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133843 [FIRST WORLD WAR DIARY]. SHERWIN, Harold S. Four pocket diaries by Harold S. Sherwin of the Notts. and Derby Mounted Signal Brigade, with entries from March 12th 1915 to June 21st 1916, together with two photograph albums, and other related items. [REDACTED]

4 diaries, small 8vo; 2 photograph albums, 8vo and 4to; all original cloth; with the ownership inscription "H.S. Sherwin, 15 Hope Drive, The Park, Nottingham", written mostly in military-issue indelible pencil, though sometimes in ink, the albums contain a total of 122 photographs; with a signed portrait photograph of Sherwin (15 x 10cms.), 3 related postcards, and 2 programmes for races and steeplechases (7th and 22nd Mounted Brigades), held in March 1918 (in Cairo?); one of the diaries a little worn; the whole collection now preserved in 3 specially made cloth-covered fall-down-back boxes, labelled 'Harold S. Sherwin's Great War'.

After training at Holt in Norfolk, Sherwin departs for active service on April 9th 1915 aboard SS "Wayfarer". On the 11th the ship is torpedoed and the troops return to Falmouth. On April 29th they embark on SS "Lake Manitoba", arriving at Alexandria on May 13th for a posting to Cairo. The photo albums contain shots of sights in and around the city, including pictures of street sellers and tradesmen. On August 12th Sherwin and his brigade depart for the Dardanelles, landing on the 18th at Suvla Bay, amid shelling. On the 20th the brigade moves by night to Lala Baba Hill, advancing the following day to the notorious Chocolate Hill, where the troops entrench, only to be recalled. During the advance back to the hill in the following days Sherwin takes ill, and is removed from duty suffering from neurasthenia and malaria. He spends the ensuing months recovering on Mudros and eventually volunteers for service on December 28th. After a brief return to Alexandria, Sherwin is moved to Salonica, then to 'Langaza' and to 'Kukus', in action against the Bulgarians. The diaries break off on June the 21st 1916 at which point Sherwin is engaged in troop movements among the mountains north of Salonika.
