Stories from the Great War

John Barnes joined up as an early volunteer for the new 7th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment. Following training he was posted to France in 1915 and fought on the Western Front at Loos, the Somme and Arras.

Despite an apparent mental breakdown in the summer of 1916, John was not treated effectively and returned to France. Following an order to proceed to the frontline, he deserted in May 1917.

Clue 11 - Extract from West Sussex Connections May 2013, this article was commemorating local men who died in The Great War