

## LANCE CORPORAL GEORGE SAMUEL RUMSEY HARMSWORTH

"B" Company, 4th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment

Service number TF/200855

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1917: killed in action in Syria or Egypt, age 23

Recorded on the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel - no known grave

Born in Chittoe, Wiltshire in September 1893

Father - James Harmsworth (Dairyman). Mother -Ellen Mary Harmsworth

Parents resided at The Dairy, Althorp Park Other than this fact, their son seems to have no other connection to the area.

Brother: Harry

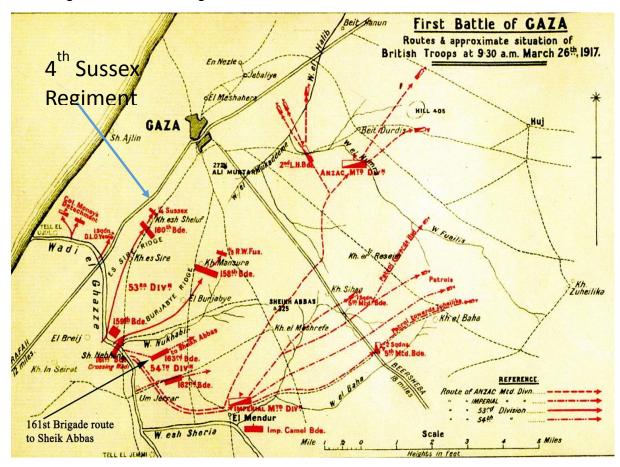
In 1911 at the age of 18, George was employed as a grocer's assistant in Wilfred Grevett's shop in Slinden, near Arundel, Sussex.

George enlisted in the army in Horsham, Sussex and joined the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Victory Medal and British War Medal

During World War 1the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion saw action on the Western Front, Gallipoli, Egypt and took part in the invasion of Palestine in 1917.

During this time, the infantry attack on Gaza by the 53rd (Welsh) Division had been progressing. By 13:30, the 160th (Welsh Border) Brigade on the left had advanced rapidly to capture the Labyrinth, a maze of entrenched gardens due south of Gaza. Their 2/10th Middlesex Regiment established themselves on a grassy hill, while their 1/4th Royal Sussex Regiment advanced up the centre of the Es Sire ridge under intense hostile fire, suffering heavy casualties including their commanding officer.



6800 officers and men of the Royal Sussex Regiment lost their lives in the war and their names are recorded on memorial panels in the Regimental Chapel of St. George in Winchester Cathedral. In Memory of

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Son of James and Ellen Mary Harmsworth, of The Dairy, Althorp Park, Northampton.

Remembered with Honour Jerusalem Memorial





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