BURGHLEY STAFF AT WAR

PRIVATE HERBERT MILES

6th BATTALION LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT
Herbert worked in the Burghley saw mill and was called up early in 1914. He died on the 9th August 1915 during the battle of Anafarta Ridge in the Gallipoli Campaign.
The battle was fierce, with many casualties, as they were caught in Turkish crossfire. Their Commanding Officer recalls;

"Our losses were twelve officers killed, wounded and missing, three hundred and ninety-one rank and file, out of seventeen officers and five hundred and sixty-one rank and file who originally started out

PRIVATE VICTOR BARRETT

7th BATTALION LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT
Victor was a gardener at Burghley before joining the 7th
Lincolnshire Regiment. He was sent to France where he
was killed during the Battle for Ypres on the 20th
December 1915. Victor is buried in the Menin Road South
Military Cemetery.

CHARLES BETTS was also in the Marquess' regiment fighting in Egypt. He was chosen for officer training which he undertook in Cairo. From a letter received during this training period we know he was immensely grateful to Lord and Lady Exeter for paying half his wages to his wife whilst he was away on active service.

MAJOR VIVIAN HORSMAN

BAILEY was Adjutant to the 5th Marquess from 1916 until the end of the war and was awarded the Military Cross for acts of exemplary gallantry. After his return to England Major Bailey became the Marquess' Personal Assistant and lived at the Dairy Farm at Burghley.

Tenior Officers School. Heliopolis. Cairo. Egypt. 24/8/18 hope you will forgive the liberty I take in writing you, but being unable to epeak to you personally while in Egypt. I write to thank you very much for your great kindness to me my wife in allowing me half wages since mobilization, and at the same time offering jow, Sis my humble apoliques for not thanking you either personally or by letter before this, which I can assure you ser has been my intention long ago, but as you are aware of the little time we get for weiting you will understand my delay. I am pleased to say I am shill with L'Col. Walker, who is at the present time on a 6 who course at the above school. We are having some very hot weather now, much hotter in fact here than in Palestine. 'e Lir again Things are very quiet on this front now, except for our kindness an occasional raid, but no doubt the pything my wife + will begin as soon as the cooler weather sets in. then Im sure the durk will get very little rest. a good health Sis Jour obedient Lervant.
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Private Herbert

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Letter from Charles Betts

Major Vivian Horsman Bailey

The Northamptonshire Regiment in the Stable Courtyard at Burghley, December 1914.

