

The background image shows a street scene in Ivybridge, Devon, with a row of houses on the left and a river or stream in the foreground. The text 'IVYBRIDGE Parish Magazine 1917' is overlaid in a stylized, bold font.

# IVYBRIDGE Parish Magazine 1917

## January

### Coal and Clothing Clubs

The Coal and Clothing Clubs were paid out on Tuesday, December 12th. We were glad to be able to give, in this time of increased process, a record of 1s. 6d. on the cards of each club. The balance sheet will appear in due course.

Clothing clubs were set up to help poorer members of the parish buy warm clothing for the winter. Each member was typically allowed to pay in a small amount of money from 3d to 1s each week to the scheme with a bonus added at the end. Members were only allowed to buy goods from shops that were approved. In 1916, thanks to the generosity of subscribers, a bonus of  $\frac{1}{3}$  on accrued savings was paid to all members who had regularly made payments to both the coal and clothing cards. As only one shop in Ivybridge participated in the Clothing Club scheme, members were also permitted to use a shop in Plymouth.

In March 1916, Varcoe & Sons and Lee & Son were supplying coal whilst Arthur Manley and John Yeo & Co in Plymouth, were supplying clothing.

### Free-will Offering Scheme

Mr Elcock, Hon. Treasurer, has received many promises of membership. Will those who intend to join kindly fill in their forms and remit them to him as soon as possible, as the first contributions should be put into the box, inside the south door of the church, on the first Sunday in the new year; envelopes for contributions will be sent to members before that date. If anyone wishing to join has not received the printed form, the Treasurer will supply it on application.

Freewill Offering 'a voluntary religious contribution made in addition to what may be expected or required'. Churches used these schemes to raise funds although older records seem to indicate it was also used to raise money to help people in difficulties.

## Golden Roll

We regret to have to add another name to this roll, that of Albert Prout, who was killed on one His Majesty's mine-sweepers somewhere about Dec. 20th – RIP. A brother, Sidney, H.M.S. Sutej, is in hospital at Gibraltar; and yet another brother, James, of the Royal Fusiliers, is in hospital at Northampton, having lost a leg as the result of a wound received on July 15th on the Somme. Our very deepest sympathy goes out to Mr and Mrs Harry Prout, parents of the above; and to Albert Prout's widow.

## The War Savings' Association

A reminder that this Association is in existence, and that the Treasurer attends at the Council Offices on Friday from 7 – 7.30 p.m. to receive payments. Payments from 1d. per week and upwards are received. The beginning of a new year is a good time to join.

War Savings Associations were set up locally following the establishment of a National War Savings Committee in 1916 to encourage people to save and lend their money to the government.

War savings certificates were designed to be affordable for ordinary people. A £1 certificate cost 15s 6d to buy and could be redeemed, free of income tax, five years later, representing a very good return of 29% in five years. Lending to the government was a secure prospect with the assumption that the war was won!

The associations worked tirelessly to sell war savings certificates, war loan stock and war bonds. One-off campaigns targeting particular communities or professions proved to be successful tactic. 'Business Men's Week' in March 1918 was targeted at business owners, (both male and female); As part of the campaign, bank managers wrote to their business customers, urging them to take part.

# February

## Lady Rogers' School

Fourteen candidates from this School entered for the Bishop Phillpotts' Prayer Book Prizes Examination, and, as usual, all obtained either first or second classes. Again we offer our sincere congratulations to Miss Nicholls and Miss Gill.

## "Missions to Seamen"

Mr. Macknight's visit gave, as usual, much pleasure, and he went home much pleased with the financial result of his visit. Collections and a donation £6 5s. 9d. and "The Catechism" Schooner produced £1 3s. 1d. – a total £7 8s. 10d. The children's gift, made up to 25s. by part of the collection at the children's service, is to be given to the London Institute for Japanese sailors, about which the children were told in the afternoon.

## The Catechism

The Festival of the Catechism was held on Sunday, January 14th, at 2.45 p.m. The Vicar spoke of the work during the year, reported that the numbers were on the increase, and thanked the teachers for their work. He mentioned that the loss of Mr. G. Stone, who had done good work as Monitor for several years; and that A.Hart was carrying on the duties excellently. Thanks were also given to Capt. And Miss Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Craig, Mrs MacAndrew, and Mrs. Hart for donations to the reward fund, and to Miss Matthews for very kindly coming down to distribute the rewards.

# March

## The Freewill Offering Scheme

Members met in the Church Room on Friday, Feb 23rd, at 8 p.m., to elect officers and committee. Mr Elcock, temporary hon. sec, reported that the amount at present promised totalled £29 19s. 4d. per annum. He considered the scheme had made an excellent start, and he looked forward to an increased membership. Mr Elcock was elected hon. sec.; Mr Moysey, hon. treasurer; and committee, Messrs Rutherford and Hannaford, Mrs Hawker, Mrs Russell, Miss Nicholls and Miss Brown. This committee will elect its own Chairman, and will have entire management of the scheme and the allocation of the funds thereof.

## Roll of Honour

We record with much regret the death of Robert Downing, of the Devon Regt.; killed in Mesopotamia. He was but 18. R.I.P. His twin-brother, Frank, and one elder brother, Sidney, are also in Mesopotamia. News has come through that Sidney has been wounded; whether severely or not is not yet known.

We sympathise deeply with Mrs Braunton, their mother. Those of us who have but one dear one in the actual fighting line are full of anxiety; it must be almost overwhelming for one who has so many sons and sons-in-laws on active service.

## The War Savings Association

As a result of the interest aroused by the War Loan and of a canvass of the village made by several energetic ladies, to whom are best thanks are due for this bit of war work, the membership of the Association has almost quadrupled. Up to date (Feb. 24th), names on the list number 125 (we aim at least 150); and £101 9s. 7d. has passed through the hands of the Association. The Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Partington and Close, have done excellent work – much of it, in the early days, under conditions of discouragement; we are sure they would wish for no better reward than the increased membership and the work entailed thereby. Many people still seem to be labouring under the delusion that if they lend money to the government through War Savings Certificates they cannot get it back for five years. This is utterly wrong. During the first year they can get it back in full at any time; in the succeeding years they can get it back at any time with interest. In our Association, too, there is this advantage – say someone with very little to spare has paid in a total of 5/-; that person one day may badly need 1/-, or even 6d; in such a case he can withdraw

the 1/- or 6d., and leave the 4/- with the Association. The Government needs every penny that we can lend it for the prosecution of the war; take care of the pence, and the pounds and millions of pounds will take care of themselves. Do you think that, because the War Loan is such a success there is no need for further exertion. £700,000,000 will but pay for from 25 to 30 weeks of war, and many of the weeks to be paid for out of the loan are already in the past. So, if you have not done so, do your duty, join the War Savings Association at once.

John Partington and George Close formed the Ivybridge War Savings Association in July 1916 as Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively. John Partington was employed at the paper mill. A walled garden which was located near The Bridge Inn (The Trehill Arms today) was known as Partington's garden, as a member of the family lived in the cottages west of the Bridge Inn. George Close was employed as a teacher at the Station Road primary school. He later enlisted to the army.

### **The Bread, Meat, and Sugar Ration**

Lord Devonport has put us on our honour to restrict our bread (including flour, cake, etc) to 4lbs. per person per week; meat, 2½lbs; sugar, ¾lb. Shortage of shipping, partly from loss by submarines, but more so because of the shipping used up for transport of men and munitions for ourselves and our allies, is the reason for this request. Unfortunately supplies cannot be imported as in the past. It is the duty of every household, rich or poor, to loyally try to carry out the wishes of the National Food Director. It is a difficult matter, certainly, for many a working man's household, where the quantity of bread used is very high in proportion to the amount of meat eaten. But the Food Director meets this difficulty thus:- Where less than 2½lbs. per head per week of meat is eaten, so in proportion, more bread may be used, provided that the bread ration is 1lb. (per person per week) less than it was before his request. Take a family of eight, using formerly 50lbs. of bread, cake, and flour per week, the Food Directors' allowance for such a family is 32lbs. (at 4lbs. per person); but this family consumes a very few pounds of meat per week, far removed from the 20lbs. which the ration allows; in such a case the bread, flour, etc., used may be up to 42lbs. per week – 8lbs. less than before. What is required is that everyone should do with less; if the few only obey the directions the matter will, no doubt, be made compulsory, and tickets will be issued for a certain amount of bread, flour, and meat per week, an amount probably a good deal less than that allowed today, less because of the shortage caused by the disloyalty of those who have ignored the Food Controllers' directions.

Can anyone shirk this duty in the face of the Prime Minister's words in the House of Commons on Friday, Feb. 23rd? Speaking of the submarine peril and shortage of shipping tonnage for the ordinary needs of the nation, he said-

"If we take it in hand, and take it in hand at once, and take very drastic measures, we can cope with the peril, but if we do not, I am not going to withhold from the House the fact that if the nation is not prepared to accept drastic measures for dealing with the submarine peril, there is disaster in front of us, and I am here with all the responsibility of a Minister of the Crown to tell the House and nation that."

### **Girls' Club**

In response to the appeal for help printed a few months ago, Mrs Baily has been most kindly and regularly holding a dancing class on Monday evenings, and her sister, Miss Rutherford, has often come with her. We thank them very heartily. We much regret that duty calls Mrs Baily away from Ivybridge; and again we invite ladies to come to help our girls to pass a happy hour. Mondays only, 8-9 p.m.

# April

## Roll of Honour

We very much regret to record that Arthur Manley, R.E., has been reported as "missing", after a raid into the German trenches. A letter from his Captain says :-

"The sapper who was paired with your boy came back safely and says he last saw him a short distance along the German trench at a time the Germans were closing in from either direction, using bombs to clear our infantry out. Shortly after that the order to retire was given and the party came back, unaware of their casualties and necessarily leaving those casualties behind. Your boy would of course have come back too had he been other than seriously wounded or killed, and beyond that we do not know. There is undoubtedly a chance that the Germans took him wounded as a prisoner."

We sincerely trust the latter may be the case, and in the meantime sympathise with his parents and fiancée, Miss Hill, in their very trying time of suspense. Arthur was a communicant and an old member of the Young Men's Bible Class. Mr and Mrs Manley are very grateful for all the kind sympathy which has been shown them.

Our sincere congratulations to Private James A. Short, R.M.L.I. who has won the D.S.M. (the fourth Ivybridge man to gain that distinction during the war), and has also been awarded by the President of the French Republic the "Croix de Guerre avec Palme". Evidently Short has done a fine deed or deeds; we are proud of him.

Sapper Arthur Thomas Varcoe Manley was born in Ivybridge in 1894 and was the only child of Tom, the local tailor and his dressmaker wife Mary. The family ran their business from Fore Street, originally number 34 as depicted and later number 42



Thomas enlisted 12th January 1915 at Plymouth. His service number was 62333 and he was 22 years and 8 months old when he signed on. He was sent to Chatham with the Royal Engineers on 21st January. He left behind Miss Hill whom he intended to marry.

He served on 'home duties' from his enlistment until 25th Sept 1915; part of this would have been his initial basic training of around six weeks at Aldershot. His first theatre of war was France which he entered 26th Sept 1915 as a Sapper. He was transferred to the 106th Field Company who joined the 34th Division at Rippon in Yorkshire mid-1915. In late August they were in Salisbury Plain for final training and then transferred to the 25th Division. The division arrived in France late Sept 1915. Their first action was in defence of the German attack on Vimy Ridge in May 1916. They then moved to the Somme and joined the battle just after the main attack, with 75th Brigade, making a costly attack near Thiepval on 3rd July 1916.

Arthur was back on leave in the UK from 31 Dec 1916 until 9 Jan 1917. He served overseas for a total of one year and 145 days. He was reported missing 17th February 1917. Later the same day he was reported as officially missing presumed killed in action. Arthur served a total of two years and 37 days before being killed in Belgium age 24.

Arthur Thomas Varcoe Manley was awarded the Victory Medal (8.2.1921) and the British War Medal which was received by his father 5.9.1921. It was 14.9.1920 before the 1914-1915 Star was received. These medals are now in the possession of the Ivybridge Heritage & Archives Group.

Sadly, Arthur Manley has no known grave but he is commemorated on Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing at Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.

### **The War Savings Association**

The number of members is now 143 nearly the 150 total we have aimed at; no doubt that number will now be exceeded. The sum of £44 9s. has passed through the hands of the officials during the past month. Things are certainly moving.

### **National Service**

All of us, who are exempt from the actual fighting line, have been very keen on our able-bodied men up to 40 doing their bit. Now the call has come to us to "do our bit", and to prove our sincerity it is up to us to make good, and we can at once do so by registering for National Service. Registering does not necessarily mean that a man will be taken, it simply expresses his willingness to do work in the National Service. Maybe he is already doing that bit in his present job; none the less, he should register. The writer is not preaching what he does not practice.

### **Food Ration**

Again, as we go to press, the Food Controller and members of the Government are pressing more strongly than ever upon the nation the need of the utmost economy in the use of bread, and of flour generally. Do you, my dear people of Ivybridge, realise the danger we are in of famine? If so, then we shall hear no more such utterly foolish – nay, criminal – remarks as "We don't see why we shouldn't have it while we can". We shall no more see the smile of amusement when "rationing" is mentioned. In certain forms of food we are "up against it", and the sooner everyone realises this the better for the nation. Bread tickets are in sight, just because the few only seriously face the ration question. Ivybridge has done well, and more than well, in other matters connected with the war; shall we fail over such a small matter as doing with a little less food daily? Small matter! Yes, individually' but a very big matter, in the aggregate nationally.

# May

## National Service

The Vicar hopes to go on National Service – where, when, or in what capacity is not yet settled. Government departments do not always move quickly. A priest-in-charge will be in residence in Ivybridge, but will not be available for the Sunday Evensongs. After some difficulty, it now seems possible to make provision for these, through the kind help of neighbouring clergy and at times, possibly, through lay help. Occasionally the time of service may have to be put forward an hour. The Vicar feels sure the congregation will willingly put up with some minor inconveniences under the circumstances.

## Band of Hope and King's Messengers

A lantern lecture on Missionary work in India was given on Monday, April 16th, in the Church Room. The children recited the descriptive matter, each child taking one or more pictures, and right well was the work done; all credit to Miss Luscombe and Deaconess for the trouble they took over training them. After the lecture, Mrs Coyte, who has from the first given excellent help to the Band of Hope, was presented with a wedding present by the members. Many thanks to Mr Craig for the loan of his excellent lantern.

The Band of Hope was founded in 1847 with the objective to teach children the importance and principles of sobriety and teetotalism. Meetings were held in churches throughout the UK and included Christian teaching.

Set up in an era when alcoholic drinks were generally viewed as a necessity of life, next only to food and water, the Band of Hope and other temperance organisations fought to counteract the influence of pubs and brewers, with the specific intention of rescuing 'unfortunates' whose lives had been blighted by drink and teach complete abstinence.

Reference: Wikipedia

## Roll of Honour

Albert Mattacott, London Regiment, has been wounded in the left arm, and is now in hospital at Stockport. No details have been received. May he have a speedy recovery.

## The King's Proclamation

"We, being persuaded that the abstention from all unnecessary consumption of grain will furnish the surest and most effectual means of defeating the devices of Our enemies, and thereby of bringing the war to a speedy and successful termination; and out of Our resolve to leave nothing undone which can contribute to these ends or to the welfare of our people in these times of grave stress and anxiety, - have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, most earnestly exhorting and charging all those of Our loving subjects the men and women of our Realm who have the means of procuring articles of food other than wheaten grain, as they tender their own immediate interests and feel for the wants of others, especially to practise the greatest economy and frugality in the use of every species of grain; and we do for this purpose more particularly exhort and charge all heads of households to reduce the consumption of bread in their respective families by at least one-fourth of the quantity consumed in ordinary times; to abstain from the use of flour in pastry, and moreover carefully restrict, and wherever possible abandon, the use thereof in all other articles than bread ...". Though this proclamation has been read on four Sundays in the Church, we make no apology for inserting it here. The observance of the King's charge by everyone is of the very first importance.

## Roll of Honour

Thomas Walke is in hospital in London, wounded. Bertram Walke has been in hospital in France, sick, and is now in a convalescent home. Sydney Prout is at home invalided; and his brother James is also expected home in like case. Harry Fortune has been at home on sick leave.

## The War Savings Association

We are sorry to lose the services of Mr G. Close, who has joined the colours during the past month. Mr Close has rendered valued service to the Association since its formation in August, and our best wishes go with him. Miss Olive Hoare has kindly consented to act as assistant secretary during his absence. We have not yet reached the 150 mark in membership, our number being 145; but we are pleased to say the average weekly subscription is keeping well up. For the quarter ending 31 March we purchased 127 war savings certificates, which with the cash balance represents £99 10s. 10d. From the information of the Association to date (May 22) we have purchased 254 certificates at the cost of £196 17s. This we think is a credit to a place the size of Ivybridge. We are greatly obliged to Messrs E.Birch and E.Elcock for their services as auditors; their duties are not light by any means.

# July

## Dedication Festival

The collections will be as usual for the Sunday School. Owing to the Food Control regulations it is impossible to give the children their usual tea. On the afternoon of either July 18th or 25th (after the hay festival) we hope to hold sports; each child will bring the food he or she would have had at home for tea, and cups of tea will be provided. It seemed a pity the children should not have their games, even if they could not have their usual tea. The sports will be held in the Pond field at Torr Hill, kindly lent by Mr and Mrs W.B.Craig.

## Roll of Honour

Three more of the men whose names are on the Ivybridge list have given their lives in the service of their country –

William E.Beable, R.N.Division

John Horton, R.W.Kent Regiment

Robert Henry Hannaford, Devon Yeomanry – R.I.P.

Our sincere sympathy is with their relatives and friends. John H.Lang is at home, recovering from wounds. John (Jack) Bryant, C.E.R.A., son of the late H.P.Bryant, baker, has won the D.S.M. Our heartiest congratulations to him. He is the fifth Ivybridge man to obtain this distinction. The prayers of all are asked for the following, who are on service – the list is additional to that on the Church door:-

Frederick Beable (R.I.P); William Beable; Harry Bird; Herbert Blight; Cecil Boulden; Lionel Boulden; Bray; John Brooks; Wm. Brooks; Charles Broom; Philip Broom; Frederick Brown; Frederick Browning; Ernest Castle; Reginald Chadder; Tom Chubb; George Close; Cockings; Alfred Hayes Cook; William Cox (invalided); Owen Coyte; Jn Crocker; Wm. H.W. Daniels; Samuel Daniels; Fred De Ville; Harry De Ville; Joseph De Ville; Richard Earl; Archie Folley; Harold Folley; Harry Fortune; George Freeman; Arthur French; Fred Hart Jn; Higman; James Hill; Robert Hoare; James E. Hocking; John Horton (R.I.P.); Claude Jeffery; Gordon Kingsland; John Land (wounded); Charles Legg; Russell Maher; Thomas Maddock; Sidney E. Maddock; Albert Mattacott; Wm. Mitchell; Wm. Mugridge; W.A.Newman; Fred Northmore Jn; Reginald Northmore; Pawley Jn; Wm. Fred Pearce; Harold Pepperell; Charles Pidgeon; Sydney Piper; Sydney Prout (invalided); Frederick Prout; Edward J. Prout; Ross Purdie; Percy Rayner; Frederick Robinson; Frederick Roper; Percy Roper; Edwin H.Ryder; Lewis Skidmore; George Stone; Owen Turner (invalided); Stanly Varcoe; George Vivian; Bertram Walke; Thomas Walke; Tom Willis; Winsor; William Wright.

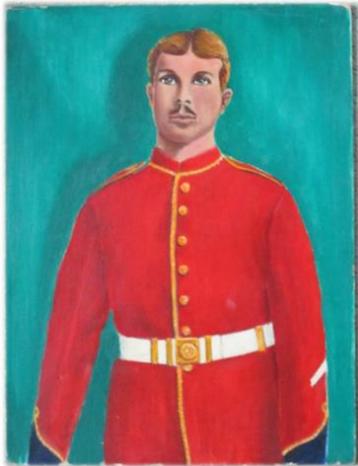
John (Jack) Bryant who was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal was a member of the Bryant family who ran a Bakery business in Fore Street into the 1960s.

Herbert Blight survived the War and became a prominent member of the Blight & Scoble building business. He regularly sang in the St John's Church Choir.

Charlie Broom & Samuel (Sammy) Daniels both survived the War.

Harold Folley became the Station Road School caretaker after the War.

George Close, despite being severely wounded by aircraft fire in the trenches, survived to become Headmaster of Modbury School.



Thomas Maddock served with the Royal Marines on the Isles of Scilly guarding the listening stations for enemy submarine radio transmissions.

Thomas E Maddock. Oil painting by Alec Rogers of Filham from a photograph from the Walter House collection.

Sydney Maddock served with the Royal Navy. He later joined the Plymouth City police force. He was drafted in, with others, to quell the riot at Princetown Prison in 1932.

Sydney Maddock dated 1932 from the Walter House collection.



## Sandbag Notes

The Ivybridge people have done remarkably well in the making of sandbags. Since the spring of 1915, 3,500 bags have been made and sent to the central depot, and the consignments have been commended as "splendid". We are very grateful to Mrs Chudley for her work in cutting out and packing the bags, to the many who made them, and to the still larger number who subscribed so liberally. The account is now closed, and the League of Honour members will be making no more collections for this fund.

Sandbags were invariably used at both the front and rear of trenches affording the troops manning them with effective protection from enemy rifle fire.

## War Savings and Food Control

The whole of Devon is now divided into districts for these purposes. Mr Holden, the Devon Secretary, met representatives of various parishes at Ivybridge on June 21st, and the Ivybridge and District Committee was elected as far as possible. The district comprises, in addition to Ivybridge, the parishes of Harford, Cornwood, Ermington, Holbeton, Modbury, Bigbury, Ugborough with Avonwick and Kingston. Mrs Russell, of Rathgar, Exter Road, has kindly consented to act as hon. Secretary. The Committee will endeavour to start War Savings Associations in all

parishes where there are none such at present at work, and will carry out a food economy campaign – appealing to the manual workers, who must have a due allowance of bread, not to waste, and to others to save the use of bread by making use of substitutes. As Mr Holden remarked, the substitutes are probably more expensive, but the better off, if patriotic, will not consider that, but will use the substitutes, and so save bread for their poorer brethren. The Committee will also arrange cookery teachers to go from village to village, giving demonstrations of war cookery and showing samples of the various substitutes. Lack of space prevents us from dealing with the matter further in these notes– but it may be added that these Committees are already working with great success over the greater part of our country.

## August

### National Service

The Vicar has at last received his notice for an interview with the Chaplain General, and is on the eve of going up for it at the time of writing. He offered himself before Easter, and in Easter week received a letter saying an interview would be arranged in due course. We thereupon made all preparations for going, had arranged for the care of the parish and carrying on of the services, and could have joined up at once. After several weeks of waiting, he wrote again to the War Office, but only got the same answer, that an interview would be arranged in due course. The natural result of the delay was that some four weeks ago the priest who had promised to take charge of the parish in case the Vicar was appointed at Chaplain, wrote saying he could wait no longer and must give up the idea of taking charge of Ivybridge. If therefore the Vicar now gets an offer of a Chaplaincy, his acceptance thereof will depend on his ability to find a priest to do the work in Ivybridge. The Vicar mentions the facts of the case in justice to himself, to show that his offer of service was not an insincere offer, and that it is not his fault that he is not already on service.

### Sunday, August 5th

The day following the fourth anniversary of the entry of our country into the War, will be observed as a day of special prayer and intercession; special observance will be made that day throughout the British Empire ... It is a matter almost beyond comprehension that in a parish like this, from which somewhere around 400 men are on active service, but a mere handful of people should ever take the trouble to be present at any of the weekly War Intercession Services. It would be imagined that those whose dear ones are in deadly peril, or, at the best, absent from home and as a rule far away, would flock to such services to take their part in the great strength of united prayer; imagination would be wrong; and, alas, Ivybridge is but “in the fashion” in this matter; let it become unfashionable, and that as quickly as possible.

### Cost of Magazine

Owing to the greatly increased cost of paper, the Magazine, if sold at 1d., does not nearly pay for its cost. We therefore ask all who possibly can, to pay 1½d. per month (from July month inclusive) ... As, however, the Magazine is so useful as one of the means of touch between Vicar and people, the additional payment will in no case be pressed for where it might prove burdensome, and so cause diminution of circulation.

## Golden Roll

Our deepest sympathy is with the parents of John Blight, who lost his life in the terrible explosion whereby H.M.S. Vanguard was destroyed – R.I.P.

HMS Vanguard was a St Vincent-class dreadnought battleship launched in 1909. Vanguard was assigned to the Home and Grand Fleets, and although she took part in the Battle of Jutland in May 1916, for most of the war she was used for routine patrols and training in the North Sea. In July 1917, Vanguard was based at Scapa Flow naval base in the Orkney Islands. Just before midnight on 9 July, she suffered a series of magazine explosions, probably caused by a fire in an adjacent compartment, which had smouldered away long enough for cordite near the adjoining bulkhead to dangerously overheat. HMS Vanguard sank almost instantly with 843 of the 845 men aboard perishing.

## Roll of Honour (additional list)

Prayers are asked for the following, who are on service:- George Bray; Reginald Clark; Victor Clark; Arthur John Cockings; John C. Pascoe Cocks; Harold R. Daniels; William Fry; Thomas Higman; Charles Hoare; James E. Hockin; Cecil Holman; Wilfred Holmes; Charles Edwin Jellyman; Richaed H. Knapman; John Luscombe; Albert Moorese; John Rogers; Ernest Stockman; H.F.Symes; Alfred H.Taylor; Hedley Vincent; Herbert Vincent; Richard Wilcocks; Edgar Winsor;

John Luscombe survived the War and ran a small dairy farm single handed in the 1940s, where Butterpark now is, on Exeter Road.

Ernest Stockman was later decorated for his courage as a stretcher bearer on the battlefield.

## Ivybridge War Savings Association

Our report for the quarter ending 30th June, is a very satisfactory one, though it shows a slight falling off in subscriptions compared with the previous quarter, but when we consider that at that time we were under the influence of the floating of the gear War Loan and personal house-to—house canvass, that will easily be understood. We appeal to everyone to do their utmost, in this matter and help to bring this terrible war to a successful termination. Evidently every 15/6 lent to the Country for labour and materials for the War will be returned as £1 to spend later.

# September

## Sunday School Sports

After a wet and threatening morning the weather cleared and we were blessed with a sunny breezy afternoon for the holding of these, in the beautiful park-like field so kindly lent us by Mr and Mrs W.B.Craig; to whom our deepest thanks are due not only for the use of their grounds but also for so kindly giving an excellent lot of peaches and gooseberries to supplement the prizes, and for providing all the cartage of forms and other necessaries.

After a short service in the Church the children proceeded to Torr Hill, and amused themselves on the swings and in various ways until tea-time. The picnic tea was a great success, and everyone seemed thoroughly to enjoy it. After tea the sports began, and lasted virtually until it was time to go home. Messrs Elcock, Hannaford, and Gard, and later on Messrs Baber and Moysey, worked indefatigably in arranging races, long and short, egg-and-spoon, three-legged, sack, obstacle, and so on, giving the children a thoroughly good time and providing the on-lookers with much amusement. Some of the children showed surprisingly good form, the running of the girls being particularly good. Cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Craig and helpers, before dispersing for home. It was generally agreed by those present that, notwithstanding the fact that no food was provided, in accordance with the desire of the Food Controller, yet the treat was one of the most enjoyable of those held at home of recent years. It is regretted that some children did not come because of the non-provision of a tea. We asked for no subscriptions this year, but the following were kindly sent: Mr and Mrs .B. Craig, 4/-; Dr and Mrs Cooper, 5/-; Mr Wright, 2/6; Anon. 2/6; Mrs Giles, 1/-; Mrs Hart, 1/- The latter also gave a quantity of nuts. Mr E.Hawker kindly lent his boiler, Mr Drake the eggs and spoons, and Mr Lee, sacks. We much regret that the weather so interfered with the plans of our Wesleyan friends on the day of their Sunday School outing; and we the more sympathise with them in that they abided loyally by the understanding supposed to have been come to, that all the Sunday Schools in the village should this year act alike with regard to a summer treat.

## Golden Roll

Another name has to be added to this roll, that of Albert Edward Cole, C.E.R.A., the second and only surviving son of Mrs Cole and the late John Cole, R.M.L.I. He died in hospital as the result of shock and immersion, his ship being torpedoed. We laid his body to rest in Ivybridge Cemetery on Aug 16th. R.I.P. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his relatives.

Albert Cole served on HMS Recruit, which was mined and sunk on 9th August 1917 in the North Sea.

## Roll of Honour

We are glad to welcome home Harry Fortune convalescent, after being badly "gassed"

## National Service

The result of the Vicar's interview with the Chaplain-General is the offer of home service, and the refusal of service abroad. This is very disappointing after the long wait. The Vicar has been advised by those in high authority in the Diocese that his home service can be done best, perhaps, in Ivybridge. It seems probable that he will have to accept this advice because of the many difficulties in the way of providing another priest to do his work. It will be good to have things settled one way or the other after such long suspense.

Private Frank Haynes, Canadian Machine Gun Corps, has given his life for God and King and Country. His chum, Driver Frank Hodge, another Canadian, has sent a letter to his friends saying, "With much regret I write to tell you of the death of poor Frank. He was killed by shell fire, with four of five of his comrades, on Aug.17, at a place called Moric. He was buried very respectably by his fellow comrades with full military honours at the Canadian Cemetery at Fosse 10, near Sains-en-Gohelle. I rode out and visited his grace, which is in good order." We all share in Driver Hodge's regret. Everybody here knew him and everybody liked him, and, better still, respected him for his unblemished character.

His brother Percy has been "gassed" in France, and is now in hospital at Nottingham. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

## October

### Golden Roll

Our deepest sympathy is with the parents and friends of Harold Folley, who has given his life for God, King, and Country. He was seriously wounded on Sept. 7th, and died next day at a "clearing station" somewhere in France. He was for some years a member of the choir, and was a communicant. He was a general favourite, and his parents have received great sympathy. R.I.P.

### Roll of Honour

Wilfred T.Cook, Edward Head, William John Watts, Richard Ford, Alfred H.Warley, Thomas S.Reeves, Stephen Friend, Frank Watts, Frank Reeves

Thomas Williams, 24, Keaton Road, who was home for a few days in August, is again at Finsbury Square Hospital, still suffering from the effects of having been buried owing to shell explosion. We wish him complete recovery as speedily as may be.

We regret to hear that Harry Phillips, 16, Belmont Road, is in Warrington Hospital suffering from shell-shock.

Harry Philips is notable in that his age is given as 16, so he must have been underage when he enlisted - not an uncommon event.

### **Girls' Club**

Girls are invited to spend Wednesday evenings 7 to 9 p.m. in the Church Room: first meeting Oct. 3rd. Girls at the mill from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a rush home for breakfast and dinner, need relaxation and recreation. Will nobody help to bring a little wholesome, innocent brightness into their lives? Our Lord's displeasure is more frequently expressed against His servants for what they left undone than for what they did that was amiss. Please to unearth some buried talents for the good of God's children, that is, for His own glory.

### **The War Savings Association**

I am pleased to report a slight increase in the membership of the War Savings Association for the quarter ending 29th Sept. We have received in subscriptions for War Savings certificates the sum of £78 0s. 6d., with which we have purchased 100 certificates, and paid out three items as withdrawals; and have distributed amongst the members 109 certificates. The Treasurer holds a balance of 36 certificates. The accounts of the Association have to be audited during the next week by Messrs. Birch and Elcock.

## *November*

### **Ivybridge and District Nursing Association**

The Committee reports that receipts for the year were £80 0s. 10d. Less than that of the previous year. The Secretary and Treasurer and all concerned are much to be congratulated on such an excellent financial report in this time of stress.

### **Departure from the Parish**

With great regret we record the departure from Pound Farm of Mr and Mrs Bowden. They and their family have, during their residence, been amongst the keenest of Church-workers; and Mr and Miss Bowden, and the late W.Bowden, were valued members of the choir. Miss Bowden was married in the Parish Church on Oct.3rd. We shall miss them much, and wish them God-speed in their new spheres of life.

### **Hospital Sunday**

The collections amounted to £5 13s., an increase of 8s. on last year; a very satisfactory amount in view of the many calls made on people today and of the war-absence of so many of the congregation. £1 1s. will be given to the Children's Ward, S.D. and E.C. Hospital, and the balance to the general hospital fund.

## **Bible Class Outing**

Through the kindness of Mrs Rutherford seventeen members of her Women's Class, with some friends and children, had a most enjoyable day at Bigbury; driving thither, lunching on Burgh Island, and returning to the mainland for tea. All who went took their own rations, so carrying out the food regulations.

## **Roll of Honour**

Additional names of those serving or about to serve:-

Frederick Bird, Alfred John Edwards, Harold Crocker, Samuel J.Fone, John Rundle Hart, Benjamin Jago, Frederick C. Hingston, Frank Moon, and John A.F. Smerdon.

## **Wounded**

Bertram Walke, in hospital at Birkenhead

Benjamin Jago, "somewhere in France", seriously scalded and burnt by an explosion

Harold Pearse, in hospital in Scotland

Edgar Winsor, seriously wounded in right eye, shoulder, and arm, in hospital in Birmingham

Frederick F.Northmore, dangerously wounded in the left arm, but now out of danger, and with the others named above, progressing favourably. Mrs Northmore has been across to see her son, and has returned with a very hopeful account of him, and bearing testimony to the excellent care taken of her by the authorities.

# *December*

## **Christmas**

Offerings of flowers and evergreens, and help for decorating the Church, are invited for the morning of Christmas Eve.

Offertories at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Christmas Day, for Church of England Homes for Waifs and Strays; at 11 o'clock for poor widows of the parish.

## **Our Wounded Soldiers**

We are glad to hear that B. Jago and A. Holman are now in hospital in England and are making satisfactory progress. F.J. Northmore is still at the base hospital in France; he has again been dangerously ill and has had to lose his left arm. He is gradually mending. G. Phillips is in hospital suffering from trench fever, and his brother has just returned to the line, after recovery from gas poisoning.

Trench fever was a disease transmitted by body lice. From 1915 to 1918 between one-fifth and one-third of all British troops reported ill had trench fever.

## Golden Roll

L.Cpl. J.R. Anstiss and Private R.J. Damerell (both of the Devon Regt.), some months ago reported wounded and missing, are now reported killed. R.I.P. We sympathise much with their relatives, who after a long and wearing period of anxiety and uncertainty have now received this sad news.

L/Cpl Robert John Anstiss of Highland St, Ivybridge, and Pte Martin John Damerell are both on the Golden Roll. They both served in the 9th Battalion, Devon Regt, and died on the Somme on the same day Sept 6th 1916. So it was over a year before their families would know that, from being listed as 'Missing' they had been killed. They are buried in Delville Wood Cemetery. They are both named correctly on the Ivybridge War Memorial although not quite accurately in the Parish magazine.

## Reginald Sudlow Hawker, Capt., R.G.C.,

was dangerously wounded in Palestine on Nov. 6, and died as the result of his wounds on Nov.9. He was called up with the S.D. Yeomanry in the first days of the war, and served with them at Gallipoli; after the evacuation he went with them to Egypt, and later, as machine gun officer took part in the advance to Gaza, and in the late fighting there. His work as an officer has all through been spoken of most highly. His whole life up to the outbreak of war had been spent in Ivybridge, and all Ivybridge folk are at one in paying tribute to the sterling worth of his character. He was absolutely straight. He had a cheerful smile and kind word for every one, and was deservedly popular. His religion was natural to him, was just part of his life. He was a most regular and devout communicant at home: and when on service, in spite of difficulties at times, he carried on his practice. His was truly a godly and a virtuous life, and one which we could ill spare from amongst us. The Holy Sacrifice was offered on his behalf on Saturday, Nov.14, at 8 a.m., many of his friends being present. R.I.P. Our deepest sympathy is with his widow, with his father, mother, and sister. God comfort them, and all the many in like case.



Capt R.S. Hawker is reported to have died three days after being wounded. He served with the South Devon Yeomanry in Gallipoli, then Egypt and on to Gaza. He was clearly a much respected and loved member of the Ivybridge community. As you walk from Blachford Road through the church gate towards St John's Church there is a fine granite cross on the right, which countless villagers must have passed, which commemorates Capt. Hawker. The plaque at the foot of the cross gives his story.

### Red Cross Hospital at Stowford Lodge

The public meeting on Nov. 7, convened to consider ways and means, was splendidly attended, and intent on business. Mrs Mildmay, at great inconvenience, kept her promise to preside; not many ladies would have had either the will or the strength to cycle on a dark wet night from Yealmpton to Ivybridge to preside at a meeting, however important, and especially after having been at another meeting in Plymouth in the afternoon. Dr Fox, R.A.M.C., explained in a most interesting and lucid speech, the need of the Hospital; and Mr W.B. Craig, Assistant County Director of Red Cross Hospitals, alluded to the help already promised financially, materially, and in the way of personal help since this meeting; Ivybridge is putting its whole heart into the matter, therefore it is going to be carried out well.



Mrs Mildmay showed admirable determination by cycling from Yealmpton to Ivybridge on a winter's night to chair the Red Cross Public Meeting to establish a hospital at Stowford Lodge. She probably had no gears on her bike either.

In 1909, The Red Cross in Devon started working on plans to create hospital and convalescent homes to help relieve pressure on the military hospitals in the case of war. By August 1914, many V.A. (Voluntary Aid) Hospitals were ready to take in patients. The first convoy arrived in October 1914.

Stowford Lodge was used as a second line V. A. Hospital from December 1917 to January 1919. During that time, the 50-bed hospital had 154 Neurasthenics and 113 ordinary patients. 'Neurasthenic' patients were men suffering a condition of the nervous system which today would be termed a mental illness - the symptoms being fatigue, anxiety, headache, heart palpitations, high blood pressure, neuralgia and a generally depressed mood.

Stowford Lodge was kindly lent by the owners of Stowford Paper Mill for the duration of the war or as long as required. The hospital was equipped and liberally supported by the residents of Ivybridge and the surrounding area. Convalescent homes in the village included The Chantry, Cleeve, the home of H J F Lee as well as various other houses.

In many cases, women from the neighbourhood volunteered on a part time basis to help with clerical and kitchen duties, although the role of cook was a paid position. With so many of the men engaged in military service the women also took on roles such as civil defence workers and welfare officers.

The patients at these hospitals were generally less seriously wounded than at other hospitals. The servicemen preferred the auxiliary hospitals to the military counterparts because they were less strict, not so crowded and generally more homely in nature.

The standard uniform for WW1 convalescent soldiers was a blue jacket with white lapels. These were known as "hospital blues" or "convalescent blues" and made of flannel resembling ill-fitting pyjamas and were accompanied with a red tie. Military authorities required that the garment be worn at all times by soldiers. However, officers were exempt and were provided with a white armband bearing a red kings crown.

### **Ivybridge and District Nurse Fund – Report for 1916-1917**

"The Nursing Committee have pleasure in presenting their annual report, and thanking all subscribers who have helped by their generous support to carry on the work of nursing the sick in the district. Nurse Courtney has paid 1,660 visits and attended 10 maternity cases. A war bonus of £2 has been given to the Nurse. Subscriptions for the coming year will be gladly received by Mrs Craig, Torr Hill, Ivybridge. (signed) Margaret Deare."

### **Food Economy – Beleaguered City**

The Bishop of London's Call to the Men and Women of England. "Men and women of England: under the providence of God, and by His arm, that steels the heroic self-sacrifice of our kinsfolk, fighting on sea, on land, and in the air, you live in safety. But to you also the call now comes to serve in the cause of humanity. Will you not therefore offer yourself as a member of the League of National Safety?" – "An Appeal", issued in St Paul's Cathedral. Extracts from a sermon at St Paul's Cathedral, on Sunday, Nov. 25, by the Bishop of London, on the text, "Thou therefore, bear hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" :-

"It is only," he said, "the super-human courage of our mercantile marine that has saved us so far, and I have no doubt that it will save us to the end; but we have no right to gamble with the lives of these men. I have no hesitation in saying that the man or woman who does not live within his or her ration is gambling with the lives of those glorious men – all far more valuable in the eyes of God and man than their own selfish ones.

Thirdly, we might forget the need of holding the Alliance together by mutual support. 'If there is only one front and one purse, there must be only one larder and one bakery'.

### **The Real Traitor**

"Finally, there was the danger of each man or woman refusing to economise because somebody else was being extravagant. Let each say, 'If there is a traitor in the beleaguered city, at least it shall not be me. If some member of the garrison is stealing other people's bread at least it shall not be me. If somebody takes his beer rather than let the children have their milk, at least it shall not be me.' Thus, having shared the hardship, the nation as a whole would be able to share the victory; and when a Te Deum in St Paul's proclaimed that the freedom of the world had been won, they would not have to hang their heads in shame."