

THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

Their First World War 'Story' – April 1918

The 'Bigger' Picture

- Count Mirbach appointed German Ambassador at Moscow.
- National Council of the Moldavian Republic (Bessarabia) pass Act of Union with Rumania, with stipulation for local autonomy.
- German Government establish a military dictatorship in The Ukraine. General Skoropadski proclaimed Hetman.
- The Ukraine Government issue protest against union of Bessarabia and Rumania
- Russian Bolshevik Government issue protest against union of Bessarabia and Rumania.
- Settlement Treaty between Germany and Turkey ratified at Berlin.
- Agreement reached between Italy and the Yugo-Slavs (Pact of Rome).
- French Government publish text of Emperor of Austria's letter to Prince Sixte of Bourbon proposing peace negotiations.
- United Diets of Baltic Provinces adopt resolution to form themselves into a separate State within the German Empire.
- Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, resigns. Baron Burian appointed.
- Dr Wekerle, Hungarian Premier, resigns – later reappointed.
- Viscount Motono, Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, resigns.
- The Trans-Caucasian Council declare independence.
- Guatemala declares war on Germany.

The Home Front

- Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and Royal Naval Air Services (RNAS) of Great Britain amalgamated and established a separate service as the Royal Air Force (RAF).
- Lord Derby, Secretary of State for War, Great Britain, resigns; Viscount Milner appointed.
- Last (although not known at the time!) airship raid over England in which casualties were inflicted (27).
- Third Military Service Act passed in British Parliament. Military age limit raised to 50, and Conscription extended to Ireland

The Western Front

- German Spring offensive continues.
 - Battle of the Avre.
 - Battle of the Ancre.
 - Battles of the Lys:
 - Battle of Estaires.
 - Neuve Chapelle taken by German forces.
 - Battle of Messines, Messines taken by German forces.
 - Armentieres and Merville taken by German forces.
 - Battle of Hazebrouck.
 - Battle of Baille.
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 - Bailleul taken by the German forces.
 - Passchendaele reoccupied by German forces.
 - Battles of Kemmel Ridge.
 - Battle of Bethune.
 - Actions of Villers-Bretonneux (Somme).
 - Battle of Scherpenberg.
- First contingent of Italian troops arrive on the French front.

- Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig issues Order of the Day to the British Army in France on the serious situation (Backs to the Wall order).
- Gen Foch appointed Commander-in-Chief of Allied Armies in France. The Belgian forces were not placed under the command of General Foch.

The Eastern Front

- German forces enter the Crimea.
- Viborg captured by German forces and Finnish White Guards
- Ekaterinoslav (South Russia) taken by German forces
- Kharkov captured by German forces.

FINLAND

- German Expeditionary Force lands in South Finland at Hango; Helsingfors captured by German forces.
- Government announce that all German troops landed in Finland had been despatched at their request.
- British submarines at Helsingfors destroyed to avoid capture

SIBERIA

- Japanese and British marines land at Vladivostok

Other Fronts

PERSIA

- Enzeli evacuated by the Russian regular forces.

CAUCASUS

- Sarikamish, Russian Caucasus occupied by Turkish forces.
- Van, Armenia retaken by Turkish forces.
- Batum, Georgia occupied by Turkish forces
- Kars, Georgia occupied by Turkish forces.

PALESTINE

- Second action of Es Salt.

At Sea

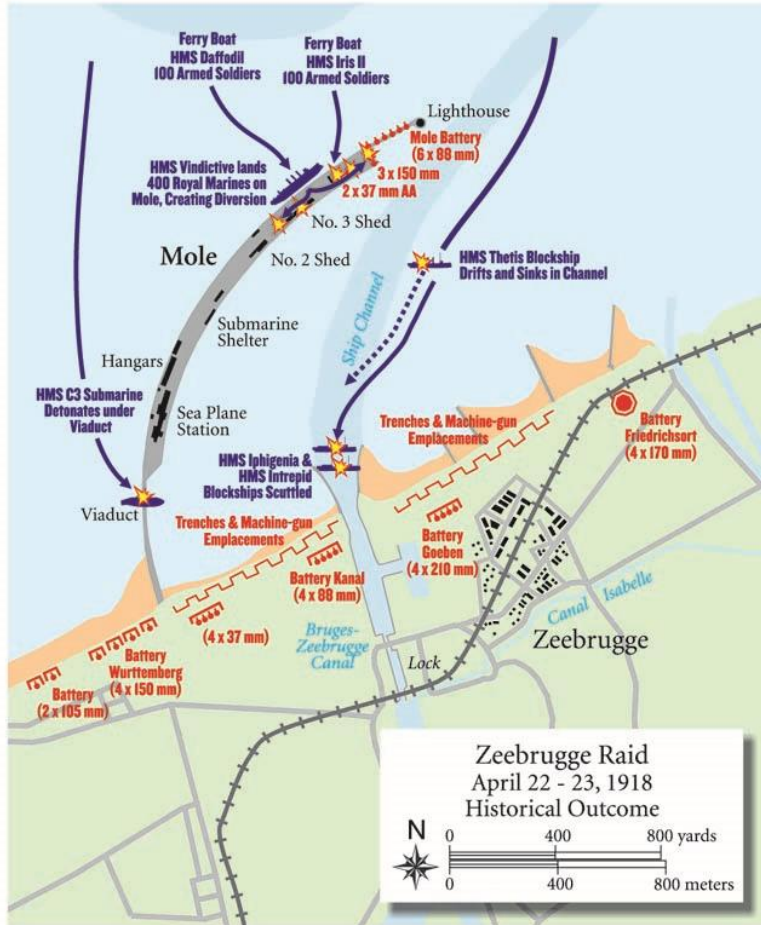
- Raid by British naval light forces on the Kattegat
- **Zeebrugge Raid.** On St. George's Day 23 April 1918 British naval forces carried out a blocking raid on Zeebrugge. The aims were to:
 - block the Bruges ship-canal at its entrance into the harbour at Zeebrugge;
 - block the entrance to Ostend harbour from the sea; and
 - inflict as much damage as possible upon the ports of Zeebrugge and Ostend.

German submarines, torpedo boats and ships were based at the inland docks in Bruges and were using the Bruges shipping canal to access the English Channel, the raid's intention was to block this access. The operation would take place with about 75 ships and over 1,700 men in a night-time operation. The state of the tide, calm weather, favourable wind for the smoke screen and an absence of fog were crucial to the plan and its timing.

The British deemed the operation a success, although the sunken ships did not create a 100% block on the German access to the submarine pens.

The casualties to officers and men were 176 killed, 412 wounded, 49 missing.

Eleven Victoria Crosses were awarded for the actions at Zeebrugge and Ostend.

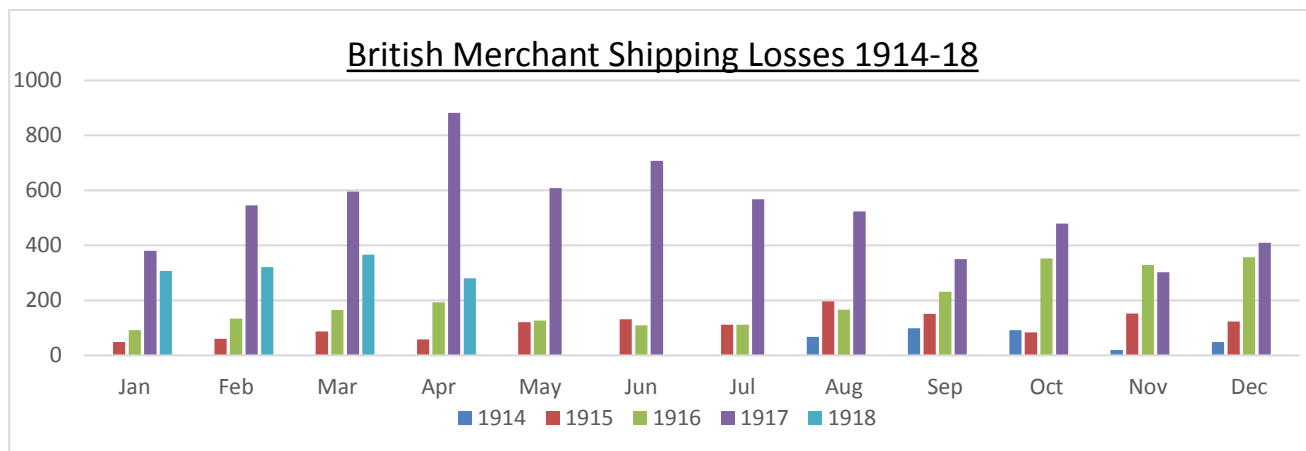


U-BOAT WARFARE

- Monrovia, Liberia bombarded by a German submarine

MERCHANT SHIPPING

- British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month – 129 ships of 280,000 tons gross.



The 'Herefords'

Casualties (other than 1st Bn)

Many men from the Herefordshire Regiment were transferred to, or attached to other units to make good the manpower shortfalls and reinforce front line units and faced the full might of the German Spring offensive the number of casualties in France and Flanders reflects the bitter fighting and counter to the German Spring offensive.

The confusion following the assault on 21 March was slowly easing and the fate of many soldiers was becoming more clear.

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	How	Where	Hometown	Notes (Serving with)
GRADY	JOHN THOMAS	SGT		235009	01 Apr	Died	F&F	HEREFORD	KSLI 6
HOUGH	PHILLIP	PTE		239285	01 Apr	KIA	F&F	WOLVERHAMPTON	KSLI 6
MANN	ARTHUR STANLEY	PTE	2969	236000	01 Apr	KIA	F&F	MONMOUTH	KSLI 6
NEWTON	WILLIAM	PTE		238728	01 Apr	KIA	F&F	STALYBRIDGE	KSLI 6
PRICE	GEORGE	PTE		239222	01 Apr	DOW	F&F	SHIFNAL	KSLI 6
PRICE	JOHN THOMAS	PTE		239071	01 Apr	DOW	F&F	WELLINGTON S	KSLI 6
TESTER	HENRY THOMAS	PTE		238780	03 Apr	Died	F&F	PRESTBURY	KSLI 4
POWLES	WILLIAM	PTE	4438		04 Apr	Died	F&F	ROSS	GLOS 14

ASHMEAD	GEORGE ARTHUR	PTE	2998		05 Apr	KIA	F&F	CINDERFORD	GLOS 6
HART	ARTHUR HUBERT	PTE	2534		07 Apr	Died	F&F	WELLINGTON	GLOS 14
CLARKE	WILLIAM CHARLES	PTE	3957		08 Apr	Died	F&F	HEREFORD	Border
COOKE	ALFRED EDWIN/ED MONDS	PTE	1901		11 Apr	KIA	F&F	HEREFORD	SWB 5
EDMONDS	JOHN WILLIAM	PTE	1841		11 Apr	KIA	F&F	Leominster	SWB 5
HICKS	THOMAS	PTE	4364		11 Apr	KIA	F&F	STAUNTON ON WYE	BORDER 1
JAY	WILLIAM JOHN	PTE	2325	236825	14 Apr	KIA	F&F	TENBURY	KSLI 1
TUCK	WILLIAM	PTE	3061		14 Apr	Died	F&F	LEDBURY	GLOS 12
EACOCK	ALBERT HENRY	PTE	3142		16 Apr	DOW	F&F	MALVERN	MGC
HAMLET	THOMAS HENRY	PTE		237762	17 Apr	DOW	F&F	HINCKLEY	KSLI 1/4
BOTTOM	WILLIAM M	PTE	2741		18 Apr	KIA	F&F	WESTON BEGGARD	GLOS 1
BOWEN	GEORGE FREDERICK	PTE	2289		18 Apr	KIA	F&F	Mordiford	SWB 1
PRICE	ALFRED EDWARD	PTE	1883		18 Apr	KIA	F&F	TUPSLEY	GLOS 1
CASE	ADAM	PTE		238670	19 Apr	KIA	F&F	NORTHWICH	KSLI 4
SAGAR	JAMES	PTE		238321	19 Apr	KIA	F&F	BOLTON	KSLI 1/4
TRUNKFIELD	HARRY	PTE		238532	19 Apr	KIA	F&F	ABERDARE	KSLI 4
RUDGE	WILLIAM MATTEY	PTE	2815		22 Apr	Died	F&F	MARDEN	GLOS 12
CARTER	JAMES VINCENT	PTE		237698	24 Apr	KIA	F&F	KEIGHLY	KSLI 6
JENKINS	EDWIN FRANCIS	PTE	5277		26 Apr	KIA	F&F	OSWESTRY	MONS
THOMAS	FRANCIS RICHARD	PTE	4812		28 Apr	KIA	F&F	BOSBURY	GLOS 12
SESSARGO	JOHN JOSEPH	LCPL	3223		30 Apr	DOW	F&F	LLANDRIDOD	SWB 10
SMITH	ALFRED	PTE	3359		30 Apr	KIA	F&F	HARTLEBURY	GLOS 1/5
RILEY	CLIFFORD	PTE			12 Apr	KIA	F&F	DARWEN	E LANCS
LAMPARD	CHARLES	PTE	4729		17 Apr	KIA	F&F	PONTRILAS	SWB

From



O.H.M.S.
WALES BORDERS
The Officer in Charge of Records
INFANTRY RECORD OFFICER.
No. 1
KINNERSLEY HOUSE,
SHREWSBURY.

To *Mrs Jenkins*
27 Stanhope Rd
Littlehampton
Sussex

In order that I may be enabled to dispose of the plaque and scroll in commemoration of the soldier named overleaf in accordance with the wishes of His Majesty the King, I have to request that the requisite information regarding the soldier's relatives now living may be furnished on the form overleaf in strict accordance with the instructions printed thereon.

The declaration thereon should be signed in your own handwriting and the form should be returned to me when certified by a Minister or Magistrate.

Officer in Charge of Records.

J. Morris Capt.
(or)
i/c Records, No. 1 (4 Dist.)

INSTRUCTIONS.

To return, fold so that flap marked (3) is on top, and then place flap marked (1) inside it.



O.H.M.S.
2.30 PM
15 JUL 1915
Mrs Jenkins
37 Stanhope Rd
Littlehampton
Sussex

Wood

RECORD OFFICE No 1
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RUE No 28213
SHREWSBURY.

RECEIVED
25 JUN 1960
RECORDS No. 1
SHREWSBURY

15 Whitmore Rd.
Is wood.
Surrey.

Dr Sir

Will you be so kind as
to look up for me, - when
my husband first joined
the army.

Pvt G. F. Jenkins - deceased.
315140. South Wales Borderers
The 1st Bn Regt.

He first enlisted in Hereford
Regt.

I should be so much
obliged to you, if you
can furnish me with
the correct date, as it
concerns my pension.
and obliged
Yours truly G. F. Jenkins

Pte Clifford RILEY

1/2 p.m.					
234	Missing	"	12.4.18		
	Presumed to have died on or since (killed in action)	"	12.4.18		

4729 Pte Charles LAMPARD

Any further letter on this subject should be addressed to—
The Secretary, War Office,
Finsbury Court,
Finsbury Pavement,
London, E.C.2,
and the number below quoted.

Telephone: LONDON WALL 4720.

C.2. Casualties. P. No. 25.

WAR OFFICE,
FINSBURY COURT,
FINSBURY PAVEMENT,
LONDON, E.C.2.

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15 MAR 1920
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RECORD OFFICE
19 MAR 1920
Ref. No. 1,258
SHREWSBURY

The Officer in Charge of
Record Office

With reference to No. 252759 of 1919
who was presumed to have died "on or since 12.4.19" "
a report has now been received from the medical authorities

that
This report has been accepted for Official purposes.
The next of kin should be informed and your records
completed accordingly.

RECORD OFFICE
S. W. B. SECTION.
Ref. No. 23192
SHREWSBURY

Grindle

4894 Pte Douglas JACKSON

W15953—H3574 250,000 4/17 HWV(P1616/3)

Army Form B. 104—126.

Any further letter on this subject should be addressed to: Officer i/c Records, and the following No. quoted.

From Officer i/c Infantry Records, No. 8 District. To Mrs F Jackson, Belvedere 57 Rylands St. Hereford. Station Lichfield Date 23/9/18

Place Belvedere Rylands Hereford Date Sep 6

SIR OR MADAM,

I am directed to forward the undermentioned articles of private property of the late No. 108982 Rank Private Name Jackson G Regt. and would ask that you will kindly acknowledge receipt of the same on the form opposite:—

Letters pipe razor purse note book cigarette case knife Badger Thimble pouch photographs 3 dice

I have to acknowledge receipt of the articles as stated opposite

Yours faithfully,

(Sign here) Florence Jackson

These are the only articles at present forthcoming, but should any further articles be received at any time they will be duly forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

Officer in Charge of Records.

The Officer i/c Records,

Station Lichfield

CAPT. O. B. WALLIS WOUNDED. Alderman Wallis has been informed that his son, Captain O. B. Wallis, of the 1st Herefordshire Regiment, attached to the 4th K.S.L.I., was wounded on the 22nd instant, in the great German offensive, and on Wednesday he received another wire that it was a shell wound. Captain Wallis has since reached England, and informs his parents that he is doing well.

Lieut. G. P. LLOYD MISSING

We are sorry to learn that Lieut. Geoffrey P. Lloyd, K.S.L.I., was reported missing on March 21st. Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Lloyd, South Street, Leominster, Captain F. T. Nott, a brother officer, holds out strong hope that he may be a prisoner of war. It appears that Lieut. Lloyd's battalion was in the front line at the point where the Germans made their tremendous opening attack. Owing to pressure on the flank the enemy practically surrounded our front line companies at this point. Inquiries from those who got back have failed to find anyone who saw him killed or wounded and therefore there appears to be every hope that the officers and men at that point were made prisoners. Lieut. G. P. Lloyd has seen much service since the outbreak of war. He obtained a commission in the Herefordshire Regiment in September, 1914, and soon became a popular and efficient officer. He was at Gallipoli in 1915 with the regiment and was invalided from there with malaria and dysentery. In 1916 he served in Egypt, when he had another attack of dysentery. Again recovering health and strength he was sent to France in December, 1917, and was attached to the K.S.L.I. Before the war Lieut. Lloyd had qualified as a solicitor and was about to join his father in partnership when the war broke out. The townspeople of Leominster will share in Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd's anxiety as to their son's welfare and the hope that good news may soon be received of him.

LEDBURY AND DISTRICT.

Pte. W. H. Richardson, Gloucester Regt., son of Mrs. C. Richardson, Bromesberrow Heath, Ledbury, was killed in action on March 22nd. Pte. W. Walters, K.S.L.I., of Bridge Street, Ledbury, a married man with several children is reported missing. Pte. W. Gladwin, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, of Newtown, Ledbury, reported missing, is the eldest son of Corpl W. J. Gladwin, E.E. Pte. P. Taylor, K.S.L.I., only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor, Church Road, Ledbury, is reported missing. Lance-Corpl. E. J. Clarke, Worcestershire Regt., son of Mr. Sidney Clarke, Richmond Villa, New Street, Ledbury, is a prisoner of war. Lance-Corpl E. A. James, K.S.L.I., of The Brewery Inn, Ledbury, second son of Mr. and Mrs. B. James, Woodleigh Road, Ledbury, is wounded and in hospital at Boulogne.

ROSS MEN WOUNDED.

News has been received that Sapper H. J. Llewellyn, R.E., and Pte. W. S. Frost, Herefordshire Regiment, both of the Ross district, have been wounded.

LEOMINSTER PARENTS' FOURTH BEREAVEMENT.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death on active service of the fourth son Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis, of 1, Lowes Court, Bridge Street, Leominster, have lost in the present war. They were officially notified on Friday that their son, Pte. Leonard Ellis, King's Liverpool Regt., was killed in action in France, on March 21st. Very great sympathy has been extended to the bereaved parents in the further blow they have sustained.

Pte. Leonard Ellis was only 19 years of age. He joined the colours with his group and was posted to the Cheshire Regt. Later he was transferred to the King's Liverpools and sent to France. As stated above, this is the fourth son Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have lost in the present war. Pte. Fred Ellis, K.S.L.I., was killed in France in April, 1916, whilst gallantly attempting to rescue a wounded officer. Corporal William Ellis, K.S.L.I., was wounded with the Salonika Force and died later at Salonika on April 5th, 1917. Pte. David Ellis, Herefordshire Regt., was killed in action in Palestine on November 6th, 1917. Pte. Charles Ellis is still serving with the Herefordshire Regt. in Palestine. Another brother was wounded in the South African War and has never recovered from the effects of his injuries. Few families could show such a patriotic record as that of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and the deepest sympathy will go out to them in the heavy sacrifices they have been called upon to make in the country's cause.

The London Gazette

Honours & Awards

Publication Date			Detail	Remarks
11/04/1918	Trapp	235701 Sjt H	DCM	
23/04/1918	Fanning	WG	MC	

**Capt. Walter Grant Fanning, Herefords. R.,
attd. M. Gun Corps.**

**For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to
duty when in charge of a battery in action.**

**The casualties were considerable, and the
lack of men threatened to affect the working
of the guns, but he succeeded in keeping up
the required rate of fire until he was left with
only one gun, the remainder having been
either buried or destroyed**



The photograph shows Capt Fanning in Herefordshire Regiment uniform, wearing the Officers (Hereford City Coat of Arms) capbadge worn by the officers of the Regiment from 1908 to 1915

Promotions & Appointments (extracts from the London Gazette)

Publication Date			Detail	Remarks
03/04/1918	Winter	WH	seconded	
04/04/1918	Millyard	T	captain	
05/04/1918	Fuller	F	reverts to lieutenant ceasing to comd a coy	attd to Cheshire Regt
09/04/1918	Levason	CRLG	relinquishes commission	ill health wounds
10/04/1918	Foster	HK	relinquishes commission	volunteer bn
17/04/1918	Bennett	PC	to be second lieutenant	
18/04/1918	North	HRD	to be captain and coy comd	
20/04/1918	Parker	P	to be captain whilst coy comd	to 13/1/1918
22/04/1918	Goss	JW	seconded	
22/04/1918	Hobro	FO	to be flying officer	
22/04/1918	Jackson-Taylor	PS	to be equipment offr cl1 (RFC)	
22/04/1918	Peake	H	to be captain	until 19/02/1918 KSLI attached

HEREFORD

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

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 2nd, 3rd Battalions and Supplementary Company. Some of those discharged were:

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	Why	Hometown	Notes
GREEN	CHARLES	PTE	1601	237874	02 Apr	2B	Ross	
COX	JOSEPH ALFRED	PTE	2705		03 Apr	unfit	Hereford	Supplementary Company
PAGE	ARTHUR	CSM	1443	235271	10 Apr	2B	BISHOPS FROME	Served Suvla Bay
STRATTON	NELSON VICTOR	PTE	4940	236909	10 Apr	2B		
TOMKINS	CHARLES	PTE	3496		24 Apr		Weston Beggard	
MCAHON	THOMAS	PTE		237840	29 Apr	2B		Served France with Cheshire Regt

Xvi/2b - unfit through either wounds or sickness
iiicc - unlikely to become an efficient soldier

Army Form B. 178.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname COX Christian Name Joseph

TABLE I.—General Table.	TABLE III.—Boards; Courts of Enquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.																					
Birthplace { Parish _____ County _____ Examined { on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____ Declared Age <u>37</u> years _____ days Trade or Occupation <u>Assistant Engineer</u> Height _____ feet _____ inches Weight _____ lbs. Chest Measurement { Circ. when fully expanded _____ inches Range of Expansion _____ inches Physical Development { Arm _____ inch _____ inch Vaccination Marks { Number _____ When Vaccinated _____ Vision { R.E.—V.— _____ L.E.—V.— _____ (a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease— (b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection— Approved by _____ Rank _____ Medical Officer _____ Enlisted { at _____ day of _____ 191____ on _____ day of _____ 191____ Regiment _____ Company _____ Platoon _____ Position _____ (Signature) _____ (Rank) _____ Date _____	Date _____ Detail details and signatures <u>19/10/17 classified 67 (no)</u> <u>28/2/17 fitted with braces & pads 35 1/2</u> <u>Alcanhill</u> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> 14 MAR 1918 Military General Hospital </div>																					
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2505
Army Form B. 103

Temporary

Regimental Number *274944*

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *2nd Hereford Sal Corps.*

Rank *Pte* Surname *Tonkins* Christian Name *Charles*

Religion..... Age on Enlistment *39* years *6* months

Enlisted (a) *7-4-15* Terms of Service (a) *Duration* Service reckons from (a) *7-4-15*

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended {.....} Re-engaged {.....} Qualification (b).....

or Corps Trade and Rate.....

Occupation *Farmer Labourer* Signature of Officer.....

Report		FOR OFFICIAL USE LABOUR CORPS REGENTS		Remarks
Date	From whom received	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Taken from Army Form B.103, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
		Embarked.....		
		Disembarked.....		
	<i>Joined at Hereford.</i>		<i>7-4-15</i>	
	<i>Transferred from (T. Coy) R.W. Fus to 419th Agric Coy 30-6-17</i>		<i>30-6-17</i>	

(N.O.K) Mrs Mary Tonkins Tidworth sign guardians N^o Hereford

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Sholing-Smith, No. (M22) W. 11952/11477 2,400,000 1177 MeA & W Ltd. Forms B.103/4 (2, 688) (P.T.O.)

The raising of the military age to 50, was supported by The Hereford Times:

NEW RECRUITING SCHEME.

Changes at Hereford.

In response to a courteous invitation a representative of the "Hereford Journal" recently visited the headquarters of recruiting for the city and county, Cradock House, Bodenham Road, Hereford, and the Medical Board department at Holmleigh, across the road, formerly the residence of Dr. Wood. As everyone knows, the arrangements for recruiting throughout the country were not long ago transferred from the War Office to the Ministry of National Service, but the impression in the minds of many people, that this is a distinction without a difference, is quite wrong; for the change from military to civilian control is of great significance, and effect, though the staff is practically the same, although they are no longer in khaki but in civilian dress. In short, an important feature of the change is that no recruit or other volunteer, or man arriving for medical examination, need have any fear of being dealt with in a "military" manner. We do not believe that anyone has ever been treated inconsiderately at the Hereford centre, but there is an impression, general throughout the country, that on going up to volunteer for service or to be medically examined, one would probably be brusquely received, or ordered about by some domineering sergeant or other officer. There is nothing of that sort at Hereford. Psychology is not a factor to be treated lightly, and it is beyond dispute that many men are more at ease in being dealt with, until the last step in their journey to the ranks, by civilian officials than they would be if they were plunged directly into the military atmosphere. From everyone at Bodenham Road, both at the Recruiting Office and the Medical Board offices, any man presenting himself for enlistment or examination, or calling for purposes of enquiry, will receive prompt and courteous attention, and there should be many callers at the present time of national need.

The Assistant Director of Recruiting for Herefordshire has at Bodenham Road a staff of forty, occupying several offices, and one effect of the recent changes is that the records are kept by card-index in such a manner that particulars of any man in the county of possible military age can be instantly produced for reference. The whole of the "cases" appearing before the local and appeal tribunals of the county are also indexed, and the registration, statistical, agricultural, and other departments are most up to date in their methods. There is a card for every man from 18 to 50 years of age on the military service list, and from 15 to 65 on the national service register.

In the Medical Board's department at Holmleigh, there are facilities for quick and efficient medical examination, and it is important to note that the examination is throughout in strict privacy. Each man is examined by four local doctors in turn, and there is a fifth doctor, from another part of the county, as chairman. One doctor examines the lungs or heart, another the eyes, another the teeth, and so on; and without any knowledge of the other doctors' opinion of the man's condition, each medical man marks on a card what grade he thinks the recruit should be placed in. The card is then taken to the Chairman, and the man is "graded" for the service for which he is fit, or rejected as the case may be. If there is any doubt, a consultation of the five doctors is held. It is an absolutely fair system. The Medical Board, which includes as members nearly all the medical men of the city and district, sits three times a week, the doctors taking turns, and as far as possible sessions are held so as to meet the convenience of those from the county who come by train for examination. Ample notice is given to those who are to go before the Board. In all respects the changes are a great improvement, on the former system, prompt attention and efficiency being principal aims.

1st Battalion

Casualties No casualties

WOUNDED IN EGYPT.
News has been received that Pte. W. S. Frost, of the headquarter staff, of the 1st Herefordshire Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frost, of Greytree house, Ross, has been wounded by gun shot in the back in Egypt, and is now in hospital at El Arislo. A subsequent letter from the Chaplain states that Pte. Frost is progressing favourably.

The bureaucracy of war often meant the fate of individuals was not discovered for some time, as in the case of these soldiers who were taken pow in Autumn 1917.

**PRISONER OF WAR IN TURKISH HANDS.
HEREFORD REGIMENT.**
Baker (236687), G., Hereford. Previously reported missing, now reported prisoner of war in Turkish hands.

**PRISONER OF WAR IN TURKISH HANDS.
HEREFORD REGIMENT.**
Williams (235298), Lance-Corpl. A. J., Staunton-on-Wye (previously reported missing).

**PRISONER OF WAR IN TURKISH HANDS.
HEREFORD REGT., ATTD. CAMEL CORPS.**
Jones (236489), J. E., Bromyard (previously reported missing).

**LEOMINSTER MAN'S DEATH
IN EGYPT.**

On Friday morning Mrs. M. Parker, 63, Bridge Street, received an official notice stating that her husband, Pte. James Parker, Herefordshire Regt., died from heart disease in Egypt on March 27th. He joined up in April, 1915, and went out with the Herefords to Gallipoli in November, 1915. His wife last saw him as a train conveyed his draft through Leominster Station. He has seen a great deal of actual fighting but always wrote in a cheerful manner. He stated that he had had no illness and could only express himself as being "in the pink." In his last letter dated February 20th, he said the battalion was going into the front line trenches. At the time he was quite well. Previous to the war he was in the employ of Messrs. Watkins & Sons, builders. Pte. Parker, who was 37 years of age, leaves a widow and three young children.

From the 53 Div History:

REORGANISATION

74 and 52 Divs were put under orders for France. On 3 Apr, orders were issued for the relief of 74 by 53 Div. 158 Bde accordingly marched to Jerusalem on the 4th, Ram Allah on the 5th, and came into 74 Div area and under the orders of that Div on the 6th; 160 Bde arrived at Ram Allah on that date.

The next day 158 Bde relieved 230 Bde in the left sub-sector, while 74 Arty Gp was relieved by 266 Fd Arty Bde. On the 9th, the right sub-sector was relieved by the 160 Bde, and 267 Fd Arty Bde. Div HQ opened at Ain Sinia.

The left sub-sector is described by Captain Ashton as very strong, 'though not so strong as the right, where we were to go later. On our right we were on the Tell Asur plateau, the northern end of which was a prominent height called Mount Harry which sloped down and onwards to a final feature known as Beachy Head, which, like its namesake, stuck out like a cape into a flat green valley to the north, which formed No Man's Land. Up the west side of the cape ran the main road, and so down into the green valley, a mile or so wide, and disappeared into the hills beyond on its way to Nablus. Just across the valley were the ruins of Shiloh.

Immediately west of the road, and about level with the end of Beachy Head, there arose, running east and west, a ridge which took its name from the village of Sinjil on its northern slope. Behind this ridge was a little open valley with a funny little sugar-loaf Tell in the middle. Further along the Sinjil ridge we joined hands with 10 Div. Behind the line there were numerous hills of various size which were made into defended localities.

Trenches were practically impossible, as the rock cropped through everywhere; breast works and sangars were the usual order of things, defended with barbed wire and held only at night; by day the garrisons retired behind Beachy Head or the crest of Sinjil ridge, as necessary.'

Of the right sub-sector he says: 'Far down the right was Nejmeah as a detached locality under Div Comd. Then after a gap of 4,000 yards along the Wadi Samieh, Rock Park, Round Hill, and Ide Hill, all in a line.

The position faced north-east and, at the left end of it, nearly north, and was really the far end of the Tell Astir plateau. On the right our line ran on the near side of the Wadi Samieh, a tremendous ravine with steep sides; in the centre the ground was more open and the main positions were beyond the Wadi. On the high ground of the plateau we had all the guns, and the most wonderful observation imaginable.'

Captain le Fleming adds to this picture. 'From Nejmeah, our most easterly post, we used to look down an almost sheer drop of 4,000 feet at the valley below. It lay as though in miniature panorama. Away to the south was the weird stillness of the Dead Sea, the great mountains of Moab reflected on its motionless surface, its southern end wrapped in haze. A great white patch of desert, studded with nobbly bumps of salt and sand marks the site of Sodom and Gomorrah; Jericho, a little green gem, lies huddled at the foot of the great square-topped Kuruntul, the Mount of Temptation. Perched perilously on a ledge half-way up this sheer mountain is a small white monastery, while at the foot are numerous caves once, no doubt, the homes of cenobite monks. Across the valley lie the mountains of Moab, sometimes green, sometimes misty blue, sometimes patched with shade, in a way reminiscent of Gallipoli heights.

The track from Nejmeah ran through a deep wadi with huge beetling rocks on either hand, a rotten, barren and bare ride until one emerged just below the village of el Taniyibeh, with its little Christian church, a sad scene of desolation within, for it had been desecrated by the Turks.'

And Captain FS Harries: 'Just imagine yourself like me, on a hillside 2,800 feet high, on a sunny, warm, peaceful day, looking towards Jerusalem. On the left the mountains of Moab in the haze, formidable and massive. Below lies the plain of the Jordan, crossed by a snakelike white road which leads to Jericho, though the town is too far below the intervening hills for me to see it. Just above a low crest of the hills I see a glimpse of the Jordan, and further down the Dead Sea appears. Its setting is very impressive, as any sheet of water must be that is, as it were, overwhelmed by hills and mountains on three sides. In front of me stretches range upon range of precipitous hills, some barren and dark, some with fresh green grass to illuminate them. They get higher near Jerusalem, and as usual the German Hospice stands out insolently on the Mount of Olives. Parts of Jerusalem are just visible, too, while away to the right the hills rise higher, topped in many cases with villages. The only destructive feature is Johnnie's contemptible efforts to shell us, and his pipsqueaks rumble along at intervals and burst on my hill. I wish, too you could see the flowers. A scarlet anemone blazes everywhere, while small flowers abound. If it were not too poetical, it would be literally true to say some favoured spots are carpeted with them.'

160 Bde, had no sooner taken over this right sector when, on the night of the 1/12th, the Turks tried to raid Round Hill, held by the West Kents. Three Turks were captured, the rest fled.

Days passed uneventfully, broken by the ordinary routine of reliefs.

On 23 Apr 159 Bde arrived at Tell Asur area.

On 26 Apr a more determined effort was made by the Turks against the Queens, in the right sector. The inhabitants of the village of Abu Felah, on the crest of the hill, had been evacuated a few days before the attack; it was a place only held at night. The enemy made a strong and obstinate attempt to regain it. They launched three separate attacks at different times, which merged into one on a front from Ide Hill to Fusilier Ridge. Commencing at the favourable hour of 3 am, about the time when troops withdrew from the forward positions, they were, however, held on Fusilier Ridge; but the garrison of Abu Felah had withdrawn to their bivouac area on the south slopes of the hill when they heard, to their dismay, that the Turks were in the village, and also on Ide Hill. The whole battalion of the Queens Regiment had to be used before the enemy was ejected, and as he was hotly supported by his artillery, casualties were heavy: 19 other ranks killed, 4 officers and 41 other ranks wounded. But the situation was not fully restored until, at one o'clock next morning, the Middlesex swept the ground in front of the original line clear of small parties.

Nothing more was done by the enemy, and nothing much by 53 Div, which was soon rent by the internal convulsions of reorganisation. On 22 May, a warning order came from GHQ that the Div would shortly be reorganised on a mixed British and Indian basis. This meant the loss of the Herefords, 4 and 7 Cheshires, 4 Sussex, and 2/4 Queens.

From The Battalion War Diary:

1 Apr	Bn remained in Bivouac; 2 coys washed in Wadi Kelt.
2 Apr	Lt Col HM Lawrence DSO, The Cameronians joined and assumed command of the Bn. Orders to move received; 2 coys washed kit in Wadi Kelt.
3 Apr	0725 – Bn marched brigaded to about F23c77 and went into bivouac for night.
4 Apr	0725 – Bn marched brigaded to old bivouac at Shefat, and went into bivouac for the night.
5 Apr	0750 – Bn marched brigaded to U10c central near Balu Lake, went into bivouac on very rough ground; some rain during night.
6 Apr	1015 – Bn marched brigaded to about K24d55 went into bivouac for night; some rain during march. Bde as Div Res to 74 Div.
7 Apr	CO and Coy Comds proceeded to view line held by 12 Yeomanry, Norfolk Regt. At 1130 Bn moved off and proceeded to relieve this Bn in front line. Relief completed 1430. Patrols during night reported all clear, enemy was heard working on his wire entanglements. Enemy fore 10 HE/shrapnel shells on front line; no casualties situation normal.
8 Apr	Situation normal; draft of 1 offr + 32 ORs arrived. 3 patrols sent during night reported all clear. Dump of 32 enemy shell cases found at Sinjil. Standing patrol from C Coy in Sinjil village fired upon an enemy patrol and killed one Turk; our patrol then withdrew to our line; Turks then shelled Sinjil village.
9 Apr	Situation normal. Gens Bartholemew, Girdwood and Shaw visited front line. 2 patrols sent out during night reported all clear. Salvage party brought in enemy shell cases from Sinjil. Enemy fired 16 shrapnel shells on front line – no casualties. Our artillery night lines tested and found satisfactory.
10 Apr	Situation normal. Draft of 69 ORs arrived. 1/5 RWF relieved right post of D Coy and established post on Nablus Road which is partly garrisoned by D Coy as a liaison post. Enemy fired 34 shrapnel shells on front line – no casualties. Bn tpt inspected by BGC 158 Bde.
11 Apr	Situation normal; draft of 1 + 22 arrived. Stokes guns registered. Enemy shelled front line with 26 shrapnel shells – no casualties.
12 Apr	Situation normal, stokes gun registered. Enemy fired about 50 HE and shrapnel shells on front line – no casualties.
13 Apr	Situation normal; enemy artillery Nil. Good deal of rifle fire ad bombing about 1 mile west during the night.
14 Apr	Situation normal; enemy artillery Nil.
15 Apr	Situation normal; enemy shelled Sinjil and D Coy post – 2 ORs wounded. Patrol left booklets [?] on Nablus Road.
16 Apr	Situation normal; enemy artillery Nil. NCOs from 1/6 RWF went out with patrols for instruction.
17 Apr	Situation normal. Bn relieved by 1/6 RWF. A Coy remained in support to front line near HQ 6RWF; remainder of Bn concentrated in Wadi about L7d. 2 Coys, after relief worked on road.
18 Apr	2 Coys worked in forenoon and 2 in afternoon on new road to Mezraheshsherkiyeh.
19 Apr	B, C & D Coys proceeded to divisional baths to wash all blankets and clothes; men fumigated.
20 Apr	Whole Bn at work on road 0900-1200 and 1300-1600; midday meal out. Enemy fire 20 HE shells on hills and 8 in Wadi near bivouac; no casualties.
21 Apr	A Coy & casuals washed at ADS. Sunday Divine Service from 3 Coys. Enemy fired HE shells near bivouac – no casualties.
22Apr	1 Coy worked on road 1300 – 1600. CinC passed area en-route to front line about 1210. Enemy shelled area.

23 Apr	2 Coys worked on road 0800 – 1200 and 2 coys 1300 – 1600.
24 Apr	Coys worked as for 23 rd . Enemy shelled area – no casualties, 1 Fd Cookers brought up.
25 Apr	Coys worked as per 24 th . No enemy shelling; 2 more field cookers brought up.
26 Apr	Coys worked as per 24 th . Battalion relieved by 1/6 RWF in front line. Relief completed 2135.
27 Apr	Situation normal – enemy shelled front line with 65 HE/27 shrapnel – Capt Evelyn wounded.
28Apr	Situation normal –our artillery carried out a bombardment of various enemy positions. Enemy fired 38 HE and 65 shrapnel shells on areas – 1 x OR wounded. Bde musketry course commenced.
29 Apr	Situation normal, bombardment of enemy positions continued during night of 28/29. Enemy replied Our artillery bombardment continued all day, enemy replied with 27 HE/163 shrapnel on area – casualties 2 ORs wounded. A working party of 3 Coys 1/6 RWF worked on from line 2100 – 2400. Div staff visited Bn HQ 2200.
30 Apr	Our bombardment continued all night 29/30, and became intense on trenches in H22,22 at 0415. 1630 – Enemy carried out instance bombardment of our area; over 300 shells over 35 minutes; some 24 on C Coy – no casualties. 3 Coys from 1/6 RWF worked on front line from 2100 – 2400.

1/Lst. Herefordshire Regt.

APPENDICES TO THE WAR DIARY - April '18

APPENDIX I. - CASUALTIES :

KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		SICK ADMITTED	
O.	OR.	O.	OR.	O.	OR.	O.	OR.
-	--	1	4	-	--	2	39

APPENDIX II. - REINFORCEMENTS :

FROM ENGLAND		FROM HOSP. (SICK)		FROM HOSP. (WOUNDED)		VARIOUS		TOTAL	
O.	OR.	O.	OR.	O.	OR.	O.	OR.	O.	OR.
4	3	3	66	1	17	3	30	11	116

APPENDIX III. - HEALTH OF TROOPS :

Average percentage of sick :-		'B' - 1.0
'A' - .8		'D' - 1.6
'C' - 1.6	Battalion Average - 1.2	
Admissions :-		'B' - 8
'A' - 8	TOTAL - 39	'D' - 13
'C' - 10		

APPENDIX IV. - OFFICER CASUALTIES :

Major (A/Lieut. Col) H.M. Lawrence (The CAMERONIANS) (From B.G.C. (159th Bde.

2/Lieut. B.S. Collins	From Hospital	8/4/18
" J. Jones	"	11/4/18
Lieut. R. Hutchinson	"	13/4/18
2/Lieut G.F.T. Banks	From ENGLAND	14/4/18
Lieut. I.F. Swarder	"	19/4/18
2/Lieut H.T. Avery	"	"
" H. Dewitt	"	"
Capt. J.I.R. Paulson	From Hospital	21/4/18
Major R.G. Yates	To Hospital	5/4/18
Lieut. A.J. Conway	"	23/4/18
Capt. F.H.L. Evelyn	Wounded	27/4/18
2/Lieut. B.S. Collins	To Base	29/4/18

R.Q.M.S. F. Turner, Gazetted from ranks, and posted to R. Innis, Fus. for duty as Lieut. and Q.M.

From the Diaries of:

Capt Rogers

Mon Apr 1	Training began again, including an early parade before breakfast. In the morning we did musketry as best we could, but it had to be done on the road as that was the only flat place, though we tried some visual training on the wadis. In the afternoon there was an officers' lecture.
Tus Apr 2	As for yesterday, half the Battalion in the morning, and half in the afternoon went to bathe in the brook Cherith at Jericho. We had a long march down into the valley, and the bathe was most refreshing and pleasant but rather spoilt by the hot and dusty walk back up the hill again.
Wed Apr 3	In the morning the Battalion moved back again towards Talat Ed Dum, for our "rest" (!) was finished, and we were to go back into the line. Colonel Lawrence arrived and went with us, but did not take Command of the Battalion until later. We bivouaced on the roadside being somewhat exhausted by the uphill march.
Thu Apr 4	Continued the march, halting by the roadside to rest, for it was very tiring marching up hill always. At length we reached Bethany again, and thence marched still by exactly the same route as we had come, to the same place on the Mount of Olives near Nob (Shaphat) and there bivouacked.
Fri Apr 5	Continued the march going up the Nablus (Shechem) Road to near Lake Balus on the left (West) of the road, where we bivouacked. In the evening it came on to rain heavily. Colonel Lawrence here took command of the Battalion.
Sat Apr 6	Continued the march, and had a very bad day of it. We seemed to go on eternally marching northward along the Nablus (Shechem) Road until we finally reached a point in the road, which I believe is called Khirbet Abu Haj Haris near Selwad, Many men fell out. Here the Battalion bivouacked in two parts on the steep hills on either side of the road, two companies on either side, for we were in the hilly country again. And the rain poured all night. In the evening there were Officer's conferences, when we were told about the line we were to battle over.
Sun Apr 7	The Battalion moved by companies up the Nablus Road, where we took over the line on the left of the road near Sinjil, a village just to our front in "no-man's land". We were shelled on our way up despite our care not to be observed.
Mon Apr 8 to 15	The Battalion remained in the line at the same place. The Turkish artillery were active, but this was the only place (I believe) in which they had had heavy guns because it was practically their only road. They shelled a small hill on our right (next the Nablus Road) called Et Tel very badly, but there were no troops there. We had to do a lot of patrol work, usually Officer's patrols. We generally had to go through Sinjll village, and there the dogs always barked when anyone approached, but there were no human beings in the village. We had the usual arrangements as regards positions, living behind the hill in bivouacs (carefully camouflaged against aircraft and well built round with stones or rocks as a protection against shell fire during the day, and then stood to just before dark. As soon as it was dark we moved forward over the hill to our posts behind sangars. A company would find about three posts of about 15 or so men in each besides furnishing patrols and listening posts in front of the rest. During the day each Company had an observation post only, which came on duty just before dawn, and returned when the posts were manned in the evenings. The hill on which we were had a small cliff running all along the front of it, and the sangars were at the bottom of the cliff, down which we had to climb. There was always one officer in the front line, and one officer awake through the night in each company. We were able to make use of a great deal of natural cover, (large boulders etc) in the constructions of the sangars, and were careful to camouflage everything as far as possible to prevent the enemy from locating our line. The enemy artillery, though active, did very little harm. Once they put over a nine inch shell followed

	<p>by two duds, from which the range of the enemy battery was obtained, whereby our artillery knocked that gun out. The crater was very large, and it was the only big shell we ever had there either before or since. The hill sloped in terraces with vertical ledges at intervals, these were most useful as cover for our bivouacs against shell fire. During the day we had easy times, and I was able strip and bathe even, but the nights were very trying.</p> <p>There were many Taubes. They used to come over at breakfast time each morning when the officers of the Company were sitting round their stone table on stone seats. We had of course to keep very still, and the men were only allowed to go a few at a time to the cookhouse.</p>
Apr 16 to 29	During this period I was on leave in Egypt, but the Battalion had a spell of Brigade reserve, and again returned to the line in the same place.
Apr 30 to May 5	<p>On my return I found the Battalion in the line again. On Saturday May 4th, the Turks raided the post on my Company's right early in the morning. It must have been about lam, when I was just starting out on patrol. I had only gone out about 50 yards from our middle post when I heard a bomb explode followed by rifle fire, and LG fire on our right. I hastily withdrew my patrol and, leaving them in the post, went to investigate. When I reached the spot I found that the Turks had attempted a raid, and also had wounded the MG Officer, and also very nearly caught one of our Officers who had been out in a front at his post at the time. It was not clear whether the Turks had withdrawn entirely or not. I was about to set forth on my patrol again, and had only gone about the same distance as before when the raid began again, only more loudly. The Turks were shouting "Allah, Allah" so I went this time to the telephone (which was near the middle post) in order to report the state of things to HQ who, I heard, were quite in the dark as to what had happened, and what was the cause of the noise, and were anxiously waiting for news. Later I had orders to patrol to a certain White Mosque to my front, and report whether the ground up to this was clear of Turks. Fortunately all was clear. We had very slight casualties (none killed), but the Turks lost more than one man, and effected nothing except perhaps to find our positions, 2nd Lieut (afterwards Capt) LW Lewis did very well on this occasion, being in command of the raided post, and driving off the Turks successfully.</p> <p>I think it was on Sunday the 5th May that we had a communion service, but had to abandon it in the middle on account of the shells which were coming very close and making too much disturbance.</p>

Sgt Colley

Col Lawrence DSO of the Cameronians joined us here and took over command; he immediately made a good opinion, and was soon in the good books of all. Our stay at Jericho was of short duration as our services were not needed after all, so back to the line at Sinjil. About this time 2 divisions had been ordered to France in view of the great German Offensive. The line at Sinjil was within half a mile of the enemy, and the line was held at night by strings of sangars built with numerous large pieces of rock which the hills abound in this part. In the hollow between the 2 lines was the deserted village of Sinjil. On our second spell in the line at this part a little excitement worthy of note happened: it was about 1am the night being very dark and quiet when suddenly from the sentry of a listening post of a bay on our left came the stern challenge – Halt Who Goes There – no answer, 6 seconds passed then a loud explosion of a Mills grenade – the sentry's reply to his unanswered challenge. The platoon in the sangars nearest opened out with rifle fire, but soon died down as it brought no response. Thinking the sentry had been a victim of vivid imagination the other men in the neighbouring sangars who had all stood to on the first alarm proceeded to get down to rest again. Half an hour later near the extreme left sangar of C Coy, rifle and bomb firing started with great violence and then the frantic yell of numerous Turks – a hostile raid was in progress. Some advanced posts withdrew – the Turks had somehow avoided them and crept upon us with cat like agility and quickness. The fighting was fast and furious. The sangar attacked only held a sergeant and 8 men. The Turks held one end of the sangar and in the other end one of our number. A Lewis gunner cursed voluminously owing to his gun becoming jammed; but he very soon fixed things right again with the help of his jack knife. Eventually

the enemy was repulsed and he withdrew hurriedly, leaving several dead and dying around the attacked sangar. Nothing else of interest happened here and after a few days we returned for a spell of rest. The weather had now improved greatly and the rainstorms had practically ceased.

Some photographs of Herefordshire Regiment soldiers in 1918:



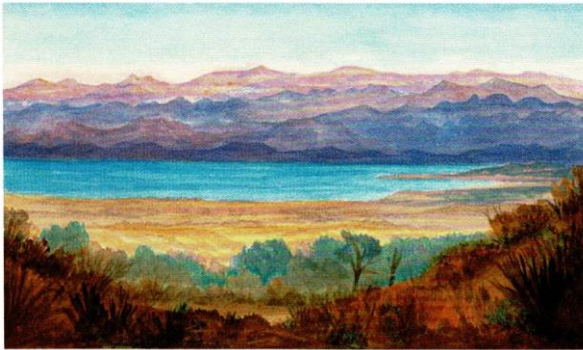




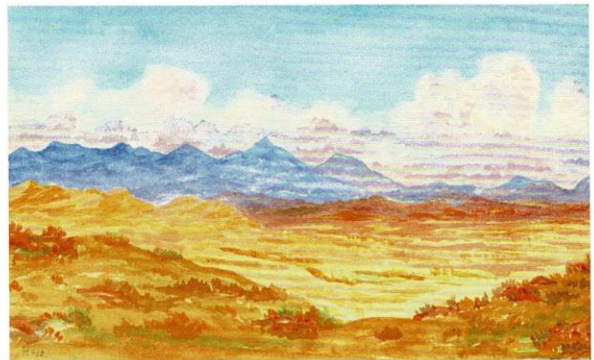
Members of the battalion continued to receive food and other 'goodies' from home, from family, friends, churches and other groups.

Pte. R. Fletcher, Hereford Regiment, on February 21st wrote : I take the pleasure of writing these few lines to thank you so much for your great kindness in sending me such a nice parcel, which I received safe on the 21st inst., the contents of which I am enjoying very much. It is quite a change to the army rations which we receive. It is quite the choice of things to send out here and I trust that anything you organise for the benefit of the boys 'overseas will always be a great success. I can assure you that each one is doing his duty to his King and Country in this terrible struggle and I am proud to be one of them. Trusting the coming year will bring an end to this terrible war and that we shall all have the luck to be back in our homes again. Pleased to let you know I am in the best of health. Once again thanking you and all kind friends for their generosity in sending such nice parcels and wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

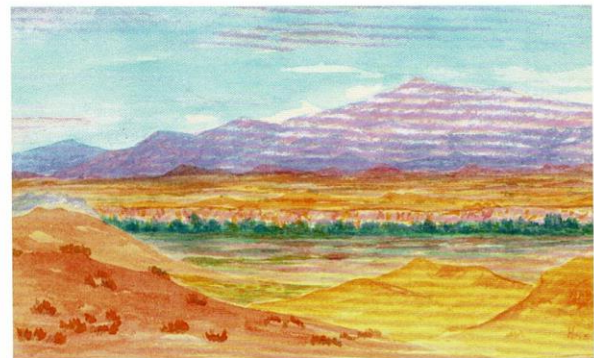
Some contemporary watercolours painted by Lord Hampton of The Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars – reproduced from the book – Mountains of Moab.



Mountain of Moab across the Dead Sea



133 Mountains of Moab to North of Dead Sea



134 Mountains of Moab at northern end of the Dead Sea.

The 1st Volunteer Bn - Hereford (formerly the Volunteer Training Corps (VTC))

**1st BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE
VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.**

BATTALION ORDERS BY MAJOR T.
WHEELER MEATS, COMMANDING.
Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.
April 4th, 1918.

No. 14.

1. Wearing of Part Uniform Only.—In future no N.C.O. or man on parade will wear any uniform which is not complete. Either the whole uniform will be worn or civilian clothes with an armet. A military great coat is not to be worn over civilian clothes, nor is a military cap to be worn with civilian clothes.

2. Marching Drill—Swinging of the Arms.—Officers commanding Companies will pay special attention to the swinging of the arms from the shoulder during marching drill.

3. Meeting of Company Commanders.—A meeting of Company Commanders will be held at the Orderly Room, Hereford, on the 27th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Note books will be brought. Railway warrants will be sent to Officers Commanding "C" and "D" Companies.

4. Battalion Camp at Ross, May 17th to 28th.—Officers commanding Companies will at once commence preparing rolls of men who can attend this Camp, such rolls to show on what days each man can attend. These rolls will be brought with them to the meeting on the 27th inst.

5. Permanent Staff.—No. 4068 R.S.M. Jones, W., will hold a continuation of the N.C.O.'s class at Ross on the 9th, 11th and 12th inst. No. 38955 C.S.M. Jones, J. E., will hold a musketry refresher class at Kington from the 10th to the 15th.

6. Instructors Temporarily Attached.—Drill Instructors No. 202429 Sergt. Collins, W. F. J., No. 200012 Sergt. Evans, J. T., and No. 265267 Sergt. Stevens (all from 1st (R) Batt. Mon. Regt.) are attached for duty with "A," "B" and "C" Companies respectively. Bayonet Fighting Instructor No. 14582 C.Q.M.S. Gaskell, J., will hold a class at Leominster from the 9th to the 17th inst.

(Signed) C. L. GABELL, Capt. & Adjt.,
1st Hereford Vol. Regt.

**1st BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE
VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.**

BATTALION ORDERS BY MAJOR T.
WHEELER MEATS, COMMANDING.
Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.
April 10th, 1918.

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"A" Company.

Sunday.—Hereford, Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, 2.15 p.m., Drill Hall, drill and bayonet fighting. Much Birch, No. 3 Platoon, 2.30 p.m., field work. Withington, Mordiford and Dormington, No. 4 Platoon, 3 p.m., Dormington, field work.

Monday.—Hereford, Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, 7.30 p.m., Drill Hall, musketry. Weobley, No. 4 Section, 7.30 p.m., musketry. Withington, Mordiford and Dormington, No. 4 Platoon, 7.30 p.m., Mordiford musketry.

Tuesday.—Hereford, Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, 7.30 p.m., Drill Hall, recruits' drill. Much Birch, No. 3 Platoon, 7.45 p.m., drill and bayonet fighting.

Thursday.—Hereford, Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, 7.30 p.m., Drill Hall, route march. Much Birch, No. 3 Platoon, 7.45 p.m., drill and musketry.

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HEREFORDSHIRE VOL. REGIMENT.

"C" COMPANY.

Orders for the week commencing
Thursday, April 25, 1918.

THURSDAY 25.—Alton Court Range, 11 a.m. County Commandant's Cup Competition.—Brockhampton, 7.30, Musketry (L.-Corpl. Newton)—Hentland, 7.30 Drill (Cpl. Harris)—Whitchurch, 8, Drill.

FRIDAY 26.—Fawley, 7.30, Bayonet Fighting (Corpl. Harris).

SUNDAY 28.—Armoury, 2.30, Drill and Bombing.—Hoarwithy, 2.30, Drill and Bayonet Fighting.—Hentland, 2.30, Musketry (Corpl. Poston)—Whitchurch, 2.30, Bayonet Fighting and Drill.—Welsh Newton, 2.30, Drill.—Upton Bishop, Parish Room, 2.30 (C.S.M. Millington).

MONDAY 29.—Armoury, 7.30, Musketry and Recruits

TUESDAY 30.—Upton Bishop, 8 p.m. (Sec.-Lieut. Price).

WEDNESDAY 1.—Armoury, 7.30 Bayonet Fighting.—Welsh Newton, 7.30, Drill.

THURSDAY 2.—Brockhampton, 7.30, Drill (L.-Corpl. Newton)—Hentland, 7.30, Drill (Sergt. Instr. Stephens)—Whitchurch, 8 p.m., Musketry.

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J. REGINALD HARDING, Lieut.

For O.C., "C" Coy. 1/H.V.R.

UPTON BISHOP.

It is proposed to revive the Upton Bishop Section of Volunteers, and a meeting will shortly be held. The district has always loyally supported the Territorial and Volunteer Movements and raised a Section of the latter in the early days of the war. A new section recently formed at Hentland has secured over 20 recruits and some old Volunteers want to see Upton Bishop once again to the front in this matter.

VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.

BY LIEUTENANT SIR E. A. H. ALDERSON, K.O.B., AT HEREFORD.

FINE MUSTER OF "C" COMPANY.

HEREFORD "BLIND, ASLEEP, OR VERY SELFISH."

On Sunday last "C" Company (Ross and District) of the 1st Battalion Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment turned out in strong force for the inspection by Lieut. Gen. Sir E. A. H. Alderson, K.O.B. at Hereford. The Company paraded with 130 rank and file, or considerably more than half the total parade, which comprised A, B, and C Companies.

The Herefordshire Motor Volunteers very willingly placed their cars at the disposal of the Company, and as the transports mustered near the Wye Bridge at Hereford they made a very imposing and businesslike array. Motor lorries were kindly lent by H. Moreland, Esq., the Alton Court Brewery Co., Messrs. A. J. Wintle and Sons, and Messrs. Barnwell and Son, and these proved very popular and useful transports. Cars were lent by Lt.-Col. A. W. Foster, Lieut. J. R. Harding, Lieut. J. Wyndham Smith, Mr. S. H. Deakin (2), Mr. P. O. Bennett, Messrs Chamberlain and Arnold, Passey and Hall, Probert Bros., Smith and Watson, P. A. Jones, S. Parry, Floyd Hodges, S. Brown, T. P. Preese, S. Bennets.

The following attended the inspection: Mr. R. H. Storey, Mr. Guy R. Trafford, Mr. F. Beynon, Mr. T. H. Coombes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. J. E. Hart.

On arrival at the Race Course, Hereford, the Company assembled in a down-pour of rain for battalion drill, and after a short time were dismissed to get their lunch. At 2 o'clock the battalion paraded under Major T. Wheeler Meats and received the inspecting officer with a general salute. Gen. Alderson was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Foster, commanding the Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment, Col. Nugent and members of his staff. After inspecting the battalion and speaking to all the men who wore medal ribbons for previous service, the various companies were ordered to carry on their usual instruction in drill, bayonet fighting, musketry and bombing. The work of "C" Company was very favourably commented upon by the General who made a very thorough and careful inspection of each unit.

The battalion then assembled in the enclosure, and was addressed by General Alderson who said he admired the spirit, which had prompted them to join the Volunteers. The enemy might attempt a serious raid on our coasts, when he felt sure the present Volunteers would acquit themselves as well as the Territorials did in 1914. He expressed his pained surprise at finding that such a large and important city as Hereford could only raise 37 men for Sections A, B, and C. The men of Hereford must be either "blind, asleep, or very selfish."

The General then left with Major Meats and Capt. and Adj. Gabell for Ledbury to inspect "D" Company. The parade was formed up and marched to the High Town, headed by the Hereford Boy Scouts' Bugle Band. In the meantime the motor transport had assembled in the High Town, and when the battalion drew up in mass facing the Market, formed quite an imposing spectacle which was viewed with interest by a very large crowd of citizens. On being dismissed "C" Company headed by its Bugle Band marched to the Wye Bridge where the motors awaited it. The Bugle Band never played better, and as the Company marched through the city many favourable and appreciative compliments were paid both to the band and to the smartness of the men.

The Ross Company was very pleased at having the opportunity to show what Ross can do, and hope the men of Hereford will realise their duty and fill up the ranks of the City Company so that it may be worthy of the county town. It is a decided disgrace that only about a baker's dozen from the City attended the inspection whilst 130 men could come from the Ross district, many having to travel over 40 miles to do so. Hundreds of healthy young men (munition workers presumably) watched the proceedings in the High Town with apathetic curiosity who ought at least to be training with the Volunteers for Home Defence or to be ready for active service when needed.

In the cutting words of General Alderson, Hereford is either "blind, asleep, or very selfish."

Major Dudley Smith, commanding the H.M.V., wishes to thank all the motorists who attended the inspection at Hereford, and adds that General Alderson expressed his keen appreciation of the very efficient and valuable services rendered.

The officers and men of "C" Company highly appreciate the excellent arrangements made by the Motor Volunteers, for conveying them to Hereford, and Mr. S. Greatrex Yates for his untiring efforts in organising the transports.

VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.

Leominster Volunteers took part in an inspection of the Herefordshire Volunteer Battalion on Hereford Racecourse on Sunday. "B" Company paraded about 80 strong under Captain Sir Richard Harrington (in command), the other officers on parade being Captain Mahir (Kington), Lieut. Ellwood (Leominster), Sec.-Lieut. Enderby (Bromyard). The company manoeuvred under the direction of Company Sergt.-Major A. J. Carwardine. No. 5 and 6 Platoons left Leominster at 9.30 a.m., part of the men being conveyed by the motor volunteers. Mr. J. Birch lent two cars, Mr. E. J. Paxton a motor lorry and Mr. E. Ross a motor-car. The inspection took place on the Racecourse at Hereford, the battalion being inspected by Lieut.-General Alderson. Each company was afterwards split up into squads and told off to carry out various movements. While this work was proceeding the inspecting officer observed the work of each squad. Afterwards the companies fell in and were addressed by the inspecting officer and then marched to High Town, where they were dismissed.

NOT TOO OLD AT 50.

A hearty welcome will be given to all men of the New Military Age (41-50) who become members of "C" Company, 1st Battalion Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment.

JOIN NOW

and so release a trained soldier from the Home Army to meet the coming German Second offensive.

EVERY FARMER

should be a Volunteer so that he can replace the spade with a rifle at a moment's notice, as every trained soldier is urgently wanted at the Front, and the Volunteers are asked to fill their places in case of a raid on our coasts.

DON'T HESITATE

when men of 50 are being taken for the army. Join the Volunteers to-day.
"God Save the King!"