

## THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

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

#### The 'Bigger' Picture

##### The Home Front

- Second Compulsory Service Act comes into operation in Great Britain
- Field Marshal Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War drowned on 5 June 1916 when HMS Hampshire (below) sank west of the Orkney Islands. He was making his way to Russia in order to attend negotiations when the ship struck a German mine. He was one of more than 600 killed on board the ship.





### Diplomatic

- Signor Salandra, Italian Premier, resigns.
- Sheriff of Mecca issues proclamation denouncing the Committee of Union and Progress and proclaiming the Independence of the Hejaz.
- Yuan-Shih-Kai, President of China, dies. Li-Yuan-Hung elected President
- British Government conclude further agreement with the Netherlands Overseas Trust for rationing of Holland

### The Western Front

- Battle of Mount Sorrel (Ypres) begins.
- Forts Vaux and Thiaumont (Verdun) stormed by German forces. Fort Thiaumont retaken by French marking the limit of the German advance.

## Other Fronts

### EASTERN FRONT

- Brusilov's Offensive (Russia) begins; known to the Germans as the Battle of Wosuzka-Sereth.
- Battle of the Strypa begins
- Zaleszczyki (Galicia) taken by Russian forces.
- Czernowitz (Bukovina) reoccupied by Russian forces; Austrian forces driven out.
- Radautz (Bukovina) taken by Russian forces.

### PERSIA

- Kirman (Persia) occupied by British forces.
- Qasr-i-Shirin (West Persia) taken by Turkish forces

### BALKANS

- Allied Commander proclaims martial law in city of Salonika

### EAST AFRICA

- Handeni (German East Africa) occupied by British forces.

### ARABIA

- Sheriff of Mecca begins revolt against Turkish rule.
- Attack on Medina by revolting Arabs repulsed by Turkish garrison.
- Jidda captured by Arab forces.
- Turkish garrison of Mecca surrenders to the Sheriff

### PERSIA

- Turkish offensive into West Persia begins: Khanaqin evacuated by Russian forces.

### EAST AFRICA

- Bismarckburg (German East Africa) taken by British forces.
- Action of Mkaramo (on Northern Railway in German East Africa).

- German attack on Kondoia Irangi (East Africa) repulsed.

## ITALY

- Local counter-attacks on the Trentino front

## GREECE

- Pacific blockade of Greece by Entente Powers begins and ends

## NEW ZEALAND

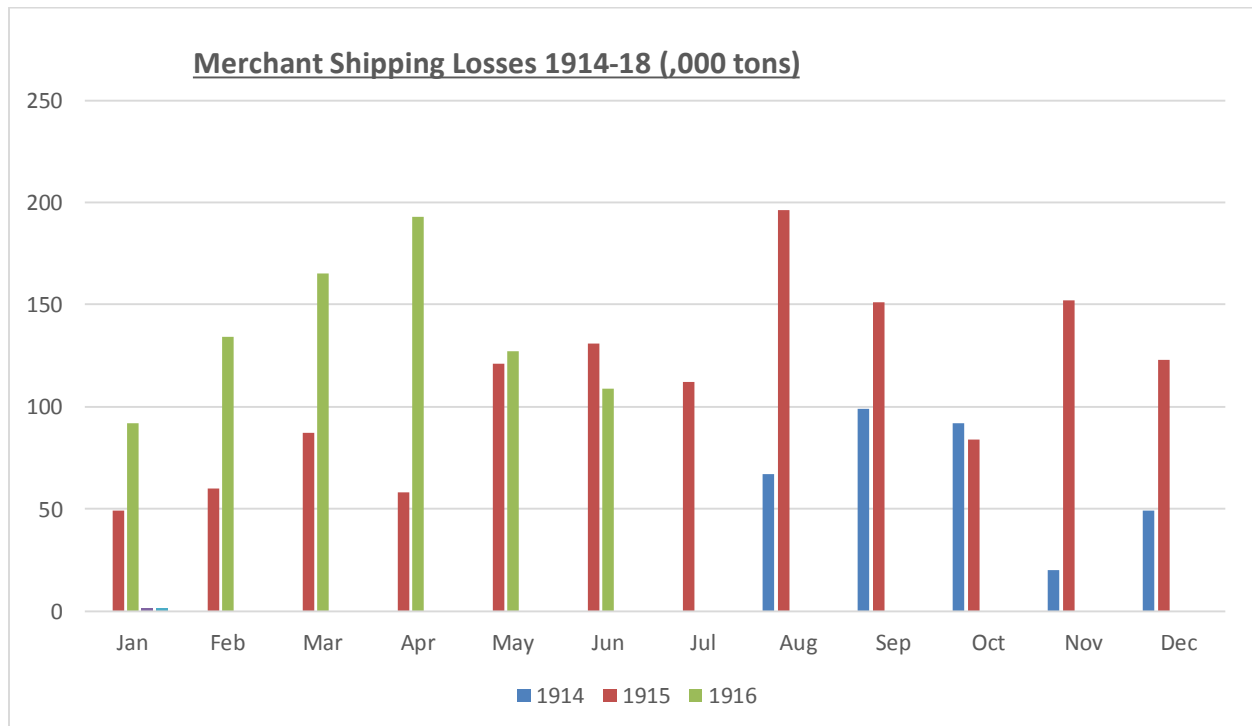
- Compulsory Service Bill passed

## At Sea

- 1 June – Battle of Jutland concludes (see May entry)

## MERCHANT SHIPPING

British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month - 68 ships of 109,000 tons gross



## The 'Herefords'

### Casualties

NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1	Bn	Coy	DATE	HOW	WHERE	HOMETOWN	Notes
MILES	CHARLES	PTE	1988	1	E	06/06/16	DIED	EGYPT	HEREFORD	
DALLOW	HARRY	PTE	2287		D	29/06/16	DROWNED	HOME	YATTON	Age 19

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WAR MEMORIAL  
CAIRO MILITARY CEMETERY

EGYPT 5-1920

Grave No.	Name.	Rank & Initials.	Regtl. No.	Regiment.
Plot.				
M. 13.	- MEADMORE. 22.12.14.	Sgt. A.N.	901	1/A. I. F. 1/Inf. Bde. †
D. 31.	- MEADWELL. 17.2.15.	Pte. A.	11473	6/Lincolns.
F. 162.	- MEARS. 19.11.16.	Pte. A.	2922	1/8th Hants.
B. 307.	- MELLOR. 25.6.15.	Pte. A.	1797	10/Manchesters.
F. 338.	- MELVILLE. 12.11.17.	Pte. J.	345411	14/Fife & Forfar Yeo Bn. R. Hl drs
O. 206.	- MIDGLEY. 10.7.18.	Pte. W. M2/121965		982 Coy. A.S.C., M.T.
F. 87.	- MILES. 6.6.16.	Pte. C.E.	1988	1/1st Hereford Regt.
D. 343.	- MILLAR. 7.2.16.	Pte. E.A.	3561	6/21st A. I. F. †

**FUNERAL OF PTE. DALLOW.**

The remains of the late Pte. H. Dallow, of Old Pike, Peterstow, who was drowned while bathing at Bedford, and buried in the graveyard at Yatton on 4th July. The coffin was draped in a Union Jack, was followed to the graveside by Mr. and Mrs. Dallow, father and mother, Miss Dallow, and Miss Bessie Dallow, (sisters), Ernest and Wilfred (brothers), Mrs. Brown and Miss Husbands (cousins), Mr. J. Brooks and Miss Dallow (uncle and Aunt), Miss Brown and Dr. Perrystone P.O., Mrs. Saunders, Three Ashes, P.O., Friends and Lieut. T. D. Kerrion, D. Company, 2/1 Herefordshire Regt.

Wreathes and flowers were sent by relatives and friends also by Lieut. Col. Addie, Officers and men of deceased's regiment.

**DROWNED WHILE BATHING.**

**2nd/1st Herefordshire Man's Tragical Death.**

**THE INQUEST.**

On Thursday evening while the 2nd/1st Batt. Herefordshire Regiment was on bathing parade in the river Ouse Pte. H. Dallow, of D Coy., who was in the portion roped off for non-swimmers, was observed to be in difficulties. A very strong current was running at the time, but two of his comrades, Lance-Corpl. Wood and Pte. Davies, hastened to his assistance. In his struggles the deceased kicked Davies, who had to be assisted to the bank by Lance-Corpl. Wood. Meanwhile, the deceased was washed under the rope by the current into the very deep water below. One of the swimming pickets, Lance-Corpl. Langford, arriving on the scene, immediately dived in and at great personal risk swam to the place where deceased had disappeared, dived and brought him to the surface, but was unable to retain his hold and had to make for the bank, which he reached in an exhausted condition. This was the last time Dallow was seen till the body was found a few yards away several hours later. Till the body was found, many gallant attempts to find him were made by officers and men of the battalion. The courage of Lance-Corporals Wood and Langford, and Pte. Davies cannot be too highly commended. They did everything humanly possible to save their comrade. The tragic occurrence cast a gloom over the battalion, especially over his company, among whom he was well liked. At Church Parade on Sunday the Chaplain made a feeling reference to the tragedy.

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The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned."

The body was conveyed to the Station on Sunday afternoon to be sent home for interment at Tretire, Bristow, near Ross.

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The London Gazette

Honours & Awards

NIL

Promotions & Appointments (extracts from the London Gazette)

Publication Date			Detail	Effective Date	Remarks
01/06/1916	Burdass	Frederick G	To be second lieutenant	27/01/16	amended entry of 1 Feb 1916; 28 RFus

02/06/1916	Phillips	FS	to be Adjutant	03/06/16	vice FT Carver
03/06/1916	Carver	WL	reverts to lieutenant	20/04/16	
07/06/1916	Pigou	H La T	to be lieutenant	01/01/16	
08/06/1916	Challis	FG	relinquishes rank of lieutenant	30/04/16	
26/06/1916	Carver	FT	to be major	07/06/16	whilst employed at Command Depot

**HEREFORD REGIMENT.**

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**LIEUT. F. S. PHILLIPS SUCCEEDS CAPT. CARVER AS ADJUTANT.**

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The "London Gazette" announces the following appointment:—"Sec. Lieut. (temp. Lieut.) F. S. Phillips to be Adjt. vice Lieut. (temp. Capt.) F. T. Carver (June 3). Sec. Lieut. (temp. Capt.) W. L. Carver reverts to temp rank of Lieut. on alteration in posting, with precedence as from Jan. 30, 1915 (April 30)."

Sec. Lieut. (temp. Lieut.) F. S. Phillips joined the regiment as a private on the outbreak of war, and was soon promoted sergeant. He is a nephew of Major W. J. Phillips, of Hereford, and is an old Cathedral School boy. He was one of the escort when the colours were deposited in the Cathedral a fortnight after war was declared. He received his commission early in 1915, and now succeeds Lieut. and temp. Capt. F. T. Carver as Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion. The latter has been Adjutant almost from the formation of this battalion. Capt. Carver's younger brother (Sec. Lieut. and temp. Captain W. L. Carver, who likewise joined when war broke out, and soon gained his commission, has been with the 1st Battalion at Gallipoli; he has now reverted to temp. rank of Lieut. on alteration in posting. He is a prominent hockey player, having represented Somerset County and the West of England teams. Both Lieut. F. S. Phillips and Lieut. W. L. Carver held positions in a bank before joining the Herefords.

## Hereford

Depot functions continue:

Some of those enlisted were:

NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1	No2	Remarks
BERRY	CHARLES ALBERT	PTE		238676	
DEAN	JOHN A	PTE	5451		
EVANS	THOMAS	PTE	116	237022	Re-enlistment after serving at Suvla Bay
FOULKES	JOHN RICHARD	PTE		238847	
FRANCIS	GEORGE	PTE	5368		
IRWIN	D	PTE	5695		
JONES	CHARLES ERNEST	PTE		204104	
MILES	TOM	PTE		237036	

And some of those discharged were:

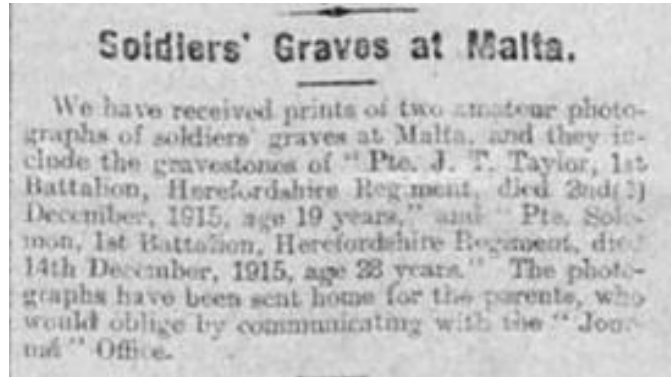
NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1	TERM	HOMETOWN	Notes
BALDWIN	RALPH	PTE	4335	iiicc	LEDBURY	
COLE	ARTHUR JAMES	PTE	5353	unfit	Aymestry	
DEKINS	WILLIAM HENRY	SGT	186	xvi	ROSS	Ex Suvla Bay
DUFFIELD	ERNEST	PTE	2208	xvi		
EDWARDS	WILLIAM HENRY	PTE	4447	unfit	Leominster	
HOOPER	JOHN	PTE	3526	xvi		
JAMES	ALFRED PRYCE	PTE	4824	Unfit	Lucton	
LEDDINGTON	JOHN	PTE	3996	xvi	Kings Pyon	
LONG	JAMES LAWRENCE	PTE	1466	xvi WOUNDS	LEDBURY	Ex Suvla Bay
MORRIS	WILLIAM GEORGE	PTE	3969	xvi		
NOAR	LIONEL	PTE	5055	iiicc		
POWELL	WM PERCIVAL WETHERLY	PTE	4330	iiicc TUBERCULOSIS		
PRICE	FRED	PTE	4392	unfit	Tillington	
PRICE	NOAH	PTE	3965	XVI		
SAMBROOK	FRED JOHN	PTE	1550	xvi	Hereford	
SMITH	PETER CHARLES	PTE	1877	unfit	Peterstone	
STALLARD	GEORGE	PTE	4041	xvi		
STINTON	THOMAS VICTOR	PTE	3879	xvi	LEOMINSTER	
TANDY	WILLIAM GEORGE	PTE	3932	xvi	Malvern	
WALL	WALTER	PTE	8241	xvi	London	
WORRALL	HARRY	PTE	1638	xvi	STOURBRIDGE	Rheumatism Ex Suvla Bay

xvi – unfit through either wounds or sickness

iiicc – unlikely to become an efficient soldier



The following notice appeared in the Hereford Times:



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

The Battalion continued to recuperate and consolidate; men becoming fit in hospitals in Egypt and Malta were being returned to duty and the Battalion received further reinforcement drafts from England.

### **The Battalion War Diary:**

Date	Location	Detail
3 Jun	Abbassiah Heliopolis	King's Birthday parade and inspection. Battalion marched to Cairo by night, breakfasted and paraded in the Aptin Square. 2Lt Ricketts to hospital.
4 Jun		Bad sandstorm.
6 Jun		1788 Pte C Miles, C Coy, died in hospital in Cairo.
11 Jun		Capt P Ashton returned from leave in England and took over as Adjutant from 2Lt Poulson.
13 Jun		Memorial service for the late Field Marshall Earl Kitchener's brigade proceeded to Cairo by train.
16 Jun		2Lt Birnie and 83 men joined from England.
19 Jun		2Lt W F Chipp and 75 men joined from England.
20 Jun		Battalion entrained 11pm for Moscar, 1 ½ miles from Ismailia.
21 Jun	Moascar	Battalion arrived 5.30am.

27 Jun		CO accompanied BGC to frontline trenches held by 160 Bde in neighbourhood of Gundheai and Kembla.
28 Jun		A Coy to Ismailia on detachment, Capt P J Lewis attached to staff HQ 53 Div. Lt Carver to command A Coy, Lt O B Wallis to hospital.
29 Jun		Brig Gen S F Mott left for England on leave. Lt Col Drage took over command of 158 Bde at 5pm. Maj A L B Green took over command of Battalion.

### Maj ALB Green

1 Jun	Went to Heliopolis. Very fine buildings and good shops, fine streets with flowering trees.
2 Jun	Went shopping in the market, rather amusing and very cheap.
3 Jun	Reveille 0130, marched out at 0245 to Cairo for King's Birthday Parade. Came back by train. Regiment marched very well.
4 June	Awful day of heat and sandstorms. 110 in hut.
5 Jun	Another blazing hot day. Temp 112 in hut but no dust – thank goodness. Mess caterer Jamal began.
6 Jun	Weather cooler. Usual routine. Catering quite good. Heard of big naval battle.
7 Jun	Went into Cairo to pay cheques into bank. Marched out at 7pm for brigade exercise and bivouaced for night.
8 Jun	Reveille 4am. Had light breakfast and then travelled home. Arrived soon after 8am. Went into Cairo with Rogers to order tombstone for Miles. Dined at Heliopolis Hotel with Rogers and his cousin Guy. Heard of Lord Kitchener's death.
9 Jun	Nothing much doing. Walked in Heliopolis after tea.
10 Jun	Repeated yesterday's programme.
11 Jun	Ashton returned. Went into Cairo after lunch and to bazaars where I bought slippers, beads etc for family.
12 Jun	Nothing doing.

13 Jun	Went down to Heliopolis to buy mourning bands for Kitchener's death. At 1430 marched to station entrained for Cairo where there was a memorial service to K. Very hot and dry. Got home about 2100, very hungry and thirsty.
14 Jun	Nothing doing.
15 Jun	Went to Cairo to bank on ????. Awfully hot.
16 Jun	Went into Cairo with Rogers on business and had tea at Continental where we both met old friends. He, Nesbit, a padre, and I, Ledingham who is a Lt Col RAMC. Went back to Cairo and dined with Nesbit.
17 Jun	Gave an old C Coy dinner at Heliopolis, Hoare Hotel to CO, Rogers, Ashton, Carver, and GP Lloyd; quite a jolly evening. Had orders to move as soon as train accommodation available.
18 Jun	Hear we won't move until Tuesday at earliest. Nesbit dined in mess.
19 Jun	Orders to move tomorrow night. Train starting at 2340 at Moascar at 0300 Tuesday. Dined at Heliopolis with Ashton.
20 Jun	Left Theitun travelled in open trucks, dirty and uncomfortable.
21 Jun	Arrived Moascar at 0430, just light. Railway siding close to camp which was standing. Camp area was filthy as left by Australians.
22 Jun	Commenced our week of duties which is one company in Ismailia for piquet's and guards and 90 odd men every night for garrison guards.
30 Jun	Inspection by GOC in C (Murray). General Mott went on leave and CO takes on for time; I command Battalion.

### **2563 Pte Percy & 1357 Sgt Herbert Wilkins**

Jun 1-2 Herefords train in Heliopolis.

3 Herefords march to Cairo at night, breakfast & parade for the Kings birthday. Inspection at 06.45 in Abdin Square outside the Palace.

4 Bad sandstorms for the Herefords.

7 The Herefords exercise, march at 1900 & bivouac 3 miles out on the Suez road.

8 The Herefords return 'home'.

13 The Herefords take train to Cairo for a memorial service to Kitchener held at Kasril Mil Barracks at 1600.

15 Brigade exercise anti-artillery formation.

20 Herefords entrain at 2300 for Moascar, 1,5 miles outside Ismailia.

21 Herefords train arrives at Moascar at 0530.

28 A Co travel to Ismailia on detachment.

## **2Lt Parker**

### **3rd June**

Returned all blankets to store etc. Breakfast was at 7.A.M. .Paraded at 7.40, and moved off having received embarkation papers. Marched to the naval barracks and down to No 5 basin, which our ship, a 12,000 ton steamer the Royal George was occupying. A sister ship was sunk in the Mediteranean going to Gallipoli with 700 soldiers embarked almost immediately, after I had provided a dock guard of 16 men. Had a good cabin, which I shared with Hobro. The men are in very comfortable quarters. Set sail at about 7.P.M. and we-were cheered all down the harbour-. A destroyer accompanied us. The long and short of it was that we went to Egypt by an erratic route to Egypt and disembarked at Alexandria We didn't call anywhere,. We travelled most of one by the coast of Crete, so close ,in fact, that we could signal to them. We arrived at just about the hottest time of year On arrival in Alexandria I took my draft to Sidi Bisbr camp, which is the base cami6p for the E.E.F. as it is now styled. Berney was here and left with his draft for the Batt'n. which is now at (Heliopolis) with his draft the day I arrived- Collins is also here. Bob Reeve is in hospital with a bad knee which he got playing football Chipp is also here and left in three with my draft. I met Whitehouse in the town one day-he is down for a bit -crooked. The heat is getting pretty thick and the main job of the troops here is bathing. 22<sup>nd</sup> June Duty all day -in fact there isn't much work to do at all here .If you ask for a job your name appears in orders-even if you haven't a job you have to remain in camp being allowed into town once in three days. Very hot day. Having nothing to do everybody seems to be playing Bridge .Hand of Bridge until 3.30P.M., when I went with Collins to No 17th General hospital to look for Carver,'s glasses, which were not there. Back to tea on donkeys Had another dip in the sea and then two rubbers of Bridge, losing 4 Piastre.

### **23rd June**

Fairly hot day. Received two letters from my Mother. Wrote to my sister Margery and brother Geoff in the morning. Won two Pt at Bridge in the afternoon with Collins. Was on parade 4.45 to 7.45 taking down tents. Bathed. I received two more letters from my mother and my flask from Oswestry, and also a bundle of mail for the men, which was unfortunately too late. Too rough for bathing. Went down into Alex with Collins after lunch. Drew £5 from field cashier to purchase some sting lotion as I am bitten to death about the legs by sand flies. Tea and supper at Ramleh. Won game of "Pills" at the Sultan Hussein Club and later we went to the American Cosmograph. Came off a donkey, owing to the beast falling head over heels, going to the Y.O.T.C. base and grazed my elbow rather badly.

### **25<sup>th</sup> June**

Was late getting up, but managed to get breakfast. Slept badly owing to bites. Did not go on Church parade, lazing in tent in afternoon. No bathing again today (black flag flying) Collins managed to get leave to go and see Capt. Whitehouse ,who was not in and returned after dinner.Turned in early

### **26<sup>th</sup> June**

Was camp orderly officer today, which is a biggish job. Visited supply depot, Horse lines, Detention compound, latrines & finished up by testing a pint of ale at a canteen (which I might add is obligatory unless you are T.T.).Collins went on to Gabarri at 3P.M.. Sewed colours on my tunics after tea, visited Detention compound. Slept better, but am still bitten pretty badly by sand flies. No bathing, but the sea looks calmer. Much cooler.

### **27<sup>th</sup> June**

A day off. Wrote to Madeleine Pullen, Had two letters from home . Bridge. No bathing. Everybody is

getting rather fed up here .My Batt'n. is miles over strength in officers, so there is little chance of getting there yet. I am quite sure Hobro won't get there, as his reputation arrived before him. Went to Victoria casino with Collins and Cole of the Middlesex Regt after dinner for a short time.

### **28th June**

Heard we are going to amalgamate our Depot with the 51st (East Anglian) Div and 52nd Scottish Div. Slept most of the day Bathed after Breakfast, which was topping. Went down town with Collins and to Iris cinema

### **29<sup>th</sup> June**

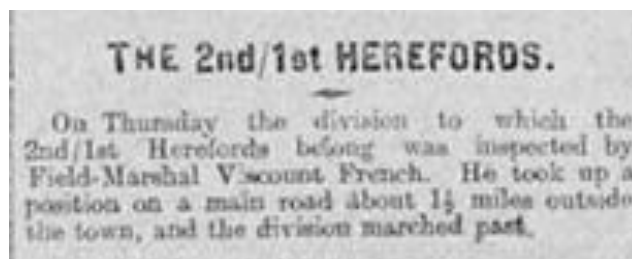
Was 53rd Div Orderly officer today. Attended early parade at 5.45 and was on most of the day as we were putting up tents (we pulled them down a few days ago) and generally transformed the camp. Pretty tired after a strenuous day.

### **30th June**

Was Sidi Bishr Orderly officer again .Was on duty 1 1/2 hrs in the morning inspecting, finishing with usual pint Sent and received letters from home. After tea I went down to Moustafa to make enquiries about my lost Uniform case from the Scotion, but with no results. A lot of details of 52nd Division arrived, & we were consequently pretty full. I was a bit quicker than usual turning out the guard at night, finishing soon after midnight.

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn remain part of 205 Bde, 68 Div as part of the UK Defence Force, based in Bedford and undertaking routine duties and training including inevitable inspections:



And sports activities, this race reported in the Ross Gazette (erroneously headed 1<sup>st</sup> Herefordshires) seems to have been quite an event:

## 1st HEREFORDSHIRES

### IN A GREAT MILITARY RACE.

The 68th (Welsh) Division, who are in training in the Midlands, under the command of Maj.-Gen. R. N. D. Reade, C.B., held on Saturday an inter-company cross-country team race, open to the whole division, and 50 per cent. of each unit had to be represented, all (bar accident) having to complete at least one mile of the course. In all there were 2,769 runners. The conditions of the contest were unique, each company or battery having to finish 15 men to complete a team. Medals were awarded to the scoring fifteen of the first, second and third teams who recorded the fastest time. The start and finish took place in Bedford Park, and companies of some 200 runners were started at intervals of ten minutes, the first being despatched at three o'clock and the last company at 5.10. Many of those who took part were recruits, men who had joined the division since April 28th, and Maj.-Gen. Reade when distributing the prizes, expressed his high appreciation of the way they had acquitted themselves in their training. The winners were:—

	min.	sec.
1—D Co., 2/6 Cheshire Regiment	18	4
2—2/2 1st Batt. Field Ambulance	18	52
3—D Co., 2/1 Herefordshire Regt.	19	0

The unit trophy was won by the R.A.M.C., the best aggregate time for their three teams being 58min 7sec., while the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 2/6 Brigade won the recruits' prizes in both classes, team and aggregate times.

The race was a world's record, it being the largest field of runners for any athletic competition.

### 3rd Battalion

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, now known as The Reserve Battalion remained in Park Hall Camp Oswestry.

Reinforcement drafts continued to be formed up and sent out to the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn in Egypt. A draft on 23 Jun was well reported in local newspapers, especially as the troop train travelled through Hereford on its way to its embarkation port at Devonport:

## 1st HEREFORDS.

### ANOTHER DRAFT OF MEN LEAVE FOR SERVICE.

#### A HEARTY SEND-OFF.

Another draft of men left the Reserve Battalion on Sunday for active service, and their departure was witnessed by a large crowd of their colleagues and men of other regiments.

The men had their breakfast at 5 o'clock in the morning, and paraded in front of the orderly room at 5.30 for pay and inspection. They moved off from camp half-an-hour later, and hundreds of the Reserve Battalion men turned out to give them a hearty send-off.

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As the band, under Bandmaster Wheeler, struck up the first march tune, the men moved off with a merry swing, and hearty cheers followed them.

Lieut.-Colonel Symonds-Taylor and most of the officers of the regiment accompanied the men to the station, where they were given words of advice and expressions of good luck could be heard on all hands.

The men of the draft have had a thorough training, and there is not the slightest doubt that they will come up to the high standard set by the men of the original 1st Battalion. They are enthusiastic, and mean to do their bit with a good heart.

The train moved off at about 6.30, cheers being raised by the officers and men at the station, and by the men of the draft themselves.

## 3rd/1st HEREFORDS.

### Further Drafts Leave for Active Service.

#### SCENES AT HEREFORD STATION.

At the beginning of this week another draft of men from the 3rd Line of Herefordshire Regiment left to join the men comprising the 1st Battalion, now stationed abroad. Several drafts have already been sent. This draft comprised over 200 men, and were mostly men whose homes are in Herefordshire. A good proportion were men who were members of the original Battalion, which went through the Dardanelles operations. They have been at home recuperating, and after a period of training with the 3rd Line were certified thoroughly fit for active service again. To their credit it must be said the whole of these men were in no way daunted at the thoughts of proceeding abroad again, and they were the life and soul of the party. The draft left the camp early on Sunday morning after having breakfasted and paraded for pay and inspection. Their comrades who remained behind turned out in large numbers to give them a hearty send-off and to wish them God-speed on their long journey. The men were headed out of camp by the brass band, under Bandmaster Wheeler, playing stirring martial airs. Lieut.-Col. Symonds-Taylor, the Commanding Officer, together with other officers, accompanied the men to the station and saw them entrain. As the train departed ringing cheers were given by those on the platform and also by the men forming the draft.

On its way to the embarkation port the train had to pass through Hereford, where it had been arranged it should stop for a few minutes. This afforded the parents, wives, sweethearts, and friends of many of the men an opportunity of wishing them good-bye, and when the train arrived at Barr's Court Station the platform was crowded. As the time at which the train would reach Hereford was not generally known many of the relatives patiently waited for several hours. The Committee, who manage the Soldiers' Rest, which has proved such an inestimable boon since it was opened, had made arrangements for sufficient refreshments to be provided to supply all the men. The arrangements were kindly made by Mr. J. Osborne, steward at the Hereford Y.M.C.A., an indefatigable worker at the Rest, and he received much valuable assistance from a number of willing helpers, including Miss Mackay and two

### FRESH DRAFT STOPS AT BARR'S COURT STATION.

A draft of the Hereford Regiment (Reserve Battalion) left camp on Thursday en route for another destination. They travelled via Hereford, which was a welcome direction for many of the men, for there was a wait of about fifteen minutes at Barr's Court Station. A number of their womenfolk, who had been informed of the journey, made a point of turning up to give the men a send-off, and waved them out of the station after refreshments had been served. These were provided by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Rest, and were taken over the line on a truck; the four lady helpers on duty obtaining the permission of the Stationmaster (Mr. Lambert) to hand round this mid-day meal on the down platform, where the train arrived. The men appreciated this act of forethought on the part of "The Rest," and the ladies also were grateful for the courtesy shown by the Stationmaster. Two officers accompanied the draft. Last week, it may be recalled, the draft supplying platoons of the 3rd (now the Reserve) Battalion were inspected by a staff officer.

other lady friends, Mr. A. T. Cope (secretary of the Hereford Y.M.C.A.), Mr and Mrs. Davies (Whitehorse Street), Mr. Hubert Hill, and Messrs R. Osborne and C. Lewis (Y.M.C.A. Troop of Boy Scouts). The train arrived at Hereford shortly after eight o'clock, and the men found awaiting them ample supplies of sandwiches, cake, and hot tea. This, after a somewhat cramped journey of several hours in the early part of the morning, proved most acceptable and those who assisted were amply repaid for the trouble they had taken by the many expressions of thanks they received from the men. Over 500 sandwiches, in addition to cake, and 12 gallons of tea, were consumed. The train departed after a wait of about 15 minutes, and as it moved off the men gave three hearty cheers for the ladies and gentlemen who had provided the refreshments.

**A SECOND DRAFT.**

Another draft of men for the 1st Battalion left at short notice on Thursday morning amid much enthusiasm. Among them were a number of 1st Line men, and the contingent was in charge of Second-Lieuts. Parker and Holborough. Breakfast was ready early, and afterwards the men paraded in front of the Orderly Room, where they were given presents in the shape of cigarettes and sweets by Major Speer. Needless to say, a large number of men were out to see their comrades off and wish them "good luck." On the call of Colonel Symonds-Taylor hearty cheers were given, and the party marched off to lively tunes played by the brass band, who headed the column. Before departing, Captain Parker, in a few farewell words, wished the 1st Line men the best of luck, and said he was sure they would keep up the good traditions of the previous draft, which was spoken of so well by Colonel Drage. The train departed at 8.50 a.m., and was timed to arrive at its destination about 6 p.m.

The draft included:

- 4080 Pte Thomas Tudor of Llandrindod Wells. He went on to serve in France with the Bn and was wounded in Aug 1918; he was demobilised in Mar 1919.

Army Form B. 103. **Casualty Form - Active Service.** 73665

Regiment or Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Wiltshire Regimental Number 4080

Rank Pte Surname Thomas Christian Name Tudor

Religion Baptist Age on Enlistment 18 years 11 months.

Enlisted (a) 18/11/1915 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 18/11/1915

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Officer i/c Records. \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
23/3/16	O.C. 1st Hfd R.	Proceeded to	Embarked... <u>Woolsey</u>	27/1/16	Letter
3/7/16	Ship	H. T. Northland	Disembarked... <u>Alexandria</u>	2/7/16	50975
14/7/16	Base	Arrived	do	2/7/16	5213
16/7/16	Unit	Joined	<u>Mossor</u>	15/7/16	5213
12.6.18	Unit	Abandoned 21/10. 21/10	<u>France</u>	20.5.18	880 12. dl. 10.18
24.5.16	PM	Grants 6d per day	<u>Switzerland</u>	20.11.17	62/205
24/18	16 Unit	Wounded	do	23/4/18	
24/18	104th	C.W. Order 9 Thys. (6)	do	24/7/18	ED 4237
24/18	63 L.C.S	do do	do	24/7/18	F. 10543

(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. **[P.T.O.]**

(b) Signaller, Rhodog-smith, & Co. (889129) W 1913-2116 J. P. & Co., Ltd. Form B. 103.

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- 3820 Pte Leonard Griffiths from Hereford, he went on to serve in France and was discharged in 1919.  
The first part of his account is related below:

A Soldier's Travels from  
the time leaving England  
till return after the war.

~~He left England on~~  
He sailed from Devonport  
on the S.S. Northland on  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 1916. and proceeded  
to Egypt arriving at Alexandria  
on July 8<sup>th</sup>. had a very good  
sea voyage all the way as  
the S.S. Northland was a good  
boat for traveling with.  
after arriving at Alexandria  
The draft that he was with  
marched through the  
Town to a rest camp called  
Sid. Bish. close by the sea  
stayed there till July 13<sup>th</sup>  
when he joined the Battalion  
at Moascar traveling by train.  
stayed there seven days.  
It was very hot. especially

Routine continued with training and administration:

There was another brigade route march on Saturday in full marching order. The men had early breakfast, the first parade being dispensed with, and a move from camp was made about seven o'clock. The line followed was through beautiful country, and the march was much enjoyed. The beautiful weather of the last few weeks has brought a complete change over the whole countryside. Leading to the camp from one side is a fine avenue of trees, along which, at regular intervals, are rhododendrons. Some of them are in full bloom, and make a pretty picture, whilst others are just bursting into blossom. Marching in such a beautiful district is far more enjoyable than travelling along busy and dusty main roads.

## RESERVE HEREFORDS.

### RESULT OF FIRST HUT GARDEN COMPETITION.

### FOOTBALL CONTEST STARTED.

Work has been going on at full swing during the week, and the men have been kept at it. Though it is hot most days the latest recruits stand the active life very well, and always come home smiling.

#### INTER-PLATOON FOOTBALL.

Each evening, when work is over, the men are out practising football, for an inter-platoon competition for prizes has been arranged, the matches to take place after parades are finished. Lieut. A. V. Banks, 2nd Lieut. C. P. Edwards, Sergt.-Drummer J. Evans, and Corpl. T. Harriotts are acting as the committee in charge, and it is expected that most of the platoons of the battalion will enter an eleven. The competition will be carried out in cup-tie style, and the first round will start this week. There are plenty of players to choose from, and trial matches are in full swing. The officers of the various platoons are taking a keen interest in the competition, and some good games are expected.

#### GARDEN COMPETITION RESULT.

It has now been decided in regard to the hut gardens that prizes will be awarded on the last Sunday of each month until the end of the season. No hut is to take a first or second prize more than once, but the maximum of points will be awarded just as if the prize was given. At the end of the season an additional prize will be awarded to the hut that has gained most marks in the monthly competition. There is no doubt that the competition is encouraging the men to take an interest in the outside

## RESERVE HEREFORDS.

### PRESENTATION OF MEDALS BY LT.-COL SYMONDS-TAYLER.

### IMPRESSIVE CHURCH SERVICE.

[From our own Correspondent.]

The matches in the inter-platoon football competition are being played off in good order, and some fine games have been seen, in spite of the fact that the pitch is a hard one and is devoid of grass.

#### PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

At the afternoon battalion parade on Friday, the Battalion was formed into three sides of a square to witness the presentation by the Colonel of two Territorial efficiency medals to Staff-Sergt. H. S. Jones (415), of The Priory, Leominster, and to Sergt. Drummer C. H. Faulkner (189), 51, Chandos Street, Hereford. Both men went to the Dardanelles with the 1st Battalion, and were invalided home with rheumatic fever after several months' active service.

Sergt. Drummer Faulkner, who is a son of Co.-Sergt.-Major W. H. Faulkner, one of the first non-commissioned officers to fall in the Gallipoli fighting, in which the Herefordshire Regiment took part, has been a member of his Majesty's Forces since 1902, and Staff-Sergt. Jones joined about a year before that date. That was in the days of the old Herefordshire Volunteers, who were part of the 30th Field Army Brigade.

In making the presentation, Lieut.-Colonel Symonds-Tayler congratulated both men on having won the Territorial efficiency medal, which they should have received a long while ago. He was glad that he was now able to experience the pleasure of pinning the medals on the breasts of two men who had so richly deserved them. He hoped that it would not be very long before both Staff-Sergt. Jones and Sergt. Drummer Faulkner would receive a medal which they would prize even more than they would prize the medal they had now received. He referred to the medal for the Dardanelles operations, in which the Herefordshire Regiment did such good work. "In the name of the Regiment," Colonel Symonds-Tayler concluded, "I wish you both good luck,



the men to take an interest in the outside appearance of their hut. The result of the first monthly competition has just been made known, the awards being:

Prize.	Hut.	Points.
1st .....	25 .....	60
2nd .....	26 .....	57
3rd .....	19 .....	52

Hut 25 is that occupied by the men of the band, and there is little doubt that the prize has been well earned. The men have thrown themselves with enthusiasm into the work of laying out their gardens, and the result has been worth all the trouble taken. On either side of the front of the hut, grass has been laid in an artistic style, and flowers are bursting into bloom in the small plots of soil. A lion has been made with small whitened stones with the word "Herefordshire" underneath, and a splendid reproduction of the band arm badge has been worked in the same way. Over the door is painted "School of music," and underneath "Pupils' entrance." At the other end the ground has been well laid out, and over the door is painted "Kneller Hall," and underneath "Students' entrance." Some of the other huts have very good gardens, and the men have high hopes that they are going to carry off some of the later prizes.

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#### IMPRESSIVE SUNDAY SERVICE.

The weather was very bad on Sunday, rain pouring down all the morning, and so the open air church parade had to be dispensed with. The Church of England men had a service in the Regimental Institute, however, and the chaplain made a touching reference to the loss of life in the Naval battle. The hymn, "Eternal Father, strong to save," was specially chosen for the occasion, and the men joined feelingly in the singing which was led by the band.

#### PROMOTIONS IN THE RANKS.

Acting Corp. T. Herricks (1725), who is well known in Herefordshire football circles as a referee, and is now serving on the committee of the inter-platoon competition, as well as refereeing some of the games, has been promoted to be acting sergeant in D Company, for orderly room duties.

Four lance-corporals of D Company have been made acting corporals: L-Corpl. E. G. Jackson (Hereford), L-Corpl. W. S. Butler (Bridgnorth), L-Corpl. W. Tong (Hereford), and L-Corpl. T. Briskland (Pontniras). L-Corpl. P. White, of A Company, has also been made acting corporal, and the following men of A Company have been made lance-corporals: Pte. H. S. Sudlow, Pte. T. Hill, Pte. B. H. Croden, and Pte. W. B. Newman.

The results of matches played off up to now are as follows:--No. 2 Platoon beat No. 16 Platoon; No. 11 Platoon beat No. 4 Platoon; No. 12 Platoon beat No. 1 Platoon; No. 3 Platoon beat the Band; No. 14 Platoon scratched to No. 10 Platoon; No. 9 Platoon scratched to No. 16 Platoon; No. 17 Platoon a bye. Several officers in the battalion who are interested in cricket propose to start a competition on the same principle of the football competition now being played off. There are some good cricketers available in the battalion, and should sufficient men be willing to play it should be a big success.

Soldiers received letters from 'home' with the family news as in this postcard to Pte 3851 Moulds at Park Hall Camp Osestry; he went on to serve in France with the Suffolk Regiment.

