

## FOR THEIR KING AND COUNTRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Holdstock, of Golden Square, Tenterden, received official notice that their ninth and youngest son, Private Frederick Arthur Holdstock, Royal West Surrey Regiment, was killed in action in France on March 23rd. Private Holdstock, who was twenty-six years of age, made various attempts to join the army, but having lost a finger when a boy, was rejected. Eventually, in February, 1917, he was accepted and joined the 198th Labour Battalion and immediately proceeded to France, and had only just been transferred to the Royal West Surrey Regiment. For several years he was in the employ of Mr. R. Horton, butcher, of Tenterden, but for some little time before he joined up he was employed by Mr. Thorpe, miller, of Rye. This is the second son Mr. and Mrs. Holdstock have lost in the war. **MAY 1918**

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ballard, of Bower Cottages, Tenterden, received official intelligence on Monday of the death of their son, Rifleman Ernest Frederick Ballard, London Irish Rifles, who was killed in action in France on March 25th. Private E. Ballard, who was twenty years of age on February 16th, was Mr. and Mrs. Ballard's seventh son. He joined the 1/4th Buffs during January, 1916, and went to France in September of the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard have three other sons and one son-in-law serving in the forces. Of these Driver Herbert Ballard, R.F.A., went to France on August 12th, 1914, and Sergeant Alfred Ballard, R.F.A., also went to France on September 6th, 1914. Both were in the retreat from Mons and both are still serving in France. **APRIL 1918**

Mr. and Mrs. James Velvick, of Old Malt House, Tenterden, received intelligence on Thursday, from the captain of his regiment, that their youngest son, Private Charles Frank Velvick, West Yorkshire Regiment, was killed in action in France on April 11th. Private Velvick, who would have reached his nineteenth year in June next, joined up in June, 1917. He went to France on April 2nd and had thus been but nine days in that country. Before joining up he was employed by Mr. A. W. Cooper, at Dumbourne Farm. His captain wrote:—"It is with regret that I write to inform you of the death of your son, who was killed in action on the 11th instant. I do hope that the fact that he died like a hero for his king and country may in some way console you in your great loss. He had not been with us very long, which makes his loss all the more great, but as you know in these times things happen so very quickly, and one cannot in any way avoid them. If there is anything you wish to know please write and I will do all I can."

Driver H. Smith, R.E., who was killed in action on April 11th, was the husband of Mrs. Smith, of New-street, Ash, and his parents live at Hoaden, Ash. Driver Smith, who was twenty-two years of age, went to France in July, 1915, and in June, 1917, came home and was married. He had only been back in France three weeks since his last leave when he was killed. **MAY 1918**

There seems to be a scarcity of mouth organs at the front and we have been asked by a Tenterden lad in the Royal West Kents to invite our readers to let his battalion have one. If any of our readers has a mouth organ to be forwarded to this gallant regiment the Editor of the Kentish Express will be pleased to receive any of these instruments and forward to the proper quarters.

Mrs. Dapson, of Ratsbury, Tenterden, who had received official intelligence that her husband, Private G. Dapson, Royal West Kent Regiment, was missing in France on March 21st, last week received a card from her husband, who is a prisoner of war at Langerhooz, Germany. He stated that he was well and she was not to worry about him. Private Dapson, who joined up during February, 1917, was previously in the employ of Messrs. W. Elliott and Son, builders, of Tenterden. **MAY 1918**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards, West House, Tenterden, have received information that their son, Second Lieutenant R. O. Edwards, Lincolnshire Regiment, is a prisoner of war. **MAY 1918**

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Carpenter, of Tanyard Farm, Tenterden, on Sunday last received official intelligence of the death of their eldest son, Corporal George Carpenter, 4th Royal West Kent Regiment, who, at the age of twenty-nine, was killed in action in Palestine on September 19th. He joined the 2/5th Battalion the Buffs during the autumn of 1914, and for a time while training was stationed at Bedford. He left for Egypt on June 3rd, 1915, and fought through the Gallipoli campaign. He later went to Palestine and was wounded during the first battle of Gaza, having previously been transferred from the Buffs to the Royal West Kents. Before joining up he was in the employ of Messrs. O. Edwards and Sons, at the Tenterden Brewery, for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, who have received many letters of sympathy from the inhabitants of Tenterden, also have a son-in-law who has been reported missing since November last. **1918**

Official intelligence has been received of the death of Private Percy Edgar Marchant, the third son of Mr. B. J. Phillips, of Mayor's Place, Tenterden, who was killed in action in France on August 23rd. Private Marchant, who was nineteen years of age, joined up on Easter Monday, 1917, receiving his first training at Luton, where he joined the Bedfordshire Regiment. He was sent to France last March, being then transferred to the Essex Regiment. He has two brothers in the army, one of whom joined the Royal Field Artillery on August 30th, 1914, and after an absence of three years reached home on leave on the very day his brother was killed. Deceased's step-father, Pioneer B. J. Phillips, R.E., has also been serving in France during the past three years and his eldest brother was wounded in France, but has been back at the front since April last. **SEPT. 1918**

Mrs. Morris, of Ashenden stables, Tenterden, received news on Saturday that her husband, Private A. Morris, South Lancs. Regiment, had been killed in action on April 30th in France. His captain writes that he died nobly doing his duty and that it is due to his sacrifice and the sacrifice of many of his comrades, that we are now holding the enemy. Another officer in his platoon writes: "He was a very good man and will be greatly missed by both the men and myself." Private Morris joined up in June, 1916, after having been coachman to Major Neve, at Pullington, Benenden, for sixteen years. He was home on leave in January last. He was the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, of Shortlands-road, Sittingbourne, and was in his forty-first year. **MAY 1918**

Charles Cecil Tribe, of the Drake Battalion, Royal Naval Division, who was killed in France on May 27th, was the younger son of Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden. Previous to enlisting he was manager for the International Tea Company at Gravesend. He joined the Royal Naval Division in January, 1915, and went to Gallipoli in June of the same year. After the withdrawal he was sent to France and was wounded in November on the Somme front. He was subsequently in hospitals at Manchester and Bristol, and after undergoing a second operation at the latter place was sent out again to France in April of the present year. The news of his supreme sacrifice was received in a letter from the chaplain of his Division, who stated that a shell burst in a trench, killing him and five others instantaneously. He would have been twenty-eight on the 16th of the present month. He married last September Miss Crowhurst, of 33, Lavender Hill, Tonbridge. **JUNE 1918**

Mrs. F. J. Jeffrey, of Bells Street, Tenterden, has received official intelligence of the death of her husband, Lance-Corporal Frederick John Jeffrey, Royal Munster Fusiliers, who was killed in action in France on July 1st. Deceased, who was 28 years of age, was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffrey, of Great Chart. Before the war he served for eight years in the old Volunteers and Territorials. On November 24th, 1914, he joined the 5th Buffs, and was stationed in various parts of England. Volunteering for active service in France he proceeded there on October 24th, 1916, and was a few days later transferred to the Royal Munster Fusiliers. He had been through several severe engagements and arrived home on leave on December 9th last, returning to France three days before Christmas. He was well-known and greatly respected in Tenterden. For several years he drove the mail, until the headquarters were removed from Tenterden, and at the time of joining up he was in the employ of Mr. Morphew Parsons. He had been married nine years and leaves a widow and two children. He had five brothers serving in the forces, three of whom are in France, one in India and another in Egypt. **AUG 1918**

Mr. and Mrs. G. Goodsell, of Peel's Place, Tenterden, have received official intelligence of the death of their eldest son, Leading Stoker John Henry Goodsell, who was drowned while on duty on one of His Majesty's ships on Thursday last. Leading Stoker Goodsell, who reached his twenty-fourth birthday in September last, joined the Navy in August, 1911, his first ship after his training being the cruiser Yarmouth. While proceeding to China during September, 1913, his brother Frank curiously joined the Yarmouth at Malta, and they remained on the China Station to March, 1914, when they returned to England. After serving on several ships he entered the submarine service. He had recently been home on leave. This is the second loss Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell have sustained during the war, their third son, George, having been killed in France on October 12th, last. **FEB 1918**

Lance-Corporal T. Amies, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Amies, of Golden-square, Tenterden, who is serving with the Royal West Kent Regiment, is lying wounded in Rouen General Hospital. His parents received a postcard from him on Monday in which he states:—"I have just come into hospital here with a slight wound in the cheek. I do not suffer any pain and I ought soon to be better." He concluded by saying he could do with some cigarettes. His many friends in Tenterden will be glad to learn he is only slightly wounded and may once again don the Tenterden colours in the football field, which he has adorned with considerable ability for several years past.

Mr. T. Clark, of St. Michael's, Tenterden, has received news that his son, Harry, has died in France from severe wounds in the head. He belonged to the Canadian contingent, having joined up in Canada as soon as war broke out, and was among the first Canadians to arrive in France. He had been twice wounded before, and had now only just returned to France, after spending his Christmas holidays with his parents at St. Michael's. He was twenty-eight years of age, and went out to Canada six years ago. Mr. Clark has three sons still serving—one in India, one in Salonica, and one now at Grimsby.

Mr. Hooker, of Pope's Farm, St. Michael's, Tenterden, has received official news that his son, George, is missing since early in December. **JAN 1918**

## WEARING THE MONS RIBBON. 1918

At the Tenterden potty-sessions on Monday George Stephen Smith, a discharged soldier, of Reading Street, was fined £5 for unlawfully wearing the Mons ribbon. Defendant wore the ribbon at Tenterden police-court on June 3rd and when spoken to by P.C. Bazzard, who is a Mons man, he said he joined Kitchener's army in the early days of the war. His discharge papers showed that at the time of the battle of Mons he had not left this country.—Defendant said he had been wounded three times. He asked a shopkeeper at Rye for a piece of red, white and blue ribbon, as he was entitled to wear Kitchener's ribbon for 1916 and 1917, which was that colour. When he bought it he did not know it was the Mons ribbon.