

REMEMBERING THE SOMME

side by side in battle



SOLDIER SONS: the Love family. Top, Walter, Samuel, Thomas, Joseph. Bottom, Robert, David, George and John



HEROES: the Hewitt brothers, Holt, William and Ernest

passed over.”
 A third brother, Lieutenant E H Hewitt, of the 4th King’s Own (Royal Lancaster) Regiment, had been killed a year earlier in May, 1915.
 The Wedgwood brothers both died on July 1. Second Lieutenant Philip E. Wedgwood, of the 16th Royal Irish Rifles, was as “brave as a lion” according to the

Rev Canon R G S King.
 The body of his brother, 22-year-old Lieutenant Gilbert Colclough Wedgwood, of the 109th Machine Gun Corps, was never recovered.
 Canon King, writing to the men’s parents, said of Philip: “He was in the German trenches, and was taking prisoners in the dugouts.”

“He and his party had bombs with them, and the Germans were at their mercy. He came to a dugout where there were some 20 Germans. He might have killed these but, instead, offered them their lives if they would come out and surrender.
 “They did so, and all came out. He turned his back for a moment and one of them treacherously shot him dead.”

The telegrams telling of the death of Arthur and James Hollywood arrived at their parent’s home in Helen’s Bay, Co Down, a day apart.
 Both had died on July 1, Arthur, 24, as a lieutenant in the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers and 23-year-old James, a second lieutenant with the 12th Royal Irish Rifles.

LOSS: the Angus brothers, Blair, Robert and James, were killed within three months of each other