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IN MEMORIAM.

- Pte. John Gardner, South Wales Borderers, killed in action September 25; brother of Mrs. Williams, of Wickhamford.
- Pte. W. H. Capener, Glos. Regt., killed in action September 26; son-in-law of Mr. C. Knight, late of Badsey.
- Col.-Sergt. C. H. Robbins (acting Quartermaster-Sergt.), killed in action November 7; son of Mr. Robbins, of Wickhamford, and brother of Mrs. Casswell, of Badsey; a native of Badsey and sometime a pupil at Badsey School.

R.I.P.

A CALL FROM THE RANKS.

We print the following extract from a letter received by the Vicar from Pte. F. T. Hartwell, of the 12th Worcesters, by way of giving effect to the writer's wishes:—

"I thought you would like to know how I was getting on, so that you could advise some of the other Badsey chaps to join, but I expect they are a bit timid. But tell them not to hang back for they may have to come in the finish, and they will find it the best life going for them, with plenty of open air and drills. They would find it hard at first but would soon get used to it. I have been up 12 weeks and I wish now I had joined before, for we get plenty of good food and what could a man wish more? We are billeted in cow-sheds and barns, but we are all quite happy with a straw bed and three blankets and two blue suits. Cecil Jeffries and George Crisp are at Tregantle Fort about four miles away, and the last time I saw them they were quite well and happy, but I don't see them very often now. I am the only Badsey chap in our company, but there are some Bretforton chaps here and what one has not got and the others have we all share like brothers. But just buck the other fellows up and get them to join and then old Badsey will not be behind. We sometimes get an Evesham paper here and we are soon after the Evesham chaps for it for we like to see some of our district news."

Such an appeal ought to draw men to the colours if anything will. It is so much more effective to be able to say "Won't you come?" than to have to say "You ought to go." The life depicted by the writer is not exactly one of

luxury, but those who would jib at such conditions here would cut a poor figure in the trenches at the front. Pte. Hartwell feels, as do many both in the home camps and at the front, that those who are now serving their country are not receiving the backing they deserve, and he hazards a guess at the reason why there have not been more recruits from Badsey—"I expect they are a bit timid." His judgment may be at fault, but his suspicions are not unnatural and they are at least politely expressed, but, as the author of *The English Army From Within* remarks, "the country has called, and there are ugly names for those who, without sufficient claims of kin to form cause for exemption, refuse to answer the call."

Pte. Pillinger (better known as "Ernest") also writes from Norton Barracks to say that he likes it very much and expects to be drafted to Plymouth. "I thought it my duty to join," he says, "and so I did."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1914.

BADSEY.

For S.P.G.

Boxes:—

Mrs. E. Knight	...	3	0½
Mrs. Mustoe	...	2	0
Mrs. Sladden	...	6	11
Mrs. Wilson	...	2	4

Part Collections Advent

Sunday	...	1	0	0
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FOR LEBOMBO.

Boxes:—

Mr. E. Ballard	...	3	4
Mrs. Bennett (the late)	...	1	10½
Mrs. Emms	...	4	8
Mrs. W. Knight	...	2	1
Mrs. J. E. Knight	...	2	0½
Mr. J. Knight	...	2	0½
Mrs. J. Roberts	...	9	5
Mrs. Stanford	...	1	4
The Vicarage	...	7	0

£1 13 8

Part Collection Advent

Sunday	...	19	6
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Total for Badsey ... £4 7 5½

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WICKHAMFORD.

For S.P.G.

Boxes:—

Mrs. Drysdale	6 18 0½
Mrs. Hartwell	... 0 10½
Mrs. G. Pethard	... 2 8
Mrs. Walters	... 4 4

7 5 11

Part Collection Advent
Sunday

... 14 4

8 0 3

FOR LEBOMBO.

Boxes:—

Mrs. G. Agg	... 11 0
Mr. W. Taylor	... 9 0

1 0 0

Part Collection Advent
Sunday

... 14 4½

1 14 4½

FOR U.M.C.A.

Box:—

Mr. Swift	... 10 0
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0 10 0

Total for Wickhamford ... £10 4 7½

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF FUNDS FORWARDED BY THE VICAR.

BADSEY.

Previously acknowledged	... £7 16 1¾
NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.	
Post Office Box	... 0 4 0
Mr. Salter's Box	... 0 3 6
	£8 3 7¾

WICKHAMFORD.

Previously acknowledged	... £22 7 10½
BELGIAN REFUGEES' FUND.	
Miss Empey's and Miss Colley's Boxes	... 1 9 0
	£23 16 10½

In addition to the above Mrs. Drysdale and Mrs. Lees-Milne have collected several pounds for the relief of distress in Belgium.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

BADSEY.

Holy Communion 7, 8 and after Mattins.
Mattins, 11.
Evensong with Carols, 5.

WICKHAMFORD.

Mattins, 9.30.
Holy Communion, 10.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Pte. A. Porter, R.A.M.C., son of Mr. J. Porter, of Badsey, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Mr. Lees-Milne has taken his larger car to Winchester, where he is busily employed in ambulance work.

We are sure all our readers sympathise with Pte. J. T. Cox and his family in his being the subject of such a cruel slander as that contained in the anonymous letter referred to in the *Evesham Standard* of November 28. For a soldier to be stabbed in the back by one of those in defence of whose homes he has risked his life and received honourable wounds reveals a baseness of character well-nigh inconceivable. It is a pity the authorship of the letter in question cannot be traced, though it would tax the ingenuity of man to devise a suitable punishment for the writer.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISM.

Nov. 15.—Clifford Charles Hall.

BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

Nov. 5.—George Barnett and Elizabeth Annie Keyte.