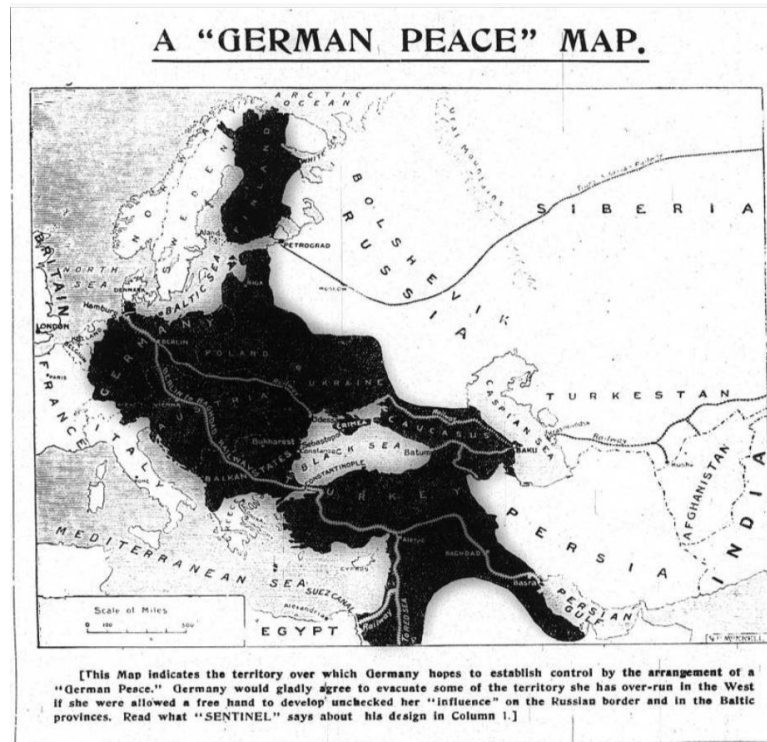


THE HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

Their First World War 'Story' – May 1918

The 'Bigger' Picture

- Armistice signed at Korenevo between Russia and The Ukraine (German-Ukrainian Command)
- Turko-German delegates arrive at Batum to negotiate peace with the Georgians and Armenians
- Trans-Caucasian Federal Government dissolved. Georgia declares Independence and forms a National Government. - Armenian National Council assume charge of Armenian affairs. Tatar National Council proclaim establishment of a Republic of Azerbaijan.
- Final Treaty of Peace signed between Rumania and Bulgaria, Central Powers and Turkey, together with various supplementary treaties between the separate contracting parties.
- Nicaragua declares war on Germany and on Austria-Hungary.
- Costa Rica declares war on Germany.
- Peace signed in Berlin between Finland and Turkey.
- Peace Treaty signed at Vienna between Austria-Hungary and Finland.
- Military Treaty (Waffenbund) signed between Germany and Austria-Hungary.
- Agreement between Entente Powers, Japan, and China against German penetration in Far East announced
- Agreement signed at Peking between China and Japan for military co-operation against German and Bolshevik aggression
- Dr SBO da Paes, Portuguese Premier, resigns. Senhor JT de Souza Barboza, appointed Portuguese Secretary of the Interior. (The appointment, of Premier lapsed between May 15th and December 23rd. During this period the functions of the office were performed by the Secretary of the Interior.)
- MG Cooreman succeeds Baron de Broqueville as Belgian Prime Minister (Baron de Broqueville and M Cooreman presided over the Cabinet without the title of Prime Minister.
- Agreement concluded regarding export of sand and gravel from The Netherlands for German use .
- Joint Trade Committee of Entente Powers formed in Holland.
- The following map featured in the Hereford Times along with an editorial saying the proposal was totally unacceptable!



The Home Front

- Field-Marshal Lord French appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland
- Sinn Fein leaders arrested in Ireland and interned
- British Government publish account of Irish-German plots
- Last German night aeroplane raid on London in which casualties were inflicted; 49 killed and 177 wounded. (There were altogether nineteen aeroplane raids on London during which bombs were dropped, and one air reconnaissance during which no bombs were dropped.)
- German submarine bombards St Kilda (Hebrides).

The Western Front

- Battle of the Aisne, 1918
- Craonne again taken by German forces.
- Soissons again taken by German forces.
- Fère-en-Tardenois taken by German forces.
- German forces reach the Marne. Château-Thierry and Dormans captured.

The Eastern Front

Russia

- Gen FC Poole lands at Murmansk to organise the North Russia Expeditionary Force

Black Sea

- Part of Russian Black Sea Fleet seized by the Germans

Other Fronts

BALKANS

- Battle of the Skra di Legen, Macedonia

CAUCASUS

- Alexandropol, Georgia occupied by Turkish forces

MESOPOTAMIA

- Kirkuk taken by British forces then evacuated.

PALESTINE

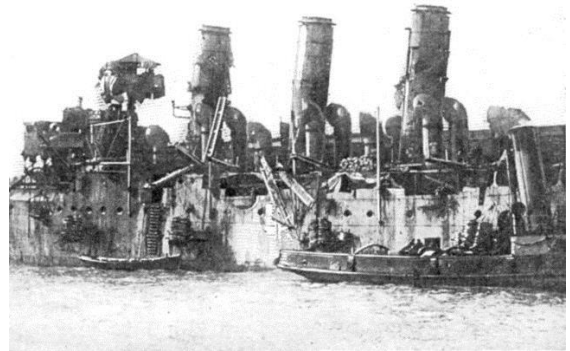
- Second action of Es Salt

AVIATION

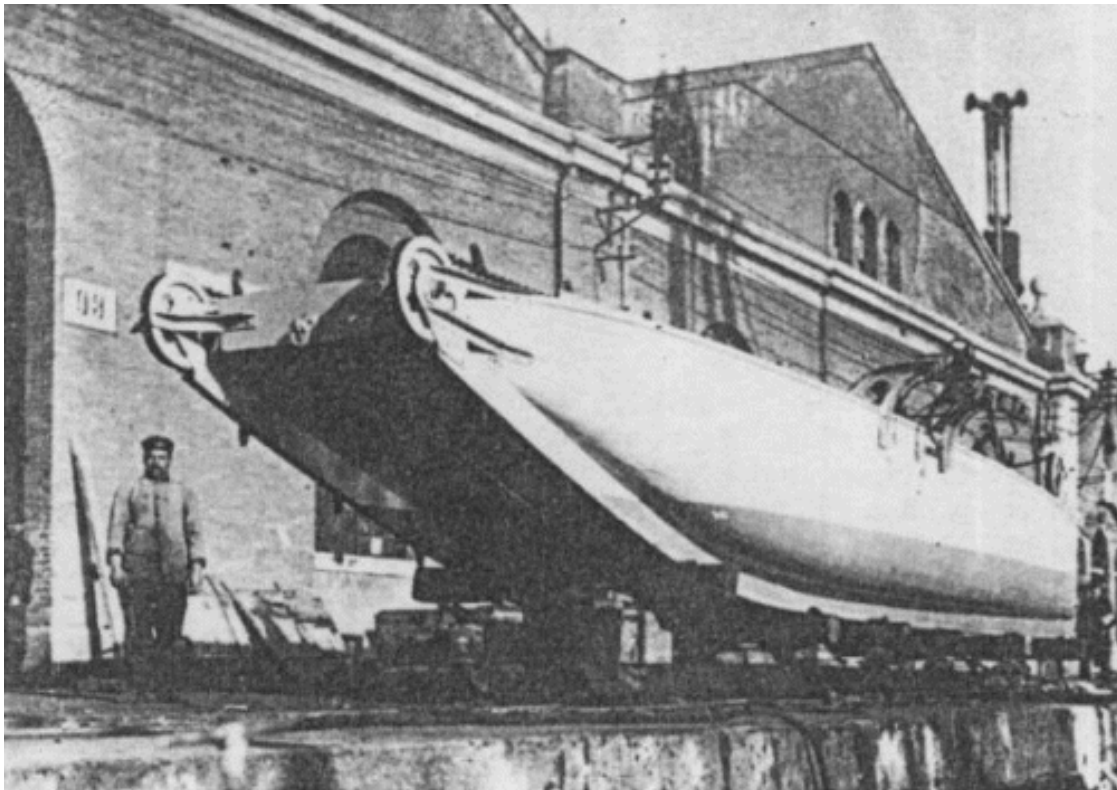
- First British retaliatory air raid on German towns. Cologne bombed by day.
- German air raid on British camps and hospitals at Etaples; heavy casualties

At Sea

Ostend Raid. Blocking attack on Ostend. HMS Vindictive sunk to block the harbor. She had been fitted out for the Zeebrugge Raid when she went alongside the mole. Most of her guns were replaced by howitzers, flame-throwers and mortars. She was in fierce action and her upperworks were badly damaged. She was later sunk as a blockship during the Second Ostend Raid on 10 May 1918. HM Motor Launch 254 picked up 38 survivors of Vindictive's 55 crewmen. The wreck was raised on 16 August 1920 and subsequently broken up. The bow section has been preserved in Ostend harbour serving as a memorial. One of Vindictive's 7.5-inch howitzers was acquired and preserved by the Imperial War Museum.

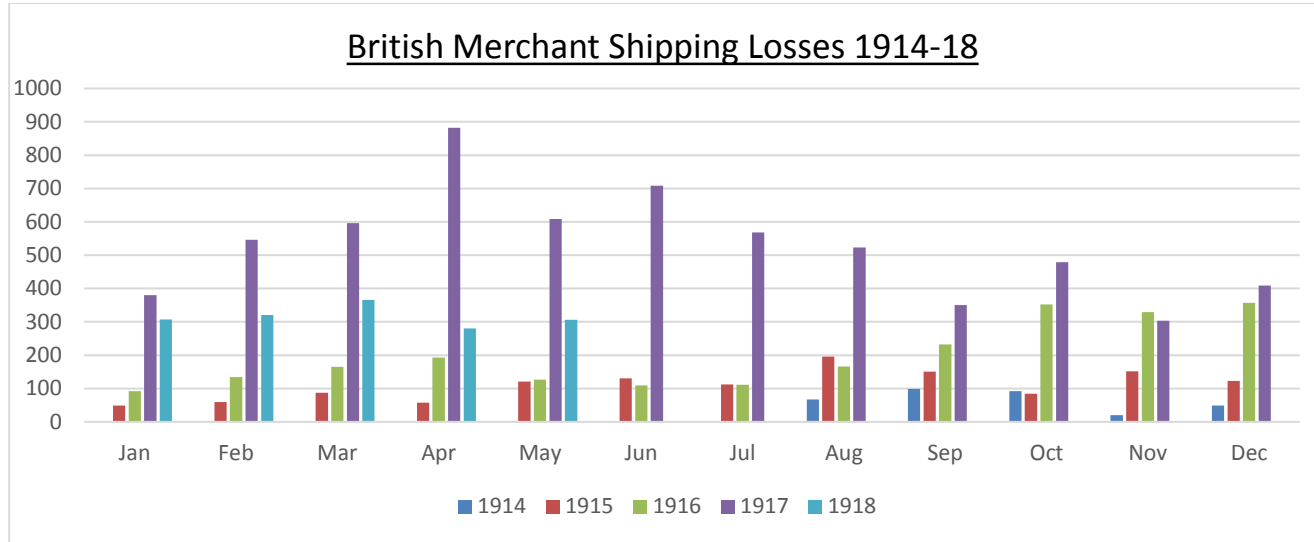


- Italian naval raid (*using climbing boats*) on Pola Harbour. Climbing boats, were 'naval tanks', provided with two lateral caterpillar chains for overcoming harbour barrages. They were designed specifically to force the main Austrian naval base of Pola.



U-BOAT WARFARE

- British, Allied and Neutral ships lost to enemy submarines, mines and cruisers etc in the month – 147 ships of 306,000 tons gross.



The 'Herefords'

Casualties (other than 1st Bn)

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	How	Where	Hometown	Notes (Serving with)
DEAN	ARTHUR	PTE		238456	02 May	DOW	F&F	BURNLEY	KSLI 7
EVERALL	William John	Pte	2241		27 May	KIA	F&F	Knighton	KSLI 1
HAYNES	ARTHUR WILM JAMES	PTE		239216	06 May	KIA	F&F	LUDLOW	KSLI 7
PRITCHETT	EDWARD GUY	LT			16 May	KIA		ASHPERTON	KSLI 6
WILLIAMS	JOHN	PTE		236910	02 May	KIA	F&F	SHIFNAL	KSLI 7

Statement of the SERVICES of No. 2241 Name William J. Conally
 Showing preliminary training, other special courses of training, Annual Training, and when mobilized, etc.

Corps	Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
Service towards engagement reckons from <u>7.9.14</u>						
		Res of <u>Hayford</u> Regt Attested & Embodied of <u>2nd Inf Bn</u> transferred. do. <u>1st Bn</u> Posted under A.O. 204 A.O. 1499 of 1916, and to maintain his former rate of pay of	<u>Pte</u>	<u>7.9.14</u>		
		<u>10th Dragoon</u> Regt transferred under A.O. 204 of 1916. Report Missing	<u>Pte</u>	<u>22.3.17</u>		<u>Wood</u>
			<u>Pte</u>	<u>27.3.18</u>		<u>William</u>
		<u>10th Dragoon</u> Death accepted for official purposes as having occurred on or since 24/30/5/18. and W.O. letter form to P 6/16/420/1. dated 27.7.1919.	<u>Pte</u>	<u>24.3.18</u>		<u>William</u>

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 30.5.1918 (date of discharge) 3 years 266 days.

Discharged in consequence of Death accepted for official purposes

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby approved.
 Station 24 1918 Signature _____
 Date _____ 1918

* In the case of Annual Training it will be sufficient to state if "Present" or "Absent" and the year.

The London Gazette

Honours & Awards

Publication Date			Detail	Remarks
1 May	Trapp	235701 Asjt H	DCM	

235701 Pte. (A./Sjt.) H. Trapp, Hereford R. (Hereford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As brigade orderly-room serjeant he has performed his duties in a most careful, conscientious and praiseworthy manner. His knowledge and ability are of the utmost value to the brigade, and he has shown the keenest devotion to duty.

Promotions & Appointments (extracts from the London Gazette)

Publication Date			Detail	Remarks
01 May	Ragg	T	reverts to lieutenant on relinquishes post of Bde Sigs Offr	
03 May	Griffiths	CA	to be second lieutenant	volunteer bn; ex chaplain Queensland Def Force
03 May	Hooper	RS	to be major appointed DAAG	
17 May	Fuller	F	to be lieutenant	
17 May	Lewis	AM	to be lieutenant	
17 May	Ray	C	to be lieutenant	
22 May	Drage	G	resigns commission	Lt Col (late CO)
23 May	Mogridge	EC	to be lieutenant	
30 May	Blackmon	MGL	to be lieutenant	
30 May	Caldicott	CBLG	to be lieutenant and asst adjutant	volunteer bn

The full reason for Lt Col Drage's retirement are not known, but as a 48 year old who had commanded the Battalion since 1914 and been involved in all its action in Suvla Bay and the Middle East – a degree of exhaustion may be assumed.

" GAZETTE " ANNOUNCEMENTS.
 Hereford Regt.--Lieut.-Colonel G. Drage, D.S.O. (major, retired pay, Res. of Officers, late R.M.L.I.), resigns his commission in the T.F., with permission to retain his rank and to wear the prescribed uniform (May 11th).

HEREFORD

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

Some of those discharged were:

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	Why	Hometown	Notes
DUNN	WILLIAM HUBERT	PTE	1855	235468	04 May	2B	KEMPLEY	POW of Turks Released Feb 18
ROBERTS	ARTHUR ERN	LCPL	2268	235687	04 May	2B	HEREFORD	
POWELL	ARTHUR CLIFFORD	PTE	4083		06 May	unfit	Llandrindod Wells	
HOLT	HARRY	PTE		206919	13 May			
CONSTABLE	JAMES	PTE		245483	15 May			
WHITNEY	Frederick James	Pte	5542		17 May		Swainshill	
DEAN	ALBERT JAMES	PTE		238949	27 May	XVI	Ross	

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



4083 Pte AC Powell

204356

The entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur.
STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES OF No. 4083 Name Arthur Clifford Powell
Showing preliminary training, other special courses of training, Annual Training, 1st when mobilized, etc.

Corps	Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
		Service towards engagement reckoned from				
		1811-15				
		AC Embroidered	Private	181115		
		11th Bn Rifle				
		1st Bn 4th Regt				
		4TH BN MONS REGT TRANSFERRED				
		UNDER A.C. 1 2000-OF 1010 1 1 17.				
		Res Ball Room	Private	11-5-17		T. Hunt Capt.
		Base Dept	"	8/10/17		W. Holden Lt.
		Home Dept	"	13/10/17		W. Holden Lt.
		Discharged	"	11-1-18		W. Holden Lt.
		Discharged	"	6-5-18		W. Holden Lt.
		Discharged	"	6-5-18		W. Holden Lt.

Signature: W. Holden Lieutenant.
For Officer 1/o. No. 2 Records.

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 6-5-18 (date of discharge) 2 years 170 days. CHARACTER Very Good.

Discharged in consequence of being no longer physically fit for service under 592 (RVI) - Medical Certificate.

The discharge of the above named man is hereby approved.
Station 17 APR 1918 Signature W. Holden Lieut.
Date 17 APR 1918 No. 101 Form 9. 11e 2 RECORDS, EXETER.

1st Battalion

Casualties

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	How	Hometown	Notes (Serving with)
MASON	CHARLES	PTE	4072	236598	03 May	DOW	TARRINGTON	

From the 53 Div History:

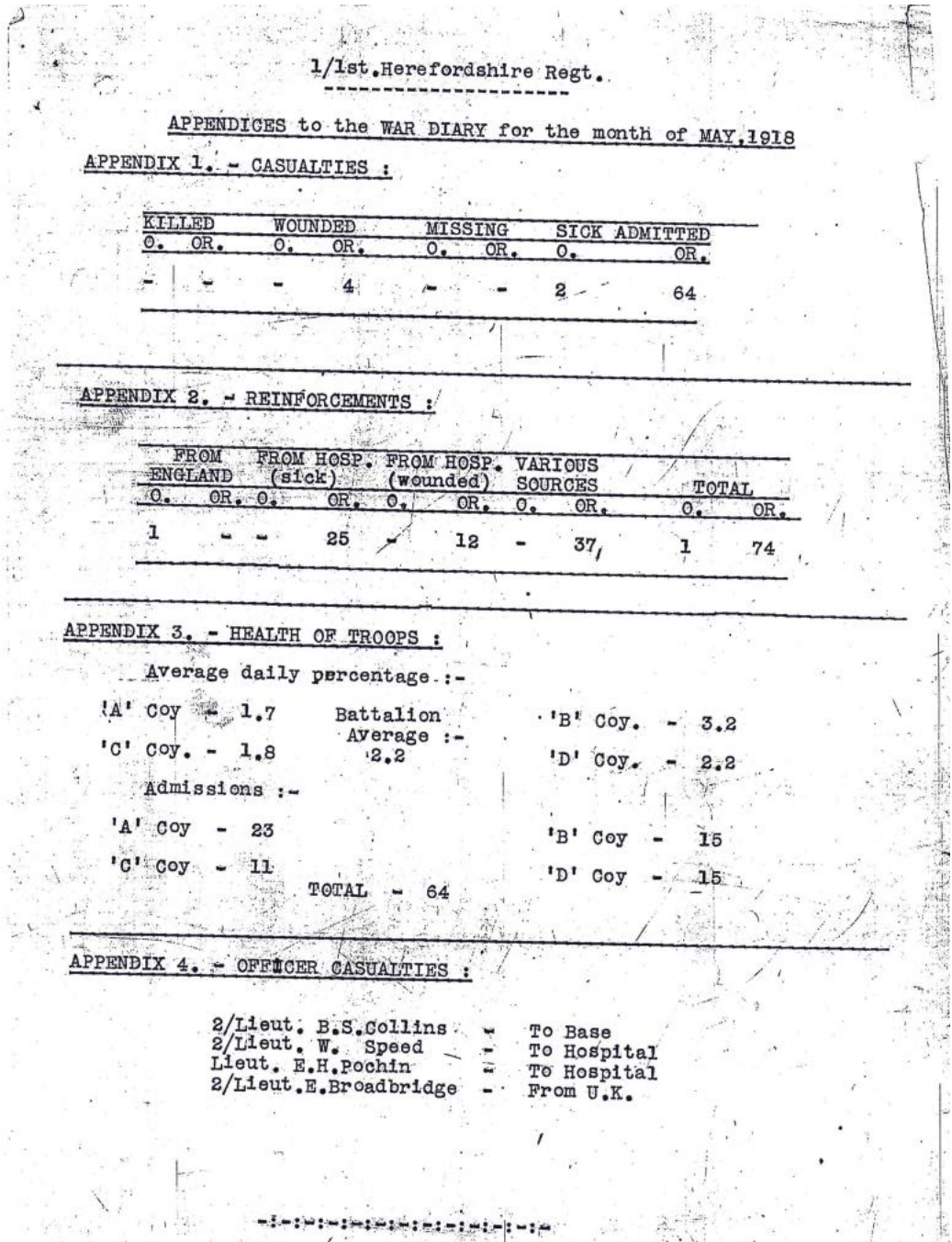
The first Indian battalion to arrive was the 21st Punjabis, on 28 May, who relieved the Sussex. At the same time 4 Wiltshires relieved the Queens; 2/18 and 2/19 London Regiments (from 180 Bde, 60 Div) relieved 4 and 7 Cheshires; and 2/22 London relieved The Herefords. These hardened and war-wise battalions prepared for their journey to France.

From The Battalion War Diary:

1 May	Lt Col Lawrence DSO assumed command of 158 Bde during absence on leave of BGC. Maj Whitehouse took over command of battalion. Enemy bombarded Bn area at 1400hrs and again at 1600hrs for a period of 10 to 15 minutes. No casualties.
2 May	Situation normal; 1300 enemy bombarded area for 15 to 20 minutes – no casualties. 0120 – Enemy attacked right of left centre post, but soon retired. 0145 – Enemy again attacked left of right centre post, and succeeded in reaching the sangar where hand to hand fighting ensued; enemy was driven off and pursued 100 yds in front of our lines. 0220 – T wo patrols sent out to clear front; returned at 3.30am and reported all clear. Casualties 5 men wounded; one later died; 2 enemy dead left behind. Lts Lewis & Timmins did some excellent work during this action; during day enemy shelled area with HE and shrapnel.
3 May	Situation normal, enemy shelled area with shrapnel – 1 casualty. 6 pls from 6RWF worked on front line during the night; patrols reported all clear.
4 May	Situation normal; enemy shelled area 50 HE and shrapnel – no casualties. 6RWF work on posts during night.
5 May	Situation normal; slight shelling of area. Bn relieved by 6RWF and moved to rest area. B Coy remained as support to 6RWF in front line. 10 Is worked 2400-0400 on support positions.
6 May	Brigade reserve. Slight rain; no work. Lt Col Lawrence returned from Bde HQ.
7 May	Bn worked for 5 hrs on support positions; 2 Coys Royal Welsh arrived as relief.
8 May	0740 – Bn moved off and proceeded to area occupied by 1 /4 Cheshire – Div Res.
9 May	2 Coys worked on road 0730-1130; 2 Coys 1300-1700.

10 May	Work on road as for previous day. Musketry course commences in range in Wadi Hishish. Bn HQ fired in 2 details one in morning and one in afternoon.
11 May	Bn continued to work on road; one Coy in morning and one in afternoon. Musketry continued, one pl in morning one in afternoon.
12 May	Sunday – Divine Service and Holy Communion. No work.
13 May	Work on roads and musketry as on previous day. 2 Pls proceeded to bathe at Ain Sinia.
14 May	As per 13 th
15 May	As per 14 th
16 May	As per 15 th
17 May	As per 16 th – Bn began a gas course under DGO.
18 May	As per 17 th
19 May	Sunday – Whit Sunday – DS and HC. Completed musketry course (amended); practices 3 & 9 having been fired (except that lying position was adopted in place of standing). Following ORs fired: Bn HQ – 47; A Coy – 108; B Coy – 117; C Coy – 99; D Coy – 112 total 483. Best shooting – B Coy with average score of 20.3, D – 20.2, C – 20.1, A – 18.9.
20 May	Bn worked on 2 nd Line defences in 2 relief from 1930 til 0330; Musket A & B Coys repeated practices 3 & 9 for all men who had failed to reach 1 points – A:22 ORs; B: 35 ORs. Average of A Coys 22 ORs in first course 6.9; average of same 22 in retake 18.4 even though 4 OR failed to improve previous score. Average of B Coy 35 ORs in first shoot 7.68; in repeat 17.71, though 7 failed to improve.
21 May	Bn worked on defences as per 20 th . Concert by Div Concert Party.
22 May	Bn worked as per 21 st . Inoculation fo cholera and TAB completed. Musketry C & D fired repetition of practices 3 & 4 (for all men who failed to reach 13 points, - C 20 ORs D 29 ORs. Previous average of C 8.45, average of same in repeat 18.65; 4 men failed to improve. Average of D previously 8.17, now 13.
23 May	1800 – Bn moved out of bivouac and proceeded to relieve the 2/4 Royal West Surrey Regt, Queens in front line. – left sector, right brigade sector; A & D inline, B at rest and C Bde Res; completed by 2140. All gear, rations and water had to be conveyed down Tay Wadi on mules.
24 May	Situation normal – few enemy shells on sector; 2 rest coys worked on front line all night constructing post and wiring.
25 May	Situation normal – slight enemy shelling of sector, 2 coys worked on front line at night.
26 May	Situation normal, coys worked on front line at night – enemy machine guns only annoying to working parties on IDE hill.
27 May	Situation normal with Coy relief- C to A, A to B, B to C. 2 Coys worked on front line at night.
28 May	Situation normal; CO and Coy Comds of 2/22 Londons viewed line; 4 ORs wounded by bomb when going out on night listening post. 2 Coys worked on front line during night.
29 May	Situation normal, 2 coys continued to work on front line posts at night. Enemy fired single shots HE into bottom of Tay Wadi at intervals of 10 minutes during night.
30 May	Situation normal - Relieved by 2/22 London Regt completed 2359. Upon relief coys moved to area about N14c – last Coy arriving 0300.

31 May	Bn remained in bivouac; Div Band gave a concert, GOC, BGC and representatives of other units visited Bn and wished them Bon Voyage.
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It is of interest that Pte Mason's death does not feature in these statistics – it is possible he had been evacuated to a medical facility and died there and therefore not included in the Bn statistics.

From the Diaries of:

Capt Edward Wilmot

May 6th Moved back into reserve to 6th RWF

May 7th To Brigade Reserve at Khiribet Abu Haj Haris?

May 8th To divisional reserve at Dar Jeril?

May 12th. Trumper went on leave, J.P. Rogers I/C "B" Coy with Mogridge 2 I/C

May 17th L. Warden was with Battalion

May 23rd "A" and "D" Coys went into the line at IDE Hill overlooking Shiloh with 7th R W F on their right at Khirbet abu Felah?. "C" Coy at H2 at Taywadi and "B" Coy behind near Tel Asul

May 26th "C" Coy officers were Paulson 1/c LW Lewis, JP Rogers, Dewitt and Broadbridge. "C" Coy relieved "R" Coy in the line

May 31st Started journey for France. Relieved about midnight and arrived at Ain Yebrud?? via Tay Wadi about dawn.

OFFICERS WHO LEFT EGYPT

Lt Col Lawrence C.O. (Wounded)

Major Whitehouse 2 I/C (Killed)

Lt a/Capt HR Horth OC "A" Company

Capt F A Trumper "B" (wounded)

Lt a/Capt JIR Paulson "C"

Capt E Wilmot "D"

Lt Burdass 2 I/C "A" company

Lt D Fraser "B" (killed)

Lt JP Rogers (wounded)

Lt WF Bushell "D"

Lt WA Hopkins Signal officer (wounded)

2/Lt Shepherd Intelligence Offer

2/Lt J Jones "A" company afterwards assistant adjutant.

2/ Lt HW Hunt "A" Company

2/Lt JF Banks "A" Company

2/Lt EC Moggridge "B" Company

2/Lt Waters "B"

2/Lt Avery "B"

2/Lt Broadbridge "C"

2/Lt LW Lewis "C" (later adjutant)

2/Lt Devitt "C" (wounded)

Lt Swordel "D" (killed)

2/Lt HH Bulmer "D" (wounded)

2/ Lt Michael "D" (wounded)

A/Captain W.F Chipp Adjutant (later C.O)

Hon Lt Chubb 2?

Lt Darrell TO

2/Lt Ward Ass/TO

Total 29 plus Padre and MO =31

M.O. Was Brooke

2/Lt Hughes (Worcesters attached) (wounded)

2/Lt Jones Worcesters attached .wounded

2/Lt Murphy Worcesters attached (wounded)

2/Lt Richards Worcesters attached (wounded) The last four joined in France

Maj Yates

<p>Apr 30 to May 5</p>	<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)L.W 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>
<p>Mon May 6</p>	<p>In the evening the Battalion was relieved (rather late) and moved back into reserve to the 6th RWF at a place behind our hill, on which the front line was, and rather nearer the Nablous Road. We carefully dug in against shell fire, and bivouacked.</p>
<p>Tue May 7</p>	<p>In the morning the Battalion moved back into Brigade Reserve at Brigade Headquarters near Khirbet Abu Has Haris where the road from Dar Jarir meets the Nablous Road. Here we bivouacked.</p>
<p>Wed May 8</p>	<p>In the morning the Battalion moved back into Divisional Reserve at Wadi Bar Jerir. We had a long march and were glad to halt and bivouac. We were just under the hill where we had first advanced to reinforce A C Companies at the Chipps Hill attack on March 10th and I had a good look at the place again. We made great preparations for firing at enemy aircraft with Lewis Guns, and had to be very careful to camouflage tents and bivouacs.</p>
<p>Thu May 9</p>	<p>The battalion remained at the same place.</p>
<p>Fri May 10 to May 22</p>	<p>The Battalion remained at the same place and did musketry and Lewis Gun training. We fixed up a range across the Wadi Hishlsh, and did a little course of deliberate and rapid firing, etc, passing the whole Battalion through It (Including officers), and it was quite a success in spite of continual interruptions not only for marking and patching the targets from the natural cover butts, but also for people, both natives and soldiers with and without animals, who wanted to pass along the path leading up the wall across which we were firing, which made it necessary to have men posted on the</p>

	hills each side with flags and whistles to stop either the people passing or (more often) the firers firing. We also fixed up a sort of range for Lewis Gun firing in another wadi, but this was not quite so successful.
Thu May 23	In the evening the Battalion moved to Tay Wadi in front of Tel Asur, and there took over the line, A and B Companies being actually in the line at respectively De Hill and in the valley to the left thereof. Shilloh was in no-mans land to their front and 7 RWF were on their right at Khirbet Abu Felah. Battalion HQ was in Tay Wadi with C as Reserve company, while B was about a mile further back near Tel Asur, Tay Wadi is one of the steepest places we were ever bivouacked in, and it was a regular scramble or climb to get down or up, especially with the mules.
Fri May 24 to 25	The Battalion remained at the same place. The Lewis Gun classes were continued during the day at Battalion HQ, for since May 9th we had been training new gunners with a view to having a double establishment of guns on going to France. We also had to find working parties to wire in the front line each night. This was rather a beastly job, especially when the moon was shining brightly. We seemed to make a great noise hammering in stakes etc., but the enemy must have been a considerable distance away, for though there were occasional bursts of machine gun fire we never had any man hit.
Sun May 26	The Lewis Gun classes finished. C company relieved A Coy at Ide Hill.
Mon May 27 to 30	The Battalion remained in these positions. Ide Hill was a beastly post. Every evening the Turks used to try and sweep the top of the hill with machine gun fire just as we were going over to take up night positions, for they knew where our posts were having been on the hill once before we came there and carried out a successful raid on another battalion one day in the early morning. The enemy also had snipers out all night firing single shots at regular intervals, but they never did any good for they fired too low. They also had machine guns very much on the alert which frequently fired ineffective bursts. There were fewer patrols to do here than at Sinsil. They shelled a little but the 7th RWF, caught most of it at Khirbet Abu Felah.
Fri May 31	At about midnight the Battalion was relieved and began its journey to France. We had a weary night arriving more asleep than awake at Ain Yebrud just before dawn and there bivouacked.

Sgt Colley

After we had withdrawn from the line we were informed by the BGC that we had been chosen to leave for France. We commenced on a 6 day march from the line to the railhead at Ludd and were inspected by Div General ? and Sir Phillip Chetwode and both wished us the best of luck and success upon our arrival in France. We rested at Ludd for a few days and then entrained for Kantara – no one being sorry to leave Palestine and the Sinai Desert behind. Upon arrival at Kantara we found about 300 of our men waiting to rejoin, all these men being returned from hospitals, convalescent camps, depots and base drafts



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

The Volunteer Bn continued to thrive, with army men being required to join as part of their condition for exemption, or delayed enlistment to the Regular forces.

Dore Tribunal.

Proposed Volunteer Company.

At a meeting of the Abbeydore Tribunal, held at the Court House, on Thursday, reference was made to the liability of members of the Tribunal being called to the colours; and the question of exempted men being required to join the Volunteers was also mentioned, an observation being made that there had been mismanagement with regard to that matter generally, and at Hereford. Mr. A. L. Manley presided, and there were present Messrs. H. B. Medicott, J. Watkins (Wormbridge), Philip Williams, H. Robertson, and J. Crook, the National Service Representatives (Mr. Joseph Shaw, K.C., and Mr. John Inglis), and the Clerk (Mr. Stephen Watkins).

MEMBERS OF MILITARY AGE.

Regarding the position of members of the Tribunal who are of the new military age, The Clerk read a statement made by Mr. Hayes Fisher, President of the Local Government Board, in the House of Commons, stating that he had been in consultation with the Minister of National Service, and that they were agreed that, "particularly in view of the arduous duties before tribunals, it is very desirable in the national interests that members who are of military age, should for the present continue to act. Those members of tribunals whose age and medical standard bring them within the classes from which men are being called up for service, will be liable to be called up in due course. If any such member should consider that his circumstances justify his claiming exemption, it will be competent to the Local Government Board to direct that his case shall be determined by a tribunal other than that of which he is a member." Any member so liable could, if he desired, be medically examined in order that he might know his medical grade.

The matter was left to the members concerned.

NO VOLUNTEER COMPANY.

It was announced that from now on anyone exempted by the Tribunal would be compelled to join the Volunteer Regiment, unless the Tribunal specifically decided otherwise for any particular reason.

The Chairman remarked that there were no facilities in the Dore district for men to join the force, and he would be only too pleased if a local company was started.

Mr. Inglis said there was some talk of this being done.

1st BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.

BATTALION ORDERS BY MAJOR T.
WHEELER MEATS, COMMANDING.

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.
8th May, 1918.

No. 19.

1. Petty Cash Accounts.—Owing to near approach of Camp, Officers Commanding Companies will pay particular attention to rendering their petty cash accounts by the 10th inst.

2. Petrol Claims.—The monthly statement giving dates of journeys carried out, makes of car used, place from and to which, and mileage for each journey, will be rendered at once.

3. Permanent Staff.—No. 38955 C.S.M. Jones, J.E., will attend parade at Bromyard on the 14th inst.

4. Attached Instructors.—No. 202429 Sergt. Collins, W. F. J., No. 14582 C.Q.M.S. Gaskell, J., No. 265267 Sergt. Stevens, No. 206012 Sergt. Evans, J. T., will be attached for duty with A, B, C and D Companies respectively up to 17th May next, when they will proceed to camp with first detachments of their respective Companies.

5. Appointments.—No. 1296 Pte. Adams, C., "B" Company, is appointed acting corporal. No. 280 Corpl. Webb, R. G., No. 257 Corpl. Postons, No. 1211 Corpl. Timms to be acting sergeants during Battalion Camp.

6. Battalion Camp, Ross, 17th-28th May, 1918.—All officers and N.C.O.'s of the rank of sergeant or higher will carry note books and pencils throughout camp.

(Signed) C. B. CALDICOTT, Lt. & Asst. Adj.,
For O.C. 1st Hereford Vol. Regt.

"A" Company.

ORDERS FOR MAY, 1918.

Friday.—Hereford, Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, 7.30 p.m., Drill Hall, musketry.

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., drill and bayonet fighting. Withington, No. 4 Platoon, 3 p.m., Dormington, drill and bayonet fighting.

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

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

May 17th to 28th.—Battalion camp at Ross. Orders relative to this camp will be issued later.

(Signed) H. J. HAMMONDS, Lieut.,
O.C. "A" Coy., 1st Batt. H.V.R.

1st BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.

BATTALION ORDERS BY MAJOR T.
WHEELER MEATS, COMMANDING.

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.
May 15th, 1918.

No. 20.

1. The Assistant Adjutant will take charge of the musketry arrangements of the Battalion, and will be in charge of musketry at the Battalion Camp.

2. When firing their course on the range men will always wear their belts, pouches and bayonets.

3. Appointments during the period of Camp.—1395 Pte. Harper to be Acting Pioneer Sergeant. 894 Lance-Corpl Howell to be Acting Sergeant in charge of bombing instruction. 1285 Pte. Woodward, S. L., to be Acting Corporal. 27 Lance-Corpl. Hubbard, A. A. P., to be Acting Sergeant, and to be attached to the Quartermaster's office.

Bayonet Fighting Instructors.—For the purposes of Battalion Camp the following are detailed:—629 Sergt. Edwards, W. D., No. 5 Platoon; 1234 Corpl. Partington, T. A., No. 7 Platoon; 161 Corpl. Goodwin, C., No. 13 Platoon; 773 Corpl. Davies, E. W., No. 14 Platoon; 1296 Corpl. Adams, C., No. 6 Platoon.

Bombing Instructors.—For the purposes of Battalion Camp the following are detailed as Bombing Instructors:—894 Acting Sergt. H. T. Howell, "C" Company; 1154 Corpl. Burton, W. E., "B" Company; 769 Acting Corpl. Tilley, J. E., "D" Company.

Travelling to Camp.—"A" Company detachments if travelling by rail will leave Hereford by 4 p.m. (Saturday only), 8.50 p.m. trains. "B" Company detachments will leave Leominster by 3.50 p.m. and 7.53 p.m. trains. "D" Company detachments will leave Ledbury by 3.18 p.m. (picking up at Ashperton 3.25 p.m.), or by 5.43 p.m. trains.

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HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEERS IN CAMP.

Realistic Conditions.

Beautiful summer weather has favoured the annual Whitsun camp of the 1st Battalion Herefordshire Volunteer Regiment at Ross. The camp is pitched in the field off the Gloucester Road—an ideal situation, with plenty of room for military exercises, and with the rifle ranges near at hand with their fine background of wooded hills. Friday saw the first arrivals at the camp, which is of ten days' duration, and on Saturday there were nearly four hundred men under canvas—a great improvement on the 1917 camp, when there were present only about 200. In times gone by, the Volunteer holiday camps were in many respects characterised by the holiday spirit, and the training and camp life generally was taken easily, but nowadays things are different, and the training is much more thorough, and "specialised" to an extent that would have been remarkable even at a camp of Regulars before the war. The camp is carried on exactly as a reserve battalion camp. All the training is now conducted with a view to early efficiency, by "specialist" instructors, under conditions that approach those that actually prevail in active service.

THE DAY'S WORK.

Whit-Monday was a typical day of the training. Beveille was sounded at 6.15 a.m., after which there was early morning parade at 7.15, breakfast at 8, and then parade from 9.30 to 12.30, then dinner, and parade again from 2.15 to 4.30. There were also lectures on the various subjects for the officers and the N.C.O.'s. After tea the men were free to go into town, but must return to camp by 9.30 p.m., though passes for 10.45 may be obtained, but not for two nights in succession. The constant programme from 7.15 to 4.30, with the interval for dinner, is real hard and earnest drilling, and on Monday firing practice, trench work, bayonet and bomb throwing exercise, and the ordinary marching drill, as well as other departments of military training, were all being simultaneously conducted. It was "all right" in the early morning, when the grass underfoot was cool with the heavy dew, but later in the day, and particularly in the early afternoon when the blazing sun was pouring down heat from a cloudless sky, the men found the marching up and down, the Hotchkiss machine gun firing, the bomb throwing, and particularly the bayonet exercise, had a remarkable resemblance to hard and exhausting work. Still, intervals for rest were by no means unknown, and the instructors were not altogether unsympathetic.

BAYONETING GERMANS.

One part of the bayonet exercise was interesting to watch from the shade of a tree, but perhaps not so pleasant in practice. Squads were lined up near a deep trench, into which they jumped with their rifles, and then after a burst of rapid firing from the parapet, they had, at sudden command, to climb up the trench and go over the top at the double, then bayonet Germans in the "heart or the belly," then jump into another trench and bayonet some more, and then chase the retreating foe, jump into another of his trenches, and then give him some more rapid fire. The "Germans" were bags of sand or straw, some prone and some suspended, and the way the men prodded and stuck these "bodies" was humorous in its bloodthirstiness and cruelty. But the shouted orders, and the quieter directions of the instructors were grim, as was their advice about where to bayonet an enemy, and how to withdraw the weapon without its "sticking," and how after killing a man in the trench, to "go for" another on the parapet at once, for, as the instructor said, "It's his life or yours, and if you don't kill him, then he'll kill you." Another order was "Yell like blazes when you bayonet him"—meaning the bags, but after jumping into and climbing out of those trenches, quick firing, and "doubling," and the rest of it, the men had not much heart or wind for yelling, and thus the deadly work of bayoneting Germans went on in silence and sunshine.

GERMAN PRISONERS LOOK ON.

Meanwhile, about two hundred yards or so away, near the entrance to the camp and in the same field, real live German prisoners of war, in a great cage of barbed wire, looked on at the life of the camp, and at the Volunteers training for home defence, or perhaps for active service in France, or (who knows?) in Germany. They looked on, or played cards or draughts, or simply lay down in the sun, and one could not help contrasting their ease with the terrible ill-treatment of our men, prisoners in Germany, at the hands of the compatriots of those lounging men on the grass. It would be interesting to know what they were thinking, as they looked on at the life of the camp and the drill.

THE OFFICERS.

The camp is under the command of Major T. Wheeler Meats, and other officers attending are Captain and Adjutant C. L. Gabell, the following company officers: Lieut. H. J. Hammonds, "A" Company; Captain Sir R. Harrington, "B" Company; Captain G. M. Morton, "C" Company; and Captain C. T. Smith, "D" Company; Hon. Lieut. and Quartermaster T. L. Price; Lieut. I. D. James, Hotchkiss gun officer; and Lieut. and Assistant Adjutant C. B. Caldicott, musketry officer. Practically every officer of the Battalion is present at the camp. On Saturday, Lieut.-Colonel Nugent, D.S.O., supervising officer (Volunteers), Western Command, is to visit the camp, and is expected to judge in the military sports which are to be held that day, and which will be a most interesting event.

ATTENDANCES AT DRILLS.

In these days when businesses are run with a minimum of staff, it is impossible for men to spare a whole ten days' period from their businesses or occupations, and that circumstance accounts for the fact that a large portion of the N.C.O.'s and men have come to the camp for shorter periods, some for so little as a time as three days, but the majority for more, and a good many arranged to attend camp for the two week-ends. Of course, there are several advantages gained by attendance at camp, not the least of which is that every twenty-four hours spent at the camp counts for five drills, and that means a great deal in the putting in of so many drills per month as a Volunteer. The Volunteers after having been passed as "efficient" have to put in thirty drills every thirteen weeks, and if "not efficient," the number is 45. Those Volunteers who are not able to attend this camp at all, but who will have holidays or be otherwise free later on, can, by applying to their officers, attend camp, by applying to other places in the Commanding camps at other places in the Command. As many men of military age (up to 51), who are not with the colours, will have to join the Volunteers by order of the Tribunals when giving exemption, it is recommended that all who can possibly do so, should join now voluntarily, this being much preferable to a waiting till told. It should be noted that a Volunteer is not bound to attend all drills, or any particular drill, as long as he puts in two-thirds of the drills in a specified time—two-thirds a month for non-efficient, and ten a month for efficient, and it is obvious that a man who is efficient and then has to join the colours, will have many advantages over those who, when called up, have had no military training whatever.

There are Volunteers from Hereford, Kingston, Bromyard, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross and in fact all parts of the county, those from Hereford numbering between 50 and 60, and there are 24 officers. The social amenities are not neglected, and there is to be a smoking concert on Saturday.

The 1st Cadet Bn Herefordshire Regiment

The County was also taking advantage of youngsters and a cadet battalaion was to be formed in Herefordshire:

HEREFORDSHIRE CADETS.
Appeal for Support.

Support is asked for the cadet movement in Herefordshire. Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Foster, writing from Brockhampton Court, says:—
"I beg to forward herewith a copy of an appeal for financial assistance for the Herefordshire Cadet Corps, and I should esteem it a great favour if you could find room to publish it, or make some reference to it, with a view of helping forward the movement, which I, and all other county commandants are instructed by the Army Council is a very necessary and important one."

1st CADET BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTEER REGIMENT.

The Army Council has recently instructed county volunteer authorities to raise cadet companies to be attached to local Volunteer Battalions with their administration (except finance) through the Territorial Force Association, pointing out at the same time the importance, and even necessity, of the cadet movement.

It is contemplated that when the boys reach the age of 17, they may pass into the Volunteers, and so later into the Army, or in any case will eventually become competent to defend their homes and country in case of invasion, or other grave emergency.

There are 1,500,000 boys between the ages of 14 and 17, who are now at the turning-point of their lives, where the cross-roads meet for good or evil, and who at this moment, owing to war conditions, are largely deprived of the guidance and advice of their fathers, elder brothers, and other male relations.

The cadet movement is not only to train boys for the defensive force of the country, but also to educate them, so that they may appreciate their duty to their country, and be put on a better line of citizenship.

In the case of cadets being still at school, they would remain under the control of their masters, one of whom, at least, would receive a commission in the particular school company, so that the general supervision of the boys would in no way be curtailed.

A conference was recently called by the County Commandant of the head masters of the chief boys' schools in the county, when the movement was fully considered, and the names of well over 300 boys were handed in as ready to enrol.

Finance committees are being formed, in some cases for individual schools, in others for a group of schools, with the object of providing uniforms, carbines, and equipment, but there may be schools requiring some further financial help than the sums subscribed by the parents, or by the subscribers in the immediate neighbourhood.

Some further amount may also be required for headquarters' expenses, clerical work, transport in connection with combined drills, or for a short holiday camp.

It is intended that the movement shall be as comprehensive as possible, and that it shall not only include the sons of well-to-do parents, who might themselves subscribe, but also include those in less prosperous circumstances. It is realized, however, that to gather in all classes will entail some further expense.

The prime movers of the cadet organisation in the Kingdom hold that financial help, other than that of the boys' parents, is absolutely necessary for its ultimate success.

Appeals have been made in the majority of counties, and it is hoped that Herefordshire will not be behindhand in giving a generous support.

Before the war much was neglected that ought to have been done, and not least the inculcation of a patriotic spirit into the youth of England.

The same inexorable war will, at its close, have taken so large a toll of the present generation of men, that the future of England will all the more depend on what the boys of England are to-day.

The above is signed by Sir J. R. G. Cotterell, Lord Lieutenant for the county of Hereford, and Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Foster, County Commandant Herefordshire Volunteer Services.

1st CADET BATTALION, HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

Headquarters: The Barracks, Hereford.

1. Recruits for Enrolment.—Cadet Companies, which is quite a voluntary movement, for the City of Hereford, are now being formed, and all shop boys, school boys, and any other lads who do not yet belong to a Cadet Company are invited to join. Every recruit must be an abstainer and non-smoker, and must obtain the signature of his parent or guardian to a form of consent, which should also state his age, address, employment, or school attending, and should be between the ages of 12 and 17 years.

Advantages.—Smart uniform (khaki, Army pattern), sound training in mind and body, sports, cricket, football, summer camps, shooting on rifle ranges, prizes for shooting, badges for regular attendance, and probably a brass or drum and fife band.

This is a good chance for every boy to make himself fit, and those wishing to enrol should apply between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. nightly at the Red Triangle Club, Y.M.C.A., St. Owen's Street, Hereford.

Companies have already been formed as follows:—Hereford City Schools, two Companies; Ross-on-Wye Town and Schools, three Companies; Kington Town and Schools, one Company; Bromyard Town and Schools, one Company; Mitcheldean Town and Schools, one Company.

E. WING, Staff Officer.
For O.C. 1st Cadet Batt. Herefordshire Regiment.