

1918

## FOR THEIR KING AND COUNTRY.

TENTERDEN FLYING OFFICER  
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Councillor and Mrs. Apps, of Beach House, Tenterden, received the following wire on Saturday evening from the War Office:—"Regret to inform you that the Government Hospital at Suez reports, December 23rd, Lieutenant B. R. Apps, Royal Flying Corps, Training Squadron, dangerously ill, with concussion of the brain and fractured jaw." Lieutenant Apps was article to Mr. Harry Judge, auctioneer, of Tenterden, and for several years was with Mr. Arthur Marchant, auctioneer, of Ash, near Canterbury. When war broke out he joined the R.A.S.C., and obtained his captaincy. When volunteers for the Royal Flying Corps were asked for he threw up his captaincy in the Army Service Corps and joined the R.F.C. as lieutenant. After a short training he went out to Salonica, and only a few days before his parents received the wire he had moved on to Egypt.

Private Edwin Jarvis Carter, No. 51170, 12th Suffolk Regiment, was reported missing March 21st, 1918. If any soldier returned from Germany could give any information



Private E. J. Carter.

concerning the above replies would thankfully be received by his father, Mr. Carter, Vine Cottage, Tenterden, Kent.

Major T. C. Thomson, Royal Air Force, of Manor House, Tenterden, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for distinguished services. Major Thomson enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers as a private in September, 1914. He was gazetted second lieutenant in the Royal West Kent Regiment in February, 1915. He afterwards joined the Royal Flying Corps (now Royal Air Force) in July, 1916, becoming a pilot at the end of 1916. He proceeded overseas with the R.F.C. in February, 1917, as a pilot and participated in war flying for nine months on the Western Front and six months on the Italian front, eventually returning home to England to be appointed major. He is now commanding the School of Reconnaissance and Aerial Photography at Shrewsbury. NOV 1918

Mr. and Mrs. A. Checksfield, of the Plough Inn, Tenterden, on Monday received official intelligence of the death of their son, Private Arthur Checksfield, Essex Regiment, who was killed by shell fire in France on April 26th. Private Checksfield's boyhood was a busy one, for he took his part in many things in Tenterden which could appeal to a boy. For six years he was a chorister in St. Mildred's choir. He spent a good long term with the Tenterden Boy Scouts, and took a lead in the fife and drum band. He went to Folkestone in the hairdressing business and in April, 1917, he joined the training reserve and was attached to the Bedford Regiment. On April 2nd this year he was sent to France, and after a week in that country he was transferred to the Essex Regiment. Within twenty-four days of his landing, and exactly a year to the day when he joined up, he met his death at the age of nineteen years and one month.

Private A. Checksfield, Essex Regiment, who was killed by shell fire on April 26th,

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Private A. Checksfield, Tenterden.

was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Checksfield, of the Plough Inn, Tenterden. He had just completed his nineteenth year and had only been in France twenty-four days when he met his death.

Mrs. Frank Holdstock, Sayers-lane, Tenterden, has received news that her youngest son, Private Bertram Howard Holdstock, London Regiment, has been missing since April 24th. Private Holdstock, who is nineteen years of age, joined up during February, 1917, and in March of the same year went to France, where he was transferred from the Royal West Surrey Regiment to the London Regiment. Before joining up he was in the employ of Mr. R. Hurton, butcher, of Tenterden. AUG 1918

### DEATH OF MR. R. AVERY OF TENTERDEN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Richard Avery, of East Court, Tenterden, which took place before midnight on Wednesday. Deceased, who was fifty-seven years of age, had been in indifferent health for some time past. He was the elder son of the late Mr. Richard Avery, and on the death of his father continued to carry on the old established wine and spirit merchant's business, known as "The Cellars," at East Cross, Tenterden. He was the third generation of his family to own this business, his grandfather, Mr. Thomas Avery, being the proprietor a great number of years. Deceased leaves a widow, two sons and five daughters. His eldest son died while serving with the forces during the war. JULY 1918

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THE VOLUNTEERS.—Colonel Ward held an inspection at the headquarters of the D Company at the Drill Hall on Friday, when he expressed great satisfaction at all he had seen. He thought, however, it was regrettable that after being supplied with all the necessary outfit to make this company efficient, the number that had come forward to join should be so small.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—At the fortnightly meeting on Friday there were present Mr. E. E. Selmes (chairman), Mr. F. Coombe Baker (vice-chairman), and Messrs. F. Care, C. B. Wright, J. Sutton, J. Bull, H. G. Jones, A. Tanton and H. B. Mace (acting clerk). — A letter was read from the Local Government Board Chronicle as to a suggestion that Boards of Guardians should be abolished, drawing attention to incorrect statements which were alleged to have been made. — A discussion was held in regard to the casual wards and it was decided to close them in March. — The Master was instructed to obtain prices for the supply of fagots to the Workhouse.—The Master's report showed the number of inmates to be 169 against 121; vagrants four against five; out relief £10 15s. 6d., against £8 19s.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.—A communication was read from the Local Government Board notifying that according to new regulations cases of tuberculosis occurring amongst soldiers would be reported by medical officers to the National Service Department.—Mr. W. L. C. Turner, the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, reported a case of measles at Biddenden and two cases at Rolvenden.—A satisfactory report of analysis of the Mid-Kent Water was presented.

The intelligence reached Tenterden on Monday of the death of Lance-Corporal Merton Stuart Timson, the Buffs, the youngest son of Mrs. Charles Timson and the late Mr. C. Timson, of Corporation Row, Tenterden, who was killed in action in France on June 17th. Deceased, who was twenty-one in April last, joined up on April 17th, 1915, first joining the 5th Buffs. He went to France in August of the same year, when he was transferred to a regular battalion of the Buffs. Suffering from bronchitis, after being wounded, he came to England on January 1st, 1916, returning to France again in the following April. He was again wounded in the thigh in October, 1916, when he was invalided home again, remaining in this country until February last, when he once again went to France, and was engaged in the big battle of March 21st last. Before joining up he was employed for four years at Hales Place, Tenterden, and for some time was a Boy Scout in the Tenterden platoon. The intelligence of his death came from the chaplain of his regiment, in a letter to his mother, in which he stated:—"I regret to say your son was killed on Monday, June 14th, by a shell, death being instantaneous. His body was brought back some four and a half miles to our British military cemetery and was buried at the side of six of his comrades, who were killed on the same day."

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FEB ST. MICHAEL'S. 1918

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT.—Mr. H. J. Stone, of Canterbury, writes:—"Will you allow me, as an old friend of the late Mr. Richard Capeling, to supplement the paragraph concerning him that appeared in your last issue? Mr. Capeling came to the village as far back as 1836, and was apprenticed in the wheelwright's shop. Subsequently he acquired the business, from which he retired in 1900; so he spent altogether about sixty years there. Soon after he came he planted the beautiful chestnut tree which adorns the wheelwright's yard. The village was then a poor and somewhat neglected hamlet of Tenterden, with no church and no church administration. On May 27th, 1860, the late Rev. S. C. Tress Beale commenced church services in Mr. Capeling's shop, and on August 2nd, 1863, the first service was held in the beautiful church of St. Michael, which was built by Mr. Beale's family. Throughout the whole of the twenty-five years of Mr. Beale's incumbency Mr. Capeling—a devoted churchman—was a regular attendant and communicant, and rendered much quiet help to church work generally. I knew Mr. Capeling for twenty-five years and I admired his gentle and kind disposition. He never said an unkind word against anyone; he never complained of anything; and was altogether one of the most amiable men I have ever met."