



History -Pupil's notes

Theme - 'The Lost Generation'

Introduction

Brian Hatton died in the First World War aged 28, on 23rd April 1916, at the Battle of Oghratina in Egypt, where he had been sent to fight the Turkish forces that had joined the central powers (Germany Austro-Hungary and Bulgaria) in 1914. Volunteering in the heat of battle to ride for help from the nearby Gloucester Regiment, Brian disappeared into the desert and was never seen again. His body was found months later. In his wallet was a tiny photograph of his wife.

From an early age, Brian Hatton showed a keen interest in horses in action. The first image, 'The Tournament', demonstrates his remarkable observation of horses and armour. Many of his early drawings and paintings were influenced by the stories of King Arthur and his knights, Walter Scott and Byron, so reflect scenes of conflict.

On the 4th September 1914, Brian joined the Worcester Yeomanry as a trooper. During his time in the army, Brian produced several pieces of work including, 'Civilisation', 'Scene in the Café Royale', 'Advance Guard Patrolling a Road' and 'Signalling, Enemy in Sight'. These continued to reflect his fascination with horses. Most of these were completed using charcoal, black ink and white gouache with a grey wash. Why do you think that might be?

The young men who volunteered to fight for their country had little idea of what lay before them, yet within days or weeks of reaching the front line they had experienced the realities of war.



Title of Artwork: 'Civilisation'

Brian drew this in 1915, before he went into active service. It was based on accounts he must have heard, in spite of censorship. It was very different from the works he had produced before. He may have wanted to offer this to a newspaper, but it is unlikely that a picture showing so clearly the stark horrors of war would have been printed.

During the First World War, 908,371 soldiers from the British Empire were killed in action, or died of their injuries or disease. These countries included Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India. Approximately

750,000 of these men were from Great Britain. The men who died in this war became known as 'The Lost Generation'.

Useful Web link

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/FWWdeaths.htm>

Casualties of war

Lesson activities - The First World War and your local community

Key question - How did the First World War affect your local community?

Podcast

There is a podcast of Brian Hatton's last letter to his wife read by the actress Miranda Richardson – go to ['The Lost Generation', Podcast](#)

Resources

- Article entitled 'War, Madness and Murder', by John Gittins – see below.
- Brian Hatton documents – found at the end of this document
- Example resources from Bromyard Local History Centre - documents for Walter Sidney Smith and Private Francis Southall – found at the end of this document.

Useful web links

<http://www.firstworldwar.com>

First World War web site

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/L/lostgeneration/>

Channel 4 website on 'The Lost Generation'

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/bicentenary/pdfs/herefordshire.pdf>

200 years of Census in Herefordshire

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/hitch/gendocs/pop.html>

Population data on Great Britain and Ireland

To the men who fought in the army between 1914 and 1918, the war was known as The Great War. It is only in retrospect that it was called the First World War. The war lasted for four years and was ended by the Armistice at 11 o'clock on November 11th, 1918, (11am/11/11/18)

A month before the outbreak of war the population of Great Britain and Ireland was officially estimated at 46,089,249. By 1921, it had fallen to 42,769,196. Families the length and breadth of the country lost loved ones or knew those who had. There are only six villages in the whole of Great Britain that do not have a memorial to those lost in this war. Returning from the war, men believed the words of the Prime Minister, Lloyd George, that they were coming home to 'a land fit for heroes.' Sadly, for many, their hopes were quickly shattered. The National Debt had risen ten times and there was now a sharp increase in taxation. Following a short-lived boom the country fell into an economic decline.

Activity 1 - Newspaper article

Read the newspaper article below from the BBC Hereford and Worcester's First World War site, which reflects the impact of the conflict on one individual. http://www.bbc.co.uk/herefordandworcester/content/articles/2008/11/11/ww1_john_gittins_feature.shtml



War, Madness and Murder, by John Gittins

I have an interesting story about my great uncle, Frank Haynes, who lived at Dunley and was in the Worcester Yeomanry. He spent some time at Gallipoli and Oghratina, where the Yeomanry were wiped out, and Frank taken prisoner. On his return home, his mother had recently passed away, his young brother had died from an epileptic fit, and another brother had been killed in action one week before the end of the war. He lived with another brother, trying to find what agricultural work was available. He suffered serious delusions, and rarely slept, and made serious accusations about villagers. This culminated in taking his brother's shotgun and shooting two men on their way home from the Dog Inn (where he had previously lived). He was found guilty of murder, but insane, and spent his remaining years in Broadmoor hospital. For many years the story was a big family secret - all I had to go on was memories of people sending food parcels to Broadmoor and a photo of Frank in the Worcester Yeomanry. The rest involved searching newspaper articles, with a lead from Broadmoor hospital and reading the history of the Worcester Yeomanry.

Discuss this article with a partner

Activity 2 - My own newspaper article

Choose one of the following themes and write a short newspaper article. Give it your own headline.

- **My family in the First World War**

- **How is the First World War recorded and remembered in our locality?**

You will need to research using:

- Your local library
- Local history societies in your area
- Local War memorials and graves
- Family and local community
- Relevant web sites, <http://www.bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk/>

Whilst writing your article think about:

- The beginning sentences
- Have you answered these questions! Who? What? When? Where? Why?
- Using quotations
- Illustrations
- Spell checking
- Asking a friend to proof read your article

Extension activity: War graves

You may wish to have a list of relevant individuals from the locality for the pupils to investigate.

Research the grave of someone from your own, or friend's family, who has died in battle, using the Commonwealth War Graves commission site.

<http://www.cwgc.org>

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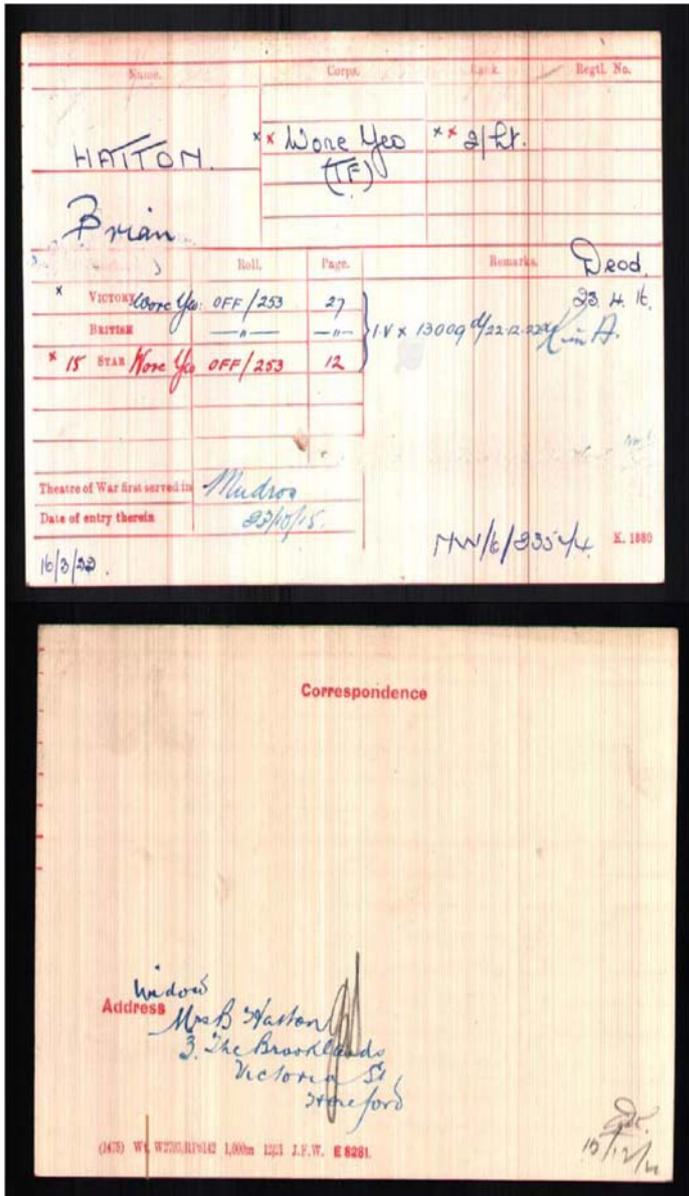
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— Albert Sydney.....	Marylebone	1 a.	593
— Albert Victor	Dover	2 a.	992
— Alexander George	Holborn	1 b.	796
— Alfred	Stourbridge	6 c.	190
— Alice	Wolverhampton	6 b.	587
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— Alice Annie	Cardiff	11 a.	296
— Alice Beatrice.....	Guildford	2 a.	77
— Amy Victoria.....	Totnes	5 b.	164
— Arthur Joseph	W. Ham	4 a.	14
— Betsy.....	Halifax	9 a.	420
— Brian.....	Hereford	6 a.	495
— Constance Mary H.....	Dartford	2 a.	453
— Daisy Elizabeth	Aston	6 d.	352
— Daisy Lilian C.....	Paddington	1 a.	1
— Dora Annie.....	Burnley	8 e.	289
— Elizabeth.....	Prescot	8 b.	727
— Elizabeth May.....	Kingston	2 a.	305
— Ellen.....	Bury	8 c.	508
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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1914.

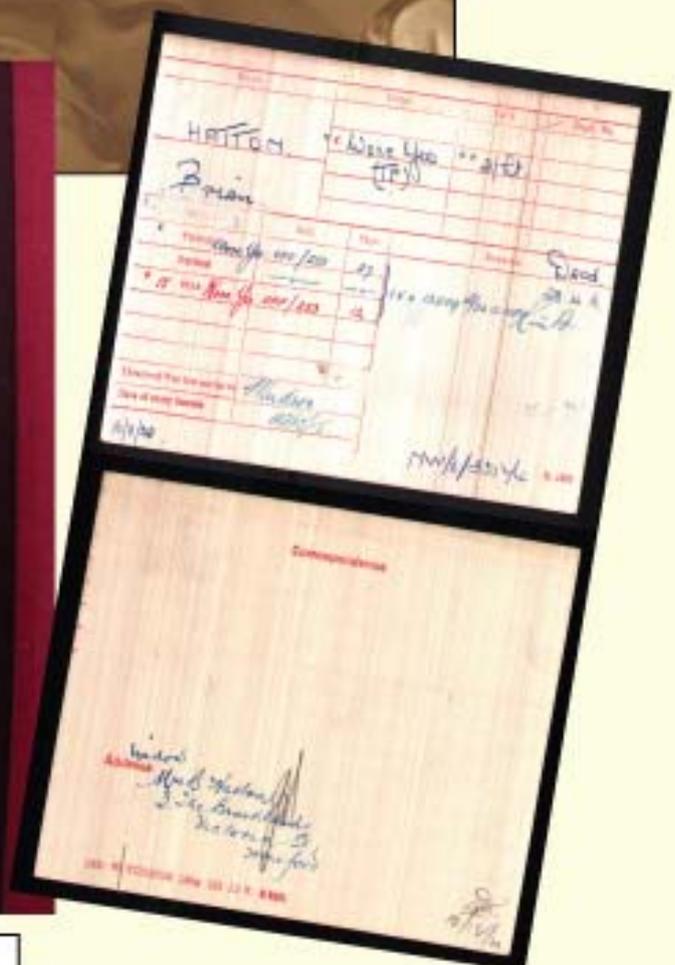
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— Annie	Clark	Coventry	6 d	1390
— Annie	Hiatt	Aston	6 d	964
— Annie	Shepherd	Liverpool	8 b	58
— Arthur J.	Davies	Pontypridd	11 a	1248
— Benjamin	Thornton	Bucklow	8 a	380
— Brian	Bidmead	Newbury	2 c	649
— Catherine	Hanratty	Gateshead	10 a	1810
— Charles	Priebe	Holborn	1 b	1404



Administrative County of *Hereford* The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the Page 50

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	Number of persons occupying (1) as usual (2) as Boarding (3) as Lodging (4) as Other	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	15 (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Paralytic or idiot					
				<i>Annal B. Hatton</i>	<i>wife</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>26</i>		<i>Hereford All Saints</i>						
				<i>Prison</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>do St. James</i>						
				<i>James L. Brown</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>Stretland</i>						
				<i>Annal B. Andrews</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>General Servant</i>	<i>Hereford Great Church</i>						
				<i>Emily Jones</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>do do</i>	<i>do All Saints</i>						
<i>162 White Cross Rd 1</i>				<i>Edgar Boullett</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Collector Inland Revenue</i>	<i>Osford Oxford</i>						
				<i>Harry</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>26</i>		<i>Suffolk Leaverhill</i>						
				<i>Prison</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>21</i>								



Brian Hatton

In Memory of
Private WALTER SIDNEY SMITH
 14203, 7th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
 who died age 23
 on 31 March 1918
 Son of William and Esther Smith, of Church Banks, Avenbury, Bromyard, Worcester.
 Remembered with honour
DOULLENS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION No.1



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HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

*Pr. Walter Smith
 Shropshire L.I.*

Rank	Corps	Regt.	Regt. No.
	<i>SHROPS. LI</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>14203</i>
<i>SMITH</i>			
<i>Walter</i>			
Serial	Enlistment	Discharge	Remarks
<i>15</i>	<i>5/1/02 155/317</i>	<i>30/1/18 303</i>	<i>of W. 31.3.18.</i>
Honorary of War Service to <i>(1) France 25.9.15.</i> Date of entry <i>25.9.15.</i>			

Walter Sydney Smith



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The Queen joins me in welcoming you on your release from the masses & hardships, which you have endured with so much patience & courage.

During these many months of trials, the only release of our gallant officers & men for the smiles of their captivity has been afforded in our thoughts.

We are thankful that this longed for day has arrived, & that back in the old country you will be able once more to enjoy the happiness of a home & to see good days among those who anxiously look for your return.

George R. D.



Serial No. 21113 Date June 3, 1919

NOTE: This Certificate is to be issued without any other stamp in this certificate.

Service of 21113 by Southall Francis Hubert

Rank Private

Regiment or Corps The Kings Shropshire Light Infantry

Place of Issue Hereford

Signature of Issuing Officer [Signature]

Signature of Recipient [Signature]

Date of Issue 17 April 1919

WAR ITEMS.

FATE OF A HEREFORDSHIRE SOLDIER.

Mr. Southall, Millfield, Bishops Cleeve, Herefordshire, would be grateful for any information which may be able to be regarding his son, Pte. F. H. Southall (3360), 1st Hereford, who was taken prisoner at Gaza on March 27th last. He was, she writes, captured with nine others of his regiment, and is hopeful that one or other of these, through news at home, may be able to furnish some news of her son's whereabouts, and to inform him while he was in hospital in Jerusalem, but her last letter was returned, and she has not had a communication from him since June 6th last. She is naturally anxious as to his fate, as he was severely wounded while bravely trying to rescue Sergt.-Major A. Page. Mrs. Southall's postal address is Millfield, Bishops Cleeve, Worcester.

No. 0-48102

WAR BADGE awarded to Mr Francis Hubert Southall

Serial No. 13524 1st Kings Shropshire Light Infantry

On "Warrior Standard" in R.E.M.'s Military Forces since 20th August, 1914.

Issued 17 January 1920

Private Francis Hubert Southall