

The Boys of La Bassee.

You'll see from the La Bassee Road,
on any summer day,
The children herding nanny goats, the
women making hay.
You'll see the soldiers, khaki clad, in
column and platoon,
Come swinging up La Bassee Road from
billets in Bethune.
There's hay to save and corn to cut,
but harder work by far
Awaits the soldier boys who reap the
harvest fields of war.
You'll see them swinging up the road
where women work at hay,
The straight, long road, La Bassee
Road, on any summer day.
The night breeze sweeps La Bassee
Road, the night dews wet the hay,
The boys are coming back again, a
straggling crowd are they.
The column's lines are broken up and
gaps in the platoon,
They'll not need many billets now for
soldiers in Bethune,
For many boys, good lusty boys, who
marched so very fine
Have now got little homes of clay beside
the firing line.
Good luck to them, God-speed to them,
the boys who march away,
A-singing up La Bassee Road each
sunny summer day.

—PATRICK MACGILL, in the
Westminster Gazette.

When the Heroes Return.

(LEST WE FORGET.)

Mother England has been forgetful
before; Mother England has been
forgetful. I wonder if she will be
forgetful at the end of this war, when
the heroes come back. I am thinking,
I admit, of certain heroes in whom I
take a particular interest.

Before the war they were in London
and threw up, some of them, their
positions unasked.

Their places now are filled. Will
they be kept open for them against
their return? Belgium and France
know their worth if England yet
does not. Let Belgium and let France
speak.

Let them speak. I cannot—the
subject moves me too strongly. But
let England answer, and let her answer
soon. What will she do when these
heroes come back to her? What will
the hostelryes of England do when Hans
and Fritz and Carl return?—*Punch.*

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