

C DIAH A volume of papers relating to Captain 1914-1918
Joseph Hirst and the First World War

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Biographical background: Joseph Hirst, son of the City Architect, held an important position on the staff of Messrs Pyman Bell and Company. He was also well known for his cartoons, which appeared in the Hull Daily Mail and the Sport Mail.

At the outbreak of the First World War Joseph Hirst joined the East Yorkshire Regiment as private, and later received a commission, being attached to the Trench Mortar Battery. He progressed to Captaint and was awarded the Military Cross for gallant work on the Somme, where he was in charge of a battery. He was not unfamiliar with Northern France and Belgium, as he had received some of his education at Bruges. Hirst was wounded twice during the War.

Custodial history: Deposited by Mr Hirst in May 2008

Description: A volume compiled by Mr Joseph Hirst, including papers regarding the First World War

Extent: 1 volume

Access Conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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Includes a list of members of the first platoon, a map of trenches on Montreal Road, a supplement to the London Gazette, Army Intelligence summaries, duties of Platoon Commanders, instructions in musketry, miniature rifle, and bayonet fighting , press cuttings following the progress of the War through reports, maps and photographs. It also gives a fascinating insight into the training officers' underwent before they could be selected for the field including an examination paper in Military engineering dated January 6th 1914, accompanied by J. Hirst's answer sheet. Whilst orders such as how to behave in the Officers Mess and Barrack Room instructions.

Captain Hirst's service in the Army is recorded via letters and telegrams including those sent to his parents after he was wounded and captured by the Germans in April 1918. When released from captivity the same year, King George welcomed him home in a letter also enclosed in the volume.

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