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**ESR/25**

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

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ESR/25/SALI/

SALISBURY, PRIVATE FRANCIS BERNARD CHARLES, 1914-1918

Served with 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion during World War I.

- 1 Photographs of Salisbury. 2 items nd [?1914-1918]

ESR/25/SAME/

SAMES, SERGEANT H J, 1943-1944

Served with 1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion during World War II.

- 1 Summary (made late 20<sup>th</sup> cent) of diary kept by Sames (Aug 1943 -Aug 1944)
- 2 Photocopies of extracts from diary kept by Sames, taken from the appendix of a booklet regarding the battle of Cassino, published by the Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Museum (copy in SHC library) (Feb 1944 -May 1944)

ESR/25/SAND/

SANDOVER, BRIGADIER RAYMOND (1910-1995), 1995

Born in Richmond, 1910. Joined a Territorial Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, 1929. Also served with 2/11<sup>th</sup> Cameron Highlanders. Mobilised in Australian Imperial Forces, 1939. Commanded 2/11<sup>th</sup> Battalion in Crete. Died, 1995.

- 1 Newspaper cutting and photocopy of Sandover's obituary from *The Daily Telegraph* 16 Sep 1995

ESR/25/SAUNJ/

SAUNDERS, MAJOR JOHN (1918-2002), 2002

Served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1943-1945. Awarded Distinguished Service Order, 1945. Joined Lancashire Fusiliers, c.1945-c.1946. Died, 2002.

- 1 Cutting of Saunders' obituary. 2 original copies and 1 photocopy 30 Jul 2002

ESR/25/SAUNPE/ SAUNDERS, CORPORAL P E, 1942-1946

Served with the East Surrey Regiment, 1920-1926, and Royal Army Service Corps, 1942-1946.

- 1 Notebook recording locations and dates of his service with the Royal Army Service Corps, the ranks he held, details of wartime coinage, camps issued with food by Royal Army Service Corps, personal accounts and rough list of names (no surnames or addresses) inside back cover [c.1942-1946]

ESR/25/SCHOF/ SCHOFIELD, PRIVATE THOMAS, 1854-1860

Born in Stourport, Worcestershire, c.1825. Enlisted at Kidderminster, 1845. Served with 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment in Ionian Islands and the Crimea, 1855, Malta, 1857, Gibraltar and the Cape of Good Hope, 1858, India, 1858-1860. Returned to England, 1860.

- 1 Pay book, giving details of service, next of kin and pay, with label prepared by Museum describing item 1854-1860

ESR/25/SCHOM/ SCHOMBERG, LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD ST GEORGE, 1914-1940

Served in the Militia. Commissioned into East Surreys, 1908. Attached to 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, 1916. Appointed to command 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment, 1917. Served on Western Front, 1916-1917, and in Italy. Commanded 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, c.1933-1935. Appointed Commander of 149<sup>th</sup> (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade, 1935.

- 1 Photocopy of Schomberg's diary, kept while serving as a lieutenant in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, with the British Expeditionary Force in France. Original was sold at Sotheby's on 11 May 1989. Also includes explanatory note and photocopy of a brief biography of Schomberg (5 Aug 1914 -2 Nov 1914)
- 2 Personal letters to Schomberg [1920s-1930s]

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| 3  | Press cuttings regarding Schomberg's appointment to command 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion, his appointment to 149 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1935, and the completion of a memorial to all ranks at Kingston, 1924 | [1924]-1935                 |
| 4  | Letter written on behalf of Prince George, thanking the officers of the battalion for sending him a Christmas card   | 23 Dec 1932                 |
| 5  | Correspondence regarding the Viceroy's visit to Lahore   | 11 Mar 1933<br>-13 Mar 1933 |
| 6  | Letters to Schomberg congratulating the battalion on winning the All India Boxing Competition, 1933  | 12 Mar 1933<br>-13 Mar 1933 |
| 7  | Poster of address made to the Governor of the Punjab by representatives of the people of the region on his departure   | 15 Mar 1933                 |
| 8  | Invitation to Schomberg and his wife to an afternoon reception hosted by the Viceroy and Countess of Willingdon  | 24 Sep [?1933-1935]         |
| 9  | Comments by senior officers on Schomberg's performance as Battalion commander  | 1 Aug 1934                  |
| 10 | Letter from War Office regarding appointment of Major E L L Acton to command of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion  | 31 Dec 1934                 |
| 11 | Photograph of Battalion sports team, including Schomberg   | 1934                        |
| 12 | Report by Commander of the Lucknow District regarding the condition of the battalion and efficiency of Schomberg's command   | 8 May 1935                  |
| 13 | Letter from War Office regarding appointment of new commander of 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion to succeed Schomberg  | 24 May 1935                 |
| 14 | List of guests, including Schomberg, to have the honour of meeting the King at lunch at Constable's Tower, Dover Castle, with letter to Schomberg thanking him for his assistance in arranging the visit   | 1940                        |

ESR/25/SCOT/

SCOTT, LIEUTENANT COLONEL L D, 1914-1918

Born, c.1895. Enlisted, c.1914. Served as Adjutant with 7<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion during World War I. Appointed second in command, Jul 1917. Commanded the Battalion, Aug-Sep 1917 and Dec 1917-Feb 1918. Awarded Military Cross, 1916.

- 1 Photograph of Scott, with biographical detail on the reverse nd [?1914-1918]

ESR/25/SEAM/

SEAMAN, PRIVATE W E (1911-?), 1943

Born, 1911. Enlisted at Kingston, 1939. Served with 1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France, 1940. Wounded, May 1940, and a prisoner of war, 1940-1943. Discharged, 1943.

- 1 Medical case sheet with ship label relating to his being wounded and his passage on Hospital Ship Atlantis Oct 1943
- 2 Service and pay book, giving details of service and transfer to reserve, with discharge certificate attached 1943

ESR/25/SEWE/

SEWELL, CORPORAL DANIEL (C.1823-?), 1854-1862

Born in Grays Hill near Chelmsford, Essex, c.1823. Attested, Feb 1841. Served with 62<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot. Joined 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Sep 1841. Discharged, 1862.

- 1 Photocopy of Sewell's service papers, including attestation form, from the originals held at the National Archives, ref WO97/1600. Also includes baptism record for Sewell's daughter, 1854, ref N/1/86 (1854-1862)

ESR/25/SEYM/

SEYMOUR, PRIVATE LEONARD WALTER JOHN (1914-1942), 1935-1998

Born, 1914. Enlisted, 1934. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. Posted briefly to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 11 Dec 1935. Returned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 28 Dec 1935. Posted to 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Apr 1941. Returned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Jun 1941. Presumed killed in action, 1942.

This file also refers to Seymour's brother, Horace Seymour, who served with 1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, and an unnamed second brother, who served with the Royal Horse Artillery.

- 1 Letter from Seymour's nephew, giving biographical information on Seymour and enclosing a copy of his service history from the Ministry of Defence, and a letter from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission giving the location of his grave. Also enclosing copies of six photographs: soldiers marching to Hythe, 1935, Aldershot Tattoo, 1935, Seymour in India, 1936, Seymour with a group of soldiers in India, 1937, a photograph of Seymour's grave and a photograph of a plaque of his medals, grave, cap badge and himself (1935)-1998

ESR/25/SHIE/

SHIELS, PRIVATE MICHAEL (1915-?), 1930S-1961

Born, 1915. Enlisted, 1935. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in India, 1936-1937, Sudan, 1937-1938, China, 1938-1940, Singapore, 1940-1942. Was a Japanese prisoner of war, 1942-1945. Transferred to reserve, 1946. Discharged, 1961.

- 1 Photographs of groups of soldiers and individuals off duty in Kent, China, India and the Sudan; also Michael Shiels in later life meeting Lady Pamela Mountbatten. -/19 shows Shiels taking part in the filming of 'The Four Feathers'. 21 items nd [?1930s]-1960
- 2 Certificate of service, including character statement, certificate of discharge and transfer to reserve 1946-1961
- 3 Photograph of a group of officers, NCOs and privates, with separate note identifying Shiels and suggesting it might have been taken at a rehabilitation centre after the war nd [c.1946]
- 4 Statement of service, with covering letter to Shiels from Infantry Records Office 25 Nov 1957

ESR/25/SIDW/

SIDWELL, PRIVATE LESLIE GEORGE, 1938-1958

Enlisted in London, 1931. Served with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in India, 1933-1937, and England, 1937-1938. Transferred to reserve, 1938. Recalled, Jun 1939, and served with the East Surrey Regiment until Nov 1939. Served with the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), Nov 1939-1943. Served with the Somerset Light Infantry as part of the British North African Forces, 1943-1945, and in England, 1945-1946. Transferred to reserve, 1946. Discharged, 1958.

- 1 Certificate of service, including certificate of discharge, transfer to reserve and character certificate, with note connecting this item to the photograph album below and compliments slip from Housing Officer of the Borough of Heston and Isleworth 1938-1958
- 2 Photograph album, '1<sup>st</sup> [Battalion], 1935-1936. R Sidwell': Quetta earthquake 1935, expedition to Nana Devi, 1936, funeral of Private J Haley, 1937, battalion training in India, 1936, views of India, individuals and groups of soldiers, embarkation of battalion, parades. Donated by Lieutenant Colonel L M B Wilson, RHQ Canterbury. 1935-1937
- 3 Photograph of Sidwell with 'to my Kathleen with fondest love Les' written on the back, along with address of [?Major F Pillingar], 603<sup>rd</sup> Communication Squadron nd [mid 20<sup>th</sup> cent]

ESR/25/SIMM/

SIMMONDS, W C, 1974

Served with A Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion.

- 1 Letter from Simmonds to Major B Finch White giving his memories of the Battalion's action at the Escaut Canal, May 1940 27 Jun 1974

ESR/25/SIMP/

SIMPSON, PRIVATE GEORGE HENRY JOHN (C.1881-1931), 1902-1991

Born in Basingstoke, c.1881. Enlisted in Kingston on Thames, Mar 1902. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in South Africa. Discharged, Aug 1902. Later served as a fireman, and was killed when he fell off a moving fire engine and hit his head on the side of the road, 1931.

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| 1 | Discharge certificate   | 8 Aug 1902  |
| 2 | Character certificate   | 8 Aug 1902  |
| 3 | Original and photocopy of cutting concerning Simpson's death and subsequent inquest   | 30 Oct 1931 |
| 4 | Covering letter donating items, and giving genealogical information regarding Simpson | 16 Jun 1991 |

ESR/25/SING/

SINGFIELD, PRIVATE WILLIAM GEORGE (1898-?), 1916-1919

Born, 1898. Enlisted in London, 1916. Served with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Battalions, the London Regiment, Royal Defence Corps, Royal Fusiliers and East Surrey Regiment. Discharged, 1919.

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| 1 | Christmas card of 95 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade [to which 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, belonged] | Dec 1916    |
| 2 | Discharge certificate  | 15 Mar 1919 |
| 3 | Certificate of honourable discharge as a result of being disabled  | 15 Mar 1919 |
| 4 | Certificate that Singfield was insured for the purposes of National Health Insurance whilst serving                          | 18 Sep 1919 |
| 5 | Covering letter from depositor, K Nichol, donating items but giving no further details                                       | 12 Mar 1990 |

ESR/25/SLOM/

SLOMAN, BRIGADIER GENERAL HENRY STANHOPE (1861-1945), 1882-1919

Born, 1861. Commissioned as a Lieutenant, 1882. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. Served in Sudan with Mounted Infantry, 1885. Served with Egyptian Army, 1896-c.1898. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in South Africa, 1900-1902, and during World War I. Retired, 1918. Died, 1945.

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| 1  | Certificate of qualification to hold a commission, issued by the Royal Military College  | Jan 1882                   |
| 2  | Commission as a lieutenant   | 5 May 1882                 |
| 3  | Letters from Sloman to his family. 9 items   | 2 Oct 1884<br>-12 Nov 1899 |
| 4  | Special certificate, issued as a result of attaining a higher standard in examination for the rank of captain  | 17 Aug 1886                |
| 5  | Certificate for passing an examination in Russian language   | Nov 1887                   |
| 6  | Certificate of qualification as a Russian Interpreter  | 6 Nov 1888                 |
| 7  | Certificate from the Lord Chamberlain's Office stating that Sloman was presented at Her Majesty's Levee at St James's Palace, 7 Mar 1888   | 27 Mar 1888                |
| 8  | Programme for a concert given by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion at Guernsey   | 24 Sep [?1888]             |
| 9  | Letter from Major E T H Hutton, Commanding Officer of the Mounted Infantry Regiment, to the Commanding Officer of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, praising the conduct of Captain Sloman and his men, who were sent as part of a detachment to the Mounted Infantry | 9 Jan 1889                 |
| 10 | Certificate of qualification to instruct in the theory and practice of musketry  | 4 Dec 1890                 |
| 11 | Contract to serve in the Egyptian Army for a period of two years   | 29 Dec 1896                |
| 12 | Diary, giving summaries of Sloman's activities each day  | 1897                       |
| 13 | Licence to accept and wear the insignia of the Imperial Order of the Medjidieh of the Fourth Class   | 29 Apr 1899                |
| 14 | Document and envelope in [?Arabic]   | nd [?1917]                 |

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| 15 | Certificate that Sloman was mentioned in dispatches on 6 Jul 1918                                     | 1 Jul 1919                        |
| 16 | Postcard announcing a meeting of the East Surrey Drag Hounds. No details of the meeting are filled in | nd [?early 20 <sup>th</sup> cent] |
| 17 | Empty envelope with lists of documents donated on front   | nd [?late 20 <sup>th</sup> cent]  |

ESR/25/SMITCJ/

SMITH, LANCE CORPORAL C J, 1915

Served with 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion during World War I.

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| 1 | Photograph of Smith | 1915 |
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ESR/25/SMITCT/

SMITH, LANCE CORPORAL CHARLES T, 1939-1946

Served with the East Surrey Regiment during World War II.

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| 1 | Identity disk  | nd [?1939-1945] |
| 2 | Covering note from the Home Secretary enclosing the Defence Medal awarded to Smith and expressing his regret that Smith did not live to see it (medal not present) | nd [c.1946]     |

ESR/25/SMITH/

SMITH, PRIVATE H, 1915

Served with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion.

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| 1 | Photocopy of a letter by W G Wiltshire, Smith's former manager, printed in the <i>Harroddian Gazette</i> [magazine for employees of Harrods], 1915, containing extracts from Smith's diary, Sep 1914-Nov 1914, and giving brief biographical details. Also includes extract from a letter by Smith to Wiltshire. With covering note, 1987 | (1915) |
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ESR/25/SMITHB/

SMITH, COLONEL H B L, C.1900

Served with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, commanding it in Italy, 1943-1944, and again, 1951-1953.

- 1 Photograph of a group of men and women, one of whom is Claribell Smith, mother of Colonel H B L Smith nd [c.1900]

ESR/25/SPAR/

SPARROW, PRIVATE EPHRAM JOHN (C.1892-?), 1915-1919

Born, c.1892. Attested, 1915. Served as a sniper and regimental policeman in 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Battalions during World War I.

- 1 Pay book, giving details of service and pay 7 Dec 1917  
-17 Mar 1919
- 2 Photograph of Sparrow's Company nd [?1915-1918]
- 3 Photographs of Sparrow alone and on a horse. 2 items nd [?1915-1918]
- 4 Soldier's demobilization account, and separate statement of accounts giving details of money owed and owing nd [c.1919]
- 5 Certificate of employment during World War I nd [c.1919]
- 6 Certificate from Major General Sydney Lawford thanking the soldiers for their services. 2 copies nd [c.1919]

ESR/25/SPUR/

SPURDLE, PRIVATE J, 1921-1948

Enlisted, 1939. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion during World War II and was a Japanese prisoner of war.

- 1 Postcards of Kalsi Bridge, India, HMT Glengory Castle and two [?Indian] men dancing, addressed to Albert R Holliman, one including a message from 'Daddy'. 3 items 10 May 1921  
-5 Mar 1923

- 2 Soldier's pay book, giving details of pay, enlistment and medical records. Copies of the following messages and orders are written into spare pages: a message from A P Wavell to Lieutenant General Percival regarding the current situation in Singapore, 10 Feb 1942, Special Orders No 2 and 3, issued by Colonel E B Holmes at Seralang [?prisoner of war camp] regarding demands by the Japanese that the prisoners be given forms to sign, promising not to escape, 4 Sep 1942 1939-1942
- 3 Copy of a letter in English and Chinese from the Allies to the Chinese citizens, Chingmai, Thailand, thanking them for their help in the war. Also photograph of a plaque bearing the names of 46 Allied soldiers, including Spurdle, presented 'to our friends in Chieng Mai' in recognition of aid given in time of need, and photograph of a [?Chinese] man with two boys, with message 'Remembrances from Mai Sri Ruang Tanaphong', 14 Jul 1948 nd [c.1945]-1948
- 4 Photograph of a row of wooden crosses [?Spurdle's grave] nd [2<sup>nd</sup> half of 20<sup>th</sup> cent]

ESR/25/SQUI

SQUIRE, MAJOR GRAHAM LYALL ANSON, 1945

Served with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion.

- 1 Photocopy (undated) of Squire's citation for a bravery award (1945)

ESR/25/STAF/

STAFFORD, CAPTAIN RICHARD JOHN MILBURN, 1940-1944

Served with 2/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion during World War II. Was a German prisoner of war.

- 1 Photographs belonging to Stafford of officers in the regiment, with names on the reverse. 20 items nd [?1939-1940]
- 2 Photograph of Stafford 1940
- 3 Form recording Stafford's personal and medical details, relating to his time as a prisoner of war (German text) 1940-1944

ESR/25/STEN/

STENING, COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR ALBERT (1904-?),  
1915-1976

Born, 1904. Enlisted at Kingston, 1923. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in England, 1923-1928, Gibraltar, 1928-1929, England, 1929-1938, China, 1938-1940, Singapore, 1940-1942. Was a Japanese prisoner of war, 1942-1945. Returned to England, 1945. Discharged, 1953.

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| 1  | Embroidered cards, one with pictures of King George V and General Joffre and '1914' and '1915' worked into the design, and one with British and German flags and '1915' worked into the design. 2 items | nd [c.1915]                     |
| 2  | Third class certificate of education  | 28 Mar 1923                     |
| 3  | Company cooks certificate, 1924, with note from Infantry Records Office giving the details of later courses in cookery passed by Stening  | 1924-1948                       |
| 4  | Second class certificate of education   | 25 Mar 1931                     |
| 5  | Photographs of Stening alone and in groups, a boxing team, and Japanese anti aircraft gun. 11 items   | 1933-1942                       |
| 6  | Christmas card from Shanghai sent [by Stening] to his son   | nd [c.1938]                     |
| 7  | Letter to Stening's [?wife] from the Red Cross, informing her that he is a prisoner of war, with postcards written by Stening to his family whilst a prisoner of war. 3 items                           | 22 Nov 1943<br>-12 May 1944     |
| 8  | Soldier's service and pay book, giving details of enlistment and next of kin. Also inserted picture of Christ with Bible verse  | 1945                            |
| 9  | Letters to returned prisoners of war from King George VI and from General Sir Richard Foster, Colonel of the Regiment, with note for items to be returned to Stening and giving his address             | 1945                            |
| 10 | Chinese banknote and two unidentified Far Eastern banknotes. 3 items  | nd [?mid 20 <sup>th</sup> cent] |

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| 11 | Record of service card   | 23 Jan 1946 |
| 12 | Certificate of transfer to reserve   | 24 Jan 1946 |
| 13 | Release book, including release leave certificate  | 1946        |
| 14 | Regimental Christmas card sent by [?Stening] to his wife   | nd [?1940s] |
| 15 | Replies from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government concerning a letter from Stening regarding his application for council housing   | 1951        |
| 16 | Certificate of service, including discharge and character certificates   | 1953        |
| 17 | Letter from General Sir Richard Foster, Colonel of the Regiment, to members of the regiment leaving the Colours, thanking them for their service and giving details of the Old Comrades' Association | nd [?1950s] |
| 18 | Envelope addressed to Stening, containing cuttings regarding a motoring accident in Harwell and also a brief history of the regiment, including the British Battalion                                | nd [?1950s] |
| 19 | Letter to Stening from Major F M J Halidy, enclosing a copy of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regimental Association Annual Report, 1966, with original envelope   | 1966        |
| 20 | Newspaper cutting regarding the death of Norman Baillie-Stewart  | nd [c.1966] |
| 21 | Regimental Association newsletter, issue no 1  | May 1967    |
| 22 | Bank and tax slips regarding Stening's pension   | 1975-1976   |
| 23 | Completed application form to Royal Hospital, Chelsea, with covering letter from the hospital and related information sheet, with original envelope and additional envelope for reply. 5 items       | 1976        |

- ESR/25/STONS/ STONE, PRIVATE STEPHEN (C.1880-1917), 1917
- Born, c.1880. Served with 7<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion.  
Killed in action, 1917.
- 1 Photographs of Stone alone and with unknown soldier nd [c.1917]
- ESR/25/STONHF/ STONEHAM, LIEUTENANT COLONEL H F, 1909-1925
- Served with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion and in Mesopotamia with Signals.
- 1 Photograph album compiled by Stoneham relating to service with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1910-1914, and in Mesopotamia: sports teams; groups of officers and soldiers in Ireland, 1912-14, and chosen for the East Africa and Mesopotamia Expeditionary Forces, in Baghdad, 1918-1919, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's African Rifles, 1923, King George V on the Western Front, with Generals Haig, Joffre and Foch, views of trenches, a tank, an artillery crew towing a gun, soldiers marching, on both Western and Mesopotamia Fronts, Arras in ruins, and Albert Cathedral; ephemera concerning sporting events and painting Through France, 1915, and a thank you letter from Carpenter to Stoneham concerning a 'very handsome cup'. Donated by Squadron Leader G F Stoneham 1909-1925
- 2 Photograph of Stoneham in full dress nd [?1920s]
- ESR/25/SUSA/ SUSANS, WALTER EDWARD (1895-?), LATE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENT
- Born in Sheerness, Kent, 1895. Joined 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Served in France with 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in Salonika.
- 1 Account by Susans of several incidents during his service with the regiment, with brief biographical and service details. 2 copies nd [?late 20th cent]

ESR/25/SUTT/

SUTTON, LIEUTENANT A L, 1919

Served in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion during World War I.

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| 1 | Certificate of being mentioned in dispatches<br>[This item was enclosed in ESR/3/13/12.] | 1 Mar 1919 |
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ESR/25/SWAN/

SWANSON, MAJOR WILLIAM GEORGE (1909-?), 1890S-1959

Born, 1909. Enlisted, 1925. Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and was a prisoner of war during World War II. Served with the Queen's Own West Kent Regiment, Mar-Oct 1948. Returned to the East Surrey Regiment, Oct 1948. Discharged and re-enlisted for supplemental service, 1949. Discharged and appointed to a Commission, c.1951. Seconded to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment. Awarded MBE, 1959.

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|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | Photographs of Swanson, an unknown sergeant and wife (2nd Bn, c.1903), and a group of sergeants. 6 items  | nd [?1890s-1930s]          |
| 2 | Photograph album kept by Swanson's wife, including photographs of military groups. No captions  | nd [?1920s]                |
| 3 | Troopship mileage book and nautical diary, relating to voyage of HMT Lancashire from Southampton to Hong Kong including a daily log giving details of ports, weather and mileages. Also souvenir log card, with message from [?Swanson to his wife] written on the back | Sep 1938<br>-Oct 1938      |
| 4 | Photograph album [?kept by Swanson's wife], including photographs of military groups. No captions   | nd [1930s]                 |
| 5 | Photograph album kept by Swanson's wife, including photographs of military groups. No captions  | nd [?1930s]                |
| 6 | Letter to Swanson from his [?mother]  | 5 Oct 1943                 |
| 7 | Diary, incorporating address book and including two newspaper cuttings regarding the release of Japanese prisoners of war in which Swanson is mentioned by name   | 18 Aug 1945<br>-7 Oct 1945 |

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| 8  | Letter to returned Japanese prisoners of war from King George VI  | Sep 1945                           |
| 9  | Home Counties Brigade Infantry Training Centre Sergeants' mess rules  | 18 Nov 1946                        |
| 10 | Attestation form, for supplemental service  | 7 Apr 1949                         |
| 11 | Identity disks  | nd [?mid 20 <sup>th</sup> cent]    |
| 12 | Inventory relating to Swanson's quarters at Nyangao Barracks, Lagos   | 21 Aug 1957<br>-16 Oct 1958        |
| 13 | Letters and telegrams congratulating Swanson on being awarded an MBE. 17 items  | 20 Dec 1958<br>-24 Jan 1959        |
| 14 | Letter to Swanson from the War Office, informing him that he will be awarded an MBE   | 31 Dec 1958                        |
| 15 | Grant of Dignity, appointing Swanson as an Ordinary Member of the Order of the British Empire, with related covering letters and address label. 5 items   | 1 Jan 1959<br>-24 Jun 1959         |
| 16 | Letter to 'George and Joy' from 'Anne and John', containing personal news   | 7 Jan 1959                         |
| 17 | Letter to Swanson from Arthur Sutton at the Barracks, Kingston upon Thames, congratulating him on his recent promotion  | 5 Feb 1959                         |
| 18 | Debit voucher regarding a private trunk call made by Swanson, for which he is charged 3 shillings   | 1 Aug 1959                         |
| 19 | Bill from the Officers' mess, stamped to show that money has been received  | 9 Sep 1959                         |
| 20 | Letter to Swanson from the Registrar of the Order of the British Empire, requesting donations to furnish and equip a new chapel for the Order in St Paul's Cathedral, with receipt for donation made by Swanson | 1959                               |
| 21 | Photocopy of a summary of Swanson's service history. Some dates are incomplete  | (nd [?late 20 <sup>th</sup> cent]) |

ESR/25/SWIF/

SWIFT, PRIVATE A R, 1914-1917

Served with 1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion in India during World War I.

- 1 Diary kept by Swift, relating to his service in India. Photographs and other illustrations inserted. With enclosed letter, May 1915, to 'Dearest Ciss' from Murree Hills, India, with photocopy 1914-1917