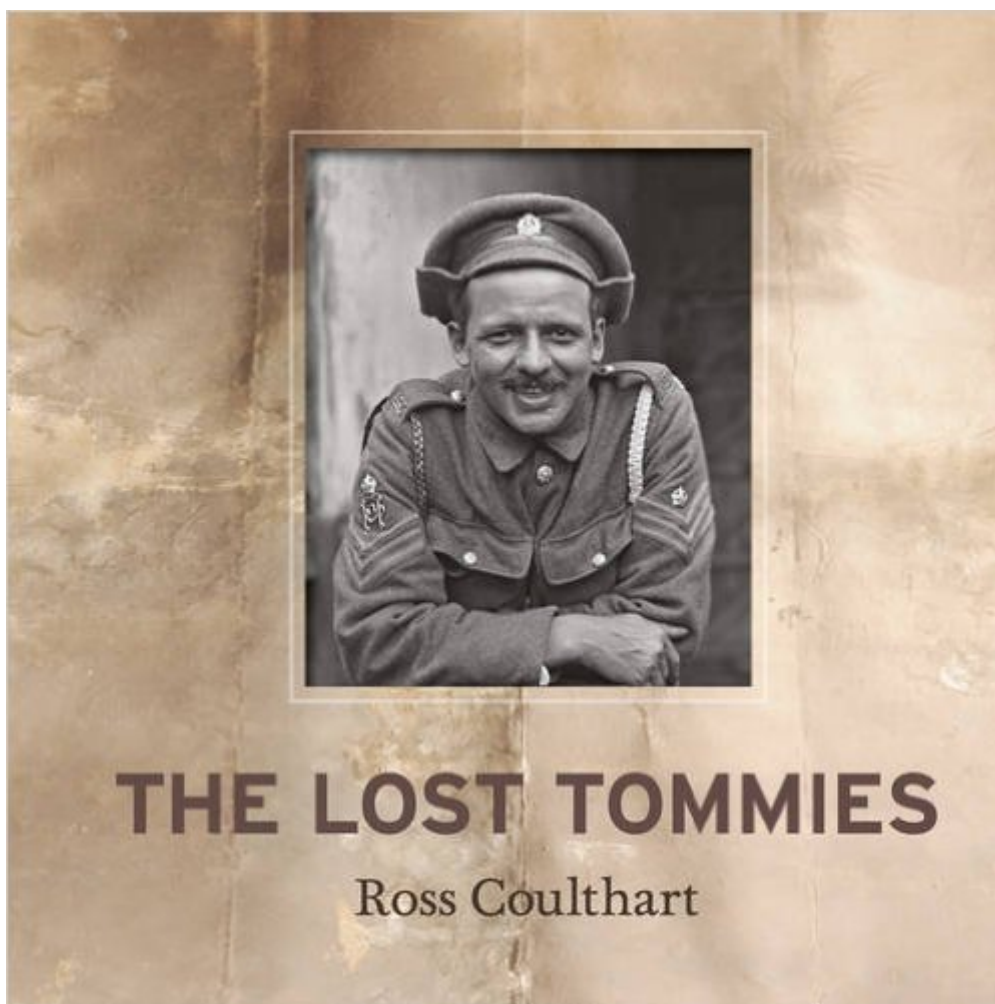


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It’s impossible to write enough good things about this book. So often nowadays, books are published on the cheap, but ‘The Lost Tommies’ is just the opposite. It’s one of those rare books with beautiful photographs, well-written text, and plenty of background information. The story of how these incredible images came to light is interesting, as they were all shot by a husband and wife in

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