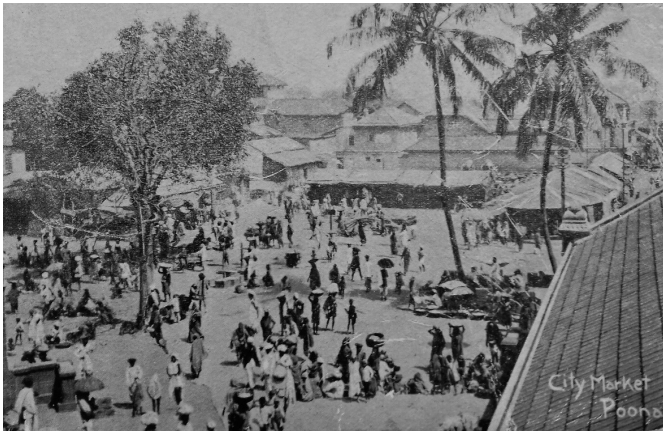


One Man's War Story told in Postcards



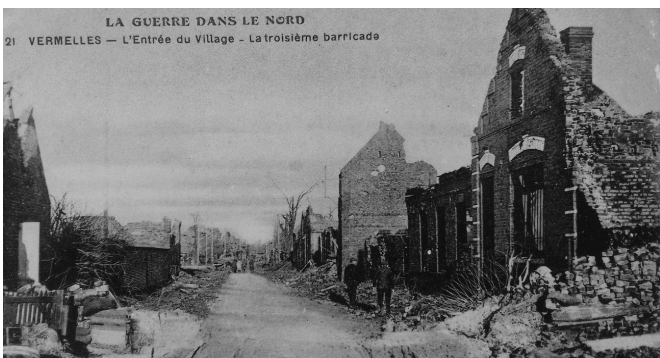
City Market Pooona

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1918

Dear Nellie, Another view for your album. This place is a lively hole, but this picture gives no idea of the crowds that fill the market place in the evening. At present it is 'out of bounds' and is likely to be for some time I think, on account of the cholera. Have heard that 2 mails were sunk from London, so shall not be expecting any letters from you for a while, I'm afraid.

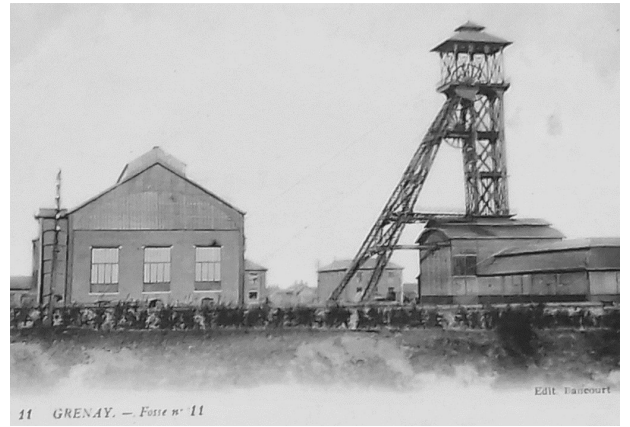
Bro George XX

Nellie (Ellen Elizabeth Russell) was Betty Ellis's mother, and Brother George was her brother



The War in the North Vermelles – entrance to the village – third barricade

Arthur wrote: Went through here to Loos in 1915 Arthur (He



A coal mine in Grenay. Postcard printed by Levi Brothers of Paris.



Inkerman Barracks 1915

Dear Ma, arrived in safety but wish we had never seen the place, it is left just like a pig sty. We have got nice job cleaning up. They say we are three miles from station and village. This sandwiches came in hand when we got here. Love, Arthur (as written)



King Charles's Cottage, Southwark

My letter home while billeted at Albert Road, in Shoreham, in 1915

Dear M, Arrived home safely at 9.50pm. King Charles hid in this cottage once. The wind does blow cold down here to what it does your way. Nice day today. Parade time, so good bye. Arthur



The Great Square in Roubaix PC from Arthur to his mother-in-law, Emma Mills, who lived in Wandsworth

Dear Mrs Mills,

Just a line to let you know that I arrived back safely, had a very miserable journey. Pleased the weather is keeping fine still for Jack hope he will feel the benefit of it on his return. Do not seem to be any nearer coming home for good yet. Humblest regards, Arthur



Scotch Regiment resting in the mud of Flanders

A PC issued by the YMCA HUT FUND, to provide Comforts, Shelter and Recreation for our Soldiers.

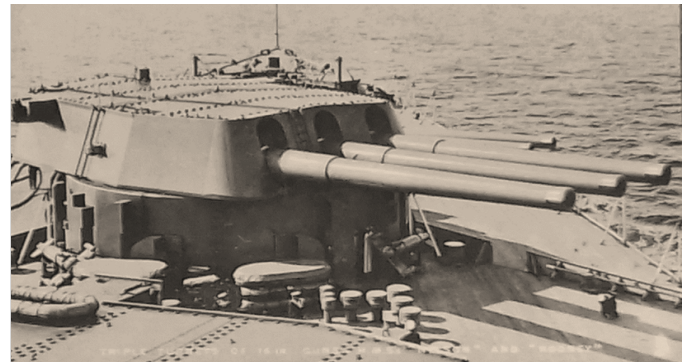


Berlencourt – the Place of the Ledent Café

Arthur wrote a note: April/May 1918 Rest Billet



Positions on the Aisne held by French against massed Hun Attacks



Arthur wrote on the back: Our Navy



St Mary's Church Shoreham Sussex

October 14<sup>th</sup> 1914

Dear Ma,

Arrived back safe ½ past 9. None of them went to sleep till 1 ??? We all had our own kit today. Never brought my mits (sic). Love from Arthur



Maubeuge – the Bust of Sadi-Carnot

1916

Navez vous pas de hop perfuis de ne pas une voir  
 ....Comme je ....attendais j'ai ete de garde M.... soir et  
 ....Je n'ai pas .....mais: J'ai fuge alors... etait ... de ...le  
 voyage...quelques heures et j'ai decide ...a Dimanche.  
 ... le matins.... J'enhasse toute la famille



March 1919 Nordausque

Dear Nellie,

Here endeth the fifth day, and it has been a nice fine day. It is doubtful whether we are going to Boulogne or Calais now. We are about fifteen miles from both places at present, at the places on the card. I hope we go to Calais as I have never been there. Love, Arthur.



Dear M,

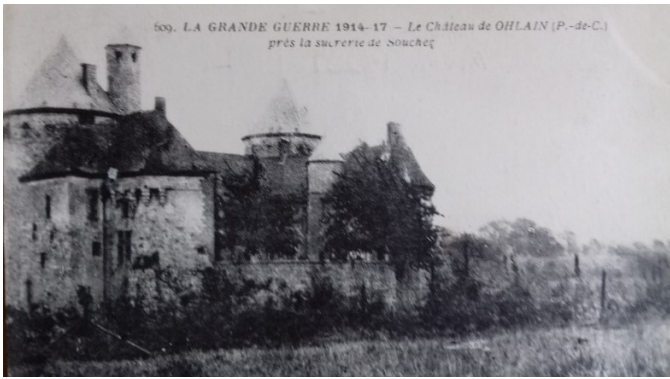
Just a PC to let you know we are staying on at billets. Officers kicked up a devil of a stew over us having to go, the R.F.A have just gone out of them. Our Major said if we went there he would sleep their first night with us and get it condemned. They have started cleaning it out. We may have to go in them in a week's time. Shall soon be going in huts again I think. Arthur.



Arthur did get to Calais and he sent a post card with a picture of Calais on it. There is no date, it's just marked, 'Thursday'. Hotel de Ville

Dear Ma,

Just a note to let you know arrived Calais yesterday, missed train back to Tournai this morning. Calais is a jolly fine place and the weather is just like summer today. Don't like the idea of the train journey back now we are so close. Managed to all the way down without a wet shirt. Cheers, Arthur.



No date, just 'Sunday'.

Dear Ma,

Just finished another day's journey started raining as we got in. Sleeping in the pale you see on the card tonight. Arthur



A card from Aire-sur-la-Lys Rue du Bourg

Have been through all these places or stopped at them.



A bank in Fruges.

Arthur wrote: To rest two miles from here.



March 1919

Calais after the war.



Saint-Omer – Fontaine – Place Victor Hugo

Arthur wrote: A fine town this. You see the English there.



Dear M, The S fit lovely, they are just right. You have been very quick over them don't forget to send the bill with the others. Love from AR