

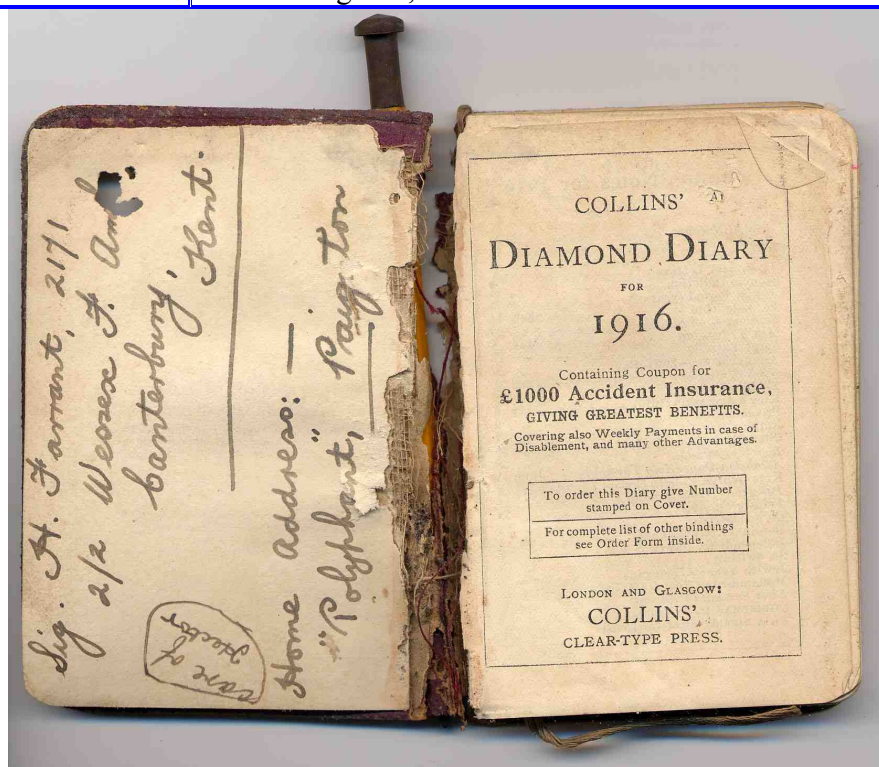
#### 4. 1914-18 War: Harry Farrant's Diary, autograph book and other papers



Sig. Harry Farrant



Home: Paignton, Devon





Joining the  
army,  
November  
1914 - at  
Hampton  
House,  
Torquay

Personal Memoranda		Train Service	
Watch No.....		To Town	From Town
Season Ticket No.....			
Stores Ticket No.....			
Bicycle No.....			
Bank Pass Book No.....			
Telephone No.....			
Telegraphic Address.....			
Size in Gloves.....			
Size in Collars.....			
Size in Hats.....			
Size in Boots.....			
Weight.....st.....lbs. Date.....			
Height.....5.....ft.....10.....ins. Date.....			
Insurance falls due on.....			
Name and Address.....	H.F. Polphart, Paignton		

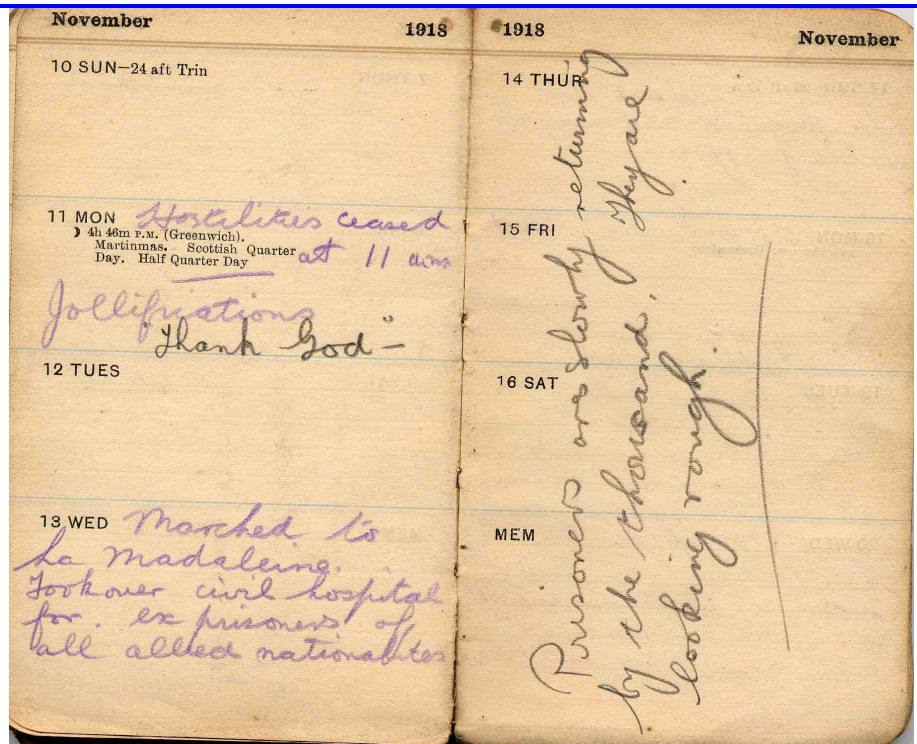
# MEMORANDA FROM 1915.

Joined November  
23rd 1914  
Hampton House  
Torquay  
Left for Whitechurch  
barrack May 20th  
1915.  
Left barrack for  
Leighmouth  
October 18th 1915

JULY, 1916.		JULY, 1916.	
Wednesday 19		Friday 21	
6.15 - Physical Drill	6.15 - no parade clean up hut		
9.15 - Section drill and Unit drill	9.15 - Inspection by camp commandant followed by route march full kit		
2.0 - Stretcher Drill	2.0 Put up bell tents		
	3.0 Pay - 5, took down tents		
Thursday 20		Saturday 22	
6.15 - Physical Drill	6.15 - Short march		
9.15 - Section drill and stretcher drill	9. - Scrub out huts and shift waggons		
2.0 - Washed Waggons	afternoon off.		
	Bath		

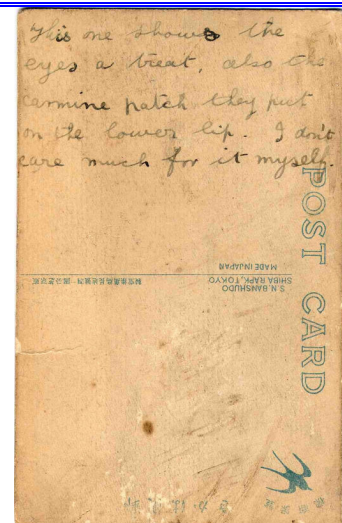
July 1916, still in training? Stretcher drill - he's a stretcher bearer, probably what was called a medical orderly.

End of the war at 'the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month', 1918. After: four years on the front line, small wonder there were 'Jollifications'. Meanwhile, prisoners of war (P.O.Ws) start returning 'looking rough'.



Harry Farrant seems to have gone to Japan during the First World War. Here's an undated postcard from him.

Postcard reverse ~ 'This one shows the eyes a treat, also the carmine patch they put on the lower lip. I don't care much for it myself.'



This collection of Harry Farrant materials holds a short diary, with only scattered entries for the four years 1914-18, an autograph book, and some photographs. There isn't a great deal of text to study in this material, but anyone writing about or making a presentation on this archive this should research Harry's home village, his military training, the First World War, and the trip to Japan. This diary would also need to be connected to an assignment on one of the wartime diaries discussed.