



## PILGRIMAGE.



WYVERN CEMETERY, BRUNSSUM.

"In August, my husband and I visited Brunssum in Holland, where our son, who was killed while fighting with the 1st Bn. of the Worcestershire Regiment, is buried.

I feel that our experiences will be of interest to readers of the magazine and will prove a small measure of comfort to those left behind who know that their loved ones lie in this so well-cared-for Cemetery.

You will be able to see how wonderfully the graves are kept and tended by the old gentleman you will see in one of the snaps which I enclose. He has undertaken that job voluntarily as two of the boys buried there were billeted with him during the time they were in Brunssum. The person standing beside us is one of the villagers who had just placed some flowers on one of the graves, and the young girl whom you see in the photograph above tending our son's grave is the one who writes to us. I shall always remember the sight of the graves with the roses all in full bloom. Each grave has two trees on it, which work we were told was carried out by a committee of villagers.

I cannot express in words the thanks of my husband and myself to all who made the arrangements for our visit so easy (The W.R.O.C.A. and Mr. Renshaw of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s). The kindness of the people, too, was wonderful. The family of Beckers could not do enough for us and have extended a hearty invitation to us for another visit. We even met a young man who was stationed in Malvern Wells with the Dutch forces in 1946!

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, from Birmingham, were staying in the next house to us; they, too, were visiting their son's grave, who was also in the 1st Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment, as were a great many more.

The Cemetery is called the "Wyvern Cemetery" after the Wyvern Division to which they all belonged.

On the lighter side we were able to see the start of the celebrations for the Queen's jubilee. The illuminations at Rotterdam were a wonderful sight."

(The above account is from Mrs. D. A. Appleby, of Malvern, whose son, No. 5257881 Private J. E. Appleby, was killed while serving with the 1st Bn. in the Western European Campaign on 19th November, 1944.)