

"From the Viewpoint of a Trumpeter"

1st South Midland Brigade R.F.A. [T]

Notes on the period

Mobilization - Hebuterne

Dated 1932

By

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1893-1992

Lieut - Colonel Harold Essex Lewis

A brief Military History.

Born	30 th Oct 1893. Bristol.
Educated	Bristol Cathedral School left 1909.
Enlisted	1 st South Midland Bde. Mustered as trumpeter 1913. Regt/No 1583
Embodied for war	4 th Aug 1914. overseas B.E.F. [France] 2 nd March 1915.
Promoted	Bombardier 1916. Served through whole of the Somme battle.
Decorated	Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal. June 1916.
Recommended For Commission	Posted as O/cadet to R.A. officers school Exeter, Devon.
Gazetted	2 nd /Lieut to Special Reserve June 1917.
Posted to	19 th Division B.E.F., and appointed Adjutant to Lt/ Col the Marquis of Exeter
Wounded	9 th Nov 1918. and then hospital till April 1919.
Released	April 1919.
The Old Stiffs	Founder member of the old stiffs mess [officers] 1914-18.
Rejoined T.A.	On its reformation 1920 Regt No 19961 Served in T.A. as Captain until 1935 retired to Reserve List.
Recalled	Promoted Major-1938. Formed 74 th L.A.A. Battery R.A. of 24 th Light Regt R.A. 2 nd in command and later Commanded Regiment
Embodied for war	3 rd Sept 1939 posted to 11 th Mobile Brigade R.A.
Decorated	1943 Awarded Territorial Decoration.
Promoted	Lieutenant Colonel 1943 attached to a unit of the Russian army
Released Appointed	1946 and returned to former employment with E.S. A. Robinson Ltd. Deputy Lieutenant of the county of Gloucestershire, City of Gloucester And the city and county of Bristol Feb 1960 transferred to the County of Avon.
Decoration	Appointed a member of the most Excellent order of the British Empire, 1974
RAA	President of the Bristol Branch Royal Artillery Association