

## THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

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

#### The 'Bigger' Picture

- Italy proclaims Protectorate over an independent Albania.
- Russian Provisional Government refuse a German proposal for an unlimited armistice.
- Gen Brusilov succeeds Gen Alexeiev as Russian Commander-in-Chief
- Mutiny breaks out in the Russian Black Sea Fleet at Sevastopol
- Ala es Sultaneh appointed Persian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister
- Santo Domingo severs diplomatic relations with Germany.
- Haiti severs diplomatic relations with Germany
- Count Esterhazy appointed Hungarian Premier
- Entente Governments present demand to Greek Government for abdication of King Constantine who abdicates in favour of his second son, Prince Alexander. M Zaimis, Greek Premier, resigns; M Venizelos appointed.
- Diplomatic relations severed (*by Greece*) with Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey. Declaration of War by Provisional Government against Germany and Bulgaria of November 23rd, 1916, becomes effective for the whole of Greece. "State of War" also begins between Greece and Austria-Hungary and between Greece and Turkey
- Count Clam-Martinitz, Austrian Premier, resigns. Dr Ernst Ritter von Seidler appointed Premier
- Major-General Pershing (US Army) arrives in England and moves to France
- Admiral Sims, United States Navy, hoists his flag at Queenstown as acting C.-in-C. Irish Command
- The British Admiralty formally approve scheme for convoying merchant ships

#### The Home Front

- 'Great' German daylight aeroplane raid on London; 157 killed and 432 injured

**THE GREAT AIR RAID.**

**104 DEAD AND 423 INJURED.**

During the past few hours several of the more gravely injured victims of Wednesday's air attack on London have died in hospital, and the death roll now stands at 104. Sir George Cave announced the latest figures of casualties to the House of Commons on Thursday night as follows:—

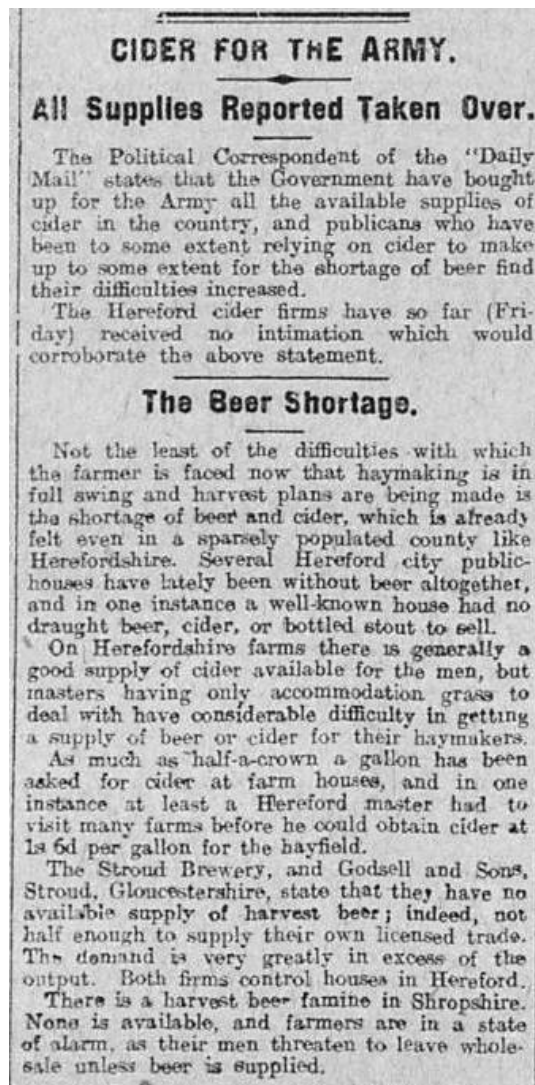
Killed .....	104
Seriously injured .....	154
Slightly injured .....	269
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>527</b>

Including 120 children killed or injured.

At the school in the East-end where children were killed, teachers attended on Thursday morning to take the roll call of pupils. It is now known that 16 infants between the ages of four and six years are dead, and it is feared that the casualties may be heavier when all the pupils have been accounted for.

- German airship L-43 destroyed in the North Sea.
- German airship L-48 destroyed by aeroplane at Theberton in Suffolk.
- German daylight aeroplane raid on Sheerness and the Naval establishments on the Medway

Shortages and contingency plans were in place all across the country and had considerable potential local impacts as well:



### The Western Front

- Battle of Messines, 1917
- Portuguese troops in action on Western Front for the first time
- First contingent of United States troops arrives in France
- Gen Currie appointed to command Canadian troops in France

## Other Fronts

### EASTERN FRONT

- Russian Summer Offensive begins

### BALKAN FRONT

- Janina, Greece occupied by Italian forces
- Corinth and Larissa occupied by Entente forces

## In The Air

### At Sea

- British bombardment of Ostend

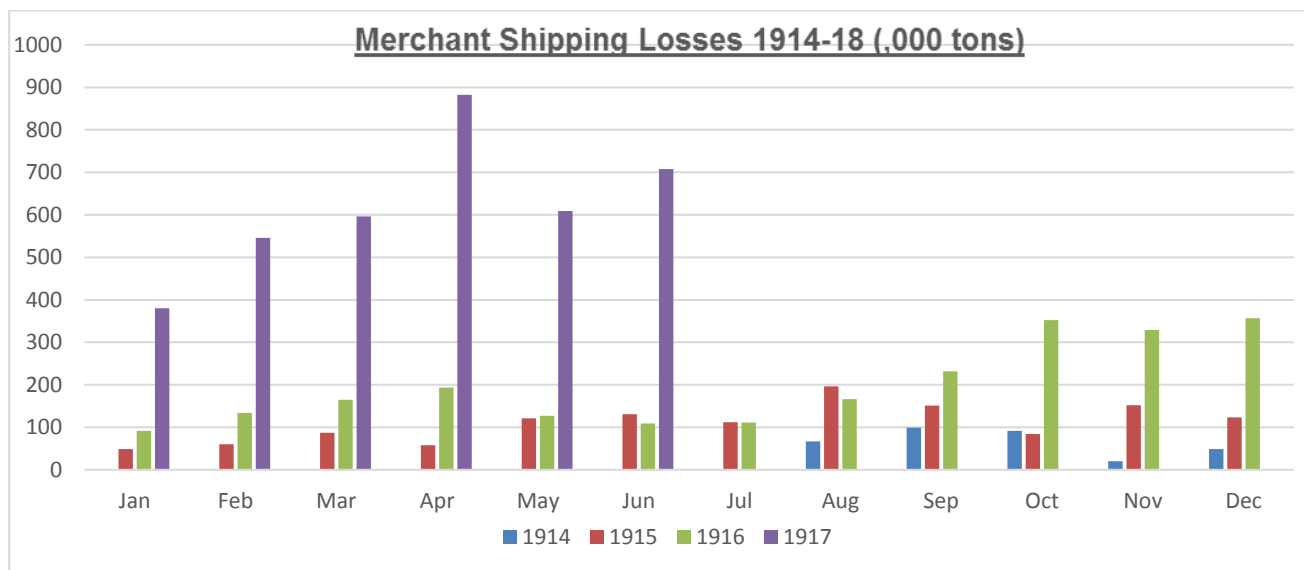
### Mine & U Boat Warfare

- French cruiser Kléber (below) sunk by submarine, off Brest with the loss of 42 of her crew.



## MERCHANT SHIPPING

British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month – 352 ships of 609,000 tons gross; the second highest monthly tonnage lost to date.



## The 'Herefords'

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

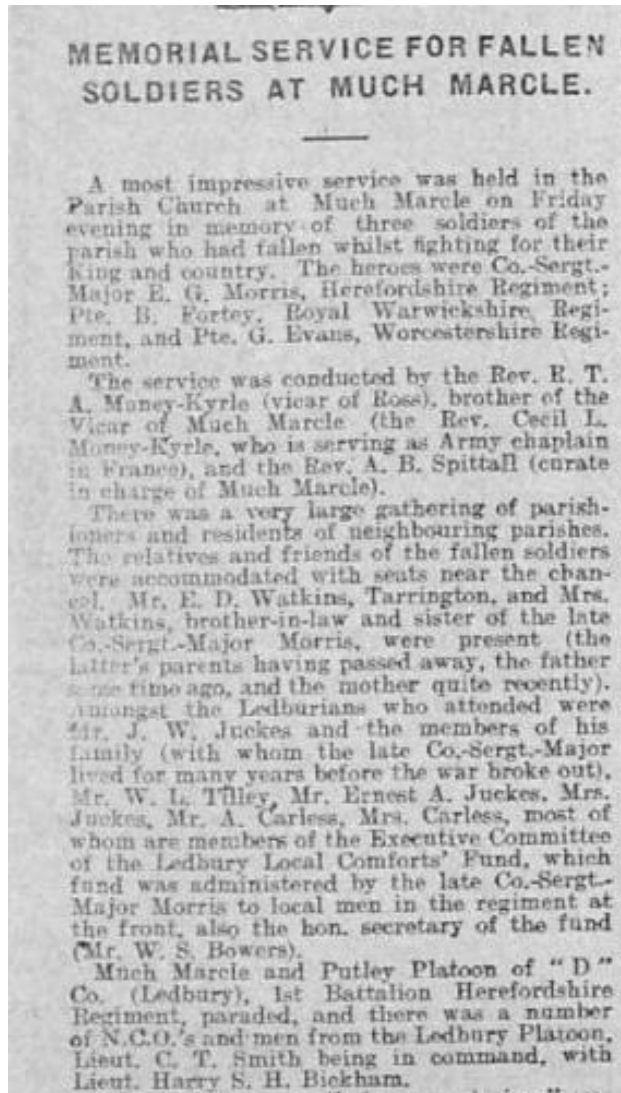
NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	DATE	HOW	WHERE	HOMETOWN	Notes (Serving with)
DAVIES	FREDERICK GEORGE	PTE	2798		3 Jun	KIA	France	Dilwyn	14 Glosters
FULLER	FREDERICK Wm	PTE	5275	236995	11 Jun	Died	Iraq	Tarrington	As a POW

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BAGHDAD (WORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY

Plot	Row	Grave	Regtl.No.	Rank	Name & Initials	Regiment	Date of Death	Exhumed from	Remarks
	2		236995	Pte.	FULLER, F.W.	1/1 Hereford R.	11. 6.17.	Konia Cemetery Asia Minor	*

News and details of casualties and events continued to be received and local memorial services were held:



The London Gazette

Honours & Awards      None published

Promotions & Appointments (extracts from the London Gazette)

Publication Date			Detail	Remarks
05/06/1917	Ellison	FB	to be captain	employed as area gas officer
07/06/1917	Reeve	RW	to be lieutenant RFC	
08/06/1917	Watts	JH	to be second lieutenant	

14/06/1917	Hobro	FA	to be lieutenant flying officer observer RFC	
15/06/1917	Ashton	P	appointed brigade major	
15/06/1917	Hunt	JD	correction tfre from TFRes to be	
16/06/1917	Cornewall	WF	to be lieutenant temp captain	
18/06/1917	Bates	D	to be lieutenant colonel	corrected entry from Hertfordshire 25 May 1917
18/06/1917	Holloway	G	resigns commission	Volunteer Bn
19/06/1917	Burlton	RF	to be captain	
19/06/1917	Carver	FT	to be captain	
30/06/1917	Dillow	FW	to be captain	Bde Physical Trg and Bayonet Trg Supervising Offr

### 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.

Some of those discharged were:

NAME	INIT	RANK	NO1	NO2	TERM	HOMETOWN	Notes
WHITE	HARRY	PTE	5401			Shrewsbury	Serving with RGA
SAUNDERS	JA	PTE		238955	xvi		
LANE	R	PTE		236136	xvi		

xvi - unfit through either wounds or sickness

iiicc - unlikely to become an efficient soldier

timex - Territorial soldier whose time of commitment has expired.

106604 R.Q.A.  
 NAME of the SERVICES of No. 5407: Name *Harry White*

Corps	Battn. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	
General Service		Called up for Service	Plt	1. 7. 16			<i>H. A. White</i>
HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT		Posted	Plt	4. 7. 1916			<i>Blair</i>
		Transferred to Depot 70th Shrewsbury	Plt	18. 7. 1916			<i>Blair</i>
		Forwarded	Gunner	22. 7. 16			<i>Blair</i>
		forwarded		17. 8. 16			
		Discharged	Lieut	1-6-17			
		from 242 xvi	Att'ny				
		Character	Good				<i>Christman</i>
		Service	Satisfactory				
		Character of Service	Yes (02)				
		Address	Wenton, Shrewsbury				
		Forwarded to	Depot	30-10-20			

The Volunteer Bn (Hereford - formerly the Volunteer Training Corps (VTC))

Life for the Volunteer Bn continued to be busy with regular parades and duties. The Battalion also was subject to an inspection by Gen Pitcairn Campbell, GOC Western Command.:

## 1st BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.

### "A" COMPANY.

ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 3rd.  
Saturday.—2.30-5 p.m., Holmer Range. Class firing.

Sunday.—2.30-4.30 p.m., Weobley Detachment, Drill Hall, Weobley. Drill and shooting practice. 2.30-4.30 p.m., No. 3 Platoon, Birch School, drill. 3-5 p.m., No. 4 Platoon, Dormington. Drill and musketry.

ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 10th.

Monday.—7.30 p.m., Drill Hall, platoon drill, Nos. 1 and 2. 8.0 p.m., Weobley Detachment, Drill Hall, Weobley, drill. 7.30 p.m., No. 4 Platoon, Mordiford School, drill and musketry.

Tuesday.—5.0 p.m., No. 3 Platoon, Birch School, drill.

Thursday.—2.30-5.0 p.m., Holmer range, class firing; Staff-Sergt. Austin will attend. Platoon drill 7 p.m., Drill Hall. 8.0-9.0 p.m., No. 3 Platoon, Birch School, drill and musketry. 7.0-9.0 p.m., No. 4 Platoon, Withington, shooting practice. 8.0 p.m., Weobley Detachment, Drill Hall, Weobley, drill.

Friday.—7.15 p.m., Ambulance Class; officers and N.C.O.'s class, Drill Hall, 7.0-8.30 p.m., under Staff-Sergt. Austin.

Saturday.—2.30-5.0 p.m., Holmer range, class firing. Officers and N.C.O.'s class, Drill Hall, 7.0-8.30 p.m., under Staff-Sergt. Austin.

Sunday.—Staff-Sergt. Austin's class for officers and N.C.O.'s at Holmer range, 10 a.m. 2.30-4.30 p.m., No. 3 Platoon, Birch School, drill. 3.0-5.0 p.m., No. 4 Platoon, Dormington, drill and musketry.

Note.—From June 1st No. 5 Platoon will be No. 3 Platoon, and No. 6 Platoon will be No. 4 Platoon.

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

## HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

### Forthcoming Parade on Widemarsh Common.

We are officially informed that General Sir William Pitcairn Campbell, General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Western Command, will hold a review of the Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment on Saturday afternoon on Widemarsh Common.

It is hoped that the Regiment will muster in full force. Recruits, especially from among working men of the county are welcomed, especially for enrolment in Section A.

The Hereford Company of the Volunteers will parade at the Drill Hall at 2 o'clock and the Companies from Leominster, Ledbury and Ross will proceed to Widemarsh Common on arrival. The inspection by General Campbell is to be held on the Common at 3 o'clock.

#### A DISTINGUISHED OFFICER.

Lieutenant-General Sir William Pitcairn Campbell, C.B., the General Officer Commanding in Chief Western Command, which extends from Lancashire down to South Wales, is a distinguished officer, and in coming to Herefordshire will be reminded of his mother's home, she being a daughter of the late Mr. Charles Prothero, of Llangibly Castle, Monmouth. He is a son of Mr. Pitcairn Campbell, of London and Chertsey, and was educated at Eton and Sandhurst. He entered the Army (King's Royal Rifles) in 1875, was Captain 1885, Major 1893, Lieut.-Colonel 1900 and Colonel the same year. His service includes Soudan 1884-5, Mounted Camel Corps, including the Battle of Abu Klea, etc. (medal with two clasps and bronze star); South African 1900-1, in command of his old regiment; and of a column in the Eastern Transvaal (thrice mentioned in despatches, Queen's medal, six clasps). He commanded the 3rd Brigade Aldershot Command 1904-8, and the 5th Division Irish Command 1909-15. He was appointed to the Western Command last year. He was recently knighted.

General Campbell is the distinguished officer who welcomed Lieut.-General Pershing, Chief of the American Forces, on his arrival in England last week end.



## VOLUNTEER REVIEW AT HEREFORD.

### General Pitcairn Campbell and Home Defence.

For the first time since their formation in August, 1914, the 1st Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment had the honour of a general inspection on Saturday, when Lieut.-General Sir William Pitcairn Campbell, K.C.B., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief the Western Command, visited Hereford for the purpose. The General, who was accompanied by Col. Farquarson, of his staff, arrived by train in the city at mid-day and was entertained to lunch at the County Club by Sir John Cotterell, Bart., Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, after which the General and Colonel Farquarson, and Lieut.-Col. A. W. Foster, County Commandant, Col. Middleton, Chairman of the Herefordshire Territorial Association, Col. M. J. G. Scobie, C.B., Vice-Chairman, Col. Wood, Secretary, and Mr. J. O. M. Vaughan, civilian member of the Territorial Association, and the Mayor of Hereford (Mr. E. R. Dymond) met at Arnadale, Widemarsh Common, the residence of Col. Scobie, and then proceeded to the Common, where, in the brilliant sunshine, the battalion had paraded. The troops were under the command of Major R. Hay Morant, with Capt. T. Wheeler Meats second in command, and the strength of the battalion was as follows:—"A" Company (Hereford), Capt. G. A. C. Thynne, ten officers and 107 non-commissioned officers and men; "B" Company (Leominster), Lieut. E. M. Ellwood, one officer and 34 N.C.O.'s and men; "C" Company (Ross), Capt. G. N. Morton, four officers and 94 N.C.O.'s and men; and "D" Company (Ledbury) four officers and 166 of other ranks; total strength 420 (19 officers and 401 of other ranks).

It was perhaps owing to the changes in the announced times as to when the Battalion would parade, and to the late hour when the final arrangement was made, that there were very few spectators at Widemarsh Common when the Volunteers assembled. Further, there had been no spectacular march through the streets, the Hereford Company marching from the Drill Hall and the county contingents proceeding from the railway station to the Common as they arrived, and there was no band, and as many of the Volunteers were without uniforms, the martial effect suffered. None of these circumstances is the fault of the Volunteers, who on the contrary deserve credit for turning out on so busy a day as Saturday; and at so inconvenient an hour (the inspection was fixed for three o'clock, and then there were the preliminary parades) for many had to come by train; and in such blazing hot weather. However, they had no great time to wait on the Common, there were no "evolutions," the Battalion smartly gave the general salute when the Inspecting Officer arrived, and all was over in an hour or so. The General, accompanied by the officers of the party and by the Mayor and Col. Scobie, walked through the ranks and closely inspected the men and questioned some of them, placing his hand on their shoulder, in almost a fatherly way. The Companies having been placed in convenient formation, the Inspecting Officer addressed them.

General Sir PITCAIRN CAMPBELL said: I am glad to see present the Mayor, Col. Scobie, Col. Middleton, and Col. Wood, who all of them take the greatest possible interest in the Volunteers. It is a great pleasure for me to be here to-day and to tell you one or two points which we want in connection with the Volunteers. Remember that the Volunteers are coming much more to the front nowadays than they were before, and in fact at one time they were, I am afraid, rather neglected. But now a rifle is being given by the War Office to each man of the Volunteers, which is an enormous advantage. I had the honour of seeing the first new Regulars trained when they had hardly a rifle, but they stuck to it and you know what they are now, and that proves what a great country England is. You have equipment too, and I hope that you will as soon as possible have clothing too, and Col. Wood says you will have it as soon as you are medically inspected. What we want all Volunteers to do is to become efficient, and then when your Commanding Officer has given a certificate that you have made yourselves efficient on the drill ground and firing on the range, you will be ready. We never know what is going to happen in war, and we may have to send every man possible to finish Germany, and we want the Volunteers if possible to defend our Eastern shores. So the Volunteer must be made efficient and ready to go to the Eastern countries. I am pleased to see you to-day and the way you stand in the ranks, and the way you made answer to my questions. There was not a man of you who did not answer "Sir," and that and the standing in the ranks shows discipline and I always tell the Volunteers that it is the discipline of our troops which has made this great Army of ours what it is. Remember discipline, clothing well turned out, well-standing in the ranks, and answering your officers in the proper way all are necessary and have made our Army, and we want those everywhere. The next thing is good shooting. I was in this command twenty years ago in musketry, and I remember the good range at Leominster and another one at Weobley, and I am sorry to hear that the range at Ledbury has been closed. You will have to use the Ross Range. Do the best you can to make yourselves efficient. I am glad to see the Battalion looking so well."

The inspection concluded on the General addressing the Company Officers in private, after which he proceeded to Newport.

#### OVERCOME.

During the time the troops, motionless and with their packs, were drawn up in the hot sun, a few were affected by the heat, and Pte. Thomas Pritchard, of 18, Bargates, Leominster, was quite overcome by the hot sun shining on the back of the neck. He became semi-conscious and was taken to the rear and first-aid was rendered by Police Inspector Sidney Smith and Mr. Dudley Twining, of 39, Bulmer Avenue, and after half-an-hour he recovered.

Home based reserve and support forces and units continued to form and develop, often in order to release 'fit' soldiers for the front and to support their home military effort. In Herefordshire a company of **The Motor Volunteer Corps** was formed with Maj Dudley Smith as their commander.

**Herefordshire Motor Volunteer Corps.**

To the Editor of the "Hereford Journal."

Sir,—With reference to the recent movement for forming a local Motor Volunteer Corps which would be attached to the Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment, I think it is necessary shortly to explain the conditions of service and should feel obliged if you would permit me the use of your columns for this purpose.

1. In the first place the War Office request every county to form a Motor Corps, and for the honour of the county we ought to bring it up to the required strength.
2. Every motorist or mechanic, whether in possession of a motor car or motor cycle or not, and whatever his age may be, is eligible for membership, and is cordially welcomed.
3. Such member will be expected to take the oath of allegiance on the required form.
4. The conditions of service are that he will place his services and, if possible, his vehicle at the disposal of his country when called upon to do so in the event of any grave national emergency, but not otherwise, unless he so offers himself for any such purpose.
5. No member will be called upon to attend any drills or parades unless he agrees to do so on a separate form.
6. It is proposed to form two squadrons, comprising each 56 cars and 135 men, divided into companies or platoons, with headquarters at every town in the county. Each company or platoon will again be divided into four sections, the first of which, comprising men who have agreed to make themselves efficient, thus entitling the corps to a Government grant, the remaining two sections of men being those who take the oath but only volunteer for service in the event of any grave national emergency.
7. Every member will be entitled to an armlet, and it is proposed that out of the Government grant all men who make themselves efficient, be supplied with uniforms free of charge.

Applications for attestation forms and all enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, 36, Bridge Street, Hereford.—Yours etc.,

**DUDLEY SMITH.**  
Major, commanding H.M.V.C.  
36, Bridge Street, Hereford.  
June 18th, 1917.

A soldier (not Herefordshire MVC) showing the unit cap badge.



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

Casualties      No casualties recorded

'Routine' activity continued in maintaining and bettering defensive positions and training and preparing for forthcoming offensive action.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Detail</i>
1 Jun	Work on defences. Specialist training carried out.
2 Jun	2Lt G Williams and S Wallis (?) proceeded to Zeitoun for Lewis Gun and Officers ? course respectively
3 Jun	23 ORs rejoined from hospital
5 Jun	Lt Col Drage returned from short leave in Egypt
6 Jun	Capt Carvers and Park (RAMC) proceeded on 7 days leave
7 Jun	2Lt Peake (KSLI) attached for duty/ 2Lt Horth rejoined from Divisional Trench Mortar School
8 Jun	16 ORs rejoined from hospital, 2 Lts Darroll and Trumper rejoined. 2Lt BS Collins detailed to take charge of ELC harvesting teams.
10 Jun	2Lt AE Conway (Cheshires), 2Lt Wilson (RWF) and 44 ORs joined from England.
11 Jun	2Lts CB Morgan, HR Fraser, WW Shepherd, (Cheshire) attached on duty. 2Lt Trumper and 29 ORs rejoined from hospital
14 Jun	Capt Park (RAMC) and Capt Carver rejoined from leave.
15 Jun	Lt Berney proceeded on 7 days leave
16/17/18 Jun	Work on posts. Specialist classes- bombers and Lewis gunners continued training as usual.
19 Jun	Bn relieved by 5 Welsh Regt and proceeded to Reserve bivouac in area G21. Healthy open site, not previously occupied; plenty of room.
20 Jun	General fatigues about bivouac; settling in. 1 Offr and 80 ORs to Sheikh Nuran railway station for work in conjunction with EEF canteen.
21 Jun	Lt R Hutchinson and Langford and 2Lts Linzell and Fisher (RWF) joined from duty. B Coy (less specialist under training) inoculated against Typhoid. Specialist classes reformed – signallers, Lewis gunners, elementary musketry instruction under RSM.
22 Jun	2Lts Horth and Hopkins proceeded on short leave to Egypt. C Coy (less specialists) inoculated against Typhoid; Bn proceeded by companies to bathe in the Wadi washing area.
23 Jun	Lewis gunners under training proceeded to Gamli to fire. A Coy (less 50% of Regimentally employed) inoculated against Typhoid; whole of Grenade class also. Monthly arms inspection C Coy. Working party of 1 Offr and 80 ORs to Sheikh Nuran, Regimental Board of Survey on clothing etc.
24 Jun	Specialist classes continued. D Coy (less 10% Regimentally employed) inoculated against Typhoid. 2 Lt Morgan and 50 ORs proceeded to Div HQ to continue ??
25 Jun	2Lt Williams and Horth rejoined from Zeitoun. Lewis gun practice continued in wadi under Lt Conway. Bde grenade school reopened. 2Lt P Mitchell, Sgt W Worthing and Cpl S Baird detailed as instructors. B & D Coys details inoculated against Typhoid.
26 Jun	Bn route march of 6/7 miles. B Coy monthly arms check. C Coy details inoculated. Lewis gun practice in Wadi Ghuzee. 2Lt Martin (Rifle Bde) attached for duty.
27 Jun	Lt & WM Chubb and 2Lt ? with draft of 13 ORs joined. Lewis gun practice continued. All officers under rank of captain attend lecture given by Capt Rutherford (RAMC). Coys marched to Wadi Ghuzee for bathing. D & C Coy details inoculated.
28 Jun	Lewis gun practice in wadi continues. All available men employed in constructing dugouts with new hurdling roofs.
29 Jun	Lewis gun practice in wadi. Medical inspection.
30 Jun	Div Gas Offr inspected Bn method of carrying out instruction in gas drills.
	Specialist Training continued throughout the month.

WAR DIARY - JUNE 1917

1/1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Herefordshire Regt.

Appendix I

Weekly State

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1917  
 " 9<sup>th</sup> "  
 " 16<sup>th</sup> "  
 " 23<sup>rd</sup> "  
 " 30<sup>th</sup> "

Officers	Other Ranks
26	831
25	860
31	905
35	912
38	923

Appendix II

Weekly Casualty Returns

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1917  
 " 9<sup>th</sup> "  
 " 16<sup>th</sup> "  
 " 23<sup>rd</sup> "  
 " 30<sup>th</sup> "

Killed		Wounded		Missing		Sick	
O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
Nil							7
Nil							17
Nil							9
Nil						1	17
Nil						1	13

Appendix III

Reinforcements

Draft of 23 Other ranks arrived from hospital 4/6/17  
 " 16 " " " " " " 9/6/17  
 2 1/2 A-Bank attached for duty 8.6.17  
 Draft of 2 Officers and 448 Other ranks from England arrived 10/6/17  
 3 Officers of 5<sup>th</sup> Cheshire Regt attached for duty 12.6.17  
 " " " " " " " " 22.6.17  
 1 " from 19<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " 26.6.17  
 Draft of 2 Officers and 13 O-Ranks arrived from England 27.6.17



1/1st. Herefordshire Regt.

APPENDICES TO THE WAR DIARY for the month of JUNE 1917

APPENDIX 1 - CASUALTIES :

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed	-	-
Wounded	1	4
Missing	-	-
Sick Admitted	3	85
	<u>3</u>	<u>89</u>

APPENDIX 2 - REINFORCEMENTS :

	Officers	Other Ranks
From England	-	-
From Hospital (sick)	-	93
From Hospital (wounded)	1	37
Various	2	52
	<u>3</u>	<u>182</u>

APPENDIX 3 - HEALTH OF TROOPS :

Daily percentage of sick :-

'A' Coy. - 1.8	Battalion	'B' Coy. - 2.1
	Average	
'B' Coy. - 1.8	2.0	'D' Coy. - 2.3

APPENDIX 4 - OFFICER CASUALTIES :

2/Lieut. P.T. Raymond	-	To Hospital 11/6/18
Lieut. W.F. Bushell	-	To Hospital 28/6/18
2/Lieut. A.P.D. Michael	-	To Hospital 28/6/18
2/Lieut. H. Peake	-	From Hospital 13/6/16
2/Lieut. K.E.E.M. H. Waters	-	From Base 4/6/18
2/Lieut. A.P.D. Michael	-	From Base 8/6/18

From an item published in the Hereford Mercury it would appear that hospitalisation was not always an escape from enemy action:

## **BOMBED IN HOSPITAL.**

### **Hereford Officer's Ordeal.**

Lieut. C. B. L. G. Levason, who is on service with the Herefordshire Regiment, and was wounded in the Battle of Gaza, in which action his elder brother was killed, has been once again wounded. In a letter to his father, Mr. Peyton Levason, of Hereford, recently, he wrote "Last Thursday I arrived back at the regiment from the base, feeling more or less fit again (after a month in hospital), but the Commanding Officer said I must have absolute rest and quiet, so I was sent back down the line." How he got "quiet and rest" is shown by the continuance of the letter. "At the Casualty Clearing Station I went to bed early, but opened my eyes when it was getting dark. Everyone except three had cleared out of the ward. Hearing a droning sound above, I knew the reason (an enemy aeroplane about to bomb the hospital). The others jumped immediately out of bed and rushed out and got in some shelter trenches; dug for the purpose, and they were soon full up so I rushed back and laid down under a couple of beds with mattresses piled on top. The first bomb landed on the next tent to ours and set it on fire; the next came through the roof of the tent I was in and exploded about ten feet away, and the bed saved my life." The letter relates that he was wounded in the bombardment, and that the first person who helped to dress the injuries was, to his surprise, Leonard Payne, of Hereford.

Camel transport:





Semaphore and heliograph training



A range/musketry/marksman observation team







WADI GHUZZE NEAR SHELLAL



OUR WATERWORKS AT SHELLAL

Maj Green continued to recover in hospital:

### Maj ALB Green

Date	Detail
1 Jun	Bad night again although not much pain. Letter from Do of May 12 and book by London: Cruise of the Razzler, posted on May 18. Letters are very irregular these days. Very uncomfortable day with my inside.
2 Jun	Bad night again – they seem endless. Tummy very uncomfortable. Surgeon General Marr came round (DMS) CO and Ashton looked in to tea on their way back from Alexandria. Return tomorrow. Dr MacCarthy Morrogh came in after and then Mrs Burton and a friend. Felt rather tired with all my visitors. Letter from Father dated May 10th.
3 Jun	Very hot day indeed. I actually got some sleep from 3am till 5am this morning. Mrs Collins came in and brought the major who is on a weeks leave with her – very cheery.
4 June	Usual restless night. Two letters from Do of May 6 and 10 and one from Margaret of 10th – all forwarded from Kantara – also book from Do ‘ The Lieutenant and Others’ and 2 from M including Kipling’s new one. It is getting very much hotter now and the afternoons are very bad.
5 Jun	Night as usual. Nothing much occurred. Letter from Do of May 15 and one each from Mater, Lady Croft and Mrs Reike. Very hot again in afternoon.
6 Jun	Usual dull day. Nothing doing. Very hot.
7 Jun	Nothing much fresh. Maj Brewick looked in on leave. Burton came in in evening for a chat.
8 Jun	They have settled to leave pin in my leg for another week. I am rather sorry as the external wounds are getting a bit inflamed and painful. Walter Carver and Parke, down on leave, came in to see me bringing books and flowers.
9 Jun	Much as usual. Berwick admitted to the hospital with ????. Very hot indeed, about the hottest we have had bar Khampsin. Pte Walton came to see me.
10 Jun	Had a better night last night and feel better in self. Tongue cleaner. Visits from Mrs Collins, Hulton and Walter Carver.
11 Jun	Slept badly. Very hot day. Berwick tells me that Lt Col Harker has come in with swelled face from leave. MacCarthy Morrogh came in to see me and brought me more books. I am getting quite a library.
12 Jun	Slept much better last night and had 4 hours sleep between 11 and 4. Quite a mail in, letters from Do of 20, 22, and 24 and letters from Aunt Jane, Aunt Ethel, Mrs Dallin and Kathleen Carless. Walter Carver came in to say goodbye – he returns tomorrow.
13 Jun	Sorry to say sleep did not continue last night, in fact had a bad night. Letter from Margaret who has father with her. Was boarded this morning – Class C – which I believe means Blighty if opportunity occurs. Tried me with half weight today but I was a little doubtful if fracture hadn’t shifted a bit so had full weight on at night again.
14 Jun	Had heavy weight on again at night as I was rather afraid union was not firm enough so must be patient for a bit longer. Another mail in, 2 from Do of 26 & 28 May and one from Mater and one from Briars. Burton came in for a chat.
15 Jun	Bad night, otherwise no change. Concert in evening couldn’t hear much of it.
16 Jun	Heat awful, Khampsin on. Moved into ward where it is cooler, but shall have to stay there owing to trouble in moving me with weights etc. Lighter weights on. Banks and Watts came in to see me from Zeitoun.
17 Jun	Very hot first part of night but cooler towards morning. Had a fair amount of uninterrupted sleep.
18 Jun	Had another good night. Weather still very hot but more breeze. Capt Duggin says he will take pin out tomorrow.
19 Jun	Had baddish night, leg very uncomfortable. They failed to get pin out first try under gas as ends were rusted in and have to have a second go which was successful. Knee very still and painful. Blandy came to see me having come down to Red Cross Hospital today, has had Ptomaine poisoning, looks seedy. Douglas Porter also came in – down at conference re dumps etc.
20 Jun	Not a very good night as I wasn’t used to new position, had comfortable day. Mrs Collins back from Alexandria came to see me. Gave rather a poor account of Lewis. Had my leg x-rayed again today.

21 Jun	Had quite a good night. Saw the Skigrams today. Results awful – fragments badly tilted and splinters all about.
22 Jun	Not a good night. Lt Col Wade saw me and said I should ultimately have useful leg but recommend that nothing should be done at present.
23 Jun	Bad night. Tummy out of order. Not much doing during the day, very hot in afternoon. Hopkins and Horth came in to see me, being down on leave. Burton looked in for chat.
24 Jun	Moderate night, nothing much doing. Hulton and Monogh came in to see me also our RSM. English mail in – 2 letters from Do of Jun 3 & 5 so that I seem to have missed a week's mail somewhere.
25 Jun	Moderate night, dull day, very hot afternoon.
26 Jun	Better night. Had 2 bits of bullet out under a local anaesthetic in morning. One a nasty bit of casing all curled up and embedded in adductor muscle.
27 Jun	Slept fairly only. Tried battery on my leg this morning. No reaction in Ant Tib or extensor muscles. Mrs Collins came to tea and brought me 'Dear Enemy' by Jean Webster author of 'Daddy Long Legs'. Mrs Burton came in after tea.
28 Jun	Bad night again. Col Harker returned to hospital this morning looking awfully pulled down. Miss Walker (Mrs Potts sister) came to see me from Red X hospital. She was at Anglo American.
29 Jun	Dull day and nothing doing. New padre came along to make our acquaintance.
30 Jun	Usual dull day. Mrs Collins looked in for a few minutes also Burton.

#### Battalion - Lowestoft

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion remained at Lowestoft on Home Defence duties; their numbers had been depleted by reinforcement drafts to units in France.

#### Reserve Battalion (formerly 3 Bn) – Oswestry

A period of routine activity:

## THE HEREFORDS.

### RESERVE BATTALION IN CAMP.

#### PROSPECTIVE REMOVAL.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

The team which has been representing the Battalion at cricket in the Garrison League has covered itself with distinction, and it is most disappointing that the departure of the Battalion from camp necessitates dropping out of the competition. They have now played eight matches and have met most of the best teams in camp, with the result that seven games have been won and only one lost, and that by the small margin of 11 runs. This very creditable result, which justified the hope of being top of the League if the Battalion had not been ordered away, is due to a great extent to the very high standard of fielding and bowling which the team has reached. Lance-Corporal James especially has been uniformly successful as a bowler, taking 28 wickets, while only 4.1 runs per wicket have been scored against him. Pte. Barber's wicket-keeping has been magnificent, and has contributed largely to the efficiency of the side, while the entire team has shown a keenness and skill in the field which has been very noticeable.

On Monday last a match was played against the Monmouthshire Regiment. Our side won the toss for the first time in the competition, and putting their opponents in on a wicket which was all in favour of the bowler, dismissed them for 46 runs. They then followed by scoring 35 runs for four wickets before the game was stopped owing to rain. On Tuesday night the remaining runs were scored with the loss of only one wicket. Corporal Lightfoot headed our score with 22 runs to his credit. In this game Lance-Corporal James secured six wickets for 21 runs.

Last Saturday the team journeyed to Ellesmere to play against the College team, and again won, scoring 60 to the School's 41. This proved a very enjoyable outing, the ground being a very good one and the game keenly contested and interesting throughout. Lance-Corporal James, who is well known at Ledbury, took seven wickets for 20 runs. Although this match does not affect the League, the result is none the less gratifying, especially as several of the regular team were absent on leave.

The Battalion has also earned distinction in the boxing world, having had two men in the three finals for the Garrison championships. Of these, Sergt. Blanches easily won the heavy-weight championship in most excellent style, but Private Ellis was unfortunate in meeting a man far heavier than himself in the light-weight competition, and after fighting three rounds in most excellent and plucky style had to succumb to the superior weight of his opponent.

Last week an excellent concert was given in the canteen by ladies of Wrexham and district, whose kindness in coming over and providing a most pleasant evening's amusement was much appreciated by an enthusiastic audience.

The amalgamation of this unit with the 4th Reserve Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry in South Wales is now imminent, and is likely to result in many changes, as a reduction of the establishment of officers and instructors is inevitable. It has been gratifying to find that our departure from this camp has been the occasion of many expressions of regret, testifying to the good reputation which the Regiment has won for itself during its stay in this neighbourhood.

## RESERVE HEREFORDS.

### VICTORS IN CRICKET MATCHES.

The first Garrison League cricket match was played at Oswestry on Saturday, 19th May, between the Army Service Corps and the Herefordshire Regiment. After a good game the Herefords ran out winners by 32 runs. Lieut. White was the star performer, being top scorer with 38, and taking 8 wickets. The following are the scores:—

A.S.C.: Driver Myers, b Sergt. Jones, 10; Driver Clarke, b Lieut. White, 4; Sergt. Cook, b Lieut. White, 8; Corpl. Smith, c Corpl. Mountain b Lieut. White, 6; Corpl. Barker, b Lieut. White, 6; Lieut. Skene, c Lieut. White b Lieut. Welbourne, 0; Sergt. Barlow, st Barber b Lieut. White, 12; Pte. J. Nichols, b Lieut. White, 9; Sergt. Stevens, b Lieut. White, 0; Baker H. Swan, not out, 1; Sergt. Kichley, b Lieut. White, 0; extras, 4; total, 60.

Hereford Regt.: Captain T. Ragg, 3; Co-Sergt-Major Jennings, 15; Lance-Corpl. Croydon, 7; Pte. Barber, 3; 2nd Lieut. Welbourne, 0; Lieut. S. G. White, 38; Pte. Keene, 1; Corpl. Roberts, 17; Sergt. Jones, 6; Corpl. Mountain, 0; Lance-corpl. Young, 0; total, 92.

The second Garrison Cricket League match was played on the Park Hall ground on Saturday, 26th inst., against the 7th King's Liverpool Regiment, the Herefords winning by 36 runs. Lieut. White was again top scorer, making 70 in splendid style. C.-S.-M. Jennings was in fine form with the ball, taking 5 wickets for 28 runs. Scores:—

Herefords: Compy-Sergt-Major Jennings, b Lieut. Reid, 6; Pte. Keen, 1 b w bowled Sergt. Sedden, 10; Sergt. White, c Co.-Q.-M. Sergt. Askim b Sergt. Sedden, 8; Corpl. Mountain, b Lieut. Reid, 6; Capt. T. Ragg, b Sergt. Sedden, 4; Lieut. S. G. White, c C.-Q.-M. Sergt. Askim b Sergt. Sedden, 70; Lance-sergt. Jones, b Lieut. Reid, 1; Pte. Barber, b Lieut. Reid, 0; Corpl. Young, b Sergt. Sedden, 16; Lance-corpl. Lightfoot, not out, 0; Pte. Cheetham, b Lieut. Reid, 3; extras, 8; total, 132.

7th King's Liverpool Regt.: Sergt. Wells, run out, 0; Sergt. Sedden, c Lance-sergt. Jones, b Co-Sergt-Major Jennings, 5; Lance-Corpl. Howie, b Co-Sergt-Major Jennings, 8; Lieut. Reid, c Pte. Keen b Co-Sergt-Major Jennings, 6; Sergt. Kelly, c Pte. Barber, b Sergt. White, 8; Pte. Latham, b Co-sergt-major Jennings, 4; Corpl. Mellennand, c Corpl. Young b Sergt. White, 4; Co-Quartermaster-Sergt. Askim, b Co-Sergt-Major Jennings, 11; Pte. Kenney, b Lieut. White, 18; Sergt. Bryant, not out, 9; Pte. Cass, st Barber b Lieut. White, 0; extras, 3; total, 76.