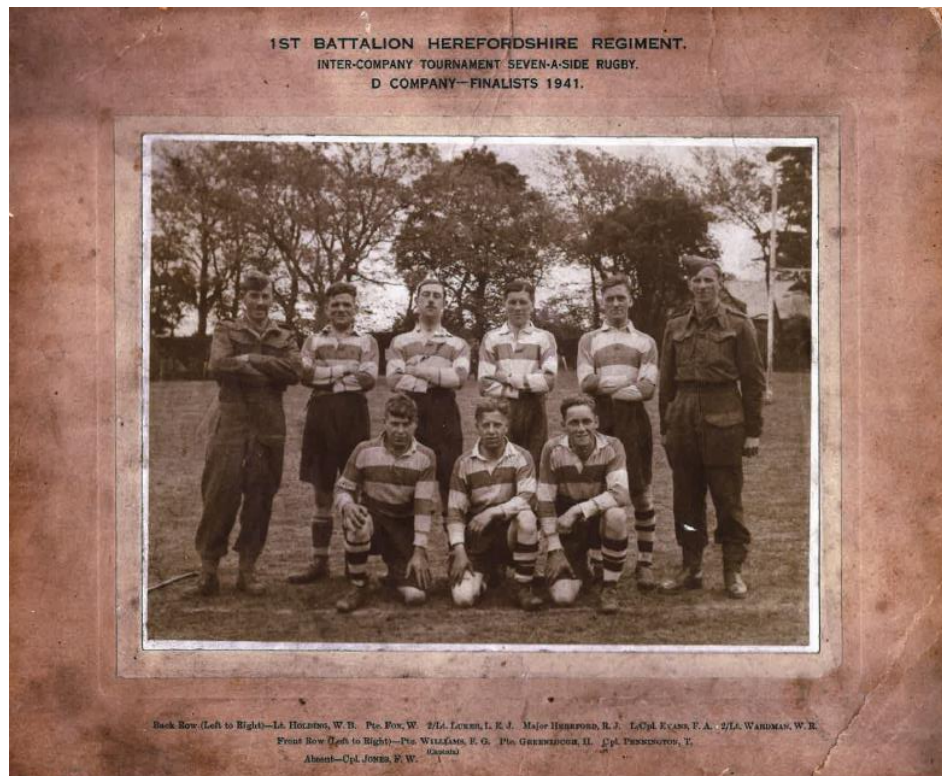


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My Dear Mrs. Williams,

I am afraid I have most grievous news for you, of which I hope you may have already been officially informed of, and this is to tell you that Glyn was killed in action in the evening of Friday, August 4th. I do send you my most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this tragic loss, which I myself have felt most tremendously as Glyn had, as you may know, been my DRIVER-BATMAN for about a month. I was actually with him when he was killed and though somehow I escaped I have only just managed to put pen to paper again or I would have written to you over the week-end.

Glyn and myself were washing and shaving at the R.A.P. of the 1st. Batt. Herefordshire Regt., when we suddenly began to be shelled by German 88 m.m. guns. The first shell sent us to our six trenches behind my truck, but the second landed about 5 feet from us killing Glyn almost at once and smashed the truck.

I went to him at once and indeed I was almost touching him when the blow fell, but as soon as I could I staggered to my feet and picked him up. It may, I feel, be some comfort to you to know that Glyn never felt any pain as he never regained consciousness and died about 3 minutes after he was hit. It has been a most grievous shock to me as Glyn was such a grand lad. He was almost a brother to me and we had shared our meals and our work in a wonderfully happy way. I know myself how highly he was thought of and he set us all a wonderful example being himself tireless in helping the wounded and was quite impervious to danger. I was myself evacuated from the unit almost immediately but I was able to arrange for someone to take Glyn's funeral and his body lies now among those who fell, paving the way to victory.

You can indeed be proud of Glyn and I shall always remember his dauntless courage and devotion to me and to his fellow men. He has passed on to his greater reward and though this world is the poorer for his passing, that greater world has gained a great soul and Glyn is already enjoying his reward in the greater life beyond the veil.

If there is anything more I can do for you or tell you please write to me, as I valued Glyn's friendship out here beyond all else.

Yours in great sympathy,

Christopher Maconochie.
CHAPLAIN TO THE FORCES.

The Light Infantry Plot at The National Arboretum



The Militia Crockery



The Curator with the film crew from the TV programme 'Antique Celebrity Roadshow'



HRVC Tunics



Herefordshire Regimental headstones at Malta



The Herefordshire Country Fair



At the start of the day!



The Isle of Man Box!

