

with "Tommy." If you boys and girls and people generally in England only knew—could only guess, what heroes these boys that hold our front line are—many of them are younger than many of you—how grimly they hold on in face of the terrible dangers and discomforts that surround them—you'd worship the ground on which they tread. I hope you will remember them, *apres la guerre*.

"Good-bye, boys! . . . I've got to quit now, as I've got a little work to do which may prove mildly exciting. We *have* had rather more exciting times round here than perhaps the newspapers suggest.

"Best of wishes and luck to you all!"

Old Dartfordians on the Western Front.

Captain Percival Gurrey, 1st Royal West Surreys (wounded).
 Lieut. Ronald N. Ekins, Machine Gun Corps.
 Lieut. Ronald M. Phorson, Royal Flying Corps.
 2nd-Lieut. Cyril J. Ashton, 6th Royal West Kents (wounded).
 2nd-Lieut. Henry G. Bond, 6th Buffs.
 2nd-Lieut. G. John Brown, 10th Royal West Kents
 2nd-Lieut. J. Ferguson Brown, 14th Gloucesters (wounded).
 2nd-Lieut. Thomas A. Charlesworth, R.F.A.
 2nd-Lieut. H. George Dines, R.E.
 2nd-Lieut. Charles H. Fry, 11th Buffs.
 2nd-Lieut. George T. Inkpen, K.O.Y.L.I.
 2nd-Lieut. Bernard G. Kennard, 2nd South Staffs.
 2nd-Lieut. F. Stanley Loft, 7th Shropshire L.I.
 2nd-Lieut. Harold Mosley, 7th Royal Berks.
 2nd-Lieut. Stuart A. Smith, 11th K.R.R.C., attached Trench Mortar Battery.
 2nd-Lieut. Egbert G. W. Simpson, Machine Gun Corps.
 2nd-Lieut. Sidney G. Wright, 6th Royal West Kents.
 2nd-Lieut. William H. Willis, 9th Buffs.
 Sergt. Sidney G. Assiter, R.F.A.
 Sergt. Arthur Robson, R.A.M.C. (Military Medal).
 Sergt. Charles H. Steadman, U.P.S., 16th Middlesex.
 Corpl. Arnold T. Brown, R.E.
 Corpl. Arthur Blaker, R.E.
 Corpl. William R. Emery, R.E.
 Corpl. Walter B. Ellison, R.E.
 Corpl. E. Harry Wood, R.E.
 Lc.-Corpl. William Bayliss, R.A.M.C.
 Pte. Hubert G. Allen, 8th Bedfords.
 Sapper Cecil Le Bare, R.E.
 Rfm. Bruce Barnett, 11th Auckland Military Rifles (Australia).

Gunner John N. Billing, R.G.A.
 Pte. Allistair I. Grant, R.A.M.C.
 Pte. Frank Hook, R.A.M.C.
 Pte. Albert N. M. Jones, 9th East Surreys.
 Pte. Valentine Lloyd, U.P.S., 18th Royal Fusiliers.
 Rfm. Edwin Smith, Queen's Westminster Rifles.
 Rfm. Walter L. Smith, Queen's Victoria Rifles.
 Pte. G. Harry Williams, 20th Batt. Canadians.
 Pte. William Walton, A.S.C.
 Pte. Geoffrey R. A. Williams, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.
 Rfm. Walter Whitehouse, London Regt.
 Gnr. Sidney E. Williams, R.F.A.
 Pte. L. A. Price, Devon Regt.

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Our Diary.

Officially compiled from perfectly reliable sources. Readers will understand that owing to our tremendous organisation, and to the fact that we spare no expense in obtaining the latest information, we are in a unique position, and can guarantee all facts (if any) appearing below.

APRIL 1ST.—Usual Annual Parade of anti-aircraft guns, with decorated aeroplanes displaying motto "Fooled again."

APRIL 2ND.—Battalion goes out to rest to Paris. Moulin Rouge and Rat Mort re-open doors in expectation of abnormal business.

APRIL 3RD.—Moulin Rouge and Rat Mort close doors. Battalion goes into the trenches—evidently a mistake somewhere. Staff of Morgue doubled in certainty of busy times ahead. Sergeants dream of parade grounds, and privates apply for extra issues of cigarettes.

APRIL 4TH.—Beer barred in billets. Corporals go on strike, feebly imitated by Lance Jacks. Privates place great reliance on continued stout, and officers thank a merciful Providence for Champagne.

APRIL 5TH.—Battalion goes to rest camp at B—ll—l. Adjutant telegraphs ahead to secure first option on all available ferrets. Local rats send deputation to Pied Piper of Hamelin. Request refused on the plea that officers must not be deprived of their pleasures. C.O. wires to England for a