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1969	Jun 11	1 RRW formed from 1 SWB and 1 WELCH. New Colours presented by HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief RRW at Cardiff Castle. RRW granted the Freedom of the City of Cardiff
	Jul 1	The Investiture of HRH The Prince of Wales at Caernarfon Castle
	Jul 6	1 RRW given the freedom of Borough of Brecon. 1 SWB Colours (1933-1958) laid up in Brecon Cathedral
	Jul 8	1 RRW given the freedom of Borough of Newport
	Jul 10	1 RRW given the freedom of Borough of Carmarthen
	Aug	1 RRW to Northern Ireland. Until mid-September
	Nov	1 RRW moved from Lydd to Quebec Barracks, Osnabrück in AFV 432 mechanised role as part of 12 Infantry Brigade
1970	Oct 15	1 RRW 4-months tour to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Until 17 February 1971
1971	Feb 7-8	Pte D Bennett awarded George Medal for his actions on the Falls Road, Belfast
	Feb 25-27	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief RRW visits 1 RRW in Osnabrück. Prince of Wales's Platoon Competition instituted
	Apr 1	3 (V) RRW formed from companies of the Welsh Volunteers and 4 RRW from cadre of 4 WELCH
1972	Mar 27	1 RRW 4-months tour to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Until 27 July. 6 soldiers killed and 25 wounded
1973	Jan	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief RRW visits 1 RRW in Osnabrück
	Sep 22	2nd Monmouths Colours (1958-1967) laid up in St Cadoc's Church, Trevechin, Pontypool
	Oct 26	HRH The Prince of Wales visited SWB Museum, Brecon
	Oct 27	HRH The Prince of Wales, visited Welsh Brigade Depot, Cwrt-y-Gollen, presented Colours to 3 (V) RRW at Cardiff Castle and attended the RRW Regimental Association Dinner in the City Hall, Cardiff
	Nov 16	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief, attended RRW Officers' Dining Club dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel
	Nov 25	6 WELCH Colours (1960-1967) laid up in Llandaff Cathedral
	Nov 27	1 RRW to Palace Barracks in Northern Ireland as 'Belfast Reserve' battalion as part of 39 Infantry Brigade
1974	Jan 27	5 WELCH Colours (1968-1973) laid up in St Catherine's Church, Pontypridd
	Jun 11	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief, visited 4 RRW at Annual Camp at Knook Camp, Salisbury Plain
	Jul	Recruits from Devonshire and Dorset and Gloucestershire Regiments started recruit training at Cwrt-y-Gollen
	Aug	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, attended the RRW Regimental Association Dinner at Dering Lines, Brecon
	Dec	Cwrt-y-Gollen renamed as Depot, Prince of Wales's Division
1975	May	1 RRW moved to Brooke Barracks, Berlin
	Jul 27	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, visited 3 RRW at Jurby camp, Isle of Man
	Jul 29	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, received the freedom of Borough of Llanelli on behalf of RRW
	Nov 2	RRW adopted new capbadge to replace Welsh Brigade badge in use since 1960
	Nov 9-11	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, visited 1 RRW in Brooke Barracks, Berlin
1977	May 7	3 RRW received the freedom of the Borough of Taff-Ely (Pontypridd)
	May 13	1 RRW moved to Normandy Barracks, Aldershot from Berlin
	Jun 24	1 RRW Guard of Honour for HM The Queen's Jubilee visit to Cardiff
	Jul 1	HRH The Prince of Wales, Colonel in Chief, visited 1 RRW at Aldershot
	Aug	1 RRW left Aldershot for a 6-months unaccompanied tour to Belize. Based in Airport Camp.

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	Sep 24	HRH The Prince of Wales presents Colours to 4 (V) RRW at Parc Howard, Llanelli, opened Welch Regiment Museum in Cardiff Castle, and attended RRW Association Dinner in City Hall Cardiff. 4 WELCH (1960-1977) Colours moved to Regimental Museum in Cardiff Castle.
	Nov 7	RRW personnel involved in Op Burberry (firemen's strike). Until January 1978
1978	Feb 27	1 RRW won the ARU Challenge Cup Final – UK
	Apr 30	1 RRW moved to Lee Metford Camp, Lydd for training
	May 4	HRH The Prince of Wales opened Welch Regiment Museum in Cardiff Castle
	June 12	1 RRW trained at Wainwright, Canada on Ex Pond Jump West 2. Until 12 July
	Sep 30	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, visited 3 RRW at Annual Camp, Barry Buddon, Scotland
	Nov 29	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, visited 1 RRW at Stanford during Northern Ireland pre-training
	Dec 29	1 RRW to Armagh, Northern Ireland on 4-months tour
1979	Jan 21	RRW Commemoration Service in Brecon Cathedral for centenary of Anglo-Zulu war.
	May 18-27	Colonel of the Regiment and RRW party visited battlefields for Anglo-Zulu war centenary
	Jul 28	RRW Marches through Cardiff, Newport, Llanelli and Carmarthen to commemorate centenary of Anglo-Zulu war
	Aug 2-11	1 RRW re-acted defence of Rorke's Drift at Cardiff Tattoo
	Dec	1 RRW party deployed on Op Agila (Rhodesia Monitoring Force). Until March 1980
1980	Sep	1 RRW Hong Kong as an emergency re-enforcement battalion for 3-months. Until 14 December
1981	Feb 4-18	1 RRW on Public Duties, London
	Feb 20	RRW granted freedom of City of Swansea
	May 7	1 RRW deployed as Spearhead Battalion on an emergency tour at Moscow Camp, Belfast, Northern Ireland during the hunger strikes. Until June
	Jul 29	1 RRW part of Tri-Service Guard of Honour at St Paul's Cathedral for wedding of HRH The Prince of Wales. Also provided street liners in Fleet Street
1982		Adult recruits' training moved from Crickhowell to Lichfield
	Jun 11	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, visited 1 RRW at Aldershot
	Jun	Adult recruits' training moved from Cwyt-y-Gollen to Whittington Barracks, Lichfield
	Aug 6	1 RRW moved to Stornoway Barracks, Lemgo. Until 24 June 1988
1983	Mar 23	HRH The Princess Margaret visited Welch Regiment Museum
	Sep 19	1 RRW to West Belfast, Northern Ireland. Until 4 February 1984
1984	Jan 4	160 (Wales) Brigade reformed at Brecon
	Jul 11-12	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, visited 1 RRW at Lemgo
1985	Apr 1	Extra rifle company authorised for 3 RWF, 3 RRW and 4 RRW. In addition HSF (Home Service Force) companies raised in each battalion. HSF Companies disbanded on 31 March 1992
	Jun 1	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief RRW, accepted the freedom of Borough of Dinefwr (Llandeilo/Llandovery) and visited 3 RRW and 4 RRW at Sennybridge
1986	Sep 20	1 RRW deployed on Op Cara Cara as Incremental Reinforcement Battalion to Northern Ireland. Until January 1987
	Oct 17	Depot Cwrt-y-Gollen closed
1987	Feb 9	King Goodwill of the Zulus visited Brecon
	Mar 12	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, visited 1 RRW at Lemgo
	Jul 11	38th (Welsh) Division Dragon Memorial unveiled at Mametz Wood, Somme, France
	Dec	Headquarters 4 RRW moved to Morfa, Swansea from Llanelli

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1988	Jun 25	Tasker Watkins VC House opened at Morfa, Swansea
	Aug 13	WO1 (RSM) RM Heakin killed by IRA at Ostend
	Aug	1 RRW move from Lemgo to Battlesbury Barracks, Warminster as Infantry Demonstration Battalion
1989	Jan 1	RRW Brereton History published
	Apr 1	RRW Freedom march at Brecon
	Apr 8	RRW Freedom march at Llanelli
	Apr 22	3 RRW Freedom march at Taff Ely (Pontypridd)
	Jun 23	RRW Officers and Ladies Dinner at Connaught Rooms attended by HRH The Prince of Wales
	Jun 24	Band & Drums 1 RRW performed at the Royal Hospital Chelsea
	Jul 1	RRW Freedom march through Dinefwr at Llandeilo
	Jul 8	RRW Freedom march at Swansea
	Jul 15	RRW Freedom march at Newport
	Jul 19	RRW Freedom march at Carmarthen
	Jul 22	RRW Freedom granted of Borough of Brecknock
	Jul 29	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel in Chief, attended RRW Tercentenary Parade – Cardiff Castle. New Colours presented to 1 RRW, followed by march through Cardiff
	Sep 15	1 RRW awarded Liberty of Warminster
	Nov 12	RRW Trecentenary Service at St Nicholas Church, Pluckley, Kent
	Nov 18	1 RRW Colours (1969-1989) laid up in Llandaff Cathedral
1990	Apr 20	RRW granted the freedom of the Borough of Cynon Valley
	Aug	1 RRW to Stanley Fort, Hong Kong as part of 48th Gurkha Infantry Brigade. Until January 1993
1992	Nov 7	HRH The Prince of Wales visited 1 RRW in Hong Kong
1993	Jan 11	1 RRW moved to Clive Barracks, Tern Hill, Shropshire from Hong Kong
	Apr 18	RRW granted freedom of the Borough of Neath
	Jul 6	RRW Company group to Falkland Islands and South Georgia on 4-months tour
	Oct 1	3 (V) RRW and 4 (V) RRW merged to form 2 (V) RRW
1994	Jun 5	2 SWB memorial unveiled at Asnelles, Normandy
	Jun 10	RRW Parade to commemorate 25 years of the appointment of HRH The Prince of Wales as Colonel-in-Chief at Cardiff Castle. 3 (V) RRW Colours re-dedicated for use by 2 (V) RRW
	Aug 6	1 RRW band disbanded
	Sep 2	1 RRW moved to Shackleton Barracks, Ballykelly, Northern Ireland
1995	May 27	4 RRW Colours (1977-1993) laid up in Llanelli Parish Church
1996	Mar 23	RRW received Freedom of County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil
	Jun	HRH The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief, visited 1 RRW in Ballykelly and unveiled a Welsh Stone memorial
	Jun 13	Alliance between RRW (formerly Welch Regiment) and 4th Battalion, The Baluch Regiment reinstated.
	Aug	1 RRW moved to Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow for Public Duties
1997	Jan 27	RRW Affiliation Parade with 121 South African Infantry Battalion at Mtubatuba, KwaZulu Natal
	May 30	Counties of Glamorgan Army Cadet Force renamed 3 (Cadet) Battalion RRW
1998	Feb	1 RRW to Barker Barracks, Paderborn as part 20th Armoured Brigade
	Apr 1	Friends Society of the RRW Museums launched
	Jun	1 RRW deployed to East Tyrone, Northern Ireland on 6-months tour. Until December 1998
	Jul 24	HRH The Prince of Wales visited 2 RRW at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff
	Jul 26	Korean War Memorial to the Welch Regiment unveiled in Llandaff Cathedral
1999	Jan 16-25	1 RRW party with Prince of Wales's Division (Clive) Band to KwaZulu Natal for 120th anniversary of Anglo-Zulu war. Exercise Dead Moon
	Jul 1	Formation of the Royal Welsh Regiment (TA) from 3 RWF and 2 RRW

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	Oct	I RRW deployed to Bosnia. I Platoon to Kosovo with 2 RGJ on Op Agricola. Until April 2000
2001	Jun 5	HRH The Prince of Wales visited I RRW at Paderborn
	Nov 1	I RRW deployed to Pristina, Kosovo as Op Agricola VII. Until May 2002
2002	Jun 29	RRW granted Freedom of Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taff
	Oct	I RRW deployed on Op Fresco (firemen's strike) in West Midlands. Until 31 March 2003
2003	Jun 5	Presentation of Colours to RWR by HRH The Prince of Wales in Cardiff Castle
	Sep 4	RRW granted the freedom of the County of Powys
	Oct 20	I RRW deployed on Op Telic 3 in Basah, Iraq
2004	Feb	HRH The Prince of Wales visited I RRW in Basah
	May 5	I RRW returned to Paderborn from Op Telic 3
	Jun 24	RRW Officers and ladies dinner at Armoury House, London attended by HRH The Prince of Wales and Mrs Parker-Bowles
	Dec 16	Reorganisation of infantry announced. I RWF and I RRW to become 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Royal Welsh on 1 March 2006
	Apr	I RRW deployed on Op Telic 6 in Basrah, Iraq. Until October
2005	Feb	I RRW moved to Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth from Paderborn
	Nov 29	HRH The Prince of Wales accompanied by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall visited I RRW at Tidworth to present medals and meet families
2006	Mar 1	Formation of The Royal Welsh

