

THE LATE CAPT. H. A. CUBITT

MEMORIAL SERVICE

In memory of the late Captain Harry A. Cubitt, Coldstream Guards, eldest son of the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, and the Hon. Mrs. Cubitt, a service was held at St Barnabas' Church, Ranmore, on Monday afternoon. It was of a simple character, but in its very simplicity it seemed to emphasise the poignant grief of those among whom the gallant officer – “Master Harry” as he was affectionately the humble parishioners – has passed his all too brief life. Beloved by all, it is not surprising that his death has come to every one in the nature of a personal sorrow, and they availed themselves of the opportunity given them of testifying their love and respect. Nor was the memory of others who have gone from the parish never to return forgotten—those who have equally made the great sacrifice for King and country—F. Buckland and W. Thomas of the Queen's; B. Barnes, C. Hull [W. Hall *sic*] and N. Rice of the Hampshires—all of whom had been employed on the estate or engaged at Denbies.

A muffled [ap-*sic*]peal preceded the service; Mr. H. L. Playfoot at the organ played “But the Lord is Mindful of His Own” as an incoming voluntary. On the altar steps was placed the deceased officer's coveted award—the cross of a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour on a scarlet ribbon, surrounded by a wreath of bay leaves. At the foot was laid the sword which Capt. Cubitt carried during the retreat from Mons, and these were surmounted by the bearskin headdress of the Foot Guards with the red plume distinctive of the Coldstream Regiment.

The officiating clergy were the Rector of Ranmore (the Rev. H. Roberts), the Rev. R. Errington, Rector of East Tisted, Hampshire, and the Rev. Canon Bowring Rector of

Farncombe [*son of Sophia, sister of Lord Ashcombe*].

The service commenced with that inspiring and hopeful hymn, “Onward, Christian Soldiers” followed by the prayers from the Burial Service, read by the Rev. R. Errington. The lessons, from *Wisdom iv.* and *Revelations vii.*, were read by Canon Bowring, and between them and immediately following were sung the hymns “Fight the good fight” and “Through the night of doubt and sorrow”. Prayers were offered by the Rector, and following the concluding hymn “Fierce raged the tempest o'er the deep” and the blessing, the Last Post was sounded by six buglers of the Coldstream Guards. As the congregation were dispersing the organist played “O Rest in the Lord”.

The relatives of Captain Cubitt present included the Hon. H. Cubitt C.B., and the Hon. Mrs. Cubitt, and Messrs. Roland, Archibald and Guy Cubitt. Miss Calvert, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Fuller-Maitland, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Tallents, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Calvert, Canon E. A. Chichester, Mrs. C. Archibald Calvert, Mrs. O. Davey, Miss Una Tallents, and Mr. Felix W.A. Calvert R.E. Major Whitbread and Capt. G. J. M. Harvey, of the Coldstream Guards, from Windsor, also attended.

Among the letters of condolence which the Lord Lieutenant and Mrs. Cubitt received is one on behalf of His Majesty and the Queen. The following telegram has also been received— “Buckingham Palace—The King and Queen deeply regret the loss you and the army have sustained by death of your son in the service of his country. Their Majesties truly sympathise with you in your sorrow.”