

Learning Resources for Teachers:Learning Resource: **John Searle**

JOINED WHEN ONLY FOURTEEN!
Young Durrington Soldier
The Youngest of Five Brothers
Serving.

In several of the past issues of the GAZETTE we have drawn attention to the number of patriotic families within the borough, and we have given details as to the numbers that have gone from the households to serve King and country. We present our readers this week with a photograph of a young Durrington soldier, the youngest son of five who answered to the call.

His name is John Searle, and his home was at Myrtle Cottage, Durrington. He enlisted twelve months ago last April, when he was fourteen and a

half years of age, and he was drafted to the Front in February, but unfortunately he has been missing since the 30th of June. His mother has received a letter from the Commanding Officer of the lad's battalion, in which he stated that he was missing, but not prisoner, and while she feels that there is little hope, his mother would be grateful to any soldier for news of him, should this catch the eye of any who knew him. His regimental number is 2389, and he was in B Company of one of the Service Battalions of the Royal Sussex Regiment.



PRIVATE JOHN SEARLE.

Clue 7 - Section from the Gazette "Joined when only Fourteen".