

THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

Their First World War 'Story' – March 1916

The 'Bigger' Picture

The Home Front

- The effects of the Derby Scheme enlistments are being felt with:
 - Increased recruit numbers and the associated impact on 'joining' administration, allocation to units and initial training.
 - Setting up of and business of local tribunals to consider deferments and exemptions.

Diplomatic

- Agreement as to provisional administration of the Cameroons concluded between French and British Governments.
- Germany declares war on Portugal.
- Austria-Hungary severs diplomatic relations with Portugal.
- Austria-Hungary declares war on Portugal.
- Dr A Jose d'Almeida succeeds Dr AA da Costa as Portuguese Premier.
- Mr Baker appointed United States Secretary for War.
- Gen Roques succeeds Gen Gallieni as French Minister for War.
- M Denys Cochin appointed French Under-Secretary of State for Blockade.
- Yuan-Shih-Kai relinquishes the throne of China.
- Inter-Allied Conference in Paris. Declaration of Unity between Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Russia, and Serbia regarding military, economic, and diplomatic affairs.
- Gen Polivanov, Russian Minister for War resigns, and is succeeded by Gen Shuvaev
- Lt Gen Oka, Japanese Minister for War, resigns and is replaced by Lt Gen Kenichi Oshima.

The Western Front

- Allied Military Conference held at Chantilly regarding a general summer offensive.

Other Fronts

EASTERN FRONT

- Battle of Lake Naroch (White Russia) begins.

MESOPOTAMIAN FRONT

- Second attempt to relieve Kut: British relieving force repulsed at Dujaila Redoubt.

EGYPT/WESTERN DESERT

- Sollum (Western Egypt) reoccupied by British forces.
- Gen Sir AJ Murray takes over command of the Force in Egypt from Gen Sir John Maxwell.

ITALIAN FRONT

- Fifth Battle of the Isonzo ends

CAUCASUS FRONT

- Bitlis (Armenia) taken by Russian forces
- Black Sea - Russian force landed at Atna for attack on Trebizond

PERSIA

- Prince Firman Firma, Persian Prime Minister, resigns; Sipahsalar A'zam appointed.
- Mohtashim ed Douleh, Persian Foreign Minister, resigns; Sarim ed Douleh appointed.
- Karind (West Persia) occupied, and later abandoned by a Russian force.

SUDAN

- Hostilities between Sudan Government and Sultan of Darfur begin
- Sudan force advances from Nahud into Darfur.

EAST AFRICA

- Taveta taken by British forces.
- Action of Latema Nek begins.
- New Moshi taken by British forces
- Action of Kahe brings the Kilimanjaro operations to an end. German forces retreat from Kilimanjaro area.

In the Air

- German Airship L-15 brought down by gunfire near mouth of the Thames.

At Sea

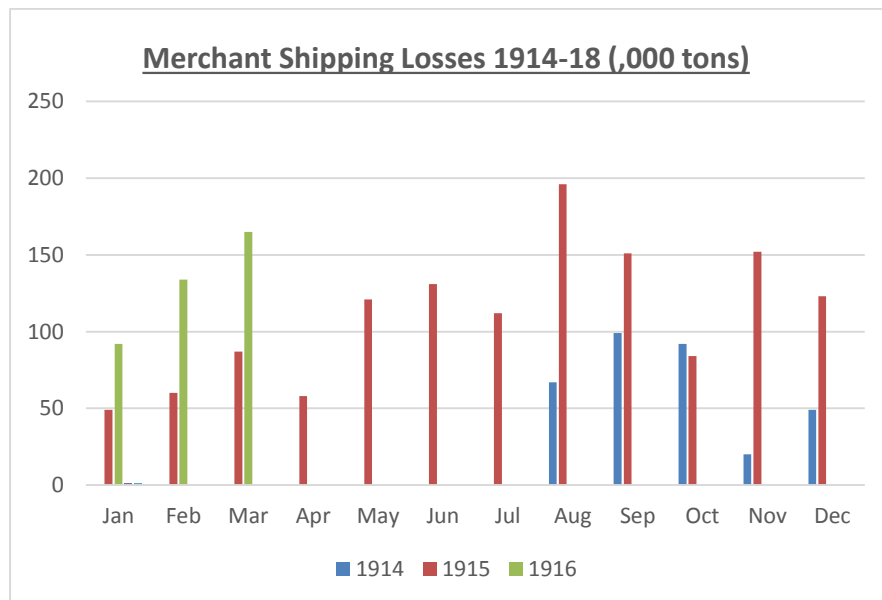
U BOAT WARFARE

- Russian hospital ship Portugal sunk by submarine in Black Sea.
- SS Sussex (French) torpedoed by submarine in the English Channel.



SS Sussex with bow blown off

- German extended submarine campaign begins, and ships losses continue to increase, with implications to food and war material imports.



CRUISER WARFARE

- German raider Moewe returns to Bremen (Germany).

GERMAN NAVY

- Admiral von Tirpitz, German Minister of Marine (appointed 1897), resigns and Admiral von Capelle appointed.

Merchant Shipping

- British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month
- 69 ships of 165,000 tons gross.

The 'Herefords'

Casualties

NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1	ENLISTED	Died	HOW	HOMETOWN	Notes
MILLS	ARTHUR WILLIAM	PTE	4317		01/03/16	Pnuemonia	FARNCOMBE	
WILLIAMS	GEORGE THOMAS	PTE	1313		06/03/16	MENINGITIS	EARDISLEY	Ex Gallipoli
LLOYD	WYMOND HOWARD	CAPT			09/03/16	Traffic Accident	LLANDOVERY	Ex Gallipoli
CLEMENTS	FRANK	PTE	4029	21/10/15	10/03/16	Nephritis	Stafford	

PTE. A. W. MILLS.

DEATH AND FUNERAL.

Sad circumstances are associated with the death of Pte. Arthur William Mills, 3/1st Herefordshire Regiment, who died at Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, on Wednesday, after one day's illness. Deceased had only been in the Army three weeks, and death was due to acute pneumonia. The only son of Mr. Edward Mills and of the late Mrs. Mills, of Church Road, Farncombe, Surrey, he was 26 years of age. He was educated at British schools, and after being in service at Charterhouse School, Godalming, for a time, went elsewhere, and for the past few years he had been in service at

"Eywood," Titley, Herefordshire, as footman, doing butler's work after the butler was called up. He enlisted in the Army under Lord Derby's Scheme, and was accepted for home service only, and was duly placed in his group, which was called up on February 10th. He had a bright and cheery temperament, and was very popular amongst those who knew him. He was engaged to be married to Miss Hilda Gittoes, of New Radnor, arrangements having been put in hand for the wedding to take place in a month's time. Miss Gittoes received a letter announcing her fiance's death on the Thursday, and received her first wedding present the previous evening. The funeral took place on Tuesday at the Godalming Old Cemetery, where deceased's mother was buried. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Bowring) conducted the service at the parish church, and the Rev. E. S. Allen officiated at the interment in the cemetery. The mourners were Miss Hilda Gittoes (fiancee), Mr. and Mrs. Layton (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Etherington (sister), Mr. W. Hutchins (brother-in-law), Mr. Edward Mills (father), and Miss Roberts (fellow servant, Eywood, Titley). Some beautiful flowers were laid on the grave, the wreaths having been sent by the officers 3/1st Herefordshire Regiment, the N.C.O.'s and men of C Company of the battalion. Miss H. Gittoes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hutchins, Mrs. Etherington, Nellie, Mrs. Alexander (Farncombe), Mr. and Mrs. Gwyer (Eywood, Titley), fellow servants at Eywood, Titley, fellow servants at 3, Halkin Street, W., Titley Post Office, Mr. Thornton (Farncombe), and others. Miss Hilda Gittoes (fiancee), Mrs. W. Layton (sister), Mrs. W. Hutchins (sister), and other relatives desire to express their grateful thanks for the many expressions of sympathy in their bereavement and for the beautiful flowers sent.

PTE. G. T. WILLIAMS.

MILITARY FUNERAL AT EARDISLEY

With every token of love and respect all that is mortal of Pte. George T. Williams, 1st Herefords, was laid to rest in the village churchyard at Eardisley, near to where so many years of his short life had been spent. Pte. Williams was the victim of frostbite on Gallipoli. He was removed to hospital in Alexandria in an unconscious state, and early in January was brought to the great military hospital at Whalley, near Blackburn. From the first there was no hope of his recovery, and he died from cerebral meningitis at the age of 19.



THE LATE PTE. G. T. WILLIAMS.

The War Office authorities sent the body to Eardisley, where it arrived on Wednesday, March 23d, and lay that night in Eardisley Boy Scouts' Room. He had been the first patrol leader at the formation of the troop. On the Thursday three of his mates from A Company travelled from Gobowen to be present at his funeral—Pte. J. Dykes, of Almeley, Pte. William Trumper, of Eardisley, and Pte. E. Burt, of Whitney. A number of soldiers came over from Kington, and several of his former mates, workers on the Midland Railway, fell into the procession from the Rectory.

The body was met at the lych gate by the Rector and some of the choir, of which Pte. Williams had for some years been a member. Hymns 436 and 439 were sung in church, the Rector conducting the whole of the service.

Wreaths were sent from Mr. and Mrs. Williams and family, The Field, Eardisley; Mr. R. and the Misses E. and L. Williams, Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. H. Trumper and family; Mrs. Desborough, Irchester billet; Mr. Godsell, station-master, Kinnersley; the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants; the staff of the Pearl Insurance Company, Leominster; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Lotton; Mr. and Mrs. Hyett, Hay; Mrs. Joe Williams. Flowers were also sent from Eardisley Rectory garden and by the staff of the Hospital at Whalley.

The bell-ringers rung a muffled peal before and after the service.

1st HEREFORDS OFFICER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Sec. Lieut. Wymond Howard Lloyd, 1st Herefordshire Regiment, eldest son of Mr. Howard M. Lloyd, of Delfryn, Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire, died in Oswestry Hospital from injuries sustained through being knocked down by a locomotive at a local camp.

At the inquest on Monday it was stated that Lieut. Lloyd, served in Flanders, and subsequently in Gallipoli, and was eagerly awaiting his appearance before the Medical Board on March 16th in the hope of again passing for foreign service. He had dismissed a platoon after a route march and was crossing the line when he was knocked down by a train. Sec. Lieut. Lloyd would have been 23 on March 20th.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and attached no blame to anyone.

The funeral of the late Lieut. W. H. Lloyd took place on Thursday at his home in Carmarthenshire. The body was removed from the Cottage Hospital, Oswestry, at 8.30 a.m., in charge of an escort from the Herefordshire Regiment, and accompanied by the band playing the "Dead March," and was conveyed to the Railway Station and entrained for its destination. The procession was witnessed by a large number of townsfolk.

Hereford

The barracks at Hereford continued to be busy, administering new recruits enlisted under the Derby scheme, soldiers of the 1st Battalion returning fit for duty and assisting families.

The Hereford Times list several hundred men that enlisted under the Derby Scheme, extant records show a total of 52 who went on to serve with The Herefords.

There were also some 40 discharges processed. Many of these were soldiers who had served at Suvla Bay, some were injured and no longer fit and others were 'Time Expired', some were both! At this stage of the war the Territorials 'terms and conditions of service' were adhered to and this involved serving for a specific period of time. The Territorial Forces had formed up on 1 Apr 1908 and men generally signed on for a fixed number of years which could be extended by 1, 2 or 3 years. Thus the anniversary of many of the 1908 'enlistments' was 31 Mar/1 Apr and many elected to take their discharge; many after a period of 'leave' re-enlisted!





**PTE. W. CLARKE, THE GREEN, BROCKHAMPTON, NEAR HEREFORD,
AND HIS THREE SONS.**

(1) Pte. William Clarke (aged 54), now on duty in the Isle of Man. (2) Pte. Charles Clarke (aged 26), with the 3rd Herefords at Oswestry. (3) Pte. Henry Clarke (aged 23), with the 1st Herefords, wounded in the hand in the Dardanelles on 21st August last. (4) Drummer Thomas Clarke (aged 21), 1st Herefords, who was wounded by shrapnel in the leg on landing in the Dardanelles.

In both of these cases the fathers were serving with the Supernumerary Company of the Herefordshire Regiment. Both men had previous military service and were too old for operational service but had volunteered in Jun 1915 to undertake duties within Great Britain. Duties included key point defence (headquarters, bridges, tunnels, factories etc) and prisoner of war/detainee camps guard. Many of the Hereford soldiers were allocated to 310 (Protection) Company Royal Defence Corps and saw duty guarding POWs in the Isle of Man.

An unknown soldier of the Herefordshire Regiment Supernumerary Company; he wears the Herefordshire Regiment capbadge and the shoulder title of the Royal Defence Corps (RDC).



News¹ continued to arrive in Hereford of individual's experiences at Suvla Bay, updates were being received from individuals and official sources; military bureaucracy and administration also continued to deal with the aftermath of the Suvla operation:

**LANCE - CORPORAL HERBERT, 1st
HEREFORDS, HOME.**

Lost on the Peninsula.

Lance-Corpl. F. A. Herbert, 1st Herefords, son of Mr. Stephen Herbert, of Ryelands, Hereford, arrived at Beechwood Red Cross Hospital on Monday. He has just recovered from a bullet wound in his right arm sustained on the Gallipoli Peninsula last August. The evening the Herefords landed he was hit by a sniper. The bullet entered his right shoulder, and passed into the arm causing a large wound and smashing the humerus. Lance-Corpl. Herbert is only just regaining the use of the arm after three operations, and is still unable to raise it above his head. He expects, however, to be fit for service again.

Lance-Corpl. Herbert was at one time reported to have died, his name being confused with that of another Lance-Corpl. A. Herbert, of the Herefords, who succumbed to injuries. Lance-Corpl. A. Herbert hailed from Byford, but chanced to have been lodging in the Ryelands when in the employ of Messrs. Greenlands Ltd. Consequently letters sent to Lance-Corpl. F. A. Herbert were returned unopened and signed "deceased." Lance-Corpl. F. A. Herbert managed, however, to allay anxiety by sending a few lines to his parents—a no easy task for him owing to his injury. The two Herberts met after joining the Herefords and became chums, and left the peninsula at the same time wounded. They gave it out that they were brothers so that they should be allowed to remain together, but were placed in different wards at Alexandria. The news of Lance-Corpl. A. Herbert's death was not made known to Lance-Corpl. F. A. Herbert until sometime afterwards, evidently owing to the fact that they were believed to be brothers.

It was something in the nature of a disappointment to Lance-Corpl. Herbert to be placed hors de combat so soon after the Herefords landed. He was wounded about seven o'clock in the evening, and when it became dark had to make the best of his way back to the hospital on the beach over ground which the regiment had covered a few hours previously under a hail of shrapnel. He told our representative that he took his bearings from one of the ships in the bay, and headed towards it stumbling along over rough country, and every now and then tumbling into a hole or catching his feet in the undergrowth. He had been unable to obtain first aid, and the injury to his arm gave him considerable pain. After walking for over an hour he found he had been following a course parallel with the trenches, and that he was as far away from the base hospital as ever. He reached the beach, and then had to push his way through the deep sand finally reaching the dressing station after about three hours. He had just about given up hopes of getting there. The wounded were being taken off into small boats, and were then put on board a hospital ship. The men were put into a stretcher box and hauled on board by means of a crane. To be swung into mid-air and then lowered down on to the deck was rather a sensation. For over two months Lance-Corpl. Herbert was an inmate of the Bombay Presidency General Hospital at Alexandria. Three operations were performed which left him very weak. At the end of October he left on the Asturias for England, arriving on November 8th, and proceeding to the Longworthy Road Hospital, Manchester. He is naturally pleased to return to his native city, and to be enjoying the comforts associated with Beechwood.

He joined the Herefords shortly after the outbreak of war, being formerly employed in the agricultural department of the Hereford County Council.

CAPTAIN F. G. BARKER.

Captain F. G. Barker, who has been suffering from frostbite and enteric fever since the blizzard at Gallipoli, has been invalided home, and is now at King Edward VII. Convalescent Hospital, Osborne.

BACK WITH THE REGIMENT.

Pte. W. Scott (1279), son of Mrs. R. Scott, 27, Bluechool Street, Hereford, is now back with the regiment, and says he is in the best of health.

THE LATE PTE. D. EASTHORPE.

There have been several notifications in regard to Pte. D. Easthorpe (1229), published in the official casualty list, and he is now reported to have died from wounds. He is the son of Mrs. Easthorpe, Staunton Lacy, near Ludlow, and formerly worked at Peterchurch. He was reported died of wounds in the columns of the *Hereford Times* a considerable while ago.

¹ - These notice are only a selection of articles published in local papers.

PRISONER OF WAR.



PTE. SYDNEY MASON, OF BROMYARD.

No. 2431, Herefordshire Regiment, now a prisoner of war in Turkey. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mason, Milvern Street, Bromyard. Pte. Mason joined the Herefords in September, 1914, and was taken a prisoner on the 19th August, 1915. Previous to enlisting he was in the employ of the Earl of Dudley and Messrs. Pettifer, of Leominster and Bromyard. He is 22 years of age. His brother, Pte. J. Mason, 1st Herefords, who was formerly employed by Mr. Davies, Bromyard, was also fighting in the Dardanelles. He came back suffering from strained nerves.

SUVLA BAY LANDING.

**BREINTON PRISONER DISCOVERED
IN CONSTANTINOPLE.**

Captured by the Turks soon after the landing of the 1st Herefords at Suvla Bay, Pte. Theodore Charles Williams (2042), D Company, of Rose Cottage, Breinton, has at last been able to communicate with his parents, very much to their relief. He is now regularly receiving letters and parcels from his people and friends, and is well in health. They first heard of his being alive some six weeks ago, and received a letter—which contained barely half-a-dozen lines, for more, apparently, are not permitted—last week. He states in effect that he hopes soon to be home out of his present unpleasant situation. He is somewhere in Constantinople. It appears that about the third day after landing Pte. Williams and three others went out beyond the lines to fetch water; all were captured, but happily none wounded. He was officially reported missing, and was able to communicate with his people through the International Red Cross Agency.

Prisoner of War notifications were being received. There was much confusion about the fate of individuals at Suvla Bay, many families hoped that their missing would be 'found' as POWs.

1st HEREFORDS.

A PRISONER WITH THE TURKS.

Mrs. Kerr, of Irchester Vicarage—it will be remembered that the 1st/1st Herefords were formerly stationed at Irchester—has this week received a letter from Pte. W. H. Morgan (of Vestrall's Battery, Lincolnshire), 1st/1st Herefords, who writes from Constantinople. The letter is dated January 28th, and Pte. Morgan states he is well, and had then left hospital a month.

PRISONERS OF WAR.



1st HEREFORDS.

(1) Pte. R. T. Mainwaring; (2) Pte. L. C. Evans; (3) Pte. W. H. Morgan; (4) Pte. T. C. Williams; and (5) Pte. H. Lister.

Pte. R. T. Mainwaring (1382), who was made a prisoner on August 21st, is a son of Pte. T. Mainwaring (5342), 3/1st Herefords, and of Mrs. Mainwaring, 3, Ashmoor Place, Kington. He is single, aged 19, and when war broke out was working as an apprentice with Mr. Everal. He had been in the Herefordshire Regiment some three months before war started.

Pte. L. C. Evans (1796), 1st Herefordshire Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Evans, No. 25, The Nursery Road, Ross, who was captured by the Turks on August 19th, was one of the first men in the county to join the Herefordshire Regiment in August of 1914. He is single, aged 24, and before enlisting was employed by the Alton Court Brewery Company, Ross. A letter was received from him a short time ago, but it only consisted of four lines stating that he was well, and that he had received three letters and no parcels. Parcels have been sent to him at frequent intervals.

The latest news concerning Pte. W. H. Morgan (3166), 1st Herefordshire Regiment, son of the Rev. E. and Mrs. Morgan, Ystradfin Vicarage, Llandovery, who is a prisoner of war in Turkey is that he is going on well and has practically recovered from his wound in the hip. On the outbreak of war, Pte. Morgan was on the staff of the Leominster branch of Lloyd's Bank. Writing to his parents on December 27th he said they had quite an enjoyable Christmas under the circumstances. Writing to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan from Hospital, Captain Lewis said he was glad to see by the *Hereford Times* that Pte. Morgan was a prisoner of war. "He was one of a party I sent to get water from a well," the letter continued. "Only one man returned, and he had a marvellous escape, a bullet passing through his trousers pocket without touching him. He reported that they had been caught by a heavy fire from a body of Turks close by, and that he alone had escaped. I was hit and had to leave before any further information had been received, so I was very glad to see that your son was not killed. I hope it may be the same with some of the others. I may say that I was very much pleased with the way your son worked under fire. He volunteered like a shot when I asked for someone to cross a dangerous piece of ground and bring back a message, and he volunteered again to go for water. I am sorry he has no further chance of showing his pluck. He would have done well. It is a consolation, however, to know that the Turks are treating their prisoners well.

Pte. T. C. Williams (2942), 1st Herefordshire Regiment, who was taken prisoner on August 19th—the day after the Herefordshire Regiment landed at Suvla Bay—is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Rose Cottage, Upper Hill, Breinton. He joined the Herefordshire Regiment on September 1st, 1914, when he was in the employ of the King's Acre Nursery Company. He is single, and will reach his 24th birthday on May 10th. Mrs. Williams hears from her son every week—just a post-card to say how he is getting on—but of course he is not able to write much. He appears to be at Kangora, Turkey.

Pte. Harry Lister (1978), 1st Herefordshire Regt., son of Mrs. H. Lister, High Street, Presteign, another of the men of the 1st Herefords captured on August 19th, wrote home quite recently, though it seems that prisoners are only allowed to send a letter four lines in length. Pte. Lister has a wife and three children living at 2, Church Street, Presteign. He is an old Volunteer, having served in the 1st Herefordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, and he had been with the Territorials since they were formed. He is 34 years of age, and when the regiment was mobilised he was working for Mr. Bursnell, timber Landler, Presteign. The first news that he was a prisoner came from him from Constantinople, dated August 21st, and then it appears that he was sent to Angor, whilst it is believed that he is now back in Constantinople.

1510 Pte CE Evans who had been wounded at Gallipoli was discharged in March 1916, being no longer fit for service.

PTE. C. E. EVANS WOUNDED.

Pte. C. E. Evans (1510), Walton Green, Old Radnor, has been officially reported wounded whilst serving with A Company, 1st Herefordshire Regiment. The nature of his injury is not stated.



8194 Pte R Evans, suffered from dysentery, exposure and trench foot as a result of service at Suvla Bay. Discharged 'Time Expired' and rejoined the Army in Aug 1916, to be medically discharged in Dec 1916.

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

Regiment or Corps 1st 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) _____

Date	From whom received	Report	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 51A, Army Form A. 51, or other official documents.
18/7/10	G. J. 1st BRGs	Embarked TSS Buripides	Devonport	18/7/10	Nominal roll
22.8.10	Atk	Joint in the field from Base	Gallipoli	22.8.10	6215.
30.11.10	Atk	Admitted to hospital. 'Anthrax'	Gallipoli	30.11.10	436.
4.12.10	Atk	Admitted to hospital	base	4.12.10	436.
17.1.16	Atk	Discharged to the 1st Herefordshire Regiment for England	London	17.1.16	436. 1589.

OFFICER IN CHARGE INFANTRY RECORDS.
1st DIVISION
P. EDHELAN

29 NOV. 1916 Chelsea Number 59804 E

Rank Pte Regimental No. 8194

Name Reginald Evans Position (Rank) 1st Lt

Regiment 1st Herefordshire Regt (Previous rank) 18/10

Date of Discharge 12-12-16 (Previous rank) 6215.

Age at enlistment 22

Trade Chapman

Address 3, Galsfield Cottage East St

Character gds Religion Anglican

Place of Birth Rhazadeh

Service:

Period	Days for Payment					Total
	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	
<u>1/10</u>						<u>1/2</u>

Date of Enlistment 16.8.16 G.P. 1000 and 1001 Issues

Date of Discharge _____

Cause of Discharge medically unfit Tubercle of Lungs

Report of Medical Board (dated 14.9.16)

Originated No 1915 Suvla. Had an attack of Dysentery. First attack & attributed to exposure. Invalued. Soon after began to have cough & expectoration left army. Time required by travel 12.12.16. Re enlisted Aug 18 1916. Took school of front - cough along with it. Considerable loss of weight. Tubercle healing. Most sides a P. side. Sputum test positive. The result of above service - due to disease & exposure on active service. Unrecovery of permanent. Awarded 3/12 on 11th Nov 1916.

Signature: J. H. ...

604 Cpl Jones, also suffered at Suvla Bay and took his discharge 'Time Expired'.

Statement of Services of No. 604 Pte Albert Jones

Service records from (s) 2/10/17
 Date of appointment to lance rank 1/1/15
 Numerical position on roll of N.C.O. 146

Date	Post when engaged	Place	Date	Remarks
18/7/15	C.S.I./Asst. Sigs	Embarked 228 Suvla Bay	18/7/15	Numerical roll
22/8/15	Unit	Joined in the Field from Base	Gallipoli	22/8/15 B 215.
18/10/15	Kept	Admitted Smd W.F.A. Dysentery	de	18/10/15 A56.
30/10/15	de	Admitted Military Hospital Tigne	Malta	30/10/15. A56.
7. 3. 16	de	Home to N.I. Admitted for treatment for Dysentery in S.S. Chesham	Wiltshire	7. 3. 16 A 2024
7. 3. 16	Unit	Admitted to W.F.A. Admitted to the Hospital	Wiltshire	7. 3. 16 697.

Wiltshire
1/4 No INFANTRY RECORDS
No 4 District
8th BATTALION

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 604 Pte Albert Jones

Service towards engagement includes from 1st March 1915 to 2nd March 1915

Year	Month	Day	Rank	Date	Post	Remarks
1910	14	7	10	8	10	Embarked
1911	30	7	11	13	8	Embarked
1912	28	7	12	11	8	Embarked
1913	8	8	13	10	8	Embarked

Embarked
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Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 24. 2. 16 (base of discharge) 4 years 26 days

Discharged in consequence of *Termination of Engagement*
 under Para 503 *Termination of Engagement*

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby approved.

W. J. C. O.

Lt Parker who was evacuated ill from Suvla Bay in December and had been in hospital in Egypt, continued his diary for a few more days on his return to England, it illustrated the medical procedures and administration of officers returning from the front to UK – how much more challenging it must have been for other ranks!

3rd March

Strolled around the bookshops with my sister, who left for London on the 1 O'clock train, we have had snow on the ground most of the time I have been here & I have been flopping about in one of the pleasant little sister's galoshes. I got £5 wired from McGrigors to the PO as none of these blighters of banks will cash cheques. I don't know what the use is of having a bank account if you can't draw the money. I was boarded at seven in the evening. The proceedings were more in the nature of a pleasant little chat-and the old Major said he knew Mr FL Green of Presteigne. By the way I hear that poor old Joe Green has been killed in France.

I was given a month's leave, but they made a most appalling mess of my papers & put me down as having been 3 days in bed, when it was about 7 weeks. When I went in the President asked if there were any special papers about me and I told that the ship's adjutant had told me that there was a confidential letter about me. This couldn't be found, in fact, they said they had never received it. I wonder what it said. I got my free pass from the base in the town. Packed up.

4th March

Went down to the station with Chick of the Essex Regt. We nearly missed the train owing to taxi being late. Margery my sister met me at Paddington. Taxied to Waterloo and got her luggage and on to Euston, where we had lunch. Caught the 1.20 PM train, travelling with a very nice officer out of the Staffs Regt returning from France. A lot of snow after we passed Shrewsbury, where I saw RE Edwards on the platform also home after 5 months.

I was at home in Knighton for the whole of the month. The weather was rotten & cold & there was also a good deal of snow. Nothing happened during this month. Wyndham, my brother came home on leave. And I motored with Father and Geoff to see him off as it was a Sunday. Towards the end I received orders to attend a board.

Routine notices of officers' postings and promotions were published in the London Gazette and extracts were published in local papers along the following lines:



1st 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 its first reinforcement draft from England.

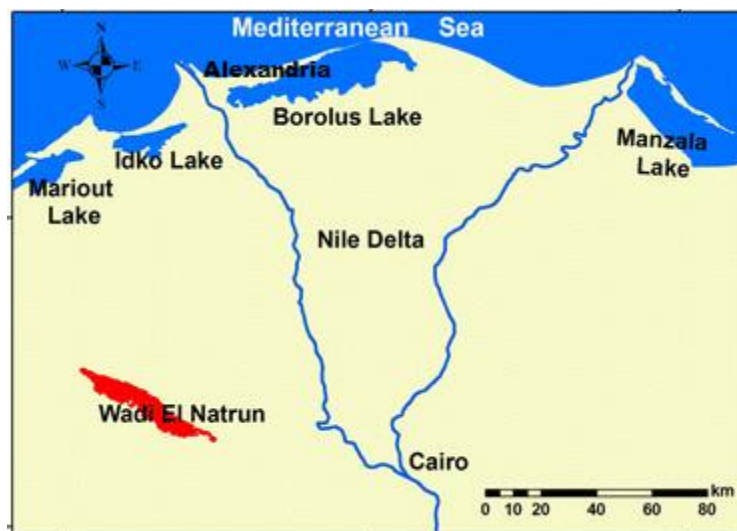
The Battalion War Diary:

Date	Location	
4 Mar		Battalion training and musketry. Capts Lewis, Evelyn, Wilson, Willmott, Hopkins, Wallis, Outram and Higgs and Sgt Evans and Cpls Dorrell, Lewis, Neale, Harper and Aplin and LCpl Watkins and Spencer to Zeitoun on courses.
7 Mar		Lt (QM) Roberts, Lts Collins, Levason, Nixon, Dorrell and Ricketts joined Battalion from England. Lt Trumper and 7 men rejoined from hospital.
13 Mar		Regimental training – subject Outposts.

15 Mar		Lts Arnold KOYLI, Rawson 11 Warks, Dixon KOYLI, Telford KOYLI and Turnham Leicesters arrived and were attached for duty to the Battalion. Lt Reeve to hospital.
16 Mar		Lts Bell KOYLI and Travers KOYLI arrived at Battalion for duty.
19 Mar		Capt Rogers joined from hospital with 9 men. Lt Phillips and 20 men; transport from England.
23 Mar		Brigade began to move station to Wadi Natrun relieving 159 Bde. Twenty four men rejoined Battalion from hospital.
24 Mar		2Lts Wright, Arnold, Robertson, Dixon, Turnham & Bell returned to officers' base depot at Sidi Bishr.
25 Mar		Battalion moved to Wadi Natrun by train to Katepa in 3 portions. Took over camp from 1/7 Cheshires. Lt Outram returned to Sidi Bishr.
26 Mar	Wadi Natrun	2Lt Higgs returned to officers' base depot.
28 Mar		<p>Battalion route march 7-10.30am; temperature 102°F in the shade. Heat wave for 3 days. Officers and SNCOs returned from courses; results of examinations as follows:</p> <p>Grenade Course:</p> <p>Capt Lewis - 97%</p> <p>Lt Wilson - 96%</p> <p>Lt Willmott - 95%</p> <p>Cpl Aplin - 86%</p> <p>LCpl Spencer - 91%</p> <p>Officers' Course</p> <p>Lt Evelyn - Specialist certificate</p> <p>NCO Course</p> <p>Cpl Evans - Pass certificate</p> <p>Signals Course</p> <p>2Lt Hopkins - 1st</p> <p>Cpl Harper - 1st</p> <p>LCpl Watkins - 1st</p>

		Machine Gun Course 2Lt Higgs - MGO Special 2Lt Wallis - MGO 2Lt Outram - MGO Cpl Dorrell - MG Sergeant Cpl Lewis - MG Sergeant Cpl Neale - MG Sergeant
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Wadi Natrun was a wadi in Western Egypt. It contained a chain of narrow lakes of very salt water and was considerably below sea level and therefore very hot. There was a small native village and salt and soda factories.



Maj Green

1 Mar	Very warm, parades to be at 8.30am in future. Brigade sports, very succesful, Battalion won: Shooting (Lloyd Lindsay), Alarm Marching Order, Obstacle Race, Sack Race (122), Relay (2 nd).
2 Mar	Had terrific sandstorm in afternoon from south, heat unbearable. Guest night – quite jolly; Brig Gen and staff, Rome, Patteshall and Caddick. My promotion in GRO.
3 Mar	Hottest day we have had. No air. Starting early parades tomorrow. 1/7 RWF beat in 3 – 0 at last.
4 Mar	1 st day of early routine. Reveille 5.15am. Went to Cairo by early train with Ashton on 36 hours leave. Took my jackets in to have rank badges altered. Went to races in afternoon –

	found 3 winners. In evening went to Kursaal to see 'Smile Up', quite good show. Met Trumper in morning and Merry in evening in Shepheard's. Stayed at Continental.
5 Mar	Had quite a nice day. Spent morning in Bazaars. Bought 2 limonos for Do. Got back by 5pm train. Found letters from Do and M waiting for me.
6 Mar	Battalion staff ride, was advanced guard commander to brigade. Pleasant change.
7 Mar	Trumper returned from hospital and 6 officers from England: Collins, Levason, Ricket, Darroll, Nixon, Roberts.
8 Mar	Nothing much doing. 1/7 RWF had new CO join up, Maj Harher KRR.
9 Mar	158 Bde played London Bde and beat them 2 – 0; fair game. 2/3 rd Londons gave concert in evening – very good show indeed.
11 Mar	Rode out with CO and Adj to inspect ground for Regimental tour on Monday. Started examining candidates for promotion. Sandstorm.
12 Mar	Played 2/1 st Londons at football, good game, lost 2 – 1.
13 Mar	Regt Tour – outpost scheme. Continued examination for promotion.
14 Mar	Nothing doing.
15 Mar	Brigade exercising column moving to Khatalha with advanced, flank and rear guards. Commanded rear guard. Welsh Border Dismounted Brigade turned up including Shropshire Yeomanry. 5 more attached officers turned up for us. No warning at all. Have now 38 officers.
16 Mar	Nothing much doing. 3 more attached K officers arrived unannounced at 7.30.
17 Mar	Slack day. CO on weekend leave.
18 Mar	Moved camp again. Usual beastly day. Wind <u>sand</u> and rain. Dined with Porter at Bde HQ>
19 Mar	Rogers and Phillips turned up. King Power attached until his battalion comes down to Wadi.
21 Mar	6 weeks leave due to Davies, paid him 20 pt.
22 Mar	Went to Cairo with Percy Rogers. Was measured for new drill and breeches at Phillips. Concert for men in evening. Heard we are moving tp Wadi Natsun on Saturday.
24 Mar	Got rid of 10 attached officers.
25 Mar	Moved to Wadi. I went with first party at 7 am arriving Wadi at 4.30 pm. Quite an interesting journey. Very hospitably received by 7 Cheshires from whom we took over.

26 Mar	Settled down in our new camp. Very nice, very hot and flies damnable.
27 Mar	Battalion route march. Very hot, 102 in the shade. Much difficulty in supplying men with sufficient drinks.
28 Mar	Nothing new; very hot.
29 Mar	Hot spell continues.
30 Mar	Gen Murray came over to inspect position and defence. Rode through camp but did not stop.
31 Mar	Went on leave with Ashton to Cairo. Not so hot and weather altogether splendid. Shopped all afternoon and went to Kursaal in evening. Stayed at Continental.

2010 Pte Sidney Wilkins

1-3 The Herefords are training in musketry.

15-25 The Wilkins brothers are at Wardan with amongst others George Underwood from Chester.

25 The Herefords move up into the desert at Wadi Natrun by train via Kaatatba in 3 sections. At Wadi Natrun there is a soda & salt factory threatened by the Turks. They occupy outposts around the oasis & the heat is intense.

26 Very hot in the desert.

27 The Herefords are training. Very hot.

28 The Herefords route march from 7-10.30 am. Temp is 102 deg in shade. Heatwave for 3rd day running.

Pte Percy Pritchard

Pte Pritchard had been evacuated from Suvla Bay in December and had been in hospital in Egypt and Malta and was now returned 'fit for duty'.

March 8 1916	Ghan Tuffiaha
March 19	Alexandria
March 20	Sidi Bishr

Ghan Tuffiaha was a hospital and 'camp' area at Malta.

Malta played the role of Nurse of the Mediterranean during this conflict in 1915. The number of wounded arriving here for treatment was so large that hospitals and convalescent camps mushroomed all over the island. Between June and July the number of beds rose to 13,093, dealing also with new ailments: dysentery and enteric fever. To handle this emergency situation, a large tented convalescent camp was built at Ghajn Tuffieha, on the site where the Radisson Golden Sands Resort stands today. Opening on the 15th of August 1915 with an initial 2,000 beds, the convalescent camp was full by the end of the month.

This number was to further increase to 3,000 within a month, and at full expansion swelled up to 5,000. The military hospital camp finally closed in January 1919.



A camp building from the early 1900s.

The Radisson Azure Golden Sands hotel complex

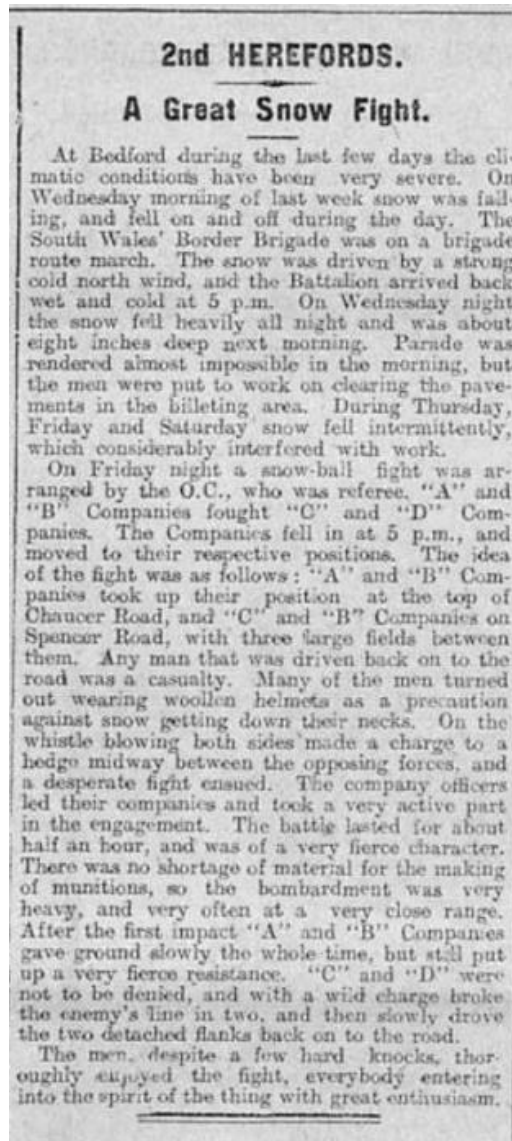


2nd Battalion

The 2nd Bn remain part of 205 Bde, 68 Div as part of the UK Defence Force undertaking routine training and defensive activities.

From the War Diary:

1-31 Mar	Bedford	NIL
		Signed by: W B Wood Roe Lt Col Commanding 2/1 st Herefordshire Regiment



The Battalion also won the Brigade cross-country competition and were awarded the following trophy:



3rd Battalion

The 3rd Bn remained in Park Hall Camp Oswestry as part of 3rd Line Welsh Division; it acted as the training and holding battalion of the Regiment. It was receiving recruits, embodied at Hereford and then drafted to the 3rd Bn to undergo training; the number of recruits had increased due to the Derby Scheme. It also administered individuals returned to duty fully fit after sickness or wounds and again many soldiers who have been evacuated from Suvla Bay were now returning to fitness and reporting for duty to the 3rd Bn.



Officers and SNCOs of the 3rd Battalion in Park Hall Camp Oswestry Commanding Officer Lt Col RHT Symonds-Taylor, RSM – WO1 (RSM) Alford.

Lt Col Symonds-Taylor had his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, and his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Bn confirmed

MAJOR SYMONDS-TAYLER'S PROMOTION.
 Major R. H. Symonds-Taylor, who has been made temporary Lieut.-Colonel as from Nov. 5th, is in charge of the 3rd Battalion Herefordshire Regiment at Oswestry, has had a long military experience. He entered the Army in 1889, joining the 4th King's Shropshire Light Infantry (Hereford Militia), and was made Captain in 1893 and Major in 1906. He took the rank of tempy. Major with the 2nd Battalion Herefordshire Regiment in 1914. Since he has been with the Herefordshire Regiment Lieut.-Col. Symonds-Taylor has done splendid work, and his efficient control has been responsible for the rapid advances that the men under him have made in their training. His many friends will be pleased to hear of the honour his services have brought him. At the beginning of the war Lieut.-Colonel Symonds-Taylor placed his beautiful residence at Hereford at the disposal of the British Red Cross Society, and it was soon full of wounded soldiers, being turned into a completely equipped hospital. His only two sons are serving their country, Lieut. F. K. Symonds-Taylor having been twice wounded with the K.S.L.I., and Midshipman R. V. Symonds-Taylor won the Distinguished Service Cross for splendid work at the original landing at the Dardanelles. Lieut.-Colonel Symonds-Taylor was educated at the Hereford Cathedral School and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and is the sixth son of the late Mr. J. F. Symonds, Okeleigh, Hereford, and brother of Alderman J. R. Symonds and Dr. G. H. H. Symonds. Whilst at Cambridge he rowed in the University Boat Races of 1889 and 1890, both won by Cambridge, and in 1887 he won the Ladies' Plate and the Thames Cup at Henley Royal Regatta on the same day.

The first reinforcement draft, consisting of 3 officers and 151 men destined for the 1st Battalion left Oswestry. It was commanded by Capt EA Capel, who had been wounded at Suvla Bay. It travelled by train to a port of embarkation and the train, fortuitously stopped at Hereford and the draft was greeted by many friends and family. The majority of men were 'fresh' men who had not yet served overseas. Several went on to be awarded the Territorial Force War Medal (TFWM), these men had been members of the Territorial Force in August 1914 and had signed the Imperial Service obligation, but had not served overseas in 1914 or 1915, but did serve in an overseas theatre after this date.

The TFWM is the scarcest of the World War One 'service' medals. Some 33,000 were issued (some 6.5 million British War Medals were issued). Fifty-one members of The Herefordshire Regiment were awarded the TFWM.



3rd HEREFORDS.

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Draft Leaves for the Front.

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Full List of Names.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OSWESTRY, Wednesday.

To have been present in the lines of the 3rd Herefords, at Park Hall Camp at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, when a large draft left for the front, would have been the finest tonic a pessimist could have had. The fine bearing of the men as they marched off, headed by the Regimental Band, and amid the cheers of their less fortunate comrades, would have stirred the "blood of a statue," and their high spirits and smiling faces accentuated the gloomy looks of the chums whose turn had not yet come. The splendid spirits shown by the men is typical of that which animates all branches of Britain's great Army, and it is that spirit which makes "Tommy" scoff at the idea of any other than one ending to the great struggle in which he is playing a man's part.

The men, in charge of Captain E. A. Capel, 2nd Lieut. Job, and 2nd Lieut. Mitchell, who are accompanying the draft, entrained at 11 a.m. at Whittington Station for the South Coast.

SCENE AT HEREFORD.

On Wednesday a draft of men of the Herefordshire Regiment passed through Barra Court Station for a secret destination, and they were accompanied by some of the men of other regiments who have been training in the same neighbourhood as the 3rd Herefords.

They were in a special express troop train of some 11 or 12 coaches, and arrived at Hereford at 10 minutes to one, steaming out again at one o'clock. There was a large number of parents and friends present to bid the local men farewell, and some pathetic scenes were witnessed.

The Herefords were in high spirits, and as the train left the station they sent up a hearty cheer. They all appeared to be in the best of health, and thanks to the thorough drilling that they have had under the command of Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Symonds-Taylor, they are thoroughly fit and ready to undertake any work they are called upon to do.

The fact that these men have been moved from Oswestry will probably mean that the Derby recruits now billeted at Hereford will be sent to take their places. The later single groups under the Derby scheme are now joining the colours, and about 50 came to Hereford on Tuesday to join the 3rd Line. Others are expected as the men are called up, and at the present rate the ranks will soon be full. Whether a fourth battalion will be formed remains to be seen.

On Wednesday evening a number of men who had been on furlough for four days returned to Oswestry. They were seen off by their women-folk. It is understood that furlough was granted on account of the men being probably included in a second draft which may shortly follow in the steps of the draft of 150 referred to. At least a portion of them have seen service and been invalided home, but have now recovered.

The draft comprised the following men:

Number	Name	Initial	Rank	Hometown							
	Capel	EA	Capt								
	Job		2Lt								
	Mitchell		2Lt								
737	Adams	FT	LCpl	Hereford	TFWM	3863	Marfell	P	LCpl	Ruradean	
3517	Armishaw	G	Pte	Hereford		1397	Marpole	TJ	Pte	Knighton	
3630	Bailey	TC	Sgt	Hereford		3848	Mason	H	Pte	Llangarron	
3946	Bayliss		Pte	Woolhope		1495	Matthews	T	Pte	Leominster	TFWM
3531	Berrington	H	Pte	Handley		3469	Meredith	R	Pte	Tiverton	
3215	Bodenham	HT	Pte	Ross		1988	Miles	CE	Pte	Hereford	
1332	Bradley	W	Pte	Hereford		3350	Mills	J	Pte	Worcester	
3642	Bray	AJ	Pte	Burford		3726	Moore	L	LCpl	Garway	
2013	Bright	W	Pte			3290	Morgan	EH	Pte	Leominster	
2552	Broome		Pte	Thrupton		3822	Morgan	FJ	Pte	Kington	
3748	Butler	AJ	LCpl	New Radnor		3475	Morgan	TJ	Pte	Hereford	
3315	Cadwallader	R	Pte	Howey		3782	Morris	A	Pte	Hereford	
3929	Caines	AJ	Pte	Malvern		3331	Morris	E	Pte	Whitecross	
3959	Cale	R	Pte	Ledbury		3351	Morris	J	Pte	Whitbourne	
1196	Cambray	A	Pte	Ross	TFWM	3564	Morris	J	Pte	Staunton On Wye	
3833	Chitty	R	Pte	Rhayader		2967	Mutlow	CW	Pte	Kingstone	
1305	Clifford		LCpl	Hereford		838	Nicholas	HL	Pte	Leominster	TFWM
3491	Coles	A	Pte	Cradley		3659	Nott	M	Pte	Cradley	
693	Collett	WC	Cpl	Sutton	TFWM	3415	Oliver	G	Pte	Cradley	
3224	Colley	J	Pte	Weobley		3887	Parry	JJ	Pte	Leominster	
3669	Dalley	CH	Pte	Ledbury		3678	Perkins	WS	Pte	Bromyad	
2353	Dance	H	Pte	Clehonger		3943	Pilliner	EL	Pte	Leominster	
3480	Davies	AH	Pte	Burghill		1977	Pilliner	G	Pte	Leominster	
3520	Davies	G	LCpl	Woolhope		2651	Powell	AH	Pte	Colchester	
1353	Davies	G	Pte	Hereford	TFWM	3947	Powell	GH	Pte	Radnor	
3854	Davies	J	Pte	Marden		3114	Powell	HL	Pte	Aberystwyth	
1590	Doyle	J	Pte	Hereford		1891	Poyner	HF	Pte	Lugwardine	
3701	Edwards	A	Pte	Leigh		3961	Poyner	W	Pte	Lugwardine	
3841	Edwards	R	Pte	Madley		3292	Preece	G	Pte	Leominster	
8104	Evans	CH	Pte	Pantydwr		3963	Preece	SA	Pte		
8202	Evans	DT	Pte	Rhayader		1952	Price	FT	Pte	Hereford	
8217	Evans	H	Pte	Whitchurch		3328	Price	LJ	Pte	Hereford	
3511	Evans	W	Pte	Hereford		3445	Priddy	J	Pte	W Newton	
3587	Field	A	Pte	Hereford		3444	Priddy	RD	Pte	W Newton	
3596	Fleetwood	G	Pte	Hereford		1551	Probert	H	Pte	Hereford	

3907	Fletcher	WC	LCpl	Hereford		3939	Protheroe	WC	Pte	Ledbury	
1864	Gale	AC	Pte	St Ives		3458	Rees	L	Pte	Kingstone	
3762	George	A	Pte	Eardisland		3694	Reynolds	A	Pte	Westhide	
1435	Gibbons	J	Pte	Weston Beggard		2259	Reynolds	KH	Pte	Leominster	
2339	Gladwin	FR	Pte	Hereford		3706	Reynolds	W	Pte	Leominster	
1321	Goode	A	Pte	Weston	TFWM	3597	Richards	J	Pte	Shrewsbury	
3709	Griffiths	WJ	Pte	Ivington		1957	Richardson	A	Pte	Hereford	
3769	Gummer	TC	Pte	Letton		3622	Roden	AC	Cpl	Hereford	
3465	Harrington	AW	Pte	Tuffley		3691	Rudd	JT	LCpl	Marden	
3595	Harris	GM	Pte	Whitney		3721	Savigar	G	Pte	Pembridge	
3797	Harris	H	Pte	Woolhope		3757	Shutt	JF	Pte	Middleton On The Hill	
3895	Harris	WJ	LCpl	Lyonshall		3240	Smith	AJ	Pte	Hereford	
2428	Herbert	W	Pte	Barry Docks		3763	Stubbs	KH	Pte	Eardisland	
3767	Hicks	G	Pte	Hereford		3603	Swainott	A	Pte	Hereford	
3472	Hill	EA	Pte	Mordiford		3512	Taylor	CR	LSgt	Hereford	
3583	Hince	WJ	Pte	Shucknall		3324	Taylor	CR	Pte	Bromyard	
919	Holland	CJ	LCpl	Liverpool	TFWM	3314	Taylor	J	Pte	Bromyard	
3360	Holmes	A	Pte	Hereford		1751	Turner	AJ	Pte	Kington	
3288	Hunt	H	Pte	Leominster		3716	Vallance	G	Pte	L Dewchurch	
3953	Hurdle	HC	LCpl	Hereford		3389	Ward	A	Pte	Pershore	
3524	Jarman	C	Pte	Docklow		3783	Wargent	CH	Pte	Hereford	
3499	Jones	C	Pte	Burghill		3567	Weale	A	Pte	Kings Pyon	
3229	Jones	GE	Pte	Bromyard		3275	Webb	WE	Pte	Rhayader	
8204	Jones	GJ	LCpl	Rhayader		3334	White	AB	Pte	Fownhope	
4062	Jones	H	Pte	Hereford		2409	Whittaker	AL	Pte	Putley	
3641	Jones	HJ	Pte	Madley		1357	Wilkins	H	Pte	Cheltenham	TFWM
3890	Jones	JE	Pte	Thornbury		3772	Williams	AE	LCpl	Hereford	
3668	Jones	W	Pte	Hereford		3655	Williams	C	Pte	Leysters	
3573	Jones	WJ	Pte	Leomnister		1394	Williams	C	Pte	Hereford	
3604	Jordan	FC	Pte	Hereford		3886	Williams	H	Pte	Kimbolton	
3530	Kerne	J	Pte	Blakemere		8261	Williams	J	Pte	Rhayader	TFWM
3593	Keyse	VH	Pte	Tenbury		3656	Williams	W	Pte	Leysters	
3299	Lamputt	H	Cpl	Hereford		3784	Williams	WF	Pte	Hereford	
1958	Lamputt	H	Pte	Hereford		2918	Wolstenholme	A	Pte	Manchester	
3303	Lane	J	Pte	Bromyard		3621	Wood	AE	Sgt	Hereford	
3718	Lea	J	Pte	Hereford		3837	Woodhouse	A	Pte	Prestiegne	
3663	Leddington	H	LCpl	Leominster		3836	Woodhouse	E	Pte	Prestiegne	
3800	Lewis	L	Pte	Dorstone		3720	Woodhouse	W	Pte	Prestiegne	
3960	Lilley	TC	Pte	Leddington		3671	Woolley	D	Pte	Biddleston	
8233	Lloyd	WJ	Pte	Howey							

The inclement weather was also experienced in Oswestry as a contemporary report commented '..... has considerably interfered with training, but not the spirits of the men. If proof were needed it could be found in the bandaged heads, crippled windows and doors due to a hard bombardment of snowballs which had to be repelled from our lines'.

Further reported was an Officers' Mess function where the Divisional Commander and members of his staff were entertained. After the function a concert/play was performed under the direction of Maj Speer. Extra support was available from Hereford and Mrs Symonds-Taylor, Mrs Speer and Miss Venables took parts in the 'commedietta' 'Second Thoughts' written by Maj Speer and performed at The Kemble Theatre in 1914. Other individual 'turns' followed including a display of club swinging by Sjt Maj Chandler.

There was other excitement when at 0430 the fire alarm sounded and all troops were 'turned out'; the Herefords witnessed the Cheshire Regiment's Officer Mess burn to the ground!

Sgt A May was presented with a wristwatch by the officers who had attended the first Officers' Machine Gun Course of which he was the instructor.

The report concludes that due to the adverse weather conditions many men are suffering from severe chills.

