

A close-up photograph of a bouquet of purple forget-me-not flowers. The flowers have five petals each, with a bright yellow center. They are arranged in a cluster, with some flowers in the foreground and others slightly behind. The background is a solid, vibrant blue.

The collage features three vintage photographs. The largest photo on the left is a sepia-toned group portrait of a family of six. A man in a military uniform stands on the far left, with his arm around a seated man in a suit. Behind them stand two more men. Seated in the front are a woman and a young child. The photo on the right is a black and white portrait of a man in a suit, smiling. The bottom photo is a close-up of a handwritten note that says "With Love".

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olated spot I'd like to mention,
Stand at Ease." "Slope Arms."
Attention."
where, by Gad, it is a rum 'un.
ity years and never saw a woman.
its, all dotted here and there,
live inside I've offered many a

ATS as big as any manny goat,
one trying on his overcoat,
brows, you get it in your ears.
go, without a sign of fear.
nath of sludge, you just set to and

est Parade, or else its "Orderly
morn till night, with full Pack
nb the hills, of course that's just
yonsets," then "Present," they
it it.
our Hut, the Sergeant shouts:
ntutes off, you quickly get the
the hills just like a blooming
Arms upward stretch," "Hels
change places,"
put your kneecaps where your
and we've captured Kaiser Billy
ful and absolutely silly:
LEY there among the Rats and

z before he droops and fades
oice—
WNHEARTED YET!

With the Compliments of
the Season and
All Good Wishes

From *Billy*
To *Rach.*

Northbrook Station
Durham

Slip this inside your cap.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER.

Almighty and most Merciful Father,
Forgive me my sins:
Grant me Thy peace:
Give me Thy power:
Bless me in life and death,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

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From the Chaplain-General.

His Majesty King George V.

Aug 1914

“For conspicuous gallantry in action. After his company had suffered severely he rallied it under heavy fire and led it against parties of the enemy still holding the wood. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.”

He was promoted to Company Sergeant Major after the battle of the Somme and although he came through this battle unscathed, he was wounded at some point and as a result, had a metal plate in his head for the rest of his life. Uncle Wes lived on Thorpe Road Melton Mowbray and worked in the wages office at Holwell Works. I thought he was lovely and as a special treat during the school holidays I accompanied him in the pay car as he went round the iron ore mines in the Vale of Belvoir handing over packets of money to the miners. I remember he was a keen golfer and cricketer.

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REG. SERGT.-MAJOR FRIER ON LEAVE.
This week, Reg-Sergt.-Major W. G. Frier of the Leicestershire Regiment, who, as stated a fortnight ago, received promotion from C.S.M. immediately after the recent engagement in the Somme battle, in which the Leicesters played so conspicuous and gallant a part, has been home on a well-earned leave, leaving Melton again yesterday (Friday).
Serge-Major Frier was naturally the recipient of many congratulations from friends and acquaintances upon his success, as well as upon the fact that he came through his recent ordeal without a scratch.
Serge-Major Frier, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Frier, Thorpe End, was in the officers of the Holwell Co., Asfordby Hill, before the war, and joined Lord Kitchener's Army, in the Leicestershire Battalion, on September 14th, 1914. The business and soldierly qualities he displayed soon placed him on the road to promotion, and his interest by all who will be followed with interest in local football know him. He was well known in local football and cricketer circles before the war, and was a member of the State, by which name the local Young Men's Institute is known.

**REGIMENTAL SERGT.-MAJOR W. G. FRIER
GAINS THE MILITARY CROSS.**

The series of promotions marking the military career of Regimental Sergt.-Major W. G. Frier, Leicestershire Regiment, of Melton Mowbray, which we have had the pleasure of noting from time to time, have stamped him as a soldier of considerable ability and skill. His work in it is a gratification to the full of battle have been gained and resourcefulness on forcing upon him one of the highest honours for the Military Cross. The Leicesters, it took a leading part in the fighting in the early part of the war in the Somme in July, assisting in the capture of the Somme and the Baginette, and it was for his work and R.S.M. Frier gained the honour. He was then at once promoted from Co. Sergt.-Major to Regt. S.M. and was told by his Commanding Officer that that would not be the last he could hear of it. What he actually did he will not permit us to say, but the letter of a certain non-commissioned officer, for which we published some three weeks ago, describing the particular phase of the battle mentioned, the good idea of what the regiment went through, a Sergt.-Major Frier, who was recently home on leave, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Frier, Threembsay, Melton Mowbray, and prior to being in September 1915 was in the office of the Earl of Arundel, Hill. The office staff at the War have, we understand, forwarded him a telegram heartily congratulating him upon the distinction conferred on him.

Uncle Wes (left)