



## Appeal from the Trenches

The following verses were written by Private Herbert Joseph Chivers, 2nd Wilts Regiment, serving at the front:-

Would you see old England ruined  
While you're staying safe at home,  
While your chums are bravely fighting  
In a country o'er the foam?

Do you read the Roll of Honour  
That appears from day to day  
In all your leading papers -  
Or have you missed it, pray?

You little know the hardships  
Your chums have undergone;  
For nine long, weary months  
They have kept your homes from wrong.

Their losses have been heavy;  
Who's going to take the place  
Of those who have gone under  
To uphold the British race?

Give up your life of pleasure,  
And learn to use a gun.  
'Twill be more to your credit,  
When this great war is won.

There are many who are lacking  
To respond to Britain's call;  
And the Motherland is waiting  
For your answer, one and all.

Enlist in Kitchener's Army  
And prove yourself a man;  
Your King and country need you  
Now, deny it if you can.

This appeal is from a soldier,  
And from the firing line,  
Where the fight for Britain's freedom  
But keep cheerful all the time

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