very rough after leaving lee of Corsica, got worse during day and had to slow down. Put into Toulon about 3.30 as we couldn't make Marseilles before dark. One big sea carried away part of bridge. Escort seemed to be making very heavy weather.
13 Dec		Blew very hard all day and held us up in harbour, where of course it was quite calm. Gramophone in evening – quite good.
14 Dec		Got away from Toulon at 0800. Sea much calmer, bright morning. At 1110 when 2-3 miles off Marseilles struck mine well forward on port bow. Took to boats – very unpleasant and wobbly. Lascars hopeless. Landed about 3pm from pilot boat. Went to Louvre. Dined at Restaurant De La Reserve with Mrs D and Henderson.
15 Dec		Had breakfast at 0830, afterwards raised the wind at cooks and went with Mrs Dallin to buy flowers. Went down to docks and got away 1230 in P&O special – very crowded.
16 Dec		Arrived Boulougne at 0945. Spent morning wandering round and lunched at The Folkestone Hotel. Got on board boat about 1500 which left about 1645. Arrived

		Victoria about 9.30 in dense fog. No taxis so left baggage and went by tube. Found Do waiting for me at Berners.
17 Dec		Went to Victoria for my baggage then to Carlton to lunch with Barbara and Charlie. Had tea with Powers and Do and I dined quietly at Princes Grill Room.
18 Dec		In the morning went to Carters and saw Charlie in his office. Lunched with him at Pall Mall Restaurant. Do and I went to see a seabrook car, but were not favourably impressed. Had tea at Holman's. John and Margaret came up for night and we dined at Piccadilly.
19 Dec		Went to War Office to try and arrange passage as no P&O available. Met Do and Margaret at Savoy for lunch, afterwards went shopping with them. Margaret went back to Cambridge and Do and I caught 1010 train home. Snow and frost.
20 Dec		Went to fetch father in car and brought him home. Frost turned to rain. Went to weir end to tea and dinner.
21 Dec		Went round weir in morning meeting many old friends. Went for walk with Do and kids in afternoon when the rain cleared up. Nurse down with influenza.
22 Dec		Went and saw Yates – too busy to see me. Saw Ralph – home on leave. Met pater in club. Took Do and kids to weir end to tea where saw Ida and Francis.
23 Dec		Snowed in night and all morning. Motored to Hereford with Pater. Saw Mrs Carless, roads very heavy. Went to Rupert Sparrows party in the afternoon.
24 Dec		Went out with kids in the morning. Motored with Do over to Lea in afternoon to put wreath on Mother's grave. Went to tea at Whiffen's on the way back.
25 Dec		Spent day at weir end with father and children.
26 Dec		Nurse bad again. Went for walk with children, called on Middleton and Money Kyrle.
27 Dec		Lunched at Ca?. Tea at weir end.
28 Dec		Father went back home in the evening. Had dinner at weir end where met Otall. Money Kyrle's kids party at Lower School Room.
29 Dec		Annie came to tea. Gave K notice.
30 Dec		Went to Hereford. Saw Lady Croft and had lunch with her. Had lawyer's letter from Kingston.
31 Dec		Went to see father at cottage in afternoon and on to weir end for supper. Cabled Egypt for weeks extension on account of locum business.

Routine continued as indicated by the record of 1958 Pte Lilley who was hospitalised with 'pyrexia' (fever), and admitted to the Welsh Field Ambulance (WFA). He was later transferred to the 26 Stationary Hospital at Ismailia and then the Isolation Hospital at Chobra, Cairo.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

31.8.16
 235530. Regiment or Corps 1st Gren 1st Hertfordshire Regt
 Regimental No. 1959 Rank Pte Name Jolley G.S.
 Enlisted (a) 31/8/14 Terms of Service (a) P.O.W. Service reckons from (a) 31/8/14
 Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

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				
16.7.15	6.6.11/11/11/11	Embarked I.S. Campido	Dumport	16.7.15	Nominal Roll.
31.10.15	Unit	Awarded 3 Day R.P. No 2	Sulpheli	31.10.15	B2069.
22.12.15	Ship	Disembarked	Alexandria	22.12.15	D3040.
29.12.15	Hospital	Admt 1st As Y Ambulance Jandria	Jordan	29.12.15	A36.
1.1.16	do	Trans to Red Cross Hospital Surin Davis	Leban	1.1.16	A36.
7.1.16	do	Trans to Amusement Hospital Babak Palace Damour	do	7.1.16	A36
24.1.16	do	Discharged	do	24.1.16	A36.
27.1.16	Base	Arrived Base Depot	Alexandria	24.1.16	B213.
13.2.16	Unit	Rejoined	Jordan	12.2.16	B213.
14.11.16	P.M.	Granted for P.Pay	Shrewsbury	31.8.16	Self 201/1000. 1/10/17. J.W.
23.12.16	S.A.	Admt 3rd W.F.A. (Cyprus)	Ed. London	19.12.16	21/136. H.W.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O)

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				
21.12.16	Hoap	Admt 26th Stationary. (Cyprus N.Y.O.)	Jamailia	21.12.16	R18475.
8.1.17	do	Trans. Infection Hoap. Chobra. (Gallipoli)	Cairo	8.1.17	R19192.
9.2.17	88th Division	Discharged to Base	do	9.2.17	R.20337
10.2.17	Base Hospital	Arrived	Alexandria	9.2.17	B213 L6528.
4.3.17	Unit	Rejoined	Tield	3.3.17	B213.



Pte ES Lilley



A group of Herefordshire Regiment serjeants



The Serjeants' Mess

Standing: Sgt F Adams, Mr Handley (YMCA), Sgt Churnside, Sgt R Cox, Sgt JL Lloyd, Sgt F Neville, Sgt E Fletcher, Sgt H Longford, Sgt Hall, Sgt Taylor, Sgt J Williams, CQMS EJ Cooke, Sgt WS Herbert, Sgt S Farmer, CQMS W Gagg.

2nd Row: Armr SSgt Marriot (AOC), CSM Page, RQMS Herbert, RSM Millington, F Tuner, CSM E Morris, CSM S Price, Sgt S Llewellyn.

Front Row: Sgt W Smith, Sgt HS Harper (Sigs Sgt), Sgt J Griffiths, Sgt C Corner, CSM Evans, Sgt Neale, Sgt E Watkins, Sgt GW Williams

2nd Battalion - Lowestoft

The second battalion remained in Lowestoft as part of 205th Bde in 68 Div.

Whilst trained soldiers were being posted from the Battalion to reinforce units in France, the Battalion was receiving soldiers returned from France for various reasons, including being under age⁴ as indicated in the case of Pte McGraw.

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Regiment or Corps _____

Regimental No. 4862 Rank Pte Name McGraw

Enlisted (a) 15/10/14 Terms of Service (a) 4 years Service reckons from _____

Date of promotion to } _____ Date of appointment } _____ Numerical post }
present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O

Extended group Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

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	taken Army
Date	From whom received				
<u>Z</u>	<u>26/3/19</u>	Embarked Disembarked Joined No. 4. Inf. Base Dep.	Southampton. Rouen. Rouen.	8-8-16. 3-8-16. 3-8-16.	
<p>14-8-16. O.C. 4. Proceeded to join In the Field. 14-8-16. N.R. Posted to 11th In Cavalry Regt. under A.O.204 & A.C.I.1499. 9/</p>					
<p><u>F.B. Rau</u> Officer i/c Terr. Infty?</p>					
20.10.16	O.C. Bn	Trans to Base (Under Age)	Feld.	20.10.16	B.213
24.10.16	NOA. J.B.D.	Ret. from front (under age) To England (Under Age. Born. 4.7.99)	Rouen.	22.10.16	List.
<p>Authy. D.A.G. No: 5544/15461. A. d/- 17.10.16.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>W. P. D.</u></p>					

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 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoemaking Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

⁴ - It was accepted that soldiers should not serve overseas under the age of 19, however this had been widely ignored by recruiters and units. When the true age of young soldiers was discovered, often as a result of their mothers informing the authorities, they could be returned to a non-combat unit.

		Posted under Adm 1916, to 211 Herefordshire Regt. Date of Birth 11-7-1895	}	"	8-12-16		Adjutant Adjutant
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Reserve Battalion (formerly 3 Bn) – Oswestry

The Battalion remained in Oswestry and continued to hold and train troops. Trained soldiers were required to reinforce the 1st Battalion in the Middle East, but more urgently on the Western Front, principally to make good casualties on The Somme.

The winter weather had set in, but the spirit of the Christmas season and the 'excitement' of deployment to the front kept morale high.

The weather is still cold and cheerless, whilst rain and heavy fog has made the roads soft and ankle deep in mud in places. It is often absolutely impossible to use the parade grounds at all, for the soil clings to the boots and makes marching difficult. Fortunately, however, there are plenty of large fields in the district which the military authorities have a right to use, and so no matter what the weather is like the training in all branches goes on unceasingly.

Winter has set in with a vengeance, and the men don't need any telling that Christmas is near. The weather is cold, but luckily it is dry this week. Even with hard work it is difficult to keep warm, but everybody is making the best of it. It is at a time like this when the men feel the benefit of the huts in which they are quartered. There is always a good fire going, and at night and during meal times the Regimental Institute is open where they can write their letters, read, or have a game of some sort or another.

PRESENTATION TO Q.-M.-S. JONES.

Last week a smoking concert was held in the sergeants' mess during the course of which a presentation of a marble timepiece, suitably inscribed (supplied by Mr. J. E. Para, Hereford), was made to Regimental Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Jones (Church Street, Hereford) on the occasion of his relinquishing his position unfortunately through ill-health, after over two years' service. In the absence of Regimental Sergt.-Major Alford, the chair was taken by Co.-Sgt.-Major Geoff. Jones, who, in a felicitous speech, referred to the retiring Quartermaster's many good qualities and the great regret felt by every member of the mess—in fact, by every man throughout the regiment—on his retirement. R.-Q.-M.-S. Jones suitably replied, thanking his comrades for the support they had always so willingly accorded him, and regretting that his happy associations with the regiment should be severed so unfortunately. Choice selections by the mess band, together with humorous and sentimental songs, were greatly enjoyed, and a happy evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR THE MEN.

Last week the programme in the Regimental Institute was supplied by the Band of the Monmouthshire Regiment, and a pleasant evening was spent listening to delightful music. On Sunday, in the Garrison Theatre, another of Sir Thomas Beecham's opera companies gave an operatic concert, which filled a crowded house with enthusiasm.

LAST WEEK'S CONCERT.

Last week's concert was an enjoyable one, and the Regimental Institute was again packed. The programme was given by Mr. W. L. Naylor's party.

The Herefords were also called upon to support local quasi military activities:

DEATH OF AN OLD SOLDIER.

A firing party, together with buglers and bearers, in charge of Co.-Sergt.-Major Jennings, was present at the funeral of an old soldier named Thompson, who died at Porthywaen last week. It was his last wish that he should have a military funeral, for he had been with the colours from the time he was 16 years of age until he was 41. The Herefords were asked to supply the party, and everything passed off exceedingly well. The funeral took place at Llanyblodwel.

RESERVE HEREFORDS.

HOW THE MEN SPENT CHRISTMAS IN CAMP.

TWO DRAFTS LEAVE FOR FRANCE

[From our own Correspondent.]

The Christmas of 1916 will never be forgotten by the men who are now serving with the colours. For some it was the first Christmas spent away from home, whilst others could look back to two other Christmas days spent in the service of their country.

Being so near home the men in this training centre were naturally keenly disappointed that they could not get away for a few days, but they realised that they could not all be away at the same time, and were content to wait until their comrades returned so that they could be with their relatives and friends for a few days.

The weather was seasonable. Following on the heavy fall of snow last week, the occasional showers of rain and the practically continual frost, the whole camp had got into such a state that one could only move with difficulty. The parade ground was one sheet of ice, and it was almost as bad everywhere else.

Arrangements were made for the provision of a quantity of evergreens, and the huts were made to look as cheerful as possible. Roaring fires were kept going, and altogether a happy time was spent.

On Christmas Day there was a special church parade in the Regimental Institute, when carols were sung, and there were no further parades during the day. Special fare was provided, and every praise is due to the master cook and his staff for the admirable way in which the food was prepared. For breakfast the men had porridge and bacon, and for dinner roast pork, cabbage, and potatoes, and plum pudding with an additional issue of beer (minerals for the teetotallers), nuts, figs, dates, oranges, and apples. For tea there was bread and butter, and cake, and as the issue of pudding for dinner was a generous one there was pudding as an extra.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. P. Andrews, Bowling Greca Farm, Clehonger, who sent 1,600 cigarettes as a Christmas gift, there were smokes for each man, and these were distributed at dinner time by the Colonel (Lieut.-Col. Symonds Talyer) and the Adjutant (Capt. Ashcroft), who exchanged Christmas greetings with the men as they made their round of the huts. The company and platoon officers were also full of thought for the comfort of their men, and were busy seeing that everybody was well looked after.

Four hundred seats were booked at the Garrison Theatre for Christmas night, and the men in camp turned out to see the revue, "Rosebud," which was much enjoyed. Before the commencement the Colonel said the officers had previously drunk a toast to the men of the Herefords now on active service in Egypt and France, and called upon the men to give three hearty cheers for their comrades overseas. These were given over and over again, and cheers followed for the Colonel and officers of the Regiment.

All things considered, the men had a right down happy time, and they feel grateful to all who did so much for them. Special thanks are due to the subscribers to the Herefordshire Territorial Force funds, from which 2s. per man was contributed for Christmas cheer.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES.

A Christmas greeting was received from the King and Queen in the following terms:

"I send you, my soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured, and for your unflinching cheerfulness. Another Christmas has come round, and we are still at war, but the Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you."

During the day the following telegram was also received from Hereford

"Please convey Christmas greetings from the Mayor and Mayoress to Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment."

To this the Colonel replied:

"The Regiment has received with great pleasure your kind Christmas greetings. All ranks most heartily reciprocate your good wishes, and express the hope that your Mayoralty may be marked by the blessing of prosperity and victorious peace."

To the men Colonel Symonds-Talyer sent the following:-

"The Commanding Officer conveys to all ranks the best of good wishes for Christmas, and hopes that next year all may enjoy Christmas in the happiness of their own homes."

CHRISTMAS SHOOTING.

It was a happy idea which was the means of starting a Christmas shooting competition, and an idea which provided a good deal of fun for the men. Lieut. F. B. Ellison, the battalion musketry officer, was in charge of the competitions, which were fired on the indoor miniature ranges, and so well did he make the arrangements that everything went off without a hitch. There was a handicap for the best shot in the battalion, those who qualified as marksmen and first class shots on the general musketry course being scratch, second class shots receiving 3, and third class shots 6 start. The shooting was good throughout, and a large number of men took part. The result is not yet known. There was also an inter-hut competition, teams from each hut being drawn against each other. Again some good scores were put up.

On Christmas Day a team of officers shot a match with the musketry instructors of the battalion. The officers lost by 23 points on the first shoot, and won by 10 on the second.

Soldiers were received from the 2nd Battalion in Lowestoft to form reinforcement drafts.

DRAFT FROM SECOND LINE.
On Tuesday a draft of men from the 2nd Battalion arrived in camp to finish their training. They arrived at 10 p.m. after a trying journey, but on reaching camp they were warmly received and were soon installed in their new quarters. The Colonel himself was busy seeing that all their wants were supplied, and the men were grateful for his consideration.

It appears that at least 3 formed drafts, as well as individual reinforcement (generally officers) were despatched in December.

MAJOR SPEER IN FRANCE.
It was with great regret that the men of the Battalion received the news that Major F. A. Speer was leaving them to take up an appointment with the Expeditionary Force in France. Major Speer left at short notice, and is now engaged at his new post. He will be sadly missed by every officer and man in this Battalion, for his kindly consideration and constant desire to do his best to make the lot of the men as pleasant as possible won for him the respect of all ranks. Major Speer was ever ready to hold out a helping hand to anyone in trouble.
As President of the Regimental Institute, Major Speer always showed enterprise and provided games, etc., for the amusement of the men. He went to great trouble, too, to keep the weekly concerts and entertainments going, and spent no end of time over the Regimental Library, which has developed so successfully. When the idea of a Theatre for the garrison was first mooted, Major Speer saw how valuable it would be to the men, and so he did all he could to push the scheme along. Some of the officers of other regiments were equally enthusiastic and the result is seen in the fact that we now have a splendid Theatre run entirely by the military authorities—the first of its kind to be provided in any centre in England.
Major Speer took with him the best wishes of every man in the regiment when he left to take up his duties in France.

MEN CHOSEN FOR THE DRAFT.
Last week-end was a busy one in camp, for another draft in addition to the one that is now awaiting orders, had to be selected and equipped. On Sunday the Brigadier-General inspected the men in full marching order, and later on the Brigade-Major carried out an inspection of kits. The men turned out smartly, and the officers were quite pleased with what they saw.

RESERVE HEREFORDS.

DRAFT LEAVES FOR SERVICE WITH GLOUCESTER REGT.

[From our own Correspondent.]

The draft which was warned for active service a short while ago left camp on Tuesday to join the battalion of the Gloucester Regiment to which they have been transferred. During the week-end all preparations for their departure were completed, up to the issuing of the Gloucester Regiment badges in place of the lion the men have worn during their training, and on Monday it was announced that the draft would leave on Tuesday morning.

Monday evening was spent in leave taking, and early on Tuesday morning the men of the draft paraded to have their accounts settled. Farewell gifts were also made, such as pipes, cigarettes, and tobacco. Before leaving to catch a special train departing at 10 a.m. the Colonel (Lieut.-Colonel Symonds-Taylor) spoke a few well-chosen remarks to the men, wishing them God-speed and a safe return. The men replied with hearty cheers for the Colonel, and moved off in high spirits, in spite of the fact that they were going out just at a time when they thought they would have been going home for Christmas.

The band accompanied the men to the station playing the regimental march, "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag," and other popular pieces. There had been a heavy fall of snow during Monday night, and the roads were covered to a depth of five or six inches. It was bitterly cold, too, but nothing seemed to damp the spirits of the men. They were surprisingly cheerful, and it did one good to see them march away in such a manner.

The Herefordshire Regiment has sent some splendid drafts to the front recently, but this one is quite up to the average, and can be relied upon to give a good account of itself. This is the first lot of men to go to the Gloucester Regiment, but everybody is quite confident that as good reports will be received of them as have been received concerning the drafts that have been sent to other regiments since the new methods of providing reinforcements for the armies in the field came into force.

Another draft is ready for leaving as soon as the call comes, and a further draft for the 1st Bn. Herefordshire Regiment is also standing by. All the men are in high spirits, for they feel that they are to lend a hand in bringing about that final victory which now appears to be in sight.

DRAFTS LEAVE FOR FRANCE.

On Friday morning another draft of non-commissioned officers and men left camp to join the Gloucester Regiment for service overseas with the draft that went shortly before. The Colonel bade the men good-bye and God speed in the name of the regiment before they left camp, and their comrades gave them hearty cheers as they left for the station headed by the band. The Colonel and Adjutant led the way, accompanied by other officers, and the men were in the best of spirits as they picked their way over the icy surface of the road. The fact that they had to spend Christmas on their way to the front did not appear to trouble them. "We are going to be in at the death," one of them said. "Let's go out and get it over. The war won't be won on this side, and the more men we send out the quicker shall we be at home again. The only thing I grumble about is that we are not able to go out with our own battalion. But we are all on the same job, so I suppose we must put up with it."

Another draft set out on Christmas morning, and they too were given a hearty send off and were accompanied to the station by the band and a number of officers and men. Before going they drew their Christmas extras, but, unfortunately, were not able to stay to have their Christmas dinner in camp. They went off in as high spirits as their comrades who left before them, and everybody is confident that they will give a good account of themselves when they come to grips with the foe. The lads who came up from Herefordshire have done splendidly wherever they have been sent, and when the war is over and they return to the quiet of their homes they will have the satisfaction of knowing that when England called for help in her time of need they came forward and did their bit in bringing the brutal Hun to his knees. The people of Herefordshire may well be proud of the name their lads have made for themselves.