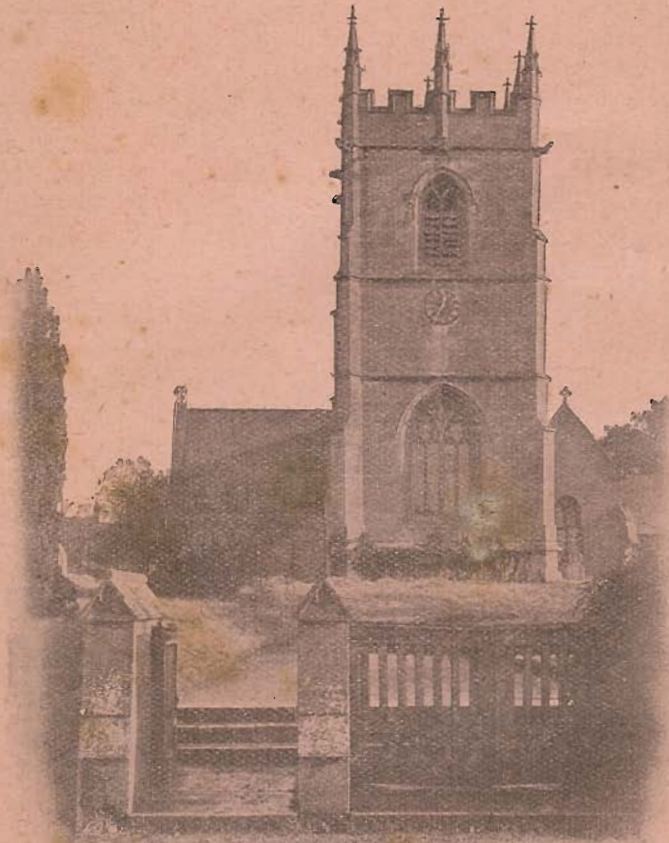


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THE WAR.

A brass bearing the following inscription has been placed over the late Cpl. L. H. Sparrow's seat in the chancel of Badsey Church.

TO THE DEAR AND HONOURED MEMORY
OF

LOUIS HENRY SPARROW,
CORPORAL, WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT,
FOR 24 YEARS A MEMBER OF THE CHOIR
OF THIS CHURCH AND FOR 14 YEARS ONE
OF THE BAND OF RINGERS,
WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION AT
GUEUDECOURT, FRANCE, OCTOBER 22ND, 1916,
AGED 33 YEARS.

"LORD, I HAVE LOVED THE HABITATION OF THY
HOUSE, AND THE PLACE WHERE THINE HONOUR
DWELLETH."

It is our sorrowful duty to add two more names to the Badsey Roll of Honour.

Col. Bernard Barton, who formerly resided at Bower's Hill House, was killed in action in France on August 11. Col. Barton was one of the very first from Badsey to Volunteer for service, enlisting in the local company of Territorials on August 8, 1914. His advancement was remarkably rapid. Receiving a commission in December, 1914, he was promoted captain September 1, 1915, major February 1917, and lieut.-col. June, 1918. He had also been mentioned in despatches. He was severely wounded on the Salonika front in March 1917 and returned to England in consequence. On the voyage home the ship was attacked by enemy submarines in the Mediterranean, but succeeded in reaching port. He remained in England until April of the present year when he was sent to France, where he was killed as stated above. We learn that Pte. T. Knight, of Badsey, who used to work on land close to Col. Barton's, attended the funeral in the capacity of bandsman.

Col. Barton was the son of the late Rev. T. H. Barton, vicar of Fridaythorpe, Yorks. He was educated at S. Peter's School, York (reputed to be the oldest school in England),

had served in the South African War for which he received the medal, and was formerly on the organising staff of the *Yorkshire Herald*.

A memorial service was held at Wickhamford on September 4.

On the same day on which Col. Barton was killed Cpl. C. H. Byrd, whose serious illness we reported last month, died at Norton Barracks. Cpl. Byrd enlisted in the Worcesters in September 1915, but was subsequently transferred to the Machine Gun Corps; and first went to France in February 1916. On March 17 last he was gassed, and while in hospital developed trench fever. After spending three months in hospital in Kent he came home on leave in July. On reporting to Norton Barracks at the end of his leave he was again ordered to hospital where alarming symptoms were soon observed and he died on the evening of Sunday, August 11, Dvr. E. Pillinger, who was also a patient at Norton, being with him when he passed away. He was buried with military honours at Badsey the following Thursday. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was carried shoulder-high from the deceased soldier's home to the church, the bearer party, under Cpl. G. E. Jones, and the firing party, under Sergt. J. Barnard, being made up of local members of the V.T.C. An escort from Worcester under Sergt. A. Spink was also in attendance. The service was choral throughout and the "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler D. O'Sullivan. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Stribblehill, who, as on the occasion of Cpl. Cleveley's funeral, kindly gave his services.

R.I.P.

Pte. W. Bedenham, who is still in hospital in Italy, has undergone a fourth operation. Mrs. Stewart, of Aldington, has received a letter from one of the nurses who says: "I am pleased to tell you that Pte. Bedenham is still improving. We hope soon to give you very good news."

Cpl. E. Moore, who is also in Italy, received gunshot wounds in the face and hand on August 4. He is now in a convalescent camp.

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Pte. W. Moisey is in hospital in France suffering from fever.

Cpl. F. Jelfs is at the Wharnccliffe War Hospital, Sheffield, recovering from a bullet wound in the shoulder received in France on August 23.

Cpl. J. Taylor is now much better and hopes soon to be discharged from hospital.

Pte. W. H. Yeates was wounded, for the fourth time, on August 22. He is in hospital at Rouen.

Lieut. J. M. Drysdale is now engaged in the agreeable but responsible task of transporting distinguished passengers to and from France.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Harvest Festival will be kept at Wickhamford on October 6.

S. Michael and All Angels' Day (Sunday, September 29) has been appointed by the Bishop to be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving for the revival of the ancient see of Coventry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Byrd wish to thank all whose sympathy has helped them to bear their sorrow, and also the organist and choir for their services on the occasion of the late Cpl. Byrd's funeral.

The erection of the brass to Cpl. Sparrow was kindly undertaken by Mr. Stribblehill, assisted by Dvr. E. Pillinger.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BURIAL.

Aug. 15—Cecil Henry Byrd, aged 22 years.

BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

Aug. 3.—Sidney John Smith and Florence Sarah Westmacott.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	Badsey.			Wickhamford.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 1 Church Expenses ...		1	3			
„ 4 Worcestershire Prisoners of War Fund ...	8	1	1	6	17	3
„ 6 Sick and Needy ...		1	3			
„ 8 Church Expenses ...		1	3			
„ 11 Sick and Needy ...		4	11			
„ „ Church Expenses ...	1	2	7		7	3
„ 15 Church Expenses ...		1	3			
„ 18 Sick and Needy ...		5	3		1	0
„ „ Church Expenses ...		10	5		6	11
„ 22 Church Expenses ...		1	3			
„ 24 Sick and Needy ...		1	3			
„ 25 Sick and Needy ...		2	0			
„ „ Church Expenses ...		18	5		9	10½
„ 29 Sick and Needy ...					2	0
	£11	12	2	£8	4	3½

