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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Saturday December 5th, 1917.

LOCAL WAR ITEMS.

It is officially reported that Pte. **W.C. ELEY**, Manchester Regiment, has been missing since the 24th-27th October. He was the younger brother of James ELEY, of Well-Street, an old and respected resident. Pte. ELEY came home from the United States early last year to serve his country, and on landing at Liverpool joined the King's Liverpool Regiment. In three months he was in France, and seen a great deal of fighting with that famous corps. He went "over the top" several times, and came through severe fighting without hurt. Later he was employed as a sniper, and one misty morning went out into No Man's Land to see if he could find any traces of a German patrol fired at during the previous night. While he was out the mist suddenly cleared and he made a dive for the trench, but caught a sniper's bullet just as he was negotiating the parapet and was knocked into the trench. The bullet struck him in the back below the ribs, went through his body, and passed out at the shoulder. He was sent to hospital at Southampton, and his recovery was slow owing to the fact that the lung was affected. When discharged from hospital he was passed for home service only, much to his disappointment, and he gave the authorities no rest until they once more sent him to a training camp preparatory to going out again. In August he was included in a draft for France, and was there transferred to the Manchester Regiment. He took part in several big pushes in September and October; he described an attack on October 4th as the worst he had ever experienced. His last communication to his family, dated October 19th, told of his safety after battle.

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