

Coalville Times At War

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PATRIOTIC FOOTBALL MATCH

CIGARETTES FOR COALVILLE SOLDIERS

The Coalville Swifts Football Club are doing well for the local lads serving in the Forces. Already, two successful efforts had been made for their cigarette fund, and a splendid sum of money raised enabling them to send parcels to some hundreds of Tommies from the colliery district. Encouraged by the many grateful letters received from soldiers in all the fighting areas, the committee are continuing the efforts and are to be complimented on their work.

The latest effort for the fund took place on Saturday, when a match was played on the Fox and Goose ground with a team brought over from Nottingham by Mr J. Cantrell, of the Notts County F.C. There were one or two disappointments, and the visiting team had to be made up with local players, but, nevertheless, it included W. Smith (Manchester City), Wooley and Cantrell (Notts), Burton (Nottingham Forest), Weir (Tottenham Hotspur), Poole (Burton), and other old footballers of less repute. The Swifts players were: Nicholls, Bradshaw, and Bott; S. Storer, W. Bird (formerly of Notts County), and C. Storer (formerly of Bradford City); Starkey (formerly Leicester Fosse), Smith, P. Underwood, Price and Brownlow. Mr T. Price, of Coalville, an old Lincoln City and Whitwick White Cross player, had charge of the game.

The first half was in favour of the Swifts, who crossed over with a lead of three goals to none, scored by Brownlow, Smith and Price. The visitors did better afterwards, and obtained goals through Burton and Poole, and were thus beaten by three goals to two.

Though there was a good number of spectators, the crowd was hardly as large as was anticipated, and as the committee had not issued tickets for sale previous to the event, the financial yield on this occasion will not be so good as the last two, but another effort is to be made shortly in order that a regular supply of cigarettes may be kept up. The next match, I understand, will be with a team of veteran footballers in the district. The Swifts players, it may be noted, are all young, working colliers, and while "doing their bit" in the mines at home, it is nice of them to think of their comrades out at the Front and to arrange these events with the idea of sending them a little comfort.

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COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

ROLL OF HONOUR

LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY

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

COALVILLE

William Chambers (17362)

Private, of the Royal Marines, on board H.M.S. "Pathfinder", sunk in the North Sea, September 5th, 1914. Mother lives in Margaret Street, Coalville.

Forester Roberts (3/9440)

Private, of the Northants Regiment, killed in action, in France, November 16th, 1914. Formerly employed by Messrs. W. Moss and Son, Coalville.

James Edwin Cox (14880)

Private, of the Coldstream Guards, died while in training at Caterham, Surrey, February 20th, 1915. Formerly resided in 178, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Alfred Wesson (10849)

Sergeant, in the Sherwood Foresters, died of wounds, March 6th, 1915. A former resident of Margaret Street, Coalville.

John Manders (12035)

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, died of wounds, 15th March, 1915. His wife and two children reside in Belvoir Road, Coalville. He worked at Whitwick Colliery.

John Thomas Williamson (11128)

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed in action, March 10th, 1915. Son of Mr C. Williamson, of James Street, Coalville.

John Davenport Sheffield (12078)

Corporal, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed in action at Neuve Chapelle, on March 13th, 1915. Son of the late Mr W. Sheffield, of the Railway Hotel, Coalville.

Ernest Moore (5661)

Private, of the 1st Leicesters, killed in action on March 10th, 1915. He formerly lived in Ashby Road, Coalville, and was single.

James Wardle

Private, of the Grenadier Guards, killed in action at Neuve Chapelle. A former collier residing in Margaret Street, Coalville.

Ernest Samuel Boot (1620)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action on April 15th, 1915. He was employed at Messrs. Stableford's works and resided in Melbourne Street, Coalville.

Thomas Dooley D.C.M.

2nd Lieutenant, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed in action in France, May 1st, 1915. A former Coalville collier, of Margaret Street, adopted the army as his profession and rose from the ranks.

Albert Johnson (Z/1302)

Of the Rifle Brigade, killed in action in April 24th, 1915. Formerly resided at Park Road, Coalville.

George Henry Wesson (10601)

Sergeant, of the Sherwood Foresters, killed in action on May 9th, 1915. Formerly of Margaret Street, Coalville.

Frederick Wilfred Hart (2535)

Private, 5th Leicesters, killed in action, June 8th, 1915. A railwayman of London Road, Coalville.

Charles William Jewsbury (1897)

Gunner, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, June 6th, 1915. He was employed by Messrs. Stableford and Co. and resided in Bakewell Street, Coalville.

Francis Frederick Martin (6613)

Private, of the 1st Leicesters, died in England, on June 11th, 1915, from wounds received in action. Buried with military honours at Coalville.

Harold Groves Blackham (2553)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action in May, 1915. Formerly clerk in the Coalville Conservative office.

Arthur Brownlow (6058)

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed in action on June 21st, 1915. A collier, whose wife and child were residing in Margaret Street, Coalville.

George Harold Highfield

2nd Lieutenant, of the 3rd York and Lancaster Regiment, killed in action July 4th, 1915. A former master at Coalville Grammar School.

John George Bennett (2558)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action July 15th, 1915. He resided in Beresford Street, and formerly worked for Messrs. Wootton Bros., Coalville.

Walter Gray (2528)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, July 23rd, 1915. He formerly lived in Belvoir Road, Coalville, and was a driller at Messrs. Stableford's works.

John Clibbery (8038)

Private, of the 1st Leicesters, killed in action July 20th, 1915. A former Ellistown collier whose father resides in Bakewell Street, Coalville.

Harry Ing (1242)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, July 30th, 1915. Resided at Waterworks Road, Coalville.

Clifford Ernest Scott (2488)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, in France, September 1st, 1915. Son of Mr W. V. Scott, Coalville East station master, and formerly clerk in the L and N.W. Goods Office, Whitwick.

Clifford Page (6299)

Private in the Worcestershire Regiment, killed in action, May 15th, 1915. A former Coalville Policeman.

Frank William Woolhouse (3440)

Private in the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, October 13th, 1915. A Whitwick collier, who resided at Albert Street, Coalville.

Fred Davies (9923)

Private in the 2nd Leicesters, killed at Neuve Chapelle on March 13th, 1915. Aged 26, single, formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery and lived with his sister, Mrs Massey, late of 154, Ashby Road, Coalville.

Lancelot George Beck (7682)

Corporal in the 1st Leicesters, killed in action December 21st, 1915, late of Leicester and formerly of Park Road, Coalville, aged 27.

George Spencer (20233)

Private in the 3/5th Leicestershire Regiment, died while in training in Yorkshire, November 28th, 1915. Son of the late Mr Nat. Spencer, of Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Thomas Sleath (12283)

Private in the Leicestershire Regiment, died from wounds in hospital at Torquay, on November 14th, 1915, and was buried with military honours at Hugglescote on November 20th. His wife and children reside at Coalville.

Stenson Hardy (7690)

Private, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action in the Persian Gulf, January 13th, 1916. Lived in Hotel Street, Coalville, aged 28 and married.

George Wilkinson (5929)

Private, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, January 13th, 1916. Banksman at the South Leicestershire Colliery, and resided at Margaret Street, Coalville, single, aged 33.

John Copley (8312)

Private, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action in the Persian Gulf, January 7th, 1916. Lived in Margaret Street, Coalville.

Edward Henry Hunt (11374)

Private, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, January 7th, 1916. Aged 20, single. Lived in Victoria Road, Coalville.

George Ernest Hartwell (7362)

Corporal, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, January 7th, 1916. A former Coalville postman.

John William Williamson (2693)

Corporal, 5th Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, March 24th, 1916. Aged 24, single, formerly of Park Road, Coalville, and employed at the Whitwick Colliery.

Ernest Brownlow (4178)

Private, 5th Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, March 26th, 1916. Aged 31, married. Wife and 5 children reside in Margaret Street, Coalville. Formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery.

John Fred Cracknell (1926)

Gunner, R.F.A., killed in action in France, April 2nd, 1916. Aged 24, single, grocer's assistant, formerly residing at Bakewell Street, Coalville.

Ernest Poyser (T/147)

Driver in the A.S.C. Accidentally killed in Egypt, April 15th, 1916, aged 27 years. Formerly an Ibstock collier. Widow resides at Highfields Street, Coalville.

Frederick Massey (26066)

Private in the Northumberland Fusiliers, died of wounds, May 1st, 1916. Aged 18 years, formerly worked at Snibston Colliery, son of Mr John Massey, 224, Ashby Road, Coalville.

John Henry Shaw (2813)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, April 28th, 1916. Son of Mr J. W. Shaw, of Moore's Farm, Bardon Road, Coalville.

Albert Arthur Unwin (18315)

Private in the Leicestershire Regiment, of Coalville. Died of wounds, May 6th, 1916.

William M. Farley

2nd Lieutenant, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action June 15th, 1916. Aged 38, son of Mrs Westerman, Hotel Street, Coalville. Wife and four children reside at Birmingham.

Herbert Heggs (J/26697)

Acting ordinary seaman, went down with the "Hampshire", June 5th, 1916. Aged 18, son of Mrs H. Heggs, of Greenhill, Coalville.

John Bullock (3300)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1st, 1916. For some years in the employ of Mr T. B. Pickworth, Coalville.

John William Hollick (4108)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds received in action, July 3rd, 1916. Aged 21, collier, of Hermitage Road, Coalville.

Ernest Batho (15926)

Lance-Corporal, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 14th, 1916. Aged 23, formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery and resided at Margaret Street, Coalville.

Joseph Moon (15966)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 15th, 1916. Aged 32 years, formerly employed at Snibston Colliery and resided in Melbourne Street, Coalville.

William Ducksbury (11950)

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, July 15th, 1916. Aged 22, formerly employed at South Leicestershire Colliery, and resided at Highfields, Coalville.

James Arthur Crooks (13121)

Sergeant, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 15th, 1916. Aged 22, formerly employed at Messrs. Burgess and Son's factory, and resided at Vaughan Street, Coalville.

Albert Willis Wells (19460)

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

Ambrose Brownlow (10568)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 17th, 1916. Aged 25 years, of Margaret Street, Coalville, former collier at South Leicestershire Colliery.

James William Nicholls (7988)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, accidentally killed in France by bursting of a bomb July 28th, 1916. Aged 30, of Ashby Road, Coalville, formerly employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

Charles Ernest Stanford (15231)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 14th, 1916. Formerly of Greenhill, Coalville. Aged 20, worked at the Whitwick granite quarry.

John William Pickering (14837)

Private of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, accidentally killed by explosion of hand grenade, July 9th, 1916. Aged 22, son of Mr J. Pickering, of Ashby Road, Coalville.

Wilfred Jones (16478)

Lance-Corporal Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 15th, 1916. A former Coalville collier, whose parents reside in Melbourne Street.

Frank Benistone (G/5214)

Private, Royal Sussex Regiment, killed in action, September 9th, 1916. A former Snibston collier, single, aged 22, of Scotlands Road, Coalville.

Joseph Wardle (6227)

Private of the Coldstream Guards, killed in action, September 15th, 1916, aged 29, a former collier, widowed mother resides in Margaret Street, Coalville.

Maurice E. James

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September, 1916. Son of Mr W. James, of the Forest Rock Hotel.

Thomas Black (4119)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October 5th, 1916. Aged 19 years, former Whitwick collier. Parents reside at Club Row, Coalville.

Herbert Gladstone Wharmby (6474)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October 8th, 1916. Aged 28, former clerk at Ibstock Colliery, son of Mr H. Wharmby, Bakewell Street, Coalville.

Percy Tookey (18121)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 19th, 1916. Formerly of Hermitage Road, Coalville.

Joseph Sheffield (16174)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 29th, 1916. Aged 21, of 49, Charnwood Street, Coalville.

David Archibald Jones

Private, Notts and Derby Regiment, accidentally killed while in training on Salisbury Plain. Son of Mr and Mrs Jones, of 90, Melbourne Street, Coalville.

Alfred Holland (7931)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October 15th, 1916. A Bagworth man.

HUGGLESCOTE

William Ogden Holden

Private of the 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action in France, October 13th, 1914. He formerly resided at Page's Hill, Hugglescote, and left a wife and five children.

Frederick Kirby (8767)

Private of the 2nd Leicesters, died from wounds on December 9th, 1914. Formerly resided in Crescent Road, Hugglescote and worked as a collier.

James Young (6295)

Private, Notts and Derbyshire Regiment, died of wounds, March 19th, 1915. A former employee of the Coalville Urban Council, of North Street, Hugglescote.

Owen Hallam (6473)

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed in action at Neuve Chappelle on March 13th, 1915. A well-known local footballer, formerly residing at Donington-le-Heath and worked as a collier.

Cecil Thomas Beadman (2566)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, May 19th, 1915. Formerly worked for Messrs. Wootton Bros., Coalville and resided at Forest Road, Hugglescote.

Fred Whitmore (S/7106)

Lance-Corporal of the Black Watch, died of wounds on May 28th, 1915. Formerly lived at Hugglescote, a colliery clerk.

William Massey (2512)

Private of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, August 9th, 1915. A Hugglescote man.

Bernard Hatter

2nd Lieutenant, 2nd Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 25th, 1915. Only son of Mr T. Hatter, of North Street, Hugglescote.

George Gadsby (1212)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, October 13th, 1915. He left a wife and one child living at 30, Mill Row, Hugglescote, and formerly worked at Ibstock Colliery.

Oliver Henry Pratt (13238)

Private, 8th Leicesters, died on New Year's Day, 1916, from wounds received in action in France on December 27th. He was a collier at the South Leicestershire Colliery and resided at 3, Wilkins Lane, Hugglescote.

James Haywood (13179)

Private, in the 8th Leicesters, killed in action in France, January 22nd, 1916. Formerly worked at Ellistown Colliery, aged 32, and lived in Donington-le-Heath.

Amos Elkin (17597)

Private in the 2nd Grenadier Guards, killed in action, January 30th, 1916. Formerly a collier, single, of 148, North Street, Hugglescote.

James Thomas Bishop (897)

Company Sergeant-Major, of the Army Service Corps, died February 17th, 1916, from illness contracted while on military duty. Formerly a collier, married and resided in Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

John Arthur Pegg (15279)

Private of the 9th Leicesters, killed in action in France, February 21st, 1916. Aged 25, single, son of Mr A. Pegg, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

Joseph William Cowley (2560)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May 8th, 1916. Former employee of Messrs. Stableford and Co., and a member of the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band. Resided at North Street, Hugglescote, aged 20.

Fred Chamberlain (14552)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May 24th, 1916, aged 20 years. Formerly employed at Ibstock Colliery and resided at 59, North Street, Hugglescote.

Charles Drewett

2nd Lieutenant, East Yorkshire Regiment, killed in action, June 29th, 1916. Aged 25, son of Mr and Mrs B. B. Drewett, Hugglescote.

Walter Hill (15744)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, died on July 24th, of wounds received in action on July 14th, 1916. Son of Mr and Mrs T. Hill, of Donington-le-Heath.

John William Brooks (4865)

Of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action, July 19th, 1916. Son of Mr J. Brooks, Forest Road, Hugglescote, aged 24, formerly assistant at Bagworth Stores.

Ambrose Harold Attwood (R/7709)

Lance-Sergeant of the King's Royal Rifles, killed in action, July 27th, 1916. Aged 21, formerly of North Street, Hugglescote, and employed at Myatt's Cycle Works, Coalville.

Jesse Jones (16714)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 15th, 1916. Aged 27, married, wife resides at Breach Road, Hugglescote. A former collier.

Harry Osborne Moseley (C/12274)

Rifleman, of the King's Royal Rifles, killed in action, September 17th, 1916. Aged 29, formerly a farmer, of Donington-le-Heath.

WHITWICK

Ernest Hall (12041)

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed at Neuve Chapelle, March 13th, 1915. His wife and three children reside at Whitwick, where he worked as a collier.

Harold Sidney Burton (2895)

Lance-Corporal, of the 23rd London Regiment, killed in action on May 26th, 1915. A Whitwick man.

Ernest Tugby (16485)

Private, of the 1st Leicesters, killed in action on June 7th, 1915. He resided in Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Arthur Charles Johnstone (12135)

Private, of the 8th Leicesters, died September 1st, 1915, from wounds received in action the previous day. A collier of Castle Hill, Whitwick.

Herbert Smith Hurst

Private, of the 8th Leicesters, killed in action, August 31st, 1915. He was a collier, formerly residing at Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick.

James Cairns (3026)

Private in the Connaught Rangers, killed in action in the Dardanelles, on August 21st, 1915. Formerly a Whitwick collier who leaves a widow and three children.

Frank Underwood (14949)

Private of the 8th Leicesters, killed in action in October 3rd, 1915. Son of Mr John Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and a former employee of the Forest Rock Granite Company.

Bernard Whittaker (14993)

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed in action September 25th, 1915. He formerly lived in Leicester Road, Whitwick, and worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

Edward Jarvis (18965)

Private of the 1st Grenadier Guards, killed in action, October 17th, 1915. He formerly resided at 88, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, and worked at the Snibston Colliery.

Joseph Amithae Hall (16075)

Lance-Corporal in the 9th Leicesters, killed in action in France, December 9th, 1915. He was a Whitwick collier, aged 22 years, and his wife and child reside at the Dumps.

George Harold Barker (2511)

Trooper, Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action, May 13th, 1915. A young farmer of Onebarrow, Whitwick.

Edgar Howe (12075)

Private, 2nd Leicesters, died February 16th of wounds received in action at the Persian Gulf, January 6th or 7th, 1916. A former Whitwick collier, of Talbot Street, Whitwick.

Herbert Kelly (7318)

Sergeant of the Sherwood Foresters, aged 25, killed in action, February 12th, 1916. Late of Markfield, a native of Whitwick and nephew of Mr T. Kelly, of the Railway Hotel.

George Henry Copson (225838)

Signaller of the Navy, died in the North Sea battle off Jutland on June 1st, 1916, serving on HMS "Sparrowhawk". Aged 28, formerly a Whitwick miner.

Private John Joseph Morley (2509)

Of the Leicestershire Regiment, after being reported missing over a year, reported killed, June 1916. Formerly resided at Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Herbert Harold Burton (26136)

Private of Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, July 3rd, 1916. Former Whitwick collier, aged 24, of Green Lane, Whitwick.

Lawrence Albert Whitmore (10388)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed by a sniper, July 19th, 1916. Former Whitwick collier, aged 21, of Talbot Street, Whitwick.

Edward Walton (10328)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 17th, 1916. Aged 20 years, formerly worked at Whitwick Colliery and resided at 311, Hermitage Road.

Charles Wilson (26381)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 15th, 1916. Formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery, married, and resided at 73, North Street, Whitwick.

Robert William Berrington (14032)

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, military medallist, killed in action, September 25th, 1916. Aged 24 years, a Whitwick man, formerly engaged at the Whitwick Granite Quarry.

BAGWORTH

Alfred Lorenzo Heathcote (2110)

Private of the 5th Leicesters, died of wounds on April 23rd, 1915. A Bagworth collier.

Percy Adams (25747)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, reported killed in action, September 24th, 1916. A Coalville man.

BARDON HILL

George Harry Newton

Went down in HMS "Hawke", October 15th, 1914. Formerly of Bardon Hill.

Walter Irons (3155)

Private in the 5th Leicesters, died of wounds received in action in France, September 28th, 1915. He formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery and resided in Shaw Lane.

Frank Blake (3514)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1st, 1916. Aged 20, formerly of Bardon Hill. His widowed mother resides at Shepshed.

John Henry Martin (16677)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 13th, 1916. A resident of Bardon Hill.

R. Benson

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, reported killed in action, September, 1916, after having been reported missing. His relatives reside at Bardon Hill.

Robert Holliday Graham (M2/078539)

Private of the Army Service Corps, died of wounds, August 13th, 1916. Relatives reside at Bardon Hill.

COPT OAK

Alec Howard Mason (14991)

Private of the 8th Leicesters, killed in action in France, February 3rd, 1916. Aged 19, a resident of Copt Oak.

Harry Valentine (Val) Alexander Hull (13241)

Private of the 3rd Bedford's, killed in action in France on April 11th, 1915. He lived at Copt Oak.

COLEORTON

Alfred Clifford (16638)

Private of the 1st Leicesters, killed in action on September 10th, 1915, in France. He was a Coleorton collier.

Harry Toon (14853)

Private, 9th Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France on November 15th, 1915. He was aged 20, formerly worked at Coleorton Colliery and lived at Griffydam.

Joseph Martin (G/605)

Lance-Corporal of the Royal Sussex Regiment, single, aged 31, a gardener, formerly of Coleorton, killed in action in France, March 3rd, 1916.

Percy Walster (21015)

Private in the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, April 6th, 1916, aged 26 years. He was a Coleorton man.

George Arthur Walker (15071)

Sergeant of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 14th, 1916. Aged 21, a Coleorton man.

ELLISTOWN

Wilfred Pepper (RMA/13437)

Of the Royal Navy, went down on the "Goliath" in the Dardanelles, May 13th. His home was at Ellistown.

Edgar Henry Butler (1445)

Of the Australian Contingent, killed in action in the Dardanelles on April 26th, 1915. Of Ellistown, being a former colliery clerk.

William Barney (1240)

Lance-Corporal of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action on June 30th, 1915. Aged 20. A collier of Cumberland Road, Ellistown.

George Fletcher (3252)

Private in the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, October 13th, 1915. Son of Mr George Fletcher, of 9, Ibstock Road, Ellistown.

Isaac Wood (4257)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, August 16th, 1916. Aged 35, former Ibstock collier. Wife and three children reside in Kendal Road, Ellistown.

Arthur Frank Prior (9723)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 24th, 1916. Aged 24, formerly a quarryman and residing with his mother at 69, Granite Row, Ibstock Road, Ellistown.

HEATHER

Sydney Herbert Sharpe (10565)

Private of the Coldstream Guards, killed in action in Belgium, November 1st, 1914. He belonged to Heather.

W. L. Pearson (10054)

Private, King's Own Scottish Borderers, killed in action at Gallipoli, on June 28th, 1915. He was a Heather man and formerly worked at the Ibstock collieries.

William Bradford (20060)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment. Died of disease, June 20th, 1916. Formerly resided at Heather. Aged 22.

STANTON-UNDER-BARDON

J. L. Adcock (15204)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, August 27th, 1916. Aged 21 years, of Stanton-under-Bardon.

THORNTON

Frank Mee (11762)

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, February 3rd, 1916. A Thornton man, single, and formerly employed at the Desford Colliery. Aged 20.

IBSTOCK

Harry Smith

Petty officer of the Royal Naval Brigade, killed in the Dardanelles on July 14th, 1915. Formerly worked at Ibstock Colliery.

Henry (Harry) Camp Badcock (3293)

Private, 5th Leicesters, killed in action, August 1st, 1915. A former Coalville Grammar School boy who resided at Ibstock. Aged 17.

Cyril Ernest Briers (13636)

Of the Coldstream Guards, killed in action, July 29th, 1915. He lived with his uncle, Mr B. Baxter, Ibstock. Aged 22.

Albert V. Dolman (8181)

Private, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, killed in action, September 25th, 1915. He formerly worked at Nailstone Colliery and left a widow and two children, residing at South Street, Ibstock. Aged 27.

Robert Ashby (102813)

Sapper, of the Royal Engineers, killed in action December 12th, 1915. A Battram man and former member of the Nailstone Colliery Rescue Party. Aged 36.

J. Flaherty (PO/934(S))

Private of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, killed on his ship in the Mediterranean, on January 7th, 1916. Formerly lived at Ibstock. Aged 26.

Joseph Satchwell (16131)

Private of the 8th Leicesters, killed in action in France, February 6th, 1916. A former Ibstock man employed at the Ellistown Colliery. Aged 24.

Noel Lane (20759)

Private in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, killed in action, June 20th, 1916. Aged, 20, son of Mrs Lane, High Street, Ibstock.

Lester Green (C/213)

Sergeant, King's Royal Rifles, killed in action, July 15th, 1916. Former sergeant-instructor of the Ibstock Church Lad's Brigade.

John (Jack) William Barrs (40246)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 27th, 1916. An old Hugglescote Baptist schoolboy, collier, and former resident of Ibstock. Aged 24.

William Riley (7304)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 15th, 1916. Aged 29, a former Ibstock collier.

Alfred Sleath (13147)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 25th, 1916. A former Ibstock collier.

William Henry Timmins (14299)

Private, Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action, September 17th, 1916. A native of Ibstock. Aged 36.

Cyril Partner

Of the Canadian Regiment, killed in action, September, 1916. A former Ibstock man.

NAILSTONE

Arthur Price (17879)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 14th, 1916. Aged 32, of Nailstone, former collier at Nailstone pit.

RAVENSTONE

Jake Clarke Andrews (10124)

Lance-Corporal, of the Beds. Regiment, killed in action on November 7th, 1914, in France. He was a Ravenstone man. Aged 23.

Harry Walker

Private of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, July 2nd, 1915. A Ravenstone man, employed by the South Leicestershire Colliery.

George Andrews (2555)

Private of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, July 22nd, 1915. A Ravenstone man who worked at Ibstock Colliery. Aged 20.

Percy Lawrence Smith (6970)

Lance-Corporal of the 1st Hants Regiment, killed in action, July 8th, 1915. He was a Ravenstone man.

Stanley Samuel Snell (9059)

Private in the 2nd Leicesters, posted wounded and missing in France from September 21st, 1915. Death officially confirmed January 12th, 1916. Had spent five years in the army, son of Mr S. Snell of Snibstone. Aged 23.

John Martin (17361)

Private in the 1st Leicesters, killed in action in France, March 17th, 1916. Single, aged 19, of Swannington Road, Ravenstone, a former Ibstock collier.

William Brooks (16514)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, April 27th, 1916. Formerly a Snibston miner, aged 27 years, son of Mr A. Brooks, of Ravenstone.

Christopher Fairbrother (13236)

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, July 13th, 1916. Former Ibstock collier and resided at Main Street, Ravenstone. Aged 22 years.

Arthur Prew (L/29092)

Private of the R.F.A., killed in action, August 12th, 1916. A former county policeman at headquarters, son of the late P.C. Prew and Mrs Prew, of Ravenstone. Aged 21.

William Glover (18752)

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 15th, 1916. Aged 29, son of Mr H. Glover, of Ravenstone, formerly employed at South Leicestershire Colliery.

SWANNINGTON

Leonard Henson (7290)

Private, of the Coldstream Guards, formerly police constable stationed at New Swannington, died of wounds, September 25th, 1914.

Joseph Arthur Johnson (10005)

Private of the 1st Leicesters, died of wounds on April 16th, 1915. A native of Swannington. Aged 20.

William Wardle (2811)

Lance-Corporal of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action, July 4th, 1915. He worked at Ellistown Colliery and resides in Main Street, Swannington.

Walter Shaw (16680)

Private in the 9th Leicesters, killed in action, September 9th, 1915. He was a widower, formerly residing in Swannington.

Samuel Thomas Berkin (19060)

Private in the 3rd battalion, Grenadier Guards, killed in action, September 27th, 1915. A Swannington man, formerly occupied at Messrs. Stableford and Co's. Works, Coalville. Aged 20.

Alfred Bernard Smith (19063)

Private of the Grenadier Guards died January 5th, 1916, from wounds received in action in France the previous day. A former employee of Messrs. Stableford and Co., aged 19 years, of Main Street, Ravenstone.

THRINGSTONE

Theophilus Jones (18/295)

Private, Durham Light Infantry, killed in the bombardment of West Hartlepool on December 16th, 1914. Former Thringstone school master. Aged 29.

William Moore (30880)

Private, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, killed in action, May 1st, 1915. He belonged to Thringstone. Aged 23.

Isaac Hall (2521)

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action July 23rd, 1915. A Whitwick collier whose home was at Thringstone. Aged 20.

Robin Robinson (79467)

Sapper, Royal Engineers, killed in action, April 17th, 1916. Aged 28, formerly a Whitwick collier, whose widow and three children reside at Thringstone.

Thomas Squires (15525)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, September, 1916. A former Whitwick collier, who resided at Thringstone.

(NOTE:- These records have had details included to the original, such as regimental numbers, actual dates of death and ages, where known.)

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WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH

In connection with the death in action of Wm. Timmins, who was former scholar and member of this church, a memorial service was held in the chapel on Sunday last week. Private Timmins was a native of Ibstock, but had left the district to work at Nuneaton, and had joined the Warwickshire Regiment.

ASHBY POLICE COURT

MILITARY ABSENTEE

Edward Shuttleworth, 26, and single, labourer, Measham, was summoned for being an absentee from the Army. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Holmes, who proved arrest, said the defendant formerly worked at the Measham Colliery, but left there on August 23rd, and had no exemption card. Defendant said he left Measham Colliery because he was only earning 3s 8d a shift. He had worked in the mine all his life. He had two brothers in the Army. Defendant was fined £2, and remanded to await an escort.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Hastings, daughter of Lady Maud Rawdon Hastings, of the Manor House, Ashby, and of the late Hon. Paulyn Rawdon Hastings, to Captain Huddleston R.A. Miss Edith Hastings is the niece of the Earl of Loudoun, and of the Duke of Norfolk, and next in succession to the Earldom of Loudoun. She has been busily engaged in war work, especially in connection with the organisation of ambulance corps in Ayrshire, in the district around Loudoun Castle. Captain Huddleston is the adopted son of the Earl and Countess of Loudoun. He has lost a brother during the war.

The "pound day" in Coalville, for local prisoners of war in Germany was a great success. Miss Hale, the hon. secretary, states that the goods received included the following: 161 lbs of Christmas fruit, 100 packets of cocoa, 31 tins of Oxo, 135 packets of cigarettes, 26 packets of Quaker oats, 76 lbs of sugar, 7 ½ lbs of tea, 14 lbs of jam, 72 bars of chocolate, 29 tinned goods, 7 stone of flour, 32 lbs of apples, and numerous other articles in small quantities, also £1 18s 9d in money, and this week, a further cheque for £7 has been received from the Hugglescote Horticultural Society. A splendid result upon which all concerned are to be heartily congratulated, and for which the promoters are very grateful, as we feel sure the poor fellows in Germany also will be.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of a war shrine in North Street, Hugglescote. It will take the form of a glass case, erected at a suitable spot, and containing a list of the names of the men from North Street who are serving with the forces. Those who have fallen will have a distinguishing mark. We understand that from North Street alone, 65 men have joined the colours.

Will the relatives and friends of all Whitwick Lads serving with the Colours forward their home and regimental address to the Secretary, J. J. Clarke, 138, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Under the Defence of the Realm Act, it is an offence to discharge fireworks?

There are 113 members in an ambulance class which has been started by the Coalville V.A.D.?

Bardon Hill is making an effort to send Christmas presents to soldiers and sailors gone from that parish?

By an order of the Ministry of Munitions the annual fair at Desford is not to be held this year?

The holding of the annual wake at Nailstone has been prohibited this year by the Ministry of Munitions?

About 11,000 soldiers have been returned to the mines and the Home Secretary states that the output of coal is still far short of requirements?

A number of war shrines have been erected in various parts of Ashby bearing names of soldiers gone from the area in which the shrines are placed?

COALVILLE WAR HOSPITAL

BROOM LEYS TO BE GOT READY

A SPLENDID START

The great interest created by the acceptance by the War Office of the Whitwick Colliery Co's magnanimous offer of Broom Leys, free, as a hospital for wounded soldiers, was shown by the large and representative attendance at a public meeting in the Adult School Hall on Tuesday evening, called to consider the question of raising funds for the necessary furnishing and equipment of the building.

Mr W. Lindley, J.P., was voted as the chair and he was supported on the platform by Mr A. W. Faire, county V.A.D. director, Dr. J. S. Hamilton, and Mr W. Eames. Canon Broughton opened the meeting with prayer.

The chairman announced the receipt of letters of apology for absence from the Rt. Hon. Charles Booth (through indisposition) and said they were glad to see Mrs Booth and her daughter present, also from Mr C. E. Crane (who promised £5 5s) and Mr A. J. White, who also promised to assist. He then called on the county director to address the meeting.

Mr Faire said he had very great pleasure in meeting them on that occasion. Broom Leys was the first building to be offered them as a hospital for wounded soldiers. It was at a meeting in August 1914, presided over by the Duke of Rutland, when Mr Lindley's letter was read. That letter was handed to him, but at that time there was great uncertainty as to what would be required, and so Broom Leys was used for Belgian refugees which was a very excellent work. Lately it came to his knowledge that more hospital accommodation was needed, and after further correspondence, he had succeeded in getting Broom Leys accepted. He knew how heartily they had taken up the V.A.D. work in Coalville, and he had been anxious to do what he could to stimulate that interview. When the war broke out they had hospital accommodation in England for about 300,000 men, but that, of course, had had to be greatly extended. At the Base Hospital in Leicester, they had 1,700 beds, at North Evington 700, and at the Royal Infirmary 200, so they would see that Leicester had become a very large hospital centre. In connection with these primary hospitals they had to have auxiliary hospitals to which they could transfer patients whose cases were not so serious, and they had 43 such auxiliary hospitals in the Leicester district. From that they would understand that a great amount

of work was going on. On the previous day he received a letter from Surgeon-General Bedford, at the Headquarters of the Northern Command at York who, referring to the proposed hospital at Coalville, wrote:-

"I hope that the meeting will be a great success, and that you will obtain the hearty support of those you are going to meet and address. It is scarcely necessary for me to say how important it is for all classes of the community to join together in the endeavour to help in the great movement to provide good and sufficient accommodation for the wounded which are constantly being drafted into this country from the front. Any help in this direction will be cordially appreciated by me and will assist the military authorities immensely. The final overthrow of the German forces cannot be attained without great sacrifices on our part, and without many other brave men being wounded in their country's cause. With these facts in view, I am confident that the good people of Coalville will tender you all the help in their power in furthering the scheme of establishing a V.A.D. hospital at Broom Leys, which will be worthy of their district."

Proceeding, Mr Faire said he felt confident that they would undertake work heartily and make an effort to get the necessary funds for equipment. They were mostly engaged in a reserved trade in Coalville, and doing a good work for their country in the mines but he was sure they would also like to do something for the wounded soldiers. If they had witnessed the sights that he had he was sure they would be moved, and be determined to do their best in the matter. He had been engaged in many kinds of work in his time, but none had ever given him greater satisfaction than this, and as far as his strength lay, he meant to continue to the end. (Applause). He thought that if the hospital was started they would have no fear as to it being kept full. He would be pleased to answer any questions.

The chairman said that since the war started 25,000 wounded soldiers had been received at Leicester, so they would see the great necessity for more accommodation. There was bedding provision in the Leicester area for 2,000 men, and still more was wanted. This was a matter which should appeal to them all. These men (the wounded soldiers) had gone out for the benefit of the people of Coalville. Without them England would have been hopeless and helpless. He went on to say that Broom Leys had been cleaned by the Belgian Refugees' Committee, and left in as good a condition as when taken over. The directors of the Whitwick Colliery Co. had agreed to offer Broom Leys free for as long as it was required for this purpose (applause) and they had also very kindly promised a donation of £50 (renewed cheers). The medical gentlemen who had been over the place had reported it to be very suitable as a hospital. It was necessary to provide another bathroom, and it should be remembered that they had to find every pot, stick, and everything required to equip the place. There were many articles of furniture such as easy chairs and couches which could be loaned, but the committee would have to get the beds which should be of a uniform character. In regard to any furniture lent, a guarantee would be given to return it in as such condition as it was given. At a previous meeting he suggested that £600 would be required, but after going into the matter he thought they should get at least £800 to £1,000. What was £800 to Coalville and district? He had mentioned it to the representatives of five of the local collieries who had promised to bring it before their directors and no doubt they would hear from them in due course, but this was everybody's business, and everybody should give according to his circumstances (cheers). They were not asking for more than they wanted, and if they got it, it would not be wasted. In his letter, Mr Crane said they should bear in mind the proposed Cottage Hospital for Coalville, and if any furniture lent or purchased now could be transferred to the Cottage Hospital afterwards, it would help considerably. That was a splendid idea. They ought to have a Cottage Hospital at Coalville, and if this furniture was available afterwards, it would mean less expenditure when that work was taken in hand. Coalville had done excellently in the past, but he wanted to see Coalville excel itself this time, so that the county could not say that it had a better hospital anywhere. If the movement before them went forward, the War Office would allow a capitation grant of 3s per day per patient, which would go a long way towards the maintenance, but his friend, Mr Taylor, of Ellistown, had written enclosing information as to the cost of maintenance at the Desford Hospital and this worked out at £1 7s 11d per patient per week while the Government allowed £1 1s. The Military Authorities were asked to increase the grant, and declined. He suggested that at the start they should assume it would cost 30s per week per patient, which, of course, would include nurses and staff. He then moved the following resolution:

"That this meeting being convinced of the great necessity for the same pledges itself to accept responsibility for the financing, equipping, and maintaining of Broom Leys as a V.A.D. hospital for wounded soldiers and sailors."

He added that he had mentioned the matter to Mr R. J. Brown (Notts. Bank) and he was willing to undertake the treasurership if the meeting thought well to elect him. They also had a volunteer for the post of secretary. Mr A. L. Bertenshaw, who had acted in that position for the Coalville V.A.D. since it started was willing to give

his services as secretary to the hospital committee, but it was for the meeting to decide. He concluded by saying that the money was required for the greatest purpose that England had ever asked them for money. (Cheers).

Mr Faire said the wounded soldiers were a splendid lot of fellows and very much appreciated what was done for them and they would take good care of any furniture that was lent for the hospital. He thought also that he could get a good deal of equipment from the St. John Ambulance Association. The idea of a Cottage Hospital afterwards was a splendid one, and he said the same thing was in view at Melton. He said they could economise in the cost of maintenance a good deal by people giving things, garden produce, and the like, and by working for nothing. He had seen titled ladies scrubbing floors in some of their hospitals (cheers) and would not mind doing it himself (laughter and cheers).

Mr W. Hurst, seconding the resolution, said he was heartily in favour of the movement, which would reflect great credit on Coalville. At the same time they should not consider the credit it would bring them so much as the obligation that lay upon them. It was up against Coalville to do something for these men who had done so much for them (cheers). Another reason why they should do it was that during the war this district had been peculiar prosperous. That was so in the coal trade at any rate, and other businesses had shared in their prosperity. He had been authorised that day by his directors to send a cheque for £50 (applause).

The resolution was heartily carried.

Mr Wedgewood moved the election of Mr R. J. Brown, as treasurer, which was unanimously carried, and on the motion of Canon Broughton, seconded by Mr Geo. Glover, Mr A. L. Bertenshaw was unanimously elected secretary. Mr Eames moved the following as the committee, Messrs. W. Lindley, L. Lovett, B. G. Hale, A. Lockwood, W. Hurst, W. Brown, C. W. Brown, junr., and T. Y. Hay, adding that by virtue of their office in the V.A.D. he took it that Dr. Hamilton and himself would be on the committee as ex-officio members.

Mr Lovett said he had too much work already and suggested Mr T. Gowdrige in his place. Mr Eames also suggested that societies contributing £25 or over may elect onto the committee. Mr Blower said Hugglescote and Whitwick should be represented on the committee. Mr Eames said this was merely to get the thing going and others would be invited to join. Dr. Hamilton suggested Mr R. Blower for Ellistown, Mr B. B. Drewett for Hugglescote, and Mr T. W. Bourne for Whitwick. The name of Mr J. H. Robinson was also suggested for Whitwick. Mr Blower said he would rather not be on the committee though he would be pleased to assist all he could when the wounded arrived at the station and in other ways. The chairman said the committee would have power to elect representatives from Bardon, Swannington and other places which would no doubt contribute. The gentlemen named were elected as the committee.

Mr G. Brooks pointed out the large amount of money contributed by the Whitwick colliers to the dependants of deceased soldiers, to the National Relief Fund and the Belgian Refugee Fund, and said they would also no doubt contribute liberally to the fund, but they should be represented on the committee. The chairman said it was suggested that any society contributing £25 be allowed to nominate someone on the committee.

Mr Drewett asked whether that meant one for £25 and over, or one for every £25. In the latter case it might be a very unwieldy committee.

The chairman: *I don't care how unwieldy it is so long as we get the money.*

Mr Blower disagreed with the £25 qualification on the committee. He did not think there was an individual in the district who would withhold £25 because he could not be on the committee. They might have a good committee man who could only give £5. Mr E. Orton asked whether each of the gentlemen elected on the committee had paid £25. Mr Eames said he only suggested that so that any society or body of people contributing a substantial amount should be represented on the committee to see how it was spent. The chairman said the same principle was adopted at the Leicester Infirmary and other institutions. He jocosely suggested that perhaps a good many people would be willing to give £25 to stop off the committee. After further discussion it was agreed that contributions of £25 entitle societies to one member on the committee.

The chairman moved a vote of thanks to Mr Faire, which was carried with applause, and Mr Faire responding, expressed his thanks to the chairman, Dr. Hamilton, and Mr Eames for the trouble they had

taken in the matter. He suggested that the committee should not be too large. Mr E. Orton asked whether they would invite subscriptions now. He would give ten guineas. (Applause).

The chairman said the committee would get on with it now, and they would all be appealed to in due course. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The following subscriptions were promised at the meeting:

The Right Hon. Charles Booth £100
Whitwick Colliery Co. £50
South Leicestershire Colliery Co. £50
Mr E. Orton £10 10s
Mr C. E. Crane £5
Mrs Chas. Booth promised £1 1s per week.

(A sketch of Broom Leys accompanied the article)

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

In connection with the death of Cyril Partner, aged 23, whilst serving with the Canadians at the Front, on September 16th last, a memorial service was conducted by Pastor Henry Cowling, at the Ibstock Baptist Church on Sunday evening last. There was a large congregation present. The choir sang "The Homeland" at the commencement of the service. Mrs Bodran rendered a solo during the evening, entitled, "He shall wipe all tears away." The favourite hymns of the deceased were also sung. The Rev. Cowling in the course of a sermon, referred to the deceased's connection with their place of worship as a Sunday school scholar, before leaving for Canada with his parents, Mr and Mrs William Partner, and spoke in sympathetic terms for the bereaved family, who have now lost two sons since leaving Ibstock. Mr Alf Partner (brother) landed in England last week, and was present at the service.

LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN



Mr and Mrs Herbert Glover, of Church Lane, Ravenstone, have been officially notified that their son, Private Wm. Glover, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action on September 15th. They received the sad news from a comrade, soon after the event, and it has now been confirmed by the War Office. Private W. Glover was 29 years of age, and before the war worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery. He enlisted early in the war, and had been about a year at the Front. Mr H. Glover, who, when he is able to work, is employed at the Whitwick Colliery, has one other son, also at the Front. He has not been long out there, and has just had his first turn in the trenches. He also was formerly a collier. In a recent letter home he says he is quite well.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Williamson of 12, James Street, Coalville, have now received official news that their son, Private John T. Williamson, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle, in March, 1915. The parents heard through other sources of their son's death soon after it occurred, and the deceased's name has been included in our roll of honour, but the official news has only just come to hand. Private J. T. Williamson formerly worked at the Ellistown Colliery.

Private T. H. Hogg, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, is officially reported to have been killed in action. He was in the Grenadier Guards.



Private A. Holland, of the Leicesters, who was killed in action on October 15th, had served 11 ½ years in the Army, and went to the Front from India. He was wounded at La Bassee, and again in the Battle of Loos. His brother, Mr George Holland, lives at 22, Barlestone Road, Bagworth. Writing to Mrs Simpson, of Bagworth, the Rev. T. C. Hopkins (chaplain) states, "*You will be surprised to have a letter from the Front to an unknown land. You have, I am sure, been accustomed to eagerly await a letter from your son out here, but it is my sad duty to inform you that Private A. Holland, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action yesterday afternoon (October 25th) at 4 pm. With great difficulty his body was brought back and buried in a little cemetery behind the lines this morning. It will be some comfort to you to know that death was instantaneous. A piece of shell penetrated his heart while he was trying to rescue an officer. Being the chaplain of another division, I did not know your son, but the officers spoke of him in the highest terms. He was laid to rest with Christian burial in the presence of respectful and sorrowing comrades. I was called in to conduct his funeral. From this terrible battlefield, I send you the sympathy of many true hearts and commend you to the Heavenly Father who alone can console in such grief as yours. You are in company with many sorrowing ones in this dark*

hour of your loss, but you may have pride that your son fought a good fight and was faithful unto death. Surely he is safe in the merciful keeping of the Christ who died for him. Yours in deepest sympathy, etc."

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER KILLED

News has been received that Private Wm. Young, of the Leicestershire Regiment has been killed in action. Before the war he was employed by Messrs. Griffin Bros., builders, Hugglescote, where his parents used to reside, but his widowed mother is now living in Leicester.

LOCAL NEWS

The Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild want about 200 more helpers in knitting comforts for the brave fellows who have gone from this neighbourhood. Already the Guild has sent out over 4,000 pairs of socks, besides helmets, mufflers, mittens, etc., but with the winter getting near again, the applications from the men for socks cannot be met by the present workers.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Private T. Squires, of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported to have died of wounds received in action. He formerly lived at Thringstone, where his parents reside, and worked at the Whitwick Colliery. He enlisted at a recruiting meeting in Thringstone Hall soon after war broke out. His wife is residing at Shepshed.

Writing to his friends at Thringstone, Pte. T. Fortnam states that he is in hospital in France, having been wounded. A piece of shrapnel has been taken out of his knee, and another piece from the side of his eye, and he is now going on well, and hopes soon to arrive in England. He states also that he has heard that E. Walton and I. Toon, two other Thringstone lads were wounded in the same battle. He enquires how the Thringstone football teams are going on, and hopes they will stick together and he also congratulates the flower show committee on the success of the recent show.

In recently published official casualty lists appeared the name of Private P. Adams, of Coalville, as having been killed in action. He was in the Leicesters. The following are reported to have been wounded; Private W. Elsworth, Grenadier Guards, of Coalville; Privates T. Connelley, A. Dolan, and W. Laing, all of the Northumberland Fusiliers, of Bardon Hill; Private W. Smith, Leicestershire Regiment, and Private W. J. C. Brown, of the King's Royal Rifles, both of Coalville. The latter is the son of Mr and Mrs S. W. Brown, of London Road, and is understood that he has now recovered.

MILITARY MEDALLIST KILLED

Acting-Corporal P. G. Dakin, who was one of the 71 military medallists in the Leicestershire Regiment, announced on Saturday, was killed in action on September 25th. He was 29, and was a well-known footballer. His parents live at 19, Cobden Street, Loughborough.

IBSTOCK SOLDIERS KILLED

Mrs P. Iliffe, High Street, Ibstock, received the regrettable news this week from Captain W. Ghinon, 12th West Riding Regiment, serving at the Front, that Private Robert Holland was killed on the 24th inst., whilst asleep in his tent by bombs dropped from an enemy aeroplane. Robert Holland came from London as a boy and worked at Bagworth Colliery prior to joining the Colours. He was well liked by all who knew him.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Dunncliffe, Ravenstone Road, Ibstock, received the painful news last week that their son, Gunner Albert Dunncliffe, of the Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, was killed by shell fire on the 15th October last. His officer in charge, when conveying the sad news, expressed the sincere sympathy of the battery, saying *"he always did his duty cheerfully, and without regard to danger, and it was his fate, as well as that of his closest friend, to make the supreme sacrifice together. He is buried in the cemetery behind the lines."*

Gunner Dunncliffe was a wheelwright by trade, and served his apprenticeship with Mr Green, coachbuilder, Hugglescote, and afterwards worked for Mr Brenfield of Heather.

Lance-Corporal W. H. Timmins, of the Guards' Trench Howitzer Battery, who died of wounds September 17th, 1916, was the eldest son of Mrs Timmins, Grange Road, Ibstock. When war broke out, he worked at Stanley's pit, near Nuneaton, and leaves a wife and seven children, who live in Stockingford. The following is a letter from the chaplain who buried him. *"October 12th, 1916 – Dear Mrs Timmins, Your husband was one of many sad cases that came to us in the middle of next month. He was wounded in the back and the wound penetrated to the stomach. For about a day he seemed to be going on all right, then suddenly he collapsed, and although everything possible was done for him, he passed away without regaining consciousness. He was buried by me with full military honours in the British Cemetery close to us, and a cross has been placed on his grave, which marks his last resting place. God bless you and your fatherless children. I only wish I could have sent you better news. Yours very truly, Ernest H. Hearn, chaplain."*

SHEPSHED FOOTBALLER KILLED

Mr and Mrs Joseph Rossell, Iveshead Road, Shepshed, have been officially informed that their son, Private R. Rossell, Leicestershire Regiment, has been killed in action in France. Deceased played for several seasons with the Shepshed Amateurs F.C., and later he joined the Albion team. He was also a playing member of the Oaks-in-Charnwood cricket club. He was highly respected and sincere sympathy is felt with his parents and brothers.

LEICESTERSHIRE CONSTABLE WINS MILITARY MEDAL

Among the names of the Leicestershire men who have gained the military medal published on Saturday morning, was that of Sergt. Wm. Norman. He was a member of the Leicestershire Constabulary, joining the forces in March, 1914, after having left the Leicestershire Regiment, with which he had served in India. Being a reservist, he was, of course, called up at the outbreak of war and rejoined his regiment in August last year. He was stationed at Hinckley, and was a native of Oadby where he was a well-known player for Oadby Rugby Club. He was also a member of the Leicestershire Regimental Rugby team.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Mr and Mrs H. Wharmby and Family, of Bakewell Street, Coalville, desire through this medium, to tender their sincere thanks to all friends for the many tokens and expressions of sympathy received on the occasion of the death of their dear son, Private Herbert G. Wharmby, recently killed in action. October 30th, 1916.

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ASHBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

THE PORTER'S EXEMPTION

It was reported that on the appeal of the Military Authorities, the Central Appeal Tribunal in London, had overruled the Leicestershire and Ashby Tribunals in allowing exemption to the workhouse porter, who was only allowed till December 1st.

The chairman asked the clerk whether he had an opportunity of appealing. The clerk replied in the negative, and said it was all done by correspondence. One of the questions put was what would they do if the man died? That was very unfair, because they might say that of everybody, and no man would be indispensable. Mr Briers asked what they could do now.

Mr Blakeley: *Nothing, only appeal to the Local Government Board.*

The clerk said there was no further appeal, and it would be useless them bringing it before the Local Government Board until they had made an effort to replace the porter. It was decided to advertise, and the chairman suggested that the porter should be medically examined in the meantime. That might affect the case.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

Nineteen cases were dealt with by the Coalville Tribunal at a meeting in the Council Chamber on Thursday night, when Mr T. Y. Hay presided, and there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, T. F. Fox, A. Lockwood, B. G. Hale, and A. J. Briers, with Mr German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Mr T. H. Moore (solicitor), Coalville, represented a Coalville photographer in an appeal for further time. Applicant was stated to be 38 years of age, married, with two children, and he claimed that his work was of national importance, being mainly the photographing of soldiers. Besides his wife and children, his aged mother was also dependent upon him. Answering the military representative, applicant said that many people came to him to reproduce photos of relatives they had lost at the Front, and he considered that of national importance. Two months allowed for medical examination.

A licensed victualler and farmer from Greenhill, aged 40, married, with five children asked for further exemption. He said he had 60 acres of land and milked three cows and also kept pigs and poultry. He put in two or three days a week, helping his father on the farm at Battleflat. Answering questions, he said he sold the milk. There was no eight hour days for him, sometimes he worked night and day. Mr Lockwood said milk supply was important now. The Government were stopping some farmers from making butter because the milk was wanted for hospitals. Two months were allowed for medical examination.

The clerk said he understood that all exemptions granted now were subject to medical examination, if the men had not already been medically examined. The chairman said that was so.

The clerk: *Then whether it is mentioned or not, I shall assume that it is so in each case.*

The Tribunal agreed.

A Bardon Hill farmer appealed for his son, aged 28, and single, described as a ploughman, cowman, and waggoner. Applicant, aged 66, said he was unable to work himself, and his son was the only man on the farm of 38 acres, on which there were 13 beasts, including 6 milkers. Answering questions, he said he had been unable to get anyone in his son's place. Two months were allowed.

A Coalville printer appealed for one of his men who is engaged chiefly on machine work in the printing office. The man was stated to be 28 years of age, and married, and the employer asked for temporary exemption until the voters' lists under the new Registration Bill, had been printed. He considered that work of national importance. At the time the appeal was made, it was anticipated the new Registration Bill would pass, but it had now been adjourned and he asked the Tribunal to adjourn the appeal till the Tribunal's next sitting to see whether in the meantime Parliament went on with the Bill. If not, he would withdraw the application, though he would be very sorry to lose the man, who was a most conscientious and good workman. Answering the military representative, applicant said the man had been medically examined and passed for general service.

Mr German: *Do you think if the Registration Bill does go forward that it will make any difference in the case of a man of 28 with no children, passed for general service?*

Applicant said that if the Bill was passed he could not get the lists printed without this man, and they were told that the lists were important. Other printers in the district were no better off than himself, being short-handed and one or two had closed down. Answering another question, he said the man had had 4 months' exemption altogether. The Tribunal agreed to an adjournment for a fortnight.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, represented a Hugglescote plastering contractor in an appeal for conditional exemption. He stated that the man was 34 years of age, and married, and had a lot of important work on hand. He had joined the V.T.C. One month was allowed for medical examination.

A Coalville draper, aged 32, married, with two children, appealed for further exemption, and was represented by Mr T. H. Moore. He had carried on the business for nine and a half years. He was regularly attending the drills of the V.T.C. One month, final, was allowed.

A Coalville firm of ironmongers appealed for the driver of a two-horse wagon, stating that he delivered oil to the farmers and local collieries. He was 33 years of age, married, and had four children. He was training with the V.T.C. One month final was allowed.

Mr Sharp, representing a Leicester firm of wholesale fruit merchants, appealed for their Coalville carter and salesman, aged 37, but it was not assented to. Also dismissed was the appeal of a Coalville tailoring firm for their manager and cutter, aged 32, and married.

Application was made by a Coalville painter, paperhanger, etc., who stated that he was 31 years of age, and was helping his father engaged in the same trade as well as carrying on his own business. One month allowed.

A Hugglescote plastering contractor, appealing for his man, who is 37 years of age, and resides at Coalville, stated that he was the only man now working for him. The man was passed for C3, and he had six children. He was replacing a plasterer 23 years of age. Three months granted.

A Hugglescote fruiterer, greengrocer, and provision dealer, aged 32, said it would mean ruin if he had to go on, as his wife could not carry on the business. He grew and brought fruit on a large scale, and at the present time had between 60 and 70 strike of apples to pick, with no one to help. One month allowed for medical examination.

The application of an Ellistown fruiterer, aged 25, married, was similarly dealt with. The case of a Coalville licensed victualler, aged 34, now working at Stableford's and for whom Mr J. J. Sharp appeared, was adjourned to be dealt with when other cases from the same firm are considered.

A boot and shoe repairer, aged 29, and married, who resides at Whitwick, and carries on business at Bagworth, stated that his chief work was repairing miner's boots. One month allowed for medical examination.

A bread deliverer, employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society appealed on domestic grounds. He said he was 38 years of age, and his wife was in feeble health. One month allowed for medical examination.

A Coalville carpenter and joiner, aged 39, and married, stated in his appeal that he formerly worked for Messrs. Griffin Bros. Hugglescote, but was now employed at Messrs. Stableford's works. The case was adjourned, to be dealt with when others from the same firm are considered. Similarly dealt with was an application by a Coalville man, aged 38, and married, who has been employed at Messrs. Stableford's works for nine years as a shearer.

A Coalville grocer, and general dealer, and off-license holder, aged 39, who said he had been in the business for 10 years, was allowed two months. Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for him.

HUGGLESCOTE

Mr W. Fellows, headmaster of the Hugglescote Council School, has received a letter from a former Hugglescote miner, Private Nathan Partner, now serving with the forces in India. Having expressed thanks for a parcel received from the teachers and scholars of the school, he goes on to state that he is on garrison police duty, about 320 miles north of Calcutta. The heat is almost unbearable, and they have a difficulty in quenching their thirst. They are troubled a good deal by various insects, and especially the mosquitoes, which are a regular pest. It seems years to him since he last saw his wife and children, and he will be heartily glad to rejoin them. Though the conditions are trying they are doing their best. He refers to the "Coalville Times" and hopes extracts from his letter will be published.

BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Market Bosworth Rural District was held in the old board-room on Tuesday. Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presided, and there were present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, G. M. Arnold, W. Towers, Major Wollaston, and Mr R. Hanmer (military representatives), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

The chairman said he wished it to be known that it was no use dissatisfied appellants writing to him about the decisions of the Tribunal. They had their remedy in the Appeal Court. He objected to having cases brought before him, he was only one of the Tribunal. It was utterly useless for anyone to bombard him with complaints. It was only a waste of the paper and a penny stamp. It was also stated that these remarks applied to other individual members of the Tribunal.

A Sutton Cheney farmer who had appealed for his labourer, aged 18, offered to release the man when he became of military age, provided an application he would make for another man would be taken into account. The Tribunal agreed.

The military representative appealed against a second six-months' certificate granted to the son of a local Baptist minister, contending that it was expedient in the national interest that the man should not be retained in civil employment. It was stated that the man was single, aged 22 years of age, formerly employed in the teaching profession. He had been medically examined, and passed for garrison duty abroad. B1. The chairman said that settled it. The clerk said it was for the applicant to show now whether there was any reason why the certificate should not be withdrawn. The reverend gentlemen said he was entirely dissatisfied with the decisions of the Army doctors, and was amazed at it. The young man was only before the doctors for two minutes and no doctor could understand him in that time.

The chairman: *It rests between you and the War Office.*

The Minister: *I have communicated with the War Office, and am awaiting their reply.*

He added that he had a letter from the doctor whom the boy was under for five months.

The chairman: *I am afraid we can't do anything to it now.*

Applicant: *If that is British justice I fail to see where it comes in. This Tribunal is here, I take it, to see that the Military Authorities do not take anyone whom it would be an injustice to take.*

The clerk: *The law also states that if anybody is passed by the Army Medical Board it is not the concern of the Tribunal whether the Board is right or wrong.*

Applicant: *That may be the law, but it is not justice. I am afraid there is something behind all this, if half what I heard is true.*

The chairman: *You must not believe all you hear.*

The Tribunal granted the military appeal, and revoked the certificate.

The military representative also raised the question of exemption granted to the three sons of a Stapleton farmer, contending that one of them should be taken. It was not contended that all the facts had not been

disclosed. The three men are all single, aged 20, 23 and 26. It was decided to adjourn the case for three weeks while the men were medically examined, on the understanding that one would be taken. It was stated there were four sons working on the farm.

Another appeal by the military was against the exemption of a Carlton cowman, 18. It was stated that the mother of the lad was a widow, and had four sons in the Army. The chairman said that the youth would be taken but being on a dairy farm, he would be safe till April 1st.

A young single farmer of Kirkby Mallory, aged 22, appealing for exemption, said he was managing the farm of his brother, who is serving in France. The farm was 130 acres. Allowed till March 21st.

Mr Bigg, solicitor, Leicester, represented a Bagworth brick firm in an appeal for a stationary engineman, aged 40. He had a letter from the Ministry of Munitions stating that it was a reserved occupation. Allowed six months.

A Stapleton farmer was allowed till March 31st for his man, aged 27, and married, with three children. He had 258 acres.

A Pinwall farmer appealed for his cowman, aged 19. He said he had 220 acres and milked 47 cows. The chairman said these single young men would all have to go.

Applicant: *I don't think it has become so bad in England that they will take the last man I have got. The next door neighbour has two or three men of the same age.*

The Chairman: *They will have to go.*

Allowed till March 31st, subject to substitution.

Similar exemption was allowed a Stapleton farmer for his man, aged 34, married, who had been passed for C3.

A Ratby plumber, aged 23, and married, had his appeal dismissed. He formerly worked on munitions, and was told he should not have left.

A Markfield insurance agent, aged 38, married with three children, applied for leave to appeal. The application was stated to be out of date, but the man said he attested and was under the impression that he had not to appeal until he was called up. Leave was granted. He then stated that he appealed on the grounds of his wife's health. He was formerly a quarryman and became an insurance agent on account of his health. He had been passed for general service. Appeal dismissed.

An Ibstock butcher, aged 26 and single, appealed for exemption, having been passed in B2. He was in partnership with his brother, who was too unwell to carry on alone, and he also helped his father in a blacksmith's business at Odstone, in place of another butcher who had gone. The appeal was dismissed.

A Stapleton wheelwright appealed for his blacksmith, aged 21. The case had been adjourned for a fortnight for the man to be medically examined, and he passed B2. Allowed till December 31st.

A Shenton farmer was allowed till December 31st for his son, aged 28 and single who is a horseman, and milker.

Other cases were: Sheepy farmer, 6 months; Stanton-under-Bardon dairy farmer, 6 months; Barlestone stockman and milker, December 31st; Upton farm hand, December 31st; Ibstock wheelwright, 3 months; Market Bosworth mail driver, 3 months; Sutton ploughman, December 31st; Bagworth cowman and shepherd, December 31st; Sheepy farm bailiff and waggoner, December 31st; and Ibstock blacksmith, 3 months.

The clerk said that cleared off all the cases received up to that morning, and it would not be necessary to meet again for three weeks.

**TEMPORARY WAR MEMORIAL TO LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE
OFFICERS AND MEN**

At the instance of the Mayor of Leicester, it is proposed to erect in the Town Hall Square at Leicester, a temporary memorial to record the names of Sailors and Soldiers who have been killed or died during this Great War in the service of King and Country. For this purpose, I shall be obliged if the next-of-kin or relatives will send to me before November 30th the following information:

- 1 Names in full
- 2 Ship or Regiment
- 3 Rank, Rating, and Regimental Number
- 4 Name of Town or Parish in Leicestershire where the Soldier or Sailor resided before the war.

W. J. Freer
Clerk to the Lieutenancy
10, New Street, Leicester

November 9th, 1916

MARKET BOSWORTH POLICE COURT

SOLDIER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

George Holmes (19), private, Lancashire Regiment, on remand from Hinckley, was charged with office breaking at Desford Industrial School on October 29th.

Charles Oxley, supt. of the school, said that on the morning in question, he saw that his office had been entered, the safe duplicate keys were missing from a drawer and the safe was open. He missed seven £1 notes, three half sovereigns, and £4 in silver, also two boxes of cigarettes. The window was slightly open and there were dirty footmarks on the floor. There was soil on the window ledge and the plants had been trodden down outside.

P.C. Smith said he charged the prisoner with the offence and cautioned him. He replied, *"I am sorry I did it, I only had two £1 notes. I want to get out of the army and go back to the navy."*

An officer of the regiment said the prisoner was with them for a month and during that time he committed no crime. Accused was committed for trial to the Quarter Sessions and on the army authorities taking him over was allowed bail on his own recognisances.

As the Sessions are not till January, the officer asked how it would be if the defendant went to France in the meantime. The chairman said he did not know about that.

The officer: *You won't mind?*

The chairman nodded assent. The officer was asked to notify the police if defendant left for France before his trial.

COALVILLE SOLDIERS' COMFORTS GUILD

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The second annual meeting of the Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors Comforts Guild, was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night. Mrs T. Hatter presided.

Mrs Bourne (Whitwick) proposed a vote of thanks to the officers, which was heartily accorded, and they were re-elected en block, as follows: President, Miss Hosking; hon. secretary, Mrs Baldwin; assistant hon. secretary, Mrs S. W. Brown; hon. treasurer, Mrs T. W. Farmer; and hon. auditor, Mr B. G. Hale, J.P.

In her annual report, Mrs Baldwin stated that there were now the names of 1,360 soldiers from that district on the books, and they had been supplied with the following articles: 4,619 pairs of socks, 934 mufflers, 953 pairs of mittens, 600 body belts, 234 helmets, 221 shirts, 580 tins of body ointment and powder, 756 boxes and packets of cigarettes, and 102 miscellaneous articles, including pants, vests, mouth organs, chocolates, cricket bats, footballs, gloves, writing paper, magazines, etc. In response to these parcels they had received 1,375 letters, and the warmth of the thanks contained in many of them proved how necessary was the work which the Guild was doing and how keenly it was appreciated by the men.

She was pleased to be able to report that the quantity of work sent in during last month was more than satisfactory, but they must still increase their efforts if they were to keep pace with the requirements of the men and send out parcels promptly.

A financial statement, given by Mrs Farmer showed that since October 1914, when the Guild was first organised, they had received up to date, the sum of £831 2s 3d. Of this, they had spent £740 17s 8d, leaving a balance of £90 4s 7d. For the first two months, their average expenditure was under £10 per month, from January 1915 to June 1915, it exceeded £41, and the average for the whole period was £32 per month, but at the present time, the expenditure was at the rate of £60 per month.

The reports were considered satisfactory and the need for more funds and more helpers was emphasised.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Workman of the Coalville Urban Council are to receive a war bonus of 4/6 each per week?

Ellistown people are making a collection to send Christmas parcels to their soldiers, and have already raised £50?

The Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors Comforts Guild have received £7 from the Hugglescote Horticultural Society?

There was a "round up" by the police at the Coalville cattle sale on Tuesday, men of military age being questioned?

The first meeting of the Naval and Military War Pensions Committee for the Market Bosworth district was held on Tuesday last?

The marriage arranged between Miss Edith Rawdon-Hastings and Captain Huddleston will take place at Edinburgh, on December 12th?

The patriotic lecture recently given at Ravenstone by the Master of the Hospital, realised £5 13s 6d for the Coalville and District Soldiers and Sailors Comforts Guild?

Wigston is to give Sergeant Boulter, V.C., a public welcome on his return from Buckingham Palace after receiving his Victoria Cross from the King?

Over 400 men from Ashby have joined the Forces, and an appeal is being made by the chairman of the Urban Council, Mr C. E. Parsons to the townspeople to raise £100 to send each soldier a Christmas present?

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday evening an impressive service was held in the Coalville London Road Baptist Church in memory of thirteen former scholars of the Sunday School who have fallen in action. Their names are, Lieut. Ford,

Lieut. T. Dooley, D.C.M., Sergeant Alfred Wesson, Sergeant G. H. Wesson, Privates C. W. Jewsbury, H. G. Wharmby, Clifford Scott, T. Black, E. S. Boot, F. Martin, Jos. Wardle, James Wardle and J. Martin.

There was a large congregation which included the members of the Coalville Volunteer Training Corps, under the command of Commandant J. S. Turner. The pastor, the Rev. F. Pickbourne, conducted the service and gave an appropriate address. The choir rendered Sullivan's "Homeland" and Mr J. H. Starkey (organist) played a funeral march by Beethoven. Suitable hymns were also sung by the congregation.

LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN

PRIVATE WM. YOUNG



As briefly reported in our last issue, Private William Young, of the West Riding Regiment, was killed on October 24th. Before the war he worked for Messrs. Griffin Bros., builders. His widowed mother, formerly of Hugglescote, but now residing at Leicester, has received the following letter from the deceased's captain.

"I am extremely sorry to have to inform you that your son, William Young, was killed yesterday morning. He, along with several of his comrades, was asleep in his tent, when a German aeroplane dropped bombs near it. He, along with some of his comrades, was killed. Death was instantaneous so that he did not suffer any pain. His loss is deeply regretted by all ranks in the regiment, and especially by his officers and comrades in the company. He was very popular with all ranks. May I assure you of my deepest sympathy in your great trouble."

PRIVATE J. T. WILLIAMSON



Killed in action at Neuve Chapelle, over 18 months ago, the death of this soldier, formerly of Coalville, has now been confirmed.

FORMER BAGWORTH SOLDIER KILLED

Mrs Lovett, of Bagworth, has received news that her only son, Private James Lovett, has been killed in action. He leaves a wife and three children, who are now residing in Barnsley.

The company lieutenant, writing to the widow, states *"It is with the greatest regret that I inform you of the death of your husband. His was a brave end. He was hit by a piece of shell when helping to release a man who was buried. He will be sadly missed by us all, officers and men alike. I have been his platoon commander for the last ten months, and always found him to be one of the best of my men. Please accept my deepest sympathy for you in your great loss."*

LANCE-CORPORAL DALE



One of the Coalville men recently reported in the official lists of Leicesters missing, was L-Corporal Alfred Dale, whose home is at 27, Victoria Street, Coalville.

In reply to an enquiry by the parents, Lieut. Kidd writes, *"Your son was in my company on September 15th when this battalion went into action. I am sorry to say that he has been reported as missing, and we are still trying to find out what has happened to him. He was one of the best N.C.O.'s in my company, and I wish I had him with me now."*

LANCE-COPORAL W. H. TIMMINS



In reference to the death of Lance-Corporal W. H. Timmins, of the Guards Trench Howitzer Battery, who was the son of Mrs Timmins of Grange Road, Ibstock, the deceased's wife, who is now residing at Stockingford, near Nuneaton, has received the following letter from the captain of the regiment.

"I have heard from Pte. Pendleton, of this battery, that your husband, Lance-Corporal Timmins, has died of wounds which he received on September 15th. I write to offer you my sincere sympathy. Your loss is indeed very great. I have known your husband for a long time; he was in my platoon before he came to this battery and I have always felt the greatest respect for him, as a brave man and a hard-working and reliable soldier. He had many friends in the battery and his loss is felt as much by the officers as by the men. I am sending you a few things of his which we have been able to recover."

PRIVATE A. DUNNICLIFFE



As reported in our last issue, Private A. Dunicliffe, of the R.G.A., formerly of Ibstock, was killed in action on October 15th.

FORMER WHITWICK SOLDIER KILLED

Mr J. T. Ward, manager of the Ellistown brickworks, who resides at North Street, Hugglescote, has received news that his grandson, Jos. Lowe, has been killed in action. Deceased was the son of Mr B. Lowe, of King's Norton, who formerly resided at Leicester Road, Whitwick.

COMMISSION FOR ELISTOWN SURVEYOR

LIEUTENANT J. EMMERSON'S MILITARY RECORD



Mr Jabez Emmerson, who has been gazetted a second-lieutenant in the Leicestershire Regiment, was at the time war broke out, the colliery surveyor at the Ellistown Collieries. He very early enlisted in the Leicesters at Coalville and was one of the first fifty to leave the town on the 30th October, 1914 for further training. He went to France in February 1915. He was in the now famous battle of the Hohenzollern Redoubt, and was fortunate to get through without being wounded.

Prior to this, he was commandeered, being a surveyor, to take charge of some mine sapping work, and it was during the period he was in charge of the party driving a tunnel for a mine that they cut into a German tunnel, and found it charged, with wires connected up, ready for firing. With great presence of mind, the wires were cut, and the ground searched for other possible wires, when they carried out 1400 lbs of explosives. For this he, with other members of the party, was given the D.C.M. He was

subsequently recommended for a promotion by the Brigadier-General supported by Colonel Jones, of the Leicesters.

Coming home in July, he was sent to Ayrshire as a cadet, being made order-sergeant very shortly after getting into training. He passed the examination last week as an officer after a few weeks' hard study, and came fairly near the top.

He commenced his military service as a private, was successively lance-corporal, corporal, and lance-sergeant, and now, as has been stated, holds a commission which dates from October 25th. He was decorated with his D.C.M. by Viscount French in Glasgow, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Lord Roberts Memorial.

COMMISSION FOR MR. H. B. DREWETT

In last Thursday's military appointments in the "Times" the name of Mr H. B. Drewett appeared, gazetted 2nd Lieutenant. Mr Drewett has just completed 12 months' service in the Inns of Court O.T.C. and is now transferred to the 4th Battalion, East Yorks, of which regiment his brother, the late Lieut. C. Drewett, was an officer in the 12th Battalion.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Mr and Mrs T. Beniston, of Scotland's Road, Coalville, wish to thank most sincerely all friends for expressions of sympathy with them on the death of their son, Frank, killed in action.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Private G. Ward, of Barlestone, is officially reported to have been killed in action. He was in the Leicestershire Regiment.

The following men of the Leicestershire Regiment are officially reported missing:

L-Corporal A. Dale; Privates J. E. Hibbert, and W. T. Mace, all of Coalville.

Among the wounded of the Leicestershire Regiment in recently published official lists, appeared the names of L-Corporal W. Needham (Ibstock); Privates J. Heywood (Markfield), S. Richards (New Swannington), and W. Spence (Coalville).

Mr A. H. Hammond, carpenter and joiner, of Highfields Street, Coalville, has been notified that his brother, Private Chas, Ed. Hammond, of the Worcestershire Regiment was killed in action on October 2nd, by a trench mortar. He was a single man, 19 years of age, and was a native of Malvern, but he lived in Coalville for some years and learnt his trade as a carpenter with his brother, when the latter was in business with Mr Newman, trading as Newman and Hammond, builders, Coalville. The deceased was a former member of the Coalville Men's Adult School.

Mr and Mrs J. T. Benistone, of the Scotland's Road, Coalville, have now been officially notified that their son, Private Frank Benistone, of the Royal Sussex Regiment, has been killed in action. They had previously received the news from a friend of the deceased. Private Benistone was formerly a collier, and a member of the Coalville Coronation Band.

In the official lists published on Wednesday, Sergeant A. Holbrook, of Bardon Hill, was reported killed. He was in the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private W. H. Wykes, of Ashby, is reported to have died of wounds. He belonged to the Leicestershire Regiment.

Further official lists of wounded contained the names of the following men of the Leicestershire Regiment:

Corporal W. Revell, L-Corporals F. Parker and G. H. Wildgoose, Private W. M. Fern, all of Coalville. Privates J. W. Kinton and P. Whittaker, of Whitwick, Private W. Wright, Thringstone, and Private F. Towersly, Ellistown.

KILLED IN ACTION

Mr and Mrs Dunkley, of Packington, have received news that their son, Gunner Ralph Read Dunkley, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, was killed in action on October 20th. He was 24 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child. Before the outbreak of war he was in the employ of Mr Johnston German. A letter from the chaplain of the battalion in which he served speaks very highly of his work in the Army. Much sympathy is expressed with Mr and Mrs Dunkley and family in their bereavement.

Official news has been received that Private Joseph Fern, of the Royal North Lancashire Regiment, was killed in action on October 25th. He was 21 years of age, and was formerly employed at Hunter's Stores, Coalville. His parents reside at Crescent Road, Hugglescote. He had only been five weeks in France.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr A. W. Faire, the county director of the Leicestershire Territorial Force Association, has been elected a member of the Leicestershire Territorial Association. This is a fitting recognition of the valuable work he has done in connection with the V.A.D. movement during the war, and of his keen, practical interest in ambulance activities for some years past.

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ASHBY POLICE COURT

AN ABSENTEE

Cecil Bagnall, (28), clerk, of Ashby, was charged with being an absentee under the Military Services Act. Defendant said he only arrived from Canada on October 10th, and was not aware that he had to report himself. He wanted to join the Aviation Corps, but had not yet been able to do so. He had been in Canada

five years and when he tried to enlist there was rejected, through bad teeth and eyesight. He came to England really to recruit his health.

The chairman said the Bench had no alternative but to fine him £2, and hand him over to the military authorities.

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ASHBY RURAL TRIBUNAL

MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AND THE MINERS

Twenty-three cases were dealt with at a meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Ashby Rural District, held at the clerk's office, Ashby, on Saturday last. Mr T. Varnham, J.P., presided, and there were also present, Messrs. F. C. Stevenson, J. T. Bradshaw, J. Rice, and A. Riley, Mr J. R. Champion (agricultural representative), Captain Phillimore (military representative), Mr W. Baldwin (military secretary), and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

Mr J. W. Fowler wrote regretting that he was unable to attend that day. A letter was also received from Mr Dolman, of Snibston Lodge Farm, thanking the Tribunal for allowing him to retain his man, Springthorpe, during the harvest, and he could now spare him. The military representative said he would make a note of that. It was then stated that Springthorpe had that day been sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing bacon and pork from the Coalville Co-Operative Society's slaughterhouse and cloth from a Coalville draper.

The Hinckley Urban Council applied for the exemption of three men employed on the Snarestone waterworks. A representative of the Council said they must have two enginemen, and two stokers to work the double shift. The chairman pointed out that the staff at the Tamworth pumping station consisted of an old man, 73 or 74, and an assistant from Measham, who had been working in a cycle business, and they pumped the water for 34,000 people, whereas they had four at Snarestone, which supplied 23,000 people. The Council representative said they had advertised in several papers for men to replace these applied for, but only got one reply. The chairman asked what wages were offered, and the reply was 27s a week. The chairman said that was not a farm labourer's wage. It was suggested that the reason no applications were received was because few men cared to go to such a place as Snarestone.

The chairman: *You must not say it is an uncivilised place, because I live close to* (laughter).

In the case of a man 26, the application was not assented to; a man passed for B1, aged 35, was given one month (final), and in the case of the man, 33, it was adjourned for medical exemption.

Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby), represented a Measham lady butcher in an appeal for her son, aged 33, and single. The case had been adjourned for medical examination, and it was now stated that the man had been passed for B1. The chairman said they had a practical butcher, aged 39, whom they could substitute. He could do the buying and killing and his exemption depended on him being able to do this for someone to release a man. Mr Musson said it would be rough on the applicant if the substitute was not satisfactory and her son had gone. It was agreed to allow one month, with no right of further appeal if the substitute proves satisfactory.

Application was made by Mr Mammatt, of Ashby, for a Measham cycle dealer, 30, who is also working as a stoker at the Tamworth waterworks. He is married, with two children. Mr Clarson, the Tamworth surveyor, said he would release the man if a satisfactory substitute could be found, but he thought substitution was a farce until it was made compulsory. It would be chaos if this man had to go at once. He (Mr Clarson) was military representative to two Tribunals, and had only lost two appeals out of 93 at Stafford. He appealed now, however, as engineer of the waterworks at Tamworth, and urged that he must retain this man. He would not willingly keep a man from the army if it could be avoided. His own son was serving in France. The appeal on domestic grounds was dismissed, but it was decided that the man have conditional exemption while at the waterworks, on Mr Clarson promising to release him if a suitable substitute could be found.

Conditional exemption was granted to a Measham boot and shoe manufacturing for his son, the manager of his factory. The chairman said he recently went over the factory, and found it a regular beehive and if the manager was taken the bees would have nothing to do.

A Heather butcher, 39, passed for B1 whose case came up for review, said he was willing to give two days a week to a Measham butcher to release a man there. One month allowed on him doing this.

A Ravenstone licensed victualler, aged 39, and married, in his application said he was also a practical miner, and was willing to work in the mine. The military representative said this man was a very practical miner, and the management at one of the mines in the Coalville area, were prepared to release two or three single young men if they could have this man.

The chairman: *But the Board of Trade will not allow them to be released. We are told they can't be spared.*
Mr Bradshaw: *They can spare a lot.*

The military representative said this would be a good case to fight out, and if they could not arrange this substitution it would show how the colliery courts were being conducted. Applicant said he had been told by a colliery official that he would release three single men if they could have him. If the Tribunal would allow him he could go into the pit on Monday.

Mr Stevenson: *We should be satisfied with one young man for this man.*

The clerk said this was a splendid case for substitution. The man was passed B2. The military representative said the difficulty was that as the law stood he could not touch the young miners. The chairman said that after reading what Mr Asquith said to the miners, he did not think it was any use trying to get men out of the pit. The military representative suggested that the Tribunal should pass a resolution on the matter, and forward it to the proper quarter. Eventually, the man was allowed till January 1st.

A Measham plumber, appealing for his son, said he had three sons in the army, and this was the only one left. The case was adjourned for medical examination.

A grocer, general dealer, and licensed hawk, of Highfields, Coalville, aged 39, married, appealed for further exemption. It had been suggested that he should assist the Coalville Co-Operative Society's butcher, and he was willing to do so for two days a week, but they wanted him full time. Answering questions, he said he would try to put in three days a week, and he was allowed till January 1st, the military representative to take up the matter with a view to a single man being released.

Conditional exemption was granted a Ravenstone man, aged 31, of no occupation. Mr Mammatt said the man had been passed C3. He was suffering from valvular disease of the heart.

The military representative asked for a review of a certificate granted to a Coleorton farmer, aged 35, and married, son of a licensed victualler, for whom Mr Mammatt appeared, and on it being stated that the man had not been medically examined, the case was adjourned for three weeks for this to be done. A similar course was adopted in the case of a Blackfordby farmer.

The military representative asked for the withdrawal of absolute exemption granted to the son of a Thringstone smallholder and milkseller. The man is 25, and single, and it was held that a collier brother could assist. The latter was 24, and single. Mr Jesson, for the applicant said the facts were no different now from when the man was granted exemption. The military representative said the difference was that single men were more urgently wanted for the army. Mr Jesson said the man supplied 80 customers on a milk round. The military representative said a female could do it. Allowed till January 1st for substitution.

Objection was also raised by the military representative to exemption granted to an Appleby Magna farm bailiff, aged 36. The man did not appear, and his employer did not appeal. The application of Captain Phillimore was allowed, and the certificate was withdrawn.

Another case raised by the military representative was as to conditional exemption granted to the single son, aged 31, of an Osgathorpe farmer, it being contended that he should be substituted. As the man is about to be medically examined, the case was adjourned pending the result.

Similar cases were those of a Measham farmer, and a Measham butcher, which was adjourned for medical examination.

An Appleby farmer, aged 32, married, appealed for further exemption. He said he had 60 acres of land, three milking cows, 16 young stock, 20 pigs, two horses, and 25 sheep. Mr Jesson said the man was also a public carrier. He had three children. Adjourned for medical examination.

A Pegg's Green farmer and pig dealer, aged 39, married, with one child, appealed for further exemption. He had been passed B2. He said he had been helping farmers in the district three days a week. Conditional exemption was allowed on him being willing to substitute another man when called to do so.

In the case of a Coleorton farmer's appeal for his man, single, aged 20, it was stated that the appeal was withdrawn, as the man had enlisted.

An Oakthorpe farmer, appealing for his son, aged 19, employed as his horseman and milker, said he had one son in France. He required the son at home to help him on his farm of 65 acres. He had 12 milking cows. Adjourned for medical examination.

ASHBY URBAN TRIBUNAL

At the meeting of this Tribunal on Thursday night last, there were nine applications by the military representative for withdrawal of certificates of exemption previously granted. With the exception of one they were all adjourned for medical examination, and in the one case, that of a groom and cattle man the certificate was withdrawn, and a new one issued for exemption to January 9th.

A clerk produced a certificate from a private specialist, stating that he was unfit. Adjourned for re-examination by medical board.

A milk seller's application was also adjourned for medical examination.

A motor engineer's apprentice, aged 19, single, was refused, as was a solicitor's clerk, whilst a coal merchant, 38, married, was granted conditional exemption.

LEICESTER STREET SHRINES

In St. Michael's parish in the Melton Road district of Leicester, a very modest shrine has been erected in many of the streets. It consists of a glazed frame exhibiting the names, neatly inscribed, of those men serving their country who formerly resided, or whose families are residing in this street, and with a prayer for their safety. The cases are surmounted with small flags of the Allies, and fresh flowers are provided by the neighbours. The inhabitants of such thoroughfares as Jermyn Street, Flax Road, Cannon Street, and others, are very proud of the local war shrines which have the sympathetic interest of most people.

GALLANT LEICESTERS

30 MORE AWARDED MEDALS

TWO YEOMAN IN THE LIST

The "London Gazette" of Friday night contained a long list of awards of the Military Medal for bravery in the field and of the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of valuable services rendered with the armies in the field. Among them are the following 30 local non-commissioned officers and men, 27 of whom, belonging to the Leicestershire Regiment, have won the Military Medal, one the Meritorious Service Medal, whilst the other two go to men of the Leicestershire Yeomanry.

MILITARY MEDALS

LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

3489 Private W. E. Allen
1768 Sergeant H. Beardmore
1581 Corporal G. A. Bent
2406 Private F. W. Braybrooke
1633 Private (L/C) T. Carter

2181 Private F. Clapham
467 Sergeant E. Diggle
5 Sergeant T. G. Dobson
3444 Private E. G. Fish
2203 Corporal E. Foulds
2266 Private (L/C) W. Gamble
1764 Sergeant H. W. Gillam
2285 Sergeant R. H. Goodman
2653 Corporal (L/Sgt) S. C. Harding
4190 Private F. Harvey
1557 Private T. W. Hawksworth
2536 Sergeant W. Herbert
2863 Private C. W. Jones
2320 Private C. B. Love
2695 Sergeant C. F. Miller
2819 Private J. G. More
3021 Private M. O'Brien
4619 Corporal C. Peers
1196 Corporal W. Pickering
1224 Private G. T. Slaymaker
1558 Sergeant B. Staniforth
1123 Private (L/C) G. F. Wright

YEOMANRY

2185 Sergeant E. N. Meakin
1900 Private W. Sutton

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

3595 Sergeant-Major H. Cox, Leicestershire Regiment

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NINE MORE LEICESTERS HONOURED

FOUR M.C.'S; FIVE D.C.M.'S

Among a long list of honours published in the "London Gazette" on Tuesday night, are the following awards to officers and men of the Leicestershire Regiment, for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:

MILITARY CROSS

Captain John Wilford Eric Mosse, Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his company had suffered heavy casualties he rallied the remainder under very heavy fire from machine guns and snipers, and formed a firing line close to the enemy's trench. He showed great skill and determination in organising the left front of the battalion.

Temporary Second-Lieutenant Frank Bruce Robertson, Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He performed most valuable work requiring great courage, twice passing through a very heavy barrage to obtain information. Previously he had done fine work.

9/14595 Coy. S-Major, Wesley Garner Frier, Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. After his company had suffered severely, he rallied it under heavy fire, and led it against parties of the enemy still holding the wood. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

9/13609 Coy. S-Major Robert Hancock, Leicestershire Regiment

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. Under very heavy fire, he collected men from various units and consolidated the position, constantly exposing himself in order to encourage the men. He was finally wounded.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

8123 Private S. Garner, Leicestershire Regiment

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly carried messages under very heavy fire, regardless of danger, between the battalion headquarters and companies. His promptness in so doing was of great value to his commanding officer.

7284 Sergt. F. Hull, Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon throughout the operations with great courage and determination. He has previously done fine work.

18258 Private S. Newbold, Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He tended the wounded under very heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination. He has previously done fine work.

5170 Coy. S-Major E. Sargeant, Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assisted his company commander in forming a firing line very close to the enemy by walking about in the open and rallying men of his own and another company with great courage. He was severely wounded.

8714 Sergt. F. Steggles, Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon with great courage and determination. He rendered most valuable service throughout.

LOUGHBOROUGH FAMILY'S FINE RECORD

A fine record of family patriotism is held by Mr and Mrs W. Ludlam, of 56, Broad Street, Loughborough who have six sons in the army, one of whom was unhappily killed a few days ago. The eldest, William, is now in Mesopotamia. He is married, and his wife and three children live in Glebe Street, Loughborough. The next son, Leonard, is in France with the Hussars. Percy is in the R.A.M.C. at Sheffield, and Bert is in the Devonshire Regiment abroad. Jack, who was killed on November 1st, was in the Lancashires, and Horace, the youngest son, has joined the Leicesters, but being only 18 years of age, is waiting at home till he reaches the age for service. Mr Ludlam, the father of these fine half-dozen, is himself in munition work.

LEICESTER MILITARY WEDDING

The wedding took place at St. James' Church, Aylestone, on Tuesday afternoon, of Company Sergeant-Major Joseph Winder, D.C.M. of the Seaforths, son of Mr Harry Winder, of 35, Milligan Road, and one of six brothers serving in the army, and Miss Ellen Mary (Nellie) Shrubsole, daughter of Mr J. E. Shrubsole, of Cavendish Road, Unionist agent for the Market Harborough Division. There was a large attendance at the church, and a guard of honour was provided by the Church Lad's Brigade, of which the bridegroom was formerly a member.

ASHBY

THE VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Company had a Church parade on Sunday, attending the Wesleyan Church, where a memorial service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Sharpley, in memory of Privates A. Smith (Canadians), P. Whitlock, H. W. Wykes and Litherland. Private Jenkins, of the Volunteers, read the lesson.

COALVILLE WAR HOSPITAL

COLLIER'S MEETING

A meeting of the colliers at the Desford No. 1 and No. 2 pits was held on Thursday afternoon last to consider the recommendation of the council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association to contribute 6d per man, and boys under 16, and banksman, 3d, for two weeks towards the proposed war hospital at Coalville. It was unanimously agreed to do so.

At a meeting of the Whitwick miners on Friday, the recommendation of the council to pay the hospital contributions was unanimously agreed to.

Meetings at South Leicestershire No. 1 and No. 2 and Ibstock and Bagworth Collieries also passed similar resolutions.

IBSTOCK

WESLEYAN CHURCH

In connection with the deaths of Privates Albert Dunicliffe and Holland, on active service, as reported in our last issue, an impressive memorial service was held at the above place of worship on Sunday afternoon last, which was attended by relatives and friends of the deceased scholars. The Rev. T. Cottam (Coalville) conducted the service and based his very appropriate remarks on the text Numbers 22 – 18. "We will not return unto our house until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance." The reverend gentleman expressed sympathy with the parent and friends of the two soldiers who had made the supreme sacrifice in the course of duty to King and country, and urged the comforting assurances that no man could perform a greater deed than that of laying down his life for the cause of righteousness and freedom.

Councillor W. Eggington, J.P., read over their roll of honour, which was inscribed with 25 names of which Privates Dunicliffe and Holland had now fallen, and six others had been seriously wounded. He said he had been connected with that Sunday School for 40 years, and during that period had always endeavoured to instil into the minds of the scholars the great Christian principles of unselfish service and the living of lives of helpfulness and usefulness, and he was glad that it was in this spirit the two scholars who had now made supreme sacrifice had answered their country's call. Mr Elson presided at the organ, and played the 'Dead March' in Saul.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

An appeal has recently been issued to surveyors and civil engineers by Brigadier-General Maybury, the late chief engineer of the Road Board to offer their services and do all they can to enlist the help of workmen for road making in France, and in response to the appeal, Mr L. L. Baldwin, surveyor to the Coalville Urban District Council, on Tuesday night obtained the Council's sanction to place his services at the disposal of the Military Authorities.

LEICESTERSHIRE VOLUNTEER REGIMENT

2ND BATTALION, COALVILLE COMPANY

Orders week ending November 25th, 1916. – Mounted Troop

The initial effort of the above was made on Sunday last, nine horsemen meeting at Mr G. F. Burton's, Whitwick. It is proposed to meet each Sunday at farms in the neighbourhood, when drill and instruction will be given by Sergeant Major Charles Peach of Holly Hayes, Whitwick, late of the Leicestershire Yeomanry. Colonel E.M.P. de Lisle has promised to take an interest in the Troop. Each man will be required to take the oath and service in the Troop, complies with the requirements of the Tribunal. Men wishing to join will meet at the farm of Mr Leo. P. McCarthy, Meadow Lane, Coalville, at 2.30 on Sunday next, the 19th inst. Splendid opportunities will be afforded of breaking in young horses and fitting them for the service of the country. The venue will be given in the weekly order of the Coalville company.

J. S. Turner. Commandant

Orderly – A. Harrison

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

CASES OF ALL SINGLE MEN AND UNDER 30 TO BE REVIEWED

MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AND COALVILLE SOLICITOR

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

Also present were Colonel Thorold, officer commanding at Lichfield, and Major Heath, of Wigston, who were introduced by Captain Stevenson, the local recruiting officer. Colonel Thorold addressed the meeting, and was thanked by the Tribunal for his remarks and advice.

The clerk read a letter from the Wigston Barracks, enclosing an instruction from the War Office for military representatives and members of Tribunals to be invited to meetings of the medical boards when men are being examined. Dates of meetings of the Boards were given and it was stated that facilities would be given for members of the Tribunal to be present in order to enable them to be in a position to challenge statements of men who complained of unfair treatment before the medical boards. Mr Drewett said it did not apply to them at present, as there had been no such cases.

The chairman: *We have had no complaints.*

Mr McCarthy said he had heard complaints of groups of men being kept waiting undressed, for an undue length of time. It was a matter of organisation. The clerk said this dealt more particularly with men who when before the medical boards made bogus complaints of illness.

Another letter was read from Wigston Barracks dealing with the question of substitution, and this was discussed in private. On the suggestion of Colonel Thorold, Mr McCarthy moved that men appearing before the Tribunal should first be medically examined and produce the medical certificate to the Tribunal. Mr Drewett supported this. Mr Hale said there was not always time for them to be examined. The clerk said Colonel Thorold (who had now left the meeting) intimated that medical boards were going to visit different districts to facilitate the examination. Mr Brown said men ought not to have to go to Leicester to be examined. If it could be done locally it would be much better. The Tribunal agreed and the resolution was adopted.

A Coalville printer withdrew an appeal for his man, which stood adjourned. He wrote that the Government did not appear to be going on with the Registration Bill, so that the printing of voters' lists would not be necessary. As promised, therefore, he had no alternative but to withdraw the appeal, though he would be very sorry to lose the man, which would be a serious loss to him.

A Coalville engineering firm appealed for their horse-keeper and delivery man, aged 40, married with five children. A representative of the firm said 23 of their men had joined the Forces, and others had been taken for munition work and could not be replaced. The Advisory Committee did not assent, but the Tribunal allowed one month for medical examination.

Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, represented a Coalville chemist in an appeal for his assistant, single, aged 23, who had been passed C2. Mr Moore said the appeal had been made by mistake, and he asked permission to withdraw it. Conditional exemption was granted on January last, and that certificate stood until it was revoked. The clerk said the age limit in that particular trade had since been altered. Thus the conditions were changed. Mr Moore said he was really there because the man had been called up, and an appeal was made by mistake. He was really asking for what he had got, that was why he (Mr Moore) asked to withdraw the appeal. It was for the military representative to apply for the certificate to be reviewed.

Mr German said it was nothing of the sort. New conditions annulled the certificate, and the man was called up. Mr Moore said he had a copy of the instructions which supported his contention. Mr German said the instructions frequently varied, and what Mr Moore had were not the latest. Mr Moore asked to be allowed to see the latest.

Mr German: *No, it is not my place to instruct you.*

Mr Moore: *It is not your place to object, then.*

Mr McCarthy asked whether the Military Authorities could call up a man who had conditional exemption, without bringing it before the Tribunal.

Mr Blower: *Yes, if the altering of the age limit puts the man out of court.*

Mr McCarthy: *It wipes out this conditional exemption straight off?*

Mr German: *Yes.*

Mr McCarthy: *Then it is useless to argue the matter.*

Mr Moore contended that if the conditions were altered, the military representative should bring the case before the Tribunal for review. That certificate could only be revoked by the Tribunal. After further argument Mr Moore agreed to let the case go forward on its merits. He said the firm were very busy on the important work of dispensing and were short-handed. Unfortunately, the man was single.

Mr German: *Why do you say it is unfortunate that he is single?*

Mr Moore: *I always thought Mr German contended that it is unfortunate to be single. Personally, I think it is (laughter).*

Mr Drewett: *That is soon remedied (renewed laughter).*

Mr Brown said he would like it cleared up as to the calling up of a man who had conditional exemption. In some other cases the military representative had appealed for a review.

The clerk said conditional exemption meant while the conditions lasted. If the age limit was altered, the conditions changed, and the certificate was automatically revoked.

Mr Hale: *Should not he have been notified?*

The clerk: *Instead of that he was called up, and he makes an appeal on that letter.*

Mr McCarthy asked whether C2 were being called up.

Mr German: *That makes no difference.*

It was pointed out that it might be a suitable case for substitution. The appeal was dismissed.

A Coalville plumber appealed for three workmen respectively aged 40, married, with two children, 38, a widower, two children, and 39, four children. All had been passed B2. Applicant said nine of his men had gone. These three men had been with him over 20 years. Nine of his men had gone, one to the Whitwick Colliery.

The chairman (who is the manager of the colliery): I won't contradict you, but I have my "doors".

Applicant said he could give the date. Answering the military representative, he said he was full up with work. He had one son in France. The men aged 40 and 38 were allowed till December 31st, and the other was dismissed.

The appeal of a Coalville building firm for a foreman joiner and machinist, aged 29, married with one child, was not assented to.

A Coalville chimney sweep, aged 38, appealing said he had been 20 years in the trade.

The clerk: *You have six children.*

Applicant: *No, that is a mistake; there are 5.*

The clerk (jocosely): *Oh, you counted one of somebody else's?*

Applicant: *The missus made a mistake* (laughter).

Allowed till December 31st for medical examination.

An Ellistown smallholder and general carter, aged 78 was represented by Mr T. H. Moore in an application for his son, aged 34, and single, who carries on the business. Allowed till December 31st for medical examination.

A Coalville butcher, aged 33, married, in his appeal, said he supplied colliers mainly and tried to give them the best at the cheapest possible price (laughter).

Mr Lockwood: *Sounds like an advertisement.*

Allowed till December 31st for medical examination.

A Whitwick marine store dealer, appealed for his son, aged 19, and single, who had been passed for general service. He held that his work was as important as any outside the Army or Navy. They were supplying materials to munition workers, and he put in letters from firms urging the importance of the supply being maintained. The chairman asked the applicant whether he could not get an older man. This was just the sort of young man that the Army wanted.

Applicant: *And there are a lot more about. In my opinion this work is of as much importance as the colliers.*

The chairman: *It is not what you think, it's what the Government think.*

Applicant stated that in the last two months he had supplied 50 tons of scrap iron, 20 tons of bones, half a ton of copper, and half a ton of brass.

Mr McCarthy: *They would like that in Germany.*

The chairman told applicant that he had been lucky in keeping this young man so long. The appeal was not assented to.

On the application of Mr German, the Tribunal decided to review exemptions granted to all single men, and to all married men up to 30 years of age, a long list having been prepared.

The application of the Coalville surveyor for the bailiff at the Kelham Bridge sewage farm to be excused from drilling with the V.T.C. was allowed, and three other similar applications were refused.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

A movement is on foot to erect war shrines in Coalville?

There are about seventy men serving in the Forces from North Street, Hugglescote, where it is proposed to erect a war shrine?

About £80 has already been subscribed at Ashby to send Christmas parcels to Ashby soldiers and sailors?

Fred Osborn, the well-known Leicester Fosse and Preston North End footballer, is reported to have been wounded?

At Ashby Wesleyan Church on Sunday morning, the Rev. J. R. Sharpley conducted a memorial service for former scholars of the Sunday School who have fallen in the war?

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WHITWICK SOLDIER KILLED

Mr and Mrs Wm. Parish, of 82, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, have been officially notified of the death of their son, Private Harold Parish, of the Leicestershire Regiment. A letter from a comrade stated that on October 20th, the deceased soldier had a leg severely injured by a German shell, and another letter from the hospital stated that it had been necessary to amputate the limb. The official communication states that he succumbed to his injuries on October 23rd.

Private H. Parish, was 21 years of age, and enlisted about 20 months ago. He was in Ireland up to about five weeks ago. Before the war he worked at the Whitwick Colliery, and was well known in Whitwick, being a member of the Whitwick Baptist Bible Class and a former scholar of the Baptist Sunday School.

Mr W. Parish, the father, who is a Whitwick collier, had four sons at one time in the Army. One of them, Private Thomas Parish is in the R.A.M.C. and was at Salonica until recently, but is now in hospital at Malta, suffering from malarial fever. He will be twenty-five years of age on Christmas Day. John Parish, aged 26, who is married, and resides at Bakewell Street, Coalville, also a collier, was in the Leicesters, but was discharged through an injury to his shoulder. The youngest son, Bernard Parish, also joined the Leicesters, but was sent home for three months on account of his age. He is only just over 18, and has received notice to rejoin his regiment on Monday next. A photo of Harold will appear in our next issue.

LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN

PRIVATE JOHN LOVETT



Killed in action, as reported last week. Son of Mrs James Lovett, of Bagworth. Leaves a wife and three children, now residing at Barnsley.

PRIVATE JOSEPH FARN



A former assistant in Hunter's Stores, Coalville, aged 21 years. Killed in action on October 25th. He belonged to the Royal North Lancashire Regiment. His parents reside at 7, Crescent Road, Hugglescote. He had only been five weeks in France.

CORPORAL JOSEPH LOWE



Grandson of Mr J. T. Ward, of North Street, Hugglescote, and son of Mr B. Lowe of King's Norton, formerly of Leicester Road, Whitwick. Killed in action on October 26th by a shell bursting on his dug-out. He was 20 years of age, and was in the Royal Fusiliers.

The parents of Corporal Lowe have received a letter from 2nd Lieut. Chas. F. Jackson, of the Royal Fusiliers in which he states *"It is my sad duty to have to write to you about your son. As the officer of his platoon, I was near to him when the shell came which took him from us. He was sitting in his dug-out, which was blown in by the explosion, and your son was killed on October 26th. Regarding his end, he was in no suffering, and passed quietly away. He was buried just behind the line. We feel that we have lost in Corporal Lowe, one who was a credit to his company. He was a priceless fellow at his work and his conduct commanded the respect of both officers and men. Such men we are proud of, and hope that those bereaved will find comfort in the knowledge that he fought so well under such trying circumstances. To me the death of your son comes as a personal loss, which I feel very keenly, and my brother officers join me in sending to you and yours our deepest sympathy."*

The letter enclosed was found in his pocket. This was as follows:

"In the event of my death, please forward the following to Mrs B. Lowe, 16, Baldwin Road, King's Norton:- My dearest Ma, Pa, Emily and Leslie – Again, I am called upon as a true soldier of dear England to advance and attack the enemy. I pray that Almighty God will protect me and save me from all harm. Up to the present, He has been very kind, and He alone knows how little I deserve His protection. Dear folk at home, my heart burns with the pride of a soldier. I am trusting in our Heavenly Father to help me play the man in this next engagement. I hope that someday we may all meet in Heaven. Best love to all, from your loving son, Joe."

RIFLEMAN ERNEST WILLETT



News of the death of another Hugglescote soldier has come to hand, the deceased being Rifleman Ernest Willett, of the King's Royal Rifles. Writing to his parents, who reside in North Street, an assistant matron at a hospital in France, states:-

"It is with much regret that I have to tell you of your son's death this morning at 9.30. If it is any comfort to you to know, he passed away quite peacefully, and without pain in the end. Had he lived he would have been a chronic sufferer, which is so hard for a young man to bear. He will be laid to rest here in the military cemetery. A simple cross will mark his grave until such time after the war as you can come to see it. We of the nursing staff who came in contact with him during his illness are sending a wreath as a small token of respect for a brave soldier who died for his country and us. He was a splendid patient, and we miss him here. Your loss must be very great, and we sympathise with you in it."

Rifleman Willett was wounded in the back and abdomen on October 16th, was admitted to hospital on October 18th and died November 9th. Before the war he was page boy at the Vicarage to Canon Broughton, who thought a great deal of

him.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mr and Mrs T. Wright, Church End, Ibstock, have received a letter stating that their son, B. T. Wright, of the King's Royal Rifles, had been killed at the Front. On Thursday last they were informed by telegram that he was dangerously wounded, and the latest information states he died at a clearing hospital. Mr and Mrs Wright have two other sons in the K.R.R. and both have been wounded. They all enlisted at the commencement of the war.

Sergeant J. H. Lynes (41), of the Scottish Rifles, reported missing since 25th September, 1915, is now reported killed. He had been in the Army for twenty years, and at the outbreak of war was stationed at Malta. His wife and three children reside at Stanton-under-Bardon, and his parents at Bardon Hill.

Mrs Orton, of 3, Kendal Road, Ellistown, has been notified of the death of her son, Pte. E. Orton, of the Leicestershire Regiment, which occurred on October 23rd from wounds received in action. He was a single man, 20 years of age, and had not long been in France. Further particulars and a photo will appear in our next issue.

In official casualty lists of wounded recently published appeared the names of Private Fortnam (Thringstone), Private H. Hayes (Markfield), and Private G. Riley (Ibstock), all of the Leicestershire Regiment. Private J. M. Richardson (Shepshed) of the same regiment, is reported missing.

Private A. Price, of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose name appeared in the official list published on Monday, as having died from wounds, was a Nailstone man, and was formerly a collier at the Nailstone pit. Some months ago he was reported wounded and missing.

Private G. King, an Osgathorpe man, who is in the Worcestershire Regiment, is officially reported to have been wounded.

In a long list of Leicesters wounded published on Tuesday, appeared the names of Sergeant A. C. Brown, Private A. Dennis, J. Grey, and W. E. Findley (Ibstock), L-Corporal F. C. Perry (Whitwick), Private W. Lynes (Desford), A. Marriott (Hugglescote), A. E. Marston (Markfield), J. A. Moulton, G. Upton, E. Walton and H. Wright (Coalville), also Private L. Smith (Coalville) of the London Regiment.

PRIVATE L. D. BROWN



Mr and Mrs Hy. Brown, of James Street, Coalville, have been officially notified that their son, Private Leonard Dable Brown, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been killed in action. He was a single man, 23 years of age, and before the war was engaged as a printer in the employ of Mr George Brown, of Ashby, having previously served his apprenticeship with Mr J. W. West, printer, of Coalville. He enlisted two years ago, and had been in France a little over 12 months. A brother of the deceased is Mr Henry Edward Brown, formerly well-known in Coalville as a physical culturist. He conducted a physical culture class at the Christ Church School and was a frequent contributor to the press on the subject, under the pen name of "Astro". A few years ago 'Astro' left Coalville for America, and was filling an important post there in a physical culture school when war broke out, but like thousands more of his compatriots abroad, responded to the call, and is now serving in the forces. Their father, Mr Henry Brown, is a tailor in the employ of the Coalville Co-Operative Society. Private L. D. Brown was in the signalling section. He was killed on September 25th.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Mr and Mrs H. Brown desire, through the medium of this paper, to tender their sincere thanks to all friends for the many expressions of sympathy received on the occasion of the death of their son, Private L. D. Brown, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 25th, 1916.

20, James Street
Coalville
November 13, 1916.

RIFLEMAN CHARLES DEDMAN



News has been received that Rifleman Charles Dedman, of the London Regiment, has died of wounds received in action. He was officially reported missing after a battle on September 8th, but a letter since received by a friend at Swannington, from a French soldier, states that he was struck in the head by a German bullet, from which he died, and he had been buried 200 yds north-east of _____. The Frenchman, whose signature is "Clesse Noel" ascertained the address of the dead soldier's friends by finding a photograph with the address written on the back, lying near him, and the writer stated that the deceased must have been looking at the photograph in his last moments. A lot of friends attended his burial, and the grave is marked by a little wooden cross.

A letter has also been received from the sergeant-major, who states that he knew Rifleman Dedman to be a good comrade and a keen and reliable soldier. His loss is greatly regretted by all in the London Regiment.

Rifleman Dedman was a native of Sawbridgeworth, Herts., where his mother resides, but he was well-known locally, having resided at Swannington, for the past ten years, and before enlisting, he was in the employ of Mr R. Tebbett, saddler, of Hotel Street, Coalville. He was 26 years of age, and single. Three of his brothers are now serving in the Forces.

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SHEPSHED TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Shepshed Tribunal was held at the Council Schools on Friday evening, Mr C. Mee presiding.

Ten persons had been notified to attend to explain their failure to make the stipulated number of attendances at the V.T.C. One had not yet been medically examined. A quarryman said he had volunteered for the next batch to France, and in the other cases the explanations were accepted, but on the distinct understanding that an effort must be made to comply with the condition.

The sole manager of a large branch boot shoe factory, aged 23 years, and married, was granted conditional exemption.

A single man, aged 25, who had been granted exemption on two previous occasions, made a further application. He was the only assistant for the scavenging for one district in the town, for which his father was contractor. They had a considerable quantity of land, and were also carters. It was ascertained that the man had not been medically examined and the case was adjourned for 14 days to enable him to be, it being resolved that "no case" be assented to if the applicant is not medically examined.

A shoehand, aged 32, married, with two children, made a personal claim for exemption. He was working at Leicester and claimed to be on Government work, but admitted that the firm had not applied for him – Not assented to.

An application was made by a firm, and also a personal application, for a man, aged 19, described as a warp hand. It was pointed out that the case had previously been before the Tribunal, who had granted 3 months, and that on appeal the County Tribunal had made the same final.

A single man, aged 26, applied for exemption on the ground that he was a public carrier, and used a motor lorry for the purpose. His case was, by request, heard in private, but the application was not assented to.

A married man, 38, with four children, applied on domestic grounds, and, after hearing the evidence in private, he was granted three months.

A fishmonger, aged 25, married, with one child, who had passed Class A, also had his case heard in private, and was given two months (final).

FARMERS AND THE WAR

INTERESTING MEETING AT ASHBY

A well-attended meeting of farmers was held at the Royal Hotel, Ashby, on Monday afternoon to consider the question of labour on the farms as affected by the war. Mr H. W. Joyce, C.C., presided.

Mr T. Hacking, the county organiser, said that for the last two years he had been doing all he could to maintain the interests of agriculture in the county and he wanted now to put a few facts to them to make the situation plain.

Early in October, the Army Council issued a notice that men were not to be taken for the Army from farms before January 1st, or, in the case of dairy farms, April 1st, and if they were taken, the Army Council undertook to provide substitutes. Those dates were terminable, and he might tell them clearly and distinctly that the War Office would give no understanding as to what would happen after those dates. There were two kinds of substitution – industrial and agricultural. The first was in connection with the various trades, and would be effected through the Labour Exchange, but the substitution on farms would have nothing to do with the Labour Exchange. It would be arranged between the Army authorities and the farmers themselves and the farmers were asked to co-operate in every possible way to make the scheme a success. The Army Council would undertake to substitute, as far as they possibly could, men of agricultural experience – men now in the Army but only fit for home service. It was hardly necessary for him to point out how serious the situation at the present moment was. They had been told over and over again that the need for men was paramount and pressing and therefore, they asked the farmers to make all possible arrangements to release as many fit men as possible. The question of substitution was not mere talk. It was actually in existence. He had that day a list of 60 men – farm labourers, cowmen, waggoners, and so on – with all their qualifications set out, so that farmers needing substitution of men fit for the Army could have it at once. They were aware that a revised list of reserved trades had just been issued, in which the age limit in many trades had been increased. It all showed that there was a need for more men. So he was there to impress upon them the fact that every fit man would probably be wanted for service in the Army, and it was important that they should avail themselves of these arrangements for substitution.

The chairman asked whether a farmer could have a substitute for a man who had already joined the Army. Mr Hacking replied in the negative. He said he was recently at a meeting of military representatives and that question was then raised, but it was pointed out that in cases of substitution, the military authorities wanted a man for a man.

The chairman asked whether it was proposed to supply farmers with soldier labour next summer. Mr Hacking said he could not answer that at present. No official statement had yet been made on that point. The question was asked where they were to apply for substitutes.

Mr Hacking said he had agreed to receive the applications in the first instance, so they should be sent to him. He did not do the substituting, but passed on the applications to the military authorities. Mr Champion (Heather) said he supposed it was men between 20 and 30 that were wanted.

Mr Hacking replied that generally speaking it was the Class A men. All men within that classification up to 30 years of age would probably be taken. He did not say that officially, but it was the general idea. Mr Fox (Heather) asked whether married men, of 38 and 39 were likely to be taken from the farms.

Mr Hacking said he hardly knew how to reply to that. It was an important point, and there was a question whether men at that age were not doing more important work on the farms than they would be in the Army. They had heard it repeated over and over again that it was young men who were wanted.

How is it they are taking so many men from the farms and leaving the colliers alone?, was another question. Mr Hacking said there was something to be said for that. He had nothing to do with the industrial side, though he had heard it said over and over again that a lot of men could be spared from the collieries. He was at a conference in London three weeks ago and it was stated that there was to be considerable combing out in various industries, but he was only concerned about agriculture.

A farmer asserted that there were more men in the mines now than before the war, and yet they were turning out less coal. Mr German called attention to a statement by Mr Lloyd George that whatever occurred, men would not be taken from the farms without substitution.

Mr Hacking said the agricultural census which was going on would be scrutinised by a local committee who would say whether the labour on the farms was sufficient or otherwise and that committee would take an active part in suggesting where substitution would be made. Where substitution was made an officer would visit the farm and try to arrange as amicably as possible with the farmer. If the farmer refused substitution the man's certificate of exemption would be reviewed by the local Tribunal and the Tribunal would be informed that the farmer would not accept a substitute.

The question was asked who would have control of the local committee. Mr Hacking said he understood the committees would consist of competent gentlemen nominated by the County Council or County War Committees. Probably, the agricultural representative on the local Tribunal would be on the committee. The meetings of the committee would be attended by a military representative. Probably a substitution officer would be appointed when the committee had got to work. The chairman asked whether farmers should try to substitute now or wait till their men were called up.

Mr Hacking said that farmers with a man to spare – (Voices: There are none about) – they would have to be spared – would be wise to proceed at once. There might not be enough practical men to go round, and those farmers who applied early would stand the best chance.

A Voice: What about a farmer of military age who works the farm himself?

Mr Hacking said he would no doubt be in a reserved occupation. The Tribunals would deal with such cases.

Mr Ratcliffe (Measham) asked whether Class B men would be dealt with the same as Class A. Mr Hacking said he could not say exactly what would happen in regard to that. A military representative had put it to him that a B1 man with a little military training would probably be fit for Class A. Possibly B1 men would have to go. That was how he regarded it at present.

What about single "C" men on the farms? Mr Hacking said a similar remark applied to C1 men. With a little military training they might become fit for the B class. The military authorities would get all the men they could.

A farmer said he had four sons. One was in the Army, and three were on the farm. Two had been medically rejected. If his sons were taken it would leave him with one man. Mr Hacking said he could not answer a question like that. They might be taken and they might not. The point was that farmers should exert themselves to meet the situation.

Mr T. Varnham (Appleby) asked whether substitution would be compulsory. Mr Hacking said it amounted to that. If a farmer refused substitution the local Tribunal, who would be informed, would take the view that the farmer was not co-operating with the military authorities, and would act accordingly.

Mr Fox (Heather) asked how it would be in the case of a young man medically rejected last August. Mr German said he thought they were free for the present. Mr Riley (Chilcote) asked what about the accommodation for the substituted man, and the rate of pay. Mr Hacking said the military authorities realised a difficulty as regards accommodation, especially if the wife and children of the men serving in the army were in the cottage. The substitute might be a married man with children also, and the authorities were seeking the co-operation of the farmers to try and overcome this difficulty. In the case of single men it was felt that lodgings could easily be found for them. The rate of pay would be the same as the rate of the district for that class of labour, and an agreement would be drawn up between the soldier and the farmer before the man went on the place.

Suppose the substitute is a failure? put in one farmer. Mr Hacking said the local committee would try to arrange matters satisfactorily. If a man left a farm, he could not go where he liked, but would still be a soldier. He did not think there would be any difficulty on that score.

A farmer observed that they might want six substitutes to make up for one good man. Mr Hacking said that if most of them were shifted they would probably not give satisfaction at first. The thing was, farmer and man

should do their best to make the scheme a success, knowing it was for the good of the country. Mr Varnham asked whether it did not mean that it would all go back to the local Tribunal. Mr Hacking said not. It was nothing to do with the Tribunal.

Mr Varnham: *But if a farmer refuses to give up a man it comes back to the Tribunal to say whether he is indispensable.*

Mr Hacking: *Very few people are indispensable* (laughter). – He added that one man before a Tribunal was asked whether he thought Lord Kitchener was indispensable. If one man was indispensable, it was the late Lord Kitchener, said the chairman of that Tribunal, but the country was still going on.

A Voice: *But it may not be going on so well.*

Mr Champion said that if they were going to use that argument they might do away with the word “indispensable” altogether. Another farmer remarked that it seemed a one-sided sort of conscription. Many farmers worked 12 to 16 hours a day and colliers only eight. He had heard that day of one colliery that could spare 100 men.

A Voice: *Mr Cope says farmers’ daughters should milk, but what about the farmers who have no daughters?* (laughter).

Another farmer: *They ought to have* (renewed laughter).

Complaints were made of men being enticed from the land to go down the pit, one man remarking, “*The only man I had on my farm was offered 9s a day to go down the pit and fill coal.*”

Another complained of losing lads of 17 after training them on the farms. These lads went into the pit and were being paid 27s a week. Mr Ratcliffe said the young colliers were getting so much money that several of them took a long holiday for a village wake. Mr Rice said he could corroborate that. Mr Riley asked how it was that young men from the land were allowed now to go into the pits.

Mr Hacking: *I suppose it is a question of £. s. d. to a large extent.*

The chairman said there was no reason why they should not pass a resolution protesting against it, if they thought fit. It could do no harm, if it did no good. Another farmer remarked that there were thousands of young men in Ireland willing to join the Army.

Mr Varnham said he thought it of no use to pass a resolution of protest. They were told by Mr Asquith that the Government were sending 11,000 men from the Army back to the mines. He would like to have seen the meeting take a different turn. They should protest against any more men being taken from the land (hear, hear). He did not think the position was as bad as some people would make out. He moved a vote of thanks to Mr Hacking for his interesting address and said the meeting would no doubt do some good. Mr German seconded, and it was heartily accorded.

Mr Hacking, in reply, said he hoped the farmers would do all they could to help their country at this time. They had to realise that they were up against one of the biggest things the world had ever seen.

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LEICESTER SOLDIERS DROWNED

SWEPT INTO A RIVER

During the weekend floods at Fermoy, Ireland, Corporal Smyth and Private Joel, of the Leicester Regiment, were attempting to cross a bridge with a horse-drawn military van, when they were swept into the River Blackwater and drowned.

ASHBY RURAL TRIBUNAL

A CORRECTION

We have received the following letter from Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, solicitors, Coalville, and hope its publication may remove any misapprehension, which may have been caused in connection with the subject to which it refers.

To the Editor of the "Coalville Times"

Dear Sir, - As solicitors to Mr T. Wright, of the Plough Inn, Ravenstone, our attention has been called to a report in your issue of Friday last, the 17th inst. in reference to his appeal before the Ashby Tribunal for exemption. In the report, Mr Wright is represented as having stated to the Tribunal that "he had been told by a colliery official that he would release three single men if they could have him." We are informed by Mr Wright that this statement is inaccurate and he emphatically denies having made it. As a miner for many years, and late secretary, and subsequently treasurer, of a Miner's Lodge in the district, he feels acutely the construction which might be placed upon such a statement, if it were true. We have seen the gentleman who reported the case, and he is desirous of removing so far as possible, any wrong impression which may have been created by the report. Apparently the error arose from a statement made by one of the military representatives, and the reporter, equally with us, desires to remove any stigma which otherwise might attach to Mr Wright by the unfortunate misunderstanding. If fairness to our client, we are satisfied you will give prominent publicity to our letter. Thanking you in anticipation, we remain, yours faithfully.

Sharp and Lancaster.

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER'S LETTER

THANKS TO THE MINERS

Mr Y. Gowdridge, of Hall's Lane, Hugglescote, secretary to the Leicestershire Miners' Association, has received an interesting letter from his son, Private Joseph Gowdridge, of the R.A.M.C. who before the war was a regular member of the Coalville Men's Adult School.

Private Gowdridge writes: "*I told the rest of the boys what the colliers of Leicestershire had done for the Red Cross cause, and they were unanimous in their admiration of the colliers' efforts and gifts. I can assure you that this kind news, and the knowledge that you are all striving to do your utmost to back us up in what is a great work, gives us fresh heart and courage to carry on, when things seem to be all going wrong – when we are plastered with wet mud, and nowhere to get dry and when the shells are cracking, and the ground seems to rock and simply throw us off our feet. At times like this, it does us good to know what you are doing at home. I was pleased to know that the authorities had accepted Broom Leys as a hospital. It should be a splendid place for the wounded, and convalescent.*" He concludes by saying the best good wishes for the Dennis Bayley Fund.

WHITWICK SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' BENEFIT FOOTBALL MATCH

The teams selected for the match in aid of the above on the Vicarage Ground, Whitwick on November, 25th are as follows:

Mr Charles Storer's XI

Goal, R. Nicholls, full backs, G. Draycott and G. Underwood; half-backs, S. Storer, C. Storer, C. Bradshaw; forwards, A. Starkey, W. Bird, P. Underwood, C. Price, and T. Brownlow.

Mr Andrew Moore's XI

Goal, A. Roadley; full-backs, T. Cumberland and Joe Cook; half-backs, C. Grain, Leeson, Joe Moore; forwards, A. Beckitt, A. Moore, T. Belton, F. Johnson and A. Roach.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr T. F. McCarthy, son of Mr M. McCarthy, C.C., of New Swannington, has been given a commission in the army, having been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal North Lancashire Regiment. He enlisted in the Artist's Rifles in December last year, and has been in training at Oswestry. Mr M. McCarthy, who is the County Councillor for the Whitwick Division, and a member of the Coalville Tribunal, has four sons serving in the army.

The military authorities have taken over the Masonic Hall, off Hotel Street, and close to the Midland Railway Station as a recruiting office. The Freemasons, who have rented the hall since 1892, when it was built by the late Mr Wm. Sheffield, of the Railway Hotel for their convenience, have entered into a lease with the trustees of the United Methodist Church, London Road, where the Lodge meetings will be held in future. The new recruiting office is conveniently situated, and admirably adapted for the purpose.

Letters and parcels intended for delivery to the troops by Christmas Day should be posted as long as possible in advance of the dates given below:

British Expeditionary Force in France and Belgium; Letters, 16th December, Parcels, 11th December.

Egyptian Expeditionary Force: Letters, 2nd December, Parcels, 25th November.

Salonika Force: Letters, 2nd December, Parcels, 25th November.

Letters and parcels must be fully and completely addressed, parcels must be very strongly packed; fruit, perishable articles, bowls, pudding basins, and the like are prohibited. The name and address of the sender must be written on the outside of parcels; parcels which do not comply with this rule will be refused.

ABSENTEES

Before Major Hatchett, at the Coalville Police Court, on Monday, Private George Bevans, of Newport, and Private Herbert Fern, of Coalville, of the Leicestershire Regiment, were charged with being absentees. Sergeant Kirkland said he saw the men at Coalville station at midnight, they having come by train from Leicester. He suspected them and asked them for their passes, and they admitted they had none. They were taken to the Police Station and charged. They said they were travelling from Ripon to Brockton. They had a little time in Leicester, and when they returned the party had gone. Hence they came on to Coalville. Inspector Dobney said that had the men applied to the police or the recruiting office in Leicester they could have got tickets to continue the journey. They were remanded to await an escort.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A meeting of this Tribunal was held in the Coalville Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when 25 cases were dealt with. Mr T. Y. Hay presided, and there were present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, M. McCarthy, B. G. Hale, J. W. Fisher, B. B. Drewett, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, and T. F. Fox, with Mr J. G. German (military representative), Captain Stevenson (recruiting officer), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The Tribunal discussed the new regulations just issued, and passed resolutions adopting the same. Mr Brown asked whether any arrangements that had been made as promised by Colonel Thorold, for men to be medically examined locally. Captain Stevenson said he had heard nothing yet but understood medical boards would go round to the different districts for that purpose, as the circumstances called for it. He said some men had refused to be examined and such men must be treated as belonging to Class A.

A Greenhill farmer was allowed till December 31st, or till substituted, for his cowman, aged 20 and single.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appealed for further extension to a Coalville butcher's manager, married, aged 39, who, he said had managed the business for 23 years, and next to the Co-Operative Stores, did the largest business in the town. Allowed till December 31st (final).

A Hugglescote carrier, carter and farmer, aged 39, married with three children, asked for further exemption. Besides his carrying business, he said he farmed 30 acres, on which he had cows and pigs. Allowed 14 days for medical examination.

A Thringstone farmer appealed for his cowman and waggoner, aged 24, and single, stating that he had a milk round and this was his only man. Mr Sharp represented the applicant who, he said, was an old man in poor health, and he did not know what he would do if the man was taken. The farm was 74 acres. Applicant had a son in France. Allowed till December 31st, or till substituted.

A Whitwick hairdresser, aged 36, married, in asking for further time said he was teaching his son the business, but the lad could not do it yet. Another Whitwick hairdressing business had closed, and recently many customers had to go away unattended at closing time. Applicant had been passed for general service. He was prepared to do work of national importance in the day-time if he could have the evenings to keep his business together, and had arranged to go to Loughborough to learn turning, if the Tribunal allowed. It was not assented to.

A Coalville master butcher, aged 32 and married with two children, appealed for further exemption, saying he carried on a large business, chiefly supplying miners and did all the work himself, including the buying and slaughtering. He was regularly drilling with the V.T.C. Fourteen days allowed to be medically examined.

A Coalville lady pork butcher appealed for her manager, aged 34, married, on whom she said she depended to carry on the business. Applicant was seriously ill, a medical certificate to this effect being put in. It was stated that the man had been passed for labour at home only, C2, and should be retained to continue this large business. He did the killing, buying and everything. Allowed till December 31st, or till substituted.

A Coalville tailor and outfitter, aged 29, married with no family, who had previously had six months' exemption, asked for a further period. He had been passed B1. He employed three females in the business. If he could stay he was willing to give three days' weekly to munition work. Allowed till December 31st (final).

A Coalville man, married, aged 40, employed at Messrs. Stableford and Co's works, appealed for exemption, saying he had been passed B2. He had no children. It was stated that the man was told to go to Stableford's. It was agreed that the man be registered for work of national importance, by which it was understood that he would be kept at Stableford's.

The Forest Rock Granite Co. appealed for two motor lorry drivers, both 41 years of age and each having six children. Both were allowed 14 days for medical examination.

A Hugglescote hardware dealer and house furnisher, with two shops, in his application said he was 25 years of age and had been passed for general service. He was married, and his widowed mother was partly dependant on him. His health was not good at present, and his doctor had told him to temporarily suspend his drills with the V.T.C. One month (final) was allowed.

The military representative asked for the review of 14 cases of exemption granted to single men, it being contended that it was expedient in the national interest that these men should be in the military service. Mr J. J. Sharp represented the man in the first of these cases – A Coalville factory manager, aged 31, whose case was taken in private. One month was allowed for medical examination, the absolute exemption previously granted, being revoked.

The next case was that of the son of a lady farmer at Ibstock. He said he was 19 years of age and there was no one else on the farm, except a man who helped two days a week. The farm was 65 acres, and there were 9 milking beasts and 11 young stock. He had two brothers at the Front, and his mother was a widow. They were giving up the farm in March. Allowed till March 31st, to be medically examined in the meantime.

Also till March 31st was allowed to the son of a colliery checkweighman, the youth being 19, and the sole worker on a farm of 40 acres at Standard Hill.

A Donington-le-Heath farmer, in the next case, said he was 32, and single, and jointly with his brother occupied a farm of 120 acres. They had lost all their men, and had to sell 30 cows, but they wanted to carry on the farm as at present. The two brothers did the whole of the work themselves, and another brother had been killed at the Front. Allowed till March 31st.

A Coalville shoeing smith said his son, who was appealed against, was 26 years of age and was the only man he had. He could not possibly do without him. He was making horse shoes for the military authorities. Allowed 14 days for medical examination.

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) represented a Coalville chemist, whose assistant was appealed against. The man was stated to be 30 years of age, and passed for C3. He was the only dispenser left. Allowed three months.

A similar period was allowed a Coalville milk dealer, aged 22, passed for C3.

In the case of a Coalville loom-turner, aged 30, appealed against, the manager of the factory said that of the 357 employees there were only four men eligible for the army. Answering a question as to how many of these were men, he said there were 17 over eighteen, and 17 boys under. They had 31 males over 18 before the war. They were engaged on Government work. The man's father had died since the certificate was given, and he was the mainstay of the home. His brother had been wounded in action. – Allowed one month for medical examination.

A Whitwick butcher, aged 35, said he was the mainstay of the family. His mother had been an invalid for 3 years, and had been confined to her bed for the last 14 weeks. She was 70 years of age. One month allowed for medical examination.

Mr Hale said he took it these men would not be called up at the end of the month. Mr Blower said they would have a calling-up letter, but they had a right of further appeal.

A Gracedieu farmer appealed for his waggoner, who was appealed against. The man was 32 years of age. They had 33 beasts on 133 acres, and this was the only man. He had a son at the Front. Allowed one month for medical examination.

A Coalville fishmonger, aged 39, was allowed one month for medical examination.

The manager of a Coalville laundry, aged 39, said he also did the firing and attended to the machinery. Eighteen to twenty girls were employed, and he could do with three or four more.

The clerk (jocosely): *Can you wash collars without making the edges rough?*
Applicant: *We guarantee to do that, if you like to give me a sample order (laughter).*

Fourteen days allowed for medical examination.

In the case of a man employed by a Coalville firm of loom makers as a batten-maker, aged 22. It was stated that the man had been passed in Class C2. Three months allowed.

A Whitwick baker, aged 30, who was appealed against, said he had been passed for general services. Allowed till December 31st, or till a substitute is found.

A Coalville chemist's dispenser, aged 33, was the last case appealed against and the chemist said he could not carry on his business without him. The man, who was married, with one child, had been passed in B1. Allowed till December 31st.

A man employed at the Whitwick Granite Quarry and living at Shepshed, was excused from drilling with the V.T.C. as also was the manager of a Coalville music store, who is working at Stableford's. Another applicant was similarly excused on producing a medical certificate of unfitness to the military authorities.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Mr and Mrs E. Bunney, of Meeting Street, Quorn, have five sons serving with the forces?

The treasurer of the Coalville Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £1 from the "Coalville Times" Charity Cricket Cup Competition?

In connection with Whitwick Swifts F.C. Mr C. Storer's team will play Mr A. Moore's team on the Vicarage Ground tomorrow, the proceeds to be spent on presents for Whitwick soldiers and sailors?

Mr Maurice Wilson Boot (son of Mr Arthur Boot), of Coalville, who from the commencement of the war, until recently, was clerk in the Coalville Recruiting Offices, has joined the Artists' Rifles?

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HUGGLESCOTE

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

A dance and whist drive were held at the Hawley Institute on Wednesday evening in aid of the funds of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild. There was a large attendance, and the event was a great success. Mr J. Dean and Mr Carslake gave their services as pianists for the dancing, the M.C.'s being Messrs. D. S. Moore, T. Hatter, and E. Darby. Messrs. W. Shaw and T. Shaw were the M.C.'s for whist, for which splendid prizes were given by Canon Broughton, Dr. Wykes, Mrs Meredith, Mr P. Preston (Cliff Hill Quarry), Mr B. B. Drewett and Mr T. Porter. There was also a prize-drawing for a pig, the winning number being 1846. Ladies who assisted in supplying refreshments were: Mrs Fellows, Mrs Meadows, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Darby, Mrs J. Dean, Mrs W. Shaw, Mrs T. Shaw, Mrs Moore, Mrs Hatter and Miss Dowell.

LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN

PRIVATE HAROLD PARISH



Died of wounds on October 23rd. The son of Mr and Mrs W. Parish, of 82, Hermitage Road, Whitwick. He was 21 years of age, and formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery.

PRIVATE E ORTON



Son of Mrs E. Orton, of 3, Kendal Road, Ellistown. He was a single man, 20 years of age, in the Leicestershire Regiment, and died from wounds on October 23rd.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Private L. Willett, of Ellistown (Leicestershire Regiment) and Private C. H. E. Wilson, of Coalville (Essex Regiment) are officially reported to have been wounded.

In Saturday's official casualty lists appeared the names of Private J. Wakefield, of Coalville, as having been killed in action. He belonged to the London Regiment.

Mr Thomas Sharp, grocer, of High Street, Ibstock, has been notified that his son, Private George Sharp has been killed in action. The deceased was about 24 years of age. A few years ago he went with some Ibstock friends to Canada, and went to France with the Canadian forces. When at Ibstock he was engaged with his father in the business.

News has been received that Corporal Wm. Boobyer, aged 23, of the Worcestershire Regiment, was killed in action in France on October 16th. He leaves a wife and two children who are residing at 46, Leicester Road, Whitwick, and formerly worked at Ibstock Colliery, being a native of Heather. A photo will appear in our next issue.

Mr Dodds, of Berrisford Street, Coalville, chauffeur to Dr. R. W. Jamie, has been notified by the War Office that his son, Private S. F. Dodds of the Royal Sussex Regiment, was posted as missing, after an engagement on October 21st. It is some weeks now since the parents heard from their son, who used to write regularly.

Corporal Richard Sanderson, of the Royal Engineers was killed in action on June 22nd in a mine explosion. He served 12 years in the Lincolnshire Regiment, and went through the two Egyptian campaigns. He re-enlisted on the 10th of October, 1915, from the Desford Coal Co. where he had worked for some years. He leaves a widow and three children who live at Hunt's Lane, Newbold Verdon.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Wyatt, of Shackerstone, have received information from the Record Office that their son has been missing since October 18th. Prior to enlisting, Private Wyatt, who is 22 years of age, was employed as goods clerk at Heather Station on the Ashby and Nuneaton Joint Railway, and was highly esteemed. He joined the Leicesters last February, and was sent to France in June, and subsequently transferred to the Essex Regiment.