

RYE WAR MEMORIAL – Somme Fallen 1916

1	<p>ADAMS Joseph Second Lieutenant 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 1 Division. Killed in action on the Somme (Switch Line/Munster Alley – North of Pozieres – centre of battlefield) on 23 July 1916. Son of Mr & Mrs J. Adams of Rye. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial.</p>
2	<p>AXELL Gilbert Private 41489, (Depot), Norfolk Regiment. Formerly with the Northamptonshire Regiment. Son of Frank & Harriett Axell of Heathfield. Born in Heathfield (Medal Rolls and 1901 census) No CWGC or SDGW details. This entry will be subject to more checks for details.</p>
3	<p>BAGOT Frederick Spencer Wellesley Private G/18180, 13th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39 Division. Killed in action on the Somme (Ancre Heights (attacking Stuff Trench – left of battlefield) on 21 October 1916. Aged 26. Son of Mr & Mrs Arthur Bagot of Rye. Enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Grandcourt Road Cemetery.</p>
4	<p>BRACKPOOL Alfred George Private SD/1007, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Killed in action during a diversionary attack in the “Boar’s Head” feature on the Rue De Bois Richebourg, (50km North of the Somme) 30 June 1916 Aged 26.</p> <p><i>“The day Sussex died.”</i></p> <p><i>Between the towns of Bethune and Armentieres, in the Pas de Calais, lies Richebourg l’Avoue. Richebourg is surrounded by other villages and small towns, some with slightly more familiar names, at least to those with an interest in the Great War. Aubers, Festubert, and Neuve Chapelle are just some of the scenes of battles fought in 1915. Mention Richebourg to many people and their response is an unknowing look or a shrug of the shoulders. Yet Richebourg played a significant, if somewhat dubious, role in the Battle of the Somme, and an infamous one in the history of Lowther’s Lambs, officially the 11th, 12th and 13th (Southdowns) Battalions of The Royal Sussex Regiment. The Battle of the Boar’s Head, Richebourg l’Avoue, was planned as a diversionary action to make the German Command believe that this area of the Pas de Calais was the one chosen for the major offensive of 1916. The intention was to prevent the Germans from moving troops to the Somme area, some fifty kilometres to the south.</i></p> <p>Son of Alfred & Susannah Brackpool of 7, Western Place, Rye. Born in Lowestoft and enlisted in Hastings Included on Sidley Parish Church War Memorial. Buried in St. Vaast Post Military Cemetery.</p>
5	<p>BRAZIL John Henry Private TF/3743, 1/5th Battalion (Pioneers), Royal Sussex, Regiment. 48 Division. Killed in action by a shell while working in the damaged Martinpuich Church 14 November 1916. Aged 19. Next of kin as above. Born in Northiam & enlisted in Rye. Included on Iden Parish Church War Memorial. Buried in Martinpuich British Cemetery</p>
6	<p>BUSS John Alfred Private L/10934, 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 1 Division. Killed in action on the Somme near Bazentin le Petit. Unit was attempting to capture the Switch Line [Right of battlefield) on 20 August 1916. Born in Croydon and enlisted in Hastings. Next of kin, residents of Rye.</p>

	Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial
7	COLEBROOKE William Henry Kent Private 247, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Canadian Cavalry Brigade. Having just arrived in the Somme area, he died of wounds on the Somme 16 August 1916. Aged 29. Son of William & Mary Colebrooke of Watchbell Street, Rye. Husband of Beatrice Ellen Colebrooke of Ivy Villa, Wish Street, Rye. Buried in Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension (Southwest of Albert)
8	DUNK Alfred James Sapper 140244, 154 Field Company, Royal Engineers. 37 Division. Killed in action near Thiepval on the edge of the Ancre Valley on 14 November 1916 (almost the end of the battle!). Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings Next of kin residents of Rye. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial
9	ELLIOTT Ernest William Private SD/5055, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39 Division. Killed in action on Becourt Ridge (attacking centre right of battlefield) 3 September 1916. Son of Frank & Louisa Elliott of 4, Cinque Ports Street, Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial
10	FOWLE George Private L/7956, 1st Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment. 5 Division. Died of wounds probably received in action around Guillemont (Right of battlefield) on 2 September 1916. Aged 25. Son of George & Laura Fowle of 2, Landgate Square, Rye. Born in Lydd, Kent and enlisted in Rye. Buried in La Neuville British Cemetery, Corbie (West of Albert)
11	HOOK Frederick Victor Private SD/1953, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39 Division. Killed in action at Becourt (attacking centre right battlefield) 3 September 1916. Aged 27. Son of George & Mary Hook. Born and enlisted in Hastings. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial
12	JAMESON Anthony Mildmay Second Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion, Leinster Regiment. 24 Division. Killed in action on the Somme (attacking Orchard Trench at Delville Wood) 1 September 1916 Aged 28. Son of Major T. M. & Mrs Lena Jameson of Rye later of "Moorstock" Sellindge, Kent. Buried in Quarry Cemetery, Montauban (Southeast Longueval)
13	JUDGE Henry Thomas Private SD/5134, 11 Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39 Division. Died of wounds probably received in action in the Ancre Valley on or before 5 September 1916. Aged 25. Son of George & Fanny Judge of Rye. Born in Maidstone and enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Couin British Cemetery
14	KENNARD Henry Edwin James Private 3553, 2nd Battalion, Australian Infantry 1 Australian Division. Killed in action near Pozieres 24 July 1916. Aged 18. Son of Mr & Mrs Henry Richard Kennard of 13, West Street, Rye. Emigrated to Australia in 1914. Resident of Bobbin Flat, New South Wales. Farm hand Educated at Rye, and member of the local Sea Scouts. Born in Hastings Commemorated on the Villers Bretonneux Memorial.
15	MITTELL Walter John Sergeant GS/489, 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 24 Division. Killed in action on the Somme near Guillemont (Trons Wood) on 18 August 1916. Aged 38. Son of Edwin & Harriett Mittell (Farmers) of Tenterden. Born in Ebony, Kent and enlisted in Chichester. Special Reservist Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial

16	PAGE Richard Frank Private TF/2848, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 48 Division (Pioneers). Killed in action on the Somme attacking the Leipzig Salient of the Hindenberg Feature (North of Authille Wood) on 21 August 1916 Aged 18. Son of Mr & Mrs R. T. Page of 4, St. Margaret's Terrace, Rye, Enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Aveluy Wood Communal Cemetery Extension.
17	PAGE William Henry Private TF/3196, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 48 [S Midland] Division (Pioneers). Died of wounds in base hospital at Etaples on 17 August 1916. Likely that he received the wounds in the Pozieres area in late July. Aged 16. Son of Edward John & Emily Jane Page of Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery
18	RELF Robert Sergeant. SD/1152, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39 Division. Killed in action near Cambrin (Richbourg diversionary attack – see Brackpool) 4 June 1916. Son of Mr & Mrs Relf of Hastings. Former regular soldier with the Royal Sussex. Veteran of the South African War. Born in Hawkhurst, Kent and enlisted in Rye. Rye resident. Hawkhurst War Memorial. Buried in Cambrin Churchyard
19	RHODES George L Private 27577, 1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. 4 Division. Killed in action on the Somme (probably in the battle of Flers – right hand battlefield) on 23 October 1916. Born and enlisted in Bilston, Staffs. Formerly South Staffords. Formerly of Rye. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial
20	RIDDLE Herbert James Private TF/3672, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. (Pioneers) 48 Division. Died of wounds probably received during the battle of Bazentin on or before 14 July 1916. Son of William & Naomi Riddle of Rye. Enlisted in Rye. Buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No1.
21	SEXTON Frederick William Private SD/5123, 12th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Killed in action on the Rue De Bois (See Brackpool) 30 June 1916. Born in Bayswater, London and enlisted in Hastings. Commemorated on Loos Memorial
22	SMITH Frank Charles Corporal 2194, 1/15th Battalion, London Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own Civil Service Rifles). 47 London Division. Killed in action near Flers 15 September 1916 (First day and place tanks are used in battle) Aged 21. Son of Mr & Mrs Joseph Smith of 95, High Street, Rye. Enlisted in Wandsworth, South London. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial
23	SUTTON Herbert George Lance Corporal SD/112, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39 Division. Killed in action at Becourt (Centre right battlefield) 3 September 1916. Aged 27. Son of Alfred & Lydia Sutton of Alexandra Cottage, Ypres Steps, Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Eastbourne. Prominent local footballer. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial

24	<p>TAYLOR Leslie Welfare Private 3246, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. (Pioneers). 48 (South Midland) Division. Killed in action on the Somme near Martinpuich (centre of battlefield – See also Brazil) Church 8 November 1916. Aged 18.</p> <p>Son of William & Mary Taylor of 4, King Street, Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Martinpuich British Cemetery</p>
25	<p>TILTMAN Charles Private 24901, 14th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment. 39 Division. Killed in action on the Somme (probably attacking the “Pope’s Nose” feature , near Thiepval [a promontory named by the Ulster Division!] on 1 November 1916. Aged 30.</p> <p>Son of Richard James & Ellen Tiltman (née Jempson) [m. 11th November 1885 at Rye Congregational Church.] of 2 Alma Place, Rye; husband of Elsie Scott (formerly Tiltman) of Albion Stores, 135 High St. Cheriton, Folkestone.of 2, Alma Place, Rye. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial</p>
26	<p>WELLER Albert Edward Private SD/1108, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39 Division. Died of wounds in action to the left of the Ancre Valley on 4 September 1916.</p> <p>Son of Mrs J. Weller of 122, Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings. Born All Saints, Hastings and enlisted in Hastings. Included on Hastings War Memorial. Buried in Couin British Cemetery</p>
27	<p>MURRANT Alfred Cyril. Sergeant PO/15654, 1st Royal Marine Light Infantry Battalion, 63 Royal Naval Division. Killed in action at Beaumont Hamel 13th November 1916. Aged 27. Husband of Violet Winifred Murrant of 3, Gorse Terrace, Sidlesham Common. Son of Mr & Mrs Murrant of “Ekowe” Swanmore, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire. Sidlesham War Memorial. Buried in Y Ravine Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel.</p>
28	<p>SAUNDERS Harold. Private SD/2120, 11th. Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment 39 Division. Killed in action near Mailly Maillet Wood (Southwest of Gommecourt) on 30 August 1916. Aged 18.</p> <p>Son of Frederick & Elizabeth Saunders of Inkerman Cottages, Rye Harbour. Born in Icklesham and enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Engelbelmer Communal Cemetery Extension</p>
	<p>Two soldiers killed on the Somme two years later during the German “Big Push” which ended the war.</p>
1918	<p>SARGEANT Charles Private 47658, 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles 36 (Ulster) Division. Died of wounds during the March retreat 28 March 1918. Grave lost Born in Icklesham and enlisted in Hastings Formerly RASC. Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial</p>
1918	<p>GOLDEN Alfred William Second Lieutenant, 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 24th Division. Killed in action during the March Retreat 25 March 1918. Son of Frank & Bessie Golden of 86, High Street, Rye, Formerly the CQMS of the 1/5th Battalion, Commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial</p>