

THREE PRISONER BROTHERS.

LUTON FAMILY'S UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE.

The Luton Prisoners of War Committee have records of about 185 prisoners, and among the whole of them there is but one case where a family were unlucky enough to have to state that three brothers were taken prisoner by the Germans, and a fourth wounded, all in roughly the same area and within a few days of one another. This was during the Hun push in the Amiens area in March of last year, and the three who were unfortunate enough to be captured were Pte. A. Barton, 1st N. Staffs Regt., Pte. William Barton, 2nd Middlesex; and Pte. Walter Barton, 2nd Essex; all of 13, Henry-street, Luton.

Pte. William and Walter Barton have now been repatriated, but Pte. A. Barton is reported to have died while in enemy hands. He was reported missing on March 21st, and in October the family were informed by the Prisoners of War Committee that the German official list of July 31st stated that he was in a prison camp at Stendal. They also received a card from Pte. Barton himself saying he was a prisoner, but after that they heard nothing until last month, when an intimation was received that he died on May 26th and was buried in a military cemetery. Beyond this they have been unable to obtain any information up to the present.

Pte. Edward Barton, who was serving with the Bedfords, was wounded on April 2nd last.



Pte. Edward Barton. Wounded. Pte. Walter Barton. Repatriated.



Pte. A. Barton. Died in Germany. Pte. William Barton. Repatriated.

The following note appears in the March number of the Luton Parish Magazine:—
"Albert Barton, who died a prisoner in Germany, was one of our best boys. A regular prize-winner in the Sunday school, he maintained his interest in his Church, and especially in the men's work. He will be much missed by all who knew him, and we sympathise deeply with his dear ones in their great loss."