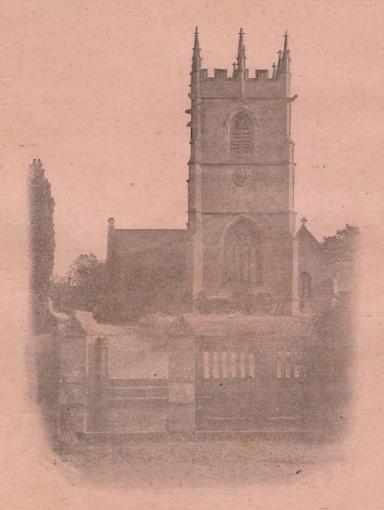
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THE WAR.

Pte. G. Mustoe, who was discharged from the army as unfit for service on June 11, has suffered much for his country and is still in an exceedingly weak condition. We trust he will eventually make a good recovery but it will evidently be a long and tedious process.

Cpl. J. Taylor is still in hospital at Nottingham. His progress is very slow.

Pte. C. Jeffries has been home on leave, srippled but looking well and cheerful. He has returned to hospital where he expects to be for some time.

Driver E. Pillinger is back from Salonika. He is looking remarkably well considering the number of times he has been in hospital.

Cpl. T. Taylor, who has been wounded in the right shoulder, is in hospital at Winchester and making good progress.

Pte. T. Knight has been discharged from hospital.

Sergt. W. Butcher, son of Mr. E. Butcher, of Wickhamford, has been home after being down with malaria in France. He had previously been twice wounded. Mr. Butcher's daughter, Miss M. Butcher, of the Q.M.A.A.C., has also been home suffering from shell-shock. She was in the hospital at Etaples on which the Germans delivered their murderous aerial attack.

A post-card has been received from Sergt. W. Moore, D.C.M., dated May 25, stating that he is a prisoner in Germany and unwounded.

Pte. Bert Jelfs, of whom nothing had been heard for several weeks, was officially reported as missing on May 27. In reply to an enquiry by the Vicar an officer on the staff of his Brigade writes to say that when last seen he was unwounded, and adds, "I am sure you will hear from him as a prisoner before long."

Congratulations to Major C. E. Sladden on his promotion, and also to Sergt. B. S. Cockerton on winning the Meritorious Service Medal.

Pte. G. Crisp, M.M., has (under pressure from home) sent his sister the following account of the circumstances under which he won his decoration. "It happened like this. We were defending a village during Fritz's bid for Calais. We had beaten off all attacks, and were thinking that all However, he had managed to break was O.K. through on the flanks and had almost surrounded us. We could get no communication with our B.H.Q., so things began to look black. Well, I was given a message which was to be delivered to B.H.Q. at all costs. I managed to get to the village all right and made my way to where the B.H.Q. was. What a shock I had as I got there to see that Fritz was occupying the place! How I escaped I really do not know. First I dodged from one house to another, with bullets whizzing everywhere. Still, I managed it, and eventually made my way to a H.Q which I found to be. Gloucesters' of Harry's Division. Here the message was received, and after getting a good drink of Scotch from the Gloucesters' C.O. I managed to get back all right in time to lead out the Company to where we had to retire to. We could only get out one way, and just managed it by the skin of our teeth. I was quite prepared for a trip to Germany as our case seemed hopeless. What with shells and machine-gun fire I hope I shall never see a time like it again. Still, here I am quite in the pink and hope to keep so."

THE WILL OF SIR PHILIP HOBY.

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To his wife Elizabeth, then, he leaves many pieces of plate, with other bequests, some of which are detailed below and which, for the greater convenience of readers, are spelt in their modern form. These bequests included three bowls double gilt plain, containing about 57 ozs.; two small plain potts double gilt, containing about 56 ozs.; two square salts with a cover double gilt containing about 33 ozs.; 12 plain spoons double gilt containing about 26 ozs.; a beer jug with a cover

double gilt containing about 20 ozs.; a basin and a cover partly gilt containing about 54 ozs.; two of his eight beer cups with covers partly gilt; and two silver candle sticks containing about 30 ozs.; giving a roughly estimated total of 276 ozs.

Then follow bequests of household furniture and necessaries on a large scale, including a quantity of tapestry and sufficient table-linen for six tables, and two garnishes or sets of pewter.

To William Hoby, who then lived at Marden, Hants, and who afterwards came to Hailes, he leaves all his cattle upon his lands at Rowell and Cutsdean (6), and plate which included a salt trimmed with crystal under a cover double gilt

and some double gilt bowls.

To Thomas Hoby, of Aldington, he leaves all his cattle at Evesham, Offenham, Poden [Honeybourne and Twyford | near Evesham], together with a bequest of plate, containing many items the total of which must have been considerable, but the weights are only specified in certain cases. The bequest includes a basin and ewer chased, double gilt (80 ozs.); two pots of chased double gilts (63 oz,); two new flagons plain with arms double gilt; three great bowls under a cover double gilt (99 ozs.); a beer cup with antique leaves and cover; 18 spoons "of the Almayn' fashion" (7) double gilt (33 ozs.); three bowls double gilt plain; two small flagons double gilt; a little French cup with a cover double gilt; a great basin and ewer parcel gilt (98 ozs.); two of his eight beer cups; and three great bowls (80 ozs). Concerning Thomas Hoby, reference is made to the fact that he stands bound "to my assured friends Sir William Cecil and Sir Richard Blunt in the sum of £1000," faithfully to discharge the office of executor to which he is appointed under this will. It is of interest to note that he died at the venerable age of 103 years, and it is written of him in a contemporary manuscript that he was "a man unlearned, very just and very plain in his actions, and of great hospitality."

To Richard Hoby, of Badsey, he leaves all his cattle at Westcote [Glocs.]; two of his beer cups and one half of his household stuff at Evesham, and "seven pieces of dornix (8) hangings" at Bisham.

To Thomas and Magdalen Bigge (9), of Lenchwick, he leaves the other half of his household stuff at Evesham, and one of his three "maudelin cuppes."

The bequest of household stuff would appear to infer that Thomas Bigge was then building or had just completed his Mansion at Lenchwick (10).

- (6) v. A Cotteswold Shrine [Hailes Abbey] W. St. C. Baddeley, pp. 132 and 143.
- (7) Almain: German.
- (8) A coarse sort of damask originally manufactured at Tournai, called in Flemish, Dornick.
- (9) v. Par. Mag., Dec. 1917.
- (10) The Bigges of Lenchwick and their tomb in Norton Church, Evesham. Barnard p. 9.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Mr. T. H. Knight has been re-appointed organist of Badsey Church at a salary of £14 per annum.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY_BURIALS.

June 10.—Charlotte Collett, aged 74 years., 22.—John Geden, aged 82 years.

WICKHAMFORD_BAPTISMS

May 5.—Gwendoline May Moisey.

June 23:—Sidney Frank Halford.

" —Edith May Sutton. " —Ethel Sutton.

" _Vera Lucilla Davis.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

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