

## THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

### Their First World War 'Story' – August 1917

#### The 'Bigger' Picture

- The Pope sends Note to belligerent Governments appealing for peace
- Liberia declares war on Germany
- Baron de Broqueville resigns as Belgian Minister for War and succeeds Baron Beyens as Minister for Foreign Affairs. Lt Gen A de Ceuninck appointed Minister for War
- Count Esterhazy, Hungarian Premier, resigns - Dr Wekerle appointed Premier
- M Kerenski *definitely* appointed Prime Minister of Russia
- China declares war on Germany and Austria-Hungary
- British, French, and Italian Governments conclude provisional arrangement with regard to future policy in Asia Minor
- M Cochin succeeded by M Metin as French Under-Secretary for Blockade

#### The Home Front

- Ministry of Reconstruction formed in Great Britain
- Last German aeroplane raid on England by daylight
- Services were held to commemorate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the start of the war.

Many families now had multiple members serving in the forces and directly supporting the war effort; many had suffered the loss of a member. The following extract illustrated this:

**PRESTEIGN FAMILY'S RECORD.**

Mr. Charles Millichamp, of Presteign, a remote descendant of Sieur de Millichamp, whose name appears in the Battle Abbey Roll, has nine sons, one daughter, one son-in-law, and one grandson serving His Majesty.

Mr. Millichamp, who is a watchmaker, jeweller and gunsmith, has served for 25 years in the Radnor and Hereford Volunteer Regt., and retired with the long service medal and the rank of Sergeant, and he has shot with considerable success at the rifle meetings at Wimbledon and Bisley. He is the father of 16 children, of whom 14 survive, viz., 9 sons and 5 daughters, and one of whom Sergt.-Major A. H. Millichamp, S. W. B., fell in Gallipoli.

His sons, daughter and descendants serving His Majesty are as follows:—Sons: C. W. Millichamp, Herefordshire Regt.; A. H. Millichamp, Sergt.-Major, S.W.B., killed in Gallipoli, 1915; R. B. Millichamp, Gunner; H. P. Millichamp, Canadians, in France; W. G. Millichamp, Instructor of Signalling, K.S.L.I. (Cpl.); P. O. Millichamp (Cpl.), R.F.C., Instructor in use of machine gun; B. H. Millichamp (Observer), R. N. A. S.; Boy Mechanic S. W. I. Millichamp, R. N. A. S.; F. J. Millichamp, Munition Mechanic. Daughter, Miss E. H. Millichamp, Civil Service, Postal Department. Son-in-law, Frederick C. Pugh, R.G.A. Grandson, F. Pugh, Jun., Motor Transport.

Mr. Charles Millichamp is the inventor of the well known Field Clock Gun, and one of his sons follows his father in the inventive ability he has already displayed.

This family record is a remarkable one. Mr. Millichamp, the father, is now 70 years of age and continues, although deprived of the assistance of his sons, to carry on his business successfully.

## The Western Front

### *Battles of Ypres, 1917, continue:*

- Battle of Hill 70 (Lens) begins.
- Battle of Langemarck, 1917 (Ypres), begins

Second French Offensive Battle of Verdun begins

## Other Fronts

### EASTERN FRONT

- General Kornilov succeeds General Brusilov as Russian Commander-in-Chief
- Czernowitz (Bukovina) retaken by Austro-German forces

### RUMANIA

- Second phase of Battle of Marasesti begins

### ITALY

- Eleventh Battle of the Isonzo begins

## In The Air

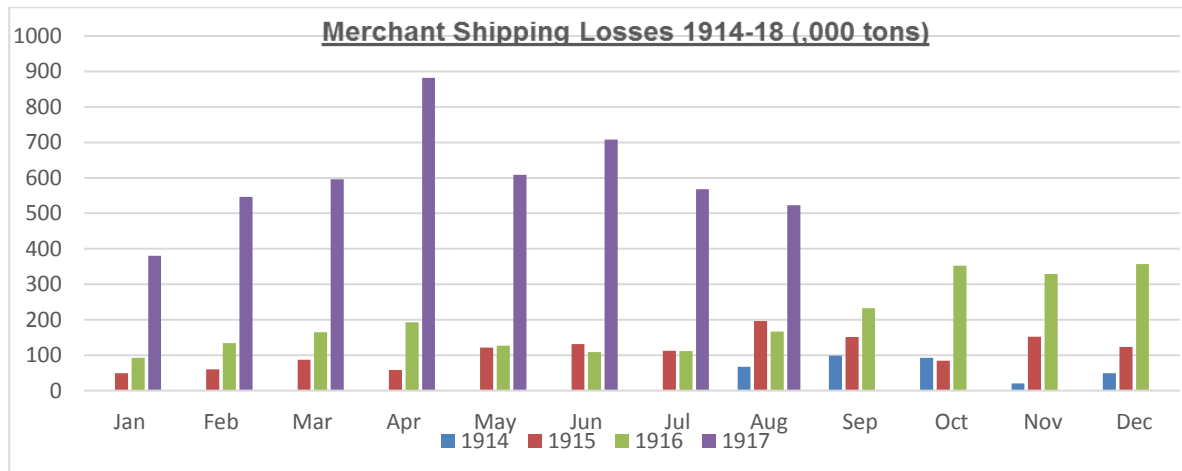
- German airship L-23 destroyed in North Sea

## At Sea

- Mutiny breaks out in German Fleet at Wilhelmshaven
- German commerce raider Seeadler wrecked on Mopelia Island, Pacific

## MERCHANT SHIPPING

British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month – 208 ships of 523,000 tons gross.



## The 'Herefords'

### Casualties (other than 1<sup>st</sup> Bn)

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	How	Where	Hometown	Notes (Serving with)
BAILEY	GEORGE EDWARD	CPL		235880	16 Aug	KIA	F&F	NORTHFLEET K	KSLI 6
BARRETT	WILLIAM LO	PTE		239287	22 Aug	KIA	F&F	MALPAS	KSLI 5
BRADLEY	ALBERT GEORGE	PTE	5427		16 Aug	KIA	F&F	LEOMINSTER	GLOS 1/5
BRIND	JACK	PTE		238489	22 Aug	KIA	F&F	BROMLEY	KSLI 5
GWYNNE	ALBERT	PTE	2138		19 Aug	KIA	F&F	BRIDSTOW	GLOS 14
HELME	HAROLD	PTE	5415		20 Aug	D	F&F	PEMBRIDGE	GLOS 1/5
HUGHES	ED E GRIFFITHS	PTE	8454		16 Aug	D	F&F	ST HARMER RA	GLOS 1/5
LEWIS	ALBERT BENJAMIN	PTE	4630		03 Aug	D	F&F	LUGWARDINE	BORDER 11
MABEN	WILLIAM ADAMSON	PTE		239098	22 Aug	KIA	F&F	BEBINGTON	KSLI 5
MACE	WILLIAM WATKIN	PTE		237202	22 Aug	KIA	F&F	HEREFORD	KSLI 5
MAUND	RICHARD GEORGE	PTE	4859		08 Aug	KIA	F&F	ORELETON	GLOS 1/5
MAYO	ARTHUR	PTE	1694		25 Aug	KIA	F&F	HEREFORD	GLOS 14
OAKLEY	OSBORNE JOHN	PTE		238961	23 Aug	KIA	F&F	LEINTWARDINE	KSLI 5
O'CONNOR	THOMAS	PTE		239129	22 Aug	KIA	F&F	BIRKENHEAD	KSLI 5
POVEY	JEFFREY GEORGE	PTE		239299	22 Aug	KIA	F&F	EYWAS HAROLD	KSLI 5
POWELL	JOHN	PTE	4648		06 Aug	DOW	F&F	LEOMINSTER	MGC
POWELL	JOHN	PTE	4648		06 Aug		F&F	BRINGSTY	MGC 124
QUINN	JOHN	PTE	1977		01 Aug	DOW	F&F	ROSS	SWB 11
REED	ERNEST ERNIE	PTE	4074		08 Aug	KIA	F&F	HEREFORD	GLOS 12
SAXTON	FREDERICK WILLIAM	PTE		237898	18 Aug	KIA	F&F	EAST HAM	RWF
SMITH	GEORGE	PTE		239115	22 Aug	KIA	F&F	WINSFORD	KSLI 5
TOWNSEND	ARCHER	PTE	2178	236072	22 Aug	DOW	F&F	HOARWITHY	KSLI 5
WALTERS	DAVID REES	PTE	3218		31 Aug	DOW	F&F	RHAYADER	SWB 11
WHEELER	CHARLIE ERNEST	PTE	2655		01 Aug	KIA	F&F	RUARDEAN	SWB 10

WILLIAMS	THOMAS ARTHUR	PTE	3566		18 Aug		Home	STAUNTON ON	
WILSON	ERIC ARTHUR	PTE		237636	22 Aug	KIA	F&F	MANCHESTER	KSLI 5

## The London Gazette

### Honours & Awards

Publication Date			
16/08/1917	Barker	FG	MC
16/08/1917	Green	ALB	DSO
16/08/1917	James	235987 LCpl G	DCM
16/08/1917	Russell	ES	MC
16/08/1917	Vaughan	235105 CQMS C	DCM

The D.S.O. is conferred on Capt. (temp. Maj.) A. L. B. Green, Herefordshire Regiment.

He led his men with great dash and determination in an attack, and, although wounded, refused to leave them until he received a further severe wound, which fractured his thigh.

Major Green, who in peace times is a Ross doctor, was wounded in the Herefordshire Regiment's baptism of fire at Suvia in August, 1915. He made a good recovery and returned to duty in the following November. In recognition of excellent service in the trying Gallipoli campaign, he was promoted, his rank at that time being that of Captain. Major Green's injury was a bullet wound in the arm; the bullet passed through the arm and belt and was only prevented entering his body by a watch carried in the waist of his tunic. He is a son of Dr. E. Green, The Bailey, near Ross, and a son-in-law of Mr. S. H. Deakin, Weirand House, Bridstow, Ross, a member of the Herefordshire County Council.

The Military Cross is awarded to Captain Francis Guy Barker, Herefordshire Regiment. Although badly wounded in the leg he continued to lead his company until the following day, successfully resisting a hostile counter-attack. He set a fine example of courage and endurance.

Captain Barker was gazetted to the Herefords

in 1912, and served with the regiment through the Gallipoli campaign, until enteritis overtook him as a result of the terrible storm which played such havoc to the health of the forces. He was recommended for good work on the Peninsula, and was decorated with the Serbian honour of Kara George (with swords) 4th Class.

The Military Cross is also conferred on Sec. Lieut. (Acting Capt.) Ernest Stanley Russell, Herefordshire Regiment.

He led his men with great skill during an attack, afterwards displaying great coolness and courage in resisting a hostile counter-attack.

This gallant officer's home is at Bryan's Ground, Presteign. During a portion of the Gallipoli campaign he acted as temp. staff Captain, and is now acting Captain.

### Promotions & Appointments (extracts from the London Gazette)

Publication Date			Detail	Remarks
03/08/1917	Pettigrew	GTR	to be lieutenant RFC	
10/08/1917	Bourne	RC	to be captain	
10/08/1917	Milyard	T	to be captain	
10/08/1917	Phillips	LB		
20/08/1917	Hamlen-Williams	DW	to be lieutenant seconded to Mons Regt	
21/08/1917	Ascroft	GB	seconded RN Canteen Board	

21/08/1917	Bushell	WF	to be lieutenant from OTC	
27/08/1917	Askwith	CT	to be captain and adjutant	seconded Mons Regt
27/08/1917	Askwith	CT	reverts to lieutenant	
27/08/1917	Harington	R	to be captain	
27/08/1917	Smith	AGR	reverts to second lieutenant	seconded Mons Regt
30/08/1917	Harvey	CH	relinquishes commission	
30/08/1917	Hobro	FA	to be lieutenant RFC	

## HEREFORD

Depot functions continue, including the administration of sick and wounded soldiers and those awaiting disciplinary procedures.

No direct enlistments into The Herefords are recorded.

Discharges consisted of a mixture of categories; those wounded and no longer fit for service, those ill and no longer fit for service, those failing their initial medical examinations. Thus there were men who had served at Gallipoli and the Middle East, soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalions and Supplementary Company. Some of those discharged were:

NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1	NO2	TERM	HOMETOWN	Notes
BOWEN	THOMAS	PTE		238113	xvi		Served Gallipoli
DAVIES	GEORGE DENNIS	CPL	2336	235719	xvi	ABERGAVENTNY	Served Gallipoli
FLETCHER	JOHN	PTE	3686		Unfit		Age 55
GARNER	ROLAND	PTE		237684	xvi Wounds		Served Gallipoli
HODGES	FREDERICK	PTE	1141	235126	xvi	KEMPLEY	Served Gallipoli
JACKSON	P	PTE		236927	xvi		
JARVIS	FREDERICK	CPL	3555		Unfit	Hereford	
JOHNSON	JW	SGT		237827	Xvi SICK		
MANCHESTER	JOHN	PTE		237410	TFR TO CLAS P(T) RES		Served Gallipoli
OPENSHAW	JOHN THOMAS	PTE		237817	xvii		
RATTY	WILLIAM STANLEY	PTE	4384		xvi	Hereford	
RICHARDSON	CHARLES	PTE		238278	xvi		Served Gallipoli
RIVERS	ALBERT	PTE	1721	235403	xvi	HEREFORD	Served Gallipoli
SALISBURY	EDGAR HERBERT	PTE	1871	235482	xvi	HEREFORD	Served Gallipoli
TAYLOR	A	PTE		236174	xvi		
TAYLOR	CR	PTE		236150	xvi		
TAYLOR	RICHARD CHARLES	PTE	3324	236150	xvi		
Thomas	WILLIAM DAVID	Pte	2443			Bromyard	
THOMAS	WS	PTE		235770	xvi		

TOONEY	WS	PTE		238686	xvi		
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xvi - unfit through either wounds or sickness

iiicc - unlikely to become an efficient soldier

timex - Territorial soldier whose time of commitment has expired.



2336 Pte GD Davies – 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom in Park Hall Camp, Oswestry prior to discharge.

A regular attender at the Baptist Church, after being discharged he was asked to address the congregation, below are the opening and closing sentences of his address; the middle section covers his enlistment, training and time at Gallipoli.

*I will not attempt my subject in detail, but will relate just a few of those little incidents which are most engraved on my memory. Everything dealing with the terrible side of war I have as far as possible omitted, for we see enough around to sadden us these days. I enlisted a few weeks after the outbreak of war together with about a dozen other friends, members or attendants of the Hereford Baptist Church.*

*[After being wounded at Suvla Bay] ..... After 3 months of hospital in Egypt I was invalided home to England useless; they tried to patch me up in London and Manchester, but without success and I was discharged. Now happy in the knowledge that I have only done my duty (as hundreds of thousands are still doing), I can assure you it gives me great pleasure to be amongst you. I must say I look on life very differently now, and here I say that the Church's one concern should be now to prepare themselves for the day when the boys come home. I have only one memento now to remind me of my travels, that a well worn and stained khaki Testament, which has been my constant companion and help. Given one each by our pastor before we left Blighty, and often perused whenever we could get together. Two of those Testaments, are I expect with their owners and will never return, others are still in constant use, both in France and Palestine, and my hope and prayer is that God may safely bring them home, for we are all looking forward to an early reunion.*

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Casualties

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	DATE	HOW	WHERE	HOMETOWN	Notes (Serving with)
CLARKE	THOMAS	DMR	1896	235496	10 Aug	KIA	MEF	Brockhampton	
LLOYD	WILLIAM JAMES	PTE	8233	235961	27 Aug	Died	Iraq		As POW(?)

The Eastern Force was doubled in size receiving the 10, 60 and 75 Divisions, and the Army reorganised. During the months of paper planning and preparation the 53<sup>rd</sup> Div did some excellent training in the back area, behind Deir el Belah. In the desert wastes that lay there, field firing could be carried out on a grand scale, with overhead machinegun and artillery fire. 'Oh those days of divisional and brigade training, with early starts, ghastly greasy breakfasts, hurriedly pushed down in the heat and glare! Our great relaxation was an evening ride to the sea, what a glorious bathe at the end of it. But canteens were well stocked, concert parties were started and leave to Cairo was plentiful'. The Divisional concert party were named 'The Welsh Rarebits'.

There were other jaunts too – a kind of parade recce – a regular pageant out in the direction of Beersheba containing the General Staff – the 'Royal Party' in many staff cars.

These recces were most interesting outings, and the programme was always the same. We start from Belah about 1000 and driving via Shellal (about 25 miles) arrive at el Buggar our usual RV at 1300hrs. Here we would take to horses and recce various parts of the allotted line behind the cavalry screen from Toweil el Habari down to Wadi Saba and forward. We would potter about, dodging a few shells then back to el Buggar and the cars and home for dinner about 2000hrs. There were also new aeroplane 'stunts' from Belah airfield.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Detail</b>
1 Aug	Battalion moved under Maj F G Barker to St James Park bivouac; near old position a 2000hrs. CO and 2 Coy Comds went to HQ 1/5 Devons to view line to be taken over on Hereford Ridge.
2 Aug	1820hrs Bn moved out and proceeded to C23 to relieve 1/5 Devon Regt as B,C,C,D, Coys proceeded direct to Front Line redoubt and reserve position; B & C in front line P32C58 to R2b55. 2 platoons of A Coy in Merioneth Redoubt; D and 2 platoons of A at Bn HQ P31 to 46. Bn HQ and reserve position taken over from 2/5 Gurkhas. Relief commenced 2210 and completed 2340hrs. Rations brought up by 003D.
3 Aug	Shrapnel and HE on front line, about 100 shells, some HE in B Coy sector; slight damage, one casualty wounded – observer of C Coy. Working parties repairing trenches remainder of day and night.
4 Aug	Snipers very active from direction of orchard. Working parties on front line and communication trenches. Capt Willmott, Lt Barker and 14 soldiers from hospital. Capt Wilmont to take over D Coy. Slight shelling on front line.
5 Aug	Slight shelling on front line. Commenced construction of dressing station in B Coy HQ. BGC inspected line. Patrol under Lt Linzell left trench at 7.30pm examined orchard and found all clear – returned 8.30pm. Snipers very active from orchard. New water tank fixed in B Coy. Grenadier section of A attached to B Coy.
6 Aug	Working part as usual. 11pm enemy working party is heard behind north end of Umbrella Hill. A few bursts of machine gun fire opened up on them – noise of work ceased.
7 Aug	Our artillery shelled Umbrella Hill and made several direct hits. One field gun brought up to Battalion HQ. Working parties as usual.
8 Aug	Enemy shelled front line trenches; HE – 12, shrapnel – 60; no casualties slight damage. Lt Mitchell and 2Lt Frazer attached to B Coy for trench experience.
9 Aug	Working parties as usual. Enemy shelled ration dump at caves; no casualties, some rations destroyed. Report that enemy were relieving Al Arish redoubt; our artillery fired salvos. No working parties sent out as snipers very active.
10 Aug	Snipers very active from orchard. Enemy shelled front line trenches; HE – 58, shrapnel – 18. No casualties, slight damage; working parties as usual. Enemy Syrian captured in front of B Coy OP, prisoner could read and write. 8.30pm patrol under Lt Linzell and Lt Frazer and 6 soldiers left to recce orchard, proceeding in a north easterly direction without opposition. On crossing a sandy ridge about 30 yards wide and reaching the other side voices were heard and men seen dodging from bush to bush. Travelling towards Umbrella Hill. The patrol withdrew to the edge of the bare patch at the bottom of the sandy ridge and faced north in extended order. Six enemy were seen proceeding along the top of the hill towards our AP. The patrol tried to follow it but found the enemy had worked round their left flank and were between them and the AP. Another enemy party came along the ridge and formed up in front and on the right flank; 14 were counted.



	<p>Another large patrol of 15/16 came up from the rear and Lt Linzell gave orders for one round to be fired and to rush the enemy making for our AP. Two of our men Ptes Russ (?) and Clarke were seen to fall; 4 succeeded in getting through to our trenches at 10.30pm. The enemy opened fire on the patrol with a machine gun.</p> <p>1.45am Lt Linzell took another patrol out to search for the missing men, but found the enemy in strength and so withdrew at 2.30am.</p>
11 Aug	<p>Working parties as usual. All No 5 grenades on hand returned to ROD in exchange for no 23s.</p> <p>Draft of 48 men from England. Lt Collins and 15 ORs from hospital. Snipers very active from orchard; stokes gun fired on these snipers – sniping ceased. Working parties all night on dressing station.</p>
12 Aug	<p>Working parties as usual; Our artillery bombarded Umbrella Hill, Caterpillar Ridge and Al Arish redoubt; about 400 HE fired. Enemy replied by giving 50 HE on our front line; no casualties. Three parapets, one dugout and communication trench smashed. 1 Grenade section and 2 LG sections of A Coy relieved in front line by similar section of same company. Working parties all night on dressing station. Lt Raymond joined from England.</p>
13 Aug	<p>Snipers active in orchard and our artillery fired 10 shells on these; sniping ceased. B Coy relieved by D C front line. B returned to Bn HQ.</p>
14 Aug	<p>Working parties as usual; snipers active at dawn, enemy artillery quiet. Lt P Parker to Div.</p>
15 Aug	<p>Working parties as usual and during night a D Coy dressing station.</p> <p>C265 Bty fire 4 shells at map reference in orchard.</p>
16 Aug	<p>Working parties as usual' snipers very active at dawn. Enemy fired 330 rounds at one of our planes without result. Hostile plane then attacked ours but was driven off by anti aircraft guns.</p> <p>A patrol of one officer and 15 men left AP to recce orchard; found all clear – 2 rifles brought in belonging to 2 men missing night 10/11.</p> <p>C265 Bty registered on position in orchard – very good.</p>
17 Aug	<p>Working parties as usual. Patrol under Lt Fisher recovered body of Pte Clarke missing since night of 10/11 August. Buried in rear of line.</p> <p>Cpl Roden awarded Military medal.</p>
18 Aug	<p>Battalion relieved in front line by 1/7 RWF, One man wounded – run over.</p>
19 Aug	<p>Brigade reserve position. Lt Linzell awarded Military Cross. Capt A R G Whitehouse proceeded on gas course at Tel El Kebir. Battalion working parties for Res and RFA – 6pm. Specialist training, A Coy bathed in sea.</p>
20 Aug	<p>Specialist Trg B Coy bathed. Bn working parties for RE &amp; RFA</p>
21 Aug	<p>Specialist Trg C Coy bathed. Bn working parties for RE &amp; RFA – Lt Nixon from hospital</p>
22 Aug	<p>Specialist Trg D Coy bathed. Bn working parties for RE &amp; RFA – Lt Berney from hospital</p>
23 Aug	<p>Specialist Trg A Coy bathed. Bn working parties fro RE &amp; RFA</p> <p>GOC 53 Div presented medal ribands to Lt Linzell and Cpl Roden.</p> <p>Lt Martin rejoined from 53 Div; 3 ORs transferred to MGC.</p>
24 Aug	<p>Specialist Trg B Coy bathed. Bn working parties.</p>

25 Aug	Specialist Trg C Coy bathed. Bn working parties . Capt Pilkington from hospital; Lt Col Drage proceeded on 7 days leave – Mag FG Barker MC assumes command of Battalion.
26 Aug	Bn relieved by 1/8 Hants; coys moved independently to L35D and took over from 1/5 DEvens.
27 Aug	Coys bathed in sea. Bn moved at 1500 to V3 b75 took over from 16 R Sussex. Large area no dugouts 9 cdl tents.
28 Aug	Bn admin and prep of programme for training. Lt RE Haynes from hospital.
29 Aug	Coy and pl training – specialist in tanks.
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31 Aug	Coy training in No2 area.

WAR DIARY AUGUST 1917  
1/1st Herefordshire Regiment

APPENDIX I

Weekly State

August 7th  
14th  
21st  
28th

Officers	OR
41	994
32	1001
28	967
31	960

APPENDIX II

Weekly Casualty Returns

	Killed OR	Wounded OR	Missing OR	Sick OR	Admitted OR
August 7th		1			7
14th	1	1	1	2	11
21st		1		1	10
28th				1	12

APPENDIX III

Reinforcements

August	OR	OR
2	2	15
5	1	12
11	1	49
12	1	3
13	1	1
15	1	1
16	1	1
22	1	1
23	1	1
26	1	7
29	1	6
	7	97

(CAPT. HILNOT & MR. BANKS)  
(MR. B. COLLINS)

(MR. PT. RAYMOND) from England

(MR. CHAMNIXON)  
(MR. G. BARNES)

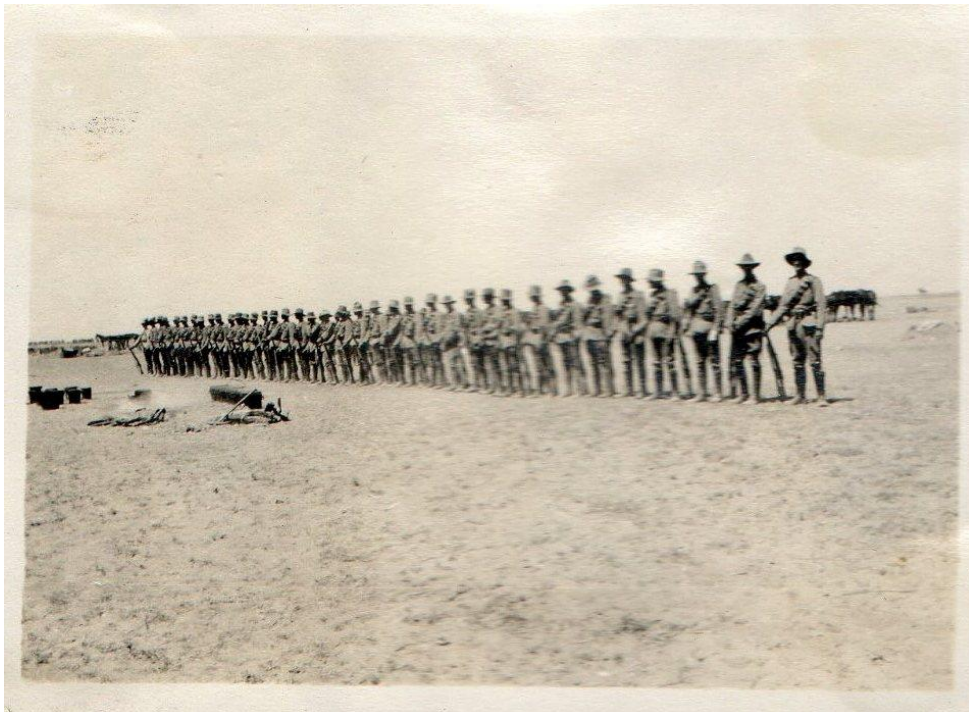
(CAPT. C. G. PILKINGTON)

Some general photographs of the Battalion:



## A LETTER FROM EGYPT.

Signaller W. R. Tunks, Herefordshire Regiment, writes as follows from Egypt :—  
“Just a line to let you know I am O.K. I must say we have had a very nice time here. We are leaving to-day at 5.30 p.m. I am rather sorry, as I like being here very much. We are going to the battalion. The boys say it is not at all bad there, “nothing doing” at present. There was some races here yesterday. It was within bounds so we could go without a pass. You would have thought we were doing all right if you could have seen us. Myself, the sergeant, and corporal drove down in one of the Egyptian carriages with two horses. We did not go on the course as we could see much better outside. Sorry I was unable to carry on this letter on the 23rd so will do so now, 26/7/17. I have now landed back with the boys, but not in the same Company. I found them all well and happy. Tommy Baker, ‘Luston,’ Archie Evans, and several others. We get very good food here and plenty of it. I must tell you I had a look around a cemetery yesterday before arriving here and came across the grave of poor Walter Morgan (The Broad). It looked very nice with a cross and some large stones round it. It could not have looked nicer had it been in Leominster Cemetery. He is buried at a place called Kantausi. It is very quiet here. I had a night in the open last night. I and the sergeant together. It was just all right. We have fitted up a bivouac on the desert. I was lucky enough to get the *Leominster News* of the 29th of June, and saw several interesting items. Don't worry about me as I am quite happy.”





### Maj ALB Green

Date	Detail
1 Aug	Had a letter from Do dated 5 Jul which was disappointing as others had letters up to 13 <sup>th</sup> . Had another bath and went out with Peaks, did some shopping and went to Sporting Club for a drink.
2 Aug	Small mail in, letter from Do of Jul 10 and one from M and Auntie. Very hot indeed in afternoon, didn't go out but had bath and crutch exercise.
3 Aug	Went for as drive with Peake into town to shop and on to Gezireh Club for drink. More letters, one from Do of 15 Jul and one from Aunt Ethel and Aunt Jane.
4 Aug	Stayed in and did crutch ex.
5 Aug	Very hot still. Haymes came to tea and we went for drive after – usual round of Gezireh Island and club.
6 Aug	Went out to pick up Haymes at Shepherds Hotel but he failed to turn up so after waiting 15 minutes went my way to Roberts Hughes to order shoe for my right foot then back to hospital.
7 Aug	Went for motor drive with Lt Col Simson to Pyramids. Haymes came into hospital.
8 Aug	Did not go out today, cigarettes arrived.
9 Aug	Had tea at Gezireh club with Mrs Collins.
10 Aug	Drove to club with Haymes and watched the cricket.
11 Aug	Motored with Col Simson to Heliopolis and back along Matarieh Road, very jolly ride.

12 Aug	Did not go out. Tried the first flight of stairs with one crutch and the balusters. Got down alright but hard work getting up.
13 Aug	Went out with Haymes. Called at Cooks to cash a cheque and Robert Hughes for my new shoe which is quite satisfactory.
14 Aug 1916	Was told I am to start for England next Thursday; hope it is true. Had tea at the Continental with Mrs Collins where I also saw the Burtons, Picton and Blount. The latter is now AA and QMG at GHQ.
15 Aug	Definitely settled we leave for Alexandria at 0630 tomorrow. Went out with Haymes and did a bit of shopping then called for Mrs Collins and went to Gezireh Club for tea. Saw Clarke.
16 Aug	Left Narrieh Hospital at 6.45 for station and got away in hospital train at 8.15. Reached Alexandria at noon and was carried straight on board. Quite a small ship. Left wharf soon after 4pm and anchored in outer harbour.
17 Aug	Pushed off at 4.30pm with 2 destroyers as escort.
18 Aug	Very hot all last night with all port holes closed. The captain insisted on all lights being put out although all ports are blinded.
19 Aug	A bit of a roll today. Nothing much but enough to make progress on crutches difficult if not dangerous so have to stay in my cot all day. Much cooler generally.
20 Aug	Quiet day. Sea much steadier so got up for lunch.
21 Aug	We arrived off Malta early and entered the Grand Harbour about 0930 and moored pretty far up. Lord Metuen, the Governor came on board about noon and wandered round chatting. We took in coal in afternoon, a messy job which meant closed ports etc, very hot.
22 Aug	Stayed in harbour all day – nothing doing.
23 Aug	No news, still awaiting orders.
24 Aug	Another hot and weary day spent in the harbour. The H S Ghoorka from Salonika came in and discharged patients.
25 Aug	Left Malta just before 7am, sea very calm and without a ripple. Passed a whale about 6.30 in evening which caused some excitement. Escorted by 2 destroyers.
26 Aug	Nice fresh breeze, quite calm.
27 Aug	Received orders at midday to put into Algiers which we did arriving at 5pm and entering the harbour. Fine, clean looking town.
28 Aug	Sailed at 4.30pm. Nice fresh breeze and cooler. Clock put back one hour today, first alteration since we left Alexandria.
29 Aug	Plugged steadily on – sighted Spanish coast about 5pm.
30 Aug	Arrived at Gibraltar about noon and anchored outside harbour. At 4pm we entered harbour and commenced coaling about 6pm. Two Yankee warships in harbour.
31 Aug	Weighed anchor and got away at 5pm. Nice fresh breeze blowing outside and much cooler. No escort now and all lights burning as for hospital ship. Clock went back half hour.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Bn - Hereford (formerly the Volunteer Training Corps (VTC))

Life for the Volunteer Bn continued to be busy with regular parades and duties. There were proposals to expand the Volunteer movement in Herefordshire.

### THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

#### MEETING AT PRESTEIGN.

On Friday evening last a meeting in connection with the formation of a platoon in Presteign and district of the Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment was held in the Assembly Rooms, Presteign. Sir Powlett Milbank, Lord Lieutenant of Radnorshire, presided, being supported on the platform by Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Foster, T.D.; Major Morant, Captain Meats, etc. The attendance was a poor one.

The Chairman in opening the proceedings said he had tried to secure volunteers in Radnorshire, but so far he had failed to get any. He knew there were many reasons which made it difficult to get volunteers. Shopkeepers and others had lost their men who had joined the Army and it made things awkward for them. He had tried his best, and had written to the Urban Councils in the county, but did not get an answer from a single one, except Presteign, and that did not give much encouragement. He would not say anything further, but would ask Lieut.-Colonel Foster to explain the volunteer movement to them and to say what he wished them to do in Presteign.

Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Foster then explained the movement, stating that at Kington they had been very successful as well as in the rest of the northern part of the country, having done equally well at Bromyard, and they expected to get a very strong company from the north of Herefordshire. In Presteign he understood that most of the men had been taken for the army, although there might be a certain number of exempted men who were still in the district, but he understood that in the first instance Presteign had volunteered very well indeed, and no doubt they were very proud of it. They might ask why, having done so well, they were asked to do something for the volunteers, but he would remind them that this was no ordinary war, and that we had not won it, and there were grave difficulties ahead. In face of these difficulties it was absolutely necessary that more and more men should be called upon to go to the front, and at the same time it was not wise to leave England unprotected. There must be home service men and the idea of the volunteers was that they should take the place to a large extent of the home service men. At the present time the volunteers numbered something like 400,000 men and they had the support of such soldiers as Lord French, who said, "We not only want you, but we cannot do without you"; Lord Scarborough, Lord Desborough and others. By joining the volunteers they would be supplying men for the front indirectly, and he hoped that that meeting would be productive of a platoon, but if they could not get that

number they would form a section which would be attached to a neighbouring platoon.

Major Morant also explained the scheme, pointing out that in case of invasion it would be their duty to resist the landing of men by the Germans, and they could not do that if they were not in uniform, as they would be liable to be shot, and that was why they were asked to join as volunteers.

The Chairman asked if uniforms would be provided by the Government or would the volunteer have to provide the same out of his private pocket.

Colonel Foster explained that each man on becoming efficient would earn a grant of £2 out of which the Government would supply uniforms, and the rest of the money would be utilised to supply other necessary equipment.

The Chairman asked about the expenses of attending the drills.

Colonel Foster stated that a railway warrant would be issued which would frank the volunteer attending drills.

In answer to a question as to the mode of getting to the rendezvous on Sunday, there being no Sunday trains, Colonel Foster stated that they would have Sunday drills at Presteign if they wished.

The Rev. H. L. Kewley: I take it we should not be called out of our own district unless in case of invasion. Many of us are in positions that we could not leave the place, but we are very willing to learn all we can of drill.

Colonel Foster: That is quite true; you cannot be taken away from this district and put in any other district. If volunteers were called upon you might under conditions volunteer for garrison duty or anything else, but it is all voluntary. You cannot be taken away.

Mr. Walter Curtis asked if a volunteer was subject to any medical examination.

Colonel Foster: Yes; he is subject to a medical examination which corresponds to C I. A man has to be able to march 5 miles and be able to drill afterwards.

Captain Meats read out the conditions of service. He pointed out that the object of the Volunteer Force was to provide large bodies of trained men remaining in their ordinary occupations who would be sufficiently trained to be able to take their place in the line should they be called upon. The liability to be called upon was mobilisation in case of imminent National danger, which meant as defined by Lord French, imminent danger of invasion. The unit was 15 to 20 men, and if they formed this unit they would be able to have drills held in Presteign. Fourteen drills a month would have to be put in.

In reply to the Rev. H. L. Kewley as to whether there would be much Sunday work, Colonel Foster stated that drills could always be put in in the week; Sunday drills were for those who could not put in their drills in the week. Experience had shown that two or three nights a week sufficed to make a man efficient in drill.

Recruits were then enrolled, about a dozen signing the roll.

## HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEERS IN CAMP.

### Week-End Under Canvas at Ross.

The week-end camp at Ross for members of the 1st Battalion Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment provided a very pleasant and instructive experience. In spite of several heavy rain storms, the Volunteers quickly settled down to camp life under service conditions. Over 150 rank and file were present. The equipment for the camp arrived on Friday, when tents were pitched by a fatigue party of the Ross Company, so that when the main body marched in on Saturday evening they found dry ground to sleep upon, in spite of the heavy rain which fell during the night. The field kitchen was a great success, and the cooking left little to be desired. The men received three blankets and a waterproof sheet, and in spite of the novel experience of lying on the bare ground, they slept more or less soundly. At reveille on Sunday morning the camp was quickly astir, and after a welcome cup of hot coffee a brisk "rouse" parade put a keen edge on everyone's appetite, and full justice was done to an excellent breakfast of fried bacon, bread, jam, butter, and tea.

At 10 a.m., the Rev. R. T. A. Money-Kyrle and Private the Rev. C. L. C. Bues conducted a drumhead service, which was also attended by men of the Royal Defence Corps. The Rector of Ross gave an inspiring address, and the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," and the National Anthem were heartily sung.

During the day, the Hereford Company fired their musketry course on the adjoining Alton Court Range, whilst the Ross Company carried out fatigues and parades. Colonel A. W. Foster, County Commandant, presided at the Officers' Mess, held in the Golf Club House, in the evening, at which several guests were entertained.

On Bank Holiday, the chief work was again done on the Range, and during the afternoon shooting competitions were held. The prize-winners were:—

Pool competition: Sergt. P. Hoddell, No. 12 Platoon.

Landscape target competition: 1st prize, 25s., No. 12 Platoon, Sergt. Hoddell, Sergt. Cracklow, Corpl. Goodwin, Corpl. Francis, and Private Herbert; 2nd prize, 15s., Ross, Lieut. J. Reg. Harding, Sergt. I. D. James, Corpl. R. H. Davies, Lance-Corpl. Parsons, and Private Eves. The prizes were subscribed by the Officers' Mess.

In the Y.M.C.A. competition, the proceeds amounted to 5s. 8d. Sergt. Hoddell, Sergt. James, and the Ganarew team made up the amount to £2, which was sent to the Ross Y.M.C.A. Hut Week Committee.

Camp was struck after tea.

## 1st BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.

### "A" Company.

#### ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5th.

July 31st.—Tuesday, 8.0 p.m., No. 3 Platoon, Birch School, drill.

Aug. 1st.—Wednesday, 7.30, Drill Hall, musketry instruction. Staff-Sergt. Leslie will attend. This is specially for those going to camp.

Aug. 2nd.—Thursday, 2.30-5.0 p.m., Holmer range, musketry instruction. Staff-Sergt. Leslie will attend. This is specially for those going to camp. 8.0-9.0 p.m., No. 3 Platoon, Birch School, musketry instruction. 7.0-9.0 p.m., No. 4 Platoon, Withington, musketry instruction. 7.30 p.m., Weobley detachment, Drill Hall, Weobley, drill.

Aug. 3rd.—Friday, 7.30 p.m., Drill Hall, musketry instruction. Staff-Sergt. Leslie will attend. This is specially for those going to camp.

Aug. 4th.—Saturday, 7.30 p.m., Drill Hall, parade for camp at Ross; dress, marching order. Camp requisites: Blankets, great coats, knife, fork, spoon, tin mug, plate, soap, razor, towel, comb and brushes. N.C.O.'s to bring boot polish and brushes.

Aug. 5th.—Sunday, camp at Ross. Lieut. Hammonds and Lieut. Burnley will be responsible for class firing at Holmer range on Saturdays.

Corpl. Caldicott will be responsible for class firing at Holmer range on Thursdays.

Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry (the Rev. W. B. Glennie) will arrange for recruits shooting.

Much Birch and Withington Platoons will attend all company parades.

Unless stated to the contrary, the following will be taken to apply generally with regard to dress:—Platoon drills: Ordinary, belts will be worn. Company parades and route marches: Drill order.

The following have passed recruits' musketry course, Part 1 (alternative):—No. 1 Platoon: Lieut. H. J. Hammonds, 26 Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry (the Rev. W. B. Glennie), 878 Sergt. T. West, 13 Corpl. the Rev. C. B. Caldicott, 7 Private E. Birtwistle, 15 Private E. W. Clark, 1006 Private H. V. Daniels, 52 Private W. H. Symonds. No. 2 Platoon: 51 Corpl. J. E. Sayce, 1 Private G. Banks, 3 Private A. E. Barrow, 23 Private the Rev. R. Eckett, 1004 Private E. Emery (recruit), 949 Private G. H. Grocock, 66 Private I. G. Wadsworth, 27 Private A. H. F. Hubbard, 43 Private C. Powell, 877 Private C. W. Bridgwater.

(Signed) G. A. C. THYNNE, Capt.  
Commanding "A" Coy., H.V.R.  
Headquarters, Hereford.

The inevitable administrative wheels continued turning, and the formal King's Commissioning documents were sent to the officers who appointments had recently been published in the London Gazette; these included Capt Sir Richard Harington of Whitbourne Hall. He was to be High Sheriff of Herefordshire in 1918.



TELEGRAM HALL, (FOXTON, CAMB.)  
STATION & PARCELS, FOXTON, G.M.R.

FOXTON HALL,  
CAMBRIDGE.

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1817.

My dear Harrington,

Your papers have been forwarded  
& there is no reason why you should  
not get your uniform as your being  
sagittid is practically assured.

There is a pattern of cloth I think at  
Bedely room & you could get all  
particulars as to fees by writing to

the Adjutant.

I hope there are still a few  
more recruits at Permyard & district  
& Himplon & district.  
We only got 7 recruits at Prestouge  
where I do not think that volunteering  
is favoured unless 15 or 20 can be  
got there I think W C will have  
to be applied to to release the

7 already enrolled

Yours sincerely  
Arthur W. Foster

George R. I.

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**George** by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c.

To Our Trusty and well beloved Sir Richard Harington, Baronet, Greeting: We, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, and good Conduct, do by these Presents constitute and Appoint you to be an Officer in Our Volunteer Force from the Eighth day of August 1917. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your Duty as such in the Rank of Captain or in such higher Rank as We may from time to time hereafter be pleased to promote or appoint you to, of which a notification will be made in the London Gazette, and you are at all times to exercise and well discipline in Arms both the inferior Officers and Men serving under you and use your best endeavours to keep them in good Order and Discipline. And We do hereby Command them to Obey you as their superior Officer, and you to observe and follow such Orders and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from Us or any your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given at Our Court at Saint James the Twenty-fifth day of August 1917, in the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

Sir Richard Harington, Bart.  
Captain  
Volunteer Force.

By His Majesty's Command:  
Rumery  
Rd Wade

