

## **The Late Private W. T. Gooding.**

### **OFFICER'S SYMPATHY FOR PARENTS.**

Mr and Mrs E. Gooding, of Arkona, who recently lost two of their sons on active service, have received the following letter from the officer commanding the late Private W. T. Gooding's company.

Belgium, 6/10/17.

Dear Mr. Gooding,—It is with a deep sense of personal loss that I tender you my feelings of sympathy in the loss of your son, Private W. T. Gooding. Constant attention to duty, hearty co-operation with officers and n.c.o's., prompted by the justice of our cause, makes the passing of a soldier a glorious martyrdom, and places the country under an unpayable debt to those left behind.

Though seas divide you from your son, it will console you to know that the humble graves of our fallen heroes are faithfully tended by the bereaved mothers, sisters, and wives of France and Belgium, whilst his memory lives in the hearts of his comrades in arms.

On behalf of my company and myself, I tender you and yours my deepest sympathy.—Yours sympathetically,

W. S. HOUGHTON,  
Lieut., O.C. H. Coy.

19th A.I.F.