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**QRWS/30 THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT (WEST SURREY),
FORMERLY THE 2ND FOOT: PERSONAL PAPERS OF
MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT, 1794-2006**

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QRWS/30/FAGE/

FAGENCE, V E, 1960S-1970S

Served in 1st and 11th Battalions during World War I.

- 1 Cuttings from the Regimental newsletter of nd [?1960s-
articles regarding regiment's activities during 1970s]
World War I, including some in which
Fagence is mentioned
- 2 Draft of article by Fagence regarding the part nd [?1973]
played by 1st Battalion in the Battle of the
Lys, Apr 1918, with cuttings from
Regimental newsletter, showing article as it
was published, in a shortened form
- 3 Cutting from Regimental newsletter with nd [c.1977]
article by Fagence regarding the Battle of
Messines, Jun 1917
- 4 Letter from [?editor of regimental newsletter] nd [?1970s]
to unknown person regarding an article that
Fagence has submitted

QRWS/30/FAIRB/

FAIRBROTHER, LIEUTENANT ARTHUR (1889-?), 1901-1924

Born in Rotherfield, 1889. Enlisted at Guildford, 15 Oct 1907. Served with [?2nd Battalion] in Gibraltar, 1910-1912, Bermuda, 1912-1914, South Africa, 1914, and during World War I. After war served with 1st Battalion.

- 1 Third class certificate of education 15 Mar 1901
- 2 Second class certificate of education 13 Dec 1907
- 3 'Soldier's Small Book' giving details of 1907-1917
service and next of kin
- 4 7th Division Christmas postcard 1918
- 5 Special Order of the day, consisting of a 25 Jan 1919
goodbye message to 7th Division from their
commander Major General Shoubridge

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| 6 | Photograph album relating to 1 st Battalion in Ireland, compiled by Fairbrother: inspection, 1923, and individuals and groups of soldiers and views of Derry, Ireland. Also loose photographs of Zomba, Nyasaland [now Malawi]. 4 items. | 1923 |
| 7 | Postcard sent to 'R'[?Rose, his wife] | 14 Aug 1924 |
| 8 | United Kingdom passport, including photograph | 1924 |
| 9 | Regimental Christmas card | nd [?early 20 th cent] |

QRWS/30/FAIRH/

FAIRHEAD, PRIVATE HENRY (C.1886-?), 1904

Born in Islington, c.1886. Enlisted in London, 1904. Served in 3rd Battalion.

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| 1 | Militiaman's 'Small Book', giving personal and service details, as well as name and address of next of kin | nd [c.1904] |
| 2 | Membership ticket for Stoughton Mission Hall | 1904 |
| 3 | Certificate from The Royal Army Temperance Association | nd [?early 20 th cent] |
| 4 | Business card, 'H Fairhead, Boot and Shoe Maker and Repairers' with address | nd [?early 20 th cent] |
| 5 | Label briefly describing item and stating it was donated by Fairhead | nd [?late 20 th cent] |

QRWS/30/FAIRL/

FAIRTLOUGH, COLONEL FREDERICK HOWARD (C.1851-1915), 1900

Born, c.1851. Commanded 3rd Battalion during the Boer War. Later commanded 8th (Service) Battalion, Sep 1914-Aug 1915. Killed in action, Aug 1915.

- 1 Photograph album, 'London to South Africa, 1900, photographs taken in South Africa during the Boer War, 1899-1902, by Colonel H Fairtlough': views of 2nd Battalion leaving Southampton and arriving at Cape Town, Boer prisoners of war embarking to St Helena, traction engines, parades, views around Cape Town, Rudyard Kipling and Boer prison camp at Simon's Bay, and a large naval gun 1900

QRWS/30/FANE/

FANE, CORPORAL GEORGE SIDNEY ERNIE (1890-?), 1919-1920

Born, 1890. Enlisted at Guildford, 1905. Served in 1st Battalion. Discharged, 1919.

- 1 Character references written by senior Battalion officers 30 Jan 1919 -18 Feb 1919
- 2 Discharge certificate 31 Mar 1920
- 3 Character certificate 31 Mar 1920
- 4 'Thy will be done', card showing flower arrangement with cross nd [?early 20th cent]

QRWS/30/FAUL/

FAULKENER, PRIVATE, 1934

Served with 4th Battalion.

- 1 Pass to be absent from his quarters 3 Aug 1934

QRWS/30/FIES/

FUEST, COLOUR SERGEANT MAJOR JACK, 1914-1918

Served with 1st Battalion during World War I.

- 1 Copy (undated) of photograph of Fiest, with note giving further information regarding his service career (nd [?1914-1918])

QRWS/30/FLAC/

FLACK, PRIVATE WILLIAM CHARLES (1901-?), 1918-1986

Born, 1901. Enlisted at Guildford, 1919. Served with 2nd Battalion in India, 1921-1926. Transferred to reserve, 1926. Discharged, 1939. Called up on 20 Aug 1942. Served with Home Postage Centre and Royal Engineers. Transferred to reserve, 1946.

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| 1 | National Registration certificate | 14 Jun 1918 |
| 2 | Second class certificate of education | 29 Jun 1921 |
| 3 | Soldier's service book, containing service details, training, brief medical records and details of next of kin | 1921-1927 |
| 4 | Certificate of service, giving details of service and incorporating character, discharge and transfer to army reserve certificates | 1921-1939 |
| 5 | Certificate of training in various nursing subjects | 22 Feb 1923 |
| 6 | Photographs of individual soldier [?Flack], groups of soldiers and hospital staff. Most have '2 Queen's' written on back. 11 items. | nd [?early 20 th cent] |
| 7 | Postcards of views of Shanghai, with original envelope. 20 items | nd [?early 20 th cent] |
| 8 | Soldier's release book | 1 Feb 1946 |
| 9 | Certificate of transfer to reserve | 2 Feb 1946 |
| 10 | Letter from Flack to Colonel J B Coates concerning his time in India, 1926-1927, and Coates' reply | 1986 |

QRWS/30/FLEE/

FLEET, PRIVATE GEORGE (C.1899-?), 1929

Born, c.1899. Enlisted, c.1917. Possibly served in 7th Battalion

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| 1 | Photocopy of account by Fleet of his service during World War I | nd [c.1929] |
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QRWS/30/FLET/

FLETCHER, PRIVATE W, C.1900

Served with 3rd Battalion in the Boer War.

- 1 Print from digital copy of envelope illustrated and [c.1900] with images relating to the Boer War, sent by Fletcher to his sister whilst serving in South Africa

QRWS/30/FORB/

FORBES, 2ND LIEUTENANT ARCHIE H (1899-1956), 1918-1993

Born, 1899. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, East Surrey Regiment, 1917. Drafted to British Expeditionary Force, Mar 1918. Joined 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's, Apr 1918. Awarded Military Cross, 1918. Demobilised, 1919.

- 1 Correspondence regarding research into Forbes' career, including a summary of his service history and transcripts of letters from Forbes to his mother, 11 Nov 1918-6 Mar 1919 (1918)-1993

QRWS/30/FORD/

FORD, PRIVATE JOSEPH (C.1862-?), 1880-1939

Born in Kingston-on-Sea, Sussex, c.1862. Enlisted at Guildford, 1880. Served with 2nd Battalion in India, 1881. Discharged, 1892. Enlisted in the reserve at Reading, 1892. Discharged from the reserve, 1896.

- 1 Soldier's account book, giving details of service, pay and uniforms issued. Includes certificate of telegraphy training, 13 Jan 1884, and brief note regarding Ford's later career as a Prison Warder 1880-1889
- 2 Military Signaller's service book, giving brief personal and service details, records of pay and accounts 1884-1887
- 3 Character certificate 19 Oct 1892
- 4 Discharge certificate 19 Oct 1892
- 5 Certificate of discharge from the reserve 25 Oct 1896
- 6 Autograph book containing poems, rough sketches and comments from various soldiers 1915-1918
- 7 Old Comrades' Association Membership card, including record of subscriptions paid 1920-1939

- QRWS/30/FOST/ FOSTER, COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR A, 1935
- Served with 1st Battalion in India during Quetta earthquake.
- 1 Pass issued by Western Command following the Quetta Earthquake, authorising Foster's wife Ellen to proceed to the UK, accompanied by one child nd [1935]
- QRWS/30/Fran/ FRANCIS, PRIVATE EDWIN, 1975
- Served in 22nd Battalion [later 6th Battalion, Queen's] during World War I.
- 1 Photocopy of account by Francis of his service during World War I (Mar 1975)
- QRWS/30/FROO/ FROODE, COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR 'DICKY', C.1944
- Served with 1st Battalion.
- 1 Photograph of Froode, Mersa Matruh, Egypt nd [c.1944]
- QRWS/30/FROS/ FROST, PRIVATE CHARLES (C.1808-?), 1834-1846
- Born, c.1808. Enlisted at Ipswich, 1825. Served with 1st Company, Queen's, in East Indies, 1827-1838; Sindh, Baluchistan and Afghanistan, 1838-1840; East Indies, 1840-1845. Awarded Guzee 1839 Medal and Bronze Regimental Cross of Merit. Discharged, 1846.
- 1 Certificate awarding Frost a Gilt Regimental Cross for 6 years meritorious conduct 17 Jul 1834
- 2 Account book, with monthly settlements and clothing account, giving details of service, and next of kin 1840-1845
- 3 Discharge certificate (writing badly faded) 6 Feb 1845
- 4 Out-Pensioner's Certificate from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea 10 Mar 1846

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| 5 | Typed summary of his service career | nd [?2 nd half of 20 th cent] |
| 6 | Photograph of his medals with brief service history written in pencil on the back | nd [?2 nd half of 20 th cent] |

QRWS/30/FRYPH/

FRY, PRIVATE PERCY HORACE JESSE (1897-?), 1916-1919

Born, 1897. Enlisted, 1916. Served with 11th Battalion during World War I. Discharged 1919.

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| 1 | Identity disk | nd [?1916] |
| 2 | Note to Fry asking him to return to barracks to draw £16 gratuity that is due him | nd [?1916-1919] |
| 3 | Soldier's pay book, including brief service details. Further handwritten notes inside back cover include date of birth and vaccinations received | 1917-1919 |
| 4 | Letter to his next of kin, stating that Fry has been taken to hospital | 23 Aug 1917 |
| 5 | Combined leave and railway ticket | 20 Aug 1918 |
| 6 | 11 th Battalion greetings card | nd [after 1918] |
| 7 | Permanent pass | 12 Aug 1919 |
| 8 | Receipt for a bed at the YMCA Victoria District Station. Damaged | 13 Sep 1919 |
| 9 | Certificate of transfer to reserve | 11 Oct 1919 |
| 10 | Farewell message to Fry on behalf of the Army Council, thanking him for his service during the war | nd [c.1919] |
| 11 | Photographs, including some of Fry. 6 items | nd [?early 20 th cent] |

QRWS/30/FRYRC/

FRY, PRIVATE REGINALD CORNELIUS (1895-?), 1919

Born, 1895. Served with 1/5th Battalion during World War I. Discharged, c.1919.

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| 1 | Certificate of employment during the War, giving details of service and military qualifications | nd [c.1919] |
| 2 | 'A Song of The Queen's', leaflet with lyrics to songs written in tribute to the Queen's | Feb 1919 |
| 3 | Protection and identity certificate for soldier not remaining with the Colours | 14 Oct 1919 |
| 4 | Banknotes, 5 Piastres [?Egyptian]. 2 items | nd [early 20 th cent] |
| 5 | Letter from Fry's wife donating items | 6 Aug 1981 |

QRWS/30/GARD/

GARDNER, BANDSMAN SAMUEL (C.1850-?), 1890

Born, c.1850. Enlisted at Heston, 1868. Served in 17th Royal Lancers and with 1st Battalion, the Queen's. Retired, 1890.

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| 1 | Discharge certificate | 1 Aug 1890 |
| 2 | Character certificate | 1 Aug 1890 |
| 3 | Original envelope in which character and discharge certificates were contained | nd [c.1890] |

QRWS/30/GARM/

GARMON, SERGEANT MAJOR STANLEY ARTHUR, 1915-1921

Served with 11th (Service) Battalion in World War I

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| 1 | Photographs donated by Garmon, including of himself alone and in groups, hockey team, parade and unidentified soldiers. Includes list of photographs donated (many items mentioned on the list are not present). 16 items, including 3 copies of the list | nd [c.1915]
-1921 |
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QRWS/30/GARN/

GARNER-SMITH, LIEUTENANT ERIC J (1892-1915), 1920S

Born, 1892. Served in 24th Battalion, London Regiment (later 7th Battalion.). Killed in action, 1915.

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| 1 | Photocopy of photograph and brief obituary as published in <i>Brighton College War Record, 1914-1919</i> | (nd [?1920s]) |
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QRWS/30/GARV/

GARVIN, REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN EDWARD
(C.1868-?), 1882-1909

Born in Burnley, Lancashire, c.1868. Attended Royal Military Asylum. Enlisted in London, 1882. Served with 1st Battalion in Malta, 1891-1892, and Peshawar, 1904.

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| 1 | Third class certificate of education | 27 Oct 1882 |
| 2 | School report from the Royal Military Asylum | 3 Nov 1882 |
| 3 | Second class certificate of education | 14 Jul 1883 |
| 4 | Account book recording details of service, pay, uniforms issued, marriage and children and next of kin | 1883-1900 |
| 5 | Certificate of training as an Instructor in Gymnastics and Fencing | 1 Jan 1890 |
| 6 | Furlough, granting leave | 25 Sep 1891 |
| 7 | First class certificate of education | 3 Apr 1894 |
| 8 | Warrant of appointment as a Warrant Officer. With a note summarising his military career and stating that the warrant was donated by his widow, c.1954 | 13 Jun 1894 |
| 9 | Certificate of musketry, qualifying Garvin for the appointment of Sergeant Instructor in Musketry | 25 Jul 1895 |
| 10 | Drill certificate, stating that Garvin is capable of instructing in the firing exercise | nd [?late 19 th cent] |
| 11 | Pass for Garvin and two children to be absent from his quarters and to proceed to the [Boer Camp, Upper Topa] | 28 Jul 1902 |
| 12 | Menu for banquet given by County of Surrey to welcome 2 nd Battalion home from Africa | 8 Oct 1904 |
| 13 | Telegram to Garvin at Worplesdon Golf Club near Woking from [Kemp Welch?] congratulating him on his last days of soldiering | 25 Jan 1909 |

- QRWS/30/GEOR/ GEORGE, PRIVATE DAVID, 1916
- Served with 6th (Service) Battalion in World War I.
- 1 Medical evacuation lapel and field medical card 1916
- QRWS/30/GIBB/ GIBBON, PRIVATE J, 1939-LATE 20TH CENT
- Served with 1/7th Battalion in World War II.
- 1 Colour photograph of Gibbon in later life with his medals and a photocopy of photograph of himself as a private at the 131st (Surrey) Infantry Brigade Camp, Falmer, near Brighton. 2 items (1939)-[late 20th cent]
- QRWS/30/GIEV/ GIEVE, SECOND LIEUTENANT R W, 1940
- Served with 13th (Home Defence) Battalion.
- 1 Photograph of Gieve, with some biographical details on reverse 1940
- QRWS/30/GILE/ GILES, 2ND LIEUTENANT W J (?-1918), 1916-1918
- Served with 7th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, and 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's, during World War I. Killed in action, 6 Apr 1918.
- 1 Supplement to the *London Gazette*, listing soldiers awarded the Distinguished Service Order. Giles' entry is marked in pencil 15 Apr 1916
- 2 Photographs of Giles and of his grave. 2 items nd [c.1918]
- QRWS/30/GILL/ GILLINGHAM, PRIVATE A (C.1910-1940), LATE 20TH CENT
- Served with the Queen's.
- 1 Photograph of Gillingham's grave in Chertsey Cemetery, which is also that of his wife and son, killed at the same time nd [?late 20th cent]

- QRWS/30/GIRL/ GIRLING, LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANCIS EDWARD
BULLEN, 1940
- Served with the Queen's Royal Regiment during World War II.
- 1 Officer's identity card issued to the British Expeditionary Force, with brief explanatory note 1940
- QRWS/30/GODD/ GODDARD, PRIVATE A J, LATE 20TH CENT
- Served with 2/5th Battalion during World War II.
- 1 Account by Goddard of his service, 1939-1945. Focusing on experiences in France, 1940, and as a Prisoner of War. Includes a photocopy of a photograph of Goddard nd [?late 20th cent]
- QRWS/30/GRAY/ GRAY, PRIVATE S, 1993
- Served with 1/6th Battalion during World War II.
- 1 Letter from Gray, recalling his experiences in the Western Desert including at El Alamein, 1942, with thank you letter from Curator of Regimental Museum 18 Feb 1993
-12 Apr 1993
- QRWS/30/GREED/ GREEN, PRIVATE DONALD (C.1925-?), 1994
- Born, c.1925. Served with 1/7th Battalion during World War II.
- 1 Correspondence concerning preparations for D-Day, 1944, enclosing photocopies of newspaper cuttings, with handwritten corrections, concerning Green's military service in World War II and his career as a cartoonist nd [c.1994]
- QRWS/30/GREEWJ/ GREEN, PRIVATE WILLIAM JOHN (C.1899-1918), 1917

Born, c.1899. Served with 7th (Service) Battalion. Killed in action while in Training Reserve Battalion, 1918.

- 1 Copy (undated) of photograph of Green in uniform of Volunteer Training Corps (nd [c.1917])

QRWS/30/GREENW/ GREENWOOD, LIEUTENANT COLONEL C F H, 1910-1922

Served with 1/22nd London Battalion during World War I.

- 1 Photograph album entitled 'Photographs of the 1/22nd Battalion, The London Regiment, The Queen's, 1915-1919': views of the Western Front, 1919, including ruins of buildings, 'No man's land', shell craters, trenches at Vimy Ridge, 47th Division Memorial, Hill 60, Ypres, Bournal Wood, Albert Cathedral, Belleville Wood, Happy Valley, Flesquiers; groups of officers, NCOs and soldiers, 1917; Indian officers; field kitchen; German trenches; unfinished fortification on the Hindenburg Line, 1918; 'cavalry waiting to go into action', 1918; aerial photograph of White Cateau near Hollebeke; presentation of medals in Southwark Park, 1920, and Colours, 1921; British cemetery near Anneux Chapel, with wooden crosses, and battalion's colours. With 1 loose photograph of Colour Party of 4th Battalion, Queen's, Mitcham Road Barracks, Croydon, 1910, inserted. Donated by Lieutenant Colonel Greenwood 1910-1922
- 2 Photograph album compiled by Greenwood at Wimbledon Camp of 22nd London Defence Regiment: individual and groups of officers and soldiers, and marching in Richmond Park. Donated by Lieutenant Colonel Greenwood Jun 1921

QRWS/30/GREG/ GREGORY, W, 1880S

Served as an officer with the 4th Volunteer Battalion.

- 1 Photograph of Gregory nd [?1880s]

- QRWS/30/GRIFAW/ GRIFFIN, PRIVATE A W, 1918
- Served with 6th (Service) Battalion during World War I.
- 1 Certificate for gallantry and devotion to duty nd [c.1918] in the field
- QRWS/30/GRIFWD/ GRIFFITHS, LIEUTENANT COLONEL W D (1915-1993), 1944-1955
- Born, 1915. Joined the Territorial Army, c.1930. Commissioned into the Queen's, 1940. Served with 1/7th Battalion. Commanded 7th Battalion, 1944-c.1945. Later served as second in command of 3rd Battalion, Parachute Regiment, and commander of the 7th Regiment, Arab Legion, Jordan. Awarded Distinguished Service Order and Military Cross. Died, 1993.
- 1 Photograph of Griffiths 1944
 - 2 Photographs of Lieutenant Colonel W D Griffiths, as second in command of 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment and commander of the 7th Regiment, Arab Legion, Jordan. 2 items 1954-1955
- QRWS/30/GUNNE/ GUNNER, PRIVATE STANLEY J, 1944-1995
- Served with 1st Battalion during World War II.
- 1 Photographs of Gunner in Bangkok, with messages on the reverse to his mother and grandmother. 2 items 1944
 - 2 Newspaper cutting of poem concerning Kohima 1995
- QRWS/30/GUNNI/ GUNNIS, MAJOR ARTHUR ALBERT (1871-?), 1893-2002
- Born, 1871. Served in the London Regiment (The Queen's) during World War I.
- 1 Photocopy of photograph of Gunnis (nd [c.1893])
 - 2 Photocopies of pages from an Army book [AB 439?], containing service details and statements of praise from senior officers (nd [?1914-1918])

- 3 Letter from Gunnis to his brother 18 May 1915
- 4 Typescript of letter to Gunnis from Maj H Streatfield, with handwritten notes regarding the original and adding that the postmark dates it as 26 May 1915 (26 May 1915)
- 5 Letter to the regiment from Gunnis' son donating and describing items, and relating tales his father told him about the war. Reference is also made to a donated sword 24 Feb 2002