

SIMMONDS BEER

Reading was a good place to make beer because malted barley and hops were produced locally in large crops.

The most Famous brewery was H & G Simonds founded in 1785. The brewery installed a steam engine in 1799.

Simonds supplied the Military college in Sandhurst. Their beer became the army's favourite and was taken to the Crimea and Boer Wars. They also supplied Great Western Railway.