



IVYBRIDGE Parish Magazine 1918

January

Free-will Offering Scheme

The first year of the working of this scheme will have concluded ere the issue of this magazine. The promises made at the beginning of the year have been faithfully fulfilled and the Secretary (Mr Elcock) and the Treasurer (Mr Moysey) hope that the offerings will total about £30. We earnestly appeal to all members to continue their contributions in this coming year, and hope that others will see their way to supporting the Fund. The Committee has made grants of £5 to the Deaconess Fund and £8 to Diocesan Finance, and the balance will be available for payment for the cleaning of the organ, for meeting the almost certain deficit on the Church Expenses account, and other needs. The Diocesan Finance Fund is for the purpose of helping forward the efforts of the Church in the Diocese; it falls under three heads – (1) the Ministry, (2) the Children, (3) the Buildings. Under (1) grants are made to poor Benefices, to assistant curates in poor parishes, and to widows and orphans of poor clergy. Under (2) assistance is given to Teachers' Training Colleges, grants are made to schools, bursaries are given, and Inspectors of Religious Education are principal. Under (3) assistance is given to maintain the fabric of churches where little money can be expected to be forthcoming from the parishes themselves. (We are indebted to the Paignton Parish Magazine for this terse description of the general application of the Fund). The Diocese was asked to raise £8,000 during this current year towards these objects, and our allotted share of that sum is something over £18. Including the above grant from the Free-will Offering Fund we shall have raised about £11 of this amount; a great improvement on any previous effort, but a good deal below what we ought to do. For full particulars of the F.W.O. scheme apply to Mr Elcock, Hon. Sec.

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.

War Shrine

Isn't it about time we had a War Shrine? Twenty-five of those whose names are on the Roll of Honour have died for King and country.



A public meeting held in January 1919 discussed the issue of a permanent memorial for all the servicemen who had lost their lives in the war. Mr H.J.F. Lee, Chairman of the Urban Council presided over the meeting where it was agreed that the unused monies of the Coronation Fund, Fire Relief Fund and Belgian Refugees Fund should be used for a public memorial. It was stated that the total amount was about £44.

Christmas Day

We are thankful to be able to record a record number of communicants and record offerings for Christmas Day; in fact, the number of communions made was slightly in excess of the number on Easter Day. The offerings at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. for the Church of England Homes for Waifs and Strays were £2/0/5½, and at 11 a.m., for the Poor Widows of the parish, £3/2/6¾; Total, £5/3/0¼.

V.A.D. Hospital

We extend a very hearty welcome to the patients at Stowford Lodge, and wish to assure them that we intend to do everything in our power to make their time here happy. Owing to the pressing need for accommodation, the Hospital had to be opened several days earlier than had been originally intended, and this involved very strenuous labour on the part of Mr W.B.Craig (Assistant County Director of the Red Cross), Mrs Hawker (Commandant), and Miss Matthews (Quartermaster). However, assisted by a most energetic band of local workers, and with the help of some of the patients from Salisbury Road, a miraculous feat of preparation was accomplished in about five days, and everything necessary was ready for the coming of the first batch of men on Wednesday, Dec. 19. We are glad to have Sister Stephenson in charge, as many of us have pleasant memories of her when she was in charge at Delamore. By Christmas Day everything had shaken down into good working order, and a very happy day was spent; presents were given from the Devon County Fund for those in hospital, and also from the Red Cross, and the usual good fare was provided; after tea staff and workers and many friends were present, and a very jolly time was spent. Songs were sung by Mrs Carr and Mrs Tatham, Nurse Wood, Mr G.Stone, and Private Clayton; fancy dances were given by Misses Joan and Ruth Cooper; Private Webster was responsible for a well rendered monologue; and Private Sexton for an excellent stepdance, most pluckily performed in spite of physical weakness. This impromptu entertainment was followed by a dance, and the festivities wound up with a series of round games – by universal consent a most enjoyable evening.

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

Stowford Lodge was used as a second line Voluntary Aid Detachment 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 from what is termed today as post-traumatic stress disorders but at the time 'shell shock' – basically a severe reaction to the intense warfare and enemy bombardment endured.

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.

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.

February

The National Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving

It was good to see such excellent congregations on this day, especially at 11, when the Church was virtually full. We are glad to welcome the District Council and its Chairman, who came as a body to join in our prayers for God's help in the New Year, a year which we believe will be the critical year of the war, and a year in which the Council will probably have important work to do in our midst in connection with food matters, and in the matter of providing man-power. The collections were for the Red Cross Society and the Order of St John of Jerusalem, one fourth being given to Mr Craig for local needs. The total was £10 14s. 4d. – a splendid effort, the more so when remembering what a large amount has been subscribed during the past few weeks to the V.A.D. Hospital at Stowford Lodge.

Roll of Honour

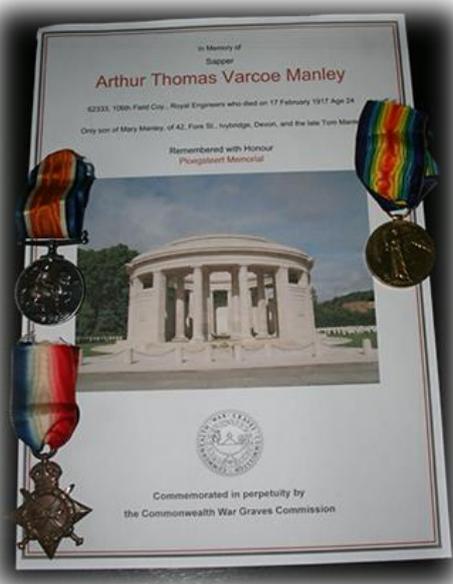
Our most sincere congratulations to Mr W. Brownfield Craig on his being made as "Officer of the Order of the British Empire." It is indeed an honour well-earned and well deserved. Mr Craig has from the earliest days of the war acted as an assistant County Director of Red Cross; he has no less than eight hospitals under his care, and these hospitals are generally acknowledged to be "second to none" in the country. Mr Craig has put in an immense amount of time and work for the Red Cross, and at his own expense has travelled what must amount to thousands of miles in doing that work. We are indeed glad that his services have been recognised.

Additional Names

Prayers are asked for George Northmore, who has recently joined up. Russell Maher has been wounded; we are glad to know it is not serious, and that he hopes to leave hospital soon.

Golden Roll

We very much regret that Arthur Manley, who was reported as missing on Feb. 17th, 1917, is now concluded to be dead. The War Office has notified his parents that "no further news having been received relative to Sapper A. Manley, who has been missing since Feb. 17, 1917, the Army Council has been regretfully constrained to conclude that he is dead, and that his death took place on Feb. 17th, 1917 (or since)." – R.I.P. Our deepest sympathy is with Mr and Mrs Manley, and his fiancée, Miss Hill.



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.

Band of Hope

The Christmas Tea (ration) and Social took place on Monday, Jan. 7. At the close of a most enjoyable evening each child received a present from a big snow-ball, and the workers also received gifts, most kindly presented by the Hon. Sec., Miss Luscombe. The Hon. Sec. presented medals and bars for good attendance to the following:-

4th year. Vera Mugridge, suspender to bronze medal.

3rd year – Bertie Folley, Cyril Moysey, Kathleen Wright, Evelyn Wright, and Kathleen Pengelly, bronze medal.

2nd year – Winnie Moon and Ivy Mugridge, bar.

1st year – Frank Moysey, Reggie Caff, and Dorothy Folley.

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

V.A.D. Hospital

There are now 41 patients in the Hospital, and ere long the full number will be in residence. Things have settled down quickly, and all is now in good working order. The men seem pleased with their surroundings, and are well looked after and catered for by the staff. The billiard table, kindly lent by Mrs MacAndrew, has been erected, and both it and the small table are never out of use during the hours in which play is permitted. There have been one or two social evenings, and on Jan. 23rd the majority of the patients attended a whist drive at the Council Schools; this was excellently organised by Mrs Roberts, and should result in providing much at least of the sum required for purchasing a piano for the Hospital. The real sympathy of Ivybridge people with the wounded is well shown in the splendid additional list of subscriptions posted in Messrs Luscombe and Harris' window. There are rumours of an entertainment to be given by the staff and patients; more we know not, as the intending performers are most successfully "camouflaging" their preparations.

The men badly want the use of a field for football; they have a football, but for want of a ground cannot use it. The exercise would do a world of good to those permitted by the doctor to play. Will some landowner or farmer come to the rescue? Little if any damage would be done to the field; the writer, an old football player, can assure the lender as to this.

The sewing party at the Hospital badly needs a sewing machine.

Lady Rogers' School

Has again distinguished itself in the Bishop Phillpotts' Prayer Book Prizes Examination. In Set A, Annie Wakely is first among the 317 examined, and in Set B, Maud Wilcox is first of 222 candidates. All of the eleven girls presented are classed:-

Set A (girls not yet passed Govt. std. V.) – first class, Annie Wakely; second class, Cora Mutton, Hilda Raymond, Gwendoline Waldron; third class, Violet Ford.

Set B (girls std. V., not yet passed std. VI.) – first class, Margaret Botterell, Maud Wilcox; second class, Muriel Botterell; third class, Isabel Bliss.

Set C (girls who have passed std. VI.) – first class, Dorothy Raymond, Gertrude Wakely.

Many congratulations to Miss Nicholls on this fine result. With great regret we record the departure of Miss Gill, who has done the best of work as assistant-mistress for about six years.

Wedding

Our heartiest congratulations to Miss Bullen, now Mrs Jenkins, on her marriage. She has our very best wishes; may her husband and all other war-husbands, soon be enabled to return home. Mrs Jenkins has been a good Churchworker; as she is living at home, at any rate for the time, we hope still to have her help.

March

Visit of the Rev. A.R. Langford Brown, Diocesan Missioner

The Diocesan Missioner, who since his last visit to us in Lent, 1916, has taken part in a Mission in Australia, as one of the two representatives of the English Church, and who spent last summer doing Y.M.C.A. work in France, will pay his much looked-forward-to visit to Ivybridge on March 9th, 10th (Mid-Lent Sunday), and 11th. On Saturday Evening he will lecture on "The Y.M.C.A. with our Soldiers in France", in the Public Rooms (kindly lent by the proprietors of the London Hotel), at 7.30 p.m.; the lecture will be illustrated by Lantern slides. No charge will be made for admission, but a silver collection will be taken on behalf of the great work being done by the Y.M.C.A. for our fighting men. As all are interested in this work, it is hoped that the interest will manifest itself by a crowded hall and a substantial addition to the Association's funds.



The Y.M.C.A. was founded by Sir George Williams in 1841. Concerned about the welfare of his fellow workers (in the drapery trade in London), he started a prayer and bible study group. The group soon grew attracting men from all across London.

V.A. Hospital, Stowford Lodge

The Assistant County Director and Officers of the V.A. Hospital, Ivybridge, desire to convey their grateful thanks to those who have by gifts of money and articles, as well as by loans of furniture, so generously supported their efforts to establish the Hospital. Special thanks are due to the band of willing helpers (including patients from Salisbury Road Hospital) who cleaned down the house, a stupendous task, accomplished in five days by dint only of very hard work, creating a record not likely to be beaten, nor it is hoped attempted. Much expense has been saved by the patients themselves, who have coloured and painted much of the interior, and done a considerable amount of carpentry. The Officers wish to acknowledge their indebtedness to the organisers and supporters of the various entertainments given to augment the funds. By the kindness of the Vicar a limited space will be allotted monthly to Hospital Notes. The first list of donations and subscriptions is appended. Unpaid promises will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Mrs Clapperton, Hon. Treasurer, V.A.Hospital, Ivybridge.



Ivybridge and District War Savings Committee

The National War Savings Committee is organising a movement to raise the sum of £100,000,000 by the sale of War Bonds and War Savings Certificates during the week March 4th to 9th, so that the fight for victory at this critical stage may be made possible. The duty allotted to the Ivybridge District (extending to Ringmore and Bigbury) is to provide two aeroplanes, at a cost of £5,000. The Local Committee earnestly hopes that everyone will do his or her level best by investing large or small sums in these securities so as not only to accomplish, but to exceed this duty.

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The target of £100 million mentioned in the parish magazine was surpassed and reached a total of £207 million by the end of the war. These government savings were then renamed 'national savings certificates' and were used to fund house building and other reconstruction and development projects.

Marriages

Allen – Sherrell – On Feb. 6th, Henry Allen to Aunie Elizabeth Sherrell; Gregory – Jolliffe – On Feb. 16th, Robert Gregory to Florence Jolliffe; Barton – Smerdon – On Feb. 18th, Frederic Charles Barton to Mary Kathleen Margery Smerdon; Kingwell – Maddock – On Feb. 23rd, Harry Kingwell to Harriet Daisy Maddock

Harry Kingwell and Harriet Daisy Maddock would live long and happy lives in Cornwood. Daisy was born in 1894 and was the oldest of 10 children. She was a founder member of the Cornwood WI, formed in June 1917. On Daisy's 100th Birthday, her brothers Tom and Ned with Leah named a crossroads near Dinnaton as "Daisy Kingwell's Cross". Daisy worked as a cook at Lyneham House.

Free-will Offering Scheme

The balance sheet for 1917 shows receipts £28/17/10, expenditure £14/14/7 balance £14/3/3. We hope to have the organ cleaned shortly cost about £20; a probable deficit on Church Expenses Fund will have to be met and so on. We appeal again for new subscribers. The scheme ought to raise £50 a year, without difficulty. Mr Elcock, Hon. Sec., will give all particulars; he will also be glad to receive the sums which some members pledged themselves to give last year, but whose pledge has not been kept. Of course, the Hon. Sec. alone knows the names of the defaulters.

The Ivybridge Freewill Offering Scheme: Each person on joining the scheme promised to set aside weekly any sum from one half-penny and upwards and allotted a number, receiving 52 small envelopes for the amount to be placed in week by week. A box at the church door was then available to receive the envelopes.

April

The War

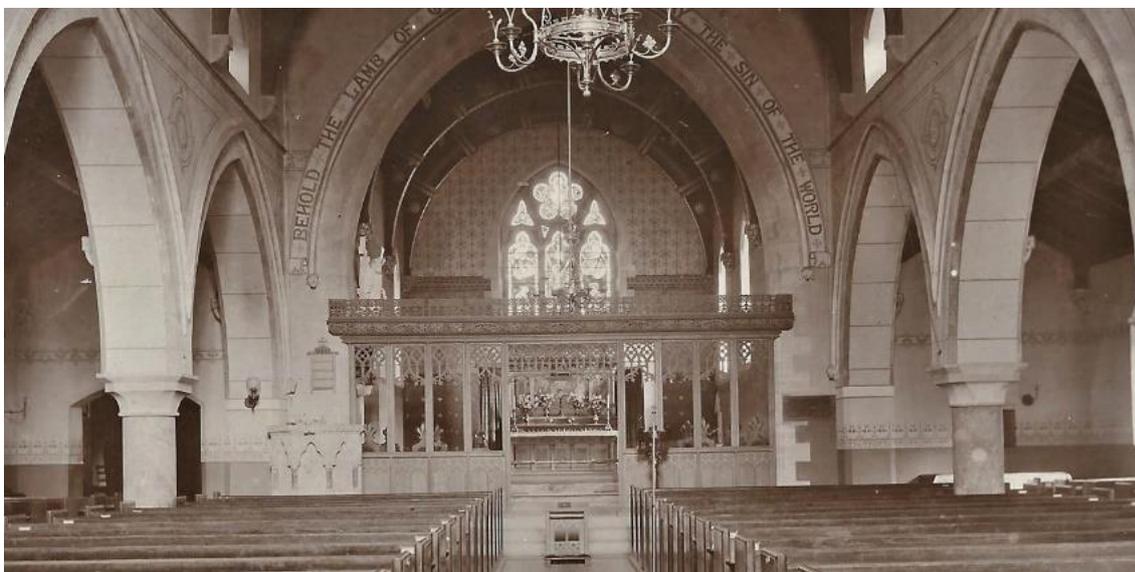
At the time of writing a tremendous battle, quite possibly the last of the war, is being waged on the Western Front. The Germans have concentrated their strength against the British Army and have gained some ground in their great offensive. We firmly believe that that offensive will be held up as all other offensives have been. The crisis however is great, and it is our duty to pray with the most intense earnestness that God will guide, help, and strengthen our soldiers of all ranks, who are fighting so magnificently for us. The Church is always open for private prayer, and at all services special intercession is made.

"The tremendous battle" referred to is the German offensive, Operation Michael which lasted from March until 6 April. The Germans wanted to capture the strategically important area of Amiens, to divide the Allied armies and to weaken them to the point where a combined counter-attack would be impossible. The Germans advanced within 10 miles of Amiens, a key rail point, taking 40 miles of occupied territory on a 50-mile front in less than 2 weeks. The offensive ended when the Allies managed to halt the German advance after they were unable to maintain supplies to the advancing troops. By the end of Operation Michael, the Germans had suffered 239,800 casualties, the British, 177,739, and the French, 77,000.

The late Major Bayly

It is with the very deepest regret that we record the death after an operation of Major Bayly, and our most, sincere sympathy is with Mrs Bayly and her daughter in their great sorrow. The Vicar, speaking of his death on the Sunday morning after, said that "his loss would be felt throughout the county, his interests being so wide and diverse; but it would be especially by the Church in Ivybridge. He was a loyal, staunch fellow-Churchman, one who loved his Lord, and therefore loved His Church. His religion was intensely real to him. He was indeed a 'good' man. For the second time within a short period God had taken one of His best servants from their midst. When John Bayly was at home, he never, when well, missed making his Sunday communion. On Septuagesima Sunday he made his last on earth, and it was little thought that in the strength of the heavenly Food then received he would be called into the presence of his God. For many years he acted as Vicar's Warden, only relinquishing office because his military duties made it very difficult for him to attend to his duties of his office. At his own request he was elected as a Sideman, as he still desired actively to interest himself in Church matters. During the time he held office he was most generous in his support of Church Expenses. Their beautiful screen was a lasting memorial to him and his generosity. They left him in God's hands, praying that God would give him light and refreshment, peace and rest, and a joyful resurrection at the Last Day." The body was brought into our church at 11 a.m. for a short service before being taken for burial to Sheepstor, where his father is buried, and in which parish Major Bayly had large interests. A largely attended service was also held at 2 p.m., the hour of the burial at Sheepstor.

Major John Bayly was born in 1869 in Plymouth and had lived at Highlands House in Ivybridge before war broke out. He was a volunteer in the Royal North Devon Hussars. In 1913 he was awarded the Territorial Distinction medal in recognition of his long service in the territorials. During the Great War, Major Bayly served with the 16th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. He died on 26 Feb 1918 of illness he contracted in Gallipoli, aged 48 years. He is buried near the north-east corner of Sheepstor church and is remembered on the Ivybridge War Memorial. Funds for the Rood Screen inside St John's Church were donated by Major Bayly and his family.

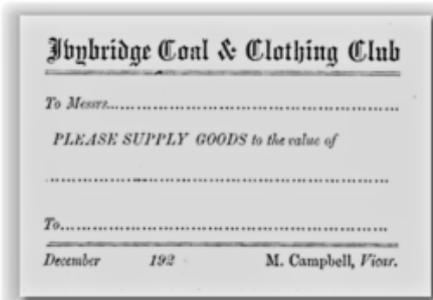


Rood Screen at St John's Church

Subscriptions

The Vicar and Church-wardens acknowledge with thanks the following subscriptions: –

Coal and Clothing Clubs – Mr Clapperton, 5/- ; Church Room – Mr Alger; £1, Dr. Cooper 10/- ; Choir Fund – Mr Alger 12/-, Dr. Cooper 5/- ; Organist Fund – Mr Alger 10/-, Dr. Cooper 10/- ; Sunday School Prizes – Miss Matthews 10/-.



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.

Lenten Preachers

The most grateful thanks of all are due to the Rev. C.W.H. Sewell, Vicar of St.Gabriel's, Plymouth, and to the Rev. A.R. Langford Brown, Diocesan Missioner, for the great help they have given us this Lent. Mr Sewell's addresses on some great questions of the Gospel were most thoughtful and well suited to the needs of the day; and of Mr Langford Brown's help we cannot speak too highly. On Saturday, March 9th, he gave a most interesting lantern lecture on "The Y.M.C.A. with our soldiers in France", to a large audience; the collection, for the Y.M.C.A., amounted to £1 13s. 6.; small expenses totalled 2/6. We thank very much the proprietors of the London Hotel for the kind loan of the Assembly Rooms free of charge, and Mr Flemming for so kindly lending his lantern when it was found that Mr Craig's could not be worked owing to a mistake about the chimney. On Sunday morning, March 10th, Mr Brown spoke on "The call of Home"; in the afternoon to the children on "God loves, God sees, God hears"; and to the men on "Present-day problems and opportunities" – a splendid address, one which could hardly be bettered; in the evening his talk was "On the true conception of God being necessary for the true conception of Prayer". About 80 women mustered on Monday afternoon for a very moving service and address on "Our time for God." Will those who ordered "The Churchman's Bible Reading Manual and Kalendar" kindly apply to the Vicar for the same. Some questions in conclusion. Were our ears just tickled and our feelings but temporarily touched by the eloquence of Mr Brown? Or have we been brought nearer to God, and so more eager to seek His Presence at the Altar? Will there be any increase in the number of communicants on Easter Day? Crowds heard him gladly; is it to be left to the few to follow their Lord more earnestly in the way?

Problems with technology is an age-old issue it would seem! The Magic Lantern, also known as optical lantern or stereopticon, was the forerunner of the modern slide projector. A slide was projected with the help of a lens, condenser and artificial light onto a screen.

Roll of Honour

Prayers are asked for the following, who have recently joined up – Alfred Churchward, Reginald Lake, Frederick Mugridge, Horace Newcome, and Robert Edgar Yabsley. Thomas Newcome and Thomas Williams have been invalided Harold Pearse has had to go back to hospital at Plymouth. Frederick Northmore, who was reported in the November Magazine as dangerously wounded, is now at home convalescent; he has lost an arm, but thank God his life has been spared.

V.A. Hospital

The best thanks of the Officers are tendered to the Committee of the Constitutional Club for allowing the patients the use of their rooms and billiard table and for the interchange of billiard matches; to Miss Bartlet and party for an excellent entertainment given at the Hospital; to all who have sent gifts of vegetables, eggs, butter, &c. – these are most acceptable and permanent requirements, eggs especially will be gratefully received. The following “Wants” list is published in response to enquiries: – A pony and gingle, Bath chairs, deck chairs, strong croquet sets and single mallets, clock golf (including putters), small tables (folding or otherwise), poultry and young chicken for rearing. The Hospital has recently been inspected by Miss Swift, Matron-in-Chief, Joint War Committee; Col. Melville, Assistant Director of Medical Services, Plymouth; the Countess Fortescue, President, Devon Branch B.R.C.S., all of whom expressed satisfaction. Many patients have recently been discharged to civil life; they are to be congratulated, but the loss of several of these is much regretted at the Hospital.

May

Easter Day

This was remarkable for the large number of communions made, 163 and for the very excellent congregations at all services. It was made particularly happy for the writer by the capital turn out of patients from the V.A. Hospital at 7 a.m., and again at 11. The decorations were beautiful, thanks to many helpers and donors of flowers; and last but not least, to the children of Lady Roger’s School and of the Catechism, who between them brought over 500 bunches (real big ones) of primroses. The music, under Mr Elcock, with Deaconess at the organ, was simple and good.

Golden Roll

Joshua Horton and Richard Trotman have made the great sacrifice for their country in the recent severe fighting. R.I.P. Our deepest sympathy is with their relatives; may God console and comfort them. We share too the great anxiety of the relatives of William Reid and George Vivian, who are reported as missing.

Gunner Joshua Horton served with 374 Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA). Corporal Richard Trotman was a signaller, serving with 58 Division Signalling Company, Royal Engineers. Both of these men died on the same day, 21 March 1918 and have no known grave. However, they are both commemorated on the same memorial to the missing in Pozières, France. The Pozières Memorial commemorates the names of 14,655 casualties of the United Kingdom who died on the Somme battlefields between March and August 1918.

Roll of Honour

Prayers are asked for Cecil Andrews, Bertie Roper, and Donald Trotman, who have recently joined up. Charles Broom and Harry De Ville have been wounded, as has also G. Close, late 2nd master in the Council Schools. Ernest Hockin has been gassed. All are in hospital in England and making good progress towards recovery. Samuel Daniels has been taken back to hospital from his home, seriously ill.

George Close served with one of the Bicycle Battalions, fighting near Peronne on the Somme, at the time he was wounded. His battalion was told to withdraw but they were so tired they lay down to sleep. When George awoke he realised they were being fired on by a German aircraft. His two colleagues were killed and George was wounded in the neck and shoulder. When the stretcher party arrived they patched him up, but said he had two options. "Wait until we've attended the more seriously wounded and then be stretchered back to a field dressing station", or "Walk back unaided". George walked all day for 5 miles through a maze of trenches, using the sun to guide him. He reasoned that the sun was moving west which was away from the enemy and where he wanted to go. He survived to become Headmaster of Modbury School, retired to Loddiswell, celebrated his Golden Wedding and died in his 90s.

Ivybridge War Savings Association

The accounts for the half-year have been audited, and show that during that period 752 certificates have been bought at a cost of £583 16s. Members cash withdrawals have only been £2 15s. 7d. for the six months. In addition to the War Certificates, War Bonds to the value of £685 were purchased in the Business Men's Week in March. The War Savings Committee owes much to Mr and Mrs Russell, who are doing splendid work as treasurer and secretary respectively of the District Committee; and to Mr J. Partington, who has been indefatigable as local secretary.

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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.

Gift

Mrs Hawker has carved and given the beautiful new hymn board, which no doubt many of the congregation have noticed. Our most grateful-thanks to her.

Mr and Mrs Hawker lived at The Chantry, close to Victoria Park, and were staunch supporters of the war effort in Ivybridge. Mrs Hawker, the daughter of Rev. Sudlow Garratt, became the Assistant Commandant at the V.A. Hospital. She was also the President of the Women's Institute. Mr Hawker ran a successful wine merchanting business in Plymouth.

Their son, Captain Reginald Sudlow Hawker, served with the South Devon Yeomanry/Machine Gun Corps during the war in Egypt and Palestine but did not return. A cross outside St John's church commemorates him.

V.A. Hospital

Sincere sympathy is expressed with Miss Stevenson, sister-in-charge, on the loss sustained by the death of her mother. The 'Wants' list published last month has so far brought no response. Bath chairs being urgently needed, one has been purchased and another lent by Salisbury Road Hospital. An excellent second-hand upright grand piano has been bought at a cost of £32, to replace the one hired at the expense of Miss Matthews, Quartermaster. Donors of vegetables, eggs, &c., are again, gratefully thanked. It is hoped that in this respect, the support given to this Hospital by residents in the parish will not fall short of that received during the past 3½ years or less, at the other Hospitals in the Totnes Division. On March 30 the Vicar, Hon. Chaplain, conducted a short Intercession Service, when there was a full attendance. The third list of subscriptions is unavoidably withheld until next month.

Lieutenant Sandford

Lieutenant Francis Hugh Sandford, D.S.O., R.N., born at Cornwood when his father, the late Archdeacon Sandford was Vicar in the parish, along with five other picked sailors, made a daring and successful attack, in an old submarine full of explosives, on the Zeebrugge Mole. It was a most hazardous operation, and although he and two of his crew were wounded, they all got off with their lives. Lt. Sandford is now in hospital in England.

Excerpt from the Cornwood parish magazine May 1918.

Lt. Sandford commanded an obsolete submarine C3, with its volunteer crew of 1 officer and 4 ratings. On 23 April 1918, C3 was involved in the attack on the lock gates at Zeebrugge which were crucial to the operation of German U boats there. C3 was loaded with 4 tons of amatol explosive and Sandford chose to control C3 manually to destroy the viaduct of the Zeebrugge Mole. This prevented reinforcements from reaching the German garrison there. For this action, in which he was wounded, Lt. Sandford received the Victoria Cross (VC). Overall in this action, which involved many other Royal Navy ships and 1700 men, 227 died and 356 were wounded.

June

Organ Recital

Our most grateful thanks are due to Private Ellyatt (organ), Private Pattison, M.M. (violin). Mrs Carr and Nurse Kirkpatrick (vocalist), for a most beautiful Service of Praise on Tuesday evening, May 21st. Lack of space prevents details being given. A very large and appreciative congregation joined in the offering made to God. A collection taken as the people left the church amounted to £3/3/1½. This will go towards the sum required for cleaning the organ, a job which badly needs doing. Private Ellyatt, who is the organist of a London Church, is most kindly acting as our organist while at the Hospital, and adding much to the reverence and beauty of the services thereby.

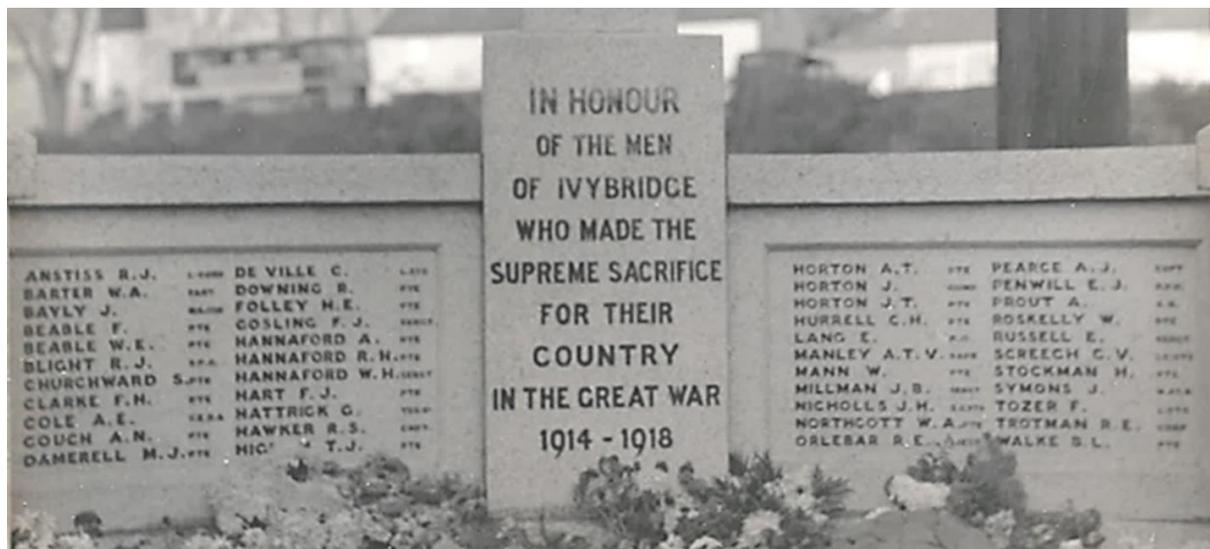
Roll of Honour

Yet another name to be added to the already long Golden Roll, that of Henry Hannaford, Sergt. Warwick Regt., who made the greatest sacrifice on April 10th. Our deepest sympathy is with his widow and parents. Mr and Mrs Hannaford are not only mourning his loss but are in great anxiety as to the fate of their younger son, Albert, who has been reported as "missing", and of whom no further news can be obtained. Albert is an old choir boy. We are glad to be able to announce that cards have been received from W. Reid and George Vivian, who were 'missing', stating that they are prisoners of war. It may interest our readers to know that the youngest son of Dr. Trelawny-Ross, who was reported as 'missing', is also a prisoner of war. H. Phillips is at home, invalided.

William Henry Hannaford (known as Henry) was in the Territorial Army before the war; Henry's younger brother Albert also joined the Territorial's as soon as he could, and the two brothers met up on Salisbury Plain early in 1918.

Unfortunately, the two brothers were destined for the area, unbeknown to them, where the second Spring Offensive in April was to be staged. Henry, serving with the 10th Royal Warwickshire Regiment, was on the Messines Ridge when the Germans attacked on the night of the 9th-10th. The attack caused 453 battalion casualties, including Sgt William Henry Hannaford. So rapid was the enemy advance that Albert's battalion, which was over 20km away at Merville, was attacked. Albert was mortally wounded and had to be left; one of the 487 casualties of the 1/5th Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He had just had his 19th birthday. He died just a day later after his brother on 11th April 1918.

Neither brothers have known graves. Henry is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing at Zonnebeke, Ypres Salient Battlefields in Belgium and Albert on the Loos Memorial to the Missing at Loos-en-Gohelle in France. Both men's names appear on the Ivybridge War Memorial.



V.A. Hospital

Miss Stevenson has accepted the appointment of Sister-in-charge at the Newton Abbot Neurasthenic Hospital (300 beds). To bid her farewell, a concert was held on the 13th May, when she was presented with a handsome tea service, tray, and cloth, from the patients, officers, and nursing staff, by Mrs Hawker, who very ably and appropriately voiced the general feeling, followed by Gunner Hind, who spoke on behalf of the patients. A cordial welcome was extended to Sister Lytton at a concert and whist drive on the 16th. On Whit Monday, in the grounds, a concert, followed by a sketch, entitled "The Travelling Medical Board" (composed by several patients), was creditably performed. Thanks are offered to those who kindly lent costumes. It is proposed to hold a Fete in June, to which the subscribers to the Hospital Funds will be invited. It is desired to fly the Red Cross Flag, as at other Hospitals. Will any kind friend give the necessary flag staff? The patients were entertained by the adult members of the Parish Church Choir at a Social at the Assembly Rooms on Thursday, May 23rd. A whist drive, songs, etc., helped all to spend a very pleasant evening. The kindly action of the choir was much appreciated.

July

V.A. Hospital

Grateful thanks to donor of 'Thank-offering,' £2 2s; Council School children for eggs; other small gifts (the donors of which are assured they are all consumed by patients); to all who from time to time entertain patients; to Mrs MacAndrew for a tree for a flag-staff. It was not possible to have an opening ceremony owing to the sudden arrival of patients just before Christmas; it has now been decided to invite all subscribers to a Garden Fete on Wednesday, July 3. If any subscriber has not received a card will he or she kindly let Miss Matthews, The Quartermaster, know at once. A 'ration' tea will be provided, and as many have expressed a wish to assist in defraying expenses, a collection will be made during the proceedings. The open-air Concert and Theatricals given by patients on Whit-Monday (attended by Mrs Mildmay, among others) was most enjoyable and much talent was exhibited. The sketch, 'A Travelling Medical Board,' composed by one or two patients, showed much care in preparation as well as artistic merit. Thanks are tendered to the tenant of the London Hotel, Mr Rutherford, Col. Orlebar, and Miss Matthews, for loan of effects.

James and Barbara MacAndrew lived at Lukesland, an extensive estate with woodland gardens, so supplying a tree for a flag-staff was not a hardship!

Mrs Mildmay was the wife of a Member of Parliament and lived at Mothecombe

Golden Roll

Again we have to express our very deep sympathy, this time with Mr and Mrs Walke, Green Street, whose son Bertram has died in hospital in France as the result of a bullet wound in the head. Bertram was wounded some time ago, and had but recently returned to the fighting line. R.I.P.

Bertram Walke, serving with a Devonshire regiment, the 1st Devons, died in hospital on 11 June 1918. He is buried in the Aire Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais. He was 21 years old.

The Sunday School Treat

This will be held at Torr Hill, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs W.B. Craig, on Wednesday, July 10th. Members of the congregation are cordially invited to Torr Hill. There will be, as usual, a short service in the Church at 2.45 p.m.; tea will be provided for the children. At the time of writing the question of food has not been considered by the teachers; may be, as last year, each child will be asked to provide its own eatables, a plan which proved most successful.

Woolmer's Exeter and Plymouth Gazette of 1856 carried an article regarding the sale of Torr Hill, describing the property as " ... consisting of a good house with coach house, stables and other offices, an excellent walled garden, flower gardens, greenhouse and shrubbery; detached and a convenient distance from the house is a farm house with barn and outbuildings; ... This desirable residence fitted for the comfort of a respectable family is situated adjoining the turnpike road, a quarter of a mile from Ivybridge, ten minutes' walk from the railway station and eleven miles from Plymouth. It commands extensive and delightful views in a neighbourhood famed for the salubrity of the air and the beauty of the scenery. Fox Hounds and Harriers hunt the neighbourhood and there is first rate trout fishing in the rivers Erme and Avon nearby. To a gentleman fond of a healthy and retired situation of sporting or of agricultural pursuits, the above offers an opportunity which seldom occurs."

Torr Hill is now demolished but the original entrance is marked by two granite pillars on Exeter Road, close to the pedestrian crossing.



Torr Hill

Ivybridge War Saving Association

The Hon. Secretary reports as follows: – From April 1st to June 22nd, 1918, 93 certificates have been purchased through the Association at a cost of £72 1s 6d. Since the formation of the Association the total number of certificates purchased is 1,214 at the cost of £940 17s. We have at present no news of the comparatively recently formed Association at the Paper Mill; all certificates purchased by this Association are additional to the above.

War Weapons Week

July 1st to 6th – Will Ivybridge do it? If during the first week in July £4,500 are invested in National War Bonds and War Savings Certificates, the Authorities have promised to name an aeroplane after our village. We have made many good efforts in the past; we did well for the Victory Loan; we subscribed nearly £4,000 in Business Men's Week. Let us do still better in War Weapons Week and lend our country £4,500 to buy the "Ivybridge" aeroplane. Our men are still fighting for us; for nearly four years they have fought. They are weary of it all, yet they keep on. Our boys as they reach the age of 18 join up and carry on. These men and boys are doing for us more than we can ever repay. If we were asked to give, it would be our privilege to give gladly. As it is, we are only asked to lend, and to lend on profitable terms. Let us all be in this; all take a share – as big a share as we can – in naming our aeroplane. Then we shall be able to meet the eyes of our men when they come home, and feel what while they fought we rendered them all possible support, and that we and they worked together to bring about an abiding peace. Ivybridge can do it!

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.

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.

'War Weapons Week' involved each city, town and village endeavouring to subscribe to sufficient War Bonds and Savings Certificates to buy a chosen weapon, with villages such as Ivybridge targeting aircraft whilst larger cities looking to fund 'super-dreadnought' battleships.

Roll of Honour

The prayers of parishioners are asked for the following, who have recently joined up: – William Hands, George Williams, William Pippin, John Jones, Alfred Mattacott, William Varcoe, and the Rev. A.G. Curnow. We much regret the removal of Mr Curnow from our midst; he was one who had our greatest respect as a man and as a minister. He volunteered for services as a Chaplain to the Forces, was accepted, and has as appointment as Wesleyan Chaplain at Salonika. We wish him and all the above God-speed.

Ernest Hockin (gassed) and John Brooks are in hospital; we wish them a speedy recovery. There is still no news of Albert Hannaford, reported missing; and now another of our younger soldiers is posted as missing, Alfred Hart; we share the anxiety of his parents, and pray that we may hear that he has been taken prisoner, the best possible news under the circumstances. Thomas John Higman, son of our worthy stationmaster is also "missing"; we can but repeat, of him and his, the above.

Albert Hannaford served in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. During the second Spring Offensive in April 1918 Albert's battalion was attacked at Merville. Albert was mortally wounded and had to be left; one of the 487 casualties of the 1/5th DCLI. He was just 19 years old.

Albert Hannaford has no known grave but is commemorated on the Loos Memorial to the Missing at Loos-en-Gohelle in France. His name also appears on the Ivybridge War Memorial.

Private Thomas Higman served with the 13th Gloucester Regiment and died aged 41, reminding everyone that the war did not exclusively claim the lives of the young volunteers. Thomas is buried in the Harlebeke New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen in Belgium.

News arrived later that Alfred Hart had become a prisoner in Germany. He had been wounded and was suffering from a broken arm.

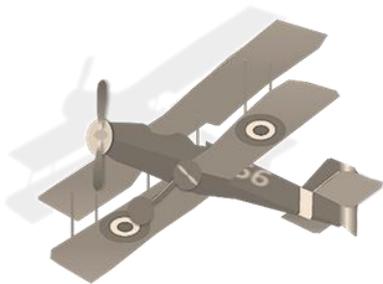
In the melee of battle, it was frequently many months after the event before the fate of servicemen would be known for certain. In the worst cases no trace could be found whilst others were taken prisoner and transported to Germany. In due course their families would learn that they were safe, though not necessarily free from injury and would eventually be repatriated.

August

Ivybridge Aeroplane

Ivybridge did do it! – The “Ivybridge Aeroplane”

As anticipated in the last issue, Ivybridge succeeded in raising the desired amount to entitle the village to have an aeroplane named after it. The subscriptions in War Bonds and Certificates for the War Weapons Week totalled £4,600, or £250 over the required quota. The members of the local War Savings Association are very much indebted to the ladies who undertook so willingly to canvass the neighbourhood, and also to the Boy Scouts who distributed War Saving leaflets. We are glad to be able to congratulate the parish of Ermington on its very successful week, the sum realised there amounting to £3,945. Since the formation of the Stowford Mill War Savings Association, the members have bought by instalments and single payments a total of 150 Certificates, a very creditable result for the number of subscribers. The Secretary of the Association would be glad to enrol new members.



The RAF was founded just a few months earlier on 1 April, with the merging of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. The use of aeroplanes played an important role during WW1. As ground offensives slowed to become trench warfare, it would mean the pilots were required to provide a breakthrough. Many aircraft emerged, from out and out fighters, to reconnaissance, night bombers and ground attack. By the end of the war some 22,000 aircraft were in service.

Current research has been unable to trace a record of the Ivybridge aeroplane, suggesting that it never went into service, or perhaps was never even built with the end of the war only months away. However, the naming of an aeroplane provided some welcome cheer for the local community, amongst the steady stream of heart-breaking news and loss of young lives.

V.A. Hospital

A garden Fete was held on Wednesday, July 3rd, to which subscribers to the Hospital were invited; the event was favoured with glorious weather. The proceedings opened with an "al fresco" concert by the patients, who, as on previous occasions, delighted their audience with a high-class selection which presaged an enjoyable afternoon. Visitors then had the opportunity to inspect the Hospital and see for themselves what has been provided through their instrumentality for the comfort and welfare of the patients. General approval was heard. A strictly ration tea was provided, and in order not to encroach on Hospital funds contributions were solicited to defray the cost, a collecting box being placed in a prominent position for the purpose; a gratifying response was made, £11 12s. 6d. resulting, relieving the Officers of all anxiety. The expenses were £9 12s. 6d., thus leaving a balance of £2 to be paid to the "Comforts Fund." The string band from Crownhill Military Convalescent Hospital, by kind permission of Col. Baker, and through the good services of Lt.-Col. Fox and Lt. Kalthinsop, played during tea and sports, considerably adding to the pleasure and highly appreciated. Much credit is due to the Committee of patients for the provision of an excellent programme of sports, carried out with zest. An accident to one patient in the three-legged race caused some concern; he has made a good recovery. The Vicar acted as judge for all events excepting the hat-trimming competition, when Mrs Mildmay's invaluable aid was invited; her task proved by no means easy, all competitors showing nearly equal skill as amateur milliners. A special feature was the whistling competition, in which the ladies joined, causing much merriment. At the conclusion of the sports Mrs Mildmay presented the prizes, and expressed her thanks to all who had helped to establish and maintain the Hospital, as well as to those who contributed to the success of the Fete, special mention being made of the generosity of the owners of Stowford Lodge for placing the house and grounds at the disposal, rent free, of the British Red Cross Society; and to Mr R.P. Clapperton for the use of the lawn field for the sports. Mrs Mildmay was suitably thanked for her kind attendance and unflagging interest. A party of six patients were permitted by Lt.-Col. Fox to give a concert at Totnes V.A. Hospital, July 11th; their services were greatly appreciated by a large audience. The following donations are gratefully acknowledged: – Mr Bacon, £1/1/-; Mrs Bridgett, 5/-; Miss Bryant, 2/6; Mrs Roberts, 2/-; Mrs Williams, 2/-. The flagstaff has been erected, the Union Jack and Red Cross flags showing well from the railway. Information has come to hand at the moment of going to press that orders have been issued by the Southern Command that the Hospital is no longer to be used for the reception of neurasthenic cases; the Hospital may be closed for a short time, and re-opened to receive general cases of sick and wounded. Nothing more can be said at present.

Following the instruction from the Southern Command the last neurasthenic cases left on August 3rd, "to the great regret of officers, staff, and patients". Neurasthenic patients were men suffering from what is termed today as post-traumatic stress disorders but at the time 'shell shock', severe reaction to the intense warfare and enemy bombardment endured. Following a brief closure of the hospital, 'general cases' began to arrive from 9 Sept, when 35 patients were admitted from various sections of the 4th Southern General Hospital, Plymouth. The number of beds had been reduced from 50 to 45, in accordance with the wishes of the Surgeon-General Inspector of Hospitals.

The Catechism Treat

This took place on July 10th. Much rain in the morning caused much worry as to whether our original plans could be carried out. However, we were determined to “carry on” with our preparations at Torr Hill, while making arrangements for tea in the Church Room if necessary. Fortunately, the weather cleared, and after service in the church at 2.45 we proceeded to Torr Hill, and, except for a very slight shower in the early afternoon, had excellent weather; Laus Deo. The children were provided with tea, buns, and cake, and brought some food to supplement the ration. After tea, sports were held under the able management of Mr Elcock, assisted by Messrs Hannaford, Moon, Moysey, and Baber, and several of the patients from Stowford Lodge Hospital. The children seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves. Our most sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Craig for putting their beautiful grounds at our disposal; hearty cheers were given for them at the close of the day, and also for the Teachers and for those who made such a success of the sports. Thanks, too, to Mr Craig for carting forms, etc., for the loan of various necessaries. In addition to the collection on June 30th, we received the following kind donations: – Mr and Mrs Edwards 5/-, Mrs Wyatt 2/-, Mr Wright 2/6, Anon. 2/6, Mrs Hart 1/-

Roll of Honour

Prayers are asked for the following, who have recently joined up: – Frederick Beer, William Arthur Boulden, and Joseph Fedrick. We are glad to hear that Harry Fortune, who was reported “missing” has now written to say that he is a prisoner of war. Our very hearty congratulations to Private Ernest Stockman, Devon Regt., on winning the D.C.M. for gallantry and devotion to duty in France from May 27th to June 2nd. Only in April last he received a parchment certificate “for gallant conduct and devotion to duty.” We are very proud of him. Our Ivybridge distinctions are now 5 D.S.M.’s, 1 Croix de Guerre ave Palme, 1 D.C.M., and an M.C.

Frederick Beer survived the War and subsequently taught at the Methodist Sunday School. Regarding Private Ernest Stockman, it was known that he ventured out into “No Man’s Land” as a stretcher bearer to rescue wounded soldiers, often at night. This very dangerous but extremely courageous work, was recognised with the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal D.C.M.

Joseph Fedrick joined the navy and survived the Great War. He was the youngest of 4 brothers, all of which joined the services during World War One. Joseph remained in the navy but died in 1941 whilst aboard HMS Gloucester. His name appears on the Ivybridge war memorial for WW2 but is wrongly named as Frederick.

September

Band of Hope

Members had a most successful picnic on Monday, July 29th, at Pitt Hill; Miss Luscombe (Hon. Sec.) and Mrs Coyte made all the arrangements most ably; and we are most grateful to Mr Wyatt, of Pitt Hill Farm, for all the kind help he gave in providing and looking after all the hot water arrangements.

A Post of the Comrades of the Great War

This has been formed locally. Colonel Orlebar is Captain of the Post, and Mr J.W. Gard, Windsor Cottage, is Hon. Sec. The objects of the organisation are: – (1) To watch and safeguard the interests of all ex-members of the Forces, and to take such steps as are necessary to protect them now, and during and after demobilisation; (2) To press the claims of discharged sailors and soldiers; (3) To help discharged men to State and public employment; (4) To promote the welfare of the women and children left by those who have fallen. The Secretary is willing and eager to give advice to any widow or dependent of our fallen comrades, or to any discharged man on any matter. All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Mr J. W. Gard, Windsor Cottage, Ivybridge.



The Comrades of The Great War were formed in 1917 as a non-political association to represent the rights of ex-service men and women who had served or had been discharged from service during The Great War 1914-1918. Comrades of The Great War was one of the original four ex-service associations that amalgamated on Sunday 15 May 1921 to form The British Legion.

The 4th Anniversary

The 4th Anniversary of the entry of our country into the war was well observed in Ivybridge as a day of Remembrance and Prayer. There were splendid congregations at all services in the parish church. After Evensong almost the whole congregation, led by the Vicar, Choir, and Boy Scouts, walked in procession, singing a Litany of Penitence, to the park for a united open-air service. A huge crowd assembled; prayers were offered by Mr Lucas (Wesleyan) and the Rev. J. Jameson (Congregational); Mr Harrison read the lesson; and the Vicar gave an address. Three hymns were most heartily and reverently sung during the service, at the end of which the Vicar gave the Blessing, and the National Anthem was sung. An impressive service indeed, in which our unity in prayer, always we believe a real thing, though unseen, was made clearly visible.

The 4th Anniversary of the declaration of war was held on 4th August 1918 with Ivybridge, like so many towns and villages up and down the land, holding a Day of Remembrance. A joint open-air service involving C of E, Wesleyans and Congregationalists was held in Victoria Park. A Special Service of Thanksgiving was also held at Montreuil, in France, the General Headquarters of the Army.

Roll of Honour

Our deepest sympathy is with the mother and relatives of Cephas Hurrell, who had died in India from malaria. R.I.P. It is good news indeed that A. Hart, some time since reported missing, is a prisoner in Germany; he is wounded – a broken arm, but writes in cheerful mood. G. Willis has been invalided. E. Williams has been very ill in Ireland. Sydney Piper is in Hospital in France, owing to a serious accident. Bertram Maher and Trevor Withycombe have been wounded, the latter but very slightly, not a “Blighty.”

We are all familiar with the term ‘Blighty’ used as slang term for Britain, especially by soldiers during the World Wars, but it is also a slang term for a wound or furlough (leave of absence) suffered by a soldier during the First World War, sufficiently serious enough to warrant return home to Britain.

Boy Scouts – 1st Ivybridge Troop

It is good to know that the Scout movement has been revived – first of all about ten months ago by a few keen Parish Church boys, and four months ago as a general movement for the village, with which the original Scouts were incorporated. The Troop has already become very efficient and several members have taken up first aid work, in which Mrs Bampfield has given valuable assistance. The boys have been inspected by the District Commissioner, Mr E. Hawker, Mr W. B. Craig (Chairman of the Local Scouts Association), Colonel Orlebar, and Lieut Bampfield, all of whom expressed their pleasure at the movement being restarted, and satisfaction at the way in which the boys performed their various drills. The Troop attended Divine Service at the church on Aug. 4th, and also attended the Commemorative Service in the Park later in the evening. The boys listened attentively to the powerful and inspiring address given by the Vicar, and were delighted at being recognised by him at that service. We feel sure that the movement will be the means of improving the boys in many ways. The majority of the boys have bought their uniforms out of their earnings, but a few find it impossible to do this. Financial support or gifts of equipment would be welcomed by the Hon. Sec., Mr Elcock, Erme Terrace. The Scoutmaster is Mr J.W. Gard (late C.E.A., R.N.), who has secured the use of the Drill Hall for the boys for the duration of the war.



The 1st Ivybridge Scouts as we can read, formed in Ivybridge in 1918, based on the guidance of the founder of the scouting movement Robert Baden Powell.

The first Scout Master was John Gard, who was also the Secretary of the Comrades of the Great War, later to become the Royal British Legion. The Boy Scouts were permitted to use the Drill Hall located in Victoria Park at this time.

Miss Cecilia Bayly of Highlands, (who later married Captain Alexander Henry Maxwell Hyslop, a naval officer and later commander of HMS Cumberland) was the Girl Guide Captain. One of the patrol leaders was Harry Folly who was employed at Highlands as a garden boy.

In 1914 Baden-Powell created the Wolf Cubs for younger boys aged 9 to 12. However, it wasn't until the early 1920s before Ivybridge had their first pack, formed by Mrs Patey of Stowford House, with help from Mrs Roberts, who lived next door to the White House. The Wolf Cub pack used the church room for their activities.

October

Roll of Honour

Additional name, Philip Bovey. We are very glad to have Alfred Hart at home, and to know that he was not unkindly treated while a prisoner, wounded and suffering; we sympathise much with him over the loss of his left arm. Francis Charles Bowden, N.T., A.S.C., was wounded in the foot on August 29th; he is in Hospital in England; we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

V.A. Hospital

The Hospital was re-opened, as announced last month, on Sept. 9th, when 35 patients were admitted from various sections of the 4th Southern General Hospital, Plymouth. The number of beds has been reduced from 50 to 45, in accordance with the wishes of the Surgeon-General Inspector of Hospitals. Miss Elliot, Sister-in-Charge, sent by the War Committee, London, was welcomed a few days earlier, and it is hoped her stay may be a long one. The public is reminded that the sick and wounded soldiers are undergoing hospital treatment and are under Military discipline, which is, however, relaxed so far as is possible in keeping with the Army Council Instructions, and that the Hospital and its staff are under Military Orders; it is anticipated therefore that no inducements will be offered to the patients to infringe any regulations that may be made which would not only bring trouble upon the men, but discredit upon the Hospital. Every effort is made by the Officers to make the patients' forced residence in Hospital as pleasant and enjoyable as possible, as is done at all Red Cross Hospitals. We are confident the parishioners and others will assist as before. An initial whist drive was held for patients and staff to inaugurate the re-opening. Grateful thanks are tendered to Admiral Sir Lewis Bayly for a gift of books and promise of fruit and vegetables; to Mr H. J. F. Lee for a second donation of £5; to the scholars of South Brent Girls' School for 2/6 collected amongst themselves; and to the regular subscribers and donors. Some further equipment has been allocated to this Hospital from the one at Kingsbridge recently closed. "Our Day" will be celebrated at Ivybridge on Oct 5th, when the Red Cross flags, etc., will be offered for sale, and an entertainment (arranged by Mrs Mann) will be given (by kind permission of the Officer Commanding) by the Officers Cadet Corps from Membland Hall; the entertainment it is understood will be exceptionally attractive. The total proceeds are for "Our Day" Fund, which is devoted entirely to Red Cross work overseas. We have been requested to make special efforts to collect larger sums than in previous years. The need of money for Red Cross work overseas is greater than ever before. £3,672,356 was expended in 1917.

"Our Day"

Our Day was a Red Cross fundraising event organised for the first time in 1915, which then took place annually throughout the war. The origin of the collection was considered to be "Queen Alexandra's Day", when people showed support for the Queen by buying flowers. During "Our Day", street collectors sold flags, which were ordered and supplied centrally. Flags for motor vehicles were also available. Small flags were sold for a penny and silk ones were sold for six pence. Gifts for "Our Day" were also received from overseas.

Source : redcross.org.uk

Membland Hall

Membland is an historic estate in the parish of Newton and Noss. The estate was purchased around 1877 by Edward Baring, senior partner of Barings Bank, who rebuilt the mansion house known as Membland Hall. Baring Brothers bank collapsed in November 1890 and was saved by the Bank of England. During World War 1 it was one of several training locations for the Officers' Cadet Battalion. The estate was eventually broken up and great Membland Hall itself became derelict and was razed in 1928.

Officer Cadet Corps

To address the loss of officers during the war and to provide a continual supply of men who could lead and command, a new system of training officers was introduced in February 1916. The Officer Cadet unit accepted entrants who were aged 18 and over and the training course lasted four and a half months.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The church was most tastefully decorated by a few helpers. Our thanks are due to the Rev E.A. Powell, vicar of Holbeton, for his earnest exhortation. We are very glad to have Private Ellyatt as organist for our thanksgiving services; we wish him every happiness in resuming his work in London, and much regret losing him. The grapes, apples (a very good supply for a season when apples are scarce), and vegetables were taken early on Monday morning to our own Hospital, where thirty-five wounded soldiers arrived later in the day.

War Savings

The Secretary reports that from the 1st July to the 21st September, 175 certificates have been bought at the cost of £135/12/6, and the number of members is gradually increasing. A great feature has been the increase in membership and subscriptions at the Council Schools, under Miss Olive Hoare. From the formation of the Association, of 4th of August, 1916, to the 21st September, 1918, 1,407 War Savings Certificates, at the cost of £1,090/8/6, have been purchased, and War Bonds to the extent of £1,690.

Dr. Trelawny Ross

The doctor and some of his household are being treated at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, after being bitten by a dog which was probably suffering from rabies. A public subscription is being raised to assist Dr. Ross to meet the great expense he has had to incur. He has many friends in Ivybridge, and has often helped us; we now have an opportunity of helping him. The Vicar will be glad to receive and forward subscriptions, or they may be sent direct to the Hon. Sec. of the fund, the Rev. C. W. H. Sewell, St. Gabriel's Vicarage, Plymouth.

The Institut Pasteur was founded in 1887 by Louis Pasteur, the famous French chemist and microbiologist. Pasteur researched bacteria, contributed to the germ theory of disease, and developed methods of sterilisation aimed at reducing pathogens in food, a process eventually called pasteurisation. Pasteur also developed a vaccine to control and treat rabies. During the First World War the Institute was to vaccinate the troops against typhoid fever, easily contracted by the soldiers who often had no choice but to drink from small streams or puddles.

Source : Wikipedia

Presentation to Private Ellyatt

A sum of £3 3s. was presented to Private Ellyatt as a small acknowledgement of his services by the following members of the congregation: – Mrs Goff, Hetty and Fred Goff, Mrs Smerdon, Miss C. Stone, Mr Rutherford, the indoor staff at Highlands, Anon. (left at the Vicarage, no name), Mr and Mrs Moysey, Mrs Winskill, Dr and Mrs Cooper, Mr and Mrs Craig, Mrs Hands, Mrs Ward, Miss Toms, Mrs Wroth, Miss Ovens, Miss Matthews, Mr and Mrs E. Hawker, Mr Crocker. A very small response, considering the many who enjoyed Private Ellyatt's beautiful playing. The Vicar and Deaconess made private presentations to him.

Private Ellyatt was an accomplished organist described as "adding much to the reverence and beauty of the services".

November

Coal and Clothing Clubs

All cards must be returned at paying-in time on Tuesday, Nov. 26th. New cards will be issued on the following Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. Coal may be had from Mr A.J. Varcoe, or Messrs Lee and Son; members should write on their cards which of the two it is wished to deal with. All clothing cards will be made out to Messrs Yeo and Son; except in the case of boots or tailoring, which can be obtained locally. The orders on the various tradesmen will be issued as early as possible in December.



Outing in the Varcoe coal lorry.

Roll of Honour

Cecil Holman, Samuel Fowler, Victor Clark, and Arthur French have been wounded; Fred Bird has been "gassed", and is in hospital; and C. Horton is in hospital suffering from malaria; John A.F. Smerdon, who was "gassed", is now well again. Our sincere congratulations to Private W.B. Hoare, A.R.M.C., who has been presented with a Certificate for his "gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on Aug. 27th, 1918, near Trones Wood."

Having distinguished himself on the battlefield W.B. Hoare returned to teach at the Station Road primary school in Ivybridge. He taught the senior class up to 14 year olds before they left to take up employment. There was no secondary school in Ivybridge at that time. Those who passed the 11+ exam would continue their studies at Plympton Grammar School. A few went to King Edward VI School at Totnes.

Trones Wood was a tear shaped wood located mid-way between the village of Guillemont and Montauban in France. It was a site which first saw action during the Battle of the Somme between the British Fourth Army and the German 2nd Army in 1916. The wood had dense undergrowth which restricted advance. During the battle, the trees were destroyed by shellfire and became a renowned image of total desolation.

Wedding

On Oct. 1st Miss C. Lee was married to Lieut. W.F. Smallbone, R.N.R., in the parish church. We trust that they will have a long and happy life together. Miss Lee was a valued teacher in "The Catechism." We shall much miss her help.

Golden Roll

Ivybridge has been hard hit during the fighting of the past few weeks, and there are many sad hearts mourning the loss of their dear ones. We mourn with them over the cutting short of so many splendid young lives, yet, could those lives have been better laid down than in fighting for God on the side of right, for their fellowmen, for "those that come after"? Truly for them and all who have so died, not only we praise God, but also "a people which shall be born shall praise the Lord," Ernest Lang, Stoker P.O., lost his life at sea; William Roskilly, Private, the Devon Regiment, was killed in France on Sept. 27th; Eric Russell, Sergt., Waikat's Co., Auckland Batt., was killed in action in France on Sept. 30th; Fred Clarke, Regt., R.M.L.I., in action in France on Sept. 3rd; Alfred Norman Couch, Private, Devons, died of pneumonia in hospital at Basra on Oct. 16th; William Barter, Private, A.S.C., also died of pneumonia in hospital at Salonika; and William P. Thompson lost his life in a submarine.

"Lord, all pitying, Jesu Blest,
Grant them Thine eternal rest."

The names on the Golden Roll were all subsequently recorded on the Ivybridge War Memorial.

``Johnnie``

At the moment of going to press, word has come that John Bidgood, our much valued organ-blower and bell-ringer, has, after a week's illness, entered into his rest. "Johnnie", as we affectionately called him, was an institution of the church, a most loyal and faithful servant. For over thirty years, we believe, he has rung for every service weekday and Sunday, and blown whenever the organ was in use, and as far as it can be remembered has been "never absent, never late." Afflicted all his life, so that he has never been able to work for his living, God gave him this work to do for His Church, and right well he fulfilled his task. Since the early days of the war, he has "done his bit" by ringing the daily call to Prayer at noon. Always willing, always good-tempered, always anxious to do what he had to do to the very best of his ability, we shall miss him sorely. We leave him in God's hands, with every hope that at the last day he will hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," – R.I.P.

In 1918 the air supply for the church organ would have been provided manually by Johnnie, somewhere at the back of the organ pipes, working a handle to activate the bellows. Most organs today are electrically blown.

V.A. Hospital

Gifts of fruit and vegetables from the Harvest Festival at the Parish Church, the Wesleyan (Ivybridge and Bittaford) and Congregational Churches, as well as from private sources are gratefully acknowledged. A depot in the village is much needed where gifts for the Hospital can be left, and where "wants" can be made known. Will the owner of any shop premises temporarily unoccupied kindly allow the use of same for this purpose? Communications should be addressed to the Assistant County Director. In all Hospitals Christmastide is celebrated in old time fashion – presents are given to the patients, special fare provided, entertainments held, decorations hung. Everyone is invited to help accordingly to their power to make this, it is hoped the last, as cheerful as possible for the men compelled to be away from their families, and no less festive than at other Hospitals. From those unable to contribute in any other way, donations will be gratefully received for this object. All offerings should be sent to the Quartermaster. "Our Day." – the sale of flags organised by Mrs W.B. Craig, and assisted by the following willing collectors – Mrs C. Hoare, the Misses Blight, Brailey, Eastley, Hoare, Hancock, and Love, amounted to £9 5s. 7d. An entertainment, arranged by Mrs Mann (who generously bore all the expenses), and given by the Officers' Cadet Battalion from Membland Hall, produced £13 4s. 6d. The Assembly Rooms were kindly lent by the Proprietors free of charge. £22 10s. 1d. had been forwarded through the County Director to the "Our Day" Fund for the Red Cross Work Overseas.

December

Victory

Full of thanksgiving, full of joy, full of wonderment, a bit bewildered, and a little doubtful, were we when the glorious news came through on Monday morning, Nov. 11th, that the Armistice had been signed. Peace again! Why, we had almost forgotten what it meant; peace! won by those to whom men will be for all time grateful, by those who on land and sea and in the air have dared and suffered and died to win freedom for the world. The memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice filled all our hearts, and our keenest sympathy went out to those whose joy in the glorious news was mingled with a great sorrow for those "loved long since and last awhile." Nov. 11th, 1918, will be a day to be remembered for all time as the greatest day in our history; a day which we trust will annually be commemorated with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Difficult paths lie yet before us, but, by the grace of God, may they be trodden with the same steadfastness and devotion as those we have passed along during the years of war, and may God so lead those who take counsel for the nations of the earth as to make it impossible that war shall again devastate the world or any part of it, and enable them so to rebuild and reconstruct that religion and civilisation may advance together hand in hand. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." So we all felt, so the civilised world felt. What greater contrast has the world ever seen than that presented by the state of affairs in the spring and that in the autumn. Truly God has worked a great miracle in these days, using the allied forces as His instruments. The realisation of this, that God had vindicated Himself, that He had all the time been on the side of right and justice, that in His very chastisements He was working out His own Eternal Purpose, turned all our hearts first and foremost in thanksgiving to Him; and, in union with all other places within the realm, Ivybridge folk crowded to their places of worship to give thanks to Him for the great victory. The Parish Church was filled to the full, with a congregation which included all the patients and staff from the V.A.D. Hospital and the Boy Scouts. The Wesleyans and Congregationalists held a united service, at which we hear there was also a crowded congregation. The Parish Church service opened with the National Anthem and a Hymn of Praise; the Vicar then gave an address, the keynote of which was "Thanks be to Thee, O God," and under Him to all who had fought so magnificently, and above all to those who had given their lives; with a special word of thanks to the wounded men present, for themselves, and as representing all the wounded. The lesson was read by Mr Rutherford, the Magnificat chanted, our strong faith expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed, hymns of praise sung and prayers of thanksgiving said, including the General Thanksgiving said by the whole congregation, and the service concluded with a solemn Te Deum sung before the Altar, and the Blessing. A memorable service and one which in conjunction with all the similar services held in every town and village in our land, seemed to show that England's faith in God is stronger than it has ever been.



An Armistice was concluded between the Allies and Germany in a railway carriage at Compiègne. On the 11th November 1918 at 11 a.m. the guns fell silent. It wasn't until 28 June 1919 before the Great War formally ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.

The price of the peace was huge. Few families and fewer parishes in Britain could claim not to have mourned the loss of family members. Thus, any rejoicing at the War's conclusion was more than tinged by thoughts of those who would never return.

Roll of Honour

Our hearty congratulations to the following, who have won the Military Medal :- Corporal Ernest John Littlejohn, D.C.L.I., 20th Div., for "gallant conduct in leading an attack on an enemy machine gun post and killing the teams. He later helped to beat off an enemy counter attack", Sept. 26th & 27th. Private Arthur Blight, 1/5 Devons, "for distinguished gallantry on the field at the Battle of the Marne," July 20th – 30th. Private Edwin Blight (brother of above), R.A.M.C., "for distinguished gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing in wounded soldiers under a continuous and very severe shell fire." (These brothers won their medals in the same week. We are proud of you, men.) Harold Littlejohn, brother of the Corporal, during the war has been detained in the railway doing Government work. During the recent strike of some of the railway men, he alone, of his lot, refused to come out in war time. He had to stand much bullying and worse, but stood firm; his action is as worthy of decoration as that of a man who does great deeds in the excitement of battle, and we gladly accord him a place here in the Roll of Honour.

Christmas Day

A very happy Christmas to all parishioners, "Peace on earth" not only that inward peace of God which can be attained amidst even the worst of troubles, but peace outwardly, or virtually so, among the nations; after four Christmases of war, this Christmas ought to be indeed a happy season for all, even though for many tinged with sadness.



100 years ago, the Christmas meal might well have been freshly-shot wild game, like rabbit or pheasants, particularly in rural South Devon. Since refrigeration was exceptionally rare in households 100 years ago customers had to receive their fresh food as close to Christmas as possible. To ensure you had a turkey for Christmas dinner you would have had to place an order in advance. Turkeys would be collected or delivered on 23rd or 24th December to ensure freshness.

Perhaps this would be followed by War Cake which was a very thrifty boiled fruit cake made with a small quantity of margarine and no eggs

Reference: museumoflondon.org.uk

Golden Roll

We regret to have to record one more death in action, we trust the last, that of Frederick Gosling, Sergt. We sympathise much with his widow and mother, and the more so in that, after surviving over four years of active service, he fell just when the end of the fighting was near.

Frederick Gosling died of wounds on 9 Oct 1918.

V.A. Hospital

On the morning of the 11th November the ringing of the large bell apprised the Village that the Armistice with Germany had been signed; the news was received, as might be expected, with great jubilation and relief, flags were soon decorating the rooms and general rejoicing evident. All the patients and staff paraded to the Parish Church to attend the Thanksgiving Service in the evening, and later an impromptu Concert was held in Hospital. To commemorate the occasion each patient received a souvenir cigarette case with a card, suitably inscribed, the gift of Subscribers to the Totnes Division V.A. Hospitals Fund. In making the presentation, Mrs E.W. Hawker, Assist. Commandant, addressed the patients in a felicitous and telling manner on the duties and responsibilities awaiting each in the reconstruction of the nation's affairs; enthusiastic cheers were raised for Mrs Hawker, the donors and others. Whist Drives, Billiard Tournaments, and Entertainments followed at intervals, assisted by the Misses Cooper and Gibbs, Mesdames Carr and Tatham, some members of the Constitutional Club, and Mr Baker with his gramophone. A real musical treat was provided on the 25th by the "Music in War Time Concert Party" under the direction of Mr F.W. Taylor, baritone, of the Royal Choral Society; the party included Miss Florence Chambers, Contralto, Queen's Hall Concerts; Miss Florence Hood, the celebrated Australian violinist; Miss Una Bourne, the famous Australian pianist; and Mr Harry Moreton, a humourist well-known to London concert-goers. The concert was greatly appreciated; hearty applause and grateful thanks were accorded to the artistes, who are continually touring the country to entertain the sick and wounded in hospitals.

After a little over a year of caring for injured servicemen the hospital finally closed in January 1919.

``Johnnie``

We laid his body to rest in the Cemetery on Oct.29th. The greater part of the Burial Service was said in the Church; the choir attended and sang the Psalm and two hymns. Towards some of his funeral expenses and for a permanent memorial, members of the congregation have subscribed £7 1s. 6d. The memorial is to be a "Brass" on the north wall, near the Vestry; Messrs Wippell & Co. have it in hand. The following subscribed :-

Mr J.Cole, Mr and Mrs Bowden, Miss Cox, Miss Porter, Dr Cooper, Mrs Powell, Mrs A.G. Harris, Mr and Mrs Hart, Miss Greenaway, Mr and Mrs Winskill, Mr and Mrs Luscombe, Mr White, Mr Hill, Mrs Wyatt, Mrs Rice, Mrs Burk, Miss Witheridge, Mrs Harvey, Mr W Tozer, Mr E Tozer, Mr and Mrs Russell, Mr and Mrs Moysey, Mr Moon, Mr and Miss Chubb, Mrs Love, Deaconess, Miss I. Mugridge, Mrs, Miss and Fred Goff, Mrs Jenkins, Mr Rutherford, Mr Crocker, Mr Elcock, Miss C. Stone, Mrs Bridgett, Miss Bryant, Mr and Mrs Ward, Mr and Mrs W.B. Craig, Mrs Bayly, Miss Mumford, Mrs Wroth, Miss Toms, Miss Nicholls, Mrs Smerdon and Mrs Barton, Berté, Mr Higman, Mrs Ward (Park Street), The Indoor-Staff at Highlands, Mrs Carr, Miss F.Bradford, Mr W.H. Blight, The Vicar and Mrs Bampfield, Mr Stone, Mrs Hands and Mr Hands, jun., Mrs Wyte.