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A long Roll of Glory

A long Roll of Glory was printed this month, of those who had died. Not all are on the parish memorial.

Major Roberts of the Yorkshire Regiment died of wounds on Malta: he is not on the parish memorial. Richard Stirling's death in action was noted. His funeral was held by moonlight by the son of the Bishop of Winchester, who was a chaplain. Fred Brown, who died in August, had been a choir boy at St. Luke's. Leslie and Walter Collier had been confirmed at Holy Trinity and were in the Lads' Brigade, but only Walter is on the parish memorial: he had died in August. Privates T. South, A. Stanford and J. Newman were wounded at Gallipoli. Capt. Francis Lowth, Lt. Simpson and Pte Bertie Lansley were recorded as missing. All three had died: Lowth and Lansley at Gallipoli and Simpson on the Western Front. Albert Sepple died this month. He was a private with the 1st Bn Leicestershire Regiment and died in Norfolk Military Hospital of wounds received on the Western Front. He is buried in the Mount Cemetery: the only one from the parish memorial to be buried in Guildford, though two were buried in Stoke and Stoughton. His father was a German, Charles Szepel, a tailor who had moved from London to Addison Road. Albert was in India with the 2nd Bn of the Leics Regiment in 1911. He was living in Cosham when he married Hannah in Holy Trinity.

The rector had received a letter from Major W. Smallpeice of the Queen's in Fyzabad, who had taken the burial service of A. Brion and wrote that he 'little thought ... I should have been an amateur parson as well as a soldier ...'

Lady Rowley of the Red Cross was involved in a scheme for women in the VAD to take the places of men in military hospitals as orderlies to free up men.

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