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**THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT, FORMERLY THE
31ST (HUNTINGDONSHIRE) REGIMENT AND 70TH
(SURREY) REGIMENT: PERSONAL PAPERS OF
MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT, 1794-2007**

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ESR/25/ABBOA/ ABBOTTS, ALFRED, 1ST HALF OF 20TH CENT

Served with the East Surrey Regiment.

- 1 Briggs transfer of badge of the regiment, nd [1st half of
designed by Royal School of Needlework and 20th cent]
approved by War Office. Abbotts was the
father of the donor

ESR/25/ABBOG/ ABBOTT, 2ND LIEUTENANT GRAHAM S, 1938

Served with 5th Battalion.

- 1 Part B of form acknowledging receipt of 1938
Territorial Army badge

ESR/25/ABBOS/ ABBOTT, STEPHEN, 1970-1987

Served with 2nd Battalion and was a prisoner of war in
Malaya.

- 1 Notes and draft chapters by Abbott for his nd [?1970s]-
book *Tiger in Irons* detailing his experience 1987
in Malaya and as a prisoner of war, with
related press cuttings, including of his
obituary

ESR/25/ADAMAH/ ADAMS, WARRANT OFFICER FIRST CLASS ALBERT
HENRY (1902-?), 1934-1978

Born, 1902. Enlisted at Kingston, 1920. Served with
1st Battalion in India, 1936-1937, Sudan, 1937-1938,
Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai [?with 2nd
Battalion], 1938-1939, France, 1940, and North Africa,
1942-1944. Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal,
1943. Discharged, 1952.

- 1 Warrant of appointment as Warrant Officer, 31 Jul 1934
class II
- 2 Mentioned in Dispatches certificate 1940

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| 3 | Reprint from the <i>Surrey Comet</i> regarding the East Surrey Regiment in Tunisia and mentioning the award to Adams of the Distinguished Conduct Medal | (14 Aug 1943) |
| 4 | Correspondence relating to award of Distinguished Conduct Medal, including copy of citation | 1943-1944 |
| 5 | Order of 1 st Army thanksgiving service for the victory in North Africa | nd [c.1943] |
| 6 | Warrant of appointment as Warrant Officer, class I | 17 Mar 1945 |
| 7 | Order of thanksgiving service for victory | 13 May 1945 |
| 8 | Certificate of service, including character statement, service details and certificate of discharge | 1952 |
| 9 | Letter from General Sir Antony Read to Mrs Adams, suggesting the Regimental Museum as a suitable place of deposit for her husband's medals | 8 Dec 1978 |

ESR/25/ADAMR/ ADAMS, CAPTAIN R E C, 1919

Served with 1st Battalion.

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| 1 | Album presented to Lieutenant Colonel C C G Ashton and the officers of 1st Battalion, by Capt R E C Adams and Lieutenant A E Cottam comprising typescript of diary kept by [?Adams] of the battalion's service as part of the expeditionary force sent to Northern Russia (Murmansk, Medveja Gora, Kapaselga), illustrated with photographs and maps | Aug-Oct 1919 |
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ESR/25/ALEX/ ALEXANDER, PRIVATE JAMES EDWARD, 1920

Served with 1st Battalion during World War I. Killed in action, 1916.

- 1 Letter to Mrs A Alexander concerning Alexander's war medals, with envelope with notes regarding donation of medals (medals now with museum) nd [c.1920]

ESR/25/ALLE/

ALLEN, BOB, 1914-1918

Served with 9th Battalion.

- 1 Photocopy (undated) of a letter from Corporal Skinner, 9th Battalion, to Mrs Allen, regretting the death of her husband, 'Old Bob', and describing his death (nd [c.1914-1918])

ESR/25/AMOR/

AMOR, COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR HENRY LEONARD (1910-?), 1910-1959

Born, 1910. Enlisted 1928. Served with 2nd Battalion in Gibraltar, 1928-1929, India [?with 1st Battalion], 1929-1935. Served in France, 1939-1940, and with 7th Battalion, Gold Coast Regiment, 1943-1944. Served [?with 1st Battalion] in India, 1944-1945. Discharged, 1945.

- 1 Baptism certificate nd [c.1910]
- 2 School report and character reference from his headmaster Dec 1923
- 3 Character reference from Amor's vicar 4 Jan 1924
- 4 Character reference from the newsagent for whom Amor worked as a newsboy 7 Jan 1924
- 5 Attestation form 14 Jan 1928
- 6 Third class certificate of education 16 Feb 1928
- 7 Soldier's pay and service book, giving details of service, medical details, training and Amor's will 1928-1945
- 8 Second class certificate of education 19 Jun 1930
- 9 Character reference from Amor's Company Commander 4 Nov 1935

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| 10 | Certificate of service, including character statement, service details and certificate of discharge | 1935 |
| 11 | Menus for annual dinners of the Old Comrades' Association, held at Harrod's Restaurant. 2 items | 7 Nov 1936
-6 Nov 1937 |
| 12 | Identification card for mechanical transport drivers | 1942 |
| 13 | Character testimony from the commanding officer of 7 th Battalion, Gold Coast Regiment | nd [c.1944] |
| 14 | Soldier's release book | 24 Sep 1945 |
| 15 | Record of service card, giving dates that Amor served with the Regiment | 24 Oct 1945 |
| 16 | Certificate of transfer to the reserve | 7 Dec 1945 |
| 17 | National registration identity card | 1945-1951 |
| 18 | Certificate of re-transfer to the reserve | 25 Nov 1952 |
| 19 | 'Rules of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Association of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment', with subscription card | 1959 |

ESR/25/ANDR/

ANDREWS, PRIVATE G E, 1914-1919

Served in 1/5th Battalion in India and Mesopotamia during World War I.

His photograph albums were donated by his granddaughter, Miss Nisbett.

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| 1 | Photograph album compiled by Andrews, inscribed inside 'Glimpses of the East 1914-1919 as seen by George': views and inhabitants of India, Iraq, including Baghdad, groups of soldiers | 1914-1919 |
| 2 | Photograph album compiled by Andrews relating to 1/5 th Battalion in India. Not received from Museum | 1914-1919 |

- 3 Photograph album compiled by Andrews: views and inhabitants of India, groups of soldiers nd [c.1914-1918]
- ESR/25/ANNS/ ANNS, 2ND LIEUTENANT KENNETH, 1914-1920
- Served with 7th (Service) Battalion during World War I. Awarded Military Cross, 1916.
- 1 Copies of photographs (undated) of Anns as a Despatch Rider with his bicycle, in a group and with [?his family] after the war. 3 items nd [?1914-1920]
- ESR/25/ARMS/ ARMSTRONG, PRIVATE J, 1940-1945
- Served with 2nd Battalion during World War II.
- 1 Permanent pass 20 Nov 1940
- 2 Singapore driving licence 8 Feb 1941
- 3 Malaya command military driving licence 9 Jul 1941
- 4 Photographs of soldiers [?including Armstrong]. 2 items nd [?1940-1945]
- ESR/25/ATKI/ ATKINS, COMPANY QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT ERNEST CHAPMAN (1888-?), 1908-1995
- Born in New Malden, 1888. Served with 3rd Volunteer Battalion, 1906-1908, before enlisting in the regular army at Kingston, 1908. Served with 6th Battalion (designated 1/6th Battalion, 1914-1920) in India and Aden during World War I.
- 1 Illustrated certificate of service with 3rd Volunteer Battalion 1908
- 2 Illustrated certificate of service with 6th Battalion 1914
- 3 Book entitled 'Regimental History', containing details of Atkins' service, personal details, promotions and pay 1914-1917

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| 4 | Photograph album entitled 'India, 1914': groups and individual British and Indian officers and soldiers, an aeroplane, views and inhabitants of India | 1914 |
| 5 | Photograph album entitled 'India, 1914': groups and individual soldiers, views and inhabitants of India | 1914 |
| 6 | Photograph album entitled 'India, 1914': groups and individual British soldiers, views and inhabitants of India | 1914 |
| 7 | Photograph album entitled 'India, 1914': groups and individual British soldiers, camps, parades, soldier's army kit laid out, views and inhabitants of India | 1914 |
| 8 | Photograph album entitled 'India, England': groups and individual British soldiers of 1/6 th Battalion in Canterbury, Kent, India, Aden and Baghdad, Indian soldiers, HMS Newcastle, barracks and forts, a Handley Page aeroplane and three women in England | 1914-1919 |
| 9 | <i>Straight tips for 'Subs'</i> giving advice on obtaining commissions, allowances, kit, etc | nd [c.1915] |
| 10 | Soldier's pay book | 1917-1918 |
| 11 | Photograph album entitled 'India, England': groups and individual British and Indian soldiers and views in India, family in England. 1 loose photograph inserted | 1919 |
| 12 | Dance card [?for event at] 'Government House', with list of dances, and space [?for partner's name]. Pencil attached | nd [?1910s] |
| 13 | <i>Battalion Records, the newsletter of the 6th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment</i> nos.1-2. 2 copies of each. Includes many articles on the battalion's history, drill halls and list of commanding officers and sporting trophies awarded, with names | nd [c.1923] |
| 14 | Receipt for items donated to the Museum by Mrs M Rivers, giving details of items donated and where they were stored | 23 Aug 1995 |

- ESR/25/ATTE/ ATTEWELL, SERGEANT MAJOR W G, 1945
- Served with 1st Battalion during World War II.
Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.
- 1 Transcript (undated) of Attewell's citation for [c.1945]
the Distinguished Conduct Medal
- ESR/25/BABI/ BABINGTON, PRIVATE EDMUND GEORGE (C.1890-1918),
1915-1920
- Born, c.1890. Enlisted, 1915. Served with 1st Battalion
during World War I. Killed in action, Aug 1918.
- 1 Photocopy (undated) of attestation form (11 Dec 1915)
- 2 Photocopy (undated) of certificate stating that (10 Feb 1917)
Babington has been employed as an examiner
at the Royal Arsenal, and that he is of good
character
- 3 Photocopy (undated) of memorandum to (3 Mar 1917)
Babington's mother, instructing her how to
draw her allotment of his pay
- 4 Photocopies (undated) of letters from (1917-1918)
Babington to his family. 6 items, 1
incomplete
- 5 Photocopy (undated) of letter to Babington's (9 Sep 1918)
mother informing her of his death
- 6 Photocopy (undated) of letter to Babington's (23 Jan 1920)
mother informing her of the need to exhume
his body to be reburied in the Queen's
Cemetery near Bapaume
- ESR/25/BAIL/ BAILEY, COLONEL E HORSHAM, 1907
- Commanded 2nd Volunteer Battalion (later 5th
Battalion.)
- 1 Illuminated album presented by past and 1907
present Sergeants of 2nd Volunteer Battalion
to Bailey, containing signatures
- ESR/25/BAKEHA/ BAKER, CORPORAL HERBERT ARTHUR (1889-?), 1916-1918

Born, 1889. Enlisted, 1915. Served in 6th Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, and 7th Battalion, the London Regiment, during World War I. Discharged, 1918.

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| 1 | Soldier's pay book | 1916-1918 |
| 2 | Newspaper cutting regarding the sinking of HMS King Edward | nd [?Jan 1916] |
| 3 | Letter to Baker from [?C W Poedsbury], wishing him well on his return to the front lines [from hospital], with original envelope | 27 Jul 1917 |
| 4 | Correspondence with paymaster regarding Baker's statement of account | Apr 1918 |
| 5 | Movement order for a journey of 3 men and 1 prisoner (not a POW) from Abbeville to Ypres. Baker was in charge of the party | 17 Mar 1918 |
| 6 | Pass giving permission for Baker to be absent from his quarters | 28 May 1918 |
| 7 | Discharge certificate | Nov 1918 |
| 8 | Notification of War Badge award | 2 Dec 1918 |
| 9 | <i>The Dying Soldier and his Bible; or, Prayer heard</i> , religious booklet | nd [?1914-1918] |

ESR/25/BAKEJE/ BAKER, PRIVATE JOHN ED[?WARD] (C.1872-?), 1891-1899

Born in Peckham, c.1872. Enlisted at Southwark, 1891. Served with [1st and 2nd Battalions], the East Surrey Regiment in Malta, Feb 1893-Mar 1893, and India, Oct 1893.

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| 1 | Account book, giving details of service and next of kin | 1891-1899 |
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ESR/25/BAKEWR/ BAKER, PRIVATE WALTER ROBERT (C.1868-?), 1899-1909

Born in Caterham, c.1868. Enlisted at Kingston on Thames, 1897. Served with 2nd Battalion in South Africa and India, 1899-1902. Transferred to reserve, 1905. Discharged, 1909.

	1	'Soldier's Small Book', giving details of service, training, next of kin	1899-1903
	2	Discharge certificate	29 Nov 1909
	3	Photograph of two soldiers	nd [?1897-1909]
ESR/25/BALD/		BALDWIN, CORPORAL JOHN CHARLES (1911-1987), 1916-1980S	
		<p>Born, 1911. Enlisted at Sutton, 1930. Served with a territorial battalion of the East Surrey Regiment. Discharged in order to join the regular Army, 1930. Served with 1st Battalion in England, 1930-1932, India, 1932-1937, Sudan, 1937-1939, France, 1939-1940. Was a German prisoner of war, 1940-1945. Discharged, 1945.</p>	
		Papers donated to Museum by Corporal Baldwin.	
	1	Postcard of footballs being dribbled at the Battle of the Somme, 1916, with further details and a few regimental facts on the back	nd [?after 1916]
	2	Discharge certificate	21 Oct 1930
	3	Second class certificate of education	9 Jun 1936
	4	Photograph album compiled by Baldwin: service in Sudan during the filming of 'The Four Feathers' and in India; notification that he is a Prisoner of War, 1940; life in POW camp Stalag VIII, Poland; family photographs and Baldwin in later life.	1934-[?1980s]
	5	Photographs of a horse 'Nobby', and of three soldiers in Khartoum, 1938. 2 items	1938
	6	First aid certificate	13 Nov 1943
	7	Medical case card	1943-1945
	8	Request to report for a medical examination, having been a prisoner of war	1 Jun 1945
	9	Certificate of service, including character and discharge certificates	1945

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| 10 | Form to supply medical evidence for a person applying for entry to the Register of Disabled Persons. Only Baldwin's name has been filled in | nd [c.1945] |
| 11 | Membership card for the East Surrey Regiment Old Comrades' Association | 7 Oct 1954 |
| 12 | Life membership card for the Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association | nd [?after 1959] |

ESR/25/BAMP/

BAMPTON, PRIVATE W, [1945]-1996

Served with 2/6th Battalion during World War II. Was a German prisoner of war, 1940-1945. Escaped, 1945.

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| 1 | Transcript of account written by Bampton from notes made during his time as a prisoner of war, recording his experiences, Jan 1945-Apr 1945 | (nd [c.1945]) |
| 2 | Account by Bampton of his experiences, 1939-Jan 1945 | 1996 |

ESR/25/BARN/

BARNARD, PRIVATE F E, 1914-1918

Served with 12th (Bermondsey) Battalion during World War I.

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| 1 | Copy (undated) of photograph of Barnard | nd [?1915-1918] |
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ESR/25/BARRE/

BARRETT, PRIVATE ROBERT, 1935-1980S

Served with [?1st Battalion] during World War II.

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| 1 | Letters from Barrett to his mother, some with sketches. 20 items | 26 Jul 1935
-23 Dec 1945 |
| 2 | Large collection of sketches and cartoons drawn by Barrett, relating to World War II and army life. 137 items | nd [?1939-1945] |
| 3 | Christmas telemessages sent and received by Barrett. 7 items | 1942-1944 |

- 4 Postcard of Teddington Memorial Hospital, Middlesex nd [?1980s]

ESR/25/BARRO/ BARROW, LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM, 1986-1994

Served with 1st Battalion during World War II.

- 1 Accounts, drafts and correspondence relating to Barrow's service in North Africa, during World War II 1986-1994

ESR/25/BART/ BARTER, COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR ROBERT JAMES PETER (B.1919), 1941-1995

Robert Barter (b.1919) joined the Territorials in May 1939 and was seconded to B Coy, 2/6th Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, soon after. He served in France as a Battalion sniper and became NCO. He went on to serve with the Special Services Battalion (Commandos), then returned to the 2/6th before demobilisation in 1946. CSM Barter was also cross country champion for South East Command, 1945. After the war, he joined the Metropolitan Police, serving special duties at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. He then emigrated to Canada but returned to Woking in 1958.

- 1 Digital copy (2009) of photograph of Robert Barter as Senior Sergeant Staff Small Arms Instructor, aged 22 years (1941)
- 2 Digital copy (2009) of photograph of Robert Barter as Company Sergeant Major (nd [c.1945])
- 3 Photocopy (undated) of typescript memoirs of former CSM Robert James Peter Barter, recounting the disabling of the bridge at Le Traport (east of Abbeville), being one of only 15 survivors of B Coy following an attack at Rouen, the march back to Brest and small arms training at Wells, Norfolk, after returning from France (1995)

ESR/25/BATC/ BATCHELOR, PRIVATE WILLIAM EDMUND, 1915-1920

Served with 7th (Service) Battalion during World War I.
Killed in action, 1917.

- 1 Congratulatory card from the commander of 12th Division for distinguished conduct nd [?1915-1918]
- 2 Letter relating to award of 1914-1915 Star 18 Jun 1920
- 3 Commemorative scroll nd [c.1920]

ESR/25/BATH/ BATHO, PRIVATE/BANDSMAN H G, 1910

Served with the East Surrey Regiment.

- 1 Copy (undated) of photograph of Batho, with his [?father] nd [c.1910]

ESR/25/BAYLE/ BAYLEY, LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE, 1880S

Commanded 1st Battalion, 1883-1887.

- 1 Photograph of Bayley nd [?1880s]

ESR/25/BAYLI/ BAYLISS, CAPTAIN EUSTACE G, 1860-1898

Commissioned into the East Surrey Regiment, 1881.
Served with 2nd Battalion in India and Suakin.
Transferred to 1st Battalion, [?1885-1890]. Served in India.

- 1 Newspaper cutting of list of successful candidates for Sandhurst. Bayliss' name is marked Aug 1860
- 2 Report of entrance examination to Sandhurst, showing how Bayliss ranked among the other candidates Jul 1880
- 3 Newspaper cutting of list of officers graduating from Sandhurst. Bayliss' name is marked 6 Aug 1881
- 4 Reports of final examination at Sandhurst, giving details of Bayliss' marks in each subject Aug 1881

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| 5 | Certificate of qualification to hold a commission | Aug 1881 |
| 6 | Extract from <i>The Army and Navy Gazette</i> recording Bayliss' promotion to Lieutenant | 22 Oct 1881 |
| 7 | Report and certificate of examination in higher standard of Hindustani, with letter of the board of examiners to the Assistant Adjutant General at Fort William, Calcutta, informing him of the result | 3 Sep 1881
-5 Sep 1881 |
| 8 | Commission as a Lieutenant | 17 Oct 1881 |
| 9 | Photograph album relating to 2 nd Battalion, compiled by Bayliss: inhabitants and views of Bombay, Calcutta and Darjeeling, in India, the Pyramids, Cairo, Suakin, Hadendomas, sergeants of 70 th Regiment in Cairo, 1885, SS Conway Castle, Alexandria before and after bombardment, irrigation in Egypt, Fort Chunar and view of fatal accident of Captain Camine, 1884 | 1882-1885 |
| 10 | Certificate of qualification to act as an instructor in signalling | 13 Jan 1883 |
| 11 | Handwritten extract from Presidency District Orders regarding Bayliss having passed an examination and qualified for promotion to Major | 2 Aug 1890 |
| 12 | Certificate of transport training | 3 Apr 1890 |
| 13 | Certificate of training in musketry | 21 Dec 1891 |
| 14 | Letter of commendation to Bayliss for handling transport from Dum Dum to Calcutta | Feb 1892 |
| 15 | Certificate in Equitation | 1 Jun 1894 |
| 16 | Newspaper cutting regarding Bayliss' appointment as Railway Transport Officer | 28 Sep 1898 |
| 17 | Photocopy (2006) of list of items | (nd [?mid 20 th cent]) |

- ESR/25/BAYN/ BAYNES, BILL, 1984-1986
- Served with 1st Battalion during World War II.
- 1 Account by Baynes of his experiences in Italy and North West Europe, 1943-1945. 2 copies, with covering letter providing additional information 1984-1986
- ESR/25/BELL/ BELL, PRIVATE NORMAN (1894-1958), 1918-1994
- Born, 1894. Served with 9th (Service) Battalion during World War I. Awarded Military Medal. Died, 1958.
- 1 Photographs of Bell, with biographical information on reverse. 2 items 1918-1956
 - 2 Correspondence and photocopy (undated) concerning Bell receiving the Military Medal and Croix de Guerre (1918)-1994
- ESR/25/BENN/ BENNETS, CYRIL, 1900S
- Served with 4th Volunteer Battalion.
- 1 Photograph of Bennets in civilian clothes. nd [?1900s]
- ESR/25/BENS/ BENSON, PRIVATE ARTHUR (?-1916), 1914-1919
- Served with 9th (Service) Battalion and probably also 7th and 10th Battalions during World War I. Killed in action, 1916.
- 1 Pocket New Testaments, one with printed message from Lord Roberts to soldiers, 25 Aug 1914, the other presented by the Trinitarian Bible Society nd [c.1914]
 - 2 Message to 10th Battalion from its commander, Colonel E Sullivan, encouraging them [?as they prepare to leave for France] nd [?1915]
 - 3 Christmas card to 'those who have fought and suffered for England', with religious message nd [?1914-1915]

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| 4 | Photograph of No 9 Platoon, 7 th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, at Aldershot | 1915 |
| 5 | Letter to Benson's wife from the Red Cross, informing her that another soldier saw a shell explode near her husband, but that his death is not yet confirmed | 15 Mar 1916 |
| 6 | Letters to Benson's wife regarding his wounds and ongoing condition, including official letters from the Infantry Record Office and from the Sister at No 16 Ward, 5 General Hospital. 5 items | 4 Sep 1916
-26 Sep 1916 |
| 7 | Letter to Benson's wife enclosing the medals that would have been conferred upon him had he lived [medals now held by Museum] | nd [c.1919] |
| 8 | Notes regarding the donation of above items, including name of donor and references to medals and embroidered material (not present) | 12 Mar 1981 |

ESR/30/BERR/

BERRY, PRIVATE JOHN BASDEN, 2005

Served with 2/6th Battalion during World War II. Became a prisoner of war after being captured at St Valery, 1940.

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| 1 | Account by Berry of his service and experiences as a prisoner of war | nd [c.2005] |
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ESR/25/BETT/

BETTERIDGE, PRIVATE P, 1914

Serving with 6th Battalion at outbreak of World War I.

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| 1 | Mobilization orders, with original envelope | 4 Aug 1914 |
| 2 | Note informing Betteridge that his application for leave from annual training has been successful | 1914 |

ESR/25/BIRT/

BIRT, CAPTAIN WILFRED BECKETT (1880-1916), 1915-1919

Born in Kenley, Surrey, 1880. Served with 9th (Service) Battalion during World War I. Wounded and taken prisoner, Sep 1915. Died, Apr 1916. In some of the records, Birt's name appears as Beckit-Birt.

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| 1 | Letters from Birt to his aunt, Miss Birt, including 2 written while a prisoner of war and original envelopes, two of which have German stamps on. 3 items | 11 Sep 1915
-24 Mar 1916 |
| 2 | Advertisement for lodging offered by Professor Muller at his home in Heidelberg | nd [?1915-1916] |
| 3 | Letter from Birt to 'Bellow' | 14 Jan 1916 |
| 4 | Field postcards sent by Birt to his wife and aunt while a prisoner of war, with photograph of his grave. 3 items | Mar 1916
-Apr 1916 |
| 5 | Letter to Birt's wife from the German authorities informing her of his death | 19 Apr 1916 |
| 6 | Handwritten copy of consolatory letter to 'Veronica' [?Birt's wife] from Captain M C Llewellyn after Birt's death | 23 Apr 1916 |
| 7 | Newspaper cuttings relating to Birt's funeral, including a photograph. Also typed and handwritten extracts from newspaper accounts (one in German) | Apr-Oct 1916 |
| 8 | Cutting relating to prisoners of war, including a reference to Birt | 26 Aug 1916 |
| 9 | Envelope marked 'Information about passports for France etc', containing newspaper cutting regarding procedures for visiting wounded relatives in France, and handwritten tribute to Birt | nd [c.1916] |
| 10 | Typed sheet in French, giving Birt's name, rank, regiment, next of kin, date taken prisoner, date of death and other details | nd [c.1916] |
| 11 | Order of memorial service for British prisoners who have died in captivity, held at St Margaret's, Westminster | 13 Jan 1919 |

- 12 Order of memorial service for members of Oriel College, Oxford, who gave their lives during World War I 16 Jul 1919
- 13 Letter to Regimental Museum from Birt's nephew, informing it that his uncle's correct surname was Birt, rather than Beckit-Birt, and adding his own recollections of his uncle nd [?1990s]

ESR/25/BLUN/

BLUNDELL, CAPTAIN A C (1896-?), 1918-1961

Born, 1896. Enlisted, 1915. Served with 10th Battalion. Transferred to Army Education Staff, 1918. Retired, 1921. Recalled, 1939. Released, 1945.

- 1 Correspondence and ephemera relating to Blundell's time in the Education Department at Alder Hey Special Military Surgical Hospital, including photograph of Blundell, summary of his career and list of documents donated to Museum 1918-1961

ESR/25/BOLS/

BOLSOM, PRIVATE F W, 1917

Served with 2/23rd Battalion, London Regiment, during World War I.

- 1 Photocopy (undated) of certificate for completion of signalling course (6 Oct 1917)

ESR/25/BONS/

BONSEY, PRIVATE A L, 1918-LATE 20TH CENT

Enlisted, 1915. Served with 12th (Bermondsey) Battalion. Became a prisoner of war, Apr 1918. Discharged, c.1919.

- 1 Letter from George V to returned prisoners of war 1918
- 2 Account by Bonsey of his experiences during the war. 2 copies nd [?late 20th cent]

ESR/25/BOOR/

BOORER, REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR A L, 1930S

Served with East Surrey Regiment.

	1	Photograph of Booker	nd [?1930s]
ESR/25/BOOT/		BOOTH, PRIVATE R, 1930	
		Served with 2 nd Battalion.	
	1	Second class certificate of education	22 Oct 1930
ESR/25/BOTT/		BOTTERELL, CAPTAIN G D, 1945-1962	
		Served with 1 st Battalion.	
	1	Copy reports on service of Battalion in Italy, Austria and Greece	Apr 1945 -Apr 1946
	2	Special order of the day, announcing amalgamation of regiment	24 Jul 1957
	3	Handbook for British Forces in Hong Kong on 'Keeping the Peace'	1962
	4	List of officers believed to have served in 78th Division, with addresses	nd [?late 20 th cent]
ESR/25/BOWE/		BOWERS, S J, 1912-1915	
		Served with 6 th and 1/6 th Battalion and later in Home Guard.	
	1	Scrapbook inscribed 'Presented to the Regimental Museum by the widow of the late Mr S J Bowers who served for many years with the 6 th Battalion East Surrey Regiment (TA) and in the Home Guard, 1962': photographs and postcards of manoeuvres at Eastbourne, 1912, Bordon, Jul 1914, and Maidstone and Canterbury, Sep 1914, and views of India, [1915]	1912-1915
ESR/25/BOWR/		BOWRING, CAPTAIN F A, 1919-[1926]	
		Served with 1 st Battalion during World War I.	
	1	Mentioned in dispatches certificate	1 Mar 1919

- 2 Photograph album of military and family life including photographs of Sandhurst, Catterick Camp, Hong Kong, Khartoum, Ceylon, India including Kuldana, and Kashmir nd [1920-1926]

ESR/25/BOXS/

BOXSHALL, BRIGADIER R A, 1915-1940S

Served with 2nd Battalion in World War I. Commanded 1st Battalion, 1939-1941. Appointed to command 206 Independent Infantry Brigade, 1941.

- 1 Photograph album: groups and individuals at Alexandria and Salonika, a trench, social occasions in England and Dublin, Christmas greeting card, 1916 1915-1921
- 2 Extracts from Boxshall's papers [?diary] concerning his service on the Western Front and Salonika, 1915-1918 nd [?mid 20th cent]
- 3 Extracts from Boxshall's papers [?diary], concerning his time with the British Expeditionary Force in France and the evacuation of Dunkirk, 1939-1940 nd [?mid 20th cent]
- 4 Photograph of Boxshall nd [?1940s]

ESR/25/BRADIN/

BRADING, BRIGADIER NORMAN (1896-1990), 1990

Born, 1896. Commissioned into the East Surrey Regiment, 1915. Served with West African Frontier Force, 1923-1924. Served with 2nd Battalion in Gibraltar. Contracted tuberculosis and spent a year in a Sanatorium in Switzerland. Posted to India as Adjutant of the Chota Negpur Regiment in Ranchi. Served with 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, in the Sudan. Served as Training Officer at the Regimental Depot. Appointed to command 2/6th Battalion, 1940. Commanded 102 Beach Sub Area in England, during the Normandy landings. Seconded to United Nations Headquarters, 1945. Retired, 1949. Died, 1990.

- 1 Typescript copy of obituary, with shorter press cutting. Also photocopy (undated) of completed membership form for Regiment Officers' Club, and additional notes in pen, [2nd half of 20th cent] nd [c.1990]

ESR/25/BRADIS/ BRADISH, SERGEANT MAJOR CHARLES, 1883

Served with the 36th Regiment, 1850-1860. Was the first Sergeant Major of 4th Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, serving 1860-1883. Retired, 1883.

- 1 Extract from Regimental Orders issued by 1883
Colonel J L Daniell praising Bradish's
conduct as he leaves the Battalion. With
covering letter by Bradish's son giving further
details of his father's career, 1959

ESR/25/BRADL/ BRADLEY, PRIVATE A J, 1946-1978

Served with the 2nd Battalion in Sudan, 1937-1938, China, 1938-1940, Singapore, 1940-1942. Was a Japanese prisoner of war, 1942-Sep 1945. Served in the Far East, Sep 1945-Oct 1945. Discharged, 1946.

- 1 Photocopy (undated) of pages 2-3 of (1946)
certificate of service, giving character
reference and details of service
- 2 Photocopy (undated) of letter informing (8 Apr 1960)
Bradley he is no longer liable for service with
the reserve
- 3 Photocopy (undated) of letter concerning his (1978)
war pension

ESR/25/BRADY/ BRADY, SERGEANT EDWARD (?-1902), 1902

Served with 2nd Battalion during South African War. Killed in action, 1902.

- 1 Letter to Brady's brother from Colonel H Feb 1902
Pearse, 2nd Battalion, concerning Brady's
death

ESR/25/BRAN/ BRAND, PRIVATE ROBERT JOSEPH, 1959-1963

Enlisted, 1956. Served with 1st Battalion in the British Army of the Rhine, 1956-1958, Cyprus, Jul 1958-Oct 1958, and Benghazi, Oct 1958-Dec 1958. Transferred to reserve, Feb 1959. Discharged, 1963.

	1	Certificate of service, including character statement, certificates of discharge and transfer to reserve and details of training	1959-1963
ESR/25/BREA/		BREACH, PRIVATE E, 1943-1945	
		Served with 1 st Battalion during World War II.	
	1	8th Army Christmas telemesssage sent by Breach [to his parents]	11 Nov 1943
	2	Newspaper cuttings regarding Battalion activities, most from <i>Eighth Army News</i> or <i>Union Jack: British Forces Daily</i>	nd [1943-1945]
	3	Book of cartoons of Jon's <i>Two Types in Italy</i>	nd [c.1943]
	4	Propaganda leaflets, both English and German. 4 items	nd [?1943-1945]
	5	Letter to Breach from Captain Squire regarding Breach's return to his unit after being in hospital	9 Aug 1944
	6	Special Order of the Day containing message to troops from Field Marshal Alexander, congratulating them on victory in Italy	2 May 1945
	7	Guidebook to Rome, printed exclusively for the Alexander Club	1945
	8	Label giving name and address of donor and list of items donated	nd [?late 20 th cent]
ESR/25/BROC/		BROCKMAN, E A D, 1915-1920	
		Served with 3 rd Battalion during World War I.	
	1	Cuttings book compiled by Brockman, including cuttings relating to the East Surrey Regiment, and to other serving members of the family	1915-1920
ESR/25/BROO/		BROOKS, SERGEANT GEORGE (C.1887-?), 1908-1916	

Born, c.1887. Enlisted at Kingston on Thames, 1905.
Served with 2nd Battalion. Later served with 13th
Battalion. Discharged, 1916.

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| 1 | Certificate of qualification as a nursing orderly | 8 Jul 1908 |
| 2 | Discharge certificate | 23 Oct 1916 |

ESR/25/BROWB/ BROWN, 'BUTCHER', 1930S

Served with 1st Battalion.

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| 1 | Photograph of 'Butcher' Brown | nd [?1930s] |
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ESR/25/BROWH/ BROWN, PRIVATE HARRY, 1917-1918

Served with 1/5th Battalion in India and Mesopotamia during World War I.

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| 1 | Transcript (produced c.2007) of Brown's diary. Donated by Rosemary Dempster, Brown's granddaughter, with covering note giving her address | (17 Mar 1917
-27 Dec 1918) |
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ESR/25/BROWJP/ BROWN, LIEUTENANT JOHN PATRICK (1896-?), 1916-1920

Born, 1896. Commissioned 1916. Served with 3rd Battalion during World War I.

A framed commission for Brown is still held by the Regimental Museum.

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| 1 | Record of service book, giving details of next of kin, service, training, promotions and character statement | 1916-1920 |
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ESR/25/BRUC/ BRUCE, CAPTAIN R G D, 1934-1945

Served with 1st Battalion. Taken prisoner of war, World War II, but escaped.

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| 1 | Account written by Bruce and Lieutenant Peter Hill of the 1 st Battalion's journey from Srinagar to Lahore, via the [?North West] frontier | 1934 |
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- 2 Field postcard and Christmas cards from Bruce to Miss Daphne Phillips, including two while a prisoner of war 1939-1944
- 3 Account of his escape as a prisoner of war in Germany, with Captain G O H Slade, RE. 2 copies. Includes maps May 1945

ESR/25/BUCH/

BUCHANAN, COLONEL THOMAS ALFRED, 1940-1997

Enlisted, 1939. Served with 1st Battalion. Appointed to command B Company, Apr 1940. Commanded various Battalions, including in the Northamptonshire Regiment. Commanded 2nd Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, 1945-1947.

- 1 Identity cards relating to service in France, North Africa and the Middle East 1940-1946
- 2 Photocopy (undated) of extracts from Buchanan's diary, and brief note of his early military career (May 1940)
- 3 Photograph album entitled 'War and post war', compiled by Buchanan: groups and individual soldiers, parades, illustration of Kingston Barracks, charter awarded by the Borough of Kingston to the regiment on its 250th anniversary, official opening of Territorial Army Centre at Cobham, visit by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, victory parade, Tunis, 1943, list of officers' names, correspondence relating to the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel T A Buchanan as colonel of 6th Battalion of the Queen's Regiment, 1967, and the Battalion being disbanded, 1969 1943-1969
- 4 Account [?by Buchanan] of the 5th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment, in Italy, Sep 1943-Dec 1943. 1st Battalion, East Surreys, are often mentioned Jun 1944
- 5 Brief handwritten note regarding the history of the regimental barracks at Kingston nd [2nd half of 20th cent]

- 6 Photocopy (undated) of obituaries, handwritten drafts and notes, and the text of a speech given at his funeral 1997
- ESR/25/BUDS/ BUDSALL, REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR G E, 1950S
- Served with the East Surrey Regiment.
- 1 Photograph of Budsall nd [?1950s]
- ESR/25/BURGET/ BURGE, LANCE SERGEANT ERNEST TREVOR (1918-?), 1939-1946
- Born, 1918. Enlisted at Wimbledon, 1937. Served with the East Surrey Regiment. Transferred to 53rd (FD) Holding Regiment, Royal Artillery, 1938. Discharged, 1946.
- 1 Service book, giving details of service, leave granted, medical details and next of kin 1939-1946
- 2 Programme for King George VI's birthday parade in Cairo 8 Jun 1944
- 3 Record of service card, showing dates served with the East Surrey Regiment and Royal Artillery 5 Feb 1946
- 4 Release book, including release leave certificate 1946
- 5 Card with Bible verse in Latin and picture of Pope Pius XII nd [?1940s]
- 6 Cloth badges with division insignia nd [?1939-1945]
- ESR/25/BURGHES/ BURGESS, LIEUTENANT COLONEL H S (?-1949), 1917-1950S
- Joined 5th Battalion during World War I, and was soon granted a commission in 1/6th Battalion. Served in India and Aden. Transferred to Gurkha Regiment, 1919. Also served with Burma Rifles. Rejoined 6th Battalion in the early 1920s and was particularly involved with the Richmond Detachment. Commanded 2/6th Battalion, 1939-1940. Later served as Area Secretary of the Metropolitan Area, British Legion. Died, 1949.

- 1 Photograph album compiled by Burgess: 1917-1919
 photographs of the battalion sailing to Aden, 1917, views of Aden, camp life, trenches, groups and individual soldiers, camel battery, Indian soldiers, 'Lewis gun in action', views of Aden. Including cutting regarding the succession of the Sultan of Lahej, 1919

- 2 Scrapbook compiled by Burgess, consisting of press cuttings regarding members of the regiment and the war generally in France, North Africa and Arnhem. Includes invitations, programmes, menus and booklet *Britain* for members of the American Expeditionary Force. Also photographs of chateau used as Battalion's headquarters at Bois Robert, Longueville, taken before and after it was bombed and after the war 1940 -nd [?1950s]

ESR/25/BURGJH/

BURGESS, LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN H S (1928-1999), 1952-1995

Born, 1928. Commissioned into East Surreys, his father's old regiment, but served initially with the Royal West Kent Regiment. Returned to England prior to joining the 1st Battalion, East Surreys, and carried the Colours to Tripoli for the Battalion's 250th anniversary celebrations. Served with 1st Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, in Korea. Served with 1st Battalion, the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), in Libya, the Suez Canal Zone and Brunswick, 1952-1956. Served as instructor in the Platoon Commanders Division of the School of Infantry, Warminster.

Returned to serve with 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, c.1958, in Cyprus, Libya and the United Kingdom. Served with the All Arms Junior Leaders Regiment, then as training major with 3rd Battalion, Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. Commanded 1st Battalion, Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, 1966-1967. Awarded MBE for his action in Aden, 1967.

Commanded Intelligence Corps Depot, 1967-1969. Served three years on the staff in the Gulf. Appointed Instructor at the Intelligence Centre, and later commanded the Joint Interrogation Unit, 1973-1975. Served as Senior Military Intelligence Officer in Northern Ireland, 1975-1977, for which he was awarded an OBE. Served as Deputy Director of Intelligence Corps, 1977-1979. Served as Security Officer to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. Retired, 1983. Spent a further ten years in government service and was Secretary of his local Royal British Legion branch. Died, 1999.

- 1 Part of scrapbook kept by Burgess, containing newspaper cuttings of the Regiment celebrating Ypres Day, recruits marching to Kingston Station to join the Battalion, Battalion's return from 'Canal Zone' and correspondence about his military career 1952-1954
- 2 Account by Burgess of his journey from Kingston to Tripoli with the Regimental Colours, which were required for the 250th Anniversary Celebrations. Includes railway warrant used on the journey. Also related correspondence concerning Burgess' career, and photocopy of his citation for an MBE (17 Jun 1952) -1995

ESR/25/BUTL/

BUTLER, COLOUR SERGEANT, 1914

Served with 1st Battalion during World War I.

- 1 Typescript (undated) of the diary kept by Butler during his service in Belgium and France with 1st Battalion, part of the British Expeditionary Force (13 Aug 1914 -31 Dec 1914)

ESR/25/BUTLWH/

BUTLER, PRIVATE WILLIAM HENRY (C.1880-?), 1902-1916

Born in Chertsey, c.1880. Enlisted at Kingston on Thames, 1902. Served with 1st Battalion as part of the British Expeditionary Force in France, 1914.

- 1 'Soldiers Small Book', giving details of enlistment and next of kin 1902
- 2 Photograph of Hunt with Bert Harwood and [?the Hunt brothers] 1904

- 3 Letter by Sir Henry Rawlinson, commanding Fourth Army, to soldiers of 5th Division, praising their achievements and wishing them well as the division leaves the Fourth Army 30 Sep 1916