

## THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

### Their First World War 'Story' – January 1916

#### The 'Bigger' Picture

#### The Home Front

First Military Service Bill passed by House of Commons; this act brought conscription into effect for the first time in the war. Along with the Defence of the Realm Act, it was possibly the most important piece of legislation in placing Britain onto a 'total war' footing.

**THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1916**

Applies to Unmarried Men who, on August 15th, 1915, were 18 years of age or over and who will not be 41 years of age on March 2nd, 1916.

**ALL MEN, NOT EXCEPTED OR EXEMPTED**, between these ages who on November 2nd, 1915, were unmarried or widowers without any child dependent on them will on

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1916,**  
Be deemed to be Enlisted for the Period of the War.  
THEY WILL BE PLACED IN THE RESERVE UNTIL CALLED UP IN THEIR CLASS.

**MEN EXCEPTED:**

- SOLDIERS, including Territorials who have volunteered for Foreign Service;
- MEN serving in the NAVY or ROYAL MARINES;
- MEN DISCHARGED FROM ARMY OR NAVY, disabled or ill or TIME-EXPIRED MEN;
- MEN REJECTED for the Army since August 14th, 1915;
- CLERGYMEN, PRIESTS and MINISTERS OF RELIGION;
- VISITORS from the DOMINIONS.

**Men who may be exempted by Local Tribunals:**

- Men more useful to the Nation in their present employments;
- Men in whose case Military Service would cause serious hardship owing to exceptional financial or business obligations or domestic position;
- Men who are ill or infirm;
- Men who conscientiously object to combatant service. If the Tribunal thinks fit, men may, on this ground, be (a) exempted from combatant service only (not non-combatant service), or (b) exempted on condition that they are engaged in work of National importance.

Up to March 2nd, a man can apply to his Local Tribunal for a certificate of exemption. There is a Right of Appeal. He will not be called up until his case has been dealt with finally.

Certificates of exemption may be absolute, conditional or temporary. Such certificates can be renewed, varied or withdrawn.

Men retain their Civil Rights until called up and are amenable to Civil Courts only.

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL MARCH 2nd.  
ENLIST VOLUNTARILY NOW**

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Every British male subject who - on 15 August 1915 was ordinarily resident in Great Britain and who had attained the age of 19, but was not yet 41 and on 2 November 1915 was unmarried or a widower without dependent children, unless he met certain exceptions, was deemed to have enlisted for general service with the Colours or in the reserve and was forthwith transferred to

the reserve. He now came under the controls specified in the Army Act. This would be as of Thursday 2 March 1916.

Men were encouraged to voluntarily enlist under the Group System (Derby Scheme) before the Act came into place.

There were exceptions:

1. Men ordinarily resident in the Dominions abroad, or resident in Britain only for the purpose of their education or some other special purpose.
2. Existing members of the regular or reserve forces or of the Territorial Force who are liable for foreign service or who are, in the opinion of the Army Council, not suitable for foreign service.
3. Men serving in the Navy or Royal Marines or who are recommended for exception by the Admiralty.
4. Men in Holy Orders or regular ministers of any religious denomination.
5. Men who had served with the military or Navy and been discharged on grounds of ill-health or termination of service.
6. Men who hold a certificate of exemption or who have offered themselves for enlistment since 4 August 1914 but been rejected.

Exemptions could be made to a Local Tribunal for the issue of a certificate of exemption. There were four grounds for exemption:

1. If it is expedient in the national interests that he should be engaged in other work, or, if he is being educated or trained for any other work, that he should continue; or
2. If serious hardship would ensue owing to his exceptional financial or business obligations or domestic position; or
4. Ill health or infirmity; or
5. Conscientious objection to the undertaking of combatant service.

Certificates of exemption could also be granted by any Government department to men or classes or bodies of men in their employ, where it appears more convenient for this to take place than by individual application to Local Tribunal.

A certificate could be absolute, conditional or temporary. Exemptions for continued education or training and those on financial hardship grounds could only be temporary.

Two examples of exemption certificates:



**NEWCASTLE UPON-TYNE**

Local Tribunal: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address TOWN HALL NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.  
Certificate No. 226

This is to certify that:—  
Name (in full) John George Sadler  
Address (in full) 99 Kirk Street, Ryker,  
Newcastle upon Tyne.  
Age 28  
Occupation, profession or business Joiner, etc.

is exempted from the provisions of the Military Service Act, 1916.

The exemption is\* conditional on appellant engaging within one calendar month from 11<sup>th</sup> May 1916 in some work which in the opinion of this Tribunal is of national importance and reporting to the Tribunal within that time.

The ground on which the exemption is granted is that the Tribunal consider the appellant's conscientious objections to be genuine.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 18 May 1916 Amoliver for the Tribunal.

\* State whether the exemption is absolute, conditional (in which case the conditions should be stated) or temporary (in which case the period of time should be stated).  
If the exemption is granted on conscientious grounds and is from combatant service only, this should also be stated.

Local Tribunal: Name G. Yarmouth  
Address Town Hall G. Yarmouth  
Certificate No. 74

This is to certify that:—  
Name (in full) Robert Edmund White  
Address (in full) 5 England's Lane, Gorseston  
Age 20  
Occupation, profession or business Fish Smoker & Curer

is exempted from the provisions of the Military Service Act, 1916.

The exemption is\* From Combatant Service only.

The ground on which the exemption is granted is By order of Court of Appeal

Signature Edmund Beal  
Date May 4<sup>th</sup> 1916 for the Tribunal.

\* State whether the exemption is absolute, conditional (in which case the conditions should be stated) or temporary (in which case the period of time should be stated).  
If the exemption is granted on conscientious grounds and is from combatant service only, this should also be stated.

If the conditions under which an exemption was granted changed, it was the duty of the person to inform the authorities. A fine of up to £50 could be applied if he did not do so. False statements or misrepresentation at time of application for exemption could lead to imprisonment with hard labour for up to six months.

A system of Local, Appeal and Central Tribunals was arranged. Each registration district as defined in the National Registration Act 1915 would have a Local Tribunal or Tribunals, consisting of between 5 and 25 members each. A Tribunal could work through a committee that it could

appoint. There would also be Appeal and Central Tribunals with members appointed by the Crown. Any person aggrieved by the decision of a Local Tribunal could make an appeal.

Army Council Instruction 386 (19 February 1916) made it clear that official War Service badges issued to those on War Office, Admiralty or Ministry of Munitions work before 1 March 1916 would count as though they were a certificate of exemption.

*Examples of 'On War Service' badges*



### Classes

Men were allocated into a Class, which was connected with the year of their birth, and were notified that they would be called up by Class. These were the same classes as the Derby Scheme.

Class 1 was for those born in 1897. They were 18 years old. They were told they would not be called up until they were aged 19.

A Public Proclamation was placed in prominent positions, advising the public the date on which a particular Class would begin call up. This was deemed to be sufficient notice, but in addition generally each man received an individual notice. It was the individual's responsibility to be alert to such notices and to report himself for duty. There were penalties for not reporting and for inducing or assisting a reservist to absent himself.

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Year of Birth</b> | <b>Proclamation</b> | <b>Call Up Date</b> |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2            | 1896                 | 20 Dec 1915         | 20 Jan 1916         |
| 3            | 1895                 | 20 Dec 1915         | 20 Jan 1916         |
| 4            | 1894                 | 20 Dec 1915         | 20 Jan 1916         |
| 5            | 1893                 | 20 Dec 1915         | 20 Jan 1916         |
| 6            | 1892                 | 8 Jan 1916          | 8 Feb 1916          |
| 7            | 1891                 | 8 Jan 1916          | 8 Feb 1916          |
| 8            | 1890                 | 8 Jan 1916          | 8 Feb 1916          |
| 9            | 1889                 | 8 Jan 1916          | 8 Feb 1916          |
| 10           | 1888                 | 30 Jan 1916         | 29 Feb 1916         |
| 11           | 1887                 | 30 Jan 1916         | 29 Feb 1916         |
| 12           | 1886                 | 30 Jan 1916         | 29 Feb 1916         |
| 13           | 1885                 | 30 Jan 1916         | 29 Feb 1916         |



*National Reservists parade at Ledbury (in New Street opposite TA Centre).*

Shipping Control Committee formed in Great Britain

### Diplomatic

#### UNITED STATES

Franz Von Papen, attached to the German Embassy in Washington was involved in espionage activities and as a result he was expelled from the United States for alleged complicity in the planning of acts of sabotage, such as the Vanceboro international bridge bombing to destroy US rail lines. On 28 December 1915, he was recalled to Germany. Setting out on the journey, his luggage was confiscated, and 126 cheque stubs were found showing payments to his agents.

### The Western Front

Winter conditions continued to halt major operations.

### Other Fronts

#### BALKAN FRONT

King of Serbia arrives at Salonika then leaves; Serbian Government transferred to Brindisi

Entente Governments inform Greek Government of proposed transport of Serbian Army to Corfu: Greek Government refuse consent. Serbian troops arrive in Corfu.

Armistice concluded between Montenegro and Austria: Negotiations break down; Armistice ceases

- Mount Lovchen (Montenegro) taken by Austrian forces.
- Cetinje (Montenegro) occupied by Austrian forces.
- Antivari (Montenegro) occupied by Austrian forces.
- Podgoritza (Montenegro) occupied by Austrian forces.
- Scutari (Albania) occupied by Austrian forces.
- San Giovanni di Medua (Albania) captured by Austrian forces.

General Sarrail assumes command of all Allied forces at Salonika.

## MESOPOTAMIAN FRONT

Romanian Government open negotiations with Russian Government with a view to military assistance

First Attempt to relieve Kut begins: relieving force begins advance from Ali Gharbi

Action of Sheikh Sa'ad.

First British Attack on Hanna: First Attempt to relieve Kut fails

Lt Gen Sir Percy Luke appointed Commander-in-Chief, Mesopotamia

## MEDITERRANEAN FRONT

Gen Sir Charles Monro hands over command of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force to Gen Sir A J Murray - Sir Charles Monro was appointed Commander-in-Chief in India.

## CAUCASUS FRONT

Russian offensive towards Erzerum begins.

Keupri-Keui (Armenia) again captured by Russian forces.

## PERSIA

Kirmanshah (West Persia) occupied by Turkish forces

## GALLIPOLI

7th - Evacuation of Helles begins.

8th - Evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula completed.

General Sir William Birdwood leaves command of the Dardanelles army. (Sir William Birdwood later commanded the Fourth Army in France and then the Australian Corps, till eventually appointed to command the Fifth Army on May 23rd. 1918.)

#### WEST AFRICA

Yaunde (Cameroons) taken by General Dobell's forces.

#### EAST AFRICA

General Sir H Smith-Dorrien resigns appointment as CinC East Africa.

#### In the Air

Last German airship raid on Paris

Nine airships left their bases at Friedrichshaven and Lowenthal. This time they did not cross the North Sea under cover of darkness to haphazardly bomb the South coast of England and return to Germany. Their orders were to fly across the entire breadth of England and bomb Liverpool which, until then, had been considered well beyond the range of the raiders. It made the British realise that nowhere was safe from aerial attack. There were 183 casualties.

#### At Sea

#### CONTRABAND CONTROL

United States Government make informal protest to British Government regarding Black List policy.

#### CRUISER WARFARE

British SS Appam captured by German raider Moewe.

#### ROYAL NAVY



*HMS King Edward VII*

*King Edward VII* departed Scapa Flow on a voyage around the northern coast of Scotland to Belfast, where she was scheduled to undergo a refit. At 10:47, she struck a mine that had been laid by the German auxiliary cruiser SMS *Möwe* off Cape Wrath. The explosion occurred under the starboard engine room, and *King Edward VII* listed 8° to starboard. Her commanding officer – Captain Maclachlan – ordered her helm put over to starboard to close the coast and beach the ship if necessary, but the helm jammed hard to starboard and the engine rooms quickly flooded, stopping the engines. Counterflooding reduced her list to 5°.

Signals to the passing collier *Princess Melita* induced her to close with *King Edward VII* and attempt to tow the battleship; soon, towing began at 14:15, but *King Edward VII* settled deeper in the water and took on a 15° list in a rising sea and strong winds and proved unmanageable. *Princess Melita*'s towline parted at 14:40.

With flooding continuing and darkness approaching, Captain Maclachlan ordered *King Edward VII* abandoned. The destroyer *Musketeer* came alongside at 14:45, and she and destroyers *Fortune* and *Marne*, took off the crew with the loss of only one life (a man fell between the battleship and one of the rescue vessels), the last man off being Captain Maclachlan, who boarded destroyer *Nessus* at 16:10. *Fortune*, *Marne*, and *Musketeer* departed to take the battleship's crew to port, while *Nessus* stayed on the scene until 17:20 with tugs that had arrived to assist. After *Nessus* departed, the tugs continued to stand by, and saw *King Edward VII* capsize at 20:10 and sink around nine hours after the explosion.

At the time it was not clear whether *King Edward VII* had hit a naval mine or been torpedoed. The presence of the minefield was determined from an examination of German records after the war.

## Merchant Shipping

British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month -  
41 ships of 92,000 tons gross

## The 'Herefords'

### Honours & Awards

The Regiment had its first Honours & Awards made to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion for service at Suvla Bay and 'gazetted' in The London Gazette (LG). There were no citations published in the LG but both Ptes Mann and Pike's citations for the award of Mention in Despatches were included in the Battalion War Diary at the end of August.



THE LONDON GAZETTE, 28 JANUARY, 1916.

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| liers.                              | No. 14150 Serjeant A. E. Burrowes.<br>No. 14645 Serjeant E. C. Millar.<br>No. 13852 Private A. E. Wilkin.   |
| rray, Yorkshire<br>ve Battalion)    | No. 25573 Company Serjeant-Major C. Lynch.  |
| son, Gloucester-<br>erve Battalion) | <i>London Regiment (Territorial Force).</i><br>Captain W. P. M. Russell, Gordon High-landers.<br>Captain G. E. Cowley.<br>Captain A. A. Waiser.<br>No. 7293 Acting Serjeant-Major A. W. Barker, Rifle Brigade (attached). |
| ice Battalions).<br>ry Lieutenant-  | Captain (temporary Major) G. F. Davis.<br>Temporary Captain F. S. Hammond.<br>Lieutenant J. Maxwell (killed).<br>No. 172 Serjeant W. A. Barnley.  |
| Indian Army                         | <i>Herefordshire Regiment (Territorial Force).</i><br>No. 1887 Private E. E. Mann.<br>No. 2221 Private D. H. Pike.  |
| ch.<br>jor J. Murphy.               |   |

Hereford

The Depot function continued at Hereford with management of enlistments and discharges, leave men (including sick) and family liaison.

Recruiting duties had picked up due to the Derby Scheme, with B Class men attesting and immediately enlisting and A Class men attesting and waiting enlistment/call up/mobilisation by proclamation.

The calling up of the first four groups of Derby recruits is already benefiting the 1st Herefordshire Regiment. A considerable number of the young men who were sent to Shrewsbury for medical examination have returned to Hereford as recruits for the 3rd/1st Herefords now in training. About 40 arrived on Friday, and were billeted in the city for the week-end. Meanwhile they were supplied with their uniforms and equipment, and as they marched out of the depot on Monday afternoon they looked altogether a promising lot of men. They left Hereford by the 2.30 train from Barr's Court, in command of Lieut. Burton, to join the 3rd line. Other groups of men have also joined.





## MARRIAGE OF LIEUT. GRENVILLE LEVASON.

The marriage was quietly solemnised at St. Nicholas Church on Saturday morning of Lieutenant Desmond George Grenville Levason, 1st Battalion Herefordshire Regiment, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Levason, of 12, Bridge Street, Hereford, and Miss Ida Milnes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Milnes, Odevelt, Southport, and late of Huddersfield (Yorks). The bridegroom took part in the landing at Savla Bay, in which the Herefordshire Regiment distinguished itself, and was subsequently reported "missing." All anxiety was allayed, however, by the receipt of a wire from Alexandria from Lieut. Levason himself, stating he was quite well. Later he contracted dysentery and typhoid and was invalided home. Prior to obtaining his commission Lieut. Levason was a dental student at Birmingham University.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. B. Wynne-Willson, B.D. (Rector), assisted by the Rev. T. M. F. Roberts, an old master of the bridegroom's. Mr. William Mason, L.R.A.M., was at the organ, and played the Bridal March from Lobengrin as the bride entered the Church escorted by her father. The bride was attired in a travelling dress of navy gabardine and moire silk with large velvet hat to match. She carried a sheaf of lilies, and wore a gold chain, the gifts of the bridegroom. Miss Gladys Levason (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Alice Milnes (sister of the bride) attended as bridesmaids, and wore costumes of navy blue with black and white picture hats. They wore gold bangles, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. W. Malcolm Knott, of Birmingham, was best man. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played as the newly married couple left the church.

Lieut. and Mrs. Grenville Levason are spending a short honeymoon in South Devon prior to the bridegroom rejoining his regiment. They have received many handsome gifts, including a case of pipes from the men of the bridegroom's platoon.

The bride's cake, which was of striking military design, was supplied by Mr. E. C. Harris, Broad Street, Hereford.

## HEREFORD OFFICER'S WEDDING.

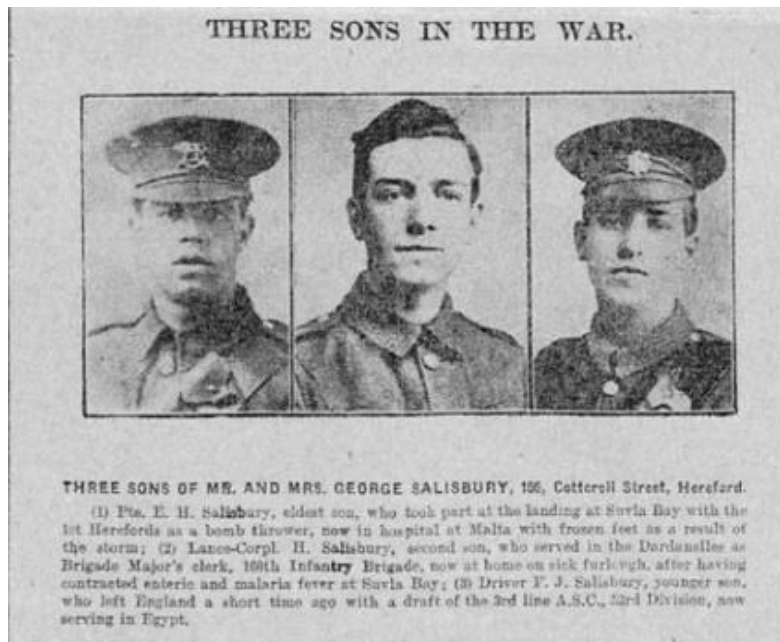


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### LIEUT. D. G. GRENVILLE LEVASON AND MISS IDA MILNES.

Front row (reading left to right): Mrs. Horth, Mrs. Arthur Levason, Mr. Arthur G. Levason, Mrs. Peyton Grenville Levason (bridegroom's mother), Miss Pearl Levason (sitting in front), the bridegroom, the bride, Mrs. Milnes (bride's mother), and Mrs. Briscoe.  
 Second row: Sergt. Bethell, Mrs. A. B. Wynne-Willson, Rev. A. B. Wynne-Willson, Mr. Peyton Grenville Levason, Miss Levason, Miss Bertha Levason, Miss Iris Levason, Dr. Cyril Francis, and Mr. Milnes.  
 Third row: Mr. Malcolm Knott, Mrs. Knott, Miss Gladys Levason, Miss Alice Milnes, and Mr. Haddon.  
 Back row: Mr. D. Briscoe, Mr. Briscoe, and Mrs. Haddon.

Local newspapers continued to publish patriotic local articles to aid recruiting:



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

### **The Importance of 'Palestine'.**

The greater strategic area covers the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean coasts and the Red Sea, the area had been (and still was in 1916 in many areas) part of the crumbling Turkish Ottoman Empire. It was of great significance to Britain because of the Suez Canal and the important trade links to India and the East. Also the increasing use of oil and the resources in the area were causing great interest amongst the Western industrial countries. The area of Eastern Egypt (today Israel, Jordan and Syria) was generally referred to as Palestine.

The land covered by this campaign varies in terms of landscape; the operationally important features were the narrow coastal plain from the Suez Canal area stretching northwards past Gaza and Jaffa, and the rocky heights of the two sides of the Jordan valley.

Egypt was occupied by British troops before the War, whilst Germany had been developing Turkey as an ally. The Turkish army was led by German 'advisors', and Germany also tried to incite a Jihad (Muslim Holy War) against the British forces - Turkey felt confident to resist the British. Britain set out only to defend the Canal from the Turkish troops that were massed in Palestine and from late 1914 until mid-1915, the British force stood on the defensive along the Suez Canal, facing Turkish and German/Turk-led Senussi troops. Action was also necessary in West Egypt against a threat from Senussi Arabs.

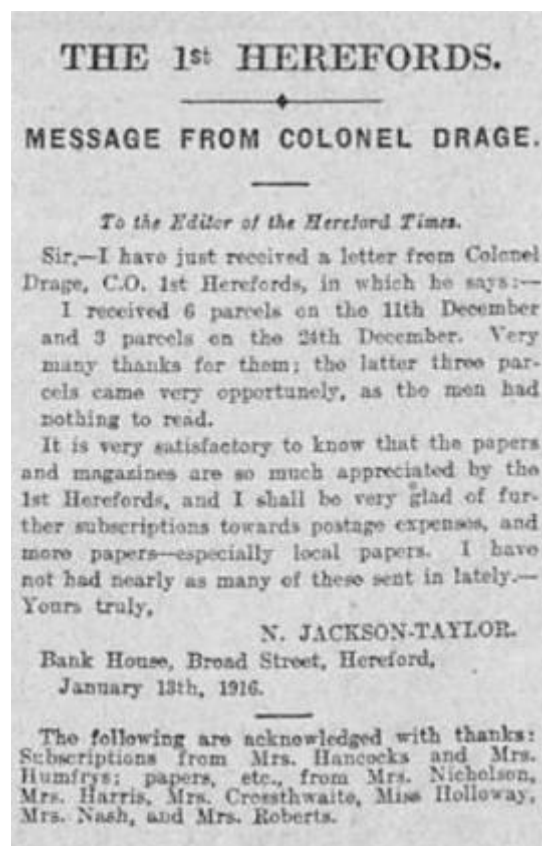
With the failure of the Gallipoli campaign and pressure in Mesopotamia, the British needed to maintain pressure on the Turks. With support from local Arabs (generally seeing an opportunity to free themselves of the Ottoman empire), an opportunity seemed to be born for strategic success in Palestine which would impact on the outcome of the war.

## The Herefords

It was into this environment that the troops evacuated from Gallipoli found themselves; they were to be retained in Egypt to form part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force (EEF). However there was little infrastructure and equipment to support them; the troops were generally debilitated and would take time to be re-constituted into a capable fighting force.

The Battalion was billeted in a bare camp at Wardan, soon the military support system started to 'kick in' and supplies and reinforcements, both local and from UK soon started arriving and the military cogs started to turn to restore military capability.

Comforts from home were much appreciated as indicated by a letter for the Commanding Officer published in The Hereford Times:



Contemporary Diaries/accounts tell the Battalion's story and illustrate the personal challenges of recovery from the trials of service at Suvla Bay, and the relative inactivity and opportunity for socialising and 'tourism'. Whilst these accounts are both by Officers, things would have been similar (but on a less expansive scale) for soldiers:

## The Battalion War Diary:

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Location</i> |   |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| 1-5 Jan     | Wardan          | Battalion commenced revising duties etc. Efforts made to re-clothe and re-equip men.  |
| 6 Jan       |                 | Band Sgt Maj Millington and 22 men rejoined from hospital.  |
| 15 Jan      |                 | 2Lt Porter rejoined from hospital   |
| 18 Jan      |                 | Elementary training of Battalion continued. Inspection by General Dallas, commanding 53 Div. Battalion paraded 176 strong including 22 machine gunners. |
| 22 Jan      |                 | 780 RQMS Herbert promoted to Honorary Lieutenant and Quartermaster.   |
| 24 Jan      |                 | Six men sent to base for discharge.   |
| 26 Jan      |                 | Lt Sale and 2Lts Levason, Whittaker, Courts, Hopkins and Forrester returned to HQ, joined Battalion HQ.   |

### 2Lt Parker

About the middle of January my temperature came down and after a bit I began solids and got as far as the fish stage, when I had a relapse. The relapse only lasted about four or five days but it knocked me about more than the original illness. One RE Officer had two or three relapses (Pearson) and nearly pegged out. I finally got on solids again but after each meal I used to blow up like a football and nearly got knocked off grub again. At last I was allowed to sit up but I soon wanted to lie down again. The first effort towards getting up was to hang your legs over the side of the bed which was a great effort. Next you were allowed to rest your feet on the ground which gave me a sort of electric shock all through. However I was soon able to walk a bit and the doctor turned his attention to my frost bitten feet. These had improved a lot by lying up but it was very painful to walk as I had to have a couple of sticks. Percy Rogers came to see me a good many times also Maurice Bennett. I was now having my meals downstairs and went out a bit at the beginning of February but my ankles were so stiff and painful that I could not walk far.

The feeling of enteric is just as if you have 'flu' coming on aching in the back and all the joints. Barker had come into the ward as he got Enteric and was now up. [Medical] Board took place at the beginning of February. Barker and I were put down for England – great excitement. The Board didn't even ask to see us! On the 5<sup>th</sup> February the allotments for the boats came through and I was in it but old Barker wasn't and will have to wait for the next boat.

## Maj Green

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 2 Jan  | Went to Cairo on 48 hours leave. Stayed at Hotel Continental and went to museum.  |
| 3 Jan  | Went to several mosques and the citadel, also round bazaars. Cold and wet.  |
| 4 Jan  | Motored out to Mena and saw The Pyramids and Sphinx; rather disappointing. Very cold. Met CO at Shepherd's Hotel and returned to camp in the evening.   |
| 5 Jan  | Beastly dust storm blowing. Lewis and Whitehouse went on leave.   |
| 6 Jan  | More dust storm. Moved camp to area lately occupied by 159 Brigade. CO returned from leave.   |
| 10 Jan | Brigade sports – great success. Pulled in Tug of War but were outed by 1/7 RWF. Regiment won race and wrestling in.   |
| 12 Jan | Went for a ride on Mabel with CO and Ashton.  |
| 14 Jan | Started with Mess Contractor at dinner. Food rather cold; 10 in mess.   |
| 15 Jan | Went to Cairo to draw pay. No money yet credited, so had fruitless journey. Met Holman and lunched with him at Sports Club. Afterwards looked in at Aquarium and tea at Groppis. Home by 5pm train. Recovered watch from watchmaker where it had been to be cleaned. Paulson in mess to dinner. |
| 16 Jan | Church Parade in morning. Very good address from padre on Faith. Caravan of about 100 camels arrived in camp in evening.  |
| 17 Jan | Moved camp once more to near old spot. Have a much narrower front. Was Brigade Field Officer on duty and had to turn out all guards including one on Camel Lines. Letter from Do. Written on 3 Jan. Rained.   |
| 18 Jan | Registered letter posted Dec 5 at Selly Oak containing a cigarette case. Began series of lectures on musketry by Whitehouse. Rained again.  |
| 19 Jan | Inspection by Maj Gen Dallas, the new GOC, said he was a great believer in 'spit and polish'.   |
| 20 Jan | Sat on Court Martial today. Very boring as the General was giving demonstrations on Field Firing, which I hear was original and entertaining. Had paper with Ian Hamilton's despatch on landing at Suvla; we're thrilled to see the Regiment is mentioned.                                      |
| 21 Jan | Beautiful day, hot sun and cool wind. Had parcel in crate from Ross with thick gloves etc. Also letter from M. dated Jan 3, and registered letter from Do. Dated Jan 7 with refills for torch.  |
| 22 Jan | Another gorgeous day but a cold wind. Cold at night and early morning severe. Went for a ride in evening with CO and Ashton. The latter's pony came down with him and I took a turn over the lot; no harm done.   |
| 23 Jan | Ashton and I went to Cairo for the day. Very nice. Had breakfast, lunch and tea at continentals and strolls between whiles. Rained coming home, wet night.  |



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|--------|---|
| 24 Jan | Dull day in all respects.   |
| 25 Jan | A perfect beast of a day. Very wet in night and then wind rising to gale from the North. Dried things up and then smothered everything in sand. Worst storm we have had so far. Played bridge in the evening. |
| 26 Jan | Dull day only excitement being arrival of new draft of officers as below: Lt R C Sale, 2Lts RWS Count, WR Whittaker, HH Foster, CB Levason, A Hopkins.  |
| 27 Jan | BGC inspected Battalion in marching order. New way of stowing blankets and WP sheets round pack.  |
| 28 Jan | CO and Lewis went to Cairo for the day. Officers of 1/1 <sup>st</sup> Herefords and Bde HQ played 1/6 RWF at football and won 1 – 0; General played in goal.  |
| 29 Jan | Box of cigarettes and tobacco from Singleton arrived at last; dated Nov 25. Nothing much happened. Went for ride in the evening. Beautiful hot day. D's no 19 letter arrived.                                 |
| 30 Jan | Another hot day, went to early service.   |

#### Casualties

The effects of the action at Suvla were still being felt.

| <i>Surname</i> | <i>Forenames</i> | <i>Rank</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Date of Death</i> | <i>Cause of Death</i> | <i>Place of Death</i> | <i>Hometown</i> |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| TYLER          | WILLIAM          | PTE/LCPL    | 426           | 05/01/16             | DOW                   | EGYPT                 | HEREFORD        |
| OWEN           | GEORGE THOMAS    | PTE         | 2991          | 11/01/16             | Disease               | EGYPT                 | KEMPTON         |

Men were being Medically boarded and evacuated to UK:

**PTE. E. W. BEZANT HOME.**  
Pte. E. W. Bezant, 2136, "C" Company, 1st Herefords, of 1, Portland Villa, Edgar Street, Hereford, arrived home on Tuesday for a few days. Several of the Herefords, who fared so badly in the storm on the peninsula are now leaving the hospitals. Pte. Bezant was at Malta until after Christmas, and has since been in hospital at Eastleigh and Epsom. His brother, Pte. Archie Bezant, was a member of a bombing party who managed to escape the full severity of the storm, and he is now in another part of the war zone with the regiment. Pte. Will Bezant is attached to the machine gun section.

8194 Pte R Evans (from Rhayader) evacuated to England suffering from 'frost bite', 17 January 1916. Pte Evans had been evacuated from Suvla Bay 30 November suffering from exposure; he was to die 'as a result of service at Gallipoli' in February 1918.

Army Form E. 103.

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 41<sup>st</sup> Herefordshire 35

Regimental No. 8194 Rank Pte Name Evans R.

Enlisted (a) 27/11 Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s \_\_\_\_\_

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

| Report   |                    | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, commotions, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form E. 218, Army Form A. 28, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case. | Place     | Date     | Remarks taken from Army Form E. 218, Army Form A. 28, or other official documents. |
|----------|--------------------|--|-----------|----------|--|
| Date     | From whom received |  |           |          |  |
| 18/7/15  | G. J. 1st HFDs     | Embarked TSS Euripides   | Devonport | 18/7/15  | Nominal roll   |
| 22.8.15  | Rank               | found in the field from Bone   | Gallipoli | 22.8.15  | G 213.   |
| 30.11.15 | Ship               | Embarked H.M. transport "Arifant"  | Gallipoli | 30.11.15 | A 36.  |
| 4.12.15  | Ship               | Embarked "Arifant"   | Sains     | 4.12.15  | A 36.  |
| 17.1.16  | Ship               | Discharged to H.M. transport "Arifant" for England<br>Burgess Ferry Port Ait.  | Monmouth  | 17.1.16  | A 36. B 229.   |

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Territorial Soldiers Terms and Conditions of service were, at this stage of the war, still being honoured. Many soldiers became due for discharge as 'Time Expired' and elected to take their discharge. Many returned to UK and after a period of 'leave' rejoined the forces.

1027 Pte GW Woodman of Upton Bishop was one such man. He had enlisted in February 1911 and attended annual training. He had been wounded and evacuated, recovered and rejoined the Herefords at Suvla Bay.

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

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 1027 Name George Woodman

| Corps  | Regt. or Depot           | Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c. | Rank        | Dates         | From          | To             | Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries |
|--|--------------------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---|
| Service towards engagement reckons from <u>16.2.1911</u> |                          |   |             |               |               |                |   |
| Joined at <u>Heres</u> on <u>16.2.1911</u>               |                          |   |             |               |               |                |   |
|  |                          | Preliminary Training.                   |             |               |               |                | <u>R.P.S. Capt.</u>                                     |
|  |                          | Annual Training.                        |             | 1911          |               |                | <u>R.P.S.</u>   |
|  |                          | <u>Postcaval</u>                        |             | 1912          |               |                | <u>R.P.S.</u>   |
|  |                          |   |             | 1913          |               |                | <u>R.P.S.</u>   |
|  |                          | Embodied Service.                       |             |               |               |                |   |
| <u>Hereford Rgt.</u>                                     | <u>1<sup>st</sup> Bn</u> | <u>Embodied</u>                         | <u>Pvt.</u> | <u>5-8-14</u> | <u>5-8-14</u> | <u>16.1.16</u> | <u>Woodman Capt.</u>                                    |

Total Service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 16.2.16 (date of discharge) 5 years — days.

Discharged in consequence of Termination of Engagements.

The discharge of 1027 Pte. G. Woodman is hereby approved.  
Administrative Centre  
Station Levell Hall Hereford.

Signature E. W. King, Capt.

Date 16.2.1916

G.O. ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
1st HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental No. 1027 Regiment or Corps 1st Line, 1st Staffordshire Regt 91  
 Rank Pte Name Woodman G W  
 Enlisted (a) 16/2/11 Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) 16/2/11  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

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|          | From whom received | 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. |            |          |  |
| 16/7/15  | Dis                | Disembarked 228 Warpides   | Devonport  | 16/7/15  | Nominal roll   |
| 19/9/15  | Unit               | Wounded Gallipoli  | Gallipoli  | 10/9/15  | B 213.   |
| 9/9/15   | Hosptl             | Admitted 1st W.F.A. Shrap Wd Lt Arm & Lt Buttock   | Gallipoli  | 9/9/15   | A 36.  |
| 14/9/15  | do                 | Admitted Citadel Hospital  | Cairo      | 14/9/15  | A36.   |
| 27/9/15  | do                 | Transferred to Bontinck Convalescent Home  | Alexandria | 27/9/15  | A36.   |
| 24/10/15 | Base               | Arrived Base Depot   | do         | 19/10/15 | B 213.   |
| 25/10/15 | Ship               | Embarked for Overseas Per S.S. Canada  | do         | 25/10/15 | D 1076.  |
| 5/11/15  | Base               | Arrived Base Depot   | Hydres     | 1/11/15  | B 213.   |
| 30/11/15 | Unit               | Rejoined in The Field  | Gallipoli  | 17/11/15 | B 213.   |

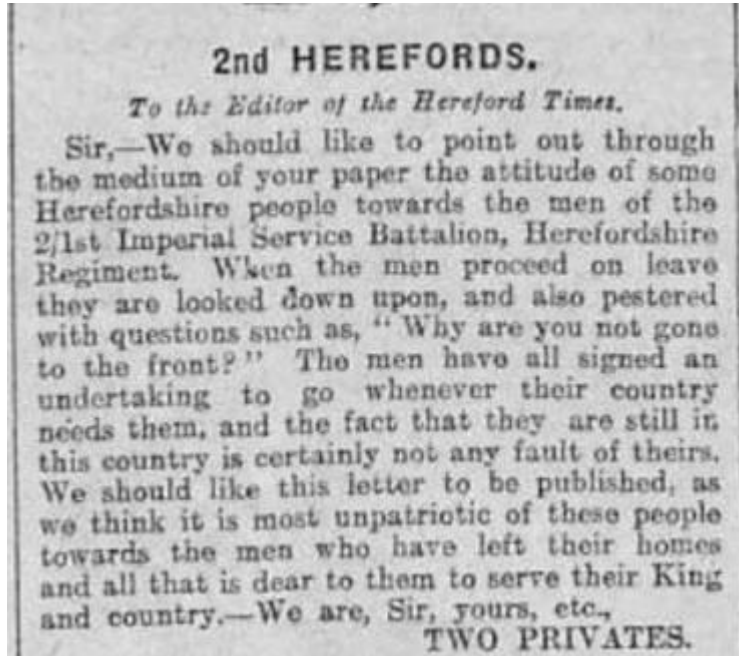
(b) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (c) e.g., Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O)

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| 22/12/15 | Ship               | Disembarked  | Alexandria | 22/12/15 | D 5040   |
| 30/1/16  | Unit               | Left Unit Time Expired   | Wardan     | 25/1/16  | B 213.   |
| 27/1/16  | Base               | Arrived Base Depot   | Alexandria | 25/1/16  | B 213.   |
| 30/1/16  | Ship               | To England Per H.T. Arcadian Time Expired  | Alexandria | 30/1/16  | D 4222.  |

*W. J. ...*  
 OFFICER 1/c INFANTRY RECORDS.  
 No. ... DIVISION  
 8th ECHELON

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn was now part of Britain's Home Defence forces; they were fully operational as part of 205 Bde, 68 Div. Some soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> (and probably the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bns) were feeling 'victimised' and the following letter appeared in The Hereford Times:



From the War Diary:

|          |         |  |
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| 1-31 Jan | Bedford | NIL  |
|          |         | Signed by: W B Wood Roe<br><br>Lt Col<br><br>Commanding 2/1 <sup>st</sup> Herefordshire Regiment |

The Bn took part in training exercises and other activities to maintain personal and military fitness. The Division also had a new GOC.

## 2nd HEREFORDS.

### Their New Commander.

Major-General Arthur E. Sandbach, who is in command of the Division to which the 2nd/1st Herefords is attached, is referred to as one of our ablest Staff Generals. He was wounded in France last May, and Sir John French mentioned him twice in dispatches. General Sandbach has fought in as many as nine campaigns during his thirty-seven years in the Army. He was decorated for his services at Tel-el-Kebir, his horse was shot under him while campaigning against King Theobald in the eighties, and he won the D.S.O. for his daring Intelligence work in the Boer War. He also fought at the battle of Khartoum and in numerous actions in Tibet and on the North-West Frontier. Still on the right side of sixty, General Sandbach does not come within the age disability, concerning which so much has been heard of late, and Sir Douglas Haig will probably utilise his exceptional abilities to the fullest advantage in the near future.

SEE TO THE FULLEST ADVANTAGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

### PAPER CHASE.

The 2nd Herefords on Saturday took part in a Brigade paper chase. Each battalion was represented by 10 men. The Herefords were:—Corpl. H. Thorn (2367), 2nd; Lance-Corpl. F. Hall (3241), 3rd; Pte. W. Seale (1580); Pte. E. Brash (2239), 12th; Pte. R. Baker (1564); Corpl. A. S. Jones (2513), 9th; Lance-Corpl. A. Wood (2436), 11th; Pte. J. Fletcher (2046); Pte. C. H. Price (2294), 4th; Pte. S. Herran (3115). Besides the above several others ran including Corpl. Davies (5th), Price (6th). The numbers after the names denote the place the man finished. The distance was just over six miles. The weather was bad, and a very strong wind was blowing, and frequent showers of rain fell. The wind was in the face of the runners the best part of the way, and the roads were very sticky from the rain. The distance was covered in 30 to 40 minutes.

The result was very favourable to the Herefords, who had 37 points, next came the 2nd/1st Monmouths with 15 points, then 2nd/3rd with five points, the 2nd/2nd Monmouths were disqualified on account of not having sufficient runners.

This run was the first of a series of Brigade runs.

### Cross Country Run.

The second of the series of Brigade cross-country runs took place on Saturday. Each battalion was represented by 12 men. On account of the recent rains, the state of the country was very bad, water standing in many meadows, which made it very hard going. The competitors presented a very woebegone appearance at the finish, coming in covered with mud. The following is a list of the Herefordshires who scored for the battalion, and the points they scored:—1, Davies, 19 points; 3, Lance-Corpl. Hall, 8 points; 4, Corpl. Thorn, 7 points; 5, Pte. Price, 6 points; 9, Pte. H. T. Price, 2 points; 10, Preece, one point. The total scores were:—Herefords 29 points; 2nd/1st Moss, 16 points; 2nd/2nd Mons., 5 points. The Herefords are to be congratulated on having another easy win. It will be remembered that in the last run they made 37 points. The distance was about seven miles, all cross country.

### FOOTBALL.

On Saturday the Herefords' team met the 2nd/4th Welsh, and after a very hot and evenly contested game the Welsh won 1-0. Both sides pressed the attack hard, and it was only the splendid play of the goalkeepers which kept the score down. Sergt. Roberts was the Hereford custodian, and saved many hard shots.

## THE 2nd HEREFORDS

### Entertained at Bedford.

Last week the plans of the Bedford Borough Recreation Committee for the seasonable entertainment of the 68th Welsh Division materialised, sufficient money having come from Wales and the Border Counties to enable the Committee to give refreshments and a first-class entertainment to each of the units. Each entertainment began at a quarter to seven and finished at half-past nine. There was a first-class variety concert by artistes who had been specially engaged from London, and there was a fresh programme each evening. The excellence of the entertainments was guaranteed by the engagement of very eminent performers. The Bedford Tableau Party also took a share of the programme given at the Bedford Corn Exchange where a single unit was entertained each evening, with the Commanding Officer as chairman. The entertainments were given on four nights last week, and on Thursday evening the guests were the Herefords, the Officer Commanding of which, Lieut.-Col. Wood-Roe, presided, supported by the Town Clerk (Mr. Chas. Stimson). The hall was lavishly decorated with a profuse display of national bunting, and the mottoes "Welcome" and "Good luck" were displayed. As the men marched in under their officers each man received a box of cigarettes and a programme. The entertainment immediately got under weigh, the Recreation Committee Orchestra opening with a selection. The programme was as follows:—Selection by the Borough Recreation Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. A. C. Booth and Mr. A. Humphries; tableau I., "The Herdervous," song, Miss Dorothy Taylor; song, "Your Heart will Call," Miss Helen Blain; recitation, Miss Ruby Bower; humorous songs, Mr. Harold Johnson; selection, the Orchestra; tableau II., "A Briton's Pride," song, "Land of Hope and Glory," Miss Helen Blain; song (humorous), Mr. Bert Reyburn; song, Miss Helen Blain; sketch (humorous), Mr. Harold Johnson; selection, the Orchestra; tableau III., "Cherry Blossom Time in Japan," song, Miss Taylor; song (humorous), Mr. Bert Reyburn; recitation, Miss Ruby Bower; song (humorous), Mr. Harold Johnson; song, Miss Helen Blain; selection, the Orchestra; tableau IV., "The Allies, War and Peace. Accompanists, Mrs. Hawkins Piercy and Miss D. Sell.

The second tableau, "A Briton's Pride," presented a scene of the harvest field, in the centre a stack of corn, and at the sides two smaller stacks; reposing in graceful attitudes around these a number of girls in sun bonnets and a warm sun shedding its golden glow o'er the scene. Meanwhile Miss Helen Blain sang most beautifully "Land of Hope and Glory." At the second chorus the centre stack opened and disclosed "Britannia," and the audience went wild with cheering, joining lustily in the chorus.

During the interval a large number of ladies

distributed refreshments to the men, which took the form of pork pies, sandwiches, mince pies, and fruit, with tea, coffee, or lemonade. It was a good half hour, and the men did justice to the hospitality provided.

With military brevity, Colonel Wood-Roe then submitted the loyal toast, and led by the Colonel, the men, standing, thundered forth three ringing cheers, and the band struck up the National Anthem.

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. Stimson) said a few words to the men, in which he congratulated the Division on its good behaviour. He expressed the hope that when they left Bedford they would always remember the town and the hall where they had listened to so many good concerts.

Col. Wood-Roe added a few words of thanks on behalf of the officers and men of the Herefordshire Regiment. He said that during the Christmas season he was pleased to say that he had not had a single case of drunkenness in the Orderly Room.

After the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," the rest of the evening was spent pleasantly with the second half of the programme.

On the opening night of the entertainments, at the Risk, Major-Gen. Sandvich, C.B., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding the Division, said they were very much obliged to the Mayor of Bedford and to the town of Bedford, and especially to Mr. W. Machin and his Committee for getting up that series of entertainments, which was going to last four days. They were also indebted to the Committee for the Sunday evening concerts, and had to express their thanks to their fellow-countrymen, whether in the border counties or in Wales itself, for sending funds in order that those entertainments might be carried out (hear, hear). Before many months were over the men would be going across the sea to fight the battles of the Empire in this great war (loud and prolonged cheers). He was perfectly certain that when they went abroad they would always have very happy and pleasant recollections of their stay at Bedford.

#### H.R.H. PRINCESS MARY'S GIFT.

On Thursday Princess Mary's gift was issued to those entitled to receive it. Each gift comprised a handsome gilt box with a figure head of the Princess and her monogram, a pencil case made of cartridge cases used in the battle of Mons and a card with the words "With best wishes for a victorious New Year from the Princess Mary." Each man who joined the Army before Christmas, 1914, received one of the Princess Mary's gifts.

The Bedford Corn Exchange, where during World War 2 The Glenn Miller Band played and are commemorated.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn remained in Park Hall Camp Oswestry, carrying out a training and holding function. Training new recruits and receiving troops who had been on sick leave and were returning to full fitness. The Bn would then form up reinforcement drafts to be sent to the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, or other Regiments that needed reinforcements.

Great efforts were clearly being made to build esprit de corps and to keep the men entertained.



## 1st HEREFORDS RETURN TO THE CITY.

### A Home Service Detachment

A contingent of some 110 men of the 1st Battalion the Herefordshire Regiment, which has been stationed near Bury St. Edmunds for some weeks, returned to the city on Friday evening. The men constitute a draft which has been transferred from the 1st Battalion to the Reserve Battalion which is now stationed at Aberystwyth.

Although these troops will be utilized purely for home service, that does not mean they have not volunteered for foreign service. Probably they all volunteered to a man, but have found themselves for various reasons unaccepted by the military authorities for service other than home defence.

The detachment arrived at Barr's Court Station by the 8.2 p.m. train from Northampton and Birmingham. The men were met at the station by Lieut. Clement W. Parish, who is acting as officer in command of the depot at Hereford, in the absence of Lieut. W. F. Cornwall. Several relatives and friends of the men were at the station to greet them, but the evening was a miserable one, a drizzling rain falling.

The men will remain at Hereford for a short period, and will be inspected by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Battalion (Lieut.-Col. W. B. Wood Roe) before being drafted to the Battalion at Aberystwyth.

The following is a list of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn men identified as such on a 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn nominal roll of November 1915.

#### 1st Bn Men Drafted to 3rd Bn January 1916

|      |     |    |          |      |      |    |           |
|------|-----|----|----------|------|------|----|-----------|
| 737  | Pte | F  | Adams    | 1813 | LCpl | HS | Kemp      |
| 3232 | Pte | A  | Anderson | 1958 | Pte  | H  | Lamputt   |
| 2988 | Pte | GA | Ashmeade | 276  | Sgt  | AL | Lewis     |
| 1923 | Pte | CH | Baker    | 8233 | Pte  | WJ | Lloyd     |
| 608  | Sgt | WJ | Beddoes  | 1397 | Pte  | TJ | Marle     |
| 1924 | Pte | LR | Bedworth | 1495 | Pte  | T  | Matthews  |
| 1332 | Pte | W  | Bradley  | 1988 | Pte  | CE | Miles     |
| 1769 | Pte | JR | Bridge   | 1523 | Pte  | S  | Millichap |
| 2013 | Pte | W  | Bright   | 971  | Sgt  | W  | Mitchell  |
| 2552 | Pte | WB | Broom    | 1694 | Pte  | AG | Motley    |
| 1541 | Pte | T  | Brown    | 2967 | Pte  | CW | Mutlow    |
| 1864 | Pte | AC | Cale     | 1961 | Pte  | E  | Napper    |

|      |      |     |           |      |      |    |              |
|------|------|-----|-----------|------|------|----|--------------|
| 1195 | Pte  | A   | Cambrey   | 838  | Pte  | HL | Nicholas     |
| 1305 | Pte  | A   | Clifford  | 2097 | Pte  | LA | Nicholls     |
| 893  | LCpl | WE  | Collett   | 2309 | Pte  | EG | Noble        |
| 3224 | Pte  | J   | Colley    | 8    | Pte  | A  | Pearson      |
| 625  | Pte  | G   | Cooper    | 1977 | Pte  | G  | Pilliner     |
| 2019 | Pte  | P   | Crump     | 2651 | Pte  | A  | Powell       |
| 2303 | Pte  | H   | Dance     | 3114 | Pte  | HL | Powell       |
| 2174 | LCpl | FT  | Davies    | 1890 | Pte  | H  | Poyner       |
| 1353 | Pte  | G   | Davies    | 1478 | Pte  | J  | Preece       |
| 2275 | Pte  | H   | Davies    | 1952 | Pte  | FT | Price        |
| 1109 | Pte  | TG  | Davies    | 2030 | Pte  | WT | Pritchard    |
| 1065 | Pte  | WF  | Davies    | 1551 | Pte  | H  | Probert      |
| 1950 | Pte  | J   | Doyle     | 2944 | Pte  | H  | Prosser      |
| 186  | Pte  | A   | Evans     | 1620 | Pte  | W  | Reece        |
| 8202 | Pte  | DL  | Evans     | 1731 | Pte  | JA | Reynolds     |
| 8104 | Pte  | G   | Evans     | 2259 | Pte  | JH | Reynolds     |
| 8217 | Pte  | H   | Evans     | 1957 | Pte  | A  | Richardson   |
| 2934 | Pte  | WH  | Faulkner  | 2079 | LCpl | WH | Savage       |
| 3263 | Pte  | J   | Finch     | 1166 | Pte  | ME | Skyrme       |
| 1435 | Pte  | J   | Gibbons   | 3240 | Pte  | AJ | Smith        |
| 2339 | Pte  | FH  | Gladwin   | 1831 | LCpl | WE | Smith        |
| 1321 | Pte  | A   | Goode     | 1806 | Pte  | W  | Stephens     |
| 118  | Sgt  | J   | Grady     | 1840 | Pte  | C  | Sturge       |
| 1023 | Pte  | FE  | Green     | 205  | Cpl  | A  | Tudor        |
| 2201 | Pte  | JH  | Griffiths | 1751 | Pte  | AJ | Turner       |
| 1611 | Pte  | CF  | Hales     | 1213 | Pte  | W  | Walding      |
| 1054 | Pte  | RR  | Hall      | 1696 | Pte  | H  | Waterhouse   |
| 3053 | Pte  | G   | Hankins   | 1596 | Pte  | ME | Watkins      |
| 1544 | Pte  | ET  | Hards     | 3928 | Pte  | LW | Weaver       |
| 2498 | Pte  | W   | Herbert   | 8197 | Pte  | ME | Weaver       |
| 1103 | Pte  | E   | Hodges    | 3275 | Pte  | WE | Webb         |
| 3098 | Pte  | W   | Hodgges   | 2409 | Pte  | L  | Whitcombe    |
| 915  | Pte  | CT  | Holland   | 2448 | Pte  | S  | Whittal      |
| 1758 | Pte  | C   | Holtham   | 1358 | LCpl | H  | Wilkins      |
| 2124 | Pte  | A   | Howells   | 1394 | Dmr  | C  | Williams     |
| 2347 | Pte  | WSG | Insall    | 3247 | Pte  | CW | Williams     |
| 8231 | Pte  | AA  | James     | 1623 | LCpl | H  | Williams     |
| 3108 | Pte  | MW  | James     | 8261 | Pte  | J  | Williams     |
| 1384 | Pte  | FJ  | Jones     | 763  | Pte  | W  | Williams     |
| 3229 | Pte  | GE  | Jones     | 2918 | Pte  | A  | Wolstenholme |
| 8204 | LCpl | JG  | Jones     |      |      |    |              |

## 3<sup>RD</sup> HEREFORDS.

### RE-ORGANISATION AND PROMOTIONS.

A large number of 1st Line men who were sent home from the Dardanelles on account of wounds or sickness have now reported themselves for duty with the 3rd Line, the latest arrivals being Serjt. W. Pugh and Serjt. Vals. These, together with the constant arrival of fresh batches of recruits, have increased the numbers on the roll to such an extent as to necessitate a reorganisation of companies, a fourth company having to be formed. The re-construction took effect on New Year's Day. A Company, which includes all draftable men, is under the command of Captain Capel, who has now recovered from the wounds he received in the Dardanelles operations, his second in command being Lieut. Winter. B Company comes under the leadership of Capt. Crossley, with Lieut. Ragg as second in command. Sec. Lieut. Baillie and Sec. Lieut. Wilkinson take charge of C Company, and D Company, which consists of all the returned Expeditionary Force men, is under the command of Capt. Yates and Lieut. Burlton.

When the trying climatic conditions of the past few weeks, together with the fact that the 3rd Herefords, in consequence of an outbreak of measles—have been confined to camp for the last two weeks, are taken into consideration, the good behaviour of the men and the wonderful spirit which they exhibit must be a source of gratification to the popular C.O., Major Symonds-Taylor, to Major Jpeer, second in command, and to the indefatigable Adjutant, Capt. Barlow-Ascroft.

There have been no fresh cases of measles for four days, and all are devoutly praying that the irksome restrictions of isolation may soon be removed.

Recent promotions include that of Orderly Room Serjt. G. F. Butson, who has been appointed Company Quartermaster-Serjt. of D Company.



Captain Ernest A Capel, who had been wounded at Suvla Bay and evacuated to England.

He was now fully recovered and would lead a reinforcement draft of men to join the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn in Egypt.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> HEREFORDS.

### HOW THE NEWS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LINE'S BRAVERY WAS RECEIVED.

#### AN ENTERTAINMENT.

From Our Correspondent.

OSWESTRY, Wednesday.

Realising the value of providing as much as possible in the shape of amusement and recreation for the men of the 3rd Herefords during their confinement to camp, the officers of the battalion gave another most enjoyable entertainment in the Regimental Institute at Oswestry on Thursday evening in last week. Major Speer, the genial second in command, has been the moving spirit in these entertainments, and his untiring efforts on their behalf are thoroughly appreciated by the men. The make-up of the various characters was excellent. Madam Flossie Munday (Lieut. Munn) and Madam Mitchelini (Lieut. Mitchell) no sooner made their appearance on the stage than every man in the audience promptly fell in love with them, and the seductive glances which these "sweet specimens" of femininity lavishly distributed about the room had such an effect on the men that only the exercise of the greatest self-restraint kept them in their places. The efforts of "The Spare Screw" (Major Speer), the "Cherub" (Lieut. Chubb), in his club swinging act, "The Cobro" (Lieut. Hobro), celebrated heavy weight lifter, and the "Mountebank" (Lieut. Banks), coster specialist, were received with loud applause. Other items, in a varied and thoroughly enjoyable programme, were: Quartettes, "Beware" and "Sword Song," Lieuts. Levason, Pochin, Dillow, and Munn; song, "On wings of song," Lieut. Pochin; song, "I lub a lubby gal, I do," by the Eickety Coon (Lieut. Ricketts); comic scene, by "Charlie Chaplin" (Lieut. Mitchell), "Ella" (Lieut. Ellison), and "Lasson" (Lieut. Levason); dance by "Charlie and Flossie" (Lieut. Mitchell and Lieut. Munn); song scene, "Sonny," Lieut. Dillow; song, "Young Tom of Devon," Lieut. Oakeley; song and dance, "We've been married just one year," Madam Mitchelini (Lieut. Mitchell) and Signer Lasson (Lieut. Levason). The programme concluded with a grand scene and tableau, "The Downfall of the Kaiser," in which the characters were well sustained by Lieut. C. R. Edwards (The Kaiser), Lieut. Laurie (France), Lieut. Levason (Belgium), Lieut. H. A. Edwards (Russia), Lieut. Mitchell (Italy), Lieut. Collins (India), Lieut. Ricketts (South Africa), Lieut. Hobro (New Zealand), Lieut. Banks (Australia), Lieut. Munn (Canada), Lieut. Pochin (Great Britain), Lieut. Dillow (Britannia).

During the evening the C.O., Major Symonds-Taylor, announced that the sergeants had challenged the officers—the sergeants aver that "the boot is on the other leg"—to a contest to see which could provide the better entertainment, the sergeants to give theirs on the following Thursday.

A few minutes after the arrival of the morning papers on Friday last it became known that the 1st Herefords had been honourably mentioned in General Sir Ian Hamilton's report on the Dardanelles operations. The news spread rapidly through No. 6 East Camp (the camp of the 3rd Herefords), and was eagerly discussed by men of all ranks. The 1st Line men in camp immediately became the heroes of the moment, and on all hands received the heartiest congratulations on their fine achievement.

At the afternoon parade the battalion was drawn up in mass formation, and the C.O., Major Symonds-Taylor, addressing the men, said that day was unique in the annals of Herefordshire. For the first time since the county had possessed armed men the regiment bearing its name had had the honour of being mentioned in despatches. On opening his paper that morning the first words to catch his eye were "Brave Herefords" in large headlines. Producing his paper, the Major then read from Sir Ian Hamilton's despatch his reference to the Herefords, and said he thought those words were sufficient to make the heart of every Herefordshire lad swell with pride. Addressing the officers and men of the 1st Line, who were drawn up in front of the battalion, the C.O. said he wished to offer them his heartiest congratulations on the honour and glory they had brought on the name of the regiment, and he felt sure it would create in the hearts of every one of their comrades in the 3rd Line a resolve to go and do likewise. The Major then called on the 3rd Line to give three hearty cheers for their brave comrades of the 1st Line, a call to which the men responded most enthusiastically.

At the same parade, Sergt. Pugh, who was wounded at Suvla Bay, but is now convalescent, was presented with the long service medal.

During the day the following congratulatory message was received from the officer commanding the 3rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers: "Will you please accept from the officers and men of the 4th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers, many of whom in this unit served with your 1st Line in the old 20th Field Army Brigade, our heartiest congratulations on the magnificent report the battalion has earned in to-day's published despatch."

### 3rd HEREFORDS.

#### CONCERT GIVEN BY THE SERGEANTS.

#### FOOTBALL CONTEST.

(From our own Correspondent.)

"A jolly good show" was the unanimous verdict of those who assembled in the Regimental Institute on Thursday to hear the concert given by the sergeants of the battalion. The entertainment was the outcome of a challenge issued to the sergeants by the officers when they gave their concert a fortnight ago, and when it is remembered that they had practically only four days in which to get up the "show," the sergeants have every reason to be satisfied with their success. It was most encouraging to the performers to see all the officers, including the C.O., Major Symonds-Taylor, Major Speer, and the Adjutant, Captain Bariow Ascroft, present. The increased chest expansion which has been quite noticeable amongst the sergeants since last Thursday may be ascribed to the rousing reception given them by the large audience which was present. Before the commencement of the programme the men were reminded that they were to be the judges between officers and sergeants, but if they were to be the critics it soon became evident that there was to be no stint in the applause when it was deserved. The first part of the programme consisted of songs in character with minstrel choruses. Regimental Sergeant-Major Alford acted as interlocutor, and he kept things moving so smartly that there was not a dull moment from start to finish.

The opening chorus "Here we are again," was followed by "Tommy Atkins," which was given in fine style by Regt.-Sergt.-Major Alford. Sergt. Knightley's rendering of "There's no Home like the old Home," was much appreciated, and Sergt. Ayres proved himself a really good comic in "I'm the safest of the family." Something good is always expected from Sergt.-Dmr. Evans, and his rendering of "Swanee River" was "top notch." Perhaps the pick of the bunch was C.S.M. Jennings' "Pride of the Prairie," which went with a splendid swing. Sergt. "Darly" Williams trotted out his evergreen "Jerusalem Cuckoo," and was received with vociferous applause. C.Qr.-Mr. S. Bishop was in good form in "Asleep in the deep," C.S.M. Jennings contributed "Sleeping in the old back yard," and Sergt.-Dmr. Evans wound up the first part of the programme with "Cos I've always laffin."

Sergt.-Major Chandler opened the second half with a splendid display of club swinging, and had to respond to an encore. Sergt.-Dmr. Evans gave a cornet solo in good style, and an impromptu comic sketch by "Gussy" (Sergt. Smith), "Muriel" (Sergt. Braoe), and "Bill" (Sergt. Bennett) kept the audience in roars of laughter for some minutes. This unpremeditated and unrehearsed little scene was a really clever bit of acting. "Muriel," a dainty "piece of goods," attracted the attention of the pseudo swell, "Gussy," and when "Bill" discovered them in close conversation, things soon began to "move." A lively "scrap" ended in "Gussy" being knocked clean through the wings and off the platform, while "Bill" strutted off with the "bone—or rather the flesh of contention" tucked comfortably under his arm. E.S.M. Alford introduced his "Awkward Squad," which provided another ten minutes' hearty laughter, the culminating point being reached when he brought them on again after a supposed three months' training with the Herefords, and on being turned about they failed to form fours, a "contretemps" which simply convulsed the officers and men. (Wild horses would fail to make the sergeants try the experiment of forming fours on a stage again.) C.S.M. Harris, who was prevented from singing by a severe cold, recited "The charge of the Light Brigade," and the concert concluded with instrumental pieces by C.Q.M. S. Bishop (flute), Sergt.-Dmr. Evans (cornet), and Corpl. Cooke (piano), and choruses by the party. Corpl. Cooke contributed largely towards the success of the evening by the efficient way in which he presided at the piano.

At the close the C.O. complimented the sergeants on the splendid evening's amusement which they had provided, and the cheers given by the men left little doubt as to their verdict.

The sergeants desire to express their indebtedness and thanks to Major Speer and Lieut. Dillow for their assistance as "dressers." The chorus included Sergt.-Instr. A. Williams, Sergt.-Dmr. Evans, and Sergts. J. Smith, J. Griffiths, F. Davies, C. Parry, W. Bennett, Sergt. A. May acted as stage manager; scene shifters, Sergt. Goode and Sergt. C. Griffiths; head dresser, Sergt. Gregory; and "Thic Zargent" was a capable if somewhat lengthy agent in advance.

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The 3rd Herefords are fortunate in having officers who take a keen interest in the pastimes of the men. During the past two or three weeks Lieut. Collins and Lieut. Howell have been instrumental in raising rugby teams, with the result that on Saturday a match was played between teams representing the 1st Line men and the 3rd Line. The teams were:—  
1st Line: Back, Pte. Jenkins; three-quarters, Lieut. Collins (captain), Lee-Corpl. Farmer and Privates Chandler and Squire; half-backs, Lee-Corpl. Morris and Lee-Corpl. Longford. Forwards, Corpl. Goss, Corpl. Neville, Lee-Corpl. Longford, Privates Duberley, Gwatkin, Barnett, and Preeco. 3rd Line: Back, Lee-Corpl. Bethell; three-quarters, Lieut. Burtton, Sergt. Pulling, Oemar, Hodges (1st Line), and Pte. Jordan; half-backs, Pte. Morgan and Pte. George; forwards, Lieut. Howell (captain), Lieut. Banks, Lieut. Gakeley, Sergt. Malsom, Privates Vaughan, Lewis, Owen, and Stinton. The result was a win for the 1st Line by 1 goal and 1 try to 1 try. Lee-Corpl. Farmer and Pte. Goss scored for the winners, and Pte. Jordan for the 3rd Line.