



## Home From the War

On Friday Private Albert Netton and Private Dennis C. Netton, sons of Mr. S. Netton, returned home from the war in South Africa, after an absence of two and a half years. It was intended to give them a rousing reception, but instead of coming to Amesbury by train, as was anticipated, the brothers drove from Salisbury (through the kindness of Mr. Whistler) and arrived somewhat unexpectedly. However, their return soon became known, and they were cordially greeted by their old friends, while flags and bunting decorated their own neighbours' houses in their honour. The brothers were Privates in the 2nd Wilts (99th), Albert being on Section D of the Reserves, having served 17 years; and Dennis belonging to the 1st Class Army Reserves with a service of 13 years. The 1st Class Reserves were called out in December 1899, and Section D followed a month later. The 2nd Wilts formed part of General Clement's command, and they were present at Prinsloo's surrender, during which engagement, owing to their activity, the regiment earned for themselves the name of "Hill Climbers." Private D. C. Netton was taken prisoner at Colesberg, and was not released until after the capture of Pretoria, when General French defeated the Boers at Watervall. Their next engagement was at Hammond's Kraal, after which they were stationed at Pineaars River for eight months. They marched thence to Jericho and Balmoral, and then entrained to Nauwpoort, and on to Pietersburg. The D Section of the 2nd Wilts were here attached to Kitchener's Fighting Scouts, for whom Private Albert Netton acted as butcher. Under Colonel Colembrander, they relieved Fort Edward. During this time Private W. C. Netton was with D Company, stationed at Tunispoort, where they remained for twelve months. The companies re-combined at Pietersburg, and about a month later peace was proclaimed. The brothers, with their regiment, left Capetown on the Dilwarra, and reached Southampton on August 20th, whence they proceeded to Devizes and were then discharged.

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