BATTLE OF BOARS HEAD - 30 JUNE 1916



Then & Now



The Royal Sussex Regiment was a line infantry regiment of the British Army that was in existence from 1881 to 1966. The regiment saw service in the Second Boer War, and both World War I and World War II.



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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO THE

MEMORY OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE

MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN

PURSUIT OF PEACE AND FREEDOM.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends

John 15:13

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INTRODUCTION

Following a successful bid, the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded Bognor Regis Town Council funds to deliver a project called "Then & Now" to commemorate the World War One Battle of Boars Head.

On the 30th June 1916 in less than 5 hours, 17 officers and 349 men of the Royal Sussex Regiment were killed with another 1100 wounded or missing. Eleven of those men came from the Bognor Regis area. Because of the large number of losses and casualties sustained from the participating battalions, the 11th, 12th and 13th, the Battle of Boars Head is now referred to as "The Day Sussex Died".

The aim of the project was to honour those 11 brave local men and to try and find out as much as possible by creating a picture of who they were, what they did and how that day affected their families along with the impact it had on the Town.

Working with local historians, children from two local schools, St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School and Arundel Church of England Primary School, researched each of the 11 men and put together a collage of work which was displayed at the Town Hall and then at the local library. Historic England also offered further funding and assisted with the educational element and coordination.

Attempts were made to try and find any living relatives of the 11 Bognor men. Relatives of Lance Corporal Lucas of the 12th Battalion and Lance Corporal Paige of the 13th Battalion got in touch and shared the information they had. Some of the family members undertook further research at the Chichester Records Office with the assistance of the local historians.

On the 100th anniversary, 30th June 2016, two separate commemorative services took place to mark the occasion.

The first took place at the Bognor Regis Memorial Hospital where the WW1 Roll of Honour is housed. The service was presided over by Rev Graham Reeves, the hospital Chaplain and attended by the Town Mayor, Cllr. P Dillon; the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mr Roger Turner; and a representative for the Royal Sussex Regiment, Mr Nigel Taggart and all laid commemorative wreaths. Other Town Councillors, the Friends of Bognor Hospital and members of the public also took part.

The second service was held at the Bognor Regis Town Hall War Memorial. This was an opportunity for the schoolchildren who had contributed to the project to take part and two representatives from each school laid commemorative wreaths alongside the Town Mayor and Deputy Lord Lieutenant. The Rev Tim Crooks held a small service and the remaining schoolchildren each laid a wooden cross.

This book has been produced as a tribute to all the brave men who fought during the World War One conflict but especially those from the 11th, 12th and 13th Battalions of the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Sheila Green

Project Officer - Bognor Regis Town Council 2016

Albert Edward Cutler

Sergeant SD657 South Stoke, Sussex



Southdown's Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, 39th Division Killed in Action on 30 June 1916.

Although this soldier was not a local resident, he was well known in the town as 'a smart young Police Officer' who had served in Bognor for some considerable time. When War was declared he enlisted at Bognor, fighting and dying alongside many local men. His death was reported in the Bognor Observer. Remembered with Honour on Loos Memorial.

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In 1076,



A heart touching poem

If I die in the war zone, box me up and send me home.

put my medals on my chest, tell my mum I did my best.

tell my dad not to bow. he want get tension from me now, tell my brother to study perfectly,

keys to my bike are his permanently, tell my sister not to be upset. her brother will rise after sunset,

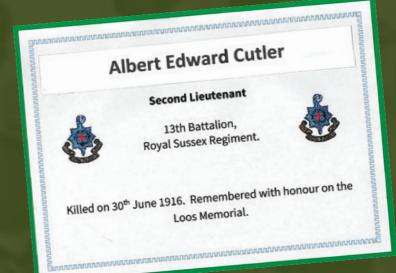
tell my love not to cry. BECAUSE I AM A SOLDIER BORN TO DIE...!!!!!!















We have been trooping for three days in Frances We have dug out our trench three miles from the coast and we are ready for war. We spotted an army of Germans but we decided to not fight as we are low on ammo. All we have to eat are beef bars and vegetables every one is hungry.

Anyway how is it at Blue Doors? How is your mum and ister? How are the diners right now? I am dreaming of a Roast Chicken with potatoes, carrots. parse and gravy.

it doesn't feel right neithout you here at home. ? really hope to see you again! can't wait to see your smiling face. I really do hope you're ak

about is you fighting for us. It feets like you rave been away for ages but its any been a morth. Its just not the same.

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Grandpa has infarinraining also hom very ill this week had he has been to the doctor and he to an the road to incovery! Come home Albert, come home, we need you

Hope to see you soon.
__Lane florence.

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The Boars Hood

9 hours, 17 officers and 349

Lucas, Peter Fuer and Arthur Thomas witchen.



Sergeant Albert Edward Cutter 1892-1916

Albert Edward Cutter was a grandson to his grandparents, William and Ellen Cutter. Albert Lived in a house called Blue doors in South Stoke, West Sussex.

Albert Edward Cutter was born in 1892 and died in 1916 when he was mortally wounded. Albert now lies in a grave of The Loss Memorial in France.

Private SD1331 The Nook, Felpham, Bognor

12th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, 39th Division Killed in Action on 30 June 1916

Aged 26

Buried in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, France

One of seven children born to farm labourer George and his wife, Charity, Peter was born in Sea Lane, Ferring. At this time Peters father was employed as a shepherd. Peter volunteered at Bognor into 12th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment and was reported as missing on 30 June 1916. The next six months must have been the worst his parents had experienced, as they did not know whether he was missing, dead or possibly a prisoner of war. It was not until January 1917 that they received notification he had been killed in action on that day.



Peter Fuller Killed in action on the Rue de Bols on 30th June 1915, aged 26. Son of Mr & Mrs G. Fuller of Bognor. Buried in Cabaret

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15th February 1915 A letter from Peter Fuller to Charity Fuller Today I experienced fully fledged used My controller and I charged into bottle unbit the entires and the consensations officer writed by higher of entering rowmended. We exercise motivates to the end the petud his evening dancing and just forwardly braining a good first I am beging to be evening presented to private first close. ears the 335 due for our confidence into announced that we might all fairs the 335 due for our confidence to the own, those with the British were medical. I dopp I can get another due to their cornection relatively medical to trying any best to make yer properly.

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My dearest son Peter, today is your birthday and I am wishing you a appy time shoping you are ok. I have a gift for ratch whilst the time goes by. When will you be back? I need a hand to hold. You lighten up the house and home feels like home when you are Vesterday I was walking home from work and ew a women selling lockets, I gave her six shillings for a twenty four carrot gold gift for you When you come home you will receive it

> am so proved of you for fighting for our country you safe Please write to us soon

Lots of love your mother Charity Fuller.



Fallen (A WW1 poem)

Fighting for us Once in a home

Missed and beloved

Fallen but not gone





This is peter fullers grave in cabaret-

ge British cemetery in France.

BURIAL BEYORN.



I am thinking of you, hoping you are safe. My birthday wasn't as great as I thought, I got shot in the arm in action but all was right in the end apart from that. I should be home soon! I can feel it in my

boned How is it in Bognor? I wish I could be there with you all safe and loved 1 Hope you are feeling well? I miss you so much How is everyone?

Love your son Peter Fuller



Francis JM Grisewood

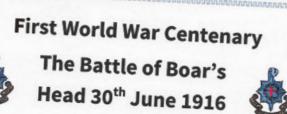
Second Lieutenant The Den, Bognor



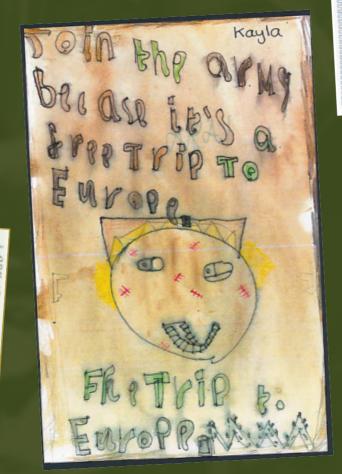
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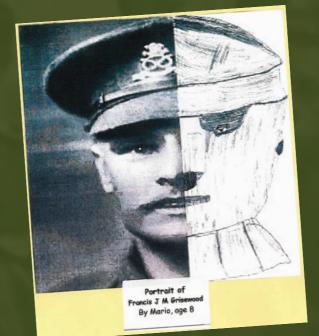
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

The second of Lieutenant Colonel Harman Grisewoods three sons, Second Lieutenant Francis Grisewood had emigrated to Australia a few years earlier, where he was a mining engineer and owned a large ranch. On the outbreak of war he returned to England immediately and was gazetted into 11th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, becoming the Adjutant and later the Field Works Officer. In that fateful attack, Francis was one of seventeen Officers killed in action. He was buried where he fell.



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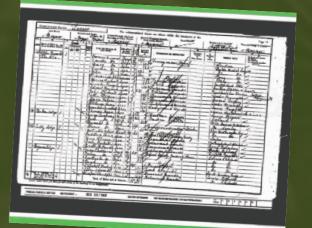
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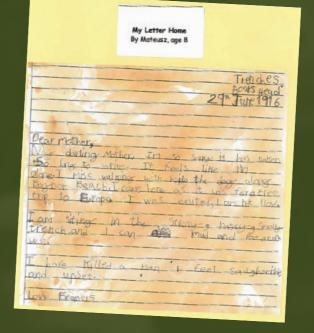
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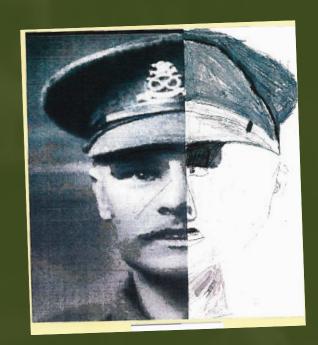
Killed in action on the Rue de Bois 30th June 1916. Son of Mr & Mrs Harman Grisewood of Chelsea. Commemorated on Loos Memorial.





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Lance Corporal SD1772 Laburnam Cottages, North Bersted, Bognor



12th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, 39th Division. Dies of wounds on 1 July 1916 1916 Aged 23. Buried in the Merville Communal Cemetery, France

Robert was born in Brighton, the eldest son of Robert and Mary Lucas. His father was a bricklayer and although some years older than his wife, he became a widower. Robert (junior) was their third child and the eldest of three sons, who on leaving school was a milk roundsman in Brighton. By 1914 he was living in the Bognor Area having married a local girl, Lily Keates. When war was declared, Robert enlisted in Bognor into the Royal Sussex Regiment and rose to the rank of Lance Corporal. Lily received a letter from him which Robert has written a week or two earlier, describing how he has met up with his brother* 'and the other Bognor Boys one night:

'They all seemed to be in good health and spirits, but would like to be back in dear old Bognor again', he wrote.

Robert was destined never to see Bognor again; in fact, although his wife did not know it at the time of receiving the letter, Robert was already dead, succumbing to wounds received the previous day in that horrendous battle.

*Fredrick George Lucas Born 1895 – survived Served in 2nd 7th & 9th Batallions

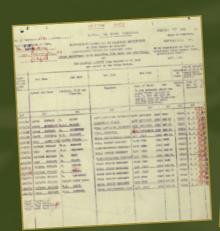
Robert henry Lucas

Robert was born in 1894, in Brighton, Sussex, England. His farther name was Robert Lucas, his mothers name was Mary Lucas household members: Robert Lucas, Mary Lucas, Mabel Lucas, ivy Lucas, Robert Lucas, freak Lucas and William Lucas.

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Dear Robert

Please come home! William nearly died, he had a gas mask on and he fiddled with it so it came off, now he is in hospital and doing well-ish. I cant wait for the end, to finish the great war. And for the rest of the family, your parents are happy as ever! They have moved to the country and I am going to stay with them soon. Where are you? I need help! Come home! Please reply, Love from Lily



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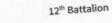
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Robert Henry Lucas

Lance Corporal





Royal Sussex Regiment.

Died of wounds in 1st July 1916, Aged 23. Son of Robert and Mary Lucas of Brighton. Husband of Mrs Lily Lucas of Berstead. Buried in Merville Communal Cemetery.



ove your Mum and Lily

XXX



LOVE POEM

Although you cant be with me, we're truly not apart.

Until the final breath I take you will be living in my heart

This display is in the honour of Private Robert Henry Lucas and was made by:

Ruby Taylor, Megan Banks, Max Wood and Jake Baker

Arundel C of E Primary school

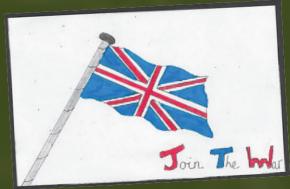


Dear Robert

I miss you so much, life has been different without you. I pray for you every night and day and say to myself that you will come home all in one piece. I can't wait until you some home, it will be so much happier with you bere by my side. I want you to come home safe and cound. You've a home sofailer.

Nothing has happened around here except two neighbours has moved in access the above I think you will like them because they are kind sweet and loving just like you. I can't wait to see you again my love.

Recog your loving wife Lily.



George Edward May

Sergeant SD 769 Alverton, Linden Road, Bognor

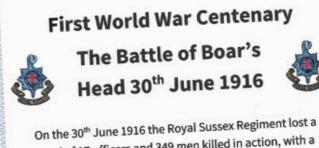


11th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, 39th Division Killed in Action on 30 June 1916 Aged 20

Buried in the St Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richebourg, France

The son of Sergeant and Mrs Sophia May, George (junior) was born in India where his father was serving as a 'rough riding Sergeant' with 18th Hussars. The report of his death did not reach Bognor until the following month.

"It is stated that Sergeant George May, the some of the late Sergeant Major May has been killed in the recent fighting. He was in one of the Southdown's Battalions that lost heavily. His father was well known in Bognor, where he resided at Swansea House and organized the Bognor Boys"



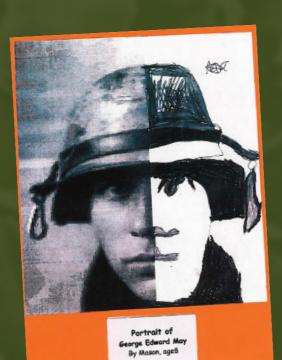
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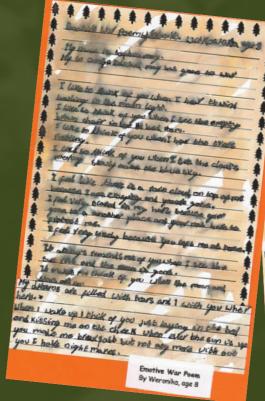
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Sergeant

11th Battalion

Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division.



Killed in action on the Rue de Bois on 30th June 1916 aged 20. Son of Mr and Mrs May of Bognor. Buried in St Vaast Post Military Cemetery.





Arthur Thomas Mitchell

Private SD819 Laburnam Cottages, North Bersted, Bognor



11th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, 39th Division Killen in Action on 30 June 1916 Aged 18

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial,
Pas de Calais. France

Brothers Arthur and William Mitchell enlisted together and carried consecutive Army numbers. The sons of Mr and Mrs Mitchell, they both served with 11th Battalion the Royal Sussex Regiment. Arthur was reported missing on 30 June 1916. His brother, William, said at the time that they were together until that day, but then 'by a stroke of bad luck' they were parted before the attack began and Arthur had not been heard of since. In July, William sent a letter to the Bognor Observer, announcing his belief that Arthur had been killed a month before his 19th birthday, but this was not confirmed until 30 December 1916.



Arthur Thomas Mitchell

Private 11th Battalion



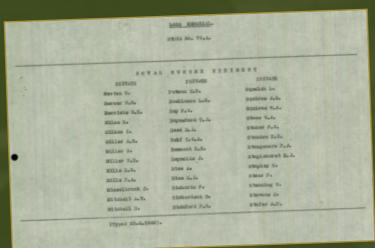
Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division.



Killed in action on the Rue de Bois on 30th June 1916. Born and enlisted in Bognor. Commemorated on Loos Memorial.

This display in honour of private Arthur Thomas Mitchal: Ella Jacks Miya Graham Alfie Zarins Ulyssia Bayley Matthew Cavell







Dear Arthur Thomas

We pray for you every day for you to come back rafely. If you get this lifter reply and when you come back safely you can fell us about your story and become a here, our here. Tell us about all your adventures and come back up one sites.

ove from over dear mother Annic Name-Arthur Thomas mitchell
Date of Birth-1896-19-16

prosile-was born in 1896-19-16

his mother was called Arnie
Mitchell his Street address
was laburnam cottage chalcrost
Rd. North Bersted Bognor.

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He carried me away,
And I could not stny,
So now I he still to this place.
Now I me here in the dark,
Now I sie amongst tree bark,

We lie still

The sky was bright,

I am now the dead hore,
So now I lie rhill in this place.

The bloody faces stay forever with me,
When all our enemy's riarted to fice,
Som I are with them never to part,

Buried in the centre of most

So now I he still in this place.

Now they are with me in my heart,

Dear Arthu

May 1916

I miss you so much. I wish you could come home.

Life has not been no great at the moment, our systeables ore not
growing in this angul weather and one rations are even lower than
last week!

Makel really wants you to come home, the says the misses how you always dreamt about being a saidier and there you are out in the middle of nowhere fighting as one of the bravest soldiers in our country. Alice is also missing when you used to play with her.

Company, has really grown up, she has supposed playing with her dolls and has started to focus on the limited Idaths and English she receiver. She now wints to be a Manager of an Industrial Company.

The house is in its usual condition, the weeds are crawling over the house and the paint is peeling off the walls. Another family down the road has moved to the countryside. They have also lost their son to this great war. Thankfully we haven t been hit yet but we are all missing yours much. Laburnum contage is fading without you so please come home soon.



Dear Arthur,
I really miss you so much. I wish you were here right now as are having a terrible time. The children cant sleep at night. They are praying every single

day.
Mry did you have to go? We could really use you belp at home. Just think when you are home, how pleased people will be. I as so ground of you lighting you handlet for our country.

for must be really scared to be like a little and compared to some of the other men because you are only 18 and most of them are 20 or above.

when I listen to the radio and it says
men in the world war have died, I cant
take it may more because I don't know
if its you. I am scarnd that one day I
am going to get one of those people
delivering a mossage saying that you
have died.

hen you get this please reply

Lance-Corporal SD4233 2 Church Cottages, South Bersted, Bognor



13th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, 39th Division Killed in Action on 30 June 1916

Commemorated in the St Vaast Military Cemetery, France

The son of Mr and Mrs Paige and the husband of Alice, Alfred Paige enlisted into 13th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Alfred was initially reported missing but his wife soon learned that he had been killed 'by a bayonet wound to the heart'

A letter from his Captain stated: 'He died while bravely attacking the German trenches. He was a fine man and on the way to promotion.

It is believed that Fred as he was known may have worked for a brick maker in Chalcraft Lane before the war.

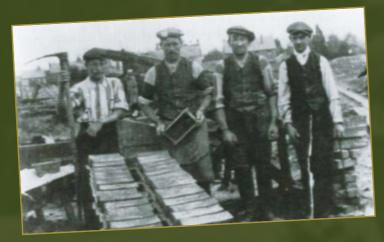
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How is home mother? is there any news you would like to tell me? I miss hame and would love to hear how life is in

See you soon Mother. Love from Albur

An example of what Albert night have written to his family





Remembering Albert

Where the poppies grow fast From my post on the left

Tell my mother I love her That I'm sorry I left But I fought for my country From my post on the left

When the last shell has dropped When the last gun was fired I'll still he lying in my grave From my post on the left

By Oliver and Isaac

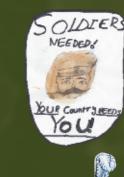


to, our delightful house in the middle of Bognor I don't care I just want you home to help with me, with life, I'm finding it hard without you. I hope your doing well at war durling only a little bit of good news. Our house have a been bombed. Every night I've been dreaming about you, Wondering if your okay, my lovely husband I need to tell you lots of shings but here is one thing. I love you lots and lots every night come home own for the last time sell everyone I believe in them and England shall was the



Albert Frederick Paige Albert was born in 1888 he was buried in saint Vaas in Calais, France. He died at the age of 28, he was 27 years old when he wrote his first diary. His farther name was Stephen James Paige, and his mothers name was Ellen A Paige. He was a privet solider: AFP 1896-1915 house hold members: Stephen James Paige, Ellen A Paige, henry Paige, Albert Frederick Paige and William Paige.







Albert Frederick Paige

Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division.

Killed in action on the Rue de Bois on 30th June 1916, aged 28. Son of Mr and Mrs Paige of Bognor and husband of Mrs Alice Paige, Buried in St Vaast Post Military Cemetery.

Today we fought the German Army on the

nttlefield. The Germans declared war at 12:00 and it raged on #El 10:00pm at night.

ready to fight back. Are you all right at home? am very sad that I had to leave but I had to

When we got back to our base it was midnight! So after the shortest sleep EVER! we prepared the: hombs, gurs, tanks and jets,

ave to fight for our country.

Hope to be home soon loss and Lots of Love



Lance Corporal Albert Frederick Paige

Albert Frederick Paige was born in 1888 he was the son of Stephen and Ellen A Paige of 2, Church Cottages, South Bersted, Bognor Regis. He died on the 30th of June 1916 in the battle for boars head; he is buried in St. Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'avoue, Calais, France. He was a Lance Corporal (the second lowest rank in the army.)

Dear Daddy,

When are you coming home? Every day I'm thinking about you; we all are. Please come back Every dark and gloamy night I we been dreaming about a knock on the door and it's you-you've

Mum tells me to be brave and carry on but it's hard. William and I are trying to stay calm. Last right I could hear William crying himself to

I'm wishing my dream will come true someday.

From Your Dearest Son Henry



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ALBERT FREDRICK MIGE 1888-1916

Second Lieutenant C/o Tresco, Sudley Road, Bognor



13th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, 39th Division Killed in Action on 30 June 1916 Aged 34

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

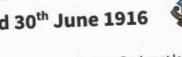
Little has been gleaned from the records regarding Lewis Prior. It appears that before the war he was serving in North Borneo as a Constabulary Officer, returning in 1915 to enlist. Lewis was then commissioned into 13th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment and betrothed to Miss Mackenzie, of Sudley Road, Bognor. In July 1916 his sister received the following letter:

'It is with great regret I have to tell you your brother is missing and that there is absolutely nothing known as to his fate. When he attacked the enemy on 30 June it was rather dark and we captured part of his trenches. The last anybody saw of your brother, was just after the capturing of the enemy first line and he was then lost sight of in the darkness and confusion and was never seen again. He was a most gallant Officer and one whom we can ill spare.

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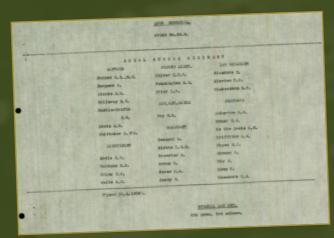
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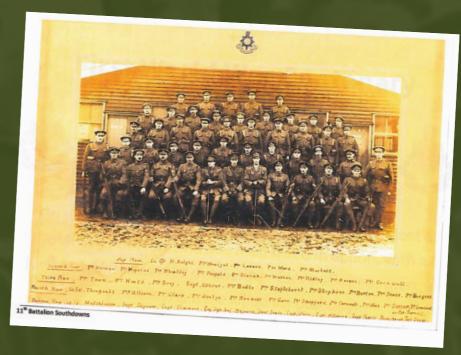


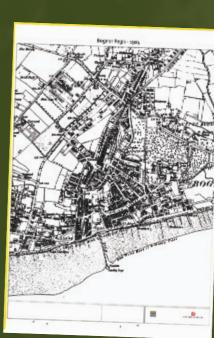
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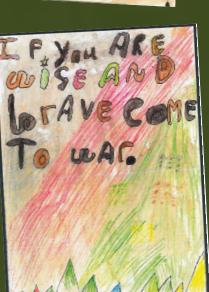


















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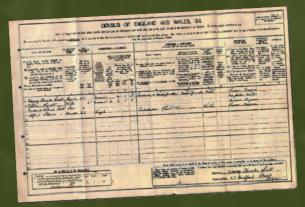
Lance-Corporal SD3225 15 Steyne Street, Bognor



13th Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, 39th Division Killed in Action on 30 June 1916 Aged 34 Buried in the St Vaast Military Cemetery, France

Henry Scott lived with his wife and two children and worked for Messrs Reynolds & Co of the High Street. The only son of general labourer William and his wife Eliza, of Belmont Street, Bognor, Henry grew up in St John's Street with his three sisters and enlisted at Bognor in December 1914. Lance Corporal Scott soon made his mark, being awarded the Military Medal for erecting wire entanglements and cutting the German wire for a raid on the succeeding night; he was engaged in this work with an Officer for nearly four hours at great risk. As a result of the work the raid was successfully achieved with the loss of only a few wounded and none killed. Henry Scott did not live to receive his Military Medal, which was forwarded to his widow, or to hear of his promotion to Lance Corporal Back in Bognor his widow received the following letter from Major Roberts, of the Royal Sussex Regiment:

'I have just seen that your husband has been killed in action. I am sure you will forgive me writing to you but I must write to tell you how grieved I was to hear of his death and also to tell you of the high respect I had for his personal qualities as a soldier. It may interest you to know that on three occasions your husband was in my Platoon and on three occasions we went out on reconnaissance together. He proved to be perfectly cool and absolutely without fear and so was of the greatest assistance. I am also glad to hear that his gallantry has been officially recognised, though it is bitter luck to know that he did not receive his well merited award. On this occasion your husband and I were again together and spent the whole night cutting the enemys barbed wire and you can judge the nature of the work when I mention that the enemys sentry group were within twenty feet of us the whole time and we could hear them coughing and talking. Only the long grass saved us from being discovered. On the next night when we raided the enemy your husbands good spirits quite buoyed us all up and made us feel confident in ourselves while the enemys trenches were entered and I had the misfortune to be wounded. I remember that Private Scott helped n carrying me to our trenches again. It is for these reasons that I have written to tell you how very sorry I am and to ask you to accept my sincere sympathy in your loss.



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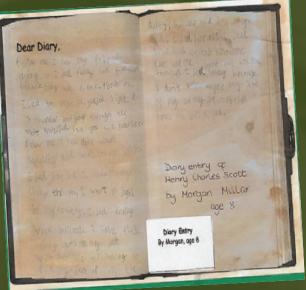


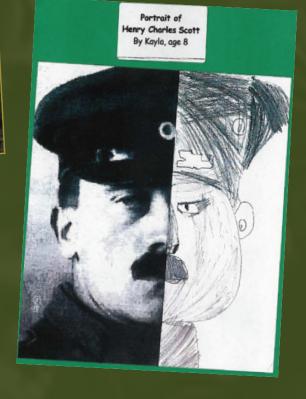






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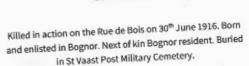






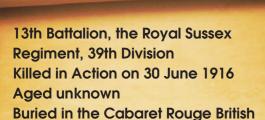


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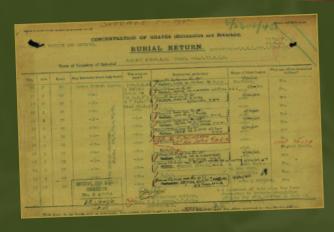
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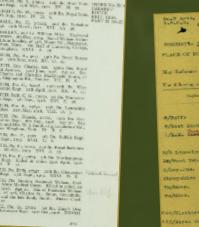


Cemetery, France

Albert Smith was born in Bognor and enlisted in Chichester into 13th Battalion the Royal Sussex Regiment. On 23 July 1916 he was reported as missing, but he had in fact been injured and died of his wounds received on 30 June 1916,



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Albert Smith

Private



13th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division.



Killed in action on the Rue de Bois on 30th June 1916. Born in Bognor and enlisted in Chichester. Buried in Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery.















Dear mother and father
I have lost my arm, but don't
panic I will be alright I am
writing this to you in the
shack. I have to go and train
now, the training is very
hard work, I really hope I
will pass.

from Albert



Dear Darling Mother,

I have seen the most harrible scenes ever in my life. I am writing this letter in the most deserted place ever. Taday all I can think about is home and all the amazing dinners that you caaked, they are much nicer than here, all we get is a bawl of parridge or bread with no butter.

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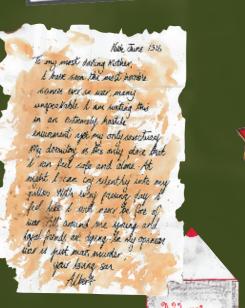
Hope to see you soon

Yours Sincerely,

Albert

Private Albert smith 1890–1916

Albert smith was the son of George and Jane smith and is not known to have any siblings. He lived in a house with his mother, farther, grandmother and a visitor. He was born in Chichester Sussex. Before he joined the army he worked as a stationary assistant. He joined the army at the age of twenty four.





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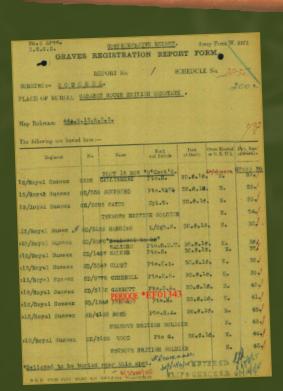
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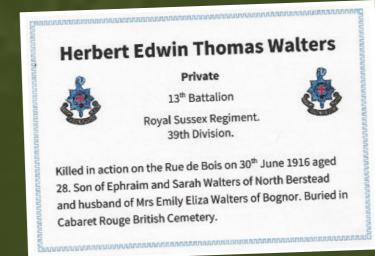


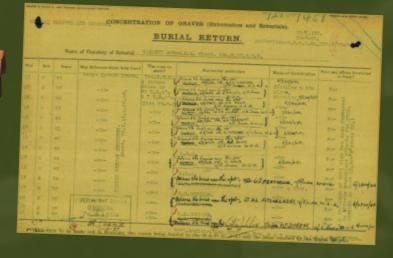
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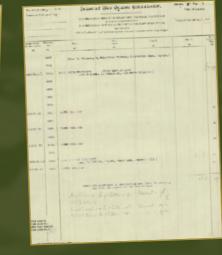
The second son of Ephraim and Sarah Walters of North Bersted, Herbert was born in Pagham and lived in Felpham with his wife, Emily Eliza Johnson (formerly Walters), of 6, Wishfield Terrace, Chichester Road, Bognor and their young son, also Herbert. A bricklayer, Herbert was employed by the Railway Company before volunteering in 1914.



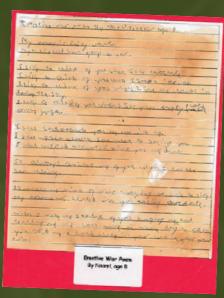




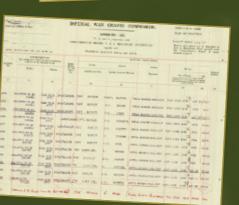






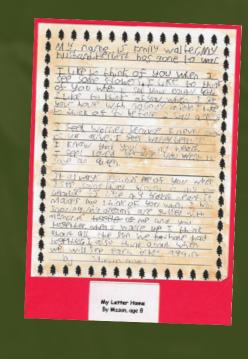


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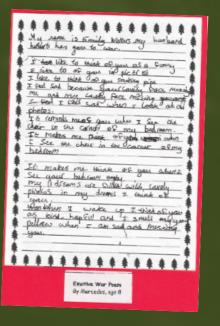


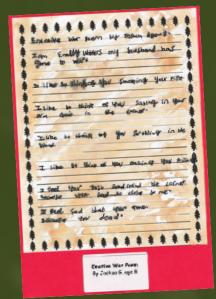






my neighbour's son. I wish I was back





BOGNOR HOSPITAL SERVICE



The Bognor and District War Memorial Hospital Roll of Honour for 1914-1919 includes the villages of South and North Bersted, Aldwick, Shripney, and Felpham. There are 324 names recorded on wooden panels in gold lettering with surnames and initials preceded by rank.

Wreaths were laid by The Town Mayor Cllr. P. Dillon, Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mr Roger Turner, Mr Nigel Taggart Representative for Royal Sussex Regiment.



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