



## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen and I offer you our  
heartfelt sympathy in your great  
sorrow.

We pray that your country's  
gratitude for a life so nobly given  
in its service may bring you some  
measure of consolation.

*George R.I.*

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### HARLEY WITH KENLEY

#### BAPTISM

Oct. 7 (at Kenley)—Bryan Charles Edwards.

Very deep sympathy is being felt in Harley with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Preece, of the Post Office. After many, many weary months of waiting in suspense and hope, the sad news has come to them that their eldest son, Colin, is reported to be dead. He was 24, and served in the R.A.F., but was taken prisoner by the Japanese: and the War Office reports that he died in a camp in Sumatra. I am sorry to say that I never met him; but all who knew him say what a lovable boy he was, and one can realise what a deep sorrow his death is causing his parents and sister and brothers. We shall be remembering him at a Memorial Service after Evensong on October 28th, the Festival of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, the Apostles, when an address will be given by Rev. J. Griffiths, Rector of Eaton Constantine, who was Colin's Scoutmaster. This is the first loss of a member of H.M. Forces which Harley has suffered, either in the war of 1914-18, or in the one which is just over; but that does not make it less sad; and Mr. and Mrs. Preece will believe that we do feel for them very sincerely in this sorrowful end of their long wait for news.

Our good friend, Mr. Walter Munslow, of Harley, has gone to Much Wenlock Hospital and undergone an operation there, from the effects of which he has