

Obituaries

We have also heard of the passing of:

WWS Arnott (43-45) HF Bostock (50-51) MRF Carter (42-44) JM Clouting (43-45) EW Harrison (56-58) **GB Jones (58-60)** WA Siddall (49) **GW Waugh (47-49)**

GB Broom (47-48)

Please remember that all obituaries should be sent to the Hon Sec

Lieutenant Colonel PE Bent VC DSO (09-10)

T C Dunn (55-57)

In the article More Conway Soldiers in the March 2014 issue of The Cadet, mention was made of Lieutenant Colonel PE Bent VC DSO (09-10).

Col Bent was awarded a posthumous VC for his bravery, leading a charge by the 9th Battalion Leicestershire regiment on 1st October 1917, east of Polygon Wood. The letter (*right*) sent to his mother shortly after his death, explains what happened. I own this letter.

On Ist August, there will be an exhibition (running until Christmas) at Ashby De La Zouch museum, commemorating The Great War and two VCs. (of which Col Bent is one), and memorial plaques will be laid in their memory. Phillip Bent attended Ashby De La Zouch Grammar School.

The original of the enclosed letter will be on display together with Col Bent's Conway bible.

Treat Mas Bent It is with the deepest Sympathy that I have to inform you that your Son fell in action on the 1st october leading a most gallant allack the Regiment was heavely allacked t down on October 14 the first two attacks were bastom of but owing to heavy lacualties the third allack Succeeded, the Colonel immedially lead a counter stack with the Normant's of the Battalish utterly regardless of his own bayery. he wont ahead of the Mon waving the revolver in the air and shouting "Forward the Tigers" the attack was a brilles at success and the knowny definitely driven back fust as the attacked succeeded the Colonel was fulled by a Rifle bullet and died imbourneously. It was in finest ad possible and undoubtly saved the day, we feel be loss of our Colonel more man words can over sapress for he was beloved by all Ranks. I am very provid to have had the priviledge of tenowing such a fine Christian forkliman whose mornony will live for over in the thistory of this Please accept the despect sympathy of all the Officers and men of the Battalion. H was the most aborious and to a brilliant lover Bolow me

It is interesting to note that Col Bent became 18 years of age just before joining the Ship as a New Chum. Perhaps that is a record age for a Chum? He was highly regarded during his time in the Ship. As a Cadet Captain, he receives mention in John Masefield's book *The Conway*.