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TO: Mr F E French Harley, Globe Hotel, Brixham

Dear F

I am still alive and O.K.

I saw W. Kemble at the base before I came to the firing line and we had a little chat over old times. I saw a scrap in mid-air between two aviators and the British aviator succeeded in bringing the Germans down to the ground just by our guns. That is a sight that one does not see every day.

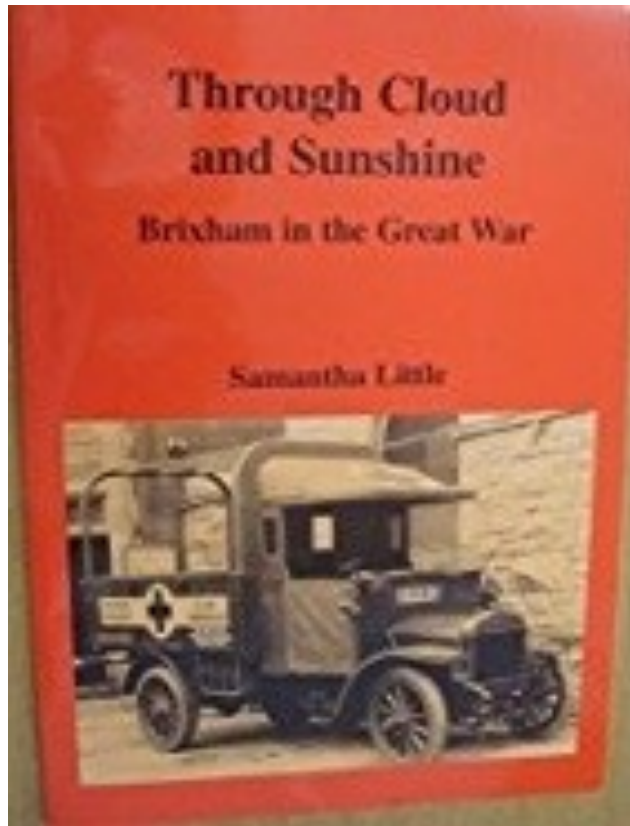
We are fighting night and day.

Harold

THROUGH CLOUD AND SUNSHINE

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Brixham in the Great War



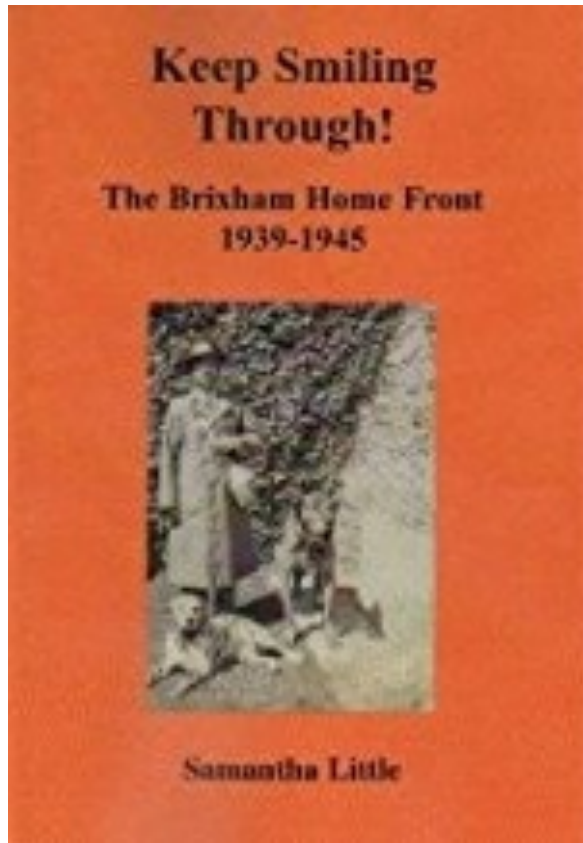
When HM King George V spoke of ‘this grave moment in our National history’, how did Brixham face the challenges of the Great War? This remarkable story reveals the heart-warming response of the close knit community whether at home or overseas, from the incredible rescue of HMS Formidable by a lone fishing trawler and the bravery of local people who surmounted personal loss, to the provision of a Red Cross Motor Ambulance sent from Brixham to the Somme and the men who sacrificed their lives in the trenches. A small town’s journey during a pivotal moment of history.

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KEEP SMILING THROUGH

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The Brixham Home Front 1939-1945



Neville Chamberlain's solemn announcement that '... this country is now at war with Germany', inspired every Brixhamite to defend their country with courage in the face of rationing, bombing and restrictions on the Home Front. No task was too big for big-hearted Brixham, as this book clearly observes; whether forming a Home Guard, digging for Victory, raising funds for Spitfires, sharing the town with Belgian refugees and evacuated children, performing in nostalgic concerts on the wireless or welcoming American soldiers in the secret preparations for D Day – this was Brixham's finest hour!

BATTLING ONWARDS

The Brixham Fishing Fleet 1914-1918

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There was only one thing to do when a shot crossed your bows, down stay-sail and wait for it. In the meantime, the other ships were getting full attention, a few well aimed shells soon disabling them, bringing down sails and spars, and eventually finding their water-line, the inrush of water sending them on their last journey.

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by Samantha Little

Public Health and Primary Care in Brixham since 1890



This book provides a thorough examination of the personalities and practise of local GPs, who contributed extensively to their community and served Brixham beyond the call of duty. Some achieved distinction beyond medicine; however, all were witness to the darker side of human nature, attending cases that involved poisoning, suicide and child neglect. Two generations of doctors also served their country in wartime. Dramatic lives are set against a background of historic changes to healthcare provision, the inception of the NHS and challenges in treatment from Victorian days to the 21st Century.

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Letters of Frank Hill, GWR Reliefman 1890s

Frank Hill, Reliefman at Newton Abbot



Letters copied from his Correspondence Book, 1885-1901

Edited by Chris Potts

At Work on the GWR in the 1890s: Frank Hill, Reliefman at Newton Abbot is the latest work by Chris Potts for Brixham Heritage Museum. Chris has provided an excellent editorial of Mr. Hill's letters, copied from a meticulously kept correspondence book loaned to the Museum by his granddaughter, Mrs Margaret French. They provide an interesting insight into the life of a GWR worker, who spent many years at stations and signal boxes on the Teign Valley line and across South Devon before promotion to Stationmaster at Churston.

Throughout his working life, which encompassed personal tragedy and fierce disputes with GWR managers, the hours were long and the variable work poorly paid – Mr. Hill wrote many letters on his own and colleagues' behalf stating reasons for wage increases – although he was clearly skilled in many tasks that 'oiled the wheels' of a regional railway and Chris Potts' expert commentary clearly illuminates the details

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