

# HTSM First World War Monthly Journal

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## **A quiet Easter**

Little was recorded in the parish magazine about the war this month, but there were two deaths of men whose names are on the Holy Trinity memorial: John Brownrigg and Markham Girardot.

Lt. John Huleatt Brownrigg was born in 1895 in Shalford. His father, Lt. Col. Henry Brownrigg of the Royal Engineers, was Anglo-Irish. His mother was Evelyn Huleatt, daughter of Hugh, the vicar of Shalford, who was also Irish. The young couple later lived at St. Catherine's. Mr. Huleatt had been a chaplain to the forces and the family had moved around a lot. Henry's father was the retired Assistant Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who was living in Artington House. John's mother had presumably gone to her family home for the birth.

John went to Harrow, where his name is on the school war memorial, then to Sandhurst in 1912, and joined the Norfolk Regiment in 1913. In October 1914 he went to Belgium, and in November to Basra where he was killed in action on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1915. His parents had both died before him and he seems to have been looked after by the Brownriggs. His address was 15, Quarry Street. A window to his memory was put in St. Mary's church, designed by Percy Bacon on the theme 'Victory through sacrifice'. It shows a knight kneeling before a cross, with a church spire in the background, which might be Shalford church.

Capt. Markham Henry Girardot was born in 1884 in Derbyshire to Frederick, a merchant maltster. By 1911 Frederick's widow was living in London Road. Markham went to Sandhurst in 1904 and joined the Essex Regiment. He went to the Dardanelles with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Essex Regiment, one of the first to land, and was killed in action. He may not have had much connection with Guildford, but his mother would have wanted his name added to the memorial.

Easter in Guildford had been quiet. There were none of the usual excursion trains and few visitors to Guildford, and there was a general feeling of anxiety.

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