

HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from April 1916



Philip Tahourdin Killed in Action

Mrs Helen Hawkins of Glebe Croft has received the sad news that her son, Philip Ramsey Tahourdin was killed on 18th April in the campaign in Mesopotamia. He was a Lieutenant in the 47th Sikhs and part of the contingent to relieve the surrounded garrison at Kut, which is 100 miles south of Baghdad.

Philip was appointed to the Manchester Regiment after completing officer training at Sandhurst and had been promoted to Quartermaster before proceeding to the front with the 47th Sikhs. He had only been made a Lieutenant 4 days before he was killed trying to take fresh ammunition to the front.

In the letter received by Mrs Hawkins, his Colonel spoke on how well Phillip was liked including by the Indian ranks and he was certain that if he had not been killed, he would have been the next company Adjutant. The regiment has lost heavily through his death.

Pound Day for Lenham V.A.D. Hospital

A pound day for Lenham V.A.D. Hospital is being organised by Dr. Gray for 7th April. Contributions may be left at the Rectory at any hour of the day, and Mrs Campbell has kindly undertaken to convey them to Lenham.

Egg Collection for Wounded Soldiers

We have been asked to collect any surplus eggs for wounded soldiers. With the improved weather, the hens are now laying better so it will be possible to support this national scheme. As part of the local collection points, Mr Sutton, of Sutton Stores, has agreed to collect the eggs and send them to the Central Depot at 28 High Street, Maidstone. Egg boxes will be available free of charge.

