

Learning Resources for Teachers:

Learning Resource: **John Searle**

John Searle of Worthing was one of five brothers. He enlisted in the Southdowns, going, with the 12th Bn., to France in March 1916. Listed amongst the missing of the Boar's Head, his mother wrote to the local paper desperately trying to get news of her son, hoping above all that he was still alive, even if as a prisoner.

Today he is commemorated on the Loos Memorial.

He had enlisted in April 1915, when he was just fourteen and a half years old. When he went over the top at the Boar's Head he was still three months short of his sixteenth birthday.



Clue 10 – Section about John Searle taken from 'The Day Sussex Died' by John A. Baines and the memorial plaque with his name on which was given to the families of those who died in the First World War. The plaque is often referred to as a 'Dead Man's Penny' as it resembles a large penny.