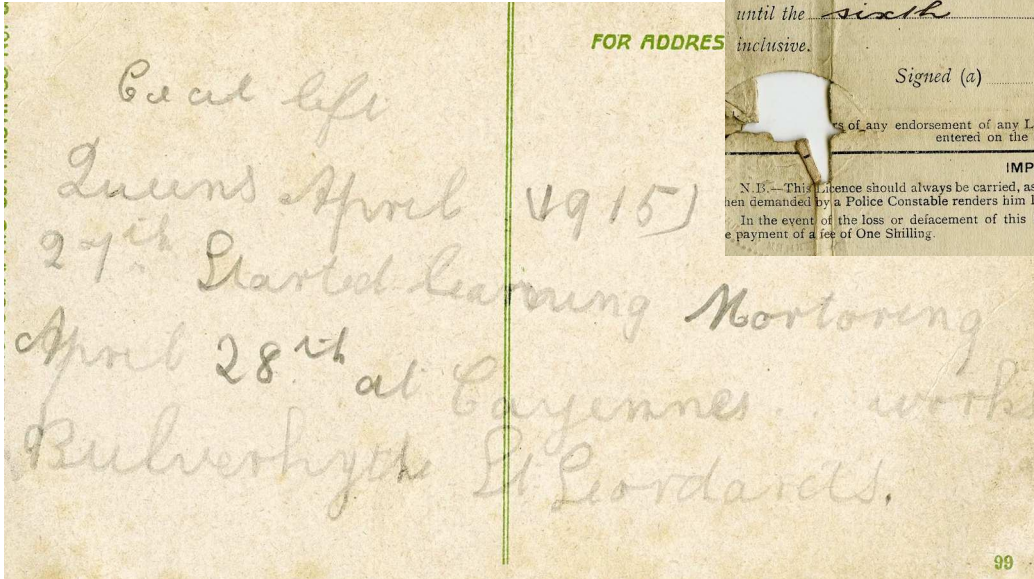
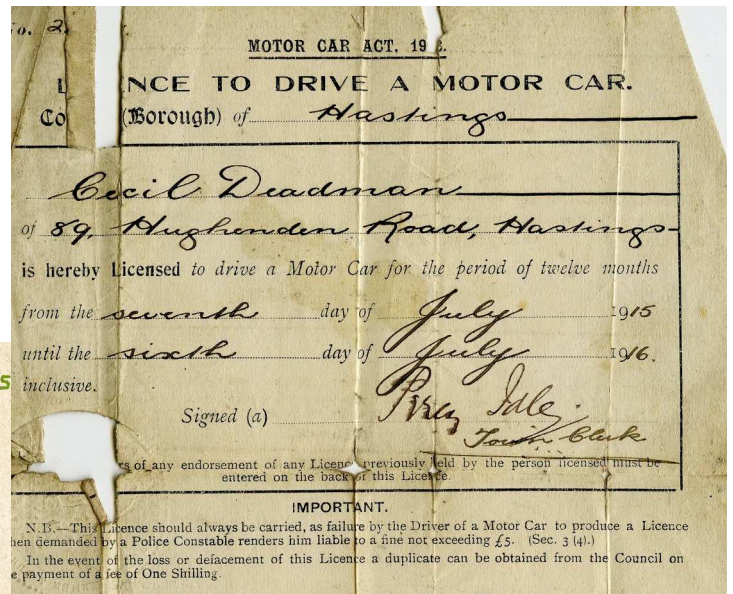


After leaving the Queens Hotel he took a job at Cayennes Works, Bulverhythe, St Leonards, 'learning motoring'. The address given on his driving license is where his mother was living.

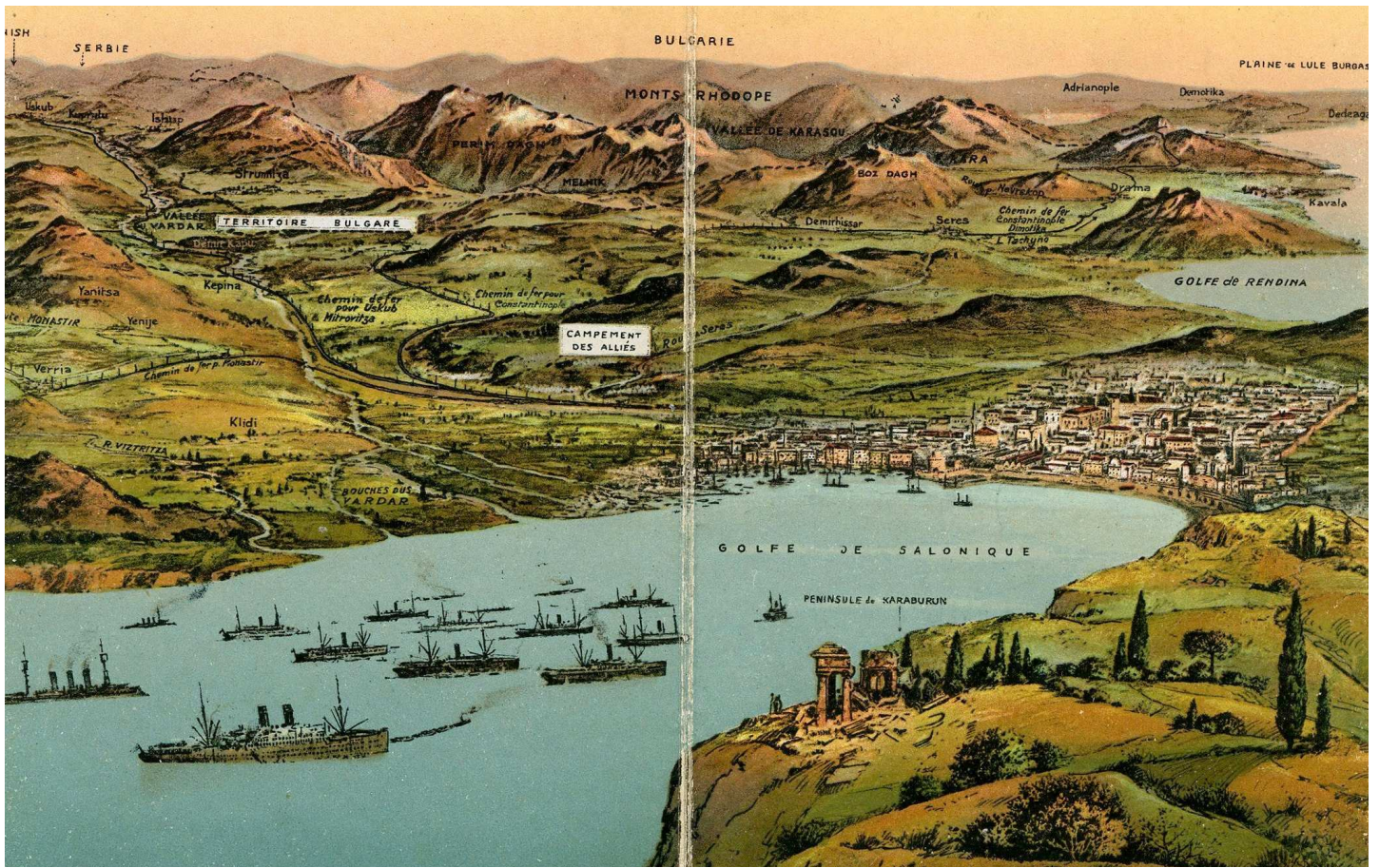


During the First World War Cecil served in the army. He joined in March 1916, when conscription was introduced for single men between 18 and 41. His number, handwritten in blunt pencil appears to be 175341. He served with 706 Company Mechanical Transport, Army Service Corps, and spent the war in Salonica re equipping the Serbian Army. He wrote that he worked with vehicles whereas his brother Bert worked with horses.



The Serbian Army was driven onto Corfu by the Bulgarian Army. It gradually re-established itself, with the help of the French and other allies, including a small number of British units. The equipment was taken as far as possible by large lorries, then loaded onto smaller vans, and often finally horses. Although there was very little action in Salonica, usually confined to Spring and Autumn, the army suffered from heat and malaria in the summer, and extreme cold and snow in the winter.

London 1916
Oatford June 9th
Bulford, Salisbury Plain June 16th
Bath, Somerset, June 17th
Cullompton, Devon, June 29th
Devonport " July 1st
Sailed from Devonport 4.45 PM July 3rd on the Careican
150,000 tons
Entered Gibraltar 10 AM July 6th Left 2 PM Distance 1,200 (miles)
Passed African Coast July 9th
By Malta for 7 hours July 10th 2,150 miles
Arrived at Alexandria July 18th 10 AM
Put in harbour and emptying of troops, the natives
cooled the boat. Sunday fresh load of troops
Sailed for Salonica July 16th
Sea rather rough on " 17th upset for rest of
Arrived at Salonica July 20 at 11 AM
Barges took us off 12-30 midnight after 17 days ^{board} on
Reported sick on the 21st and went in hospital
for five days.
Moved up the line 60 kilos 26 July to Vertekop
Thursday August 3rd 9 bombs dropped round about 20
Tuesday " 7th 2 " found blade of one
Thursday " 10th 2 " killed two of our men and 2 bullocks
Wednesday " 17 2 " filled two of our men and 2 bullocks
Sunday " 21st we moved up 80 kilos farther up every
near heavy fighting 90 bombs dropped round us in three days
and had to shift camp



Somewhere in Macedonia
 " "
 From Cerch



Cecil left, with friend who features in many of the pictures. He came from the Potteries and after the war sent the family various china pieces.



*A. Happy New Year.
Cecil & Mel*

NOTHING is to be written on this side except the date and signature of the sender. Sentences not required may be erased. If anything else is added the post card will be destroyed.

I am quite well.

*I have been admitted into hospital
{ sick } and am going on well.
{ wounded } and hope to be discharged soon.*

I am being sent down to the base.

*I have received your { letter dated 9th / 8 / 14
telegram,,
parcel,,*

Letter follows at first opportunity.

*I have received no letter from you
{ lately
for a long time.*

Signature only } *C. Deadman*

Date *28th / 8 / 14*

[Postage must be prepaid on any letter or post card addressed to the sender of this card.]

W. 4484. 6000m. S. 14. C. & Co. Grange Mills, S.W

FIELD SERVICE
POST CARD.
ARMY POST OFFICE
A
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S. X. B.

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*Miss M. Hook
34 St George's Rd.
Hastings
Sussex
England*

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Correspondance

Adresse

29/8/17

M.
From
Pvt C Deadman
175867 405 Coy
Mtd B Co
Salonica Forces

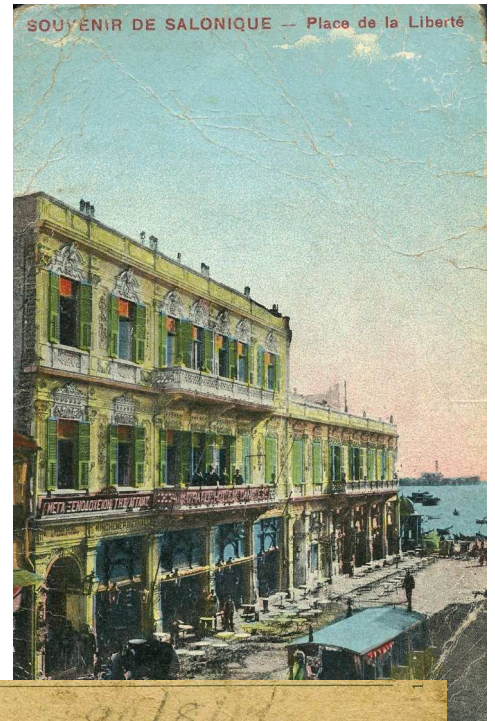
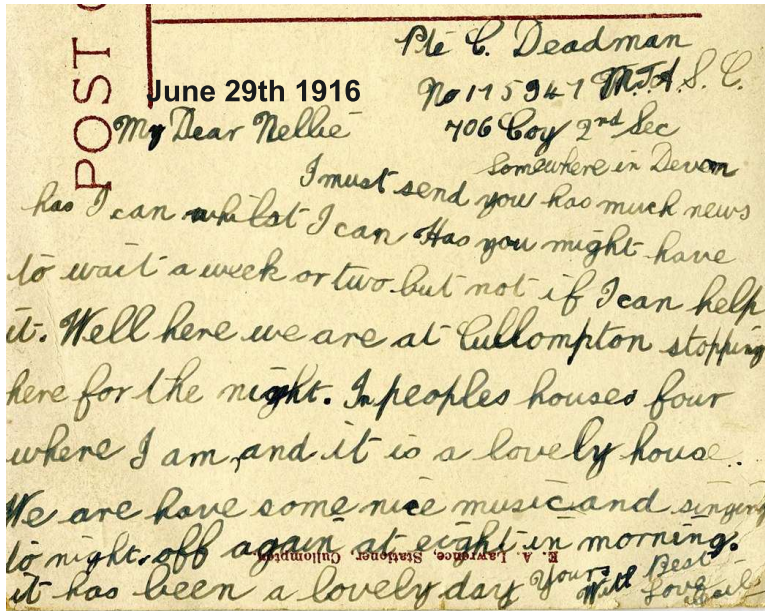


Cecil in the front of the picture.

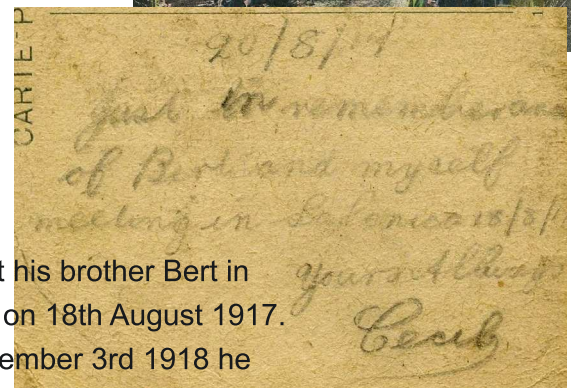
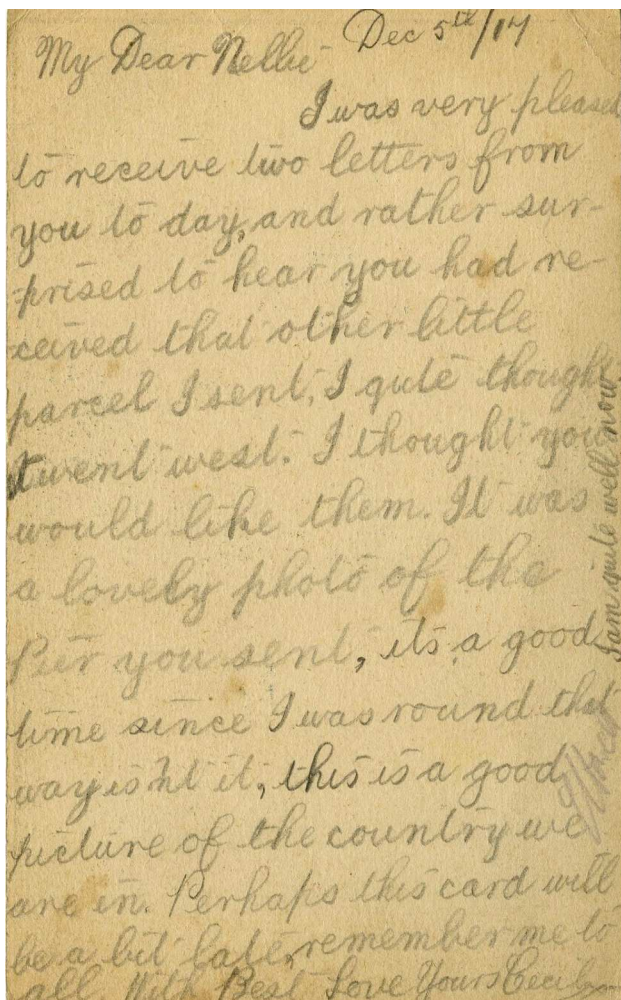


Cecil probably second from the right, back row. Notice the French soldiers in the middle. The operations in Salonica were largely led by the French and Cecil spoke of French friends calling.

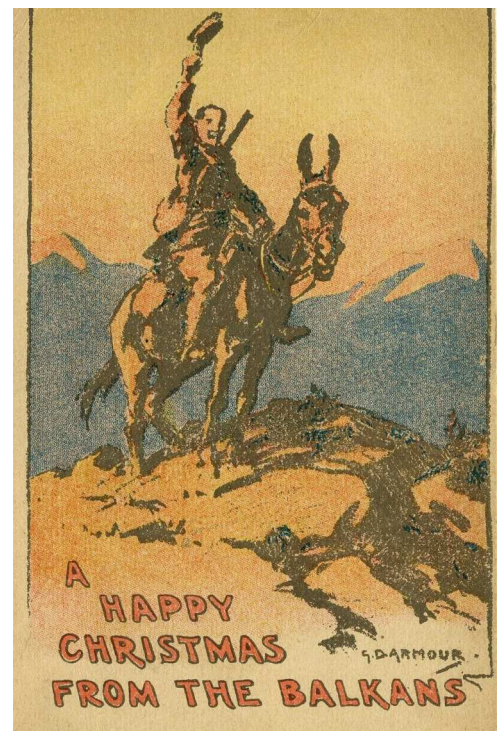
Many postcards survive, especially 1916-1919, mostly from Cecil to Nellie. Generally they are just pleasantries to pass the censor, but occasionally, especially after the Armistice they have more details.



15th July 1916. I've had a splendid trip, lovely and calm, never thought I'd have a trip like this' on a postcard of Gibraltar.



Cecil met his brother Bert in Salonica on 18th August 1917. On September 3rd 1918 he spoke of going down to see brother Will.



Cecil had 'been down the street in the picture a good many times, you need not think they are quite so nice as they look.'



May 1st / 18

Dear Mother

Just another picture cards to let you know I am still alright and I hope you are better and all the others at home. I know you like to hear from us if it is only a card I try and make up for Bert I know he does not get quite so much time for writing but I do be as horses to look after and they want more attention than our cars. Well ma not much news for you this time, so with love to all at home

I remain
Your Affl. Son
Cecil

Vertical text on the left: AFRICA
Vertical text in the middle: Correspondance
Vertical text on the right: Editions Patisserie, Paris

Cecil returned to the camp on 7th May 1918 after a short stay in hospital, and spoke of 'a nice rest'.

July 1st / 18

My Dear Nellie

Just a card to thank you for letter I received two days ago. Glad to know you are keeping well, I am also. Just years ago to day we arrived at Devonport and on the 3rd we saw the last of dear old Blighty its deuce of a long time ago is it, but we still live in hopes, we shall have to pack up all in a hurry one of these days and get ready for coming back. I am sending you another little photo I think it is rather interesting don't you they give prizes for the best catch out here. Well cheerho for a little longer with fondest love
your Cecil

Vertical text on the left: AFRICA

On July 1st 1918 Cecil wrote he had left England 2 years before, and he did not return until 25th March 1919.



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Dec 17/18

Dearest Nellie
just a card to let you know I am still in the best of health, and hoping it will find you and all at home the same. Nothing exciting to tell you this time, we are getting lovely weather just now. You see the Bulgars working at the end of the Bridge, well we are a few hundred yards from it. I walked along the top the other day. Well dear we shall soon be over er mess again, the sooner the next few months go the better. Fondly remember me to everybody. So With fondest love
and wishes
Yours truly
Cecil



Скопје. Стари водопровод. Skopje. Die alte Wasserleitung.

9th / 1 / 19

My Dear Nellie
Sorry I have not had time to write a week or so, but you understand when I tell you we have been on the move again. We are now in Salonica the first time we have camped there since we came out. I don't know whether Will is still down or not but I have written and told him where I am. Hope you are still well, I am in the pink. We are a little nearer home.

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More optimistic cards marking Cecil's departure from Serbia, defeating the Bulgars. Cecil wrote of at last being back in Salonica, and also wondered about the whereabouts of his brother Will. 'We are at last a little nearer home'. On 19 February he sent a card from Taranto, Italy. On 25 March he wrote 'Just arrived' on a card from London.



Mazedonien
Blick von der Moschee.

This is where we were before the last move. Jan 1st / 19

note the Bulgars
this was taken before the big push

