

The 'Herefords'

Casualties (other than 1st Bn)

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	How	Where	Hometown	Notes (Serving with)
BETTS	FRANCIS ARTHUR	PTE	7149		02 Nov	Died	HOME	LLANDRIDOD	LAB CORPS
CREESE	JOSEPH WILLIAM	PTE		237788	07 Nov	KIA	F&F	Aston	KSLI 4
GEORGE	JOHN	SGT		236579	04 Nov	DOW	F&F	SHREWSBURY	KSLI 4, Served BOER War
GOOD	STANLEY GILBERT	PTE		236023	11 Nov	Died	HOME	HEREFORD	KSLI 2/4
HARPER	WILLIAM ROBERT	PTE	4380		05 Nov	DOW	F&F	HEREFORD	RWF
HOLLOWAY	SAMSON	PTE		239277	13 Nov	Died	Home	Wellington Salop	KSLI 4
JAMES	MANFRED WILLIAM	PTE	3108		25 Nov	PNUEMONIA	HOME	WHITCHURCH	LAB CORPS
JORDAN	LEONARD OWEN	CAPT	810		04 Nov	KIA	F&F	WESTON S MARE	R WARKS
MOORE	FRED	PTE	2141		04 Nov	KIA	FLANDERS	HEREFORD	GLOS 1
PROTHERO	WILLIAM CHARLES	PTE	3939	236507	15 Nov	PNUEMONIA	EEF	LEDBURY	RWF
RANFORD	WILLIAM A	PTE	1117		05 Nov	POW	Germany	LEDBURY	CHESHIRE
TURNER	WILLIAM ANDREW	PTE	1311		24 Nov		HOME	KINGTON	LAB CORPS

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TO Jones
Grove House
Grove Rd Hereford

Cl 151 Severn... Deeply regret to inform you your
Brother No. 235490 Pte H.R. Harper R.W. Luntz died from
chest wound left shoulder at Casualty Clearing Station, etc.

I am to express the sympathy and regret of the Army Council in your
sad bereavement.

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 DIED AT 11.40 AM 25.11.18 AT BROADWAY MIL #OSP SHEERNESS
 NEXT OF KIN AND O C UNIT HAVE BEEN INFORMED =

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Army Form I. 1237.

MEDICAL CASE SHEET.

3289

No. in Admission and Discharge Book 1918	Regimental No. 240289	Rank Pte	Surname Pythons	Christian Name W	Unit 2nd Gen Rly Coy	Age 20	Service 63
Station and Date 17 Gen Hosp Alexandria	Disease Pneumonia						
Admitted 17 Gen. Hosp 10-11-18 from the 1st Div. 1st Coy Transferred to pneumonia ward 11-11-18. Following history obtained Patient states he was ill for 5 days before admission. Fell gradually ill & had pain all over the history of malaria. Chief complaint on adm. cough pain chest & dyspnoea. Pt very cyanosed orthopnoea. Expansion of chest poor. Dulness crepitation Rt base YR+ Crepitations left base no dullness.							
12-11-18 No change in general condition.							
13-11-18 10+ C. Rt base YR+ Rt Creps left. No dullness.							
14-11-18 No change.							
15-11-18 Died The cause was attributed to sepsis during the present bout.							

C. J. [Signature]

MAJOR R.A.M.C.
 Medical Division
 General Hospital

* The first and last entries will be signed, and transfers from one Medical Officer to another, attested by their signatures.
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The London Gazette

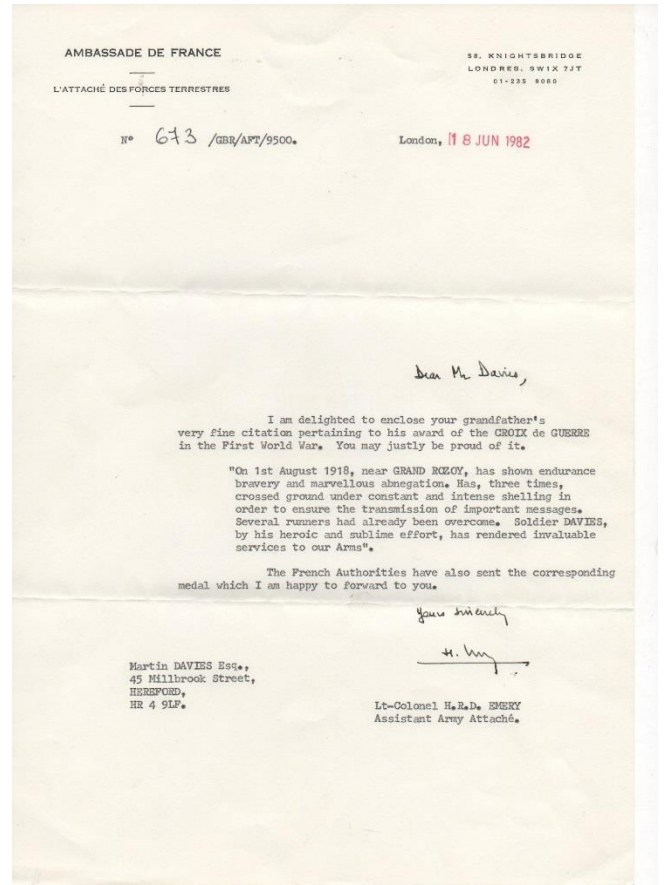
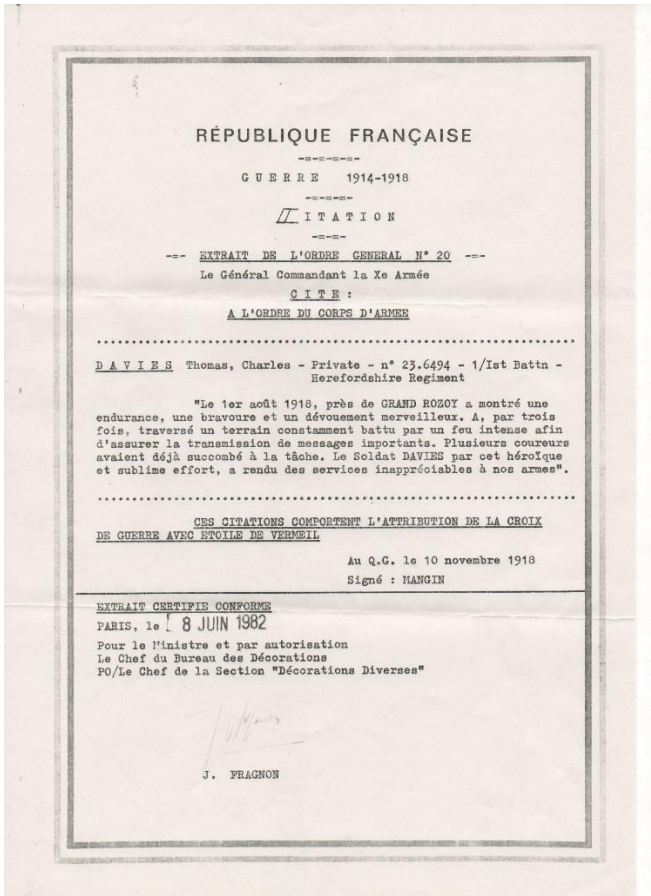
Honours & Awards

Publication Date			Detail	Remarks
09 Nov	Drage	G	Order of The Nile (3rd Class)	
22 Nov	Clarke	236422 Pte EJ	MM	
22 Nov	Davies	236484 Pte TC	MM	
22 Nov	Foley	7369 CSM J	MM	
22 Nov	Griffiths	236418 Pte FG	MM	
22 Nov	Harper	235872 LCpl FJ	MM	
22 Nov	Jarman	236252 LCpl C	Medaille Militaire	
22 Nov	Rogers	235567 LCpl J	MM	

Pte Jarman's award had been reported in the press in September (*see September web post*)

Pte Davies





Croix De Guerre certificate and medal of LCpl Rogers; also his discharge paper showing award of Croix de Guerre. (held in Regimental Museum)

Army Form Z. 21.

CERTIFICATE of Discharge
Transfer to Reserve
Disembodiment
Demobilization on Demobilization.

Serial 57567

Regtl. No. 235567 Rank Corporal

Names in full Rogers William James
(Surname first)

Unit and Regiment or Corps Hereford Regt
from which

Discharged
 Transferred to Reserve
Enlisted on the 2 September 1914

For 23 September 1914
(Here state Regiment or Corps to which first appointed)

Also served in None

Only Regiments or Corps in which the Soldier served since August 4th, 1914 are to be stated. If inapplicable, this space is to be ruled through in ink and initialed.

Medals and Decorations awarded during present engagement Awarded Croix de Guerre
vide London Gazette 22-11-18

Has served Overseas on Active Service.

Place of Rejoining in case of emergency Guernsey Medical Category A.1

Specialist Military qualifications Nil Year of birth 1887

He is Discharged Transferred to Army Reserve Disembodied Demobilized on 23 June 1919

in consequence of Demobilization

Signature and Rank W. James Lt Colonel

Officer i/c No. 1 Coy. Hereford (Place)

* Strike out whichever is inapplicable. The word "Nil" to be inserted when necessary.

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(20006) Wt. W 8211-P.P. 2329 3,000m. P. 10. D & S. (E 1256.)



Promotions & Appointments (extracts from the London Gazette)

Publication Date			Detail	Remarks
06 Nov	Capel	EA	restored to estb	
06 Nov	Pateshall	HEP	restored to estb	
07 Nov	Baillie	RG	to be captain	attached Scottish Rifles
26 Nov	Fanning	WG	to be major (MGC)	
28 Nov	Peake	H	to be captain and adjt	KSLI attached
28 Nov	Worthing	TR	to be captain ASC MT	
30 Nov	Broadbridge	EL	to be captain	Royal West Surrey attached
30 Nov	Smith	DM	resigns commission ASC MT	

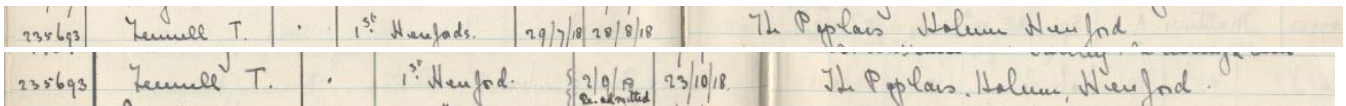
HEREFORD

The following are recorded as being discharged:

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	Why	Hometown	Notes (Serving with)
FENNELL	THEODORE MAYO	PTE	2279	235693	04 Nov		HEREFORD	
HOWLING	ALFRED THOMAS	PTE		238105	20 Nov	2B		RWF
TAYLOR	JOHN	PTE		235840	25 Nov	2B		
WALTON	HENRY	PTE	1763	235427	30 Nov	2B	WITHINGTON	
WATKINS	CHARLES	PTE		239014	20 Nov	2B		
WEAVER	TRACEY	PTE		239009	19 Nov	2B		

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

Pte Fennell had been admitted twice to Sarnesfield VAD hospital (Herefordshire) – there is no indication of his injury, but this is in all probability the cause of his discharge.



He had served at Suvla Bay and had written to his sister:

IN THE RESERVE TRENCHES.

Written by Pte. T. Fennell (2279), 1st Herefordshire Regiment, to his sister, Mrs. Williams, 2, Woodland, Pengrove Road, Hereford, dated August 27th.

"I am writing to you under very trying circumstances, but thank goodness we have been through the worst. We cannot do much in the way of advancing now, owing to the loss of our men and officers. We are now in the reserve trenches, so have got out of the thick of it. But even here we get plenty of shells over our heads, and there are plenty of snipers all round us. So we have to be careful.

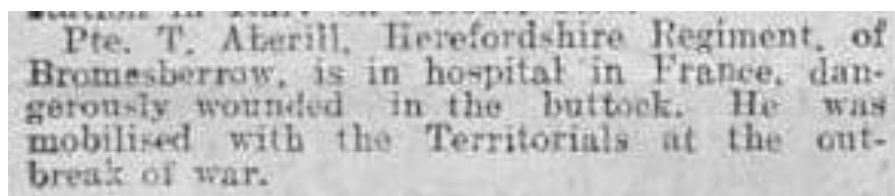
"We had to advance after landing under very heavy fire. I shall never forget the feeling, and I cannot explain what I have seen. A lot of our losses occurred last Monday week. We were shelled very heavily, and lost 48 men in no time. My old chum, Reg. Gunn, was wounded very badly, and did not live long. It quite upset me, for we have been together from the start and joined the same day. We were in billets together, and my chum Roberts was with us. He was hit the other day, not very far from me.

"The weather is very hot, and the flies are a worry. We get it very cold in the evenings, and cannot sleep in our trenches. I have got dysentery rather badly, but am going on all right."

1st Battalion

Casualties

NAME	INIT	RANK	No1	No2	Date	How	Where	Hometown	Notes
AVERILL	THOMAS H	PTE	1422	235264	15 Nov	DOW	F&F	BROMSBERROW	



From 34 Div War Diary

The Herefords spent the first part of November out of the line as part of Corps Reserve.

103 Bde took part in an attack on Anseghem on the 1,2 Nov. The Commander 41 Div expressed himself very warmly to Gen Nicholson as regards the services the 34th had rendered to the 41st on the previous day by guarding its right flank and clearing the southern end of the high ground, which facilitated its advance. The Army Comd, Sir HC Plumer, also complimented the Division.

The tangible results of the day's fight were two hundred and 13 prisoners, of whom 3 were officers, 3 field guns, 33 machine guns, and 2 Minenwerfers, and the retreat of the enemy beyond the Scheldt. Our casualties were only one hundred and fifty.

Thus ended triumphantly the battle career of 34 Div, for on 3 Nov they marched back to the west of Courtrai.

On the 10 Nov: 'About 2100, we tapped a wireless message from German Chancellor to the effect that all Armistice conditions were accepted. This was followed by a general discharge of lights of all sorts from neighbouring aerodromes.'

BATTLE CASUALTIES SUSTAINED DURING 1918

	Killed		Wounded		Missing		Total	
	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
Jan	2	23	9	175		3	11	201
Feb	2	4	1	8			3	12
Mar	20	192	56	1005		1844	138	3041
Apr	31	254	135	2202	62	2397	206	4853
May		8	5	46	40		5	54
Jun								
Jul	17	334	104	2451	1	162	122	2947
Aug	12	154	20	539	1	53	33	746
Sep	14	128	33	727	3	157	50	1012
Oct	13	186	51	1004	4	115	68	1305
Nov	4	34	6	97	10	15	20	146
	115	1317	420	8254	121	4746	656	14317

These casualties tell the 'story' of 34 Div in 1918, the virtually annihilation of the Div in Mar and Apr, the rebuilding of the Div in Jul (with new units including The Herefords) and their hasty deployment to the south to support the French in Jul and Aug; then the steady casualties of the advance to the East.

THE RHINE

The Division was originally selected to be one of the first to march to the Rhine. This was soon cancelled, and on the 17 Nov it marched to an area about Lessines, arriving there on 18 and 19th. The Division was transferred to 10 Corps, and settled down to light training and recreational training. A divisional education scheme was drawn up, but, owing to the lack of books and material, no great progress was made.

From The Battalion War Diary:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Detail</i>
1 Nov	Company training – Lewis Gun, musketry and specialist.
2 Nov	As per 1 st .
3 Nov	0800 – Battalion moved brigaded to Mooreseele; billeted in farms and houses.
4 Nov	Rest day; Battalion concert in evening.
5 Nov	Corps reserve. Company and specialist training in forenoon, sports and games in afternoon.
6 Nov	As per 5 th . Memorial service, anniversary of Khuweilfeh.
7 Nov	Training as per 6 th .
8 Nov	Brigade proceeded to River Lys near Wevelghem; practiced construction of pontoon bridges with canvas trench shelters filled with straw and fastened to boards. Battalion crossed completed bridge in 19 minutes; river at this point 45 yards wide.
9 Nov	Company training. Presentation of British Honours (ribbons) to 34 Division by 11 Corps Commander at Wevelghem.
10 Nov	Sunday; Brigade Church Service.
11 Nov	Company training. Hostilities ceased at 11am.
12 Nov	Rest and games.
13 Nov	Brigade sports following events won by Battalions: 1 st Transport turnout, 1 st Tug of war, 1 st 220 yards, 2 nd 440 yards, 1 st Long Jump and 2 nd High Jump.
14 Nov	8am – Battalion moved brigaded to Rollegem, billeted in town.
15 Nov	Battalion moved to Pottes, billeted in scattered farms.
16 Nov	Battalion moved brigaded to Renaix, billeted in convent.
17 Nov	Sunday; Brigade service in convent yard.
18 Nov	Battalion moved brigaded to Flobecq, billeted in houses and school.
19 Nov	Rest and administrative work.
20 Nov	Company training, 3 hours in forenoon, games etc in afternoon.
21 – 22 Nov	As per 20 th .
23 Nov	Battalion less transport inspected by BGC 102 Bde.
24 – 28 Nov	As per 20 th .
29 Nov	Brigade inspected by GOC 34 Division.
30 Nov	As per 20 th .

1st. Bn. The Herefordshire Regiment.

APPENDICES TO THE WAR DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1918.

APPENDIX 1. - CASUALTIES :

KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		SICK ADMITTED	
O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
-	1.	-	9	1.	-	2	64

APPENDIX 2. - REINFORCEMENTS :

FROM ENGLAND		FROM HOSPITAL		VARIOUS		TOTAL	
O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
6.	-	1	125	2.	1	109	126

APPENDIX 3. - OFFICER CASUALTIES :

3/Lieut. P.W. Chesney - to hospital 1/11/18
 Lieut. F.G. Burdass - From Hospital 17/11/18
 Lieut. C.T.L. Halford - From England "
 3/Lieut. Leigh Bennett - " " "
 2/Lieut. G.D. Daniels - " " "
 Lieut. C.H. Miles - " " "
 Lieut. S.E. Knapp - " " 25/11/18
 2/Lieut. J. Ashmore - " " "
 Lieut. H.A. Edwards - TO Hospital 29/11/18
 Capt. E.V. Mullis - From Base 17/11/18
 Capt. T.R. Ginger - From Base 20/11/18

From the Diaries of:

Sgt Colley

We were quartered on Harlebeke within easy shelling distance, and we suffered greatly from nightly hostile bombing attacks. We withdrew further to Moor Selle and on Nov 10 we were officially informed that the Corps wireless had caught the news instructing the Germans armistice delegates to sign the armistice terms. Great was the delight of everyone – the war was over at last – many were the sighs of relief and thoughts turned to England and home.

A couple of days later we were informed that we, as part of the 2nd Army had been chosen as part of the Army of Occupation, and we commenced a long long march towards the German frontier. It was a victorious march, the Belgian people being over delighted at being liberated from the tyranny of the Bosch. Each village we passed through was beflagged and decorated. We passed through Renaise, Flobecq where we started for 3 weeks ago, then on again to Soignes, Monsier, Lussambre, Charleroi eventually arriving at the village of Fosse, 20 miles west of Namur.

Sgt Pugh

After Menin we came back to rest at Moselle and we were there when the Armistice was signed and fighting came to an end.

Sgt Harris

1/11/18	Went to the pictures; visited dentist. Fortnight's gum rest.
2/11/18	Received letters from Mother, Bert & Gert. Wrote to Ivy, Alice, Brt and Mother
4/11/18	Austria surrenders; wrote to Doris
7/11/18	Wrote to Mrs Thackwray
8/11/18	Wrote to Mother & Gert; letters from Olive & Len.
10/11/18	Letter from Mother
11/11/18	Germany signs armistice; great excitement in Rouen.
12/11/18	Sent signal to MOD[?]
13/11/18	Whist Drive and concert at the mess.
14/11/18	Letter from Olive & Bert; wrote to Oliver & Mrs Small
15/11/18	Fortnights gum rest. Wrote to Mother; letter from Ivy & Doris
16/11/18	Wrote to Bert & Syd
17/11/18	Walk by the Seine
21/11/18	Letter from Mother and ?; wrote to Mother
22/11/18	Wrote to Mrs Cosford and Len
23/11/18	Wrote to Doris & Ivy. Saw Jimmy Taylor at the base.
24/11/18	Letter from Cis
25/11/18	Wrote to Cis; letter from Olive & Len
26/11/18	Wrote to Aunty
27/11/18	Concert at Mess
28/11/18	Went to pictures
29/11/18	Fortnights gum rest; parcel from Cis
30/11/18	Wrote to Cis, letter from Mother

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

The Volunteer Battalion continued to be active, but duties and commitments were soon curtailed after the 11th.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

BATTALION ORDERS BY CAPTAIN G. M.
MORTON, ACTING O.C.

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.

October 31st, 1918.

No. 51.

1. Permanent Staff.—R.S.M. O'Neill, W., will attend parade at Ledbury on the 3rd November next. C.S.M. I.M. Cushman, G. H., will attend parade at Leominster on the 3rd and 5th November next.

2. Training in Water Duties.—With reference to Battalion Orders No. 47 (4) of the 3rd inst., the names of further men to attend the three-day courses at Blackpool in the above duties are urgently required.

3. Rifle Course of Instruction.—A course of instruction for Officers and N.C.O.'s will be held at Western Command School of Musketry, Altcarr, from the 11th to the 23rd November next. The name of any Officer or N.C.O. wishing to attend must be forwarded to Orderly Room by the 4th November next at latest.

4. Appointment, No. 902664 a/Sergt. Bindon, A. J., "C" Company, is appointed Sergeant Instructor of the Hotchkiss Sections.

(Signed) C. L. Gabell, Capt. & Adjt.,
1st Vol. Batt. Herefordshire Regt.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

BATTALION ORDERS BY CAPTAIN G. M.
MORTON, ACTING O.C.

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.

November 14th, 1918.

No. 53.

1. Permanent Staff.—No. 16274 R.S.M. O'Neill, W., will attend parade at Leominster on the 19th inst., and Kington on the 21st inst. C.S.M.I.M. Cushman, G. H., will attend parades at Hereford on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst., Ledbury on the 21st inst.

2. Attached Instructors.—The following instructors are attached for duty to the Companies named:—No. 202429 Sergt. Collins, W. F. J., and No. 201750 Corpl. Kippax, "A" Company; No. 10173 Sergt. Bartlett, J., "B" Company; No. 246027 C.S.M. Hollinrake, "C" Company; No. 20012 Sergt. Evans, J. T., "D" Company.

3.—Musketry Class.—A Class for Officers and N.C.O.'s and men wishing to become musketry instructors will be held at the Drill Hall, Hereford, commencing on the 18th inst. S.S.I.M. Galley will be in charge of this class.

4. Refresher Course: Bayonet Fighting.—No. 14582 C.Q.M.S. Gaskell, J., will hold a refresher bayonet fighting course for one week at Leominster, commencing on the 19th inst.

(Signed) C. L. Gabell, Capt. & Adjt.,
1st Vol. Batt. Herefordshire Regt.

"A" Company.

ORDERS.

Company parade on Sunday, 17th November, for divine service, at the Cathedral. Fall in 2 p.m. prompt at Drill Hall. Dress: Drill order without rifles. Every man is directed to attend.

(Signed) H. J. HAMMONDS,
O.C., "A" Co., 1st V.B.H.R.

1st VOLUNTEER BATTALION HEREFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

BATTALION ORDERS BY CAPTAIN G. M.
MORTON, ACTING O.C.

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Hereford.

No. 54.

November 21st, 1918.

Attendance at Drills.—Pending further instructions, attendances at drills will be voluntary. Parades will be arranged for those who wish to attend. Instructions are being sent to Company Commanders.

(Signed) C. L. Gabell, Capt. & Adjt.,
1st Vol. Batt. Herefordshire Regt.

The 1st Cadet Bn Herefordshire Regiment

The Cadet Battalion continued to parade, and was to become a permanent feature.