

THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

Their First World War 'Story' – May 1916

The 'Bigger' Picture

The Home Front

- Second Military Service Bill extending compulsion to married men passes the British House of Commons
- Air Board formed in Great Britain
- Collapse of Irish Rebellion—leaders surrender. Three Irish rebel leaders executed.
- British Summer Time was first established by the Summer Time Act 1916 - legal time to be one hour in advance of GMT.

Diplomatic

- British and French Governments conclude 'Sykes-Picot' agreement as to eventual partition of Asia Minor
- Agreement signed at Berlin re employment of British and German prisoners of war
- Agreement signed at London for transfer of British and German wounded and sick prisoners of war to Switzerland
- Agreement concluded between Great Britain and France regarding respective claims in Turkish territories
- United States Government send Note to British Government protesting against search of mails

The Western Front

- Battle of Verdun continues

Other Fronts

MESOPOTAMIAN FRONT

- Rowanduz (Northern Mesopotamia) occupied by Russian forces.
- Khanaqin (North-East of Baghdad) taken by Russian forces.
- Detachment of Cossacks from Russian force in West Persia effects junction with British army on the Tigris.
- Turkish Army evacuates the As Sinn position and withdraws to Kut

PERSIA

- Qasr-i-Shirin (Western Persia) occupied by Russian forces
- Kwash (East Persia) occupied by British forces

BALKANS

- Fort Rupel (Greek frontier of Macedonia) occupied by Bulgarian and German forces
- Serbian Government set up at Salonika
- Lt Gen Sir George Milne succeeds Lt Genl Sir Bryan Mahon as General Officer Commanding British Forces, Salonika

CAUCASUS FRONT

- Mamakhatun (Armenia) taken by Russian forces - Mamakhatun retaken by Turkish forces

EAST AFRICA

- British advance from Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland across the frontier into German East Africa begins.
- Neu Langenburg (German East Africa) occupied by British forces.

SUDAN

- Sultan of Darfur defeated by Sudan force in affair of Beringiya (Darfur); El Fasher (capital of Darfur) occupied by Sudan force

ARABIA

- Allied blockade of the Hejaz coast to assist revolt of Sherif of Mecca commenced

ITALY

- Austrian offensive in the Trentino begins

In the Air

- German airship L-20 returning from raid on Scotland, wrecked at Stavanger (Norway);
- German airship L-7 destroyed off the Slesvig coast.
- German airship LZ-85 brought down by British gunfire at Salonika.

At Sea

Battle of Jutland begins

The 31st May saw the opening moves of the Battle of Jutland – the most significant naval engagement, and the only clash of battleships of the war.

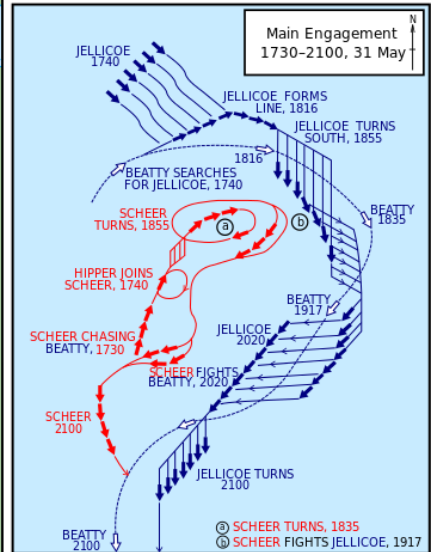
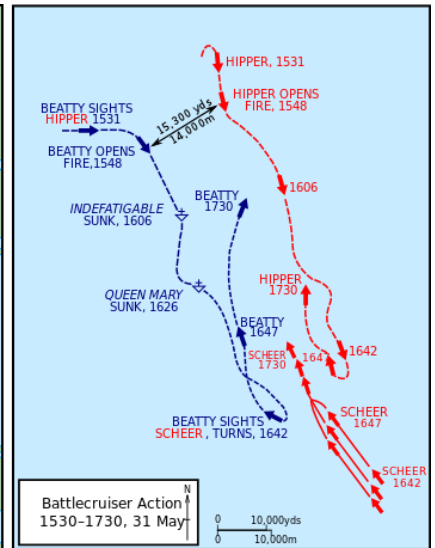
Germany's High Seas Fleet's intention was to lure out, trap and destroy a portion of the Royal Navy's Grand Fleet. This was part of a greater plan to break the British blockade of Germany. Meanwhile, the Royal Navy's intentions was to keep the German Navy away from Britain's own shipping lanes and if possible to engage and destroy it.

On the afternoon of 31 May, Beatty encountered Hipper's battlecruiser force long before the Germans had expected. In a running battle, Hipper successfully drew the British vanguard into the path of the High Seas Fleet. By the time Beatty sighted the larger force and turned back towards the British main fleet, he had lost two battlecruisers from a force of six battlecruisers and four battleships. The battleships, commanded by Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh Evan-Thomas, were the last to turn and formed a rearguard as Beatty withdrew, now drawing the German fleet in pursuit towards the main British positions. Between 18:30, when the sun was lowering on the western horizon, back-lighting the German forces, and nightfall at about 20:30, the two fleets – totalling 250 ships between them – directly engaged twice.

Fourteen British and eleven German ships were sunk, with great loss of life. After sunset, and throughout the night, Jellicoe manoeuvred to cut the Germans off from their base, hoping to continue the battle the next morning, but under the cover of darkness Scheer broke through the British light forces forming the rearguard of the Grand Fleet and returned to port.

Both sides claimed victory. The British lost more ships and twice as many sailors, and the British press criticised the Grand Fleet's failure to force a decisive outcome, but Scheer's plan of destroying a substantial portion of the British fleet also failed. The Germans' 'fleet in being' continued to pose a threat, requiring the British to keep their battleships concentrated in the North Sea, but the battle confirmed the German policy of avoiding all fleet-to-fleet contact.

At the end of the year, after further unsuccessful attempts to reduce the Royal Navy's numerical advantage, the German Navy turned its efforts and resources to unrestricted submarine warfare and the destruction of Allied and neutral shipping.



Start State

	British	German
Dreadnought	28	16
Pre-dreadnoughts	0	6
Battlecruisers	9	5
Armoured cruisers	8	0
Light cruisers	26	11
Destroyers	79	61
Seaplane carrier	1	0

Losses

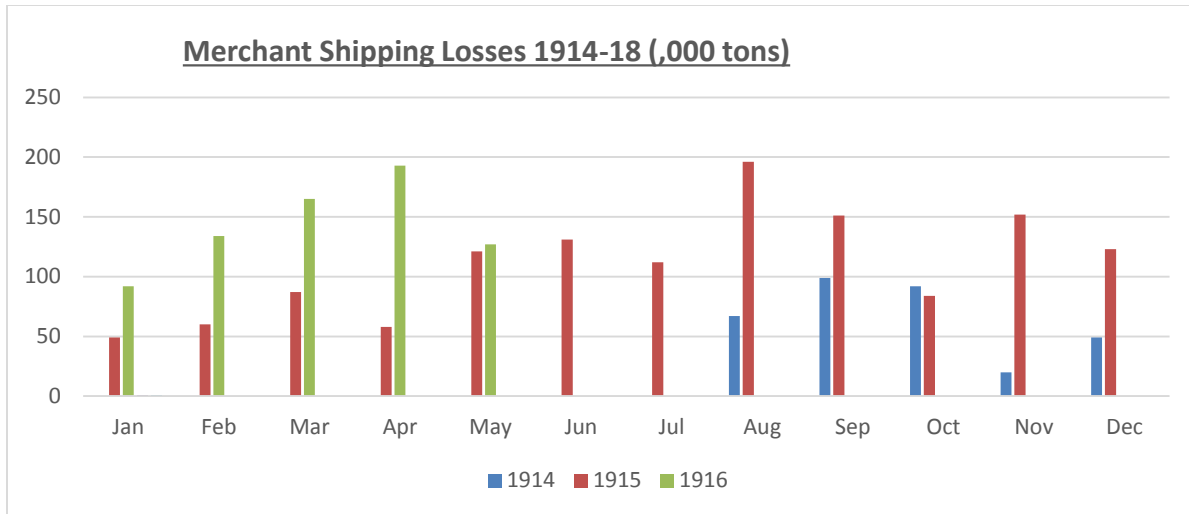
	British		German	
Dreadnought	0		0	
Pre-dreadnoughts	0		1	Pommern
Battlecruisers	3	Indefatigable	1	Lutzow
		Queen Mary		
		Invincible		
Armoured cruisers	3	Black Prince	0	
		Warrior		
		Defence		
Light cruisers	1	Tipperary	4	Frauenlob
				Elbing
				Rostock
				Wiesbaden
Destroyers	7	Shark	5	V48
		Sparrowhawk		S35
		Turbulent		V27
		Ardent		V48
		Fortune		V29
		Nomad		
		Nestor		
Seaplane carrier	0		0	
Men	6784		3039	

NAVAL AVIATION

- First British aerial co-operation with fleet in action

MERCHANT SHIPPING

- British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month
- 64 ships of 127,000 tons gross.



The 'Herefords'

Casualties

There were no reported casualties in May 1916, but the following announcement appeared in The Hereford Times. Pte Elcox was a member of the Supernumerary Company and thus not serving with the mainstream battalions.

DEATH OF A NATIONAL RESERVIST.

Pte. Jesse Elcox, of 8, Barton Road, Brodmy Hill, died suddenly this week in the Isle of Man. The deceased, who was 38 years of age, and leaves a widow and eight children, was attached to the 1st Herefordshire National Reserves. He joined shortly after the war began and was sent to North Wales to guard prisoners. He had since been doing similar duty in the Isle of Man. The first intimation of his illness was a telegram received on Monday morning and by Monday night a message came to say that he had passed away. He was a keen soldier and served 21 years in the old Hereford Volunteers. The body was brought to Hereford on Wednesday in charge of four soldiers who, with eight members of the Hereford R.A.M.C., acted as bearers at the funeral, which took place on Thursday. The coffin was placed in St. Nicholas Church for the night and a funeral service was conducted there on Thursday by the Rev. A. B. Wynne-Willson. The interment took place at the Cemetery.

Promotions

The following promotions were published in the Hereford Times:

HEREFORD REGIMENT

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS.

The "London Gazette" issued on Monday night contained a list of promotions and appointments of officers who have served abroad in Gallipoli with the Hereford Regiment. It is the longest list that has been issued since war broke out so far as the county regiment is concerned. Its wording is as follows, and contains a notification of a temporary appointment of the late Sec. Lieut. W. H. Lloyd, of Carmarthenshire, who died as the result of an accident at Oswestry a few weeks back, after being invalided home:—

Lieut. C. E. G. Pilkington to be temp. Captain, with precedence as from 6th July, 1915. 7th February, 1916.

Lieut. R. C. Sale to be temp. Captain, 1st November, 1915. Lieut. (temp. Captain) R. C. Sale relinquishes the temp. rank of Captain on alteration in posting, with precedence as from 14th July, 1914. 11th January, 1916.

2nd Lieut. B. S. Collins to be temp. Captain, 29th November, 1915. 2nd Lieut. (temp. Captain) B. S. Collins relinquishes the temp. rank of Captain on alteration in posting, with

precedence from 29th August, 1914. 28th January, 1916.

2nd Lieut. W. H. Lloyd to be temp. Captain (since deceased). 24th February, 1916.

2nd Lieut. G. P. Lloyd to be temp. Captain, 18th January, 1916. 2nd Lieut. (temp. Captain) G. P. Lloyd relinquishes the temp. rank of Captain on alteration in posting, with precedence as from 2nd September, 1914. 13th March, 1916.

2nd Lieut. D. G. G. Levason to be temp. Captain, 9th December, 1915. 2nd Lieut. (temp. Captain) D. G. G. Levason relinquishes the temp. rank of Captain on alteration in posting, with precedence as from 2nd September, 1914. 28th January, 1916.

2nd Lieut. P. S. Jackson-Taylor to be temp. Captain, 2nd February, 1916. 2nd Lieut. (temp. Captain) P. S. Jackson-Taylor relinquishes the temporary rank of Captain on alteration in posting, with precedence as from 2nd September, 1914. 25th March, 1916.

The under-mentioned 2nd Lieuts. to be temp. Captains, 1st March, 1916: G. A. Berney, R. J. Boulton, and S. Russell.

Of these officers, Captain Pilkington, who is a son of Mr. W. B. Pilkington, of Pencreig, near Ross, left with the last draft to rejoin the regiment abroad. Lieut. R. C. Sale is a son of Mr. W. T. Sale, Town Clerk of Leominster. He was gazetted before the war broke out, and was on the Headquarters Staff of the 158th Infantry Brigade, 53rd Welsh Division, for some time afterwards. Before

HEREFORD REGIMENT

PROMOTIONS FOR HEREFORD AND FOWNHOPE OFFICERS.

It is a coincidence that the "London Gazette" announces promotions in the same issue for two of the officers in the Hereford Regiment, having the same initials, as follows:

Lieut. (temporary Captain) F. T. Nott to be Captain, and remain Adjutant; January 7th, 1915. 2nd Lieut. (temporary Captain) F. T. Carver, to be Lieut. (temporary Captain), with precedence from January 7th, 1915; July 7th, 1915.

These promotions are recognitions of good service; both officers are hard working, and have taken a keen interest in the welfare of the men.

CAPTAIN F. T. NOTT.

Captain F. T. Nott, who has been given that rank as from January 7th, of 1915, is a son of the Rev. Frederick G. Nott, vicar of Fownhope. He had served with the Herefords before war broke out, was given the temporary rank of Captain three months later, and was appointed Adjutant. Captain Nott went out to Gallipoli. He was wounded in the foot soon after landing, and then had a miraculous escape. A second wound pierced his right hand; in fact his uniform and helmet were riddled with bullets, and he sustained three other wounds in the body and limbs. The gallant officer was invalided home, and happily made a good recovery in due course. Captain Nott has qualified as an instructor in army signalling and at the school of musketry.

TEMP. CAPTAIN F. T. CARVER.

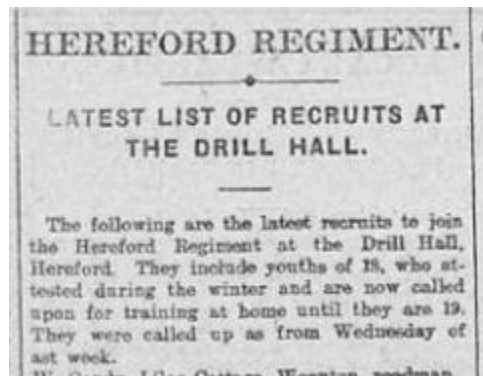
Temp. Captain F. T. Carver, who has been gazetted Lieut. (to remain temp. Captain) as from July 7th, of 1915, with precedence in his rank as from January 7th of the same year, is the elder son of Mr. T. Carver, J.P., of Hereford, and before taking up full military duty was a solicitor here. He had also joined the Herefords before the war, and when the 1st Batt. was called up and left for Northampton, he performed excellent service at the Regimental Depot, during the rush of recruiting. It was Major J. H. M. Greenly and 2nd Lieut. Carver, as he then was, who bore the colours to the Cathedral, and handed them over for safe keeping in the middle of August, a fortnight after war was declared. He was first gazetted temp. Captain on November 3rd, 1914, and was also appointed Adjutant of the 2/1 Batt. Captain F. T. Carver was hon. secretary and treasurer of the Herefordshire Golf Club, when war came, and since then has had an unlucky fall, as a result of which he has had the misfortune to injure his knee and aggravate an old complaint sustained while playing rugby in his younger days. His brother, Lieut. W. L. Carver, suffered from frostbite and exposure in the great storm which visited Gallipoli before the Herefords and the rest of the troops evacuated the Peninsula.

this appointment he was in charge of the machine-gun section of the Herefords. Sec. Lieut. B. S. Collins is a son of Mr. F. S. Collins, of Lincoln's Hill, Ross; he joined as a private when war broke out, and was one of the escort when the colours were deposited at the Cathedral. He obtained a commission in the Cheshire Regiment, but was transferred to the Herefords, and has been invalided home. Sec. Lieut. G. P. Lloyd is a son of Mr. E. P. Lloyd, solicitor, of Leominster; he also has been invalided home. Sec. Lieut. D. Grenville Levason is a son of Mr. W. Peyton Levason, of Hereford, and was married here shortly after rejoining the 1st Battalion after being invalided home. Sec. Lieut. P. S. Jackson Taylor, who was wounded and attacked with dysentery, is still with the 3rd Line; he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Jackson-Taylor, of Bank House, Broad Street, Hereford.

Sec. Lieut. G. N. Berney, who is made temp. Captain, comes from Wimbledon, and is a nephew of the Rev. A. N. and Mrs. Cope, Dorington. Sec. Lieut. E. S. Russell, who has a similar appointment, has his home at Bryan's Ground, Presteign, and was also invalided home in the autumn. He has been a temporary staff captain to the Brigade of which the Herefords form part. Sec. Lieut. R. J. Boulton, who is also made temporary captain, comes from Cholstrey Court, Leominster. In each case the appointment is from March 1st.

Hereford

The Depot function continues with men enlisting, and reporting for service following registration under the Derby Scheme.



Some of those enlisted were:

NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1
LAMB	THOMAS	PTE	5697
ELLIS	CHARLES	PTE	
PRICE	REGINALD JOHN	PTE	

HEIGHWAY	WILLIAM	PTE	5669
WOOD	ERNEST	PTE	5654
POWELL	HARRY	PTE	
DAVIES	HENRY GEORGE	PTE	
BAKER	SYDNEY	PTE	1203
WOOD	PERCY JOHN	PTE	

ARMY FORM B. 178.

To be used (a) for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army, and (b) for men of the Territorial Force when they are admitted to Hospital.
 Army Form B. 178A to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

Reg. Address: St. Leonards Bridge St. Leominster

515. Leominster

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname: Ellis Christian Name: Charles

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Parish Ludlow County Salop

Examined ... on 19th day of May 1916
 at Shrewsbury

Declared Age ... 18 years 270 days.

Trade or Occupation ... Foundryman; Haberdasher

Height ... 5 feet 3 inches.

Weight ... 113 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 35 inches.
 Range of Expansion 9 1/2 inches.

Physical Development ... good

Vaccination Marks { Arm ... Right Left
 Number 4

When Vaccinated ... Infancy

Vision ... (R.E.—V 6/6
 (L.E.—V 6/36)

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease ...

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ...

Approved by (Signature) _____ (Rank) _____ Medical Officer.

Joined at Leominster on 10th day of May 1916.

Joined on Enlistment ...	Corps <u>Army Reserve Class C</u>	Regt. No. <u>11. 5237</u>
Transferred to ...	PASSED FIT FOR DUTY	
Became non-effective by ...	Signed: <u>12/5/17</u>	

Colours President 12/5/17

(Signature) _____ (Rank) _____

Form B. 178 P.T.O.

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SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War, with the Colours and in the Army Reserve).

Card No. 25
A

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5669 Name William Hargway Corps HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ... William Hargway
2. What is your full Address? ... One House on Shrewsbury
3. Yes
4. What is your Age? ... 18 Years ... 2 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... grocer
6. Are you Married? ... no
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? ... no
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... Yes { Name W. Hargway Corps ... }
11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?
For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. You will be required to serve for one day with the Colours and the remainder of the period in the Army Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 20th Oct., 1915, until such time as you may be called up by order of the Army Council. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, or as a Clerk, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. ... Yes

I, William Hargway do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

W. Hargway SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. Hargway Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, William Hargway swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Shrewsbury on this May day of May 1916
Signature of the Justice J. H. E. Purvis Just. for T.O.

† Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 2/1st Herefords
If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 10 OCT 1916 19
Thomas Ludlow COLONEL, Approving Officer.
Place SHREWSBURY.
FOR G.O. DEPOT KING'S (SHROPS. I.)

The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit, and have next the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

If on the Recruit is to be added the particulars of his former service, and in presence, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him accompanied by the original attestation in red ink, on the (Date) ...

And some of those discharged:

NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1	Bn	TERM	HOMETOWN	Notes
BALDWIN	FRANK HAROLD	PTE	444	1	TOFE	M MARCLE	Served Gallipoli
BANNER	JOHN	PTE	3831		XVI		
BIRCHLEY	WILLIAM ROBERT	PTE	2768		XVI		
BURTON	GEORGE	PTE	2622		XVI	PETERSTOW	
CARPENTER	LEONARD	PTE	715	1	TIMEX	BRA ABBOTTS	Served Gallipoli
COLLINS	THOMAS	PTE	8189	1	TOFE	NEWBRIDGE	Served Gallipoli
COOK	GEORGE	PTE	1498	1		ROSS	Served Gallipoli
DOWLING	BERTRAM	SGT	556	1	XVI	KINGTON	Served Gallipoli
DUDLEY	WILLIAM	PTE	2985				Served Gallipoli
DUNN	JAMES	PTE	4619		UNFIT	KINGSLAND	
EVANS	THOMAS	PTE	2894		XVI	HEREFORD	
EVANS	STANLEY GORDON	PTE	3128	1	RELEASED ACI 301	BOSBURY	Served Gallipoli
EVANS	WALTER	PTE	721	1	TIMEX	ROSS	Served Gallipoli
GAGG	HAROLD		11		XVI	HEREFORD	
GATFIELD	WILLIAM	PTE	2314		XVI		
GUNTER	HAROLD THOMAS	PTE	3017		UNDERAGE	LUGWARDINE	
HARRISON	JESSE	PTE	3336		XVI		
HAWKESFORD	HENRY	PTE	3753			WEOBLEY	
HODGES	JAMES DAVID	PTE	2678		XVI		
JENNINGS	THOMAS	PTE	1087	1	TOFE	PETERCHURCH	Served Gallipoli
JONES	WILLIAM	PTE	1491	1	TIMEX	LEOMINSTER	Served Gallipoli
JONES	SAMUEL	PTE	2634				
JORDAN	WILLIAM	PTE	1745		XVI	ROSS	
LAWRENCE	WILLIAM LEWIS	SGT	2558		XVI		
LESTER	THOMAS	PTE	3513		XVI		
LEWIS	ERNEST	PTE	3231		XVI	CLIFTON ON TEME	
LUCAS	EDWARD THOMAS	PTE/AC PL	418	1	TOFE	LEOMINSTER	Served Gallipoli
MACKLIN	CHARLES	PTE	99	1	TIMEX	MADLEY	Served Gallipoli
MAPP	CHARLES HARRY	PTE	1075	1	TIMEX	PETERCHURCH	Served Gallipoli
MATTHEWS	HENRY	PTE	698	1		DRYBROOK	Served Gallipoli
MATTHEWS	CHARLES	PTE	1083	1	TOFE	HEREFORD	Served Gallipoli
MINTON	MILSOM SAMUEL PETER	PTE	3135		XVI	ROSS	
MOORE	ALLEN CLESSOLD	LCPL	1378		XVI	ROSS	
PASSEY	HERBERT REGINALD	PTE	8263		XVI		
POWELL	CHARLES ALLAN	PTE	719	1	TIMEX	HEREFORD	Served Gallipoli
PROSSER	THOMAS	PTE	2746		XVI	MOCCAS	
PULLEN	THOMAS	PTE	3035		XVI	BROMYARD	
ROBERTS	ERNEST	PTE	3278		XVI	SHELLACK	
ROBINSON	ANDREW	PTE	532	1	TOFE	LEOMINSTER	Served Gallipoli
STRANGWOOD	LEONARD JAMES	PTE	1543	1		STOKE PRIOR	Served Gallipoli
THOMAS	PETER	PTE	2629		XVI	ACONBURY	
TUNLEY	PERCY	PTE	2932		XVI		
UNDERWOOD	WILFRED	PTE	3325		XVI		

Timex/ToE = Time expired/Terms of Enlistment (completion of terms of service)

xvi – unfit through either wounds or sickness

The Entries of the Services of No. *11* *H. Harold Gaff* may occur.

Corps	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank	Dates	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
Service towards engagement reckons from				1.4.08			
Joined		<i>Hereford</i>		on 1.4.08			
		Former Service in the Volunteer Force					
		<i>Promoted</i>		<i>28-7-14</i>	X		<i>Sum</i>
				<i>17-8-14</i>	X		<i>Sum</i>
Annual Training							
1 st Btn.	The Herefordshire Regt.		<i>Pvt</i>	<i>1908</i>			<i>Sum</i> <i>T. Robert Capt</i>
			<i>Cpl</i>	<i>1908</i>	15 days		
			<i>Sgt</i>	<i>1911</i>	15		
	<i>Re-engaged 4 years</i>		<i>Sgt</i>	<i>31.3.16</i>	<i>28 July</i>	<i>11 August</i>	
Embodied Service							
<i>Hereford Regt. 1st Bn</i>	<i>Embodied</i>	<i>Sgt</i>		<i>5-8-14</i>	<i>5-8-14</i>		<i>T. Robert Capt</i> <i>11 Col</i>
<i>Reserve Bn</i>	<i>Res'd</i>			<i>1-1-15</i>	<i>1-1-15</i>		

Total Service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to *4/5/16* (date of discharge) *8* years *34* days.

Discharged in consequence of *being no longer physically fit for war service* under para 392 (xvi) King's Regulations

The discharge of *11 Sgt H. Gaff* is hereby approved.

Station *Hereford*
Date *4/5/16*

Signature *A. Davy Captain*

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

No. 11791 Name William Jones

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Service.

Place	From	To	Years	Days
Home	10. 6. 14	15. 7. 15	1	30
Mediterranean	16. 7. 15	10. 7. 16		150
Home	11. 17. 15	9. 3. 16		149
		Total Service	1	329

Initials of Officer making the entry

2. Passed classes of Instruction† ...
† This includes any authorised class of instruction

3. Campaigns (including actions) ...

British Expeditionary Force Mediterranean 1915

4. Wounded ...

5. Effects of wounds

6. Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches ...

5.11.20 for 7.10.20 for

7. Medals, decorations and annuities

Name of Medal	Clasps

8. Injuries in or by the Service ...

9. Name and address of next of kin ...

(Mother) Mr. M. Jones No. 10 Pritchard Court, Bargate Lane, Lymington

W.C.S.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

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Regiment or Corps 11th Staffordshire
 Regimental No. 8189 Rank Pte Name Collins. I.
 Enlisted (a) 24/11/10 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.Os. _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 212, Army Form A. 28, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 212, Army Form A. 28, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
16/7/15	O.C. 1/1st Bde	Embarked TSS Egepidies	Devonport	16/7/15	Nominal roll
12.12.15	Unit	Disembarked from Egepidies	Wardan	22/12/15	Roll D 3000.
30/1/16	Unit	Left Unit for Base Time Expired	Alexandria	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 4292.

[Signature]
 OFFICER i/c INFANTRY RECORDS.
 No. 4 DIVISION
 3rd ECHELON

(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 in the column headed "Remarks".
 (b) Signal, Signaling, etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Linc. & Herefordshire Regt
 Regimental No. 715 Rank Pte Name Carpenter. S.
 Enlisted (a) 18/6/09 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) 17/6/09
 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) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 212, Army Form A. 28, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 212, Army Form A. 28, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
16/7/15	O.C. 1/1st Bde	Embarked TSS Egepidies	Devonport	16/7/15	Nominal roll
25/8/15	Hosp.	Ad: 2nd W.F.A. Diarr:	Gallipoli	28/8/15	A 36
29/8/15	"	Ad: 1 Aus: S.H. Diarr:	Lemnos.	29/8/15	A 36
9/9/15	"	Trans. to Gen. Depot	"	9/9/15	A 36
27/9/15	Base	Arrived Base Dep:	Mudros	27/9/15	B 213
9/10/15	Unit	Rejoined	Gallipoli	7/10/15	B 213
22/12/15	Ship	Disembarked	Alexandria	22/12/15	D 8040
14 2 16	Unit	Ad: 2/1st Bde	London	14 2 16	B 213.
9 4 16	Unit	Ad: 2/1st Bde	London	9 4 16	B 213.
30 4 16	Unit	Ad: 2/1st Bde	London	30 4 16	B 213.
28 4 16	Base	Ad: 2/1st Bde	London	28 4 16	B 213.

[Signature]
 Lieut.
 i/c District Records
 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. I.S.P.

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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. 715 Name Leonard Carpenter

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>18. 5. 09</u>							
Joined at <u>Home</u> on <u>18. 5. 09</u>							
		Preliminary Training.					
		Engaged for 1 year	Private	7. 3. 13			
				6. 2. 14			
<u>Herefordshire B</u>		Annual Training.		1909			<u>P. [Signature]</u> <u>[Signature]</u> <u>[Signature]</u> <u>[Signature]</u>
				1910			
				1911			
		Postcawb		1912			
				1913	Leave		
<u>Herefordshire Regt</u>	<u>1st Bn</u>	Embodied Service.					<u>[Signature]</u> Lt. Col. <u>[Signature]</u>
		Embodied appointed up	Pte	5. 8. 14	5. 8. 14		
			Private	31. 1. 14			

Total Service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 19/5/16 (date of discharge) 7 years 1 days.

Very Good

Discharged in consequence of Termination of Engagement.

Under Para. 392 Sub Para (xxi) Army Regulation

The discharge of 715 Regt. L. Carpenter hereby approved.

Station Hereford

Signature [Signature] Captain
G.C. Administrative Control
Brill Hall, Hereford

Date 19 May 1906

Casualty Form - Active Service. 26
 Regiment or Corps 1st Line 1st Herefordshire Regt
 Regimental No. 721 Rank Plt Name Evans R.
 Enlisted (a) 26/7/09 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) 26/7/09
 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) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 219, Army Form A. 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 219, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
<u>26/7/15</u>	<u>C.O. 1/10</u>	<u>Embarked 125 Barrages</u>	<u>Doverport</u>	<u>26/7/15</u>	<u>Nominal roll</u>
<u>30/11/15</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Ad. H.S. "Essequibe" Exposed.</u>	<u>Gallipoli</u>	<u>30/11/15</u>	<u>A 36</u>
<u>3/12/15</u>	<u>Hosp.</u>	<u>Ad. Kasr-el-Aini, Cairo Trench feet.</u>	<u>Cairo</u>	<u>3/12/15</u>	<u>A 36</u>
<u>7/12/15</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Trans. to Luxer G. Hemo</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>7/12/15</u>	<u>A 36</u>
<u>26/1/16</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Discharged to duty</u>	<u>Luxer</u>	<u>26/1/16</u>	<u>A 36</u>
<u>18/2/16</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Left to rejoin Unit</u>	<u>Alexandria</u>	<u>18/2/16</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>15/2/16</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Rejoined</u>	<u>Wardan</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>26 4 16</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Left for Base Depot</u>	<u>Wardan</u>	<u>26 4 16</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>28 4 16</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>In England by R. J. Henderson</u>	<u>Alexandria</u>	<u>28 4 16</u>	<u>NR 11</u>

Alford
Lieut.

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Casualty Form - Active Service. 23
 Regiment or Corps 1st Herefordshire Regiment
 Regimental No. 1083 Rank Private Name Matthews B
 Enlisted (a) 29.5.11 Terms of Service (a) 4 years Service reckons from (a) 29.5.11
 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) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 219, Army Form A. 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 219, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
<u>16.7.15</u>	<u>Embarked</u>	<u>Embarked 125 Barrages</u>	<u>Doverport</u>	<u>16.7.15</u>	<u>Nominal Roll.</u>
<u>30.11.15</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Ad. Ad. Salcha Front Site</u>	<u>Gallipoli</u>	<u>30.11.15</u>	<u>A 36.</u>
<u>4.12.15</u>	<u>Hosp.</u>	<u>Ad. 17th General Hospital</u>	<u>Alexandria</u>	<u>4.12.15</u>	<u>A 36.</u>
<u>29.12.15</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>17th to Amherst Hospital</u>	<u>Suez</u>	<u>29.12.15</u>	<u>A 36.</u>
<u>30.12.15</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Ad. Amherst Hospital</u>	<u>Suez</u>	<u>30.12.15</u>	<u>A 36.</u>
<u>28.2.16</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Discharged to Base Depot</u>	<u>Alexandria</u>	<u>28.2.16</u>	<u>A 36.</u>
<u>3.3.16</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Arrived Base Depot</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>29.2.16</u>	<u>B 213.</u>
<u>25.3.16</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>In England by R. J. Henderson</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>25.3.16</u>	<u>D 493</u>

Alford
Lieut.

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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 second reinforcement draft from England.

The Battalion War Diary:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Detail</i>
5 May		2Lt K L V Job and 4 men joined.
9 May		Capt Ashton departed for England on 1 months leave.
13 May		Lt Pilkington and 145 men joined from England and 9 men from hospital.
15 May		First stage brigade rapid fire competition, best shooting company: D, Capt Capel.
16 May		Battalion training; temperature 124°F in the shade.
17 May		Temperature 124°F in the shade. Three NCOs proceeded to England for 1 months furlough – re-engaged for duration of war.
19 May		Six men joined Battalion from Sidi Bishr; cooler weather sets in.
20 May		Holman proceeded to England for one months furlough – re-engaged for duration of war. 2Lt Challis returned from hospital and was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. 2Lt Levason and Pilkington admitted to hospital.
23 May		Brigade rapid fire competition; 1 st Herefords win by 7 points.
25 May		Battalion move to Wardan.
26 May	Wardan	2Lt M C Bennett and 33 men transferred to Imperial Camel Corps.

2109 Pte Percy Pritchard

May 25 Abbassia Imp. Camel Corps

Maj ALB Green

4 May	Lt Job joined up from Sidi Bishr
6 May	Rode over to Deir Baramus with Rogers. Interesting and not so squalid as Amba Bishir. One church fairly modern. Company at Bir Hooker relieved by 1/5 RWF.
7 May	Spent all day making out mess accounts. Very hot and dry.
8 May	General came round inspecting work of Battalion. Ashton sailed from Alexandria on "Saxonia".
9 May	Battalion exercise; rather interesting attack. Advanced in thick fog on compass bearing. Rather scared a bedouin caravan who were tracking. First day of new routine; reveille at 0445, parade at 08- 0900.
10 May	Order stopping leave came out. Awful bore as had intended applying next week end.
11 May	Brigade Exercise. Reveille 4am. Moved off at 5 as advanced guard, was in command of van. Fog wreaths made touch a bit difficult to keep. Got back to camp 0945.
12 May	Awful hot wind . Temp 110 in shade. Unbearable in tents.
13 May	Heat still continues. Pilkington and draft of 154 arrived.
14 May	Had a bathe in morning and heat continues.
15 May	First stage of Bde rapid firing competition. D Coy won with average of 15. Heat worse than ever and sand storm in evening.
16 May	Regimental route march and advanced guard action. Heat awful, had sand storm in evening.
17 May	Heat worse, 123 in shade.
18 May	Brigade exercise – dull. Cooler but strong wind and dust very bad.
19 May	Had to go to Khatatha as President of Board of Inquiry into drowning of man in 1/6 RWF. Tiring day as journey so tedious. Much cooler – thank goodness.
20 May	Cool night at last. Have got leave from tomorrow until Tuesday.
21 May	Went to Cairo with Rogers. Did the Zoo in afternoon and Kursaal in evening with Mr & Mrs Burton, friends of R's – quite nice. Met Caddick at Zoo; he says we are to move this week.

22 May	Had a very busy morning shopping. After lunch met Bailey in hotel. Drove round bazaars with him in afternoon.
23 May	Frantic rush in morning to finish shopping. Bailey lunched with us and saw us off at 1.40pm. Found on our return that 1/5 RWF are moving, 1/6 go tomorrow and we follow on Thursday. We won Brigade rapid firing competition today.
24 May	The 1/6 RWF moved out today and we spent most of the day getting ready to move tomorrow. Pembroke Yeomanry came in to take over.
25 May	Reveille at 4am, went with first train at 0630, getting to Wardan at 1400. 1/6 RWF gave us lunch and tea. CO and I dined with them – very tired.
26 May	Slack day after move. GP Lloyd and Russell rolled up from Sidi Bishr.
27 May	CO went to Cairo on leave until tomorrow night. Orders cancelling move to canal received. Battalion entrains for Zeitoun on Monday instead.
28 May	Hot, made arrangements for move. All tents and heavy baggage to be sent to station tonight.
29 May	Moved out, train started at 1025pm arrived Zeitoun 2am. Marched 2 miles to camp. Its in a perfectly awful state of dirt and disrepair. Very hot indeed.
30 May	Spent all day getting things straight and making things comfortable; succeeded fairly well.
31 May	Continued the good work getting settled. Went into Cairo to get mess stores.

1606 Sgt Harry Colley

Two large drafts had now arrived from England, one under Captain (now major) Capel and the other under Captain ?. The latter draft comprised many men who had been invalided from Gallipoli the previous year. Towards the end of May we were relieved by the Yeomanry and travelled to a camp at Zeitoun, Heliopolis, Cairo. This was quite a glorious change for the men, and for the first time we were quartered in up-to-date huts. We were also fortunate in having hot and cold shower baths which were greatly taken advantage of by everyone from this camp. Everyone got leave daily to Cairo and went on excursions to the Pyramids and other marvellous places of interest. Everyone would have been quite content to remain at this camp for the duration, but such was not the luck of the Battalion for 3 weeks after our arrival there we were off again to a large camp at Moascar, near to Ismailia on the Suez canal.

2563 Pte Percy & 1357 Sgt Herbert Wilkins

May 1 Sunday church service for the Herefords.

- 2-3 The Herefords train.
- 4 Herefords usual Thursday exercise as advance guard.
- 5 The Herefords train.
- 6 Herbert & D Co rejoin HQ from Bir Hooker.
- 7 Sunday church service for the Herefords.
- 9 Herefords Battalion training.
- 11 158th Brigade exercise, the Herefords acting as advance guard.
- 14 Sunday church service for the Herefords.
- 15 Herberts Co win a rapid fire competition in the Brigade.
- 16 Herefords train in 124 deg in shade.
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- 18 Herefords usual Thursday exercise.
- 19 Battalion training.
- 21 Sunday church service for the Herefords.
- 22 Percy with A Co move to Khatalba.
- 23 2nd Brigade rapid fire competition is won by the Herefords.
- 24 Battalion training.
- 25 The battalion return from Wadi Natrun to Wardan.
- 27 Percy & A Co return from Khatalba to Wardan.
- 28 The Herefords spend the day preparing to move.
- 29 The Battalion move to Zeitoun near Cairo & arrive at Heliopolis at 01.30.
- 30 Herbert & D Co are presented with the rapid fire trophy.

Imperial Camel Corps (ICC)

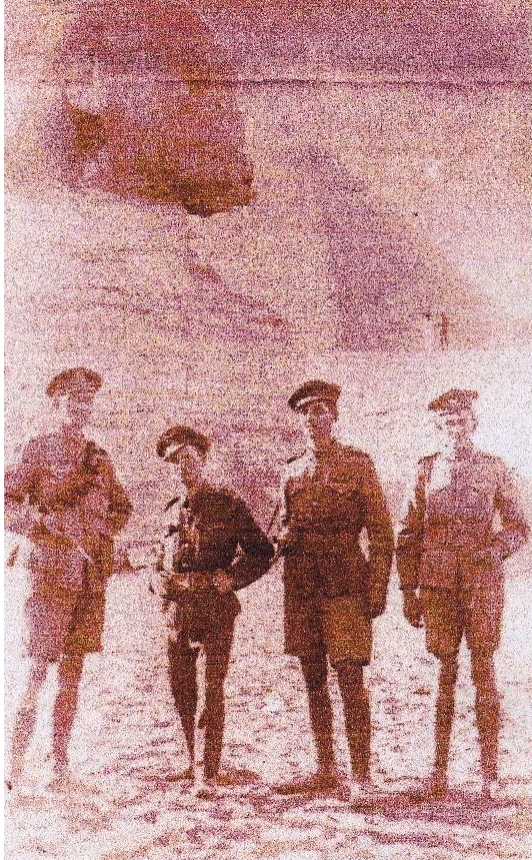
The Imperial Camel Corps Brigade was formed from existing troops under the command of Brigadier General Clement Leslie Smith VC. It was designed to act as a cavalry unit using camels rather than horses, this suited desert operations. Volunteers were called for from existing troops and many soldiers that had experience of horses, or who had had enough of 'foot slogging' or were looking for 'adventure' volunteered, these included some from The Herefordshire Regiment including 2109 Pte Percy Pritchard. The brigade originally comprised three battalions, 1st (Australian), 2nd (British), and 3rd (Australian), plus supporting units. Each of the battalions had an authorised strength of 770 men and 922 camels. A battalion comprised four companies and a headquarters. The 4th (ANZAC) Battalion was raised in May 1917, but instead of increasing the brigade fighting strength, it was decided one battalion would always be resting and refitting, while three battalions served at the front.

Pte Percy Pritchard with the Imperial Camel Corps



Herefordshire Regimental soldiers pose for photographs by the Sphinx and Great Pyramids outside Cairo.





The Regimental Welfare fund continued to send 'comforts' to the troops and the following appeared in The Hereford Times:

GIFTS FOR 1st HEREFORDS.
Mrs. Jackson-Taylor, Bank House, Hereford, has received a letter from Col. Drage, commanding the 1st Herefordshire Battalion, thanking her and the contributors for another consignment of newspapers and magazines, which, he says, are much appreciated. A letter of thanks has also been received from Corporal P. C. Watkins (A Company, Signal Section, 1st Herefords), in which he says: "I can assure you the papers, etc., are much appreciated by everyone, the more so now that we are situated in the centre of the desert, cut off from all civilisation. We seldom receive any news of the inner world."
Mrs. Jackson-Taylor acknowledges with thanks gifts from "Mrs. Malaprop," Miss Peppercorn, Miss Bayliss, Miss Armitage, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Harris, Mr. A. E. Johnson, and Anonymous; and papers from Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Harries, Mrs. Crosthwaite, Mrs. Powell, and Miss Phillips. She would be pleased to receive further subscriptions towards the cost of sending out the papers.

2nd Battalion

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

Lt Col Wood-Roe stood down and was succeeded by Lt Col Addie.

HEREFORD REGIMENT

**LIEUT.-COL. WOOD-ROE LEAVES
2nd LINE.**

It was with much regret that the men of the 2/1 Hereford Regiment learned on Saturday last that Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Wood-Roe, T.D., the officer commanding, had relinquished his command and joined the Territorial Reserve. The "London Gazette" notice published overnight was as follows:—"Territorial Force Reserve—Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Wood-Roe, from Hereford Regiment, to be Lt.-Colonel, May 6th."

LIEUT.-COL. WOOD-ROE'S RECORD.

Major Wm. B. Wood-Roe, as he was prior to October 31st, 1914, was promoted Lieut.-Col. soon after Lieut.-Col. Gilbert Harris was placed in the Territorial Reserve. Major (now Lieut.-Col.) Gilbert Drage succeeded Lieut.-Col. Harris in the command of the 1st Battalion, which was on the East coast, and Lieut.-Col. Wood-Roe remained in command of the Regimental Depot, where he had been since the 1st Battalion was called up on the outbreak of war and ordered to leave for Northampton. From the start Lieut.-Col. Wood-Roe has been O.C. of the 2nd line, at first known as the Reserve Battalion. He commanded the escort at the presentation of the colours, in August, 1914, to the Cathedral authorities for safe keeping; and had under control the arrangements to meet the great rush of recruits in the first few months of the war. Unfortunately, while at Aberystwyth, he contracted influenza, and a severe chill, and no doubt the state of his health has had something to do with the change now recorded. He has been a popular officer; one who has been keen not only for training and efficiency, but also for the men's welfare and comfort. Of the men originally in his Battalion perhaps some three-parts have been drafted to the 1st line. Lieut.-Col. Wood-Roe resides at The Slatch, Ledbury. He had seen service before joining "C" (Ledbury) Company in 1898 as Sec. Lieut., and this previous service, coupled with that in the Herefordshire Regiment, gained him the Territorial Decoration a few years back. He became Captain in 1897, succeeding Capt. Wakelam as Company commander. Lieut.-Col. Wood-Roe is a member of the Herefordshire Territorial Force Association, and during his earlier service qualified in sub-head 1. of subject D (Captains), vide Appendix XL, King's Regulations.

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LIEUT.-COL. WOOD-ROE.

**Resignation from Command of
2nd/1st Herefords.**

Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Wood-Roe, the O.C. 2nd/1st Herefordshire Regiment, has relinquished his command, the announcement being contained in the "London Gazette," appearing in the Press on Saturday last as follows:—

Territorial Force Reserve.—Lt.-Col. W. B. Wood-Roe, from Hereford Regiment, to be Lt.-Col. (May 6th).

The following is an extract from 2nd/1st Herefordshire Battalion orders of May 6th:—

"In relinquishing the command of this Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel Wood-Roe desires to say that he does so with the greatest possible regret. He thanks all ranks for the zeal and co-operation shown since the Battalion was formed. He wishes all the best possible luck, and hopes the happy tone which now prevails will continue."

It was with deep regret that the Battalion heard of the resignation of Colonel Wood-Roe, who is a very popular officer, his never-failing courtesy endearing him to all ranks. In losing Colonel Wood-Roe the Battalion has sustained a very great loss. Many of the men in the Battalion have served under Colonel Wood-Roe since the beginning of the war, and they, naturally, feel the parting very much.

3rd Battalion

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

The concentration of men in close confines often led to epidemics; one such, of German Measles broke out in Park Hall Camp in May 1916. This resulted in 4467 Pte J Lloyd spending 22 days in hospital.

Table II.—Only for Admissions to Hospital onto the Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the origin, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of epidemic admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special epidemic case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
Park Hall Camp Oswestry	17	5	16	7	6	16	German Measles	22	Common. Specimens not retained	R.P. J. L. [Signature]
Park Hall Camp Oswestry	19	6	16	19	6	16	Rheumatic fever	1	Transferred to Base Hospital	[Signature]
Park Hall Camp Oswestry	19	6	16				V.D.H. [Signature]			

Routine activities continued:

INSPECTION BY BRIG.-GEN. K. BUCHANAN.

HUT GARDEN SCHEME.

Last Friday was an important day with the Reserve Battalion, 1st Herefordshire Regiment, in training at Oswestry, for there was an inspection by Brigadier-General K. Buchanan, C.B., the general officer commanding the Oswestry training centre. This distinguished officer, whose post is one of the utmost importance, for he is responsible for a large number of men of different regiments from various parts of the country, spent a busy time for a day or two, and carried out a thorough inspection of most of the men in training.

The Reserve Battalion, 1st Herefordshire Regiment—this title now takes the place of the 3rd Battalion 1st Herefordshire Regiment—moved off from their camp about ten o'clock, the band leading the way under Bandmaster Wheeler, and the men followed in full marching order at a smart pace. The lively tunes played on the way to the inspection ground put plenty of go into the men, and the latest Derby recruits came swinging along in the rear as though they had been in training for months instead of only a few weeks.

The way the men of the last big draft from Hereford have progressed in their drills reflects the utmost credit on the officers and non-commissioned officers who are in charge. This was their first real inspection, and although most of the men were only just recovering from the effects of vaccination, they stood the ordeal very well indeed. "I would much rather do a good route march in full marching order than have to stand so long without moving," one of them said. The weather was close, but the men of D Company were almost as smart on parade as their comrades who have been with the colours for several months.

General Buchanan was particularly interested in the men of the 1st Battalion who have come from hospital and are now with the Reserve Battalion. They paraded together in one platoon, and were as smart as any platoon of the Brigade that was being inspected. General Buchanan spoke to some of the men personally as to the injuries they had received, and how long they had been out of hospital. The whole inspection was satisfactory, and it is understood that General Buchanan was pleased with what he saw.

SMARTENING UP THE CAMP.

Since the scheme for prize gardens outside the huts was organised, the men have been busy smartening things up. It was a big job to prepare the ground for the reception of seeds, because it was caked so hard and contained so many stones. But picks and shovels wielded by brawny arms soon changed the hard surface, and wheelbarrow loads of fine soil as a covering finished the job off. Large stones were gathered and placed round as a border, which, when whitewashed, gave a spic and span appearance to the entrance to the huts. The men of the 1st Line have named their hut "Suvla Bay," and have small shrubs tastefully planted. Outside the Battalion Headquarters the regimental badge has been cleverly set out in white stones, and the gardens later on will be quite a picture. The schemes of decoration of other hut gardens are not yet completed, but later on there is no doubt that the Herefordshire's camp will be as smart as any at Oswestry.

Y.M.C.A. FLAG DAY.

On Tuesday the men were given permission to wear Y.M.C.A. flags, the Y.M.C.A. authorities having successfully applied to have a flag day in the camp. A number of young ladies with trays full of flags went all over the camp selling their wares, and there were soon very few Tommies who did not sport a flag. The splendid work done in camp by the Y.M.C.A. is thoroughly appreciated by the soldiers, and many of them gave their last copper for a flag. A man can go to the Y.M.C.A. hut and have a game of billiards at a small charge, or have refreshments at a reasonable tariff. He is also supplied free of charge with writing-paper, envelopes, and postcards—a boon that is of the utmost value. As a result of the flag day, a goodly sum was realised, for all the men gave to the best of their ability.

CORPL. GREEN PROMOTED.

Three sergeants have been made this week—Corpl. J. Green, Corpl. Pearson, and Corpl. Beasley. Sergt. J. Green, whose home is at Bosbury, is well known in Hereford, and his promotion has highly delighted the men of D Company. He was in charge of the physical instruction whilst the company was at Hereford, and although under his tuition the men had to work hard he was always able to get the best out of them.

An unknown soldier of the Herefordshire Regiment – is he wearing a YMCA 'flag' next to his capbadge?



RESERVE HEREFORDS.

SOLDIERS IN CAMP WELCOME DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.

ACCIDENT TO LIEUT. McMICHAEL

It is remarkable how little interest men in camp take in outside affairs, but there were very few who did not discuss the Daylight Saving Bill on Saturday. When the orderly sergeant came round on Saturday night, he explained that all watches were to be put on one hour before the men got into bed. "Beveille will be at 6.30 in the morning," he added, and one of the "Knats" said, "That means we have to turn out at 5.30 on a Sunday!"

But there was no grumbling at all. The fact that work starts an hour earlier means that it finishes an hour earlier, too, and that means that the men will be off duty at three by last week's time instead of four. If the clocks had been put on two hours it would have been all the better for training during the summer months. Everybody agrees that the various exercises a soldier does are performed with more comfort early in the morning than during the afternoon.

There have been some amusing discussions about the alteration in time, and plenty of leg-pulling, too. One man, in conversation with a pal, said, "I don't mind getting up an hour earlier in the morning, but I don't like the idea of having to be in at half-past eight at night! If I am late I shall tell the fellow who catches me that I forgot to put my watch on an hour. His watch will say the time is 9.30, and mine will say it is 8.30!"

On Sunday the men paraded at 9.10 for divine service at 9.30. It was a Brigade church parade, held in the open on a field near the Herefordshire Regiment parade ground. The hymns, led by the band, were heartily sung, and the Chaplain gave an interesting address full of common sense and good advice. During the address the men were allowed to lie down. A soldier has a short memory, and on all hands one could hear the remark, "Isn't it cool this morning?" "Yes, but it's only half-past eight," someone else would say!

On Monday—as in every other "ordinary"

working day, Reveille sounded at 5.30, but by the "real time," as the men call it, it was 4.30. Platoon or company drill is always the rule before breakfast. A good pace is kept up throughout, and of course it can be done with much more comfort when the sun is not blazing out. So it is quite natural that "Tommy" is not going to strike against earlier hours.

ACCIDENT TO LIEUT. McMICHAEL.

On Saturday Lieut. McMichael (son of Dr. McMichael, of Vowchurch) met with a rather serious accident whilst on a motor cycle ride with Lieut. Dillow. When some 20 miles from camp the front extension of Lieut. McMichael's mudguard, which contains the number plate, somehow got loose and jambed into the front wheel and fork of the cycle. The rear of the machine swung round, and the rider was thrown heavily to the ground.

Lieut. Dillow was some distance in front, but pulled up and returned at once, rendering what assistance he could. Lieut. McMichael's face and arms were badly grazed and cut, but fortunately no bones were broken.

A motor-car which had been travelling behind was drawn up as soon as the driver saw that an accident had happened, and whilst the occupants of the car stayed with Lieut. McMichael, Lieut. Dillow rode back some two miles for a doctor. The doctor was quickly on the spot, and Lieut. McMichael's injuries were skilfully treated. He rode back to camp on the back of Lieut. Dillow's motor-cycle, and is progressing satisfactorily.

Lieut. McMichael, who, it will be remembered, was in charge of the men recently billeted at Hereford, is a popular officer, and everyone was sorry to hear of his accident. It was certainly fortunate that the injuries he received were no worse. The result of such a spill might easily have been very serious indeed.

SHIRT SLEEVE ROUTE MARCH.

On Saturday the Battalion went for a route march, with one of the Monmouthshire Battalions following. On account of the hot weather orders were given that the men were to parade in shirt sleeves and full packs. Needless to say, the privilege of leaving coats off was appreciated, but even then it was hot work marching along the dusty roads carrying a regulation pack. The Herefordshire Band headed the column and played alternately with the band of the Monmouthshire Battalion. Lieut.-Colonel Symonds-Taylor, who started from the parade-ground on his charger, gave it up to one of the other officers as soon as the men left the avenue leading to Park Hall Camp, and he marched the whole distance until the return to the top of the avenue. When marching at ease the men naturally struck up all sorts of songs—some of them, on military training, being quite amusing—and when the Colonel came along and asked; "Does anyone know 'John Brown's Baby'?" the Herefords let it rip.

INSPECTION OF TRAINED MEN.

During the week-end the draft-producing platoons of the Regiment were inspected by a staff officer. These platoons include the men of the 1st Line who have rejoined the Reserve Battalion and B Company, who went under canvas near the parade ground when the last draft of Derby men came from Hereford. After the officer had passed along the lines, scrutinising the men very carefully, he watched them at work with the bayonet on the advanced courses. In spite of the fact that some big drafts have been sent out to the 1st Battalion since the Dardanelles campaign was concluded, there are still many men who are ready to join their colleagues on foreign service when the call comes.

HEREFORD MEN IN COURSES.

A brigade course of physical instruction and bayonet fighting, which has been carried out in the Cheshire lines, was concluded on Saturday. Two men of the Herefordshire Regiment who have been assisting with the physical instruction of the men in their company—Lee-Corpl. E. G. Jackson, (assistant master at the Hereford Blue School) and Pte. P. W. K. Jones (headmaster of Burley Gate School) passed out with the mark "good."

Hereford men are also going through brigade musketry courses, and others have gone in for a more advanced course of training in order to assist with the instruction of the latest recruits.

During the past week, also, a number of men have been in orders as lance-corporals, and in every case they have justified their claim to their first stripe.

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LIFE AT OSWESTRY.

(Communicated.)

Things are going with a merry swing at Oswestry, and the men of the Reserve Battalion, Herefordshire Regiment, are enjoying the work they have to do. One company vies with another to earn the name of being the smartest company on parade, and the platoons of each company also exhibit a friendly rivalry which is bound to be healthy.

On Friday, just before pay time, the men who came from Hereford last week were inoculated for the second time. Many had already been done twice, but those who only had one "dose" at Hereford had to go through it again. There were many stiff arms on Saturday, and much grumbling about the necessity of inoculation. Some of the recruits thought they were dying by inches, and were not at all cheerful. But on Sunday it was a different story. The effects of the inoculation began to wear off during the night, and by early morning everybody was as cheerful as before. We had all been excused duty on Saturday, and were also allowed to remain off church parade on Sunday after roll call.

MARRIED MEN BUSY.

Our hut probably holds the record of the Herefordshire Regiment lines for the number of married men it contains. Most of us came up in Group 31, under Lord Derby's Scheme, and after roll-call sparks were soon flying. There are 30 men in a hut, and everybody had something to do in spite of stiff arms. One batch was cleaning windows, another scrubbing floors, another scrubbing tables and forms, and others were washing up the crockery. There was plenty of leg-pulling, and if some of the wives could have looked in to see their "soldier husbands" so hard at work on a Sunday morning they would probably have made up their minds to alter the usual Sunday morning programme at home when the war is over! Everything in the hut now is spic and span. The camp throughout is excellently equipped, and if we do not get anything worse during our training than this we shall have little to grumble about. Indeed, there is no reason at all why the period of training should not be a happy one.

SPARE TIME GARDENING.

One of our companies has been placed under canvas, as, now that our strength is increasing, we have insufficient room in the huts. Gardening operations occupy a good deal of the men's spare time. Each hut has been allowed a small patch to cultivate and prizes are to be offered for the best results. Judging from the start that has been made, our lines before long ought to be very gay indeed. The officers' mess are attempting a vegetable garden, and, if the rabbits will allow it, we hope to effect a valuable war economy thereby.

ENTERTAINMENT.

On Friday last Captain Dean, of the 4th Cheshires, gave us a most excellent dramatic performance, including a Japanese play, "A Dear Little Wife." It was beautifully played, the little wife being most fascinating, and the Japanese scene and colouring was quite charming. Then followed an amusing sketch, "The Watchman," after which we had fascinating dancing, and the programme finished with a representation of "Waterloo," in which Capt. Dean as Corporal Brewster was seen at his best. Captain Dean comes from His Majesty's Theatre, London, and the ladies were professionals, so the performance was of the very best.