Lamb W.C

Lordlord of The Bear, Rodborough Shortly to answer his call to military service (Stroud Journal 30/03/1917) **Lane** Evelyn Leslie

Brother of H.C Lane on war memorial

1918 absent voter (Bath Rd)

Laver A.M.

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920: R.N 1914-15

Larner Herbert C. Military Medal

Arms and the Man.

(By Aquatious.)

"The Corps Commander awards the Military Medal to the following: 20,237 Pte. H. C. Larner. Please convey the Divisional Brigade and Battalion's Commanders' congratulations."

The above was the official notification out in France that our fellow townsman, H. C. Larner, had gained the coveted military decoration. The manner of it we shall probably learn later, but though many men earn but do not get the award, no man gets it without more than earning it, and consequently the personal side of the gallant soldier is interesting to all of us.

Lance Corpl. H. C. Larner ("Jack" or "Bert") was one of Mr. Brown's pupils at Rodborough School, and never forgets his old headmaster, to whom he constantly affectionately refers as "old Brown." From there he served his apprenticeship at Messrs. Hill Paul's, and then went to Messrs. Holloway Bros. as special cutter. His career as a fighter was foreshadowed when he was secretary

and treasurer to the Amalgamated Clothiers and Textile Workers' Society, and was one of the foremost in the local strike and the longest to hold out. Every morning during that episode he went up to Whiteshill to prevail upon them to come in with him, and refusals never discouraged him. As secretary and treasurer he was lucky in the possession of a brainy brother to whom when in difficulties he turned over all his accounts to be straightened out, and so freed himself for more strenuous work.

In November, 1915, he joined the Derbyites, and got pushed off to France in September, 1916, after only three months' training. He went through the latter part of the Somme battle, and once on passing a communication trench fell, to quote himself, "over his rear in muck," and at the instant he fell a sniper's bullet smashed on the parapet where his head had just been. Fighting continuously, he probably gained his distinction in the capture of the village St. Emelie. All the fellows from Stroud out there with him have congratulated him, and his Colonel presented him with the particular ribbon belonging to his award, a part of which he has sent home to his wife and family of two at Chapel House, Chapel Street. In return it has cost him about a fortnight's pay in drinks round out there.

Even at school he was always scrapping, and we remember when two boys set on to his brother he took them both on and knocked them both out. A black eye, or a pair, were regular friends of his, but he always gave better measure than he got. Yet he is one of the best natured fellows in the county, and can take as well as perpetrate a practical joke.

One of his pals, Gent. Blick, recently home, says "Larner is very well and almost as broad as he is long and hobbling about like an old man." The hobble is at present owing to an injury to his toes. We trust he gets leave for home very shortly.

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RODBOROUGH - MEN & WOMEN WITH WW1 SERVICE

We regret to state that Corpl. Herbert C. Larner, of the Gloucestershire Regiment, son of Mr. Chas. Larner, of Bristol, and formerly of Stroud, was killed in action on October 9th, Deceased was one of the first of our local soldiers to obtain the Military Medal for gallant conduct in the field, and the news came to him whilst in the trenches in the following message:—"The Corps Commander awards the military medal to the following:



Please convey 20,237 Pte. H. C. Larner. the Divisional Brigade and Battalion Commanders' congratulations." Accompanying the official notification to Mrs. Larner of her husband's death was an expression of sympathy from the King and Queen, and she has also received the following letter, dated October 18th, from the Rev. W. H. Rey-nolds, Church of England Chaplain, attached to the 1/4th Gloucester Regiment: "Dear Mrs. Larner,-I write to express my deep sympathy in the loss you are bearing in the death of your lusband. It is a great blow to you, I know, but we may well be glad that his life was well used in a great cause, and that the end was swift and painless. I trust you will think of him as he is-with character and memory and love, as you have always known him. Pray that God may grant him known him. Pray that God may grant him mercy and perfect peace; and may our Lord give you His wonderful consolation.—Yours sincerely, W. H. Reynolds." Mrs. Larner's courageous husband responded to the call as an attested man in June, 1916. At that time he was in the employ of Messrs. Holloway Bros., Ltd., wholesale clothiers, as a special cutter, and was a member of the local V.T.C. After three months strenuous training be After three months strenuous training he proceeded to France, where he had many stirring experiences, and was very popular with his comrades, by whom, and by his large circle of acquaintances in Stroud, his death is deeply deplored. He leaves a widow and two children, for whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

Lawrence Alfred John

1918 absent voter (North Lightpill)

Lawrence Charles William

1918 absent voter (Bowl Hill)

Lawson James

Known as Jim, was the landlord of the Prince Albert, He was a former soldier and was approaching forty when he was called up in 1916.

Stroud News 13/08/1915:

Births Aug 10th at the Prince Albert Hotel. To Mr & Mrs. James Lawson a daughter.

Stroud News 10/11/1916:

With the Colours

Mr James Lawson responds to his country's call on Friday. He is getting on for forty, but he is not new to soldiering so the work will not come quite as hard to him as it undoubtedly would to some others of his age. For some years now he has been the congenial licensee of the Prince Albert Hotel at Rodborough and throughout the county he has made a name as a votary of the in the old game of bowls. He was responsible for the upkeep of the Prince Albert green and for the attention he devoted to it, he was paid a hundred times over by the congratulations he received from the members of the club and visitors from all parts. On Thursday he will be the guest at a concert held by the hotel for the purpose of enabling his friends to wish him adieu and a safe and early return.

Stroud News17/11/1916

With the Colours

Mr James Lawson of the Prince Albert hotel Rodborough left for service with the ...this morning (Friday). Last evening at a social gathering held at the hotel, his customers and friends made him the presentation of a useful little gift in remembrance of old associations.

Stroud News 19/01/1917

.....his bowling club colleagues and others predicted that once he had got into his stride (his friends will recognise the double meaning) he would not be long getting the stripes up – to use commonplace parlance. He is attached to the Norfolks and has just been given the Lance – Corporal's distinguishing ribbon...

Stroud Journal 10/01/1919:

Saw mine host Lawson of the Prince Albert home on leave and carrying three neat little rum jars which looked comfortably full and which he was carefully guarding in order to take them back to the boys when he went back to duty. It ought not to be long now before he is home as a permanency.

Stroud Journal 14/03/1919:

Jim Lawson of the popular bowling green at the Prince Albert is still of the military police and is at a demobilisation office ...he is getting no luck at securing his own ticket. He had better hurry up of his beloved bowling green will shortly be screaming out for his carefully tending hand.

Lennox Frederick George

Kingscourt. Enlisted - Stroud Journal 14/05/1915

Lewis A.

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Lewis Albert William

1918 absent voter (Bowl Hill)

Lewis John William

Military record – Attested 22/07/1915, of Bowl Hill, Kingscourt, age 48, married, haulier.
1918 absent voter (Bowl Hill)

Lippett Lionel Morton

1918 absent voter (5 Bath Road Terrace)

Lloyd Albert George

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1918 absent voter (Gastrells)

Lodge Wilfred

Military record – Attested 08/12/1915, of "Vron" Bath Rd, age 23 married, cloth finisher.

Served in UK in Motor transport with special qualification as a Ford Driver.

Long C.E.

Loveday Harold

Enlisted 11th Glos (Stroud Journal 20/08/1915)

Military record – First attested 17/08/1915, of Brickfield Cottages, Rodborough, gave age as 19, single, labourer. Actually aged 16. (Born May 1899)

Re-enlisted 03/03/1916. Called up 28/09/17. Motor-driving labourer.

Discharged 26/02/1918, no longer physically fit for war service (tuberculosis).

Loveday S.

Sydney Loveday attended Kingscourt School (log books Gloucestershire Archives)

1489 Lance Corporal S.W. Loveday, South Midland Royal Engineers, of Field Rd, Rodborough, wounded in the jaw 4th April 1915 and in Southmead Hospital. (Journal 07/05/1915)

Lockyer Eric George

Military record – of Rodborough, Stroud, enlisted at Hastings on 5th September 1914, age 20, single, no occupation, previous experience with Officer's Training Corps. Royal Sussex Regt. Discharged 01/10/1914 (not likely to become an efficient soldier).

Lucas Albert Edward (Bert)

Rodborough. Brother of Percy on Rodborough War Memorial. Parents Mary Ann and Thomas lived in Buterrow in 1917, formerly of Spillmans Rd.

Enlisted ASC (Remounts) (Stroud Journal 20/08/1915)

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920: A.S.C. 1914-15

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Lucas Frank H.

Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal. Brother of Percy (Rodborough war mem)

Lusty Albert Nathaniel

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920: National Reserves 1914-15

Husband of Rose Ellen of Spillmans Pitch 1911

Stroud News 30/06/1916:

Rose Ellen Lusty of Spillmans Pitch whose husband is a soldier serving on the East Coast ... Stroud Police Court ... brawling with neighbour Sarah Lusty...

1918 absent voter (Spillmans Pitch)

Lusty Reginald George Lewis

Rodborough Enlisted RFC (Stroud Journal 22/10/1915)

1918 absent voter (Middle Spillmans)