

**A SKETCH IN THE
FEB TRENCHES. 1916**

A pencil sketch has reached us from the trenches of Lance-Corporal A. E. Bishop, 3rd Dragoon Guards, son of Mr. F. G. Bishop,



of Ashford-road, Tenterden. The sketch was made by a comrade of Bishop's, and has been worked up by our artist.

TENTERDEN.

A great throng of worshippers gathered at the parish church of St. Mildred at half-past eight on Tuesday evening, at a special service arranged as a tribute to the memory of Lord Kitchener, when the sacred edifice was crowded. The Mayor's seat was occupied by his Worship (Councillor H. Judge), who was supported by Alderman E. H. Hardcastle. The front seats of the north aisle were occupied by the wounded soldiers from the V.A.D. Hospital, and near by were a large contingent of the hospital nurses. There were also present a large muster of the Tenterden Volunteers, also of the Boy Scouts. The service, which was conducted by the vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington), was ushered in by a voluntary played by Mr. A. H. Smith, the Burial Service being principally followed. The opening sentences were read by the Vicar as the choir proceeded to their seats. Following Psalm 90, "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge," beautifully rendered by the choir. The lesson being read, the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was sung, and at the conclusion of the prayers another hymn, "The Saints of God! their conflict past," was sung. The Dead March in "Saul," played by the organist, the congregation standing, brought a memorial service of a memorable character to a close. **JUNE 1916**

Frederick Ledger, of St. Michael's, Tenterden, who went down with his ship, H.M.S. Indefatigable at the battle of Horn Reef, joined the training ship Powerful at Devonport on June 18th, 1914. He did so well there that he was transferred to H.M.S. Indefatigable soon after the commencement of the war. He was the eldest son of Mrs. A. Ledger, of St. Michael's, who is a widow with six younger children. Fred was only seventeen on April 10th last, and is the third in the little village to give his life for his King and Country. **JUNE 1916**

News has been received by Mrs. Rice, of St. Michael's, Tenterden, that her youngest son, Private G. Rice, Essex Regiment, has been killed in action. He was only twenty years of age, and joined up when the war broke out. He had been to the Dardanelles and Egypt. He has three brothers serving, one of whom has returned to the front a second time. Another brother is working on munitions, he having come home from the Front with frozen feet, and being unfit for further active service. **JULY 1916**

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**Pvt. J. Blackman, St. Michael's, Tenterden.
(Missing).**



**Pvt. W. Eales, St. Michael's, Tenterden.
(Wounded).**

Private Harry Bridge is the son of Mr. R. Bridge, builder, of Tenterden. Having a brother at the Western front Private Bridge was jealous of the fact that he should be there while he was stationed at Kamptec. At length the time came for him to be in the thick of the fighting in Mesopotamia and he has been wounded, while his brother has so far fortunately escaped. **FEB 1916**

Private Russell Clifton is a son of Recruiting-Sergeant E. R. Clifton, of Tenterden, and is his second son to be wounded in the war.

News has reached Tenterden that Gunner Herbert Hook, R.G.A., only son of Mr. N. Hook, The Quarter, Tenterden, was wounded in France on October 7th and is now in Lord Kitchener's Hospital at Brighton. Gunner Hook, who was in the employ of Messrs. Arnold and Son, East Peckham, Paddock Wood, enlisted thirteen months ago and proceeded to the front early in May. **OCT 1916**

Private H. J. Taunt, who has been killed in action, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Taunt, of Station-road, Tenterden, and was twenty years of age. This is the second son that Mr.

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Private H. J. Taunt (Tenterden).

and Mrs. Taunt have had killed in action during the present war.

Last week we recorded the death in France of Trooper Albert Edward Bishop, 3rd Dragoon Guards, who succumbed to the effects of a kick from a horse. Trooper Bishop, who was nineteen years of age, was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bishop, of Tenterden. The following letter has been received by his mother from the officer commanding his squadron:—"I regret to inform you of the

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Trooper A. E. Bishop, Tenterden.

sudden death of your son on the 3rd instant. He was saddling up a young horse which had just arrived, and it lashed out and kicked him in the chest. He lived for a few hours afterwards. The regiment was moving, and consequently I was not able to see him after the accident, nor was I able to be present at his funeral, which took place at Corrie-Sur-Somme, ten miles from Amiens. The doctor arrived directly after the accident, and everything humanely possible was done to save his life. I cannot tell you how greatly I sympathise with you in your sorrow. He was one of the smartest young fellows in the squadron."