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THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT, FORMERLY
THE 31ST (HUNTINGDONSHIRE) REGIMENT AND
70TH (SURREY) REGIMENT: PERSONAL PAPERS
OF MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT, 1794-2005

ESR/25/JACK/

JACKSON, MAJOR FREDERICK GEORGE (1860-1938),
EARLY 20TH CENT-1986

Born in Alcester, 1860. Took part in expeditions to
Australia, Greenland and Russia. Organised and led the
Jackson-Harmsworth Expedition to Franz Josef Land,
Norway, 1894-1897. Awarded Norwegian Order of
Knighthood (First Class) for assisting two Norwegian
explorers, Nansen and Johansen, in 1896.
Commissioned into the 5th (Militia) Battalion of the
Manchester Regiment, 1900, and served in South
Africa. Transferred to the 4th (Special Reserve)
Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, 1905. Transferred
to 1st Battalion, 1914. Posted abroad to command
prisoner of war camps in Westphalia, Germany, c.1918.
Retired, c.1919. Later took part in exploration in
Africa. Died, 1938.

1 Correspondence and articles regarding
research into Jackson's career as soldier and
as explorer. Including maps and a copy
(undated) of a photograph of Jackson, nd

ESR/25/JANE/

JANES, PETER SCOTT, 1939-1942

Served with 2/6th Battalion during World War II.

1 Transcript of diary kept by Janes, relating to
service in France, capture in Jun 1940, and
escape through Spain. Transcript made by his
son Keith Janes and sent to Regiment, Jun
2000

ESR/25/JEFF/

JEFFERY, MAJOR PETER (1921-1998), 1998

Born in Surrey, 1921. Enlisted, c.1939. Served with the
Green Jackets before being commissioned into the East
Surrey Regiment. Transferred to the Indian Army, 1941,
and posted to the 13th Frontier Force Rifles. Awarded
1 Cutting from The Daily Telegraph of Jeffery's obituary  24 Jan 1998

ESR/25/JELL/  JELLEY, PRIVATE LEONARD HENRY (1918-?), 1936

Born, 1918. Enlisted at Kingston on Thames, 1936. Served with the East Surrey Regiment.

1 Attestation form  20 Apr 1936

ESR/25/JEN/  JENKINS, RICHARD AND CHARLES (1891-1918?)

Charles Jenkins served with the 1st Battalion in India. Richard Jenkins, Charles' half brother, was born in Wandsworth and served as a cook with the East Surrey's during the First World War. The photographs were presented by Richard Jenkins' great granddaughter, Ms Zoe Barnes in July 2008.

1 Copy photograph of Charles Jenkins taken in Calcutta  (nd [1891?])

2 Copy of photograph of soldiers from the East Surrey Regiment possibly taken at Tadworth camp. Richard Jenkins is in the back row, far right  (nd [1914-1918])

ESR/25/JOHN/  JOHNSON, SERGEANT B G J, LATE 20TH CENT

Served with 5th Battalion.

1 Poem 'Cassino', by Johnson  nd [?late 20th cent]

ESR/25/JONEJD/  JONES, PRIVATE JOHN DOUGLAS HAIG (1918-?), 1939-1945


1 Photograph of Jones  nd [?1939-1945]

2 Postcards written by Jones while a prisoner of war. 17 items  27 Jul 1941 - 3 Dec 1944

3 Photocopy of cutting from Surrey Comet regarding Jones' return to England  (nd [c.1945])
ESR/25/JONEWS/  JONES, SERGEANT WALTER S (1886-?), 1919-1921


1 Certificate of employment during World War I 13 Feb 1919

2 Farewell address from Major General Brooking, Commander of 15th (Indian) Division [no East Surrey Battalions were in this Division, although 1/5th Queen's was] 7 Mar 1919

3 Discharge certificate from 3rd Battalion, East Surreys, with note that Jones is discharged in consequence of re-enlistment 8 May 1919

4 Character certificate 23 Mar 1921

5 Discharge certificate from Royal Army Service Corps 23 Mar 1921

ESR/25/KAYE/  KAYE, PRIVATE PAUL, 1993

Served with 2nd Battalion in Malaya in World War II.

1 Notes and covering letter to Regimental Museum by Kaye, concerning the photographs taken by him in Malaya, 1941-1942. [Photographs are now in '2 Surreys Miscellaneous' Album, which can be found at ESR/313/1]. 1993

ESR/25/KEEP/  KEEP, 2ND LIEUTENANT DOUGLAS WILLIAM (1896-1918), 1918


1 Photograph of Keep nd [c.1918]
Served with 1st Battalion. Was a prisoner of war during World War II. Awarded Distinguished Service Order, Order of British Empire and Military Cross.

1. Letter notifying Kennedy of his promotion to Major  25 Jul 1924

2. Orders and reports relating to raids, tactical exercises and detailed orders regarding the torchlight tattoo, 1925

3. Copies of *The British Gazette*  12 May 1926 - 13 May 1926

4. Programme, rules and timetable for the Gibraltar Garrison Rifle Meeting, Jun 1927, with posters for the Gibraltar Garrison Rifle Meeting, Sep 1928  Jun 1927 - Sep 1928

5. Red Cross first aid and home nursing certificates awarded to Kennedy's wife  16 Apr 1929 - 5 Oct 1936

6. Orders regarding the King's birthday parade, Rawalpindi  27 May 1929

7. Information sheet relating to quarters for married officers  nd [1920s-1940s]

8. Programme for the first monsoon meeting of Dagshai Race Club  25 Jul 1931

9. Letters, rental agreement and receipts relating to a flat rented by Kennedy  31 Jan 1933 - 6 Feb 1934

10. Programmes, orders and papers relating to Kennedy's service at 131st (Surrey) Infantry Brigade Annual Training Camp  16 May 1933 - 9 Aug 1933

11. Rules for the Posting of Infantry Officers  31 May 1933

12. Regulations of the Military Widows' Fund  1933

13. Booklet issued by War Office concerning the slow rate of promotion for officers  20 Jul 1934
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<td>Lecture notes regarding gas warfare, organisation of a mobile division, military law, and various campaigns including Mesopotamia, 1915, and the 1st Battalion's expedition to North Russia, 1919. Includes exercise book and completed exercises regarding Military Law [at least some of the above lectures were given by Kennedy]</td>
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<td>Programme for a magic show provided by M C L, Special Army Entertainment, with details of card tricks</td>
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27 Correspondence with War Office and Command regarding Kennedy's various postings, his efforts to secure a posting as commander of a prisoner of war camp and papers relating to his appointment 19 Apr 1945 -26 Sep 1945

28 Correspondence regarding the Oflag VIB Reconstruction Fund, to which POWs contributed whilst in the camp and which Kennedy had the task of administering 22 Apr 1945 -29 Dec 1945

29 Correspondence with Lloyds Bank and related financial statements, regarding pay following Kennedy's time as a prisoner of war 23 Apr 1945 -29 Oct 1945

30 General correspondence, including letters from friends and letters regarding various funds and insurances 23 Apr 1945 -17 Dec 1945

31 Correspondence regarding claims by Kennedy for pay and compensation for loss of kit, relating to his time as a prisoner of war 27 Apr 1945 -3 Dec 1945

32 Papers and correspondence relating to Kennedy's service with No 12 Holding Battalion 2 May 1945 -4 Sep 1945

33 Correspondence with 21 Officer Reception Unit, regarding Kennedy's future career. Also letter and information regarding claim for campaign medals 7 May 1945 -[8] Jul 1945

34 Letter regarding plans for a regimental war memorial 14 Sep 1945

35 Stores and Quartermaster's receipts 25 Sep 1945 -1 Oct 1945

36 Licence to drive a motor car on the Isle of Man, with related papers 26 Sep 1945

37 Supplement to the London Gazette, with Kennedy's citation for the Distinguished Service Order, with congratulatory letter from the sergeants' mess 25 Oct 1945 -30 Nov 1945

38 Letter regarding Annual Dinner of 5th Division BEF, 1914-1918 Dinner Club Nov 1945
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ESR/25/KENNY/

KENNY, SERGEANT MICHAEL (c.1839-?), 1880


1 Discharge certificate 16 Mar 1880

ESR/25/KERS/

KERSHAW, PRIVATE ALFRED (c.1897-1917), 1917-1920

Born, c.1897. Served with 7th Battalion during World War I. Killed in action, 1917.

1 Letter to Kershaw's father from the Red Cross, regarding his son's death, including a report from Private Moss-Blundell, a soldier in his platoon Dec 1917

2 Letter to [Kershaw's mother] from the Record Office at Hounslow, informing her that her son has been declared dead 24 Mar 1918

3 Letter of sympathy from the Secretary of State for War on behalf of the King and Queen nd [c.1919]

4 Christmas card sent by Kershaw to his family nd [?1910s]

5 Certificate issued by the British memorial and cemetery, Arras, France, showing pictures of the various memorials and giving brief biographical details of Kershaw nd [c.1920]
ESR/25/KING/  
KING, QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT E J W, 1915

Served with 23rd London Regiment during World War I.  
Disabled and discharged, 1915.

1 Certificate of honourable discharge as a result of being disabled  
9 Jul 1915

ESR/25/KINGI/  
KING, [?COLOUR SERGEANT I OR J], [C.1890]


1 Copy photograph of I or J King.  
[Possibly same man who appears in photograph of reunion dinner in Cape Town, South Africa in 1931 identified as 'ex Colour Sgt King, Late 31st Regt' in album ref: ESR/1/12/2, page 35]  
nd [c.1890]

ESR/25/KNIG/  
KNIGHT, PRIVATE A, 1915

Served with 8th (Service) Battalion.

1 Photographs of Knight, his bugle and with 3 unknown soldiers. 4 items  
1915

ESR/25/LAMBECE/  
LAMBERT, LIEUTENANT ERNEST CHARLES (C.1875-1916), 1916

Born at Redhill, c.1875. Qualified as a doctor at Westminster Hospital and received his MD from the University of Brussels. Joined Royal Army Medical Corps, 1915. Served with the 12th (Bermondsey) Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment. Wounded, 23 Jun 1916, and died in Boulogne, 30 Jun 1916.

1 Photograph of the officers of the 12th (Bermondsey) Battalion, including Lambert, with names  
Mar 1916
2 Scrapbook containing telegrams and letters to Lambert's wife, informing her that he has been wounded and has died, 1916, obituary and cuttings relating to his service and death, certificate of death, list of personal belongings, photograph of his grave

ESR/25/LAMBRB/ LAMBERT, PRIVATE ROBERT ERNEST (?-1916), 1915-1988

Served with 9th Battalion during World War I. Killed in action, 1916.

1 Transcript of diary kept by Lambert, with covering letter, 1988 (31 Aug 1915 - 12 Nov 1916)

ESR/25/LANE/ LANE, CORPORAL W, 1913-1961


1 Photographs of Lane in his uniform at Herne Bay, with his brother (F W Lane, also in 2nd Battalion), of the Battalion band in 1913 and the Royal Army Service Corps band on parade. 4 items 1913-?early 20th cent

2 Photocopy (undated) of letter from W Lane applying for a Meritorious Service Medal, with description of his army career. With the Army Medal Office's reply (9 Feb 1961 - 24 Apr 1961)

ESR/25/LANG/ LANGLEY, MICHAEL (?-2000), 1995

1 'A National Serviceman', Langley's memoirs concerning his army service. 2 copies and handwritten draft. Also copy (undated) of letter to Langley from [?Regimental Museum] regarding his memoirs 1995

ESR/25/LAWR/

LAWRENCE, COLONEL HUGH DUNCAN (C.1862-1946), 1914


1 Photograph of Colonel Lawrence, labelled 'Commanding East Surrey Regiment 1914' 1914

2 Photograph of Lawrence. Mounted on card with photograph of Colours of the 70th Regiment on the reverse nd [early 20th cent]

ESR/25/LAZA/

LAZARD, COLOUR SERGEANT WILLIAM ADOLPHUS (1907-?), 1925-1953


1 Certificate of completion of a course of training on the trombone, issued by Royal Military School of Music 5 Nov 1925

2 Copy of scroll bestowing the Freedom of the Borough of Kingston on the East Surrey Regiment (30 May 1944)

3 Character testimony written by Lazard's commanding officer at No 12 Holding Battalion, Shorncliffe 14 Feb 1946

4 Certificate of service, including character statement and discharge certificate 1953

5 Photograph of Lazard meeting Brigadier Roupell nd [?mid 20th cent]
LE FLEMING, LIEUTENANT COLONEL L J (?-1918), 1914


1 Photograph of Le Fleming nd [c.1914]

LEAR, PRIVATE WILLIAM, 1890

Enlisted, 1890. Served in the East Surrey Regiment.

1 Certificate of identity 1890
   [This item was found inside a photograph album, QRWS/2/13/5, which contains photographs of 1st Battalion, Queen's, 1927-1932.]

LEE, PRIVATE CHARLES (c.1889-1917), 1914-1919


1 Photograph of Lee nd [?1914-1918]

2 Card from War Office enclosing photograph and details of Lee's grave nd [c.1919]

3 Letter to Lee's next of kin enclosing the 1914-1919 and Victory medals that would have been conferred on him had he lived (medals not present) nd [c.1919]

4 Commemorative scroll, with covering slip signed by King George V nd [c.1919]

LEMON, BOY E T, 1929-1952

Served with 1st and 2nd Battalions.

1 Third class certificate of education 9 Aug 1929

2 Second class certificate of education 19 Jun 1930
3 Letter to Lemon from R A Boxshall, both of 1st Battalion, concerning the Battalion's activities during World War II, including evacuation from Dunkirk, and Africa and Italy 15 Sep 1945

4 Envelope addressed to 'Madame Lemon' 29 Sep 1952


Born, in Papua, 1910. Served with 1st Battalion. Taken a prisoner of war at Tobruk, 1942. Escaped from Italian prisoner of war camp, 1943. Founded a force of international partisans and became a liaison officer with No 1 Special Force SOE.

1 Press cutting of obituary. 2 copies. With summary of Lett's career and related correspondence concerning career and the restoration of a memorial to him in Italy 1989-1992

ESR/25/LIDW/ LIDWELL, [?], 1915-1918

Served with 2nd Battalion in Salonika during World War I.

1 Diaries kept by Lidwell during his time in Salonika May 1915 -Oct 1918

ESR/25/LILL/ LILLYWHITE, COLONEL GEOFFREY (1894-1948), 1965


1 Typescript of 'One Man's War, a study of the military activities of my father, Geoffrey Lillywhite, 1914-1918, 1939-1945' by Nigel Graham Lillywhite. 2 copies, one produced in 1965, and another produced in 1967 with an additional section '50 years on' and photographs of Lillywhite, and of Bailleul Town Hall, Red Lodge, Morlancourt Guillemont, and St Venant Church during World War I and in 1966. 1965-1967
ESR/25/LIMB/  LIMB, WILLIAM FREDERICK, 1930s

Served with the East Surrey Regiment.

1 Original and three copies of a photograph of Limb and three other soldiers, India [1930s]

ESR/25/LOBI/  LOBIN, LANCE CORPORAL A, 1903

Served with 1st Battalion.

1 Certificate of qualification in military subjects for promotion to corporal 8 Dec 1903

ESR/25/LONG/  LONGLEY, MAJOR GENERAL SIR JOHN RAYNESFORD (1867-1953), 1885-1939


1 'Record of Officer's Service', giving details of promotions, appointments, qualifications, campaigns, medals and honours awarded, marriage and children 1885-1939

2 Transcript of diary kept by Longley (21 Aug 1914 -1 Jan 1915)

3 Diary kept by Longley, Jan-Apr 1915, including handwritten lists of names of officers and men [killed or wounded] listed by Company, Nov 1914-Apr 1915 Nov 1914 -Apr 1915

4 Folio of letters from Longley to 'Danwell' and a letter [to Longley] from Lt Gen Charles Ferguson, Commander of 2nd Corps, May 1915, praising the Battalion for its actions during the campaign so far 24 Apr 1915 -7 May 1915
5 Diary kept by Longley  
15 May 1915
-16 Jun 1915

6 Photograph of Longley  
nd [?1930s]

ESR/25/LORD/  
LORD, PRIVATE R E, 1914-1918

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

1 Photograph album compiled by Lord relating to his service with 1/5th Battalion: groups and individual soldiers, views and inhabitants of India and Middle East, including Suez, Lahore, Calcutta, Delhi, North West Frontier, Khyber Pass. Donated by Mr D Lord 1914-1918

2 Diary, with pass authorizing Lord to travel back to England, 23 Mar 1919  
19 Dec 1917
-13 May 1918

ESR/25/LOVE/  
LOVELL, LIEUTENANT FRED W, 1917-1919

Served with 8th (Service) Battalion during World War I.

1 Photograph album donated by Lovell, compiled from photographs taken by Captain Birnie, an Australian Medical Officer, 'Record of six months service in 8th Battalion East Surrey Regiment at the Third Battle of Ypres': photographs of Lovell, Birnie and other officers, buildings, soldiers at rest, a wounded German soldier, officers convalescing at Streatham Hall, Exeter, 1919 1917-1919

ESR/25/LUCA/  
LUCAS, LIEUTENANT RICHARD CLEMENT, 1901

Served with 2nd Volunteer Battalion.

1 Commission as a Lieutenant  
1 Jul 1901

ESR/25/LUGA/  
LUGARD, GENERAL SIR EDWARD (1810-1898), 1885-MID 20TH CENT

1 Letter from Lugard to his father concerning Lugard's military activities 27 Mar 1885

2 Booklet giving a detailed account of Lugard's life and career nd [mid 20th cent]

ESR/25/LUMB/ LUMBER, SERGEANT SIDNEY, 1914-1919

Served with 3rd Battalion during World War I.

1 Character reference, written by Lieutenant [?H T Pike], Lumber's immediate superior officer 22 Jan 1919

2 Notification of War Badge award 19 Aug 1919

3 Photograph [of his section] nd [?1914-1919]

4 YMCA 'Active Service' booklet, containing bible verses for each day of the month. 21st edition nd [?1914-1918]

ESR/25/LYLE/ LYLE, COLONEL R L, 1942-1986

Served as Staff Captain of 6th Indian Infantry Brigade, which included 2nd Battalion. Later served with 8th Punjab Regiment.

1 Photocopy (undated) of an account by Lyle of the evacuation of Singapore, Oct 1942. Also the same account, with editorial comment, Mar 1986. 3 copies (2 copies with maps and 1 with dates added in margin) (Oct 1942) -Mar 1986

2 Malayan banknotes. 6 items nd [?mid 20th cent]
ESR/25/LYNDE/  LYNDEN-BELL, COLONEL C P, 1885

Served with 2nd Battalion.

1 Sketchbook containing ink and crayon sketches of the area around Suakin [now in Sudan], when Lynden-Bell commanded the Right and Left Water Forts May 1885


1 Photograph of Lyndhurst Vaughan, with biographical information on reverse [?1915-1916]