1. Record Nr. UNINA9910163350403321 Autore Shears Lieutenant Edward Hornby Titolo Active-Service Diary - 21 January 1917-1 July 1917 Pubbl/distr/stampa San Francisco:,: Lucknow Books,, 2014 ©2014 **ISBN** 9781782892670 1782892672 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (49 pages) Disciplina 940.48140999999998 Soggetti Shears, Edward Hornby, -1917 World War, 1914-1918 Personal narratives, English Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Intro -- TABLE OF CONTENTS -- FOREWORD -- ACTIVE SERVICE DIARY Nota di contenuto - 1917 -- JANUARY -- FEBRUARY -- MARCH -- APRIL -- MAY -- JUNE -- JULY -- NOTE BY HIS MOTHER -- Request from the Publisher. Sommario/riassunto The short, but poignant and action filled diary of a public school officer who fought with the Irish Guards in the Ypres Salient. EDWARD HORNBY SHEARS was born in Liverpool On December 4, 1890. His preparatory school was The Leas, Hoylake (1900-1904). In July, 1904, he obtained a Foundation Scholarship at Bradfield, and in December 1908 a History Exhibition at Trinity College, Oxford. He went up to Oxford in October. 1909, and obtained a 'second' in 'Mods' in 1910, and a 'first' in 'Greats' in 1913. In September, 1913, he passed into the Home Civil Service, and was appointed to the Secretaries' Department of the General Post Office. A year later (October, 1914) he became Principal Private Secretary to the Postmaster-General, Mr. (now Sir Charles) Hobhouse. He had been refused official permission to join the army at the outbreak of the War, but he received it in May, 1915, and obtained a commission in the 3/4th Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment. A few months later he was promoted to lieutenant. After training for a year and a half in England, and having no apparent prospect of being sent to the front, he obtained a transfer to the Irish Guards, in which he

received his commission as ensign in November, 1916. In January,

1917, he joined the 1st Battalion in France, where he was shortly promoted to lieutenant (dating from October 18, 1916). He was killed in action at Boesinghe on July 4, 1917, and on the following day he was buried at Canada Farm, Elverdinghe, near Ypres.