

Ransom Newspaper reports

Note! The following are transcriptions of articles and reports in the local newspapers that referred to or mentioned any of the three Ransom Brothers (in chronological order).

From the Bexhill-on-Sea Observer, dated 18th March 1916

SIDLEY FOOTBALLER WOUNDED

News is to hand that Sergeant Fred Ransom, of the 7th Royal Sussex Regiment, was wounded on March 4th. He came home on leave a month ago. We learn that the Sergeant has been injured in several places in the leg, and is now in a London hospital making satisfactory progress.

Sergeant Ransom, who joined on the outbreak of war, is a well-known Sidley footballer. He has two brothers in the Engineers, Sapper Arthur Ransom and Driver T. Ransom. Their parents live at 9, North-Road, Sidley.

From the Bexhill Chronicle, dated 12th October 1918

Sergeant Frederick James Ransom, M. M. (G/574), Royal Sussex Regt., of Bexhill, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre of the Legion d'Honneur.

From the Bexhill Observer, dated 11th October 1919

IN MEMORIAM

RANSOM – In ever loving memory of Sgt Fred Ransom, D.C.M., M.M., died of wounds on October 8th, 1918; also L/Cpl. Arthur Ransom, killed in action April 20th, 1918, the dearly loved Sons and Brothers of Mr and Mrs F. Ransom and Family, 9 North Road, Sidley.

“For ever in our Thought
You will remain
Waiting to meet you both
In Heaven again”

From the Bexhill-on-Sea Observer, dated 19th of October 1918

“THE LATE SARGENT RANSOM”

“Mr and Mrs F. Ransom, of 9, North-Road, Sidley, have received a letter written by one of the Sisters of the Matron of the General Hospital, where their son, Sargent F. J. Ransom, Royal Sussex Regiment, died of his wounds. The writer says: – “We did all that we possibly could for him. He was visited by the Padre. He is being buried tomorrow with military honours in the St Severs Cemetery, Rouen, and the number of his grave is 7210. He was unconscious for some time before he died so was unable to leave you any message.”

“After mentioning that personal belongings would be forwarded and that a photograph of the grave could be obtained if desired, the writer proceeds: – “May I say how very sorry I am for you in this trouble. It is unspeakably sad to think of the many brave lives given in this dreadful war, but it must be a great consolation that your son has given his life in such a noble cause.”

“A memorial service at All Saints, Sidley, on Friday evening of last week was attended by the relatives and many friends, including Mr H. Cook, an old member of the football team with which Seargent Ransom was associated. The Rev H. G. Elham conducted the service. A funeral march was afterwards played.”

From the Bexhill Chronicle, dated 14th of December, 1918

“BEXHILL MEN AWARDED THE D. C. M.”

“The latest list of military awards contains the names of two Bexhill men who have won the D. C. M.: –“

“G/574 F. J. Ransom, M. M., 7th Bn., Royal Sussex Regt. (Bexhill). For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. All his officers having become casualties between the first and second objectives, he reorganised the company and at the head of two platoons made a determined attack on the latter, accounting for three of the enemy himself. It was due to his fine courage and leadership that the second objective was taken.”

[The article goes on to mention a D. W. Reeves, a Sapper (Regimental number 534030) of the 401st., (H. C.) Field Coy, R. E. (T. F.) (Bexhill) and the reason for his award.]
