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1885	Nov 2	1st Bn left Calcutta for Burma
	Nov 28	1st Bn entered Mandalay
1887	Mar 24	1st Bn returned to India
1891	Mar	1st Bn took part in the Black Mountain Expedition (Hazara)
1896	Oct 28	1st Bn arrived Aden from India
1897	Dec 9	1st Bn arrived England from Aden
1899	Oct 23	1st Bn embarked for South Africa. Arrived Durban 17 November
	Dec 15	1st Bn at Battle of Colenso
1900	Feb 28	1st Bn at Relief of Ladysmith
	June 2	All ranks of the regular battalions authorized to wear the Flash on full dress
1901	Dec 21	HRH Prince of Wales to be Colonel-in-Chief
1903	Feb 4	1st Bn arrived in England from South Africa
1907	Oct 2	1st Bn arrived in Ireland
1912	Nov 21	1st Bn landed in England from Ireland
1914	Jan 10	1st Bn embarked at Southampton for Malta. Arrived 17th
	Mar 2	1st and 2nd Bns met at Malta
	Sep 12	1st Bn arrived at Southampton from Malta and on arrival joined 22nd Brigade, 7th Division at Lyndhurst, Hampshire
	Oct 7	Landed at Zeebrugge and moved to Western Front (France & Flanders)
1917	Nov 25	Moved to Italy as part of 22nd Brigade, 7th Division. At Armistice, located west of Udine, Italy.
1919	Oct 25	1st Bn sailed from Liverpool for India on HT <i>Northumberland</i> . Arrived Lucknow 17 November
1920	Feb	Spelling Welch in title of Regiment approved (Army Order 56)
1921	Dec 12	1st Bn arrived Ladha, Waziristan from Lucknow
1923	Apr 23-25	1st Bn arrived Multan, Lahore District from Ladha
	June	The use of the rank Fusilier for private soldiers approved (Army Order 222)
1924	Jan	The wearing of the Flash on service dress by other ranks approved (Army Council Instruction 62)
1925	Dec 22	1st Bn arrived Nasirabad, Rajputana from Multan
1927	Apr 30	Alliance with 1st Bn Australian Military Forces authorized
	June 30	Alliance with 12th Infantry (Pretoria Regiment) authorized
	July 31	Alliance with the Royal 22ème Régiment of Canada authorized
1928	Jan 23	1st Bn arrived Quetta from Nasirabad
1930	June 25	Sousa's march <i>The Royal Welch Fusiliers</i> presented to the Regiment
	Dec 11	1st Bn sailed from India for Sudan. Arrived 19th. Detachment to Cyprus
1932	Apr 7	1st Bn sailed from Sudan for home. Arrived 21st. To Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth
	Apr 16	1st and 2nd Bns met at Gibraltar
1935	Nov 15	1st Bn arrived Inkerman Barracks, Woking from Tidworth
1937	Oct 25	1st Bn arrived Dettingen Barracks, Blackdown from Woking
1939	Sep 3	Start of Second World War. Battalion served in France and Belgium (1940) and India and Burma (1942-45)
1946	Mar	1st Bn re-formed at Wrexham
	June 15	Freedom of Wrexham conferred on the Regiment

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	July 16	1st Bn arrived Gevelsberg, Ruhr, BAOR having absorbed men of 4 and 6 RWF
1947	June 20	1st Bn moved to Llanelly Barracks, Hubbelrath, Düsseldorf
1949	Apr 5	First National Servicemen joined 1st Bn
	Apr 12-18	1st Bn flew to Berlin (Wavell Bks, Spandau) as part of Berlin Airlift
1950	Mar 22	1st Bn moved from Berlin to Spey Barracks, Buxtehude, Hamburg
1951	Jan 22	1st Bn arrived The Dale, Chester from BAOR
	Mar 4	1st Bn departed Southampton on HT <i>Dilwara</i> for West Indies
	Mar 27	1st Bn disembarked Kingston, Jamaica. Companies detached to Newcastle (Jamaica), and British Honduras (Belize)
	May 6	1st Bn detachment to Grenada on Internal Security (IS) duties to end of year
	June 14	1st Bn detachment to Antigua on IS duties to July
1952	Jan 3	Depot Wrexham reopened to train recruits
1953	June 2	Her Majesty The Queen assumed the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief
	Oct 4	1st Bn to British Guiana on IS duties to end Oct
	Nov 25-27	The Queen's visit to Jamaica
	Nov 28	1st Bn provided Guards of Honour for Sir Winston Churchill, President Eisenhower and M Laniel in Bermuda until 12 December
1954	Mar 20	1st Bn arrived Liverpool from West Indies. To Chisledon Camp, Swindon
	July 23	Her Majesty The Queen presented new Colours to 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions at Wroughton, Swindon
	July 29	1st Bn Colours (1880-1954) laid up in St David's Cathedral. (Removed to regimental museum 1989/90)
	Aug 15	1st Bn arrived Moore Barracks, Dortmund from Chisledon
	Sep 3	2nd Bn disembarked at Singapore and moved to Malaya
	Nov 30	Alliance with 4th Bn Royal Malay Regt approved
1956	Aug 4	1st Bn moved from Dortmund to Montgomery Barracks, Berlin
1958	Jan 26	1st Bn arrived Lichfield from Berlin
	Apr 19	Regiment received Freedom of Conway
	Apr 29	1st Bn sailed from Liverpool on HMT <i>Devonshire</i> for Cyprus. Arrived 11 May
1959	Dec 17	1st Bn disembarked Southampton from Cyprus. To Carter Barracks, Bulford
1960	Mar 31	Regimental Depot Wrexham closed
	Apr 1	RHQ established at Wrexham
	Apr 1	Welsh Bde Depot formed at Cwrt-y-Gollen, Crickhowell
	Apr 1	Welsh Bde cap badge adopted until 1970
	June 2	Regimental Museum opened at Caernarfon Castle
	Nov 29	Last National Servicemen joined 1st Bn
1962	Dec 12	1st Bn to Singapore for Brunei crisis until February 1963
1963	May 9	1st Bn from Bulford to Aldershot Barracks, Iserlohn, BAOR
1964	July 14	1st Bn from Iserlohn to St George's Barracks, Minden
1966	Apr 24	1st Bn to Cyprus as part of UNFICYP until November
	May 31	Alliance with 3rd Bn The Frontier Force Regt of Pakistan approved
1967	Apr 7	1st Bn moved from Minden to Heathfield Camp, Honiton
1968	Sep 10	RHQ moved from Wrexham to The Barracks, Caernarfon

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1969	July 1	Investiture of the Prince of Wales at Caernarfon
	July 23	1st Bn flew to Hong Kong. To Gun Club Barracks, Kowloon
1970	Mar 1	Regt reverted to cap badge not worn since 1960
1972	Jan	1st Bn returned to UK from Hong Kong
	Mar 9	1st Bn arrived Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry
1973	Sep 1-6	1st Bn from Londonderry to Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth
	Nov 7	Regt received Freedom of the City of Cardiff
	Dec 7	Her Majesty The Queen visited the 1st Bn at Tidworth
1974	Feb 20	1st Bn (less two coys) to Belize until August
	Oct 17-27	1st Bn on Spearhead tour to Belfast
1975	Feb 27	1st Bn to Belfast for 4-month tour to July
	Sep 1-30	1st Bn Public Duties, London
	Nov 5	Regt received Freedom of Borough of Arfon at Caernarfon
	Nov 7	Her Majesty The Queen presented new Colours to 1st and 3rd Bns at Caernarfon
1976	Apr 24	Regiment received Freedom of Delyn at Mold
	May 6	1st Bn Colours (1954-75) laid up in St David's Church, Cwrt-y-Gollen (removed to St Giles's, Wrexham 1986)
	Oct 19	1st Bn to Belfast until February 1977
1977	Apr	1st Bn to Ireland for three weeks for Ulster loyalists' strike
	Dec 2	Her Majesty The Queen visited the 1st Bn at Tidworth
1978	Jan 22	1st Bn from Tidworth to Lemgo, BAOR
	Nov 6	1st Bn to Londonderry until March 1979
1980	Dec 4	Her Majesty The Queen visited the 1st Bn at Lemgo
1981	Feb 25	1st Bn to Belfast from Lemgo until July
1982		Adult recruit training moved from Crickhowell to Lichfield
	Aug 3	1st Bn from Lemgo to Battlesbury Barracks, Warminster and Netheravon as infantry demonstration bn
	Dec 1	RHQ moved from Caernarfon to Wrexham
1983	Sep 17	Regt received Freedom of Borough of Wrexham Maelor at Wrexham
1984	May 4	Her Majesty The Queen visited the 1st Bn at Warminster
	Oct-Nov	1st Bn moved from Warminster to Clive Barracks, Tern Hill, Shropshire
1985	Feb 21	1st Bn to Falklands (air to Ascension then SS <i>Uganda</i>) until June
1986	June	1st Bn to Northern Ireland until September
	Oct 31	Depot Cwrt-y-Gollen closed
1987	Mar 20	Gen Sir Hugh Stockwell thanksgiving service, Westminster Abbey
	May	1st Bn to Ballykinler, Northern Ireland
1989	Mar 6	Tercentenary history, <i>That Astonishing Infantry</i> , published
	Mar 16	Tercentenary of formation of the Regiment. Celebrations at Ludlow
	Apr 21	Tercentenary parade and pageant before Her Majesty the Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, at Powis Castle
	Apr 22	Commemorative church service and dedication of relocated regimental chapel St Giles's Church, Wrexham
	Apr 26	Tercentenary parade, and march through Cardiff
	July	1st Bn moved from Ballykinler to Montgomery Barracks, Berlin
	Sep 2	Freedom of Aberconwy ceremony at Llandudno
	Nov 17	Tercentenary regimental dinner at Brooks's, St James's, London

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1992	mid Aug	1st Bn moved from Berlin to Mooltan, then (Oct) Bhurtpore, Barracks, Tidworth
1993	May 13–16	1st Bn to Northern Ireland as Fermanagh <i>roulement</i> battalion. Until November
1994	Mar 1	City of Swansea freedom ceremony
	Apr 15	Borough of Merthyr Tydfil freedom ceremony
	July 29	Regimental Band disbanded
	Sep	1st Bn moved from Tidworth to Brawdy, Pembrokeshire
1995	Feb	1st Bn, less rear party, moved from Brawdy to Bosnia
	Mar 16	Alliance with the Pretoria Regiment of South Africa officially reinstated
1996	22 May	1st Bn Colour presentation by HM the Queen at Chepstow
	Dec 12	Bn moved from Chepstow to Northern Ireland on a six-month operational tour as East Tyrone battalion
1997	June 14	1st Bn returned to Chepstow from Northern Ireland
	Sep	Major EL Kirby's <i>Officers of The Royal Welch Fusiliers, 1689 - 1914</i> published
	Nov 11	1st Battalion 1939–1940 memorial dedicated at St-Venant, Pas-de-Calais
1998	July 8	Carmarthen Right of Entry (freedom) ceremony
	Aug	Exchange with the Royal 22ème Régiment of Canada ended
	Aug 17–22	1st Bn moved from Chepstow to Shackleton Barracks, Ballykelly
1999	July 31	Museum reopened after redevelopment
	Nov 9–10	Memorial unveiled on Ameland, Holland to those lost on <i>de Valk</i> in 1799
2000	Apr 13	1st Bn won Army rugby cup
	June 27	1st Bn 1826-1849 colours removed from St Peter's Church, Carmarthen for conservation in museum
	Aug	1st Bn infantry cricket champions
	Aug 29	1st Bn moved from Ballykelly to Clive Barracks, Tern Hill, Shropshire
2001	May 26	Hornbeam tree planted in Delville Wood, Longueval, France in memory of the 10th Battalion's two VCs
	Sep 15	Freedom of the Borough of Newport conferred on the Regiment
2002	June 9	1st Battalion 1975–96 Colours laid up in St Peter's Church, Carmarthen
	July–Aug	1st Bn moved from Tern Hill to New Normandy Barracks, Aldershot
	Dec	1st Bn moved to New Mons Barracks, Aldershot
2003	Jun 2	50th Anniversary of HM the Queen becoming Colonel-in-Chief
	Jun 4	HM the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Hightown Barracks, Wrexham. Tree planted by Colonel-in-Chief
2004	Apr	1st Bn to Basra, Iraq on Op Telic 4
	Aug	Officers' Association visit to Bavaria for 300th anniversary of the Battle of Blenheim
	Oct	1st Bn returned to Aldershot from Iraq
	Dec 16	Reorganisation of infantry announced. 1 RWF and 1 RRW to become 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Royal Welsh on 1 March 2006
2005	Sep	1st Bn to Northern Ireland as South Armagh battalion to January 2006
2006	Mar 1	Battalion forms 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh