

HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from August 1916



Harold Tupper

Wounded at the Somme

Mary and Thomas Tupper of the Roebuck Public House have received news that their son, 2nd Lieutenant Harold Tupper has been seriously wounded whilst fighting in the trenches at Bazentin Le Petit near the Somme River in France.

Harold was shot on the 4th August and has suffered a serious head wound. After a short time in hospital at Abbeville, France it was decided by his doctors that due to serious nature of his wounds to transfer him on the 19th August to Stoodley Knowle in Torquay. He had only just returned to France on the 8th July following 6 months training with 16th Royal Fusiliers. We have also heard that Arthur Ivens has been wounded, it is not as serious as the wounds to Harold but Arthur has also been brought back to England. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Egg Collection

During August Mr. Sutton has received 18 eggs from Mrs. Webster. The fund have

now provided a contribution box which has been placed on the counter in Mr. Sutton's shop, and we trust that some who cannot give in kind, will from time to time drop some coins into the box.

Church Parade

A good muster of the Harrietsham Platoon of the Kent Fencibles attended Church parade on the evening of Sunday 6th August to join in the commemoration of the Second Anniversary of the Declaration of War. They were previously entertained at tea in the Rectory Garden.

On the following Sunday afternoon Mrs. Rudge invited them to tea at Stede Court and presented the Silver Cup which she had kindly offered to the best shot under handicap conditions. Sergeant Barnes was a popular winner, and Company Sergeant Major Jarrett obtained the 2nd prize of 10/-

School Treat

It was decided to hold this in the Rectory Fields on 18th August, the last day of term, but Hannaford's Circus came to Lenham on the 15th, and as many children were most anxious to see it, arrangements were made to take the whole school there. The children thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful feats of the riders and gymnasts and the foolery of the clowns, and two of our boys made manful efforts to ride a kicking pony. On their return the children did full justice to an excellent tea which had been prepared for them in the School. Our best thanks are due to the kind friends who provided the funds for their entertainment - Mrs. Rudge, Mrs. Buckingham, Col. Campbell, Col. Finnis, Messrs. Ambrose, Betts, Carstairs, Cutbush and Webster.