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THE GOOD OLD BOYS OF SUSSEX.
—Writing from France on 25th July, Private G. F. Sydenham, of the Sussex Regiment, a member of THE MID-SUSSEX TIMES staff, said:—"I am pleased to say I am quite well, and, under the circumstances, lucky to be alive. Of course you have heard that our Brigade went into action on 30th June, and were the first Brigade to start the 'big push.' In other words, the good old boys of Sussex started the ball a-rolling. I shall not forget it as long as I live, and how I came out of it alive God only knows. But here I am still alive and kicking, and have been in the trenches again since. We were highly praised by our Brigadier-General and also by some of the big heads of our Army Corps, who came and thanked us for the success we achieved. The losses were, unfortunately, heavy, but our satisfaction is that we did our bit. Sidney Nokes, a former member of THE MID-SUSSEX TIMES staff, is quite well, and all at the office will be proud to hear that he has gained the Military Medal for gallantry while in charge of a Stoats gun. Most of the Heath boys I know are safe, but Lance-Corporal C. Toye is, I think, reported missing, and Mr. Hamper, of New England Road, is wounded. We are now in our billets again, having a bit of a rest. But soon we shall be up and away somewhere else. I shall be glad when it is all over."