

## THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

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

#### The 'Bigger' Picture

- Anglo-French Conference assembles in London to discuss the question of military assistance to Italy and later assembles in Boulogne to discuss an Italian offensive and the extension of the British front in France
- M Ribot, French Premier and Foreign Minister, resigns; succeeded by M Painleve. M Ribot reappointed French Foreign Minister
- First party of repatriated British prisoners reaches England from Switzerland.
- Central Powers proclaim grant of temporary Constitution to Poland
- Council of Trans-Caucasian peoples, *i.e.*, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Daghestan, proclaim Trans-Caucasia a federal Republic
- Costa Rica severs diplomatic relations with Germany

#### Russia

- General Kornilov heads revolt against Russian Provisional Government and marches on Petrograd, revolt fails and M Kornilov surrenders to Provincial Government.
- Russia proclaimed a Republic by the Provisional Government
- M Kerenski assumes Dictatorship of Russia and issues proclamation declaring General Kornilov a traitor.

#### The Home Front

- Sir Eric Geddes appointed First Lord of the Admiralty.
- First German aeroplane raid on England by moonlight by more than one aeroplane
- Severe aeroplane raid on Kent by moonlight (casualties about 230, mostly military).
- German aeroplanes for the first time raid London by night in force.
- German submarine bombards Scarborough, Yorkshire.
- Despite shortages 'at home' there was still tremendous support for 'the boys' at the front:



## The Western Front

- Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) continues
- Battle of the Menin Road Ridge (Ypres) begins
- Battle of Polygon Wood (Ypres) begins
- The duration of the war, the deprivations of the front line soldier and families left behind were leading to tensions in 'the ranks'. There were mutinies (which in many cases could perhaps be better described as industrial disputes) amongst the French, Imperial Russian and Italian forces. The British were not exempt from unrest and dissatisfaction and September saw the infamous Etaples Mutiny. This 'limited' mutiny was the result of a brutal training regime including 'the bull ring'. Ruled over by NCOs, often with no battle experience and delivered to battle experienced soldiers, many still recovering from treatment of wounds in the Etaples base hospital, when convalescence was more appropriate than inconsiderate so called training. Lessons were learnt and the regime at Etaples was changed better to suit its purpose.

Siegfried Sassoon's poem Base Details expressed the contempt of infantry veterans for the officers and NCOs who staffed Etaples:

If I were fierce, and bald, and short of breath,  
I'd live with scarlet Majors at the Base,  
And speed glum heroes up the line to death.  
You'd see me with my puffy petulant face,  
Guzzling and gulping in the best hotel,  
Reading the Roll of Honour. 'Poor young chap,'  
I'd say—'I used to know his father well;  
Yes, we've lost heavily in this last scrap.'  
And when the war is done and youth stone dead,  
I'd toddle safely home and die—in bed.

## Other Fronts

### EASTERN FRONT

- Battle of Riga ends; Riga captured by German forces
- Jakobstadt (Baltic) stormed by German forces

### RUMANIA

- Battle of Marasesti ends

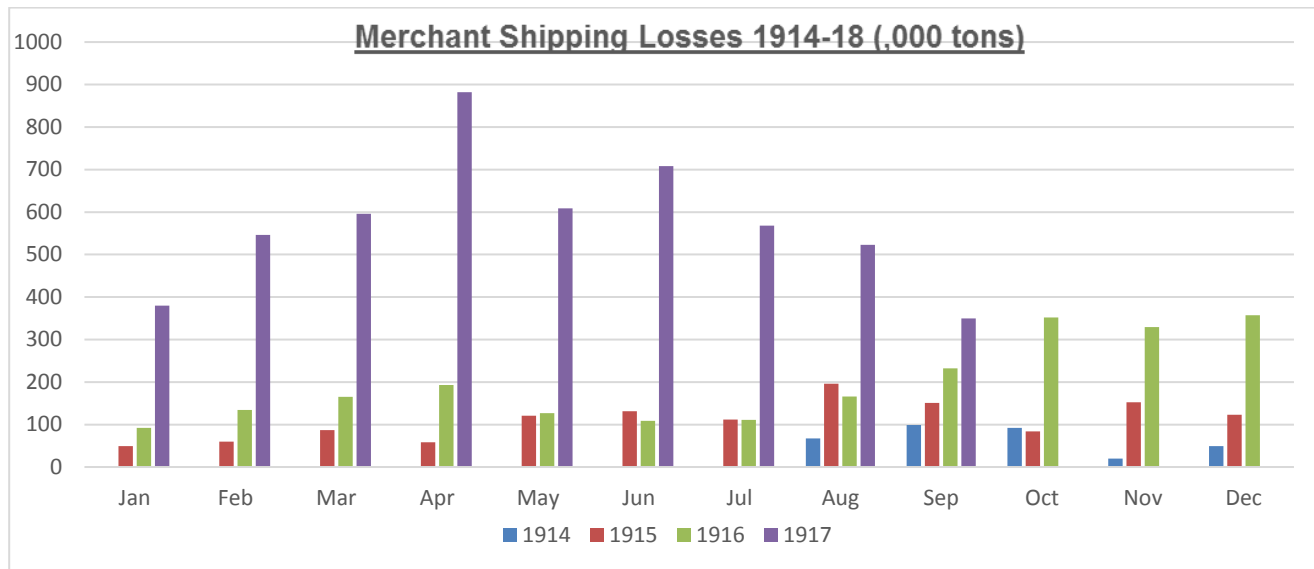
### ITALY

- Eleventh Battle of the Isonzo ends

At Sea

MERCHANT SHIPPING

British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month – 200 ships of 350,000 tons gross.

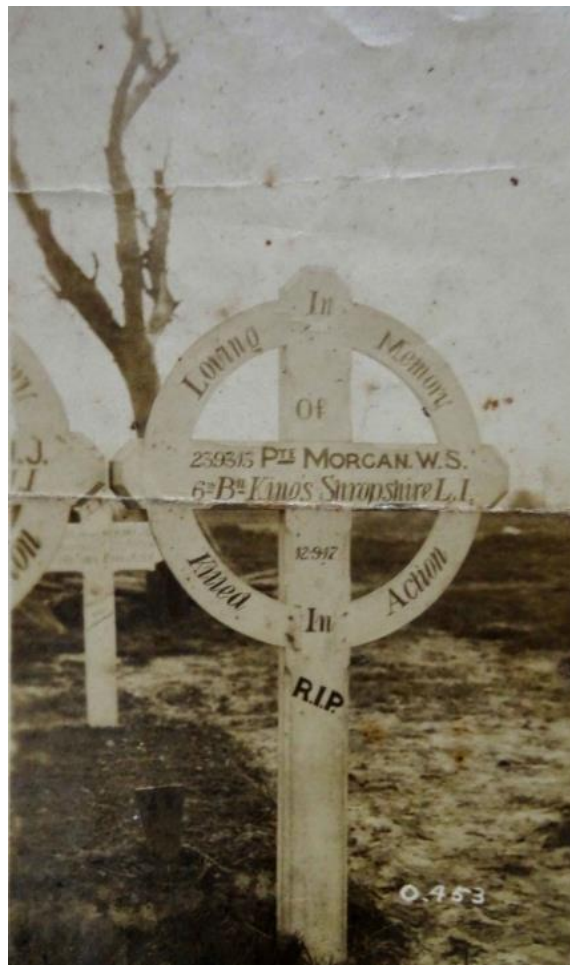


The 'Herefords'

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

| NAME     | INIT           | RANK | No1  | No2    | Date   | How | Where | Hometown     | Notes (Serving with) |
|----------|----------------|------|------|--------|--------|-----|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| BANCHINI | WALTER HERBERT | PTE  |      | 239260 | 20 Sep | KIA | F&F   | WHITCHURCH   | KSLI 6               |
| BARBER   | JOSEPH HENRY   | PTE  |      | 239272 | 23 Sep | KIA | F&F   | DERBY        | KSLI 6               |
| BRATT    | ALMOND JOHN    | SGT  | 2516 | 235795 | 26 Sep | D   | F&F   | COLWALL      | KSLI 7               |
| CHAPMAN  | GEORGE         | PTE  |      | 236845 | 26 Sep | KIA | F&F   | LEOMINSTER   | KSLI 7               |
| JONES    | THOMAS HENRY   | PTE  |      | 237357 | 11 Sep |     | HOME  | OSWESTRY     |                      |
| JONES    | EDWARD JAMES   | PTE  |      | 238869 | 20 Sep | KIA | F&F   | KNIGHTON     | KSLI 6               |
| JONES    | THOMAS HENRY   | PTE  | 2399 | 237357 | 11 Sep | KIA | HOME  | OSWESTRY     |                      |
| KING     | HERBERT ARTHUR | PTE  |      | 236883 | 23 Sep | KIA | F&F   | LEOMINSTER   | KSLI 6               |
| MORGAN   | WILLIAM S      | PTE  |      | 239313 | 12 Sep | KIA | F&F   | LITTLE BIRCH | KSLI 6               |

|           |                  |     |      |        |        |     |     |              |          |
|-----------|------------------|-----|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|--------------|----------|
| PETTIGREW | GILBERT THOMAS R | LT  |      |        | 12 Sep |     |     |              | RFC      |
| REYNOLDS  | CHARLES          | PTE | 4234 |        | 24 Sep | D   | F&F | LEOMINSTER   | BORDER 7 |
| SEYMOUR   | CHARLES          | PTE |      | 239266 | 20 Sep | KIA | F&F | BIRKENHEAD   | KSLI 6   |
| URION     | FREDERICK THOMAS | PTE |      | 238850 | 20 Sep | KIA | F&F | ELLESMERE    | KSLI 6   |
| WILCOX    | FRANCIS HARRY    | PTE |      | 236707 | 23 Sep | KIA | F&F | UPTON ON SEV | KSLI 5   |
| WILLIAMS  | WALTER           | PTE |      | 239250 | 21 Sep | KIA | F&F | SHIFNAL      | KSLI 6   |
| WOOD      | WF               | PTE | 2842 |        | 27 Sep | KIA |     |              | WARKS    |



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**GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.**

D.A.D.G.R & E. SOUTH SUB-DISTRICT  
 No. 5 DISTRICT  
 Serial No. 4183 REPORT No. 12 SCHEDULE No. 5.c.

COMMON: NEUVE EGLISE  
 PLACE OF BURIAL WESTHOF FARM NEUVE EGLISE

Map Reference Sheet 28.T.19.b.3.5.

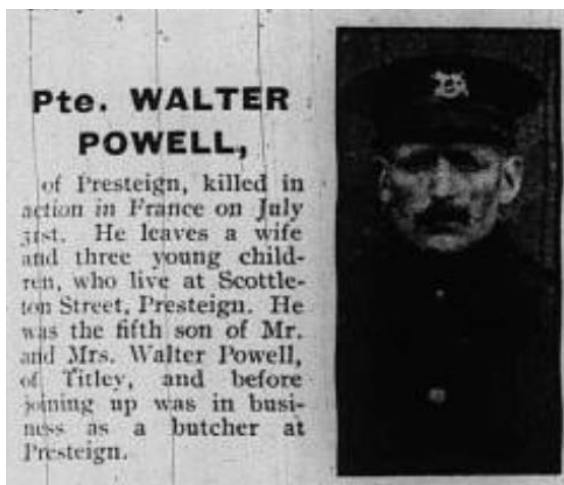
The following are buried here:—

| Regiment                        | No.      | Name       | Rank and Initials | Date of Death | Cross Erected or G. R. U. D. | Plot, Row and Grave |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| PLOT 2 ROW "D"                  |          |            |                   |               |                              |                     |
| 14/Bn. A.I.F.                   | 7196     | BEARD      | Pte. R.S.         | 24.3.18       |                              | 1 ✓                 |
| 30/ do.                         | 52       | DAY        | Dvr. L.W.         | 23.3.18       | ALL                          | 2 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 50       | BAILEY     | Cpl. V.H.         | "             | "                            | 3 ✓                 |
| 13/ do.                         |          | BROWN      | Lt. M.J.          | 22.3.18       | "                            | 4 ✓                 |
| 28/ do.                         | 4097     | DEAN       | Sgt. C.E.         | 12.12.17      | "                            | 5 ✓                 |
| 51/Bty. 15/Bde. AFA             | 18478    | SCAMMELL   | Dvr. L.C.         | "             | CROSSES                      | 6 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 1903     | McGRATE    | " R.              | "             | "                            | 7 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 2774     | FEVERELL   | " E.C.            | "             | "                            | 8 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 1888     | JOHNSTON   | Gnr. A.J.         | "             | "                            | 9 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 3021     | BARNES     | Dvr. G.J.         | "             | "                            | 10 ✓                |
| do.                             | 3279     | TWALLES    | " A.              | "             | "                            | 11 ✓                |
| 3/Div. T.M.B. do. AFA           | 612      | WYNDEAM    | Bdr. C.           | "             | ERECTED                      | 12 ✓                |
| 5/STY 13/Bde. AFA               | 3964     | HUMPHREYS  | Dvr. N.J.         | "             | 20/6/21x6                    | 13 ✓                |
| 16/K.R.R.C.                     | A/201225 | DONOVAN or | Rfn. T.           | 31.10.17      | "                            | 14 ✓                |
| 6/Som. L.I.                     | 28675    | GODFREY    | Pte. G.           | 15.10.17      | OR                           | 15 ✓                |
| PLOT 2 ROW "E"                  |          |            |                   |               |                              |                     |
| 5/0 & B.L.I.                    | 23352    | EASTMENT   | Pte. S.           | 27.9.17       | "                            | 1 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 28925    | RAYNE      | " A.G.            | "             | "                            | 2 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 18901    | CHAMP      | L/Cpl. A.         | "             | "                            | 3 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 235084   | OAKLEY     | Pte. L.           | "             | "                            | 4 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 26564    | JAMES      | Pte. R.           | "             | G.R.U.'D.                    | 5 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 267486   | SMEDLEY    | Pte. R.           | "             | "                            | 6 ✓                 |
| 8/Rile. Bde. Herefordshire Regt |          | BACKUS     | Cpt. A.R.         | 23.9.17       | "                            | 7 ✓                 |
| 8/R. S.L.I.                     | 236707   | WILCOX     | Pte. H.A.         | "             | "                            | 8 ✓                 |
| do.                             | 235883   | KING       | " H.A.            | "             | "                            | 9 ✓                 |
| 52/Bn. A.I.F.                   | 2722     | ORMOND     | " J.              | 29.8.17       | 20/15/9/604                  | 10 ✓                |
| 4/Aus. F. Amb.                  | 1674     | O'BRIEN    | " J.C.            | 20.8.17       | "                            | 11 ✓                |

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The deaths in action of Pte Walter Powell with the 10 Welsh Regiment, and Pte John Powell both formerly of the Herefordshire Regiment was reported in the Kington Times.



## The London Gazette

Honours & Awards      There were no Honours or Awards

Promotions & Appointments (extracts from the London Gazette)

| Publication Date |                |    | Detail                           | Remarks      |
|------------------|----------------|----|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 01/09/1917       | Ascroft        | GB | to be captain to remain adjutant |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Bourne         | RC | to be captain                    |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Brook          | TA | relinquishes commission          | Volunteer Bn |
| 01/09/1917       | Davey          | A  | to be captain                    |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Hooper         | RS | to be captain to remain seconded |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Jackson-Tayler | PS | to be captain to remain seconded |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Milyard        | G  | to be captain                    |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Phillips       | LB | to be captain to remain seconded |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Wilmot         | E  | to be captain                    |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Wing           | EG | to be captain                    |              |
| 01/09/1917       | Winter         | WH | to be captain                    |              |
| 03/09/1917       | James          | ID | to be lieutenant                 |              |
| 03/09/1917       | Lovering       | CD | reverts to second lieutenant     |              |
| 10/09/1917       | Mahir          | EA | to be lieutenant                 |              |
| 17/09/1917       | Lovering       | CD | secondment ends                  |              |
| 21/09/1917       | Roberts        | RW | to be captain                    |              |
| 24/09/1917       | Trumper        | FA | reverts to lieutenant            |              |
| 26/09/1917       | Barnsley       | HP | relinquishes commission          | Volunteer Bn |
| 26/09/1917       | Reeve          | RW | to be lieutenant                 |              |
| 26/09/1917       | Williams       | GJ |                                  |              |
| 27/09/1917       | Nott           | FT | captain with precedence          |              |

## 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                                     |
|------------|----------------|---------|------|--------|----------------|------------|---|
| ALDONS     | WILLIAM        | PTE     |      | 237338 | xvi SICK       |            | 14/15 star as 2214 7 Lanc Fus.attd 7 KSLI |
| BISHOP     | ALBERT EDWARD  | CPL     | 2656 | 235850 | Xvi            | Ruardean   |   |
| BROOKS     | THOMAS         | PTE     |      | 235836 | AO265 17 2D    |            |   |
| BUCKLEY    | LEONARD        | PTE     |      | 237439 | TO P(T) TF RES |            | 14/15 star with Lanc Fus.                 |
| BUFFEY     | JOHN           | PTE     |      | 237638 | XVI            |            |   |
| BUSHELL    | HARRY          | PTE     |      | 237523 | xvi            |            |   |
| CALLAGHAN  | JOHN           | PTE     |      | 237367 | xvia           |            |   |
| CARTWRIGHT | JOHN THOMAS    | PTE     | 5520 | 237099 | XVI            | Wem        | Prev Svc 5KSLI 9/8/14 - 29/10/14          |
| DANN       | PETER WEBBER   | PTE     |      | 236966 | xvi            |            |   |
| DOWLING    | JOHN FRANCIS   | PTE     |      | 237581 | xvi            |            |   |
| DUCKWORTH  | JOSEPH HENRY   | PTE     |      | 237277 | xvi            |            |   |
| DUNN       | JAMES ANDREW   | PTE     |      | 237519 | xvi            |            |   |
| EMMOTT     | ROBERT         | PTE     |      | 237940 | xvi            |            |   |
| FLITCROFT  | JT             | PTE     |      | 237216 | xvi            |            |   |
| HANDS      | RICHARD THOMAS | PTE     |      | 238124 | xvi SICK       |            |   |
| HARRIS     | HARRY          | PTE     | 2225 | 238152 | 1B             | Ross       | Served Suvla Bay                          |
| HIGGIN     | ALBERT HUDSON  | PTE     |      | 237054 | xvi            |            |   |
| HOLEHOUSE  | FRANCIS SAMUEL | PTE     |      | 237639 | xvi            |            |   |
| JAMES      | ALBERT EDWARD  | PTE     |      | 238804 | 2Bii           |            |   |
| JAMES      | ERNEST WILLIAM | PTE     |      | 237193 | xvi            | Richmond   |   |
| JONES      | HARRY SPENCER  | PTE/SGT | 415  | 235033 | SICK           | LEOMINSTER | Cook Sgt, served Suvla Bay                |
| KEOGH      | EDWIN          | PTE     |      | 238832 |                |            |   |
| LYON       | ERNEST         | PTE     |      | 237384 | xvi            |            |   |
| MARQUIS    | THOMAS         | PTE     |      | 236982 | xvi            |            |   |
| MARSH      | STANLEY        | PTE     |      | 237520 | xvi            |            |   |
| MCTIGUE    | GREGORY        | LCPL    |      | 238217 | 2B             |            |   |
| PILLING    | HARRY          | PTE     |      | 237315 | xvi            |            |   |
| PORTER     | WALTER ERNEST  | LCPL    |      | 236753 | 2Cii           |            |   |
| PRICE      | ALLEN          | PTE     |      | 239323 |                | MORDIFORD  |   |
| QUINN      | T              | PTE     |      | 237079 | Xv1            |            |   |
| RIDAY      | WILLIAM HAROLD | PTE     | 5668 | 237214 | XVI            | WIGMORE    |   |
| SIMIN      | WILLIAM        | PTE     |      | 236969 | xvi            |            |   |



|           |               |     |      |        |     |              |   |
|-----------|---------------|-----|------|--------|-----|--------------|---|
| SMITH     | EDWARD        | PTE |      | 237536 | xvi |              |   |
| SMITH     | SIDNEY        | PTE |      | 238833 | 1B  |              |   |
| STEPHENS  | WILLIAM EDWIN | PTE | 1806 | 203997 | XVI |              |   |
| SUMNER    | JAMES         | PTE |      | 238151 | 1B  |              |   |
| THOMPSON  | JOHN EDWARD   | PTE |      | 237343 | XVI |              |   |
| WARD      | ALFRED JOHN   | PTE |      | 237067 | xvi |              |   |
| WOOD      | WF            | PTE | 2842 |        | KIA |              | Medal named WARKS   |
| WOOLLIAMS | RAYMOND       | PTE | 1980 | 235542 | xvi | UPTON BISHOP | Att'd 4 KSLI,<br>discharged 'wounds'.<br>Served Suvla Bay |
| WREN      | HUBERT        | PTE |      | 238211 | 2B  |              |   |

xvi - unfit through either wounds or sickness

iiicc - unlikely to become an efficient soldier

timex - Territorial soldier whose time of commitment has expired.

There are many more soldiers discharged as unfit, prior to overseas service due to compulsory recruitment of all men.

*Discharged*  
*Medically Invalid under A.P. 550*

Form D. 400A, 9/19

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### Descriptive Return of a Soldier ~~discharged~~ on account of Disability.

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—This form is to be completed in the case of every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, on account of disability, is to be submitted for the consideration of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital. Statement A should be completed in the Hospital at which the man is attending at the time of his examination by a Medical Board, and the soldier should be given a full opportunity of examining it, as if awarded a pension, his subsequent identification depends on his confirming this declaration. The "Rank," "Station," and "Date" should be in his own handwriting. The Form will then be attached to the Proceedings of the man's Medical Board, to be completed by the Officer in Charge when received by him, and will be forwarded by him, together with the remainder of the man's documents, to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London, S.W.

Changes occurring in the description subsequent to the date of admission to pension should be noted in red ink.

**A Name in full** *Bishop Albert Edmund*  
**Regiment from which discharged** *7th Bedford Rgt.*  
**Regimental Number** *2686*  
**Where born (Parish, Town and County), and when** *Reading Glas. Oct 2. 1894*  
**Intended address** *High St. Reading Glas.*  
**Height on discharge** *5 Foot 8 Inches*  
**Colour of Hair on discharge** *Light Brown* **Colour of Eyes** *Blue*  
**Descriptive marks** *Complexion Fair*  
**Figure on discharge**  
**Christian name of Father** *Alfred*  
**Christian name of Mother** *Lillian*  
**Wife's Maiden name in full**  
**Date and Place of Marriage**  
**Christian names of Children**  
**Nature and locality of civil employment desired** *Munition Factory.*

I declare that I am the soldier referred to above, and that all the particulars contained in the above Statement are, to the best of my knowledge, correct.  
 (Soldier's Signature in full) *Albert E. Bishop* (Rank) *Private*  
 Station *Chiddingfold* Date *12-9-17*

I certify that the above-named soldier signed the foregoing declaration in my presence, and that the above description and details are, to the best of my knowledge, correct.  
 (Medical Officer's Signature) *[Signature]* (Rank) *Medical Officer*  
 Station *Chiddingfold* Date *12-9-17* R.A.M.C. Hospital.

| B Period of Service and in what Corps ... | Regiment       |          | Years      |            | Days       |            | All Service Abroad with Stations |      | Years |      | Days  |      |
|---|----------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
|   | Regiment       | Corps    | Years      | Days       | Years      | Days       | Years                            | Days | Years | Days | Years | Days |
| <i>Bedford Rgt</i>                        | <i>Private</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>126</i> | <i>126</i> | <i>126</i> | <i>126</i> |                                  |      |       |      |       |      |
| <i>Army Reg</i>                           | <i>Private</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>332</i> | <i>332</i> | <i>332</i> | <i>332</i> |                                  |      |       |      |       |      |

Disallowed ...  
 Service towards Pension ...  
 Date inclusive to which pay has been issued  
 Sums due on account of public debts ...

Rank on Discharge *Private*  
 Character (as on Certificate of discharge) *Good*  
 Where born, and on what date *Reading Hampshire 20. 10. 1894.*  
 Date and Place of first Enlistment *20. 10. 11. Newford*  
 Trade on Enlistment *General Military requirements*  
 Cause of Discharge (Not having suffered impairment since entry  
 Number of G.C. Bands (Services.) *Para 802 (XXV) R. 10. 11.*  
 Wounds, and Actions in which received

Other distinguishing marks *[check]*

I certify that the above details of service and other particulars are, to the best of my knowledge, correct.  
 Station *Chiddingfold* Date *27. 1. 1919*  
 (Officer in Charge) *[Signature]*  
 FOR OFFICER IN CHARGE'S RECORDS



A. 2  
A 7

Ardmay Private Hotel  
24. Wolham Place  
London. W.C.1.

No. 22. 4. 19.

| Name of Pensioner.   | Regiment. | Date of Discharge. | Chelsea No.  |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| JAMES<br>Barnett, W. | Hereford. | 12. 9. 14          | 113 894<br># |

DISABILITY IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

Painful scars after Appendicectomy.

237099

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 5520: Name John Thomas Cartwright.

| 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                   | Pte       | 29.8.16  |  | 1    | E. J. Fisher Col.                                       |
| Reserve Bde<br>HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT  | H               | Posted                                  | Pte       | 1-9-1916 |  |      | Major Capt.<br>J. H. K. [Signature]                     |
|  |                 |   |           | 9.9.16   |  |      |   |
| <p>Discharged on<br/>his having been found no longer physically fit for War Service<br/>under Act 500 as amended by Act 1038 of 1917</p> |                 |   |           |          |  |      | [Signature]   |
|  |                 |   |           |          |  |      | Major   |
|  |                 |   |           |          |  |      | For Lt. Col. i/c T.F. Records                           |
| <p>Liable under the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act 1917.<br/>To be sent a Statutory order on 14-9-18.</p>                   |                 |   |           |          |  |      |   |

NAME Friday, W. A.

Discharged—  
No longer physically  
fit for War Service—  
Para 892 (XVI) K R

NON-EFFECTIVE BY \_\_\_\_\_

ON 21/9/1914 (2023)  
29/1/1914

ATTESTATIONS AND DOCUMENTS SENT  
(en/91709/116)

TO  (MINISTRY OF PENSIONS  
 (SEC: ROYAL HOSP:; OCEANSEA.) } ON 4/9/1914  
 (THE WAR OFFICE.)

(Strike out lines not applicable).

WOOLWICH DOCKYARD  
CERTIFIED BY RECORDS  
31 OCT 1921

Captain,  
C. I/O ATTESTATIONS.

K. SECTION \*

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Casualties

| NAME    | INIT             | RANK | No1  | No2    | DATE   | WHERE | HOMETOWN | Notes<br>(Serving with)        |
|---------|------------------|------|------|--------|--------|-------|----------|--------------------------------|
| FOWLER  | WILLIAM<br>HENRY | PTE  | 2085 | 235590 | 08 Sep | IRAQ  | GARWAY   | As POW;<br>served Suvla<br>Bay |
| PINCHES | WALTER           | PTE  | 3708 | 236361 | 25 Sep | IRAQ  | KINGTON  | As POW                         |

**PRISONER OF WAR.**

Hereford Regt.—Pte. G. H. Jones (235820), Wel-  
lington Court, Hereford (previously reported  
wounded and missing, now reported prisoner  
of war in Turkish hands).

**From The War Diary:**

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Detail</i>   |
|-------------|---|
| 1           | Coy trg no 2 area. Capt WL Carver returned from hospital. Lts Linzell & Fraser to hospital.   |
| 2           | Paade Service & Holy Communion  |
| 3           | Coy trg no 2 area; Lt Col Drage from leave.   |
| 4           | Coy trg; Lt Haynes to hospital. CO and Capt Whitehouse went on recce towards Beersheba.   |
| 5           | Company route march, Bn in first stage of attack. Concert at YMCA, chair taken by CO. Maj Barker to hospital.   |
| 6           | Coy route march; Bn night march on bearing in no 2 area; redeployment very good.  |
| 7           | Coy route march; Bn in second stage of attack; no 2 area.   |
| 8           | Bn had short range; 500 men fired grouping practice; 37 new Lewis gunners fired. Lt GJ Williams from hospital.  |
| 9           | Sunday Parade Service at 1000hrs. Brig Gen HA Vernon DSO, Comd 158 Bde dined with officers.   |
| 10          | Bde route march; breakfast out with 2 hours rest. Lt GC Williams to RFC on promotion.   |
| 11          | Bn trg; redeployments   |
| 12          | Coys anti-gas, physical & bayonet trg. Coys in no2 area; redeployments from various formations.   |
| 13          | 1200 - First Line tpt left for El Izraain, these left tea for Bn and proceeded to bivouac area about B32b5,8.<br>1245 – Bn moved out of bivouac, joined Bde column at xing no2, and marched pas GOC 53 Div. Bde marched to El Izraain, found tea ready 1645.<br>1930 – Bn marched on a bearing to position in Welsh Wadi about B27 b 8,8 and took up outpost line; C & D Coys in line A & B and I sect MGC in support occupied 2128hrs ordered to withdraw 2320hrs. Bn withdrew to bivouac area B27 b 8,8 tea ready for Bn; water from Hesha, rations from Nuran.   |
| 14          | Bn field firing on range about B15 c 9, 4, Individual firing range 300 yds, targets n bed of wadi; direction of fire – East. One man to England on compassionate leave.   |
| 15          | 0630 - 0930 - Bn collective firing Lewis Gun with platoons, battle practice; various ranges and practices.<br>1400 – Bde concentrated in Welsh Wadi about B15a. 266 Bde RFA fired 150 shells, HE & shrapnel overhead at targets on Wadi bank about 400 yds further on; 158 Coy MGC fired about 4000 SA t same target. Artillery fire 1 ½ minutes. MG fire 1 minute. Bn returned for bivouac for tea.<br>1600 – First Line tpt left for Belah<br>1845 – Bn moved to place of Bde concentration about B25 – A central. Bde marched back to Belah arriving 2340hrs. Fifty Lewis gunners and 40 ORs under Lts Conway & Horth remained for further firing on next day. |
| 16          | Sunday: Musketry party rejoined. Two verl slight showers of rain during night of only a few minutes duration.   |
| 17          | Coy administration; A & B Coys inspected by CO – deficiencies etc noted and returns rendered. A Coy Lewis gunners under instruction by MGC for 1 hour.  |
| 18          | Coy administration; C & D Coys inspected by Capt Whitehouse for CO. O, 8 Offrs, 12 Sgts and Bn Smoke Det proceeded to watch smoke attack by Bde of 74 Div, which did not take place owing to unfavourable weather. Second cholera inoculation continued during next 5 days.   |

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| 19 | Coy administration preparing classes for specialist training; night firing by Lewis guns on short range.   |
| 20 | Bn manoeuvre day, marched to A29 b 2, 0 for breakfast, practiced attack on return.   |
| 21 | Bde manoeuvres, BN as advance guard to Bde, together with A Bty 266 RFA/sect AMG Coy/sect 436 RE under CO closed and halted for breakfast at A20 b 4, 9. Bde practiced attack on position 1800yds further on. Conference for all officers by BGC   |
| 22 | Bn individual trg. Officers & ORS to Zeitoun courses left Bn. Lt HR Horth ro act as A Adjt during absence of Lt EH Pochin.<br>Brigade sports; following prizes won by Battalion:<br>Tug of war<br>1st – Officers pick a back<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> – 220 yards<br>1 <sup>st</sup> - platoon sergeants 16 marching orders.<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> – individual sergeant.<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> – limbers complete for service.<br>1 <sup>st</sup> – bomb throwing.<br><br>2Lt on promotion – CSM C Vaughan C Coy. |
| 23 | Sunday Service and Holy Communion  |
| 24 | Bn individual trg  |
| 25 | Bn manoeuvre day, breakfast at A32 b 10, 8, practiced 2 <sup>nd</sup> and final stages of new attack practice.   |
| 26 | Bn individual trg, CO and 4 officers , 12 sgts and Bn smoke detail proceeded to watch smoke attack by Bde of 74 Div.   |
| 27 | Bn individual trg in bivouac area; snipers on short range.   |
| 28 | Bn manoeuvre day, breakfast A36 d 8, 8, practiced attack under Capt Carver; CO umpire. Div Art Competition – 1 <sup>st</sup> prize won by Bn team.   |
| 29 | Bn individual trg – hasty shelters   |
| 30 | Sunday Service 1000hrs Div Band attended – address by Lord Radsock.  |

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1<sup>ST</sup> HEREFORDSHIRE REGT.

APPENDIX I

Weekly Strength

|        | OR. | OR. |
|--------|-----|-----|
| Sept 7 | 27  | 947 |
| 14     | 27  | 926 |
| 21     | 27  | 927 |
| 28     | 28  | 953 |

APPENDIX II

Weekly Casualty Returns

|           | KILLED |     | WOUNDED |     | MISSING |     | SICK |    |
|-----------|--------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|------|----|
|           | O      | OR  | O       | OR  | O       | OR  | O    | OR |
| Sept 7/16 |        |     |         |     |         |     | 5    | 22 |
| 14/21     |        | Nil |         | Nil |         | Nil |      | 38 |
| 21/28     |        |     |         |     |         |     |      | 14 |
| 28/14     |        |     |         |     |         |     |      | 11 |

APPENDIX III

Replacements

| Sept | OR. | OR. (CAPT H. L. CARVER) |
|------|-----|-------------------------|
| 4    |     |                         |
| 7    |     | 10                      |
| 8    | 1   | (Lt G. J. WILLIAMS)     |
| 13   |     | 4                       |
| 14   |     | 15                      |
| 18   |     | 9                       |
| 21   |     | 16                      |
| 24   |     | 7                       |
| 27   |     | 16                      |
| 29   |     | 3                       |
|      | 1   | 84                      |

The Battalion activity is well summed up in Sgt Colley's diary:

August, September and October were devoted to training of the hardest type. Dummy trenches were made and everything possible was done to obtain the right conditions of fitness possible. Everyone knew even back in Alexandria and Cairo that a general attack was being prepared – but very few knew the date.

## WAR ITEMS.

### LETTER FROM MALTA.

Sergt. Thompson Cockcroft, R.E., son of Mr. J. Cockcroft, city librarian, in a letter dated 29th August and received on Sunday last, says: "You will be surprised to hear that since I last wrote you I have met two more Herefordians, they being 2nd Lieut. Raymond, 1st Herefordshire Regiment, and young Smith, who is in the medical branch of the Navy (whose people used to keep the Exchange Hotel, Hereford). As regards Phil Raymond, he was passing through here on a troopship on his way to Egypt, about six weeks ago, and he came ashore to look me up, but I was out, and didn't see him that evening. Anyhow, as he left word what boat he was on, I got leave the following morning for a couple of hours and went aboard the boat to see him. We had a long talk about the old city of Hereford and folks whom I used to know. His boat sailed the same afternoon. Now as regards young Smith, he has been here about a month, and is still here with his ship, the name or type of course I mustn't say. I met him at a whist drive which is held weekly by the Church Army here. I was carrying out the duties of M.O. We had some jolly good talks about various old school chums. I was able to tell him a few bits of news from the *Hereford Times* which he didn't happen to know, including Raymond being an officer; also about a lot of Hereford fellows who were here in hospital, etc., in the time of the Dardanelles campaign.

A few general photographs of soldiers of the Herefords:











**Maj ALB Green**

| Date  | Detail   |
|-------|--|
| 1 Sep | Slight sea on which made crutches a bit uncertain but not impossible. We are keeping out of sight of land.                                     |
| 2 Sep | Quite chilly this morning and enough sea on to make some think they were sick. Warmer and calmer toward evening. We entered the bay about 6pm. |
| 3 Sep | Very quiet day crossing the bay only a slight swell on.  |
| 4 Sep | Dull grey day with some rain and rather cold and a bit of a roll. Sighted Lundy Light about 8pm.   |

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| 5 Sep | Off Barry Docks at daybreak and got into Avonmouth at 10.00. Disembarked and left in hospital train at 5pm arriving Paddington at 8pm. Was sent to Lady Caernarvon's Hospital, Bryanstone Square – very comfortable. |
| 6 Sep | Dorothy came up having travelled all night from Tenby. She came in for short time in morning and again in afternoon.   |

Maj Green arrives in UK and further diary entries are not available

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.

**1st BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.**

**"A" Company.**

Saturday, Sept. 1st.—2.30-5 p.m., Holmer range, class firing.

Sunday, Sept. 2nd.—2.30 p.m., No. 4 Section, Drill Hall, Weobley, drill and rifle exercises. 2.30-4.30 p.m., No. 3 Platoon, Birch Schools, drill. 3 p.m., No. 4 Platoon, Dormington, drill.

Lieut. Hammonds and Lieut. Barnsley will be responsible for class firing at Holmer Range on Saturdays.

Corpl. Caldicott will be responsible for class firing at Holmer range on September 6th and 27th, and No. 66, Private J. Wadsworth, on September 13th and 29th.

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.

Each N.C.O. and man is requested to ascertain and commit to memory his regimental number.

Motor transport will be required as follows:—Sunday, Sept. 9th, for conveying No. 3 Platoon, Birch to Ross and return, for class firing; mileage, 26 miles. Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for conveying No. 3 Platoon, Birch to Hereford and return, for company parade; mileage, 25 miles. In each case transport for about 25 men will be necessary.

The following have passed recruits' musketry course as stated:—Part 1 (alternative): No. 45 Corpl. W. H. Pinniger, No. 10 Private J. K. Bradshaw, No. 865 Private A. Watt, No. 49 Corpl. A. J. Rowberry, No. 48 Private E. Roddy, and No. 948 Private W. Gunter. Part 2 (classification): No. 36 C.S. Major W. J. Lewis, No. 50 Sergt. J. C. F. Stephens, No. 878 Sergt. T. West, No. 37 Corpl. W. Lewis, No. 13 Corpl. Caldicott, No. 25 Lance-Corpl. G. A. Griffith, No. 93 Private J. Cooke, No. 53 Private C. W. T. Simpson, No. 34 Private W. J. King, No. 1102 Private J. N. Gwynne, No. 46 Private R. K. Mitchell, No. 877 Private C. W. Bridgewater, No. 43 Private C. Powell, No. 48 Private E. Roddy, No. 86 Private C. C. Watkins, No. 1079 Private J. F. Davies, No. 853 Private K. Challis, No. 35 Private W. Lewinton, Mr. 38 C. Qr.-Mr. Sergt. M. H. Leek, No. 26 Sergt. W. B. Glennie, No. 75 Sergt. G. Dalby, No. 63 Corpl. W. H. Woodcock, No. 62 Corpl. A. W. Williams, No. 70 Lance-Corpl. J. K. Bradshaw, No. 66 Private J. G. Wadsworth, No. 33 Private A. B. Parry-Jones, No. 17 Private W. Davies, No. 5 Private J. Baker, No. 39 Private J. Murch, No. 1008 H. Daniels, No. 851 Private A. Bayliss, No. 27 Private A. H. F. Hubbard, No. 87 Private J. J. Williams, No. 1104 Private E. Emery, and No. 85 Private J. W. Trotman.

The class firing at Ross on Sept. 8th and 9th is for men who have not yet passed recruits' musketry course, Part 2 only.

Platoon commanders will tender a return, not later than Sept. 6th, giving names of men in their respective platoons who will attend, and stating on which day they will do so.

N.C.O.'s and men proceeding to Ross will parade as under:—Saturday Sept. 8th, 1.15 p.m., Drill Hall, Hereford. Sunday, Sept. 9th, 9.30 a.m., Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, Drill Hall, Hereford. Sunday, Sept. 9th, 10.0 a.m., No. 3 Platoon Birch Schools. Dress: Drill order (with pouches).

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