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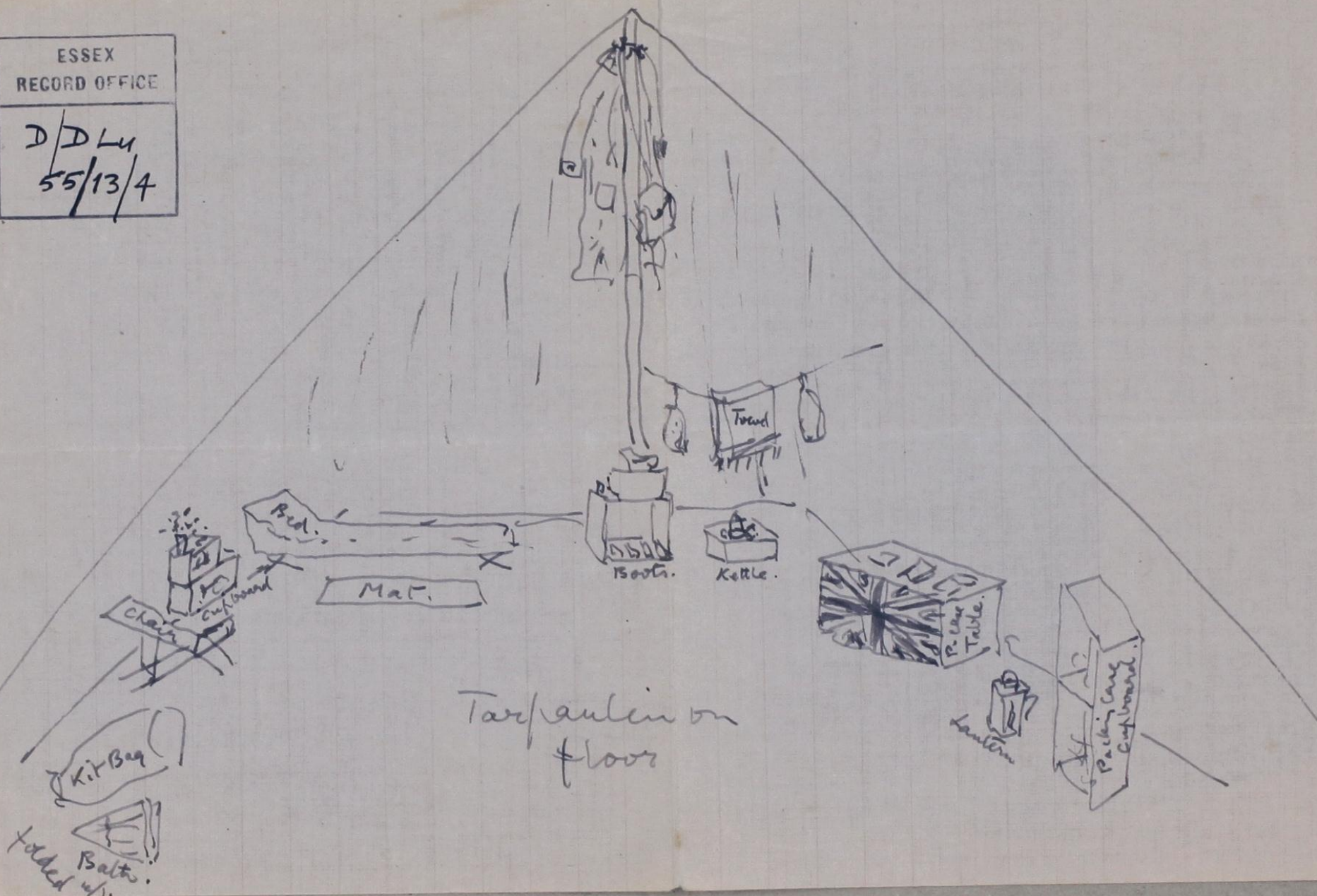


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NOVEMBER, 1917. 47th

Sunday 18 (322-43) 24th after Trinity.

Neilfuld W. Thompson  
no one else  
Mr Carlyle special for Appendix

Monday 19 (323-42)

Walked up to engine  
for Mr. Carlyle. Harry & I  
went to Streets & got 30  
fruit trees. In evening  
to Hotel Spinnaker.

Mr. Green came &  
walked with us. Mr. Fox.

Tuesday 20 (324-41)

Very heavy day (H. Board).  
I went down town to shop  
supermarket & planting  
fruit trees. Went to  
Ked & then tea with  
Mr. Island.  
Gerald & Ruth to dinner

Wednesday 21 (325-40)

Harry & I started at  
8 for Seaford Esplanade  
Hotel. had a good  
walk on the fruit. morning  
& afternoon.

Splendid day from  
Lambrai & Palestine

Week. NOVEMBER, 1917.

Thursday 22 (326-39)

Walked about. Evening  
& afternoon.

Friday, 23 (327-38)

Lonely day drove up  
to golf links & had  
a nice walk for 2  
hours. In afternoon  
walked in town to  
Esplanade.

Saturday 24 (328-37)

A gale. a rough sea.  
could hardly stand  
we returned Compton  
at 2. I went up to  
engine for Mr. Carlyle.



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Trooper G. SIDDONS, Orsett Troop, with his two brothers,  
Corporal W. SIDDONS, 4th Hussars (on the right),  
Private J. SIDDONS, 92nd Gordon Highlanders (in the centre).



Trooper W. PLOWRIGHT.

Trooper W. Plowright, Orsett Troop, joined the Essex Yeomanry in 1908 as a Trumpeter. He has attended every drill and lecture which has been held in connection with his Troop since he first joined, and also took part in the Musical Ride at the Orsett Agricultural Show in 1912 and at Colchester 1913. The trophies on his right are those which he has won since he joined, and include the Silver Challenge Cup for the best shot in Squadron Team Competition, which he won at the Regimental Rifle Club Meeting, Sandon 1913.



Shadbolt, Swan, Nurse Ashworth, Shimmel, Nurse Harbord, Carter, Dr. Esdell



Freeman  
Sergeant Condy

Ammeris. Sent Clerk

Wilson, Basles, Sgt. Bayer, Sgt. Francis, Swan, Derham



Hammad  
Benson

Benson, Moss, Harrison.

Bessett Military Auxiliary Hospital  
1917









BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of East Hammingfield  
in the County of Essex in the Year 1896

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1896 Born August 17/96 October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mildred Alice Emily	William Worring + Annie Jane	Wade	East Hammingfield	Labourer.	Arthur Place Rector
No. 473 1896 Born August 1/96 November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scrathy Edith	Harry + Emily Elizabeth	Brecking	East Hammingfield	Schoolmaster	Arthur Place Rector
No. 474 1896 Born August 31/96 December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harry	Edward + Alice Mary	Harman	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 475 1896 Born Dec 24/96 November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joseph William	Edward + Alice Mary	Harman	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 476 1896 Born Feb 11/1895 November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael	Edward + Alice Mary	Harman	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 477 1897 Born Oct 18/1896 February 1 <sup>st</sup> 1897	Edith May Alice	Arthur + Alice	King	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 478 1897 Born Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> 1896 Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Arthur	James + Mary Annie	Lavitt	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 479 1897 Born April 19 <sup>th</sup> 1897	Audrey May	Genevieve + May	Clarke	East Hammingfield	Miller	Arthur Place Rector
No. 480						

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of East Hammingfield  
in the County of Essex in the Year 1897

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1897 Born June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reginald Alcega	Samuel + Elizabeth	Harvey	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 481 1897 Born June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver May	George + Eloiza	Lyle	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 482 1897 Born Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> 1897 October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas	William Henry + Louisa Mary	Luton	East Hammingfield	Carpenter	Arthur Place Rector
No. 483 1897 Born Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Korwley Isabel	Charles Artem + Fanny	Downes	East Hammingfield	Gardener	Arthur Place Rector
No. 484 1898 Born Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> 1897 Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Arthur Henry	Henry + Jane Elizabeth	Laville	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 485 1898 Born Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1898 Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Grace	Walter + Rose	Cooper	East Hammingfield	Labourer	Arthur Place Rector
No. 486 1898 Born Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1898 Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	Andrine Isobel	Arthur Joseph + Liana	Sacre	The Rectory East Hammingfield	Chaplain in Anglican + Rector	Arthur Place Rector
No. 487 1898 Born Oct 26/1898	Harry	Harry and Emily Elizabeth	Picking	The Schoolhouse East Hammingfield	Schoolmaster	Arthur Place Rector
No. 488						

Ref. No. 11/530 Name HOLST, Ton

Hill House, Monks Street, Thaxted.

Mr. J. Minter and Florence Savill writing from Green Ashes, Great Easton, describing the above as a German hymn writer, states that he takes long walks about the country and was recently at Holders Green questioning some of the cottage women who were drawing water from a well. He had sketches and maps to which he referred and wanted to know the depth of the well and whether it was the only well in that district.

The Police ascertain that Ton Holst was born at Cheltenham and is well known to Archdeacon Gardner, of Birmingham. Music master at St Paul's School, Kensington, and Headmaster at Morley's College, Kensington. His father and grandfather were both born in England. Removed into the country for the benefit of his failing health.

Many rumours are current about this man but nothing can be traced against him.



1914/1918

These Instructions should be carefully read and preserved.

## LITTLE CLACTON EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

BY ORDER.—The following measures are to be taken to ensure the removal of the civil population of the Parish in the event of a German Force landing on our shores.

THE SIGNAL.—Should such a landing take place, the <sup>Police</sup> ~~Military~~ Authorities will immediately issue orders ~~for the Church Bells to ring~~ an alarm, and despatch riders, each carrying a Red Flag, <sup>to be</sup> sent to ~~the outlying~~ <sup>every</sup> portions of the Parish.

IMMEDIATELY THIS SIGNAL is given, those to whom special duties have been assigned (such as Special Constables, etc.) must at once carry them out.

ALL OTHER PERSONS must then, with all speed, collect a bag of food each, two blankets each, and such money as they possess, and remain in their homes until the vehicles arrive for their removal. This will not apply to those persons who possess conveyances of their own and who have already been notified by the Committee.

The following waggons and drivers have been arranged for each District in the Parish, and will collect the inhabitants from their houses. It is absolutely imperative that they all remain in their houses.

### HOLLAND ROAD <sup>Farmer</sup>

4 WAGGONS. Drivers: H. Sparling, S. Sparling, ~~E. W. Catchpole~~, F. Banks.

### THE STREET.

9 WAGGONS, 1 VAN. Drivers: S. Butcher, H. Banks, W. Day, <sup>H. Banks</sup> ~~Saddler~~, <sup>Shaman</sup> ~~W. Mills~~,  
W. Grubb, H. Butcher, E. Jowers, W. Page.

### CLACTON ROAD.

1 WAGGON. Driver: W. Starling.

### TAN LANE, PRIVATE ROAD AND PIG STREET.

3 WAGGONS. Drivers: A. Eade, <sup>S</sup> ~~Bareham~~, <sup>J. Mills</sup> ~~E. Starling~~.

### ST. SYTH ROAD.

4 WAGGONS. Drivers: <sup>Beech</sup> ~~J. Downs~~, T. Pammet, <sup>H</sup> ~~N. Banks~~, <sup>J. Barken</sup> ~~W. Girt~~.

### AMERILLS AND FEVERILLS ROADS.

4 VANS. Drivers: Byford, <sup>Byford</sup> ~~senr.~~, <sup>J. Linnett</sup> ~~G. Linnett~~, <sup>F</sup> ~~Byford~~.

### PLOUGH CORNER AND BATEMAN'S LANE.

2 VANS. Drivers: Hart, <sup>senr.</sup> ~~senr.~~, Wilcher.

1 CART. " G. Taylor.

1 WAGGON. " W. Wright.

ROUTE (which in all cases must be strictly adhered to).—Weeley Heath, Norwood Lodge, Maine's Farm, turn North and cross G.E.R. at Tye Farm, past Swallows Row to Fisher's Farm, along Colchester Road for ¼ mile, then bye road North to Grove Farm, and Westward into Little Bentley Road, Little Bentley, Little Bromley, Jenning's Farm, Badley Hall, Hungerdowns, Foxash Farm, cross G.E.R., East House, Dedham, Stratford St. Mary, Higham, Stoke-by-Nayland, Nayland, Bures, and into the Petty Sessional Division of Halstead.

Main roads must not be used as they will be in possession of the Military.

INVALIDS have been specially arranged for, and will be fetched from their houses,

*to the Police* ALL PERSONS having bicycles, spades, and other tools must <sup>be brought in the waggons</sup> ~~on leaving their houses place~~ them in front of the house, the door of which must be left open <sup>in front of the</sup>.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—These instructions are issued under the "Defence of the Realm" Act, and penalties for breaking or disregarding them are severe. Any inquiries regarding the above should be made to one of the members of the Emergency Committee, which consists of:—

Chairman: Mr. W. H. HARVEY; Hon. Sec.: Mr. G. BEECH;  
and Messrs. BLOOMFIELD, HART, T. W. SMITH, and STAMP.



3<sup>rd</sup> July 1916 unless further and better grounds are delivered to the Tribunal within three clear days, the Tribunal will confirm their previous decision dismissing the application which was communicated to him by the Town Clerk in his letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1916.

Applications  
for exemption  
from  
Military Service  
under the  
Military Service Acts

4. The Town Clerk submitted the following list of applications made by or in respect of men for exemption from Military Service under the Military Service Acts which he had received for the consideration of the Local Tribunal, together with the observations of the Military Representative thereon:

No.	Man	Ground on which application made	Nature of application	By whom made	Military Representative observations
M.S.A. 16	W. Goldwin	Business reasons	Absolute exemption	W. Goldwin	Not assented to
17	W. E. Mackrow	Business, Financial & Domestic Hardship	Absolute exemption	W. E. Mackrow	Not assented to
18	A. G. Hales	Certified occupation	Absolute exemption	A. G. Hales	Assented to
19	J. E. Price	Certified occupation & Business reasons	Absolute exemption	J. E. Price	Not assented to
20	W. F. Fitzhfield	Business reasons	Absolute exemption	W. F. Fitzhfield	Not assented to
21	L. L. Nicholls	Financial & Domestic Hardship	Absolute exemption	L. L. Nicholls	Assented to
22	A. T. Smyth-Tyrril	National importance	Absolute exemption	Precision Gauge Tool Co	Not assented to
23	C. J. Brentice	Conscientious objection	Absolute exemption	C. J. Brentice	Not assented to Medical Board for exam.
24	J. B. Dawson	Conscientious objection	Absolute exemption	J. B. Dawson	Refer to Tribunal
25	J. T. Knowles	Business reasons	Conditional exemption	Cranphorn	Not assented to
26	E. B. Dawe	Business reasons	Conditional exemption	F. T. Cranphorn	Not assented to
27	C. Arnold	National importance	Absolute exemption	C. Arnold	Assented to
28	J. Blaser	National importance	Absolute exemption	J. Blaser	Refer to Tribunal
29	A. J. Webb	Conscientious objection	Absolute exemption	A. J. Webb	Not assented to
30	H. J. Theobald	Certified occupation	Absolute exemption	H. J. Theobald	Assented to
31	F. Prior	Domestic position	Absolute exemption	F. Prior	Not assented to
32	A. H. Stevens	Business reasons	Absolute exemption	Arnold & Co	Not assented to
33	A. Caplin	Business reasons	Absolute exemption	A. Caplin	Not assented to refer to Tribunal
34	A. J. Kemp	Domestic position	Absolute exemption	A. J. Kemp	Not assented to refer to Tribunal
35	J. Rimmer	National interests	Absolute exemption	J. Rimmer	Assented to
36	E. W. Richardson	Business reasons	Absolute exemption	E. T. Reddingfield	Not assented to Medical Board for exam.



of the Church Army. Miss Neagle kindly undertook to organise it, and the sellers collected in the Parish the sum of £14 10s. The Head of the Church Army sends his warmest thanks to the ladies for their most kind and valuable assistance.

S. Peter's has adopted two Prisoners of War to whom parcels of food are being sent. The men are Private James Knox Ingram, of the 1st Gordon Highlanders, imprisoned in the Old English Camp, Sennelager bei Paderborn, and Private W. Griffiths, of the Durham Light Infantry, imprisoned at Hesepe, near Osnabruck.

A box is placed in the church to receive donations for this purpose, and it is necessary that 5/- a week should be given. Each man receives a parcel once a fortnight, as some one else sends him a parcel on the alternate weeks. If the fund goes on as well as it has begun, we shall be able to take on more prisoners.

The *Daily Chronicle*, of July 18th, had a startling article on the effects of drink upon the war and the output of munitions; the following is a part of it:—

"The cause of nearly all this lost time is drink. It is not drunkenness necessarily; it is much more the disinclination to work that comes with drinking. Men are earning wages that they never dreamed of, and two things follow. Some earn a good week's wage in half a week, and spend the other half drinking; some go on working all the time, drinking steadily, and keeping sober, but always below the mark. It is these two classes of men that are betraying England now, one class not caring, the other not thinking; and the great mass of hard-working, patriotic men, some of them working nine and ten normal days a week, are powerless in the cruel grip of these bad workmen.

"Every sane man knows that one man may keep a dozen idle in a workshop. One day last March a few drunken firemen delayed 1,000 troops a day and a night, and for want of 75 men a great firm was issuing only half its possible supply of machine-guns at a time when men were being mown down in thousands for want of them. The labour of small numbers of men is vital in great workshops, and it is minorities of men, and not majorities, against whom the nation needs protection. The loyal majority of the British people are imperilled by a minority of those who love her least.

"It is all imaginary, it may be said, this interference of drink with the Army and the Navy. In thousands of homes throughout the land, unhappily, it is too pitifully well known that drink has enormously increased our casualties. While our men have fought the enemy without the gate we have allowed an enemy within to hold back their only hope of life. Let us, once more, look

at some simple facts; they cover the most critical months of the war.

"In one of the most important shell shops in England 25 per cent. worked under a normal day, 15 per cent. worked under five days a week.

"Take a week in a shipyard with 8,000 men. On three days over 900 were absent, on two days nearly 900, on Saturday 600, and 1,500 more lost a quarter every day. Out of 50,000 days' work waiting for this yard that week 5,500 days were thrown away.

"A submarine engine was being repaired by 135 men, and every day over 20 were absent.

"Whole columns could be filled with such cases. In the critical days of last year in certain shipyards on the Clyde the lost time in one month was equal to 75,000 men idle for one day. It will be said that that was long ago, that the Board of Control has been set up and things are better now. Well, in November the manager of one of the largest armament works in England reported that there had been no appreciable saving of lost time; and it was only last month that the figures for lost time in Sheffield reached their high-water mark. The total time lost was over 33,000 hours; it was as if 500 of the best workmen in Sheffield had struck work for a week."

#### ST. PETER'S. HEROES.

S. Peter's Boys have been much engaged in the fighting line lately. First we will speak of Horace Foakes, one of our Sunday School Teachers and Banner Bearers. He is, we well know, one who can and will turn his hand to almost anything, and is never so happy as when doing things for other people. He has been acting for some time as Medical Orderly in the Royal Fusiliers, evidently he has been keeping up his reputation, for a little while ago the adjutant presented him with a 5-guinea silver wristlet watch with an illuminated dial and hands, as a mark of appreciation from the Battalion for services rendered to them.

In the advance on July 1st, Harry Dennis, of the London Rifle Brigade, and Howard Browne, London Scottish, were both wounded, happily not severely; both are now in hospital in England.

On the same day Arthur Dennis, London Rifle Brigade, met with some mischance, the character of which has not yet been determined. He was seen with his head banadaged, evidently wounded, rallying a bombing party and leading them on, and since then nothing has been heard of him. His name does not appear on any list in the Records Office, nor have his parents heard from him; they are naturally very anxious, and have our deep sympathy. They fear that he has been taken prisoner.

On that same first of July Charles Hudson, a member of our Choir, like the two Dennises, and



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