

Coalville Times At War

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ASHBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

THE PORTER'S EXEMPTION

The clerk reported that the appeal by the Military Authorities to the County Appeals Tribunal for a re-hearing in regard to the conditional exemption of the workhouse porter was not allowed, and the military representative had now given notice of an appeal to the Central Tribunal in London. – Mr Farmer explained that the Ashby Urban Tribunal gave the porter conditional exemption. This was appealed against at Leicester by the military authorities, and the appeal dismissed, and the application for a re-hearing was not allowed, as no fresh facts were adduced. The County Tribunal, however, gave permission for an appeal to the Central Tribunal in London. The Board decided to employ a solicitor to defend their interests, Mrs Pratt moving this and Mr Briers seconding.

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SHEPSHED TRIBUNAL

At the sitting of the Shepsshed Urban Tribunal on Friday evening, there were present, Messrs. C. Mee, J.P., W. Baker, J. G. Feston, J. Peat, R. W. Kerry, W. Johnson, Allen Smith and M. Smith (clerk). Mr Bouskell represented the military authorities and Mr J. Bull, of Long Whatton, the Board of Agriculture.

The chairman pointed out that it had been made a condition that those exempted must join the V.T.C. The Tribunal had a report before them that a good number had attended the drills, but a few had not. If they did not comply with the conditions, they would be liable to have the exemption granted reconsidered. The condition was not in any way a joke, but serious business.

Mr R. S. Clifford, junr. appeared for a boot manufacturer in an application for exemption for a sole attacher, who was 30 years of age and single. He was the only one left at home, and his father was seriously ill, and his mother not able to do anything. Mr Clifford said that at the Appeal Tribunal it had been decided to adjourn similar shoehand claims, and he suggested that the Tribunal should take that course. – Mr Bouskell was surprised to hear it. An animated argument followed between Mr Clifford and Mr Bouskell, the latter protesting against Mr Clifford trying to influence the Tribunal, and Mr Clifford retorting that Mr Bouskell should not bully the Tribunal. – Eventually the case was adjourned until after September 25th.

A builder and contractor applied for exemption for himself, 38 years of age, his two brothers, both married, and his carter, a widower. The case of the applicant was heard in private, and he was given six months' exemption. One of his brothers, who is foreman, was given three months (final), and the other brother's application was not assented to. The carter was given six months, the conditions to include joining the V.T.C.

A personal application by a shoehand, single, aged 19, who stated he had three brothers serving with the colours was not assented to.

A farmer, with 60 acres of land, of which 20 were arable, and a scavenger for one of the districts, under the Urban Council, applied for the exemption of his son. He had 20 head of cattle, and six horses. One son was called up, leaving only himself and this son, and a casual labourer to manage the whole of the work. – This son left the quarry in March 1915, when applicant obtained the contract to help with the scavenging. – Three months' exemption, and V.T.C.

A farmer with 250 acres of land, and 250 head of stock was granted conditional exemption.

COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

ROLL OF HONOUR

Local Men who have died for their country.

170 Names

“Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

Appended is a list of names, as far as we have been able to trace them from the file copies of the “Coalville Times,” of the men from this district, who have given their lives for their country:-

Previously reported, 157.

Donald Johnson Pickard

2nd Lieutenant in the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. Aged 22, son of Mr and Mrs A. Pickard, of Desford.

Kenneth Clarke Thomson

2nd Lieut. Royal Scots Fusiliers, killed in action, December, 1914. Son of Mrs Thomson, of Grey Lodge, Groby.

Lester Green

Sergeant, King's Royal Rifles, killed in action, July 1916. Former sergeant-instructor of the Ibstock Church Lad's Brigade.

J. H. Martin

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. A resident of Bardon Hill.

Herbert Harold Burton

Private, of Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, July, 1916. Former Whitwick collier, aged 24, of Green Lane, Whitwick.

Lawrence Whitmore

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed by a sniper, July, 1916. Former Whitwick collier, aged 21, of Talbot Street, Whitwick.

Ernest Batho

Lance-Corporal, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. Aged 23, formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery and resided at Margaret Street, Coalville.

Joseph Moon

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. Aged 32 years, formerly employed at Snibston Colliery and resided in Melbourne Street, Coalville.

Christopher Fairbrother

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, July 1916. Former Ibstock collier and resided at Main Street, Ravenstone. Aged 22 years.

William Ducksbury

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, July 1916. Aged 22, formerly employed at South Leicestershire Colliery, and resided at Highfields, Coalville.

Arthur Crooks

Sergeant, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. Aged 22, formerly employed at Messrs. Burgess and Son's factory, and resided at Vaughan Street, Coalville.

Edward Walton

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. Aged 20 years, formerly worked at Whitwick Colliery, and resided at 311, Hermitage Road.

S. T. Grice

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. An Ashby man.

WOUNDED SERGEANT'S EXPERIENCES

Sergeant George Wardle, of the Leicestershire Regiment, writing to his sister, Mrs T. Kinsey, wife of the Coalville Liberal Club manager, states that he has been wounded. *"I got hit about three o'clock in the morning,"* he continues, *"when there was such a commotion. It knocked me into a shell-hole, with a corporal, who later died, on the top of me. I had to lie for about two hours with shells fairly digging up the ground all around me. At last I got the corporal shifted, and managed to crawl into a trench about ten yards away. Fritz was still dealing out his old iron and bits of brass, and as we were on the edge of a wood, there were trees and branches of trees flying in all directions. Wounded who could walk were passing by me, but I had to stick it, as the bone in my leg was broken. It was here that I got my wound dressed by one of our stretcher bearers. I lay in this hole for about an hour, when one of my pals who had been wounded also came along. He tried to get me out of it, but it was useless, so I had to drop into another trench, where there were two more wounded. They stayed with me till about 12 o'clock noon, and as they could walk, then went out. I stayed here till 4.30 in the afternoon, when two Northumberland Fusiliers, helped me to a dug-out, where our medical officer was, and I had my wound dressed again. To cut a long story short, it was 11.30 on Saturday when the R.A.M.C. came and took me away, the Germans having stopped shelling. Will you tell Mr G. Moore that I have not tasted a drop of English beer since I was on leave, when he asked me if I would like a bottle of strong. I could make a blooming case look silly."*

He concludes by asking to be remembered to various friends.

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DONINGTON HALL

GERMAN PRISONER ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE

A further attempted escape by a German prisoner was made at Donington Hall on Sunday night. When challenged by a sentry the prisoner instantly surrendered and begged for mercy. He was arrested and placed under a strong guard.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A Red Cross train reached Leicester shortly after midnight on Monday, bringing 123 wounded men, of whom 66 were cot cases. There were in addition 10 wounded officers. The latter were conveyed to the Base Hospital, and all the men to North Evington. The transport arrangements were effectively carried out under the direction of Mr A. W. Faire, county director of the V.A.D.

The 1st Cadet Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment comprising 950 young fellows from the Grammar Schools of the borough and county, entered upon their summer instructional camp at Burton Lazars, near Melton Mowbray, on Saturday. The camp commandant is Colonel Harvey, commanding officer of the battalion, and Capt. Brockington, Director of Education for Leicestershire, is the adjutant. The military education of the cadets is on the lines followed by the O.T.C. and they have settled down to their work with characteristic zeal and enthusiasm.

A new lighting order comes in force on August 7th in this district, which emphasises and requires the darkening of all houses and premises from one hour after sunset till one hour before sunrise, and also railway carriages from half-an-hour after sunset till half-an-hour before sunrise.

FIRST NAILSTONE SOLDIER KILLED

The first man from the little village of Nailstone to give his life in the war is Private Arthur Price, of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose wife and one child reside at Lyndhurst House, Nailstone. His wife has received a letter from France notifying the death and burial of her husband, and stating that he died a soldier's death doing his duty.

Private Price was 32 years of age and before the war worked at the Nailstone Colliery. He enlisted in April, 1915 and had been in France about 12 months.

RAVENSTONE SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS



Official intimation has been sent to Mr and Mrs C. W. Fairbrother, of Main Street, Ravenstone, that their son, Lance-Corporal Christopher Fairbrother, of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds received in action on July 13th. He was a single man, 22 years of age, and before the war was working at Ibstock Colliery. His father works at the Snibston pit.

Deceased had been in France about 12 months. He joined the army soon after the outbreak of war, and by tomorrow would have completed two years of military service. A letter from Mr Lloyd George accompanying the official notice, expressing the sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen with the parents in their bereavement.

(A photograph of Lance-Corporal Christopher Fairbrother appears to the left)

COALVILLE SOLDIER NOTIFIES BROTHER'S DEATH

Writing to his parents, Mr and Mrs John Ducksbury, of Highfields, Coalville, Private John Harold Ducksbury, of the Leicestershire Regiment, conveys the sad news that his brother, Private William Ducksbury, of the same regiment, has died of wounds.

Before the war the two brothers were working as colliers at the South Leicestershire Colliery, where their father is also employed, and soon after hostilities commenced they joined Kitchener's Army. The deceased was 22 years of age.

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S TRIBUTE TO FALLEN COMRADE

News has been received by Mr and Mrs James Walton, of Hermitage Road, Coalville, that their son, Private Edward Walton, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been killed in action. Private Harry Sharpe, of the same regiment, whose home is also in Hermitage Road, writes:

"It is with the deepest and sincerest regret that I write to inform you of the death of your son, Eddie. I know this will come as a great shock to you, but I feel it my duty to let you know, as we were such close chums. Believe me, your son died like a hero, doing his duty to the last. He met his death while killing a German officer, a shell dropping a short distance away and killing him instantly. The death of your son was a stunner to me and I feel it very much. I hope God will help you to bear the burden. Please accept the deepest sympathy of the N.C.O.'s and men of his company, and from his chum, Harry Sharpe."

A letter received by Mr and Mrs George Walton, also of Hermitage Road, on Saturday, from their son, Pte. E. Walton, confirmed the news that his cousin had been killed. The deceased soldier was only 20 years of age and before the war worked at the Whitwick Colliery, where his father is also employed. He enlisted in August, 1914, on the day following the declaration of war.

NOTE

Several soldiers' photos were to have appeared in this issue, but the blocks not having been returned in time by the makers, they are unavoidably held over till next week.

COALVILLE SERGEANT KILLED

Coalville Sergeant Killed.



SERGEANT A. CROOKS.

The sad news that Sergeant Arthur Crooks, of the Leicestershire Regiment had been killed in action on July 15th, was received by his parents, Mr and Mrs J. Crooks, Vaughan Street, Coalville, in an official communication on Sunday morning.

The deceased was 22 years of age, and was a very promising young man. A few months ago, he had a week's leave at Coalville, and soon after returning to France, was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Before the war he was employed in the despatching room of Messrs. Burgess and Son's elastic web factory in Belvoir Road, having worked there since leaving school.

Mr J. Crooks, who was formerly foreman bricklayer for Messrs. W. Moss and Son, builders, Coalville, but has been incapacitated from work for some years owing to illness, has two other soldier sons

both of whom, unfortunately, have been wounded. Lance-Corporal J. Crooks, the eldest of the three, is in hospital in the south of England, with a shrapnel wound in the leg, and Private D. Crooks, the youngest, has been wounded in the head and leg, and is in hospital in France.

OTHER LOCAL CASUALTIES

The official list of killed published on Monday contained the name of Pte. S. T. Grice, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. He was in the North Staffordshire Regiment. The name of Pte. J. W. Hollick, of Coalville, died of wounds, also appeared, this having been previously reported in our columns.

Among those of the Leicestershire Regiment reported wounded were: Pte. J. Bancroft (Coalville), Pte. C. Cavendish (Whitwick), Pte. J. H. Squires (Ashby) and Pte. J. Walton (Markfield).

Two Ashby men, Ptes. P. Hinks, G. Jacques, were reported wounded. Pte. E. Blake (Shepshed) of the Leicestershire Regiment, previously reported killed, was reported wounded.

Private Thomas Stevenson, Dublin Fusiliers, reported missing for the past three weeks, is the information received from the War Office by his wife and family, who reside at Shepshed. Private Stevenson is one of the three brothers who have for some time been in the war zone, and are sons of Mr Thos. Stevenson, Chapel Street, Shepshed.

Mrs Foster, widow, Brook Street, Shepshed, has received official intimation that her son, Private Herbert Fowler, of the Leicesters, has been wounded in action in France. Mrs Rodgers, of Churchgate, Shepshed, has been officially informed that her husband, Private John Rodgers, Leicestershire Regiment, was wounded in action on July 14th, and is now in hospital at Whalley, Lancashire. He joined Kitchener's Army soon after the outbreak of war, and went to France about 12 months ago. He had a short furlough about Christmas last, when he visited his wife and friends.

Official news arrived on Tuesday morning that Pte. J. A. Moulton, 13302, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded and is in hospital at Boulogne. Previous to the war he lived with his parents at 166, Belvoir Road, Coalville, and worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery. He has been in France about 12 months.

Another Coalville soldier reported wounded is Private Wm. Hy. Eames, of the Leicestershire Regiment, only son of Mr J. H. Eames, an employee of the Whitwick Colliery Co., who resides in James Street. Mr Eames on Tuesday morning received a letter from a chaplain at a casualty clearing station in France, stating that his son had been hit by a bomb, his injuries being to his head, thigh and arm, and they were about to remove him to hospital. Private W. H. Eames enlisted in January, 1915, and had been in France about 15 months. He is an old Belvoir Road schoolboy and before the war was employed at Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s engineering works at Coalville. He is 21 years of age.

Lieut. Alexander Charles Nicholas March-Phillips de Lisle, Leicestershire Regiment, is the fifth son of Mr E. J. de Lisle, who was for a number of years M.P. for Mid-Leicestershire. He has held a lieutenant's commission in the regiment mentioned since February in last year. His name appears in the list of wounded.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

So far as is known, 60 bombs were dropped during Monday night's Zeppelin raid, but there were no casualties?

Mr Lloyd George is to be asked to give a badge to men medically rejected by the Army?

A War Savings Association was formed at the Bridge Road Council Infants' School a fortnight ago, and already 18 certificates have been purchased?

In connection with the second anniversary of the war, there is to be a solemn church procession through the streets of Hugglescote tonight?

In the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon, Mr Long stated that the Government proposed to renew, for a further 12 months, the postponement of elections of local authorities and other similar bodies?

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COUNTY APPEALS TRIBUNAL

The County Appeals Tribunal sat at the Castle, Leicester on Wednesday morning. Alderman Cope presided, with Major Wellsman representing the military authorities.

A Coalville firm of engineers engaged in Government work, appealed for eight employees, six of whom were dismissed, while two, a boiler-maker and smith's striker, who, it was stated by the firm's representative, were absolutely essential to the work engaged upon, were granted conditional exemptions for six months. There were 35 cases altogether, most of them being for renewal of exemption.

COLEORTON

A War Savings Association has been formed in the parish of Coleorton, and the following committee appointed the Rev. H. Robinson, chairman, Miss F. M. Yates secretary, and Mr H. M. Cuthbert, treasurer, Lady Beaumont, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Kendrick, and Mr H. Wilson. Subscriptions will be received at the school every Monday evening from 6 to 7 o'clock. Nineteen members have already joined, and sufficient funds subscribed to purchase a certificate.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr and Mrs J. Crooks desire to sincerely thank all the friends who have kindly expressed sympathy with them in the death of their son, Arthur, killed in action, July 15th.
Vaughan Street, Coalville.

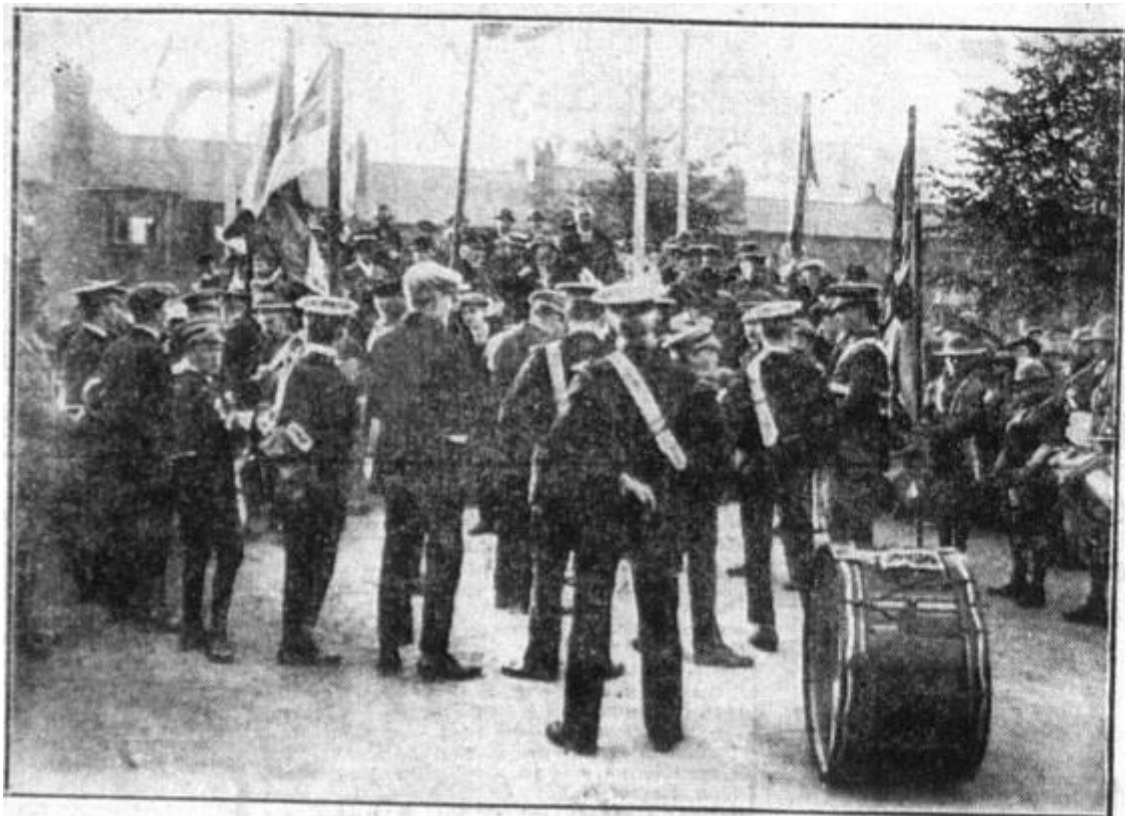
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TWO YEARS OF WAR

A great patriotic meeting was held in Marlborough Square, Coalville, on Friday evening, having been convened by the Urban Council in connection with the second anniversary of the declaration of war. Mr A. Lockwood J.P., presided, and supporting him on the platform were Captain Deverell, R.N., Captain Chambre, R.N., Captain Stevenson, Lieutenant Scott, (who has twice been wounded), Mrs Chambre, Mrs F. Brent, and Mrs J. W. Farmer (representing the Soldier's Families' Aid Association), Miss Hawthorn, (Soldier's Help Society), Dr. R. W. Jamie, Dr. W. H. Wykes, Messrs. R. Blower, M. McCarthy, B. G. Hale, J.P., F. Griffin, A. J. Briers, J. W. Farmer, (members of the Coalville Urban District Council), Mr Leonard L. Baldwin

(surveyor), Mr J. W. West, J.P., (County Council), the Revs. C. Barker (Hugglescote) W. H. Wills (Coalville) and J. Hayhoe (Ellistown), Mrs Moss (Women's V.A.D.), Messrs. B. Morris and G. Glover (Men's V.A.D.) Messrs. T. Frith, F. V. Webber, J. H. Massey, and J. J. Brown, (local schoolmasters), Messrs. W. Lindley J.P., J. C. Hunt and W. Hurst (representing local collieries), Mrs L. L. Baldwin, Mrs S. W. Brown and Mrs George Coleman (local Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild), Mr J. Stinson Turner (Coalville Citizen Corps Commandant), Mr J. Lester (Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps Commandant), the Coalville District Nurse and Sergeant Green (Coalville Ambulance Brigade).



GREAT PATRIOTIC MEETING AT COALVILLE.

Forming a square in front of the platform, which was decorated with flags, were members of the Whitwick and Thringstone, and Coalville Citizen Corps. Coalville Boy Scouts, under Mr Frank Goddard, and members of the Coalville Women's V.A.D. with the Corporation Band, conducted by Mr A. Clarke, these having paraded the town prior to the meeting.

The chairman said the object of the meeting was to bring home to the people the fact that this was the second anniversary of the terrible war in which they were engaged. Living in an inland town like Coalville they were not brought so much into touch with the grim realities of the war as was the case in the larger towns and they were apt to lose sight of things indicative of the anxious time through which the nation was passing. They were not there to gloat over victories they had been able to accomplish, but they were there as earnest men and women trying to realise the circumstances in which they were placed and to show their determination to continue the war to a successful issue. This was not a time for disunion. It was not a time when they should bring into discussion or into question any item except the one thing – to win the war. It was a great task, but they were forced into it. (Hear, hear). If he knew anything about the question at all – and he had read a good deal about it – it would have been most unwise on the part of the British people to have stood on one side while France and Russia were called upon to fight the Central Powers (cheers). If they had taken that attitude, he was convinced that France and poor little Belgium would have gone under, and matters would have been settled for a time, but he confidently believed that it would have been our turn next and the second fight would have been worse than the first for us. They hoped now that they had got a hold on the enemy and would hold on until they came to a final victory. (Cheers).

Mr McCarthy then moved the following resolution: *“That on this second anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, this meeting of inhabitants of Coalville urban district records once more its inflexible*

determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle to maintain that ideal of liberty and justice is the common and sacred cause of the Allies.”

He said, *“It would require very few words of his to commend that resolution to any inhabitant of the British Empire – to anyone worth recognising as a subject of King George V. The war had cemented all parts of the Empire. He need hardly tell them that he was an Irishman and he would like to say a word about what happened a short time ago in Dublin, because Irish people in that district had been taunted with it. He had been in England 47 years. He left his native country when he was 21 and since then he had lived within three miles of where he did now, but he knew Ireland well, and could say that the people who had anything to do with the rebellion were so few that it was a scandal to brand a whole nation with their crime (hear, hear). They were infinitesimal as compared with the numbers of brave Irishmen who had given their lives at Gallipoli and in France, so that as an Irishman, he thought it only just to make these few remarks. Ireland was as loyal as any nation under the sun.”* (Cheers).

Proceeding, he said, *“They ought to know what they were doing. The Allies occupy today one million square miles of our enemies’ territories. The Central Powers can only claim 167,000 square miles, or only one-sixth in area of what the Allies have captured from our enemies. If we go back to 1915, the Germans were checked in the West, but the Central Powers were conducting in Russia and other places a successful offensive. A large Anglo-French army was neutralised in Gallipoli and the Turks were holding the Russians in Armenia, but during the second year the tide was completely turned. German influence was eliminated from South Persia, the whole of the German West African Colonies are in the hands of the Allies; soon we hope to clear them out of South Africa, lock, stock and barrel (Cheers). The Verdun victory put a large nail in Germany’s coffin, and others are slowly but securely being hammered in. the summer of 1916 has witnessed a huge attack in all quarters against the Central Powers, which is proceeding satisfactorily in favour of the Allies. Then at home since 1915, our output of munitions increased immensely, and our ‘contemptible little army’ has increased over five millions. India and our Oversea Dominions have most loyally done their part.*

One word for our Navy – just give three cheers for our Navy – (cheers were heartily given). A French general predicts that as a result of the tremendous struggles now being waged, the enemy will see his dream of world domination vanish, and begin to totter on all fronts. The scales of fate have long oscillated. Now that is over; the one scale is rising unceasingly; while the other descends with a weight which nothing will lighten. Mr Lloyd George says “Today we see our goal quite clearly, because it is nearer and nearer.” I say thanks to God. There are Divine influences in the world always, even in the midst of the greatest wars, helping the right and confounding the wrong. Let us always remember God, and what God made us for. I now move the resolution which I just read to you.” (Cheers).

Mr R. Blower, C.C., seconding, said he hoped they would fully realise what the resolution meant – that it was more than a mere scrap of paper. It spoke of the determination of the inhabitants of that district to continue to a victorious end the struggle to maintain that ideal of liberty and justice which was the common cause of the Allies. They could not maintain a thing unless they held it and they did know what liberty and justice meant, although he thought sometimes that they did not realise sufficiently the importance of it. He thought sometimes that it would have done them good to have had about six weeks of German rule. They would know what justice and liberty meant after that. They had to maintain these ideals not only for themselves but for the boys and girls who were growing up. Justice and liberty had not been brought to this land without sacrifices on the part of some who had lived before them. Their forefathers had to struggle for it and *“for God’s sake,”* he said, *“let us do all we can to maintain it.”* He went on to refer to the German idea of justice mentioning the murder of Nurse Cavell and Captain Fryatt. They had learned sufficient to convince them what the Kaiser would do if ever he got to England. The brave lads at the front were doing their part and it was for those at home to do the same. They would sacrifice a little holiday in order to keep the lads supplied with the shells and things they needed. If the people at home did their share, he was sure the war would be brought to a glorious end. (Cheers).

Captain Stevenson said that looking through his diary he found the war was declared on a Tuesday. As recruiting officer for the district, he started recruiting on Coalville on the following Friday and they had now had two years of war. The chairman had said that Coalville was a small place – that may be, but it had done its share towards the army and navy (cheers) and he was sure that all working in the different trades in that district were prepared to do their duty. They had started on this job and they were going to win (cheers). In the great push now commenced the Leicester had done well (cheers). They had told their tale against the enemy and he was sorry that some had gone under, but they had fallen in their country’s cause in a struggle which would bring the Germans to their knees.

The resolution was carried with cheers and the Union Jack was then hoisted and unfurled by Lieut. Scott, amidst tremendous cheering. The flag was saluted and the band played, "Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue," and the French, Russian, Belgian and English National Anthems.

The meeting was a great success, which is a great credit to Mr L. L. Baldwin, who carried out the arrangements at very short notice.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Recent official casualty lists published contained the following names:

WOUNDED

Leicestershire Regiment

Barker, 2569, Private G., Bagworth
Brown, 4177, Private G. A., Ibstock
Dawson, 4536, Private G. A., Desford
Haken, 1338, Private E., Shepshed
Handford, 2518, Acting Corporal, W., Coalville
Hind, 4395, Private W., Ellistown
Hurt, 4286, Private W., Shepshed
Merriman, 4156, Private C., Swannington
Redfern, 1865, Private J., Osgathorpe
Robson, 2502, Lance-Corporal T., Coalville
Thorpe, 1366, Private W., Shepshed
Webster, 1914, Private W., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Wileman, 2735, Private J., Measham

Sherwood Foresters

Dunncliffe, 2036, Private H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch

North Staffordshire Regiment

Smart, 4002, Private J., Ashby-de-la-Zouch

Royal Engineers

Upton, 155879, Sapper G., Coalville

Essex Regiment

Dunncliffe, 10412, Private W., Ashby-de-la-Zouch

Gordon Highlanders

Collins, 12223, Private H. J., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Blake, 3514, Private F., Shepshed
Johnson, 1385, Co.-Serg.-Major F., Shepshed
Randall, 4507, Private J., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Adcock, 4525, Private E., Coalville
Dennis, 1570, Lance-Corporal T., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Hill, 534, Co.-Sergt.-Major J. R., Coalville
Congrave, 2545, Private A., Coalville
Glithero, 3149, Private H., Coalville
Hickling, 1351, Private A., Shepshed

Hobbins, 3258, Private W., Coalville
Wilton, 3242, Private G. W., Coalville

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED



Lance-Corporal E. Batho, son of Mr Jos. Batho of Margaret Street, Coalville, was recently killed in action. He was 23 years of age and formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

(A photograph of Lance-Corporal E. Batho appears to the left)



The death in action from a shell wound of Private E. Walton, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr James Walton, a Whitwick collier, of Hermitage Road, is notified by his chum, Pte. Harry Sharpe, who says that *"he died a hero, doing his duty to the last."*

(A photograph of Private E. Walton appears to the left)



The death of Private William Ducksbury, of the Leicestershire Regiment was notified by his brother, Private J. H. Ducksbury, of the same regiment, who states that he died from wounds received in action. Deceased was a son of Mr and Mrs Ducksbury, of Highfields, Coalville, and was 22 years of age. He was formerly a collier at the South Leicestershire pit.

(A photograph of Private William Ducksbury appears to the left)



As reported in our last issue, Sergt. G. Wardle, of the Leicestershire Regiment, brother of Mrs Kinsey, of the Coalville Liberal Club, has been wounded, but is making good progress.

(A photograph of Sergt. G. Wardle appears to the left)

THREE COALVILLE BROTHERS KILLED

Official intimation has now been received by Mr and Mrs Thomas Brownlow, of Margaret Street, Coalville, that their son, Private Ambrose Brownlow, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action on July 14th. He was 25 years of age, and single.

Two brothers, Privates Arthur and Ernest Brownlow, also of the Leicestershire Regiment, were killed some months ago. These were both married men, and by their deaths, two sisters, daughters of Mr and Mrs Taylor, of Margaret Street, Coalville, are left widows, with families.

The three brothers before the war all worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery, where the father is also employed. Another son of Mr Brownlow, Harry, is with the Colours, and is now on active service again after having recovered from wounds.

BOMB EXPLODES

COALVILLE SOLDIER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Mr and Mrs Reuben Nicholls, of Ashby Road, Coalville, have been notified that their son, Private James Wm. Nicholls, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been accidentally killed in France.

The captain of the regiment, writing under date July 28th, states, *"I am sorry to have to inform you that your son, Private Nicholls, was killed this afternoon. He was in the trench, cleaning bombs, when one exploded, and killed three men, and wounded several others. It may be some consolation to you to know that your son must have been killed instantly. He was a good soldier, and always did his duty conscientiously. He will be greatly missed in the company. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your great loss."*

A chaplain writing subsequently states: *"I feel I must send you a line to tell you how very sorry I am about the accident to your son, Private Nicholls. It will be a comfort to you, and help you to bear your sorrow to know that he died doing his duty, and that his end was sudden and painless. We had a beautiful little service, and buried last night by the side of his three comrades in the little cemetery at _____ under the Union Jack. May God give you courage and comfort in your great loss."*

Private J. W. Nicholls was 30 years of age, and single. Before the war he worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery though he had previously been in the army and had served in India. He was a well-known footballer, in the Coalville Town team. His father has for many years worked at the Snibston pit.

COLEORTON FAMILY'S BEREAVEMENT

Mr Raymond Walker, an employee of Messrs. Stableford and Co., Coalville, who resides at Coleorton, is a member of a family which has recently been passing through heavy bereavement.

His father, Mr Joseph Walker, who was the gardener at Coleorton Rectory, for some years, passed away on July 11th. A few days later came the news that his brother, Sergeant George Walker, of the Leicestershire Regiment, formerly a clerk at the Midland Railway office at Woodville, has been killed in action on July 14th.

Then further news stated that another brother, Sergeant Jack Walker, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was wounded on July 14th. He is now in hospital in England. He formerly worked on the Coleorton estate and is 23 years of age.

Another brother of Mr Walker, also in the Leicestershire Regiment, Private Edward Walker, is serving in France.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr Albert Bird, a son of Mr Jos. Bird, collier, of Charnwood Street, has lately been visiting his parents after an absence abroad of eight years. He sailed for Australia eight years ago, and has now joined the Australian forces to do his bit for the empire. It is interesting to note that during the eight years he resided in Australia he has been kept in touch with the old home by his parents having regularly sent him a copy of the 'Coalville Times'.

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Coalville Military Tribunal on Monday night, it was stated that the last five groups under the Derby recruiting scheme are about to be called up. These are groups 42 to 46 inclusive, and it will be remembered that they were originally called up for June 13th, but were afterwards indefinitely postponed. In the meantime, several of the men have received cards asking whether they would be willing to take up munition work. The Advisory Committee on Monday night dealt with several appeals from men in these groups, which are to go before the Tribunal next week.

Co.-Sergeant-Major J. R. Hill, whose name appears in the official list of wounded, is a well-known Coalville man, who before the war was employed at Messrs. Stableford's Works. He is a Territorial of some years' standing, and was in the South African War. Fortunately, his injury is slight. In fact, a field card, received from him on Tuesday morning by his wife, who resides in Ashby Road, stated that he was well. Hill, it will be remembered, was recently commended by his commanding officer for bravery in the field.

Private J. Shaw, 5039, a Coalville man and Private E. Reade, 4579, of Ashby, both of the Sherwood Foresters, and Private G. W. Hart, 4287, North Staffs Regiment, are officially reported missing.

NAVAL AND MILITARY ABSENTEES AT COALVILLE

POLICE ROUNDING UP VAN-DWELLERS

Activity by the Coalville police among a number of van dwellers who had visited the town with shows for the annual wake, led to the appearance of four men before Mr B. G. Hale (in the chair), and Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court on charges under the Military Service Act yesterday.

PLEADED IGNORANCE

Tim Furborough, 32 years of age, was charged with not having reported himself for military service. Captain Stevenson (recruiting officer) said a call-up letter was sent to 53, Lewin Street, Leicester, the address on defendant's registration card, but the letter was returned, marked, 'Gone away, address unknown'.

Inspector Dobney said that after July 24th, the man should have reported himself to the nearest recruiting office. Notices to that effect had been posted up everywhere. Defendant said he never went to school and was no scholar. He had never been out of Leicestershire in his life. Sergeant Kirkland deposed to arresting the man on the fair ground.

The chairman (to defendant): *You know we are at war, and you know you are of military age.*

Captain Stevenson said he recently received a letter from a town not far away that there were thirty men of military age with vans there, but that they were splitting up, and some were coming to Coalville. These men were not as ignorant as they would make out.

Defendant was fined £2 and remanded in custody to await a military escort. When he stated that he had no money, he was informed that the fine would be deducted from his army pay. The fine was subsequently paid.

BAG FOUND CONTAINING £16

Arthur Brinkley, aged 35, another of the van dwellers, was similarly summoned. P.C. Sibson said the man was in charge of donkeys at Hugglescote Wake, on the previous afternoon when witness arrested him.

The chairman: *You know you are liable to serve?*

Defendant: *Yes, but I had had no papers, or I should have been willing to go. I can't read.*

Fined £2 and remanded for an escort.

In this case, Inspector Dobney asked the Bench to order payment of the fine forthwith as the man's wife (who was present) had £16 in her possession. That morning, a bag containing fifteen £1 treasury notes, and a sovereign was brought to the police station by Mr Willett, hairdresser, over the way, who had found it in the street. The woman had just left the court, and returned, saying she had lost the money. She satisfied him that the bag was hers, and he handed it to her and she only wanted to reward Willett with 2s but on witness's suggestion gave him 5s. The woman said the money was hers and she should not pay the £2. The chairman said it would be deducted before she got any allotment. "*Shall I pay?*" she asked her husband. "*Do as you like,*" he replied. The woman, as she left the Court, said she would keep the money. But she returned later and paid it.

A YOUNG DESERTER

The next defender was John Thos. Bodycott, who said he was only 17 years of age. He was charged with being a deserter from the Leicestershire Regiment at Cannock Chase, since last May. Sergeant Kirkland deposed to arresting the youth on the fair ground on suspicion. He denied the charge at first, but later admitted that he was a deserter. He gave the name of Wm. Smith, and an address at Liverpool Street, Leicester. The sergeant also said defendant told him that he should desert again when he got back unless they would send him to France. He had asked to go, but the authorities refused. Remanded to await an escort.

FIRST NAILSTONE SOLDIER KILLED



Private A. Price, the first soldier from Nailstone village to be killed in action, as reported last week.

(A photograph of Private A. Price appears to the left)

WILLESLEY SOLDIER KILLED

Private Arthur Deakin, of the 1st Brigade, 1st Canadian Expeditionary Force, who was reported missing on April 24th, 1915, is now reported killed. He formerly resided at the Home Farm, Willesley, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and was a relative of Mrs E. Wheatcroft, of Melbourne Road, Ibstock.

MISS BLACKADER BETROTHED

An engagement is announced between Lieut. Colonel G. E. Stanley Smith, 4th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, eldest son of Sir George Smith, J.P., C.A., D.L., and Lady Smith, of Treliske, Truro, and Joan de Corlies,

younger daughter of Brigadier-General C. G. Blackader, D.S.O., A.D.C., and Mrs Blackader.

Brigadier-General Blackader commanded the 2nd Leicesters in the early days of the war.

IN THE JUTLAND NAVAL BATTLE

Leonard Tattersall, another youth, was charged with being a deserter from H.M.S. Canada, one of the ships which he said participated in the Jutland battle. Sergeant Kirkland said he arrested this youth, also on the Coalville fair ground, the previous day. He gave the name of Ernest Lenton, and said he had never been in the army or navy. Subsequently he admitted the offence. Answering the chairman, defendant said he was a wireless operator on the Canada.

The chairman said it was a silly thing to run away, and asked him why he did it. Defendant said it was in consequence of trouble at home. His father had been in the army 22 years, and was now in France. The chairman told him that deserting did not improve matters, but only spoilt his chance of promotion. He was ordered to be handed over to the naval authorities.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Coalville Recruiting Offices have moved to premises over the way in Hotel Street?

Among the 36 British prisoners of war exchanged this week, owing to illness is Pte. Scanlon, of the Leicester Regiment?

Sergt. A. Crooks, Pte. W. Ducksbury, and L.-Corpl. E. Batho, whose deaths were recently reported, were old boys of Coalville Belvoir Road Council (formerly Wesleyan) Schools?

ASHBY RURAL TRIBUNAL

Mr T. Varnham presided at a meeting of the Ashby Rural District Tribunal on Saturday, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Riley, F. C. Stevenson, J. T. Bradshaw, J. Rice, J. W. Fowler, Captain Phillimore, Mr W. Baldwin, Mr J. R. Champion, and the clerk (Mr George Farmer).

Applications which were not assented to were those of a Thringstone commercial traveller, a Donisthorpe assistant schoolmaster, Heather coal miner and publican, Lount farm assistant, and Osgathorpe cowman.

A Swannington credit draper's application was adjourned, and exemption till October 1st was granted to a Coleorton farm labourer, Swannington licensed victualler, Pegg's Green dairy farmer (final), Griffydham farmer and carter (final), Appleby stud groom, and waggoner, Coalville waggoner, Heather licensed victualler (final), and Coleorton stockman (final).

Till November 1st was allowed a Measham bricklayer, Measham painter and glazier, and Willesley waggoner. Conditional exemption was granted to an Osgathorpe baker, Heather horseman, Osgathorpe cowman, Measham baker, and Coleorton farmer.

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HUGGLESCOTE

The second anniversary of the war was marked at Hugglescote on Friday evening by a solemn Church procession. Taking part were the churchwardens, officers, and lads of the Church Lad's Brigade, the choir, the clergy, members of the Bible classes, and congregation. The litany and suitable hymns were sung en route, and at a certain point a halt was made when addresses were given by the clergy, and there were prayers that victory may be given our arms.

IBSTOCK GARDEN PARTY

The Ibstock Ladies' Patriotic Committee arranged a very successful garden party to raise funds for soldiers' comforts on Tuesday last. The party was held at "The Limes," on Station Road, through the kindness of Mr and Mrs B. Wain, and in the croft adjoining, kindly lent by Mr W. Poynton, of Heather. There was a record

attendance, and the various attractions, viz., concerts, musical chairs, children's competitions, guessing competitions, a beautiful doll sale, ventriloquist, palmistry, and dancing, were well patronised. The Ibstock Town Band rendered a good musical programme. At the close, Mrs Sykes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Wain, and Mr Poynton, and the committee, which was seconded by Mr J. T. Jacques, and heartily carried.

LEICESTER FOOTBALLER KILLED

Intimation has been received of the death in action on July 27th of Lance-Corporal Bert Waterfield, who was a well-known Leicester footballer. For several years he had played for Leicester Imperial, and towards the close of last season he was taken up by the Fosse, and played as a back in several engagements. After leaving his employment at Messrs. Harvey and Sons, shoe last manufacturers, Belgrave Road, he became an R.A.M.C. orderly at Leicester Base Hospital, where he remained until June, when, in response to an appeal, he volunteered for a combatant regiment, and was attached to one of the London units. He went to France on June 24th. On the day previous to his death he wrote to his parents, who live at 5, Roughton Street, Leicester, a cheerful letter in which he remarked that he was going into the trenches for several days. His death is deeply regretted by his comrades at the Base Hospital, and in honour of his memory a memorial service was there conducted on Saturday morning, at which Colonel Harrison read the lesson. The deceased was 23 years of age.

LEICESTERSHIRE QUARRYMEN FOR FRANCE

For some weeks past the military authorities have been engaged in raising a corps of quarrymen to work in the French quarries, in order to obtain stone for road-making and bridge repairing. Appeals were made to the men in the Leicestershire quarries, and the response has been satisfactory. The men will be embodied in a military non-combatant unit, and will receive a special rate of pay and other allowances. On Tuesday morning the recruits from the county quarries, including those at Stoney Stanton, Enderby, Narborough and Mountsorrel were due to report themselves in Leicester, and it is expected that they will commence work across the water in a few days.

About 40 quarrymen left Mountsorrel on Monday for "somewhere in France". The men assembled in front of the Granite Co.'s registered offices, and headed by the Mountsorrel Brass Band, marched to Sileby Station, where they were given a hearty send-off.

MR R. SHARPE'S EGG COLLECTION

Previously acknowledged 2,113 eggs. Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 20 eggs; Mrs W. Briers 18; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mrs Botham 8. Subscriptions – Mrs B. Squire's company 4/2; 1s each, Miss E. B. Jacks, Mrs West, Messrs. D. Ottey, Pickering, P. J. Riley, Coleman and Sons; 6d, Mr C. Foster. Last year eggs sent numbered 2,187; this year to date 2,235, total 4,422.

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YOUTHS BORN IN 1897

TO BE CALLED TO THE COLOURS AFTER AUGUST 15TH

Major MaGuire, the chief recruiting officer for Nottingham, received an Army Council instruction on Friday, to the effect that all youths born in 1897 are to be called up for service with the colours after August 15th.

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ASHBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

DEATH OF SERGEANT P. RILEY

Mr Parker said they could not separate without expressing their deepest sympathy with the master and matron in the loss they had sustained by the death of their only son, Sergeant P. Riley, who had been killed in action. They were all very grieved when they heard the sad news, though it was only a repetition of what

was happening in many homes at the present time. Here was a bright young man with every prospect before him who volunteered to serve his King and country, and had laid down his life in the noble cause he went out to uphold. He moved a vote of sympathy with the parents in their sad loss.

The chairman, supporting it, said he felt that he could never say enough in these circumstances. It was an awful thing when a father lost a promising son, especially in a war created through malice and enmity. These young fellows, from patriotic feelings, felt that they must go and fight for their country, and it was very sad when they were cut off. It would be a great grief to the master and matron, but it was one of those things which no one could help them to bear. They had to bear it themselves, and he hoped the matron, especially, would be given strength to bear it. (Hear, hear).

The resolution was also supported by the Rev. C. T. Moore, Mr Fowler and Mr Andrews, and was carried in silence by the members rising from their seats.

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COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Coalville Urban District was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, B. B. Drewett, M. McCarthy, T. F. Fox, B. G. Hale, C. W. Brown, J. W. Fisher, and A. J. Briers, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary) and Mr Taylor (for the clerk).

The headmaster of a local school, aged 32, was appealed for the extension of his period of exemption on account of his wife's illness, was allowed one month final.

A Hugglescote collier, aged 24, applied for exemption. He stated that he had seven years in the Territorial forces and got his discharge in May last. Since then he had worked in a munitions factory but left there on account of his health. He was originally a miner, and could start work at the Snibston pit but had received calling-up papers, and had to get the consent of the Tribunal. He was married last Christmas. The Advisory Committee did not assent and the Tribunal agreed, the application being refused.

Application was made by Coalville firm of boot and shoe manufacturers and salesmen for the manager of one of their branch shops, aged 35, and married. – One month (final) was allowed.

A Coalville baker and confectioner applied for an extension of time allowed to his baker, of Ravenstone, aged 22 and single, stating that he had advertised and tried to get another man in vain. The Advisory Committee recommended another two months, but the Tribunal gave one month (final).

A turner, residing at Coalville, aged 23, employed at Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s Works, wrote that he had been called up, but was expecting daily to be badged and he was appealing pending the arrival of the badge. Mr Hale said he was not appealing for this man, but they could not take him. Whatever the Advisory Committee or the Tribunal said, he was advised by the Ministry of Munitions that men for whom badges had been applied must not be taken. They had about 100 applications in for badges, including this man. Mr German said it was easy to get a telegram from the War Office. Mr Hale said it was not. Some of these applications were made as far back as last April. Mr German said he did not want to take a man who was badged, but this man was not.

Mr Hale: *I have applied for it, and the reply is, as long as the case is sub-judice you are not to take him.*

The case was adjourned for a month.

A Hugglescote baker and confectioner applied for his son, aged 22, single, who helped him in the baking, two months previously granted having expired. The Advisory Committee did not assent, but one month (final) was allowed.

An Ellistown butcher, aged 26, single, applying for exemption, said he did his own slaughtering and had a good business, which would have to close if he went. He had had the business for nine years and before then it was carried on by his brother. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Mr McCarthy said conditional exemption was recently given to two boot repairers. The military representative said that had been since put on the list of reserved trades.

Mr McCarthy: *Then the men who make the list had not much knowledge, I say.*

Mr Briers said this was a business of national importance and a business of that kind should not be closed down. Two months were allowed.

The next appeal was by another Ellistown butcher, aged 25 and married. Mr German said there was also another young butcher at Ellistown, making three close together. The other case would come up again on September 24th and he suggested that they be taken together on that date, the exemption to be till then, instead of two months as suggested. Some of the members of the Tribunal argued that to be consistent the previous case should be altered to September 24th also. Mr McCarthy said they could not undo what they had done. The rescinding of the previous resolution was moved, but the clerk said it could not be done unless the Tribunal were unanimous. Mr McCarthy and Mr Briers objected, and it was then decided to grant two months as in the other case.

A Hugglescote plasterer was allowed two months for his man, aged 23, and married.

Application was made by the Northampton 'Bus Co. for the driver of one of their buses between Loughborough and Leicester, who resides at Coalville, is 27 years of age, and married. A representative of the company was asked why he had appealed at Coalville, and he replied that the man had previously been granted exemption by the Coalville Tribunal and thought he must come before them again. Mr McCarthy said this man was working for the Coalville 'Bus Co. then, and as soon as he got his exemption certificate, he left them and went to another company. Answering another question, the representative said they had appealed for other employees at Northampton. The Tribunal decided that they could not hear the application by the 'Bus Co. but they could hear the man himself, it being stated that he also had a business in Coalville. The case was adjourned for the man's attendance, and he appeared later. He said he had a confectionary and sweets business, at Coalville, and though his wife managed that behind the counter, she had no experience of buying.

Mr McCarthy said sugar was so dear that there would soon be no sweets. Answering the chairman, he said he left the Coalville 'Bus Co. about two months ago. This company appealed for him as indispensable, but he did not think a man getting less than £2 a week, as he was then, was indispensable. He felt that he had to better himself. He was the only eligible man working for his present employers, and they had 12 'buses. Mr German said the Coalville 'Bus Company secured exemption for him as being indispensable and as soon as he got a certificate he left them. The clerk said motor 'bus driving was a certified trade. It was pointed out that this was the man's appeal, and not the 'Bus company's. Mr McCarthy suggested an adjournment to enable an appeal to be made at Northampton. The man appeared to be in a difficulty, and should have a chance to extricate himself. The chairman told him he had altered the conditions by leaving his former employment.

Mr Lockwood: *You changed horses while crossing the stream.*

Mr Briers said the rule was for a man to be applied for where his work was. Mr Brown said he would like that point cleared up. Men working at Stableford's had told him they were being applied for by their employers at Coalville, but they had a good case on domestic grounds and lived in the Ashby district. Could they apply at Ashby, if necessary? The clerk said that if these men did not appeal on domestic grounds they would have to give notice that their employers were appealing also. After further discussion, it was decided to refer the case of the motor 'bus driver to the Northampton Tribunal.

The appeal of a Whitwick licensed victualler, aged 36, with a wife and four children, was dismissed, as he did not appear. Mr McCarthy said the man had been medically rejected. He had seen his card.

Mr Blower: *Then they can't take him.*

The Chairman: *He should have brought it to the Tribunal.*

Application was made for the assistant superintendent of the Coalville district for an Assurance Co., who resides at Ellistown, is 37 years of age, and married. Two months (final) were allowed.

Application was received from a Hugglescote carpenter, aged 24, married, and Mr Lockwood stated that through the Labour Exchange this man was now working on munitions. It was suggested that the case be adjourned for proof. Mr Briers asked whether that sort of thing was to be allowed. If one did it, another had the right to do it. Mr Lockwood said it was done by the Labour Exchange, which was a Government department. Mr Drewett said that if the man had a right to exemption, it would be foolish for them to say "not assented to." Mr Brown said it was a bad job that they did not know how they stood in regard to the Ministry of Munitions. He was told by a man recently that he had had applications from the Ministry of Munitions for 30,000 men. It was agreed that the case be adjourned.

Mr Briers: *I hope the Press will make a big note of this case.*

Mr Brown: *The Press don't want advising.* (Laughter).

The military representative asked for a review in the case of a branch manager for the Coalville Co-Operative Society, aged 30, and married, who had been granted conditional exemption. Mr German said his reason for asking this was that the Co-Operative Society had been very generously treated, compared with other traders.

Mr Lockwood (the Society's manager) said he did not think that could be substantiated by a comparison with the other traders. It might seem that they had a lot of employees, but it should be remembered that they had six thousand members, and did a large trade. The military representative had not gone into the particulars. This man's case was fully gone into at the time. He had a wife and two children and was the manager of the Ashby Road branch, which did a trade of £245 per week. Besides the man, there was another man over military age, a girl, a youth, and a boy, and it took them all the time to get through the work. One man from this branch was serving with the colours. Replying to Mr McCarthy, Mr Lockwood said that up to the present, 48 of their employees had joined the forces.

Mr McCarthy: *That is a good number from one company.*

Mr German contended that this man could be replaced, and would not have been allowed conditional exemption had the Advisory Committee known that Mr Lockwood intended to bring other cases. When they were dealing with 26 of the Society's employees, including this one, the committee thought there would be no more. There was no doubt that Mr Lockwood could replace this man. He asked Mr Lockwood to meet him and see if they could not come to some agreement, but the Society's committee refused to allow him to do so.

Mr Lockwood said it would be impossible to replace the man with one from the Central shop. Several other of their men were about to be called up, not included in the 48 he had mentioned. He never informed the Advisory Committee that he was making no further appeals, and could not understand why they should have been under that impression. Mr Drewett asked what had been done to make up for the 48 that had gone.

Mr Lockwood: *We have got the place crowded with females.*

Mr Drewett thought they should consider the staff of the shop in question, and not the whole concern, and treat the Co-Operative Society as they would a private trader.

Mr McCarthy: *We do.*

Mr Lockwood: *You will find that private traders have had their shop managers exempted.*

Mr McCarthy said that a shop taking £40 a day required a responsible man in charge. There were not many private traders taking that amount of money over the counter every day. Mr Drewett said that in many cases up and down the country businesses had been reduced and some closed altogether. It was moved that the appeal of the military be assented to, but the Tribunal decided to allow two months.

The next case was a similar one, the man, a butchery manager and slaughterman 24 years of age. He had been given conditional exemption, and the military representative asked for a review. Mr Lockwood said this man was the manager of the Bagworth butchery branch, which took £76 a week. He also delivered to members at Newbold Verdon, Barlestone, and Desford. He pointed out that they were having to find men to

replace those being called up. Mr German said he did not want to take one man from Mr Lockwood who was necessary to run the business, and would be glad to meet him to discuss the matter. It was decided to allow one month, Mr Lockwood to meet the military representative to talk over the position in the meantime.

Mr Lockwood said it was hardly correct to say that his committee stopped him from meeting Mr German. They had so many appeals, and Mr German wanted a number of them cancelled, but the committee preferred that they should go before the Tribunal.

Mr McCarthy: *You don't anticipate any difficulty in meeting the military representative?*

Mr Lockwood: *No*

Three other Stores cases – the manager of the clothing and outfitting department, the boot and shoes manager, and a motor driver – in which there was an appeal for further exemption, the periods allowed having expired, and it was agreed that these be adjourned for 14 days pending the conference between Mr Lockwood and the military representative.

FORMER HINCKLEY CLERK ARRESTED

CHARGE OF STEALING URBAN COUNCIL MONEY

At Hinckley, on Monday, Roland Harry Bee, a private in a Motor Machine Gun Section, was charged with stealing divers sums of money, totalling £85, the monies of the Hinckley Urban District Council, between October 1st last and February 29th. He (accused) was formerly clerk at the Hinckley Urban Council Offices.

Sergeant Maddocks said that when he arrested the prisoner at Brandon, Suffolk, on Saturday, he had nothing to say. Prisoner was remanded in custody, making no application for bail.

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WHITWICK SOLDIER'S WEDDING



At Holy Cross Catholic Church, Whitwick, the wedding took place of Miss Chrissie Concannon, (grand-daughter of the late Mr W. Beckworth, of Whitwick), and Mr Harry Slade, late of the Northamptonshire Regiment. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Edward Concannon, wore a lovely dress of ivory crepe de chine, trimmed with shadow lace, and orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaids, Misses Nellie and Lizzie Concannon, wore pretty dresses and rose pink hats, and carried roses and sweet peas. The little train-bearers, Misses Freda King and Mary Collin (nieces of the bride) wore dresses in quaint little smocked frocks, and rose pink hats. After the ceremony, the happy pair left for the Peak district.

COALVILLE FAMILY'S BEREAVEMENT

THREE BROTHERS KILLED

As reported in our last issue, Mr and Mrs Thos. Brownlow, of Margaret Street, Coalville, have suffered heavy bereavement in connection with the war, having had three sons killed in action and another wounded. In

connection with the last death, that of Private Ambrose Brownlow, aged 25, the parents have received the following letter:

“Dear Mrs Brownlow – It is with the deepest sympathy for you all that I write this letter, the hardest task I have ever had to do. How to find words to comfort you in your sorrow, I do not know, but God will give you strength to bear it. Your son died nobly fighting for the freedom of the old country and the sake of you all at home. It may be of some comfort to you to know that he died without pain, being killed instantly. I feel his loss greatly for as you know, he was my chum. I cannot write more; may God bless you and relieve you in your sorrow. – Yours ever sincerely and with deep sympathy. Charles Cooper.”

The other two sons of Mr and Mrs Brownlow previously killed were Arthur and Ernest, who were married to two sisters, nee Taylor. The surviving soldier brother, Harry, has recovered from wounds, and is again on active service. All were privates in the Leicestershire Regiment and before the war worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery, where their father is employed.



(Photographs of all three deceased Brownlow brothers are shown: From left Ambrose, Arthur and Ernest)

COALVILLE SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS



Mr and Mrs G. A. Wells, of 3, Station Terrace, off High Street, Coalville, on Thursday morning last week were notified that their son, Private Albert Willis Wells, of the South Staffordshire Regiment died in hospital in France, on August 7th of wounds received in action. Deceased, who was 18 years of age last Christmas, was a signaller and bomb thrower, and before the war was employed by Messrs. Porter and Sons, chemists, at their shop at the corner of Belvoir Road and Vaughan Street. Deceased's father is a goods guard on the Midland Railway. Two letters were received last week from the sister in charge of the hospital, stating first that Wells had been wounded in both legs and the left shoulder, and then that his condition was critical. The letter received on Thursday morning, dated August 7th, stated, *“It is with great regret that I have to tell you that your son passed away at three o'clock this morning. He was admitted to the hospital on July 29th, and though not improving as we had hoped, he was not in any danger until the day before yesterday, when he became rather worse. I asked him for his home address and he gave it me and seemed pleased I was writing. Yesterday, he was quite unable to speak, but he did not seem to be in any pain. With sincere sympathy.”*

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER KILLED

FIRST CO-OPERATIVE EMPLOYEE



The Coalville Co-Operative Society, to date, has 48 employees serving with the Forces, and the first to make the supreme sacrifice is Private J.W. Brooks, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, who was about 25 years of age, and before the war was engaged as assistant at the Bagworth branch stores. He was a son of Mr John Brooks, of Forest Road, Hugglescote, and a brother of Mr Thomas Brooks, another of the Society's employees, who resides at Highfields, Coalville.

Information was received that deceased was wounded on July 19th, this being mentioned in a letter from a soldier friend, and in response to enquiries, Mr T. Brooks on Monday morning, received the following letter from a chaplain.

"In answer to your enquiry, J. W. Brooks, 4865, of the D. Co., Royal Warwickshire Regiment, was the first man probably who put his name in my book at Jalalabad Barracks, England. I now regret to say that he has been killed in action on July 12th, 1916. He was one of few men, whose bodies have been recovered from No Man's Land, and buried behind the first line trenches. I know where he lies, and took much trouble to have the grave marked by a cross, and registered at headquarters, Graves Registration Commission. They will keep his reference. We read a service over his grave.

We had to kneel down at the time to be out of the way of snipers. I wish I could tell you more of him, poor fellow, but it seems part of the cross in three days not to know more details of those we love. However, we may be well assured they die like heroes, and their self-sacrifice for the sake of duty will be accepted. Please accept my warmest sympathy, and may God comfort, strengthen, and refresh you in this trouble."

Deceased was one of Mr Fellows' old boys of the Baptist Day School, and was also a prominent member of the Baptist Church, at Hugglescote. He acted as assistant organist and used to help train the children in the singing for the school anniversary. He was also a popular member of the pastor's young men's Bible Class.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED



As reported in our last issue, Private J. W. Nicholls, son of Mr and Mrs R. Nicholls, of Ashby Road, Coalville, has been accidentally killed at the front by the bursting of a bomb.

(A photograph of Private J. W. Nicholls appears to the left)

ASHBY WORKHOUSE MASTER'S SON KILLED

On Thursday morning last week, Mr and Mrs Riley, master and matron at the Ashby Workhouse, were officially notified that their son, Sergt. Percy Riley, had been killed in action on July 17th. Sergt. Riley was in the Notts and Derby Regiment. Before the war he was master's clerk at Basford Union and had held similar posts at Kettering and Hinckley. He was a promising young man and the only son of his parents, for whom much sympathy is felt. Reference was made to the sad event at the Ashby Guardians meeting on Saturday.

DONINGTON-LE-HEATH SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS

Official news has been received of the death from wounds received in action, of Private Walter Hill, of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose parents, Mr and Mrs T. Hill, reside at Donington-le-Heath. Private Hill was

wounded on July 14th, and was removed to hospital where he died on July 24th. He was about 21 years of age and before the war was employed at the Ibstock Colliery.

IBSTOCK SOLDIER WOUNDED

A letter has been received by Mrs Barrs, of 7, Richmond Terrace, Ibstock, from her son, Private George Barrs, who is in hospital in France, stating that he was wounded by a piece of shrapnel in the leg while on a bombing raid, but they are not to worry as he is going on nicely, and hopes soon to be well again. It is a lovely place where he is staying only a few yards from the sea. He hopes the war will soon be over, that they may come home again, and meanwhile he wishes to be remembered to old friends.

WHITWICK RESERVIST KILLED

News has been received from official sources that Private Charles Wilson, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action on July 15th. He was a married man with no family, and his wife resides at 73, North Street, Whitwick. Private Wilson had served in the army for about 17 years, and was called up as a reservist. He fought through the South African War. Only three months ago, he was at home on three days' leave from the Front. Before the war he was employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Corporal J. Richardson, of the Leicestershire Regiment, is officially reported as wounded, and Private F. Coulton, of the North Staffs Regiment, as suffering from shell shock. Both are Ashby men.

Shortly before eight o'clock on Sunday night a Red Cross train brought a further contingent of wounded soldiers to Leicester. There were 96 in all, including 70 cot cases. A large body of the V.A.D. was in attendance at the station, and the wounded men were conveyed to hospital with customary dispatch and comfort. Mr A. W. Faire, the County Director, superintended the arrangements, and Captain Young was present from the Hospital.

Mr Eric Young has been granted a commission in the 15th Gloucestershire Regiment. He was formerly in Lloyd's Bank at Coalville and Master of the Coalville Troop of Boy Scouts. Second-Lieutenant Young is a son of the Rector of Blore and Swinscoe, near Dovedale, and son-in-law of Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., of Hollydene, Coalville, whose eldest daughter, Ida, he married a little over a year ago. He enlisted in November, 1914, as a private in the 19th Royal Fusiliers (Public Schools Brigade). He went to France early in November, 1915, and at the end of March last was drafted back to the 1st Officer's Cadet Btn., with which he has had four months' training prior to receiving his commission.

In the casualty lists published yesterday, appeared the name of Private J. A. Stanley, of Coalville, belonging to the Worcestershire Regiment, as having been wounded.

Private W. W. Kaberry has died in Mesopotamia. Formerly in a Coalville bank he was in business in Ashby when he enlisted in the Leicestershire Regiment, and served some months with them on the Western Front.

Sergeant S. Perry, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr Samuel Perry, of Silver Street, Whitwick, has just arrived home from Bury hospital, and is making fair progress towards convalescence. He was in a great charge which the Leicesters made on July 14th, when they achieved their objective in driving the Germans from their trenches, which they afterwards held, though, as the lists have since proved, there were numerous casualties. Sergeant Perry was hit in three places by shrapnel, receiving many wounds over the right eye and on his right arm and leg. Before the war he assisted his father in the tailoring business and was a popular resident, particular with the younger element, since for several years he was the master of the Whitwick Troop of Boy Scouts. Many friends in Whitwick will wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Sergeant Perry informed the writer that several lads from Coalville and district were in his company when they captured the German trenches on that memorable fourteenth of July.

A notice was posted in London on Tuesday stating that on or after August 15th, 1916, all men in Group I and Class I, namely men born in the year 1897, when they attain the age of 18 years and eight months, will be

called up and posted for immediate service with the Colours, but will not be liable to service abroad until they are 19.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Rifleman E. C. Toon, of Burton, officially reported died of wounds, has written home that he is very much alive?

HUGGLESCOTE

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday evening, a memorial service for Lance-Sergeant J. Arthur Crooks, and Private W. Hill, both killed in action, was held in the Hugglescote Parish Church. There was a large congregation and the service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Broughton) The Church Lad's Brigade attended, and at the close of the service, the buglers sounded "The Last Post", the National Anthem also being sung.

WOUNDED SOLDIER RECOVERS SPEECH

A wounded soldier, who lost his speech after the explosion of a mine at the Front, suddenly recovered that sense in hospital at Loughborough. He wanted a tooth extracted, and the doctor, undertaking the task, was instructed not to use an anaesthetic. The result was that when the operation was performed, the soldier immediately shouted, "Good God! You'll pull my head off." He can now speak freely.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

The following local names appeared in recent casualty lists, issued by the War Office.

WOUNDED

Leicestershire Regiment

Archer, 11062, Private G., Ashby
Bradford, 15336, Private J., Coalville
Buck, 11426, Private J., Hugglescote,
Hares, 11928, Private W., Thornton
Hicken, 15776, Private A. P., Whitwick
Houghton, 13070, Private A. H., Ibstock
Lord, 16889, Private T., Hugglescote
Parsons, 17234, Private B. E., Snibstone
Price, 20968, Private E., Ibstock
Sharpe, 13171, Co-Sergt.-Major W., Hugglescote

WHITWICK MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday morning a memorial service was held in the Whitwick Parish Church for five more parishioners who have recently fallen in the war. – Privates L. Whitmore, H. Burton, C. Wilson, and E. Walton, and Seaman Copson. There was a large congregation, which included the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps, under Commander J. Lester, and the local Boy Scouts, also a good number of men in khaki and relatives of the deceased. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) preached an appropriate sermon, and suitable hymns were sung. At the close of the service, which was very impressive, one of the Boy Scouts sounded "The Last Post" and the organist, Mr R. G. West played the Dead March, the National Anthem also being sung. Peals were rung during the day with the bells muffled.

IN MEMORIUM

“THY WILL BE DONE”

In loving memory of William, eldest son of Richard and Sarah Massey, of Whitwick, killed somewhere in France, August 9th, 1915. Aged 19 years and 7 months, of the 5th Leicesters.

*Not death, but just the parting of the ways,
Divides us from a hero slain,
A patriot sleeps, but with the morning's rays,
Fond hearts awake and meet again.*

From Father, Mother and all.

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COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

ROLL OF HONOUR

Local Men who have died for their country.

180 Names

“Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

Appended is a list of names, as far as we have been able to trace them from the file copies of the “Coalville Times,” of the men from this district, who have given their lives for their country:-

Previously reported, 170.

George Walker

Sergeant of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July, 1916. Aged 21. A Coleorton man.

Arthur Dakin

Private, of the 1st Canadian Expeditionary Force, reported missing, April, 1915, and reported killed, July 1916, of the Home Farm, Willesley.

Albert Willis Wells

Private of the South Staffordshire Regiment, died of wounds, August 7th, 1916. Aged 18, of Station Terrace, Coalville, formerly employed by Messrs. Porter and Son, chemist.

Arthur Price

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. Aged 32, of Nailstone, former collier at Nailstone pit.

Ambrose Brownlow

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. Aged 25 years, of Margaret Street, Coalville, formerly employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

Charles Wilson

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1916. Formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery, married and resided at 73, North Street, Whitwick.

Walter Hill

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds received in action on July 14th. Son of Mr T. Hill, of Donington-le-Heath.

Arthur Prew

Private, of the R.F.A. killed in action August 1916. A former county policeman at headquarters, son of the late P.C. Prew and Mrs Prew, of Ravenstone.

John Wm. Brooks

Of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action July 1916. Son of Mr J. Brooks, Forest Road, Hugglescote, aged 24, formerly assistant at Bagworth Stores.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

The following names appeared in recent official casualty lists:-

WOUNDED

Leicestershire Regiment

Archer, 25061, Private J., Newbold Verdon
Boyles, 14022, Private H., Markfield
Cartwright, 13240, Private W., Ibstock
Chantrill, 18725, Lance-Corporal G., Shepshed
Corbett, 12826, Lance-Corporal W. E., Shepshed
Harrington, 12570, Lance-Corporal J. L., Shepshed
Lester, 12651, Corporal E., Shepshed
Liquorish, 15033, Private H. A., Coalville
Manderfield, 12039, Private L., Shepshed
Mills, 12572, Lance-Corporal G. C., Shepshed
Moult, 13302, Private J. A., Coalville
Neville, 14445, Private A., Ellistown
Ottey, 21713, Private S. T., Ibstock
Perry, 12135, Sergeant S. E., Whitwick
Reynolds, 12954, Private J. C., Newbold Verdon
Smith, 14008, Private F. W., Shepshed
Stanyard, 13120, Private R., Coalville
Wilcox, 13254, Private G. H., Ellistown
Wright, 12134, Private W., Thringstone
Beard, 15962, Private, J. H., Coalville
Bindley, 15988, Private F. T., Belton
Brown, 16779, Private F. S., Whitwick
Earp, 10569, Private F., Coalville
Fairbrother, 18507, Private J. W., Coalville
Favell, 17146, L-Corporal E. W., Coalville
Fern, 10533, Private H., Coalville
Haines, 23811, Private T., Shepshed
Harvey, 10925, Private J. T., Ashby
Pollard, 15967, Private W., Thornborough
Priest, 10080, Private C. G., Whitwick
Sargent, 15581, Private F., Whitwick
Shaw, 15963, Private J., Ashby
Smith, 11070, Private W., Thornton
Squires, 15524, Private E., Whitwick
Whyles, 15645, Private G. E., Markfield
Woodward, 10950, Private E. H., Ashby
Bailey, 14204, Private L., Coalville
Baugh, 15965, Private A., Thornborough
Freeman, 16623, Private J. E., Shepshed
Green, 16845, Private J., Hugglescote
Heape, 14046, Private J., Ashby

Hodson, 16927, Private R., Ibstock
Jones, 10578, Private J., Whitwick
Lycett, 16768, Lance-Corporal W., Coalville
Marlow, 15239, Private C., Ravenstone
Orton, 12144, Private W., Coalville
Osborne, 18571, Private G., Coalville
Poole, 12049, Private A., Thornton
Richards, 10518, Private S., New Swannington
Smith, 17700, Private G. W., Ibstock
Wood, 16846, L-Corporal T. C., Coalville
Wright, 13169, Private G. E., Coalville

Machine Gun Corps

Crooks, 8967, Private D., Coalville
Twells, 14309, Private, L. J., Coalville

Private E. Pepper of the Leicestershire Regiment, has written home stating that he was wounded in the head on July 15th and is now in hospital at Belfast. His mother resides at Greenhill, near Coalville.

Private E. Whyles, of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose name has appeared in the official casualty lists as having been wounded, is a resident of Copt Oak, Markfield, where his mother is now living. He was wounded in action on July 15th, the injury being to his legs. His father has also been wounded in action.

COLEORTON SERGEANT'S DEATH

Mrs Walker, of Coleorton, widow of the late gardener at the Rectory, has received the following letter from an officer concerning the death of her son, Sergeant George Walker, recently killed in action.

"It is with the utmost profound regret that I give the sad information you seek concerning your beloved son. He was killed while bravely leading his platoon through a wood. Death was instantaneous, the bullet piercing his head. Permit me to offer my sincerest and deepest sympathy at the loss of a gallant son. Brave, fearless, always reliable, he was most popular throughout the company. He is a loss to his company, but to you, his doubly-bereaved mother, the loss is irreparable. What little consolation I can offer is this – he died doing his duty to King, country, and not least, his home."

Sergeant Walker was 21 years of age, and before the war was a Midland Railway clerk at Woodville.



TWO POLICEMEN KILLED

ONE A RAVENSTONE MAN

Police-Inspector Dobney, of Coalville, has received a letter from P.C. George E. Collis, lately stationed at Coleorton, where his wife and children still reside, but who is now serving at the Front, describing how two members of the Leicestershire Constabulary were recently killed in action.

Collis writes:- *"Excuse me for not writing to you before, but it with deep regret that I now send you such bad news. For the last week, we have been under rather heavy shell fire, but have been extremely lucky until last evening (August 11th) when about 6 o'clock, they scored on one of our dug-outs, and buried two of our comrades – Arthur Prew, of Ravenstone, and A. Smith, who was stationed at Oadby. They were got out as soon as possible, but Prew died shortly afterwards through several injuries to the lower parts of his body. Arthur was badly injured about the legs, and his wounds were dressed on the spot. I assisted to take him to the dressing station. The poor chap was conscious the whole time, up to when we left him, and then the sad news came to us this morning that he died from shock. We are all extremely sorry, as we have sustained a great loss to the battery – men that cannot be replaced at any time. I am sure it is keenly felt by both officers and men. We buried them this morning in a cemetery about a mile behind our position, in a beautiful valley,*

which runs between two woods. I can't give you the name of it. We shall be extremely obliged if you will convey to Mrs Prew our deepest sympathy in her bereavement and tell her how sorry we are. It may be consoling to her to know that he died in action as a true Britisher. I am pleased to say that all the other boys are fairly well considering the strenuous times we have had for the last two months."



P.C. A. Prew, before the war, was stationed at headquarters in Leicester. His mother resides at Ravenstone, and his father, who died a year or so ago, was formerly a policeman for some years at Hugglescote, retiring from there on a pension. The deceased was formerly a popular member of the Hugglescote Albion Cricket Club. Mrs Prew has also received a letter from a chaplain, as follows:-

"I am very sorry to tell you that your son, Gunner A. Prew, has died from wounds received at the guns last night. He was standing at his post by the gun when a shell came right through the screen. He was taken off at once to the dressing station but died during the early hours of this morning (12th August) from loss of blood and shock. One comforting thought in the midst of your great sorrow is that he died a true soldier for his King and country. Please accept my very deepest sympathy and may God help you to bear the heavy cross He has laid upon you. I buried your son this morning in a beautiful British cemetery situated in the middle of a wood. His grave will be cared for, as all graves are."

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

MANY INTERESTING CASES

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of this Tribunal in the Council Chamber on Thursday night, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, C. W. Brown, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, B. G. Hale, and J. W. Fisher, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr Taylor (for the clerk).

A Hugglescote builder applied for a bricklayer, aged 26, and carpenter, aged 36, both married. He asked for three months to enable him to finish work on hand. Before the war, they had 14 bricklayers, and now only four, and 12 joiners, and now only five. The work to be done was chiefly sanitary work ordered by the Urban Council. Two months exemption had been granted previously, and a further one month in each case was allowed.

A Coalville auctioneer and valuer, aged 37, and married, was represented by Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, in an application for absolute exemption. It was stated that he had carried on the business for 15 years. – Two months allowed.

An Ellistown grocer and off-licence holder, married, aged 37, applied for absolute exemption, being represented by Mr T. H. Moore. A man formerly employed by applicant had joined the Army. He let thirty acres of land and farmed nine, and had an extensive round in connection with his business. One month allowed.

Conditional exemption was granted to a skilled workman employed by a Coalville loom and pattern-maker, working for firms on Government work. The man is 36 years of age, and married.

A Coalville plumber and painter applied for a painter and grainer, in his employ, aged 37 and married. Two months allowed.

Application was made by the Coalville Liberal Club for their manager, aged 38, and married. Mr Lockwood said the circumstances had changed since the application was sent in some time ago. The man was now employed at Messrs. Stableford's Works, and was working overtime. In reply to a remark by Mr Drewett, Mr Lockwood said he held no brief for the man; he was merely giving information. It might only be a question of the man getting a badge. Extra services had been obtained at the club, to do what he used to do in the day-time. This was borne out by the club secretary. Mr German asked whether the man released a younger man

at Stableford's. Mr Hale said they were short of about 200 men at Stableford's works, and they had an order for 1,100 wagons for the French railways, and they had to be delivered at the rate of thirty a week. They could not liberate any men. Mr Drewett said that altered the case entirely. Conditional exemption was unanimously agreed to. Mr German asked whether the man was likely to get a badge.

Mr Hale: *Yes, I think so. He is doing very useful work.*

A Hugglescote farmer and carrier applied for the exemption of his waggoner. He said he had 87 acres of land, five milking cows, five horses and 11 young stock. Conditional exemption was allowed.

Three months were allowed to a Hugglescote draper, aged 37, and married, who said he was also secretary to a sick club.

A Coalville off-licence holder, grocer, and temporary postman, aged 39, married, with two children, was allowed two months.

A Hugglescote builder had appealed for one of his men, who was stated to be working at Stableford's now, and the appeal was withdrawn. Mr McCarthy asked whether the man would lose his right to appeal. It was pointed out that nothing was before the Tribunal. Mr McCarthy said the man should be given the right to appeal if he thought well. Mr Drewett said that if the man was working on munitions they could not touch him according to what Mr Hale said the other night. Mr German said they could not have everybody that was called up going to Stableford's. It was pointed out that the man was 40 years of age.

Mr Hale: *The army don't want men 40 years of age.*

Mr German said they did. He asked whether Stableford's wanted men of 40. Mr Hale said they could do with men over 50 if they could work. They had some men over 70. It was agreed that the man had the right to appeal if he wished.

Application was made for the manager and bottler for a Whitwick mineral water firm, who is 39 years of age and has five children. Conditional exemption was allowed.

The manager of the outfitting and ready-made departments of a Coalville firm of tailors, aged 38, applied on domestic grounds. He said his wife had two sons at the Front, and he had five brothers serving in the Army. He had been passed by the army doctors for general service. Two months were allowed on condition that he took up munition work.

A Coalville baker and grocer, appealed for his baker and deliverer, a married man with one child, and conditional exemption was allowed.

A Coalville licensed victualler, aged 38, who was represented by Mr T. H. Moore, said he was formerly a fireman on the Midland Railway, and he was willing to go back to that. The company had offered him the job. One month was allowed to enable him to get work of national importance.

A similar concession was granted to a Whitwick licensed victualler, aged 37, married, with four children, who said he was formerly a riveter at Messrs. Stableford's works and was willing to go back to his old job.

A grocery firm appealed for the manager of their Coalville branch, aged 39, and married, but the man appeared himself and was told that a representative of the firm should appear in support of the appeal. The case was adjourned to enable this to be done.

A Coalville builder applied for three of his men. He said he had eight bricklayers now, against 25 before the war. Altogether his staff now numbered 18, and before the war it was 63. Eleven of his men had gone to the Front, one had been killed, and two wounded. Applicant had not appealed for anyone before, and his own brother had joined the army. The three men appealed for were, a foreman bricklayer, aged 38, a labourer and expert drain layer, 36, and a wood work machinist, 37. The bricklayer was allowed two months, and the other two conditional exemption. Mr German said he should appeal in the case of the drain-layer.

The Tribunal assented to the Advisory Committee's recommendation to give four months each in the following cases: A Whitwick master butcher, aged 38, Ellistown ironmonger, 38, Coalville baker and confectioner, aged 38, and Coalville watchmaker and jeweller, 36.

The following were allowed conditional exemption: A Hugglescote farmer aged 36; a Coalville builder and contractor, 38; Coalville dairyman, 37; Coalville factory manager and director, 38; Ellistown master baker, 40; a Coalville baker, 40; Hugglescote tailor and hosiery manufacturer, 40; Hugglescote builders' manager, 38; Coalville confectioner, baker and caterer, 39; Whitwick Granite Co's. head-clerk and cashier, 39; New Swannington dairyman, 39; Whitwick master butcher, 39; and a Donington-le-Heath grocer and baker, 37.

A further meeting of the Tribunal on Wednesday night is reported on another page.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Private T. Benson, Northumberland Fusiliers, of Bardon Hill, is officially reported to have been wounded.

It will interest many readers to know that Lance-Sergeant J. Emmerson, of Ellistown, who is now attached to the Officers' Cadet Battalion, and has been made cadet sergeant, at a camp in Scotland, was presented with the D.C.M. which had been awarded to him some months previously, by Field Marshal Viscount French, at Glasgow, on Monday last, after the unveiling of the memorial to the late Lord Roberts, by the Countess Roberts, Lord Derby, and many other notables were present. Sergeant Emmerson was the second of the number so to be honoured that day and was heartily hand-shaken by the noble Viscount. He was also the only one their representing an English battalion to receive the distinction. Sergeant Emmerson is a son of Mr A. B. Emmerson, manager of the Ellistown Colliery.

The little village of Ravenstone, which has a roll of about 30 men gone to the war, has now lost nine killed in action. The memory of the fallen is to be perpetuated by the erection of a monument in the churchyard.

136022 Sapper H. A. Tudge, Royal Engineers, (Coalville), who had previously been reported missing, is now reported in official lists received from the German Government, to be a prisoner of war.

Within a little over a year, Mrs Smith, of Swannington Road, Ravenstone, has lost her father, husband, and brother, the two latter having been killed in action. She is a daughter of the late P.C. Prew, of Hugglescote.

DIED OF WOUNDS



Private Walter Hill, of Donington-le-Heath, died of wounds received in action, as reported last week.

(A photograph of Private Walter Hill appears to the left)

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Private Herbert Gardner, of the Hussars, has written to his friends in Margaret Street, saying he is in hospital in France?

Exemption is now granted by the Coalville Military Tribunal only on condition that applicants join a Volunteer Training Corps?

No return of letters posted has been taken since the outbreak of war owing to the pressure on the Post Office staff?

As a result of the proceedings before the Market Bosworth Tribunal on Tuesday, 15 men were obtained for immediate service in the Forces?

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR'S DILEMMA
PIT WORK FOR COLLIERS ONLY
ALL EXEMPTED MEN TO TRAIN

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Urban Tribunal in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, B. B. Drewett, M. McCarthy, B. G. Hale, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, C. W. Brown, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr Taylor (for the clerk).

The military representative asked whether the Tribunal would make it a condition in granting exemption that applicants must join a volunteer training corps. Mr McCarthy said that was a reasonable suggestion, and was done in many places.

Mr German: *Almost everywhere.*

The chairman said they had a corps at Coalville. Mr Drewett said it was remarked when the matter cropped up before that the Coalville Corps was "non ect" for the time being. Several Tribunals, Shepshed to wit, had been very strict in this matter.

Mr Hale moved that it be a condition in all cases where over a month was granted. Mr Drewett seconded and it was carried. The clerk said it would be for applicants who might be engaged on munition work till late at night, and finding it impossible to fulfil the condition to represent that to the Tribunal. The chairman said it would be up to the applicants to prove that. The military representative read a letter from Mr W. H. Hepplewhite, the president of the Collieries' Recruiting Court stating that colliery managers had been warned of the consequences of taking on men who did not possess a miner's exemption card. He also stated that if a man left a mine, it was his duty to return his certificate. Managers of collieries were not justified in taking on men who had been exempted by the Tribunals. Mr German added that the letter meant that the Tribunal could not give men exemption on the understanding that they could go to a mine as work of national importance.

Mr Lockwood: *I take it that it means the mines are well manned.*

The chairman: *Some of the mines are very badly manned.*

Mr Blower said he had received a letter from a Coalville Urban Council employee, who, as a conscientious objector, was given 21 days to obtain work of national importance. His appeal at Leicester was dismissed, but the work he was to do was not defined, and the man was at a loss to know what to do. It was suggested that Red Cross, Hospital, or sanitary work was mentioned. Mr Brown said that was not stated by the Tribunal. He was given 21 days to get work of national importance.

Mr Lockwood: *He said he would have nothing to do with war.*

Mr Drewett asked what was the man's position now that he had not obtained such work, and the 21 days had expired.

Mr Blower: *He is in the army.*

It was decided to leave the matter to the man.

A Nottingham firm of grocers appealed for the manager of their Coalville branch shop, aged 39. A representative of the firm said they had 27 shops, and 139 employees at present, of which 67 were females, 6 over, and 43 under military age, leaving only 18 of military age. Conditional exemption was allowed.

A Coalville builder applied for his waggoner and horse-keeper, aged 39, and the father of three children. It was stated that the man was very deaf.

Mr McCarthy: *I can prove that. I have to shout to him.*

Mr Lockwood: *He must be deaf if you have to shout to him.* (Laughter)

It was agreed to allow one month for medical examination.

A Greenhill publican and farmer, aged 40, married, with five children, applied for exemption stating that he also assisted his father, aged 74, a farmer. Two months allowed.

A Coalville miller, applied for the only man, aged 32, married, who resides at Ravenstone. A representative of the mill owner produced a birth certificate, showing that the man was 42 on June 22nd, and he thought the man was over age. The military representative said the date was June 24th.

Mr McCarthy: *You have it by two days.*

The appeal was withdrawn.

Two months were allowed to a Coalville ironmongery firm for the driver of an oil van, aged 32, who resides at Ravenstone. One of the partners of the firm said the man delivered between 2,000 and 3,000 gallons of oil per week.

A draper in Hotel Street, Coalville, aged 32, was represented by Mr T. H. Moore, in an appeal for an extension of time. The Advisory Committee recommended one month (final), but the Tribunal allowed two months.

A Coalville painter and paper-hanger, aged 3_, who appealed said he was carrying on the business himself now, though he had enough work to employ two men besides. His brother had been killed in action. Answering a question, he said he was willing to help his father, who had a similar business. The Advisory Committee recommended one month, but two months were allowed. Mr German said the Advisory Committee would be willing for a longer period if the man would help his father and release a man of military age employed by the latter.

A Coalville licensed victualler, who had previously had two months, applied for further time. He said he was 34 years of age, married, with four children. He was a skilled carpenter and joiner and was now employed at Messrs. Stableford's Works. The chairman asked whether that did not free him. Mr Hale said the man would no doubt get a badge, but over a 100 badges had been applied for since last April, and had not arrived yet. Applicant said he was putting in full time at Stableford's. Two months were allowed, the man to be badged meanwhile.

The Forest Rock Granite Co., Whitwick, applied for a carman and a steam lorry driver, both 40 years of age with large families. A representative of the firm said the carman was learning to drive. They were supplying stone for Government contracts. Three months were allowed in each case.

A Hugglescote building firm applied for a bricklayer, 38, married, with five children. One month was allowed for a medical examination.

A Coalville grocer, aged 37, married, with two children, was represented by Mr T. H. Moore, who asked for conditional exemption. It was stated that the applicant had been in business 16 years, and formerly employed two assistants. It was a reserved trade. Applicant was ill at present. Conditional exemption allowed.

An Ellistown grocer and off-licence holder aged 35, was allowed one month to get work of national importance.

A Coalville carpenter and joiner, aged 39, formerly employed by Messrs. Griffin Bros. builders, Hugglescote, stated in his application that he had now been working at Stableford's for three weeks. He had three children. He was not badged. Mr Hale said this man was doing similar work to the applicant mentioned in a previous case. Mr German said he did not want to make the position awkward for Mr Hale, but if the military authorities could get a telegram from the Ministry of Munitions that these men were not to be taken away, it would simplify matters. Mr Drewett said Mr Hale had told them that he had it officially that the men were not to be taken.

Mr German: *Then we can't take them. But I want the position made clear.*

Mr Hale said the Recruiting Office at Coalville had been notified that they could not take men from these works.

Mr Blower: *Have you had that from the Recruiting Office?*

Mr Hale: *I have it from the officials in London.*

Mr Blower held that when an employer got exemption for a man, if the man went to another employer, he should give up his certificate. Mr McCarthy said a man could not leave Stableford's works to go elsewhere without Mr Hale's permission. Mr Hale said that was so. Two months were allowed and Mr Hale said he would again refer the matter of badging to the Ministry of Munitions the next day.

A Coalville plumber and painter, aged 32, married with two children, through Mr T. H. Moore, offered to work on munitions if he could have conditional exemption in order to keep his business together. He had obtained a man over military age. The Advisory Committee recommended one month final, and the Tribunal allowed one month to enable applicant to get work of national importance.

Application was made for a butchery manager, High Street, Coalville, aged 39, and one month was allowed.

A Hugglescote greengrocer and provision dealer, 32, married, with one child, was allowed a further two months.

One month was allowed a Whitwick hairdresser, aged 35, married, whose boy, aged 14, assists him in the business.

Mr T. H. Moore appeared for a Donington-le-Heath licensed victualler, who stated that he formerly worked in a coal mine for 17 years and was willing to go back to that work.

Mr German: *He can't do it.*

Mr Moore said the man was 40 years of age, married, with two children. He could help his wife in his spare time if allowed to get work of national importance. Answering questions, applicant said he was in the mine from boyhood till 12 years ago. The chairman said he could not be taken on at the mine now.

He added: *I could not take on an outsider. I could get a man on who came to me from South Leicester, but he would have to produce his certificate.*

One month was allowed to get work of national importance.

A Whitwick painter and decorator, aged 32, married, with five children, was allowed two months on getting munitions work.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, represented a Leicester piano firm, in an appeal for the manager of their Coalville branch shop, aged 41 that day, married, with five children. He said the area he covered extended 16 miles, and he suggested that a man who was providing harmony in such a wide area (laughter), was engaged in work of national importance. He read a Press extract to the effect that men of 41 taken by the military authorities could only be retained in civil employment. Mr Blower said that had not yet reached the Recruiting Office. One month was allowed to enable applicant to get work of national importance.

A Whitwick building firm, represented by Mr T. H. Moore, appealed for their foreman, it being stated that nine men out of 20 had joined the Forces, besides two of the three partners. The man applied for he had seven children and was 40 years of age. Conditional exemption was allowed.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for a Coalville grocer and off-licence holder, aged 39, married, with two dependents. Three months allowed.

As recommended to the Advisory Committee, the Tribunal assented to conditional exemption in the following cases: A Whitwick chemist, aged 40; Ellistown brickwork's manager, aged 36; Coalville assistant shop

manager, aged 40; South Leicestershire Colliery Co's. chief clerk and cashier, 40; and a weighing and despatch clerk at Snibston Colliery, aged 38.

Four months were allowed to a Coalville watchmaker and jeweller, aged 40; Coalville butcher, 36; and a Coalville wholesale grocer and smallware dealer, 40.

The appeal for a Coalville journalist was stated to have been withdrawn, the man having passed the age limit. Mr Lockwood said among the conditional exemptions was a boot shop manager. All were not similarly dealt with.

Mr Blower: *This man is now over age.*

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SOLDIER CHARGED WITH THEFT

Henry Austin (21), a lance-corporal in the machine gun section, was brought up on remand at Loughborough on Wednesday, charged with stealing a gent's bicycle, value £9, the property of Edward Carr, of Quorn, on August 16th. Prosecutor, a boot and shoe maker, said at 9 pm on the day in question he left his cycle outside the Quorn Conservative Club. About an hour later it had disappeared, and was subsequently shown to him by the police. Prisoner was then charged with stealing 15s 9d and 2s worth of postage stamps, the property of Seth B. Meatherington, a foreman platelayer, of Kegworth, on June 29th, with whom he had lodged, and he was further charged with stealing a lady's silver watch and chain and gold neck chain, the property of Sarah Anne Payne, a widow, at Coalville, on August 14th. Prosecutrix stated that on August 11th prisoner came to lodge at the house where she lived. He stayed the week-end, and when he went she missed her watch and chain (produced) from her bedroom. Inspector Hancock said the prisoner was wearing the watch and chain when brought to the station from Quorn. Prisoner was committed for trial on all three charges.

BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

MANY APPLICATIONS REFUSED

NEW CONDITIONS FOR IBSTOCK BUTCHERS

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Market Bosworth Rural District was held in the old Board room at Bosworth, on Tuesday morning. Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presided, and there were present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, G. M. Arnold, W. Towers, and J. E. Homer, with Major Wollaston, Mr R. Hanmer, and Captain Chambre (military representatives), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), Mr W. C. Kirkman (agricultural representative) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

Mr R. Loseby, a Leicester solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Nailstone Colliery Co., who appealed for the exemption of two employees, aged 37 and 38, it being stated that one man who was married, with one child, was a gardener and pig and poultry keeper. The other man was a watchman. A lot of timber was kept in the vicinity of the colliery, and this man frequently had to put out fires. The colliery could not go on without a man of this sort.

The chairman: *What? Do you say the colliery would have to close if there was no watchman?*

Mr Loseby: *I said if his place was not filled.*

Mr Jacques asked whether the man looked after the game on the estate? Mr Loseby said he did. The chairman asked whether there had been any fires in the last fortnight. The man said there had, but he could not say how many. Mr Homer asked how they were put out. The man said he beat some of them out with a stick, and for others he had to get help. Mr Homer said they were asked to believe a lot of indiscriminate statements. Mr Loseby protested. He said he had asked for the case to be adjourned as the manager was ill, but the Tribunal declined. It was stated in answer to the clerk, that this man went through the South African War. The man said he was willing to go in the earlier stages of the war, but could not be spared. Both applications were refused.

A Groby young man, aged 18, single, applied on domestic grounds. His father, he said, died 18 months ago, and he was the only son. He had a sister in ill-health. His mother was 39. His case had been adjourned till he was called up, and he had now received his papers. He had been rejected by the Navy. It was suggested that he should go to Wigston for medical examination, and the case was dismissed.

A Bagworth farmer applied for his man, aged 35, single, and an old soldier. He said he was also the public scavenger for Bagworth and this was the only man he had. He had worked for him for about ten weeks. Dismissed.

One month final was granted to an agricultural labourer employed by a lady farmer at Odstone, the man being 32 years of age, and married, with three children. The farm was 175 acres and they had 42 acres of corn to get. During the consideration of this case, Mr Jacques remarked that he had been informed that men were badly wanted. Major Wollaston said that was so. Their casualties were heavy, and he had heard that the age limit was to be extended to 45. Captain Chambre said he understood that was so. Major Wollaston said that they had been fairly kind so far to men of 40 and 41, but if the age was to be raised, they must consider men of 45 first.

The military representatives asked for a six months' certificate granted to a Desford market gardener, aged 36, to be revoked, on the ground that he was a jobbing gardener only. A member of the Tribunal said he had been to inspect the garden, and could have brought away all there was on it in a wheelbarrow. The Tribunal decided to revoke the certificate, and the chairman informed the applicant that they had found his application was false and on that alone he had rendered himself liable to 3 to 6 months' imprisonment.

Chairman added: *Your evidence this morning has been very shuffling. You may think yourself lucky you have got off with only having your certificate revoked, and the matter not carried further. You don't deserve any consideration whatever.*

The clerk: *The certificate must be returned to me within a day or two, or you will be liable to three months.*

A lady baker, of Ibstock, applied for her son, aged 18, and he was allowed three months, subject to him continuing to assist his mother in her business and keeping up his training in the Church Lad's Brigade. Mr Eggington said they did get military training in the Brigade.

Mr Jacques: *They blow the bugles enough.*

The chairman: *And beat the drums, too.*

A Ratby man, 30 years of age, married, with one child, applied for an extension of exemption, his certificate having expired. He stated that he was a grocer, beer off-licence holder, undertaker, carpenter and joiner. The question was asked which of these was a certified occupation.

Mr Homer: *He should drop one in that lot.* (Laughter)

The clerk said it would not matter if they were all reserved trades. His time should be substantially occupied on one. On it being pointed out that three months previously granted was final, the application was dismissed.

An Ibstock butcher, aged 34, married, with two children, applied for an extension of time. The clerk pointed out that certificates had to be returned to him before they expired, or the circumstances varied, but only three had been sent out of the whole lot issued. A member said there were four or five butchers in Ibstock, who could well give 3 or 4 days a week to other work, and they should only grant exemption on the ground that they did that. The chairman said they objected to giving exemption to men who twiddled their thumbs three days a week. Unfortunately, there were some men willing to do it. On the other hand, there were men working 16 and 18 hours a day every day of the week. A member said a lot of butchers went to Leicester, and bought a beast in about half-an-hour, and spent the rest of the day mopping ale in a public house. Mr Eggington disagreed. He said there were respectable and steady men among butchers, as among other trades. One month was allowed, conditional on the applicant working three days a week on agriculture or munitions.

Mr Kirkman said more meat was eaten in Barlestone (his parish) now than before the war. They ran on meat because there was nothing much cheaper.

A member: *And the miners are getting plenty of money.*

An Ibstock publican, 36, married, with two children, applied for an extension of his exemption, his certificate having expired on August 9th. One month was allowed, on him agreeing to work two days a week at other work of national importance.

The Ellistown Colliery Co., applied for the exemption of a leader and setter, aged 34. The appeal was dismissed, and the representative of the company said the man was likely to be badged.

Application was made for the exemption of an assistant miller at Helpout Mill, Shackerstone, hitherto starred, but under the new regulations as to starring, being only 23 years of age, and single. Application dismissed.

A Thornton grazier and carter, applied for his son, aged 30, married, with three children, who assists him in the business, and is the sub-postmaster for the village. Previous exemption for three months had expired, and further time was refused.

A Markfield tailor, aged 35, married, with no family, appealed for further time, his previous exemption having expired. One month (final) was allowed.

A Desford rural postman, aged 35, married, and the father of four children, whose three months' certificate had expired, applied for further time. A member remarked that it was a shame to send a man with four children while so many single men were being left. At Heather station were six men of military age, five of them single. It was absurd from the financial point of view. The chairman said that unless they drew the line at sending married men and called the attention of the Government to it, he did not see what they could do. The application was dismissed.

A Ratby farmer, applied for his waggoner, aged 21 and single. He had 220 acres and only two men to help him. He had 35 milking cows. The chairman said the application was out of date. Applicant said the man was previously starred, and he thought he was alright. As the appeal was too late, it was dismissed.

An Ibstock master butcher, aged 29, married, with one child, was allowed one month as in a previous case, subject to him devoting three days a week to work of national importance, apart from his business.

The military representative: *Agriculture or munitions.*

Applicant was informed that if he fulfilled these conditions he could apply from month to month. The chairman said the Tribunal were of the opinion that these little butchers' businesses should not occupy a man's whole time.

A Markfield plumber, gasfitter, decorator, etc., who is also the landlord of the Queen's Head Inn, applied for an extension of time. He was married with two children. Before the war he employed three men, now all with the colours. Three months allowed.

A Sibson farmer was allowed till October 4th for his man, to enable to get in the harvest.

Another Ibstock butcher, married, who had had three months (which expired on August 23rd) appealed for further time. His father was 70 years of age, and ill. His mother was also ill, and applicant was looking after the whole business. He milked two cows night and morning, and retailed the milk in the parish. Asked whether his wife could milk the cows, he said he did not know whether she dare. (Laughter). A month was allowed on the same conditions as to other Ibstock butchers. – Three days a week to be given to agricultural work or munitions. Applicant said he was willing.

Mr Fielders, solicitor, Atherstone, representing Mr Chamberlayne, of Witherley Hall, the military representative to the Atherstone Tribunal, appealing for further exemption of his gardener and chauffeur, who had previously been allowed three months. The chauffeur was stated to be 32 years of age, married, with two children, and he had three brothers in the forces, one of whom had been maimed for life. The gardener was 35, single, and the sole support of his widowed mother, 74 years of age, whose home he also looked after. The latter was allowed three month and the application for the chauffeur was dismissed.

The landlord of the Gate Inn, Ratcliffe Culey, who is also a hat finisher at Atherstone, applied for further exemption, his period being up on August 24th. He was 39 years of age, married, with three children. Dismissed.

A Ratby insurance agent, who has had two months to enable his wife to learn his business was informed that the previous exemption was final, and no further time could be allowed.

Mr Kirkman said he wished to raise a point mentioned at the Advisory Committee, and that was that the tenant farmer should be given conditional exemption instead of having to come to the Tribunal every three or six months. Mr Jacques said the difficulty was that men might leave their occupations, and the Tribunal would lose sight of them, and the police or military authorities would have to find them out. Mr Eggington said it was no hardship to a tenant farmer to have to come before the Tribunal once in six months. No action was taken in the matter.

A number of cases in which the military authorities and Advisory Committee had agreed to six months were assented to. It was stated at the close of the proceedings that the Tribunal had obtained 15 men for military service.