

KING'S CLIFFE AND THE FIRST GREAT WAR 1914 TO 1918

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The "Stamford and Rutland News" was a local newspaper which commenced publication in September 1912 and ceased in 1939 with the advent of World War II. I have found it to be the most informative of our local papers on the weekly news of King's Cliffe for those years, but especially for the war years. One can read of the impact on daily life in general and, most importantly, of those men of our village who went away to the war, and of them, those who lost their lives (or almost all of them).

It proved to be a war which changed life for the nation and for everyone. And although at first it may have appeared to change King's Cliffe but a little, soon it changed in ways which could not be resisted. There was a calm before the storm. If we look at the newspaper reports for Cliffe and district, say, from 1st January 1913 to the day when war broke out on 4th August 1914, there is not a hint of the threat of war which pre-occupied the Government of the day under Prime Minister H. H. Asquith. The tide of daily life flows so quietly and so sweetly through King's Cliffe; there was no radio and no radio commentators to keep people in country villages informed of what was seething and bubbling in the greater world; indeed, local newspapers gave little space to such affairs, and in any case not many village folk took or read them. So before we study the passage of the war from its first day onwards, let us take a brief look at the tranquil life of Cliffe, as reported in the Stamford & Rutland News in those halcyon days of 1913 and 1914.

John Nibloe Hare, that poor boy of King's Cliffe who became Manager of the London Omnibus Company and thrice Mayor of Arundel, Sussex, active patron both of the Cricket Club and the Pig Club, died on 26th December 1912; and his great friend George Miles, timber-merchant and uncrowned king of King's Cliffe, died a few days later, 31st December 1912. Their passing stilled for a while the heated debates which then occupied the Parish Council over the Water Scheme for the village and the final costings of the new cemetery on Apethorpe Road. In late July the King's Cliffe Horticultural Society held its seventh annual show in Mr. John House's field, but unfortunately charges of dishonesty on the part of certain exhibitors provoked a furious rumpus in the village and the society's secretary, Mr. Ventross Green, resigned in disgust at the outcome. 1913 closed with the not unusual arguments about all the parish charities and about the troubled business of charges to be made for the piped water which had just reached the village, a work assisted by Mr. H. L. C. Brassey of Apethorpe. In February 1914 Mr. William "Puff-and-Dart" Dixon retired as Sexton of the Parish Church; his place was filled by Mr. Fred "Knacker" Blake of Park Street, the village-saddler, harness-maker and pig-killer, who took over the four-times-a-day ringing of the fifth church bell, an ancient Cliffe tradition. Sunday 10th May the Church Choir, boys and men, went "on strike" over the Rector's dismissal of Mr. Tom Hawke for singing out of harmony. The strikers caused confusion among the congregation by sitting around the church and singing each his own part loudly. A church fete was held in the Rectory grounds on the 8th July in aid of the restoration of the church bells, a work begun that same week. There was some talk in the R. D. C. Housing Committee about erecting cottages on the Stamford road in Cliffe. A Cliffe man appeared on 18th July 1914 at Oundle Sessions for setting snares and taking a rabbit on the Blatherwycke estate. He told keeper Tim Healey when caught that he wanted "one for the pot". Supt. Tebby said that defendant got his living by poaching and when previously convicted had hid himself in a wood for a month and it had required four policemen to root him out. The deaths of two parishioners John Thomas Bailey and Mrs. Mary Blake in July and August, respectively, aroused more interest in the village than did news of Continental armies being mobilised. John Tom Bailey had been postmaster of Cliffe for almost forty years; grocer also in his corner-shop at the Cross. Mary Blake was the widow of John Lucas Blake, the former saddler, who prior to her marriage was the esteemed and last headmistress of the old National Church School in Hog Lane. No doubt folk shook their heads and deplored the way in which the old, the real, King's Cliffe was passing away with the deaths of such notable old timers as these.

This scene of rural tranquility was now overshadowed by the outbreak of war. All seemed well for a time, but there were signs of unease. Cliffe Feast was observed in the week commencing Sunday 25th July as usual but it was reported as "a poor feast" and disappointing: no Flower Show; the Fair people cleared from their usual pitch in the Station Field after one day. The "News" carried these reports soon after the outbreak:

26th August 1914: "The Rector presided over a well-attended meeting of ladies in the village the other night to consider the best methods to adopt for the making of garments for the soldiers at the front,

and also for the wounded. Many present offered to find material and make it up; others gave subscriptions to purchase material for those who were willing to make up either at their own homes or at a special sewing meeting. "

4th November 1914: " Refugees. - A public meeting was held in the Park Street Schoolroom on Monday evening to consider the best means of housing and maintaining the Belgian refugees. There was a large attendance, and Mr. E. J. Hawkes, who was in the chair, read a letter from the County Council with suggestions for assistance. The meeting was unanimous in wishing to entertain a number of the refugees in the village, and Mrs. Howes informed the meeting that she was willing to rent the residence of the late Mr. G. Miles, "Rockbourne", and place it at the disposal of the committee. This offer was received with loud applause, and Mrs. Howes was heartily thanked. Offers of furniture, coal, etc., came from all parts of the room, and it was agreed to canvass the village for weekly subscriptions....."

16th September 1914: " The names of 25 King's Cliffe men in the Army are as follows:- S. Wilders, H. Roberts, A. Stanger, T. Sauntson, J. Woodhouse, J. Giddings, F. Lattimore, J. Langley, J. Green, G. Green, T. Goodwin, T. Hawke, E. Smith, W. Craythorn, J. Scotney, H. Carrington, G. Smith, E. Beales, E. Bollans, P. Skinner, W. Roberts, H. Smith, M. Butler, G. W. Mountney, and W. Henson."

A feature of the old "West End" of West Street used to be an ancient wooden-framed cottage which stood "end-on" on the green at the end of the street. In December 1914 the District Council took steps to purchase this cottage for demolition, it being in a dilapidated state, and so remove " an eyesore". What the village had long since forgotten was that this cott had been the gate-house on this site, controlling the gate which closed the street in Pre-Inclosure times and so prevent animals from straying into the village street, This is what the "News" reported 19th January 1916:- "The demolition of the old house which has projected on to the road at the Blatherwycke end of the village for so many years, is now complete. Standing back on the Blatherwycke road one can see at a glance what a great improvement (when the corner has been taken off) it will be. There will then be ample room for vehicles to pass. At present it is an eye-sore."

The time was bound to come when news would be received of the first 'Cliffe casualty of the conflict.

20th January 1915 "Sad News.- News has reached Mr and Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, of West Street, of the death of their son, Private W. Sharpe, of the 1st Northamptons, which occurred on September 11th at the Battle of the Aisne. Although no official communication has been received of his death, a comrade who was wounded at the same time has written stating that Private Sharpe was shot through the head and died shortly afterwards, being wounded in a wood with six comrades. Sharpe, who enlisted at the outbreak of war, was 20 years of age, and is the first 'Cliffe man to fall for his country."

21st April 1915 "Soldier Wounded.- News has been received that George William Britten, of King's Cliffe, better known as "Bildad", has been wounded in the thigh and is in France at the No.4 Hospital. We have reason to suppose that the wound is not of a serious nature, and we hope he will soon be fit for duty again."

The rigours of war began to affect daily life in the village. Prices began to rise fast. By April 1915 coal was costing 1s. 8d. per cwt., and coke was selling at the station at 28s. 6d.per ton. In April that year the two Friendly Societies abandoned, for the first time in their long history, their Club Feasts and their processions with bands and banners. However, the schoolchildren kept up the May Day ceremonies, but this year without a Maypole.

19th May 1915 " Died of Wounds.- The sad news was received here on Wednesday of the death from wounds on May 5th at the Dardanelles of Sergeant F. Rothwell, of the Lancashire Fusiliers. Sergeant Rothwell was the husband of Mrs. Rothwell, who resides with her mother, Mrs.Geo.Bollans, at King's Cliffe. "

Then it was suggested in the "News" of 7th July 1915 that " With excellent sites available for factory purposes, a good water supply and rail service, and plenty of willing workers, it is hoped that it may be possible for Cliffe to be a centre for some share of munition making."

In May 1915 Mr. George Love, Headmaster at the Schools, acquired land adjoining the schools for the purpose of teaching the older boys gardening. The land was first dug over for them, and then divided into plots in which they sowed and planted peas, beans and potatoes. " Dig for Victory " !

26th May 1915 "The sad news was received on Tuesday morning of the death in action, on April 25th, of Private T. Goodwin, who belonged to the East Surrey Regiment. Private Goodwin was an employee of Mr. H. L. C. Brassey, MP, and enlisted soon after the war broke out. He was organ blower at the Congregational Church. "

New recruits from Cliffe in January 1916 were:- Neville Parker and Daniel Roberts (Royal Engineers); Herbert Chapman and Jack Dixon (The 3rd Suffolks); Rifleman Tom Dixon of the Post Office Rifles, son of Mr. H. E. Dixon, as also was Jack Dixon. Then sometime in early March of 1916 two King's Cliffe brothers met in France quite by chance. They were Private Charles Herson and Private James Herson. Their mother Mrs. Herson has another son William who has recently enlisted.

22nd March 1916 " ANOTHER HERO KILLED,- We regret to announce that Private George Dixon of the 7th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. James Dixon, Park Street, King's Cliffe, has fallen in action on the Western Front..... Private Dixon had been in France about 12 months, and was 28 years of age."

18th October 1916 "SAD OFFICIAL NEWS.- Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Lyman, who received a few days ago official information of the death of her son, Private R. Miles, of the Lincolnshire Regiment. The young man, who was familiarly known as "Reggie", was a general favourite with all who knew him. The communication from the war authorities states that he was killed in action in France on October 13th 1916, which was the date of his 22nd birthday. "

The collection of herbs for medicinal purposes by schoolchildren was an exercise undertaken generally to supplement the pharmaceutical needs of the country-at-war. At Cliffe it was undertaken and directed by Mrs. Bailey, the headmistress, so that we find this report in the "News" of 8th November 1916 -"COLLECTING HERBS - The schoolchildren, assisted by Mrs. Bailey (headmistress) and teachers, have been collecting for some time herbs for medicinal purposes, and on Saturday last sent off 14 sacks, weighing 2½., cwt. dried. The herbs collected were yarrow, wild carrot, violet leaves, blackberry leaves, golden rod, meadow sweet, and valerian." And in a similar report of date 4th July 1917 we read: "In their efforts to collect herbs for medicinal purposes, the headmistress (Mrs. Bailey) and the assistants (Miss Chapman and Miss Featherstone) have been very successful. The herbs collected by the schoolchildren, dried and despatched this week, are 2,000 lbs. of ground ivy, 3,000 lbs. of wood sanicle, and 200 lbs of woodruff. Mrs. J. G. Howes has very kindly placed a drying shed at their disposal."

By Christmas 1916 the war in the trenches on the "Western Front" had become extremely grim. At the same time the "Home Front" became grim, and more so in 1917 with food and fuel shortages. But in spite of everything some 50 parcels were sent off from King's Cliffe Rectory to each of the Cliffe men on active service. Each parcel contained a home-made cake, some cigarettes and a Christmas card. And in April 1917 Mrs. Orlebar, the Rector's wife, sent to the Red Cross from her sewing-party 12 shirts, 21 pairs of socks, 6 pairs of slippers, 5 pairs of night socks and 1 pair of mittens.

30th May 1917 "MILITARY MEDALLIST - A letter has been received from Major General A. B. Scott by Mrs. Carrington, commending her son, Private Horace Carrington, R.A.M.C., for bravery shown in an attack on the enemy's position on April 9th, when General Scott's division captured 20 officers, 1200 men, 41 field guns and howitzers, 28 machine guns and 2 aerial torpedo throwers. All will be pleased to hear that Private Carrington is to be awarded the Military Medal."

24th October 1917 "PROMOTION - G. H. Henson, son of Mr. G. Henson, of Park Street, has been gazetted second-lieutenant of the 4th Dragoons. "

In October 1917 the Rector, the Revd. H. A. Orlebar retired at the age of 72. The Revd. J. W. Marsh was appointed to succeed him, and was instituted 2nd February 1918.

23rd January 1918 "NO CHEESE AND LARD - Although there are no queues in the village, grocers are having a difficulty in sharing out their limited supplies. Several shops are cleared out of tea, and

cheese and lard are unobtainable. Small supplies of margarine are distributed as available. The sugar ticket system is working satisfactorily.

2nd.Lieut.Richard Shrive, of King's Cliffe, has been awarded .the M.C, for gallant conduct. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shrive, formerly of Westwood Street, Peterborough, now of King's Cliffe. He is a regular soldier. In the same week his brother, J. B. Shrive, Royal Fusiliers, was killed in action in East Africa, on 18th October.

13th February 1918 GALLANT CONDUCT - The Military Medal has been awarded by the Corps Commander, under authority granted by His Majesty the King, for devotion to duty and courage displayed during active operations against the enemy on 23rd, 24th, and 25th November, 1917, to Corpl. E. Catlin, East Surrey Regiment. Corpl. Catlin is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs. J. Catlin, of West Street, who are justly proud of their son's bravery.

THE MOTHER OF 19 CHILDREN - On Saturday last Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, aged 70, wife of Mr. John Roberts, returned home from Peterborough Infirmary, at which institution she has been a patient since January 8th. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts celebrated their golden wedding last June. Mrs. Roberts has been the mother of 19 children, and their descendants consist of 38 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. They have two sons serving in the Army.

HOME FROM ITALY - To the surprise of relations and friends, Lance-Corporal Tom Little arrived home from Italy on Saturday night. It is a common occurrence for soldiers to come home from France, but Italy seemed too distant for furlough. Corporal Little was home on leave last October, and was then wired for to join his regiment and proceed to Italy. He speaks of fighting there as "a picnic" compared with that in France..... On coming home he passed through the Simplon tunnel, the longest in the world. We have two other soldiers in Italy, Privates Harry Harker and Fred Cunnington.

20th February 1918 FOR THE PRISONERS OF WAR - The fourth entertainment for providing funds for prisoners of war took place in the School-rooms, and consisted of a whist drive and social. The rooms were crowded. An excellent programme of songs and recitations was gone through. Dancing was also indulged in..... In spite of the food shortage, there was a good display of tempting dishes in the refreshment room, all given by parishioners, the amount taken at the tables being about £9. The Rector (Revd. J. W. Marsh) and Mrs. Marsh were present, this being the first public function since their arrival in the village.

27th February 1918 NO BEER OR TEA - The public-houses were closed on Sunday, there being a beer shortage. Many tea-drinkers were in the same fix, tea being unobtainable in the village.

6th March 1918 ON LEAVE - Private H. Green, Loyal North Lancashires, of King's Cliffe, has been at home for a few days prior to returning to France after suffering from trench fever. Private W. Sharp. R.A.S.C. of Cliffe, has also had four days leave.

SOLDIER'S BAD LUCK.- His many friends will be sorry to hear that Private Harold Stapleton, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been wounded in the head. Private Stapleton had only been back in the trenches a short time, after having five weeks in hospital with tonsillitis.

SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS - Mr. E. J. Hawkes presided over a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday. The accounts for the year were passed. Various matters connected with the water supply were considered. Mr. F. Edgson reported a very serious shortage of essential foodstuffs in the village, especially fats. Margarine supplies had been stopped for nearly a month, and lard, cheese, and bacon were almost unobtainable. The health of the children must suffer unless there was a better distribution. People were sending their sugar cards to Stamford to get supplies of margarine. The matter has been reported to the Food Committee, and it is hoped that supplies may soon be available.

15th May 1918 KING'S CLIFFE: ROLL OF THE BRAVE.- The list of village patriots now numbers 203, of whom twenty-two have made the supreme sacrifice.

A PATRIOTIC FAMILY - On Thursday, says the "Peterborough Standard", Mr. Chas. Saddington joined up. This is the sixth son of Mr. George Saddington to serve King and Country, while three

daughters are working under Government, and Mr. Saddington himself is employed on munitions. One daughter, the youngest, is at home looking after an invalid mother. One son has fallen on the field of honour in France. The eldest was the last to join the army, on account of Mr. James Kingston, for whom he has worked over 20 years, and now that he has gone the parish is without a grave-digger. It should be added that it was not Mr. Chas. Saddington's wish that anyone should appeal for him; he was always willing to go.

It will be obvious to the reader that the "Stamford and Rutland News" has not reported every fatality, up to this date, of men of King's Cliffe. In other respects it was a paper which presented a good coverage of village news. I suspect that, for the sake of finding mention of others of the fallen, we must search the columns of the Stamford Mercury and the Peterborough Advertiser. However, what the "News" did continue to present, from June 1918 onwards, was coverage of the impact of the war on the daily life of Cliffe. In particular it reported well on the re-habilitation of village life in the years immediately following on the Armistice of 11th November 1918; the launch of the Memorial Hall and the erection of the Memorial of the Fallen in our Parish Church were given special notice.

5th June 1918 "KING'S CLIFFE.- A PARISH MEETING was held on Friday night to consider an offer made by Major D. W. Powell, of the Manor House, to give the parish for the purposes of a village hall the old malting premises, for many years disused. The gift is a most generous one, but owing to the rather awkward position of the building and the outlay required, it is doubtful whether the offer can be accepted for this purpose."

The Scholarship Day of the Schools came to life again on Wednesday 13th June; a successful Garden Fete held in the Rectory Garden on 27th July raised "over £30" for the "Prisoner of War Fund". Mr. H. E. Dixon heard from his son Tom at the same time to the effect that he had been taken prisoner in the "big push" of March 28th. Then also news came that Private F. S. Fitzhugh, eldest son of Police Sergt. Fitzhugh, of King's Cliffe, was officially reported missing since 27th May; he was aged 19 and had been in France one month only.

31st July 1918 "JAM MAKING - Owing to the scarcity of jam the members of the Women's Institute are collecting all surplus fruit, and have obtained a quantity of sugar from the Ministry of Food for the purpose of making a supply of jam for the village. The jam will be sold at control prices, the maximum allowance per family being six pounds."

Then came the tremendous relief of the Armistice on 11th November 1918. Of that memorable day the "News" reported thus:-
"KING'S CLIFFE" "AT 11 O'CLOCK news of the Armistice came from Peterborough. As the school flag was hoisted, rousing cheers were given by the assembled children, who were granted a day's holiday. The youngsters were afterwards dressed in fancy costumes and paraded the village with all kinds of "music". They also marched to the aerodrome, where they had a great reception, and £2. 6s. was collected by them for soldiers' gifts. A thanksgiving service was held at the Parish Church, every seat being occupied, the Revd. J. W. Marsh, officiating. Crowds paraded the streets at night, and the Kaiser's effigy was incinerated. "

11th December 1918 "DIED IN GERMANY - We regret that Private Tom Green, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. J. V. Green, King's Cliffe, has died after being a prisoner in Germany, He was being daily expected home, and a returned prisoner friend has written stating that death took place on October 21st, from the influenza. Deep sympathy is felt for the parents, as both their sons have lost their lives in the war."

25th December 1918 "RED CROSS - Since January 1st to the present week, which, with the conclusion of peace, terminates the egg collection in this village, 3600 eggs have been sent to the local depot, and £1 10s 6d in cash. Mrs. Roberts has been heartily thanked for the way she has carried out the collection."

The projected Village Hall became the subject of great debate in King's Cliffe once peace had come to pass. Rector John Marsh was the prime organiser for it, his efforts being reported on frequently in the "News". But not without critical opposition from a certain quarter! There was then a certain gentleman in the village who for years had written letters to the Press, always under a pseudonym, criticising this, that and the other. In a strange way he seemed able to influence many people; now

we find him opposing the village hall project in letters to the News. The edition of 1st January 1919 carried this letter:

"Sir.- As a subscriber to the Hall, I find there is considerable opposition to £500 being spent upon the disused malting given to the parish by Colonel Powell. One should never look a gift horse in the mouth. It was a splendid offer to the parish, and as we have been trying to get a village hall ever since I can remember, therefore I subscribed. But on second thought I do not consider the promoters are justified in spending £500 on the malting. The position of the building is bad, and I predict that it will not be patronised, and that it would be like burying the money to carry out extensive alterations upon such an out-of-the-way place. Yours faithfully
A SUBSCRIBER, King's Cliffe, December 28th. "

And so a little battle began, with frequent letters from the "gentleman" to the Press. Rector Marsh fought bravely from his corner, and did much to raise subscriptions (especially from Mr. H. L. C. Brassey, of Apethorpe, who started off with a donation of £100). In a letter of response dated 3rd January 1919 the Rector wrote that there was not "considerable" opposition, and ended his reply thus:- "I am sorry that "A Subscriber" regrets that he has subscribed, but I will make him a sporting offer. If he will call on me I will return his money at once, because I feel sure the committee does not wish to accept money for a War Memorial that is not given willingly, only I hope his thoughts will move a little quicker this time, for I notice that it took him nearly eight months to reach his second thoughts, and if it takes as long to reach his third ones, the building will be completed, and his subscription spent.

J.W.MARSH. Hon. Sec. 'Cliffe Memorial Hall Fund.
January 3rd, 1919"

22nd January 1919 "REPATRIATED PRISONERS - All the boys have returned safely, and all look remarkably well, with the exception of Private Tom Dixon. Private Dixon says he had a terrible time - bad food and serious illness. He says he never expected to see old England again. We hope he will soon be strong. "

Life began to get back to normal, apart from the fact that there seemed always to be a shortage of coal. The Rector revived the Cricket Club, with Mr. Fred Blake as captain, Mr. A. R. Bailey as sub-captain, and Mr. J. A. Ellis as Treasurer. The Tennis Club was revived; an "Allotment and Smallholders' Association" inaugurated with the Revd. John Marsh as president, Mr. George Love, Headmaster, as secretary. The Parish Council swung into action with an election which brought new blood to the fore; we learn of this from a report in the "News" dated 16th April 1919:

"THE NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS.- It is many years since so much interest was taken in the Parish Council election as was the case on Monday last. Out of a possible 350 voters 277 polled, the result declared by Mr. G. Coombs at 10 o'clock to a large crowd, being as follows: Revd. J. W. Marsh, 304; J. V. Green, 181; L. Dixon, 171; G. R. Love, 171; F. Blake, 165; J. Elliott, 160; A. R. Bailey, 158; J. Chapman, 153; F. Edgson, 151; H. Dixon, 149; C. Bollans, 133. Not elected: R. Green, 129; C. Pettifer, 83; A. R. Adams, 81; H. H. Beasley, 66."

The idea of "Peace Celebrations" came forward in May 1919, with a committee to organise them. It was decided finally to give a tea to all children under 14, to give a meat tea to all soldiers and sailors, to organise sports for children and adults, all to finish with a huge bonfire. This was all duly carried out on the designated "Peace Day" in July and proved satisfactory. In truth, the prime interest and concern for the village was the creation of the village hall. The "News" of 25th June 1919 carried this report: -

"THE VILLAGE HALL - The transformation of the old malting into the Village Memorial Hall is proceeding satisfactorily, but the estimate of the cost is likely to be considerably exceeded. Major H. L. C. Brassey has doubled his donation, making it £200. The opening ceremony is expected to take place in October." In fact the opening took place on 27th October 1919, when the ceremony was performed by Lady Violet Brassey. Presented to the village by Colonel Powell in memory of his brother Capt. Townsend George Powell, Northamptonshire Regiment, who was killed in action on May 9th, 1915, the Rector informed those present that some £700 had been either received or promised towards the cost, reckoned to be about £1000. So it was that King's Cliffe commemorated the men of the village who had paid the great price.

Honourable awards were conferred on certain of those who had served in the war. Thus Horace Carrington received the Military Medal and the Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded to Mr. J. Roberts, son of Mr. Daniel Roberts, of the Wheel Inn, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In due course the project of a War Memorial was promoted by the Rector in several public meetings. It was decided eventually to place a stone tablet in the Parish Church. Designed by Mr. H. F. Traylen, architect, of Stamford, this was dedicated by Archdeacon Whittingham on the evening of Friday 8th July 1921. A panel of Bath stone, on it are incised these names of the 33 men of King's Cliffe who fell in the Great War of 1914-1918.

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF

E. BEAL	D. KINGSTON
H. BLAKE	A. LATIMORE
A. BURGE	E. LATIMORE
T. CAVE	T. LITTLE
L. COLES	R. MILES
G. DIXON	T. G. POWELL
A. EDGSON	C. ROBERTS
F. FITZHUGH	F. SADDINGTON
J. GIDDINGS	A. SAUNDERS
T. GOODWIN	W. SHARPE
H. GREEN	A. SHARPE
H. V. GREEN	J. SHARPE
T. E. GREEN	J. SHRIVE
H. GREEN	J. SMITH
J. HARKER	L. SMITH
C. HEALEY	F. WALPOLE
C. WOOTTON	

A VICTIM of that war whose name deserved a place on the Memorial was Private T. H. Roberts, eldest son of Mr. Daniel Denton Roberts, landlord of the Wheel Inn. He was badly wounded in leg and thigh in the Cambrai battle of December 1917. Discharged after nine hospital operations, seemingly well, his severe wounds re-asserted, and he spent some years living bedridden in an "open-air" shed on the old Backway, near his home. Death in consequence of those wounds claimed his life on 7th November 1927, at the age of 35.