

# HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from January 1915



## **John Arthur Heyes, Killed in Action 6<sup>th</sup> January 1915**

We much regret to announce the death, in action, of John Arthur Manley Heyes. He was a Corporal in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Royal Sussex regiment and had been at the front from almost the commencement of the war. He died at La Bassee, Northern France. He was married with children and our deepest sympathy goes to his parents George and Mary Heyes who live at Starchbottom, Harrietsham. They had just recently moved from Primrose Cottage, Fairbourne Lane to their new abode.

We have received a copy of the letter sent to his wife from his commanding officer, V Newberry. It reads as follows:-

“It is with very deep regret that I have to write and tell you that your husband, Corporal J. Heyes, was killed this

morning, but you will be proud to know that he was a very brave soldier, and that his comrades were greatly attached to him. I have been in company with him from the time we came out, and found him one of the best. You will be comforted to know that it was sudden and there was no suffering. Jack and I was talking last night, and he was saying how glad he would be to be home with you and the children. I hope it will comfort you to know that we are all proud of him, and please accept the sympathy of his comrades and myself.”

## **Other News from the War**

We are glad to add the following names to the list of Harrietsham residents that have enlisted for the war. Albert Collor (Remount Dept.), Arthur Greenleaf (R.W.K.), Arthur Sutton, (R.A.M.C.) and Arthur Tong (R.E.)

We also have to report the sad news of the death of Roy Charles Harman aged 16 days. Private Charles Edward Harman (Remount Dept. and cycle and motor repairer of West Street, Harrietsham) and Alice Sarah Harman arranged the baptism for 14<sup>th</sup> January at Harrietsham Church and the burial took place on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## **In The Event of Invasion**

Details are just being finalised from the recent village audit and further details will be published in the next edition of Harrietsham Times. 76 Special constables are now appointed for Harrietsham.