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ESR/25/CAMM/

CAMM, LANCE CORPORAL JOHN JAMES (C.1872-?), 1900-1905

Born in Millwall, London, c.1872. Enlisted in London, 1900. Served with 2nd Battalion in South Africa, 1899-1902, and India, 1903-1905.

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| 1 | Soldier's 'Small Book', giving details of service abroad, next of kin and training, including certificate for completing a course of training with the Mounted Infantry, 1903 | 1900-1905 |
| 2 | Card, giving Camm's name, rank, serial number, regiment, next of kin and address | nd [c.1900] |
| 3 | Swimming certificate | 25 May 1904 |

ESR/25/CAMP/

CAMP, WARRANT OFFICER EDWARD GEORGE (1901-?), 1930-1959

Born, 1901. Enlisted, 1930. Served [with 2nd Battalion] in China, 1938-1940, and Singapore, 1940-1942. Was a prisoner of war, 1942-1945. Discharged, 1951. Re-enlisted, 1951. Discharged, 1955.

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| 1 | Third class certificate of education | 26 Sep 1930 |
| 2 | Second class certificate of education | 5 Feb 1931 |
| 3 | First class certificate of education | Oct 1931 |
| 4 | Warrant of appointment as Warrant Officer | 20 Sep 1946 |
| 5 | Certificate of service, including service details, discharge certificate, and records of training | 1951 |
| 6 | Soldier's record and pay book, giving details of service, promotions, next of kin, medals and awards, and medical details | 1951-1955 |
| 7 | Character testimony written by Major A L Sutton | 21 Jul 1955 |

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| 8 | Certificate of service, including service details, character testimony, discharge certificate, and records of training | 1955 |
| 9 | Letter to Camp, informing him that he has been awarded a pension, and thanking him for his service, with slip confirming entitlement | nd [c.1955] |
| 10 | Newspaper cutting regarding the amalgamation of the East Surrey and Queen's Regiments. Giving a brief history of the East Surrey Regiment and mentioning Camp, and his experiences as a prisoner of war | nd [1959] |

ESR/25/CAMPBD/ CAMPBELL, LIEUTENANT COLONEL D J, 1988

Served with 1st Battalion.

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| 1 | Account by Campbell of the 1 st Battalion in India, 1926-1932 | 19 Feb 1988 |
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ESR/25/CAMPBR/ CAMPBELL, CAPTAIN ROBERT COLIN (C.1885-1966), 1966

Born, c.1885. Joined 1st Battalion, c.1903. Served in France during World War I. Retired, 1925. Served as Chief Observer in the Royal Observer Corps during World War II. Died, 1966.

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| 1 | Account of Campbell's life and service, giving details of his service during World War I, including being a prisoner of war and being paroled to see his sick mother. 2 copies | (1966) |
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ESR/25/CARP/ CARPENTER, SERGEANT, 1916-1930

ESR/25/CARP/1-5 presented by Mr William Macgregor in 2002. -/6 presented by Mrs J Macgregor in February 2009. Mrs Marjorie Airey, daughter of Sergeant Carpenter, passed the items on to the Macgregors who were her neighbours.

Sergeant Carpenter served with 1/5th Battalion during World War I and with 5th Battalion thereafter

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| 1 | Photograph album created by Carpenter, relating to his service in India: landscapes, Nowshera Bazaar, Gharial, Peshawar, scenes of camp life. 1 loose photograph inserted | 1916-1930 |
| 2 | Envelope addressed to Carpenter at a number of addresses, many of which have been crossed out, with many postmarks | nd [?1910s] |
| 3 | Newspaper cutting regarding 5 th Battalion's Camp at Camberley, including photograph of Carpenter cooking in the sergeants' mess | nd [?early 20 th cent] |
| 4 | Letter to Carpenter from his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel G B Chetwynd-Stapylton, on the latter's departure from the Battalion, thanking Carpenter for his work | 23 Apr 1930 |
| 5 | Letter from depositor, Mr W MacGregor, a friend of Mrs Marjorie Airey [Carpenter's daughter], explaining how he came by them | 9 Jan 2002 |
| 6 | Black and white photograph of Quartermaster staff, 5 th Battalion, camped at Brighton. Sergeant Carpenter is in the centre of the back row | 1908 |

ESR/25/CARPPJ/

CARPENTER, PHILLIP JOHN (C.1922-1944), 1990S

Born, c.1922. Served with 1st Battalion. Killed in action at Lake Trasimene, 1944.

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| 1 | Colour photographs of Jane Austen's house at Chawton, and the memorial plaque showing that it was given by Thomas Edward Carpenter in memory of his son Phillip. 8 items | nd [?1990s] |
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ESR/25/CARTHA/

CARTER, LANCE CORPORAL HENRY ALBERT (1912-?), 1931-1966

Born in Kintbury, London, 1912. Enlisted, 1931. Served with Royal Warwickshire Regiment in Egypt, 1931-1933, India 1933-Sep 1935. Served with 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, in India, Oct 1935-1937, and France, 1939-1940. Served with Military Police, 1941-1943. Transferred to Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, 1943. Served in Italy, 1945. Discharged, 1945

1	Attestation form	26 Oct 1931
2	Soldier's service and pay book, giving details of service, leave, promotions, training, uniform issued and medical records	1931-1945
3	Third class certificate of education	4 Feb 1932
4	Second class certificate of education	26 Apr 1933
5	Swimming certificate	14 Aug 1933
6	Tram ticket showing map of Alexandria tram routes	nd [c.1933]
7	Photograph of Carter during his time with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment	nd [?1931-1935]
8	Licence to drive a private motor vehicle, issued in Fyzabad	17 Jun 1936
9	Certificate of service, including details of service, character testimony and certificate of transfer to the reserve	1938
10	<i>Easy French for the Forces</i>	1944
11	Poster regarding the award of campaign medals, with handwritten notes and list of places on reverse	Jul 1945
12	Top part of letter to [?Nick]; only [?Carter's] address is visible	9 Nov [?1945]
13	Record of service card, giving details of regiments served with and dates	14 Nov 1945
14	Certificate of transfer to reserve	19 Nov 1945
15	Soldier's release book, including release leave certificate	1945
16	<i>A Canuck goes to Italy, Book 1</i> , Italian phrase book published by Canadian Legion War Services	nd [c.1945]
17	Map of Venice	nd [c.1945]
18	Registration card for Regular Forces Employment Association	2 Jan 1946

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| 19 | Slip sent with campaign medals, showing which were awarded (medals now held by Museum) | nd [c.1946] |
| 20 | Identity disks | nd [mid 20 th cent] |
| 21 | East Surrey Regiment Old Comrades' Association membership card | nd [?mid 20 th cent] |
| 22 | Letter and information regarding the Home Counties Brigade becoming the Queen's Regiment, with addenda slip naming the Colonel and Deputy Colonels of the new regiment | 27 Jun 1966 |

ESR/25/CARTJD/ CARTER, CAPTAIN J D, 1945-1990

Served with 2nd Battalion and was a prisoner of war in Malaya, 1942-45.

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| 1 | Correspondence concerning Carter and his experience as a prisoner of war, including extracts from Carter's own letters | 1945-1990 |
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ESR/25/CARTJW/ CARTER, PRIVATE JOHN WILLIAM, 1914-1918

Served with 5th Reserve Battalion during World War I.

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| 1 | Photograph of Carter | nd [?1914-1918] |
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ESR/25/CATE/ CATER, MAJOR A C A, MID 20TH CENT

Served with 2nd Battalion and the British Battalion in Malaya, 1941-1942.

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| 1 | Account by Cater of his service during the Malayan Campaign, 1941-1942 | nd [?mid 20 th cent] |
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ESR/25/CERE/ CERELY, CAPTAIN FRANCIS STANLEY REEVE, 1930S-1946

Served with 1/6th Battalion in World War II and attached to 2nd Army Liaison Group.

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| 1 | Booklet containing short history of The East Surrey Regiment | nd [?1930s] |
| 2 | Booklet <i>Marching or flying by night without a compass</i> | 1940 |
| 3 | Infantry Roll book for headquarters company intelligence section giving name, serial number, date of enlistment, age on enlistment, martial status, term of service, religion, trade and name and address of next of kin. Some entries also include details of height and chest measurements, languages spoken, and number of rifle issued | nd [?1940-1945] |
| 4 | Programmes for Entertainments National Service Association shows | 1942 |
| 5 | Field message book with notes about Calais, and other notes compiled during the course of his duties, including notes from interviews conducted and 'to do' lists | 1943-1945 |
| 6 | Order of Second Army thanksgiving service on conclusion of the campaign in North West Europe | 1945 |
| 7 | Officer's release book, including release leave certificate and claim for disability pension | 1945-1946 |

ESR/25/CHAF/

CHAFFER, CORPORAL, 1943-1944

Served with 1st Battalion during World War II.

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| 1 | Scrapbook containing banknotes, soldiers' guide books, programme for greyhound racing (Italian text) and Christmas card from the NAAFI | 1943-1944 |
| 2 | German propaganda leaflets. 17 items | nd [c.1944] |

- ESR/25/CHAM/ CHAMBERLAIN, PRIVATE F, 1952-1953
- Served with the East Surrey Regiment.
- 1 Letter from Metropolitan Special Constabulary informing him of the award of a bar to his Special Constabulary Long Service Medal 30 Jan 1952
 - 2 Programme of Coronation Review of ex-servicemen and women 5 Jul 1953
 - 3 Photographs of Chamberlain, including one from a newspaper cutting. 3 items nd [?1950s]
- ESR/25/CHAN/ CHANDLER, PRIVATE JACK COOPER, C.1920
- Served with 1/21st Battalion during World War I. Killed in action, 1918.
- 1 Commemorative scroll nd [c.1920]
- ESR/25/CHIT/ CHITTOCK, LANCE CORPORAL S A J, 1890
- Served with 2nd Battalion.
- 1 Small scrapbook compiled by Chittock, containing cuttings describing campaign and gallantry medals, cuttings regarding General Napier's campaign in Abyssinia, 1867-8, and Anglo-German agreement, 1900, with view of Heligoland 1890
- ESR/25/CLARE/ CLARE, CAPTAIN CECIL, 1915
- Served as Adjutant of 8th Battalion during World War I.
- 1 Field Service Book, containing orders and notes Aug 1915 -Sep 1915
- ESR/25/CLARK/ CLARK, BREVET LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES ALFRED (1879-1971), 1902-1965

Born, 1879. Enlisted, 1896. Served with 2nd Battalion in South Africa during the Boer War. Posted to 1st Battalion, c.1902. Posted to 4th Battalion, 1914. Received his commission and posted to 9th Battalion, 1916. Prisoner of War. Retired, 1933. Appointed an Air Raid Warden, 1939. Served as Chief Air Raid Warden of Folkestone, 1940-1945. Died, 1971.

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| 1 | Christmas cards, mainly Regimental. 17 items | nd [c.1900]-1959 |
| 2 | Photographs and postcards, including groups of soldiers, presentation of Colours to 1 st Battalion, 1905, Majuba Hill and relief of Ladysmith, South Africa, funeral of King Edward VII, 1 st Battalion arriving in Jersey, 1905, and Queen Victoria Cup team, 1912. 18 items | 1902-1912 |
| 3 | Official descriptions and histories of East Surrey Regiment. 4 items, 2 of which are identical | nd [c.1902-1932] |
| 4 | Booklet regarding Presentation of Colours to 1 st Battalion, including a description of the ceremony | 26 May 1903 |
| 5 | Illustrated calendars of East Surrey Regiment, 1911, 1912 (both posters), 1913, 1914 | 1911-1914 |
| 6 | <i>Regimental News</i> , mentioning Clark's posting from 1 st Battalion to 4 th Battalion as Regimental Sergeant Major. 2 copies, one of which has inserted summary of events relating to 1 st Battalion, 1925, and Special Order of the Day regarding Amalgamation with the Queen's, 1959 | May 1914 |
| 7 | Photographs and postcards relating to service during World War I, including soldiers leaving for the front line, ruined villages, groups of soldiers, and bayonet training. 9 items | 1914-1917 |
| 8 | <i>The Somme Times</i> (later <i>The BEF Times</i>) Vol 1 No 1 | 31 Jul 1916 |
| 9 | <i>The BEF Times</i> Vol 1 No 1 | 1 Dec 1916 |
| 10 | <i>The BEF Times</i> Vol 1 No 2 | 25 Dec 1916 |

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| 11 | <i>The BEF Times</i> Vol 1 No 3 | 20 Jan 1917 |
| 12 | <i>The BEF Times</i> Vol 1 No 5 | 10 Apr 1917 |
| 13 | <i>The Outlook</i> , magazine of officers' prison camp, Stralsund | Nov 1918 |
| 14 | Photocopy (undated) of Clark's typescript memoirs of army career, 1896-1900 (abandoned when he was appointed as Chief of Civil Defence, Folkestone, World War II), rough notes of service with 1 st Battalion in Egypt, 1920-22, and with 2 nd Battalion, Gibraltar, 1927, and copy of letter recalling service of 9 th Battalion, Mar 1918 | (1918
-nd [?1930s]) |
| 15 | Photographs and postcards, including 1 st Battalion in Cairo, 1921-22, including visit of Crown Prince Hirohito of Japan, sports teams, Gibraltar, 1925, officers of 9 th Battalion at production of <i>Journey's End</i> , 1930. 21 items | 1921-1946 |
| 16 | Copy of large photograph of East Surrey Regiment Army Rifle Association competition winners | (1921) |
| 17 | <i>Regimental News</i> regarding musketry training of 1 st Battalion, Egypt | Feb 1922 |
| 18 | Programmes for boxing tournaments, at some of which Clark acted as referee. 4 items | 1922-1926 |
| 19 | Photocopies (undated) of letters to 'Nobby' Clark, 1929, 1936, 1965, from R C Sherriff, recalling service with 9 th Battalion and genesis of ' <i>Journey's End</i> ', with Clark's recollections of Sherriff's period of service | (1929-1965) |
| 20 | Undated photographs and postcards including views of Gibraltar and groups of officers, one of c.1900, showing veterans. 11 items | nd [?early 20 th
cent |
| 21 | Menus for 9 th Battalion annual reunion dinners, some with signatures (including of R C Sherriff, playwright) and sketches on the reverse. 4 items | 1930-1938 |
| 22 | <i>Ypres Times</i> , magazine of the Ypres League, Vol 8 no.4 | Oct 1936 |

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| 23 | Menu for 5 th Army Officers' Complimentary Dinner | 12 Jan 1937 |
| 24 | <i>Ypres Times</i> , magazine of the Ypres League, Vol 8 no.5. 2 copies | Jan 1937 |
| 25 | <i>Ypres Times</i> , magazine of the Ypres League, Vol 8 no.6 | Apr 1937 |
| 26 | <i>Ypres Times</i> , magazine of the Ypres League, Vol 8 no.8 | Oct 1937 |
| 27 | <i>Ypres Times</i> , magazine of the Ypres League, Vol 9 no.2 | Jul 1938 |
| 28 | Menu for East Surrey Regiment Officers' Association Annual Dinner | 24 Jun 1948 |
| 29 | <i>The Veteran, Official Journal of the South African War Veterans' Association</i> | 1950 |
| 30 | <i>The Veteran, Official Journal of the South African War Veterans' Association</i> | 1952 |
| 31 | Photocopies (undated) of printed poems including about East Surreys at Catterick Camp. 2 items | (nd [?mid 20 th cent]) |

ESR/25/CLARKE/

CLARKE, COLOUR SERGEANT WILLIAM ALBERT, ALIAS THOMAS CLARKE (1867-?), 1887-1908

Born in Kingsland, London, 1867. Enlisted at Kingston on Thames, 1887. Served with 1st Battalion in India. Later served in Eastern Bengal Volunteer Rifles and in 2nd Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment. Discharged, 1908. Served with Bengal Mounted Police Force, and appointed bodyguard to the Governor of Bengal.

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| 1 | Soldier's account book, giving details of service, pay and next of kin. The following items are sewn into the book: second class certificate of education, 1891, drill certificates, 1893, 1898 and 1902, certificate showing qualifications in military subjects for promotion to Sergeant, 1894 | 1887-1902 |
| 2 | Character testimony | 1 May 1888 |

3	Certificate of training with the Mounted Infantry	8 Jan 1889
4	Swimming certificate	24 Jun 1891
5	Range finding certificate	26 Jun 1897
6	Certificate of musketry	2 Aug 1898
7	Printed copies of character testimonies by Clarke's commanding officers, 1898-1903	nd [c.1903]
8	Original and copy of declaration of change of name to Thomas Clarke	30 Mar 1904
9	Letter from Clarke to his Commanding Officer requesting permission to marry	5 Apr 1904
10	Character certificate	4 Oct 1908
11	Certificate of discharge	4 Oct 1908
12	Letter to Clarke from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, informing him that he has been awarded a pension	5 Nov 1908
13	Certificate of identity for an Army pensioner residing outside the United Kingdom	22 Dec 1908
14	Recipe [?to Clarke from his wife] for a mixture to relieve fever	nd [?1900s]
15	Photographs of Clarke and his wife. 2 items	nd [?1900s]
16	Handwritten account of Clarke's service after leaving the East Surrey Regiment	nd [?late 20 th cent]

ESR/25/CLEE/

CLEEVES, SERGEANT W T, 1918

Served with 1st Battalion during World War I. Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal, 1918.

1	Certificate congratulating Cleeves on being awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and list of soldiers of the Fourth Army awarded gallantry medals, including Cleeves and several others in the Queen's and East Surrey Regiments	1918
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ESR/25/CLEM/

CLEMENS, COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR DAVID (1915-?), 1960

Born, 1915. Enlisted in London, 1934. Served with 2nd Battalion in China, 1938-1940, and Singapore, 1940-1942. Was a prisoner of war, 1942-1945. Served in Ceylon, 1949-1951, and with the British Army of the Rhine, 1955-1956. Discharged, 1960.

There is a copy of Clemens' autobiography in the SHC library.

- 1 Certificate of service, including statement of character, service history and army qualifications gained 1960

ESR/25/COCK/

COCKS, PRIVATE GEORGE CHARLES (1893-?), 1916-1918

Born in Burnham, Buckinghamshire, 1893. Served with 12th (Service) Battalion during World War I.

- 1 Photographs of Cocks with a soldier and a civilian, and of a group of soldiers, including Cocks in hospital 'blues' with two nurses. Mounted on cardboard with photograph of A Company, 12th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, Aldershot. 3 items 1916

ESR/25/COLE/

COLE, WARRANT OFFICER WILLIAM (C.1906-1942), 2000

Born, c.1906. Served with 1st Battalion in World War II and killed in action, 1942.

- 1 Letter and printout from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission database giving details of Coles' grave and brief biographical details, with covering letter 2000

ESR/25/COLEM/

COLEMAN, PRIVATE E, 1935-1936

Served with 1st Battalion.

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| | 1 | Photograph album, compiled by Private E Coleman of 1 st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, Kandahar Barracks, Fyzabad, India: views of the Himalayas, Lucknow, parades, including King George V's funeral parade, 1936, soldiers marching, manoeuvres, Quetta earthquake, 1935, training, crossing a river and social events | 1935-1936 |
| ESR/25/COLLE/ | | COLLETT, PRIVATE FREDERICK WILLIAM HERBERT (1918-?), 1939-1942 | |
| | | Born in Battersea, 1918. Enlisted at Kingston on Thames, 1940. Served with 1/6 th Battalion. Discharged, 1942. | |
| | 1 | Grade card indicating Collett's fitness for service, issued by Tooting Medical Board | 22 Nov 1939 |
| | 2 | Soldier's pay and service book, giving details of service, training, medical records and next of kin | 1940-1942 |
| | 3 | Rough map of area around Beccles, Norfolk | nd [?1940-1942] |
| | 4 | Identity disk | nd [c.1940] |
| | 5 | Pass to be absent from quarters, with note that leave is granted pending discharge, including three blank pass forms | Aug 1942 |
| | 6 | Letter to Collett, confirming his date of discharge | 1942 |
| | 7 | Old Comrades' Association membership card, with second card issued as a replacement for the first, with covering letter to Collett from the Old Comrades' Association | 1942 |
| | 8 | Information for former forces personnel regarding the Unemployment Insurance Acts, with original envelope, and memorandum regarding Acts | 1942 |
| | 9 | Postcard for notifying War Office of a change of address, with the new address filled in | nd [?1940s] |
| ESR/25/COLLI/ | | COLLINS, COLONEL J R, C.1887 | |

Commanded 2nd Battalion, 1885-1887.

- 1 Photograph of Collins nd [c.1887]

ESR/25/COLLM/ COLLMAN, REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR P, 1959

Served with the East Surrey Regiment.

- 1 Photograph of Collman 1959

ESR/25/CONG/ CONGDON, LIEUTENANT COLONEL J N, 1907-1914

Served with 2nd Battalion in India.

- 1 Photograph album compiled and donated by Congdon: the Colours of the 70th Regiment, parades, members of the 5th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, 2nd Battalion in India, individuals and groups of officers and NCOs, parades, sports teams, Dacca manoeuvres, 1914 1907-1914

ESR/25/COOP/ COOPER, SERGEANT, 1920S

Served with 1st Battalion.

- 1 Photograph of Cooper nd [?1920s]

ESR/25/COTTJ/ COTTAGE, PRIVATE J, 1915

Served with 2nd Battalion during World War I.

- 1 Christmas card sent by Cottage 1915
2 Covering letter from Mr L J Cottage to the Museum 15 Dec 1980

ESR/25/COTTAE/ COTTAM, A E, 1919

Served with 1st Battalion during its time as part of the North Russian Expeditionary Force, 1919.

- 1 Photographs of Battalion in North Russia, by A E Cottam, including Bolshevik prisoners and Russian peasants. 15 items. With covering note 1919
- ESR/25/COTTI/ COTTIS, PRIVATE CHARLES, 1922-1924
- Served with the 1st Battalion during World War I. Killed in action, 1914.
- 1 Postcard and letter to Mrs E Cottis concerning his war medals and slip to confirm receipt of commemorative scroll (not present) 1922-1924
- ESR/25/COUGD/ COUGHGAN, COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR DENNIS, 2003
- Served with 2nd Battalion in Malaya and Singapore, 1941-2, and was a Japanese prisoner of war.
- 1 Photocopy (undated) of letter from Harold Ruoff to Major (retired) John C Rogerson thanking him for the copy of Coughlan's obituary [enclosed] and recounting the sinking of a Japanese prisoner of war ship that Coughgan was on (12 Nov 2003)
- ESR/25/COUGP/ COUGHLIN, COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR PADDY, 1950S
- Served with 42nd Royal Tank Regiment (later 23rd London Regiment).
- 1 Photograph of Coughlin nd [?1950s]
- ESR/25/COWI/ COWIE, MAJOR C B, 1940S
- Served with 1st and 2nd Battalions.
- 1 Photographs of Cowie, with note stating when it was donated to the Museum and giving further details of Cowie's service nd [?1940s]
- ESR/25/CRAN/ CRANHAM, LIEUTENANT GEORGE VERNON, 1919-1994

Commissioned, 1917. Served with 8th (Service) Battalion, 1917-1919. Awarded Military Cross. Served with 1st Battalion in North Russia, 1919.

- 1 Photocopy (undated) of pages from the *London Gazette* and letter concerning his Military Cross. Also covering letter and notes on his military career, 1992-1994 (1919)-1994

ESR/25/CRAW/

CRAWFORD, PRIVATE F C, 1915-1951

Born, 1890. Enlisted, 1915. Served with 7th (Service) Battalion during World War I and taken prisoner of war. Discharged, 1919.

- 1 Soldier's pay book 1915-1916
- 2 Red Cross postcard for prisoners of war nd [?1915-1918]
- 3 Congratulatory postcard from the commander of 12th Division, stating that he has been informed that Crawford has distinguished himself in the field nd [?1915-1918]
- 4 Photographs of Crawford alone and with other soldiers. 3 items nd [?1915-1918]
- 5 Soldier's pay book, including Crawford's will, 1916 1916-1917
- 6 Welcome home letter from King George V to British prisoners of war 1918
- 7 Certificate of transfer to reserve 31 Mar 1919
- 8 Note listing items donated and label (undated) prepared by Museum 1951

ESR/25/CROO/

CROOK, GEORGE HENRY (1933-?), 1952-2006

Born, 1933. Enlisted under National Service, 1952. Served with 1st and 6th Battalions. Discharged, 1957.

- 1 Photograph album: colour and black and white photographs of views of Libya, Egypt and England, groups and individual soldiers and vehicles [1952-1953]

- 2 Photograph album: views of Libya and Egypt, [1952-1953]
groups and individual soldiers, vehicles,
battalion on board ship
- 3 Photocopies (undated) of discharge (1952-1957)
certificate, certificate of service, Old
Comrades' Association membership card and
certificate of vaccination against smallpox
- 4 Notes regarding Crook's career, made by 2006
Michael Page and Dianna Stiff of Surrey
History Centre, following an interview with
him

ESR/25/CURR/

CURRIE, MAJOR DAVID VIVIAN, 1948

Served with South Alberta Reconnaissance Regiment.

- 1 Copy of citation for winning Victoria Cross 1948
for his action in the Falaise pocket,
Normandy, 1944, with covering letter to
Queen's Museum from Canadian Army
Liaison Establishment (photographs
mentioned are not present)

ESR/25/CURT/

CURTIS, SERGEANT ALBERT EDWARD (?-1940), 1900-2000

Served with 2nd Battalion. Became the first man of the
regiment to be awarded the Victoria Cross, 1901. Later
became a Warder of the Tower of London. Died, 1940.

- 1 Photocopies (undated) of papers and (1900)-2000
correspondence related to Curtis' service, his
being awarded the Victoria Cross and the
rededication of his grave

ESR/25/CUTT/

CUTT, PRIVATE EDWARD GEORGE, (?-1915), 1914-2007

Served with 9th (Service) Battalion. Missing in action at
Battle of Loos, 26 Sep 1915, and presumed dead.

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| 1 | Diary kept by Cutt's fiancée, Ellen Bertha Dabbs, charting the course of their relationship and logging letters sent to and received from him, and letters sent by her, attempting to trace him after he was missing in action | 9 Sep 1914
-3 Mar 1917 |
| 2 | Tribute to the East Surrey Regiment by General French, reprinted from the <i>Surrey Comet</i> | (5 Jun 1915) |
| 3 | Letters and postcards relating to the search by Ellen Dabbs for information about her missing fiancé, including from various soldiers, the War Office, Red Cross and other organisations, some with envelopes. Also active service envelope addressed to her, originally containing letter from Cutt. 23 items | 14 Sep 1915
-30 Sep 1916 |
| 4 | <i>The Pocket Gospel of St John</i> , inscribed 'In memory of Teddy, August 1915', containing a lock of Cutt's hair | 1915 |
| 5 | Photograph of Cutt | nd [c.1915] |
| 6 | Photographic Supplement from unknown publication of photographs of groups of soldiers from various battalions of the 24 th Division, including 9 th Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment | nd [c.1915] |
| 7 | Correspondence between Ellen Dabbs and the Post Office, regarding Cutt's savings, including original envelope | 1 Jan 1917 |
| 8 | Correspondence between Ellen Dabbs and the War Office, regarding Cutt's estate | 12 Jan 1917
-27 Mar 1917 |
| 9 | Copy of black and white photograph of Private Cutt | nd [c.1915] |
| 10 | Copy of black and white photograph of Ellen (Nellie) Dabbs | nd [c.1915] |
| 11 | Copy of black and white photograph of Ellen (Nellie) Dabbs dressed as bridesmaid | (2 Aug 1919) |
| 12 | Copy of black and white photograph of Ellen (Nellie) Dabbs and friends | nd [?1919] |

- 13 Copy of black and white photograph of Ellen (Nellie) Dabbs nd [?1970]
- 14 Letter from Margaret Dierden (local historian) to Stephanie Gash requesting more information about Ellen (Nellie) Dabbs who was Mrs Gash's aunt, with Mrs Gash's reply. 2 items Sep 2007
- 15 Cutting from the *Surrey Advertiser* relating the historical background to the story of Ellen (Nellie) Dabbs search for her fiancé, Private 'Teddy' Cutt 9 Nov 2007