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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bott, H. Private (A happy and peaceful New Year)	(December 25 th)
Hill, W. Sapper (A happy New Year to All)	(December 29 th)
Howard, W. 2 nd Corp. (A prosperous New Year to All)	(December 29 th)
Moore, S. W.	(December 31 st)
Thompson, Chas. Henry	(December 27 th)
Wilkes, W.	(January 1 st)

COALVILLE SOLDIER IN ITALY

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES

An interesting letter has been received from a Coalville soldier. Driver C. L. Bakewell, 34707, Company B.E.F. Describing the journey from France to Italy, he states: *"We left on a Saturday morning, marched about 14 kilos (roughly 8 to 9 miles), rested until Sunday night, and then entrained for the most picturesque journeys one could wish to travel, all along the French Riviera, touching the most famous and largest towns of France, including the capital. We were four days travelling through France, and two in Italy. Just after we crossed the border of France and Italy, we were booked on to two most powerful Italian electric engines, which are built specially for hill climbing. We visited a lot of Italian towns, the names of which I cannot mention, and were made rather a fuss of. We had a very good reception wherever we shopped, and were given cigarettes, matches, flowers and light refreshments by the civilians. When we detrained we had nearly a fortnight's march with some very large hills to tackle, the highest I have had to go up, and we were highly complimented by the commander of our division on what he called a historic march, the whole of which we did on iron rations. We are now at our destination, and our boys in the line holding the Boches. The climate here is quite contrary; quite cold at night and very warm midday. We get very little ruin here, but when it rains it does so for about two days at a time, generally followed by one frosty night, and then fine days until the next rain. The people here are very dark, and do not know what coal is. They would hardly believe us, which is probably due to the fact that there is not a coal mine in the country. Instead of passing the evenings round a fire, all the inhabitants on a farm amalgamate in the cowhouse by lamplight, the women and girls generally knitting, and the men looking on. They eat very little bread, but plenty of a substance called polenta (maize cake). They also drink very little coffee. They mostly drink vino, a wine just like port wine to look at. It soon knocks one over if you drink very much. Things out here are improving slightly now. With regard to food and our mail, we were nearly a month without any, but it is fairly frequent now. Well, I must close now, wishing you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year."*

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COMMISSION FOR COALVILLE SOLDIER

Mr Lewis Atkins, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Atkins, of Belvoir Road, has been granted a commission in the Notts and Derby Regiment. Second-Lieutenant Atkins, before joining the Army, was headmaster at the Barrowby Church School, near Grantham, and began his teaching career at the Hugglescote Church School.

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THRINGSTONE MAN IN GERMANY

Writing to his parents at Thringstone, Pte. W. Lawrence, of the Leicesters, who is a prisoner of war at Friedrichsfeld, Germany, states that he is in the best of health. The letter continues, *"We are getting on as well as you can expect. We had another grand concert last week. We were paid a visit by some of our*

prisoners from another camp, and it was a treat to see the make-up of some of them on the stage. We also went to church service again this week, and we are getting our parcels and letters about every week now. I got a parcel this week, and I think we shall be all right, so cheer up. I expect you will have the Christmas puddings made by the time you get this letter. I hope you will save me a bit to taste when I get home, which I hope won't be long now. Then I shall have to make up for lost time. Remember me to Mrs Towle, and all the old members at the Club. I shall be pleased when I can join them once more."

LOCAL CASUALTIES



Mrs Squires, of Main Street, Thringstone, has received news that her husband, Pte. J. Squires of the Leicesters, was admitted to hospital severely wounded in his chest, on December 19th, and despite every attention, passed peacefully away on December 21st. The matron writes expressing sympathy with the widow and children. The day on which the deceased died was his birthday, and in a letter written to his wife, on December 9th, he referred to the fact that it would soon be his birthday, and he was hoping to receive something. He acknowledges the receipt of some "fags". They had been in a funny position but, thank God, they got out of it after a struggle. He added, *"There is not much chance of leave while things are so busy, but keep your pecker up, as I think we shall pull through."*



Private George Bailey, of the R.A.M.C. is reported to have died of wounds on December 6th. His wife and child reside at Thornborough. Before the war, Bailey was engaged at the Electricity Works of the Edinburgh Corporation. A memorial service for the deceased was held in the Coalville Church, on Thursday morning, conducted by the Rev. S. Hosking (vicar). Pte. G. Bailey joined the army on November 2nd, 1914, and went to France in May, 1915. He was in a stationary hospital for a little over two years, and went into the line six weeks' ago. Mrs Bailey has received a chaplain's letter which states that her husband died of wounds in the leg and hand on December 6th, and is buried in a military cemetery. A cross bearing his name will be erected and a record kept. He expresses sympathy, as also does an officer, who writes that the deceased did his duty faithfully and well, and died at his post serving his country.



News has been received that Corporal E. Knight, of Silver Street, Whitwick, met with his death on the night of December 3rd, 1917. Corporal Knight joined the Leicesters on August 22nd, 1914, and after training in various camps, chiefly Aldershot, went to France in July, 1915. He became quite a favourite, and an accomplished marksman. His indomitable courage was recognised by his superiors after a dashing charge. It seems a villa was infested with the Hun, and Corporal Knight, followed by others, entered the building and brought out the foe, this act gaining him his first stripe. In March, 1916, he became attracted to the Royal Engineers, and was at once given his second stripe. His parents, Mr and Mrs G. Knight, of 92, Silver Street, Whitwick, have received the following letter from one of his fellow officers. *"Dear Mr and Mrs Knight, I am taking this opportunity of writing to you on behalf of Ted's mates and myself, who shared the same dug-out together. We express our deepest sympathy with you and your family in your bereavement. Ted's death was caused by a bomb which was dropped on the dug-out, there being eight of us in at the time. We had gone to bed rather early that*

night, and we must all have been sound asleep. It was at 11.30 when we were startled by the explosion of a bomb which dropped in the end near where poor Ted was sleeping. The result was this, the four at that end

were buried. We got them out very quickly, but unfortunately, Ted was quite dead. He must have succumbed to concussion. There were two doctors on the scene, so you may depend everything was done that was possible. I was present at the burial which took place on December 4th, in the British Military Cemetery. The company have had a nice cross placed on the grave, and it will be well looked after. Ted was thought a lot of by the lads in the company, and his loss is mourned by all who knew him." Deceased was 22 years of age, and before he joined up at Messrs. Stableford and Co's works, where his father is also employed.

Mr and Mrs John Harper, of 179, Belvoir Road, Coalville have received official intimation that their youngest son, Private Ernest Harper, of the Leicesters, reported missing on October 10th, was killed in action on that date or died of wounds. He was 20 years of age, and formerly worked at Messrs. Burgess and Son's elastic web factory, Coalville, where his father is employed. The name of the deceased soldier recently appeared in a list of men who had been awarded the Military Medal. Mr and Mrs Harper have now lost two of their three soldier sons in the war. The oldest, Sergeant J. Harper, of the Leicesters, was killed in June last. The remaining one, Harold, formerly a schoolmaster at Stanton-under-Bardon, is serving on the East Coast. In reference to the death of Ernest, Mr and Mrs Harper have received a letter from his friend, Private J. W. Kelly, who says, *"First of all let me congratulate you on having such a brave lad. I can testify to his coolness and courage, as he was with me all through the battle. After our corporal and other members of the team were put out of action, it was up to me and Ernest to carry on. He had a cut on his forehead and hand, and his left pouches shot away by shrapnel, and I begged him to go to the dressing station, but he refused to leave me. We are all pleased he won the Military Medal, but it is hard luck that he is not here to have the honour of wearing it. We were relieving at the time his job happened. He was just behind me when a big shell dropped right against us. I was knocked over by the explosion, and I looked round for him, but never saw him again. The boys all send their deepest sympathy, and please accept the same from me. He was such a dear little chap, and well-liked by everyone. May God help you in your trouble."* A note is also added by F. Spriggs, testifying to the soldier's bravery, and expressing sympathy with the parents.

Second-Lieutenant W. L. Holt, York and Lancs. Regiment, was killed in action in France on December 22nd. He was the last surviving son of the Rev. Alfred and Mrs Holt, The Oaks Vicarage, Loughborough, and was educated at the Wyggeston Boys' School and Loughborough Grammar School. He belonged to the School Cadet Battalion, and on leaving joined the Notts University of O.T.C. He was transferred later to Oxford O.T.C. and was gazetted to the York and Lancs. Regiment on March 28th. He was slightly wounded in July, and returned to France from home leave on November 30th. He was 19 years of age.

There are remarkable coincidences in connection with the deaths in action in France of two Hinckley soldiers, Privates George Mason and W. A. Hurst, of the Northumberland Fusiliers. Chums and neighbours in civil life, they joined up together in March, 1916, were trained together, and have since been fighting side by side. Both fell in the same action, and their bodies were buried together. By a further coincidence, their birthdays fell on the same day.

Mr and Mrs William Stott, of Bath Street, Ashby, have received official intimation that their youngest son, Private Wilfred Frederick Stott, Leicesters, has been killed in action. The young soldier, who was a hairdresser by trade, was home on leave only a few weeks ago.

CONCERT

A successful concert was arranged by Miss Astley on Thursday evening last at Broom Leys Hospital. Gunner Kelly presided. The musical items were contributed by Mr W. Hickling, Mrs H. Finch, Mr and Mrs W. Smith, Miss Ivy Anderson, Miss Astley, and Gunner Kellow. During the interval fruit, given by Mr and Mrs Sitdown, was greatly appreciated by the "boys" and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HEATHER

A concert and dramatic performance was held in the National Schools, Heather, on Wednesday night, arranged by the Heather Patriotic Committee to raise funds for Heather soldiers and sailors, and a large audience attended. Mr J. W. West (Coalville) presided, and the programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music by local artistes, and concluding with a farce in one act, entitled, "Turn Him Out". It is expected a good sum will result.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Preston, 98, Melbourne Road, Ibstock wish to thank all kind friends for their expressions of sympathy with them in their recent bereavement in the loss of their brother, Pte. Samuel Preston, reported missing, and now "died of wounds" October 4th, 1917, or thereabouts.

Mr and Mrs J. Harper, of 179, Belvoir Road, Coalville, desire to tender their sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on the receipt of the news that their youngest son, Pte. Ernest Harper, M.M. of the Leicester Regiment, has been killed in action in France.

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Mrs Bradbury, of Mill Bank, Ashby, has been officially informed that her husband, Pte. G. Bradbury, Leicesters, has been killed in action. Some weeks ago, he was reported missing.

COALVILLE SOLDIERS' COMFORTS

The Coalville Bridge Road Schools have never been so crowded as they were on Monday night, when fully 800 people saw the New Year in on the occasion of a whist drive and dance in aid of the funds of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild. The contributors to the prize fund were: Lady Beaumont, Mrs Haydock, Mrs W. Hurst, Lord Aberconway, Sir M. Levy, Mr Hawley, Mrs Eames, Mr Brom, Mr B. B. Drewett, Dr. R. W. Jamie, Mr J. W. Nunley, Mr A. L. White, and Mr John Wootton. There were nearly 500 whist players, for whom excellent arrangements were made in six rooms by Mr Wm. Eames, assisted by the following M.C.'s: Messrs. F. J. Wainwright, A. L. Bertenshaw, H. R. Brown, S. W. Brown, T. W. Underwood, A. W. Warburton, J. Farmer, T. Grosert. The winners of beautiful prizes offered were:

Ladies: 1 Miss E. Grey, fruit stand; 2 Mrs A. Langham, trinket; 3 Miss E. Gardner, clock; 4 Mrs F. Jelley, pair of vases:

Gents: 1 Mr S. Greasley, easy chair; 2 Mr W. V. Scott, oak stand and vase; 3 Mr W. Lager, brushes in leather bag; 4 Mr G. Bott, wallet.

Mr J. Cooper played for dancing, for which Messrs F. Goddard, G. Sheffield, F. J. Bayliss and G. Coltman acted as M.C.'s. On the stroke of midnight, the company, as many as could, clasped hands, and led by Mr L. L. Baldwin, sang "Auld Lang Syne". The refreshment department was excellently managed by the Coalville Co-Operative Women's Guild, and useful assistance at the doors was rendered by Mr A. E. Morris, Mr G. Glover and others. There were several useful gifts which were donated, and all brought "grist to the mill." A cake, given by Mrs G. F. Burton, of Whitwick, was won by Sister Baptista, of the Whitwick Convent; a doll, given by Mrs Charles Coleman and Mrs George Coleman, and was won by Mrs Thornburn; a box of biscuits, given by Mrs Palmer, through the Co-Operative Women's Guild, was secured by Mr G. F. Burton, of Whitwick; Mrs B. G. Hale's box of chocolates was won by Master George Lashmore; and for another box of chocolates, given by Mrs F. Griffin, Hugglescote, there was no claimant. Mr F. Griffin, J.P. chairman of the Urban Council, in presenting the prizes commended the work of The Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild, pointing out that there were now 1,800 names on the list, and since the Guild was formed in October 1914, over 10,000 articles had been sent out. The expenditure in the winter was at the rate of £36 a month. He urged all, in the last stages of the war, to do their best to ensure victory, and after thanking all the workers for that event, wished everybody a happy and prosperous New Year. A vote of thanks to Mr Griffin was heartily accorded on the motion of Mr J. W. Farmer. The secretarial duties in connection with the event were ably discharged by Mrs D. Marston and Mrs C. Coleman.

CHRISTMAS AT BROOM LEYS

(BY ONE OF THE SOLDIERS)

Without a doubt the Christmas week at the Broom Leys V.A.D. Hospital was the best time the patients have ever had – at least, they voted it such, and they ought to be the best judges. The committee, consisting of Messrs. L. L. Baldwin, G. Glover, A. E. Morris, W. Price, W. Rowell and W. V. Scott, worked extremely hard to ensure the success of the arrangements, and they were amply rewarded for all their labours by the great success they achieved. The principal event of Christmas Day was, naturally, the dinner and in these days of sugar cards, rations, and suchlike, the repast provided by the people of Coalville and district was a surprise to many. Needless to say, the "boys" did full justice to it, the searching for coins in the pudding providing an amusing and lucrative pleasure. Thanks to the generosity of Messrs. Ind Coope and Co. and Mr E. Tyler, the patients were provided with a pint of beer apiece, and this was much appreciated. The afternoon was spent

in games of various kinds, and much amusement was caused by the apple-eating competition, and the "musical chairs" for patients and lady visitors. In the evening a mammoth Christmas tree was provided, and loaded with useful and amusing presents. Each patient was given a number to correspond with an article on the tree, and as each filed past to receive their gift from Father Christmas (Capt. Scott), an additional present was given to them in the form of a handsome pocket wallet, which was found to contain five shillings. This was a complete surprise to all and was much appreciated. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, concerts were given to large and appreciative audiences. The musical monologues and ventriloquist contributions by Mr H. Gledhill were much enjoyed. The concert provided by Miss Astley and party on Thursday was a great success, and thanks are due to this lady for her trouble in arranging so successful an evening.

The Christmas festivities may be said to have been concluded by a whist drive on Friday evening. The large number of players must have shown the promoter, Miss Moseley, V.A.D. nurse, of Donington, how much her efforts for the enjoyment of the patients were appreciated. After an interval for refreshments, the prizes were distributed by Miss Moseley, each winner being vociferously applauded as they stepped forward to receive their award. The surprise of the evening was a presentation to the matron (Miss Crawford). On behalf of the patients, Corporal All____, asked the matron's acceptance of a gold wristlet watch as a small appreciation of their thanks for her kindness and hard work on their behalf this Christmas. In response to calls for a speech the matron (who was taken completely by surprise) confessed her inability to make a speech, and asked all to accept an Irish woman's best thanks for their kind present, which she would much appreciate. A most enjoyable and successful evening was concluded by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

On Saturday, close upon 40 of the patients, having finished their convalescence, left Broom Leys with memories of the best time they have ever had at Christmas. There was a large assemblage at the station to wish the "boys", God speed, and good luck. Many regrets were expressed at the departure of Pte. W. Hewitt, and the heartiest wishes were expressed for his future welfare.

Lack of space prevents us from giving a list of the gifts, some 150 people having contributed in money or kind. It may be mentioned, however, that the Bagworth Colliery workmen, through per Mr A. Crook was £____, and the workmen of the South Leicestershire Colliery, per Mr G. Glover, £21/4/0. Nineteen more soldiers arrived at Coalville by the 3.25 pm train for Broom Leys Hospital on Monday, and were conveyed to the hospital in motor cars kindly lent by Messrs. Stinson, Coleman and Sons, T. Lashmore and The Charnwood Forest Laundry Co.

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Beard, V. E.	(January 5 th)
Bradford, W. E. Sergeant	(January 2 nd)
Hardington, H. B. Private	(January 6 th)
Higgins, D.	(January 5 th)
Iliffe, G. Bom. K.R.R.	(January 7 th)
Johnson, A. H. Gunner	(January 1 st)
Lynch, T. Pioneer (R.E.)	(December 30 th)
Myers, C. Private	(January 2 nd)
Stinchcombe, G. Trooper	(January 5 th)
Smith, L. Private	(January 6 th)
Thompson, Chas. Henry	(January 3 rd)
Veasey, Sergeant	(January 1 st)
Whitmore, A. Sapper	(January 5 th)

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Major Gore-Brown, who has been awarded the D.S.O. is a son-in-law of Mrs Booth, and the late Right Hon. Chas. Booth, of Gracedieu Manor.

Captain C. F. Shields, who has been awarded the D.S.O. is a son of Mr J. G. Shields, Manor House, Isley Walton, near Derby, and a brother of Captain J. Shields, captain of the Leicestershire County Cricket XI. He was seriously wounded in action in August of last year and has been mentioned in despatches for distinguished service.

Corporal Aubrey Hewes, of the Motor Transport Service, a former Coalville bricklayer, is now in a hospital at Bagdad, suffering from smallpox. The latest information is that he is going on as well as can be expected. He is one of the five soldier sons of Mr and Mrs G. H. Hewes, of Ravenstone, and his wife and three children are residing at Coalville. Corporal Hewes had previously served in Africa, and came home on leave a few months ago, before going to Bagdad.

Mr Ben Smith, of 6, Margaret Street, Coalville, has received a postcard from his son, Lance-Corporal Harold Smith, of the Tank Corps, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany, and is well. He has been reported missing since November 27th. Lance-Corporal Smith is 24 years of age, and before the war worked at the Bagworth Colliery.

Lance-Corporal Williamson, whose home is at Coalville, has been promoted to Lance-Sergeant. This well-known soldier has been in France nearly three years. He has seen much fighting. He was at Hooge and Lens in 1915, Vimy Ridge and the Somme in 1916, and many other minor engagements.

ABSENTEE

Before Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court on Wednesday, Private James Freeman, of the Notts and Derby Regiment, was charged with being an absentee since January 5th. P.C. Jelley deposed to arresting the man at his home at Whitwick the same afternoon. Freeman was remanded to await an escort.

CONCERT

Another successful concert was arranged by Miss May Astley at Broom Leys on Tuesday evening last. Sergeant Clark presided. The following artistes contributed to the programme: Miss H. Vendy, Miss L. Anderson, Miss D. Holt, Miss M. Astley, Mr E. Onions and Mr W. Reece. The sweet singing of Miss H. Vendy and the humorous songs of Mr W. Reece were much appreciated. Sergeant Limb proposed a vote of thanks, which was heartily applauded by the "boys" and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

COLLIERIES RECRUITING COURT

MANY APPEALS DISMISSED

MEN WHO HAVE ENTERED THE MINES DURING THE WAR

Mr Wm. Saint, H.M. Inspector of Mines, held a Colliery Recruiting Court in the Council Chamber at Coalville, on Friday, being assisted by Mr Bull, another of H.M. Inspectors of Mines. Mr E. D. Spencer (Leicester) for the owners, Mr H. Buckley (South Derbyshire Miners' Agent) for the men, were assessors, Mr Levi Lovett appeared for the Leicestershire Miners' Association, and the National Service representatives were Capt. J. S. Turner, Captain W. E. Stevenson and Lieutenant R. Blower, who all appeared in their civilian attire. The managers of the various collieries in Leicestershire were also present in support of the cases of men whom they wished to retain. The Court was for the purpose of considering the cases of men who have entered the mines since the war began and there was a large number of appeals.

In the case of a man employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, it was stated that the man had been called up and was in the army, though he had worked continuously at a colliery since 1909. Mr W. Eames said the man worked on the bank from 1909 and went into the mine in 1915. He was away from the South Leicestershire mine for about a month. Mr Lovett said the man had been working as a collier all the time and ought not to have been called up. He was one week at Ibstock Colliery and three weeks at Whitwick, after which he returned to South Leicester. The chairman asked whether the man appealed before he was taken. Mr Lovett said he did not, but he had an exemption card.

Mr Saint: *All miners have exemption cards.*

Captain Stevenson said the man did not notify them that an appeal was pending. He had his call-up letter, went to Leicester, and remained there.

Mr Saint: *Did he voluntarily enter the army?*

The National Service Representative: *I should say so.*

Appellant's mother (who appeared for him): *He denies it.*

It was pointed out that the man gave no notice of his intention to lodge an appeal.

Mr Buckley: *He may not have known what to do.*

The chairman: *He has the miners' agent to appeal to.*

The appeal was allowed.

A man appealed for by the Ibstock Colliery manager, was stated by the National Service representative to be a Class A man, and the chairman asked the manager if he could not do without him. "*It will be very difficult*" replied the manager.

The chairman: *It may be difficult, but it is not impossible. He will have to go.*

In a case from the Snibston Colliery, the applicant disputed the Colliery Co.'s letter which stated that he entered the mine in July, 1915. He said there was another man working in the pit of the same name, and that applied to him. Appellant left Stableford's in July, 1914, and went into the mine. The President said Stableford's letter stated that he left them in 1915. So they were both wrong. Applicant said they were. The chairman said that was odd. He could only go on the evidence before him, and the case would be dismissed.

In another case, a man who left the pit to go to Stableford's and had returned to the pit since the war began, said he was ordered out of the pit previously by a doctor. "*Have you the doctor's certificate?*" asked the President.

Applicant: *No, the doctor is dead.*

The chairman: *He would keep books wouldn't he?*

Mr Lovett said doctors did not always keep books for club patients. He knew that the man had worked in the mine before. The President said the man was out of the mine for over two years, and that was too long a period. The case was dismissed.

Mr Lovett said he would like to ask whether a man who had his appeal dismissed had the right of appeal to the local Tribunal.

Mr Saint: *Oh yes, on domestic grounds.*

Captain Stevenson said some of the men had received call-up papers and must lodge any appeal within seven days.

The chairman: *Is he supposed to have the two appeals running at the same time?*

Captain Stevenson: *Yes, certainly.*

The chairman: *I have never understood that.*

Captain Stevenson: *The majority of these men have two appeals in.*

Mr Lovett: *They have a double-edged sword then, but there is no necessity for it, I think.*

In all, 59 appeals were dealt with of which 32 were allowed, 25 were dismissed and two were adjourned.

Private _____ West, son of Mr George West, of Whitwick, has been awarded the Military Medal.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. J. Reed (Bagworth) of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported killed in action.

Corporal G. Black (Ellistown), Pte. A. Davies (Ashby), Pte. W. J. Watret (Whitwick), all of the Leicestershire Regiment, are reported wounded.

Pte. Lewis Leeder, Gloucestershire Regiment (formerly Leicestershire) is a prisoner of war in Germany. He is the eldest son of Mr L. Leeder, secretary, Leicester Licensed Victuallers' Association.

Mr W. C. Kirkman, J.P. of Barlestone, has received news that his son, Pte. Robert Charles Kirkman, of the Northants Regiment, has been killed in action. He was 32 years of age, married, and before the war was in the grocery trade at Birmingham, though he was well-known at Barlestone, where he was born, and he was an old boy of the Bosworth Grammar School. He was working in a labour battalion and a letter from his platoon sergeant states that he was killed by a shell. His wife resides at Birmingham.

Mrs Hancock, a widow, residing at 27, James Street, Coalville has been officially informed that her son, Private Victor William Hancock, of the Leicesters, was wounded in action on December 6th, but a later message from another source, states that he was killed on that date. A sergeant writes that during an attack, they got to within 30 yds of the enemy, when Hancock was killed. Private Hancock, who was 21 years of age, had been in France ten months, and before joining up was in the employ of the Coalville Co-Operative Society at the Ellistown branch shop. Mrs Hancock has another son serving.

Pte. Ernest Amos, stretcher-bearer in the Warwickshire Regiment, aged 27, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Amos, of High Street, Coalville, is officially reported to have been killed in action in France on the 3rd December, twelve days after returning to the Front from leave. He had been at the Front for thirteen months. Before joining up he was in the employ of the Nuneaton Co-Operative Society, before which he worked at Whitwick. Information received is that he was killed whilst attending a wounded officer on the battlefield. His widow, residing at Nuneaton, is left with an infant just under two years old. The young soldier was presented with a parchment certificate for acts of gallantry during September last near Wieltje, the document stating that during an attack on Hill 35, he showed untiring energy and devotion to duty, working almost continuously for 36 hours, attending to his wounded comrades, and carrying several wounded men alone under heavy fire. Deceased was well-known in Coalville, where a brother and two sisters reside.

COALVILLE SERGEANT MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

Among the non-commissioned officers mentioned by Sir Douglas Haig in his recent dispatches for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty, appears the name of Sergeant F. A. Clarke, of the A.S.C. Horse Transport Divisional Team, France. This is the second time that he has been mentioned in twelve months. Sergeant Clarke has now been in the army for three years, and has been in France two years and seven months. He was made Lance-Corporal after three months' service; then promoted corporal, and one month after to sergeant. He was formerly a clerk in the Coalville Urban Council offices, and later at the Leicester Labour Exchange. He is one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road Council School, and the only son of Mr Liberty Clarke, of 80, London Road, Coalville.

WESLEYAN SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WELFARE AND MEMORIAL FUND

In connection with the above fund on Saturday last, a grand concert was held in the Whitwick National Schools (kindly lent for the occasion), at which a large audience was present, the seating accommodation being all taken up sometime before the commencement. Mr Wm. Price, of Coalville, presided, and a very enjoyable programme was given. The chief entertainers were Mr and Mrs W. Smith (Coalville) in their winsome duets, which were twice encored: Misses Cameron, G. Mann, G. Baker, D. Mills, Messrs. C. Massey, W. A. Burton and A. Carter. Part songs were given by the children, also a dialogue and a merry sketch. The programme lasted about three and a half hours, being then somewhat curtailed, owing to the many items. The thanks of the committee were expressed to all the helpers including the managers of the schools for kindly lending the schools. The treasurer anticipates showing a balance after all expenses are paid, of about £13.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs G. Knight, 92, Silver Street, Whitwick wish to thank all those who have expressed sympathy with them in the loss of their son, Corporal E. Knight, of the Royal Engineers, killed in action on December 3rd.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Corporal Edward Knight, who fell in action on December 3rd, 1917. Aged 22 years.

*"Could I have raised his dying head,
Or heard his last farewell,
The grief would not have been so hard,
To those who loved him well
He bravely answered duty's call;
He gave his life for one and all.
Christ will clasp the broken chain
Closer when we meet again."*

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COLEORTON

A SOLDIER'S WEDDING

Corporal T. E. Walker, Leicestershire Regiment (who was home on leave from France, after participating in the engagements of Hohenzollern Redoubt, Gommecourt, Lens, and other places) and Miss Mary Bradford, daughter of Mr J. Bradford, were married at St. Peter's Parish Church, a large congregation, including Lady Beaumont and Mrs H. Robinson, witnessing the ceremony. The bride (who was given away by her father) and her maids, Miss Allen, her neice, and Miss E. Walker, the bridegroom's sister, wore becoming costumes. Corporal Walker was accompanied by his brother, Mr R. Walker, as best man. The couple received numerous congratulations after the service. The wedding guest assembled at the residence of Mr Allen. Corporal and Mrs Walker, who were born in the village, received many wedding presents from the villagers. Corporal Walker's leave expired on the 10th inst.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Coalville Tribunal was held on Monday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. G. Hale, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, and C. W. Brown, with Captain German, Lieutenant R. Blower (National Service representatives), and J. F. Jesson (clerk).

In all there were 28 cases on the list, several of them being men who had been combed out of the mines.

An Ellistown ironmonger, and house furnisher, 40, married, C2 whose partner (his brother) is serving in France, was allowed three months.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for a Whitwick licensed victualler, 42, married, Grade 1, stating that he had been a miner practically the whole of his life, except for a short time when he left the pit to take a Whitwick public house. He had a wife and two children. Though having been passed for general service, he was at his first examination rejected. Appeal dismissed.

A former fishmonger at Whitwick, now working at Ibstock Colliery, was also represented by Mr Sharp, who said the man was 42 years of age last June. He was married with two children, and passed in Grade 2. He only asked for temporary exemption, pending a domestic event. A question was raised as to the man being over the age limit, it being stated that if the applicant was 42 before June 24th last, he was not liable for service. The man said he was 42 before that date, and the case was adjourned for 14 days for the production of a birth certificate.

A Whitwick licensed victualler and collier, formerly a professional footballer, in his appeal, stated that he was 32 last December. He had a wife and six children, five being of school age, and his wife was ill. He produced

a medical certificate to that effect. He had worked as a collier all his life, except when footballing. It was stated that he was in Grade 1. One month was allowed, the man to find work of national importance, other than in the mine.

A shoeing smith, aged 30, Grade 1, married, with two children, said he had worked at the Whitwick Colliery since September, 1914. One of his children was ill, and his own health was not good. Dismissed.

A Coalville builder appealed for his only joiner, stating that he had five before the war. The man was 42, married, and was a N.C.O. in the Volunteers. He was 42 on June 27th last, and was in Grade 3. Dismissed.

A carpenter employed at the Ellistown Colliery said he had worked at the colliery three years last November. He was 35 years of age, married, with two children, and was in Grade 2. He was willing to do work of national importance wherever required. He was formerly in business with a partner as builders at Coalville and he wanted time to clear up business matters in that connection. Dismissed.

A fitter at the South Leicestershire Colliery, aged 26, married, and passed in Grade 2, stated in his appeal that he had five brothers in the army (two of them wounded) and his wife had four brothers serving. It was remarked that his family was well represented in the Forces, and one month was allowed for him to get other work of national importance.

A Whitwick collier, married, Grade 3, said he suffered from rheumatics and had had rheumatic fever twice. He worked in the mine from boyhood, but left through his health. Answering a question, he said he was married last September. Dismissed.

A Coalville man, employed at the Ibstock Collier, stated that he was 22 and in Grade 2. He had a wife and child and partly supported his widowed mother, who recently had a leg amputated. A Wesleyan minister wrote supporting the applicant in his claim. One month allowed to enable him to get other work of national importance.

Another Whitwick collier, married, 29, Grade 3, said he had four brothers serving in the army, and a brother-in-law. He formerly worked at the Whitwick Quarry. Sometime ago, he had an injury to his foot. Dismissed.

A single man, 31, Grade 3, a fitter at the Whitwick Colliery Co. for 14 years, being formerly in the brickyard. His two brothers were serving, and one has been gassed. Dismissed.

An Ellistown Colliery employee, residing at Hugglescote, said he was 41 on the previous day. He was married with five children and in Grade 2. He worked nights in the pit and in the daytime assisted a farmer, and cleaned a doctor's motor car. Before going down the Ellistown pit, he worked on the bank at Ibstock. He had worked at a colliery continuously for six years. The case was adjourned for 14 days for further enquiries.

A Whitwick Collier loader, 32, married, Grade 3, said he had worked in the pit two years and four months. Before he went into the pit he suffered from rheumatics. He had had rheumatic fever twice and would soon be ill again if he had to work in the open. He had one child. One month, to find other work of national importance.

Temporary exemption was asked for by a Whitwick collier, 28, Grade 3, who said his wife was ill. One month or two he hoped, would suffice. Dismissed.

A Whitwick Colliery worker, 35, Grade 3, married, said he had a wife and two children, and his sister and invalid mother were partially dependent. He said he had been lame for two years, getting his leg broken and ankle dislocated in a football match at Coalville. Adjourned for 14 days for further medical examination.

A Grade 1 man working at the Ellistown Colliery said he was 42 and had five children. He formerly worked in a brickyard. Two of the children were working. A letter in support of the appeal was read from the manager of the Ellistown Colliery. One month allowed to get other work of national importance.

A bricklayer at the South Leicestershire Colliery, 29, passed for general service, appeared with his head bandaged, stating that he had received a blow on the eye, and his sight was endangered. He had been off work a month. His wife and mother were dependent on him. Adjourned for a month, the man to then bring a doctor's certificate.

A South Leicestershire collier, 25, married, Grade 1, residing at Hugglescote, said that before going into the mine he worked on the bank from 1913. He was on short time at the Ellistown pit, but had worked continuously in the mine or on the top since 1913. Mr Lockwood said the man would have had a stronger claim at the Colliery Court. Applicant said he was not aware of that till it was too late. One month was allowed pending a domestic event.

"I have strong objections to an entire family being called upon," said a shovelman shifter at the Ellistown Colliery in his appeal, stating that he had four brothers serving and one had had a leg amputated. He formerly worked at Stableford's. He was 30 years of age, and passed in Grade 1, and had a wife and four children. One month allowed to find other work of national importance.

A "gobber" on the night shift at the South Leicestershire Colliery stated that he was 38, and passed in Grade 3. He had a wife and two children, and supported his widowed mother and an invalid sister, who had been an invalid for eight years through being struck by lightning. His younger brother was expecting to have to go. One month allowed to find other work of national importance.

A locomotive cleaner at the Whitwick Colliery, aged 29, single, Grade 3, said he had been under a doctor for seven years, and produced a local doctor's certificate. His father was unable to work through paralysis and applicant was the main support of both his parents. Twelve months last September, he volunteered for the army and was rejected. One month allowed to find other work of national importance.

A former Coalville bricklayer, now working at the Whitwick Colliery, aged 40, Grade 2, said he had a wife and four children, and helped to support his mother and his wife's mother. One month to find other work of national importance.

A Whitwick Colliery tub repairer, 38, Grade 3, in his appeal said he was an out-patient at Leicester Infirmary for eye trouble. One month to find other work of national importance.

The last two appeals were by the Coalville Co-Operative Society for a first hand in the Central grocery shop, married, 31, Grade 3, and a bread deliverer, 40, married, Grade 2. Two months each were allowed.

Permission was given to the National Service representative to bring forward several cases for review.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Tribunal was held on Tuesday, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, W. Towers, G. M. Arnold, Major Wollaston, and Mr R. Hanmer (National Service representative), Lieut. R. Blower and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

About 140 cases were dealt with.

Three men employed at the Markfield Quarry an Ibstock coal carter, and an Ibstock butcher were each allowed six months, the latter to work on the land three days' a week.

The appeals of a "combed out" Desford Colliery shifter and of a Markfield man similarly employed at the Ellistown Colliery, were dismissed.

The managers of two multiple grocers' shops at Ibstock, were each allowed one month final, and a similar discussion was given in the case of a youth of 18 who had recently started work on a farm at Orton-on-the-Hill.

A Markfield carpenter, formerly employed at the Bardon Hill Quarry, said he had been ill, and recently underwent an operation. He was classed C2, and was 38 years of age. The appeal was dismissed.

An Ibstock tax-collector and insurance agent in a further appeal, produced documentary evidence that he had worked two days a week on a farm, and was allowed a further six months subject to him containing two days' farm work weekly up to April 1st, and three days a week after that.

A Desford butcher appealed in vain to retain his single son, aged 18, and a Stapleton man working at Barwell as a shoehand, had his appeal dismissed, while the same result attended the appeal of a Sheepy firm of millers for a flour deliverer, aged 25 and single.

A Newbold Verdon man, 29, working in the Desford Colliery applied on the ground of ill-health. He was passed C2, and went into the mine in 1915. He expressed his willingness to work on the land, a member remarking that was the healthiest calling, and he was allowed one month to find such work.

Six months were allowed an Ibstock boot and shoe repairer in bad health.

Appeals by two Ibstock men, one working at Desford Colliery and the other at Nailstone Colliery, aged 39 and 22, both married, were dismissed. One of them said he was formerly in the grocery trade, and went into the mine on August 10th, 1914.

A Desford farmer appealed for a youth, 20, single, who had worked for him since last July, being formerly in the mine. He said the man was the only help he had on 120 acres, besides a boy of 14. The appeal was dismissed, a substitute to be found.

An Ibstock general dealer, appealing for further exemption, said he was assisting on a farm. He had two brothers serving in France and his mother and father had recently died. Six months allowed on working three days a week at agriculture, and arrangements were made for him to go to an Ibstock farmer.

The caretaker of the Market Bosworth Rural District Council's isolation hospital at Ibstock was allowed six months subject to him working at the Ibstock sewage works when not required at the hospital. Mr Eggington said they had had some very good crops on the sewage farm. Application was made for the exemption of a gardener at the Desford Auxiliary Hospital who was said to be doing excellent work in producing food for the 66 soldiers at the hospital. There was only this man and the head gardener (over age) and they attended to three acres of garden ground and some orchards, besides looking after machinery. The man appealed for was ill in bed at present. Six months allowed.

A Markfield licensed victualler, owing to the state of his health, was allowed six months, on assisting his father, a butcher, and putting in spare time for the farmers of the district. He said he suffered from varicose veins and sciatica.

Six months were allowed a Bosworth builder, an Ibstock bread baker, and an Ibstock butcher, the latter to work three days a week on a farm. A member said there were only three butchers left in Ibstock.

An Ibstock bricklayer, 41, who is working at a Heather brickworks, was allowed another six months on continuing in that occupation, and similar exemption was granted a Markfield baker, an Osbaston farmer and publican and a Markfield publican and plumber.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for a Markfield man who went into the mine in March, 1915, and carries on a greengrocer's business with the aid of his wife. He was 29 and passed for general service, and asked for time to arrange his business affairs. One month final allowed.

An Ibstock builder, who said that it was his birthday – he was 40 – was told that he could not be exempted for colliery work. He had told the Tribunal he was working 64 hours a week mostly for the Ibstock and Nailstone collieries. It was stated that the collieries could get their workmen protected, and the man was allowed three months on him undertaking private work.

An Ibstock newsagent and shopkeeper was allowed six months on him putting in three days' a week at farm work.

The appeal of a Botchestone farm worker, 34, married, formerly a collier, was dismissed.

Another Ibstock builder, who said he was 42 last October, was allowed six months, saying he had a lot of repair work on hand.

The Tribunal dismissed the appeal of the Stapleton postmaster.

An Ibstock elastic web firm appealed for a foreman at the factory, aged 29, married, and passed B1. He was foreman over 60 or 70 girls, and they were on Government work. Six months allowed.

An Osbaston collier, with a smallholding, 29, married, was allowed six months on putting in his whole time at agriculture.

A Stanton-under-Bardon smallholder, 25, C1, produced a certificate of exemption from the War Agricultural Committee. He said he assisted his father besides working on his own holding. It was decided to dismiss the appeal, and call the attention of the authorities to the man's exemption by the War Agricultural Committee, it being contended that this should be withdrawn.

The appeal of an Ibstock collier, 35, passed for general service, was also dismissed.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Beard, V. E.	(January 10 th)
Brown, C. E. Corporal	(January 10 th)
Horne, W. Private	(January 9 th)
Iliffe, G. Bomb. K.R.R.	(January 13 th)
Swain, H. W. Private	(January 13 th)
Thompson, Chas. Hy.	(January 12 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

A Tank is at Leicester all this week receiving money for National War Bonds?

The Rev. H. V. Williams, curate of Hugglescote is leaving shortly with a view to taking up duties as chaplain in the Forces?

Mr B. G. Hale, J.P. of Coalville, will be one of the speakers at the Leicester "Tank" today?

Sapper J. G. Ward, R.E. who is serving in France, son of Mr and Mrs J. Ward, of High Street, Coalville has been admitted an Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr George Reason, a Bardon Hill man, whose wife resides at Hugglescote, has arrived home on leave. He is a naval sick-berth man and was on board the hospital ship "Rewa" when it was recently torpedoed in the Bristol Channel. He was in the St. John's Ambulance Brigade at Coalville before the war, and volunteered for service.

One of the largest crowds ever seen in Leicester assembled in the main streets on Sunday to witness the arrival of Tank 119, which was the subject of an enthusiastic reception. London Road, on either side of the station and for a considerable distance into the town, was packed with people, who cheered heartily as the tank made its way to the Town Hall square where it is located all this week for the issuing of National War Bonds. Before settling down there, however, the machine made a perambulation of some of the main thoroughfares in the central portion of the town, under the guidance of the commander, Lieutenant T. Brockenhurst, who was accompanied by Lieut. A. E. Thurston, transport officer and crew.

BARDON MILITARY MEDALLIST

Footballers in Coalville and district will heartily congratulate Corporal J. S. Moyens, of Bardon Hill, on being awarded the Military Medal. He is in the Coldstream Guards. Tall and of fine physique, he was a tower of strength at half-back to Coalville Swifts and Hugglescote United Football clubs in the old days. His name recently appeared in the list of wounded.

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COMFORTS FOR SOLDIERS

The Ibstock Ladies' Patriotic Committee resumed their weekly meetings on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs J. T. Jacques presiding. Balance sheet and report for the year's work were presented, and were concerned very satisfactory. There was a balance in hand. Letters were read from many of the 239 Ibstock "boys" who have received parcels of comforts and good fare showing how much they appreciated what was being done for them.

BARDON HILL

A memorial service was held in St. Peters' Church, Bardon Hill, on Sunday night for Pte. Harry Webster, who was killed by a Hun shell when in a dug-out on the Western Front. There was a large congregation. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Pillifant. Appropriate hymns were sung. Mr Pruden, the organist, played "I know that my Redeemer liveth" as a concluding voluntary.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of Pte. Arthur Reginald Brooks, killed in action, January 20th, 1917.

"Ever in my thoughts"

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LOCAL CASUALTIES



A letter from the War Office has been received by Mrs Statham, of 231, Belvoir Road, Coalville, stating that her husband, Pte. Wm. Statham, a stretcher-bearer in the Royal Naval Division, was killed in action on November 28th. He was 30 years of age, and before the war worked at the Whitwick Colliery, residing at Standard Hill. His widow is now residing with her parents. Mr and Mrs T. Chambers, her father, formerly being the Leicestershire Miners' agent. The deceased soldier joined up in June last year, and had only been about three months in France. He was a native of East Leake, and his father is in the Army, now at Brockton Camp, while a brother is also serving.

Pte. Samuel Beccles, of the Worcestershire Regiment, has been killed in action. His father, Mr H. Beccles resides at Belton. This is the seventh man from the village of Belton to lose his life in the war, and there are about 50 serving. The Vicar made suitable reference to the sad event at the Parish Church on Sunday. Appropriate hymns were sung, and the "Dead March" was played by Mr H. Smith, organist.

Mr Ambrose Bowns, of Whitwick, employed by the Coalville Urban Council in the Water Department, has received news that his son, Pte. Bowns, has been wounded in the arm and is a prisoner of war in Germany. The information states that his friends are not to worry, as he is going on well.

Pte. T. Dowell (Thornton), Pte. E. Flavell, Pte. W. Hancox, and Pte. G. E. Wright (all Coalville) and Acting-Sergeant E. V. Woolley (Hugglescote) all of the Leicestershire Regiment are reported wounded.

Private G. Bailey (Coalville), of the R.A.M.C. is reported to have died of wounds.

Pte. E. E. Statham (Newbold Verdon) of the Leicestershire Regiment, and Corporal J. S. Moyens (Coalville) of the Coldstream Guards are reported wounded.

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COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Monday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, and J. W. Fisher, Captain G. J. German and Lieutenant R. Blower (National Service representatives) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Mr C. E. Crane appeared for a Hugglescote boot and shoe repairer, who was stated to be 41 years of age, and the father of six children. He worked twelve hours a day, six days a week. A local doctor's certificate was put in as to the man's unfitness at present to drill with the V.T.C. Two months allowed.

The National Service representative brought forward for review the case of a former Coalville licensed victualler, now working as a collier in the Measham mine. Mr Crane said the man was 40 years of age, married, with one child and passed C3. When previously exempted the applicant was told to get work of national importance. He registered at the Labour Exchange and was sent to Measham Colliery under the National Service Scheme. He had worked there ever since as a chargeman, and the manager of the Measham Colliery had written, strongly supporting the appeal. He read the letter, which stated that the man was a very good workman in the mine, and they wished to retain him. Answering a question, applicant said he had worked as a collier practically all his life. He left the pit temporarily through an accident. One month, to find other work of national importance.

A Hugglescote fruiterer, 26, single, B2, formerly rejected, whose brother, a former partner is serving, was allowed two months. He said he was supporting his sister and aged father.

Mr J. J. Sharp represented an aged painter of Whitwick in an appeal for his son, who carries on an old-established business. The man was 32 years of age, married, and passed C2. A brother who used to be in the business, was at the Front, and the man appealed for returned from Australia to take his place. Two months.

The father of seven children, working as a farm labourer for the Whitwick Colliery Co. was allowed three months, and it was suggested that he get a certificate from the War Agricultural Committee. He is 40 years of age, and passed C2.

A Hugglescote wood machinist, 37, B1, appealed on domestic grounds. He said he had suffered from an injured knee for four years. He had four brothers serving in the army. His aged father, and his wife's mother, who lived with them, were partly dependent. Two months.

A Coalville plumber, painter and paper-hanger, appealed for his man, aged 38, passed C1, married with five children. He said he had five assistants before the war, and now only this man. His two sons were in the army. Two months.

A gardener and electric light attendant at a Forest residence appealed for further exemption. He said he was 40, and passed B1. He produced a medical certificate as to his wife's illness. One month (final).

A Coalville printer appealed for his foreman compositor, 36, married, and passed C1, and was allowed three months.

Appealing for one of his men, a Coalville plumber read out a long list of orders awaiting execution, which included many burst pipes through the recent frost. The man appealed for was 21, single, and in Grade 3. He only had five left out of 23 men before the war. One month (final). A member remarked that they could not keep a single man of 21 at home while they were sending married men of 40.

Three months were allowed an Insurance Co.'s Coalville branch manager, aged 36, married, and in Grade 3.

A boot manufacturing firm appealed for a single man, 23, a shoe benchman at a Whitwick factory. The man was stated to be in Grade 3, and physically unfit for the army, having previously been rejected. The firm's representative said they had lost ten men out of fifteen before the war in this department. They would shortly be losing another boy who was nearly 18. It was the first man they had appealed for. One month (final).

On the application of Captain German, the case was reviewed of a Coalville licensed victualler and collier. Mr J. J. Sharp said the man was a practical miner, but he was brought up on a farm, and would be willing to do farm work if the Tribunal thought he should find work of national importance other than mining. He was 38, had 4 children and was passed C1. Applicant said he had already been offered a position in a munitions works. One month to find work of national importance other than mining.

Mr Sharp also appeared in the next case brought forward for review that of the managing partner, of Hugglescote, in a building firm. He was 40 years of age, B1, and did the joinery work. He was the only man of military age working for the firm. Two months allowed.

Another review case was that of a Hugglescote firm's joiner left out of 14. Two months.

A Coalville builder appeared for a joiner and woodwork machinist, both up for review. The joiner is 36, B2, and the machinist, 40, general service. The employer added that he was in Government work and an inspector recently complained that he was not turning out the work fast enough.

A member: *Why don't you get the Government to protect him?*

The employer said he should have asked for a badge for the joiner had he known when the inspector was there that this was coming on. The joiner was working 12 hours every day solely on Government work and drilled with the Volunteers on Sunday. Three months were allowed the wood machinist and the appeal of the National Service representative in regard to the joiner was allowed.

A Whitwick building and undertaking firm were represented by Mr Sharp in a review of the cases of a partner, 38, C1, who is a joiner and a woodwork machinist, 38, C1. The partner said he had to rely absolutely on this man as a machinist. Mr Sharp said 14 of the firm's men had gone to the army. It was also stated that a partner had been killed. Three months allowed in each case.

A Coalville wheelwright was allowed three months on the review of the case of his son, 33, married, and passed C1 who assists in the business.

A Coalville loom-maker said he was unable to get anybody to take the place of a single man, 24, passed C2 who was good at shuttle making. Two months.

An Ellistown Colliery employee, 38, passed for general service was allowed one month to find other work of national importance, it being stated that he had seven children.

Similar exemption was granted an Ellistown pork butcher, working as a collier. He was 36, and passed C3.

Two cases in which an Ashby solicitor was engaged were, on his application, adjourned for a fortnight.

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Ashby Rural District Tribunal was held at the Clerk's Office at Ashby on Saturday, when Mr T. Varnham presided, and there were also present, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Messrs. J. Rice, A. Riley and J. T. Bradshaw. Mr German (for the agricultural representative), Capt. Phillimore and Lieut. W. Baldwin (National Service representatives) and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

A Measham butcher, 32, married, whose case had been adjourned for medical examination, was now stated to have been passed for general service. Mr W. P. Musson, for the applicant, the man's mother, said exemption was given until a substitute was found, but that had not been done. In addition to the butchery business, the man had 38 acres of land, and a considerable amount of stock. Mr German said the War Agricultural Committee were in favour of the man being retained, and a member said it would be hard for the widow if the man was taken, and the business broken up. Another member said Sir Douglas Haig had said in

his dispatches that he wanted more men. They wanted to win the war. The chairman said the man was serving quite 200 customers with meat. It seemed to him that the Tribunal should do what Lord Rhondda and Mr Lloyd George were doing, and that was to play up to the workingmen. A good deal depended on them, and they had to be fed. It was agreed that the man retain his conditional exemption certificate, until substituted, and that he drill with the V.T.C.

The Leicestershire Collieries' Pit-Wood Association appealed for the exemption of two Appleby men engaged in timber felling, one a foreman, 34, and married, and the other, 33, single. Mr Musson, for the Association, said the men were now working full-time at Holly Hayes Wood, Whitwick. The work was urgent, it being difficult to obtain sufficient wood for pit props. The foreman had been passed for general service, and the other man had once been rejected. A member said the men were not working full-time. They were not working hard enough for war time. They were paid such good wages that they got as much as they wanted by working about two-thirds of their time. A member said they would soon be in a serious position if there was no pit wood. Another member said it was more important that they should get men for the Army. Two months (final) were allowed in each case.

The case of a Measham market gardener, appealing for his son, which had been adjourned for medical examination, came forward for review, and Mr Musson said the youth, aged 18, and single, had been passed for general service. The applicant had eleven acres of garden ground. One month (final).

A Griffydham collier, 36, passed for general service, married, with three children, appealed for temporary exemption, saying he had lost two children from diphtheria, and had one child ill now. He had a doctor's bill for £10, and did not know how that would be paid if he had to join the army. Answering Captain Phillimore, applicant said he was earning £3 8s 9d a week, after paying expenses. He used to work on a farm, but went into the pit to get more money. He assisted on a farm now after working in the pit. One month (final) allowed.

A Thringstone collier, who is also a market gardener, was represented by Mr C. E. Crane, who said the man was 35 years of age, and till 1915, was a market gardener and carter. For some years he supported his parents. His father was now dead, but his mother, aged 68, was dependent upon him. He had half an acre of garden ground, 1,500 yds of allotment, and an acre of grass land. A member said they could hardly retain a general service man to cultivate half an acre of garden ground. Applicant said he was willing to do any kind of work. His mother had nobody in the world but him. The appeal was dismissed.

A waggon-loader under the screen at Snibston Colliery, who is also a grazier and milk seller at Pegg's Green, said he had 15 acres of land, three cows and other stock. He was passed for general service. Dismissed.

A Thornborough collier, who before going to the colliery worked for a Whitwick building and undertaking firm, asked for a re-examination in the event of exemption not being granted. He was passed B2 last March. He was 39 years of age, had four children, and partly supported his father. He was now working as an onsetter in the pit. A member said he knew seven or eight men from Measham who never ought to have been sent. They went to France, and were sent back without doing anything, and were now receiving pensions. The case was dismissed.

A Donisthorpe collier, 26, single, in his appeal stated that he also worked as a mole catcher on six farms, a total of over a thousand acres. He was supporting his father, mother and sister, who were in poor health. He had two brothers in the army and one was reported missing. He was willing to work entirely on a farm if exempted. Mr J. W. Fowler wrote supporting this. Three months allowed, to be used as a substitute.

A Heather collier, 34, single, said his widowed mother and sister were partly dependent on him. He also assisted his brother who was ill, on his 32 acres of land. He was passed B2, but had forgotten his card. The National Service representative said he was classed general service in their books. Dismissed.

A Newbold man working at the Worthington Colliery appealed on domestic grounds. He said he was not physically fit for the army, and he had three children. He produced a local doctor's certificate that he was unfit for laborious work. He used to work on the road. Three months allowed.

A Thringstone collier, employed at the Whitwick pit, produced a local doctor's certificate that he was suffering from asthma. He was passed B1. He was the only one left with his parents at home, one brother being in

France, and another who had been rejected was working on munitions. He worked at Stableford's before going into the mine. He would like another medical examination.

The chairman: *You might be passed for general service then. Some of them go up, you know.*

Dismissed.

Mr H. Ford, of Heather, withdrew an appeal made for a bricksetter at the Heather brickworks. The case had been adjourned for medical examination, and as the youth was passed for general service, Mr Ford said he could not pursue the appeal, but he hoped the National Service representative would be able to get another man back from the army who went from the works, and was engaged in a labour battalion.

The Tribunal passed a vote of sympathy with Mr J. W. Fowler, of Donisthorpe, in his illness, and expressed the hope that he would soon be well again. Mr Fowler wrote that he was somewhat better, but was unable to attend.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Beard, V. E.	(January 19 th)
Bott, Horace, Private	(January 19 th)
Campton, Sergeant	(January 18 th)
Drinkwater, D.	(January 16 th)
Hardington, H. B. Private	(January 20 th)
Hart, A. Private	(January 15 th)
Hubbard, C. C. M. S.	(January 18 th)
Middleton, T. Private	(January 18 th)
Siddall, L-Corpl.	(January 18 th)
Smith, T. Private	(January 20 th)
Stinchcombe, A. Private	(January 20 th)
Thompson, Chas. Henry	(January 19 th)
Walker, L.-Corpl.	(January 18 th)
Watson, J.	(January 14 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The takings at the Leicester "Tank" last week was £2,063,250?

An aeroplane descended in a field off Hermitage Road, on Sunday afternoon, the airman flying away again after a short stay?

The promoters of the Coalville Football Competition have decided to give the proceeds of the final round to the cigarette fund for the soldiers at the Broom Leys Hospital?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Efforts are being made to establish a patriotic fund for Ashby soldiers, who gain military honours on the battlefield. At all the banks and at several business places, subscription cards are available. Members of the Urban District Council will also gladly receive and acknowledge contributions to the fund.

"A Sheaf of War Letters" is the title of a little book which has just been published by the Rev. Degan, priest of the Coalville St. Saviour's Church, at the price of one shilling. They are letters which have been written to Father Degan, mostly by young men formerly connected with the church who left to take their part in the great war, five of whom have made the supreme sacrifice. It is to these and their comrades still fighting that the book is dedicated. It also contains reports of memorial services at the Coalville and Whitwick Catholic Churches, re-printed from the "Coalville Times" and an introduction by the Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly, M.R.?

WANTED A HOLIDAY FIRST

Before Mr B. G. Hale at the Coalville Police Court on Tuesday, Absalom Smith, collier, Thringstone, was charged with being a military absentee. P.C. Jones said that when he apprehended the defendant at Thringstone, he said the reason he had not responded to his call-up was that he thought he would have a holiday first, and he had been at Oakham. Defendant was remanded to await an escort.

HINCKLEY'S FALLEN HEROES

IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE

An impressive service, to the memory of 114 Hinckley officers, N.C.O.'s and men who fell in battle last year was held at the Parish Church, Hinckley, on Sunday afternoon. Mr G. Kinton J.P. (chairman), Mr W. H. Botz (vice-chairman), and members of the Hinckley Urban District Council, Hinckley Grammar School Cadets, Church Lads' Brigade, and Boy Scouts attended. Most of the bereaved families were represented. A glorious tribute was paid to the fallen by Canon Hurvell, who read out their names. The National Anthem was followed by the "Dead March". The "Last Post" was played by C.L.B. buglers.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES



Official news has been received that Lance-Corporal Joseph Eaton, of the Leicesters, was killed in action on the Western Front on December 24th, a few days before his 20th birthday. He has been wounded three times previously. Before enlisting, he worked at the Ibstock Colliery and lodged with his brother, Mr John William Eaton, formerly of 11, Margaret Street, Coalville and now of Fox Terrace, Thringstone. His father, Mr Thomas Eaton, who is a collier at the Snibston pit, resides at Charnwood Street, Coalville. Deceased's brother and sister-in-law received a letter from him dated only the day before he was killed, stating that he was well, and wishing them a Happy Christmas.

Private C. Adcock (Ibstock) of the R.N.V.R. is reported wounded.

Lance-Corporal N. Leedham (Ashby) of the Machine Gun Corps, is reported wounded and missing.

Mr and Mrs Gorham, of Wood Street, Ashby, were some time ago informed that their son, Private Gorham had been killed in action. They have now been notified that he is a prisoner of war.

Mr Carter of 4, Silver Street, Whitwick, has been informed that his son, Pte. J. A. Carter, of the Leicesters, who was reported missing on July 14th, 1916, is now presumed to have been killed in action in France on that date. He enlisted in June, 1915, and would have been 20 years of age last November.

Another Whitwick soldier, Private George Wright, of the Leicesters, reported missing on the same date (July 14th, 1916) is now presumed to have been killed on that date. Mrs Wardle, his mother, who has received the news, lives at Alma Villas, Hermitage Road. Before he joined up at the beginning of the war, Pte. Wright was working in Leicester.

News has been received by Mrs Parsons, of North Street, Whitwick, that her husband Pte. Wm. Parsons, of the Leicesters, died on December 20th from wounds received in action in France. He enlisted in September, 1914, prior to which he and his family were living in Mansfield. Mrs Parsons in the meantime has returned to Whitwick, her native place, and where her parents live. She is left with four little children.

Previously reported missing, Pte. Oliver Bishop, of the Northamptonshire Regiment, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Bishop, of 57, North Street, Whitwick, is now reported to have been killed in action on April 19th, 1917, when he was with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. It is stated that his body has been found and buried. He was 21 years of age. Mr and Mrs Bishop have two other sons in the army, one in Egypt and the other in hospital in England, suffering from wounds and shell shock received in France. These casualties bring Whitwick's war death roll to 43.

Private C. Gorham (Ashby) of the King's Liverpool Regiment, is reported missing.

IBSTOCK SOLDIER HONOURED



Sergeant C. Smith joined the South Staffs. Regiment 2 ½ years ago, and has gone through two offensives in France. He has been twice wounded and recommended for the Military Medal. He is mentioned in recent despatches by Sir Douglas Haig for bravery and good work in France, during September last. Previous to the war, he resided with his parents at Melbourne Road, Ibstock. In his boyhood, he passed through the Wesleyan Sunday School, and later joined the Wesleyan Reform Choir, of which he was a member up to the time of his enlistment. He has kept up a bright, hopeful correspondence during his absence, and when visiting home last summer, was cheerful and *"fit as a fiddle"*. His Ibstock friends to whom he hopes to return at so very distant date, will join in congratulating him on his fine soldierly example, and in wishing him still further distinctions.

ASHBY SOLDIER'S DOUBLE DECORATION

A singular sequel has followed an inquiry made by Captain Stevenson, recruiting officer, Ashby, with reference to the medal won by Sergeant Webster, R.E. who was presented with a gold watch and purse from the town. His medal was not given to him then, because Lieut.-Colonel German, who was making the presentation, observed that it was not the Distinguished Conduct Medal to which it was thought the soldier was entitled, but the Military Medal, which had Sergeant Webster's name on, that had been forwarded to Captain Stevenson for presentation. It has now transpired that Sergeant Webster has won both medals, the M.M. gazetted in September, 1916, and the D.C.M. in January 1918. The latter is not available for presentation, but the Military Medal was pinned on his breast by Colonel German in the Town Hall on Friday night, when Mr A. H. Tugby, chairman of the Urban Council, presided at a specially summoned meeting, and Captain Stevenson explained the mistake which had occurred.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private J. Haywood, 8th Leicesters, who was killed in action in France, on January 22nd, 1916.

"To memory ever dear."

Sisters and Brothers

In loving memory of our dear son, Jas. Haywood, who was killed somewhere in France, January 22nd, 1916.

*"Too far away thy grave to see,
But not too far to think of thee."*

From his loving Father and Mother.

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FOR SOLDIERS' COMFORTS

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL AND WHIST DRIVE AT RAVENSTONE

A very successful whist drive and social were held in the Ravenstone Church Schools on Saturday night in aid of the funds of the Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild. The schools were crowded. Messrs. W. E. Hewes, G. Harris and L. J. Burge acted as M.C.'s and Mrs W. E. Hewes (piano) and Mr W. Hewes, junr. (violin) played for dancing. Songs were given by Mr R. G. Heward's party from Markfield, all being encored. Splendid prizes for whist were given by the Rev. A. S. Dowling (rector) and Major Hatchett, and the winners were:

Ladies: 1 Miss Willett; 2 Miss Dean; 3 Mrs Kendrick.

Gents: 1 Mr T. Marsden; 2 Mr A. Cheney; 3 Mr S. Bentley.

A large box of chocolates given by Mrs F. Griffin, of Hugglescote, was drawn for, but was unclaimed; a doll, given by Mrs Clarke, was won by Master Tom Wright; a cake, given by Mrs Atkins, was won by Mr H. Hewer; another cake, the gift of Mrs Dolmas, was won by Master Jack Bottrill; a silk cushion also given by Mrs Dolman, was won by Mr Congreave; and a tray cloth, given by Mrs Harris, was won by Miss Bradshaw. The refreshment department was well-managed by an energetic ladies' committee. The hon. secretary for the event, Mr L. L. Burge, B.A. anticipates being able to hand over a substantial sum to the Guild treasurer.

A "WHIP ROUND" AT STABLEFORD'S

REALISES £1,500 FOR LEICESTER "TANK"

Coalville played its part in the splendid success of "Tank Week" at Leicester, Messrs. Stableford's workmen alone investing over £1,500. This interesting fact was announced by the manager of the Works, Mr B. G. Hale J.P. who was one of the speakers at the "Tank" opening on Friday.

Mr Hale said the present was a great opportunity and an immense responsibility. They wanted to stand shoulder to shoulder in the grim determination to see that the war was brought to a triumphant conclusion. If they did not, all those who had given their lives would have died in vain (hear, hear). Mr Hale mentioned that he had, with assistance, had a "whip up" round Stableford's works at Coalville, and had, as a result, brought £1,500 to invest (applause). He hoped everyone present would also make him or herself a missionary, and then they would be able to make that two millions "look small." (Laughter and applause).

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCE IN AFRICA

INTERESTING NARATIVE

A former member of the Coalville Men's Adult School, Private G. H. Smith greatly interested the school on Sunday morning by recounting some of his experiences as a soldier in Africa and Egypt.

He said the British soldiers were given a splendid reception at Durban. The people were most kind, and did all they could to make their stay in the city a happy one. Durban's fine Town Hall, the Museum and other splendid buildings and places of interest, were described. An amusing incident he saw at Durban was a white officer trying to take a photograph of two black girls, who had charge of a white baby. One of the blacks was terrified at the camera, and ran for all she was worth. The lads turned up splendidly at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday, the kindness of the Wesleyan friends and of the Y.M.C.A. being greatly appreciated. Leaving, Durban, they proceeded to another port, and had to do some paddling to land from the small boats which took them off the transport ship. Then they marched away up the hills and it was a strange sight to see the natives of the villages who had assembled to witness their arrival.

Private Smith's account of his first night on outpost duty was very interesting. The lonely vigil was kept to the accompaniment of the cries of wild animals – hyenas, jackals, wild dogs, etc., which, he said, create terrible

noises in the dead of the night, and one could hardly describe what it was like to hear these weird noises for the first time.

Describing some of the habits of the natives, he said, *"One of the most remarkable sights that I saw was the way in which they scale a coconut tree. They take all surplus gowns off, tighten the gown round the waist, place their feet flat to the trunk, grip the trunk with their hands and away they go up the tree. Now I have seen a good many of the boys try to climb the same, but never did I see one succeed. They have reached the top, but have to come down through sheer exhaustion, sometimes with their thighs badly bleeding. It is also interesting to watch the natives shell the nut, for as you are aware, they are encased in a fibrous casing. They have a strong stick which they firmly secure in the ground, one end of which is pointed, and hit the nut on the sharp end of the stick, and they then burst the casing open, with three hits. Like this they recover the nut. Many a time have we struggled to shell our own. We have used our entrenching tools, tried to imitate the way of the native, only to make a sorry mess. Another interesting event I had the pleasure of witnessing was the way in which they grind their mealie. There were two women crushing the maize by means of a stone which had a wooden shaft inserted, so they could smash the corn. The corn was inside the hollow of a tree trunk. They did not stop working while we watched, but I expect it was because their husband was there. I may say here that the men have as many wives as they can afford to buy. The most I saw any black man have was seven. They all followed in single file, taking things quite easily, while they carried heavy loads on their heads. The only time the men do work is when they are in the employ of the British. The weight they are allowed to carry is anything up to 60 lbs. It is remarkable the distance they can carry their loads. From the opinion I formed their greatest strength lay in their heads, they appeared to be very weak in the arms, for from what I saw of them they could not lift or carry in that manner. The native men of East Africa do no work in their own social life, but simply live a lazy life. It is quite a common sight to see the women trek away early in the morning to gather the maize, fruits and sweet potatoes. They always carry their infants on the small of their backs. The little ones are not cramped at all; they appear to have plenty of room. The women do not return until the sun is setting, but they also take care to be in their homes before darkness sets in, as they are very much afraid of night. I had several visits to the village to see the kind of dwelling places they live in. they are quaint, I can assure you, quite a farmyard, what with goats, oxen, donkeys, dogs and fowls walking about inside these unearthly places. When they cook their patties, they make the fire in the middle of the floor, and frizzle or bake the patties on pieces of tin. I may say there are just the same classes as in England, those that take a pride in their homes, that keep their garments clean, and their mud huts or kraals in good condition. I remember going a walk one Wednesday afternoon through a very large plantation. What struck me most that afternoon was the state of the homes of the natives who live right away from the village. We could not help but remark at the cleanliness of these dwellings, the kraals were barricaded off by means of a fence made of the palm bows. Outside this fence they had swept all the rubbish away, not a dead leaf could one see. It is quite interesting to watch how they wash their clothes. They can make them quite clean without the use of soap. They have a way of beating and slapping them on a flat piece of stone. I have thought of the washing days at home, how our mothers of England would only like the hot sun to dry their clothes instead of having wet clothes hanging in their homes. The spot where we were on duty, there being many trees, the largest being the mango tree, which bears a fruit much larger than a good sized Victoria plum. The mango, when ripe, is yellow, and very sweet, it is like the plum in having a large stone. The mango ripens between November and January. There is also the coconut tree, which is common. These trees grow very high. Another tree which was quite common where we were bore a fruit which was very sour. I am sorry I cannot tell you the name of it. We called it the sour apple. The fruit grows upright, and is a rosy red when ripe. The natives are very fond of this fruit, but they do not eat it, but suck the juice. There were plenty of pineapple, also banana trees, and orange trees, but of course, these were not so common. There were plenty of tomatoes, they were very small, still they helped to make meals tasty. You must bear in mind that we had to buy most of these products. The sweet potato is largely cultivated by the native. It grown like a standard rose tree. This vegetable will grow anywhere, and is very much liked by the wild boar. I have seen a great deal of damage done by these herds."*

The narrative will be continued in our next issue.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Beard, V. E.	(January 26 th)
Houghton, J. Sapper	(January 28 th)
Johnson, A. H. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(January 26 th)
Upton, G. Sapper	(January 24 th)
Veasey, Sergeant	(January 22 nd and 28 th)
Wilkes, W. Private	(January 16 th and 22 nd)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Pte. T. A. Griffin (Ibstock) of the R.N.V.R. is reported wounded?

Corporal Lawrence Usherwood (Leicesters) of Highfields, Coalville, has been promoted to Sergeant)

A football match has been arranged between Coalville Girl's and Burton Girl's, to be played on February 2nd, Fox and Goose grounds, for the benefit of the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Private T. Chambers, of the Coldstream Guards, writes from France, expressing good wishes and thanks for gifts received from friends of Coalville and district.

Arrangements have been made by the Coalville Police that, in the event of a visit by hostile aircraft during daylight, Messrs Stableford and Co.'s buzzer will be sounded, three times, each blast lasting 15 seconds, with an interval of five seconds between each. As experience has clearly shown that the risk of serious casualties is greatly diminished by taking cover, (even such cover as is afforded by an ordinary dwelling house) it is hoped that the public will remain indoors until the danger has passed. This will be indicated by one blast on the hooter, lasting one minute.

Sapper H. E. Brown, R.E., 20, of Markfield, met with an accident while working in a quarry in France, and died two days afterwards. He was laid to rest in an adjoining cemetery, being accorded full military honours. Lieutenant Preston, conveying the sad news to his parents, spoke of him as a willing worker, a smart soldier, and one who undoubtedly would have gained promotion. He had been at the quarry for 16 months, and previous to joining up worked for the Cliffe Hill Granite Company, Markfield.

Private Edgar Goulson, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, has been wounded for the fourth time, and we regret to hear has now suffered the loss of his right leg, which has been amputated just below the knee. His parents, Mr and Mrs J. Goulson, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, visited him in hospital at Northampton on Monday, and found him going on as well as could be expected. Private Goulson, being a reservist when war broke out, has been in from the commencement. He was wounded at Mons, when he was shot through the arm, and was hit on two subsequent occasions, besides having been in hospital through frost-bite. Recovering, he returned to the trenches and has taken part in most of the great battles. He received his last and most serious wound a few weeks ago.

ABSENTEE WHO HAD BEEN THREE TIMES WOUNDED

Before Mr J. W. West, at the Coalville Police Court on Saturday, Harold Jackson, who had been apprehended at Hugglescote, by P.C. Langham, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment, the Leicesters, since January 24th. Defendant had three gold stripes on his sleeve, and the magistrate said he was sorry to see there was a man who had been three times wounded. He was remanded to await an escort.

COLLIER FORFEITS EXEMPTION

At the Coalville Police Court before Mr J. W. West and Mr John Wootton, on Monday, Samuel Stanley, collier, Ibstock, was charged with being an absentee under the Reserve Forces Act, since January 1st.

Captain Stevenson said he sent call-up papers to the defendant on December 18th, and he had failed to respond. Defendant said he had a colliery exemption card. Capt. Stevenson said the man had not worked at the mine since last June, and so forfeited his colliery exemption certificate. Sergeant Iliffe said he arrested the man at his home at 6 o'clock that morning. Defendant had done no work since last June, and had been lounging about the place. The magistrates fined the defendant 40s, and, on the application of Captain Stevenson, ordered him to give up his colliery exemption card. He was handed over to the Military Authorities.

N.C.O. MARRIED

Lance-Sergeant Albert Cecil Bradshaw, the youngest of the four soldier sons of Mr and Mrs W. F. Bradshaw, of 5, Gutteridge Street, Coalville, was married on Saturday at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, to Miss Florence Trueman, daughter of Mrs S. Gray, of Margaret Street, Coalville. The Rev. W. H. Wills, who made the soldier's acquaintance while in France, and visited him when wounded in hospital, conducted the service. The bride was given away by her step-father, Mr S. Gray, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Misses Evelyn Trueman (sister of the bride) and Ethel Maud Bradshaw (sister of the bridegroom). Mr C. Bradshaw (uncle) acted as best man. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents. The bridegroom was one of the first 50 territorials to leave Coalville and has seen a good deal of active service. In one of the engagements he received a gunshot wound in the knee, but has fully recovered. He has now come to England to join a cadet unit with a view to training for a commission.

WEDDING

At the Hugglescote Parish Church, on Wednesday last week, the wedding took place of Mr Stanley T. Smith, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Smith, of Hugglescote, and Miss Nellie Bloxam, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. J. Bloxam, of Brooklyn, London Road, Coalville. Canon Broughton officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a cream gabardine coat dress and a cream velvet hat, and carried a sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaid was Miss G. N. Taylor, of Hugglescote (cousin of the bridegroom) who wore a saxe blue gabardine coat dress, and black velour hat, and she carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The bridegroom, who is in the A.S.C. stationed at Sherness, appeared in khaki, and was accompanied by his brother, Mr W. Smith, as best man. Miss Wells (organist) played suitable selections, including the Wedding March, and after the ceremony, a number of friends were entertained by the bride's parents. The happy couple, who were the recipients of many presents, afterwards left for a short honeymoon during the period of the leave.

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MARRIAGE

BETTISON – TULEY

At Lowther Street Wesleyan Church, Whitehaven, on January 22nd, 1918, by Rev. T. R. Pickering, Sapper Ernest Bettison, R.E., France, the younger son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Bettison of Hugglescote, to Miss Ada Louise Tuley, eldest daughter of Mrs Tuley and the late William Tuley, borough surveyor of Rothwell, near Leeds.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. W. E. Stott (Ashby) of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported to have died of wounds.

Gunner G. H. Irons (Swannington) of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is reported to have been killed in action.

Corporal W. Goodyear (Ashby) of the Royal Engineers, has been wounded.

Sergeant W. E. Cave of the Leicestershire Regiment who was wounded in action on December 28th and has since died of his wounds, was a son of Mr and Mrs Edward Cave, of 12, Cumberland Road, Ellistown. He was 23 years of age, and before the war worked at the Bagworth Colliery. He was in the Territorials prior to the war, and joined up as soon as hostilities commenced.

Pte. W. Bindley (Coalville) of the South Staffs. Regiment is reported wounded.

Official news has been received by Mrs Sidney Buttons (Heather) of the death of her husband by drowning. He was on one of the two destroyers which were driven ashore in a severe storm at sea. Prior to enlistment, deceased lived at Ibstock, and was employed at Heather Station. A memorial service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, the Rev. H. Standidge conducting the service. Mr T. Humble played the "Dead March" on the organ, and the Ibstock Church Lads' Brigade attended and sounded the "Last Post."

Sapper E. J. Jarvis (Ashby) of the R.E. has died of wounds.

Pte. T. Kendrick (Hugglescote) of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, is reported wounded.

WHITWICK OFFICER'S BRAVERY

DEEDS WHICH WON THE MILITARY CROSS

Particulars are to hand of the deeds for which 2nd Lieutenant Thaddeus Francis McCarthy, of the North Lancashire Regiment was awarded the Military Cross. The official record states: *"When in charge of the battalion carrying and ration parties, he carried out his work with the greatest coolness and ability, and although by reason of the heavy shell-fire, it was of a most arduous and dangerous nature. It was due to his exertions and personal supervision that rations arrived regularly. On another occasion during an attack, he led his men forward with great coolness, setting a fine example to those around him. He afterwards took over and re-organised another company whose officers had all become casualties."*

2nd Lieutenant T. F. McCarthy is the youngest son of Mr Michael McCarthy, of New Swannington, a member of the Coalville Urban Council, and representative of the Whitwick Division on the Leicestershire County Council. The gallant young officer, before joining the army, was articled to Mr R. A. Looseby, a Leicester solicitor. He is 22 years of age.

FOUR LOCAL MILITARY MEDALLISTS

Residents of this district will be pleased to learn that four local Military Medallists have been gazetted this week, and will offer hearty congratulations to the men, who are as follows:

240,990 – Sergeant C. Bradshaw, Leicestershire Regiment, of Coalville.

89,264 – Gunner P. S. Cox, R.G.A. of Ashby.

14,013 – Private H. V. Matlock, Leicestershire Regiment, of Shepshed.

S/14571 – Private J. H. Starbuck, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, of Bardon Hill.

Sergeant Claude Bradshaw is a son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Bradshaw, of 11, Cambridge Street, Coalville. He was formerly a plumber's apprentice in the employ of Mr F. J. Bayliss, of London Road, Coalville and joined the army in November, 1914. He is 21 years of age and had reached the rank of sergeant when he was only 19. He was severely wounded on September 26th, and has since received his discharge from the army. The deed for which he has been awarded the medal was performed on September 26th, when at Ypres, he led his platoon in an attack and secured their objective. It was while they were consolidating the position that Sergeant Bradshaw received his wound which has incapacitated him for further service.

Private J. H. Starbuck, also awarded the medal, is a Bardon Hill man, and was formerly in the employ of the Coalville Co-Operative Society.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of dear Archie, Gunner, 138th M.G.C., killed in action, February 1st, 1917.

"Till the dawn breaks and shadows flee away."

Dad, Mother, Brothers, Daisy and Elsie.

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COALVILLE SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCES

IN AFRICA AND EGYPT

Describing his visit to Dar El Salaam, the chief seaport of German East Africa, Private G. H. Smith, continuing his narrative to the Coalville Men's Adult School, said it was a pretty town. *"The natives had a quarter of their own, and he imagined that in peace time the European part would be a gay place. There were two churches in the town – Roman Catholic and Lutheran – and both had splendid organs, which it was a treat to hear. What were previously magnificent hotels had been converted into hospitals by the British for their sick and wounded. British soldiers were warned not to drink the water without boiling it, owing to a suspicion that the Germans had poisoned the same. He said the natives welcomed the British and apparently much preferred the British occupation to that of the Germans. A visit to the native bazaar and shops was most interesting. In the bazaar one heard some weird noises, but everything was sold in the European style. Most of the goods were of English manufacture, and the traders principally Greeks. An interesting sight was a native dance. The natives dress in all the fashions imaginable and the music they dance to is the beating of a drum. They dance till they are exhausted, and at the close may be seen limping away with sore feet. A great trouble to them in Africa was the insects etc. The ground was full of them – ants, spiders, centipedes, scorpions, snakes and lizards. They also had some sweet music (?) from the wild animals, the jackal being foremost with his beautiful solos, and the hyena gave them many a good laugh. He could not describe, or make them realise, what it was to be in a jungle at the dead of night. When it rained in Africa, it did so with a vengeance, but the sun soon dried their clothes. They left Africa for Egypt two days before Christmas, 1916. Places called at en route were described, and he said the Pyramids were one of the wonders of the world. No one could say how these massive stones were got into position, some of them weighing between 600 and 700 tons. While in Egypt, Private Smith said he was interested to see a wedding, a christening, and a funeral all on one day. There is no doubt, he proceeded, that they celebrate their weddings in fine style. This wedding party had an advance guard of men on horse-back, behind followed a band, and a rare noise did they make. Those who had no instruments clapped their hands and sang. This, by the way, is enjoyed by the Egyptians. When merry, they always clap their hands and sing. Behind the band, following three cabs, the last of which was heavily draped, this being the newly-wedded pair's conveyance. The christening party was very amazing. In the front of two camels was a gang playing with bamboo canes and singing. On the two camels was a platform carrying the child and its parents. The funeral party was a weird scene. There are some fifty or more men (Egyptians) chanting, and almost running. The body was carried in the rear. I have seen a good few of these funerals, and as the procession goes along the following gets larger. It does not matter to the Egyptians what he is doing, he always pays his last tribute by following his brother to his last resting place. Never have I seen any women follow their husbands' body to the grave, and they make some awful wailings, when they do make these visits. While in Cairo, I visited what is known as the dead city, a solemn place which lies on the outskirts. The reason it is called the dead city is because it is a city of tombs called the Mamelukes. There are many mosques in and around this place, and those I visited were the Khalifi's. One was built for himself and two sons, and it is a remarkable building."*

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FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Beard, V. E.	(February 3 rd)
Hancock, W. E. Signaller	(January 29 th)
Hart, A. Private	(February 2 nd)
Iliffe, G. Bombardier K.R.R.	(January 26 th)
Lowe, E.	(January 29 th)
Matchett, Lance-Corporal	(January 11 th)
Pallett, J. Gunner	(January 28 th)
Wardle, A. Corporal	(January 30 th)
Watson, J. Private	(February 2 nd)
Wilkes, W. Private	(January 16 th and February 1 st)
Wright, E. G. Gunner	(January 29 th)

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The contributions to date for the proposed War Memorial window in Thringstone Church amount to £41 10s?

A war memorial, erected in the Market Square at Shepshed through the generosity of Mr and Mrs Joseph Harriman, was unveiled by the Duke of Rutland, on Saturday afternoon?

Second-Lieutenant W. H. H. Gibbs, recently awarded the Military Cross, has been presented with a sword by the members and friends of the Shepshed Detachment of the Volunteer Force?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A recent whist drive and dance at Ellistown realised £17 17s 9d for the Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild and a similar event at Ravenstone yielded £24 13s 2d for the same object. Both amounts have been handed over and are gratefully acknowledged by Mrs J. W. Farmer, the hon. treasurer. In our report of the Ravenstone whist drive, the name of Mrs Wright (Plough Inn) was inadvertently omitted as one of the donors of prizes.

HUGGLESCOTE

WHIST DRIVE

A whist drive and dance in the Hawley Institute on Wednesday night in aid of the funds of the Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild was a great success, there being a large attendance. The M.C.'s for the dance was Mr J. Jackson and the duties of pianist were shared by Misses Forgham and Masterson and Mr F. Dean, who gave their service. The whist M.C.'s were Messrs. E. Darby, W. Fletcher and T. Shaw. Handsome prizes were given by Mrs B. G. Hale, Mrs F. Griffin, Canon Broughton, Mr A. E. Hawley, Mr T. Potter and Mr P. Preston (Cliff Hill) and they were presented to the winners by Mrs W. Fellows. Mrs Wm. Shaw gave a tray cloth, the sale of tickets for which realised a good sum. A ladies' committee had charge of the refreshment department. It is anticipated that a good sum will be realised.

THRINGSTONE WHIST DRIVE

A whist drive was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday night, the proceeds being in aid of the Leicestershire and Rutland Prisoners' of War Fund. Messrs. W. T. Dickens and H. Aris acted as M.C.'s.

COALVILLE D.C.M.

The following is the official account of the deed for which Company-Sergeant-Major Percy Stabler, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was awarded the D.C.M. in October last.

"For conspicuous gallantry, and devotion to duty while in charge of a party working on light railway under heavy fire. He showed great coolness and initiative in directing the work and encouraging his men under heavy fire, particularly in handling, under very dangerous conditions, a truck load of ammunition which had become derailed. He set an excellent example to his men."

Sergeant-Major Stabler, before the war, was manager of Worthington's grocery shop at Coalville, and his wife and boy reside in Highfields Street. He volunteered for service early in the war, joining the Leicester Pioneers.

MILITARY WEDDING

The wedding took place at Whitwick Parish Church, on Wednesday of Miss P. M. Pegg, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pegg, of Whitwick, and Sergeant J. A. Walton, of Coalville. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Coalville (the Rev. S. Hosking). Both parties are well-known in

the district, and the event aroused a good deal of interest. The bride has for some years been an assistant at the Coalville Post Office, and the bridegroom before joining up soon after the war commenced was a clerk at Messrs. Wootton Bros'. Works, and one of the shorthand teachers in the Coalville Evening School. He has been in France for three years, being one of the first fifty Leicestershire Territorials to leave Coalville. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white Georgette dress with wreath and veil and carried a pretty bouquet of lilies, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss M. Pegg (sister) was bridesmaid, and was attired in a buff shantung dress and hat to match, and carried a sheaf of pink carnations. Mr Burdett (also one of the first fifty Territorials) and now discharged from the army, acted as best man. The hymn, "The voice that breathed over Eden," was sung, and Miss Crane, at the organ, played suitable selections, including Mendelssohn's Wedding March. After the ceremony, a number of friends were entertained by the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents. The bridegroom is returning to France next week.

LOCAL CASUALTIES



Mr and Mrs Thomas Irons, of 2, Ash Cottages, Swannington, have been officially notified that their youngest son, Pte. G. H. Irons, of the Royal Naval Division, was killed in action on the Western Front, on January 3rd. He was a single man, 28 years of age, formerly living with his parents and up to the time of enlisting on June 24th last, had been employed at Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s waggon works, at Coalville, since leaving school. The last letter from him was received by his parents on the last day of the old year, when he wrote in a very cheery strain. Pte. G. H. Irons will be remembered as one of the most enthusiastic members of the Beaumont Miniature Rifle Club, founded some years ago, by Lady Beaumont, of Swannington House, and which up to the outbreak of war was very successful. Pte. Irons improved wonderfully in his shooting practice at the Club's range at Sinope, near Coalville, and became one of the best shots, winning the rose bowl for the club championship two years in succession, besides many silver medals and spoons in the monthly competition.

Pte. Ernest Alfred Saunders, who was killed in action on December 10th, 1917, was the son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Saunders, of Bardon Hill.

(A photograph of Pte. Ernest Alfred Saunders accompanied the article)

Lance-Corporal G. A. Collins (Ashby) of the Leicestershire Regiment, and Gunner J. Harrison (Ashby) of the Royal Field Artillery, are reported wounded.

Pte. F. Sargent (Coalville), Leicestershire Regiment, is reported wounded.

Pte. J. E. Codling (Ashby) of the R.N.V.R. previously reported missing, is now placed in the records as killed.

MARKFIELD ABSENTEES

FATHER FINED FOR CONCEALING THEM

At Leicester County Police Court, on Saturday, William Gibbons, butcher, Markfield, was fined £20 for concealing his two sons, William and Albert, knowing them to be absentees from the army. Defendant pleaded guilty, but said he did not know his two sons were in the house.

Supt. Bowley said he asked defendant where his two sons were. He said he did not know they were absentees, but witness told him he had received notices concerning them before. When witness said he was going to search the house, the defendant was unwilling to accompany him. He said the last time he heard of his sons, they were somewhere near London, and he did not know their address. In the kitchen, witness saw the defendant's wife. She asked to be allowed to go to the sons, and witness, knowing there was no chance of them escaping, as the house was surrounded, allowed her to go. She went upstairs, and thinking she was a long time, he followed her. One son met him as he went along the landing, and the other was in the bedroom. They offered no resistance, and told him that if they had taken their father's advice, they would not

have been in the house. Judging by the face of one son, witness thought he had been in close confinement for some time.

Defendant said he had only seen his sons the last day or two. He told them to leave the house, but had no power over them. The chairman, in announcing the decision of the Bench, remarked that if the men had been in the Army they would have had to send the defendant to prison.

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MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

MIDNIGHT MILKING OF COWS

Mr R. A. Oswald Brown, presided at a meeting of the Rural District Tribunal at Market Bosworth, on Tuesday, when there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, W. Towers, G. M. Arnold, Major Woollaston, and M. R. Hanmer (National Service representative) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

A farmer of 25 acres at Botchestone, who is also working in the Desford Colliery, applied for a re-hearing, a former appeal having been dismissed because it was too late. He said he was ___ years of age, and married, and passed B2. He was formerly employed by the Leicester Corporation on the reservoir, but ceased in their employ on the introduction of the Derwent water scheme, and he had worked at the Desford Colliery since February 1st, 1915. Up to the combing out, he was exempted by the Colliery Court. Mr J. E. Homer, wrote that the man was doing useful work in the mine. Applicant was granted a re-hearing, and he said he worked at the pit every day from 3 o'clock in the afternoon till eleven at night. He had two cows which he milked at midnight and midday. A member remarked that it was a wonder the cows did not object to being roused up in the middle of the night (laughter). Applicant said he had done that for the last three years, and it had worked alright. Three months allowed.

Six months were allowed a Carlton wheelwright and joiner, who was said to be engaged chiefly in agricultural repairs.

The manager of an Ibstock multiple shop, aged 29, whose case had previously been dismissed, applied again through having been re-graded, being now in Grade 3. A representative of the firm urged the food distribution difficulty as a reason for retaining the man. Questioned by a member, the representative outlined their system of registering customers which he said was to be fair. Without registration, they had co-operative members coming to their shops for further supplies after having got what they could at their own stores. At their Coalville shop, only the other day, the police turned out a crowd of Co-Operative members who had been in the stores, and got supplies, and come to this shop for a second lot. He urged that they could not take all the men out of the shop, as women could not stand the strain. This man had an injury to his arm, and had twice been rejected. At the previous hearing, a month (final) which had expired, was granted, and he was decided to adhere to this, the appeal being dismissed.

A Pinwall farmer, who appealed for his son, just 18, working as a waggoner, was allowed one month to get the boy medically examined.

A month to find work of national importance was allowed a Ratby shoehand, C1, who has 4 children.

A Ratby hosiery hand, 41, and married, passed B2, was allowed three months.

Six months were allowed a Bosworth insurance agent, subject to him working 18 hours a week in agriculture. He was stated to be ___ years old, married, and passed B2. His eye sight was affected.

Similar exemption (six months) was also allowed an Ibstock saddler (35), an Ibstock wheelwright (37), and an assistant master at Bosworth Grammar School, 37, C3.

An Ibstock greengrocer was allowed a month to work two days a week on the land, and gave a satisfactory report at the end of that time.

Three months were allowed a Ratby hosiery hand, 39, C1, married, who appealed on domestic grounds.

A Sibson baker and farmer, 32, was allowed one month so long as he continues as a baker.

An Ibstock wheelwright and joiner, 33, married, passed for general service, was allowed a review, to retain his certificate, which exempted him up to April, and a similar result attended the case of another Ibstock wheelwright in business at Hugglescote, 40 years of age, married, and passed for general service.

Mr Bouskell said wheelwrights were wanted by the Army, hence these applications for review. In the case of another Ibstock wheelwright, 40, passed for general service, it was stated that the man was not engaged whole time at the work. Applicant said he was. He had a man to do carting. He had four horses and 13 acres of land. Lately he had been repairing and gate-hanging for the colliery. He milked two cows, and his daughter took the milk round. He shoed his own horses. It was decided that the man retain his certificate, which expires on March 20th, when he has to show that he is doing work of national importance.

Mr S. C. Bigg (Leicester) represented the Bagworth Colliery Co. in an appeal for a dispatch clerk, 34. Six months allowed.

The cases were reviewed of a Sibson wheelwright, 32, general service, and a Shackerstone wheelwright, 40, Grade 3, and both were allowed to retain their certificates.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

MORE ABOUT THE V.T.C. CONDITION

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, M. McCarthy, J. Kirby, A. J. Briers, B. G. Hale, C. W. Brown, Captain G. J. German, and Lieutenant R. Blower (National Service representatives) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Mr W. P. Musson represented a gardener employed by Sir M. I. Joyce, at Abbott's Oak in a personal appeal. The man, 41 years of age, married, with two children, was stated to be in bad health and, on re-examination, he had been placed in Grade 3. It was contended that the man was doing better work cultivating 1 ½ acres of garden than he would be in the army. Conditional exemption was allowed.

The National Service representative brought forward for review the case of an Ellistown collier and off-licence holder 39, and passed C2. Mr Musson said the man went into the mine at 13 years of age, and worked there till April, 1915, when he came out for the benefit of his health. The Tribunal gave the man exemption if he went into the mine again, and he had been working there since last April. He had ten acres of land and some stock, and cultivated 1,000 yards of garden ground. The chairman said this was rather a different case from a miner who went into the mine after the war commenced. He was working there before the war, and for eight months after it started. One month was allowed, applicant to get work of national importance other than mining.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for the Charnwood Forest Laundry Co. in an appeal for their manager, aged 40, single, and passed C1. He said another man could not be obtained, and the laundry would have to close if he was taken, which would be an unfortunate thing for the district. They did the washing for the Broom Leys Hospital, and several other institutions. The laundry employed 28 girls and women and this was the only man. He attended to the engine and boiler. One month (final) allowed.

A Coalville architect and tax-collector, 39, B1, married, was allowed three months, and similar exemption was granted the overlooker at a Whitwick elastic web factory, who is 36, passed for general service, the father of four children and has four brothers serving in the Forces.

The Forest Rock Granite Co. appealed for a sledger, 36, B2, the firm's representative stating that they had lost 50 per cent of their employees. They were producing stone for the Government. Three months.

A Coalville ironmongery firm, doing a large petroleum and petrol trade, applied for their motorman and horse driver, 31, married, and classed C2. Two months.

A Coalville joiner, 36, B1, whose employer's appeal had been dismissed, appealed on domestic grounds. His wife produced a doctor's certificate that the applicant was suffering from a bad ankle, and was unable to walk. Two months.

A Coalville builder, 35, general service, appealed for further exemption, saying he was the only man left out of 16. There was any amount of work waiting for him. He objected to his classification, having been medically attended for years, and he was quite unfit for general service. Adjourned for fourteen days for medical examination.

The only man in the employ of a builder and undertaker at Hugglescote was appealed for by his employer. The man was 38, and had six children. Three months.

A South Leicestershire Colliery banksman, 25, C2, married, was allowed one month to get work of national importance other than mining.

A Standard Hill insurance agent, 25, married, Grade 3, was appealed for by his company. He was stated to be suffering from eye trouble. It was stated that a previous appeal, on domestic grounds, was dismissed both at Coalville and Leicester. It was again dismissed.

A Coalville milk-seller appealed for his son, 25, single, C2, stating that he was the only son left at home out of four. The other three volunteered in August, 1914, one had been killed, one wounded, and the other still at the Front. A member said this family had done well. Two months.

An employer of the Whitwick Colliery, 40, married, Grade 3, stated in his appeal that he formerly worked at Stableford's and was willing to go back. He had three children. One month allowed, the man to get work of national importance other than mining.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society were allowed three months for two Grade 3 men, a bakery warehouseman, 41, married, and a grocery warehouseman, 36, married.

The clerk read a copy of new regulations which had been issued in connection with exempted men being required to join the V.T.C. It stated that the condition should not be imposed on men in Grade 3, but these men might be required to act as special constables, in fire brigades and the like. It was pointed out that the V.T.C. condition was not to be imposed as a matter of course, but each case considered on its merits, and the Tribunal must not impose it in cases where it would be unreasonable – in the case of a man working 12 to 14 hours a day. The clerk said they could appeal, so each case was dealt with on its merits. Mr Hale said the Tribunal had carried out all these regulations.

Mr McCarthy: *Except that we have required men in Grade 3 to drill.*

Mr Briers: *We have required men all along to drill if exempted for two months and over, and I have always opposed it. It has come now to what I wanted.*

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S ADVENTURE

LOST IN A FOREST

Private Thomas Williamson, who used to work at the South Leicestershire Colliery, is now serving in an artillery regiment, writing to his parents, Mr and Mrs Williamson, _____ Road, Coalville, from South-East Africa, says he is seeing some sights and the residents are goodness itself, invitations to tea and _____ being forthcoming each day. One day, while sitting on the sea beach, a gentleman rode by on horseback and asked him if he would like to have his steed for the day. He accepted the offer, riding along the beach for a few hours, and reaching a great forest, which he turned into. It was infested with monkeys, etc, and he became so interested that he lost his way, but his mount, a good one, took him through to safety half an hour before dark had set in. finding a footpath outside the forest, he followed it, and came to a native encampment. The tent dwellers bolted. He had no knowledge as to his whereabouts at the time, and followed the natives, but they failed to understand him. He waited for lights of a town, and these appearing as it became darker, he rode towards them, and found himself in a small village of white men who could speak English and who put him on the right track, and he eventually reached the house of the gentleman who had lent him the horse. Concluding the narrative, Pte. Williamson says he was none the worse for his adventure, it was also strange after being in England all his life and he would never forget the journey. Mr and Mrs Williamson have lost one son, who was killed in action in France, and another who is now fighting on the same front.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Beard, V. E.	(February 10 th)
Bott, H. Private	(January 7 th)
Gamble, M. Lance-Corporal	(January 7 th)
Haynes, Gunner, M.M.	(February 11 th)
Johnson, A. E. Corporal R.F.A.	(January 8 th)
Pallett, J. Gunner R.G.A.	(February 11 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The number of Whitwick men officially reported killed in the war up to December 31st, was 43?

It has been decided to place in the Whitwick Parish Church, a permanent and fitting memorial to the men of Whitwick who have fallen in the war?

The present strength of the Leicestershire Police force is 139, or 63 below normal? Eight have been killed in action, 20 wounded and one, P.C. Durrand (formerly of Coalville) is a prisoner of war in Germany?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The Hon. Mrs F. McLaren, wife of the late member for the Spalding Division, has made a proposal to the Spalding Urban Council to erect a memorial in Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding, to men of the district who have fallen in the war. Her idea is to make a construction, half cloister, half garden, on the walls of which shall be inscribed the names of all local soldiers who have been killed. The proposal has been favourably received.

MILITARY WEDDING

A good deal of interest was occasioned by the wedding at the Parish Church, Hugglescote, on Saturday, of Trooper William Thomas Stinchcombe, of the Royal Horse Guards, eldest son of Mr W. T. Stinchcombe, of St. John's Terrace, Hugglescote, and Miss Edith Cull, of Derby. Canon Broughton officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr Stinchcombe, was dressed in white crepe de chene with a wreath of orange blossom and veil. The two elder bridesmaids were, Miss Ethel Cull (sister) whose dress was of a white embroidery with hat to match, and Mrs F. Stinchcombe (sister-in-law of the bridegroom), who wore a black silk dress, and a white silk blouse. The two little bridesmaids were Misses Olive Stinchcombe (sister) and Olive Simons, who were dressed in dark velvet. All carried pretty bouquets, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr J. Griffin, a discharged soldier, acted as best man. Mrs F. J. Wainwright, presided at the organ and played suitable selections, including Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bridegroom went unscathed through the famous Mons retreat, and was wearing the Mons ribbon. He has taken part in several big battles, and was wounded on the Marne. He was on leave for the wedding, and returns to France tomorrow. The happy couple received the congratulations of many friends, and were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents.

WEDDING

A pretty wedding took place at the Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, Coalville, on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Lilian Smith, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Smith, 90, Bakewell Street, Coalville, and Sergeant Clemow, eldest son of Mrs H. Clemow, of Falmouth, Cornwall. The bride's dress was of pale lemon silk, and she wore a wreath and veil. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by two

bridesmaids, Miss Gladys Smith and Miss Ethel Swift, their dresses being of ivory voile trimmed with swansdown. The best man was Mr John Locker, uncle of the bride. There was a large number of useful presents, and the bride's gift to the bridegroom was a set of ebony hair and clothes brushes, whilst the bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold wristlet watch, and to the bridesmaids, gold brooches.

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THORNTON

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

Nearly 200 were present at the whist drive and dance held in the schoolroom for the "Boys" Comforts Fund. Messrs. S. Smith and S. Barnes officiated as M.C.'s and the prize-winners were:

Whist: Misses Brown, Lewis and Glithero.

Skittles: Messrs. C. Barnes and T. Spe___.

Ball-Throwing: Messrs. Astle and H. Clarke.

Flowing Guessing: Mrs C. Barnes.

The effort realised £19/5/8.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mr and Mrs Ketcher, of Oxford Street, Coalville, have been officially notified of the death in action of their son, Private Harold Edwin Ketcher, Northumberland Fusiliers. He was 22 years of age and before the war worked for Messrs. Stableford and Co. A memorial service for deceased is to be conducted at the Holy Cross, Whitwick, on Sunday next, by the Rev. J. Degan, of Coalville.



News has been received by Mr and Mrs John Martin, formerly of Crescent Road, Hugglescote, and now of 162, Ashby Road, Coalville, that their eldest son, Corporal George Martin, of the 2/5th Leicesters, has been killed in action. The deceased's captain writes, *"I am very sorry to have to inform you that Corporal Martin was killed in action on December 8th. He was with me at the time. We were carrying rations out to a forward post in front of our line just before daybreak. We went to the post and just as we were going back we were fired on and your son was hit. I and two others got back to the post, about 15 yards away. Owing to the firing it was difficult to get him in, but Corporal Widdowson and Pte. Toon succeeded. We dressed the wound which was in the right side, but he died in about 3 hours. He was not in much pain between the time of his being wounded and dying. I am very sorry to have lost Corporal Martin. He was one of the best N.C.O.'s in my company. He was hard-working and keen, and always cheerful. You have the sympathy of all the officers and N.C.O.'s of the company in your loss."* Corporal Martin was 20 years of age and had been in France a little over a

year. He joined the army in September, 1914, prior to which he worked in the bottom seam of the South Leicestershire Colliery. He was one of the players in the Hugglescote Parish Church F.C.

Private G. H. Foster (Coalville) of the Leicesters, and Pte. N. T. Anderson (Ashby) of the Royal Warwicks, are reported to be prisoners of war in German hands.

Mr and Mrs John Harley, of No. 4 Castle Street, Whitwick, have received a letter from the War Office stating that their son, Private Ambrose Harley, of the 5th Leicesters, was killed in action on January 12th. He was nearly 22 years of age, and had been in France nearly two years. Before the war he worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery, where his father is also employed.

THRINGSTONE

LECTURE

Signaller J. W. Brotherhood, a former well-known member of the Thringstone House Club, on Tuesday night, while on leave, gave an interesting lecture in the Village Hall dealing with the war. There was a good audience, and the proceeds were for the soldiers' cigarette fund.

WHITWICK MILITARY MEDALLIST

We understand that Pte. Joseph Martin, son of Mr Wm. Martin, formerly a well-known resident of Whitwick, and now of Thurmaston, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field. A letter which has been received at Whitwick states that the soldier had the further honour of having the medal pinned on his coat by Sir Douglas Haig in France. He formerly attended the Whitwick Church School, and is the third boy who passed through this school to win the medal.

THANKS

Mrs H. Benistone (mother) and Mrs Moore (grandma) of South Street, Whitwick, desire to tender their sincere thanks to their many friends for kind expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement sustained through the loss of their little boy, George Alfred Benistone, son of Private Harry Benistone, Motor Transport Section (France), which occurred at Loughborough on February 6th, 1918. Will all friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT WHITWICK

TABLET IN HOLY CROSS CHURCH

The Bishop of Nottingham, the Rev. Father Dunn, unveiled a memorial tablet in the Whitwick Holy Cross Church, on Sunday containing the names of 12 men, formerly connected with the church, who have made the supreme sacrifice in the war. The names and dates each recorded on small square bronze plates, and fixed on the tablet in three columns, are as follows:

Private James Cairns, Connaught Rangers, killed in action, August 21st, 1915.
Private A. C. Johnstone, 8th Leicesters, killed in action, September 1st, 1915.
Sapper B. Whittaker, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action, September 25th, 1915.
Private Edward Jarvis, Grenadier Guards, killed in action, October 17th, 1915.
Private Ed Hunt, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action, January 7th, 1916.
Private C. Stanford, 8th Leicesters, killed in action, July 14th, 1916.
Private Jos. Sheffield, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action, September 26th, 1916.
Lance-Corporal B. Morley, 2nd Leicesters, killed in action, April 23rd, 1917.
Private Harold Edwin Ketcher, 12th Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, June 16th, 1917
Corporal A. Concannon, M.M. Sherwood Foresters, killed in action, July 31st, 1917.
Private William Beasley, 1st Leicesters, killed in action, September 11th, 1917.
Rifleman L. Haywood, Scottish Rifles, torpedoed at sea, December 30th, 1917.

The tablet, which is surmounted by a crucifix, reads, *"In memory of our devoted heroes who fell in the great war. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of (names)"*.

At the foot appear the words, *"May they rest in peace."* Space is left for the addition of any further names if this becomes necessary. There was a large congregation, including the relatives of the deceased soldiers, and after the unveiling, a memorial service was held. This was conducted by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, assisted by Father Degan of Coalville, and the Bishop preached the sermon.

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FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Balsley, D. Private (Tigers)	(February 17 th)
Beard, V. E.	(February 17 th)
Coleman, L.	(February 15 th)
Culpin, E. Sergeant	(February 15 th)
Clamp, H. C.Q.M.S.	(February 15 th)
Forman, J. W. C.S.M.	(February 15 th)
Foster, G. P. C.S.M.	(February 15 th)
Gresham, E. Private (Tigers)	(February 17 th)
Hart, A. Private	(February 18 th)
Hague, M.M. Gunner	(February 18 th)
Hart, E. C.S.M.	(February 15 th)
Hubbard, C. C.Q.M.S.	(February 15 th)
Johnson, A. H. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(February 11 th)
Jones, E. Private (9404)	(February 17 th)
Kernon, H. C.S.M.	(February 15 th)
Lake, R. Sergeant,	(February 15 th)
Pallett, J. Gunner	(February 18 th)
Smith, G. Rfn. (K.R.R.)	(February 15 th)
Spriggs, F. (Tigers)	(February 17 th)
Templer, R.S.M.	(February 15 th)
Turr, T. Private (Tigers)	(February 17 th)
Watson, J. Private	(February 17 th)
Watts, A. Rfn. (K.R.R.)	(February 15 th)
Woodward, H. W. C.Q.M.S.	(February 15 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The munition girls' recent football match at Coalville realised £23 9s for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild, which sum is gratefully acknowledged by Mrs J. W. Farmer, the hon. secretary?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

An Ibstock soldier, Private T. W. Woods, 48115, 5 Reserve North Staffs, C. Company, writes, *"I should like the people in England to know what they are doing for our soldiers and sailors who land in Africa. We landed at Cape Town on Boxing Day, and we were provided with an excellent tea, cigarettes, writing paper, and lots of other things. Everything was given free, and plenty of it. It is all done in a Christian manner. Some of our men had £1 notes given to them, which was very welcome, for we were nearly all short of cash. They gave us fruit in the streets, and when we got to Durban we were treated just the same. I shall never forget the way they treat our troops. They do this every day, and to thousands of soldiers. I will close now, wishing all Ibstock friends a happy New Year."*

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Private T. Allen (Markfield), of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and Private C. Gorham (Ashby) of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment, previously reported missing, are now reported to be prisoners of war.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of James Edwin Cox, of 178, Belvoir Road, Coalville, who died while in training at Caterham, February 20th, 1915, aged 23 years.

*"A faithful son, a loving brother, true to the end.
One of the best that God could send."*

From his loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WHITWICK

SERMON BY FATHER DEGAN

An impressive memorial service in honour of Private Harold Edwin Ketcher (Coalville) of the Northumberland Fusiliers, missing since last June, and now officially reported killed in action in France, took place in the Whitwick Holy Cross Church on Sunday afternoon.

The coffin was represented by a catafalque, draped with the Union Jack, and a Guard of Honour was supplied by the local Volunteer Corps.

The Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly (rector) conducted the service, and Father Degan, of St. Saviour's Church, Coalville, preached the sermon, in the course of which he said, *"To pay homage to the memory of a young English soldier, fallen in battle, and solemnly to intercede for the repose of his soul is the twofold object of the concourse assembled here this afternoon. On June 16th of last year, the day after the Feast of the Sacred Heart, and a few hours after making a solemn act of consecration to our Blessed Lord, Harold Edwin Ketcher lost his life in a German trench, whilst putting up – in the unanimous opinion of those who witnessed it – such a conspicuously brave and brilliant fight as would have earned for him, had he survived, a rare and much-coveted military distinction. It is not necessary for the comfort and consolation of his proud but sorrowing relatives to remind you that this gargantuan conflict was not of our own making or of our own seeking. At the time when war broke out we found ourselves enmeshed in a network of alliances, ententes and commitments which had for their specific purpose, the maintenance of such a European balance of power as would effectively prevent any serious disturbance of the international equilibrium. Unfortunately, this policy, whilst perhaps it deferred the date of actual hostilities between the two rival combinations of Powers, did not render their outbreak impossible. There are those who think that Lord Salisbury's policy of splendid isolation would have been more successful in preserving the world's peace. Personally, I am inclined to believe that no statesmanship, however astute or dextrous, could have permanently staved off this unspeakable catastrophe. After all, the root causes of war do not lie in political miscalculations, but in the passions of men. Ambition, jealousy, hatred, selfishness, ignorance, prejudice, the sense of possession, the lust of power, and the natural animal impulse to fight – these are the real causes whence wars of aggression arise. No nation ever went to war with higher or juster motives than did we, in August, 1914. Those motives were limited to two. The first was legitimate self-defence against an enemy who imperilled our national existence by his rapid advance towards the Belgian and French coasts. The second was honourable fulfilment of those continental engagements to which we had attached our signature. It is sometimes said that many people have felt their faith in God, and their trust in his mercy and goodness shaken by the consideration that the Kaiser, so far from having been crushed, is in a position today to hold a review of his troops in France, Belgium, in Italy, and in Russia. If justice be an attribute of the Divinity, why does God allow injustice to flourish and triumph in this way? In my opinion, people who talk in this strain never had any faith to lose. They were devoid of faith before the war began, and like most unbelievers, they sedulously cultivate this temper of mind in the hope of deriving there from sedatives, palliatives and soporifics to sooth their sin-laden and sorrow-stricken consciences. It is audacity run wild to blame the Creator for the effects of human mismanagement and human sin. The sufferings and horrors of this war are appalling beyond anything that the wildest stretch of imagination can conceive. But the sin and the evil in the hearts of men are far worse. You may set up, if you wish, a League of Nations for the settlement of all international disputes by arbitration, or you may convert civilised humanity into a sort of United States of the World, but as long as they refuse to pray with the Psalmist, "Create a clean heart in me O God, and renew a right spirit within me"; as long as the dominant notes in their lives are greed, cruelty and hypocrisy – so long will there be injustice, and so long will there be war with all its cursed, murderous and maddening accompaniments. And now in the fourth year of this terrible war, it is true to say that there are those who would be bitterly disappointed were we to conclude an honourable peace this week or this month. Some members of the profiteering and other classes will characterise peace as premature no matter how late it comes, because the cessation of hostilities spells for them a reduction of income. Deserters and conscientious objectors are highly respectable patriots compared with those who wish for a continuance of the slaughter and carnage in order that their private interests may be advanced. Whenever the Pope takes any diplomatic step towards the conclusion of peace, his action meets with yells of exception in the press and elsewhere. The Socialists in Coalville the other day scornfully asked, "What business or right has the Pope to intervene on behalf of peace? And in the face of this kind of spirit people have the hardihood to complain that God does not stop the war! Let me here incidentally remark that on account of many possible points of sympathetic contact between Catholics and moderate Socialists.*

It is a great pity that Socialists do not rigorously taboo vilification of the Pope and of religion. However huge the obstacles yet to be overcome, peace is on the way. The night is still dark and black, but already we feel the tremors of the dawning of a new and better age. The movement towards peace is world-wide, and it has already gathered too much strength to be stopped. Let us go forward bravely to meet the dawn."

Father Degan went on to say that when the soldiers returned home they would be entitled to all those things which are reasonably desirable for the health and happiness of both soul and body. They had earned better conditions of living, and they would get them.

The service concluded with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The congregation included Mr and Mrs Ketcher, the parents of the deceased soldier, who reside in Oxford Street, Coalville, and a large number of non-Catholics.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

GRADE 3 MEN AND THE VOLUNTEERS

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Urban Military Tribunal in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, B. G. Hale, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, J. W. Fisher, Lieutenant R. Blower (National Service representative), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Mr Briers said that in view of the new regulations of the Army Council, he took it that all cases would now be taken on their merits as to whether men should drill with the V.T.C. The chairman said that was so.

A grocery firm appealed for the manager of their Coalville shop, aged 41, Grade 3, with 5 children, the eldest 14 years of age. Mr Briers asked what the Advisory Committee recommended.

Mr McCarthy: *We need not ask that.*

Mr Kirby: *I have heard Mr McCarthy ask it.*

Mr McCarthy: *Those days are gone. The schoolmaster has put us up to a higher standard* (laughter).

Three months were allowed. Mr Briers said this man would be liberated from drills under the new rules.

Mr Lockwood: *He pleases himself.*

Mr McCarthy: *A bit of exercise will do him good.*

The clerk said the application stated that the man was drilling with the V.T.C.

Mr Briers: *The Army Council say they do not require Grade 3 men to drill.*

The chairman: *You would not stop a man from drilling if he wants to?*

Mr Briers: *There are very few who want to drill after working twelve hours a day.*

The chairman said that no doubt all these men had read the regulations.

Three months were allowed a Grade 3 shoe bench hand at a Whitwick factory.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) represented a Whitwick man, 42, formerly a fishmonger and now working at Ibstock Colliery. He was stated to be married with two children. The case had been adjourned for the man to produce a birth certificate, it being suggested at the former that he was just over age. In reply to the chairman, applicant said he had been unable to get a birth certificate. He believed he was born somewhere in Derbyshire.

Mr McCarthy: *If somebody left you a thousand pounds, and it depended on you getting a birth certificate, should you get one?*

Applicant: *That's a question.*

Mr Sharp said it was thought the man was born in June, in which case he would have been over age, but his mother said it was July. Applicant said it was July in the family bible. The chairman said no doubt that would

be right. Mr Sharp said that in any case there was only a few days in it. One month was allowed, the man to obtain work of national importance, other than mining.

A Coalville ironmongery firm were allowed two months for their chief assistant, 37, Grade 3.

As recommended by the Advisory Committee, a Hugglescote building firm were allowed three months each for two bricklayers, aged 40, Grade 2, and 39, Grade 3, and a Coalville plumber, three months for two employees, 29, and 39, Grade 3, applicant stating that he had 4 men left out of 24 before the war.

A provision's company's Coalville manager, 38, married, Grade 1, was allowed three months, the man being stated to be seriously ill; and a further three months was allowed a Coalville loom, batten and shuttle-maker, 32, married, applicant to be medically examined in the meantime.

A Whitwick collier, formerly a well-known local footballer, 35, Grade 3, who said he had not yet fully recovered from the effects of a broken leg, was told that he would have to leave the mine. He said he was willing to go back to Stableford's. He used to work there, but left through shortness of work.

Mr Hale: *Unfortunately, we are short of work now.*

Allowed one month to get work of national importance other than mining.

Two months each were allowed a loader at the Whitwick Granite Co's mill, 41, Grade 2, four children; a Coalville bricklayer employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, 29, Grade 1, who is at present suffering from an injured eye; and a banksman at Ibstock Colliery, 19, Grade 3, who said he had had two brothers killed in the war.

A Hugglescote baker working for the Coalville Co-Operative Society, aged 40, married, with four children, which he said had all had the measles, was allowed three months.

The application of a Whitwick butcher to be excused from drilling with the V.T.C. was refused, it being stated that butchers were having less work to do now than hitherto.

Notice was received from the Local Government Board that no cases of Russian subjects were to be dealt with at present.

The clerk pointed out that in the bulk of the cases dealt with that night, nothing was said about the V.T.C. condition. Mr Briers said the new rule was that only Grade 1 and 2 men were required to drill. Mr McCarthy said that if Grade 3 men were discharged, it would adjust itself. Mr Kirby said any of the men could appeal to be exempted from drill. Mr Briers replied that there was no necessity for Grade 3 to do that. The Commandant should give them their discharge. He added that it was at the discretion of the Tribunal whether such men be requested to act as special constables, join the ambulance or fire brigades, or work on the land.

Mr Hale: *If a man can't drill, what use is he in a fire brigade?*

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Beard, V. E.	(February 23 rd)
Bishop, W. H.	(February 25 th)
Goodacre, W. Private	(February 24 th)
Hart, A. Private	(February 25 th)
Haynes, Gunner M.M	(February 23 rd)
Iliffe, G. Bombardier (K.R.R.)	(February 19 th and 24 th)

Johnson, A. H. Gunner	(February 20 th)
Pallett, J. Gunner	(February 24 th)
Rennocks, A. B.	(February 20 th)
Swain, J. W.	(January 25 th)
Wardle, Alec, J. Corporal	(February 24 th)
Watson, J. Private	(February 20 th)
White, S.	(February 22 nd)

A SOLDIER AND PEACE

Private Harold Cross, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, writing from France to his uncle, Mr W. Cross, North Street, Hugglescote, says he cannot see that any peace at the present time would be any benefit. He, for one, would stay out there until we had gained our objects. He did not want a peace, to be called up again in another five years. Oh, no! He wanted the war to finish with peace for ever, and it was up to us all to think of the future, to do all in our power to help to bring our great aims to a victorious end. The gallant soldier has been at the Front three years.

COALVILLE & HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIERS WIN MILITARY MEDAL

Pte. T. C. H. Palmer, of the Leicestershire Regiment has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action, he having entered a German trench secured one of the enemy's machine guns at Cambrai. The gallant soldier is a son of Mr J. E. Palmer, M.R. engine-driver and Mrs Palmer of 50, Bridge Road, and one of the old boys of the Coalville Belvoir Road Council School. He has been in the army five years, and in the war from the commencement, having been wounded three times. He wears the Mons ribbon.

Lance-Corporal C. W. Booth, of the Grenadier Guards, another local soldier to be awarded the Military Medal, is a former resident of Hugglescote, his home being at Breach Cottages, North Street. Before joining the army he worked at the Ibstock Colliery.

A Coalville soldier, Sergeant D. Cunningham, has also been awarded the Military Medal and promotion to acting Company-Sergeant-Major. He is in the Notts. and Derby Regiment.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The employees of Messrs. R. Walker and Sons (Wolsey Factory), Coalville, have made their thirteenth subscription of £3 3s to the Broom Leys Hospital?

At a meeting of the Imperial War Graves' Commission, the Prince of Wales presiding, it was announced that the Government had undertaken to bear the cost of laying out, enclosing, planning, and maintaining British military cemeteries abroad, and of providing suitable headstones for the graves wherever possible?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Congratulations are offered to 2nd Lieutenant Arthur Dobney, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, eldest son of Police Inspector Dobney, Coalville, who having just returned from the Front, has received an appointment in the Indian Army. The young officer will be stationed in India.

Rifleman Walter Dean, son of Mr S. Dean, of North Street, Hugglescote, serving in the King's Royal Rifles in Italy, is in hospital in that country through sickness, but in a letter just received by his parents, he says he is making good progress. On a recent Sunday, he was the "volunteer organist" in the hospital, playing for the Church service in the morning and for the Wesleyan service in the afternoon.

FRENCH MILITARY HONOUR FOR ELLISTOWN SOLDIER

News has been received that Corporal J. A. Bamkin, of the 2/5th Leicesters, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre. He is a son of Mr and Mrs Josiah Bamkin, of The Terrace, Ellistown, and before the war he was employed as a clerk in the Ellistown Colliery offices.

WHITWICK MILITARY MEDALLIST HONOURED

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Whitwick is proud of its soldiers and is honouring those who distinguish themselves in a manner which is highly commendable. Whether or not this is a stimulus to Whitwick men to perform brave deeds may be left to imagination of our readers, but it is certain that the number of Whitwick men, for the size of the place, who have won the Military Medal is remarkable. A local committee formed for the purpose have made several presentations to these men, and there was another on Monday night, when Lance-Corporal R. C. Whitmore, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was presented at the Picture House with a handsome electro-plated tea service, and also with a wristlet watch by the Boy Scouts to whose troop he formerly belonged. There was a crowded "house".

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided, and with him on the platform were, Lance-Corporal Whitmore, the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, Messrs. G. F. Burton, F. Blow, J. H. Gilberd, J. H. Robinson, C. Pegg, S. W. West, A. J. Briers (members of the committee), H. T. Bastard (hon. secretary) and the Whitwick Scouts. The Vicar said it gave them the greatest pleasure to honour another of Whitwick's brave sons.

Mr J. H. Robinson, in making the presentation, said they were proud to honour one of their own townsmen. The man who would not stick up for his own town and for his own country was not British. They hoped there would be more of these presentations yet, as he was sure the people always gave their money towards them most cheerfully. The official record of the deed for which Lance-Corporal Whitmore was awarded the medal, was, as follows:

"This man was in charge of a Lewis gun on the night of the attack on Fosse 3, De Lievin, s.w. of Lens, on the 8/9th June, 1917. When the flank of the attacking company was exposed and the right had to withdraw, this man, together with Lance-Corporal Stone with his Lewis gun, held on and covered the withdrawal of the company with their two guns. Later, they both withdrew, one gun covering the retirement of the other. Both guns were brought safely back, and caused the enemy heavy casualties. Pte (as he then was) Whitmore showed great courage and initiative. Recommended for immediate reward."

Continuing, Mr Robinson said they were glad he came safely through (cheers) and that it was a Whitwick man who played such a great part in saving the situation on that occasion. In regard to the choice of the present, Mr Robinson said he must compliment Lance-Corporal Whitmore on his foresight. *"Coming events cast their shadows before"* and it looked as if someone else was to share the benefits of this gift (laughter). When the happy day did arrive he (Mr Robinson) would be pleased to give a crockery tea service as his personal contribution (cheers). It was no light matter to win distinction in the Leicesters because the regiment was famous for its brave deeds in the past and had gained fresh laurels in the present war. They hoped that Pte. Whitmore would be spared to return to Whitwick after the war and have many happy years among them (cheers).

Scoutmaster Armstrong, introduced by Mr F. Blow, then handed over the wristlet watch, remarking that Lance-Corporal Whitmore was the first Scout in the district to win any military honour, apart from promotion, and it was a great honour to the Whitwick troop to which he formerly belonged (cheers).

Lance-Corporal Whitmore replied, *"I wish to thank the people of Whitwick, and the Boy Scouts for their present tonight (cheers). That is all I can say."*

The Scout buglers and drums then sounded a general salute, and the National Anthem was followed by three cheers, led by Mr Robinson, for the gallant soldier.

ANOTHER WHITWICK MILITARY MEDALLIST

Mr J. Bishop, greengrocer, of North Street, Whitwick, has received a letter from his son, Pte. Bishop, serving with the Forces in Palestine, in which he states that he has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action. Another son of Mr Bishop, Private Oliver Bishop, was recently killed in action.

PRISONERS OF WAR

A successful effort for the Prisoners of War Fund was made in the Council Schools on Saturday, the room being crowded. Mr W. Read officiated as M.C. and the prize-winners were:

Whist: Mrs Turner, Miss Richards, Miss Beeton, Miss Poole, Messrs. Andrew Smith, J. White, J. Bennett and M. Hawksworth.

Skittle Competition: 1 Mr Windram, 2 Mr Chiswell.

Ball-throwing: 1 & 2 Mr H. Clarke.

Flowers Competition: Mr Grady.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Private E. E. Statham (Newbold Verdon) of the Leicestershire Regiment, Machine Gun Corps, previously reported as wounded and missing, is now stated to be wounded, and not missing.

Private J. A. Brown (Whitwick), of the Gloucestershire Regiment, previously reported missing, is now reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany. He is a son of Mr A. Bown, an employee of the Coalville Urban Council.

Private R. E. Hutton (Ashby) of the A.S.C. is a prisoner of war.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for two Whitwick soldiers, Private O. Bishop and Parsons, who have been killed in action, was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, and there was a large congregation. Mr R. G. West (organist) played the Dead March at the close, and Boy Scout buglers sounded the "Last Post". Peals were rung with the bells muffled.

RAVENSTONE

The marriage of Trooper T. Wilson and Miss M. E. Campton, was solemnised at Ravenstone Church on the 20th February (by special licence) the Rev. A. S. Dowling officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in grey frock coat trimmed with grey silk, and hat to match. The bridesmaids, Misses Nellie and Ivy Wright (cousins of the bride) were dressed in saxe blue with hats to match, and wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr Joseph Wilson (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. The list of presents included: Father and mother of bride, cheque, and bride cake; Major and Mrs Hatchett, cheque; Miss Moore (Luton), cheque; Miss Cresswell (White House) cheque; Mrs Johnson (Fotheringhay), cheque; Mr and Mrs Walker (Thurlaston), cheque; Mr J. Wilson, set of carvers; teachers and scholars of Ravenstone school, china tea service; Mrs Fairbrother (grandmother), brass candlesticks; Mr and Mrs F. Wright and Private J. W. Wright (France), copper kettle; Misses N. and J. Wright, half-dozen knives and forks; Master Tom Wright, silver salts; Mr and Mrs Hand (Heather), silver teapot; Trooper T. Freeman (France), prongs and spoons; Mr and Mrs Collier (Sheffield) prongs and spoons; Mrs and Miss Atkins, trinket set; Mr and Mrs W. Poole (Standard Hill) white counterpane; Mr J. Yates, tapestry tablecloth; Mrs G. Bodle, silver jam dish; Mr and Mrs Gee (Coalville), silver salts; Private and Mrs F. Wilson, silver cruet; Masters Eric and Tom Wilson, cushion cover; Mrs and Mr Clarke, set of jugs; Miss Elsie Clarke, silver jam spoon; Mr W. Campton, white tablecloth; Miss Gretton, white damask tablecloth and half dozen tea cloths; Mrs Richards (Kirby Muxloe), silver sugar tongs; Mrs Horsfield (Doncaster), half-dozen dessert spoons; Mrs Barber (Swannington), half-dozen teaspoons; Master Noel Revell, silver cruet. The bridegroom left for France last night.

IBSTOCK LADY IN EGYPT

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Mr and Mrs Thomas Eggington, of Copson Street, Ibstock, have received a very interesting letter from their daughter, Sister Eggington, who is now with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. She describes how she, with a party of nurses spent their ten days' leave from nursing duties. Their much-needed rest was spent amidst a complete change of surroundings, by "doing" some of the sights of Upper Egypt. Sister Eggington continues, *"We first of all visited the tombs of Rameses I, II, and III, which were built 183 years B.C. and the doorways of which were found after excavation. That of Rameses III contained all his jewellery, his coffin was removed*

to Cairo Museum, which we visited last year, when “doing” Cairo. Another day we visited the tombs of the Queens and nobles, and various temples of biblical times. We plodded along on donkeys, and I don’t believe we missed a place of interest in Luxor or Aswan. We visited Kitchener’s garden, where poor Kitchener spent so many quiet hours, while making his plans etc. in the Sudan War. His tent still stands in the garden just as he left it. We also visited orange groves, sugar plantations, fields of maize, figs, dates and banana groves, and ate fruit from them all, the natives loading us with as much as we could carry. We were much interested in a visit to the savage camp, known as the Biarhareem Camp, where the natives tolerate no white people; they are very dangerous, and have been known to eat human beings. (We were shown these under the protection of a guide). These savages never wash, and eat worms and whatever comes along. They lie alongside their cattle, and look weird with their long matted hair. I shall never forget them, the poor wee mites of children living in the open desert with practically no clothing, and nothing to eat but what they find, and yet they seem happy in their way. I managed to get a photograph of them and I will send one along for you to see. We never felt so thankful that we were English. We saw the meeting of the Nile, and the Dam which was another great sight. Here we had to show a Government permit, and being in full uniform, we got through. We took our way back, on our donkeys, to the hotel, through the rocks and mountains of the desert, marvelling that we were not thrown over our donkeys’ heads. I assure you I shall never forget it all; I would not have missed it for anything. One particularly pleasing sight was a moonlight view from a sailing boat on the river, of the Temple of Kom Ombo, and other beautiful buildings. I have seen some wondrous sights in foreign lands, but none to beat these on my ten days’ leave. On our return, a parcel was awaiting me from the Ibstock Ladies’ Patriotic Committee, the chocolates were particularly acceptable.”

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FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

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Barratt, F. Corporal	(March 1 st)
Beard, V. E.	(March 2 nd)
Darby, A. Private	(March 1 st)
Fairbrother, J. Private	(March 1 st)
Goodacre, W. A.	(February 28 th)
Haynes, Gunner M.M.	(February 28 th and March 3 rd)
Horne, W.	(February 26 th)
Iliffe, G. Bombardier K.R.R.	(March 1 st)
Johnson, A. H. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(March 2 nd)
Lycett, W. Sergeant	(February 27 th)
Meakin, S. Private	(February 27 th)
Newman, H. W. Private (Ibstock)	(March 4 th)
Pallett, J. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(March 3 rd)
Savage, H. Driver	(March 2 nd)
Swain, H. W. Private	(March 2 nd)
Thirlby, G. Sapper	(February 27 th)
Watson, H. Drummer	(March 1 st)
Watson, J.	(February 26 th)
Wright, G. Private	(March 2 nd)

IBSTOCK

WHIST DRIVE

In connection with the local Prisoners of War Comforts Fund, a successful whist drive was organised at the Liberal Club and Institute on Wednesday evening. The M.C.’s were Messrs. Jabez Lawrence, K. Troth and W. Richardson, and the prize-winners were as follows:

Ladies: 1 Miss Ball, 2 Miss Shepherd.

Gents: 1 Mr A. Black, 2 Mr W. Lyle.

It is expected a nice sum will be realised.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A novel sight in the boardroom at the Market Bosworth Workhouse on Tuesday was about 50 boys from the Grammar School engaged in the preparation of rationing cards. Mr F. Bouskell, the Executive Officer, hopes to get 60,000 cards distributed in his area this week, and was glad to secure the help of the boys.

The King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace on Saturday, bestowing a number of Victoria Crosses on relatives of men who had won them, but had died in action. The mother of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Bent, Leicestershire Regiment, received the D.S.O. awarded to her son for leading a counter-attack with the cry, "*Come on, Tigers.*" Lieutenant-Colonel Bent was an 'old boy' of the Ashby Grammar School.

CORRESPONDENCE

SOLDIERS' THANKS

Sir – Through the medium of your paper, I would like to publicly thank the matron and staff of Broom Leys Hospital, the committee, and people of Coalville for their kindness to the boys who have such a delightful time whilst patients at the hospital. I can assure you that we could not have had a better time no matter where we had gone. When we left Coalville on Saturday, it seemed to us like leaving home, we had had such a good time. We shall always think about the hospital, and when back in the trenches again, we shall talk of the good time we had. Thanking you one and all from the bottom of my heart.

Yours truly
Sergeant (one of the old boys)

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Private T. Benson (Whitwick) of the South Wales Borderers, is officially reported to have died.

THANKS

2nd Lieutenant Newberry and Sisters desire to thank all those kind friends who have shown sympathy with them in the loss of their dear mother.

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COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A PROTEST FROM THE BUTCHERS

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M McCarthy, A. Lockwood, B. G. Hale, J. Kirby, A. J. Briers, Lieutenant R. Blower (National Service representative), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Eighteen cases were dealt with, and in most instances, the Tribunal accepted the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

Three months were allowed a Whitwick Colliery clerk, 33, married, Grade 2.

In the appeal of a butcher, Grade 3, employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society, the question arose as to the men's age. He said he was 42, and contended he was over military age. Mr McCarthy said the man would have to be over 41 before June 24th, 1916. The clerk said applicant's birthday was June 25th, so he was within the age by one day. Six months allowed.

The manager of a Tea Company's Coalville shop, 41, Grade 1, was granted three months.

A Whitwick licensed victualler, 31, married, now working at the Snibston Colliery, stated to have been combed out of the mine, was allowed two months to find work of national importance other than mining, and also to be medically examined.

A Grade 2 man, 32, married, appealed for by his employers, a Whitwick building and undertaking firm, was allowed four months, and similar exemption was granted to a Greenhill licensed victualler, 41, married, who assists in farm work.

Appealing for a bricklayer, 39, a Coalville building firm stated that he was the only man left of military age in that department. Three months.

A tax collector, of Ravenstone, with offices at Coalville, appealed for his son, 19, single, Grade 3, who assists in collecting the taxes of seven parishes. Applicant had five other sons serving in the Forces, and conditional exemption was allowed.

Three months were allowed a Hugglescote builder, 34, married, Grade 3, and a similar decision was given in the case of a Coalville builder, 35, married, who on re-examination had been reduced from general service to Grade 3.

A Hugglescote painter, who has lost a son in the war, was allowed three months for his man, 34, married.

A man working at Ellistown Colliery, 42, married, Grade 3, stated in his appeal that he had four brothers serving in France, and three children were dependent upon him. One month was allowed to enable him to find work of national importance other than mining. The question was asked whether the Ellistown Colliery Co. could employ him on the farm, but the chairman said the Tribunal must keep to their rule, which was that combed-out men must not work for a colliery company at all.

Three months were allowed a bread deliverer, 40, married, B1, employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society.

A Coalville grocer and off-license holder appealed for his son, 40, married, Grade 3, the latter having a wife, mother-in-law, and three children dependent upon him. He is in a similar trade to his father, but was allowed to leave farm work (the condition attached to former exemption) and assist his father after another brother was taken for the army. The Advisory Committee did not assent in this case, it being their opinion that the man might be doing more important work. Mr McCarthy said the father also did a large hay and forage trade.

Mr Hale: *We did assent to him helping his father.*

Three months were allowed on the man working three days a week on the land.

A Coalville collier, residing at Albert Street, 37, Grade 3, married, with five children, was allowed one month to find work of national importance other than mining.

In the next two cases, both Coalville colliers, one 27, working at Coleorton Colliery, and the other 24, employed at the Snibston pit, neither had been medically examined, and the appeals were adjourned for 14 days for this to be done.

A Whitwick resident, 26, married, with one child, in his appeal claimed to be treated as a genuine collier, stating that he had worked in the mine for 12 years. He started at the Nailstone Colliery in 1904, working there up till 1913. He went into the mine again in May 1915. It was remarked that the man had been a professional footballer. Answering questions he said he was helping to keep his widowed mother, aged 63. He had six brothers. On being informed that he would have to leave the mine, applicant said he considered it a shame, when he had worked there over 12 years, and there were others who had been there only a few years, who were allowed to stay.

The chairman: *Whatever law is made in the country, it always cuts someone.*

Applicant said other footballers went and got jobs in munitions, and were exempt, and he could have done the same if he liked, but he preferred to come back to his old job. One month final was allowed.

The chairman then read the following letter.

"Ashby, Coalville and District Butchers' Association, 6th March, 1918. To the chairman and gentlemen of the Tribunal. Dear Sirs, The attention of the butchers has been called to the remark made by a member of the Tribunal at the meeting held on February 20th, a report of which appeared in the 'Coalville Times' in reference to butchers not having so much to do as before. The remark was made in considering an appeal of a Whitwick butcher asking to be excused from signing B form in the V.T.C. The butchers wish to inform that member that such a statement is not the truth, for perhaps it would be an education to him to know that we have to spend more time now in the difficult conditions under which we work, than ever we have done before. We have to spend practically three to four days a week in committee meetings and attendance at market, and we assure the Tribunal that we are fully employed and are loyally and patriotically doing our duty to keep the public supplied with meat and we strongly protest against such statements being made which do not convey the truth. Yours faithfully, D. R. Moore, chairman, C. E. Fryer, secretary."

It was stated that the three or four days a week in committee means in meeting the Food Control Committee, and one member remarked that the butchers must have had a lot of time on their hands before if they could afford to spend four days a week at committee meetings now. One of the reasons put forward to the Whitwick butcher referred to for being excused from drilling with the V.T.C. was that he played the organ at a chapel. It was stated that the butchers' cases were coming to the review a fortnight hence, and it was decided that the letter be brought up then. Lieutenant Blower remarked that one of the butchers in Coalville who had been called up had had to suffer the closing of his business.

The chairman: *Who was that?*

Lieut. Blower: *Mr Lager*

Mr Briers: *A nice little business too.*

The chairman: *Then I hope the people will be loyal to him when he comes back.*

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Beard, V. E.	(March 8 th)
Edwards, J. W. Lance-Corporal	(March 7 th)
Goodacre, Private	(March 7 th)
Hart, A. Private	(March 10 th)
Haynes, Gunner, M.M.	(March 11 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(March 10 th)
Johnson, A. H. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(March 10 th)
King, A. W. Private	(March 9 th)
Lowe, E.	(March 9 th)
Marsden, T.	(March 9 th)
Mayne, E. (Tank Corps)	(March 6 th)
Pallet, J. Gunner	(March 9 th)
Price, C. W. C.Q.M.S.	(March 8 th)
Stabler, P. (D.C.M.)	(March 8 th)
Watson, J. Private	(March 10 th)
White, S. E. G. Private	(March 6 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The question of a war memorial at Markfield is being considered, an institute being favoured?

Two members of the Ashby Troop of Scouts, A. Broadhurst and W. Grundy, have been selected for patrol work on the coast, and left for that duty on Monday?

The Volunteers of Coalville, Ashby, Hugglescote, Whitwick, Woodville and Moira were inspected by Earl Howe, county commandant at the Altons on Sunday afternoon?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Sergeant H. Sharpe, of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose home is at Hermitage Road, Coalville, and is now on leave, is to visit Nottingham tomorrow, to receive a Military Medal. He joined up early in the war, and has seen a lot of active service, having been over the top six times without getting a scratch. He has been recommended for brave conduct on four occasions.

The Coalville Urban Council's steam roller is still *"doing its bit"* in France, and is naturally an object of interest to Coalville and district lads whenever it comes under their observation. A few months ago, it will be remembered, we recorded that Mr J. Ward, of High Street, Coalville, had received a letter from his son in which he mentioned having seen the roller engaged in road-making in France, and a similar letter has been received this week by Mr T. W. Bourne, of Whitwick, from his son, Eric.

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ELLISTOWN

WAR MEMORIAL

A public meeting was held in the Church Schools on Monday evening to further consider the question of providing a suitable memorial to those from the parish who have fallen in the war. There was a small attendance. Three things were put forward for consideration – a nursing association, a public memorial, or a bed or cot in the proposed new hospital at Coalville. After some discussion, the matter was further adjourned.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Gunner G. E. Priestnall (Barlestone) of the R.G.A. is reported wounded.

Information has reached Ellistown that Private W. R. Kibble, a sapper in the Mining Section has been wounded in France. Before enlisting, he worked at the Desford Colliery, and his wife resides in South Street, Ellistown.

ELLISTOWN SOLDIER HONOURED

Lance-Corporal James Arthur Bamkin, an Ellistown soldier, in the 2/5th Leicesters, has received a communication from the Major-General commanding the Division, stating, *"Your commanding officer and brigade commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field. I have read their reports with much pleasure."* The official report is as follows, *"This N.C.O. after the signalling sergeant had been wounded, took over the command of the Battalion Signal Service, and for two days maintained communication between Battalion Headquarters and the front line. During the whole time the unit was in the trenches he maintained communication between Battalion Headquarters and Brigade Headquarters, and the headquarters of other units. The wires were repeatedly broken by hostile shell-fire, but this N.C.O. organised his much-depleted staff and immediately re-established communication. By this means, Battalion Headquarters was able to keep continually in touch with the artillery and control retaliation and counter-battery work, thereby saving many lives. He was untiring in his efforts, remaining at his post day and night. All his actions were regardless of personal danger."*

Lance-Corporal Bamkin is the son of Mr and Mrs Josiah Bamkin, of The Terrace, Ellistown, and before the war was a clerk in the Ellistown Colliery offices. He was recently awarded the Croix de Guerre.

DEATH OF COLONEL WOLLASTON

Before the business commenced at the Market Bosworth Police Court on Wednesday, the chairman, (Mr A. Oswald Brown) said he would like to express sincere sympathy with Mr Wollaston, a brother magistrate, in the sad loss he had sustained by the death of his son (Lieutenant-Colonel Wollaston) in London during an air raid. It was very sad that a young man who had done extremely well, having been in the war from the beginning, and served in Egypt, Palestine, and India, without getting a scratch, should have met with his death like that when going back to rejoin his regiment. He was sure they all sympathised very much with Mr Wollaston in his sad loss. Mr F. Bouskell, for the advocates, expressed sympathy. The funeral of Lieutenant-Colonel Wollaston took place with military honours at Shenton, on Wednesday afternoon.

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HINCKLEY SURVIVOR OF TORPEDOED HOSPITAL SHIP

Private Sam R. Pratt, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, whose home is at Trinity Lane, Hinckley, one of the few survivors of the torpedoed hospital ship, Glenart Castle, is now recovering from shock at Swansea. He escaped from the doomed vessel in scanty attire, being minus his boots and socks, and subsequently had thrilling experiences. When once in the lifeboat, he explains, the party of survivors made good progress towards land, but owing to the merciless tossing of a rough sea, their boat frequently threatened to capsize, and it was necessary for three of them to continuously bale out water with buckets. Some of the survivors had escaped in their pyjamas, and they were drenched to the skin when eventually picked up by the French steamer, Feon. Altogether they were struggling against adversity for seven hours, their greatest fear the whole time being that their boat would capsize. This was Private Pratt's first voyage, he having joined the ship last Friday after finishing his training at Blackpool. A son of Mr Herbert Pratt, of London Road, Hinckley, he was formerly in the employ of his uncle, Mr James Pratt, a local hosiery manufacturer. He was a prominent member of Hinckley Baptist Church.

COALVILLE OFFICER'S WEDDING

SECOND-LIEUTENANT W. HANDFORD AND MISS N. CHAMBERS

The wedding took place at Hugglescote Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon of 2nd-Lieut. Walter Handford, son of the late Mr W. Handford and Mrs Handford, of Highfields Street, Coalville and Miss Nellie Chambers, 8th daughter of Mr Thomas Chambers, formerly Leicestershire miners' agent and Mrs Chambers, of Belvoir Road, Coalville. The ceremony was performed by Canon Broughton in the presence of a good congregation.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a crepe de chine dress trimmed with silver lace, with a wreath of orange blossom and veil, and carried a sheaf of white lilies. There were three bridesmaids – Miss F. Price (Coalville) and Miss M. Parsons (Hugglescote) who were attired in pink crepe de chine, and black picture hats, and Miss Gladys Hunt (niece of the bride), also attired in pink crepe de chine and hat to match, and carrying a sheaf of lilies and narcissi. Mr Ernest Handford (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. A number of friends were afterwards entertained by the bride's parents and the happy couple subsequently left for London, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents.

Both the bride and bridegroom are well-known in Coalville and Ashby music circles, the bride being a talented singer and popular at concerts in the district, while, before the war, the bridegroom occupied the position of organist at Ashby Parish Church, and was a well-known music teacher. He has seen a good deal of active service in France, having joined up soon after war broke out, and was one of the first fifty Territorials to leave Coalville. He joined the Leicesters, and was subsequently given a commission in his own regiment.

RECRUITMENT OF MINERS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR A LEICESTERSHIRE BALLOT

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association was held at the Leicester Hotel, Coalville, on Monday evening, Mr Henry Toon presiding.

The agent reported the receipt of instructions from the Miners' Federation to take a ballot of the members on the two following questions:

1 Shall the Miners' Federation of Great Britain agree to the withdrawal of 50,000 men from the mines for military service?

2 If so, shall the Federation machinery be used for the purpose of finding the required number?

The result had to be sent to the Federation secretary by March 18th. Arrangements were made for the issuing and counting of the voting papers which have to be placed in the ballot boxes at the various collieries by four o'clock today (Friday).

A letter was read from Mr H. S. Lindsay, of the Ministry of Munitions to the Rt. Hon. T. Ashton, the Federation secretary, stating that workmen might be sent on a visit to the Front, under certain conditions, but the Council decided not to appoint any. Mr Wm. Blower (Barlestone) of the Nailstone Colliery, was elected chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, and Mr W. Shepherd (Coalville) of the Snibston Colliery, vice-chairman, Mr Thomas Gowdridge (Hugglescote) was elected secretary, and Mr Wm. Storer (Coalville) treasurer.

The following were elected as the Executive Committee: Messrs. Arthur Hinds (Whitwick Colliery), John Baker (Ibstock Colliery), Ed. Wilton (Snibston Colliery), Henry Toon (Ellistown Colliery), George Brooks (Whitwick Colliery), and George Wilton (Coleorton Colliery).

On Tuesday morning, an important communication was received by Mr Lovett setting forth the aims of the Government regarding the recruitment question. It was sent by the Rt. Hon. T. Ashton, secretary to the Miners' Federation, being a copy of a letter he had received from the Ministry of National Service, marked "Very Urgent", dated March 8th, as follows:

"Sir – I am instructed by the Minister of National Service to inform you of the intention of the Government to proceed forthwith with the preparation of the necessary machinery for the recruitment of pre-war coal miners. Sir Auckland Geddes desires me to say that he fully realises the difficulties with which the Conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain were faced at their meeting on 27th February, and appreciates the reasons which prompted them to pass the resolutions of that date. Sir Auckland Geddes understands that your Federation machinery should be employed for the purpose. It was not, however, upon the former of these two questions that he consulted your Federation, as that is clearly a matter for the Government. The second question is, however, one in the answer to which the Government are interested, as it affects the machinery to be adopted in the scheme of recruitment. The Home Secretary yesterday pronounced an Order, of which a copy is enclosed, de-certificating all unmarried coal miners between the ages of 18 years and 8 months and 25 years as at 1st January, 1918. Of the pre-war miners it is only proposed now to call to the Colours men up to the number authorised by the Government who are found to be in Grade 1, while the remainder will be allowed to return to their civil occupation and will be provided with a suitable protection certificate. Before the De-Certification Order takes effect, viz., on the 21st March, it is anticipated that the result of the Federation ballot will have been declared which it is sincerely to be hoped will be in favour of co-operation with the Government in securing the necessary quota. While the recruiting authorities have, so far as is in their power, combed out all post-war miners from the mines, regional director of recruiting will be prepared to investigate any case which is brought to their notice in which it is alleged that a post-war miner has been improperly retained in the mines. Sir Auckland Geddes is glad to be able to inform you that it is the intention of the Government to return from the Army for work in the coal mine a number of pre-war miners who, through wounds, sickness or physical condition, are unfit for combatant duties either in this country or overseas. In this way the proposed scheme of recruitment of 50,000 men will have the effect of accelerating the process of returning to the mines a number of men who have already done several years' service with the Colours, as until the 50,000 are recruited it will be impossible for the Army Council to entertain the idea of releasing from the Colours any pre-war miners. The recruitment will be carried out by the Directors of National Service in regions who have been requested to give every consideration to the prevailing local conditions, and in particular to afford the local Miners' Association an opportunity of adopting a ballot as a method of selecting the mine quotas should that method commend itself to the miners of any particular districts. The national emergency and the virtual and immediate demand for recruits make it necessary that the steps indicated in this letter shall be taken. The situation in Russia, the prospect of a German offensive, and the strain on the men in the trenches in the near future render it imperative that recruits should be immediately forthcoming to keep the fighting forces up to strength. Recruiting has already started for the

provision of men whom the Government has decided must be provided from munition works and other essential occupations. The Miners' Federation of Great Britain have always disclaimed any desire for exceptional treatment for the miners in the matter of recruitment, and Sir Auckland Geddes desires me to say that he sincerely hopes the members of your Federation will assist him to the fullest extent possible to secure the objects in view, and, that they will work in harmony with the recruiting authorities in order that the necessary men should be recruited with the utmost despatch and the least possible friction."

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bradford, W. E. Sergeant	(March 19 th)
Gamble, M. Lance-Corporal	(March 14 th)
Goodacre, W. A. Private	(March 15 th)
Haynes, Gunner, M.M.	(March 17 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(March 16 th)
Johnson, A. E. Corporal (R.F.A.)	(March 18 th)
Mayne, E. (Tank Corps)	(March 16 th)
Pallett, J. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(March 16 th)
Perkins, J. A. Driver	(March 14 th)
Smith, J. Private (16140)	(March 15 th)
Wardle, Alec, J. Corporal	(March 17 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The employees of Messrs. R. Walker and Sons at the Coalville "Wolsey" factory have made their 14th contribution of £3 3s to the Broom Leys V.A.D. Hospital?

We understand that the Ashby Baths and Hotel Company have been officially informed that the military authorities have decided not to take over the Bath Rooms for the accommodation of German prisoners?

Corporal E. Hughes, R.E. a former railway clerk at Coalville, at home on leave, gave an interesting address to his former fellow members of the Coalville Men's Adult School on Sunday morning?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Writing from hospital in France, Mr Venice Ewart Beard, of Coalville, who has been gassed, states that he is progressing favourably, and hopes soon again to be with the company. He is being well treated by the nursing sisters and doctors, and everything possible is being done for his comfort and that of other patients.

It is understood that the result of the miners' ballot shows a majority of about 30,000 against agreeing with the Government proposal to withdraw 50,000 men from the mines. On the second question as to the use of the Federation machinery to find the required number of men the vote is in favour, and an anomalous position is thus created.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

APPLICANT WITH SEVEN SOLDIER BROTHERS

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. B. G. Hale, J. Kirby, A. J. Briers, J. W. Fisher, C. W. Brown, A. Lockwood, Lieut. R. Blower (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

In most cases, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee were agreed to. A managing partner in a Hugglescote building firm, 40, Grade 2, for whom Mr J. J. Sharp appeared, was allowed three months and six months each were allowed a brick-setter applied for by the South Leicestershire Colliery Co. and a carter employed by a Coalville building firm.

Mr J. J. Sharp represented an aged Whitwick painter, in an appeal for his son who carries on the business. The man was stated to be 32, married, and in Grade 3, and his brother was serving in the Forces. Three months.

Similar exemption was granted to a Whitwick building and undertaking firm for one of their men, and to a Coalville cycle repairer, single, 20, applied for by his employer.

A Hugglescote fruiterer, 26, single, who had formerly been discharged from the Army, was allowed two months. It was stated that his brother, a former partner in the business, was now serving in the Forces.

A miner employed at the Snibstone Colliery, one of the men "combed out" stated in his appeal, that he partly supported his mother and mother-in-law, both widows. He was 24, had one child, and was in Grade 2. He started work in the mine on October 18th, 1914, previously working at the Bardon Hill quarries. One month, final.

A Hugglescote boot and shoe repairer, 41, married, with six children, was allowed three months, it being stated that he worked chiefly for colliers.

A Coalville man, Grade 1, working at Coleorton Colliery, one of the "combed out" aged 27, and married, said he went into the Whitwick Colliery, a month after the war broke out, previously working for a builder. He had been at the Coleorton Pit three months. Answering questions, he said he had no family, and no one dependent upon him but his wife. He was not satisfied with his medical examination. He did not think he was a Grade 1 man. The appeal was not assented to.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society appealed for a bread deliverer, 33, married, Grade 3. Mr Lockwood said the man had once been rejected. The Advisory Committee did not assent, suggesting that a woman could deliver bread. It was pointed out that the man was in Grade 3, and two months were allowed.

Another "combed out" collier, of Hugglescote, 34, married, in Grade 2, stated that he had two children and also supported his parents. He promised his brother he would do that when the latter was called up. He worked at the Ibstock Colliery, having gone into the mine two years last February. One month, final.

A Hugglescote building firm appealed for a foreman joiner, the only one left, aged 39, and married. Three months allowed.

An Ellistown grocer and off-licence holder, 36, married, Grade 1, stated in his appeal that he was working at Stableford's as well as looking after two shops. An aged aunt was partly dependent on him. He was the only son left out of six, his five brothers all serving in the Forces.

Mr Briers: *I think that is plenty out of one family.*

Three months allowed, conditionally on him continuing in work of national importance.

A Coalville builder appealed for his foreman, 41, Grade 2, the only man he had left and who resides at Whitwick. Three months.

A Hugglescote "combed out" collier, 24, told the Tribunal that seven brothers joined the Forces, and two had been killed. He produced a newspaper with a photograph of his seven soldier brothers. He said his mother and five children were partly dependent on him. The Tribunal considered the family's record a good one, and allowed the man conditional exemption subject to him obtaining work of national importance, other than mining, within 14 days.

Six months were allowed a Bardon Hill farmer for his son, the only man on the farm, except an old man, 71, who helped occasionally.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Private T. Buck (Ashby) of the East Lancashire Regiment, is reported missing.

The military authorities at Lichfield have notified Mrs Partner, wife of Private Nathan Partner, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, that her husband is a patient at a stationary hospital at Calcutta. Private Partner, who it is said has been ill some time, has served in various parts of India during his two years' soldiering. He worked at Whitwick Colliery and was a cricketer and footballer of some distinction. He figured in the original "Town" football team, which won the first football charity cup. His eldest son has just voluntarily enlisted, joining the Royal Marines.

ANOTHER WHITWICK MILITARY MEDALLIST

The official announcement was made on Saturday that Private Frank West, of the London Regiment, had been awarded the Military Medal. The gallant soldier is the eldest son of Mr George West, one of the Whitwick overseers and manager of the Whitwick Conservative Club. He is about 23 years of age, and before the war was a clerk at the Whitwick Colliery. He enlisted in the Leicesters and was transferred to the London Regiment. Another son of Mr West – Fred – is serving in the Royal Engineers. The Wests are an old Whitwick family, Mr West being able to trace his ancestors back over 200 years.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pte. Ernest Stinchcombe, 1st Leicesters, killed in action, March 20th, 1917.

*"Right manfully his cross he bore,
And run his race of torments sore,
For Thee he poured his life away,
With Thee he lives in endless day."*

From his Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters. Church Terrace, Hugglescote.

LEICESTERSHIRE MINERS AND RECRUITING

NOT IN FAVOUR OF THE GOVERNMENT SCHEME

A POOR BALLOT

The Leicestershire miners have been balloted on the two questions as to whether they are in favour of a further 50,000 young men being taken from the mines for the Army, and, if so, whether they are in favour of the machinery of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain being used to assist the Government in obtaining that number of men.

There are 7,570 members in the Leicestershire Miners' Association, to the whole of whom ballot papers were issued, but less than 30 per cent have been returned. The ballot papers had to be in the boxes by 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon, and the result was that only 849 voted in favour of another 50,000 miners joining the Army, and 1,483 against, a total of 2,332 votes recorded out of a membership of 7,570.

On the second question, as to the machinery of the Federation being used to assist in recruiting, fewer votes still were recorded, the number for being 404 and against, 581, a total of 985 votes recorded, or very little more than one eighth of the number which might have voted.

ASHBY AND GERMAN PRISONERS

TOWN'S MEETING PROTESTS

A public meeting, convened by the Urban Council, was held in the Ashby Town Hall, on Monday evening to protest against German prisoners, who are being brought into the district to work on the land, being housed in the Baths Assembly Rooms adjoining the Bath Grounds. Two other buildings in the town had been offered to the Military Authorities for the purpose – the Workhouse hospital and a residence on the Smisby Road – but these were not accepted.

Mr A. H. Tugby (chairman of the Council) presided at a meeting at which there was a good attendance, and the following resolution was adopted:

“That this public meeting of the town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch held on March 18th, whilst desirous of assisting the Military Authorities strongly protests against German prisoners of war being billeted at the Baths Assembly Rooms, being of the opinion that the place is unsuitable, and that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the town, the Bath grounds being situated in the centre of the town and used by the people, and in the opinion of this meeting, a more suitable place could, and should, be found.”

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

SEVERAL APPEALS IN COLLIERIES

A meeting of the Tribunal for the Ashby Rural District was held at the Clerk's Office, at Ashby, on Saturday, Mr T. Varnham presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. A. Riley, J. Rice, J. T. Bradshaw and the Rev. C. T. Moore, Captain Phillimore (National Service representative), and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

A Willesley farmer appealed for his waggoner, 24, single, Grade 3, stating that he had only one other man on the farm of 247 acres. It was stated that since the appeal had been lodged the man had received an exemption card from the War Agricultural Committee, and the case was adjourned for this card to be produced.

An assistant blacksmith, 22, single, employed at Coleorton Colliery, was appealed for by his father, who stated that the young man also assisted with the cattle on a small farm. Sometime ago, he joined the Navy, and was discharged through ill-health, and on re-examination since had been classed Grade 2. Captain Phillimore said the colliery certificate had been withdrawn, and he suggested that the man be used as a substitute on a farm. The chairman said they could not retain a man on 12 acres of land. Applicant, who is enginewright at the colliery, said the youth was doing important repair work at the colliery. He was not strong, having undergone an operation at Leicester Infirmary last June. Temporary exemption was allowed for the man to be used as a substitute on a farm.

Application was made for a waggoner, 33, married, Grade 1, employed on a Worthington farm, and it was not assented to.

Mr A. E. Mammatt (Ashby) represented a Measham farmer in regard to the review of the case of his man, 22, single, Grade 1, working on the farm as a waggoner and general labourer. Captain Phillimore said he asked for the review of the case because in the opinion of the War Agricultural Committee the man might be released. Mr Mammatt said the farm was 160 acres, of which 56 were plough land, there were 67 head of cattle (21 milking beasts), 90 sheep and 4 horses. It was considered that the man should be retained until a substitute was obtained. The man was stated to be in poor health, and another medical examination was asked for. One month (final) allowed.

A Measham colliery banksman, 37, single, in his appeal, stated that he had recently had an accident, losing the little finger of the right hand, the thumb also being deformed. Mr Mammatt, for the applicant, said that how any doctor could have passed a man B2 with a hand like that passed his comprehension. The appeal was dismissed.

In the case of a footman at Coleorton Hall, single, and classed Grade 3, after being three times rejected, it was stated that 12 to 14 overseas convalescent officers were accommodated at the Hall, this being the weekly average, and Mrs Abel-Smith was urged to continue this work. The man appealed for assisted. In the absence of the applicant, stated to be away from home, the case was adjourned.

The Tribunal dismissed the appeal of a miner “combed out” of the Moira Colliery, who said he was 39, and had six children, three being under 12. He said he worked in the pit from 1911 to 1913 and then worked at fire-clay getting.

The Measham Colliery manager appealed in the case of a clerk, 33, single, and a cashier, married, both Grade 2, stating that the matter was being considered by the President of the Colliery Court, and he asked for an adjournment. The cases were accordingly, postponed.

A Blackfordby collier, 30, married, with two children, said he was a shot-firer and was studying for an under-manager’s certificate. It would spoil that if he had to join the Army. He went into the mine in December 1914, so did not do it to avoid conscription. He also cultivated a lot of garden ground. The appeal was dismissed.

A Willesley farmer said he could not understand the War Agricultural Committee withdrawing the certificate of his son, seeing that they were asking farmers to produce more food. The man was stated to be 22, single, and had not been medically examined.

The chairman: *This is the son who refuses to be medically examined?*

Applicant: *It is.*

Answering further questions, applicant said he had three sons (one 15) helping him on the farm. He had 43 milking cows and 40 head of young stock besides. A member remarked that no one from this family was serving in the army, and it was hardly fair for a man to keep three sons on his farm. It was agreed that the exemption certificate be withdrawn.

A Snibstone man working at Ibstock Colliery was allowed temporary exception to find work of national importance other than mining. He was in Grade 3, 29 years of age and married. Mr A. H. Timms (Swadlincote) represented the Albion Clay Co. Woodville, in an appeal for three youths, all 18 and single. It transpired that since the appeal was lodged, two of the men had been classed Grade 1 – the result of the examination in the other case was not yet known – and Mr Timms said he could not press the appeal, though he would ask for substitutes to be found. The firm had lost a lot of men, and he was afraid the works would have to be partly closed. One of these young fellows, a fire-clay getter, was earning £3 a week. All were doing important work. In the case of the two Grade 1 men, the appeals were dismissed, and a similar course was taken in regard to the other man if passed Grade 1, and if in Grade 2, exemption for two months was allowed.

A Snibstone Colliery banksman, 40, single, Grade 3, was given temporary exemption to obtain work of national importance other than mining.

A Measham widow appealed for her boy, 18, single, a pit pony driver, saying he was her chief support. Dismissed.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for a Ravenstone licensed victualler and coal miner, 40, married, and passed Grade 1. The clerk said the man originally went for a munition works on the suggestion of the Tribunal, but later was allowed to work in the Whitwick Colliery, being represented as a good workman. Now, he had been “combed out”. Mr Sharp said the man was now working on a farm at Ravenstone and was willing to continue at that. Applicant produced a letter from the farmer certifying to his usefulness. The chairman said this was about the only licensed victualler in the area of military age who had been allowed to remain at home. In granting conditional exemption, the chairman said the man must do his best, and work full-time on the farm. Mr Sharp said applicant undertook to do that.

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“I AM QUITE WELL”

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Goodacre, W. A. Private	(March 22 nd)
Hickling, David	(March 20 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(March 25 th)
Pallett, J. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(March 22 nd)
Watson, J. Private	(March 18 th)

ELLISTOWN

Mr Albert Evans, of Ibstock Road, Ellistown, has received a telegram from the War Office, intimating that his son, 2nd Lieut. J. A. Evans, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been severely wounded in the recent fighting in France. His right leg has been amputated and he has gunshot wounds on the scalp. Lieut. Evans, who is 23 years of age and single, was a clerk in the Coalville Labour Exchange before joining the Army. He is one of Mr W. Fellow's old boys of the Hugglescote Council School, where he won a scholarship and afterwards attended the Ashby Grammar School.

ABSENTEE

Before Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court on Wednesday, Frederick Hutchinson (39) and George Bailey (38) colliers, of Thringstone were charged with being absentees under the Reserve Forces Act. P.C. Jones gave evidence of arrest, and Capt. Stevenson said the men had been served with call-up papers to which they failed to respond. Defendants were each fined £2, and were remanded to the cells to await an escort.

COMMISSION

The well-known Leicestershire and M.C.C. bowler, W. E. Astill, after three years' service in the Army, has been given a commission in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He enlisted as a private in the 2/4th Leicestershire Regiment, served in Ireland during the rebellion, and rose to the rank of sergeant. Then he saw fighting in France, and was sent to the O.T.C. school at Lichfield. He is one of three soldier sons of Mr Ezra Astill. It will be remembered that another Leicestershire cricketer, Lieutenant Skelding, won his commission earlier in the war.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The bravery of Leicestershire troops in the great battle now proceeding, has been referred to in glowing terms in messages from correspondents at the Front?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A second-lieutenancy has been given to Horace Burnaby Cooper, son of the Rev. H. Rowsell Cooper, vicar of Thornton. The officer is to be attached to the Wilts. Regiment (Territorial).

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. W. Swain (Markfield) of the R.N.V.R. is reported wounded.

2nd Lieutenant S. Perry, son of Mr S. Perry, of Silver Street, Whitwick, and a former master of the Whitwick Boy Scouts, has been gassed, and is now in hospital.

News has been received in Whitwick that Pte. Robert Underwood has died of wounds. He was the son of Mr John Underwood, of Pares Hill, Whitwick, and son-in-law of Mrs Broadhurst. This is the second son that Mr Underwood has lost in the war, the other, Frank, being one of the first Whitwick men to fall in action.

DEATHS

At the 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, on March 23rd, 1918, after a very brief illness, Staff-Sergeant Ernest C. White, R.A.M.C. of 40, Belvoir Road, Coalville, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs Charles White of Uppingham. Aged 30 years. Interred at Lodge Hill Military Cemetery, Birmingham, on March 26th, 1918, with military honours.

PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMANY



The photograph is that of Corporal Joseph Riley, Leicesters, prisoner of war at Kriegsgefangenenlager, Parchim, Germany, which has been received by his parents at Leicester Road, Ibstock, from Germany, in a letter written on December 31st last. He says he is *"feeling quite well under the conditions, thanks to you people at home, and the Leicester committee."* He has received the whole of his new clothing, and some real old Blighty woodbines. He concludes his letter by expressing a wish that they may all soon meet at home again.

IN MEMORIAM

In affectionate remembrance of our dear son, Private George Firban Kirkland, Leicestershire Regiment, who died of wounds received in action in France, March 24th, 1917, aged 20 years.

*"In health and strength he left his home,
Not thinking death so near;
Death came without a warning given,
And bade him meet his God in Heaven.*

*His King and country called him,
The call was not in vain,
On Britain's Roll of Honour,
You will find our loved one's name."*

From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

In Loving Memory of Gunner J. F. Cracknell, (1926), killed in action, April 2nd, 1916, somewhere in France.

*"We often pause to think, dear son,
And wonder how you died.
With no one near who loved you dear,
Before you closed your eyes.
You nobly did your duty,
And like a hero fell;
Could I have held your drooping head,
And heard your last farewell."*

From his sorrowing Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

Robert Dawson, moulder, Coalville, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Coalville, on March 8th. He did not appear. Sergeant Kirkland said he found the defendant on the ground in Marlborough Square. He was too drunk to walk, and witness took him home. He was using bad language all the way. Witness saw

him the next day, and told him he would be reported. He replied, *"I deserve it. I had been to Leicester yesterday to be medically examined, and I passed Grade 3. I got a lot of neat whisky coming down in the train with a Canadian soldier."* Fined 12s or seven days.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bott, Horace, Private	(March 29 th)
Bott, J. W. Sapper	(March 30 th)
Bradford, W. E. Sergeant	(March 27 th)
Hart, A. Lance-Corporal	(March 24 th)
Haynes, Gunner M.M.	(March 26 th & 31 st)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(March 31 st)
Lycett, W. Sergeant	(March 22 nd)
Pallett, J. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(March 30 th)
Palmer, F.	(March 28 th)
Wardle, E. T. Sapper	(March 29 th)
Wardle, Alec J.	(March 30 th)
Watson, J. Private	(March 24 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Steve Bloomer, the famous footballer, who has been interred in Germany since the commencement of the war, is stated to have been released, and is now on his way home?

Lieutenant A. N. Choyce, of Hugglescote, gave an interesting address at the Coalville Men's Adult School on Sunday morning, during which he gave some fine recitals from his book of poems, "Crimson Stains" and other authors?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

At the Loughborough Petty Sessions on Wednesday, Mr W. Moss, on behalf of the local solicitors, referred to the news that their most junior member, Lieut. C. E. Lancaster, had been killed in action, and expressed deep sympathy with Mr R. Lancaster in his loss. The magistrates also offered their condolences.

Private F. Spriggs, of the Leicestershire Regiment, formerly employed at Burgess and Son's factory, Coalville, has written to his father, Mr W. Spriggs, of Vaughan Street, Coalville, describing how he took part in the recent severe fighting and, fortunately, came through unscathed.

From the "London Gazette", February 7th, 1918: Mesopotamian Honours List: Awarded the Military Cross, Temp. 2nd Lieutenant Eric Young, 7th Batt. Gloucestershire Regiment. (Now Captain and aide-de-camp to the Lieut. Governor of Burma). Captain Young is a son-in-law of Mr and Mrs W. Lindley, of Holly Dene, Coalville.

In connection with the enlistment in the Royal Garrison Artillery, for home service, of men over military age, up to 50, the Army Council have decided that these men are to be posted, as far as possible, for coast defence, in the neighbourhood of their homes, and also may be allowed to serve in groups of from 10 to 20 each. A group to be posted to one unit, and the men to be kept in that unit.

SOLDIER'S WHIST DRIVE

The soldiers from the Broom Leys Hospital, with friends were entertained to tea by the Games Committee in Adult School Hall on Monday afternoon. A whist drive followed, in which prizes were won by Mrs Jarman

134, and Miss Moseley 126 (of the staff), Miss N. Wood 133 and Mrs Richards 131 (visiting ladies), Mr T. Price 137 (visiting gentleman) and the following soldiers, Driver D. Ball 136, Rifleman Bunn 133, Pte. H. Berry 128, Gunner G. W. Coley 127, Privates Neary 126, T. Dobinson 125, J. Jackson 124, F. Compton 123, T. Chadwick 119, T. Illsley, A. J. Horsnall and Sergeant Woodford 118 each. Mystery prizes were won by Ptes. Woodbury and Wilson. The company had a most enjoyable time. The M.C.'s were Messrs. A. L. Bertenshaw, W. Rowell and T. W. Underwood, and thanks were expressed to the following donors of prizes, Messrs. Harvey Morris, F. J. Bayliss, W. Higgins, S. Baum, J. H. Land, C. E. Fryer, H. Wright, Coleman and Sons, Miss Greasley and Miss Whitehouse.

WEDDING

At the Parish Church on Tuesday, Miss Gertrude H. Toon was married to Private E. E. Blount, of Mansfield Woodhouse, the Rev. T. W. Walters (vicar) officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr George Toon, wore a frock coat of navy blue gabardine. The bridesmaids were Misses Honor Blount (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Lily Slater, and Mr Herbert Toon acted as best man. Mr Oliver Ratcliffe, of Coalville, played suitable selections on the organ including Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The happy couple had a nice lot of presents.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mrs Baxter, of Smisby Road, Ashby, is notified of the death in action of her second son, Lieut. William Baxter, of the Leicesters, who was originally in the Leicestershire Territorials, and served in the early part of the war as a sergeant, being subsequently granted a commission.

News has been received that Company-Sergeant-Major Percy Stabler, D.C.M. of the 11th Leicesters, died in hospital in France on March 25th from gunshot wounds in the chest received on March 22nd, the second day of the German great push. He leaves a widow and one child residing in Highfields Street, Coalville. Before the war, he was manager of Worthington's grocery shop at Coalville. He volunteered for service, first joining the Leicester Pioneers and had seen a good deal of active service. He was awarded the D.C.M. for superintending the unloading of an ammunition wagon which had become derailed while under heavy fire and received the medal when at home on leave a few months ago.

Mr and Mrs W. Kelham, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, have been officially notified that their only son, Pte. Edward Victor Kelham, 1st Leicesters, died of wounds in France on March 27th. He was 20 years of age, and enlisted early in the war at the first great recruiting meeting at the Coalville Olympia, telling his parents he did not mean to wait to be fetched. At that time he was working in the Ellistown Colliery. His father is a baker at the Coalville Co-Operative Stores.



Official news has been received by Mr and Mrs Arthur Johnson of 16, Jackson Street, Coalville, that their third son, Corporal A. E. Johnson, of the R.F.A. died in France on March 25th, the cause not being stated. He was 20 years of age, and was formerly employed by Messrs. Coleman and Sons, in their furnishing department. His father works at Stableford's and has two other sons serving in the Forces.

Gunner Leonard A. P. Finch, of the R.F.A. is officially reported to have died of wounds in France on March 21st, news to this effect having reached his parents, Mr and Mrs H. Finch, of 275, Belvoir Road, Coalville. Before the war, Gunner Finch, who was 20 years of age, was in the employ of Mr F. J. Bayliss, plumber. His father works at Stableford's.

Private A. E. Hall, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr W. A. Hall, of the M.R. Loco Department, Coalville, was wounded in France on March 21st, being shot in the lower jaw, and is now in hospital at Huddersfield.

Private T. Massey, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded in both arms during the fighting now going on in France, and has arrived in hospital in England. He is a well-known Coalville footballer, having played half-back for the Town club for some years. Before joining the army he worked at Bagworth Colliery. His wife and four children reside in Marshall's Row, High Street, Coalville.

A War Office telegram to Mr and Mrs N. Thornley, of Wood Street, Ashby, states that their son, 2nd Lieutenant G. Thornley, of the Royal Irish Regiment, has been admitted to hospital at Rouen, suffering from gunshot wounds in the lower jaw bone. A later wire received from the officer himself states that he is O.K. and there is no need to worry.

Able-Seaman J. H. Carter, of the Royal Naval Division, has reached hospital at Newcastle, suffering from wounds and severe gas poisoning, received in France on March 13th. He is 23 years of age, and single, and before joining up was the sole supporter of his widowed mother, Mrs Dunn, of Wash Lane, Ravenstone, who has received this news of her son from the War Office.

Mr George Dawson, general carter, Ibstock, has been notified that his son, A. E. Dawson, R.N.D. has been admitted to hospital suffering from wounds from a gas shell. He is the youngest of four brothers serving with H. M. Forces. One of Mr Dawson's four soldier sons, Trooper J. W. Dawson, of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, was one of the "old contemptibles" and fought on the Marne and in the first and second battles of Ypres 1914/15, being severely wounded in May, 1915. He received the Mons medal and ribbon.

Captain and Quartermaster S. Smith, of the Leicesters, nephew of the late Mr R. Smith, of Ashby, and a popular officer, is reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

Able-Seaman Herbert Rudkin, of the Royal Naval Division, has been admitted to hospital in London suffering from gas poisoning during the fighting in France. He formerly worked at the Snibston Colliery, and his wife and four children reside in Peplow's Row, High Street, Coalville. He is a son of Mr Jonathan Rudkin, of 40, Berrisford Street.

IN MEMORIAM

Bakewell – In proud and ever-loving remembrance of William Thomas Bakewell, private 2/6th Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action in the battle of Arras, on Easter Monday, April 9th, 1917, aged 22. The dearly-loved only son of Mr and Mrs W. Bakewell, of Coalville.

*"I have fought a good fight
I have finished my course
I have kept the faith."*

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Agar, W. Private	(April 3 rd)
Brown, C. E. Corporal	(April 3 rd)
Hancock, W. Signaller	(April 3 rd)

Haynes, M.M.	(April 7 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(April 5 th)
Johnson, A. H. (R.G.A.)	(April 4 th)
Lowe, E.	(April 5 th)
Smith, W. Private	(April 3 rd)
Smiles, B. S. Private	(April 3 rd)
Upton, G. Sapper	(April 4 th)
Wardle, Alec. Corporal	(April 2 nd)
Watson, J. Private	(April 7 th)
Williamson, F. Lance-Corporal	(April 3 rd)
Wright, J. W.	(April 6 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Coal is shortly to be rationed according to the number of rooms in a house?

A convoy of 200 wounded soldiers, all cot cases, arrived at Leicester on Saturday night, and were removed by the V.A.D. to the Base Hospital?

One of the sidesmen at Ellistown Church (Mr A. Everett) re-elected at Saturday night's vestry meeting, was stated to be a prisoner of war in Germany, and four others are serving in the Forces?

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday evening, a memorial service for the late Mr G. Piper and C.S.M. P. Stabler, was held in St. James's Church, Snibstone conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Atkins. Both the deceased were formerly connected with the church, Mr Piper, at the time of his death being a sidesman and Sunday School teacher. The local Volunteer Corps to which both formerly belonged, were present, Lieut. C. E. Crane being in command. There was a large congregation.

WHITWICK MILITARY MEDALLISTS

A Military Medal awarded to Lance-Corporal P. Hicken, a Whitwick soldier, has been forwarded by the War Office to the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) with a request that it be presented to the gallant soldier publicly when he returns from France. Pte. Hicken was expected home at the end of March, but events in France have delayed his leave.

Mrs Concannon, wife of the late Lance-Corporal Concannon, of Whitwick, recently went to Nottingham Castle, and was presented with the Military Medal awarded to her late husband. Sir John Maxwell presented the medal, with others, and expressed sympathy with the relatives of the men who had fallen.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Coalville Tribunal was held on Wednesday evening, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, J. Kirby, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, J. W. Fisher, Captain Stevenson (National Service representative), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk read a memorandum from the Local Government Board, dated April 5th, as follows:

"The Minister of National Service has directed the local National Service representative to apply, except as regards cases which have been before the Tribunals within the last month, for the review of exemptions held on occupational grounds by men, other than those employed in essential industries, who are in Grades 1 and 2, or Categories A, B1, and C1, or who have not been medically examined. It is scarcely necessary to impress upon Tribunals in this present crisis, the extreme urgency of dealing promptly with all these cases, and with any other cases which may be before them, particularly of men in Grade 1 or 2, or Category A, B1 or C1. It is requested therefore that the Tribunals will immediately take speedy measures to deal with the cases with the utmost despatch, and, where possible, will dispose of all those outstanding within the next fortnight."

The cases of nine butchers – four at Whitwick and five at Coalville – again came up for consideration. Three of the Coalville men were stated to be in the employ of the Co-Operative Society, for whom it was said that 11 men from the butchery department had joined up. The Advisory Committee recommended a month's exemption in every case, but one of the Co-Operative men, who was 26 years of age and B2, and to this the Advisory Committee did not assent. Mr Lockwood said they had nine branch shops in three different areas. Seven thousand people had registered with them for meat, and the business, with a greatly depleted staff, was being carried on with difficulty. If the man referred to was taken, they would have to close the Bagworth branch, and _____ round in the adjoining villages. The Advisory Committee's recommendations were agreed to.

A smith's striker at a Coalville works, aged 19, single, and in Grade 1, appealed on the ground that he was the sole supporter of his widowed mother. Dismissed.

Appealing on domestic grounds, a Coalville painter and paperhanger, 38, C1, said he had five children, the eldest 13, and he was suffering from an ulcerated leg. The Advisory Committee did not assent, but the Tribunal allowed one month.

An Ellistown ironmonger, 42, C2, married, was allowed one month.

The chairman, commenting on the different grades, said they were always changing. It would be much better if the authorities would stick to one system. It required a _____ to follow these changes.

Mr Briers, jocosely: *Are you above 50, Mr Chairman?*

The chairman: *I wish I was 23 and passed for general service. I would run the risk.*

Mr J. J. Sharp represented a Thringstone insurance agent, 39, who appealed on domestic grounds. He said the man volunteered in the first instance, and had been rejected four times. Now he was in Grade 2. He had 800 people on his books, and was doing work on national importance. One month (final).

A Coalville dentist appealed for his dentist mechanic, 39, B3, married, with children. Two months.

Similar exemption was allowed a farm waggoner, 39, married, employed at the Whitwick Colliery and in Grade 3.

An employee of Stableford's residing at Hugglescote, in his appeal said he was 23, married, and in Grade 1. He had three brothers serving. Dismissed.

A young miner, 20, single, employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, was appealed for by his mother, residing at Coalville. Mr J. J. Sharp, for applicant, said the father, a former bricklayer, was an invalid, and this man was the sole support of the home, his brother having been killed in action. One month, final, allowed.

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GRIFFYDAM

CONCERT

A successful concert was given in the Council Schools on Saturday evening, March 30th, for the sick and wounded at the Broom Leys Hospital. Mr J. A. Goodman, C.C., presided over a good attendance. An excellent programme included contributions by Mrs A. Spencer (Melbourne), Mrs A. O. Loakes, Mrs G. Walker, Mr J. Wright, Mr William Price, Mr A. Waterfield, Misses E. Leech, E. Rowell, A. and L. O. Johnson, O. Stevenson, M. Morley and Mr W. Bird. The accompanists were Miss Leech and Mrs Loakes.

FURTHER DISTINCTION FOR IBSTOCK SOLDIER

We congratulate Sergeant C. Smith, of Ibstock, who has recently been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre for devotion to duty whilst serving in Belgium. A few weeks ago we reported his previous recommendation for honours, and mention in despatches. Sergt. Smith says he takes it as a great honour to be decorated also by one of our Allies. He enlisted early in the war, and after training in the home country, served for two years and three months in France and Belgium. He was included in one of the first divisions to arrive in Italy.

Writing home towards the end of March, he says the weather in Italy is already quite hot. He thinks the armies of all ranks have had enough of war, and will be glad when it ends.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Private J. W. Bott (Markfield) of the R.N.V.R. is reported wounded.

Mr and Mrs H. Lewis, of 74, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, have been officially notified that the youngest of their two soldier sons, Pte. Harry Lewis, of the Notts and Derby Regiment, was killed in action in France, on March 23rd. He was 19 years of age, and one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road Council School. Mr Lewis is employed at Stableford's.



Official news has been received by Mrs Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, that her husband, Able-Seaman Robert Underwood, of the Royal Naval Division, has died in hospital in France from the effects of gas poisoning. His brother, Frank, was killed in October, 1915, and his brother-in-law, Pte. A. C. Hobson, was killed in September, 1916, both in France. Able-Seaman R. Underwood, who joined up in June, 1917, was last at home in October. He leaves a widow and one child.



As briefly announced in our last issue, Gunner Leonard A. P. Finch, R.F.A. died of wounds received in action in France on March 21st, the first day of the present big push by the Germans. His parents reside at 275, Belvoir Road, Coalville. Gunner Finch was only 20 years of age, but was an expert gunner, in connection with which he had won distinctions in his regiment. In one examination he came out top among 150 competitors. He was formerly a teacher in the London Road Baptist Sunday School, and used to work for Mr F. J. Bayliss, plumber, London Road, Coalville.

Mrs Roome, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, is officially notified that her brother-in-law, Pte. Ernest Roome, of the 8th Leicesters, missing since May 3rd, 1917, is now presumed to be dead, and that his death took place on that date. Pte. E. Roome was a Whitwick man, and used to lodge with his brother, Mr Albert Roome, (now in the R.N.D.) in Leicester Road. He volunteered a month after war broke out when he was 21 years of age.

Mr Fred Clarke, M.R. engine-driver, Park Road, Coalville, has received news from his adopted son, Pte. George Clarke, Leicestershire Regiment, that he has been wounded in the head and lost his right eye.

Lieutenant Humphrey Halgrim Grundtvig, M.C. Leicestershire Regiment, who died of wounds on March 22nd, was the only son of Mr and Mrs Herbert T. Grundtvig, of Maidstone House, Epsom, where he was born in July, 1896. He was awarded the Military Cross in the 1918 New Year's Honours List for his conduct when a truck of ammunition on a light railway was derailed and set on fire by a shell, blocking the line. He and Company-Sergeant Major P. Stabler, who received the D.C.M. quietly collected a few men, and unloaded the truck under great personal danger.

Mr and Mrs James Brown, of Factory Street, Shepshed, received a telegram from the War Office on Saturday afternoon, informing them that their son, Private A. L. Brown, Durham Light Infantry, died on Wednesday, March 27th in hospital in France from wounds received in action. The deceased, who was only about 20 years of age, was employed at Messrs. George Green and Sons, Queen's Shoe Works, prior to his enlistment.

Mr and Mrs Ottey, of Orchard Street, Ibstock, have received news that their second son, Pte. A. Ottey, Leicester Regiment, has been wounded in the left arm on March 23rd, and is now in hospital at Stockport. This is the second time he has been wounded.

Private Walter Reginald Ketcher, of the 10th East Yorks Regiment, has been wounded in action and is now in hospital at Woolwich. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Ketcher, of 31, Oxford Street, Coalville.

THANKS

Mrs Stabler and Eddie thank their numerous friends for kindness and sympathy shown to them in their great trouble in the loss of a devoted husband and father.

Mr and Mrs A. Johnson and family, of 16, Jackson Street, Coalville, desire to express their sincere thanks to all kind friends for much kind sympathy received on the occasion of the death of their third son, Corporal Arthur Edward Johnson, who died in France on March 25th, 1918. *"Greatest love hath no man than this."*

Mr and Mrs H. Finch, of 275, Belvoir Road, Coalville, desire to tender their sincere thanks for the many letters and kind expressions of sympathy received in their bereavement by the death of their son, Gunner L. A. P. Finch.

In loving memory of our dear brother, Jack, who fell in action on the 16th of April, 1917.

*"Oh, go not to his grave to sigh,
Because his transient duty is o'er;
That which we here miscall to die,
Means but to live for evermore.*

*Go to his grave, that God to bless,
Who to his happy soul has given,
More than thine utmost tenderness
Could supplicant – "A Home in Heaven."*

"Thy will be done."

From Polly and Jim.

In loving remembrance of Pte. Jack Knifton, the beloved son of Charles and Jane Knifton, of Ravenstone, who was killed by a shell in France, on April 16th, 1917. Aged 21.

*"Could we have raised his dying head,
Or heard his last farewell,
The grief would not have been so hard,
To those who loved him well.
He bravely answered duty's call,
He gave his life for one and all;
Christ will clasp the broken chain
Closer, when we meet again."*

"Gone, but not forgotten."

From his Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

EXEMPTIONS TO BE SCRAPPED NEXT MONTH

Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presided at a meeting of the Market Bosworth Tribunal on Tuesday, when there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, W. Towers and G. M. Arnold, with Mr R. Hanmer (National Service representative), Mr W. C. Kirkman (agricultural representative), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

An Atterton farmer was allowed 3 months for his son, 18, a waggoner. He farmed 380 acres.

The clerk said the War Agricultural Committee had withdrawn their exemption of three single men on farms at Newbold Verdon, Shenton and Kirkby Mallory, and the cases came up for review on the application of the National Service representative. In the Newbold case, the man was 22 years of age, and his father said he had no other help on the farm of 90 acres. The Shenton farmer said his son, aged 28, was the only ploughman for over 100 acres on a farm of 320 acres, and in the Kirkby Mallory case, the man, aged 25, was appealed for by his brother, whom he assists on a farm of over 300 acres. In each case, the Tribunal allowed three months.

Application was made by an employee of the Nailstone Collier Co. aged 26, B1, who said that so far as he was aware his colliery exemption certificate had not been withdrawn. Asked why he was appealing if he had a colliery certificate, applicant said he had received calling-up papers.

The clerk: *Then it has been withdrawn.*

The man was stated to have been a butcher before going into the mine, and lived at Newbold Verdon. Dismissed.

An Ibstock printer appealed for his son, 18, single and in Grade 1, who, he said, was helping to keep the business going while his brother was serving in Palestine. The appeal was dismissed, it being recommended that the youth be not called up for 21 days.

The manager of the Ratby Co-Operative Society appealed for an assistant in the shop, 18, single, and Grade 1. He said he was working on a system under which everything was booked to him, and he was responsible for it. If he wanted any assistance he paid for it himself.

A member: *Then you are really a sub-contractor to the Co-Operative Society?*

Applicant: Yes.

Answering the clerk, he said he had 800 people registered at the shop for sugar. He asked for the youth to be exempted for three to six months.

The clerk: *All Tribunal exemptions will be scrapped next month, and if he got five years' exemption, it would not be worth the paper it was written on.*

Dismissed.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville), represented an Ibstock motor and cycle repairer, with businesses also at Coalville and Nuneaton. He said applicant was 36, single, and in Grade 1. His brother, a former partner, was serving in the Forces. Last year, 4,000 repairs were done to bicycles, chiefly belonging to colliers. Applicant asked for another medical examination. It was stated that in April, 1916, applicant was before the Tribunal, and was allowed one month, but he was then in Class C1, and that was probably the reason he was to be called up. The appeal was dismissed.

Three months exemption was allowed an Ibstock builder, engaged on piggeries etc. for the Nailstone Colliery.

A Barlestone man, 36, single, who had had exemption as a baker, having left his employment, had his certificate withdrawn. He said he had been working 17 hours a day, and had a quarrel with his master because the latter would not get up in the morning and help him.

A Barlestone publican, was allowed one month on him giving his whole time to agriculture. He said he had 12 acres of land and a garden, and asked that he be allowed two days a week to work on his own land, but this was not allowed. In the course of the hearing of the case, he said he had paid £14 for seed for six acres, and had paid the War Agricultural Committee £10 for the ploughing of the land. The chairman said that was 30s an acre for ploughing. Members expressed the opinion that the price charged the applicant were exorbitant.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Coleman, L.	(April 13 th)
King, A. W. Private	(April 17 th)
Lycett, G. Private – North Staffs	(April 9 th)
Lycett, W. Sergeant	(April 10 th)
Otley, Ernest A. Corporal (Royal Air Force)	(April 13 th)
Palmer, F.	(April 12 th)
Thirlby, G. Sapper	(April 13 th)
Wardle, Alec, J. Corporal	(April 15 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

It is reported that Charlie Chaplin is shortly joining the American Army?

Coalville munition girls will play Derby girls at football on the Fox and Goose ground Coalville tomorrow?

LOCAL SOLDIERS HONOURED BY BELGIAN KING

Sergeant Percy Pegg (Bagworth) of the Yeomanry, Regimental Quarter-Master-Sergeant Frederick Reeves, D.C.M. (Ashby) of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and Corporal James Arthur Bampton (Ellistown), of the Leicestershire Regiment, have been honoured by the King of the Belgians with the award of the Croix de Guerre.

BROTHER AND SISTER BURIED TOGETHER

At St. Mary's Churchyard, Snibstone, on Saturday, the funeral took place of John William Upton, aged 4 years and his sister, Winifred Sarah Annie Upton, aged 7 years, one having only survived the other by two days. They were the children of Sapper George Upton, of the Royal Engineers, who is serving in France, and had been living with their mother at 19, St. Saviour's Road, Coalville. Much sympathy is felt for the parents in the double bereavement.

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SOLDIER – MILITARY MEDAL FOR RAVENSTONE

Writing to his wife, residing at Church Lane, Ravenstone, Driver John Weston, of the R.F.A. says he has been recommended for the Military Medal for getting a gun out of action under heavy fire.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

News has been received by Mrs Buckingham, of Standard Hill, Coalville, that her husband, Sergeant Samuel Buckingham, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, was killed in action in France on March 22nd. He would have been 40 years of age the next day. Before re-enlisting (he had previously been in the army) he was

employed on the Midland Railway at Coalville as a shunter. He went to France on January 30th. He leaves a widow and one child.

Mr Ben Palmer, of Highfields, Coalville has been officially informed that his youngest son, Pte. Herbert Palmer, aged 19, single of the Northumberland Fusiliers, was killed in action in France, on March 28th. Before enlisting, deceased was a pony driver at Ibstock Colliery. He had been soldiering for 12 months and was in France about three months. His father works at Whitwick Colliery, and has two other sons serving and another has just passed in Grade 1. His daughter has lost her husband during the war.

Mr and Mrs William Hagger, of London Road, Coalville, yesterday received news that their son, Pte. Arthur Hagger, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, was killed in action in France between March 27th and 31st. He was 21 years of age, and before the war was employed at Melia's Grocers, Coalville. Mr W. Hagger, who is the sexton at Coalville Cemetery, has five other sons serving, Arthur being the youngest of the six soldier brothers.



Mr and Mrs H. Lewis, of 74, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, have received a telegram from the War Office, stating that their son, Sergt. Walter Lewis, of the Machine Gun Corps, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds in hospital in France, on March 26th. He was 25 years of age and the older of their two sons, both of whom have now been lost in the war. Mr and Mrs Lewis had received news only a day previously that their younger son, Pte. Harry Lewis, of the Notts and Derby Regiment, was killed in action between March 21st and 23rd. He was 19 years of age. Both were old boys of the Belvoir Road School, Coalville. Sergeant W. Lewis enlisted two years last February and had been awarded the Military Medal and a bar to the same for bravery in the field, besides being commended by his commanding officer. Pte. Harry Lewis joined the Army only five months ago.

After he gained the bar to his Military Medal, Sergt. W. Lewis, received an encouraging letter from his commanding officer offering congratulations. He wrote, *"As I told Sergt. Bartlett, I know you will have congratulations from everyone, and I hope you will accept mine, as I was in a position to know how well earned it really was. . . . Many thanks for your splendid services in the past, and wishing you the best of luck"* etc. Before joining the army, Sergt. Lewis was in the employ of Mr J. Palmer, butcher, Belvoir Road, Coalville.



Private Harry Lewis

Mr George Swain, of James Street, Coalville, has received news that his son, Private H. Swain, of the 8th Leicesters, has been wounded in action, and is now in hospital at Reading. He has written a letter home stating that he and others were surrounded by the Germans, and fighting his way back, was shot through the arm. Pte. Swain worked at the Snibston Colliery before the war. In a subsequent letter, Pte. Swain says he is going on well, and hopes soon to be in dear old Coalville once more. He also says how he appreciated the "Coalville Times" which he has received every week while in France, and since being in hospital.

Captain Samuel T. Hartshorne, Leicestershire Regiment, who has been wounded, belongs to Gelsmoor, Ashby. He received his training with the Nottingham University O.T.C. and was granted his commission in September, 1914. He was mentioned in despatches last December.

Captain G. A. De Abney Moore, of the 5th Leicestershire Regiment was gassed on April 9th, and is in hospital in Boulogne, news to this effect having been conveyed by telegram to his wife, who is residing at Isley Walton. Captain Moore is the son of the Rev. C. T. Moore, rector of Appleby, and chairman of the Coalville Magistrate's Bench.

Mr William Canner, The Callis, Ashby, has received information of the death in action of his second son, Lance-Corporal C. Canner, K.O.Y.L.I. on March 29th. Deceased was one of the first Ashby men to join Kitchener's Army, and he served in France for a considerable time. His age was 28. He leaves a widow and one child.

News has been received that Private Frank W. Beadsmoore, Cheshire Regiment, was killed in action in France on March 24th. He was the only son of the late Mr J. W. Beadsmoore and Mrs Beadsmoore (now Mrs Lager) and after his father's death, managed his printing business in Ashby. He was 28.

Pte. Harold Wesson, aged 19, of the Sherwood Foresters, is reported missing. He is the son of Mr William Wesson, 108, Margaret Street, Coalville, who early in the war had two other sons killed, Harry and Alfred, both sergeants. Another son has been discharged after being badly wounded, and yet another son (making five in all) joined up this week, leaving the Whitwick Colliery to do so. Pte. H. Wesson, who is reported missing, was formerly employed in the Coalville M.R. locomotive department, where his father works as a fitter.

Private J. H. Storer (Ibstock), of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, is reported wounded.

Mrs Woodford, of Shaw Lane, has had news from the War Office that her son, R15012 Able-Seaman C. Thomas Woodford, Hawke Battalion, was admitted to hospital on the 25th March, having been wounded in action by a gas shell in France.

Mrs Richardson, of Peckleton, has received intimation that her son, George, of the Australian Army, has been killed in action.

The death in action in France is reported of Lance-Corporal W. G. Culpin, Northants Regiment, age about 26, whose widow resides at Doddington, Cambridge. Corporal Culpin who had been manager of Messrs. Worthington's branch shop at Coalville, had been soldiering about 18 months.

Pte. R. Shaw (Barlestone) of the Leicestershire Regiment, has died of wounds.

Pte. F. Proudman (Market Bosworth) and W. Redshaw (Ibstock), both of the R.N.V.R. are reported wounded.

THANKS

Mrs R. Underwood, of Whitwick, wishes to thank her many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy to her in her recent bereavement through the death of her husband in France.

Mr and Mrs Lewis, 74, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, sincerely thank all friends for kind letters and expressions of sympathy with them on the death of their two sons, Sergeant W. Lewis and Pte. H. Lewis.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of Joseph Stanley (Jack) Surman, Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, nephew of Mr James Surman, of Bardon Hill, who died from shell shock, somewhere in France, on 20th April, 1917. Aged 32 years.

A gallant soldier who gave his life for his King and country in the great war.

"Gone, but not forgotten."

From his Uncle, Aunt, and his soldier brothers, Harry and Fred.

In loving memory of Private Joseph Stanley Surman, of Bardon Hill, 1/5th Northumberland Fusiliers, who fell in action in France, April 20th, 1917.

*"Gone from us but not forgotten,
Never shall thy memory fade,
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Round the spot where thou art laid."*

*"Day by day we all do miss him,
Words would fail our loss to tell,
But in Heaven we hope to meet him,
Evermore with him to swell,
May he be a link in memory's chain.
That will bind us to Heaven till we meet again."*

From Fiancée, and Family

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COALVILLE SOLDIER IN GREECE

AN INTERESTING LETTER

A Coalville soldier, Lance-Corporal Matchett, writes giving some impression of Salonika, where he is now quartered. The customs he says, are very quaint, and he was recently much interested in seeing a Greek funeral. It was that of a child, about six years of age. The body was wrapped in material of various colours, and was carried on a stretcher by two men. Another man carried a spade and pick; then came the mourners carrying cake, fruit, and wine, covered with cloths. When they got to the burial ground, the women got up an awful noise, after which they began to eat the cake and fruit, and drink the wine. Each one then buried a stone. The women of Greece dress in vivid colours and some of them drop their veils on meeting a man so that their faces cannot be seen. The women never speak to them (the soldiers) and they work while the men seem to loll about smoking. The weather was very severe in January, and by April there is a great contrast, the heat being terrible. The people seem to live on cereals. They seldom eat meat. The houses are made of mud and straw bricks, and there is no sanitation. There are no bathrooms to the houses, and the people wash in the bedrooms. The washing of clothes is done at the fountains, and when it is done, the women put a tray and laundry on their heads and march away. Men and women carry daggers about ten inches long in their waistbands. The women's hair is oily and plaited, and the fashions never alter. The country is very hilly, and some of the hills are two or three thousand feet high, being snow-clad all the year round. There are jackals, wild dogs and even wolves among the hills, so the Tommies have to be careful when they are out in that neighbourhood at night. He concludes by saying, *"We shall soon be naturalised Greeks if the war lasts much longer."*

GROBY

WHIST DRIVE

A successful whist drive and dance in the Council School on Saturday was in aid of the Red Cross fund. Over 3,000 articles to wounded soldiers in hospitals have been sent from this village through the fund.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

"TO HELL WITH THE KAISER!"

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday evening when there were also present, Messrs. B. G. Hale, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, J. W. Fisher, M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, A. J. Briers, Captain German, Captain Stevenson (National Service representatives), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A Coalville printer appealed for his foreman compositor, 36, Grade 2, married with two children. He said this was the only man he had left. He produced a letter from the Federation of Printers stating that the printing trade was excluded from the list of trades from which exemptions were being withdrawn. One month allowed.

A Grade 3 petrol and oil deliverer, 31, married, employed by a Coalville firm of ironmongers, was allowed one month.

Appealing for a woodwork machinist, 40, married, and in Grade 1, a Coalville builder said that if this man was taken, unless he had an efficient substitute, he would have to break a Government contract. They were working 66 hours a week now. Before deciding this case, the Tribunal heard the next appeal which was by an employee of the same builder on domestic grounds. The man, a carpenter, 36, married, with no family, classed B1, said he was rejected in June, 1916. One month allowed in each case.

A Coalville wheelwright appealed for his son, 33, B1, who assists him in the business, stating that his other son was in the Forces. They had a lot of agricultural work, and applicant was only partially able to assist owing to illness. One month.

In all the following cases, the Advisory Committee recommended that they be not assented to:-

A Coalville dairyman and insurance agent, appealed for his son, 23, Grade 3, who, it was stated, was married the day before the appeal was lodged. Applicant said this was the only boy left at home out of four, one having been killed and the other two were serving, one having been wounded. He formerly worked at the Coleorton Colliery and was now conducting the milk business. The question was asked whether Grade 3 men were required by the army, and one of the National Service representatives said they were. One month (final) allowed.

A loader at the South Leicestershire Colliery, 24, Grade 1, appealed on domestic grounds. He said he was married and had one child. He had worked in the mine all his working life. It was stated that the man was being called up because he was under 25. Dismissed.

A Whitwick Colliery loader, 19, single, general service, said in his appeal that there were 12 children in the family, one was serving in the Navy, and he helped his father, who was not strong, in the support of his (applicant's) eight younger sisters. Dismissed.

A young Coalville man, Grade 1, 19, single, employed at the Whitwick Colliery, said his mother and father were dead, and he was the main support of his two brothers and four sisters, only one of the latter being at work. His elder sister looked after the house, and he gave her practically all his money every week. Four of the children were under 12. Mr Briers said this family was assisted by the Guardians, to whom the report was that the applicant was a good lad. Mr Hay said he knew the family, and he certainly was a good lad. Though agreeing that it was a hard case, the Tribunal dismissed the appeal. Captain German said the Advisory Committee felt that everything possible should be done to get the full Government allowance for the family. Captain Stevenson said that if the youth would see him before he went, he would tell him all he could.

A Hugglescote resident, appealing for his son, 20, single, Grade 1, employed at the Ellistown Colliery, said three of his four sons had been drawn in the ballot, and all had been passed Grade 1. Dismissed.

A Grade 1 single man, 23, working at the Whitwick Colliery, said he was the sole support of the home, his father having been an invalid for ten years. He had had one brother killed in the war. Answering a question, he said he had three other brothers, two working at the colliery and one at Stableford's. They helped a little. Dismissed.

The mother of a New Swannington youth working at Stableford's, aged 19 and single, passed in Grade 1, asked for a re-examination. She said her son was delicate. He had a diseased hip for two years, seven or eight years ago, and a broken ankle two years ago, which hurt him now at times. He was formerly C3 and recently put into Grade 1. At the request of the Tribunal, the youth walked up and down the room, and it was observed that he was lame. Mr Lockwood asked if they could order a re-examination. The clerk said they could if they thought it desirable. This course was adopted, the case being adjourned for fourteen days.

A Coalville widow appealed for her son who, she said, was the bread-winner. He kept her, her daughter and the latter's child. The youth, 23, employed at Snibston Colliery, as a loader, told the Tribunal that he gave

every penny of his money to his mother, and she gave him pocket money. The Tribunal considered this another hard case and in dismissing it, the chairman remarked, with emphasis, *"To hell with the Kaiser!"*

Mr Lockwood (to our representative): *Don't put that down.*

The Chairman: *He can if he likes. I'd say it from the pulpit.*

Mr McCarthy: *Many a thousand have said it.*

A Greenhill farmer and scavenger, 31, married, with three children, said he assisted his father on 45 acres. He worked at Bardon quarry till October last year. He had lately taken on the Markfield scavenging. It was stated that the man had not been medically examined and a member jocosely suggested that the authorities may have lost sight of him, living on the Forest (laughter). One month to be medically examined in the meantime.

A Coalville single man, 20, employed at the Whitwick Colliery, stated in his appeal that he was the sole support of his widowed mother, an invalid. He had had one brother killed in the war, and another brother and brother-in-law were serving. The chairman said this was another hard case. It was moved that the appeal be dismissed, a member remarking that they had not assented to other cases as hard that evening, but another member said he hoped they had a bit of Christian charity left. One month was allowed.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Barratt, F. Corporal	(April 6 th)
Chamberlain, D. W.	(March 29 th and April 6 th)
Hart, A. Lance-Corporal	(April 16 th and April 20 th)
Marston, T. (Admitted to hospital – gassed)	(April 10 th) Going on well.
Perkins, J. A. Driver	(April 20 th)
Upton, D. F. (A.S.C.)	(March 27 th and April 6 th)
Yeomans, G. Private	(April 8 th)

WANTED

Discharged Army man, willing to learn motor driving for deliveries, also to assist in agricultural repairs. Coleman, Coalville.

COALVILLE AND WHITWICK SAILORS IN ZEEBRUGGE RAID

One of the Marines who took part in the recent daring naval raid on Zeebrugge was Horace Underwood, son of Mr Harry Underwood, of Silver Street, Whitwick. He was on board the "Vindictive" and returned safely to port.

Another sailor on board the "Vindictive" was Arthur Pinder, whose father, Mr Thomas Pinder is a plumber employed by Mr C. H. March, Coalville, and resides in Albert Road. He has wired his parents in that he returned safely and is well.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The collections at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday next will be for the Leicestershire and Rutland Prisoners of War Fund?

For the Patriotic Fair on Whit Monday, gifts of old books, magazines or music, will be gratefully accepted by members of the committee?

A young applicant for exemption told the Ashby Rural Tribunal on Saturday that he had eighteen hundred "weight" of garden ground to dig?

Many of the 140 boys gone from Barwell Sunday School to the Army, sent donations to the school anniversary effort last Sunday, when £50 was raised?

Mr H. Cuthbert, the Coleorton schoolmaster, has been elected on the Ashby Rural Tribunal, in place of Mr F. C. Stevenson, resigned?

Owing to most of their players being called up for military service, Markfield Town Cricket Club (last season's winners) are withdrawing for this season from the "Coalville Times" Cricket Charity Cup Competition?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr J. Shaw, of Coalville, has been officially informed that his son, Able-Seaman John Arthur Shaw, of the Drake Batt., is in hospital at Etaples, suffering from a serious shot wound in the neck.

The Postmaster-General recommends all persons who wish to send money to members of the British Expeditionary Force to do so by means of money orders, or of postal orders filled in (in ink), with the name, rank and regimental number of the payee. Compensation for the loss of money from a letter is not paid by the Post Office unless the money has been enclosed in one of the registered letter envelopes sold by the Post Office.

Private Eric Ottey, of the H.A.C., son of Mr A. G. Ottey, of Thringstone, and formerly a popular member of the Gracedieu Park Cricket Club, has now received his discharge from the Army, and next week is resuming his old position as assistant master at the Council School, Kirkby, Notts. He was severely wounded in the thigh and after being in hospital at Etaples, in France for some time, was eight months in hospital at Netley.

Private V. E. Beard, of Coalville, writes that he is recovering from the effects of gas, and is now in a convalescent depot, where everything is in the patient's favour, as the officers and sisters do their best to give the men a good time while under their care. He says how very sorry he was to read in the "Coalville Times" of the death of C.S.M. Stabler, D.C.M. adding, *"Being company accountant, we were often thrown closely together, and when I return to my battalion, I shall feel his loss acutely. He was a good friend to me in every way."*

COALVILLE MUNITION GIRLS WIN AGAIN

The Coalville munition girls played Derby girls at football on the Fox and Goose ground on Saturday, and won easily by seven goals to none. Despite the unfavourable weather there was a big crowd and the Coalville Coronation Band was in attendance. Coalville were much the better side, their goalkeeper, Miss Williamson, not having to touch the ball once throughout the game. Miss Brierley distinguished herself by scoring six of the goals, the other being obtained by Miss Baker. The Bass Charity Cup won by the Coalville girls was on view, and medals were presented to the team. After the match, the girls of both sides were entertained at the Christ Church School, a pleasant social evening being spent.

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SINGLE MAN BUSINESSES

NO CHANGE IN THE LEGAL POSITION

In the House of Commons on Monday, Mr W. T. Wilson (Lancashire S.E.) asked the Minister of National Service if he would state whether he proposed to call up all single-man businessmen, or whether they would be called up to a certain age, and whether he could say what were the conditions under which these men would be called up.

Mr Beck: *The legal position of the one-man businessmen is unchanged by reasons of the Military Service Act except as regards the extension of the age to 50. It is not proposed to withdraw the instructions concerning these classes of men which were issued in December last to the Tribunals by the Local*

Government Board. So far as the national emergency permits, every effort will be made by the Ministry of National Service to pursue its policy of safeguarding the interests of these men.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. R. Foster, of Ibstock, has been killed in action during the recent fighting on the Western Front. He leaves a wife and three children.

Private F. Northcott, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded in action for the second time, the injury being to his head. He was formerly employed at the "Coalville Times" printing works and lodged in Bridge Road.

Pte. H. Fuller, of the Durham Light Infantry, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He formerly resided at Midland Road, Ellistown, and worked in the South Leicestershire Colliery Co.'s brickyard. He has written to say that he is well.

Regimental Sergeant-Major Sharp, whose wife resides on The Green, Hugglescote, has been taken prisoner by the Germans. He is in the Leicesters, and had a fine military career. He was one of Mr W. Fellow's old boys of Hugglescote School.



Mr and Mrs Morley, of Anchor Lane, Pegg's Green, near Ashby, have received news that their son, Pte. F. Morley, of the 71st Trench Mortar Battery, was killed in action in France, on March 21st. A chaplain writes that the deceased died while gallantly fighting with his comrades. *"May God give you grace to bear up in these sad times, and may your son's memory be ever with you as a true soldier and English man."* Deceased's officer writes *"I was with your son when he was hit very badly in three places. We did all we possibly could for him and made him comfortable, but his wounds proved mortal. He made a brave and gallant fight throughout the morning and one cannot speak too highly of him. Your brave son fired his mortar in the early part of the battle until a direct hit killed all the men under his charge and missed him completely. He then reported to me in the rear and there made a great stand, doing excellent work. If he had lived, he would have been decorated for his gallantry and bravery in action. He died fighting like a true soldier, and such men as he saved the day against tremendous odds. Officers and men offer their sincere sympathy."* Pte. Morley enlisted in May, 1915

and went to France in the following December.

News has been received in Coalville that Pte. J. Horrocks, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, was killed in action in France, on March 21st. Writing to Miss Jebb, of Gutteridge Street, Coalville, an officer states, *"In answer to your enquiries concerning Pte. J. Horrocks, I regret to have to inform you that he was killed on the morning of March 21st, during a bombardment preliminary to the enemy attack of that date. According to the information forwarded by men who were with him at the time, death was caused by a shell and was instantaneous. As you will doubtless understand, it was unfortunately, impossible under the circumstances to recover his body or any of his effects. I hope you will allow me to sympathise with you in your loss and that you will not hesitate to communicate with me should you wish me to make any further enquiries."* A sister of the deceased, residing at Swinton, near Manchester, has also received a letter from a sergeant, who writes, *"I am sorry to have to inform you that he was killed on March 21st after a bombardment about 5 am. Pte. Horrocks, who at the time was next to me, was killed by a piece of shell. He died instantly and without pain, and I am sorry to say we were unable to get any of his personal property as we were hard pressed. Lately joined us, Pte. Horrocks was well-liked by all who knew him and he was always willing to do his duty. He did not know what fear was, and we have lost a very good lad. Please accept the sympathy of us all."*

Private Horrocks joined up last September, and had only been six weeks in France. He was formerly for about 3 years, manager of the boot and shoe department of the Coalville Co-Operative Society, and lodged with Mrs Geary at 26, Hotel Street, Coalville.

Pte. J. Massey, K.O.R. Lancs., son of Mr R. Massey, Whitwick, has been wounded for the third time, and is in hospital at Exeter.

Pte. J. W. G. Jackson, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, was wounded in action in France on April 6th, being severely shot in the left shoulder, elbow and thigh, and is now in hospital at Birmingham. His wife resides at 33, Margaret Street, Coalville.

Mr T. Y. Hay, of Coalville, manager of the Whitwick Colliery and chairman of the Coalville Tribunal, has received news that his nephew, Captain Percy Hay, of the Australian Forces, has been wounded for a second time, and is now in hospital in London, having been shot in the head and chest. After recovering from his first wound, he spent his leave at Coalville. When he came over with the forces from Australia, it was his first visit to England.

Mr Michael McCarthy, C.C., chairman of the Coalville Urban Council, and Mrs McCarthy, of New Swannington, on Wednesday received a telegram from the War Office conveying the sad intelligence that their youngest son, 2nd Lieutenant T. F. McCarthy, of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, was killed in action in France on April 14th. He was 22 years of age, and about six months ago was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in action. Before the war, he was articled to Mr R. A. Loseby, solicitor of Leicester, and joined up at the age of 20, after passing his intermediate law examination.

The official list of killed published yesterday contained the name of Pte. J. Gee (Thringstone) of the York and Lancaster Regiment.

Mrs B. Thirlby, of Ibstock, has received news that her eldest son, Private H. Thirlby, R.A.M.C., has been reported missing since March 21st last. He has been mentioned previously for conspicuous bravery on the field, and received a Card of Honour. Mrs Thirlby is the widow of the late Mr Ben Thirlby, who lost his life at the close of the South African War, being a soldier who went through that campaign.

Mr T. Wright, schoolmaster, Ibstock, has received the distressing news from his youngest son that the eldest son, Pte. William Wright, R.A.M.C. has fallen in the recent fighting. Also, that a cousin, Pte. William Henson, K.R.R. of Ibstock, is missing. Much sympathy is felt for the parents of these two boys, as they were very promising sons, and both were amongst the early volunteers from Ibstock, and both were cousins of Pte. B. Thirlby mentioned above.

Acting-Corporal J. Sinfield (Ashby) of the Leicestershire Regiment, has died of wounds.

Pte. G. Wright (Ashby) of the Leicesters, is reported wounded.

RAVENSTONE WINNER OF D.C.M.

NOW A PRISONER OF WAR

In an official list, recently published, of soldiers to whom the D.C.M. has been awarded, appeared the name of Sergeant W. Revell, of the Leicestershire Regiment, who is a Ravenstone man, since promoted to Company-Sergeant-Major. The official account states:

"During a heavy bombardment he was of great assistance in steadying the men of his company by his example. He has done consistent good work during a long period, and has taken part in many engagements. He showed great courage on all occasions."

Since being awarded the D.C.M., Company-Sergeant-Major Revell has been taken prisoner and when last heard of was at Lindberg. He is a son of Mr W. Revell, farmer, Ravenstone, and one of Mr Fellow's old boys of Hugglescote School.

THANKS

Mrs Foster, Orchard Street, Ibstock, wishes to thank her many friends for kind expressions of sympathy and kindness to her in her sad bereavement through the death of her husband in France.

Mrs Buckingham and Betty, of Highfields, Coalville, desire to tender their sincere thanks to all who have shown sympathy and kindness to them in their recent bereavement.

Mr and Mrs F. Morley and Family desire to tender their sincere thanks to all friends for the many letters and kind expressions of sympathy received in their sad bereavement through the loss of their beloved son and brother, Pte. F. Morley, 71st Trench Mortar Battery, who was killed in action on March 21st, 1918.

*"He nobly answered duty's call:
He gave his life for one and all."*

Anchor Lane, Pegg's Green.

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COALVILLE SOLDIER'S BRAVE DEED

AWARDED THE D.C.M.

Mr Samuel Clamp, landlord of the Waggon and Horses Inn, Ashby Road, Coalville, has received an official card intimating that his son, Lance-Corporal James Clamp, of the London Regiment, has been commended by his commanding officer for a brave deed for which he has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. When surrounded by Germans, the gallant young N.C.O. rescued a wounded officer, whom he carried, on his back through the German fire to a place of safety. He was met by Albert Bott – a well-known Coalville Town cricketer, and a friend of Clamp's – who writes that when he knew the medal had been awarded, he was as pleased as if he had won it himself. Before joining up, Lance-Corporal Clamp was an articled pupil of Messrs. Goddard and Wain, architects, Coalville.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. A. J. Briers, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, B. G. Hale, C. W. Brown, A. Lockwood, Captain Stevenson and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The chairman said that before they commenced the business he would like to move a vote of sympathy and condolence with one of the members of the Tribunal, Mr M. McCarthy, who had received word that his son, Lieut. T. F. McCarthy, had been killed in action. A few months ago he was awarded the Military Cross, being a fine young man who he (the chairman) knew personally and it was a very severe blow to the family. He asked the members to accord a vote of sympathy with Mr and Mrs McCarthy and the family in their great bereavement. This, the members did in silence by rising from their seats.

Two months were allowed an Insurance Company for their Coalville manager, 37, married, and in Grade 3, it being stated that he supervised a staff of twelve collectors.

A Whitwick man, 23, single, Grade 1, employed at the Whitwick Colliery, was appealed for by his father, for whom Mr J. J. Sharp appeared. He said the father had some grazing land, and stock, and was helped by his son, the only one left out of three. One had been killed in the war, and the other missing for some time. The Tribunal dismissed the appeal, though recognising it was a very hard case.

Mr J. J. Sharp represented a Whitwick grazier and carter in an appeal for his son, 21, single, and in Grade 1, employed at the Whitwick Colliery. Exemption was asked for while the youth, the only son, assisted his father in ploughing five acres. Applicant was unable to do it himself, through a previous accident. Dismissed.

A Coalville ironmongery firm appealed for a shop assistant, 37, married, C2, and were allowed two months.

The cases of seven quarrymen, all residing at Whitwick were adjourned for medical examination, the clerk stating that this would decide whether the Road Board certificate would hold good or not.

A loader and feeder at the Whitwick Quarry mill, 42, married, B1, appealed for exemption stating that he had four children dependent, one of his hands was maimed. One month.

A Coalville man appealed for his son, single, 19, Grade 1, employed at Ibstock Colliery. The appeal was stated to be on medical grounds and a re-examination was asked for. He had a weak chest, and three weeks ago, a sister, aged 16, died of consumption. The father said he was surprised at the doctors at Leicester

passing the youth in Grade 1, but he did not send the doctor's papers with him, knowing the boy's condition. He produced a certificate from a Leicester doctor certifying that the lad was suffering from tuberculosis. The father pleaded that if this was caught in time they might save his son instead of having to bury him. Captain Stevenson said that if the youth was called up he would be again medically examined, and the father should take those certificates. The case was adjourned for a week for another medical examination.

A Whitwick resident, 24, Grade 1, married, working at Snibston Colliery, appealed on domestic grounds. Dismissed.

Another Whitwick collier, 24, Grade 1, married, employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, also appealed on domestic grounds, stating that his wife's mother was an invalid, lived with them. The appeal was dismissed.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presided at a meeting of this Tribunal on Tuesday, when there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, W. Towers and G. M. Arnold, with Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (National Service representative), Captain W. E. Stevenson and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

The appeal of a Markfield man for his son, 21, Grade 1, was not entertained. It was stated that the youth had a brother killed in the war, and another a prisoner in Germany.

The appeal of a Nailstone collier, 25, who resides at Osbaston, and pleaded that his wife was in delicate health, was also dismissed. Two brothers were stated not to be serving.

A shot-firer, 24, single, of Battram, son of a colliery under-manager, appealed for time to enable him to sit for a certificate under the Mines Regulation Act. The appeal was dismissed. Captain Stevenson remarking that he would make arrangements for applicant to obtain leave from the Army to sit for examination.

Several young colliers, of Barlestone, Newbold Verdon, Ibstock, etc. whose ages ranged from 19 to 21, and who had been drawn in the recent ballot, all appealed on personal grounds, but the applications were dismissed.

A Ratby hosiery hand (40) was exempted till May 23rd, owing to the illness of his wife.

An Ibstock collier, 19, told the Tribunal that he was the sole support of his parents, a brother having been killed in the war, and another brother had lost an arm and leg in action. Dismissed.

A Grade 1 man, 34, of Shaw Lane, farming 22 acres and working at Cliff Hill Quarry, made a personal appeal, and in regard to his farming abilities said he could lay a hedge, plough, milk, or do anything in the line by the side of any man. He produced a photograph of himself and two massive pigs, which he said were of his own breeding. He was willing to work wholly on a farm. Allowed a month to obtain work in agriculture.

The appeal of an Ibstock collier, 21, supporting his mother and two sisters, was dismissed, and a similar result attended the appeal of an Ibstock father for his two sons 19 and 21, who had been balloted, though he said he had had one son killed and another twice wounded.

A Battram collier, 22, was appealed for by his mother, who said he was her only support. Dismissed.

In about twenty cases, exemptions of men engaged chiefly in agriculture, were reviewed, terms of three to six months being granted provisionally.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR AT ASHBY

TRIBUNAL MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

A meeting of the Tribunal for the Ashby rural district was held at the Clerk's Office, Ashby, on Saturday. Mr T. Varnham presided, and there were also present, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Messrs. J. T. Bradshaw, J. Rice, H. M. Cuthbert, Captain Stevenson, Lieutenant W. Baldwin (National Service representative), and G. Farmer (clerk).

Three months were allowed the footman at Coleorton Hall.

The Measham Colliery Co. applied for a cashier and clerk, and got six and three months respectively, in the case of the clerk, a substitute to be found.

The appeal of a Worthington farm worker, married, with two children, was dismissed. It was stated that the farm consisted of only 34 acres, and the man filled up his time in carting for a mill. Applicant said he was up to March 1st rejected, and on re-examination was classed Grade 1.

Mr A. H. Timms (Swadlincote) appearing for the Albion Clay Co. Woodville, resisted the application of the National Service representatives for the withdrawal of a carter's exemption. He said the works had been "combed out" three times, and whereas they employed 1,250 men before the war, there were now only 250. The case was adjourned for medical examination.

A Donisthorpe collier, 24, single, Grade 1, stated in his appeal that he partly supported his widowed mother, and three brothers and sisters. He said 48 young men out of 116 at the colliery where he worked were going. Dismissed.

There were several similar cases of young colliers, chiefly from Measham, Moira and Donisthorpe, and all were dismissed, though members agreed that some of them were very hard cases. In one instance, a woman of 44 appealed for her brother, and the chairman reminded her that 44 was now the age of soldiers.

The woman: *Yes, and I should not mind doing my bit, but for having to look after my mother.*

Exemption was withdrawn from a former Coleorton farmer, 41, who was stated to have left the farm, and similarly with a former Swannington farmer.

A Willesley cowman, 24, single, appealed as a conscientious objector. He said all war was wrong, and in no way and in no circumstances would he allow himself to be used for purposes which were a distinct violation of his deepest religious convictions. The clerk said the young man's father, a farmer, formerly appealed and the exemption last time was made final. This was a personal appeal.

The chairman: *I wish I had the men here who made this law, and if they were of military age, they would soon be in the Army.*

Applicant said he could argue from a political standpoint that war was wrong, but from a moral and religious point of view he added, *"I cannot take part, and will not slay my fellow men, my brothers."* He assured the Tribunal that he was quite genuine in saying he considered all war wrong.

Mr Rice: *We should like you to convince the Germans of that.*

Asked what he would do if he saw his brother knocked down, applicant said it was an unfair question, because such things did not happen in peace time. The chairman asked him what he would do if the Germans got to Willesley and entered his home, imperilling the honour of his mother and sister. If a gun was handy, wouldn't you pick it up and shoot the first man? he asked.

Applicant said it would be no use one man taking up a rifle against a regiment of soldiers. He would use all his persuasive powers, but would not use physical force. Several members objected to wasting further time, and the appeal was dismissed.

Mr C. E. Crane represented a Thringstone widow in an appeal for her boy, 18, an electric crane driver at Stableford's, Coalville. Her only other two boys were both in the Army. Three months (final) allowed.

ASHBY N.C.O.'S GALLANTRY

AWARDED THE D.C.M.

The recent list of awards of the D.C.M. contained the following:

"86530 Sergt. W. Webster, R.E. (Ashby-de-la-Zouch)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period preceding an attack, he at all times set a most inspiring example to his men, and the greatest reliance could always be placed in his work under the most dangerous and trying conditions."

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bath, F. Signaller	(April 27 th)
Edwards, J. W. Lance-Corporal (15 th H.L.I.)	(April 27 th)
Goodacre, V. A. Private (M.G.C.)	(April 21 st)
Bott, Horace, Private	(April 21 st)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(April 26 th)
Johnson, A. H. (R.G.A.)	(April 23 rd)
Maddocks, V.	(April 25 th)
Palmer, F.	(April 25 th)
Usherwood, Bert.	(April 16 th)
White, S. E. G. Private	(April 28 th)

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr C. H. Coleman, of Messrs. Coleman and Sons, Belvoir Road, Coalville, has been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Leicestershire Motor Volunteer Corps.

Mr R. J. Brown, formerly manager of the Nottingham and Notts. Bank at Coalville, has received a commission in the R.A.F. Letters have been received this week from Flight Sub-Lieutenant Brown, who is 'somewhere in Italy' that he is very busy and fit.

Coalville is to be visited with an open-air cinema, which will appear in the Market Place, tomorrow (Saturday) night and give a free exhibition of war pictures, showing what our gallant Army and Navy and air services are doing, and also the splendid work of the women and those engaged on munitions. Mr B. G. Hale, J.P. will preside, the exhibition to commence at 8.30 pm and there should be a huge crowd.

Pte. William Culpin, of Ellistown, a former railway clerk at Leicester, late of the Durham Light Infantry, who has received his discharge from the Army, having lost both his feet, has been presented by the people of Ellistown with a cheque for £48 4s 7d as a token of their sympathy and esteem and appreciation of services rendered his country. The money was raised by a whist drive and other efforts and was handed to Mr Culpin by Mr T. R. Grundy, who voiced the good wishes of the inhabitants, and Mr Culpin suitably replied. He is a son of Police-Constable Culpin, of Ellistown.

The members of the Leicestershire Miners' Association have agreed to pay one penny per member per week for the duration of the war towards the upkeep of motor ambulances at the Front. It will be remembered that the Leicestershire miners, with the coal owners, sometime also presented a number of these ambulances to the British Red Cross Society, and the report of Captain Denis Bayley, the promoter of the scheme, is that they are doing a splendid work. The local miners are to be heartily congratulated on this further evidence of their patriotism and desire to do all they can to help win the war. The same applies also to the coal owners, who, we understand, have decided to contribute a corresponding total amount.

CONCERT AT BROOM LEYS

A capital concert was given at the Broom Leys Hospital on Wednesday evening last week, and was much enjoyed by the soldiers.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A meeting of this Tribunal was held on Wednesday evening, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding, when there were also present, Messrs. B. G. Hale, A. Lockwood, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, with Mr R. Blower (National Service representative), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk read the new instructions issued to Tribunals, and particular attention was called to the following:

"On and after May 2nd, an application for the renewal of an exemption granted by a Tribunal, unless it has been granted on the ground of certified occupation, may be made only if leave is first obtained from the Tribunal which previously decided the case, or, if there is an appeal, the Tribunal which first gave the decision which became effective. There is no appeal from the refusal of leave."

Mr M. McCarthy wrote thanking the Tribunal for their vote of sympathy on the death of his son.

Mr C. E. Crane represented a Hugglescote baker, 32, Grade 1, married, with one child, in an appeal for further exemption. He said the father, aged 68, and mother were dependent on the business. Much of the trade was done in outlying villages, including Heather, and the residents of this village had signed a petition in favour of the application, which had been sent to the Minister of National Service. Applicant said he worked 17 to 18 hours a day, and in addition was drilling with the V.T.C. He also worked on Sundays. Mr Josiah Kemp said the Bakers' Association strongly supported the application. The appellant said it was really a one-man business. He managed it entirely himself. Answering Mr Blower, Mr Crane said an appeal had been made to the Director of National Service on occupational grounds, but a reply had not yet been received. The case was adjourned for a week to await the reply of the Director of National Service.

The application of a Coalville grocer and provision dealer, 35, married, was also adjourned for a week for re-examination. The man was stated to be in Grade 1, but since then he had undergone a serious operation.

Also adjourned was the case of a steam roller driver etc in the employ of the Coalville Urban Council, for whom application had also been made to the Director of National Service.

A sledger at the Whitwick Quarry, 40, married, with no family, Grade 1, said he had worked at the quarry for 22 years. He was the sole support of his widowed mother, in her 67th year. A brother, serving in the Forces, had not been heard of for two years. One month (final).

A Grade 1 man, employed at the Whitwick Quarries, 33, married, 2 children, said he was the last son left, and his mother was a widow. Two brothers were serving in France, and one went down with the 'Hampshire'. The chairman said one killed, and two others serving – three out of four – was a good record. One month allowed.

A butcher employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society, 26, married, Grade 2, in a personal appeal, said he assisted his father, a Coalville licensed victualler, who was an invalid. He had one child. His brother was serving in the Forces (now a prisoner). One month (final).

Appealing on domestic grounds a Coalville man, 29, employed as a shearer and metal turner at Stableford's, passed in Grade 1, said he partly supported his father, and had one child. Three of his brothers joined the Forces, one of whom had been killed and two discharged unfit, one of the latter having since died. He asked for time to finish his allotment and garden. One month (final).

Five Whitwick quarrymen whose appeals had been lodged, were stated to have since been medically examined, and placed in Grade 2, so that the Road Board certificates now held good, and they had written asking for the appeals to be withdrawn. The chairman said they were bound to agree to that.

A letter was received from Mr J. J. Sharp asking for leave to make another appeal in the case of a Coalville man, 20, single, employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, he being one of the young men drawn in the recent ballot in connection with the mines "comb out." It was stated that the youth was the sole support of his parents, his father, a former bricklayer, having been an invalid for over 3 years. Their other son had been

killed in action. Previous exemption granted by the Tribunal expired on May 10th. It was urged to be an exceptionally hard case. The Tribunal recognised this, but a member remarked that they had got to a stage of the war when they had to put sympathy in their pockets, and another member remarked that if the Germans came they would all be hard cases. After some hesitation, and with evident reluctance, the Tribunal agreed that leave to appeal again must be refused.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

ATHERSTONE HUNT SERVANTS EXEMPTED

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Tribunal was held on Tuesday, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding. There were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, W. Towers and G. M. Arnold, with Messrs. F. E. A. Wollaston, R. Hanmer and R. Blower (National Service representatives) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

Mrs Inge, of Thorpe Hall, Tamworth, master of the Atherstone Hunt appealed for a stableman, the huntsman and the first whip. They also appealed personally. The stableman, it was stated, was 42, Grade 2, married, with no family. He partly supported his widowed mother and was working four hours a day on a farm. He was the only man who knew anything of horses and there were upwards of 20 horses in the stables, which were valuable animals, and at the call of the Government. Mrs Inge said she could spare the man for six or seven hours a day for agricultural work. The huntsman was 41, Grade 2, married, with four children. He said he had two brothers serving and three on munitions. The first whip was 33, Grade 2, married, with two children. He was working seven hours a day in agriculture. After some discussion three months' exemption was granted in each case, subject to them being called up for review again if a call was made on older men, also that the stableman put in seven hours a day in agriculture, and the first whip, eight hours a day. Major Wollaston remarked that they could not let these men off if older men had to go.

A Markfield market gardener, 36, Grade 2, said he was also assisting in farming. It was stated that the man was formerly a timber merchant and had taken up farming lately. Dismissed.

A Witherley farmer appealed for his son, 24, single, Grade 1. His farm was 180 acres and he had two men and two boys besides his son, who, he said, was the only skilled man. He could do anything on a farm. Dismissed.

A Congerstone butcher, 32, Grade 1, married, with two children, said he was also supporting his widowed mother. He had 22 acres of land. The man was stated to be supplying more people with meat than anyone in the area. Three months' allowed.

The case of a Nailstone Colliery clerk, 30, was adjourned for a fortnight on the ground that the Controller of Mines was in communication with the Ministry of National Service in regard to all colliery clerks.

A stoker at the Groby Granite Quarry, aged 38, Grade 1, married, with two children, asked for time to do his garden. The appeal was dismissed, but it was recommended that he should not be called before June 1st, to enable him to do his own and his father's garden.

An Ibstock builder and joiner, 33, Grade 1, married, with two children, was allowed till June 1st, and to get leave from the Director of National Service before he could appeal again.

Three months were allowed an Ibstock baker, 28, married, and a Barlestone cycle repairer, 38, both in Grade 3.

An Ibstock man, 23, Grade 1, employed at the Ellistown Colliery, was stated to have been drawn in the ballot and his personal appeal was dismissed.

An Ibstock tax collector and insurance agent, 40, Grade 1, married, with five children, said he had received calling-up papers though he had been exempted by the Tribunal till July 8th. It was stated that the man was doing good work on a farm three days a week. The case was adjourned for a fortnight.

The appeal of a "combed out" Ibstock collier, 23, married, with four children, was dismissed.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. F. Hubbard (Coleorton) of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported killed in action.

Pte. F. Robey (Ashby) Leicestershire Regiment, and Pte. J. A. Adcock (Ibstock) of the R.N.V.S. are reported wounded.

Mr O. Grimley, a foreman at Messrs. R. Walker and Sons' "Wolsey" Works, Mantle Lane, Coalville, has received news that his brother, Signaller Herbert Grimley, of the Leicestershire Regiment, is a prisoner of war in Germany. Signaller Grimley, who is a Shepshed man, has written saying that he is well.

It is reported that Lance-Corporal George Riley, of the Leicesters, has been killed in action on the 21st March last. He was one of the early volunteers from Ibstock to join Kitchener's Army in September, 1914, and was 25 years of age. He was married last Christmas, and his wife now lives at Wigston. He has a brother who is a prisoner of war in Germany.

The parents of Pte. W. E. Findley, of Ibstock, have received information that their son is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Pte. Findley was among the Ibstock boys who responded to the Kitchener appeal soon after the war broke out in 1914, and joined the 8th Leicester Regiment.

Mrs Eames of 32, Gutteridge Street, Coalville, received official news on Friday that her husband, Lance-Corporal Martin Eames, of the 1st Leicesters, has been missing since March 22nd, and is believed to a prisoner in Germany. He joined up three years last January, and formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery. He was a regular member of the Coalville Men's Adult School.

Private Fred Earp (28) of the 6th Leicesters is officially reported as a prisoner in Germany. He is the son of Mr Thomas Earp, collier, 206, Ashby Road, Coalville, the secretary of the Coalville Town Football Club, in which Fred was a well-known player before he enlisted.

Private Charles Nicholls (19), of the Northumberland Fusiliers, has been killed in action, official news to this effect having been received by his mother, Mrs Bills, who resides in Kendal Road, Ellistown. He fell on April 11th, just six months after joining up, prior to which he worked on the bank at South Leicestershire Colliery.



Mr and Mrs Gee, of Thringstone, have received a letter from a chaplain stating that their son, Private James Gee, of the Yorks and Lancs. Regiment was killed in action on March 25th, and has been buried in a cemetery behind the lines. The letter concludes, *"with assurance of my deepest sympathy and the prayer that God, the Holy Ghost, the comforter, with comfort the hearts of you and yours."*

Sergeant Barry Marson, of the 7th Leicesters, is reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany. He is the son of Mr T. G. Marson, of Bakewell Street, Coalville, and before the war was a clerk at Messrs. Burgess and Sons' factory, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Pte. C. T. Woodford (Markfield), of the R.N.V.R. and Gunner J. C. Smithies (Hugglescote) of the R.G.A. are reported wounded.

Mrs Measures, of 142, Barlestone Cottages, Highfields Street, Coalville, is officially informed that her husband, Pte. George Measures, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, has been missing since March 21st. She has

not heard from him for about ten weeks. Pte. Measures joined up in August last year, before which he was a bricklayer employed at the Snibston Colliery. He was formerly a well-known footballer, playing for Hugglescote United in the Leicestershire Senior League.

Mrs Riley, of Ibstock, wife of Lance-Corporal Riley, Leicestershire Regiment, has received the sad news of the death of her husband. A photo and other particulars will appear next week.

Mr and Mrs Preston, of 23, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, have been informed that their son, Pte. C. J. Preston, of the Employment Company, has been gassed and wounded in the recent offensive. He was formerly patrol leader in the Coalville Boy Scouts.

Mrs Hammersley, of Ibstock Road, Ellistown, has been notified that her husband, Pte. William Hammersley, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded, and is a prisoner in Germany. He has two children and was formerly a collier. Pte. Hammersley has a distinguished military career, being the holder of both the D.C.M. and the Military Medal.

News has been received that Pte. John Golding (19), of the Leicesters, has been wounded in the right arm, and is now at hospital at Birmingham. His parents reside at South Street, Ellistown. He joined up about six months ago, prior to which he was employed at Messrs. Wootton Bros.' Engineering Works, Coalville.

Dr. J. W. Archibald, formerly practising in the Coalville district, and who has been serving in France for some time, has written to Mr C. H. Brindley, of Ellistown, with whom he formerly resided, that he is in hospital in France suffering from trench fever, and through being slightly gassed, but he hopes soon to take his place at the Front again.

Rifleman William Thirlby Wright, aged 29, eldest son of Mr Thomas Wright, assistant schoolmaster of Ibstock National School, was killed in action on April 12th. He joined the army in September 1914, was drafted out to France in January 1915 with a contingent of the R.A.M.C. he having medical qualifications which especially fitted him for that work. He joined the 16th K.R.R. in February 1916 as a rifleman, and was severely wounded in the capture of High Wood. On his recovery he was again sent out and placed in sole charge of the stretcher-bearers of his company, and was subsequently mentioned in despatches in May, 1917 for heroic work in rescuing wounded under exceptional heavy gun fire, and received a congratulatory card from his divisional commander. He had just bandaged up a wounded comrade and was in the act of placing him on a stretcher when he was shot through the heart. His brother, who was killed in action on November 7th, 1916 on the Somme, was also a stretcher-bearer in the same battalion, and was shot by a German sniper whilst attending to wounded. A younger brother is a sergeant in the same battalion.

Rifleman Alfred Watts, of the K.R.R. has been taken prisoner. He is an Ashby man, and before the war was working as a gardener at Shipley Hall, Derbyshire. His wife, who is acting as a letter deliverer for the Coalville Post Office, resides at 69, Highfields, Coalville. She has not heard from him for six weeks, but received a postcard from him yesterday morning, stating that he had been taken prisoner on March 21st, and is well.

Gunner G. A. Walker (Ashby), of the R.G.A., Private Williamson (Coalville) of the West Yorks. and Pte. O. Bishop (Coalville), of the Seaforths, are reported wounded.

Corporal F. W. Cockerill, of the Leicesters, who before the war worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He is a son of Mr John Cockerill of the Halfway House, Coalville, and his wife resides in Victoria Road. He has written a postcard to her saying he is well.

Private Harold Wesson, of the Sherwood Foresters, who had been missing for some weeks, is now reported to be a prisoner in Germany. He is the youngest son of Mr William Wesson, a fitter at the Coalville M.R. Loco Department, and who resides in Margaret Street, Coalville, and two of whose sons have been killed in action.

Private Harry Poyser, of the Leicestershire Regiment is a prisoner of war in Germany, and has written to his wife who resides with their eight children at The Green, Ashby, that he is quite well. She had not heard from him for six weeks till receiving this postcard a few days ago. Pte. Poyser is one of six soldier brothers, one of whom was killed in Egypt some time ago, one serving in Italy, one in Scotland, and two in France. Another –

there were nine brothers in all – is Mr John Poyser, of 66, Berrisford Street, Coalville. Before joining the army, Pte. Harry Poyser lived at Ibstock and was employed at the Ibstock Colliery Co.'s brickworks.

Mr David Knifton, collier, of 66, Margaret Street, Coalville, after being officially notified that his son, Sapper David Knifton, of the Royal Engineers, had been missing since March 21st, has now received a postcard from his son stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany, and is well. Before joining up last Whit Tuesday, Sapper Knifton worked at the Whitwick Colliery. He went to France on October 7th last, his 20th birthday.

Private Tom Finch, Hugglescote, writes to his sister, Mrs John Cherry, Ibstock, to say how well he is recovering from his injuries received in the recent fighting. Private Finch was also gassed, losing for a time, both his speech and sight, but under the splendid hospital treatment, both are gradually returning.

Mr and Mrs S. Johnson of Griffydham, have received official information that their son, Private Sidney Johnson, 14681 Leicester Regiment, is reported missing since March 23rd. They have also received two unofficial messages that he was taken prisoner. Any further news will be welcomed by his friends. Private S. Johnson is 22, and enlisted in Kitchener's Army in September, 1914, and has served 2 ½ years in France. He was wounded at Guidecourt in September, 1916, and was in all the engagements of the "Leicestershire Brigade" in France. After a short leave spent at his home, he returned to the Front on February 20th last.

Mr and Mrs J. Baum, of 4, Station Terrace, High Street, Coalville, have been officially notified that their youngest son, Pioneer Horace Bradshaw Baum, of the Durham Light Infantry, was killed in action on April 10th. He would have been 19 years of age in another fortnight, and had only been ten days in France. He served his apprenticeship with Mr F. Brunt, chemist, but before joining up was on the staff of the Coalville Recruiting Office. Captain Stevenson, the Recruiting Officer, writing to the parents, expresses sympathy and the regret all at the office feel at hearing the sad news, and adds, *"While he was at this office, I was exceedingly fond of the boy, and he was a general favourite with the whole of the staff."*

WHITWICK SOLDIER IN FRANCE

Mr and Mrs Robert Sharp, of Whitwick, have received a letter from their son now serving in France, in which he says he feels very sorry for the French people – old men, women and children driven from their homes by the German advance. Some of them have very few belongings, only what they can carry. The letter continues, *"One day we were going through a town which the Germans were shelling, and saw two girls running for their lives, but one of them was hit by a shell and killed. If the young men round about Whitwick could only see the sights here, they would want to join up, or would never be able to call themselves Englishmen again. We do not get much rest, but we are getting plenty of good food. In fact, we are living like lords. Eggs are very dear here. Don't worry about me if I am a long time in writing, as we do not get much time."*

THANKS

The Wife, Mother and Father and Family of Lance-Corporal Riley, of Ibstock, killed in action on March 21st, desire to thank all kind friends for sympathy in the sad loss of a dear husband, son, and brother.

Mr and Mrs E. Hagger, of 26, Victoria Road, Coalville, desire to thank all friends for sympathy shown towards them in the loss of their dear brother, Pte. A. Hagger, Northumberland Fusiliers, who was recently killed in action.

IN MEMORIAM

In affectionate remembrance of our dear son and brother, Pte. Frederick Massey, Northumberland Fusiliers, who died of wounds on May 1st, 1916.

*"He sleeps besides his comrades,
In a distant grave unknown,
But his name is written in letters of love
In the hearts he left at home."*

From his loving Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

In affectionate remembrance of our dear son, Private J. A. Moulton, who was killed in action in France on May 3rd, 1917.

*"Farewell, dear son, your duty done,
For England you did your best
'Tis those who loved you most in life
That miss you most in death.*

*We little thought when he said 'Good-bye'
He was going to a foreign land to die
His heart was good, his spirit brave,
And now he rests in a soldier's grave."*

From his Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

In loving memory of Corporal John Thomas Grant, aged 23, killed in action May 1st, 1917, 8th Leicester Regiment.

*"We pictured his safe returning,
And longed to clasp his hand.
But death has postponed that meeting,
'Twill be in a better land."*

*"He nobly answered Duty's call;
He gave his life for one and all."*

From his loving Wife and little son, George; Mother, Father, Sisters; Brothers Fred, Victor and Bob in France.

In loving memory of Private James Gee, York and Lancs. Regiment, of Thringstone, killed in action in France, March 25th.

*"He little thought when he said 'Good-bye',
He was going to a foreign land to die,
His heart was good, his spirit brave,
And now he lies in a soldier's grave.
Friends may think I have forgotten him,
When at times they see me smile,
But they little know the heartaches,
That the smile hides all the while."*

In loving memory of my dear brother, 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Dooley, killed in action, May 1st, 1915.

*"No loved one stood beside his grave,
No dear one saw him die.
We only know he passed away
Without a last good-bye."*

'Too dearly loved in life to be forgotten.' By his loving Sister Dorrie, Oadby.

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MILITARY WEDDING AT WHITWICK

The marriage took place quietly at Whitwick Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon, of Miss Nora Burkitt, youngest surviving daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. S. Burkitt, R.A.M.C. and Mrs Burkitt, of the Old Vicarage, Whitwick, and Lieutenant E. V. C. Hamilton, of the Worcestershire Regiment, and R.A.F. eldest son of B. M. Hamilton, Esq. District Superintendent of Indian Police, and Mrs Hamilton, of Lucknow, India. The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, R.D. officiated in the presence of a large congregation. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of pervesche blue crepe de chine over the same colours, satin, and a black hat with silver and blue brocade. She carried a pretty bouquet of yellow roses and carnations.

The chief bridesmaid was Miss Hamilton (sister of the bridegroom), of the W.A.C.C., who appeared in uniform, and also in attendance was the little niece of the bride, Miss Elizabeth Handcock, who was attired in flowered embroidered voile. Both carried bouquets of pink roses and forget-me-nots. Lieut. Levin, R.A.F. acted as best man. The service was choral and suitable wedding music was played by Mr R. G. West (organist). After the ceremony the happy couple motored to Shackerstone en route to Wales, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a fawn coverlet, and skirt, and fawn tagel hat, also a long black corduroy velvet travelling coat. The presents were numerous and costly.

MILITARY MEDAL AWARD

A special supplement to the "London Gazette" announces the award of the Military Medal for bravery in the field to 91087 Gunner C. Jacobs, R.G.A. (Ashby)

ZEEBRUGGE RAID

COALVILLE SAILOR'S THRILLING EXPERIENCES

THE ADMIRAL'S LUCKY HORSESHOE

One of the heroes of the brilliant naval raid on Zeebrugge was a Coalville sailor, Leading-Stoker Arthur Pindard, who arrived home on Tuesday for a few days' well-earned leave. He is a son of Mr Thomas Pindard, a plumber in the employ of Mr C. H. March, residing at 22, Victoria Street, Coalville, where he was seen on Tuesday night by our reporter, to whom he gave some interesting facts concerning his thrilling adventure. Stoker Pindard, who was formerly an engine-cleaner on the Midland Railway at Coalville, is a splendid specimen of a British tar. He is 24 years of age, of sturdy build, and just the type of man whom one could imagine as revelling in some daring exploit, and though he took a great part in a deed which will live in history as one of the finest of the war, it was with evident modesty that he talked about it. At the same time, one could not fail to notice throughout the narrative, the feeling of pride natural to one who has had a hand in a brave deed which has thrilled the world, even in these thrilling times.

Pindard joined the Navy, six years ago, and has been with the Grand Fleet throughout the war; having taken part in the Battle of Jutland. Some five or six weeks ago, word went round his ship that volunteers were wanted for an adventurous mission. The volunteers were to be between 20 and 30 years of age, single, and with no one dependent upon them. He gave in his name and was in due course transferred to the "Vindictive" now of immortal fame. The crew were carefully trained, and about a week before the appointed time for the great adventure, all the men were called together and informed of the impending attack. With this knowledge, any of the men who wished to, were told they could withdraw from the project, but not one man held back. On two occasions the ships started out only to find the weather conditions unfavourable, and when they set out again a week last Monday night, the men were in high spirits, all hoping that *"the third time would pay for all."*

It was a pitch dark night, when about a quarter to twelve, the "Vindictive" drew up alongside the Zeebrugge Mole. The first shot from the enemy came when they were 300 to 400 yards away, these being from the sentries on the Mole. *"But we were expecting a rough and tumble,"* continued the sailor, *"and were ready for them."* Every man knew what he had to do, and set about doing it. He went on to explain that his task was to act as stretcher-bearer on the deck, and assist the doctors, and he was soon busy, for it was as the ship approached the Mole that the most casualties occurred. One of the objectives was to separate the Mole from the mainland to prevent the enemy from sending reinforcements to oppose the landing party and this was most successfully accomplished, and some of the debris fell on the "Vindictive's" deck. *"I've brought this home as a souvenir,"* said Pindard as he displayed one of the pieces picked up on the deck. *"That,"* he added, *"is a bit of the Mole."* His ship was alongside for one and a half hours, and when the landing parties had each accomplished their task they intimated this to the ship a pre-arranged signal. They had plenty of ammunition and equipment, everything was splendidly arranged, and went off well. Two German destroyers, he said, were sunk as they approached besides the one alongside the Mole, which Bluejackets boarded and killed the crew as they came up half asleep from their berths.

"There was no better crowd of men in the services," continued the narrator. *"They were all young fellows who were able to nip about a bit, and were very proud of what they did. When the Commander came round and told us that we had done it alright, there was no holding us back. The Admiral also met us on our return, and said we had done the job alright."*

Referring to the gallantry of the officers, Stoker Pindard spoke in high terms of Commander Edwards, who, he said, persisted in going on to the Mole though badly wounded. Lieutenant Young, also wounded, was as cool as a cucumber, smoking a cigar as he told them to carry on. Three howitzer gun crews were wiped out one after the other, and others took their place at once. The deck was strewn with dead and wounded. All this happened while it was pitch dark, said Pindard, and when daylight came, it was a sight.

Asked how he fared through it all, Pindard replied that he was on the deck the whole time assisting with the wounded, and though others were falling around him, he never got a scratch. One shell struck his mess and caused several casualties there, but he happened to be away at the time.

"I should like to say a word for our chaplain," was another remark. *"He went into it like the rest of us. I went round with him with a flashlight, and he was on deck all the time helping us in dealing with the wounded. He seemed to see no danger at all, and I don't think he was hurt."* Though the ship was badly damaged, said the sailor, he made a record passage back to port. It was then that they noticed a rather curious incident. One of the funnels, it was observed, was not nearly battered so badly as the others, being in fact, only slightly damaged, and this was the funnel on which Admiral Keye has fastened a horseshoe for luck before they started out.

Concluding, Pindard said that when they landed home again they had to go into one of the harbour ships to sleep as they had lost all their kit. *"We gave our blankets up to the wounded,"* said he, *"and did all we could to make them comfortable."*

Coalville is proud of its sailor hero, and will heartily congratulate him on his wonderful escape.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bott, W. G. J. Private	(May 5 th)
Barratt, F. Corporal. Sherwood Foresters	(April 14 th)
Batho, J. Private, (M.G.C.)	(May 1 st)
Goodacre, A. H. Private	(April 14 th)
Haywood, George, Sergeant	(April 30 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(May 4 th)
Meakin, S. (Admitted into hospital and doing well)	(May 7 th)
Tansey, F. Corporal	(April 29 th)
Thirlby, G. Sapper	(May 1 st)
Vesty, J. W. Private	(April 28 th)
Wardle, Alec, Corporal	(May 1 st)
Whittaker, C.	(April 28 th)

ABSENTEE

Before Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court on Thursday, Private George Springthorpe, of the 8th Battalion, M.G.C. was charged with being an absentee since April 21st. P.C. Jones (Thringstone) gave evidence of arrest, and defendant was remanded to await an escort.

OPEN-AIR WAR CINEMA AT COALVILLE

ADDRESS BY MR B. G. HALE, J.P.

A huge crowd, probably numbering 5,000 people, assembled in the Coalville Market Place on Saturday night to witness an open-air exhibition of war pictures by a travelling cinema sent by the Ministry of Information. The motor took up its position opposite the Post Office in Ashby Road, and a sheet was run up on the gable

of the Royal Oak Inn. As it was a sunny evening a late start was necessary and it was nearly midnight when the crowd dispersed. The pictures were views of London showing intact many of the principal buildings which the Germans had reported as ruined by their bombs, and also some splendid views of the work of the Army and Navy, which were much applauded. Mr B. G. Hale, J.P., presided, and in the course of a short address, said there was a certain section of the community who thought that we ought to bring the war to an end by negotiation. He admitted that to make peace by negotiation would be the greatest calamity that could fall on our country. That had an example of that in Russia. In every single instance where Germany had given her word, it had only been to break it at the earliest opportunity. She had torn up every treaty and had been responsible for the greatest inhumanity the world had ever seen. Thus it became imperative that Germany should be beaten. He was proud of the men of Coalville and of Leicestershire for the part they had taken. He was also proud of the men overseas who had come to the help of the Mother Country, and he said that if it meant sending every man up to the age limit they were going to give these inhuman Germans a good hiding. (Hear, hear and applause). He was as sure as he stood on that platform that if they gave in – and he did not think for a moment that they would – that the liberties of every man and woman in this country would be gone for generations, and they would become vassals of Germany, who would yoke them to the plough, if necessary, to force them to pay Germany's war costs as well as our own. He hoped and prayed that at no distant date Germany would be compelled to sue for peace on our terms (applause). Mr Hale incidentally mentioned that he had received a letter from a soldier's wife in which she said that now the age limit had been increased there was a chance for him. They would still have to go another 15 years before he was within the limit, and they would realise that a man over 60 years of age would not make a very good fighting unit, but if they told him he was wanted he would go tomorrow. A Government representative with the motor also addressed the meeting which was a great success.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Fifty Whitwick men have now been officially reported to have been killed in the war?

Some of the "I am well" postcards received by us this week had been recovered from the sea?

Steve Bloomer, the famous Derby footballer, who was in Germany when war broke out, and has been interned since, has now been released and is in Holland?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The parents of Pte. James Ernest Carter, of the Queen's Westminster's have received a card from him stating that he is prisoner in Germany. His home is at 133, Crescent Road, Hugglescote. Before the war he was in the employ of Mr P. W. Moore, tobacconist.

Having been informed by his wife last week that she has been unable to obtain a copy of the "Coalville Times" to send him, a Coalville soldier at the Front has sent a request to Mr C. E. Martin, our foreman printer, to print a special copy for him as he has missed it so.

THE LATE LIEUT. T. F. MCCARTHY, M.C.

At the Holy Cross Church on Tuesday morning, a requiem mass was held for the late Lieut. T. F. McCarthy, M.C., recently killed in action. The service, of a simple character, was conducted by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, assisted by the Rev. J. Degan, of Coalville, and was attended by a large congregation. The Holy Cross School children, assisted by the boarders from the Ursuline Convent, Coalville, sang hymns.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Coalville Tribunal was held on Wednesday evening, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, A. J. Briers, J. Kirby and J. W. Fisher, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk announced a new instruction to Tribunals whereby applicants were to be allowed to be legally represented as before, and also to have the right of appeal against the Tribunal's decision.

A single man, 19, Grad 1, employed as an engine-driver at Bagworth Colliery, appealing for conditional exemption, said one brother had died of wounds and another was wounded. Applicant was the only man left to support the home, his mother being a widow, and there were five brothers and sisters dependent. Mr McCarthy said it was a hard case, and they must be charitable. The war position was better now. A member said they had had harder cases, and the position might be worse another week. The Tribunal voted on whether a month's exemption should be final or not, and it was decided not final.

The case of a Hugglescote baker, 32, married, adjourned from the last meeting was adjourned for another week on the application of Mr C. E. Crane, it being undecided whether he was in a certified trade, concerning which application had been made to the Director of National Service.

Two months was allowed a Coalville grocer, 35, married, formerly Grade 1, but now Grade 3, after a recent operation for appendicitis.

A Whitwick elastic web firm appealed for an overlooker and loom-tuner, 37, Grade 1, married, with four children, and one month was allowed. It was stated that the man had four brothers and three brothers-in-law serving.

A Hugglescote builder and undertaker appealed for his only man, 38, Grade 3, with a delicate wife and six children. Two months.

The manager of the Coalville Co-Operative Society's Swannington branch, 25, single, made a domestic appeal, stating that he been twice rejected before being placed in Grade 2. Mr Lockwood asked whether a personal appeal could be supported by the employer. The clerk said he did not think it could. Applicant said he understood his appeal would be on occupational grounds. Captain Stevenson said the instructions from the National Service headquarters were that this appeal should only be heard on domestic grounds. Answering Mr Lockwood, the clerk said it was applicant's age which debarred an occupational claim. Applicant, answering questions, said no one was dependent upon him, and he had lost no work lately through ill-health, but had been doctoring for a bad leg. Not assented to.

The next applicant was also a Coalville Co-Operative Society employee, 41, married, Grade 3, a flour warehouseman, who said his employers were anxious to retain his services. The man was classed B2, which the chairman said was Grade 3, about which some doubt was expressed. It was suggested that if re-examined, the man might be in Grade 2 or 1. One month was allowed, as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

It was stated that in the case of a Coalville youth, 19, single, a pony driver at the Ibstock Colliery, which had been adjourned for re-examination, the applicant, formerly Grade 1, had now been rejected.

The case of a bricklayer at the South Leicestershire Colliery, 19, married, Grade 1, was adjourned for a week for re-examination, the man suffering from injury to his eyes.

Also adjourned for a week was the case of a Whitwick Colliery employee, 20, single, Grade 1, who supports his invalid widowed mother and has had one brother killed.

The National Service representative was granted leave for the review of the case of the son of a Hugglescote painter, 37, B1, married, with two children. Previous exemption was till substituted, and the man's father said he had tried to get a substitute, having offered 10 ½ d an hour, but he had failed to get one. One month was allowed.

There were 16 applications for leave to appeal, the clerk explaining that these were from men who had been granted exemption and were not in a certified trade. Before they could appeal again, they had to obtain the sanction of the Tribunal. The clerk read out the names, which included the butchers of the district, and the Tribunal decided to grant leave, it being stated that the appeals would be heard next week.

Mr and Mrs J. Batho, of 67, Margaret Street, Coalville, are officially informed that their son, Pte. J. S. Batho, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was posted as missing after an engagement on March 25th.

Sergeant Harry Marson, of the Leicestershire Regiment, formerly a clerk at Messrs. Burgess and Son's factory, Belvoir Road, Coalville, who was recently reported as having been taken prisoner, has now written a postcard from Germany to his parents, Mr and Mrs T. G. Marson, of Bakewell Street, Coalville, stating that he is well.

Gunner T. Hubbard (Ashby), of the R.G.A. is reported wounded.

Gunner T. G. Hollingswoth (Ashby) of the R.F.A. is reported killed in action.

Pte. A. Pickering (Ashby) of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded.

Mr and Mrs Jos. Bailey, of the City of Dan, Whitwick, formerly of Ashby, have received official intimation that their son, Pte. Job Bailey (24), Notts and Derby Regiment, has been killed in action in France where he has been three years. He leaves a widow and two children.



Mrs Riley, wife of Lance-Corporal Riley, Leicestershire Regiment, of Ibstock, has received a letter from Lieut. J. C. Farmer, who states that in answer to her enquiry, it is very sad news that he has to send her. Lance-Corporal Riley was hit on the morning of March 21st, and died shortly afterwards, though the doctor was present at the time and remained under heavy shell fire, doing all he could for him. He was hit in the neck by a piece of shell and was never conscious again, so that he died without pain. The letter continues, *"It was such a great shock to me, as he was one of my best N.C.O.'s and I had only left him a minute before, when I advised him to move up the trench to a less dangerous part, but as the Boches were attacking just then, he insisted on remaining where he was, it being the best place from which to fire his Lewis gun, with which he had already done great damage. When he was hit, the remainder of his team, who were great friends of his cried. Once more, I repeat how sorry I am, but it must be a great consolation to you to know that he died doing his duty nobly, and died fighting, just the death that a soldier would choose. We know he is now in a better land, out of all pain and sorrow."*

Private A. Holt (Coleorton) of the London Regiment, and Acting-Sergeant T. H. Mason (Coalville) of the R.E. are reported wounded.

Mr and Mrs Meek, of The Callis, Ashby, are notified that their youngest son, Pte. J. C. Meek (25), of the Worcestershire Regiment, was killed in action on April 12th. He was formerly employed on the Midland Railway at Ashby, and was connected with the Holy Trinity Church and Sunday School.

Mrs Hall, of Mill Bank, Ashby, has been officially informed that her husband, Pte. J. Hall, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, died of wounds received in action on April 18th. He leaves a widow and three children.

Official intimation has now been received from the War Office, confirming the sad intelligence previously reported from a comrade of the death in action in France of Private Frank Savage, M.G.C. Deceased was 23 years of age, and was the third son of Mr and Mrs Harry Savage, of Oakley Wood. Prior to his enlistment in the Leicestershire Yeomanry three years ago, he was employed as assistant gamekeeper to the Right Hon. Charles Booth, of Gracedieu Manor. He went out to France with the Leicestershire Yeomanry in October 1915, and twelve months later was transferred to the M.G.C., and was last home on leave in July last. Sergeant Wakefield, in a sympathetic letter to Mr and Mrs Savage, says, *"He was killed while very bravely doing his duty in stopping the Huns. We were going through a wood with our guns when he was hit in the head by a piece of shell, and died instantly. He was one of our best comrades."*

Mr R. Lancaster, of Loughborough, of the firm of Sharp and Lancaster, solicitors, has received a letter from the Lieutenant-Colonel of his son, Lieut. C. E. Lancaster, of the Leicestershire Regiment, showing how that gallant young officer met his death. *"In the first big advance of the Germans, Lieut. Lancaster, who was an expert bomber, took a leading part bombing the enemy out of our lines, and was wounded in the shoulder, and was on the way to the dressing station when he was struck and killed by a shell"*. The O.C. adds, *"Your son was a most excellent soldier, and did most useful work as assistant adjutant, and is a great loss to me."*

His Company Officer has also written to the bereaved parents, "*Your son was liked by all, both for his personal qualities and because he was a leader among men, and had everyone's respect.*" Their Majesties sent a telegram a few days ago, "*The King and Queen deeply regret the loss you and the Army have sustained by the death of Lieut. C. E. Lancaster in the service of his country. Their Majesties truly sympathise with you in your sorrow.*"

Private H. Upton (Ibstock) of the Sherwood Foresters, is reported wounded.

Mr and Mrs J. T. Naylor, of 58, Chapel Street, Ibstock, have received information that their son, Pte. John William Naylor, of the 20th Battalion Australian Imperial Force, was killed in action on the Western Front on April 8th whilst serving with the B.E.F. The deceased soldier who had been over two years' service in France, and enlisted in Australia, was 28 years of age. Before emigrating to the Colonies, he was a member of Canon Broughton's Bible Class at Hugglescote.

Lance-Corporal P. V. Horne, South Staffs, previously reported killed, is now officially reported missing.

News has been received by Mrs Mee, of 110, Church Lane, Whitwick, that her husband, Able-Seaman George Henry Mee, (39), was killed in action on March 21st. His widow is left with one child. He joined up last July and had only been in France three weeks. His wife received a letter from him written the day before he was killed. The deceased was a native of Quorn, but for seven or eight years before enlisting he had worked at Whitwick Colliery.

Mrs Bradley, of 5, South Street, Whitwick, has been notified that her husband, Private Walter Bradley, of the Sherwood Foresters, was killed in action on April 24th. Deceased's officer writes that he was killed instantaneously by shellfire and suffered no pain. "At the time of his death," the letter continues, "he was doing special duty for which he had been selected on account of his reliability. He will be greatly missed both by his officers and his comrades with whom he was very popular. I can only assure you of my heartfelt sympathy." Pte. Bradley enlisted in August 1915, and had previously been three times wounded, coming to England on each occasion. He returned to France the last time in January last. Before the war he was in business as a hairdresser at Mansfield. He leaves a widow and two children dependent.

Mr S. Poole, of Thornton, has received official information that his son, Lance-Corporal W. Poole, has died in the First Canadian General Hospital at Etaples, from wounds received in action. He had been twice previously wounded, and had also suffered from trench fever etc. He joined his Majesty's Forces soon after the outbreak of war.

Corporal F. A. Brown, M.G.C. has been awarded a ribbon for gallantry during the battle on March 28th. Prior to joining the Army he was clerk in the offices of Messrs. Dewes and Musson, solicitors, Ashby. Unfortunately since then he has been injured by gas, and is now in hospital in London.

Private H. Dene, 1/4th Leicesters, who was recently reported as missing, is now a prisoner of war in Germany. He is also suffering from a bullet wound in the shoulder. He is an Ashby man.

Mrs Ford, Hilton's Yard, Market Street, Ashby, has been notified that her husband, Pte. J. W. Ford, has been wounded in action, in France, and is now in hospital in Sheffield.

Mrs Hall, Wilfred Place, Ashby, has been officially informed that her son, Corporal Hall, Leicesters, has been missing since an engagement in France on March 25th. Mrs Hall has had four sons and a son-in-law in the Army.

Mrs Ward, Smisby Road, Ashby, has been informed that her husband, Private H. Ward, King's Own Royal Lancasters, was killed in action in France, on April 13th. At one time he was the manager of Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son's bookstall at Ashby. He leaves a widow and five children.

Posted as missing in May, 1917, Lance-Corporal Charles Chadwick, Northumberland Fusiliers, has now been reported by the War Office as having been killed. He was the second son of Mr Thomas Chadwick, The Callis, Ashby, who has another son serving, and still another posted as missing.

Pte. H. E. Thornton (Ashby) of the Durham Light Infantry, has been wounded.

Pte. C. Adcock (Ibstock) of the R.N.V.R. is reported missing.

Pte. G. Ford, of the West Riding Regiment, has been wounded in the head, and is in hospital at Chelsea. His wife resides at 16, Club Row, Coalville.

News has been received that Gunner David Hickling, R.F.A. of Belvoir Road, Coalville, was killed in action on April 29th. Writing to the deceased's wife, who lives with his parents on Belvoir Road, a comrade says that Gunner Hickling was killed by shellfire on the morning of April 29th. The letter continues, *"All the signallers were in the telephone pit when the Boche had a direct hit on the pit, killing three and wounding five. I was in the pit at the time, but was a lucky fellow. I escaped with a few scratches and a touch of gas. He will be buried by us tonight. Will close with deepest sympathy from the officers, N.C.O.'s and men."* Gunner Hickling joined up about two years ago, and had been in France a little over a year. In civil life, he assisted his father in the business of a confectioner and was shortly to have taken over the business on his own account.

Pte. C. Cramp (Shepshed) of the West Yorkshire Regiment, has died of wounds.

Sergeant T. K. Dennis, M.M., Pte. F. Hines, both of Ashby, Acting-Sergeant E. Freer and Pte. G. H. Haslegrave, both of Coalville, all of the Leicestershire Regiment, are reported wounded.

The names of Ptes. E. H. Palmer, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, W. R. Ketcher, of the East Yorks Regiment, all of Coalville, appear in the official lists as having been killed in action.

Pte. J. B. Sleight (Ellistown) of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been killed in action.

Official notice has been received from the War Office that Pte. Stewart Robson, of the Machine Gun Corps, has been killed in action in France between the 10th and 14th April. He is the son of the late Mr George Robson, of Ellistown Colliery, and enlisted in the 2/5th Leicesters, afterwards transferring to the Machine Gun Corps. The family resided at Victoria Road, Ellistown, until the death of Mr Robson, when they moved to Derby. Mrs Robson has two other sons serving the Forces.

Mr and Mrs Petcher, Bakewell Street, would be grateful of any news of their son, Private E. Petcher, 142033, C. Company, 6th Division, M.G.C., who was reported missing on March 22nd.

Mr and Mrs Fair, Tamworth Road, Ashby, have been notified by the War Office that their son, Private Eric Fair, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, was posted as missing between 21st and 23rd March. In June, 1917, he was wounded with shrapnel, and afterwards fought in the battle of the Somme.

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COALVILLE URBAN COUNCIL

The chairman referred in suitable terms to the death in action of Lieut. T. F. McCarthy, and moved a vote of sympathy and condolence with Mr McCarthy (the chairman of the Council) and Mrs McCarthy in their bereavement, which the members silently carried by rising from their seats.

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FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Barratt, F. Corporal (Sherwood Foresters)	(May 11 th)
Beard, V. E.	(May 11 th)
Bott, Horace, Private	(May 7 th)
Brown, C. T. Corporal	(May 11 th)
Chamberlain, T. W.	(April 25 th)
Goodacre, W.	(May 7 th)

Green, W. (H.L.I.)	(May 14 th)
Hancock, W. Signaller	(April 29 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(May 10 th)
Johnson, A. H. (R.G.A.)	(May 3 rd and 10 th)
Lycett, G. Private	(May 5 th)
Meakin, S.	(May 16 th)
Perry, F. Lance-Corporal	(April 28 th)
Thomson, C. H. Private	(May 11 th)
Upton, D. F. A.S.C.	(April 25 th)
White, G. E. S. Private	(May 12 th)
York, H. Private	(February 9 th)

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr R. Sharp, of Whitwick, has collected eggs for the wounded soldiers as follows:- Previously acknowledged 840. Mrs T. Carter 12; Mr R. Sharp 10; Mrs G. Sheffield 7; Mrs Mosley 6; Mrs Haydock 6; Mr R. J. Black 6; Mrs Smith 4; Nancy and baby 4; also the following sums:

Coalville: Mr S. Clamp's company 10s; Blue Bell company 4s; Railway Hotel company 3/5; Mr H. Ward 2s; Mr W. Harris 2s.

Whitwick: Lady Joyce 3/6; Miss L. B. Jack 2s; Miss D. Hart 1s; Mr J. Toon 2s; Mrs W. Hart 1s; a Friend 1 /4; A.J. B. 1s; Mr H. Birkumshaw 1s; Mr J. Burton 1s; Miss Hollingsworth 6d; Mr D. Potter 4/6.

Two aeroplanes came to earth safely on Saturday night in a field between Coleorton and Ashby, and in attempting to settle on the same field, a third machine collided with a tree and crashed into the field on the opposite side of the road, being badly damaged, though, luckily, the airman escaped practically unhurt. A telephone message was sent to Lieut. S. Freckelton, of Woodville, of the Leicestershire Volunteer Regiment, who soon had a contingent of the Woodville and Ashby Corps on guard under Quartermaster Osborne. They remained all night and were relieved on Sunday by a party of the Volunteer Corps from Coalville and Hugglescote under Sergt. W. E. Canner. On Saturday and Sunday hundreds of people visited the scene and got a splendid view of two of the machines which were in a field by the roadside, but the damaged aeroplane, which lay upside down in the field opposite was somewhat obscured by a high hedge. Two of the airmen flew away on Sunday afternoon and the damaged machine was fetched away the same day.

ABSENTEE

At the Coalville Police Station on Wednesday, Private George Wright, 3rd Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, was charged with being an absentee since May 13th. Sergt. Kirkland gave evidence, and the defendant was remanded to await an escort.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED

On Saturday evening at a service in the Whitwick Wesleyan Church, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) unveiled a tablet to the memory of Sergeant R. W. Berrington, one of Whitwick's Military Medallists, who was formerly connected with the Wesleyan Church and Sunday School. Had he lived, he would have been presented with a suitable gift by the Whitwick Soldiers' Presentation Committee to commemorate his brave deed, but soon after receiving the Medal he fell in action, and the committee decided to erect this tablet to his memory. The Rev. J. R. Sharpley, of Ashby, presided at the service, in which the Revs. T. Cottam (Coalville), J. J. Hutchinson and A. Dalton (Whitwick) also took part. In the course of a short address, the Vicar paid a tribute to the gallant soldier and also to Whitwick men for the splendid manner in which they had responded to their country's call. Unfortunately, fifty Whitwick men had now been officially reported killed in action. All the ministers spoke, and it was stated that ancestors of the deceased soldier for four generations had been connected with the Whitwick Wesleyan Church. The hymn, "For all the saints who from their labours rest," was sung, also the National Anthem at the close. There was a good congregation.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A NAILSTONE COLLIERY APPLICATION REFUSED

A meeting of the Tribunal was held at Market Bosworth on Tuesday, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding. There were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, W. Towers and G. M. Arnold, with Mr F. E. A. Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (National Service representatives), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

A loco stoker at the Groby Granite Quarry, 18, single, was appealed for by his father, and the clerk said this was a case which come under the new Proclamation, and the Tribunal had no jurisdiction. The case was dismissed.

A cashier and assistant secretary, of the Desford Coal Co., 37, C1, was appealed for by a representative of the firm, the man not being well and unable to attend. A member remarked that as colliery clerks could not be taken, the Tribunal should not be troubled with their cases. The appeal was dismissed, and it was agreed that the clerk ascertain the position of the Tribunal as to colliery clerks.

A Shaw Lane (Markfield) baker who appealed said he was also farming 22 acres of land, on which he had 18 head of stock, including five milking cows. He made 800 quartern loaves a week. His father was 67 years of age. Of seven brothers, four were serving in the Army. Applicant, who was 40 years of age, married, and C1, was allowed three months exemption, conditional on him remaining at his present occupation. The clerk said that unless it was stated otherwise applicant would have to drill with the V.T.C. It was decided to exempt him from drill.

The appeal of a lady farmer of Wellsborough, for her son who acts as bailiff was dismissed, the young man, 23, Grade 1, being stated to come within the clean cut.

An Ibstock draper and clothier, 41, B1, married, with one child, appealed for further exemption on the ground that his was a one-man business. In regard to this man it was suggested that if exempted, it would not be reasonable to ask him to go to Coalville to drill with the V.T.C. A member said it might be suggested to the Authorities that a volunteer corps should be formed at Ibstock. It was agreed to do this. Three months' exemption was granted, the man also to be excused from drilling with the V.T.C. unless a corps was formed at Ibstock.

The question was also raised as to whether miners should not drill with the V.T.C. The clerk said miners would come under the new law, and if exempted from military service, would have to drill unless excused by the Colliery Court.

The appeal of a Sheepy Magna insurance agent, 40, B1, was dismissed, though he said he was working full time for a farmer, who supported the appeal.

A Desford collier, 25, Grade 1, made a personal appeal, saying his other two brothers were serving, and he was the sole support of his mother. Dismissed.

A Markfield widow appealed for her son, 21, Grade 1, who, he said, carried on her business of baker. Her other son, 19, C3, was working as a substitute for the Ashby Co-Operative Society. She was informed that the Tribunal had no jurisdiction in the case, which came under the recent Proclamation, but they would help to get her other son back again. She was advised to write to him and ask him to give notice to leave Ashby at once, and if she had any trouble to write to Mr Bouskell.

The case of a Sheepy farmer's son, 20, was also dismissed, as was that of a Groby Granite Quarry employee, 19, both being under the Proclamation. The latter's mother said this was the only boy she had left, her other four sons all being soldiers, as well as four sons-in-law. The boy's father was an invalid. The Tribunal recognised this as a hard case, a member remarking that some families were all fighting, while some had none at the war.

Three months were allowed a Newbold Verdon waggoner, 35, married, C1, and he was excused from drilling.

A Twycross appellant, 38, Grade 1, stated in his application that he was a smallholder, but it transpired that he was not the tenant of the land, and he also stated that for several years he had been engaged in agricultural work, but the clerk said that was untrue as the man used to work at a mill. Mr Bouskell told the

man he was liable to imprisonment for making false statements if it was proved that he had done it wilfully. Case dismissed.

A Markfield collier, 24, single, Grade 1, said he was the only son, and supported his widowed mother, aged 66. Dismissed.

A Markfield quarryman, 32, married, who appealed on conscientious grounds, wrote that his manager had the case in hand and asking for it to be adjourned. It was dismissed.

A Desford grocer's carter, 41, appealed on personal grounds. He said two of his sons had joined the Army and one had been killed. He had another boy, 17, and four younger girls, and his wife was an invalid. A member remarked that they could not send a father to the war after two sons, one of whom had been killed. Six months were allowed, and the man was excused from drill.

A Battram man, working in a brickyard, in his appeal, said he was 41, and Grade 3. He had a delicate wife and two children. He was "combed-out" of the mine and exempted to get other work. He had been working at the brickyard since, but the most he had earned was 34/8 a week, which was not enough to enable him to meet his weekly expenses, and he asked whether he could get work elsewhere if further exempted. He was told he could get any work of national importance, and was allowed three months.

The clerk: *If you change, you must notify us what you go to.*

The appeal of a Bagworth licensed victualler, 41, Grade 3, was dismissed, and the Bosworth postmaster, Grade 3, was allowed 3 months, not to drill.

Mr A. Loseby (Leicester) representing the Nailstone Colliery Co., applied for a re-hearing of the case of a pay clerk. It was stated that the former appeal was dismissed both at Bosworth and Leicester, but through the Mines Inspector, his calling up was delayed. Mr Loseby said the Ministry of National Service had given sanction for the present application. This was the only man in the office. A member questioned this, but Mr Loseby said those were his instructions. There were 4 female clerks. Members spoke strongly in regard to their former decisions in this, and another case having been upset, and the chairman said if that was to be so they should refuse to deal with them again. Leave was refused.

Three months each was granted to a Bosworth licensed victualler and motor proprietor, 36, Grade 1, who said he was doing tractor work for farmers, and had joined the Coalville Motor Volunteer Corps; a Ratby bricklayer, 39, Grade 3; a Norton farm hand, 21, Grade 3; and two Ratby hosiery hands, 41, B2 and 40, B1.

An Ibstock builder and joiner, 33, Grade 1, whose exemption expires on June 1st, appealed for a re-hearing. He said this was a one-man business and he had plenty of work, but if the Tribunal decided that he was to close down and join the Army, he asked for more time to settle his business affairs. He was allowed till July 31st (final).

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

A WIDOW'S HARD CASE

Mr T. Varnham presided at a meeting of the Ashby Rural Tribunal on Saturday, when there were also present, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Messrs. J. Rice, H. M. Cuthbert, J. T. Bradshaw, and A. Riley, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative), Mr Johnson German (agricultural representative), and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

The cases of two employees of the Albion Clay Co., Woodville, for whom Mr A. H. Timms appeared, were reviewed. It was stated that one of the men, 33, had not been medically examined, and the other, 21, was B1. It was decided to adjourn the cases for medical examination and grading.

Another review case was that of a Measham butcher, 32, Grade 1, who was represented by Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby). It was stated that the man was employed by his mother and was exempted till substituted, but the conditions imposed were such as to make it impossible, in the opinion of the committee, to find a substitute. Applicant said he had managed the business for 16 years. He had a widowed mother, an invalid sister, and a wife and child to support. He had 1,095 registered customers, and kept stock on 34 acres of

land. Mr Musson said it was thought that butchers had less to do now, but that was not so. Applicant said the work was as great and was more difficult, as the meat had to be cut up into smaller pieces. Answering a question, he said he had not refused to take meat to people in Appleby. Exemption was granted for another three months, subject to substitution in the meantime.

An Insurance Co., represented by Mr A. E. Mammatt, of Ashby, appealed for an assistant superintendent, of Measham, 42, and C2. It was stated that he was doing the work of two Grade 1 men, who had been released, as well as his own. He supervised 1,000 national insurance members. The company had not appealed for any of their agents, and over 10,000 employees were serving in the Forces, including twelve from this district. The case was adjourned for a week for another medical examination.

A Bardon Hill man, single, 20, employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, appealed on the ground that his mother had recently died, and his father was a cripple, having lost a leg in an accident at the quarries. He had a sister 15 years old, and four younger brothers, and applicant was the only one at work. The appeal was dismissed.

A Donisthorpe collier, 22, Grade 1, was appealed for by his father, who said he had had one son killed, and another was serving. When the second boy was taken, he had to give up his business as a butcher. One month (final) allowed.

Another Donisthorpe collier, 23, single, Grade 1, was stated by his mother to be her chief support, his father being ill. She had one son serving. Dismissed. When the woman was informed of the decision, the chairman remarked, *"It makes you wish the war was over."*

The National Service representative asked for the review of the case of a Measham painter, 33, B1, who had been exempted till substituted and it was stated that several substitutes had been offered and not accepted. The man's father said he had offered 10d an hour and had not had a satisfactory man offered to him. He wanted young men who could scale ladders. His son was a good all-round man and was the soul of the business. Answering the chairman, applicant said his son was single. He had two sons serving who both volunteered. The one appealed for was chiefly engaged on plumbing. Three months allowed, subject to substitution in the meantime.

An Ibstock man employed at Heather brickworks, whose case had been adjourned for medical examination, was stated to be in Grade 3, and was allowed six months.

The National Service representative asked for the withdrawal of the certificate of a Worthington collier and farm labourer, 29, Grade 1 and single. The man's mother said he worked in the pit at night and did carting in the daytime. The application was granted, the certificate being withdrawn.

A Measham widow appealed for her son, 23, single, Grade 1, employed at Measham Colliery, saying one other son was serving, and another had been killed. Mr Buckley, South Derbyshire miners' agent, wrote supporting the appeal, saying it was a hard case. The woman's husband was killed in Donisthorpe Colliery, nineteen years ago, the woman being left with three little children, which it had been a struggle for her to bring up. She had lost one of these in the war, another was serving, and this was the only one left. The Tribunal considered it a hard case, and allowed one month.

The exemption of an Osgathorpe farm hand, 41, Grade 2, was withdrawn.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

Mr B. G. Hale, J.P., presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, A. J. Briers, J. W. Fisher, T. F. Fox, J. Kirby, and C. W. Brown, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and the clerk, Mr J. F. Jesson.

A Coalville collier, 20, single, Grade 1, appealed on the ground that he was the sole support of his widowed mother, who was an invalid. He had had one brother killed and his only other brother was now in hospital wounded. Mr McCarthy asked whether the King's Proclamation concerning widows' sons affected this case. It was stated that under the Proclamation, the only surviving son of a widow could appeal if he had had a brother killed in the war. It was contended for the National Service representatives that the case was out of order and should go to the Appeal Tribunal. The Tribunal decided to hear the case, and granted one month.

Pending the receipt of information from the Director of National Service, the cases of a Hugglescote baker, and an employee of the Coalville Urban Council were further adjourned for a week.

A Coalville architect and tax collector, 30, B1, married, with two children, who said he was drilling regularly with the V.T.C. was allowed two months.

Mr J. J. Sharp represented a Whitwick licensed victualler, 31, Grade 3, married, with one child, stating that the man was also working as a farm waggoner, at Onebarrow Lodge. He formerly worked at a colliery, and had an accident, from the effects of which he had not yet wholly recovered. One month was allowed, applicant to get an agricultural certificate in the meantime.

A partner in a Coalville elastic web firm, 32, single, Grade 1, stated that he was on Government contracts, having received a recent large order, and was solely in charge of the factory. The Advisory Committee did not assent. One month allowed to get a Government protection certificate.

An appeal was made for the manager of a Coalville grocery multiple shop, 41, Grade 2, married, with five children. Two months.

A Coalville printer appealed for his foreman compositor, 36, married, C1. Two months.

The Advisory Committee recommended that the cases of eight butchers be adjourned for re-grading, and they were adjourned for 14 days.

A baker in the employ of the Coalville Co-Operative Society for the last 19 ½ years, aged 42, stated in his appeal that he had been rejected three times, and then put in Grade 2. He had four children. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Mr Lockwood said the Society had been heavily hit and were anxious to retain this man, who was doing a useful work being dough-maker, and accustomed to the machinery. They had lost twelve men from the bakehouse and now had 14 and six women. They used up 300 twenty-stone sacks of flour a week. Two months.

A Coalville painter, 38, Grade 2, appealed on personal grounds, saying he had five children whose ages were 13, 11, 10, 9 and 8. He was drilling regularly with the V.T.C. One month.

A joint appeal on personal and occupational grounds was made for the manager of the Coalville Co-Operative Society's central grocery department, 32, married, Grade 3, and two months were allowed.

The Tribunal allowed the withdrawal of an appeal by a bricklayer at the South Leicestershire Colliery, 29, formerly Grade 1, but who had met with an accident resulting in injury to his eye. He had been for re-examination to be regraded, and they had deferred his case for three months.

There were ten applications for leave to appeal, and all were granted.

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DESFORD CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

A fitter named Arthur William Stewardson, aged 19, employed at Desford Colliery, and decertified by a recent order, was brought up at Hinckley, on Monday charged with being an absentee under the Military Service Act since April 29th. He told the magistrates (Messrs. W. H. Payne and W. H. Bott) that as a Christian he could not take part in the destruction of human life. He was fined £5, and remanded to await a military escort.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. G. Jacques (Ashby), of the Sherwood Foresters, Pte. R. Brooks (Coalville) and Lance-Corporal A. Lovatt (Ashby), of the North Staffs Regiment, are reported missing.

In a list of 163 wounded Leicesters published on Monday, appeared the names of Ptes. G. Clarke (Coalville), J. A. Foster, A. Parker, L. Perry (Ashby), G. Ottey (Ibstock), W. Wilkes and J. H. Robinson (Whitwick).

Pte. G. Bown (Desford) of the Royal Scots, is reported killed in action.

Ptes. T. T. Kelham and G. H. Partner, both of Markfield, of the R.N.V.R. are missing.

Ptes. W. Bennett (Whitwick), W. Carter (Coalville), and Lance-Corporal W. Hammersley (Ellistown), all of the Leicesters, are reported wounded.



Mr and Mrs T. Holt, of Odstone, have received a card from their son, Lance-Corporal G. Holt, of the 8th Leicesters, dated March 26th, informing them that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. The following morning they received a letter from his commanding officer, stating that enquiries had been made in every direction and expressing his sympathy in their time of anxiety. He added that their son would be greatly missed, and that he was a splendid soldier, having held a most responsible position as a Lewis gunner, there being few who could equal him. He was the kind of soldier who would hang on to his position to the last. Before joining up on March 8th, 1916, Lance-Corporal G. Holt was porter at Shackerstone Station. His parents have the true sympathy of all parishioners, and sincere hopes that he may return safely to them.

Sapper Joseph Collington Farren, of a light railway operating service in France, son of Mr Charles Farren, tailor of Carlton, Market Bosworth, is reported to have lost his life on April 1st in a heroic attempt to avert the explosion of an ammunition train. As far as can be ascertained, he was one of a party of three men on the engine of the train, which caught fire, and observing the danger of an explosion in a village, they rushed the train through, but all three were fatally burned or suffocated and were buried in the same grave. The deceased soldier had fixed his marriage for his next leave, his fiancée being in employment at the time at Bosworth Hall. He had been soldiering about twelve months, and before enlisting was in the service of the Midland and L. & N.W. Railway, being stationed at one time at Heather. A brother is serving in Egypt.

Pte. J. B. Sleigh, Leicestershire Regiment, whose name recently appeared in the official list of killed, was a son of Mr W. Sleigh, of Victoria Road, Ellistown, one of the under-managers at Ellistown Colliery.

Mr L. Morley, colliery foreman, Ellistown, who recently received official news that his brother had been killed in action, has since received a letter from his brother stating that he is wounded and a prisoner in Germany.

Pte. E. V. Mason, 1st Leicesters, formerly a police constable stationed at Coalville, has been wounded for the second time, and is at present in hospital at Sheffield. He was over on 14 days' leave from France in March last and returned on March 20th, the day before the Germans began their great offensive. He is the son of Police-Sergeant Mason, of Bushby, near Leicester. He has three shrapnel wounds on the right thigh, right shoulder and left hand.

Gunner T. G. Deacon (Coalville), acting L.-Bombardier W. Summerfield (Bardon Hill) of the R.G.A., and Pte. A. Wilkins (Whitwick) of the King's Own Royal Lancs. Regiment, are reported wounded.

Sapper J. Knight (Hugglescote), of the R.E. is reported missing.

News has reached Desford that Gunner Albert Marriott, R.G.A. youngest son of the late Mr Walter Marriott, of Ibstock, died on March 21st from wounds received in action. His widow and child reside in Church Lane, Desford.

Private E. Fair (Ashby) of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and Sergt. H. T. Cliff (Coalville) of the Manchester Regiment, are reported missing.

News reached Desford on Monday of the death in action on April 25th of Sergeant John E. Dawson, West Yorks. Deceased was one of the best known and most highly respected young man in Desford. Before enlisting, about two years ago, he was assistant overseer and clerk to Desford Parish Council. He was a

loyal Churchman, being a chorister at the Parish Church, and the deepest sympathy of the whole village is extended to Mrs Dawson and her little daughter in their sad bereavement. He was son-in-law to Mr E. Moss, the village postmaster and clerk and sexton at the Parish Church. Since he joined up, his wife has been doing his work as rate collector. Before Sunday evening's service a muffled peal was rung on the Parish Church bells, as a tribute of respect to his memory, by the following ringers, 1 C. Pettit (conductor), 2 W. Sargeson, 3 Dennis Wood, 4 E. Orchin, 5 Rev. W. D. Thomas, tenor T. Archer.

Mr and Mrs Partner, of Battram Road, Ellistown, have received a letter from a chaplain expressing sympathy with them, and stating that their son, Pte. Harry Partner, of the 1/4th Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action in France on May 4th. Deceased was about 27 years of age, single, and before the war worked at the Nailstone Colliery, where his father, Mr Daniel Partner is employed.

Private Leonard Newman (19), son of Mr C. H. Newman, joiner, of Scotlands Road, Coalville, is reported missing. He had only been a few days in France. Before enlisting, he worked at the Snibston Colliery.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs F. Hickling and Family desire through this medium to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent great bereavement through the loss of their son, Gunner David Hickling, killed in action, April 29th, 1918.

Mr J. W. Berrington and Family wish to convey their sincere thanks to the Whitwick Committee, and all friends who have in any way subscribed to the fund for a tablet to be placed in the Whitwick Wesleyan Church, which was unveiled by the Rev. T. W. Walters, on Saturday, May 11th, 1918, in loving memory of Sergeant R. W. Berrington, who was killed in action on September 25th, 1916, after winning the Military Medal for bravery on the battlefield in France. The ministers present at the ceremony were the Revs. J. R. Sharpley and T. Cottam, with the Baptist and Primitive Methodist ministers. We also wish to thank Mr G. F. Burton for the great interest he took in seeing that it was successfully carried through.

IN MEMORIAM

In sacred memory of Private W. E. Harper, died of wounds May 15th, 1917.

"Deep in memory, true in heart, you are always in my thoughts, dear husband."

"'Tis sweet to breathe your name. In life I loved you very dearly; in death I love you just the same. God grant him perfect peace in that vast eternity."

From his loving wife and two sons.

In memory of our dear son and brother, Pte. Wm. Harper, died of wounds, May 15th, 1917.

*"Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me."*

From the Family.

In ever loving memory of Sergeant J. Hall, 4th Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, May 17th, 1917.

*"Though death divides
Fond memories cling."*

From his loving Wife and Children

In affectionate remembrance of Sapper R. G. Bamford, reported missing, May 12th, 1916, since officially reported killed.

"Somewhere in France the stars are gleaming

*On a grave we shall never see,
Where, sleeping without dreaming,
Lies the one so dear to us.*

*We pictured his safe returning,
And longed to clasp his hand,
But death has postponed that meeting
'Twill be in a Better Land."*

From his loving Wife and Children, and Dad and Mother-in-law.

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FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bott, Horace, Private	(May 15 th)
Goodacre, W. A. (M.G.C.)	(May 14 th)
Haynes, Gunner M.M.	(May 16 th)
Haywood, George, Sergeant	(May 20 th)
Johnson, A. H. (R.G.A.)	(May 17 th)
King, W. A. Private	(May 17 th)
Upton, G. Sapper	(May 18 th)
Wardle, A. J. Corporal	(May 16 th)
Watson, J. Private	(May 15 th)
White, S. E. G. Private	(May 21 st)
Wildgoose, G. H. Corporal	(May 16 th)

IBSTOCK

The Ibstock Collieries flag was flying at half-mast on Wednesday and Thursday last owing to the sad news having been received that Lieut.-Colonel Douglas Hyde Thomson, R.A.F. second son of the managing director of the colliery, Mr R. D. Thomson, Pool House, Groby, had been killed whilst flying near Dover on Tuesday last. Lieut.-Colonel Thomson was attached to the Air Ministry in London, and the fatal accident was investigated by the Kentish Coroner yesterday. On a flight, he landed at an aerodrome to remedy some slight engine trouble. On resuming his journey, he had risen about 50ft and in making a flank turn did not have the manoeuvring room, with the result that his machine nose-dived to the earth. When taken from the wreckage he was dead. The jury returned a verdict of death from misadventure.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The employees of Messrs. R. Walker and Son's "Wolsey" Works, Coalville, have made their 16th contribution of £3 3s (over £50) to the Broom Leys Hospital Fund?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Subsequent to gaining recognition for distinguished conduct in the field of France, Lance-Corporal James Clamp, of the Queen's Westminster Rifles, only son of Mr and Mrs S. Clamp, Wagon and Horses Inn, Coalville West, was promoted Corporal. On his submitting specimens of his draughtsmanship, the officer commanding his battalion selected Corporal Clamp for a short course of instruction with the Intelligence Department, and later appointed the young soldier, who is an architect by profession, battalion draughtsman, whose duty will be to prepare plans. Corporal Clamp before joining up, was articled to Messrs. Goddard and Wain, architects, of Coalville.

Beautiful weather favoured the Whitsuntide holidays at Coalville, where the principal attraction was the Patriotic Fair in aid of the Guild funds for sending gifts to local soldiers. Mrs B. G. Hale and all her lady helpers are to be warmly congratulated on the success of the effort, upon which the Guild depend very largely for the carrying on of their work.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

APPLICANT WITH THREE BROTHERS KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, C. W. Brown, J. W. Fisher, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, and A. J. Briers, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The case of a Coalville Urban Council employee was adjourned for a week, the clerk stating that Mr L. L. Baldwin (surveyor) was in communication with the authorities respecting all the men left at the waterworks.

At the written request of Mr J. J. Sharp, three cases in which he was engaged were also adjourned for a week.

Mr C. E. Crane represented a Greenhill farmer and scavenger in an appeal for further exemption, stating that the man was 31, placed in Grade 2, and had three children. He formerly worked at Bardon Quarry, but left there because his aged father could not carry on the farm. He was also the public scavenger for Markfield. There was no other help on the farm of 45 acres. The Rev. H. K. Bros (vicar of Copt Oak) wrote supporting the appeal, stating that if the son was taken the old man would have to give up the farm. One month (final) was allowed.

The case of a Hugglescote baker and provision dealer, 32, Grade 1, which had been twice adjourned, was again mentioned. It was stated that Mr C. E. Crane, for the applicant, had written to the Ministry of National Service regarding the case, and was awaiting a reply. The case was further adjourned for 14 days.

A Coalville ironmongery firm were allowed two months for their motor and horse driver, 31, married, Grade 2, and similar exemption was granted to a Coalville wheelwright for his son, 33, married, and in Grade 2. Applicant, who is unwell, said he had a son serving, and the son appealed for was all the help he had in keeping the business going.

A Grade 1 collier, working at the Whitwick mine, 25, married, with one child, said he had two brothers serving, and a sister in the W.A.A.C. His parents were dead, and he was keeping the home together. One month was suggested, but the National Service representative intimated that the instructions were to appeal against exemption granted to young men in Grade 1 or 2.

Mr Brown: *Does that apply to all cases?*

The National Service representative said it did. Dismissed.

Two months were allowed an Ellistown ironmonger, 42, Grade 3, married, with three children. He said his brother, a former partner, was serving in France.

A Whitwick carter appealed for his man, 41, Grade 1, stated to have been "combed out" of the mine, said he had worked in the pit practically all his life, and was so employed when war broke out, but he left soon afterwards to take a little business, which did not suit his wife, and he returned to the mine, after an absence of a few months. The National Service representative said two months out of the mine was sufficient for a man's certificate to be withdrawn. Dismissed.

A Coalville man, 26, Grade 1, married, with no family, who is employed at the Snibston Colliery, informed the Tribunal in his appeal that three brothers had been killed in the war and another was in hospital from serious wounds sustained eight months ago. The appeal was supported in a letter by the Rev. T. J. Martin, Primitive Methodist minister, who wrote that he could vouch for the accuracy of the above statement and said the health of the aged parents had been considerably affected by these successive bereavements. In view of the service which this family had rendered the country, he hoped the Tribunal would give every consideration to the appeal. Mr Brown said that if all the Grade 1 and 2 cases exempted were to be appealed against, it was

a farce for the Tribunal to consider them. The clerk said that it did not follow that the decision of the Tribunal would be upset on appeal. The chairman said that the three brothers killed and one seriously wounded made it an extraordinary case. The National Service representative said it was one of the hardest cases they had, and members of the Tribunal concurred. After some discussion, it was decided to adjourn it for a fortnight. It was stated that the three brothers who had been killed, all joined the Army as volunteers, and the one wounded had served in the army for over 12 years.

A Grade 3 baker, 40, employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society, and a Coalville loom and batten maker, 33, Grade 1, married, employed on Government work, were each allowed three months, the former to be re-graded.

Leave to appeal was granted in a number of cases, and several applications by the National Service representative to review cases were also granted, it being stated that there would be 46 cases for the next meeting.

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CRICKET

COALVILLE TOWN V BROOM LEYS V.A.D. HOSPITAL

Soldiers from the Broom Leys Hospital played Coalville Town at cricket on the Fox and Goose ground on Saturday, and the Town won an interesting match by three runs. The bowling honours on the soldiers' side were shared by the Rev. W. H. Wills, three for 12, Sergt. Baldwin, three for 18, Pte. Letley, two for 7, and Pte. Hall, two for 14.

Coalville Town

C. Price	c Wills	b Sergt. Baldwin	0
G. Underwood	c Wills	b Sergt. Baldwin	17
M. Gledhill	c Wills	b Sergt. Baldwin	2
F. Price		b Wills	1
W. Wotton		b Pte. Hall	30
W. Rowell		b Pte. Letley	1
J. Price		b Pte. Letley	3
J. Andrews		b Wills	13
G. Lycett		b Wills	1
J. Baxter		b Pte. Hall	3
W. Price	not	out	0
Extras			<u>1</u>
Total			72

Broom Leys Hospital

Sergt. Smith	c &	b Gledhill	13
Pte. Hall	c Underwood	b C. Price	5
Sergt. Baldwin		b T. Price	1
Rev. W. H. Wills	c Rowell	b Underwood	10
Pte. Letley		b W. Price	2
Mr A. L. Bertenshaw		b C. Price	17
Pte. Hand		b C. Price	0
Corpl. Smith		b J. Price	8
Pte. Green		b C. Price	3
Pte. Edge	not	out	2
Pte. Brooks	run	out	5
Extras			<u>3</u>
Total			69

LOCAL CASUALTIES

News has been received that Private George Brown, of the Leicesters, is missing. He was formerly employed at the Ellistown Collieries, and his wife and three children reside at Waterworks Road, Coalville.

Pte. L. Pallett, of the Leicesters, has been gassed, and is now in hospital at Huddersfield. His home is at Kendal Road, Ellistown, and he formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

Pte. Henry Brooks, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, is reported missing. He formerly lived at Whitehill Road, Ellistown, and was employed at the Ellistown Collieries.

Lance-Corporal W. E. Wainwright (Coalville) of the Grenadier Guards, is reported wounded.

Pte. J. E. Carter (Hugglescote) of the London Regiment, is posted as missing.

Pte. F. Archer (Ashby), of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, has been wounded.

Mrs Horne, of Ashby Road, Coalville, has received a letter concerning her husband's death from the Corporal of his section. The letter reads, *"Your husband was a Lewis gunner in one of my sections, and he was one of the few men I could always trust. No better soldier every came to France, and we all miss him very much. He was a very quiet sort, and never had much to say. It is very painful for me to write you this news concerning his death. He was hit through the head twice, and died instantly, suffering no pain. He met his death fighting like a man whilst firing his gun. Accept my deepest sympathy, and from all the boys left in the team."*

Mr and Mrs Fair, of Ashby, who were recently informed that their son, Private Eric Fair, Northumberland Fusiliers, was missing, have received a letter from him, in which he states that he is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Mrs Hall, of Wilfred Place, Ashby, has been officially informed that her son, Private Frederick Hall, Durham Light Infantry, has been posted as missing since April 14th.

Private George Bown, Royal Scots, son of Mr and Mrs George Bown, Main Street, Desford, was killed in action on April 28th. Deceased formerly worked at Desford Colliery, and enlisted in 1915 in the Leicesters. He was wounded in France, and after being in England for some months, was transferred to the Royal Scots, and went out again to the Western Front, being killed in the big offensive.

In a long official list of missing Leicesters published on Wednesday appeared the names of the following: Pte. G. W. Brown (Bardon Hill), Lance-Corporal M. Eames (Coaville), Pte. W. H. Grundy (Ashby), Lance-Corporal A. Morling, Pte. F. Hill (Coalville), Sergeant-Major W. Sharp (Hugglescote), Pte. S. Smith (Ibstock), Pte. W. Bryan, Pte. H. Dent (Ashby).

Sapper J. Gray (Ibstock) of the R.E. is reported wounded.

Corporal Frederick Earp, son of Mr Thos. Earp, secretary of the Coalville Town F.C. has written to his parents stating that he has been wounded and is a prisoner of war in Germany. He is making satisfactory progress and at the time of writing was just able to leave his bed. The letter was received by Mr and Mrs Earp on Monday morning. They had not heard from his for several weeks previously, and he had been reported missing since March 22nd. Corporal Earp, a former collier, was well-known as one of the members of the Town football team.

IN MEMORIAM

In affectionate remembrance of our dear son, Private Frederick Chamberlain, 9th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, May 24th, 1916. Aged 20 years.

*"A devoted son, a faithful friend,
One of the best that God could lend,
He bravely answered duty's call,
His life he gave for one and all,*

*But the unknown grave is the bitterest blow,
None but an aching heart can know."*

From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sister.

In dear remembrance of Lance-Corporal H. Sidney Burton, killed in action, May 26th, 1915.

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MILITARY WEDDING AT COALVILLE

CAPTAIN P. W. HAY AND MISS E. HAY

On Tuesday at Christ Church, Coalville, the marriage took place of Captain P. W. Hay, eldest son of Mr William Hay J.P. and Mrs Hay, of Mount Kembla, New South Wales, Australia, and Miss Ethel Hay, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Y. Hay of 'The Lodge' Coalville. The Vicar, the Rev. S. Hosking, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory crepe de chene, embroidered with lovers' knots in silver, and an ivory Brussels net veil, previously worn by her mother and sister, and carried a choice white bouquet of heather, roses and carnations.

The bridesmaids were Miss Minnie Webster, of Royston, Yorkshire, and Miss Hetty Hay, of Stanton, Burton-on-Trent. Miss Minnie Webster's dress was made of shell-ping Georgette, and black hat, underlined with the same colour, and Miss Hetty Hay was attired in a dress of pale blue crepe de chene, and black picture hat, underlined with the same colour. Both carried pretty bouquets of pink and white carnations, and were also wearing gold locket and chains (the gift of the bridegroom). Lieut. R. Hay (brother of the bride) acted as groomsman. The mother of the bride wore a dress of black satin, with tunic of floral voile, and hat of amethyst silk. Many friends were entertained after the ceremony at The Lodge, and afterwards the happy couple left for Scarborough, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents.

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER WINS MILITARY MEDAL

Many congratulations will be offered to Gunner Norton Williams, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, who has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action. Before joining up, Gunner Williams was residing with his parents at Crescent Road, Hugglescote, and was employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society as an assistant in the tailoring department.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Batho, J. Private (M.G.C.)	(May 26 th)
Beard, V. E.	(May 20 th)
Glithero, E. Signaller	(May 22 nd)
Goodacre, W. A. Private (M.G.C.)	(May 24 th)
Green, W. (H.L.I.)	(May 25 th)
Hancock, W. Signaller	(May 20 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(May 18 th and 26 th)
Johnson, A. H. Gunner (R.G.A.)	(May 26 th)
Lycett, Sergt. M.M.	(May 23 rd)
Smith, J. Signaller	(May 22 nd)
Tansey, F. Corporal	(May 21 st)

Wardle, Alec. Corporal
Watson, J. Private
Whittaker, C.

(May 27th)
(May 25th)
(May 21st)

IBSTOCK

News has been received by Mrs Gray, mother of Sapper John Gray, R.E. (previously posted as missing) that he is wounded, but still on duty. His home is at Ibstock.

Mrs A. Cooper, wife of Pte. A. Cooper, a gunner (reported missing some weeks ago) has now received news from her husband that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. Before joining up, Pte. Cooper was well-known locally as the secretary of the Wesleyan Sunday School, and his friends will be pleased to hear of his whereabouts.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

After June 24th, you will be unable to obtain a copy of the "Coalville Times" unless you have placed an order with a newsagent?

The amount contributed to date towards the proposed soldiers' and sailors' memorial window in Thringstone Parish Church is £41 7s 10d?

The treasurer of the Coalville Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild, Mr J. W. Farmer, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £14 from the repeat performances of "Amos" at the Olympia, per Mr George Ward?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Miss Margaret de H. Spittal, matron of the Charnwood V.A.D. Hospital, had the honour of receiving the decoration of the Royal Red Cross, Second Class, from the hands of his Majesty at the open-air Investiture, Buckingham Palace, on Saturday. Miss Spittal was matron at the institution when it was known as Charnwood Forest Convalescent Home, before the war.

Under the Paper Restriction (Prohibition of Returns) Order, 1918, the Board of Trade prohibit, on and after 24th June, the delivery of newspapers, magazines, periodicals, serials, pamphlets, books, almanacs, diaries, postcards, or other similar publications, upon the terms known as "sale or return" or by any allowance, rebate, or payments in respect of unsold copies, or otherwise than upon terms of payment for all copies supplied. The Order does not, however, prohibit the return of, or a payment allowance or rebate in respect of copies of any published matter delivered to a distributor, or retailer too late to be delivered or sold as current news, copies of any publication so damaged as to be unsaleable, or books delivered by the publisher or the owner of the copyright to a wholesale agent for sale, provided such books had not previously left the premises of such agent for the purpose of sale on being offered for sale. The provisions of the Order will apply after the 10th December next to persons carrying on business in any dominion or country whatever. The Controller of Paper may on special grounds exempt any particular transaction from the provisions of the Order, or permit the redress of any particular published matter on such terms as he shall think fit.

COALVILLE SERGEANT'S ITALIAN MEDAL

Sergeant William Lycett, South Staffordshire Regiment, whose wife resides at 35, Hermitage Road, Coalville, has been awarded the Military Medal, and also the Italian Silver Medal. The latter was presented to him on April 28th, an Italian General pinning the decoration on his breast. Sergeant Lycett adds that he was afterwards presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Mrs Lycett is now in the possession of the medal, and certificate received from her husband recently. The certificate states, "*Awarded Italian Medal for military valour (silver). During a raid on the _____ on the night of _____ this non-commissioned officer led a party to a post which was in a house. At great risk to himself he forced his way through a window, and killed the garrison. Throughout the whole raid he showed great gallantry and daring, and by the skilful leading of his party, materially assisted in the success of the raid.*" Sergeant Lycett, who joined Kitchener's Army, was first posted to a battalion of the Leicesters, and then transferred. He is 29 years old, and was wounded and

gassed in France before service in Italy. His parents, Mr and Mrs George Lycett, reside on London Road, Coalville. Before enlisting, he worked as a miner at Whitwick Colliery.

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COALVILLE DOCTOR WINS MILITARY CROSS

HONOUR FOR CAPTAIN J. W. ARCHIBALD

News has been received that Captain J. W. Archibald, of the R.A.M.C. has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery displayed in attending to the wounded under heavy fire. He is just recovering from the effects of gas poisoning for which he has been in hospital.

Before joining the Army, Captain Archibald was a medical practitioner in the Coalville district in partnership with the late Dr. Hamilton, and resided with Mr and Mrs C. H. Brindley, of Ellistown. The gallant officer will receive the hearty congratulations of his many friends.

It is interesting to know that Captain H. V. Woods, M.G. Coy., who was recently married to Miss Betts, Alton Grange, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.

COALVILLE N.C.O. MENTIONED

Sergeant J. A. Walton, of Park Road, Coalville, has been mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig, and will receive the congratulations of many friends. Before joining the Leicestershire Territorials he was a clerk at Messrs. Wotton Bros' engineering works, Coalville, and one of the shorthand teachers in the Evening School. When on leave recently he was married to Miss Pegg, of Whitwick, who is on the staff at the Coalville Post Office.

RATBY MAN'S COMMISSION

Harry Roland Hill, of Ratby, has risen from the rank of private, and is the first from the village to gain a commission. He joined up in August 1914, and has served 2 ½ years in France. He joined the 6th Leicesters and is now second-lieutenant, and attached to the Leicesters.

BAGWORTH

The first Bagworth soldier to receive the King's Certificate, testifying that he has served with honour, and was disabled in the great war, and honourably discharged on April 30th, 1918, is Bombardier P. Smith, R.F.A. son of Mr and Mrs A. Smith, of Bagworth, who after considerable service in France was severely wounded on the 8th of December, 1915, at Vermelies. He has also received the Mons Ribbon and has now returned home.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. S. R. Dring, Leicestershire Regiment, reported to have been killed in action on April 28th. His widow resides at Charnwood Road, Shepshed. He was formerly in the choir at Thringstone Church.

Rifleman Jas. Ernest Carter, of the Queen's Westminster Rifles, reported missing several weeks ago, has now written to his parents at Crescent Road, Hugglescote, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany, and is well. Before joining the army, Rifleman Carter was in the employ of Mr P. W. Moore, hairdresser, High Street, Coalville.

Gunner D. Gorman (Coalville), of the R.G.A. and Pte. S. W. Ball (Bagworth) of the Durham Light Infantry, are reported missing.

Pte. Matthew White (Coalville) of the North Staffs Regiment, son of Mr George White, Victoria Road, Coalville, is a prisoner of war. He formerly worked at the Snibston Colliery.

Pte. J. S. Batho, Corporal, M.A. Coy (Coalville) and Corporal W. Hall (Ashby) all of the Leicestershire Regiment, are reported missing.

Pte. J. A. Hart, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, Pte. J. Cotton and Pte. G. H. Locke, Lincolnshire Regiment, all of Coalville, are reported wounded.

Mr and Mrs Simpkin, of Main Street, Hugglescote, have been officially informed that their son, Rifleman C. T. A. Simpkin, King's Royal Rifles, who managed his father's business before joining up, has been posted as missing since April 17th.

Corporal H. Lee (Bagworth) of the Gloucestershire Regiment, and Pte. C. Heath (Coalville) of the Essex Regiment, are officially reported to have been killed in action.

Sergeant W. Mugglestone (Hugglescote) of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded.

Pte. M. Gamble (Hugglescote), of the Leicestershire Regiment, attached to the Trench Mortar Battery, is reported missing.

News has been received of the death of Lance-Corporal Ernest Alfred Hart, aged 26, of the North Staffs Regiment, whose parents reside at Church Lane, Whitwick. He went to France in 1915, and was invalided home with trench fever. Recovering, he returned to France and had been there nine months. Writing on May 4th, a hospital nurse stated that Hart was admitted to the hospital that morning badly gassed, and everything possible was being done for him. a second letter on May 12th stated that he was too ill to write, but the doctor was hopeful, and they had read his parents' letter to him. He sent his love to all. Writing again on May 16th, the nurse conveys the sad news that the soldier had passed away. The letter continued, *"We are all very sad at losing him for he was a very gallant boy, and put up a strong fight right to the end with never a word of complaint. His thoughts were always with his mother and father at home. During the night of 14th-15th he was very restless and tried to tell me many things. His passing was quite peaceful, and up to the last moment he had someone with him. He died at 11.30 this morning. May God grant you His comfort in the loss of this, your great, fine, gallant boy. It must be hard for you to lose such a son."*

The names of Lance-Corporal P. V. Horne (Coalville), South Staffs Regiment, Acting-Corporal J. Cockerill (Coalville), Pte. J. England (Ashby), Pte. J. Gray (Ibstock), Pte S. H. Harris (Coalville), and Pte. S. Johnson (Ashby), all of the Leicesters, appeared in a long official list of missing published yesterday.

Pte. Edwin Petcher, of the Machine Gun Corps, son of Mr T. Petcher, collier, Bakewell Street, Coalville, is a prisoner of war.

ASHBY POLICE COURT

Walter Springthorpe (28), collier, Pegg's Green, was summoned for assisting to conceal a deserter. He pleaded not guilty. P.C. Sibson said he visited the defendant's house and told him he was enquiring about his brother, who, as a deserter from the army, had been charged at Coalville, and handed over to an escort on May 8th. The soldier had stated at the Police Court that he lived with his brother from April 21st to May 8th, and the defendant admitted this was correct, that he knew his brother was a deserter and twice gave him half-a-crown to go back. Defendant said he tried to persuade his brother several times to go back, and thought he had gone, but he would come back at night, and get through the window and lie on the sofa. He went away in the mornings and returned at night.

By the clerk: *Although he knew his brother was an absentee he did not report it to the police.*

Defendant's wife said they begged the soldier to go back when they thought he had overstayed his leave, and they were not aware they were committing an offense in letting him stop.

Superintendent Lockton said people should be more careful. The police were frequently getting reports and it caused them a lot of trouble. Defendant was fined £7 7s, or two months, the chairman remarking that everybody must know it was an offence to harbour a deserter.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs W. Hart, of Roy House, Church Lane, Whitwick, desire to thank all friends for expressions of sympathy towards them in their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte. Horace Hayes, Northumberland Fusiliers, who was killed in action on May 26th, 1917.

*"No more he'll answer the roll call,
Nor rush at the bugle's sound,
But O God, when Thy roll's called in Heaven
May his name in The Book be found."*

From his loving Brothers and Sisters-in-law, Joe (in Italy) and Hilda.

In affectionate remembrance of Private Horace Hayes, Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, somewhere in France, May 26th, 1917.

*"Could we have raised his dying head,
Or heard his last farewell,
The grief would not have been so hard,
To those who loved him well.
He bravely answered duty's call,
He gave his life for one and all;
Christ will clasp the broken chain,
Closer, when we meet again."*

From Mother, Father, Brothers and Sister, 38, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Barratt, F. Corporal (E.E.F.)	(May 19 th)
Bartram, W. Private (15403)	(May 28 th)
Beard, V. E.	(June 1 st)
Dooley, H. Sergeant	(May 28 th)
Green, W. (H.L.I.)	(June 2 nd)
Haynes, M.M.	(June 2 nd)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(May 30 th)
Needham, F. E. Sergeant	(May 19 th)
Powney, J.	(May 29 th)
Stretton, Fred	(May 27 th)
Tonks,	(June 6 th)
Toone, Private	(June 5 th)
Watson, J. Private (M.G.C.)	(May 29 th)
Wildgoose, G. H. L.-Corpl	(May 29 th)
Yeomans, G. Private	(May 9 th)
York, H.A. Private	(June 3 rd)

CAPTAIN P. W. HAY, M.C.

Captain P. W. Hay, of the 4th Battalion Australian Imperial Forces, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of an infantry company at _____ the company attacked and advanced the line at this particular part 700 yds.

Captain Hay, who was recently married to Miss Ethel Hay, youngest daughter of the Whitwick Colliery undermanager, Mr T. Y. Hay, of The Lodge, Coalville, held a commission in the Australian Forces before the

war, and commanded a company of militia at the age of 19. When war broke out his regiment was required for home defence, and he enlisted as a private in the Australian Imperial Force, and in three months, after being corporal, sergeant and C.S.M. he was promoted to lieutenant. He has been in the A.I.F. for over three years, and has served in Egypt and France. He has been wounded on two occasions.

COALVILLE SOLDIERS WIN MILITARY MEDALS

Bombardier Chas. Bradshaw, second son of Mr and Mrs W. F. Bradshaw, of 5, Gutteridge Street, Coalville, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action on March 21st. He is one of four soldier brothers, and before the war was working as a baker at South Wigston, where his wife resides. He is an old boy of the Belvoir Road Council School, Coalville.

Sergeant Claude Bradshaw, of Cambridge Street, Coalville, late Leicestershire Regiment, who was awarded the Military Medal, and discharged from the Army service owing to wounds, was commanded to attend the Investiture held at Leeds, where on Thursday last week, he received the Military Medal from His Majesty the King.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Coalville "War Weapons Weeks" commencing July 8th, is expected to create a record?

Mr A. B. Moss, builder, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, has been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Leicestershire Motor Volunteer Corps?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

It will interest our readers to learn that Mr F. C. Toone, J.P. secretary of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, and formerly secretary of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club, has been gazetted captain and county adjutant of the West Riding Volunteers. Captain Toone has also since the war been sectional commander of the special constables at Horsforth, near Leeds, a position he has now resigned owing to his new appointment.

The June number of the "Whitwick Parish Magazine" contains the following, "*Pte. Horace Underwood, of the Royal Marines, one of our choristers, had the very great honour of being on board the "Vindictive" in the dash made on Zeebrugge on the night of the 22nd, and morning of 23rd April. He came out of the affair without a scratch, something to be thankful for when it is remembered that the casualties numbered nearly 700. Horace had served on the "Vindictive" for 16 months up to December last, when she returned from Russia.*"

An interesting coincidence which has come to light this week is that two Coalville soldiers of the same regiment (Leicesters) and bearing the same name, but who are no relation, have been awarded the Military Medal. They are bombardier C. Bradshaw, of Gutteridge Street, Coalville, who is one of four soldier brothers serving in France, and Sergeant C. Bradshaw, of Cambridge Street, who was recently discharged, having been wounded.

CRICKET

SOLDIERS V STABLEFORD'S MEN

At Coalville, on Saturday.

Stableford and Co.

A. Andrews	lbw	b Sergt. Baldwin	13
S. Briers		b Sergt. Baldwin	17
W. Deakin		b Sergt. Baldwin	0
P. Brown	c Eagell	b A. I. Bertenshaw	2

L. Bradley	lbw	b A. I. Bertenshaw	0
A. Palmer		b Pte. Eagell	63
P. Poole	not	out	41
E. Taberner	not	out	4
Extras			<u>6</u>
Total			145

Innings declared closed. Catlow, King and Harris did not bat

Soldiers

Sergt. Smith		b King	13
Sergt. Buchanan		b King	4
Sergt. Baldwin		b King	1
Pte. Letley	c Briers	b King	3
Rev. W. H. Wills	c Briers	b King	13
A. L. Bertenshaw		b King	7
J. Wootton		b King	0
Pte. Hall	c Catlow	b King	10
Pte. Eagell	lbw	b King	0
Pte. Brooks		b Catlow	2
Pte. Finch		b King	2
Pte. Johnson	not	out	3
Extras			<u>7</u>
Total			65

Bowling: Sergt Baldwin, 3 for 17; Pte. Eagell 1 for 21; A. L. Bertenshaw 2 for 20.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. A. Watts, of Coalville, is reported missing. He is in the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Gunner T. Belcher, of High Street, Ibstock, has been reported gassed in the recent fighting on the Western Front. A further letter, which has arrived, says he is now in hospital, and there are good hopes for his recovery.

Pte. Harry Shaw, of the 6th Leicesters, who formerly resided at Donington-le-Heath, has been officially reported missing since April 28th.

Rifleman C. T. A. Simpkin, of the King's Royal Rifles, reported missing since April 17th, has now written to his parents in North Street, Hugglescote, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany and is well.

Pte. H. Ward (Ashby) of the King's Own, Royal Lancaster Regiment, has been killed in action.

Pte. T. E. Newton (Coalville) of the Durham Light Infantry is reported wounded.

Pte. Wm. James Cooper, of the 1st Leicesters, was admitted to hospital in France, on May 21st, suffering from severe gunshot wounds in the head and left foot. He is 23 years of age, and the son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Cooper, of 98, Crescent Road, Hugglescote. He was formerly a sawyer at Ellistown Colliery.

Pte. W. J. Barker (Ashby) of the Royal Lancaster Regiment, has been wounded.

Pte. A. Stinchcombe, of the Leicesters, has been wounded. His parents reside at Station Terrace, Hugglescote.

Pte. Percy Hunt, of the Leicesters, whose widowed mother resides at Station Road, Bagworth, is missing.

Pte. Chas. Chamberlain, of the Leicesters, formerly a M.R. shunter at Bagworth Station, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

THE QUESTION OF ONE-MAN BUSINESSES

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, B. G. Hale, J. Kirby, J. W. Fisher, C. W. Brown, T. F. Fox and A. J. Briers, with Major Wellsman and Captain Stevenson (National Service representatives) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Major Wellsman, at the outset, referred to a letter he had received from Sir A. G. Geddes, urging the great need for men of the higher grades for the Army. At the request of Mr McCarthy, the clerk read one of the orders relating to one-man businesses, in which it was suggested that the cases of the men engaged in one trade in a district should be considered at the same time, and the exemptions granted should be limited to the man power required for meeting the needs of the district, special regard being had for the distribution of essential foods.

Mr McCarthy said they had done this in the case of the butchers and picked out very carefully all they considered could be spared from the district. The cases were coming up again that night, but one of them had had a notice that he had three months' exemption, and need not attend if he agreed to it. That was not consistent and would undo all that the Tribunal had done. Captain Stevenson said the man referred to went for re-grading and was deferred by the Medical Board for six months. The Advisory Committee reduced it to three. Mr McCarthy said that when the cases were up before, the Advisory Committee refused to act, but left them to the Tribunal. Mr Hale said the Advisory Committee had been reconstructed. Captain Stevenson said that with one exception, all the members of the Advisory Committee resigned because they came within the new military age. The new members were all above the age. Mr McCarthy said it was over-riding the Tribunal for the Advisory Committee or the National Service representatives to say a man had three months, and need not come before the Tribunal. He wanted to know whether they had powers to do that. The clerk said that where the National Service representatives agreed to exemption, the men were advised, as a matter of convenience that they need not come unless they liked. Mr McCarthy said the point was whether every case had not to be decided by the Tribunal. Major Wellsman said that whatever the Advisory Committee did, it was only a recommendation to the Tribunal. When the National Service representatives agreed to exemption, it was only wasting time to call men there. Mr McCarthy said the Tribunal should deal with the cases. He was not coming there to be made a fool of. Captain Stevenson said he suggested at the last meeting that there would be several cases to which the National Service representatives would agree, and they would simply be read out, and Mr McCarthy said it was a good idea. Mr McCarthy said he agreed, but the Tribunal had dealt with all these cases up to now, and to write and tell one man that he need not come at all was cutting the ground from under their feet. The chairman said they would deal with the cases when they got to them.

The clerk announced that the National Service representatives were appealing against five cases in which exemption was granted at the last meeting.

The first case was that of a Coalville saddler, 38, C1, married. Major Wellsman, who applied for review, remarking that the saddlery work at Coalville should be done by one man, and there was another saddler in the town. Mr McCarthy said the two cases should be taken together and considered on their merits. He suggested that this case be adjourned till the other saddler's exemption expired, and the two cases be considered together. Major Wellsman said he agreed to that, and the case was accordingly adjourned.

The case of a Hugglescote baker, 32, Grade 1, married, for whom Mr Crane appeared, was adjourned for 14 days.

A Tea Company appealed for their Coalville branch shop manager, 41, Grade 1, and the Tribunal agreed to the request for another medical exemption, it being stated that he was rejected before being passed Grade 1.

The cases of the butchers were next considered, there being four at Coalville, and four at Whitwick, and in regard to the latter the chairman observed that if they agreed with the Advisory Committee, after one month

Whitwick would be left with one butcher. It was agreed in each of the Whitwick cases to allow one month. Major Wellsman said he did not want to be there under false pretences. He was there to get men for the Army if he could, and he would have to appeal in a number of these cases. He did not want to take a case to Leicester if it could be decided there, nor to waste the men's time which was needed in their business. The chairman said people must have meat. They had carefully gone into all these cases, and came to the conclusion that there were none too many butchers left now to supply the needs of the district. If Major Wellsman said he would appeal, the Tribunal could not help that. One of the Coalville butchers was stated to have had his case deferred by the Medical Board for six months, and the Tribunal allowed exemption for that period. The other three were allowed one month each.

A Coalville builder, who wrote that he had a military appointment at Loughborough, was allowed three months, and the case of a Coalville waterworks employee was adjourned for 14 days, as were the applications of a Coalville plumber, represented by Mr J. J. Sharp, for two of his men, the latter to be graded.

The Tribunal expressed the opinion that all men should be graded before coming before them, and a resolution was adopted accordingly.

In the next case an appeal by a Hugglescote builder for a bricklayer, B1, it transpired that the man had not been graded, and the case was adjourned for 14 days for this to be done.

Mr J. J. Sharp represented a Hugglescote house furnisher and undertaker, 44, Grade 1, who claimed his to be a one-man business. He had a wife and four children, and also managed the business of his aged mother-in-law. Major Wellsman said that when the Military Service Act was passed it must have been anticipated that there would be cases of hardship. The question was whether the country expected the Military Service Act to be abortive. Some might question whether any man of 44, with four children and a nice business should join the Army, and he would not press it, but the applicant was a Grade 1 man. One month.

A Coalville painter and decorator, 39, Grade 3, was represented by Mr J. J. Sharp, who said the man's physical history showed he was not fit for the Army. The appeal was not assented to.

A Coalville cycle and motor engineer, 43, Grade 1, represented by Mr C. E. Crane, said he had had a business in Coalville for twenty years, which was a one-man business. He did many repairs for colliers and munition workers and was working 70 hours a week. Three children were dependent, and two sons were serving. One of the latter, not yet 19, was a sergeant-instructor of gunnery in the Royal Flying Corps and, said Mr Crane, *"He is one of the smartest lads I have ever had the pleasure of meeting."* In regard to the other son, applicant said he had served in East Africa, and in France, and was now in London, and he had had malarial fever three times. If the Army would release this boy, applicant was quite willing to join up himself. Mr McCarthy said that was a very generous offer. Major Wellsman said there would be difficulty in releasing a young soldier. Two months allowed.

When a question was raised as to it being final or otherwise, Major Wellsman said there was no need to say final. Every exemption now was final, because a man could not appeal again without leave.

A Coalville builder, 35, Grade 3, married, with one child, was allowed one month, and the case of another builder, also 35, was adjourned for 14 days, to be graded.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society appealed for the manager of three butchery branches, 43, Grade 2, who also assisted at the slaughterhouse. Mr Lockwood said 90 of their employees were serving in the Forces, including 11 from the butchery department alone. They had five butchers left for seven shops. They had started pig-feeding to help food production, and were now feeding about 70 pigs. This man managed the Whitwick, Thringstone and Swannington shops. He had three children, One month.

The application of a Coalville insurance agent, 44, Grade 2, to be regraded, was granted, the case being adjourned for 14 days.

A Coalville dentist mechanic, 39, married, Grade 2, represented by Mr C. E. Crane, was allowed a month, and a waggoner on the Whitwick Colliery farm, 40, Grade 2, got two months in which to get certified by the War Agricultural Committee.

The case of a Coalville joiner, 43, Grade 1, was adjourned for a week, and another Coalville joiner, who is also an undertaker, 43, Grade 2, married, with two children, was allowed one month.

The manager of a Coalville theatre, 43, Grade 2, single, said he was not satisfied with the grading, and asked for a re-examination. He produced a certificate from his doctor. 14 days allowed to be re-examined.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society appealed for the manager of their Ibstock grocery branch 43, Grade 2, Mr Lockwood stating that there was no other man at the branch. The trade was over £500 a week. Applicant said he had two children. He had worked for 25 years for the Society, 20 years as Ibstock manager. One month.

Supporting the appeal of one of their bread deliverers, 44, Grade 2, Mr Lockwood, manager of the Co-Operative Society, said the man delivered bread to 600 families daily. Major Wellsman said bread was delivered by women in other towns. One month.

The case of a Coalville man, 26, Grade 1, employed at Snibston Colliery, was adjourned for 14 days, being considered a hard case. The man had had three brothers killed in the war and one wounded.

A long list of applications for leave to appeal was granted. The Tribunal then adjourned till Monday night.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private Ernest Tugby, of the 3rd Leicesters, killed in action, June 7th, 1915.

From Clara

In loving memory of Sergeant J. Harper, 5th Leicesters, who died of wounds, June 7th, 1917.

"Greater love have no man than this: That a man lay down his life."

Phyllis

In affectionate remembrance of Sergeant J. Harper, 5th Leicesters, who died of wounds, June 7th, 1917.

*"What peaceful hours we once enjoyed;
How sweet their memory still,
But they have left an aching void
This world can never fill."*

From his loving Father, Mother and Brother

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ASHBY TRIBUNAL

THE INEQUALITY OF SACRIFICE

A meeting of the Ashby Rural District Tribunal was held at the clerk's office, on Saturday afternoon, Mr T. Varnham presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. A. Riley, J. Ward, J. T. Bradshaw and H. M. Cuthbert, with Mr R. Blower (National Service representative) Mr Johnson German (agricultural representative), and Mr George Famer (clerk).

It was stated that all condition exemptions had to be brought up for review, and several such cases were dealt with, and a number of applicants were men of the recently extended military age.

A Thringstone farmer, 30, Grade 2, farming 126 acres with his brother, 46, was allowed two months, and it was suggested that he endeavour to obtain a certificate from the War Agricultural Committee in the meantime. In reply to the chairman, applicant said he had no time to drill with the volunteers. He worked Sundays as well.

The chairman: *If I thought you had time to drill, I should consider you were not essential to the farm.*

Applicant was excused from drill.

Similar exemption was granted to a Staunton Harold farmer, for a general hand, aged 44. There were five men on 257 acres, with 90 beasts and other stock.

The National Brick Co. Heather, appealed for a brickworks labourer, 46, and suggested that he was in a certified trade, and had been called up by error. They were on Government work with a greatly depleted staff. Three months were allowed, and as to drilling with the V.T.C. the manager of the works said the man lived at Newton, and the nearest place would be Ashby, which would be too far. They were trying to get a Volunteer Corps formed at Ibstock. It was decided to excuse the man from drill until a Corps was formed within a reasonable distance.

Appeals by two Coleorton men, both Grade 1, employed at Newbold Colliery, and Snibston Colliery, were dismissed.

A Measham carter, 40, Grade 2, who has four brothers in the Forces, was allowed three months. He said he had no time to drill, and there was no Volunteer Corps at Measham. He was doing the allotments for two of his brothers in the army. Mr Blower said that was one of the conditions on which a man might be excused from drill, and the Tribunal agreed.

On the application of Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) the case of a Snibston farmer, 39, formerly rejected and now Grade 3, was adjourned.

A Donisthorpe butcher, 43, Grade 2, told the Tribunal he went through the Boer War. He was granted three months and ordered to drill with the V.T.C. also to assist when required in the handling of frozen meat which might come into district from time to time.

Mr A. E. Mammatt (Ashby) appealing for a Donisthorpe gardener, 39, produced photographs of the man's six brothers, all serving in the Forces, applicant being the only one of the seven left in civil life. He was allowed three months, and excused from V.T.C. drill on undertaking to assist with the gardens of men who had gone, which he said would be a pleasure to him.

A Measham widow, who lost her husband recently, supported the appeal of her son, 27, single, employed at Donisthorpe Colliery, stating that she had four sons serving. It was stated that this man had drawn in the ballot. A member remarked that there were a lot of widows at Measham and their sons seemed to have come out in the ballot. The clerk said he heard of one district where the colliers had agreed among themselves that if 50 per cent of the members of the family had gone, those left were not put into the ballot. As things were in the Ashby district, they might all go from one family and none from another. The chairman said there was a case at Heather of four in one family all gone, and five in the next house, of whom none had gone. The chairman told the mother the Tribunal were sorry for her, but as her son was a single, Grade 1 man, they could not exempt him.

The appeal of a Coleorton miner, 28, Grade 1, was also dismissed.

BURTON-ON-TRENT

Lieutenant J. M. Moore, R.A.F. of Burton-on-Trent, who has brought down six German machines, has been awarded the Military Cross for tackling, single-handed, six Boche planes.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bailey, T. Lance-Corporal	(June 1 st)
Bott, Horace, Private	(June 9 th)
Green, W. (H.L.I.)	(June 9 th)
Hancock, W. Signaller	(June 6 th)
Harrison, J. Private	(June 8 th)
Haynes, M.M.	(June 9 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(June 8 th)
Johnson, A. H. (R.G.A.)	(June 3 rd)
Veasey, Sergeant	(June 10 th)
White, S. E. G. Private	(June 6 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

You are expected to do your bit during Coalville War Weapons Week, commencing July 8th?

Three awards for conspicuous dash, courage, and devotion to duty are now held by a Loughborough man, Sergeant William Sparks, Leicestershire Regiment, who joined up as a signaller in August 1914, was awarded the Military Medal, in 1916, the following year gained a bar, and now has been awarded the D.C.M.?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Lieutenant H. C. Tucker, Leicesters, eldest surviving son of Mr H. Tucker, County Council surveyor, of Ashby, has been gazetted captain. He has been serving in France since July, 1915.

Corporal J. Cope, son of Mr Chas. Cope, coalminer of Waterworks Road, who had been four years in India, was removed to Egypt, and thence to France. He is serving in the Staffords, and so far has not had leave. His brother, Charles, also in the Staffords, has served three years in France, was twice gassed, twice wounded, and is now in Mesopotamia.

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COALVILLE OFFICERS' TAKEN PRISONERS

News was received at Coalville on Sunday that Captain F. Scott, and 2nd Lieutenant W. Handford, two Coalville officers of the Leicestershire Regiment, had been taken prisoners of war. Both had previously been reported missing.

A letter received from a brother officer of Captain Scott says that he was magnificently leading his men, when they were surrounded by the Germans. Captain Scott is the son of Mr W. V. Scott, L. & N.W. stationmaster, at Coalville, another of whose sons has been killed in the war. The gallant officer has been in the war almost from the commencement, and has been wounded three times. He was the first Coalville officer to win the Military Cross.

Lieutenant Handford, who was with Captain Scott, was formerly a well-known musician in the Coalville district, and was the organist at the Ashby Parish Church. When at home on leave recently, he was married to Miss Nellie Chambers, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Chambers of Belvoir Road, Coalville, and his widowed mother resides in Highfields Street.

COALVILLE SOLIDER MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

Private Kenneth Hewes, of the Mechanical Transport Service, nephew of Major H. E. Powell, A.D.V.S., D.S.O. and the Misses Powell, of London Road, Coalville, has been commended among other motor-lorry drivers, in dispatches by his Divisional Commander for good work done during the recent withdrawal. Before enlisting, he was an assistant at Messrs. Morley's furnishing department, Leicester.

GOOD SERVICE IN EGYPT

For service with the military operations in Egypt, the Distinguished Conduct Medal has been awarded to:

157110 Corporal G. Hines R.E. (Ashby).

AEROPLANE FALLS AT COLEORTON

PILOT SERIOUSLY INJURED

When flying over Coleorton about 7 o'clock on Saturday night, an aeroplane fell into a wood and was smashed, the pilot being seriously injured. He was conveyed to Coleorton Hall and was there medically attended. A second airman landed safely and stayed the night in the district, flying away on Sunday afternoon. Ashby volunteers guarded the damaged machine until it was fetched away by the authorities. This is the second similar accident which has occurred in the same locality within a few weeks.

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER HONOURED

The name of Regimental-Sergeant-Major S. F. Gamble, of the 1st Leicesters, appeared on the King's Birthday Honours List, as having been awarded the Military Cross. He is the son of Mrs Gamble, widow, of 5, Upper Main Street, Hugglescote, and his wife resides at South Wigston. He was in the Army prior to the war, having served in the teens of years and has been in France almost from the beginning of the fighting.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. F. O. Hill (Hugglescote), Pte. J. T. Tookey (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment, Corporal B. Smith (Ibstock) of the West Yorks Regiment and Pte. W. H. Wright (Market Bosworth) of the Machine Gun Corps, have been wounded.

Pte. C. Clarke (Whitwick), of the Durham Light Infantry is reported missing.

Pte. R. M. Kelly, of the West Yorks Regiment has been wounded, a telegram received by his wife, who resides at Whitwick, stating that he has a shell wound in the right leg. Pte. Kelly, before the war, was the manager of the Whitwick Picture House, a position which is being filled by his wife, during his absence.

Pte. G. Smith (Ibstock) of the King's Royal Rifle Corps has been wounded.

Pte. W. Bunn (Coalville), Pte. W. Gadsby (Ashby), Pte. T. J. G. Marston (Hugglescote), and Pte. J. W. Smith (Coalville) all of the Leicestershire Regiment, have been wounded.

Mrs G. F. Bradshaw, 25, Ravenstone Road, Coalville, has received a letter from her husband in Salonika that he is in hospital with malarial fever, but is progressing favourably. He is the third son of Mr and Mrs W. P. Bradshaw, of 5, Gutteridge Street, Coalville and one of four soldier brothers.

Lance-Corporal H. R. White (Coalville), South Staffs Regiment, died in hospital at Ipswich on Sunday, from the results of gas poisoning received on May 1st last. He was 23 years of age, and had been 3 years 7 months in the service. Before the war he was employed at the Snibston Colliery.

Pte. H. Watson (Coalville), of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported killed in action.

Corporal W. A. Jackman (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment has been wounded.

The mother of Sapper John Gray, of Ibstock, has received a letter from Capt. A. J. Auret, R.E. saying that her son was taken prisoner on April 18th last by the Germans after having put up a magnificent fight for five hours, although completely surrounded by the enemy.

Mr and Mrs Preston, of 23, Crescent Road, have received news that their son, Pte. F. W. Preston, of the 11th Leicesters, has been gassed but is making good progress. His brother, Pte. C. T. Preston, who, also was gassed and wounded, is now better and expecting to go up the line any time.

Corporal C. Rowell (Ashby) of the Worcestershire Regiment, has been wounded.

Pte. W. Wallis (Ashby) of the Durham Light Infantry, is reported killed in action, and Pte. A. Smith (Swannington) of the Leicestershire Regiment, has died of wounds.

Pte. T. Elliott (Ibstock) of the Durham Light Infantry, and Pte. R. F. Cufflin (Whitwick) of the Machine Gun Corps, have been wounded.

Mr and Mrs W. F. Bradshaw, of Gutteridge Street, Coalville, heard on Friday that one of their four soldier sons, Bombardier C. Bradshaw, of the Leicesters, who recently won the Military Medal, has been gassed and was in hospital. He is happily making good progress.

Private White, 28, Victoria Road, Coalville, and Pte. Bell, whose mother-in-law, Mrs Barnett, resides at Mantle Lane, Coalville, have written stating that they are prisoners of war in Germany and are well.

THRINGSTONE

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday, a memorial service was held at St. Andrew's Church for the late Private R. Dring, killed in action on April 27th. The service was impressively conducted by the Vicar. Pte. Dring was a former choir boy.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal Robert James Brown, killed in action, June 15th, 1917.

*"No morning dawns, nor night returns,
But what we think of you."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers. Stanton-under-Bardon.

In loving memory of our dear brother, Bombardier Harold Edwin Ketcher, who fell in action, June 16th, 1917. Aged 20.

From his loving Brother Bill, Wife and Family.

*"One year has passed since that sad day.
When on we loved was called away.
God took him Home, it was His will,
But in our hearts we love him still."*

In ever loving memory of our dear Son and Brother, Bombardier Harold Edwin Ketcher, of the 12th Northumberland Fusiliers, who fell in action at Fontaine-les-Croixelles, June 16th, 1917. Aged 20.

*"Bright is the sky above him;
Gone in his early days;
None knew him but to love him,
None knew him just to praise"*

*"We miss thee when the morning dawns;
We miss thee when the night returns;
We miss thee here, we miss him there,
My boy, we miss thee everywhere."*

R.I.P.

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers, Arthur (in Egypt) and Walter (in hospital).

The congratulations of his many Coalville friends will go out to Major H. E. Powell, assistant Director of Veterinary Service, now serving with the Egyptian Force in Palestine, on being awarded the Distinguished Service Order. The notification appeared in the King's Birthday Egyptian Honours list, Major Powell, D.S.O., is well-known in Coalville and district, where before the war he carried on an extensive practice as a veterinary surgeon, his home being at London Road, Coalville, where his sisters now reside. During his absence the practice is being continued by Mr Tunney.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR FINED AT ASHBY

MAGISTRATE'S WARNING

At the Ashby Police Court on Saturday, before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair) and other justices.

Samuel Ikin, farmer's son, Willesley, was charged with being a military absentee since June 1st. Captain Stevenson said the defendant's appeal to the Ashby Tribunal was dismissed on April 20th, and his appeal to the Leicester Appeals Tribunal on May 18th, was also dismissed. He was called up for service on June 1st.

The clerk: *What is his age?*

Sergeant Woods: *Twenty-three.*

Is he married? – Yes, he was married a week last Thursday. He married a Donisthorpe girl.

The chairman (to the defendant): *What are your reasons for absenting yourself?*

Defendant: *I conscientiously object to taking any part in the war and so take no notice of the calling up.*

The clerk said the magistrates could not take cognisance of that. The chairman, addressing the defendant said, *"It is our duty to inform you that at a time like this, of great crisis to the country, it is a serious threat to refuse to help your country, and not only that, to give such reasons as you have given. Therefore, we must look upon this case, and any others like it which may come before us, in a serious light. It is the duty of everybody to help their country. Love of country must at any rate, ought to come first, and we have decided that you must pay a fine of £15, and be handed over to a military escort. I hope this will be a serious lesson to you and others. We wish it to be known that any further such cases coming before us will be more severely dealt with than we are dealing with you today."*

The clerk enquired whether the man had any goods. Sergeant Woods said he had no separate home. He was living with his father, a farmer, of Willesley. The clerk said the military authorities would deduct the amount of the fine from the defendant's army pay.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

MORE INFORMATION WANTED FROM HEAD-QUARTERS

Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presided at a meeting of the Market Bosworth Tribunal on Tuesday, when there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, G. M. Arnold, and W. Towers, with Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (National Service representatives) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for a Markfield tailor and draper, 43, Grade 1, who had stated to the clerk to the Burial Board and held other offices. His only son had joined up. A member said this was a one-man business and should not be taken, at least at this stage. He was allowed three months, and excused from Volunteer drill.

A sub-postmaster of Markfield, 44, Grade 1, secretary to the Bagworth Farmers' Association, was allowed three months, having informed the Tribunal that his only son was serving in France. Applicant said he felt perfectly justified in making the appeal, and was proceeding to give further particulars, when the chairman reminded him that he had got three months, and he had better keep a little bit up his sleeve.

A member: *Save a bit to tell us next time.*

Major Wollaston's game-keeper made a personal appeal, stating that he was 44, Grade 1, and had four children. Major Wollaston said he was not appealing for the man, but would like to say that applicant had

been doing good work on his (the Shenton) estate, which was 2,000 acres. He was a great help in keeping the rabbits, rats and vermin down, and was assisting other farmers whenever required. He was willing to continue to do that, if exempted. Answering the clerk, applicant said he trapped quite 2,000 rabbits last year. He could not say how many rats he had killed, as he poisoned a lot, but it was a large number. Three months allowed subject to the man working five days' a week on a farm, one day at his own work, and overtime if possible. It was pointed out that two farmers in the village had recently had a son taken for the army, and the man could assist both.

Some discussion took place in regard to the National Service Authorities not keeping the Tribunal posted up to date as to new Orders and Regulations, and the chairman moved a resolution that the clerk write to the head-quarters in London, pointing out that the National Service authorities were working behind their backs, and not informing the Tribunal what they wished them to do. He said it was nonsense to go on like that. The National Service people were exempting men whom the Tribunal had sent into the army. Mr Towers seconded, and the resolution was carried. The clerk said he would inform the authorities that the only information that the Tribunal got was what they saw in the Press.

A Desford licensed victualler, 44, Grade 2, said he had a motor car which he hired to the local doctor, and he also grazed sheep on six acres of land. He had two daughters, aged 19 and 17. The appeal was dismissed.

An appeal was made by the employers for the manager of an elastic web factory at Ibstock, which employs 74 girls on Government work. The man was stated to be 43, Grade 1, and if he was taken, a director said, the factory would be closed. Three months. Major Wollaston said he believed it was a protected trade.

Mr Jacques: *We don't know what is protected, and what is not; that is our trouble.*

It was remarked that the man was a special constable, and with other constables, took his turn in parading the village at night.

A member: *But there is nothing for them to do now and that the public houses are practically closed. I hope they will never get back to the old condition of things.*

There was also a number of assented cases.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

MANY APPEALS AGAINST TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

A meeting of the Coalville Tribunal was held on Monday evening, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, B. G. Hale, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown and J. W. Fisher, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk announced that the National Service representatives had lodged appeals in 12 of the cases before the Tribunal on the previous Wednesday, and he (the clerk) had withheld three of these because they were adjourned by the Tribunal and decisions were pending. The three cases were those of a Coalville theatre manager, adjourned for 14 days for a fresh medical examination; a Coalville joiner, adjourned for seven days because the employer had a military appointment; and a Coalville Urban Council employee, whose case was in the hands of the Commissioner. Mr McCarthy asked what was the position of the Tribunal when they adjourned a case for further medical examination. The chairman said the question was, "Is it right that the National Service representatives should appeal before we have given a decision?" The clerk said that in his opinion, the Tribunal had not given a decision in these three cases. They adjourned the cases to get more facts to enable them to come to a decision. Replying to a question as to the other appeals, the clerk read out the names, the cases being those of a Coalville collier, Hugglescote baker, Hugglescote house furnisher, Coalville motor and cycle engineer, Coalville bread deliverer, two Coalville butchers, and two Whitwick butchers. The chairman said they dealt with 32 cases at the last sitting and the National Service representatives had appealed in 12 cases – about 35 per cent. If the National Service representative went to extremes in appealing against the decisions, it would be no use the Tribunal going on with the cases. There was a reasonable line which should be worked to in regard to appeals. He wished Major Wellsman had been there to hear the discussion. Captain Stevenson said he believed Major Wellsman was under a misapprehension in regard to the case of a Coalville joiner in which the employer wished to appear, and he

would withdraw that appeal, but he could not withdraw the others. After further discussion, it was agreed that in the two adjourned cases left, the clerk send a covering letter with the appeals, giving all the facts.

All the cases dealt with were applications by the National Service representative for review.

A loom-tuner at a Coalville factory, 35, married, B1, was allowed three months, the conditional exemption certificate being withdrawn, and the man to be graded in the meantime.

One month was allowed a joiner and machinist, 36, Grade 1, employed by a Whitwick firm. Mr Sharp remarking that the man was an absolute necessity if the business was to be continued.

In the case of a bottler for a Whitwick mineral water firm, 39, Grade 2, Mr Sharp said the man only had one eye, and the sight of the other was affected. He had five children. A member asked what was the use of sending a man with one eye into the army. Captain Stevenson said a lot of Grade 2 men were in the trenches and Grade 3 men were wanted for the army. One month.

Two months were allowed the Coalville Co-Operative Society's Bagworth branch manager, Grade 2. Mr Lockwood said nine young men had joined up from this branch, and the manager was the only man left. There were 13 females on the staff. The branch supplied 450 families, and the takings were £700 a week.

A Coalville joiner, whose case was referred to earlier in the evening as one appealed against, though it had been adjourned, was next taken at the request of the employer, who had an appointment for Wednesday. The man was stated to be 43, Grade 1, and employed on Government work. He said he was not satisfied with his grading. Captain Stevenson asked why he did not appeal against the grading within the five days as required by the regulations. Applicant said he did not know that was necessary. Mr McCarthy said he did not know that they had to appeal against grading within five days. Captain Stevenson said it was well-known.

The employer said he had only six joiners left out of 20, and they were working 60 hours per week. Two months.

A Hugglescote builder's merchant, 31, wrote from Coventry that he had a protection certificate, being engaged on munitions. Captain Stevenson said that if the man had a protection certificate that was sufficient, and he need not have exemption as well. The appeal of the National Service representative was upheld, and the certificate was withdrawn.

Three months were allowed a Whitwick baker, 37, married, Grade 3, and it was stated that a Coalville chimney sweep, 35, had been rejected, and the appeal was withdrawn.

The case of a Coalville baker, 39, married, Grade 2, was adjourned till the 19th inst. the employer being ill.

The exemption certificate of a boiler fireman at Whitwick Granite Quarry, 36, Grade 2, was withdrawn when it was stated that he would get exemption by the Road Board.

Three months were allowed a B1 baker, 32, whose conditional exemption was withdrawn.

A Hugglescote waggoner, 39, was given a month to get a War Agricultural Committee's certificate, and a Hugglescote tailor, 39, B1, was told to be graded within 14 days.

Two months were allowed the Whitwick grocery manager for the Coalville Co-Operative Society, Mr Lockwood stating that the man was 40 years of age, married, and in Grade 2. The branch catered for 480 families and the takings were £420 a week. Four men had joined up from this branch, and the present staff was six females and a boy. In the case of the Society's Ellistown branch manager, the man was told to get graded within 14 days, and a similar instruction was given to a Coalville fruit salesman, aged 33.

A Coalville grocer and dairyman, Grade 1, married, with five children, said he was supplying 300 families daily with milk, and assisted his father on a farm.

Mr McCarthy: *Where does the one-man business come in?*

The clerk: *This is one of the cases you asked to pay particular attention to.*

One month was allowed.

A Coalville loom and pattern maker, 36, married, Grade 1, was allowed 14 days to get a protection certificate.

The following assented cases all got three months. Coalville printer, Coalville builder, two Coalville boot repairers, Coalville factory foreman, Hugglescote farm bailiff, Coalville shoeing smith, Whitwick grocer and baker, Coalville chemist, Whitwick marine store dealer (to apply for protection certificate), two Whitwick Colliery clerks, Coalville provision dealer and off-licence holder, Ellistown baker and Coalville tailor.

Also in agreement with the National Service representative, and as recommended by the Advisory Committee, the following were each given two months: A Coalville agricultural engineer, two Coalville plumbers, Hugglescote bricklayer and a Coalville painter.

Mr McCarthy remarked that the Advisory Committee had been very liberal. Several of those cases had been before the Tribunal a number of times, and had caused a lot of discussion.

In the case of a Coalville chemist's assistant, also recommended for three months, the Tribunal reduced this to one month, certain information to be supplied in the meantime, and two steam lorry drivers at Whitwick quarries had their cases deferred for protection certificates to be obtained from the Road Board, instead of three months' exemption as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

Captain Stevenson said he would like it to be generally understood that all Grade 1 and 2 men, with two months' exemption and over, had to drill with the V.T.C. It was very little to ask for. The chairman asked to what age it applied.

Captain Stevenson: *Up to 51. They are only asked to put in 14 hours the first month, and ten hours a month after becoming proficient.*

A request by a Coalville motor and cycle engineer to be excused from drill was adjourned pending the result of an appeal against his exemption.

In two cases, it was stated that men themselves had appealed against the decision of the Tribunal at the last meeting.

WEDNESDAY'S MEETING

The Tribunal met again on Wednesday night when Mr Hay presided, and there were present Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, J. Kirby, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown and J. W. Fisher, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. R. Champion (agricultural representative).

The clerk read a new list of trades in which exemption certificates were withdrawn after June 22nd, and also read from the regulations, a paragraph showing that the Tribunal could adjourn any case if they thought fit. He mentioned that in reference to the three adjourned cases discussed at the last meeting.

Some discussion took place in regard to the way the assented cases were dealt with at the last meeting, and it was decided that in future, every appellant must be summoned to appear before the Tribunal.

The clerk reported that the National Service representative had given notice of appeal against five of the decisions on Monday night. These were against a Whitwick joiner (one month), Coalville grocer and dairyman (one month), and three Co-Operative Society's branch grocery managers (two allowed two months and one 14 days for re-examination). The chairman said he contended that no appeal should be made in any case in which the Tribunal had given no decision. It was decided that the clerk send a covering letter with this appeal.

In the case of a boiler fireman employed by the Coalville Urban Council the clerk said the surveyor had been in communication with the Commissioner at Nottingham, and the calling-up had been cancelled.

The National Service representative asked for the review of the case of a Coalville carter, 34, Grade 2. The man said he did a lot of scavenging work for the Council. He had six children under ten years. One month.

The case of a bricklayer, 39, Grade 3, married, with three children, was stated by his employer, a Coalville builder, to be one of only four men left out of 20. As it had not been before the Advisory Committee, the case was adjourned for seven days.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for a Coalville draper, 45, married, Grade 1, who said he had been in business for 16 years in the town, his wife was an invalid, and his only son was serving in France. Mr Sharp said it was a one-man business. He pointed out that if the man was taken for the army, it would mean the closing of the business, and he should be given reasonable time. Applicant said that but for his wife's health he would volunteer. One month.

A Hugglescote schoolmaster, 43, Grade 1, was supported in his appeal by Canon Broughton, chairman of the managers. Answering Captain Stevenson, applicant said the County Council were not appealing for him. It was a Church school, and the managers appealed. He had an assistant at the school about 30 years of age, who had been rejected. He had no children. One month.

A Whitwick licensed victualler, 31, married, Grade 3, stated in his appeal that he was also a waggoner at Onebarrow Lodge. Mr Champion said he thought the man was doing good work for the farmer. One month allowed to get a certificate from the War Agricultural Committee.

A lady hotel proprietor at Ellistown appealed for her son, 44, single, Grade 1, who acts as manager for her, and also works as a miner. Mr Sharp said the man had been a miner practically all his life, but he left the pit for a time to help his mother after his father died, and had been working in the mine again for the last 18 months. His mother was aged and required his assistance. Another son was in the Forces and was now in hospital. Applicant, with a brief interval, had worked at the Ibstock Colliery since he was ten years of age, and his employers highly valued his services as a stallman. One month (final).

An Ellistown garage proprietor, 45, Grade 1, stated in his appeal that he was doing a large business as a motor engineer and repairer. A son was serving in the Forces. Two months allowed.

A Coalville dentist, 43, Grade 2, a widower with three children, said he had been in the trade 15 years, and 6 ½ years at Coalville. Two months.

The next four cases were adjourned to go before the Advisory Committee. Three months were allowed a Hugglescote boot repairer, 42, Grade 3, who has three brothers serving.

An Ellistown grocer and off-licence holder, 37, Grade 1, who also works at Stableford's said he was the only one left in civil life out of six, his five brothers being in the Forces. One month.

Leave to appeal was granted in several cases.

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COALVILLE AIRCRAFT TRAINING CENTRE

INTERESTING WORK FOR GIRLS

The voluntary munition workshop, carried on so successfully under the superintendence of Miss Cresswell at the Bridge Road Council Schools, Coalville, almost since the war broke out, has now been transformed into an aircraft training centre, under the Ministry of Munitions, and provides an interesting occupation for girls willing to take up this kind of work. The instruction is given free and during their training, girls of 18 to 35 years of age have a maintenance allowance of 4d per hour, while 3d per hour is paid to girls of 17. Preliminary instruction is given in the use of tools and the work, which is mainly on the woodwork for the ribs of aeroplanes, is by no means laborious and is quite suitable for females. After about a month at Coalville, the workers pass on to the Loughborough Technical Institute for another fortnight to finish off their training, and are then ready to take their places in one or another of the great aeroplane factories in different parts of England, where they can earn excellent wages.

If the girls show an aptitude for it they may also learn metal work, and it is interesting to note that just now at the Coalville centre, a large order is being executed for small metal hand-grenades, which in shape are very much like an egg.

The Coalville training centre is capable of teaching 22 girls at one time, and as they leave after one month, it is necessary for that number to be enrolled monthly. Miss Cresswell, who is the welfare supervisor of the girls is anxious to keep up this number, and hopes it will be regularly forthcoming while need lasts. The demand for the articles manufactured is greater than the supply, and girls taking up this occupation will find it not only congenial and remunerative, but will also have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping the men at the Front to win the war. Every care is taken for the comfort of these female workers. Overalls are provided free, and in the cooker room at the schools is a canteen where the girls may obtain their meals if coming from a distance. The instructor in charge of the work is Mr Patterson.

We are asked to state that there is no truth whatever in the rumour that any compulsion is placed on the girls once they take up the work. The Training Centre has no connection whatever with the W.A.C.C. It naturally follows that having gone through her training the Government desires every girl to keep to her task, but if she finds the work un-congenial, she is at liberty to give a week's notice at any time.

Miss Cresswell also desires it to be known that volunteer workers are still wanted at the school.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A letter has been received from Lance-Corporal Fred Perry, of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose home is at 2, Vicarage Street, Whitwick, Writing from Palestine, he says he receives the "Coalville Times" and is glad to notice the interest the paper takes in the Coalville and district boys serving in the various theatres of war. He has served 3 years and 9 months and was in France until September, 1916, when he was wounded, and came to England till April, 1917. Then he left for the battalion he is now serving with, and after being torpedoed on the way, landed quite safely. Previous to the war he was a "corporal" in the Snibston coal mine.

WEDDING

An interesting event at the Coalville Ebenezer Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 5th, was the marriage of Sergeant W. S. Baker, only son of Mr and Mrs Walter Baker, of Park Road, and Miss F. K. Price, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Wm. Price, of London Road. The Rev. W. H. Wills officiated, and the congregation included a good number of the soldiers from the Broom Leys Hospital. The bride was given away by her father, who is one of the under-managers at the Whitwick Colliery. She wore a dress of ivory charmeuse and ninon, with a wreath and veil, and carried a pretty bouquet of lilies and orange blossom, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Price (sister of the bride), who was attired in a pale lavender Georgette dress, and Miss May Hammonds (niece of the bride) wearing a dress of shell pink crepe de chine. Both carried bouquets of pink carnations, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Henry Ratcliffe acted as best man. The bride's parents afterwards entertained a number of friends, and the happy couple subsequently left for Birmingham on their honeymoon. They were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents. The bridegroom was formerly on the office staff at Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s Works, and was on leave from France. He has served 15 months in Egypt.

A COALVILLE SOLDIER HERO

GAVE HIS BLOOD TO SAVE A COMRADE

Lance-Corporal Clifford Newman, whose widowed mother resides at 34, Melbourne Street, Coalville, is now at home on three weeks' special leave granted to him by the War Office in recognition of a heroic act of self-sacrifice. Newman was in hospital at Rouen in May 1st just recovering from an attack of trench fever when a wounded Australian was brought in with his left arm shattered. He had suffered greatly through loss of blood, and when it was announced by the doctor that the only chance of saving the Australian's life was by a transfusion of blood. Corporal Newman gallantly offered to make the sacrifice. An infusion was made in his left arm, just above the elbow, and a quart of blood taken, which, happily, was the means of saving the Australian's life.

Seen at his home in Coalville yesterday, Newman informed our reporter that he was told it would take him six months to fully recover from the effects of his noble act. He is still very weak, but is making good progress.

Lance-Corporal Newman is in the 71st Trench Mortar Battery attached to the 1st Leicesters, and is a single man, 24 years of age. Before enlisting he worked as a coal miner at No. 5 pit, Whitwick Colliery. He volunteered for service, joining up in December 1914, and has served three years and six months, taking part in the battles at Ypres, the Somme, Lens, Loos, La Basse and Cambrai. He was wounded at Ypres in 1915, and has twice had trench fever. He has been "over the top" many times and has had not a few exciting experiences. One incident he recalled was when his battery were surrounded for eight hours by Germans, but they escaped through the enemy ranks at midnight, and got back safely to their own lines. On another occasion, he ran up against a German in the trench and took him a prisoner. He has brought home a German helmet as a souvenir.

He will receive the hearty congratulations of many friends on his heroic deed, and all will wish him a complete recovery.

DOUBLE WEDDING AT COALVILLE

WOUNDED SOLDIERS FORM A GUARD OF HONOUR

The marriage at the same time of two sisters at the Coalville Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, was an event of great public interest, the church and the approaches thereto, being crowded. The brides were the daughters of Mr and Mrs James Smith, of the Fountain Inn. Miss Beatrice Smith, the eldest, was married to Pte. H. Eastwood, of Derby (Sherwood Foresters), and was attired in a dress of cream satin grenadine, with a wreath and veil, and she carried a shower bouquet of roses and orchids. Her bridesmaid was Miss E. Smith (sister) who wore a coral gabardine dress, with a model hat, and carried a shower bouquet of pink sweet peas. Mr L. Eastwood (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. The bridegroom had been staying at the Broom Leys V.A.D. Hospital, Coalville, and his comrades from the hospital formed a guard of honour. They also presented the happy couple with a silver teapot.

The other bride was Miss May Smith, the youngest daughter, who was wedded to Mr J. Aldwinkle, also of Derby. She was attired in white crepe de chine and georgette, with a wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and orchids. The bridesmaids were Miss K. Aldgate (Leicester), whose dress was of pale blue silk tulle, with a black picture hat, and she carried a bouquet of sweet peas; and Ruby (cousin of the bridegroom) attired in cream silk, and carried a basket of flowers. Mr W. Aldwinkle (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. Both brides were given away by their father and the Vicar (the Rev. S. Hosking) officiated.

A number of friends were entertained by Mr and Mrs Smith after the ceremony, and later both couples left for their honeymoon, going to Derby and Manchester respectively. They were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

LETTER FROM THE FOOD COMMITTEE

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of this Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, M. McCarthy, C. W. Brown, J. Kirby, and A. J. Briers, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A letter was read from the Tribunal Department, 38, Market Place, Leicester, pointing out that in the case of all men exempted the Volunteer training condition must be observed. The chairman said they had passed a resolution to that effect. Captain Stevenson said it followed as a matter of course now. Mr Briers said Grade 3 men were exempt, and if the Tribunal wished, they could order men to do special constable work, or to do the garden of a man who had gone. The clerk said that if a man wanted exemption from drill, he should apply.

The chairman: *Certainly.*

Mr A. Ottey wrote for the Coalville Food Control Committee, stating that they viewed with regret the action of the military authorities in appealing against the exemption of men in businesses where the staff had been reduced to the minimum. In multiple shops and large retail houses they held that one experienced man should be left, and they were also of the opinion that if any more butchers were taken it would seriously affect the distribution of supplies. The chairman said they had 'combed-out' the shops well and especially the butchers, and he was sorry to hear that a month's exemption granted to certain butchers was being appealed against at Leicester. People must not have food, and he thought the time had come when they should take no more out of these shops. The shops had been combed out to such an extent that the Food Committee were evidently becoming alarmed. The Tribunal wanted to get all the men they could for the army, but they had to consider both sides. Mr McCarthy suggested that a copy of that letter be sent to the Leicester Tribunal. Mr Brown said a copy had gone from the Food Committee. Mr Briers said he agreed that another butcher could not be spared from the district.

The clerk then read a letter from Mr Hayes Fisher urging the need for men for the Army and the national needs could only be met by the adoption of strict standards.

The chairman: *We are doing that.*

Some discussion having taken place at a previous meeting as to the definition of the only surviving son of a widow, the clerk said that a decision had now been given that if there was a son under military age, he would count. Thus, if a woman had eight sons, six of whom were serving, and one of the other two was under age, the one appealed for would not be regarded as the last surviving son. Mr McCarthy said it looked a mockery if a child was to count. The chairman said it did not look right to him.

The clerk said appeals had been lodged against a Coalville carter's exemption of one month at the last meeting, and against an Ellistown collier, having one month final.

Mr Briers mentioned the case of a Whitwick man who was appealed against at Leicester and the case was decided without the man getting notice of it. That was not fair to the man. The clerk said he was afraid the Tribunal had no jurisdiction, and the only course was for the man to write to the Leicester Tribunal setting forth the facts, and asking for a re-hearing. Answering Captain Stevenson, Mr Briers said the man was a quarryman and since this appeal had been put in Grade 3. Mr McCarthy said he thought Grade 3 men were not taken from quarries. Capt. Stevenson said that if the man would see him and give him all the facts he would report on the case. Mr McCarthy said that was fair, and it was agreed to.

The clerk then gave the decision in five appeals at Leicester and said the Tribunal's decisions were upheld in three cases.

The chairman: *We have done well.*

A Coalville builder got three months each for two foreman bricklayers, 39, Grade 3, and 43, Grade 2, both married.

The case of an Insurance Co.'s Coalville branch manager, 37, Grade 3, was adjourned for 14 days for information as to whether he was entitled to a protection certificate.

Other cases adjourned were those of the Coalville Co-Operative Society's Ellistown grocery branch manager for seven days to be graded; a Coalville ironmonger's chief assistant, 37, Grade 3, for 14 days to come up with another case from the same firm, and the managing partner of a Coalville elastic web firm, single, 33, Grade 1, for one month for him to get a protection certificate.

Three months' exemption was allowed the foreman joiner employed by a Hugglescote building firm, 39, Grade 3, and another Hugglescote joiner and machinist, 40, Grade 2, a partner in the firm, got two months.

Mr J. J. Sharp represented a Whitwick painter, appealing for his son, 33, Grade 3, and he was allowed three months, subject to registering at the Labour Exchange to do work of national importance for three days a week.

The National Service representative asked for the review of the case of a Coalville loom and batten maker, married, 36, Grade 1, and his employer said he was trying to get a certificate for the man. The Tribunal said this should succeed or otherwise in three weeks, and they allowed 21 days final.

Three months was allowed a Coalville foreman baker, 42, Grade 3, and a flour warehouseman, 41, Grade 3, employed by the Co-Operative Society. Another employee of the Society, 33, Grade 3, a bread deliverer, was allowed two months. Captain Stevenson remarked that the largest bakery in Wimbledon did not deliver a loaf, and a relative of his had to go over a mile to fetch the bread.

A Hugglescote licensed victualler, 44, Grade 2, stated in his appeal that he also kept breeding pigs, and assisted on a farm. The farmer supported the appeal. Mr Briers observed that Sir D. Maclean, at the House of Commons Tribunal, said a man in Grade 2 at that age, would be regarded as in Grade 3.

The clerk: *That was as far as this Tribunal was concerned.*

Captain Stevenson said licensed houses were not a necessity now. One month was allowed, subject to the man registering at the Labour Exchange for whole-time agricultural work.

A Coalville carter, 44, single, Grade 2, was supported in his appeal by his employer who said he did the scavenging work for the Urban Council. There were 70 ashpits waiting now, and there would be another 70 when they had done those. Mr L. L. Baldwin, the Council surveyor, wrote supporting the appeal. Mr Lockwood jocosely asked why the man had not got married. The employer said he perhaps considered he hadn't enough money. Captain Stevenson advised the man to ask his employer for a rise (laughter). Two months.

The next was a similar case, a single man, 44, Grade 2, a Hugglescote carter, but it was pointed that he was solely engaged in carting coal, and Captain Stevenson said he did not press it. Mr Crane said the man was carting coal for 115 colliers, and his father and mother and a crippled brother were dependent on the business. Three months.

One month final was granted a Co-Op bread deliverer, 40, Grade 3. Another bread deliverer, Grade 1, on account of his age, 46, was stated to be on the certified list, and was allowed three months.

A Coalville builder, 35, married, Grade 2, was represented by Mr J. J. Sharp, who said the man had built 25 houses since the war began, and now had one half finished. One month.

The case of a Coalville insurance agent, 44, Grade 2, was adjourned for 14 days to be graded.

A Coalville gents' outfitter, 46, single, Grade 2, represented by Mr C. E. Crane, asked for time to enable him either to dispose of his business or make arrangements for its continuance. Answering questions, he said no one was dependent upon him and he had no relatives. If the Tribunal would allow him two months, he would not appeal again. Mr Crane said that was reasonable, considering the man's age was 46, and his Grade 2. It was stated that Grade 2 men of 48 were taking duty on the East Coast. Mr McCarthy said the man's offer was a very fair one, and two months' final was allowed.

A Coalville builder appealed for his foreman bricklayer, 42, married, Grade 3. One month allowed, the man to register at the Labour Exchange for work of national importance.

A long list of applications for leave to appeal was approved.

Mr Brown suggested that when appeals were sent in, which had to be 14 days before the exemption expired, they should be kept back until that time, as in one or two instances they had had cases before them a week before the previous exemption had run out. Mr McCarthy said that was a good suggestion, and the clerk said he would bear it in mind.

Lieutenant-Colonel George Gorman, of Ashby, has been awarded the D.S.O. for distinguished service and devotion to duty.

WHITWICK AND ASHBY SOLDIERS HONOURED

Corporal J. H. Robinson (Whitwick) of the Leicesters, and Gunner S. Smithard (Ashby) of the R.G.A. have been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of valuable services rendered with the Forces in France during the present war.

LOCAL CASUALTIES



Mrs Eames, of 32, Gutteridge Street, Coalville, on Sunday received a postcard from her husband, Lance-Corporal Martin Eames, of the Leicestershire Regiment, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany, and is well. He had been reported missing since March 22nd, and the postcard was dated April 17th. Before the war he worked at the Whitwick Colliery and was a member of Coalville Men's Adult School. He is one of Mr T. Frith's old boys, of the Belvoir Road School.



Lance-Corporal H. R. White (Coalville) South Staffs Regiment, died in hospital at Ipswich on Sunday, from the results of gas poisoning received on May 1st last. He was 23 years of age, and had been 3 years 7 months in the service. Before the war he was employed at the Snibston Colliery.

Pte. F. H. Snushall (Bagworth) of the Essex Regiment, is reported wounded.

Pte. W. Middleton (Hugglescote) of the Northumberland Fusiliers, is missing.

A long official list of wounded Leicesters published on Tuesday contained the following names: Sergeant H. Dooley (Coalville), Acting-Sergeant W. Kind (Hugglescote), Pte. G. H. Monk (Ibstock).

News has been received through the War Office by Mr G. H. Morriss, Green Lane, Whitwick, that his son, Private E. Morriss (23290), 2nd Leicestershire Regiment, has been killed in action on May 30th. He volunteered three months after the commencement of the war, and was rejected on the eye test, but on second application 2 ½ years ago, was accepted. He was sent out to Mesopotamia, and later transferred to Egypt, where he met his death. Previous to enlisting, he was employed by Messrs. Stableford and Co. Ltd, Coalville.

Pte. A. Baugh (Coalville) and Pte. W. J. Watret (Whitwick) of the Leicestershire Regiment, are both reported wounded.

Pte. L. M. Newman (Coalville) of the Norfolk Regiment, is reported missing.

The names of Captain F. Scott, M.C., and Second-Lieutenant W. Handford (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment, appeared in the official list of missing on Monday.

Ptes. J. W. Ford and F. Robey, of the Leicesters, E. Gutteridge, of the Durham Light Infantry (all of Ashby) and Pte. J. Hughes (Coalville) of the Northumberland Fusiliers, are reported wounded.

Sergeant J. W. Hewson, of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, an Ibstock man, who is a Military Medallist, and Sergeant Frank Middleton, and the late Mr John Middleton, of Victoria Street, Coalville, are reported missing.

Pte. G. Coulton (Ashby) of the Machine Gun Corps is reported killed in action, and another Ashby soldier, Pte. E. G. Harper, of the Leicesters, has died of wounds.

Sapper H. C. Smedley, of the R.E. and Pte. S. Smith, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, both of Ashby, have been wounded.

Mrs Eyre, South Street, Ashby, is notified that her son, Bombardier W. C. Eyre, R.G.A. has been gassed and is now in hospital in Sunderland. He was formerly in the Derby Borough Police Force.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Sapper Isaac Lewis, R.E.

*"A devoted husband, a faithful friend,
One of the best that God could lend
He bravely answered duty's call,
His life he gave for one and all.
But the unknown grave is the bitterest blow.
None but an aching heart can know."*

From his sorrowing Wife and Child, Ibstock.

In loving remembrance of Lance-Corporal Hubert White 1/6th South Staffords, aged 25, who died of gas poison and pneumonia on June 9th, 1918, at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.

*"Then with the morn his angel face will smile,
Which I have loved and lost awhile."*

From his sorrowing Wife, Ethel. 54, Ashby Road, Loughborough

In loving memory of our dear and only son, Pte. H. W. Grewcock, Leicester Regiment, who died in France on June 21st, 1917. Age 22.

*"The loss is great, and pain severe,
We little thought the end so near;
Tis only those who have lost can tell
The pain and grief without a last farewell."*

From his sorrowful Mother, Father and Sisters, Main Street, Heather.

In loving memory of my dear son, Samuel Reginald Dring, killed by gas shells, April 28th, 1918.

*"Sleep on, dear son, in a hero's grave,
A grave we may never see;
But as long as life and memory lasts,
We will remember thee."*

From his sorrowing Mother and Sisters Carrie, Harriett, Ada and Lydia.

In loving memory of our dear brother-in-law Private G. Dakin, who died in France, June 21, 1917.

*"May the winds of Heaven blow gently,
O'er that sweet and sacred spot;
Though sleeping in a far-off land,
Dear brother you will never be forgot."*

From Herbert and Alice.

In loving memory of Private George Dakin, 5th Leicesters, who died in France, June 21st, 1917.

"Weeping _____ is in purest grief."

From his loving Wife and Children.

In ever loving memory of Sapper Isaac Lewis, R.E., who was killed in action on June 19th, 1917.

*"Somewhere in France the stars are gleaming,
On a grave we shall never see,
Where sleeping without dreaming,
Lies the one so dear to us.
We pictured his safe returning,
Andy longed to clasp his hand,
But Death has postponed the meeting,
Twill be in a Better Land."*

From his loving Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters, and all.

In loving memory of Pte. Arthur Brownlow, 1st Leicester Regt., who was killed in action in France, June 21st, 1915.

*"His loving smile and kindly ways,
Are pleasant to recall.
He always had a cheerful word,
And he was loved by all.
Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Tears of sorrow often flow,
Memory keep our loved one near us.
Whom God claimed three years ago.
Our home seems quite another place
Without the sunshine on his face."*

"Gone, but not forgotten."

From his loving Wife and Child (Lily) and Family.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Beard, V. E.	(June 23 rd)
Hancock, W. Signaller	(June 23 rd)
Haynes, Pte. (M.M.)	(June 23 rd)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(June 22 nd)

Perkins, J. A. Driver	(June 23 rd)
Tansey, F.	(June 19 th)
Watson, J. Pte. (M.G.C.)	(June 21 st)
Wildgoose, G. H. L. Corpl	(June 21 st)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Coalville "War Weapons Week" will soon be here?

GARDEN FETE AND WHIST DRIVE

Under the auspices of the Coalville Co-Operative Women's Guild, a garden fete and whist drive were held in the grounds of Broom Leys Hospital on Saturday last. Despite the boisterous nature of the weather, there was a large attendance of visitors who, with the patients, entered wholeheartedly into the whist drive. A first-class programme of sports was in the capable hands of Company Sergeant-Major Buchanan, and the entries for the various events were most gratifying, and afforded much enjoyment to the onlookers. The Hugglescote and Ellistown Silver Prize Band, under the able conductorship of Bandmaster J. Locker, treated the company to a delightful musical programme till late in the evening.

Thanks are especially due to the Guild who arranged the gathering to Mr Morris for so ably conducting the arrangement of events, to Mr A. L. Bertenshaw for the smooth working of the whist drive, to Bandmaster J. Locker, for his delightful musical programme, to the Hawley Institute for so willingly granting the loan of tables and chairs, and to the various donors of prizes. The prizes were handed over to the winners by the Matron (Miss Crawford) and on the call of Co.-Sergeant-Major Buchanan, cheers were lustily given by the wounded soldiers to all those who helped to make the fete the undoubted success it was. The money collected, is, we understand, to be spent on an outing for the patients at a future date.

BETTER NEWS FOR WHITWICK WOMAN

HUSBAND NOT KILLED BUT A PRISONER

A postcard to Mrs Mee, of 110, Church Lane, Whitwick, received on Sunday morning, conveyed the news that her husband, Able-Seaman George Henry Mee, of the R.N.D., had not been killed in action, as officially reported, but is a prisoner in Germany.

Mrs Mee, who has one little boy, 4 years old, had been informed by the War Office that her husband was killed in action in France on March 21st, 1918, the first day of the great push by the Germans. Sunday's postcard from her husband stated that he is in the hands of the Germans, but is well. Able-Seaman Mee is a native of Quorn, and was formerly a member of the Parish Church choir there, but he had lived at Whitwick eight years before joining up, and worked at the Whitwick Colliery.

The circumstances are all the more remarkable, as in addition to the official notice of her husband's death, Mrs Mee received a letter from a comrade of Mee's in France describing how he was killed, and that it would be some consolation to his wife to know that he suffered no pain, being instantly killed by a shell, and was given "a decent burial." She has also received messages of sympathy and condolence from the King and Queen, Lord Aberconway, and many others, and a copy of her husband's will, but in spite of all this, said Mrs Mee to our reporter, *"I seemed as if I could not believe that he was dead. We had been married 18 years, he has always been a good husband, and now I know that he is alive I feel as if I can work and do anything."* So convinced was she that her husband was alive, that when it was proposed to hold a memorial service at the Whitwick and Quorn Parish Churches, Mrs Mee said she could not give her consent, and such services have not been held. She added that at the request of the authorities, she had been at a lot of trouble giving all particulars and making arrangements to receive her pension, but she would gladly undo all that. The postcard is dated May 12th, and Mrs Mee clearly recognises it as being in her husband's handwriting.

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Lieutenant James Horace Harratt, Leicestershire Regiment Special Reserve, has been awarded the Military Cross. In a raid on the enemy's trenches he led the left party over 1,000 yards to the objective, where he

rushed the trench, capturing one of the enemy and killing another. The complete success of the raid was largely due to his cool and efficient handling of his party.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Not having heard from their son, Sapper F. J. Clay, 263709 of the 447th Northumbrian Field Co. R.E. for a month, Mr and Mrs Fred Clay, of Vaughan Street, Coalville, made enquiries in reply to which they have now received two letters. One is from a lieutenant, who states that Sapper Clay is a prisoner in Germany and unwounded. A friend of the soldier also writes, *"Two of our chaps who were taken prisoner at the same time as Fred have escaped, and they told us he was quite safe and in good health. They are all being treated fairly well by the Germans, only they are being worked pretty hard, and the food they are getting is not what we could call sufficient. Still, he is alive. If you hear from Fred, let me know as he and I were great friends."* Sapper Clay is 20 years of age, and before the war was apprenticed as a draughtsman with Messrs. Wootton Bros, engineers, Coalville.

A lieutenant writing to Mrs S. Twells, on June 11th, informs her that her husband, Pte. L. J. Twells is missing since the last German offensive. The officer adds, *"I feel the loss of your husband very much. He was one of the bravest and most cheery lads we had in the company and always set a fine example to his comrades."*

Sapper E. W. Hogg, R.E. of Ashby, in the West Yorks Regiment, and Pte. A. P. Hunt, of Bagworth, of the Machine Gun Corps, are reported missing.

Sergeant G. W. Smith (Ibstock) of the South Staffs Regiment, is reported killed in action.

Private W. Gibbins (Ravenstone), Pte. T. Hicken (Swannington), Pte. A. E. Knifton (Coalville), Pte. B. Ottey (Ibstock), Pte. T. Taylor and Pte. H. F. Briers (Coalville), all of the Leicesters, and Lance-Corporal S. H. Bull (Ashby) of the Coldstream Guards, have been wounded.

Lieutenant Hawley is the only son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Hawley, of Leicester Grange, Hinckley. He was slightly wounded with shrapnel on June 7th, and after receiving attention went straight back to duty. He had a fortunate escape. A shell landed in his dug-out, but he happened to be in the next dug-out at the time, and thus escaped serious injury. Lieut. Hawley joined up at the outset of war, was commissioned with the Leicester Territorials, and went through the Irish Rebellion.

The death is officially reported of Private A. Beeson (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment.

Private J. Whittaker (Whitwick), Pte. C. Bott (Markfield) and Pte. E. Cross (Hugglescote) all of the Leicestershire Regiment, have been wounded.

The official list published yesterday stated that Lance-Corporal W. E. Wainwright (Coalville) of the Grenadier Guards had wrongly been reported as wounded.

Mrs Blunt, of Park Road, Coalville, has received official intimation that Pte. Harold Wesson, of the Notts and Derby Regiment, reported missing on March 23rd, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He is a son of Mr Wesson, of Margaret Street, Coalville, two of whose sons have been killed.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Batho, of 67, Margaret Street, Coalville, on Tuesday morning received a postcard dated May 4th from their son, Pte. John Stephen Batho, of the 2/4th Leicesters, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany and is well. He had been reported missing since March 25th. Previously employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, where his father also works, Pte. Batho joined up on the outbreak of war and, as his mother puts it, has had three birthdays in France, and one in Germany – yesterday – when he was 24. Mr and Mrs Batho have had one son killed in the war, and another is now serving in France.

Sergeant H. Sharp and Acting-Corporal W. H. Eames, of the Leicestershire Regiment, have been officially reported as wounded. Both are Coalville men and some time ago, Sharp won the Military Medal. Eames was recently at Coalville on leave.

Pte. T. Marriott, a Hugglescote soldier in the Northumberland Fusiliers, has been wounded.

Pte. J. Martin (Coalville) of the Royal Scots is reported missing.

Ptes. L. Haynes and H. Hines, of the Leicestershire Regiment, are reported wounded. Both are Ashby men.

Pte. W. Stevens, of Hugglescote, in the East Yorkshire Regiment, is posted as missing.

D.C.M. FOR COALVILLE MAN

The Distinguished Conduct Medal has been awarded 555168 Lance-Corporal J. Clamp, London Regiment (Coalville) for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fired his Lewis gun with great success throughout an enemy attack. When the flanks were turned, he at once took up a new position and enfiladed the enemy with splendid effect. When his gun was put out of action he continued firing at the enemy with a rifle. Later, he assisted in bringing back two wounded officers. He showed great initiative and determination. Lance-Corporal Clamp is the son of Mr S. Clamp, Waggon and Horses Inn, Ashby Road, Coalville.

ASHBY

GERMAN PRISONERS

About 30 German prisoners arrived in the town on Wednesday for work on the land. They were marched under escort to their quarters, which are situate at the rear of the Queen's Head Hotel.

PROMOTION

Second-Lieutenant G. L. W. Tucker, son of Mr and Mrs H. Tucker of Tamworth Road, Ashby, has been gazetted lieutenant. He enlisted in the 20th Hussars in September 1914, and was wounded in France in April, 1916. He is now serving with the 150th French Motor Battery.

A PRISONER OF WAR

Mrs Hall, of Wilfred Place, Ashby, has received information that her son, Corporal W. Hall, reported missing after an engagement in France on March 25th, is now a prisoner of war in Germany. At one time Mrs Hall had four sons in the Army. Two are now prisoners, one is still serving, and one has been discharged.

NATIONAL RATIONING – JULY 14

We will all be ration book holders in July, and the more we know about how to use it, the easier will be the food machinery work. The following instructions, additional to those printed in the ration book itself, are given in advance, so that a study of them may make one thoroughly acquainted with all the new scheme:

- 1 – Read the instructions on the covers of your ration book carefully.
- 2 – If any book is sent to your house which you cannot deliver to its owner, send it back at once to your Food Office, with a note explaining why it cannot be delivered.
- 3 – Examine the "reference leaf" of each book carefully. If there is any mistake in the entries on that leaf, ask the Food Office to correct it.
- 4 – Remember particularly to copy on to the "reference leaf" in the place marked, the serial number from the right-hand top corner of the cover (unless this has already been done by the Food Office).

HOW TO REGISTER WITH YOUR RETAILERS

- 5 – Unless you have applied and obtained the consent of the Food Office to a transfer of registration "you must register your ration book for each article with the retailer with whom you are already registered for that article under any official rationing scheme."

If you wish to change any of your retailers you must apply to your Food Office for permission to do so. Every change of this kind tends to upset the distribution of food and makes the work of your Food Office more difficult. The Food Controller, therefore, asks you not to apply for a transfer, unless you have good grounds for doing so.

- 6 – Register your ration book as early as possible in July with your meat retailer and with your retailers for sugar, butter and margarine, bacon and lard according to the instructions on the cover (paragraphs 2 and 3).

If you hold sugar coupons and not a sugar ticket, you may choose the retailer with whom you wish to register for sugar. In one detail (lard) the instructions on the cover of the book have been changed.

7 – Lard will be rationed separately by means of the brown set of coupons. You must, therefore, use the “spare” counterfoil on leaf 4 for registering with a retailer for lard. The blue fats coupons and counterfoil will be used for butter and margarine only.

SELF-SUPPLY OR DIRECT SUPPLY OF BUTTER

8 – If you told the Food Office, by putting “S” on your application form, that you were obtaining butter by self-supply (i.e. from cows belonging to the household), the counterfoil on your page of blue fats coupons should be marked by the Food Office with the words “Self-Supply.” In that case, you must yourself detach the coupons week by week, and keep them by you to produce them to the Food Office on demand.

9 – If you told the Food Office by putting “D” on your application form, that you were obtaining butter by direct supply (i.e. from a farmer or other person keeping cows), the counterfoil on the page of blue fats coupon should be marked by the Food Office with the words “Direct Supply.” In that case you should cut out the leaf with the coupon and the counterfoil and send them to the farmer who is supplying you with butter. He will keep them and detach coupons as he supplies.

10 – If at any time your self-supply or direct supply of butter fails, and you wish to buy butter in the ordinary way from a retailer, take your book and (if you have been a self-supplier) all your blue coupons to the Food Office and ask for leave to register with a retailer. If you have been getting butter by direct supply, the farmer should send back the blue leaf and unused coupons when he stops supplying, and you must take them to the Food Office.

REMOVALS

11 – If you go to stay away from home, take your ration book with you. You can use it as long as you like in any hotel, boarding-house, canteen, etc.

12 – If you are staying away from home in any district, you can, for any period up to one month, buy from retailers in the place where you are staying by using a “Visitor’s Declaration Form” (N.17) which you can get from any Post Office. You will still remain registered with your retailers at home, and on returning will be able to deal with them as before.

13 – If you are staying away for more than a month in any district, and want to buy from retailers there after the first month of your stay or if you are moving permanently, you must arrange with your new Food Office to be registered with your new retailers. You can get a “Removals Application Form” (N.20) for the purpose, at any Post Office or at the Food Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY AND CHILD’S RATION BOOKS

14 – If you have a supplementary ration book, you must register it for bacon with the retailer with whom your ordinary ration book is registered for bacon.

15 – The meat coupons in the child’s ration book are of the same value as those in the ordinary book, but there are only two of them for each week.

Keep your book clean (particularly the reference leaf). Keep your book safe.

IN MEMORIAM

In affectionate remembrance of Private W. H. Grewcock (Horace) who fell in action in France, June, 1917.

*“He knew what it would cost him
To join the bitter fray,
But with no thought of danger,
He smiled and walked away.”*

Not forgotten by his old comrade, Lance-Corporal T. W. Widdowson

In loving remembrance of Lance-Corporal Hubert R. White, 1/6th South Staffs. Aged 25, who died of gas poison and pneumonia, on June 9th, 1918, at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.

*"The loss is great, the pain severe,
We little thought the end so near;
Tis only those who have lost can tell
The path and grief with a last farewell."*

From his sorrowing Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters (Coalville)

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HONOUR FOR COALVILLE SERGEANT

AWARDED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Sergeant F. A. Clarke, of the A.S.C. Horse Transport Divisional Train, France, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He was also mentioned twice in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty in 1917. Sergeant Clarke has now been in France three years. He was made lance-corporal after three months service, then promoted corporal, and one month later to sergeant. He was formerly a clerk in the Coalville Urban Council offices, and later in the Leicester Labour Exchange. He is one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road Council School, and the only son of Mr and Mrs Liberty Clarke, of 80, London Road, Coalville.

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

Mr T. Varnham presided at a meeting of the Ashby Rural Tribunal on Saturday, when 24 cases were dealt with. There were present, Messrs. J. Ward, J. Riley, H. M. Cuthbert, J. T. Bradshaw, A. Riley, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

In the case of a Donisthorpe collier, 19, single, Grade 1, who had been "combed out" of the mine, his mother informed the Tribunal that the lad had been in the army a month now, although before he was taken she had four other sons serving. It was suggested that it was a case which came within the "clean cut." The clerk said that a "combed out" miner had a right of personal appeal. The chairman told the woman he was sorry that they could not do anything now the boy had gone. It had been taken out of their hands by the National Service Authorities. The mother said that made five of her sons gone out of six.

The chairman: *I am sure you have done your share.*

The woman: *I have done more than my share, and some have got all their sons at home.*

The next was a similar case that of a collier, Grade 1, of Highfields, Coalville. His father said the lad had gone. Another son had been crippled in the war, losing both legs. The chairman said that now the youth was in the army the Tribunal could not do anything. Captain Stevenson said that when the young man was called up, he should have informed the recruiting authorities that he had an appeal pending.

Mr A. H. Timms (Swadlincote) appeared for the Albion Clay Co., Woodville, in regard to the review of four cases, employees of the company. He suggested that the cases be adjourned until all the men employed by the firm had been graded. Then if the company had protection certificates for sufficient men they would not appeal for any more in Grade 1. The National Service representative said it would take a long time to get all the men graded, and he asked for the cases to be dealt with. The first was a pipe loader, 33, Grade 1, and it was agreed that the certificate be withdrawn. Two Grade 2 men, 43, and 47, were allowed two months, and the case of a clerk, 31, general service, was adjourned for re-grading. Mr Timms, when asked to retire while the Tribunal considered the case, asked also that the National Service representative should retire, and Captain Stevenson did so.

The cases were reviewed of three men at the Newbold pipe works. The manager and part proprietor, 33, was allowed three months, also a pipe-burner, 40, married, but the exemption of a B1 pipe-carrier, 32, single, was withdrawn.

Three months were allowed an Oakthorpe grocer and coal-carter, 41, Grade 3.

A Ravenstone farmer, 32, general service, stated that he was farming 66 acres, and supported his widowed mother and nephew. Answering questions, he said he formerly worked for the Albion Clay Co. and succeeded his brother on the farm when the latter died. He had two children, and he also said he should make an allowance to his deceased brother's wife. Allowed till September 30th (final).

Representing a Measham collier, 28, general service. Mr A. E. Mammatt (Ashby) said the man was one of six brothers, three of whom were serving, and another had been killed. The parents were dead and applicant supported his sister, and was keeping the home together for his brothers when they came back. The appeal was dismissed, but the man was informed that he was not likely to be called up for the present, not until fresh orders as to colliers were issued.

A member remarked that several colliers who had lately been called up had been sent home again. He knew a number of such cases at Coleorton. Captain Stevenson said they may have exceeded the quota at one colliery and not another. Some men called up lately had been told to return to the mines.

Mr Mammatt (Ashby) appeared for a Donisthorpe licensed victualler, 43, a widower with two children stating that it was a strong case of a one-man business, the applicant being the owner of the house he occupied. The man also acted as secretary for a large friendly society. His two brothers were in the Forces. Six weeks (final).

A Snarestone man, 46, Grade 2, of no occupation, a member of the Ashby Board of Guardians, stated in his appeal that he only had the sight of one eye. He was a practical collier, and was willing to work in the mine, or would undertake munition or agricultural work. One month was allowed to find work of national importance other than mining.

A Measham widow appealing for her son, 23, Grade 1, said this boy ought to be left to her as the others had gone, one having been killed and one wounded. It was hard to part with them all when there were families in the neighbourhood with the father and three or four sons at home. Two months (final) allowed, and the chairman told the applicant that he hoped the war would be over by then, and that she would not have to part with her son.

Applicant: *I hope so.*

A Ravenstone munition worker, 46, Grade 1, married, was allowed one month to get a protection certificate.

An application was made for a farm labourer on Earl Ferrer's Staunton Harold estate. He was stated to be 44 and Grade 1. The manager, in reply to the chairman, said no women were working on the farm. They could not do the work.

The chairman: I have a girl from London on my farm who milked 9 cows this morning, and does it every day of the week. One month (final) to get a certificate from the War Agricultural Committee was allowed.

Three months was allowed a Measham baker, 28, Grade 3.

A Standard Hill (Snibstone) grocer and off-licence holder, 44, Grade 1, married, was represented by Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) who said the man was willing to work spare time on the land. His shop was the only one in that district, and served a large area. Three months allowed, subject to five days a week at farm work.

Mr Sharp also appeared for a Ravenstone farmer, Grade 3, who has a milk round and does a lot of carting. Three months.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

FATHER OF THREE SOLDIERS OFFERS TO JOIN UP

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of this Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Mr John Kirby wrote resigning his position as a member of the Tribunal owing to being engaged as a clerk in the Recruiting Office. Captain Stevenson said the re-arrangement of the Tribunals in that area had been made, whereby the work reporting the Coalville, Bosworth, and three Ashby Tribunals would be done in the Coalville office, and as Mr Kirby was the only male clerk employed, they had talked it over and as he would require Mr Kirby to act as his clerk, they thought it best he should resign. The resignation was accepted with regret, and the chairman said the vacancy would be reported to the Urban Council.

A letter was received from Mr T. Gowdridge, for the council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association, asking for representation on the Tribunal. The chairman said that also should be referred to the Urban Council. The clerk said that as far as the miners were concerned they had a court of their own, and the Tribunal could only deal with miners' appeals on domestic grounds. This was also referred to the Urban Council.

The Local Government Board wrote that special consideration should be given to the cases of officials to local public authorities. The chairman said that was sensible.

The clerk said a question arose at the last meeting as to whether clerks in branch offices of Insurance Companies were in a certified trade, and he had received a reply from the Local Government Board that men employed whole time in such occupation were covered by the regulations. Mr McCarthy asked whether that applied to men who were part-time clerks and part-time collectors. The clerk said it looked as if he would have to write again for a definition of clerks. His own opinion was that if a man was collecting part-time he was a clerk, but there were thousands of such men, and it would be opening a wide door.

A member: *We close one-man businesses and are to keep at home these penny-a-week collectors.*

The chairman said they might have several such cases, and they had better know. It was agreed that the clerk write for a definition.

An Ellistown ironmonger wrote that he had been placed in Grade 1 from C2, and he objected to the grading, and asked for another medical examination. The clerk said the man was within his right in appealing within five days, and the appeal had gone.

A former butchery manager at Coalville, wrote suggesting that in view of the shortage of butchers at Coalville, why not give him the privilege of returning to assist. He was 41, B3, had been 18 months in the service, and had suffered financially and in health. He was a butchery manager in Coalville for 24 years. The chairman said they could not do anything with that. The man must appeal to his commander.

The clerk announced that in ten appeals by the National Service representative before the Leicester Tribunal on Saturday last, five were upheld and in five cases the decisions of the Tribunal were upheld. One man who appealed himself against the Tribunal's decision was unsuccessful.

A Coalville plumber, represented by Mr J. J. Sharp, appealed for a man employed as a painter and plumber's labourer, 29, Grade 3, married, two children. Mr Sharp, emphasising the importance of the man's work, said he had recently fumigated seven schools closed through disease, and a lot of similar work was pending. Six weeks.

Three months each was allowed the manager and working foreman of the South Leicestershire Colliery Co.'s brickyard, 38, Grade 1; a Coalville builder's bricklayer, 47, Grade 2, seven children; a Coalville joiner, 47, Grade 2, seven children; a Coalville draper, 47, Grade 2, two children; and a Coalville foreman printer, Grade 2.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for a Coalville hairdresser appealing for his man, a Russian Pole, 46, Grade 2. Mr Sharp said the man was born at Ripin, Poland, and was naturalised on March 11th, 1902. He was willing to work on the land, but would like to help his employer on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. He was the only ladies' hairdresser in the district.

Captain Stevenson: *How many ladies do you attend to in a month?*

Applicant: *Between 30 and 40.*

Mr McCarthy: *They are getting plenty of money now as munition workers.*

Three months allowed, subject to the man registering for work of national importance three days a week.

A Hugglescote tailor, 39, Grade 3, through Mr Sharp, stated that he had had the business for 20 years, but it had been established for over 100 years. He also sold and repaired boots and carried on a bicycle business, doing a large number of colliers' repairs.

Captain Stevenson: *Quite a Harrod's Stores at Hugglescote* (laughter).

Applicant said he had two children. Captain Stevenson said that though applicant was a Grade 3 man, tailors were badly wanted in the army. Two months allowed.

One month was granted to a Hugglescote foreman bricklayer, 44, Grade 1, married.

Appeals were made by two tailors (coat hands) employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society, Grade 2, 46, and Grade 1, 47. Allowed two months and one month respectively.

A Coalville builder-joiner and undertaker, 48, Grade 1, stated that he had three sons in the Forces, one recently reported missing. Subject to applicant being allowed reasonable time to arrange his business affairs, he said he was willing to join up. The chairman said that was a very reasonable appeal. Three months allowed.

A Coalville building firm were allowed two months for a carter, 47, Grade 2, a widower, and a Whitwick market gardener, 47, Grade 2, four children, was granted one month to get a protection certificate.

The appeal of a Coalville collier, 25, single, Grade 1, was dismissed, but it was stated that his calling-up notice had been cancelled, and he was not likely to be called up for the present.

The ostler at a Coalville hotel, 48, Grade 2, single, was given a month to register at the Labour Exchange for work of national importance.

In the case of a Coalville hairdresser and tobacconist, 43, Grade 2, it was stated by Mr Sharp that on further examination the appellant was rejected.

A long list of applications for leave to appeal was approved.

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WHITWICK SOLDIER HONOURED

PRESENTATION OF A TEA SERVICE

An interesting event at the Whitwick Picture House on Thursday night was the presentation of a silver tea service to Corporal J. H. Robinson of the 5th Leicesters, in recognition of his having been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He is the seventh Whitwick man to distinguish himself in the war, and in each case, Whitwick people have shown their appreciation in this commendable manner, a committee having been appointed to take cognisance of each event as it comes along and get together the necessary funds, to which the public have always handsomely subscribed.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided on Thursday night, and was supported on the stage by Messrs. A. West (who made the presentation), H. T. Bastard (treasurer), G. F. Burton (secretary), J. H. Gilbert (member of the committee), the Boy Scouts, to which the soldier formerly belonged, and two local soldiers, Lance-Corporal Stopp, of Thringstone, who lost his right arm at Festubert, and Pte. Watret. Corporal Robinson was also accompanied by his fiancée.

In opening the proceedings, the Vicar said they all knew Corporal Robinson very well and were pleased that he had so distinguished himself, bringing honour not only to himself, but to Whitwick also.

Mr A. West said he was delighted to be asked to make the presentation because he was Corporal Robinson's old Sunday School teacher. He was always a good lad at school, and he joined the army voluntarily in September 1914 (cheers). On a previous occasion, he was commended by his commanding officer for conspicuous bravery in the field, and now he had received the medal for meritorious service while in France (applause). It gave Whitwick people much pleasure to make this present to a brave soldier (cheers).

Corporal Robinson, in expressing his thanks, said that was about the hardest job he had had (laughter). He very much appreciated the kindness shown him. While out in France he did not expect any medal, but he was pleased to know that what he had done had been a bit of use (cheers).

The Scout's Band then played a salute, the Vicar remarking that Robinson was the second Scout to distinguish himself, and they intended to make him a present themselves. A vote of thanks was accorded the proprietors of the theatre and the manageress for allowing the use of the building for the purpose, and three cheers for Robinson, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

Corporal J. H. Robinson is a single man, 23 years of age, and his home is in Talbot Street. Before the war he worked at the Snibston Colliery. He was wounded at the Messines Ridge in May, 1915, and a second time at Loos on April 5th this year, having only just come out of hospital. He is one of Mr Bastard's old boys of the Church Day School.

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COALVILLE DECEASED SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Mr J. Harper, of 179, Belvoir Road, Coalville, recently visited Derby, where, at the hands of Sir John Maxwell, he received the Military Medal, awarded to his youngest son, Pte. Ernest Harper, of the 7th Leicesters, for bravery in the field. Pte. E. Harper was killed in action on October 10th, 1917, and before the war, worked at Messrs. Burgess and Son's factory, where his father is employed. Mr and Mrs Harper have lost two sons in the war, Sergeant J. Harper being killed on June 7th, 1917. Another son is serving.

COALVILLE SOLDIER COMMENDED

News has been received in Coalville that Corporal E. A. Hughes of the Royal Engineers, formerly a railway clerk at Coalville, when he resided at Crescent Road, Hugglescote, and a popular member of the Coalville Men's Adult School, has been commended by his commanding officer in the following terms: *"I desire to express my appreciation of the gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by you on the 1st March, 1918, when supervising work under hostile shell-fire. The example set by you worthily maintained the standard of your corps."*

WAR WEAPONS WEEK

A meeting of the War Savings Committee was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday night last week, the Vicar (the Rev. S. Hosking) presiding over a capital attendance. It was reported that the bus company had kindly offered the use of one of the 'buses as a selling centre during War Weapons Week commencing next Monday and it was accepted with thanks. The secretary (Mr J. W. Eagles) said he had written to the various works inviting support, and he also read several replies from local ministers promising to announce War Weapons Week from their pulpits. Mr E. Orton reported on the arrangements made by the Entertainments Committee, an interesting programme having been arranged for each day. Various details in connection with the event were discussed, and everything points to successful effort, whereby one or more aeroplanes will be named after Coalville. The sum required is £47,500.

LOCAL MILITARY MEDALLISTS

Corporal J. Belcher (Ashby) of the Leicestershire Regiment, and Pte. A. L. Morley (Market Bosworth), of the Cheshire Regiment, have been awarded the Military Medal.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Batho, J. Pte (M.G.C.)	(June 28 th)
Essex, W. Pte	(June 11 th)
Green, W. (H.L.I.)	(June 26 th)
Illiffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(June 29 th)
Johnson, A. H. (R.G.A.)	(June 30 th)
Lowe, E.	(June 30 th)
Needham, F. E. Sergt.	(June 9 th)
Perry, F. L. Corporal	(June 11 th)
Timson, A. Corporal	(June 26 th)
Wardle, Alex, Corporal	(June 29 th)
Watson, J. Pte (M.G.C.)	(June 28 th)
White, S. E. G. Pte.	(June 25 th)

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mrs George Hart, of Primrose Cottage, North Street, Hugglescote, has received news of the death of her husband, Corporal G. Hart, of the A.S.C. from smallpox in India on May 22nd. Deceased had been in India for twelve months, and prior to that was for two years in Salonica. He leaves a widow and one little girl.

Lance-Corporal T. Walker, of the Marine L.I. and Pte. K. Simms, of the Labour Corps, both of Ashby, are officially reported as killed in action.

Pte. J. Wallace (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment, Lance-Bombardier D. Summerfield (Bardon Hill), of the R.G.A., Pte. W. Lord (Thringstone) and Lance-Corporal H. White (Coalville) both of the South Staffs Regiment, have been wounded.

Sergeant-Major W. Sharpe (Hugglescote) of the Leicestershire Regiment, is officially reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

Pte. S. Beck (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment and Lance-Corporal A. Hart (Whitwick) of the North Staffs Regiment, have both died of wounds.

Corporal J. Curtis (Ravenstone), Leicestershire Regiment, and Pte. W. H. Kerman (Ashby), of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment are reported wounded.

Mrs Wilde, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote, has received official news that her husband, Pte. T. Wilde, of the Durham Light Infantry, has been missing since May 27th. He was formerly an assistant in the tailoring department of the Coalville Co-Operative Society.

Pte. Douglas Drinkwater, of the Leicesters, is reported to have been killed in action. He was about 22 years of age, and formerly worked as a baker for the Coalville Co-Operative Society, and resided in James Street. His parents have now moved to Burton-on-Trent, his father, Mr William Drinkwater, being a goods guard on the Midland Railway.

Pte. S. E. Barnes (Ellistown) of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded.

The death is officially reported of Pte. P. Rowley (Bilston), of the Leicestershire Regiment.

Pte. W. Smith (Ellistown) of the Essex Regiment is reported missing.

Pte. H. A. Stanley, Corporal A. Neville (Coalville), Pte. A. White (Ibstock), Sergt. W. Mugglestone (Hugglescote), and Pte. A. Belcher (Ellistown) all of the Leicesters, have been wounded.

Pte. F. W. Cooper (Hugglescote), Pte. W. E. Wileman (Ashby), of the Leicesters, and L.-Bdr G. F. Collis (Ashby) R.F.A. have been wounded.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear brother, Private Frank Blake, who fell in action, July 1st, 1916.

*"Time has passed, our hearts still sore,
As time rolls on we miss him more
From memory's page we'll never blot
Three little words; 'Forget-me-not'."*

From his Sister and Brother, Nephew and Niece, Maltby, Yorkshire.

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ASHBY TRIBUNAL

RECTOR AS GRAVE DIGGER

Mr T. Varnham presided at a meeting of the Ashby Rural District Tribunal on Saturday, when there were also present, Messrs. J. Riley, J. Ward, J. Rice, H. M. Cuthbert, J. T. Bradshaw, Captain Stevenson (National Service representative), Mr German (Agricultural representative), and Mr George Farmer (clerk). There were over 40 cases on the list.

Appealing on personal grounds, a Ravenstone gardener, 44, Grade 1, stated that he objected to his medical grading. He had suffered for eight years from chronic dyspepsia, and had certificates from two doctors to that effect. The chairman told applicant he could have appealed within three days of his grading. Applicant said he was not aware of that. He was married and had no children, but assisted his widowed mother and invalid brother. The appeal was dismissed.

The National Service representative asked for the review of the cases of a shoe-presser at Measham and two of the proprietors' sons also in the business. The manufacturer said one of his sons (badged) was quite indispensable. There were only four other men on the place, and 130 girls were employed. When he took on Government work he had a letter instructing him to dismiss 40 girls, and put men in their places, but an inspector visited the factory, after which he received a further letter from the Government thanking him for the way he had trained girls to do men's work. Three months exemption was allowed in each case.

Similar exemption was allowed a Swannington butcher, Grade 3, an Appleby painter, who was ordered to get agricultural work; a Measham carrier, Grade 3; and a Measham chimney sweep, 46, Grade 3, subject to him working two full days or four half-days a week on the land.

During the hearing, an appeal by the proprietor of a Measham fried fish and chip potato shop, a member remarked that a big trade was done, and every night in the week about 100 people were waiting at the shop till about 10 o'clock. The chairman said fried fish and chips were not helping to win the war. The applicant, a Grade 3 man, was given two months in which to get work of national importance.

A rector appealed for his gardener, who was also stated to be sexton, grave-digger, clock-winder, and poultry and stock breeder (laughter). He attended to 4 ½ acres of fruit and garden ground, 1 ½ acres being devoted to vegetables, the surplus from which was sold in the local markets. It was stated to be practically impossible to replace the man as a grave-digger, the rector being obliged on one occasion to dig a grave himself. The rector said he also had 1 ½ acres of garden ground in another village, which he attended to himself.

Mr C. E Crane (Coalville) who appeared for applicant, further pointed out that the man, who was 47 and in Grade 2, had seven children, and three sons serving in the Forces. The chairman said that weighed with the Tribunal. Three months were allowed subject to the man working three days a week on the land.

A Measham licensed victualler, 35, said he had 36 acres of land and managed a butchery business for his sister. Two months (final).

In the case of a Donisthorpe Colliery pay clerk, 28, Grade 1, brought up for review, the manager of the colliery said this was the only responsible clerk he had, and produced a letter from the Coal Controller that the man was not to be called up. The chairman said it was remarkable how the authorities nursed anybody connected with coal. The conditional exemption was withdrawn, and one month allowed.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

ALL EXEMPTED MEN TO DRILL

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, C. W. Brown, A. Lockwood, A. J. Briers, Capt. Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Before the business commenced, Captain Stevenson informed the Tribunal that he had received complaints from the commanding officers of the various companies of the L.V.R. that none of the men in Grades 1 and 2 who had been exempted for 2 and 3 months, had enrolled. He urged that this must be done, or their cases would be reviewed.

A resolution was adopted instructing the clerk to send a letter to all men having two months' exemption and over, informing them that they must drill. Mr Lockwood asked if there was any age limit to that.

Captain Stevenson: *No.*

Mr McCarthy said that if a man appealed and showed that he was working 13 or 14 hours a day, they would excuse him.

Three months each was allowed three men engaged in insurance work at Coalville, one a superintendent, 37, Grade 3; a collector, 47, Grade 1; and an assistant superintendent, 37, Grade 3; also to the manager of a Coalville multiple shop, 40, Grade 3; a Coalville joiner, 37, Grade 3; a Whitwick grocer and provision dealer, 47, Grade 2, and a Whitwick builder and undertaker, 38, Grade 3.

The National Service representative applied for the withdrawal of the certificate of a Coalville wholesale fruit salesman, employed by a Leicester firm, who said he was 34, Grade 2, and married. He had had one brother killed, another discharged with five wound stripes, and he (applicant) supported a widowed mother. A single sister, aged 19, who had been working on munitions at Coventry, had met with an accident, and he would have to find her a home.

Captain Stevenson: *She will pay you.*

Applicant: *She is unable to work.*

Captain Stevenson: *But munition workers are getting any amount of money.*

Mr Brown said all munition workers were not wealthy. He was working on munitions, but he would not mind going back to pre-war wages, prices and conditions. Two months allowed.

A number of cases were adjourned for 14 days for grading.

A Hugglescote building firm applied for the exemption of a foreman bricklayer, 40, Grade 3, married, and two months was allowed.

Having been rejected on re-examination, a Coalville painter and paper-hanger, 38, married, with five children, was told that his appeal was dismissed, and that he would get his discharge.

A Coalville insurance agent, 44, Grade 2, whose case had been adjourned for a special medical examination, said he had been examined, but had not yet heard the result. One month allowed pending this.

A carter employed at the Ellistown Colliery, 46, Grade 2, said he was principally engaged in carting timber. He appealed on domestic grounds, having four children and a delicate wife. Answering the chairman, he said he was fully employed carting timber. Three months.

A long list of applications for leave to appeal was read by the clerk, and all were granted. Mr Briers again mentioned the case of a Whitwick quarryman having been heard at the Leicester Appeals Tribunal without the man getting notice. Captain Stevenson said he had made enquiries and found that the notice was addressed to Leicester Road, Coalville, instead of Whitwick, and that accounted for the man not getting it. But as the man was employed at the quarries, he would not be called up. He would get a certificate from the Road Board.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A DESFORD CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

A meeting of the Tribunal for Market Bosworth Rural District was held on Tuesday afternoon, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding. There were also present, Messrs. J. T. Jacques, G. M. Arnold and W. Eggington, with Major Wollaston, Mr R. Hanmer and Captain Stevenson (National Service representatives), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

A letter was received from the Leicestershire Miners' Association asking to be allowed to nominate a candidate for election on the Tribunal. It was said to be a matter for the Board of Guardians which elected the Tribunal, the latter having no power to add to their number. The clerk said it rested with the Local Government Board which had full powers. The Tribunal had none. It was decided to reply accordingly.

When an appeal was made by the Ratby scavenger for his carter, 44, single, Grade 2, a member asked whether Grade 2 men were wanted in the Army, and Captain Stevenson replied that the Army wanted every man possible. It transpired that the appellant, 39, Grade 1, was also under exemption and he was asked if he could not get miners to help him in their spare time. He said they had helped him sometimes, but it was difficult to get them to do so. The appeal was dismissed, a member remarking that they must send single men before married ones. Another member said they must uphold the dignity of the Tribunal after what had been said by Sir A. C. Geddes, the National Service director.

Three months were allowed a workman on the Shenton estate, 47, with one son serving. He was said to be a very handy man, and Major Wollaston said he also assisted farmers in the locality. The exemption was conditional on the man continuing in agricultural work.

The appeal of a Shackerstone miller for a general hand, 25, single, Grade 1, was dismissed. A member asked how the mill would go on, the chairman replied, "*How do many other things go on?*" It was suggested that a substitute might be found.

A young farmer of Thornton, 26, Grade 1, said he had 50 head of cattle on 53 acres and would be ruined if he had to go before getting the harvest. It was stated to come within the 'clean cut' and the appeal was dismissed.

A member: *We have got three soldiers in four cases. Sir Auckland Geddes will be saying nice things about us now.*

A Desford farmer, 42, single, B1, was stated to have been served badly by the War Agricultural Committee. He was appointed assistant officer and gave up some of his land, and bought a motor car to better carry out the duties, and now he had been released by the committee without any reason being given. Allowed one month to be graded.

The Rector of Sibson appealed for his gardener, 47, Grade 1, married. He said some Tribunals regarded Grade 1 as Grade 2 in the case of men over 43. However one tried to disguise his age, he could not make 47 into 37 any more than one can make 70 into 50. The man attended to 1 ½ acres of vegetable ground and also assisted farmers. He had three sons in the Army and one had been wounded. Allowed three months subject to 36 hours a week working on the land.

The Ibstock Parish Council applied for the exemption of the sexton and cemetery caretaker, 45, Grade 1, married. Mr Holmes said the internments averaged 54 a year, and the man also did the fencing, drainage, etc., on 47 acres of allotments. A member said the man worked hard, and three months' exemption was allowed.

A Desford blacksmith, 44, Grade 1, appealed on conscientious grounds. He said he could have had protection through his employment, but he preferred to get exemption on his principles as a Christadelphian.

The clerk: *Is it an advertisement you want then?*

Applicant: *Oh dear, no.*

Captain Stevenson: *Have you applied to the Pelham Committee?*

Applicant: *No, I have only just been called up.*

Captain Stevenson: *How many Christadelphians are there in Desford?*

Applicant: *I believe I am the only one.*

Answering further questions, he said he was not related to other conscientious objectors at Desford. Owing to his religious beliefs he took no part in politics and had never used his vote.

Major Wollaston: *There are only about a thousand of your sect in the country, aren't there?*

Applicant: *Two or three thousand.*

The appeal was dismissed, and a member remarked that the air of Desford seemed to suit these people, and another member said he could not understand how men could live in the country and enjoy all the benefits without doing anything to maintain them. "*He says he never votes*" said a member, to which the rejoinder was, "*He ought to be put on an uninhabited island like Robinson Crusoe.*"

Three months each was allowed a Sheepy gardener, 45, married; a handyman at Baddesley Colliery, residing at Ratcliffe Culey, 47, Grade 2, whose two sons volunteered and one had been killed; the electrician at Kirkby Mallory Hall, 44, Grade 1, subject to full times in agriculture; a Sutton Cheney bricklayer, 44, Grade 2, who has five children; a Ratby shoehand, 45, Grade 2, subject to whole time in agriculture; a Barton-in-the-Beans tailor, 47, Grade 3; and a bricklayer at the Desford Colliery, 47, Grade 2, who has 7 children.

The Ibstock Colliery Co. appealed for a bricklayer, 47, Grade 1, engaged on repairing kilns. The man also appealed on domestic grounds, stating that he had five children, a delicate wife, and aged father dependent. A nephew he brought up was the first Ibstock lad to fall in the war. The appeal was dismissed, the man to register at a Labour Exchange for work of national importance.

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MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

AN APPLICANT'S "TWO WIVES"

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Rural District Tribunal was held on Tuesday afternoon, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, W. Towers and G. M. Arnold, Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (National Service representatives), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

Three months conditional exemption was allowed a Norton wheelwright, 44, Grade 1, married, stated to be working mainly on agricultural implements.

A woodman in the employ of Colonel Stewart, of Sutton Cheney, appealed on personal grounds and was also appealed for by his employer. The man was 47, married, Grade 1, and in addition to wood-clearing, was said to be engaged in killing vermin on 1,500 acres of land, and assisting local farmers. He was allowed one month to register for the whole time agricultural work.

An Osbaston licensed victualler, 39, Grade 1, engaged in farming on his own account, and also working for the War Agricultural Committee, was given a further three months' exemption.

An Ibstock ironmonger and general dealer, 42, was given one month to be graded.

Appealing on personal grounds, a Ratcliffe Culey man, 45, Grade 2, said he worked as a hat finisher, and had been employed by an Atherstone firm for 30 years. He had eight children, and one was a prisoner in Germany. Three months.

A Market Bosworth licensed victualler and motor engineer, 36, informed the Tribunal that he was now in Grade 3. A member jocosely asked whether there was any truth in the suggestion that so many publicans were in Grade 3 that they must tip the medical men (laughter).

Applicant: *I don't think so.*

Three months allowed.

In the next case, that of another publican, also Grade 3, some amusement was caused by the applicant stating in the particulars that he had two wives and one child dependent.

A member: *How do you get on with the two wives?* (Laughter)

The clerk: *You mean one wife and two children?*

Applicant: Yes.

Three months allowed, subject to three days a week being worked on the land.

A Market Bosworth builder was told that he was lucky when he said he had eight men working for him, the same number as before the war. He said young men had been replaced with older men and only one was under 51. Applicant, 38, married, Grade 1, was allowed three months.

An Ibstock coal carter, 35, Grade 2, and the Ibstock postmaster, 37, Grade 3, were each allowed three months.

A Sutton Cheney oil and hardware dealer, who said he distributed a thousand gallons of petroleum weekly in the district, was given one month to be graded, and three months during which he is to be graded.

Three months, during which he is to be graded, was allowed an Ibstock tax collector and insurance agent, 40, general service, married, with five children, subject to him working three days a week on the land.

The Market Bosworth Food Control Committee appealed for their whole-time food inspector, unpaid, who resides at Markfield, and is in Grade 3. Six months allowed.

A Shackerstone farmer was given one month to be graded, and an Ibstock wheelwright, 41, Grade 2, was allowed a month subject to working full-time on agriculture.

Similar conditions were attached to previous exemption, and it transpired that the man had been engaged on fencing for the Ibstock Colliery, whereupon the chairman said the Tribunal did not consider that as farm work.

A Ratby fitter-mechanic, 33, Grade 2, appealed on personal grounds, stating that he was one of five brothers, four of whom joined up, one had been killed, one was in hospital, and two were now on the Western Front. Dismissed. Not to be called up till August 8th.

Three months was allowed a Ratby scavenger.

Answering Mr Eggington, the chairman said that any man granted exemption subject to him working part-time in agriculture could transfer to another farmer, assuming that the one he was working for did not require his services for the time being.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bailey, Albert. Pte.	(July 3 rd)
Beard, V. E.	(July 5 th)
Bradford, W. E. Sergt.	(July 4 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(July 5 th)
Lycett, George, Pte	(June 30 th)
Watson, J. Pte. (M.G.C.)	(July 4 th)

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WAR WEAPONS WEEK

Coalville this week has a splendid opportunity to distinguish itself. An effort is being made to secure the investment of £47,000 in national securities for the purchase of war weapons, and if the effort succeeds, one of more aeroplanes will be named after the town. The Coalville district is represented on the battlefields of France and Flanders, in Italy, Mesopotamia and other war areas by thousands of brave men, and think of the thrill of joy this would come to any of these men if some day they were able to see in the air "strafing" the enemy, an aeroplane bearing the name of Coalville, and which had been paid for by the money of their best friends at home. Such a picture is not merely imagination, but is quite within the bounds of possibility if Coalville rises to the occasion this week and provides that £47,000. Your money is not asked for as a gift; you are only asked to lend on terms greatly advantageous to yourselves, and on the best security ever known. Coalville has done many splendid things during this terrible war; over and over again the people have displayed their patriotism in a manner which makes everyone feel proud to live in the place, and Coalville, we feel sure, is not going to admit failure this week. By the time the selling centres close on Saturday night, the £47,000 mark will assuredly have been passed.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Lance-Corporal Cyril Dean, of the King's Royal Rifles, has been awarded the Military Medal for getting through the enemy lines with a message, after being surrounded. He is a son of Mr Sam Dean, of North Street, Hugglescote, assistant sanitary inspector to the Coalville Urban Council, and before joining up the gallant young soldier was also working in the Council offices as a clerk.

A COALVILLE V.A.D. BRIDE

WEDDING AT APPLEBY

The marriage took place quietly on Tuesday, in the Appleby Parish Church, of Signaller Oliver Chapman, of the 1/5th Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Chapman, Shaw Lane, Markfield, and Miss Edith Rowland, The Hameleys. The ceremony was performed by the vicar, the Rev. C. T. Moore. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of cream georgette overnet, with shoes and stockings to match. Her hat was leghorn with georgette trimmings. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses, carnations, and Madonna lilies, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister, Miss Rowland, who was daintily attired in a dress of grey and pink voile, with hat, etc., to match, and had a bouquet of pink and mauve sweet peas and pink roses, also the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Edward Barras Chapman officiated as best man. Immediately following the ceremony the bride and bridegroom's most intimate friends were entertained at the bride's home. The bridegroom left yesterday for France, where he has been for the past 18 months. The bride is a member of the Coalville V.A.D. and spends most of her leisure-time assisting at Broom Leys Hospital.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, T. F. Fox, A. Lockwood, Mr J. R. Champion (agricultural representative), Captain Stevenson (National Service representative), and Mr J. A. Jesson (clerk).

The chairman announced that at a meeting on Tuesday night, the Urban Council elected Mr C. H. Coleman as the tradesmen's representative on the Tribunal in the place of Mr J. Kirby, resigned, and they also decided to ask the Leicestershire Miners' Association to nominate a member for election on the Tribunal.

The clerk stated that two appeals by the National Service representative against decisions of the Tribunal exempting the Coalville Co-Operative Society's Whitwick branch manager and a Coalville motor and cycle engineer, had been withdrawn. An appeal had been lodged against two month's exemption granted at the last meeting to a Coalville fruit salesman.

The Advisory Committee recommended that three months be allowed a Coalville architect and tax collector, 39, married, Grade 3, subject to him getting some other work of national importance. Mr McCarthy said plans had to be prepared for buildings to be proceeded with as quickly as possible after the war. He was sure that the applicant had as much to do as ever he could. Three months were allowed without the condition referred to.

A multiple grocery firm appealed for the manager of their Coalville branch who is 41, Grade 1, married, with five children. A representative said the firm had never appealed for a single man, and 70 to 80 per cent of their employees had joined up. The Advisory Committee did not assent, and the Tribunal allowed one month (final).

An appeal was made by the managers of the Hugglescote Church School for the headmaster, 43, married, and in Grade 1. Canon Broughton said he realised that the chief thing now was to win the war, but if the headmaster was taken the school would suffer. They had 385 children and the staff of 11 teachers had been reduced to 8, four of whom were married women. The only male assistant, a man who had been rejected, was leaving in September. He asked if the Tribunal would allow time while Mr Brockington (a letter from whom was read) provided a substitute. The headmaster said he did not wish to shirk his duty. This was not a personal appeal, but an application by the managers to retain his services till a suitable substitute could be found. Canon Broughton said it would be fatal to the school if left without a male teacher in charge. Two months were allowed, or till substituted.

Three months' exemption was allowed a Coalville printer for his foreman compositor, 35, Grade 3 and married.

A Coalville chemist appealed for his assistant and dispenser, 32, Grade 2, married. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Mr C. E. Crane said the man was local secretary of the National Union of Shop Assistants and as such had received a letter from the Regional Headquarters at Nottingham granting him protection. Captain Stevenson suggested the dismissal of the appeal, the man to stand on that protection. The Tribunal agreed.

Mr Crane also represented a Coalville dental mechanic, 39, married, Grade 2, and produced a local doctor's certificate, suggesting that the man was quite unfit for military service, and he pressed for another medical examination. One month to be re-graded.

The cases of six butchers which had been several times before the Tribunal, were again considered. Previous exemption granted in two cases was appealed against at Leicester, and the appeals dismissed. In three of the cases the Advisory Committee did not assent, but in all cases further exemption was allowed. Two employed by the Co-Operative Society got three months, two Whitwick men three months and two months each was allowed a Coalville man and a Whitwick man.

A Greenhill publican and farmer, 42, Grade 2, was allowed three months' subject to whole time in agriculture.

A Whitwick resident, engaged at a munition store, stated in his appeal that he was originally a coal miner, except during a few years that he was a professional footballer. He went back to the mine, but was ordered on his last appeal to get other work of national importance. He was in Grade 1, 42, married, with six children. The Advisory Committee did not assent, but the Tribunal allowed two months.

Two months each was allowed a Whitwick joiner, 39, Grade 1, married, and a bread deliverer, 44, Grade 2, employed by the Co-Operative Society. It was stated that both these cases had been to Leicester, and the appeal of the National Service representative against previous exemption was dismissed. The Advisory Committee did not assent in either case.

Mr J. J. Sharp supported the appeal of a Coalville draper, 45, Grade 1, married, claiming it as a one-man business. Applicant said his wife was an invalid and his only son was in the army, having volunteered two

years' ago. Mr Sharp pointed out that the man was 45 years old and could volunteer for war work, but he desired to maintain his business. The Advisory Committee recommended that the appeal be dismissed but that the man not be called up for 28 days. Three months' allowed, subject to three days a week on work of national importance.

An Ellistown grocer and off-licence holder also working at Stableford's said he was 38, married, and in Grade 1. He looked after his aunt's shop as well as his own, and he was the only one of six brothers left at home, four being in the army, and one in the navy. The Advisory Committee recommended the dismissal of the appeal. One month allowed.

The National Service representative asked for the withdrawal of the certificate of a Coalville saddler, 37, Grade 1, and the Advisory Committee agreed. The chairman said this man was doing the repairs for 130 horses at the Whitwick Colliery, and he also did the Bagworth Colliery work. It would be serious for the colliery if the man was taken, and would possibly reduce output, which they were urged to should be increased. The same applied to the case of another Coalville saddler. Both were doing work of absolute national importance. It was stated that the other man was 33, and also in Grade 1. Three months each was allowed and it was suggested that as the men also did a lot of agricultural repairs, they should in the meantime endeavour to get a protection certificate from the War Agricultural Committee.

Three months each was allowed a Coalville grocer and provision dealer, 35, Grade 3, and a Whitwick building and undertaking firm's horse-keeper, Grade 3.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society appealed for the manager of their Ibstock branch, 43, Grade 2, married, with two children. Mr Lockwood said the man had managed the Ibstock shop for 20 years and a large trade was done. Another of their branch managers, 47, had recently joined up voluntarily. Three months.

Similar exemption was granted a bottler and manager of a Whitwick mineral water factory, 42, Grade 2, and a Hugglescote undertaker's assistant, 38, Grade 3.

A Coalville baker's appeal to be excused from drill was refused, and that of a Coalville cycle engineer was allowed.

Several applications for leave to appeal were granted.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Two Coalville men, Ptes. A Cramp and W. T. Findell, both of the South Staffordshire Regiment, have been wounded.

Corporal F. J. Baker (Coalville) and Pte. G. B. Crooks (Markfield) both of the Leicesters, are reported wounded.

Pte. H. G. Askew, an Ibstock man, in the Royal Welch Fusiliers, is reported to be a prisoner in Germany.

Ptes. H. F. Briers (Coalville) and D. Marriott (Ashby), and Lance-Corporal W. Stopp (Coalville) all of the Leicestershire Regiment, are officially reported wounded.

Private Victor Eggington, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Eggington, of Ibstock, has now been able to inform his parents that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. For many weeks he has been notified as missing.

Official intimation has been received that Corporal Wm. Henry Leech, Leicestershire Regiment, who has been missing about four months, is believed killed. Corporal Leech, aged about 37 years, voluntarily enlisted about three years ago. He was a miner at Bagworth Colliery. His wife and two children reside in Bakewell Street, Coalville.

Further news has been received by Mr and Mrs Arthur Johnson, 16, Jackson Street, Coalville, concerning their son, Corporal Arthur Edward Johnson, Royal Field Artillery, who died at the 3rd Canadian Stationary

Hospital, Doullens, France, on the 24th March, 1918 from wounds received in action and from gas. He had been in the army 2 ½ years, and fought in the Somme battle, July 1916.

Ptes. E. Barker and F. Ison, both of Ashby, I. Mycroft and B. E. Nixon, both of Coalville, and Sergeant H. Roberts of Breedon-on-the-Hill, have been wounded. All are of the Leicestershire Regiment.

Pte. F. Frith (Markfield) of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported killed in action.

Acting-Sergeant E. Williamson and Pte. F. E. Bull, Leicestershire Regiment, both Ashby men, have been wounded.

Mrs A. Bevin, of Bardon Hill, who is now living with her mother at Donington-le-Heath, has received two letters and a postcard from her husband, Pte. A. Bevin, who states he is a prisoner of war in Germany, in the best of health, and getting on as well as can be expected.

Gunner Bert Dawson, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Dawson, Ibstock, was killed in action on June 28th on the Western Front. He joined H.M. Forces some 12 months ago, and previous to joining up worked at the Ibstock Colliery.

BARDON HILL

MILITARY FUNERAL

There was a military funeral on Saturday at St. Peter's Church, Bardon Hill, when the remains of Private G. T. Slatter, of the Leicestershire Regiment, were laid to rest in the churchyard. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Pillifant and Canon Broughton read the lesson. A firing party attended from the Wigston Barracks and the bugler sounded the "Last Post."

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of John Henry Martin, Leicester Regiment, who was killed in the Battle of the Somme, July 11th, 1916.

*"So dear to us,
Forget him we never shall.
For memory liveth forever."*

From Anne and his children.

Martin – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private J. H. Martin, 9th Leicestershire Regiment, who was killed in action, July 11th, 1916.

*"Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Tears of sorrow often flow
Memory keeps our loved ones near us,
Whom God claimed two years ago."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brother.

In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte. H. H. Burton, of Whitwick, killed in action, July 3rd, 1916.

"Gone but not forgotten."

From his Father, Brothers and Sisters.

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WAR WEAPONS WEEK AT COALVILLE

EFFORT TO RAISE £47,000

This is "War Weapons Week" at Coalville, and it is hoped by Saturday night to have secured the local investment in War Bonds and War Savings Certificates of £47,000. While it is recognised that this is a large sum for the district, it will not be the fault of the committee and the energetic secretary, Mr J. W. Eagles, if it is not accomplished. For some weeks, the committee have been busy in making the arrangements, and no effort has been spared to make the event a success whereby Coalville will have the honour of an aeroplane being named after the town.

Two selling centres have been arranged for each afternoon and evening, one being in the Market Place in one of the wooden buildings kindly lent by the Wyggeston Hospital Trustees, and the other in Marlborough Square, the Coalville Bus Co. having kindly lent for this purpose one of their 'buses, which, gaily decorated with the national colours, is a decided attraction to investors.

The week's programme is in the hands of an entertainment committee, of which Mr Ed. Orton is chairman, and Mr Walter Colver secretary, and meetings are being held nightly in the Market Place. A large platform has been erected near the Post Office, and this is festooned with flags and posters setting forth the object of the campaign in a rather novel manner. An imitation thermometer suggests that £32,000 is freezing point and even £47,000 is chilly, £75,000 will make it hot for the Huns, and £100,000 is blood heat and, surely, enjoins the appeal, Coalville people will "rise to the call of the blood."

A friendly contest is taking place with Market Harborough, which is also making a War Weapons effort this week, and the posters contain some amusing skits in regard to this, there being a notice of the National Sporting Club's great fixture, in which the "Harborough Hustler" is to meet the "Coalville Crusher" on the "Scrap Heap" for a purse of £47,000. Coalville people are also asked to subscribe for a £47,000 dog collar for the great blonde beast. The committee are indebted to Mr G. F. Hurst, assistant surveyor for these attractive posters. Also on the platform is a gun, lent by Mr Edward Orton, which went with Napoleon to St. Helena. The three local banks have undertaken the responsibility for the staffing of the selling centres, and there is an extra staff at the Post Office to deal with the rush there. During the day, the Banks and Post Office are open to cope with all business and the selling centres are for the convenience of investors after closing hours. The proprietors of the Coalville Electric Olympia and Whitwick Theatres are also rendering valuable assistance every evening by showing slides prepared by Mr Johnson.

WOMEN'S DAY

Monday was "Women's Day" and there was a capital attendance at the Market Place meeting in the evening, when Canon Broughton (vicar of Hugglescote) presided, and the speakers were, Lady Beaumont and Mrs Storr-Best. The proceedings were enlivened by patriotic airs excellently played by the Coalville Coronation Band, who gave their services. Mr Ed. Orton having explained the week's programme.

The chairman said that if they lived to be a hundred years old, none of them would ever forget one day – August 4th, 1914. England tried to keep the peace of Europe, but Germany, to her everlasting shame, caused the war by violating the neutrality of Belgium. When the war started, he did not think it would be a long war, but it had had been on nearly four years, and he could not tell them when it would end. It might be a long war, but we should win (applause). They were fighting for freedom, for liberty, for the overthrow of that horrible Prussianism, and they would not give up until these were accomplished. The brave men at the Front were doing their part, and he was sure all at home would do theirs. He did not like to see women sweeping the streets, cleaning windows and wearing breeches; he preferred to see women mending clothes, cooking the dinner, and looking after the home, but we were living in extraordinary times, and by doing the work they were doing, women were splendidly helping the men at the Front. They must also help with their money.

Lady Beaumont said they were all anxious to do what they could in a good cause. It was a pity that the country did not listen to the words of that great soldier, Lord Roberts (cheers), and have been better prepared. Some of them did try to accomplish something towards this, and a Miniature Rifle Club was started at Coalville some years before the war broke out, because they could see it coming. And now the war was upon them, they had striven as a nation to fight it worthily. They had enjoyed the freedom which their forefathers fought for 100 years ago, and must see that it was maintained, and handed onto those who followed them. The war had brought out some splendid virtue – unselfishness and courage. The courage of the men at the Front was splendid and the unselfishness of those at home was shown by the way they had sent forth husbands, sons and sweethearts without a murmur, because they knew their country was in the right. Only on the previous day she got a note from the War Office stating that her only son had been sent ill

from Mesopotamia, and was now in hospital in India. She anticipated receiving a telegram any time, and would liked to have waited at home that night, but felt she could not break her promise to be at that meeting. They were fighting for righteousness and believed God was with them, so she asked them to invest their money to provide the sinews of war, and thus help to secure a righteous peace (cheers).

Mrs Storr-Best said that on the first thought saving was not a very inspiring subject. One's heart did not glow at saving £5 like it did at saving a life. It would help to make Germany realise that she must be beaten and must give up, so that the shortening of the war would save life – a life perhaps which was dear to them. English people were one big family. Most of them knew what the family budget was; so it was with the nation, only on a bigger scale. And they were spending more money now than they were getting because there were soldiers to keep and the guns to pay for. They were spending from their savings. As that was "Women's Day" she wanted to address herself to the women and girls. What did girls usually save for? Many of them were getting good wages, and were saving for the bottom drawer (laughter). It was a delightful feeling to have something in the bottom drawer, but she advised them not to spend on the bottom drawer just now, because things were shoddy and very dear. It would pay them much better to lend their money to the country at a good rate of interest and spend it when things were cheaper again and of better value, and when their spending would do good. The girls would also say that they wanted to look nice, and she had every sympathy with that, but they should make themselves look as pretty as they could without spending much. She was sure nobody whose opinion was worth having would think they looked one scrap pettier because they were dressed in new clothes. Don't think that she did not practice what she preached. The clothes she was wearing were what she went to Russia in two years ago, and she had brought none since (applause). She urged that by investing in War Bonds they would be benefitting themselves and their children in the future, and it would give them a feeling of independence.

Moving a vote of thanks to the speakers, chairman and the Band, the Rev. S. Hosking said that if the people did not lend their money to the Government, and we did not win the war, nobody would have sixpence to call his own. (A Voice: We shall win). Mr Eagles seconded, and the vote was heartily accorded. The amount invested the first day was £2,734.

CHILDREN'S DAY

The children had their day on Tuesday. Marlborough Square was the rendezvous and they marched there from all the schools in the afternoon, carrying flags of the national colours, while in a few instances the Stars and Stripes intermingled with the red, white and blue. Many parents were present, and the huge meeting in the Square was presided over by the Vicar.

The proceedings opened with the singing of "Rule, Britannia," by the children, led by Mr William Hurst, to the accompaniment of a cornet and piano (the latter lent by Mr J. A. Johnson, Electric Theatre) played by Mr and Mrs J. W. Burton, after which Dr. Lloyd Storr-Best, headmaster of the Coalville Grammar School, made an appeal for all to do their part in making it a successful week.

Major Brockington (Director of Education) in the course of a stirring speech, said that if the war ended tomorrow with Germany still in possession of Russia, Serbia, Roumania, Belgium, and the rich producing provinces of France, it would be the most awful catastrophe that had happened in the history of the world. They were fighting for the peace of the world, and that was why America had joined them. They could not think too seriously of the situation, and everybody who could should lend their money to the Government, on the security of the British Empire, and for the security of the British Empire (cheers).

The children sang, "*Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue.*"

Mr E. Orton moved a vote of thanks to the speakers, the chairman and Mr W. Hurst, and in seconding, Mr J. W. West also thanked the children, whose bright and happy appearance, he said, was a credit to the parents (cheers). The singing of the National Anthem, and cheers by the children for War Weapons Week, concluded an interesting meeting.

On Tuesday evening, the Rev. C. Barker (Hugglescote) presided at the public meeting in the Market Place which was well-attended, and the Coronation Band again provided the music. The chairman said he had never for one moment doubted the righteousness of this war, and he was in entire sympathy with the object before them this week. They must have then money or the end would be disastrous.

Mr M. McCarthy, J.P. (chairman of the Urban Council) said there was no better security than the security of the British Empire. It was honoured all over the world, and it was higher today than it had been for the last 100 years. He urged them to buy and hold the Bonds. The time was coming when money would be cheaper, but the Government would still pay them 5 per cent interest. He then announced that he would have great pleasure in presenting nine War Savings Certificates – three to each family in the Coalville, Hugglescote, and Whitwick Wards, which brought the greatest number of War Savings Certificates for their children this week. Amidst applause, he handed over to Mr Eagles a cheque for £6/19/6 for this purpose.

Lieutenant Pearce, of Leicester, said he wanted first of all to thank the miners of Coalville for having sent a bull pup to Leicester, which he had the pleasure of selling for £100 (cheers). He looked upon the miners as among the most loyal men in the county of Leicester. If the Germans won, they would take the whole of the British workmen's trade union funds, so it was to the interests of the workers to do everything they could to defeat the enemy. Germany wanted to rule the earth, and there could be no peace until the Kaiser and his party had been made to realise the strength of the Allied arms. It was a war between Christian civilisations and scientific barbarism, and they must send the Germans back into their own country, and show them that they were not going to dictate to the world (cheers).

Moving a vote of thanks to the speakers, chairman and Band, Mr W. Hurst urged that the figures should be reversed, and that Coalville this week should invest not £47,000 but £74,000 (cheers). Mr J. J. Brown seconded, the vote of thanks which was heartily accorded. The total invested on Tuesday was £1,902.

TRADESMEN'S DAY

Wednesday was "Tradesmen's Day" and there was another good attendance at the evening meeting, which was presided over by Mr A. G. Wedgwood (manager of Lloyd's Bank) and the speakers were Mr S. Ellicock and Major Evan Barlow, both of Leicester.

Mr Ellicock spoke of the War Savings movement, in which he has taken a very active and successful part as the secretary for Leicester and county, and he put forward some very good reasons why the people should lend their money to hasten a victorious peace. Major Barlow said he knew they had got money at Coalville (laughter). He was Official Receiver for Leicestershire and Rutland and in the two counties there had only been one bankrupt since November last year, though in normal times there were 60 a year. So there was some prosperity (cheers). He went on to give instances of German brutality and said this was a war of right against might – of civilisation against barbarism, and Germany was bound to be beaten. If they had a German peace, their dear little children in a few years would have to go through all this agony again and he appealed to the people to lend their money, so that the war could be ended successfully, and he made an end of all wars (cheers).

The chairman said they would all be better dead than that the Germans should win and be allowed to take possession of this country. He instanced what had been done in Belgium and said that if the Germans got to England we should have no money and not a scrap of honour left, so there was no excuse for anyone not to come forward and invest.

Canon Broughton moved, and Mr J. W. West seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, speakers, and Coronation Band (who again gave their services) and this was heartily accorded. Wednesday's takings amounted to £3,769, making a total of £8,495 for the first 3 days.

RAILWAY AND MUNITION WORKERS' DAY

Yesterday was "Railway and Munion Workers' Day" and the speakers last night were Mr W. Hurst and Mr B. G. Hale, the chair being taken by Mr T. Y. Hay.

The miners are having their day today (Friday) and tomorrow is "Everybody's Day" when it is hoped the Post Offices, Banks and selling centres will be kept busy the whole time from opening till closing.

WOMEN WAR WORKERS AT COALVILLE

BIG RECRUITING RALLY IN MARLBOROUGH SQUARE

An interesting event at Coalville, on Saturday was a parade of land army and aircraft girls in connection with a great recruiting rally which took place in Marlborough Square. Beautiful weather prevailed, and the land girls in their smocks, and aeroplane girls in overalls, carrying specimens of their craft, made a picturesque procession. It was quite a novelty for Coalville and district. Some of the girls, carrying hay forks and other implements, rode on hay waggons, in one of which were some lambs wearing necklets of red, white and blue. Banners, bearing appropriate mottos, were carried in the procession, in which the Boy Scouts also took part. It was led in a tour of the district by the Hugglescote and Ellistown Prize Band, and attracted much attention.

There was a huge gathering at the meeting in the Square, at which the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A. vicar of Whitwick, and Rural Dean, presided, and was supported by Lady Beaumont (the local president), Lady Mabel Smith (representing the Board of Agriculture), Miss Cresswell (Welfare Supervisor of the Coalville aircraft girls), Mrs Dunkin (local secretary for the Girl's Land Army), Mr J. G. Shields, J.P. of Isley Walton, and others.

The chairman said the object of the rally was to bring to the notice of the people the fact that they had a land army of women, and a centre for training girls in aircraft work at Coalville, and for both these organisations they wanted more recruits. He read a letter from the Prime Minister, regretting that his official engagements prevented him from coming to Coalville to speak on that occasion. They were sorry for that, said the chairman, but they hoped that on some future occasion they might be honoured at Coalville even by a visit of the Prime Minister. He went on to refer to the submarine menace and said what a splendid work had been done by the women in assisting to produce more food, whereby the German boast that they would starve England into submission had been foiled. As this country had for years been the mistress of the seas, she was at the present time, so far as the enemy was concerned, also mistress of the air and here again the women were nobly doing their part. Thousands of women on the land and in the workshops were doing everything possible to win the war. Speaking as a clergyman, he looked upon this from a religious point of view, and he was convinced that this war must be fought as a religious war because the enemy had taken upon himself to wield instruments which could only be described as instruments of darkness and evil. When they read of such atrocities as the sinking of hospital ships they could only come to the conclusion that the enemy was inspired by the forces of evil. So this was a religious crusade, and the women were not only fighting for their King and country, but for righteousness itself (cheers).

Lady Beaumont said she was president of the Coalville area, which comprised eleven parishes and she was pleased to see such a splendid rally. They were showing a good example in that part of the county, both as regards work on the land and in the making of aeroplanes. She appealed to the young women to come forward and for their love of country to do all they could to assist in meeting the great danger with which they were faced. She hoped many girls would be inspired to join the Land Army. They could give in their names that day, or go to the Labour Exchange. She knew it took a lot of courage to wear the uniform. A little while ago everybody stared at a woman in breeches, but they all saw how strong, healthy and happy these land girls looked. She felt proud of that part of the county, and she would feel prouder still if that rally brought a good number of recruits (cheers).

Lady Mabel Smith said that having worked on the land herself she knew something about it. There was much work that girls could do, and which they were doing excellently. Speaking of the conditions attached to joining the land army she said girls had to be 18 years of age, and they could join either for six or twelve months. Girls were wanted who could milk, and that was one of the things which they did best. In Scotland it had been the custom for years for women to milk and look after the young stock. That was what they wanted in Leicestershire. After they had joined up they would go before a selection committee to whom they would have to show that they had their parents' consent. They would also have to give references, and if physically fit, would be enrolled and sent to a training course for six weeks, after which they would be placed on a farm. The demand for girls was so great that they could not meet it, and they wanted to enlist many more to assist with the harvest. The pay was 1/- per day, with board and lodging. They used to be paid £1 per week, but owing to the increased cost of living, it was considered better for girls to be provided with board and lodging and paid as stated. The parents could rest assured that the girls were well looked after. The lodgings were inspected and no girl was sent to a farm which was not properly conducted. If a girl was not happy and had a grievance, the inspector would investigate and advise. It was a very healthy life. Though Coalville had done so well in war matters she was sure they would all help Lady Beaumont in getting more girls from this district (cheers).

Mr J. G. Shields said he had ten to sixteen women working on his land, and he was proud of them. They were all in better health now than when they started. The wage paid to the land army girls was not a high one, but money was not the only thing. He caused some laughter by asking them to look at the "beautiful figures" and healthy-looking faces of these land girls. The wages in munition factories were higher, but it was not such a healthy occupation as that on the land, where also they were not in danger. They did not want women to do ploughing and heavy work, though much ploughing was being done by women. In fact, in a ploughing competition in Leicestershire recently, the first prize was won by a woman. God bless her! (Laughter and applause). On the land, the girls had a safe job, a pleasant job and a healthy job, and if, ultimately, they married a farmer (laughter) they would know whether the cows were being milked properly.

The chairman, referring to the aircraft training centre which had been formed at Coalville, and which also wanted girls, said that after the war, the making of aeroplanes would probably become a great industry and more girls would be wanted constantly. He then proposed a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in making the rally a success, and this was heartily accorded. Recruits were then invited to enrol.

The hay carts, with two men, were lent by the Whitwick Colliery Co. and horses by Mr H. New; Messrs. Coleman and Sons lent the farm implements; the Liberal Club allowed the use of one of their rooms for enrolling recruits, and the local police and special constables also rendered valuable assistance, while the proprietors of the Electric and Olympia Theatres helped considerably by advertising the procession on the screen all the week.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bartram, W. Lance-Corporal	(July 12 th)
Dooley, H. Sergeant	(July 12 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(July 12 th)
Needham, F. E. Sergeant	(June 16 th)
Perkins, J. A. Driver	(July 14 th)
Tansey, F. Corporal	(July 7 th)
Upton, G. Sapper (R.E.)	(July 15 th)
York, H. A. Private	(July 9 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Lieut. C. J. Pearse, R.N.V.R. has been adopted Unionist candidate for the Leicester (South) Division?

Lady Joyce entertains a number of wounded soldiers' from Broom Leys Hospital at Abbot's Oak every Tuesday?

At the two selling centres during Coalville War Weapons Week, £4,172 was taken, the other £16,000 odd being paid in at the banks and post offices?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

As we predicted in our last issue, Coalville rose to the occasion splendidly during War Weapons Week, and more than realised the £47,000. The final figures were £50,191, which is equal to about £2/16/0 per head of the population. The prospect on Friday night was disappointing, but a fine spurt on Saturday, thanks to a big investment by the Whitwick Colliery Company (£20,000) brought about the desired result. Apart from this, Saturday was by far the best day, the total amount invested, independent of the Whitwick Colliery Company being about £10,000. The committee worked hard all the week, and particularly Mr J. W. Eagles, the

energetic hon. secretary, who, with the staffs of the Banks and Post Offices, are to be heartily congratulated on this gratifying outcome of their labours.

Sapper E. Bettison, R.E., France, son of Mr Samuel Bettison of North Street, Hugglescote, has passed in Class 2 Homiletics, and with honours in Class 3 Homiletics Advanced. The examinations were in connection with the Union of Homiletic and Bible Study, the tutors being the Revs. John Edwards of Wakefield and J. R. Wardell, of Maidstone. Bettison sent in 11 papers out of 12 for the session, preparing for the latter which had to be abandoned owing to the German offensive of March 21st. Previous to this session, Sapper E. Bettison has passed other examinations in theology and biblical study in connection with the same Union whilst serving in France. Before the war he was well-known in the district as an efficient local preacher; also a member of the Coalville Ebenezer Baptist Church.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Coalville Tribunal was held on Wednesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, C. Coleman, A. Lockwood and T. F. Fox, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk reported that the National Service representative had given notice of appeal against two months' exemption granted at the last meeting to a Whitwick licensed victualler and coal miner and one month to an Ellistown off-licence holder and employee at Stableford's.

In the appeal against two months' granted a Coalville fruit salesman, the Leicester Tribunal allowed the appeal, the man not to be called up till September 3rd, and the appeal against one month to a Coalville builder was also allowed.

The clerk said he had received a reply in regard to the position of insurance agents and if they were part-time agents and collectors they were not exempt. They had to be whole-time clerks to be protected.

An official circular was also read as to the grading of the men of the new military age, it being pointed out that such men passed Grade 1 were to be regarded as B1; Grade 2 as B2; and Grade 3 as B3. The Grade 1 men were not to be regarded as fit to be trained for the first line infantry, and the Grade 2 and 3 men were to be regarded as of less military value than younger men in similar grades. Greater facilities were also to be granted the older men for a second medical examination if they were dissatisfied with the first. Mr McCarthy said men could appeal for another medical examination within five days, but they did not know that always. It was suggested that the Press give publicity to this, Mr McCarthy remarking that they wanted to be fair to everybody.

Another circular urged that every consideration should be given to the heads of businesses of national importance.

In the cases of a Coalville wood machinist, and a Donington baker, Captain Stevenson said the appeals were out of order as no application for a re-hearing was put in. It was pointed out that they were given 14 days for grading, and would have to give notice the same night. Mr McCarthy said the men would expect the cases to come forward automatically at the end of the fortnight. Captain Stevenson said headquarters had agreed to the cases being re-heard this time, but would not do so in future unless proper application was made.

In the wood machinist's case, the man was stated to be 40, married, and in Grade 2. His employer, a Coalville builder, said the man was working 60 hours a week wholly on war contracts. The Advisory Committee did not assent, but the Tribunal allowed three months.

A Coalville ironmongery firm got three months for their chief assistant, 37, married, Grade 3, and two months for a horse and motor driver, married, Grade 3. In the latter case, the Advisory Committee had recommended one month final.

A Donington-le-Heath baker, appealing for his son, 39, married, Grade 3, said the business had been established over 200 years.

Mr McCarthy: *Before I was born* (laughter).

The Advisory Committee did not assent, but the man had since been put in Grade 3, and was allowed two months.

Similar exemption was granted to an Ellistown ironmongery firm, 42, married, Grade 1, whose brother, a former partner was serving in the Forces.

Three months was allowed a Coalville butcher, 40, Grade 2, subject to working two days a week on the farm, or helping other butchers.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society were allowed three months for a dough-maker, 42, married, Grade 2, and two months for a relief manager, 32, Grade 3.

A Coalville wheelwright, appealed for his son who is his sole assistant in the business, his other son having joined up. The man was stated to be 33, married, and in Grade 2. They were working largely on agricultural repairs. Two months allowed and it was suggested that in the meantime the man get a protection certificate from the War Agricultural Committee.

The National Service representative appealed for the withdrawal of an exemption certificate granted to a Whitwick farmer's waggoner, 25, single, general service. Mr Sharp urged that the man was entitled to a War Agricultural Certificate. It was stated to come within the "clean cut" and the appeal was allowed.

A Whitwick carter appealed for his man, who is also a Thringstone licensed victualler, 42, Grade 2. He said the man was wholly engaged on carting timber to the collieries. The Advisory Committee did not assent and the Tribunal agreed, the man not to be called up for one month.

There were only four applications for permission to make further appeals, and these were allowed.

An application by a Coalville draper, 45, Grade 1, to be excused from drill, was allowed, he having stated that his wife was an invalid, and he had obtained work on a farm as ordered.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society's lbstock manager also appealed to be excused from drill, stating that there was no corps at lbstock. When one was formed there, he would willingly join – Captain Stevenson said a corps was to be formed at lbstock. The appeal was allowed.

CRICKET

Owing to players joining the Colours, Shepshed Town C.C., have been reluctantly compelled to withdraw from the "Coalville Times" Charity Cricket Cup Competition this season, so that Coalville Town, when they should have played on July 27th, go unopposed into the final.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. A. Eames (Ashby) of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and Pte. R. C. Sheldon (Coalville) of the Essex Regiment, have been wounded.

Corporal C. E. Brown (Hugglescote) and Pte. L. L. Haynes (Ashby) both of the Leicestershire Regiment, have been wounded.

Mrs H. Statham, Main Street, Stanton-under-Bardon, has received official intimation that her son, Sergeant John Adcock (aged 20), Leicestershire Regiment, who was reported missing on July 14th, 1916, must now be presumed to have been killed in action, in France, on that date.

An official list of missing published on Wednesday, contained the names of Pte. C. Lowe (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment, and Pte. T. W. Wilde (Hugglescote) of the Durham Light Infantry. The latter resided at Crescent Road, and was formerly employed as an assistant in the tailoring department of the Coalville Co-Operative Society.

OUTING TO BROOM LEYS PATIENTS

The outing to the patients at Broom Leys, from the monies collected at the recent garden fete and whist drive (held under the auspices of the Coalville Women's Guild) took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Under the charge of the matron (Miss K. S. Crawford) and Sister Finn, 48 patients were conveyed in brakes to Springhill Farm. The weather, which at the outset was very unfavourable, did not damp the exuberant spirits of the "boys." A sumptuous "knife and fork" tea was provided in the comfortable building adjoining the farm, and the ladies of the Guild saw to it that everyone had a liberal supply of good things. After tea the weather being more favourable, a splendid and varied programme of sports was gone through, and in the capable hands of Company Sergeant-Major Buchanan proved a huge success. Valuable prizes were awarded for each event and competition was very keen. On the motion of Mr Morris, the matron (Miss K. S. Crawford), gracefully distributed the prizes to the winners. Cheers were called for and heartily given to the matron, the ladies of the Guild, and to all who assisted to make the outing so enjoyable. Brakes were in attendance and the party left the farm for the homeward journey at 7 pm.

ANOTHER COALVILLE MILITARY MEDALLIST



Private J. H. Bullen, of the Leicesters, son of Mr Matthew Bullen, collier, of Highfields Street, Coalville, having been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action, was presented with the medal a few days ago by Major-General C. R. R. McGregor, at the Birmingham University. The gallant soldier has unfortunately, been seriously wounded in the war, having had to have both legs amputated, and he is now in the Northfield Hospital, Birmingham. His wife, who is residing at 82, Bath Row, Birmingham, is the daughter of Mr J. Curtis, formerly manager of the Coalville Workingmen's Club in Margaret Street. Private Bullen joined the Leicestershire Territorials eight years ago, and was called up immediately war broke out, prior to which he was employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

THRINGSTONE SOLDIER WINS MILITARY MEDAL

Private Henry Robinson, of the R.A.M.C. has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field. He is a Thringstone man, and formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery. He was a popular member of the Thringstone Club. His father, Mr John Robinson, a collier, of Thringstone, is a private in the local company of the Leicestershire Volunteers.

ASHBY MILITARY MEDALLIST

Lance-Corporal E. Walker, an Ashby man, in the Northumberland Fusiliers, has been awarded the Military Medal.

FUNERAL

The funeral of Private Harry Belcher, second son of Mr and Mrs William Belcher, High Street, Ibstock, took place at Ibstock Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Standidge, of Heather, and a memorial service was held in the Parish Church in the evening. The deceased had only joined up a few weeks, viz., Whit Tuesday last. He succumbed to an attack of influenza, dying in camp, near Hull, on Wednesday last. Previous to joining the Colours, he worked at Ibstock Collieries. The "Dead March" (Saul) was played in the church at the end of the evening service, by Mr W. Dunstan (organist), and the "Last Post" was sounded by the buglers of the Church Lads' Brigade. Private Belcher was 21 years of age.

HUGGLESCOTE

A whist drive and dance were held in Mr Watson's orchard, at Hugglescote, on Wednesday evening, organised by the Coalville and District Dairy Farmers' and Milk Retailers' Association (Mr J. E. Lowe,

secretary), in aid of the Coalville Broom Leys V.A.D. Hospital. There was a good attendance, including a number of the soldiers from the hospital, who were conveyed each way by motor. The M.C.'s were Mr A. E. Morris (whist) and Mr H. Pickworth (dancing), the music being provided by the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band. Unfortunately, rain interfered with the event. The whist drive was finished in a tent, and the dancing in the Hawley Institute.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs W. Belcher and family wish to thank all friends, through the medium of this paper, for their kind expressions of sympathy with them in their recent sad bereavement by the death of their son, Harry.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our adopted son and nephew, Private Cecil H. E. Wilson, Essex Regiment, who was shot by a German sniper when on outpost duty, while wiring near Festubert, and died before reaching the aid post. Buried at Goore, July 14th, 1917. Age 21. Previously wounded, 1916.

*"All is over; in an unknown grave
Sleeps he, 'mid comrades brave.
He died as he lived;
Obeying Duty's call."*

From his sorrowing Aunt, Uncle, and Brother Frank (Markfield).

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COALVILLE WAR WIDOW'S RENT

HOUSE AGENT'S GENEROUS OFFER

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, George H. Hewes, house agent, Ravenstone, on behalf of Mr W. J. Gibbs, applied for an ejectment order against Louisa Sleath, widow, Coalville.

The woman said she was a war widow, her husband, having been brought from the war, died in hospital and was buried at Hugglescote. She also recently lost a boy of 18 after a long illness. A boy, 14 ½ was her sole support and she had not been able to pay the rent.

Mr Hewes said over £3 was owing for rent. The woman had a pension of £1/1/0 a week for herself, and had a boy at the pit and a girl working and there were no other dependents. Answering the clerk, the woman said her Government pension was £1/1/8 per week, and her boy earned £1/0/8 per week. The girl was working at the aircraft factory at Loughborough.

Mr Hewes said the rent was 3/6 per week, and he would give her all the arrears if she would get out of the house. She was a Leicester woman and could get a home in Leicester. Defendant said she did not want to go back to Leicester. She was willing to pay the rent arrears by instalments.

Mr Hewes said the woman's premises were no good. She was rarely at home when he went for the rent. The Bench made an order for possession to be given up within 30 days. The clerk told the woman that if she paid up the rent, she might be allowed to remain. The costs were 2/3, which would have fallen on the woman, but Mr Hewes said he would pay it.

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Ashby Rural Tribunal was held at the Clerk's Office, on Saturday afternoon, Mr T. Varnham presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. A. Riley, J. Rice, H. M. Cuthbert, Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr George Famer (clerk).

The National Service representative asked for the withdrawal of certificates of exemption granted to employers of the Albion Clay Co. Woodville, numbering fifty, and one from a Leicestershire pipe-yard hand. The certificates were all withdrawn, it being stated that the firm had obtained protection for the men from the National Service authorities. These were the only cases dealt with.

WAR WEAPONS WEEK AT COALVILLE

A SPLENDID FINISH

A splendid finish on Saturday made War Weapons Week at Coalville a huge success. Things looked none too rosy on Friday night, as when the selling centres closed the total reached for the five days was only £19,608, which seemed a long way off the £47,000 aimed at and many thought that about £25,000 was as much as could be hoped for. But the Whitwick Colliery Co. came out splendidly with an investment of £20,000, which had a wonderful stimulus, and the rest was easy. When closing time came on Saturday, the total stood at £49,821 from which it will be said that on the last day over £30,000 was subscribed. Included in this was £1,000 by the Coalville Co-Operative Society.

The proceedings on Saturday, "Everybody's Day" were of an interesting character. In the afternoon, the Coronation Band led an imposing procession through the town, among those taking part being Scouts, Cadets, Hugglescote Church Lads' Brigade, members of the R.A.O.B., Ambulance Brigade, soldiers from Broom Leys Hospital, etc.

A large meeting in the Market Place was presided over by the Rev. E. Pillifant, vicar of Bardon, and the speakers were Mr Walter Lindley, M.B.E., J.P., and the Rev. T. W. Walters, vicar of Whitwick, supported by members of the committee, and soldiers from Broom Leys.

Mr Lindley spoke at some length, expressing the horrible doctrine of Bernhardt and emphasising the need for the crushing of Prussian militarism. Great cheering greeted the announcement that a telegram received from the chairman of the directors of the Whitwick Colliery Co. authorised him to invest £20,000 in War Loans that day. Coalville now had the chance, he said, to reach the £45,000, and they must do it. In justice to the workmen at the Whitwick Colliery, he said he ought to tell them that since the war started, the company had bought for the men in the War Savings Association at the colliery, 5,500 certificates, representing £3,900 and in addition, £1,165 in War Bonds. He urged them to keep on buying.

The Rev. T. W. Walters said it was their duty to invest from a religious point of view. Mr J. W. Eagles said a gentleman had thrown out a challenge that he would take up 100 certificates if nine other gentlemen would do the same. He asked for volunteers, and they were soon forthcoming. The Vicar (the Rev. S. Hosking), Mr W. Hurst, Mr A. B. ____, and Mr Tyler each offered to take 100 certificates and Mr E. Orton made it a thousand by saying he would take 50. Mr Eagles got promises of also of 50 by Miss Black and Mr S. Clamp and concluded by saying that the £47,000 was assured (cheers).

PRESENTATION OF A MILITARY MEDAL

An interesting item of the programme was the presentation to Sergeant Claude Bradshaw, of Cambridge Street, Coalville, of a Military Medal, awarded him for bravery in action. Company-Sergeant Payne said it was a great pleasure to him to receive an order from his Commanding Officer to bring a medal to Coalville for one of their townsmen (cheers).

Mr Walter Lindley said it was the first Military Medal to be publicly presented in Coalville, though it was not the first to be won, a good number of Coalville men having this honour. Sergeant Bradshaw, formerly apprenticed with Mr F. J. Bayliss, plumber, joined the forces when only 18 ½ years of age and was one of the men the country would always feel proud of. He was among the first lot of men to realise their duty to their country and enlisted, voluntarily, in November, 1914 (cheers). Like many more in Coalville it needed no Conscription Act for him. He was over 3 ½ years on active service, but had the misfortune to be seriously wounded at Ypres which act ____ for him having been discharged from the Army. He was not born in Coalville, but came here when he was three years of age, so they claimed him as a native. He (Mr Lindley) was also proud to tell them that Sergeant Bradshaw formerly belonged to the Coalville Scouts (cheers). As he fastened the medal on the ex-soldier's coat, the Scout buglers sounded a general salute.

Sergeant Bradshaw, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be there, but it would give him greater pleasure to be able to go to Coalville Station and welcome the boys back again (cheers). They could never do enough for the soldiers out there, and he hoped they would all take every opportunity of doing all they could to help the boys (applause).

Mr Lindley added that when Sergeant Bradshaw was wounded he was in charge of a platoon at Ypres. They succeeded in gaining their objective, and he and five men held on until he was disabled by a serious wound. Someone in the crowd had suggested sending the hat round, and the idea was taken up by the Scouts and the wounded soldiers, with the result that £8/4/4 ½ was collected. This was announced amidst cheers, and in again thanking the people for their kindness to him Sergeant Bradshaw said he would make it up to £10 to invest in War Savings Certificates (cheers).

Sergeant-Major Buchannan, one of the wounded soldiers from Broom Leys Hospital, offered congratulations to Sergeant Bradshaw, and in the course of a vigorous speech, made a strong appeal for the War Savings effort. He called for three cheers for the winner of the Military Medal, which were heartily given.

Mr E. Orton moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, speakers, and the Band. In connection with the latter, he paid a well-deserved compliment, remarking that the Coalville Coronation Band had given their services free of cost for the whole week (cheers). The committee tried to get other bands to help but they did not seem very willing, and so the Coronation Band had done the lot, for which the committee were very grateful. He also expressed thanks to Mr Walter Colver, who as secretary for the entertainment committee, had worked hard.

The Rev. S. Hosking seconded, and the vote of thanks was heartily accorded.

Amounts were received at the local Banks up to noon on Monday, and the final figures were £50,191.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pte. W. Hill, who died of wounds received in action on July 24th, 1916.

*"The golden evening brightens in the West
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest,
Sweet is the calm of Paradise, the blest,
Alleluia*

*From Earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams the countless host
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia"*

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bradford, W. E. Sergeant	(July 20 th)
Barratt, F. Corporal	(July 3 rd)
Edwards, J. W. Lance-Corporal	(July 16 th)
Essex, W. Private	(June 21 st)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(July 19 th)
Needham, F. E.	(June 27 th)
Perry, F. Lance-Corporal	(June 18 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Three Hinckley brothers, sons of Mr E. Hall, Garendon Road, Hinckley, recently met unexpectedly in France?

The Rev. B. Kenyon, vicar of Blackfordby and Smisby, has volunteered for service and expecting shortly to receive a commission as chaplain to the Forces?

A detachment of the 'B' (Coalville) Co. of the Leicestershire Volunteer Regiment, is being formed at Ibstock, and meetings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday next for enrolment?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

In connection with the Y.M.C.A. Hut Week sports were held on the Fox and Goose grounds on Wednesday, soldiers from the Broom Leys Hospital and others participating. In the evening the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band played for dancing.

ABSENTEE

At the Coalville Police Court before Mr J. W. West, on Saturday, Pte. N. Smith of North Street, Whitwick, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment, the North Staffords. P.C. Jelley gave evidence as to arrest and Smith was remanded to await an escort.

WEDDING

At the Hugglescote Wesleyan Church on Saturday, the wedding took place of Miss Hilda Annie Green, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. H. Green, of Vaughan Street, Coalville and Gunner William Rupert Randon, R.F.A., eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Randon, of Highfields Street, Coalville. The Rev. T. Cotram officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white embroidered voile, with wreath and veil, and carried a pretty bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. There were four bridesmaids, Misses Florrie and Gwennie Green (sisters of the bride) and Edna and Doris Randon (sisters of the bridegroom), the three elder being attired in dresses of apricot voile and black picture hats, and Miss Doris Randon in white voile and a white hat, the latter being accompanied by a cousin of the bride, Master George Randon, in a sailor suit. All the bridesmaids carried sheafs of flowers and wore regimental broches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr Albert Randon (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. After the ceremony, a number of friends were entertained by the bride's parents. There was a splendid lot of presents. The bridegroom had special leave for the event and has returned to his military duties.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A CALLING-UP NOTICE THAT WAS ILLEGAL

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Rural District Tribunal was held on Tuesday afternoon, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding. There were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, W. Towers, G. M. Arnold, Major Wollaston (National Service representative), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

The first case was one in which the chairman was interested and he retired; Mr Eggington taking the chair temporarily. It was a personal appeal by a farm manager and horseman in the employ of Messrs. Scott and Brown, Cadeby. Mr A. B. Talbot (Leicester) represented the applicant who, he said, was 39, Grade 1, and married without family, but he also supported his mother-in-law. On a technical point, said Mr Talbot, the man contended that he should not be called up as there was now no authority to call men over 31 from the land, so he was there under protest. He hoped the Tribunal would give greater consideration to the case than was given by the War Agricultural Committee, who dealt with the case without hearing the man, and the first he heard of it was two days later when he received his calling-up papers. He would like to protest against that. The man had the management of two farms, totalling 293 acres, of which 121 acres were arable, and without him the farms could not be carried on unless Major Scott came back from America. He (the Major) volunteered for important Government work in America, and had purchased no less than 60,000 horses for the remount department. When he went away again in June last he was relying upon the pledge that men over 31 would not be called up from the land. The clerk said they could only decide the case on

personal grounds. Mr Talbot said that was so, but the Tribunal should consider whether the man was doing work of national importance. Lord Selborne had said that a turnip might be as important as shell in winning the war, and the probability was that if this man of 39 was taken, he would be put on another farm. The Tribunal decided that the calling-up notice was illegal and three months' exemption was allowed.

A similar point was raised in the next case, that of a Coton Priory (Bosworth) waggoner and milker, 33, Grade 3, married, with three children. He said the farm was 700 acres, including 310 acres of plough land. He held that being over 31 he should not be called up.

Major Wollaston: *Then this is illegal too?*

The Clerk: *There is no doubt about it.*

Six months allowed. The chairman said there was no question about a Grade 3 man. Mr Prothero, in none of his speeches, had mentioned men over 31.

Three months' exemption was allowed a Ratby carpenter and joiner, 37, Grade 3, and a Markfield man, 40, Grade 3, who has 23 acres of land and five milking cows, subject to him working 42 hours a week for another farmer.

A member: *Are you married?*

Applicant: *No*

The member: *Then you ought to be* (laughter).

An Ibstock butcher, 36, Grade 2, who said he had 1,200 customers, 11 ½ acres of land, two milking cows and 11 young beasts, was allowed 3 months, subject to working two days a week in agriculture.

Three months each was allowed a Newbold Verdon carrier and coal carter, 31, Grade 2, and a Markfield publican and plumber, 38, Grade 3.

A Leicester solicitor wrote asking for the case of a Groby gardener and chauffeur, 47, Grade 3, to be adjourned till the next sitting. The Tribunal however, gave the man three months.

A member: *You will do the solicitor out of his fee.*

Another member: *I don't care. This man is working for a lady who has lost all her sons in the war, and has two children in the army himself.*

A Sibson grist miller, residing at Sheepy, 36, Grade 1, married with two children, was also allowed three months.

There were about a dozen assented cases, three months being allowed. It was stated that one of these applicants was the father of thirteen children.

Major Wollaston: *He is a very good man.*

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mr and Mrs George Farmer, of Tamworth Road, Ashby, have received news that 2nd Lieutenant E. F. Farmer, Leicesters, was wounded in action in France on the 10th inst. and is now in hospital in London. Lieutenant Farmer received an early military training in the Grammar School Cadet Corps, in which he was sergeant, and was hardly of military age when he joined the O.T.C. He has been in France a short time. His eldest brother, Capt. Roland Farmer, has been killed, and another brother, Pte. Fred Farmer, H.A.C., severely wounded. Mr George Farmer is well-known as the clerk to the Ashby Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.

Pte. Fred Goddard, son of Mr Emmanuel Goddard, of Carlton, Market Bosworth, who enlisted in the Leicesters, is reported to have been killed in Italy. He leaves a widow and five children, and before joining the Army worked on the bank at Nailstone Colliery, where his father was employed.

Mr and Mrs Bull, of Ashby, have been officially informed that their son, Lance-Corporal George Bull, Leicesters, previously reported as a prisoner of war, has died from wounds in Germany. He was formerly employed at the Albion Clay Works, Woodville.

Second-Lieutenant Leslie Tugby, second son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Tugby, of Ashby, has been gassed and wounded, and is at hospital at Rouen.

News has been received that Pte. A. B. Hunt, of the Leicesters, previously reported missing, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He went with the first batch from Coalville. His mother resides at Station Road, Bagworth.

Private E. Wardle (Whitwick) of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded.

Private H. Lowe (Coalville) of the Sherwood Foresters, is reported missing.

Mr W. Eggington, J.P. of The Hawthorns, Ibstock, has received official intimation that his son, Lieutenant A. T. Eggington, of the Royal Engineers, has been slightly wounded, but was able to continue at duty. Lieutenant Eggington, an old Bosworth School boy, joined up soon after war broke out, prior to which he was science master at the Great Marlow Grammar School. He has been three times wounded.



Pte. Harry Belcher, second son of Mr and Mrs William Belcher, of High Street, Ibstock, who died recently from influenza in camp near Hull, and was interred at Ibstock a week last Sunday.

RAVENSTONE

PATRIOTIC EFFORT

On Saturday, an effort on behalf of the Ravenstone and Snibston Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund was made, a whist drive and dance being held in the field near the Plough Inn. Mr J. Allen was the M.C. for the dancing, the music for which was provided by the Ibstock Town Band, and the whist M.C.'s were Messrs. W. Hewes and W. Deakin. There was a capital attendance. Unfortunately, rain came in the evening and somewhat interfered with the proceedings, and an adjournment was made to the Snibston Council Schools, where the event was brought to a successful termination.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs A. Dawson and Family wish to thank all kind friends through the medium of this paper, for their kind expressions of sympathy with them in their recent sad bereavement by the death of their son, Bert.

Ibstock.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Lance-Sergeant Ambrose Harold Attwood, of the King's Royal Rifles, who fell in action whilst leading his men in Delville Wood, France, July 27th, 1916.

He gave his life for his King and country.

"We think we see his smiling face"

*As he bade his last good-bye,
And left his home for ever,
In a distant land to die.
Sleep on, loved one, in a far-off grave,
A grave we may never see,
But as long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee."*

From Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers, Burton-on-Trent; also his brother, Second-Lieutenant W. W. Attwood, who is serving with His Majesty's Forces in India.

In Loving Memory of Cyril Ernest Briers, of the first Coldstream Guards, killed in action, July 29th, 1915.

*"Ye honoured mighty dead,
Who nobly perished in the glorious cause
Your King, your country, and her laws."*

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Carr, Lance-Corporal	(July 24 th)
Harrison, J. (Y.L.I)	(July 25 th)
Iliffe, G. (K.R.R.)	(July 25 th)
Lycett, Sergeant, M.M.	(July 26 th)
Sleigh, J. Gunner 820393	(July 30 th)
Tansey, F. Corporal	(July 23 rd)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The amount contributed to date towards the Soldiers' and Sailors' memorial window proposed to be erected in St. Andrew's Church, Thringstone, is £47/18/10?

WOUNDED SOLDIERS EFFORT

The soldiers at the Broom Leys Hospital on Saturday made a very successful effort for the Y.M.C.A. Hut Week. A gift sale was held in the grounds and there was a capital collection of vegetables, fruit etc. which found ready purchasers. The sale was opened by the Matron, who commended the object, and there were also short addresses by the Rev. W. H. Wills and Mr G. J. Belton (Y.M.C.A. organiser). There were various sideshows and music by an efficient orchestra. Miss Anderson and Mr F. T. Bellward gave songs and Master Beniston played a cornet solo. Bombardier Cox and Pte. Carmichael were prominent in the arrangements of the event, which realised the excellent sum of £24/17/4 ½.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. W. Peters (Coalville) of the Leicesters, is reported missing.

Pte. C. Elliott (Coalville) of the R.N.V.R. is reported missing.

Information has reached Ashby that Sergt. B. J. W. Wilkins, of the Leicester Regiment was dangerously wounded in action in France on July 10th, and is now in a casualty clearing station. He is one of the several sons of the late Mr W. Wilkins, solicitor, of Ashby.

Mr and Mrs Henry Hollick, of Hermitage Road, Coalville, have received a telegram that their son, Henry, who is in the Leicesters, is dangerously ill at a casualty clearing station in France. The previous day they had received news that he had been wounded in the right leg with shrapnel. Mr and Mrs Hollick lost a son in the war two years ago. Both enlisted voluntarily.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving and honoured memory of Lance-Corporal A. W. Concannon, M.M. 1st Sherwood Foresters, who was killed in action in France, 31st July, 1917.

*"I never knew what pain he had,
I never saw him die;
I only know he passed away,
Without a chance to say good-bye.*

*He sleeps beside his comrades
In a hallowed grave unknown,
But his name is written in words of love
In the hearts he left at home."*

From his Wife

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COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal, on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, C. H. Coleman, A. Lockwood, and A. J. Briers, with Capt. Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A letter was received Mr F. V. Millington, secretary to the Leicestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee, stating that men granted exemption from military service on condition that they obtained part-time employment in agriculture should be required to obtain such employment within a specified period, in other words, that the onus on finding employment should be placed upon the man himself. The man might also be asked to submit to the Tribunal the name and address of the farmer who is willing to employ him, accompanied by a signed confirmation from the proposed employer.

The clerk gave the results of the National Service representative's appeals at Leicester against the decisions of the Tribunal. The appeal against a Whitwick licensed victualler was withdrawn, and in the case of another Whitwick publican and miner (formerly a professional footballer), the appeal was allowed, the man not to be called up till September 15th. The appeal against a Coalville theatre manager was dismissed, the man on re-examination, having been placed in Grade 4, and the appeal against an Ellistown off-licence holder employed at Stableford's was allowed, the man not to be called up till September 15th.

Appeals were lodged against one month and one month (final) to Hugglescote and Coalville undertakers, and in the Coalville case, the man was exempted till January 27th, subject to him assisting in the business of the Hugglescote undertaker, the appeal against whom was upheld.

A boot and shoe operative, 35, Grade 1, of Moulton Hill, Coalville, who said he had purchased some land, and was running a small poultry farm, expressed dissatisfaction with his grading, having been rejected twice, and placed C3 before being put in Grade 1. Allowed 21 days to be re-graded.

In the case of a Whitwick publican, 31, married, Grade 3, Mr J. J. Sharp said the man was working whole time as a waggoner on a farm at Onebarrow, and the War Agricultural Committee had granted a certificate. The appeal was therefore, withdrawn.

A Coalville motor and cycle engineer, 43, married, Grade 1, who had been appealed against by the National Service representative at Leicester, and the appeal dismissed, was allowed three months.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for a Hugglescote plasterer, 44, Grade 2, whose only son is serving in the Army, and he was allowed two months subject to him obtaining work of national importance three days a week.

In the case of a Whitwick Colliery farm waggoner, the man was told to get a War Agricultural Committee's certificate.

Three months was allowed a Whitwick foreman bricklayer, 42, married, Grade 1, it being stated that the National Service representative's appeal at Leicester against this man's previous exemption was dismissed.

Mr J. J. Sharp appealed for a Whitwick shoehand, single, 23, Grade 3, whose father, an old soldier, said he had been through two wars. He would not appeal for his son, but for the latter's health. Three months.

The manager of the furnishing department of the Coalville Co-Operative Society, 36, married, Grade 3, was given two months.

The clerk to the Tribunal was allowed six months, Mr McCarthy remarking that they could not do without him. Moreover, Mr Jesson was doing the work of his brother, who was serving in the Forces.

Three months each was allowed the manager of a Coalville elastic web factory, a Coalville baker and confectioner (both to be graded meanwhile), and a Coalville solicitor, whose partner was stated to be on work of national importance. These, and the following cases were brought forward at the request of the National Service representative for review.

When it was mentioned that the head clerk and cashier of the Whitwick Granite Co., 38, Grade 1, was on volunteer duty on the East Coast, a member remarked that if the company could spare him for two or three months for that work, they could spare him for the Army. Mr McCarthy said it had been distinctly stated by the authorities in London that that argument was not to be used against the men who volunteered for this work. One month was allowed which, it was stated, would commence when the man returned to his work at Whitwick. It was stated that he had eight children.

Six months was allowed a Whitwick chemist, 40, C3, married.

The South Derbyshire Colliery Co.'s cashier, 39, and an accountant, 35, both Grade 3, were each given three months and another of the same colliery companies' clerks was allowed one month to be graded.

A miller and corn merchant of Battleflat, 35, married, general service, was allowed a month to be graded and to get a War Agricultural Committee's certificate.

It appeared that a mistake had been made in bringing forward the case of a grocer, of Hotel Street, Coalville. It was stated that the man appealed against the Tribunal's decision at Leicester, and was allowed conditional exemption, and any application for review would have to be made at Leicester.

Three months was allowed a Whitwick Colliery clerk, 34, married, general services, the man who had recently had a serious illness, to be graded in the meantime.

A Coalville journeyman baker, 39, married, Grade 2, was allowed three months and the Tribunal withdrew the certificate of a Whitwick quarry manager, 29, married, Grade 2, who, it was stated could get exemption from the Road Board.

Several applications for leave to appeal were allowed.

On producing a local doctor's certificate of unfitness, a Grade 2 baker employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society was excused from drilling, and a similar application by a Coalville man who said he was working overtime at the South Leicestershire Colliery, was adjourned for further particulars.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) read the Prime Minister's message at both performances at the Whitwick Picture House on Monday night?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Pte. F. Johnson, formerly a teacher at the Whitwick Church Day School, has written to his parents stating that he was taken prisoner near Rheims on May 27th, (a nice birthday present). He adds, "*We are treated very well, and best of all we are getting plenty of food.*"

FOSSE HALF-BACK A PRISONER

Mr George Burton, 61, King's Road, Melton Mowbray, on Thursday last week received information that his brother, Lance-Corporal Horace Burton, the Leicester Fosse half-back, previously reported missing, is a prisoner of war and quite well.

MILITARY MEDALISTS

NINETEEN LOCAL SOLDIERS GAIN THE MEDAL AND THREE THE BAR

The following awards to local soldiers for bravery in the field are gazetted.

BAR TO MM

13437 Pte. R. P. Nussey, M.M. Leicestershire Regiment, (now MG Corps) (Shirebrook), (M.M. gazetted 6th January 1917).

10319 Cpl. T. Botham, M.M. Leicestershire Regiment, (Motherwell), (M.M. gazetted 12th June, 1918).

294899 Cpl. C. Coldicott, M.M. R.G.A. (Leicester) (M.M. gazetted 27th June, 1918).

MILITARY MEDAL

12186	Pte. J. H. Abraham, Leicestershire Regiment (Leicester)
797086	Cpl. E. Allen, R.F.A. (Leicester)
L/28923	Gunner F. Bailey, R.F.A. (Leicester)
29649	Pte. W. Bennett, Leicestershire Regiment, (Loughborough)
202187	Pte. G. T. Biddles, H.L.I. (Loughborough)
16802	Sergt. A. Bloodsworth, Leicestershire Regiment (Leicester)
L/29199	Bombardier C. E. Bradshaw, R.F.A. (South Wigston) (Parents reside in Gutteridge Street)
14646	Pte. W. J. Brown, Labour Corps (Leicester)
12998	Pte. J. W. Bunting, Leicestershire Regiment (Chesterfield)
L/39582	Gunner A. Buswell, R.F.A. (Leicester)
33024	Pte. B. Cato, Leicestershire Regiment (Luton).
32618	L-Corpl. J. H. Cope, Leicestershire Regiment (Leicester)
201924	Pte. J. Culpin, Leicestershire Regiment (Saltly)
40221	Pte. J. Dennis, Leicestershire Regiment (Donisthorpe)
977	Cpl. S. Esker, Hussars (Syston).
18091	L-Corpl. T. G. Elliott, Leicestershire Regiment attached A.S.C. (Langwith)
41333	Pte. W. Elliott, Leicestershire Regiment (Nottingham).
24787	L-Corpl. H. J. Evans, Labour Corps (Leicester)
16265	Cpl. J. H. Faulks, Leicestershire Regiment, (Littlethorpe)

Pte. H. Kendrick, a Bardon Hill man in the Northumberland Fusiliers, and Corporal W. Kind, Leicestershire Regiment, of Hugglescote, have been awarded the Military Medal, their names appearing in another list of 30 published today.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mrs Laundon, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, on Sunday received official news, that her son, who has been posted as missing since last October, is now presumed to be dead.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Mason, of Ellistown, have received official notice that their son, Pte. William Mason, of the Leicesters reported missing since September 29th last, is now presumed to be dead. He was 20 years of age and had been about a year in France.

Mrs Poyser, of North Street, Ashby, has been informed that her husband, Pte. Harry T. Poyser, Leicesters, reported missing since March 22nd, after an engagement in France is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Prior to enlisting Pte. Poyser worked at the Ibstock pipe yard. His brother, Mr J. Poyser, resides at Berrisford Street, Coalville.

Corporal John Edward Ducker, of the Leicestershire Regiment, is stated to have died while a prisoner of war in Germany. His parents reside at Leicester Road, Whitwick, and they have received notice from his authorities that the soldier's name has appeared in an official list published by the enemy of prisoners who have died in their country. His friends have not heard anything of him for nearly 12 months, when he was reported as missing.

Pte. C. Cavendish, of the Leicestershire Regiment, another Whitwick soldier is officially reported to have been killed in action. He was formerly a miner employed at the Whitwick Colliery, and lived at Pare's Hill, Whitwick. He leaves five children. Some of his relatives live at Hugglescote.

News has been received that Pte. T. Wild, of the Durham Light Infantry, reported missing several weeks ago, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was formerly an assistant in Coalville Co-Operative Society's tailoring department, and his wife resides at Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

ACCIDENT AT COALVILLE WAKE

YOUNG MAN FALLS FROM SWING BOATS

Coalville Wake is being observed this week, though on a much less scale than before the war, and the younger element have been drawn to the fairground off Mantle Lane, where roundabouts, swing boats, skittles and various shows were congregated, an up-to-date feature of the shows being that instead of young marksmen being invited to knock over Aunt Sally, it was "Have a go at Kaiser Bill" or "Little Willie". The various amusements appeared to be well-patronised.

A rather serious accident happened on Tuesday night to a young man named Springthorpe, of Pegg's Green, said to be a discharged soldier. He and a friend were in a swing boat, and when at a good height he became giddy and fell, sustaining dreadful injuries. His head and face were badly cut, his left wrist broken, and there were injuries to his other arm and body. A number of friends conveyed him to the surgery of Dr. Maudlin, who, after temporary attention advised his removal to the Leicester Royal Infirmary and he was conveyed there in a motor car.

COMMISSION FOR WHITWICK TEACHER

Mr R. P. Rice, formerly a teacher at the Whitwick Day School, and a popular member of the Coalville Tennis Club, has been granted a commission, and is gazetted to the North Staffs Regiment. He will have the hearty congratulations and good wishes of many friends in the Whitwick and Coalville district.

MARRIAGE

Beer – Burton. On the 30th ult. at St. John's the Divine, Leicester, by the Rev. White, vicar, Ethel May, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Beer, to Gunner James Smith Burton, R.F.A. second son of Mr James Smith Burton, both of Whitwick.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of Lance-Corporal Arthur Concannon, M.M. who was killed in action, July 31st, 1917, at Westhock.

R.I.P.

From his Wife and Brothers and Sisters.

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

"Thy will be done."

From his loving Mother, Father and all.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

OBSERVANCES IN COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

"Remembrance Day" – the anniversary of the declaration of war, falling on Sunday this year, afforded the people a good opportunity of taking part in its observances, which were general at all the places of worship throughout the Coalville district. In the Established Churches, a special form of service was used, and references to the war by preachers at chapels and churches throughout the area were generally made.

At the Coalville Parish Church on Sunday morning, the service was conducted by the Rev. M. Begbie, who is officiating while the Vicar is temporarily away from home. The special form of service included Psalms 20 and 146, and the lessons, Isaiah 55c. 6v. to end. and Colossians 3c. 1 to 11v. As an introduction to the special prayers, the preacher said:-

"Brethren, on this fourth anniversary of the declaration of war, let us draw near to the throne of God in penitence and humility; let us pray Him to deliver us from the temptations that beset us and, if it be His will to grant us victory and peace, let us implore His help for all those who are engaged at home or abroad in carrying on the war; and let us thank Him for mercies already vouchsafed to us"

The Rev. Begbie preached an impressive sermon from the text, Luke 19c. 44v. He said some people were asking why God did not stop the war; why He had allowed it go on so long, that that was a mystery which they could never fathom, and he asked them not to try. He urged them to pray that this war might be the end of all war; that it might give birth to a league of nations which would settle controversies without having to resort to the arbitrement of the sword, and which would turn the word into a pruning-hook. They must humble themselves, not before the Huns, but before God; not before the pacifists, but before the great Judge Himself. There were many things for which they should humble themselves. He went on to speak of many unsatisfactory things in the state of society before the war, the divisions in the Church, class hatred, and urged that they must not return to these after the war. There were many things they had to thank God for – the devotion, even unto death, of their brave men; for their allies; for having saved them from the staggering barbarism of the mailed fist for whom the hangman's rope would be all too merciful; and for the glorious work of our women. He also asked them to let it deepen their spiritual lives. The hymns sung were 244, "Lord, when we bend before Thy Throne," 165, "O God our help in ages past," 245, "When at Thy footstool, Lord," and 290, "Through all the changing scenes of life." The National Anthem was sung at the close of the service.

At the Coalville Men's Adult School on Sunday morning, the opening hymn was Rudyard Kipling's recessional, "God of our fathers," after which, the president (Mr B. B. Drewett) referring to the day as the anniversary of the outbreak of war, asked the members to put themselves in harmony with the spirit of the hymn and the attitude of the nation in remembrance of those who had fallen, and intercession for a clean and lasting place. He would not ask them to pray for success were it not for the justice and right of our cause. Of this he felt as convinced as when four years ago they were forced to take up arms to prevent the ravishing of Belgium, and in the defence of right, protection of the weak, and the destruction of militarism, the

latter as desirable in this as in all other countries. Their only consolation for the terrible sacrifices they had made plunging the nation and its homes into unspeakable sorrow, was an unshaken belief in the righteousness of their cause, and the purity of their aims. In conclusion, he asked all the members of the school in their own simple way and at their own time to earnestly entreat for a cessation of hostilities and the establishment of an honourable and lasting peace. At the conclusion of a musical morning by the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band, conducted by Mr John Locker, all joined in singing to the band accompaniment, "Holy Father, in Thy mercy."

Special prayers and intercession were the feature of the services on Sunday at St. Peter's Church, Bardon Hill, conducted by the Rev. E. Pillifant (Vicar), who made suitable reference to the event in the course of his sermon. There were good congregations and the collections were for the Prisoners of War Fund.

Three services of intercession were held at the Coalville Ebenezer Baptist Church, those in the morning and evening being conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Wills, and that in the afternoon by the Rev. A. Dalton, of Whitwick, who spoke on the place and power of prayer and faith. All the services were well-attended. In the evening, the Rev. W. H. Wills took as his subject, Hezekiah's great prayer at the time of the invasion of the Assyrians by the Sennacherib, making a point of the trial of faith and the corresponding trial of faith by the terrible war which, he said, called not merely for intercession a day, but every day should be one of intercession for the heroic men who were enduring so much suffering and hardships in the service of their country. The deacons of the church took part in the intercessory part of the services, and hymns appropriate to the occasion were sung.

At Whitwick Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, conducted three services and at each made suitable reference to the war. The special form of prayer and intercession was used, and suitable hymns were sung. At the close of the evening service, the National Anthem and also a verse for the Anzacs were sung, "All the services were well attended."

Remembrance Day in connection with the fourth anniversary of the war was duly observed at the Ibstock churches on Sunday last. The Rev. J. F. Anderson, of Glen Hall, was the preacher at the Ibstock Parish Church, and during his discourse at the evening service surveyed the course of the four years' war. He said they had a feeling of gratitude towards the great American democracy in coming to their aid against the monster of German militarism. Mr J. T. Jacques, J.P., read out the Prime Minister's message to the audience assembled at the Ibstock Palace Theatre on Monday evening.

At the London Road Baptist Chapel, the Rev. F. Pickbourne (pastor) referred to the war at both the services, and special hymns suitable to the occasion were sung. In the evening, when there was a large congregation, the reverend gentleman took as his text, Eccles. 10c. 16-20 verses. He said four things were essential to us as a nation – Incorruptibility, Temperance, Unity and Religion – and in enlarging on these points said they did not want simply to pray, but should set their house in order and prove themselves worthy.

A musical service was also held at the London Road Baptist Chapel on Sunday afternoon in connection with the war anniversary. It was arranged by the soldiers from Broom Leys. Bombardier Cox, R.G.A. presided at the organ, and Miss Anderson was the soloist. Mr James Smith presided. A collection for the "boys" realised £3/5/2.

A special form of service was used at the Hugglescote Baptist Church, including prayers appropriate to the occasions. The hymns sung were, "The Son of God goes forth to war," "Guide us to our Fatherland," and "Give us the wings of faith to rise." At the evening service, when there was a large congregation, Miss E. Smalley nicely sang the solo "O rest in the Lord." The pastor, the Rev. C. Barker read a roll of honour containing the names of 81 young men formerly connected with the Church and the Young Men's Bible Class, who had joined the Forces. He preached an impressive sermon in the subject of "Saints and Heroes."

Preaching at Hugglescote Parish Church on Sunday morning, Canon Broughton (Vicar), spoke of the four years of war he had passed through, recalling the small army we had at the commencement, how black things looked when the Germans were advancing on Paris, and what we suffered through Russia proving a broken reed. He also referred to the great change which had come over the people. Indolence had gone and love of service had taken its place, and we had miraculously got over the food difficulty when the Germans had threatened with their U-boats to starve us out. We had many reasons for thankfulness.

There was a men's service in the afternoon when the subject of the address was "Obedience to the will of God," and in the evening when there was a large congregation. The preacher was the Rev. Frank Welldon, master of Uppingham School, brother of the Dean of Durham. The special form of service was used for the occasion, and the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band accompanied the singing of the hymns, and at the close, played the National Anthem. The collections throughout the day realised over £13 for the Leicestershire Prisoners of War Fund.

At St. James' Church, Snibston, on Sunday evening, the Rev. F. W. Atkins (Vicar) preached an appropriate sermon from the text 2 Chronicles 20c. 15v. in the course of which he urged that we should have implicit trust in God, resting assured that God's hand was not still. With the growth of christian ideals they would have no more war, but disputes between nations would be settled by arbitration. Such was what all Christians hoped for. After the war he hoped there would be no divisions in the church. He prayed that God would bless, preserve, and keep all who were doing their best for their country in any way, and that the peace for which they had been singing might be the peace of God dwelling within all their hearts. Suitable hymns were sung and the special prayers used.

A special intercession service was conducted by the Rev. J. Degen at St. Saviour's Church, Coalville, on Sunday evening. It consisted of devotions, the prayer of Pope Benedict XV, for peace, sermon and benediction. The master of ceremonies was Pte. Sidney Jordan of the Royal Irish Regiment, assisted by Messrs. A. King, W. Wardle, C. Wright, L. Brown and others. In the course of an interesting sermon, Father Degen said we were more hopeful now of a speedy peace that would be both honourable and permanent than we were twelve months ago, for three reasons: First, on account of the presence on the European battlefields of an ever growing fully-equipped and trained American army, and secondly because of the wonderful strides that had been made by the proposal to set up a confederation of all nations sincerely determined and pledged to work for the abolition of war in the future. The Pope and President Wilson had respectfully suggested such a scheme as of supreme importance in order to prevent another blood-bath of the world. All political parties in this country were in favour of it. The House of Lords on June 26th last unanimously accepted the principle of a League of Nations, and at a joint conference of Labour and Socialism, it was declared that the world must be made safe for democracy by establishing a super-national authority in the form of a United States of the world. Many of the enemy statesmen had expressed their explicit adhesion to such a proposal. The fact that there is a rallying point common to both sets of belligerents spells the dawn of an early peace. Father Degen gave as his third reason for believing that events were moving rapidly towards a victorious decision and towards security for the future, the circumstances that the man whose hands under God our certainties in this war lie, has great faith in the power and efficacy of prayer. Before the opening of the Allied offensive, Generalissimo Foch said to a chaplain, *"Father, we are to make our supreme effort in arms tomorrow. Do you also make a supreme effort in prayer. All my trust is in God."* In reply to a French Bishop, who congratulated him on his victory in the Battle of the Marne, he said, *"Do not thank me, but God, to Whom alone victory belongs."* Soldiers will fight with ardour, concluded Father Degen, under the leadership of a man who relies upon the efficacy of super-natural means as well as upon that of numbers and machinery. The service, which was well-attended, terminated in the singing with full-voiced vigour of the Papal anthem, "Full in the panting heart of Rome."

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bailey, Albert.	(August 13 th)
Batho, J. Private (M.G.C.)	(August 8 th)
Bottrill, W. (R.A.M.C.)	(June 3 rd)
Cluley, W. G. (R.H.A.)	(August 10 th)
Lycett, W. Sergt. M.M.	(August 6 th)
Needham, F. E. Sergt.	(July 21 st)
Savage, H. Private (11 th Leicesters)	(August 8 th)
Tansey, F. Corpl.	(August 5 th)

Upton, G. Sapper (R.E.)	(August 6 th)
Watson, J. Private (M.G.C.)	(August 9 th)
White, S. E. G. Private	(August 10 th)
Wortley, T. H. Lance-Corpl.	(August 5 th)

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

On Sunday evening the L. and N.W. Railway ambulance train, No. 18, in charge of Capt. Mullholland, from Dover, arrived at Leicester, with a convoy of wounded – 10 officers (cot cases), and 120 men (90 cot and 30 sitting). They were received by Capt. Young and the arrangements for their transport to the Base Hospital were carried out under the supervision of Mr A. W. Faire (county director V.A.D.) and Mr J. R. Corah.

GIFTS TO THE HOSPITAL

The committee of the V.A.D. War Hospital, Coalville, acknowledge with thanks the weekly gifts of cakes, etc. also flowers and eggs from Bagworth and Heather Parish Churches.

ABSENTEE

Before Mr B. G. Hale (in the chair) and Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court on Wednesday, Ernest Edward Hill, collier, of no fixed abode, was charged with being an absentee under the Reserve Forces Act. P.C. Haywood stated that about 3.30 on the previous afternoon he saw the defendant in Ashby Road and asked him if he had an exemption certificate. He produced some old colliery cards, but said was not going to work as a collier anymore and had sold his tools. Inspector Dobney said he found some old registration cards on the defendant, and a certificate signed by the manager of a colliery. Defendant had worked at collieries and had apparently left without notice. Witness ascertained that the man went to work on a farm in Sussex. He had been back in the neighbourhood two or three days'. The defendant was a stranger, but witness understood him to be a Leicestershire man. Defendant had nothing to say. He was fined £2 which the chairman said would be deducted from his Army pay, and remanded to await an escort.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A CO-OPERATIVE COMPLAINT

A meeting of this Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday evening, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, C. W. Brown, C. H. Coleman, J. Baker, A. J. Briers, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A welcome was extended by the chairman and Mr McCarthy to Mr J. Baker, the representative of the Leicestershire Miners' Association, who took his seat on the Tribunal for the first time.

Three months' each was allowed a Coalville painter and plumber, 29, and the overlooker and loom tuner at a Whitwick factory, 37, both married and in Grade 3.

In regard to the appeal of an Ellistown motor engineer and garage proprietor, 45, Grade 1, Mr McCarthy said there were fresh instructions in regard to the grading of men of this age, and the man might desire another medical examination. Another member said that if the man was dissatisfied he should apply for another medical examination. Two months.

A Whitwick market gardener, 47, Grade 2, was allowed two months.

Mr J. J. Sharp represented a Coalville dental operator and dental mechanic, 43, Grade 2, a widower with three children. Capt. Stevenson suggested that the applicant should give some time to work of national importance. Mr Sharp assured the Tribunal that his client was fully occupied. During the last 18 months he had extracted 18,000 teeth and he was the only maker of artificial teeth in a very wide area. His son, who assisted him was likely soon to be called up. Capt. Stevenson said 18,000 extractions was a very high figure. Mr Sharp agreed, but said it was the correct figure for 18 months. Every individual, he said, had 26 teeth,

and some of them had several pulled out. Two months allowed, subject to two days a week at work of national importance.

A Coalville plumber's labourer, 46, married, expressed dissatisfaction at being classed Grade 2, saying he had had rheumatic fever three times. Three months.

Similar exemption was granted to another Coalville plumber's man, 41, and in Grade 3, and to two employees of the Coalville Co-Operative Society's a warehouse man, 33, who, Mr Jesson said, according to the application form was in Grade 3 ½ (laughter) and the Whitwick branch grocery manager, 40, also Grade 3.

Some discussion ensued on the next case that of a Grade 3 butcher, 40, employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society. Captain Stevenson said the Tribunal need not assent, as the man was to be used as a substitute and would be protected in another way. Acting under instructions he was leaving the Co-Operative Society and was going to manage the business of Mr H. Ward, who had been called up. Mr M. McCarthy thought the Tribunal should give the man three months' exemption. Captain Stevenson said that would not be in order as the Co-Operative Society were appealing, and the man was leaving their employ. The clerk said the application was signed by the man as well. Mr Brown (who is the chairman of the Co-Operative Society) complained that this man was being taken away from them when they were already short-handed. He understood that Captain Stevenson went to the Co-Operative office and was told that they could not spare a man, but this applicant had since given his notice in to leave them. Mr Ward, according to the number of his registered customers, supplied 1,500 lbs of meat per week, but if the man was taken from the Stores, it would leave an average of 2,000 lbs per week for each of their men. They were having complaints of queues at their shops now and they had a real grievance in another of their men having been taken when they were already under-staffed. He did not know how they would get through their work. Captain Stevenson pointed out that a lot of the meat distributed by the Co-Operative Society was outside the Coalville area. A large quantity went into the Bosworth area. Mr Brown said that did not affect the question. This man worked chiefly in the Bosworth area. Mr McCarthy said it was a difficult matter, and suggested an adjournment for 14 days to enable the military people to confer with the parties concerned and try to come to some arrangement. The chairman said there was no doubt that the military authorities had taken more butchers from the district than they should have done. The Tribunal had fully considered the butchers' cases, to which they had devoted a great deal of time, and Major Wellsman ought not to have taken more.

Mr McCarthy: *He does not understand the position.*

The Chairman: *If I wanted to appeal, I should be careful about trying to upset the decisions of a Tribunal which sits in a district and knows its needs.*

Mr McCarthy: *We have been sitting here 2 ½ years.*

The chairman said the result of the military appeals was that the district had got into a serious position in regard to the butchers. If the military authorities could confer and get them out of this dilemma he would be pleased. Captain Stevenson said he was afraid they could not as regards this man, the Food Committee wanted this business kept going. Mr Ward had got till next Monday, and that was final. He (the Captain's) instructions were to get this man to carry on Ward's business, and he was trying to get another man for the Co-Operative Society. Mr Brown contended that Coalville was left with the absolute minimum of butchers and if one was taken the others could not do the work. They had five butchery managers (including a woman), a discharged soldier and two boys to distribute over 7,000 lbs of meat. They had a third of the whole supplies of the district, and four men to deal with that against 18 for the other two-thirds. The chairman said there was no doubt that Ward ought not to have been taken. Mr Baker said it was most essential that this business should be kept going. A great number of miners dealt at this shop, and if it was closed it would mean great inconvenience to many miners' families. Mr Ward was a good businessman and had dealt out his meat fairly and squarely. He agreed that too many butchers had been taken, and hoped that this shop would not be closed. The chairman said they had tried to arrange matters as to avoid queues, but that was what they would come to if they were not careful.

Mr Brown: *We have come to it.*

Mr McCarthy said it was not nice in cold and wet weather to have to stand in queues. Mr Lockwood (manager of the Stores) said that if some of their trade was out of the Coalville area, the Society had been treated as one firm at Coalville, and the cases of their men working in the Bosworth area had been dealt with at the Coalville Tribunal. So the Captain's point in regard to that did not apply. They were willing to give this

man up if they could have another. They had no wish to be an impediment to Mr Ward, and had supported his retention, but this was robbing Peter to pay Paul. They were having to pay their men extra wages now and overtime to get through the work. He agreed that Mr Ward's business ought to be kept going till he returned, but they had their side to look at, and another man should be found. He suggested that a man should have been obtained through the Labour Exchange or other source, and then it would have been in order. If they could not have another man in the place of this one, they would be in a box. Mr Briers said there was a queue at the Whitwick Co-Operative butcher's shop a 7 o'clock last Saturday morning. The people started to get round the door at 6.30. Mr Brown said their managers now were each distributing 1,800 lbs per week, against Mr Ward's 1,500 lbs, and if this man went, it would be 2,300 lbs each, per week for their managers. Captain Stevenson said this private business should be kept going. If a substituted was not found, it would have to be closed. Mr Brown said they all agreed that Ward's business should be kept going, but they wanted another man on the ground that their butchers could not do the work. Captain Stevenson said he had promised Mr Lockwood that he would him another man as soon as he could. Answering the chairman, the Captain said they could not delay Mr Ward's call up any longer. It had been delayed a fortnight now. Mr McCarthy said the military people forgot what the Tribunal had done in two years. They had sent half the butchers from Whitwick, and closed half the businesses, but a new military man did not know that. Mr Coleman said the Co-Operative Society could manage better than Mr Ward could for another fortnight or so till another man was found. Captain Stevenson said it was more important to keep a man's private business going than to save the Co-Operative Society a little inconvenience.

Mr Lockwood: But the figures we have given show that our men are doing more than anybody else.

Eventually, it was agreed to give the man three months' exemption.

A similar term was given to the Co-Operative Society's Hugglescote branch manager, 38, Grade 3.

A South Leicestershire Colliery banksman, working a good deal of overtime, was excused from drill, as was a Greenhill licensed victualler working in agriculture, the latter for two months during harvest, then to apply again. Several applications for leave to appeal were granted.

HONOURS FOR NEWBOLD VERDON N.C.O.

Private George Smith, formerly a clerk in the Coalville Co-Operative Stores offices, has written to a Coalville friend describing the gallantry of his friend, Lance-Corporal Preston, formerly of Newbold Verdon, where he was chauffeur to the Rector, the Rev. Mr Jacques. The regiment, (the Leicesters) had suffered somewhat heavy casualties among the N.C.O.'s during an attack and Preston, acting as Company Sergeant-Major – no light task for a junior – displayed great coolness and kept the company organised during the final stages of the battle, which was entirely successful, all objectives being taken and the enemy compelled to retire 15 kilometres. On August 8th, Preston received the Medalle Militaire, which includes the Croix de Guerre with laurels of the first class order. The decorations were presented to him by the Divisional General, who offered his own congratulations and also those of the French General commanding the Army Corps to which they are attached.

Private Smith sends his kind regards to all friends of the Coalville Adult School, of which he was a former member.

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ASHBY URBAN COUNCIL

Soldiers' memorials were signed by all the members for presentation to the relatives of Lance-Corporal J. T. Bull, Lieut. W. Baxter, Sapper E. J. Jarvis, Private J. C. Meek, Pte. L. W. Webster, Lance-Corporal P. Smith, Private. H. Ward, Private. G. Bradbury, Sergeant T. Ault, Private A. D. C. Brend, Private W. F. Stott, Lance-Corporal J. F. Collier and Lance-Corporal T. Walker.

COALVILLE DOCTOR'S BRAVERY

HOW CAPTAIN J. W. ARCHIBALD WON THE MILITARY CROSS

It was recently announced that Capt. J. W. Archibald, of the R.A.M.C. formerly a medical practitioner in the Coalville district in partnership with the late Dr. Hamilton, and residing at Ellistown, had been awarded the Military Cross. This is now confirmed, the official account of the doctor's bravery being as follows:



"Capt. J. W. Archibald, M.B., R.A.M.C. During recent operations the battery position of the brigade was subjected to an intense bombardment in connection with the enemy attack, and, although shell fire round his headquarters was severe, he visited all the battery positions by himself, instead of having the casualties brought to him. His complete disregard for personal safety in order to save the wounded being brought through the enemy barrage undoubtedly resulted in the saving of life and of many casualties. His courage and cheerfulness under a heavy and continuous strain were of the greatest value, and a fine example to all."

ASHBY

Mr and Mrs James Jarvis, Avenue Road, Ashby, have been notified that their second son, Private Wilfred Arthur Jarvis, of the 7th Leicesters, was killed in action in France on August 4th. In December last, Mr and Mrs Jarvis lost their eldest son, he having died of wounds. Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Jarvis in their double bereavement.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Rev. L. H. Pearson, Vicar of Rothley, formerly headmaster of Market Bosworth Grammar School, has received news that his second son, Lieutenant Lewis Howel Pearson, Leicestershire Regiment, is reported missing. It appears that the gallant young officer (who had been awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm) was sent on patrol duty with two men, and when last seen they were fighting, greatly outnumbered. He has been wounded three times. Before enlisting as a private in the Leicesters, when war broke out, Lieut. Pearson was a scholar of Emmanuel College.

Private Samuel Henry Harris of the 7th Leicesters, reported missing on March 22nd, has written to his wife of 63 Ashby Road, Coalville, from Gefangenenlager, Minden, Germany, that he a prisoner of war there. He says he is "in the pink" and hopes all are well at home and in good spirits. He continues, *"We keep having beautiful parcels every week from the Red Cross Fund. They are a treat. Tell people never to grumble about giving to the Red Cross Fund. They never would if they only knew the good it is doing. Remember me to all I know, and don't worry about me, I am alright."*



Mrs Leech, of 74, Bakewell Street, Coalville, would be glad to receive news of her son, 15275, Sergeant W. H. Leech, 9th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, attached to the 110th Trench Mortar Battery, who has been missing since March 21st or 22nd, 1918. (Picture left)

Pte. J. W. Bradley (Pegg's Green) of the Leicesters, has been wounded.

Company Sergeant-Major W. Revell, D.C.M. (Ravenstone), of the Leicesters, is reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

News has been received the Private Henry Palmer, of the Leicesters, formerly of Hugglescote, and Sergeant F. J. Sparkes, of the Machine Gun Corps, of Ravenstone, son of Mr A. Sparkes, employed by the Coalville Urban Council, are both prisoners of war. They had previously been reported missing.

Reported missing nearly three months ago Sergeant Frank Middleton, son of Mrs Middleton and the late Mr John Middleton, of Victoria Street, Coalville, is now stated to be a prisoner of war in Germany.



An official intimation on Monday morning reached Mrs R. Summers, of Ashby Road, Hugglescote, to the effect that her son, Lance-Corporal John Summers, of the M.G.C. was killed in action on July 20th. Mrs Summers is a widow, very widely respected, and two of her sons are still serving with the Forces, one in India and one in France.

The deepest sympathy is felt for her, especially as only within the last few weeks a young daughter of 17 years of age was laid to rest. Lance-Corporal Summers, together with his brother, Sydney, joined up in the early days of the war, and has been out in France most of the time. Formerly John Summers worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery; he was also a member of the Hugglescote Church Lads' Brigade.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Sapper George John Percival, R.E., L.R. Co. who died of wounds in Belgium, August 11th, 1917.

R.I.P.

From his ever-sorrowing Father and Mother, Coleorton.

THE VOLUNTEERS

The 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment went into camp on the Saturday before Bank Holiday at a popular seaside resort on the East Coast. A smart body of men from the "B" Company, among whom Coalville, Whitwick and Hugglescote were well represented, proceeded to Leicester, where the battalion assembled. It was late when the destination was reached, but the advance party had done their work well, and a meal was served immediately on arrival. On Sunday, there was an early morning parade, and after breakfast, the battalion paraded for divine service. Impressive addresses were delivered by the chaplain (the Rev. Canon Bowers) and Major Brockington, O.B.E. the commanding officer. On Monday the camp settled down to an energetic course of training, the beneficial results of which were rapidly obvious. Nor was the lighter side neglected, for on Tuesday, there were regimental sports, where, by-the-way, the athletic powers of Coalville and Whitwick veterans in the persons of Sergt. J. C. Brown, Sergt. G. H. Grant, Ptes. Bernard Concannon, Garner and others, received suitable reward. Nor should it be forgotten that a burly team from B Company achieved success in the tug of war. Following the sports on Tuesday was a camp concert, where musical talent of a high character was disclosed. Another concert was given on Thursday and on Friday afternoon there was a cricket match in which a team of officers played the N.C.O.'s and men and defeated them by 0 to 53. Captain G. J. German reminded one of pre-war days in a spirited innings of 39, and Captain Alvins and Lieutenant Wilkinson proved irresistible with the ball. Camp was struck on Saturday. Before dismissing the battalion, the C.O. expressed the gratification at the work undertaken, and the high standard of discipline maintained. This camp was the first summer camp for the battalion, and it was a huge success, many regretting that pressure of civil affairs curtailed their stay.

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COALVILLE POLICE COURT

John Upton, soldier, Hornsea, Yorks, was summoned by Agnes Bufin, single, of Coalville, to show cause etc. Mr J. J. Sharp was for the complainant, and defendant did not appear. Mr Sharp said the baby was born twelve months last January and defendant entered into an agreement to pay 3/6 a week which he did up to May last, when he joined the army and had since tried to conceal his whereabouts. Captain Deverell asked whether there was any separation allowance. Mr Sharp replied in the negative, stating that defendant had

since married another woman. Defendant was ordered to pay 4/6 per week till the child is 14, the costs £2/3/6, and an advocate's fee of one guinea.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

THE CASE OF A DESFORD COLLIER

A meeting of the Tribunal was held at Market Bosworth on Tuesday afternoon, Mr A. Oswald Brown presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques, W. Towers and G. M. Arnold, Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

A Nuneaton solicitor appeared for a Ratcliffe Culey man, 33, Grade 1 with three children. He said the man managed a boot and slipper factory at Atherstone, having worked himself up to that from the lowest position in the factory, and was the only man there left of military age. He cultivated two acres of garden ground and sold the surplus produce. The appeal was dismissed.

A Barlestone cycle dealer and general engineer, 38, married, Grade 3, said he was waiting for his services to be utilised by the War Agricultural Committee as a tractor driver and did a lot of repairs to colliers' bicycles. Three months allowed subject to arrangements being made for the man to drive a tractor.

A Witherley gardener, 38, married, was supported in his appeal by his employer who said there were nearly two acres of garden land, the production of vegetables was as important as corn.

A member: *How many people are there to provide vegetables for?*

The employer: *There are six people in the house and ten servants.*

It was stated that the man had been three times rejected for the army and he was allowed three months.

A member: *There are plenty of servants, ten to wait on six people.*

The cases of three Atherstone Hunt servants again came forward for consideration. The hunt mistress, appearing in support of the application which stated that hunting was of national importance, and if this pack of hounds, already depleted, was to be maintained, these men were indispensable. The huntsman, 41, Grade 3, married, was allowed three months; the first whip, 33, married, Grade 3, was allowed three months, subject to 8 hours a day being worked for a farmer and a stableman, 42, Grade 2, married, three months subject to seven hours a day on the land. Similar conditions were attached to the men's exemptions and it was stated that the men were doing what the Tribunal asked of them.

A Stanton-under-Bardon man, 35, Grade 3, married, with two children, stated that he formerly worked at the Cliff Hill Quarry, but was now employed as a shifter at the Desford Colliery. He was not strong enough for the quarry work.

A member: *Do you mean to say that quarry work is heavier than at the colliery?*

Applicant: Yes.

He added that he formerly worked in a coal mine for eight years. The mine work was not as heavy as breaking stone and as a collier he earned more money. The manager wrote he understood the man was appealing on domestic grounds and proceeded, "*He has worked at this colliery for eight years (with a break). He is a shifter underground, at present the most difficult underground position to fill, and if colliery managers cannot maintain roads they, of course, cannot get coal out of the pit. As, owing to his break in his employment here he is reckoned a poor workman. I am not appealing for him, yet I should be glad if the Tribunal would take his employment into consideration, especially in view of the coal famine which will take place during the coming winter. He is a Grade 3 man, and is doing useful service.*"

The chairman said it was no use taking a man like this when they were sending men back from the army to work in the mines. Three months' exemption allowed, subject to the man continuing his work in the mine. Referring to the coal shortage, a member remarked that the 'Eight Hour Day' should be extended by one hour. He had been talking to a lot of miners and all of them were willing to work nine hours if the Government wished them to.

An Ibstock grocer, 39, Grade 2, was ordered to work three days a week on the land, a condition of his previous exemption, and his case was postponed till next Wednesday for him to bring in evidence of having done that.

Three months was allowed a Ratcliffe Culey man, 50, Grade 2, who said he had worked 32 years for one firm at Atherstone. He had a son serving.

An Ibstock wheelwright, 41, Grade 2, was allowed three months subject to working part time in agriculture.

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Whitwick Holy Cross and Coalville Town C.C. met at the Hermitage Hotel last night, and decided to have a match on Saturday, August 31st on the Hermitage ground for the Prisoners' of War and Broom Leys Hospital. A return match will be played on the Fox and Goose ground at an early date.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Barratt, F., Corporal (B.E.F.)	(July 16 th)
Bradford, W. E., Sergeant	(August 19 th)
Coleman, L., (1 st A.M.)	(August 19 th)
Needham, F. E. Sergt.	(July 14 th)
Nixon, B. E. Private (Signaller)	(August 4 th)
Tansey, F., Corporal	(August 14 th)
Watson, J. Private (M.G.C.)	(August 16 th)

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Pte. Ephraim Smart, of the East Riding Yeomanry, son of Mr and Mrs John Smart, of Main Street, Hugglescote, has arrived home on his first leave, not having seen his parents or friends for over three years. Being in the Territorials he was called up on the mobilisation at the outbreak of the war, and three years ago today left for Egypt. He went to France eight weeks ago, and has now got a month's leave. His elder brother, Driver Alvin Smart, who went to Egypt at the same time, is still out there. He has not yet seen the youngest of his four children, now nearly three years of age.

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MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

CASES OF GOPSALL HALL GARDENERS

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Tribunal was held on Wednesday afternoon, Mr W. Eggington presiding, and there were also present, Messrs J. T. Jacques, W. Towers, W. C. Kirkman (agricultural representative), Capt. Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

The cases of two Gopsall Hall gardeners were considered. One of the men, 48, married, Grade 2, residing at Norton-Juxta-Twycross, said he had now left the Hall, and was working on a farm as a waggoner. He was allowed three months, subject to working whole time in agriculture, the man to produce a time sheet signed by his employer when he appeals again.

In the next case, the man, 50, married, Grade 2, residing at Bilston, said he was working whole time in the kitchen gardens at the Hall. The extent of the gardens was about 3 acres, and they sold the surplus produce. He helped local farmers at night and was willing to continue to do so. The question was asked whether the

man would be employed by Earl Howe's successor when the ownership of the estate changed hands. Applicant said his orders, after finishing with his lordship, were that he was to continue until he received further instructions. Three months allowed, subject to the man doing all he could to assist the local farmers.

An Ibstock grocer and newsagent, 39, married, Grade 2, whose case had been adjourned for him to produce a time-sheet from a Ravenstone farmer for whom he had been working part-time. A letter was received from the farmer stating that applicant had worked for him three days a week. It transpired that some of the time was occupied in the man going round taking orders for the farmer who is also a miller, the man who usually did this work having left. Applicant said it was harder work. He would sooner have remained entirely on the farm. He did it quite innocently, thinking he was acting for the best. Answering questions he said the farmer had two other men and some boys working for him. The farm comprised 133 acres. It was thought that there were farmers in greater need of labour and the man was allowed three months exemption subject to four days a week being worked on the land for some other farmer. Applicant said that would mean having to close his business. He said he could not leave it for four days a week. The clerk asked whether he had no assistance. Applicant said he had four children, aged 5, 9, 13 and 16. The eldest, a boy, took papers out, but did not assist in the shop. He had 120 registered customers and as he was engaged in food distribution he claimed to be exempt. He asked whether this Order was to be of no avail.

The clerk: *You are getting exemption. – I am getting plenty of work.*

Captain Stevenson told the applicant that he did not keep to the Tribunal's condition of exemption before.

Applicant: *I did it to the best of my ability.*

The clerk: *But for the Tribunal, you might be in the Army tomorrow.*

Three months exemption was allowed an Ibstock draper, clothier and licensed hawker, 41, married, Grade 3, subject to three days a week in agricultural work, a time-sheet to be produced.

The appeal of a Carlton blacksmith, 42, married, Grade 2, was not assented to as the man was entitled to protection by the War Agricultural Committee. He was stated to be the only smith for Barlestone, Bagworth, Newbold and other parishes, and worked chiefly for farmers. He was told to apply to the War Agricultural Committee.

A Markfield applicant, 31, Grade 1, said he was a builder, farmer and publican. He had 30 ½ acres of land. His father was 73. He had three brothers serving in the Forces in France and was the only one left at home to keep the business going. Three months was allowed, members remarking that this was one of the strongest personal appeals that they had had.

A resolution was unanimously adopted that weekly time sheets must be sent in to the clerk in the cases of all men whose exemption was conditional on them working part-time in the land, failing which the exemption will automatically lapse.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Sapper W. B. Sharpe, R.E. (Hugglescote) is reported to have been wounded.

Pte. M. Thurman, of the South Staffs Regiment, Pte. J. Fowkes of the Sherwood Foresters, both of Coalville, have been wounded.

Private A. Thirlby, (Bardon Hill) of the Machine Gun Corps is reported missing.

Mr and Mrs Warrilow, of Derby Road, Ashby, having been informed that their son, Private Albert Warrilow, Lancashire Fusiliers, formerly reported missing, is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

COALVILLE SOLDIER IN GERMANY

Private Harold Wesson, Notts. and Derby Regt., youngest son of Mr Wm. Wesson, a M.R. engineer, Margaret Street, Coalville, writing from a prisoners' camp in Germany (Limburg) says he was taken prisoner at Cambrai, and longed for the day when he would be home again. He was in good hands when he wrote,

and hoped to stay there till the end of the war, which he trusted would not be long. Two of Wesson's brothers have been killed in France.

HARVESTING IN A TURKISH VILLAGE

LOCAL SOLDIER'S INTERESTING LETTER

In view of the operations now going on in various parts of the country for the harvesting of our bountiful crops, a letter just received by Mr D. Marston, of Vaughan Street, Coalville, from his brother-in-law, Sapper J. T. Bass, R.E., describing how the harvesting is done in a Turkish village, is of special interest. The writer has been in hospital for three weeks, but is going on nicely now.

"It is a very nice spot by the sea where I am at present." He continues, "and it is surrounded by tobacco, cotton, maize, and wheat plantations, with a Turkish village in the distance. The latter consists of a square of hovels, something after the style of a farmyard, only much larger, the inside covering five or six acres of ground, in the centre of which is a comparatively respectable building, probably taking the place of our town hall or church, for each of these places has its own priest. The walls are decorated with tobacco leaves, hung out to dry, whilst outside there are various pens into which the cattle are driven at night.

They were busy threshing the wheat now, but the method employed is very crude. First, the wheat is spread on the ground, then a kind of sledge with a rough under-surface is pulled over by oxen, after which the straw is removed and the winnowing commenced by throwing the corn in the air with various shaped wooden spades, the wind, of course, blowing away the husks. There were over 30 of the villagers at this game, including women and children, when I went round."

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Ashby Rural District Tribunal was held at the Clerk's Office, on Saturday, Mr T. Varnham presiding. There were also present Messrs. A. Riley, J. T. Bradshaw, H. M. Cuthbert, Captain Stevenson (National Service representative), Mr J. J. German (agricultural representative) and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

The cases of six employees of the Leicestershire Colliery and Pipe Co. were adjourned till the next meeting. Applications not assented to were those of a Measham butcher, Measham school teacher (not to be called up for 28 days) a Measham coal miner and a Grade 1 Griffydham farmer.

A Woodville clerk, Grade 1, got two months' and three months each was allowed a Measham chauffeur and mechanic, Pegg's Green butcher and farmer, a Coleorton footman, Grade 3, Newton Burgoland grocer, (four days a week on land), Donisthorpe licensed victualler (six days a week on land), Measham chauffeur (3 days a week on work of national importance), Pegg's Green roadman and Oakthorpe baker, the latter both Grade 3.

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WHITWICK COLLIER'S THEFTS

TWO CHARGES AT ASHBY

At the Ashby Police Court on Saturday, Charles Ekins, collier, Whitwick, was charged with stealing two walking sticks at Coalville, on July 23rd, and a dog collar, at Ashby, on July 24th.

The case relating to the walking sticks was taken first, and the defendant, a discharged soldier, with two wound stripes on his coat sleeve, told the magistrates he did not care which, when asked whether he elected to be dealt with summarily, or tried by jury at Leicester. He eventually pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) said he had been consulted by the defendant's wife and mother, but when he saw the defendant, Ekins told him he did not require his services. He (Mr Jesson), therefore, held a watching brief in the case for defendant's wife and mother.

Thomas Lashmore, jeweller, Coalville, deposed to missing two sticks from a show case adjoining his shop. He valued them at £1/2/9. Inspector Dobney said he met the prisoner with his wife in Forest Road, Coalville, on Sunday night and told him he admired his walking stick. Defendant said he bought the stick from a soldier twelve months before. Witness told him he had not worked it much. Later, witness took possession of the stick and received another from a man at Whitwick. He told prisoner he would be charged with stealing them and he said he bought them from a man whom he saw with an armful selling them near the Red House, Coalville.

Mr Jesson submitted that the man was not responsible for his actions.

Inspector Dobney said Ekins was in the Army for some years before the war and was three years in France. He was wearing the Mons ribbon though he was not entitled to.

Defendant: *I'll rip it off then. I understand I was entitled to it. I have got the three blues.*

Giving evidence on oath, prisoner said he found the sticks near the Red House. He had a good character from the Army, having received a permanent discharge, and he had since been working on munitions.

Jane Elizabeth Ekins, defendant's wife, said they had been married for 13 years, and he was a good and loving husband, and a good father to their three children. It hurt her very much to see him as he was. He sometimes suffered from delusions.

Ekins was then charged with stealing the dog collar, and pleaded guilty.

Thomas Orton, builder, Ashby, identified the collar (produced) as his property. Inspector Dobney said he went to prisoner's house to enquire about a dog belonging to Mr Orton, which had been stolen, and he saw the collar in the house. Defendant told him that the dog followed him from Woodville, and someone had let it escape from the house. Mr Orton had not yet recovered the dog, which was a valuable animal.

Prisoner said he believed he knew where the dog was and would help Mr Orton get it back. Mr Jesson urged that the man should be dealt with under the Mental Deficiency Act, rather than as a criminal.

The clerk said there was no medical evidence. Mr Jesson then read a certificate from Dr. Jamie. The magistrates sentenced Ekins to one month's imprisonment in each case, without hard labour, the sentences to be concurrent, and recommended that the prisoner would be under the supervision of the prison doctor.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Batho, J., Private (M.G.C.)	August 20 th
Bottrill, U., Private	July 7 th
Lycett, W., Sergt. M.M.	August 19 th
Mason, G. E.	August 23 rd
Needham, E., Sergt.	July 29 th
Tansey, F., Corporal	August 17 th

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Mr W. Blower, a discharged soldier, of Park Road, Coalville, won the picture given by Mr B. G. Hale, to be drawn for in connection with Y.M.C.A. Hut Week, the winning number being 785?

ELLISTOWN

GARDEN PARTY

Beautiful weather favoured a garden party on Saturday in aid of the Ellistown Soldiers' and Sailors' Christmas Presents Fund. Mr E. Gough having kindly placed the cricket field at the disposal of the committee for the purpose. There were football and skittle contests and concerts by the Ellistown Glee Party, while the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band played selections and for dancing in the evening. There was a large attendance, and the event was a great success. Messrs. Bellamy and Kirton ably discharged the secretarial duties.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

On Saturday night, an ambulance train from Dover arrived at Leicester Midland Station with a convoy of wounded. There were twelve officers and eighty-five other ranks, all cot cases, and thirty sitting cases. The officers were taken to the Base Hospital, and the men to the North Evington Infirmary. Refreshments were supplied by V.A.D. 26.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, a convoy of 90 wounded soldiers, including 50 cot cases, arrived at the Leicester Midland Station. After partaking of the refreshments provided by members of V.A.D.S., they were conveyed to North Evington War Hospital.

Pte. W. H. M. Bottrill, 97900, R.A.M.C., 3rd British General Hospital, Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force, writes wishing to be remembered to all his Coalville and Whitwick pals. The heat out there is terrible, and the R.A.M.C. are very busy, but he says he doesn't mind that, as he is quite happy when on duty. After being out there since 1915, he would very much like leave to come home to see his wife and relatives, but they were making the best of it, and concludes by saying that they "*keep smiling.*"

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WHITWICK MILITARY MEDALLIST

FIRST PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Although seven Whitwick soldiers have won Military Medals, the first to be publicly presented with the medal is Sapper A. P. Hicken, R.E. whose investiture took place at the Whitwick Picture House, on Friday night.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) explained that in 1916 – nearly two years ago – Hicken was awarded the medal for conspicuous bravery on the battlefield, and when he was at home last year he was presented with a beautiful clock by the townspeople of Whitwick as a mark of their appreciation of his services. In March of the present year, he (the Vicar) received a request from the War Office that he would publicly invest Hicken with the medal, and at the same time he had a letter from the Commanding Officer in France stating that the soldier would be allowed leave at the end of March or the beginning of April. But the Germans commenced their big offensive on March 21st, which he believed would be their last, and that prevented Hicken from coming home then. They were delighted to see him now (cheers). They were always pleased to hear of the success of any Whitwick men and honoured them all for the part they were taking in the war. This was a particularly interesting ceremony, he said, because though Whitwick was honoured by having seven military medallists, this was the first public investiture which had taken place.

Amidst great cheering, the Vicar then pinned the medal on Hicken's coat, and the soldier, who was accompanied on the stage by his wife, said he thanked them very much. Mr D. Martin, an old campaigner with five medals also said a few words, the proceedings being of an enthusiastic character.

Sapper Hicken's home is at the Dumps, Whitwick, and he was a collier before joining the army.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

News has been received of the death in action in France of Second-Lieutenant W. H. H. Gibbs, A.S.C. which took place on the 21st last. Deceased was one of six brothers, who have all been with the Colours. Two have been discharged. The last time the whole of them were at home together was on Sunday, October 16th,

1916. Lieutenant Gibbs was 22 years of age, and was the fifth son of Mr and Mrs H. H. Gibbs, of Forest House, Shepshed. He joined up in July, 1916, and was awarded the Military Cross in October, 1917, for taking shells up to the battery under heavy fire. Captain A. Gordon Laws, A.S.C. in a letter received by Mr and Mrs Gibbs on the 27th inst. says, *"You will have heard by this of the sad news of your son's death. Well, I am his immediate commanding officer, and I can say that during the 34 years of my life nothing has ever appealed to me so much. He has earned his Military Cross several times over, and is absolutely irreplaceable. He was putting a gun into a forward position last night, and was killed instantaneously by a shell. It is needless to say more, except that he can never be replaced by any officer within my experience. He is a loss to his brother officers, his men, and everyone with him whom he came in contact. We buried him this afternoon, and I am having a cross made for him. No more is possible. August 22nd, 1918."*

News has been received that Pte. A. J. Ketcher, of the Loyal North Lancashire has been wounded in the right hand having lost two fingers. He is in hospital in Glossop, and his brother, Walter, is in hospital in France, having undergone an operation. They are the sons of Mr and Mrs Ketcher, 31, Oxford Street, Coalville, who have lost one son in the war. They all worked at Messrs. Stableford's previously.

Pte H. Taylor, of Ashby, in the King's Royal Rifle Corps is reported by the German Government to have died of wounds.

Pte. G. Ison (Ashby), of the South Lancashire Regiment, and Pte. F. Williamson, (Coalville), of the Durham Light Infantry, have been wounded.

Mr and Mrs Hartnell, of Staunton Harold, have been notified that their only son, Lance-Corporal W. Hartnell, Worcesters, has been severely wounded in action, and is now in hospital in France.

Mrs Cartledge, Burton Road, Ashby, has been officially informed that her husband, Pte. Henry Cartledge, Leicesters, previously reported missing, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Mrs Southam, Mill Bank, Ashby, has been notified that her son, Pte. A. Southam, Notts and Derby Regiment, has been killed in action in France. Prior to enlisting, he was employed by the Alton Clay Co., Woodville. He was the elder of two sons, and was 23 years of age.

Private A. Congrave and Pte. H. Hollick, both Coalville men, in the Leicestershire Regiment, are reported to have been wounded.



Sapper David Knifton, who has been a prisoner in Germany since March 21st, has written to his mother and father, residing at 59 Margaret Street, Coalville, stating that he is *"in the pink"*. He is at Gefangenenlager, and says they are getting parcels from the Prisoners of War Committee, No. 2, New Street, Leicester, and are allowed to receive letters. He wishes to be remembered to all friends and is looking forward to the day when he will be at home again. Knifton enlisted in the 11th Leicesters in June 1917, and went to France on October 7th, his 20th birthday. He formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Bosworth Tribunal held on Wednesday afternoon under the presidency of Mr R. A. Oswald Brown was only of a few minutes' duration. There were only six assented cases, which had all been up previously several times, and periods of exemption as recommended by the Advisory Committee were allowed.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when others were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, C. Coleman, J. Baker, A. Lockwood, J. W. Fisher, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk read a copy of a new Order as to the grading of men over 41 and said it now followed as a matter of course that a man exempted must drill with the V.T.C. and it was not necessary to tell him so. If he was excused it had to be endorsed on the certificate.

Mr Coleman: *Does that apply to men in Grade 3?*

The clerk said Grade 3 men were not required in the Volunteers and Tribunals had to consider whether some alternative part time service should not be imposed. It was suggested that such men might assist in the V.A.D., Ambulance Brigade, Fire Brigade, the cultivation of allotments or in assisting to maintain the business of a man called to the Colours. Part-time committees were being appointed to consider such cases though such a committee had not yet been formed in this district. When considering part time labour, care should be taken not to infringe trade union regulations. The clerk added that veterinary surgeons were exempt.

Three months was allowed a Grade 3 bricklayer, 41, married, and employed by a Hugglescote building firm.

The foreman of the rubber room at a Coalville elastic web factory, 42, Grade 1, married, with six children, was supported in his application by his employers, the manager of the factory stating that they were on Government work, and if this man was taken some of their 311 employees would be thrown idle. Three months allowed, the man to get a protection certificate in the meantime.

A Grade 3 shoehand, working at Shepshed, and having a small poultry farm at Whitwick, made a domestic appeal. Formerly Grade 1, he said he was now Grade 3, and his wife was ill. He was 35 years of age. Three months allowed.

The South Leicestershire Colliery Co. appealed for two weighing and dispatch clerks, one employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, 38, Grade 2, and the other at Snibston Colliery, 39, Grade 2, and each was allowed three months.

Similar exemption was granted a Whitwick carter, 35, Grade 2, married, the managing partner of a Hugglescote building firm, 40, Grade 2, and a Coalville carter, 47, Grade 2.

A Whitwick widower, 35, Grade 1, stated in his appeal that he was a miller and ground corn for between 40 and 50 farmers. The application was not assented to, it being stated that the man had been granted a protection certificate by the War Agricultural Committee.

A Coalville chemist appealed for his dispenser, 25, single, Grade 1, asking for a substitute if the man had to go. He said the man was formerly in Grade 3, and was sent as a substitute for his other man who had gone. The latter was in hospital. If the dispenser appealed for had to go, he suggested that his former employer be allowed to come back again. It was stated that an application had been made for a substitute, and the appeal was not assented to.

A Hugglescote fruiterer, 26, single, Grade 3, stated that he formerly joined up, but was discharged as unfit, and his brother, a former partner, went into the army when he came back. The Advisory Committee did not assent but the Tribunal allowed three months.

Mr C.E. Crane appeared for a Hugglescote tailor, who also runs a bicycle and boot business, applicant being 42, married, with 2 children. Some question arose as to whether the man was in Grade 2 or 3. The writing on the certificate was indistinct, and the chairman said it could be read two or three. Applicant said he was told he was in Grade 3 when he was examined. Captain Stevenson said he had a letter in which it was stated Grade 2, the figure being written in words. To settle the matter, the Tribunal adjourned the case for 14 days for another medical examination.

A baker, 35, Grade 1, employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society, asked for another medical examination. He said he was formerly C3, but on August 13th last was put in Grade 1. He was not at all satisfied.

Mr Briers: *Did you know you could have appealed against that within five days?*

Applicant said he did appeal. The clerk said the appeal was sent to Leicester, but apparently it was disallowed. Not assented to.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society supported the appeal of the manager of their Bagworth branch, 37, married, Grade 2, who was stated to have 800 registered customers and doing a trade of £8,250 per quarter, with only female assistance. Three months' allowed.

A similar term was granted to a tailor, 46, Grade 2, a bread deliverer, 33, Grade 3, and a baker, 41, Grade 2, all married, and in the employ of the Co-Operative Society.

Another Co-Op bread deliver wrote asking to be excused from drill and sent a doctor's certificate that he was suffering from cardiac debility. The chairman said they ought not to force a man to drill if there were many things beside drill that a man could do in the volunteers. He might clean rifles or something of the kind. Mr Briers said the Tribunal usually took notice of a doctor's certificate in such cases. Another member observed that sometimes people who suffered from heart trouble benefitted from exercise. Eventually, it was agreed that the man be excused for one month with leave to appeal again, when another doctor's certificate must be produced.

A list of applications to appeal for further exemption was allowed.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Andrews, G. E., Sapper	September 1 st
Bradford, W. E. Sergt.	August 27 th
<i>"I have been admitted into hospital, wounded and am going on well. I am being sent down to the base."</i>	
Needham, F. E., Sergt.	August 14 th
Terry, F. C., L-Corpl.	August 10 th
White, S. E. G. Private	September 2 nd
Wortley, T. H. L-Corpl.	August 25 th . – Late 'Bus' Co. manager.
York, H., Private	August 31 st .

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Coalville Munition Girls' football team will play matches during the coming season?

Another very large convoy of American troops reached Liverpool on Saturday and marched through the city amid enthusiastic scenes?

An interesting incident, not previously reported, which took place some little time ago, was the presentation to Mr R. T. Bradshaw, by the Coalville Munitions Girls' football team, of a silver cigarette case in recognition of his services as instructor?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Petty Officer L. Poole of the Oaks, has arrived home after being posted as missing through his ship being torpedoed. He escaped, and was picked up by a ship bound for Egypt, which was also torpedoed, and he again had the good fortune to escape.

SHEPSHED

ABSENTEE

At Loughborough, on Monday, Private Wm. Thorpe, Leicestershire Regiment, was remanded to await an escort. He belongs to Shepshed and was on leave, which he had overstayed. Seeing his walking about a bit longer than usual, P.C. Highton questioned him about his pass, but he refused to say anything until he was taken to the police station.

CAMERA IN FORBIDDEN AREA

COALVILLE PHOTOGRAPHER FINED

At Menai Bridge on Tuesday, John Albert Wells, Station Terrace, Coalville, was charged with being in possession of a photographic apparatus in a prohibited area. Police-Sergeant Roberts said he found the defendant (who did not appear) using a camera at Porth-yr-Ach, Menai Bridge, between the suspension bridge and St. George's Pier. Replying to witness Wells said he had a permit to use a camera within three miles of the coast, between Penmaenmawr and Bangor, signed by Capt. Fraser R.N. On being informed that he was in a prohibited area and beyond Bangor and in another county, the defendant said he was not aware of it. On being told he would be reported, he said he had not developed any of the plates. Witness added that the defendant's camera was a large one, on a tripod stand. A fine of 15/- including costs, was imposed.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Second-Lieutenant Eric Oswald Mansfield has been killed in action. He was the youngest son of the late Mr H. R. Mansfield of Coalville and Church Gresley (formerly M.P. for the Spalding Division). Enlisting as a private in 1915, he spent nearly three years at the front. He was 25 years of age and formerly resided at Burton where he assisted his brother in the tile works business.

Mr J. Staley, of 65, Oxford Street, Coalville, on Wednesday received a telegram from the War Office, stating that his son, second-lieutenant H. Staley, of the Sherwood Foresters, had been wounded and gassed. Lieut. Staley was formerly well-known in local football circles.

Sapper J. Robinson (Coalville) of the R.E. has been wounded.

Pte. A. Evans (Ashby) of the King's Royal Rifles, is a prisoner of war.

Ptes. J. Wilks (Whitwick) and F. Morley (Swannington), also Lance-Corporal F. Black (Ibstock), all of the Leicestershire Regiment, are prisoners of war in Germany. Morley had previously been reported killed.

Lance-Corporal J. E. Ducker of the Leicestershire Regiment, officially reported killed in action, was a Whitwick man, his relatives residing in Leicester Road.

Private S. Smith, of Ashby, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, has been wounded.

Private William Sutton (30), Leicester, late manager of Messrs. Handford and Miller's branch at Whitwick, has been killed in action. He had been with the firm since leaving school, and to his honour, the flag at the Loughborough factory was at half-mast on Wednesday. His widow lives in Leopold Street, Loughborough.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Percy William Baker, 1st Leicesters, killed in France, September 5th, 1917, aged 19 years and 10 months.

"Thy will be done"

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brother in India.

LOCAL MILITARY MEDALLISTS

The names of five local soldiers are in the latest list published of men awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action. They are Lance-Sergeants (Acting Sergeant) W. Lycett and Lance-Corporal (Acting Sergeant) W. Mee, both of the South Staffs Regiment and both of Coalville. Pte. W. Smith of Ellistown in the Essex Regiment. Pte. S. W. Wright of Market Bosworth, of the Northumberland Fusiliers and Gunner J. N. B. Williams R.G.A. of Hugglescote, a former Coalville Co-Operative employee.

A SWANNINGTON ABSENTEE

HIS REASON FOR STAYING AT HOME

Before Major Hatchett, at the Coalville Police Court, on Monday, Private Wm. Gibbons, of the 5th Leicesters, a Swannington man, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment.

Asked by the clerk whether he had anything to say, Gibbons replied that he had a lot to say.

The clerk: *What is it?*

The soldier: *It is my place to look after the home when nobody is there.*

The clerk: *Not when you are in the army.*

Inspector Dobney said the defendant's father had gone away, and he thought he had better stop at home to look after his mother. P.C. Sibson said he went to the house at 11.30 on Sunday night and asked his mother if he was at home. She said he was not. Witness told her he had been there, and she replied that he had gone to Shepshed. Witness went to his home again at six o'clock that morning, and found the man there. He had been about the district in private clothes for eight or nine days, and he said he wanted to get work to keep his mother and his wife. He said he was fed up with the army but he had a good character while serving with the Forces.

Defendant, who had a wound stripe on his sleeve said he had been in France. He had done three years and two months' service. He was in the Territorials before the war. He was 22 years of age, and formerly worked as a miner. He was remanded to await an escort.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Batho, J., Pte. M.G.C.	September 10 th
Botham, C. G., Pte.	September 10 th
Edwards, J. W., L-Corpl.	September 8 th
Johnson, A. H. R.G.A.	September 5 th
Haynes, Gunner, M.M.	September 9 th
Lycett, W., Sergt. M.M.	September 2 nd
Tansey, F., Corpl.	September 1 st
Wild, W. J., Sapper R.E.	September 9 th
Watson, J. Pte. M.G.C.	September 6 th

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear husband William Blakely Tyers, Northumberland Fusiliers, who fell in France, September 10th, 1917.

"There is a link death cannot sever"

Love and remembrance last forever."

From his Wife and Children.

In loving memory of our dear son, William Blakely Tyers, Northumberland Fusiliers, who fell in France, September 10th, 1917.

"Ever in our thoughts"

From his Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers (Walter in France)

IBSTOCK

KHAKI WEDDING

A pretty wedding took place at the Wesleyan Chapel, Ibstock, on Wednesday, September 11th. The contracting parties were Miss Sarah Elizabeth Eggington, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Eggington and Regimental Sergt-Major T. Lander, Intelligence Corps, eldest son of Mr and the late Mrs A. Lander. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of ivory satin, draped with Paris lace. She wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of orchids and white carnations. She was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Nellie and Jessie Eggington (sisters) and Misses Annie and Emma Lander (sisters of the bridegroom). They all wore dresses of silver grey crepe de chine, with black hats and carried sheaves of pink roses and carnations. They also wore gold broches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Sergeant C. Smith, (cousin of the bride) serving with the Italian Expeditionary Force officiated as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Wardle, of Coalville. Miss A. Hardy officiated at the organ and played the Wedding March. The hymns were "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "O, perfect love." The reception was held at 27, Copson Street, the bride's home. There were many useful presents, including several from the French, Belgian and British Intelligence Corps. The happy couple subsequently left for London where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a saxe blue costume and model hat to match. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a diamond ring. And the bridegroom to bride, a silver-backed brush, comb and mirror.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Among the visitors to the Ibstock show on Saturday, was the former secretary, Sergeant Bishop, home on sick leave from France?

Captain Georges Barbey, the French officer, who spoke on National War Aims, in Coalville Market Place last Friday, is a French barrister and was junior counsel for M. Dreyfus in the sensational trial of 1899-0-1?

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Coalville Tribunal was held on Wednesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding and there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, C. W. Brown, T. F. Fox, C. Coleman, J. W. Fisher, J. Baker, A. J. Briers and the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson).

A letter was received from the Ministry of National Service intimating that men receiving exemption must apply at the same time if they wanted to be excused from drill. Hitherto the latter had been a separate application. A member asked whether that applied to Grade 3 men, and the clerk replied in the negative.

Mr T. Hacking, Executive Officer to the War Agricultural Committee, wrote pointing out the need for engine drivers for threshing machinery, and if any men with such experience came before the committee, arrangements should be made for their services to be placed at the disposal of the committee.

The National Service representative appealed against the conditional exemption of a Coalville boot machinist, 38, Grade 3, and three months were allowed.

Similar exemption was allowed the manager of a Coalville hotel, 38, Grade 3, single, stated to have been previously rejected four times. The man cultivates three-quarters of an acre of garden and keeps pigs, and he offered to do work of national importance three days a week. The exemption was subject to this condition.

A Coalville plumber, 23, single, Grade 3, was allowed three months, as was a Hugglescote schoolmaster, 43, Grade 1, and married. It was stated that there were 400 children in the school. Previous exemption was subject to efforts to find a substitute, which applicant said had not been successful. The exemption allowed was subject to the same condition as to substitution.

A Coalville boot and shoe repairer was allowed one month to be graded, and three months was allowed a Hugglescote tailor, 42, married, Grade 3, who also runs a bicycle and boot business.

Mr C. E. Crane represented a Nottingham house furnisher appealing for the manager of his Coalville branch shop, stating that the man was 31 and in Grade 3, Answering questions, the employer said there was no one else at Coalville who could be left in charge. Applicant had lost a man in Nottingham this week and was there *"on his own."* Two months allowed subject to two days a week on work of national importance.

A Coalville bread deliverer, 44, married, Grade 2, was supported in his appeal by his employers, the Coalville Co-Operative Society, Mr Brown said the man suffered from rheumatism, and a local doctor certified him as suffering from cardiac debility. Apart from all that, the Society could ill spare him. He delivered 6,600 loaves a week. Three months allowed.

In all the following cases the clerk said the Advisory Committee recommended three months, and the Tribunal agreed. A loom tuner at a Coalville factory, 37, married, Grade 3; two Whitwick Colliery clerks, 34 (to be graded) and 44, Grade 1; Coalville builder, 40, Grade 1; two Coalville bricklayers, 39, Grade 3 and 45, Grade 2 (seven children); Coalville chemist, 46, Grade 1; Whitwick wood machinist, 40, Grade 2; Coalville tailor, 43, Grade 2; Whitwick butcher, 34, Grade 2; Coalville butcher, 33, Grade 2; Whitwick baker, 41, Grade 3; Coalville carrier, 34, Grade 2; Coalville printer, 37, Grade 3; Coalville foreman baker, 42, Grade 3; Whitwick baker and grocer, 36, Grade 2; Hugglescote clothing stores manager, 41, Grade 3; Coalville grocer and off-licence holder, 40, Grade 3; Hugglescote boot repairer, 42, Grade 3; Hugglescote baker and grocer, 34, Grade 2; Ellistown baker and grocer, 42, Grade 3; Ellistown ironmonger, 42, Grade 1; and Central grocery manager, Coalville Co-Operative Society, 33, Grade 3.

A question was asked in regard to one of the Whitwick Colliery clerks and Mr Kirby and the instructions to the National Service representatives were that no more colliery clerks could be taken.

Mr McCarthy: *Then why waste our time with them.*

The Coalville chemist referred to in the above list, stated in his appeal that he wished to be excused from drilling with the V.T.C.

The chairman: *He's up-to-date.*

The application was allowed. Nine applications for leave to appeal at the next meeting a fortnight hence were allowed.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Sapper F. Clay, R.E., only son of Mr and Mrs Fred Clay of Vaughan Street, Coalville, previously reported missing, has now written to his parents stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. He is in hospital, but is going on well. They had received no news of him since May. Sapper Clay was formerly a draughtsman at Messrs. Wootton Bros. engineering works, Coalville.

Notice has been received by Mrs Partridge of Whitwick, that her husband, Private Walter Partridge, of the 1st South Staffs Regiment, who has been missing since October 4th, 1917, is now presumed to have died on that date or since, in France. He was a son of Mr H. Partridge, captain of the Whitwick Church bellringers, and a former scholar of the Whitwick Church School. He was last at Whitwick on August 5th, 1917, when his baby boy was baptised at the Parish Church. His widow and three children reside in Green Lane.

Official news has been received by Mrs Costelow, of 65, Silver Street, Whitwick, that her son, Pte. Wm. Harold Knight, of the Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed in action in France, on August 8th. He was only 21 years of age, and volunteered for service on July 6th, 1915. He was last at home in October last year.

Further details are also to hand of the death of another Whitwick soldier, Private Charles Cavendish, who was killed in action in France on July 2nd. He enlisted in the Spring of 1915, and went to France in the following October. In July, 1916, he was wounded in the head by shrapnel and was in hospital in France for seven weeks. Again, on October 21st, 1917, he was dangerously wounded in the chest by a bomb from an enemy aeroplane, being the only one left alive on that occasion of a group of eight men. In November last he was invalided to England and returned to France in March this year. On June 18th, he was gassed; but recovered sufficiently to join the fighting again and after this somewhat remarkable record he was killed on July 2nd. He formerly lived at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and leaves a widow and five children.

Mrs Woodward, of Kilwardby Street, Ashby, has been officially informed that her husband, Private Richard Woodward, Black Watch, has been killed in action in France. Before joining the army the deceased soldier was joint-proprietor of an old-established grocery business. He was also a well-known Wesleyan local preacher. He leaves a widow and one child. Much sympathy is felt for the family.

Pte. H. Poxon (Ashby) of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported missing.

Mr and Mrs Stafford, of Coalville, have received the news of the death of their son, Pte. F. Stafford, of the Machine Gun Corps in France. A letter was received from a soldier comrade on September 8th in which the writer stated Pte. Stafford was in hospital wounded, having been hit by a shell whilst going for the team's rations at 11.30 am on September 2nd. The letter continues, *"Lance-Corporal Swinbourne and Pte. Woodward, of his team were with him and I am sorry to say they were both killed by the shell that wounded our young Stafford, but we have kept the news from him. Now, do not worry yourselves at present, he is quite alright; he was wounded very badly in his head, and not so badly in one leg and both arms, but no bones are broken in any of his limbs as far as I could see when I bandaged him. Of course, his head is cut. I sent for a stretcher, and also for our section officer and the sergeant, and while we were waiting for them, Stafford spoke very cheerfully. He asked me to take a field card from his pocket, which is addressed to Mrs Stafford, and give it to the postman, and I have done so. I thought every moment he would give way under his pain, but he managed to keep him as cheerful as I could, and before leaving he thoughtfully remembered his mates and told me (I am the officer's servant) to tell them to share his parcel that he is expecting from home. Mr Lloyd and the sergeant then arrived, and with them a stretcher, and four German prisoners as stretcher-bearers, and that was only fifteen minutes after being wounded, and I was so glad he didn't ask me where his two mates were, for the news might have been more than he could bear. Just a hand-shake all round, including Mr Lloyd, and then "good-bye" and "good-luck, Stafford lad," and that's all. A formal acknowledgement of this letter is all I expect from you, his people, for the present, but when you hear from him himself, I should like to know if he is going on alright."* This was followed by another letter, received the next day (Monday) from a hospital: *"I regret to say your son, Pte. F. Stafford, died here 1.10 pm today. He was admitted on the 2nd of this month suffering from multiple wounds. We did all that could be done for him, but he died today. There really was no hope for him. The Roman Catholic priest saw him and administered the last sacraments to him. He was wonderfully comfortable, poor boy. Please accept our sincere sympathy."*

A SAD STORY FROM OSGATHORPE

SCHOOL MISTRESS GRANTED A SEPARATION ORDER

A sad story was told at the Coalville Police Court on Friday, in a case in which Samuel Ernest Blackwell (47), soldier, in the A.S.C. Woolwich, was summoned for persistent cruelty to his wife, Jane Blackwell, of Osgathorpe, who applied for a separation order. Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) was for the complainant and the defendant did not appear.

Mr Jesson said it was one of the saddest cases that had come to his notice. The applicant, a lady with good prospects, had had her life blighted by the conduct of the defendant. They were married in March, 1895, complainant then being a teacher at St. Leonard's School, Leicester. The defendant gave way to drink, and his conduct almost from the start had been bad. His wife had been compelled to give up various scholastic appointments in the county, all through her husband. Three years ago she became headmistress of the

Osgathorpe School, and was there now. Defendant's conduct had not improved, and she wished to get a separation from him. He gave her very little money, and smashed the crockery, and pawned her son's and daughter's bicycles. She had had to keep and educate the children out of her own earnings. Her son was now wounded in hospital in France. The daughter was living with the complainant. The defendant had not assaulted his wife, but had threatened her, and his conduct had been such to impair her health.

Complainant bore this out in the witness box and was corroborated by her daughter, Gladys. The Bench granted a separation order, defendant to pay 12/6 a week and £2/1/6 court costs.

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE

TAKEN PRISONER SECOND TIME

To be taken prisoner by the Germans for a second time and on the anniversary of his previous escape from captivity is the somewhat remarkable experience of a Coalville soldier, Lance-Corporal Anthony Carr, M.M., of the 5th Leicesters, who, before enlisting 3 ½ years ago, lodged with his brother, Mr Wm. Carr, collier, of 181 Ashby Road, Coalville, and was employed at Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s works.

Lance-Corporal Carr had been reported missing, but a letter received by his brother, William from the captain of the regiment, states that he was taken prisoner on August 6th. Three of them were out on patrol duty when they were surrounded by Germans. The letter states, *"All three fought hard and everyone who saw it speaks with the great admiration of the fight. Two Boches were either killed or wounded. There was no one near enough to help, and the three were taken prisoner alive and unwounded. It is curious that this should have happened on the anniversary of the day when Carr came back after spending 18 hours in the Boche lines on August 6th, 1916. I hope you will soon have news from him. We feel his loss terribly. He was one of the most wonderful fellows we have ever had. It is marvellous how he stuck it out here. I wish we could get hold of some more fellows like him. You have good reason to be proud of him."*

It is interesting to note that sometime ago, Carr was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field.

MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS

Annie Lockwood, wife of a soldier of Ibstock, was fined 1/- for not sending her child regularly to school.

Marie Brown, of Ibstock, another soldier's wife, was similarly summoned in respect of five children and Mr Freeman said it was the worst case in Leicestershire. Sergt. Iliffe said the woman was out too late at night to get up in the morning. The children were often running about not dressed at eleven o'clock in the morning. Defendant was fined 10/- in each of the five cases.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Private L. D. Brown, 16132, Signaller, 8th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, the beloved son of Mr and Mrs Brown, 30, James Street, Coalville, killed in action in France, September 25th, 1916, aged 23.

*"We never knew what pain he had,
We never saw him die,
We only know he passed away
And never said "Good-bye"*

From Father, Mother, Brother, Sister and family and Fiancée

In ever-loving remembrance of Lance-Corporal Wilfred Jones, 1st Leicesters, who was killed in action, September 15th, 1916.

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

From F. Cramp

In loving memory of William Beasley, 1st Leicesters, died of wounds in France, September 11th, 1917. Aged 22 years.

*"There's a lonely grave in France,
Where a brave young hero lies,
There's a cottage home in England
Where his dear ones sit and weep.
A true and loving son,
Our darling boy, who thought
When you kissed us last goodbye
It would be forever, grief?"*

"Rest in Peace."

From his loving Mother and Father, Hermitage Hotel.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Barratt, Frank, Corporal (E.E.F.)	August 28 th
Lycett, Sergt. M.M.	September 13 th
Tansey, F. Corpl.	September 14 th
Watson, J. Pte. M.G.C.	September 7 th and 12 th ("I have received paper")
White, S. E. G., Pte.	September 15 th
York, H. A., Pte.	September 15 th

MARRIAGE

Bird – Wynne. On September 19th, at Christ Church, Coalville, by the Rev. S. Hosking, Albert Bird, Australian Imperial Forces, to Constance Cooper Wynne.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

During last month, 313,000 American troops embarked for Europe, 180,000 being carried in British ships?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Lieut.-Colonel Frederick Hargreaves Arbuthnot Wollaston, D.S.O., Rifle Brigade, of Shenton Hall, Leicester, who died on active service on March 8th, eldest son of Mr Wollaston, of Shenton Hall, Leicester, has left £3,385/0/1. Probate is granted to his father.

A well-known Coalville resident received an interesting letter on Wednesday from a nephew at the Front, in which the following passages appear, *"For the past three weeks we have been busily engaged chasing the Boche, a much more pleasant a game than being chased by him . . . I suppose it must be beginning to dawn on Germany that she is going to be licked. It only remains for her to fully realise it and the war will end quite suddenly. Meanwhile, it requires a still greater effort from those at home, and LESS STRIKES before we arrive at the finale"*

The Ellistown Parade Committee and officials are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their effort last Saturday, by which funds were secured for Christmas parcels for loyal soldiers and sailors. The amount realised was over £100, and the expenses will be very small. Ellistown people have always been very

enthusiastic in this matter, and it will be very cheering to their boys in the battle and to read of the success of this effort.

CYCLING MISHAP

On Monday morning, Mr Archibald Wesson, son of Mr Wm. Wesson, of Margaret Street, whilst cycling downhill at Whitwick en route to Holwell Works, where he is employed, met with an accident due to the "greasy" road, which caused him to swerve into the kerbing. He was pitched on to a footpath against some railings, sustaining a severe shaking and cuts on his arms and a leg, but was able to return to his home. The bicycle was smashed.

Private Wesson was wounded in the head and shoulder by the explosion of a shell at Arras and was in hospital in France and England several months, eventually being transferred to the Army Reserve. Two of his brothers were killed in the early part of the war in France, and the younger of the family is a prisoner of war in Germany.

THE TORPEDOED GALWAY CASTLE

LEICESTERSHIRE SURVIVORS

It has transpired that at least three lives of passengers belonging to Leicester in district were saved from the torpedoed Galway Castle. Thrilling experiences are recounted by the survivors. Miss Daisy Randall, a native of Leicester, was journeying to her home at Pretoria. She is the only child of Captain E. T. Randall, R.A.M.C. and Miss Randall, who have been in South Africa twelve or fourteen years. Two years ago Miss Randall came to Leicester for a long holiday. She is the niece of Mrs Arthur Black, of Holmleigh, Belgrave Road, and of Mrs Frank Haynes, of 338, Humberstone Road. For about twelve months she had been trying to effect a passage home, and at length was successful in booking on the Galway Castle.

Miss Randall was dressing at the time the ship was struck, and she only had the opportunity to put on her dressing gown before she was placed in a boat. She lost all her possessions many of which meant much more to her than their intrinsic value, though that was considerable. When in the boat a sailor threw a baby boy into her arms, and she held this precious burden the whole of the time she was in the boat. In a letter to her relatives in Leicester she says it is a lovely baby.

For eight hours the little boat and the survivors it held were at the mercy of the waves. Then a destroyer came to the rescue, and the passengers were taken on to Plymouth, in which city Miss Randall is now staying, apparently little the worse now for her great adventure.

Among the survivors too, was Mrs Lenney, daughter of Mr and Mrs Prince, of Enderby. She reached Leicester on Saturday night with her child, who was also rescued. Mrs Lenney was the wife of a South African soldier, who has received his discharge, and she was going out to join him in the colony.

She states that the first intimation she had of the disaster was a violent shock which threw her out her bunk. She cried out for help, and the captain came to her and bound her child to her with a woollen shawl. He also put a lifebelt on her, and lowered her into the water. For over an hour she and her baby floated about, and were then picked up by a rowing boat. At least seven of those in the boat died of cold and exposure. The survivors were transferred to a destroyer, and brought into Plymouth, where they received great kindness and attention.

Although considerably exhausted, both Mrs Lenney and her baby are doing well.

PARADE AT ELLISTOWN

FOR SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

A successful parade and gala was held at Ellistown on Saturday in aid of the fund for providing Christmas presents for local soldiers and sailors. The prizes offered for the best dresses and turn-outs attracted a splendid lot of entries and in some of the classes the judges found it necessary to award several specials. The following were the winners:

Heavy turn-out: 1 G. Mills, Ellistown. Light turn-out: 1 G. Barnes, Ellistown. Tradesmen's turn-out: 1 J. T. Gregory, butcher, Stanton-under-Bardon. Comic group (adults): 1 N. Black's party; 2 Bagworth comic band; special, Mrs Osbiston's group, Ellistown. Sentimental group (adults): 1 Miss Edwards, Ellistown, a wedding party; 2 Mrs Osbiston, a pageant. Comic group, (children): 1 Lily Elton, pit lads. Sentimental group (children): Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Temperance Volunteers; 2 Wesleyan Reform Sunday School; 3 Mrs Osbiston, nurse maids; special, Ivy Adcock, fairy and attendants. Lady's decorated bicycle: 1 Mary Lee, Thringstone. Gent's decorated bicycle: 1 B. Mason, Ellistown. Individual Mounted: 1 W. G. Wainwright, Red Indian Chief, 2 Miss Hulbert, Indian girl. Individual unmounted: 1 Albert Griffin, Hugglescote, Japanese boy; 2 Eric Watson, Ellistown, pierrot. Best patriotic dress, individual: 1 Fanny Smith, Ellistown, a torpedoed sailor; Elsie Oxford, Ellistown, "France". Nondescripts: 1 Mrs Norton, Ellistown, a decorated float; 2 Janet and Emma Wardle, Stanton-under-Bardon, "Coming from the trenches"; 3 Harry Johnson and Howard Bevins, "Darby and Joan"; special, Nancy Allen, cowboys and girls; John Saunt, pit boy; H. J. and Kathleen Brotherhood, a September bride; B. Hill, Farmer Giles and his wife, Rose Evans and Miriam Wood, wartime economy; Miss Spencer and L. Pettitt, decorated handcart.

The procession was headed by the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band, and the prize for the best decoration en route was won by Mr A. E. Morris.

The judges were, Mrs Pickworth, Miss Ada Black, Mrs Blower, Mrs Hume, and Mrs Lagoe, the Revs. G. R. Terry (vicar) and J. Hayhoe (Wesleyan Reform minister), Messrs E. Gough, B. Hill, I. de Ville, R. Blower, F. Griffin, W. Fellows, A. B. Emmerson, J. Witts, J. Carlin, W. Bourne and J. A. Hume.

The gala took place in the old cricket field kindly lent by Mr E. Gough. The attractions included quoit and skittle competitions, football kicking and cricket bowling competitions and a football match between Coalville and Whitwick girl munition workers, Mr Robinson's team defeating Lieut. Andrews' team by six goals to none. All the goals were scored by Miss Florrie Moon. The girls afterwards had tea in the Ellistown Council Schools. The first prize in the comic band contest was awarded to the Bagworth Band. The Hugglescote and Ellistown Band played for dancing in the evening.

The arrangements were admirably carried out by a committee of which Mr S. Armson was chairman, Mr J. A. Hume, vice-chairman; Mr T. R. Grundy, treasurer, and Messrs. A. Bellamy and R. Kirton, secretaries, and it is expected that a good sum will be raised for the fund.

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CAPTAIN A. T. SHARP PROMOTED TO MAJOR

Many congratulations will be offered to Captain A. T. Sharp, of the Leicestershire Regiment, Territorial Force, on the announcement in Thursday's "London Gazette" that he had been promoted to the rank of temporary Major, dating from February 16th, 1918.

Major Sharp is the well-known Leicestershire amateur cricketer, and the only son of Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, of Coalville. He held a commission in the Leicestershire Territorial Force when the war started, and has been serving throughout. He is now in France serving with the Machine Gun Corps.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Having been reported wounded and missing since October 26th last year, Pte. Ernest Brotherhood, of the South Staffs Regiment, is now presumed by the authorities to have died on that date or since, news to this effect having been forwarded to the widow, who resides with her child in Green Lane, Whitwick. Before the war, the deceased soldier worked at the Ibstock Colliery. His parents reside at Gutteridge's Farm, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Official news has been received by Mr H. M. Cuthbert, headmaster of the Coleorton Church of England School, and Mrs Cuthbert, that their younger son, Private Cecil Cuthbert, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, was killed in action on August 25th. They had previously received a letter from a comrade of the deceased, stating that he and two others were shot as they went over the top. Private Cuthbert was only 19 years of age, having gone into the army direct from Ashby Grammar School, where he had a successful career and was a promising young man. Mr and Mrs Cuthbert's other son is a lieutenant in the army.

Mr and Mrs Statham, of Packington Road, Ashby, have been notified that their second-son, Second-Lieutenant L. A. Statham, is in hospital at Rouen from a gunshot wound in the chest. His right leg has also been amputated.

Pte. J. Hickling, Leicestershire Regiment, of Belton, missing since last May, is now reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany. The letter from him reached his home on his 24th birthday. He states that he is working on a farm and is well. His father was killed in May in an accident at Whitwick Colliery.

Pte. W. A. Jarvis (Ashby) of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported to have died of wounds.

Mr S. Marper, of Gladstone House, Wilkin's Lane, Hugglescote, formerly secretary of the Hugglescote Albion Cricket Club, has received news that his brother, Sergt. Percy Marper, of the Notts. and Derby Regiment, has been wounded, having his shoulder broken by a machine-gun bullet. A letter from the platoon commander states that the bullet entered Marper's arm and came out against the shoulder, and the writer, in expressing the hope that the wounded soldier will make a good recovery, says nobody could wish for a better sergeant, and they are all sorry to lose his services. This makes the fourth time that Sergeant Marper has been wounded. He was at Hugglescote on leave some time ago.

Mr and Mrs Munn, of Market Street, Ashby, have been notified that their son, Sapper G. W. Munn, R.E. (wireless section) has been posted as missing.



Corporal Bert Farmer.

News has been received that Corporal Bert Farmer, Leicestershire Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Farmer, of 103, Station Road, Bagworth, was killed in action on August 16th. He enlisted in November, 1914, and went to France in August 1915. A captain of the deceased's regiment writes that Farmer was killed by a shell falling at his feet. The letter continues, *"I cannot tell you how deeply I feel this, as he was a most promising N.C.O. and will be greatly missed by us all throughout the company. It is very poor consolation that I can give you for the great loss. Your son was killed instantly and the doctor says he could not have suffered any pain whatever. Please accept my deepest sympathy."*

A Wesleyan chaplain also writes conveying the sad news, and stating that he had buried the deceased in a quiet little village cemetery behind the lines. *"He was manning his post at the time,"* continues the letter, *"during a short, but severe bombardment, and died instantaneously, being spared the pain and suffering that would have been his. I passed the very spot an hour or so afterwards and there was very great sorrow among his comrades at his loss. He was a brave boy, much respected and beloved, and as one of my own Nonconformist boys. I shall miss him very much. But to you brave ones at home who so generously gave him, the loss will be most terrible. I pray that God will richly comfort you in this dark hour. Your son gave his life in a very sacred cause, and fully realised all that was involved. Please accept my very deep sympathy."*

Corporal Farmer, before joining the Colours, worked at the Nailstone Colliery and lived with his uncle, Mr G. Bayliss, at Battram.

Mr Thos. Chadwick, of The Callis, Ashby, has been officially notified that his son, Pte. Harry Chadwick, Devon Regiment, was killed in action in France on October 26th, 1917. He was formerly reported missing. His brother, Lance-Corporal Chas, Chadwick, was killed on May 3rd, 1917.

Second-Lieutenant Eric John Morris, (R. Guernsey L.I.) at first reported missing, is now stated to have been killed while leading his platoon on April 11th. He was the younger son of Dr. and Mrs Morris, and grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs Wright, of Markfield. He won a scholarship at Elizabeth College, Guernsey, where he was captain of both cricket and football elevens. He gained a commission when 18 and went to the Front in November, 1917. His company commander writes, *"I should like to say how fond we all were of him. The men of his platoon worshipped him and the news that he has been killed is a great blow to me personally. He was a most conscientious officer and brave as a lion in the field."* He was 19 years of age.

Pte. H. Walker (Ashby) Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded.

Pte. C. Merriman (Swannington) and Acting-Corporal J. Cockerill (Coalville), both of the Leicestershire Regiment, are prisoners of war in Germany. Cockerill had previously been reported as missing.

EARL SHILTON PARENTS' FIFTH WAR BEREAVEMENT

In the last eleven months, Mr and Mrs J. Ball, of Gee's Row, Earl Shilton, have suffered five war bereavements, three of their sons, a son-in-law, and a nephew all making the supreme sacrifice. Their latest bereavement is occasioned by the death in action of Private Sidney Ball, on August 21st. Previous to joining up, Pte. Ball assisted his brother, Bdr. Alfred Ball, a local manufacturer.

FOOTBALL NOTES

Mr T. Earp, the veteran secretary of the Coalville Town Football Club, is anxious to arrange one or two charity matches during the season if the old players and supporters of the club will rally round him.

Last week, Mr Earp heard from his son, Corporal Fred Earp, of the Leicesters, a former popular player in the Coalville Town team, and who is now a prisoner of war in Germany. He says he is quite well, and occasional games of football help him and his comrades considerably, relieving the monotony of their captivity.

HUGGLESCOTE MILITARY MEDALLIST

Lance-Corporal Cyril S. Dean, of the King's Royal Rifles, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action. Before the war, the gallant N.C.O. was a clerk in the Coalville Urban Council offices, and resided with his parents at North Street, Hugglescote. His father, Mr Samuel Dean, is an assistant sanitary inspector in the employ of the Urban Council.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. C. H. Shilton, 38485, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, the only son of Mr and Mrs Shilton, who was killed in action in France on 23rd September, 1917. Age 22.

*"Only a step removed,
And that step into bliss
Our own, our dearly loved
Whom here on earth we miss.*

*Not hushed the pleasant song,
That used to greet our tears
But 'mid the angel throng
Sounding more sweet and clear.*

*Only a step removed,
We soon again shall meet
Our own, our dearly loved
Around the Saviour's feet."*

From his Father, Mother, and Sisters Jenny and Evelyn.

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal Harold Douglas Finch, Machine Gun Corps, killed in action, September 20th, 1917.

*"You told us dear lad, in the spring, you remember,
War would be over 'ere summer was done,
And peace be declared by the end of September.
The grim spectre laid, the victory won
We smiled, you were right, greater foresight commanding.
No echo of war on that distant shore,
And the peace that passeth all man's understanding.
Is yours, and be with you for evermore."*

Ma, Polly, George.

In loving memory of our dear brother, Lance-Corporal Harold Douglas Finch, M.G.C., who fell in action, September 20th, 1917.

"Memories like the ivy, cling"

From Harry and Edwin

In loving memory of Lieutenant Bernard Hatter, Leicestershire Regiment, who fell in action at Loos, 1915.

In loving memory of Pte. C. H. Shilton, 38485, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, September 23rd, 1917. Age 22.

*"His loving smile and kindly rays
Are pleasant to recall
He always had a cheerful word
And was loved by all."*

From Aunt Emma and Annie and families.

In loving memory of Pte. C. H. Shilton, 38485, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, September 23rd, 1917. Age 22.

*"Do not ask us if we miss him,
There is such a vacant place
We shall ne'er forget his footsteps
And that dear familiar face
Still, we know that we shall meet him
When the day of life is o'er
In that bright and golden region
There we'll meet to part no more."*

From Aunt Eliza and Alma and families.

In loving memory of Corporal David Archibald Jones, son of George and Sarah Ann Jones, of Melbourne Street, Coalville, who met his death on Salisbury Plain, September 6th, 1913.

*"The years have passed
Some may think the wound had healed
But they little know the sorrow
Deep within our hearts concealed."*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sister.

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal Wilfred Jones, son of George and Sarah Ann Jones, of Melbourne Street, Coalville, who was killed in action, September 15th, 1916.

*"He left his country, quite prepared
His fair young life to give,
And like his noble Master
He died that we might live."*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sister.

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**SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A WHITWICK COLLIER
ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A GIRL**

Before Major Hatchett at the Coalville Police Court, on Monday, Charles Ekins, collier, Whitwick, a discharged soldier, was charged with unlawfully and indecently assaulting and ill-treating Agnes Willett, domestic servant, at Coalville, on August 8th.

Inspector Dobney deposed to arresting the prisoner that morning and reading the charge to him, to which he replied, *"I am innocent of that. I have never been to the house since I used to do the front garden."* On August 8th, witness received a complaint as to the offence and on August 14th, he arrested the prisoner on a warrant in respect of another offence. Ekins was afterwards seen by the complainant, who at once identified him as the man who had assaulted her.

The clerk: *Did he say anything?*

Witness: *Yes, he said "What's this all about?" I told him that the girl had made a complaint that he had indecently assaulted her, and he said he had never been to the house that day. Up to that time nobody's house had been mentioned.*

Answering Supt. Lockton, witness said the prisoner denied having been to Coalville that day, but he reminded him that he saw him about 2.15 that afternoon near the Baptist Chapel. Prisoner then said, *"Yes, I did come to Coalville."* Later, he said, *"I didn't commit a rape on the girl,"* and witness told him he was not charged with that, but that he was charged with indecent assault.

On this evidence, Supt. Lockton asked for a remand to the Coalville Petty Sessions today (Friday).

Prisoner asked if he could have his _____. Supt. Lockton said it was a serious matter, and he thought the defendant should not be set at liberty until the magistrates had heard more of the case. It took some time to find him the last time when a warrant was out against him for stealing. The magistrate said bail could not be allowed at that stage.

Ekins: *Then I am a prisoner till Friday?*

The clerk: *Certainly.*

A request by the prisoner's wife to be allowed to see him after he had been taken to the cell, was granted.

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

APPLICANT WITH SIX BROTHERS SERVING

A meeting of the Tribunal was held at Ashby, on Saturday, when in the absence of the chairman, Mr T. Varnam, who wrote that he had an appointment in Leicester, Mr J. Ward presided, and there were also present, Messrs. J. Rice, J. T. Bradshaw, H. M. Cuthbert, and the Rev. C. T. Moore, with Capt. W. E. Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

The National Service representative asked for the review of the exemption of five employees of a Leicestershire Pipe Co. He said he was satisfied now that the men were on Government work, and were entitled to exemption, but he asked that the certificates of conditional exemption be withdrawn, and three months' temporary exemption allowed.

A letter was received on behalf of one of the men who was stated to be a Christadelphian, and he wanted exemption on those grounds. The Tribunal agreed and Captain Stevenson's application as to all the men was also allowed.

The manager of the company also applied for a workman, 49, Grade 2, who had worked for the firm for over 20 years. This man was also allowed three months.

Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby) represented a Measham farmer, butcher and licensed victualler, in an appeal for further exemption, stating that when the man was last before them, his exemption was final, but he was then a general service man, and in the meantime had again been medically examined and placed in Grade 3. Under the circumstances, he asked for leave to appeal again, and this was granted. Mr Musson said the applicant was married, with two children. He was fully employed and was doing work of greater national importance now than he would be doing in the army. Three months allowed.

A Donisthorpe gardener, represented by Mr A. E. Mammatt, said he had six brothers serving in the Forces. Mr Mammatt said that when the man was exempted last time it was on the understanding that he assisted in the cultivation of allotments held by soldiers' wives. He had religiously carried that out, and besides assisting himself, had organised working parties who had rendered useful service on the allotments. A further three months was allowed, subject to the same condition.

Three months each was granted to a Measham pressman; a Thringstone licensed victualler, etc; a Donisthorpe butcher (to work one or two days weekly on land); a Measham plumber; a Heather printer; an Appleby baker; and a Measham baker. An application respecting a Co-Operative branch manager was granted, and in the case of a Donisthorpe tailor the certificate of exemption was withdrawn.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Lycett, W. Sergt. M.M.	(September 17 th)
Mason, G. E.	(September 20 th)
Tansey, F., Corpl.	(September 20 th)
Timson, A., Corpl.	(September 19 th)
Vesty, J. W. Pte.	(September 21 st)
Wardle, Alec, Corpl.	(September 18 th)
Watson, J.	(September 21 st)
York, H. A., Pte.	(September 20 th)

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

On Saturday evening another convoy of wounded arrived at Leicester from Dover, including five officers (cot cases) and 150 men (cot) and 42 sitting. The officers were conveyed to the Base Hospital, 24 men to the Royal Infirmary and the remainder to Evington. Refreshments were served by V.A.D. 28.

ABSENTEES

Before Captain Deverell at the Coalville Police Court, on Tuesday, Private Herbert Hall and John William Roxby, of the Machine Gun Corps, were charged as absentees from their regiment at Belton Park, Grantham, since September 21st. They had been arrested by P.C.'s Grocock and Jones at Thringstone, and were remanded to await an escort.

WEDDING

The wedding took place on September 19th at the United Methodist Church, Whitehaven, Cumberland, of Miss Helen Martha (Nellie) Tresise, second daughter of the late Mrs W. H. Tresise, of Coalville, and Pte. George Farrington, of the North Staffs Regiment, son of the late Mr Ed. Farrington, of Stapenhill. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. H. Goodman, uncle of the bride, and Miss Queenie Tresise (niece) acted as bridesmaid. The honeymoon was spent at Braystones. The happy couple received many presents.

CORRESPONDENCE

COALVILLE AND DISTRICT ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,- I am preparing a list of all the men from this area who volunteered for service between the outbreak of war, and registration day, August 15th, 1915, and men called up since that date, with the object of

giving some idea of the part Coalville and district has played in the war. Many of these men, alas, have fallen in action, and many who are still serving have won honours and distinctions. I am desirous of making the list as complete as possible, giving full details of such honours and distinctions, and I should be greatly obliged if parents or relatives of men who have served, or are still serving, will kindly forward to me as soon as possible any interesting particulars concerning these men.

Letters may be addressed to me either at the Recruiting Office, Coalville, or St. Michael's, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Thanking you for allowing me to make this request through your widely-read paper, I am, dear sir, yours faithfully.

E. Stevenson (Captain).
September 24th, 1918

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RAVENSTONE

DEATH OF MRS R. HEWES

The death occurred on Friday, of Mrs Hewes, wife of Corporal Reginald Hewes, of the Royal Engineers, stationed at Bedford. The deceased lady who was 27 years of age, was the eldest daughter of Mr Wm. S....., M.R. Inspector, of Park Road, Coalville, and died at the residence of her father-in-law, Mr G. H. Hewes, of Ravenstone. For some years before her marriage, deceased was a telephone operator at the Park Road Exchange, and subsequently joined the staff of the Recruiting Office at Coalville. Her death is much regretted by a wide circle of friends, among whom much sympathy is felt for the husband and family. Deceased leaves two children, the youngest only three weeks' old. The funeral took place at Coalville Cemetery on Tuesday.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A meeting of this Tribunal was held at the Police Court at Market Bosworth on Wednesday morning, when Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presided, and there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques and W. Towers, with Mr W. C. Kirkman (agricultural representative), F. E. A. Wollaston and R. Hanmer (National Service representative) and F. Bouskell (clerk).

A Ratby hosiery hand, 42, Grade 1, married, said he had four children. Two brothers joined the Forces and one of them had been killed. Replying to a member, applicant said he controlled 14 hosiery machines. Three months allowed.

Similar exemption was granted to another Ratby hosiery hand, 40, married, and in Grade 1.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for a Markfield tailor and draper, 43, married, and Grade 1. He said the man's son had joined up and applicant did not enjoy robust health. If re-examined it was probable that he would be placed in a lower grade. Three months.

An Ibstock general dealer, 42, married, Grade 3, whose previous exemption had been subject to three days a week at agricultural work, applied for a further exemption and for the conditions to be modified. He said he was very busy repairing colliers' bicycles and other kinds of repair work, and he found it difficult to give three days a week to farm work. The Tribunal decided to do this, granting three months on the same conditions as before, but when it was pointed out that he repaired a lot of churns for farmers, it was suggested that such work might be allowed to count in the three days a week agricultural work, and this was agreed to.

Six months was allowed an Ibstock insurance agent, 32, married, Grade 3, for reasons of health. There were a number of assented cases.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Pte. F. J. Tivey (Coalville), of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported missing.

Pte. F. Goddard of the South Staffs Regiment, whose wife and children reside at Barton Road, Market Bosworth, has been killed in action in Italy at the age of 31.

Pte. C. W. Severn (Swannington) of the South Staffs Regiment has been wounded.

Pte. J. W. Nix (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment is reported as a prisoner of war.

Mr J. J. Brown, headmaster of All Saint's School, and Mrs Brown of Oxford Street, Coalville, have been officially notified that their younger son, Second-Lieut. Sidney Wilfred Brown, of the East Lancashire Regiment, was wounded on September 5th and is missing. He is 19 years of age, and went into the army on leaving Coalville Grammar School. Mr and Mrs Brown's elder son, Cecil Edmond, who was wounded near Kut, is now serving in India.

Mr and Mrs Walter Colver, of Park Road, Coalville, have been informed by the War Office that their second son, Signaller John Frederick Colver, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, died of wounds on September 10th. He would have been 20 years of age next month. The young soldier was one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road School, and won a scholarship at the Ashby Grammar School, after leaving which he became a clerk in Lloyd's Bank at Coalville. He took a great interest in the Boy Scout movement, and was a patrol leader in the Coalville Troop.

News has been received by Mr John Shaw of Standard Hill, Coalville, that his son, Able-Seaman John Arthur Shaw of the Drake Battalion, was admitted to hospital at Rouen, on September 6th, suffering from a severe gunshot wound in the left buttock. He is 21 years of age, and has been in the Forces three years, having fought in the Dardanelles as well as in France. This is the third time that he has been wounded.

Leading-Seaman A. J. Wilson, of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, was killed in action on August 21st, news to this effect having been forwarded by the Admiralty to Mr and Mrs A. Allen, of Silver Street, Whitwick, with whom Wilson formerly resided. The deceased was an old boy of the Whitwick Church School and a popular member of the Whitwick Gymnasium, where the experience gained was such as to enable him to act as an instructor while in a training camp after joining the Forces.

Mr T. Marriott, collier, of 10, New Breach Road, Hugglescote, has been officially notified that his son, Pte. T. Marriott, of the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, has been missing since August 21 – 23. He is 23 years of age and has been three years in the army, prior to which he worked at the Snibston Colliery. Mr T. Marriott, the soldier's father, was one of the founders of the Coalville Town Football Club, for which he used to play half-back and for some years acted as trainer.

Pte. J. W. Bancroft (Bardon Hill), of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded.

Pte. J. T. Fortnam (Thringstone), of the R.N.V.R. is reported to have been killed in action.

Lance-Corporal R. Stanyard and Pte. W. York, both of Coalville, and of the Leicestershire Regiment, have been wounded.

THRINGSTONE MILITARY MEDALLIST

Pte. Henry Robinson, of the R.A.M.C. has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the battlefield. He is a Thringstone soldier and arrangements are being made for a public presentation, a committee having been formed at Thringstone to suitably recognise the winning of war honours by all soldiers from the village.

IBSTOCK

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was held in the Ibstock Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon last, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Birks) in connection with the death of Private Cox, who died in a London hospital from sickness contracted whilst on active service abroad. Prior to joining H.M. Forces, he was engaged as a coachman to Dr. C. S. Agnew, of Ibstock. The deceased leaves a widow and three young children, for whom much sympathy is felt. At the close of the service, Mr W. Dunstan played the "Dead March" (Saul), and the "Last Post" was sounded by bugles under Bandmaster James Cooper.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private J. W. Tugby, Leicester Regiment, killed in action in France, September 25th, 1916.

*"No morning dawns; no night returns
But what we think of thee."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Brother and Sister

In loving memory of Pte. Wilfred Mason, who fell in action, September 26th, 1917.

"Better love hath no man than he lay down his life for his friends."

From his loving Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters.

To the memory of John Pearson Neal, King's Liverpool Regiment, killed in action in France, 31st August, 1918. Aged 35.

"R.I.P."

In loving memory of my dear husband, Sergeant L. E. Brotherhood, late M.G.C. killed September 26th, 1917.

*"A loving husband, a father kind
A beautiful memory left behind
His willing hands and smiling face
No one in our hearts will fill his vacant place."*

From his loving Wife and Children. (Late of Whitwick)

In loving memory of Pte. Joe Tebbatt, of the 2nd Leicesters, who died for his country on September 25th, 1915.

"Ever in our thoughts."

From Father, Mother, Sister, and Brothers. Hugglescote

In loving memory on this, his birthday (Sunday) of Sergeant G. W. Smith, Ibstock, reported killed in action.

"Death divides, but memories cling"

Lovingly remembered by Mary and all at Castle Gresley

In ever loving memory of Alfred, the dearly-loved son of Sam and Lizzie Wood, of 60, Highfields, who fell in action, October 1st, 1917.

*"He left his home in perfect health
He looked so strong and brave
We little thought how soon he'd be
Laid in a hero's grave."*

*He gives us the dear old smile
From his photo on the wall
And we feel our hearts will break
When fond memories we recall.*

*We know not what he suffered
We never saw him die,*

*We only know he passed away
And never said "Good-bye"*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers

In ever loving memory of Sapper Bernard Whittaker, killed in France, September 25th, 1915. Aged 31 years.

"Eternal rest give to him, O Lord"

"Rest in Peace"

From his loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters

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COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A RUSSIAN POLE'S APPEAL

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, J. W. Fisher, J. Baker, A. J. Briers, A. Lockwood and C. E. Coleman, with Major Wellsman and Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk stated that a new list of certified occupations had been issued and would come into force the next day (September 26th). The list was only applicable to men engaged in those occupations if they were so employed before 1st January last. Men were not to take it as a matter of course that because they were engaged in any of these occupations they were exempt, but should appeal to the Tribunal in the usual way. Mr Jesson read various conditions accompanying the list, which urged that heads of businesses should not be taken. As a rule, exemption was not to be given to clerks under 38 in Grade 1, or under 33 in Grade 2. The clerk said the Advisory Committee did not assent to exemption in four cases, and he would put those first.

The surveyor to the Coalville Urban Council (Mr L. L. Baldwin) appeared in support of the appeals of two men engaged at the Waterworks. One was 34 and Grade 1 and the other 43, Grade 2, both married. Mr Baldwin said there were now only three whole-time men at the works (instead of six) and two part-time. The sub-Commissioner of Works at Nottingham had the cases under consideration. The clerk said a letter had been received from the sub-Commissioner from which it appeared that these men could not be taken unless sufficient substitutes were found. Mr Baldwin asked who would find the substitutes. Major Wellsman intimated that probably the Labour Advisory Committee would do that and Mr Baldwin would inform the Tribunal if the substitutes were not satisfactory. Mr McCarthy said they were working to the full capacity at the waterworks. Mr Baldwin said the estimate of Mr Everard, the engineer, was that the works were capable of pumping 250,000 gallons a day and for the preceding months, respectively, 321,695 gallons, 337,553 gallons and 302,000 gallons daily. That showed the necessity for retaining the men, who were working overtime. Mr McCarthy said the position of the Waterworks was such that the Urban Council had entered into a 30 years lease with the Whitwick Colliery Co. for a supplementary supply of water. The Local Government Board would not let them spend the money till after the war, but the lease was signed. Three months subject to substitution was allowed.

Mr Lockwood supported the appeal of a bread deliverer in the employ of the Coalville Co-Operative Society, the man being 47 and in Grade 1. He said the man delivered bread to 355 families, distributing 780 loaves per day. He also assisted on the land. Three months allowed.

A man described as a Russian Pole, residing in Coalville, aged 46, married, and in Grade 2, was supported in his appeal by a Coalville hairdresser by whom he is employed, and was also represented by Mr J. J. Sharp. It was stated that the man had resided in England from boyhood, and was naturalised on March 11th, 1902. His previous exemption was subject to three days a week being worked on the land, which, Mr Sharp said, had been done. Major Wellsman said this was a personal claim, and the man was not there. He wanted to cross-examine him, but was unable to do so. No doubt, as Mr Sharp had said, the applicant was doing "useful" work, but a man not in the army these days should be doing something more than "useful" work. The

Tribunal were entitled to some kind of proof that the man had been working three days a week on the land. Mr Sharp said he had a signed statement for each day from the farmer. Major Wellsman said he also wanted proof of the man's age. It was not enough for a solicitor to appear there and say a man was 46. Mr Sharp said that on the previous occasion the man's registration card, showing his age, was produced, also his naturalisation papers. Major Wellsman said male population of the district had been reduced, and there was not such a great demand for barbers. Moreover, a barber's shop had recently been opened in the town by a discharged soldier. The employer said the applicant was the only man in the town who could dress ladies' hair. Major Wellsman asked whether it would be considered a national catastrophe if the ladies' hair could not be dressed. The employer said it would mean the ladies having to go to Leicester. Captain Stevenson said information had come to their knowledge which they would like to have asked the man about had he been there. Mr Sharp said he took responsibility for the man not appearing. He did not think it necessary. Major Wellsman said he should have put questions which he thought would show to the Tribunal that the man had no claim on financial or domestic grounds, and yet this was a personal appeal. Answering the Major, the employer said the man had been with him for four years and came with good testimonials from Nottingham. He was in Leicester for twenty years. After further discussion, the application was not assented to.

Three months each, as recommended by the Advisory Committee, was allowed in the following cases; Brick setter, 39, married, Grade 2, and a brickworks manager, 39, both employed by the South Leicestershire Colliery Co.; Donington-le-Heath baker, 39, married, Grade 3; Coalville draper, 48, married, Grade 2; head clerk and cashier at Whitwick Granite Quarry, 41, married, Grade 1; Coalville plasterer, 44, married, Grade 2 subject to three days a week at work of national importance, a time-sheet to be produced; Donington-le-Heath carter, 44, single, Grade 2; Coalville motor and horse driver, 31, married, Grade 3, employed by an ironmongery firm; Whitwick painter, 33, married, Grade 3, subject to 3 days a week at work of national importance, a time-sheet to be produced, and the furniture department manager, 36, married, Grade 3, employed by Coalville Co-Operative Society.

In all the following cases the Advisory Committee recommended three months and the Tribunal allowed six months: Coalville builder's waggoner, 42, married; Coalville builder's joiner, 47, married, Grade 2; Hugglescote builder's foreman joiner, 39, married, Grade 3; Coalville bricklayer, 41, married, Grade 3, employed by a Hugglescote building firm; Coalville foreman printer, married, Grade 2; Whitwick grocer and provision dealer, 47, married, Grade 2, also exempted from volunteer drill; Coalville boot-repairer, 37, married, Grade 3; and a bakery warehouseman, 41, married, Grade 3, employed by Coalville Co-Operative Society.

A list of applications for leave to appeal a fortnight hence was granted.

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Botham, C. G., Pte.	(September 24 th)
Johnson, A. H., (R.G.A.)	(September 23 rd)
Kirk, A., Pte. (661527)	(September 30 th)
Price, W. F., Pte.	(September 26 th)
Wainwright, E. W., Corpl.	(September 25 th)
Watson, J., Pte. (M.G.C.)	(September 27 th)
White, S. E. G., Pte.	(September 29 th)

ASHBY

News has been received that 2nd Lieutenant Leslie Andrew Tugby, aged 20, of the Welsh Regiment, has been killed in action. He was the second son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Tugby, of Kilwardby House, Ashby, and was educated at the Ashby Grammar School. Leaving school, he went to Coventry to start the career of an

engineer and for a time was engaged on aircraft work for the war. He joined the Nottingham University O.T.C. in 1916, was given his commission in the Welsh Regiment in October, 1917, and went to France a few weeks later. He was gassed early in July this year and had only been back in the fighting line again a week when he was killed on September 19th. His father was formerly chairman of the Ashby Urban Council. The deceased's commanding officer and a chaplain, writing to the parents, speak highly of him and his cheery disposition under all circumstances, and say he had a great future before him if only he had been spared. Mr and Mrs Tugby have one other son, who is in the R.A.F.

BARDON HILL

CHRISTMAS FUND FOR THE BOYS

An entertainment was given on Friday and Saturday evenings in the schoolroom at Bardon Park Chapel by the Young People's Bible Class in aid of the above fund. The programme included songs, recitations, dialogues and a sketch entitled, "Who killed Cock Robin." Mr Faux took the chair and Miss Clarke played the accompaniments, the proceeds amounting to the satisfactory total of £8/13/6.

KHAKI WEDDING

A very pretty wedding took place at Bardon Park Congregational Chapel on September 21st, between Corporal F. W. Fantam, eldest son of Mr W. Fantam, Ashby Magna, and Miss A. Robinson, second daughter of Mr A. Robinson of Stanton-under-Bardon. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of soft white satin and nion, and carried a bouquet of white heather and carnations. The bridesmaids were Misses G. and L. Fantam (sisters of the bridegroom) who wore pale blue dresses, and Miss G. Robinson (sister of the bride) who was attired in white. They carried bouquets of roses, the gifts of the bridegroom. Pte. H. Robinson, 3rd Leicesters (brother of the bride) acted as best man and Pte. T. Fantam, 3rd Manchesters (brother of the bridegroom) attended. The Rev. J. A. Hopwood officiated.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The cricket match played a few weeks ago between Whitwick Holy Cross and Coalville Town realised £12/3/0 which has been equally divided between the Broom Leys Hospital and the Prisoners of War Funds?

Discharged soldiers and sailors are invited to the meeting of the Coalville Trades and Labour Council, to be held at the Royal Oak Inn, Coalville on Monday evening next October 7th, at 7.30 pm with a view to re-organisation?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The Games and Entertainment Committee of the Coalville and District V.A.D. War Hospital wish to tender hearty thanks to the Whitwick Holy Cross Cricket Club for a contribution of £6/1/6 to the committee's funds, and to the Coalville Women's V.A.D. for £5/5/0. Wm. Rowell, hon. secretary, London Road, Coalville.

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WEDDING AT SWANNINGTON

An interesting wedding uniting two old and well-known families in the Coalville district took place at the Swannington Wesleyan Church yesterday (Thursday) morning, when Mr Joseph Wilfred Smith, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Smith, of The Farm, Donington-le-Heath, was married to Miss Kathleen Moss, youngest daughter of the late Mr Walter Moss, of Coalville, and of Mrs Moss, of The Grove, Swannington. A good number of friends assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. Wilson Ferry, of Measham. The bride, who was becomingly attired in a dress of pale blue crepe de chine, with hat to match, and carried a pretty sheaf of pink carnations, was given away by her brother, Mr. A. B. Moss, of Coalville, and was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Madge Moss, her niece, of Coalville, who wore a crepe de chine dress of a darker shade of blue, with a buff hat, and carried a bouquet of pale pink roses. Mr Leslie Smith, of the R.A.F. brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. During the service the hymn, "O perfect love," was sung, and Mr W. F. Durant at the organ played suitable selections. Members of the two families were

afterwards received by Mrs Moss at The Grove. The happy couple later in the afternoon, left for Eastbourne, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents. The bridegroom has taken an active part in the war, joining the Leicesters soon after hostilities broke out, and he was seriously wounded in the attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt in October, 1915, and subsequently received his discharge.

SOLDIER TO THE RESCUE

A heavy cart horse belonging to the Urban Council took fright in Highfields Street, at a bull on Tuesday afternoon and bolted. Luckily, it was stopped by a soldier near the Police Station before any damage was done.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mr Alfred Briers, painter in the employ of Mr C. H. March, and residing at 19, Highfields Street, Coalville, has received news that his son, Private Horace Briers, of the Leicestershire Regiment, who is in hospital from wounds, has had to have his leg amputated. The young soldier, who is 23 years of age, also was employed by Mr March before joining the army.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Johnson, of Jackson Street, Coalville, are informed that their son, Pte. Thomas Johnson, of the Norfolk Regiment, has been wounded in the arm, and is in hospital in Cardiff. He was formerly a carpenter in the employ of Mr J. Brewin, of Belvoir Road, Coalville.



Mr and Mrs Amos Allen, of 32, Silver Street, Whitwick, have received news that their adopted son, Leading-Seaman Alfred John Wilson, R.N.V.R. was killed in action on August 21st. Before the war he was a shunter at the Whitwick Colliery, and a popular member of the Whitwick Gymnasium. After joining the army, he was appointed gymnastic instructor while in the training camp. (Picture left).

Private John Morley, son of Mr and Mrs Z. Morley, of Loughborough Road, Thringstone, is reported to have been killed in action on September 6th. He was formerly a collier.



News has been received that Pte. G. Sharp, of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, was killed in action on September 6th. Writing to his wife, Mrs Sharp, who resides at Ibstock, a chaplain states that Sharp went "over the top" with his battalion in the early morning, and was instantly killed, hit by machine gun bullets in the chest. He was buried with other brave lads in a village cemetery and a cross was being placed at the head of the grave. The chaplain expresses sympathy and adds, "Your husband died bravely." (Picture left)

Private J. T. Fortnam, of the R.N.V.R. officially reported killed in action, was the son of Mr and Mrs T. Fortnam, of Fox Terrace, Thringstone. He was 19 years of age and formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery.

Private A. Ottey, of Ibstock, is reported missing since August 22nd. In reply to an enquiry by Mrs Ottey, an officer writes that the soldier may have been taken prisoner on that date, and hopes that the relatives may soon have news of him.



Mr and Mrs Sykes, of Co-Operative Cottages, Thringstone, are officially notified that their son, Corporal Wilfred Sykes, of the Leicestershire Regiment, reported missing since September 26th, 1917, is now presumed by the War Council to have died on that date or since. He was 22 years of age, and before joining the army worked as a miner at the South Leicestershire Colliery. (Picture left)

Private Archibald Holt, fourth son of Mr and Mrs W. Holt, Coleorton, died of wounds in the Base, Leicester, on September 22nd. He enlisted in the Coldstream Guards on August 5th, 1914, being transferred to the London Regiment in 1917. He had seen a lot of active service in France, being wounded four times. The internment took place with military honours at Coleorton Cemetery on September 26th.

Lance-Corporal Amos Griffin, a Thringstone man, is reported to have been killed in action on August 30th.



226094 Private A. Lock joined the army October 21st, 1914, in the Territorials formed at Coalville. He went out to France with the 2/5th Leicesters, and was invalided twice from France. He went out the third time with the 7th East Yorkshire Regiment, B. Company, at the beginning of August 1918, and was killed in action on September 11th, 1918. He was formerly a telegraph messenger at Coalville Post Office, and Ellis and Everard Bardon Hill Quarries. His parents reside at the Post Office, Bardon Hill (Mr and Mrs Chas. Lock) (Picture left).

Mrs Fort, of 20, the Crescent, Bardon Hill, has received news from an officer and chaplain that her husband, Sapper A. J. Fort, of the Royal Engineers, has met with his death in one of the quarries. Deceased, who was 40 years of age, was a quarryman by trade, formerly working in the Bardon Hill quarries, and went to France as a skilled workman. He leaves a widow and two children. His parents reside at Hugglescote, his father being the caretaker of Hugglescote Cemetery. In

both letters, deceased is described as a good soldier, of cheerful disposition, and popular with his comrades. His death has occasioned much regret among the officers and men of the company who express sympathy with the relatives. The chaplain states that on Sunday morning, September 22nd, deceased attended church parade in the morning, and later went to work as usual. The same afternoon he was found dead in the quarry. Sapper Fort volunteered for service in France and went there two years last August.

Private George Evans, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs Evans, of 9, St. Saviour's Road, Coalville, is in hospital at Bath, suffering from a gunshot wound in his right arm. Writing to his parents with his left hand, he says it is a bad wound, the bullet having gone through his forearm, on which an operation had been performed.

ASHBY

Signaller Bert Thornley, son of Mr George Thornley, of Cliftonthorpe, Ashby, is stated not to be on the list of survivors from his torpedoed ship, news to this effect having been forwarded by the Admiralty to his parents. Before joining the Navy, Thornley was a painter's apprentice in Ashby. He is a nephew of ex-Police Constable and Mrs John Wood, of Highfields Street, Coalville.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of our dear Son and Brother, Pte. J. H. Wright, 8th Leicesters, who fell in action, October 6th, 1917.

*"Gone from his earthly home
Left those he dearly loved
To join in that Celestial Throng
Where all is peace and love.*

*We mourn all day for thee, dear lad,
We miss your loving face
And when the darkness comes at night
We see a vacant place."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters
17 Hinckley Road, Ibstock.

In proud and loving memory of Pte. J. H. Wright, 8th Leicesters, who fell in action October 6th, 1917.

*"In the bloom of life death claimed him,
In the pride of his manhood days;
None knew him but to love him
None spoke his name but with praise."*

From his Fiancée, Ethel.

In proud and loving memory of Pte J. H. Wright, 8th Leicesters, who fell in action October 6th, 1917.

"May his reward be as great as his sacrifice".

From Mr and Mrs F. Cooke and Family.
Berrisford Street, Coalville.

In loving memory of Pte. Alf Wood, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France on the morning of October 2nd, 1917.

*"I shall not forget him, I loved him too dearly,
For his memory to fade from me just like a dream
Our lips need not speak when our hearts mourn sincerely
For grief often dwells where it seldom is seen."*

From his sorrowing Fiancée, E. Henman, Loughborough

In ever loving memory of our dear son, John William Argent, killed in action October 2nd, 1917.

*"We loved him in life, he's dear to us still,
In grief we must bend to God's holy will.
Unknown to the world he stands by our side,
And whispers 'Dear loved ones, Death cannot divide.'"*

From Mother, Father, Sister and Brother
Coalville.

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte. A. Essex, No. 240940, 6th Leicesters, killed in action October 7th, 1917.

*"No one knows how much we miss him;
Some may think the wound is healed.
Little do they know the sorrow,
Deep within our hearts concealed."*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters
Coalville.

In loving memory of Corporal Wilfred Sykes, Leicestershire Regiment, reported missing September 26th, 1917, and now presumed to have been killed on that date or since. Son of Mr and Mrs W. Sykes, of Co-Operative Cottages, Thringstone.

*"He left his home in perfect health,
He looked so young and brave
But little knew how soon he would
Be laid in a hero's grave"*

*"When alone in my sorrow and bitter tears flow
There stealeth a dream of a sweet long ago
But unknown to the world, you stand by my side
And whisper, "Dear Mother, death cannot divide."*

*"We think of him in silence,
His name we often recall,
But there's nothing left to answer
But his photo on the wall."*

From his Father, Mother, Fiancée, Brothers and Sisters.

In ever loving memory of our dear son, Private Herbert Gladstone Wharmby, of the Queen's London Regiment, killed on the Somme, October 8th, 1916.

"A sorrow too deep for words."

From Mother, Father, Brother and Sisters.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Holt and Family tender grateful thanks for the many expressions of sympathy received by them in their recent sad bereavement, and also for floral tributes.

Church Town, Coleorton.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Thringstone, on Sunday evening for four Thringstone soldiers whose deaths have recently been reported, viz; Corporal W. Sykes and Ptes. J. T. Fortnam, A. Griffin and J. Morley. The vicar (the Rev. C. Shrewsbury) impressively conducted the service in the presence of a large congregation. Mrs Shrewsbury (organist) played the Dead March at the close, and the 'Last Post' was sounded by one of the Boy Scouts. Members of the Leicestershire Volunteer Force were present.

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SWANNINGTON

KHAKI WEDDING

On Tuesday, October 8th, at St. George's Church, Swannington, a pretty wedding took place between Lance-Corporal C. J. Knight, 16th Warwickshire, B.E.F., France, and Miss G. M. Hall, daughter, of the late Mr J. Hall, the Cottage, Swannington, (late of Stockingford, Nuneaton). The bride was attired in cream crepe de chine, and carried a bouquet of lilies. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Vera Hall, as bridesmaid, who wore a cream dress and carried a bouquet of roses. The bridegroom's brother, Master Eric Knight, in khaki, (K.R.R. Cadets) and the bridegroom's nephew, Master Reginald Knight, acted as page boys. The bridegroom was attended by his eldest brother as best man (in uniform as 2nd Lieut. in K.R.R. Cadets).

Among the guests were 2nd Lieut. R. Rooms, M.G.C., B.E.F., the bridegroom's cousin, who was over from France on leave; also Pte. H. Knight, 2nd Berkshire Regt., who is convalescent in England. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr George Hall, of Nailsworth. The vicar of Swannington performed the ceremony,

and the church organist presided at the organ. The presents were numerous and beautiful. Later in the day the happy couple left for a short honeymoon.

IBSTOCK

Mr and Mrs J. T. Jacques, of Ibstock, have received official news that their only son, Lieutenant J. H. Jacques, R.A.F. has been missing since September 30th. He is 20 years of age and went to France about three months ago.

The Ibstock Ladies' Patriotic Committee are gratified with the result of their rummage sale and market stall organised by them at the Liberal clubroom on Wednesday afternoon last. An amount of over £12 was realised which will be devoted to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Parcels Fund.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Andrews, G. E., Sapper. R.E.	(September 29 th)
Haynes, M. M.	(October 2 nd)
Johnson, A. H., R.G.A.	(October 5 th)
Lycett, W. Sergt. M.M.	(September 29 th)
Mason, S. E.	(September 28 th) "I am being sent down to the Base."
Tansey, F. Corpl.	(October 6 th)
Watson, J. Pte. M.G.C.	(October 10 th) "I have received your paper dated 27 th ."
White, S. E. G. Pte.	(September 6 th)
York, H. A. Pte.	(October 7 th)

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At 8.05 on Saturday night, another convoy of wounded arrived at Leicester. They came from Southampton, and the party comprised of six officers (two cot cases) and 184 men (170 cots). They were received by Mr Faire, County Director, and Col. Harrison was also present. All the men went to the Base Hospital. Refreshments were provided by Detachment 42 of the V.A.D.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A marriage has been arranged between Catherine Mary, eldest daughter of Dr. R. W. Jamie, and Lieutenant Charles A. Cooper, son of the late Dr. Cooper, of Ilkeston, and will take place at the Parish Church, Hugglescote, on Tuesday morning, 22nd October. Friends will be welcome at the Church, but on account of a recent bereavement in the bridegroom's family, no reception will be held.

With the winter setting in, Coalville and district men serving in the Forces will be needing more comforts, and it is interesting to note that the ladies of the Guild are again setting themselves out to supply the need, though more workers are wanted. The Guild has now been working for four years, and at a meeting this week, it was stated that there are now the names of 2,066 local soldiers and sailors on the books to whom comforts in the shape of gloves, socks, helmets, scarves, etc. have been, and are being, sent. This speaks volumes for the work of the Guild and the many letters of thanks which have been received from the boys show that the gifts are appreciated to such an extent that there should be no lack of workers or of funds. It may be pointed out that the expenses of the Guild average £40 a week.

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIERS' XMAS PRESENTS

VEGETABLE SHOW AND SALE AT THE HAWLEY INSTITUTE

A successful show and sale of fruit and vegetables was held at the Hawley Institute, Hugglescote, on Saturday in aid of the fund for providing Christmas presents for Hugglescote and Donington-le-Heath soldiers and sailors. There was a capital display of produce, some wonderful vegetables being sent. Mr G. Smith, of the Hermitage, Coalville, acted as the judge.

Most of the produce was given to be sold in the evening, and the gifts also included a number of rabbits, eggs, etc. Mr Alan V. Cartmel, of Coalville, who gave his services, very efficiently discharged the duties of auctioneer, and most of the goods were sold at prices considerably above the market value, the commendable object for which the sale was held bringing out a spirited patriotic spirit.

The arrangements were well carried out by a committee, of which Mr H. Holt was chairman, Mr T. Shaw, treasurer and Mr J. H. Dean, secretary.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

News has been received that Pte. Frederick James Betteridge, of the Leicesters, has died of wounds. He formerly worked as a tailor for Mr Lawrence of Ellistown, and his wife resides with their two children at Ashby Road, Hugglescote.

Pte. Joseph Richardson, of the Leicesters, who has been missing since May 27th, has written to his parents, at Whitehill Road, Ellistown, stating that he is a prisoner of war. He is 20 years of age, and formerly worked on the Ellistown Colliery bank.

Pte. W. J. Watret, whose parents live at 18, Talbot Street, Whitwick, has been wounded in action for the third time.

Mrs Hall, of 49, Talbot Street, Whitwick, has been notified that her son, Pte. Fred Hall, has been gassed for the third time, and his brother, J. A. Hall, is also in hospital.



Mrs E. Hutt, of Standard Hill, has received information that her youngest son, Pte. W. H. Hutt, of the Norfolk Regiment, is a prisoner of war in Germany, with both feet amputated and one leg broken, also wounded in the right arm. He is still in hospital there. He enlisted at the outbreak of war at the age of 17, and has two older brothers serving, one of them now reported wounded. (Picture left)

Mrs Price, of 11, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, has been officially notified that her husband, Pte. Thomas Price, of the Machine Gun Corps, was killed in action on August 31st. He was 27 years of age and joined the Colours in May, 1917. The widow is left with one child.

The death of Sapper A. J. Fort of the Royal Engineers, whose wife resides at Bardon Hill, and his parents at Hugglescote, has been officially confirmed. The wife has received news from a chaplain that deceased was found dead in a quarry and the War Office letter states that he died from wounds. He was a former Bardon Hill quarryman, and volunteered for quarry work in France.

Major Wollaston, J.P. of Shenton Hall, Market Bosworth, has received news that his son, Lieut. J. W. Wollaston, of the Seaforth Highlanders, has received a gunshot wound to the elbow in Palestine.

News has been received at Ashby-de-la-Zouch that Col. Bernard Vann, of the Sherwood Foresters, was recently killed in action while leading his men. The deceased was formerly an assistant master at the Ashby Grammar School, and was very popular with the boys and others of the neighbourhood. He was a good all-round sportsman, and took a leading part in the cricket, hockey and football games. Prior to joining the army, he was chaplain at Wellingborough Grammar School. He has frequently preached at the Ashby Parish Church.

Rifleman Charles Simpkin, of the King's Royal Rifles, missing since April 20th, has now written to his parents, Mr and Mrs Thomas Simpkin, of Main Street, Hugglescote, that he is a prisoner of war in Germany, and is well. Before the war, Rifleman Simpkin, who is 21 years of age, assisted his father in the business of a carter.

Private James Cato, formerly of the Leicesters, and who was transferred to the Cambridgeshire Regiment, has been admitted to hospital at Manchester, suffering from severe gunshot wounds in the right leg. His father, Mr James Cato, miner, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote, has now received a letter from his son stating that his right foot has been amputated. The young soldier, who is 20 years of age, worked at the Bagworth Colliery before joining the army.

IN MEMORIAM

In affectionate remembrance of Ernest Harper, 7th Leicesters, (Military Medallist) who was killed in action in Belgium, October 10th, 1917, just four months after his oldest brother, Sergeant J. Harper, 5th Leicesters, who died of wounds, June 7th, 1917.

*"Went the day well or ill
They died and never knew
But well or ill Britain,
They died for you."*

From loving Father and Mother and Brother. 179 Belvoir Road, Coalville, October 7th, 1918.

In ever loving memory of Private Walter Fowkes, who fell in action somewhere in France on September 30th, 1917, aged 25 years.

*"One year has passed since that sad day
When one we loved was called away
God took him Home, it was his will,
But in our hearts we love him still."*

*"When alone in my homestead and bitter tears flow
There comes a sweet dream of a dear long ago
And unknown to the world he stands by my side
And whispers, "Dear Sister, Death cannot divide."*

From his loving Father and Sister and Brother (in France).

In loving memory of Pte. Walter Partridge, Souths Staffords, who was killed in action on October 4th, 1917.

*"Christ will clasp the broken chain
When in Heaven we will meet again."*

From his sorrowing Wife and Children.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Amos Allen, 32, Silver Street, Whitwick, desire through this medium to tender their sincere thanks to all friends who have expressed sympathy with them in the bereavement that they have sustained by the death of their adopted son, Leading-Seaman A. J. Wilson, who was killed in action on August 21st.

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MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Tribunal was held on Tuesday, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding. There were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, W. Towers, J. T. Jacques, and G. M. Arnold, with Major Wollaston (National Service representative), Mr W. C. Kirkman (agricultural representative) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

The clerk stated that the Advisory Committee had assented to exemptions in all cases (18) and it seemed to him that the future work of the authority would be limited to dealing with assented cases. A member said he hoped that would be the last meeting of the Tribunal.

Another member: *I am afraid not.*

The Tribunal accepted the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and various periods of exemption were granted. The applicants included a builder's labourer, wine and spirit retailer, colliery engine worker, butchers, grocers milk contractor, coal dealer and huntsman. The latter was the first whip of the Atherstone Hunt, a Grade 3 man, and a request was made for the modification of conditions of his exemption now that the hunting season had commenced. Hitherto, he had been ordered to work 48 hours a week on the land. Mr Bouskell said the man had 78 hours extra to his credit, having worked more than was required of him by the Tribunal during the harvest. A member said that should be considered in favour of the man. The Tribunal agreed to reduce the 48 hours to 24 hours per week.

STOPPED IN COALVILLE TOO LONG

HOW A CLERK EVADED MILITARY SERVICE

COALVILLE POLICE OFFICER'S SMART CAPTURE

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Edwin Ricketts, clerk, Coalville, was summoned for being an absentee under the Military Services Act. He pleaded guilty.

Inspector Dobney said he went to the gas works at Whitwick on the previous day and found defendant working there as a clerk. He said his name was Arthur Wright, and produced a registration card bearing that name, and the address 42, Ladysmith Road, Grimsby. He also had a discharge certificate bearing the name of Wright. Witness asked him if his name was Wright, and he said it was. Witness said he suspected that his name was Edwin Ricketts and he should telephone to Grimsby whilst he left him in charge of P.C. Bursnall. Defendant then said, *"The game's up. My name is Edwin Ricketts."* The defendant also told him that when living at Grimsby he acted as the secretary for the Sons of Temperance Society, and he received the discharge certificate for one of the members, a man named Wright, who, he knew would not require the certificate as he had to be pushed about in a bath chair.

The clerk: *How old is this man?*

Inspector Dobney: *Twenty-one.*

The clerk: *How is it that he has escaped military service so long?*

Inspector Dobney told him he had been going from town to town carrying this discharged certificate but he had stopped too long at Coalville. Defendant had been in the town since April, and offered his services free to the Coalville Food Control Committee, afterwards being engaged by them as clerk. After the committee dispensed with his services he was set on as clerk at the Gas Works to assist in the work of carrying out the Coal Order.

The magistrates fined defendant £5 and ordered his remand to await an escort, the chairman observing that the attention of the Military Authorities should be called to these certificates. Superintendent Lockton said that would be done.

The chairman said the magistrates would award Inspector Dobney a gratuity of £1 for what they considered was a very clever capture. It was evident that the man did not intend to do anything for his country.

Inspector Dobney: *Thank you, your worships.*

ANOTHER CHARGE

Ricketts, who had been fetched from Derby Barracks, was again brought up at the Police Court on Monday, before Major Hatchett, charged under the D.O.R.A. with unlawfully impersonating and falsely representing himself to be Arthur George Wright, of 42, Ladysmith Road, Grimsby, to whom an army discharge certificate had been granted in August, 1917.

Inspector Dobney made a similar statement to that reported above, and on this evidence Supt. Lockton asked for a remand to the Ashby Petty Sessions tomorrow (Saturday). Asked whether he had anything to say, the prisoner replied, *"Only that I am sorry for what I have done, and I am quite willing to go into the army and do the best I can now."*

The magistrate: *You must tell them that later on.*

Prisoner was remanded accordingly and he asked for bail. Supt. Lockton said prisoner was now to all intents and purposes a soldier, and the Court was not empowered to grant bail.

MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS

Albert Bott, private in the Lancashire Fusiliers, Scarborough, was summoned by Edna E. Eliffe, single woman, of Ibstock, in respect of the maintenance of her child. He admitted paternity and was ordered to pay 3/6 per week and 12/6 costs, also to return £2 conduct money. Mr F. Bouskell (Market Bosworth) was for the complainant.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

EXEMPTION ALLOWED IN ALL CASES

A meeting of the Coalville Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when Mr T. Y. Hay presided, and there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, C. H. Coleman, J. W. Fisher, J. Baker, A. J. Briers, and T. F. Fox, with Capt. Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr A. L. Bertenshaw for the clerk, who wrote that he had an important appointment.

The cases of Whitwick butchers were first considered, and a Grade 3 man, 31, married, was allowed three months, the chairman remarking that they were short of butchers at Whitwick.

In the case of a Grade 2 man, 42, married, Captain Stevenson said the man declined to sign Form B of the Volunteer Force, and would not go to the drills on Sundays. With a good many of the men drilling was becoming an absolute farce. If the man was given exemption, he (the captain), strongly urged that he should be requested to drill. Applicant said he was working 14 to 15 hours a day, was assisting in carrying on another business and was deputy buyer and secretary to the Coalville Butcher's Association.

Captain Stevenson: *What do you do on Sundays?*

Applicant: *I go to chapel. I am organist at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel.*

Captain Stevenson: *Why do you refuse to sign Form B?*

Applicant: *Because I can't fulfil the conditions. I have been to drill many a night after working 14 hours and have gone without my tea. The Tribunal put on the condition that I was to help in another business and drill as well, and I don't call it justice.*

Captain Stevenson: *Your father assists you, doesn't he?*

Applicant: *He does what he can.*

Answering Mr Baker applicant said that if he had to drill on Sundays, the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel would be without an organist. Three of them used to share the duties between them, but two joined the forces. Mr McCarthy said this man was assisting in the business of a woman whose husband had joined up. He was working hard, and it would be cruel to ask him to drill. Captain Stevenson said several men were making greater sacrifices to drill than this man would have to make. A member remarked that butchers were only open two days a week. Two months allowed and applicant to drill with the V.T.C.

Six months each was allowed a Coalville architect, 39, Grade 2, married, and a Coalville grocer, 36, Grade 3, married.

In each of the remaining cases, three months was allowed, the applicants being two Co-Operative butchers, and the manager of the Ibstock grocery branch, Greenhill licensed victualler, (who is working on a farm, and was excused from drilling), Coalville insurance agent, Coalville printer, Coalville multiple provision shop manager, Coalville dental operator (two days a week on work of national importance), Ellistown garage proprietor, Whitwick market gardener (excused from drilling), Coalville draper (three days a week work of national importance), Whitwick horse-keeper, Whitwick mineral water factory manager, Coalville boot shop manager, and a Coalville boot repairer.

Captain Stevenson jocosely remarked: *Thank you gentlemen for the number of recruits tonight* (laughter).

Mr McCarthy: *You have riddled them out so many times, Captain, that to speak honestly, you didn't expect any. Coalville at the start gave as many men to the army as any place. It suits some people to criticise, but there is no need for it. A remark like that going out would be detrimental to the Tribunal. We try to do fair and are not fit to sit here if we don't.*

The chairman: *I think the captain has had as many men from Coalville as from any place its size.*

Captain Stevenson: *I agree.*

Mr McCarthy: *A lot of colliers volunteered, not so much is said about them now.*

Captain Stevenson: *In the first two months of the war, I will guarantee, they were more than 70 per cent colliers.*

Mr McCarthy: *I know that because I have known a lot of the men since they were babies.*

Captain Stevenson: *At the first great recruiting meeting at the Olympia all the men who enlisted were colliers, but two.*

The chairman: *For the first two years of the war, colliers did wonderfully well.*

Mr McCarthy: *And they were strong, healthy men.*

The chairman: *The last lot of men who went from our place (the Whitwick Colliery), there were no men to touch them, either for energy, pluck and blood. We lost them, and we are feeling the effects of it now.*

Several applications for leave to appeal were allowed.

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LIEUT. T. H. JACQUES KILLED

Mr and Mrs J. T. Jacques, of Ibstock, received a further message from the Air Ministry on Sunday last, that Lieut. T. H. Jacques, R.A.F., their only son, was killed whilst flying at the Front on 30th September. He had previously been reported missing. When the war broke out the young officer was a pupil at Bosworth Grammar School, but in October, 1914, he went (as a pupil) into the electrical department of Messrs. John Brown and Co.'s works at Sheffield, continuing his studies at Sheffield University at the same time. In 1917, he joined the R.F.C. as a cadet, was passed as pilot, commissioned in January, 1918, went through his flying course, and crossed to France in July last year.

SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A successful dance and whist drive were held in the Ellistown Council School on Saturday night in aid of the fund for Christmas gifts for local soldiers and sailors. The M.C.'s for dancing were Messrs. J. W. Mason, G. H. Wain and E. Taylor, and Miss Ethel Gough was the pianist. Messrs. T. R. Grundy and G. B. Lagoe had charge of whist. There was also a table skittles competition. Messrs. A. Bellamy and R. Kirton discharged the secretarial duties.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Barratt, F. Corpl.	(September 15 th)
Bodle, T. Gunner	(October 12 th)
Edwards, J. W. Corpl	(October 12 th)
Haynes, M. M.	(October 12 th)
Lycett, W. Sergt. M.M.	(October 12 th)
Newman, Frank, Corpl.	(September 17 th)
Tansey, F. Sergt.	(October 8 th)
White, S. E. G. Pte.	(October 12 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

A house-to-house collection at Ibstock, on Saturday, for the Leicestershire Prisoners of War Fund, realised £14?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

An ambulance train from Southampton stopped at the Leicester Midland Station on Monday night, and unloaded 30 cot cases which were taken to the Base Hospital. The remainder of the contingent were taken on to Derby after being supplied with refreshments by members of the V.A.D.

HUGGLESCOTE LADY'S VISIT TO JERUSALEM

INTERESTING LETTER

Miss Doris Moore, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Moore, of Hugglescote, has written home, giving a very interesting account of a visit to Jerusalem. Miss Moore was formerly a member of the Coalville V.A.D., and is now a nurse in a military hospital in the East. She writes under date August 11th, as follows:

"I am back again safe and sound after three days in Jerusalem. The journey from Ludd was most interesting and the scenery just lovely, the line winding through all the hills. They say it is just like going through the Alps in Switzerland. Jerusalem itself is built on four mountains you know. We arrived there at 7.30 am. We had had some sleep in the train, and Dr. Cameron took us at once to the Temple Area and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and 'did' Jerusalem in an hour! Talk about American tourists! Then we went back to the train and saw the rest of the party off, and went to the hotel and ordered our rooms and breakfast. After breakfast we started out with a guide at 9.30. First we went to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre again, a most beautiful church. In the centre is Christ's tomb, of course built in, and covered with marble. It is disappointing to find that the historical places covered by churches or mosques or something. Everything seems too modern. About 30 silver lamps hang in the church, presented by the Romans, Greeks and Armenians, and there are lovely paintings of the crucifixion. I have a tiny piece of stone from the original tomb. We saw the tombs of Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus in the same church. It is divided into three chapels, the R.C., Greeks and Armenians each having their own altars. We then went onto the Temple Area, through the narrow, filthy streets with all the not too clean people sitting about selling dirty cakes and fruit. The place from which Christ turned the money-changers out is now the great cotton market. Then on to the top of Mount Moriah, where Abraham was going to offer up Isaac, now covered by the mosque of Omar, belonging to the Mohammedans. The dome is all turquoise mosaic work and is really exquisite with the sun shining on it. Of course, this is the same place upon which Solomon built his temple, which took seven years to finish, and it has passed through many different hands since, and temple and church and mosque have succeeded one another upon it. In the interior you have to take off your shoes. There is the sacred rock, the summit of Mount Moriah, and it has a rail all round, so you can't get onto it. It's too sacred to be touched. Then down a few steps is the hole through which the blood from the sacrifice went. Then there are the ninth to the fourteenth Stations of the Cross here, and we were shown what was said to be the place of the crucifixion.

You know the place where it says, "the rocks rent –", I was shown the great crack just against the place where the thief on the left of Our Lord was supposed to have hung. In all these places there are magnificent altars, and where the Virgin Mary stood there is a statue of her decorated with jewels worth I don't know how much. All this is inside the mosque now.

Then we went down to where St. Helena excavated and found the three crosses. Just outside is the place where offenders were sent to be tried and another Mohammedan mosque on the site of an old church originally built by the Crusaders, and said to be the place where Mary found the boy Jesus talking to the learned doctors. Close by is the "Jews Wailing Place" – always filled up on Saturday mornings – with underneath, Solomon's Stables, but we did not get into there. Coming away from the Temple Area, we passed the other Stations of the Cross until we came to where Pontius Pilate tried Christ. This is five feet below the present pavement, and it is the original floor on which Our Lord walked. On the stone slabs are the scores of the games which the men played whilst waiting to be tried.

At lunch we met an officer whom we knew and he asked if we would motor out to Ram-Allah in the afternoon. We thought after doing all the sightseeing in the morning it would be rather a rest, so we had an opportunity of seeing all the country for about 12 miles round, and from the balcony of a house where we had tea, we could see Jaffa and the Mediterranean Sea. We got back to the Holy City about 6.30 and before dinner went to see David's Tower. From the steps, General Allenby read the proclamation when Jerusalem

was captured by our army. It is just inside the Jaffa Gate. There are many gates inside the city walls. I cannot remember the names of them all. When the Kaiser was here, he could not or would not, go through the Jaffa Gate, so part of the wall was knocked down for him, and it is a thoroughfare now; but when General Allenby entered Jerusalem, he had the Jaffa Gate opened. The Kaiser spoiled many things in Jerusalem. He erected an ugly modern clock, bigger than the Clock Tower, just outside the Jaffa Gate, and a gaudy church in the Garden of Gethsemane, which spoils it completely.

On Tuesday morning we bought a few curios, and afterwards went to Bethlehem. We passed the village of Silonna and the pool where Christ healed the blind man. Bethlehem was a nice little village and the people flocked around us. We went in a curio shop and they gave us coffee and grapes and we bought some mother-of-pearl from the Dead Sea. We went to the church of the Nativity, and this was supposed to be the exact spot where Christ was born, but again it's inside a beautiful church, and the silver and gold lamps and beautiful tapestry and paintings, make it hard to call to mind the simplicity of the gospel story of the manger of the inn. Owing to the quarrels between the Romans and the Greeks, there has always been a guard day and night in the church for years and now, of course, our soldiers supply the guard. A small altar marks the place where Christ was born with a brass star on the floor just in front. Just opposite is the manger, with another small altar and another where the three wise men stood. In a corner is a hole where they say the star fell, but I don't suppose that is true. We went into the tomb of the holy innocents close by too. The Church of the Nativity belongs to the three Roman, Greek and Armenian Churches. The ceiling is of Cedar of Lebanon. We got back to Jerusalem about 2.30, went to the 66th C.C.S. for tea, then went to Solomon's Quarries to see where the stone required for the building of the Temple was quarried and prepared ready to be put into its exact place in the building. I don't know how deep they are, but we seemed to walk down miles. Then we climbed up the Mount of Olives and from the top saw the Dead Sea and the Jordan flowing into it. On Wednesday morning we went to Bethany and saw the tomb of Lazarus and the house of Martha and Mary and then on to the Garden of Gethsemane. I am sending some flowers and olive leaves, but the garden is all laid out in beds, and the church which the Kaiser built with its seven golden domes, completely spoils it. We left about 3.15 and had a glorious view of the hills coming back to Ludd, having seen a very great deal of the Holy City and the neighbourhood in three days. On Thursday, I returned to duty in the dysentery ward of the hospital. I have got a baby chameleon. It's only about an inch long yet. The boys gave it me yesterday – it's the mascot of the ward."

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CHIMNEY SWEEP

The Ashby Rural District Tribunal met at the Clerk's Office on Saturday week, Mr T. Varnham presiding, and there were also present, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Messrs. J. Rice, J. T. Bradshaw and A. Riley, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and the clerk, Mr George Farmer.

In regard to the case of a Snarestone man employed as a brick burner at the National Brick Works, Heather, the manager (Mr J. T. Jacques) wrote that the man was now protected by the National Service, and he asked for the application to be withdrawn. Agreed.

Representing the Rector of Sweptstone, in an appeal for the sexton, Mr C. E. Crane, solicitor, Coalville, asked for a longer period than three months, pointing out that the man was nearly 48 years of age and he produced a letter from Mr W. C. Stevenson, farmer, of Sweptstone, showing that the man had worked three days a week on a farm. The Rector said that during the summer months the man had worked up to 10 o'clock at night. Six months allowed.

When a Measham chimney sweep appeared, the chairman suggested that now less coal was being burnt there would be less chimney sweeping. Applicant said it was the other way about (laughter). People burnt more rubbish now and it made the chimneys worse. He was allowed three months, with one day a week at work of national importance instead of two days.

A Donisthorpe baker and grocer was allowed another three months and excused from Volunteer drill on his agreeing to take over a milk round which another trader was giving up.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, Coalville, appeared for a Standard Hill (Snibstone) grocer and off-licence holder and produced a letter from the bailiff of the Kelham Bridge Farm showing that the man had worked five days a week on the farm as ordered by the Tribunal, and he hoped this would continue. Mr Sharp pleaded special

circumstances, asked for the condition to be reduced to four days a week. The Tribunal agreed and allowed another three months.

A Snibstone farmer was also represented by Mr Sharp, who said the man had 22 acres of land, a milk round, and did coal and other carting. He was in Grade 3, and 39 years of age. In allowing six months and exemption from Volunteer drill, the chairman said the Tribunal hoped that applicant would do all the coal carting for colliers and others that he could, as there was difficulty sometimes in getting carting done.

Lady Beaumont's gardener, of Swannington, a Grade 1 man, 47, proved to the Tribunal that he had worked two days a week on the land, and on this being increased to three days, he was allowed three months.

Six months each were allowed an Ashby sanitary pipe manufacturer, a Newton Burgoland carpenter, a Measham tree feller, a Snarestone butcher, and an Acresford farm worker, etc.

The following got three months each: An Ashby pipe burner, Oakthorpe coal carter, two Measham bakers, and a Measham boot and shoe dealer.

THE TORPEDOED LEINSTER

LEICESTER VICTIMS

There is every reason to believe that Staff-Sergeant George Philpott, whose father lives at 69, Bridge Road, Leicester, was, with his wife, a victim of the Leinster outrage. It has been shown to the relatives that Staff-Sergeant and Mrs Philpott sailed on the ill-fated ship. The former was in the Birmingham City Police Force prior to joining the army, on 1916. He won the position of Staff-Sergeant and went to Dublin last January as instructor in the North Somerset Regiment. He was married last February at Birmingham, where his wife belonged. A few weeks ago, both were in Leicester on leave, and last week, owing to the illness of Mrs Philpott's mother at Birmingham, leave was obtained to pay her a visit. Hence their presence on the Leinster. One of Staff-Sergeant Philpott's brothers is Captain E. A. Philpott, late of the Northamptonshire Regiment, who has served in the army for twenty years. He was sergeant-major at Aldershot when the war broke out, and got his commission after the retirement from Mons. Another brother is Mr F. J. Philpott, secretary West Humberstone Adult School.

ASSAULT ON A COALVILLE GIRL

CASE AT THE QUARTER SESSIONS

At the Leicestershire Quarter Sessions on Tuesday before Sir Thomas Cope (in the chair) and other justices, Charles Ekins (43), miner, Whitwick, was charged with indecently assaulting Agnes Willett, at Coalville. He pleaded not guilty, but later Mr G. W. Powers, on his behalf, said, acting on his advice, prisoner withdrew his plea and substituted that of guilty. He asked that the punishment should be as light as possible. Prisoner has a splendid military record, carrying through the Boer War and afterwards enlisting for the present war. The man had been treated for mental disease both in France and England.

Supt. Lockton said the man was so eccentric in his manner that he could not be employed near machinery with safety. The Court passed a sentence of imprisonment without hard labour, for three months.

WHITWICK SOLDIER IN MESOPOTAMIA

Pte. Bottrill, of the R.A.M.C. with the forces in Mesopotamia, whose home is at 33, Talbot Street, Whitwick, writes that he is "in the pink" and hopes his letter will find his pals all well and still smiling. He has had four years of the war and would dearly like to see the old country once more. They have not had it as hot this year as last, but the temperature in the shade has reached 117 degrees, which he says is quite enough. Last year it reached 123 degrees and there were plenty of cases of heat stroke. There has been very few cases this year, and not so many of other diseases. He continues, *"We are going on fine with our work, and are making the troops comfortable. They all love the R.A.M.C. out here. I am now in charge of a ward."* He concluded by wishing all the best of luck.

Second-Lieutenant G. J. L. Potts, R.A.F., has died of wounds. Not quite 19, he was formerly a bank clerk at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.



Pte. H. Congreve.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Congrave, of Wash Lane, Ravenstone, are officially notified that their second son, Pte. Harold Congrave, of the Leicesters, died of wounds on September 19th. He was 21 years of age, and formerly worked at the Snibston Colliery. He joined up a year last May. He was a very popular young man in the village, being a member of the Parish Church, choir, and assistant scoutmaster in the Ravenstone Troop, and his death is deplored by many friends. Mr and Mrs Congrave had three sons and all joined the army. The eldest, Pte. Arthur Congrave, of the Leicesters, volunteered in the first week of the war and was one of the first "Coalville 50" to leave the town on that memorable day in October 1914. He has seen a good deal of service and a short time ago was seriously wounded, his mother making a journey to France to see him in hospital there. He has now been moved to England and is in hospital at Edmonton, with his right leg amputated. The youngest son is now in training in England. Mr Congrave is employed as a frame fitter at Stableford's Works, Coalville.



2nd Air Mech.
W. Berrisford.

On Saturday morning, Mr Walter Berrisford, builder, 31, Bridge Road, Coalville, received a letter from an officer stating that his youngest son, 2nd Air Mechanic Walker Berrisford, of the R.A.F. was killed in action on October 7th. The latter states, *"It is my painful duty to inform you that your son was killed this morning (October 7th) by enemy shell fire in the execution of his duty. Futile though it is, at these times, I wish to offer you on behalf of the officers and men of his section, our deep sympathy with you in your sad bereavement."* Deceased was 19 years of age and before the war assisted his father in the building business. He joined up 12 months last February, when he was 18, and went to France the week he was 19. He was very popular with the company. Mr and Mrs Berrisford's eldest son, who is also in the forces, arrived home on leave the day before this sad news arrived.

Private S. Cartwright, of the Granite Row, Ibstock Road, Ellistown, has been seriously wounded in the leg, arm and face and is now in hospital in France. He formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

Private William King, of the Leicesters, is officially reported killed. He was resting in a dug-out when a shell fell on it and exploded. He leaves a widow and four children residing in Waterworks Road, Coalville. He was formerly a collier.

Private Fred H. Stretton, son of Mr and Mrs George Stretton, of Donington-le-Heath, has been wounded in the fighting on the Western Front, having been hit in the leg by shrapnel, necessitating the amputation of the foot. He was formerly an apprentice at the Coalville Times Printing Works.

Private James Edward Sharp, of the Leicesters, has been wounded in action, a bullet having passed through his arm, and he is now in hospital in Lancashire. His parents, Mr and Mrs J. E. Sharp, reside at Hermitage Road, Whitwick. The soldier was formerly employed by the Charnwood Forest Laundry Company, Hermitage Road.

Father Degan, priest of the Coalville St. Saviour's Catholic Church, has received news that his brother, Frederick, has been seriously wounded in the fighting, having lost his right leg. He was in Australia and volunteered for service in the first week of the war, joining the Australian forces. Another brother of Father Degan, who joined the London Scottish, and was in much of the fighting, has recently received his discharge as totally unfit for service owing to shell shock.



Gr. Alb. Gamble,

News has been received by Mr and Mrs William Gamble, of 120, Wilkins' Lane, Hugglescote that their son, Gunner Albert Gamble, R.F.A. died of wounds in France, on October 2nd. He was 21 years of age and formerly worked for Mr Griffin, farmer, of Sheepy. He enlisted on August 21st, 1914, and had seen a good deal of active service.

Another son of Mr and Mrs Gamble, Private Moses Gamble of the Leicesters, is a prisoner in Germany, having been captured by the enemy on March 22nd. His parents have just received a letter from him stating that he is well. (Photo left and below).



Mrs Summers, of 150 Ashby Road, Hugglescote, received official news on Thursday, that her son, Private Sidney Summers, of the Leicesters, a stretcher-bearer, was killed in action on September 24th. A captain of the regiment writes that the deceased was a fine fellow. He knew his work and did it well. As one of the senior stretcher-bearers he had seen a lot of service out there. The letter continues, *"I feel I have lost a personal friend of whom I was very fond. He was particularly kindly, and, I am sure, had many friends. He was killed in the course of duty in a battle in which the battalion met three battalions of the enemy who were holding a village which we tried to take. I think death must have been nearly instantaneous, so he did not suffer much. He was buried not far from the village I speak of. I wish to assure you of our deepest sympathy in your heavy loss and tell you how much your son was loved and respected."* Private Summers was 25 years of age and formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery. His brother, John, was killed in action on July 24th, and in the interim, Mrs Summers has also lost a daughter, thereby having suffered three bereavements in less than three

months.



Mrs Tivey, of 24, Oxford Street, Coalville, has been officially notified that her son, No. 53539, Pte. F. J. Tivey, of the 8th Leicestershire Regiment, has been missing since 27th May, 1918 and any further news of him would be thankfully received. He is 21 years of age and the son of the late Mr William Tivey, and before enlisting worked at Whitwick Colliery.

ABSENTEE

Before Mr John Wootton, at the Coalville Police Court, on Tuesday, Pte. Wm. Lord (22) of the South Staffs Regiment, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment at Alford Camp (Lincs) since October 10th. P.C. Jones (Thringstone) deposed to arresting the soldier in a friend's house at Griffydam. Lord was remanded to await an escort.

ABSENTEES

At the Coalville Police Station on Thursday last week, Pte. William Gibbons, of the Leicesters, was charged before Mr J. W. West, with being an absentee from his regiment since September 17th. P.C. Sibson said he went to the house at Limby Hall, Swannington at 2 pm, and defendant's mother said he was not there. Witness watched the house and during the mother's temporary absence, went in and found the soldier in bed. He was remanded to await an escort.

At the same court on Thursday before Captain Deverell, James Armstead, was charged with being an absentee from the R.A.F. P.C. Jelley found the man in bed at his home at Whitwick. Remanded to await an escort.

BARDON

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

A most successful whist drive and dance was held on Saturday evening last, in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Christmas Presents Fund. There were 25 tables for whist at the old schoolroom and was a good company present at the dance in the new schoolroom. Messrs. F. T. Bellward and G. H. Grant were M.C.'s for the whist. Mrs J. Linch played for dancing. There were cake, rabbits, and fowl competitions in addition, and refreshments at each room. The prize winners at cards were:

Ladies: Miss Wilkins, Mrs T. Shaw.

Gents: Mr T. Spurr, Mr E. Upton and Mr D. Walne.

It is hoped that about £25 will be raised by the effort.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Harold Parish, who died of wounds in France, on October 20th, 1916.

*"A loving son and brother dear,
A faithful friend when he was here
God took him Home, it was His will
But in our hearts we love him still."*

From Father, Mother, Sister and Brothers, including Tom (in Egypt) and Bernard (in Germany).

In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Lance-Corporal James Horace Hall, who fell in action, October 15th, 1917, aged 22 years.

*"He did not stop to reason when first the war began
But went to do his duty like a soldier and a man
There is a wooden cross erected, tells of battles helped to win
And it reads in memory of the deeds that he has done
He is gone, but not forgotten, in many battles he stood the brunt
And now this hero sleeps in a grave on the Western Front
May the heavenly winds blow softly on their sweet and hallowed spot
Such a true and loving son will never be forgot."*

"He is gone but not forgotten."

From his loving Mother and Father, and Sisters, Gladys, Ivy and little Lucy.

In loving memory of Pte. E. Orton, 40763, 1st Leicestershire Regiment, who died of wounds received in action on the 23rd October, 1916.

*"He left his home in perfect health
He looked so strong and brave
We little thought how soon he'd be
Laid in a hero's grave."*

*"Not shrouded in the dark
But veiled by purest light
Each safely anchored barque
Now hidden from our sight."*

From his loving Brother, Sister and Niece, Bill, Alma and Florrie.
231, Leicester Road, Ibstock.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Thomas Congrave, of Wash Lane, Ravenstone, desire to thank all friends for the kindness and sympathy shown towards them in their great bereavement they have sustained by the death of their son, Pte. Harold Congrave, Leicestershire Regiment, who died of wounds on September 19th.

Mrs Stretton and daughter, 9 Owen Street, Coalville, desire through this medium, to tender their sincere thanks to all kind friends who have expressed sympathy with them in their great and sad bereavement.

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IBSTOCK SOLDIER IN ITALY

PROUD OF HIS NATIVE VILLAGE

An Ibstock soldier with the Italian Expeditionary Force, writes: *"I've often thought during my term of active service that I should like to write to the people of Ibstock, but I've always found a difficulty in finding an interesting point to touch on. I think as a native of the village that it is part of my duty to write personally to express appreciation of the work done by you all during the four years of war, which we have taken part in. Ibstock for the size and population has in my eye a fine record. When one looks back since the days of August, 1914, then to the present, and asks oneself the question, 'What has Ibstock done towards bringing the war to a successful end?' the answer is quite plain. They have parted with the biggest majority of their fine able-bodied young men whom anyone could see promenading High Street prior to the war. Some have made the great sacrifice for home and country, others are still doing their bit, and others are in training to play their part when required."*

The second item lies in the prominent part played by those school children of yours. Nine months ago I quite accidentally picked up a paper, and in the 'Items of Interest' column I saw standing out above all other news

the following, "Ibstock school children have purchased their thousandth War Savings Certificate." I was bound to feel real proud that Ibstock was my home, and by now it must nearly have increased to nearly two thousand. (Well done, kiddies). Ah, but some people will say, the more Bonds etc, we buy, the longer the war, but the fact is it will mean bringing back victory with us. What a disgrace it would be if after bearing all the suffering of four years, the ups and downs, then in the end the boys come back and said, "We have been beaten." No Englishman would allow it to be said. So peg away Ibstock, and keep the home fires burning. The boys are out to win and very shortly I hope, will be back amongst you, ringing old High Street once more with their hearty laughter, and above all to claim their prizes (sweethearts) they have waited for since 1914. I remain, yours sincerely."

"One from Melbourne Road"
October 10th, 1918.

MARKFIELD

WEDDING

The Rev. H. R. Cooper officiated at the wedding of R.Q.M.S. W. Corfield, Lancashire Fusiliers, and Miss Johnson, a member of the Q.M.W.A.A.C. The bride, daughter of Mrs E. Johnson (Bury) was given away by the bridegroom's brother, and was dressed in her uniform. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and white heather. The bridesmaids were nieces of the bridegroom, who is the fourth son of Mrs S. A. Corfield. The officers of the Lancashire Fusiliers contributed handsome presents.

D.O.R.A. CHARGES AT ASHBY

COALVILLE CLERK GETS 3 MONTHS HARD LABOUR

INSURANCE AGENT FINED

At the Ashby Police Court on Saturday, Edwin Ricketts (21), clerk, Coalville, was charged under the Defence of the Realm Act, with being in possession of an Army discharge certificate, granted to Arthur George Wright, of Grimsby. He pleaded guilty.

Inspector Dobney said he and P.C. Bursnall went to the Whitwick Gas Works on October 3rd, and saw the defendant, who was working there as a clerk. He said his name was Arthur Wright and produced a registration card bearing that name. Witness asked to see his army papers, and he produced an army discharge certificate bearing the name of Arthur George Wright, 42, Ladysmith Road, Grimsby, stating that he enlisted on August 14th, 1917, at Grimsby, and was discharged on August 16th, 1917, as permanently and totally disabled for service under the Military Service Act. Witness told him he suspected him of being a person named Edwin Ricketts, late of Grimsby, who was an absentee from the army. He said Wright was his proper name, and witness could ascertain that on writing to the address given. Witness told him he should not write, but telephone to Grimsby, leaving prisoner in charge of the policeman meanwhile and Ricketts then said, "*The game is up, my name is Edwin Ricketts and I admit being an absentee from the Army.*"

Witness asked him how he came in possession of Wright's registration and discharge papers and he said he was formerly secretary to the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society at Grimsby, and among some of the papers belonging to Wright, a member of the Society, he found the discharge paper and registration card. He knew that Wright would not want them, as he was being pushed about in a Bath chair at Grimsby; therefore, he kept them, and had been going from town to town but found he had stayed in Coalville too long. He was a Grade 2 man. He got three months' exemption (final) at Grimsby and absconded the day his exemption expired. He also admitted that he was called up at Leicester on February 27th and absconded from there. By order of the Coalville justice prisoner was handed over to the Military Authorities on October 5th, but from instructions was re-arrested at Derby, and again brought before the Bench at Coalville on Monday and remanded. The prisoner had been at Coalville since last March. When he first came, he offered his services free to the Food Control Committee, the ration books then being issued, and subsequently, he was taken on at a salary. Later, he went to the Gas Office to assist in the coal control business.

Prisoner, asked whether he had anything to say, handed in a written statement which he asked the magistrate to read. The chairman said they looked upon it as a very serious offence, and they felt bound to

pass such a sentence as they hoped would prevent that sort of thing from recurring. Prisoner was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

In connection with the above case, William Stocking, (33), insurance agent, Coalville, was charged with assisting a military absentee, and also for failing to keep a lodger's register at Coalville, on October 3rd, to which he pleaded not guilty, and was represented by Mr J. T. Hincks, of Leicester.

Inspector Dobney, stated that on October 3rd, he visited defendant's house, London Road, Coalville, where Ricketts had been lodging. He asked to see the lodger's registration form and was told they had not got one. Next day, he saw the defendant, and told him he understood Ricketts had been lodging at the house since last March, and asked him why he did not get him to sign a lodger's registration form. He replied that he thought registration for lodgers only applied to hotels and lodging houses. He said he knew Ricketts when he was at Grimsby, but always knew him by the name "Teddie", and he thought Wright was his proper name. He did not know that he was an absentee. On Saturday October 5th, Stocking came to the Police Station and made the following statement, which he signed: *"I have come to make a clean breast of it and place myself in your hands. My wife has known Ricketts from a boy. In February last, he came to our house on a bicycle stating he had come from Nottingham. He stayed one night and returned to Nottingham. About ten days afterwards he came back to our house, and said he wanted to stay a few days, and was then going back to Nottingham. He told me he was going in the name of Arthur Wright and taking a course of lessons at Nottingham under that name, and wanted to derive the benefit. After being with us a few days he obtained work at the Food Control Offices, Coalville, and remained with us until the time of his arrest. He informed me he was discharged from the army, but I never saw his discharge papers. I trusted to him telling me the truth, I said to my wife, "I do not like the idea of him going in his wrong name." She replied, "Everything is alright," Ricketts mother came to visit him in September and stayed about a week. I was sorry I had him at my house; I did not foresee any trouble. I believed he had been discharged from the army. My wife knew he had these discharge papers, and told me about them."* Witness told him he must have known that something was wrong, and he further said, *"I am sorry. I did it for my wife and I can see I have got into a mess."* When served with the summons, defendant replied, *"It is a bad job; do you think I shall get off with a fine?"* witness told him he could not say. Defendant said, *"What I have done, I have done for my wife, and I find I am in the wrong."*

Mr Hincks submitted that there was no case to answer on either summons. The defendant did not know that Ricketts was an absentee. He called as a guest of defendant's wife, and subsequently some arrangement was made for the man to stay, but defendant got nothing out of it, and really did not want the man there. As to the second charge, one swallow did not make a summer, though it seemed that one lodger made a lodging-house, and defendant was only technically responsible. There was nothing wilful about it. It was due to him allowing his wife to have her own way (laughter).

In the first case, defendant was fined £8, and in the second, £1, or 14 days. The money was paid.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services were held in the Wesleyan Reform Church, on Sunday, in connection with the deaths in action of John Storer, Royal Naval Division, and Pte. G. Burton, Leicestershire Regiment. Mr G. Forman was the preacher, and a wreath was sent to each family.

PARISH CHURCH

During service last Sunday evening, the Rector (Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.) expressed the sympathy of all present with the relatives and friends of Lieut. T. H. Jacques, Pte. Bott and Pte. Lardner. He spoke of the respective sacrifices that each one had made for King and country, and said their prayers and heartfelt sympathy would go out in those bereaved. In the afternoon a memorial service was held for Pte. Bott, who has recently been reported killed in action. The Rector conducted the service. Mr W. Dunstan presided at the

organ and played the Dead March (Saul), and Mr James Cooper and a band of buglers sounded the "Last Post."

MILITARY FUNERAL

In connection with the death of Mr James William Lardner, Leicester Road, Ibstock, a military funeral was held at the Parish Church, on Thursday afternoon last. The Rector, the Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A. conducted the service. The deceased had served in the army for 19 years, and as a gunner in the Royal Field Artillery served in the South African War from which he was invalided home with malarial fever. He served two years on home service in the present war, and died from an internal complaint, after thirteen months' illness. The coffin bore the inscription: "James William Lardner, died October 12th, 1918. Aged 48 years." The bearers were Messrs. T. Mee, W. Smith, C. Elliott, W. Smith, F. Osborne, E. Barrass and W. Bonsall. A full military firing party under Sergeant Bishop, attended from Wigston, and fired three volleys over the grave. The buglers sounded the "Last Post." The coffin was draped in the Union Jack.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Edwards, J. W. Corpl.	(October 17 th)
Hubbard, J. Gunner (262124) R.F. A.	(October 18 th)
Rawlings, W. H. Pte. 2 nd Manchesters	(October 17 th)
Tansey, F. Sergt.	(October 17 th)
Watson, J. M.G.C.	(October 19 th)
White, S. E. G. Pte.	(October 20 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

A house-to-house collection in the ecclesiastical parish of Thringstone for the Leicestershire Prisoner of War Fund realised £15/7/6?

The recent fruit and vegetable sale for Ravenstone and Snibstone Soldiers and Sailors Christmas Presents Fund realised a profit of £19/4/9 ½?

FOR OUR "BOYS"

In connection with Christ Church, a successful social and whist drive were held at the National School on Wednesday evening, to provide Christmas gifts for the "boys" who have joined the Forces, and were formerly connected with the Church. Over 400 people were present. Mr E. Orton and Mr W. V. Scott acted as M.C.'s for whist and the prizes were won by the following:

Ladies: 1 Miss Lowe; 2 Miss Thirlby; 3 Miss Buxton.
Gents: 1 Mr J. Smith; 2 Mr G. Benistone; 3 Mr G. Deakin

The M.C.'s for dancing were Messrs. G. F. Sheffield and S. Turner, and Mr G. Wright was the pianist. Mr J. Lindley won a cake-guessing competition, the weight being 2lbs 8 ½ ozs. Mrs W. Green won another cake, the guessing being as to the number of currants, and a necklace drawn for was won by Mr W. Williamson.

COALVILLE SAILOR'S DEATH

FAMILY'S DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT

We regret to state that Mr and Mrs W. Stacey, of the Telephone Exchange, Park Road, Coalville, have sustained a severe bereavement by the death of their eldest son, Simeon, of the Royal Naval Volunteer

Reserve, who died from bronchial pneumonia at a war hospital, South Norwood, London, early on Saturday morning.

The young sailor, who had brilliant scholastic prospects, received his early education at the Belvoir Road School, where he won a scholarship and attended Coalville Grammar School for six years, gaining premier position in the school. He passed the Oxford Intermediate, and later went to Leeds Training College, previous to which he was a student teacher at Belvoir Road School. While at the Coalville Grammar School he distinguished himself on the cricket field, winning a bat for the highest average, and in the football field was a skilful player.

At Leeds College he carried off a bronze medal for swimming, and obtained a teacher's certificate for the natatory art. As a Cadet in the Coalville Grammar School Corps, he rose to the rank of sergeant. The deceased attended only a month ago, the funeral of his sister, Mrs Reginald Hewes, who was laid to rest in the London Road Cemetery. His father is inspector of the Midland Railway at Coalville, and much sympathy is extended to the parents.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at the London Road Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon amid many manifestations of public sympathy, there being a huge concourse of people to witness the internment. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Mantripp, the first portion being in the Marlborough Square Primitive Methodist Church. The chief mourners were the father and mother, two sisters, brother, Miss V. Bourne, Mr and Mrs T. W. Bourne (Whitwick), Mr and Mrs G. H. Hewes, Miss Jones (Ravenstone), Messrs. F. and W. Hallam (Colney), Mr J. and Mrs Stacey (Sheffield), Messrs. S. Stacey, B. Stacey, Jos. and Mrs Stacey, Reuben Stacey, Mrs Scarlett, Mr and Mrs W. Wright, Mr and Mrs E. James, Mr C. W. Brown, and Mr J. Whyman. The deceased's old schoolmaster, Mr T. Frith, and a number of the boys from the Belvoir Road Council School, also followed. Mr J. W. West, J.P., represented the Coalville Primitive Methodist Sunday School. Bluejackets from the Crystal Palace, all Coalville lads on leave, acted as bearers, and six men of the Coalville Company, Leicestershire Volunteer Regiment, under Sergeant Carey Brown, formed a firing party. Captain S. Turner, commander of the regiment, and instructor, Edgar Hawthorn, R.N.V.R., were also present.

The coffin bore the inscription "Simeon Stacey, died October 19th, 1918, aged 20 years." It was placed in a grave lined with evergreens by the side of the grave in which the deceased's sister was interred only a month ago. At the conclusion of the service, the hymn, "Jesu, lover of my soul," was sung, and the Volunteers fired three volleys over the grave. There was a beautiful lot of floral tributes including two wreaths from the teachers and scholars of the Belvoir Road Council School, and one from the teachers and servicemen of the P.M. Sunday School. Mr F. Griffin carried out the funeral arrangements with entire satisfaction.

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MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Tribunal was held at the Clerk's Office at Market Bosworth on Wednesday morning. Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding, There were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington, G. M. Arnold, and W. Towers, Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (National Service representative) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

There were 25 cases, all assented to, and the meeting lasted only a few minutes. All the applicants had been before the Tribunal on previous occasions and three months was allowed in each case.

WEDDING AT HUGGLESCOTE

MISS C. M. JAMIE AND LIEUT. C. A. COOPER

The wedding took place at St. John's Church, Hugglescote, on Tuesday morning of Miss Catherine Mary Jamie, eldest daughter of Dr. R. W. Jamie, of Coalville, and Lieutenant Charles Alfred Cooper, of the Sherwood Foresters, son of the late Dr. Cooper, of Ilkeston. The Rev. Canon Broughton, M.A. (Vicar) performed the ceremony in the presence of a large congregation, the church being crowded.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of cream georgette and satin, with a tulle veil, and she carried a pretty sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaid, Miss Muriel Jamie (the bride's sister) wore a grey crepe de chine dress and hat to match, and carried a sheaf of pink roses. Lieut. Frank Cooper, R.G.A. (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man.

During the service, the hymns "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "O, perfect love," and Psalm lxvii, were sung. Mr William Hurst, of Coalville, was the organist and played suitable music, including "Agnus Dei" (Mozart), "La Serenata," (Wilfred Sanderson), air, (Mozart), and Wagner's "Bridal Chorus", concluding with Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," as the party passed down the aisle after the signing of the marriage register.

Owing to a recent bereavement in the bridegroom's family, no reception was held. The happy couple left later in the day for Eastbourne, where the honeymoon is being spent. They received a large number of beautiful and valuable presents.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Second-Lieutenant Reginald Mansfield, R.F.A. is reported to have been killed in action in France, on October 1st. He was the second son of the late Mr H. R. Mansfield, M.P. for Spalding, formerly of Broom Leys, and was well-known in the Coalville district. His younger brother, 2nd Lieut. Eric Mansfield, was also killed only a few weeks ago, and only one son, Leslie, now survives.

Pte. John Walker, of the Leicesters, is officially reported to have died of wounds on October 9th. He was 24 years of age, and single, being before joining the army, the sole support of his aged widowed mother, Mrs Walker, who resides at 211, Ashby Road, Coalville. He formerly worked at the Snibston Colliery, and enlisted six months ago. He had been in France only six weeks.



Pte. George Burton, of Ibstock, was killed in action on September 18th. Writing to his mother, a chaplain states, *"It is with deep felt sympathy that I write to confirm the sad news that your brave boy, Pte. Burton, 42973, 1/12th Cambs. Regiment, passed away during the recent fighting. May the Father of us all comfort and sustain you in your grievous loss and sorrow. He went into action with his company and I grieve to say was hit by a machine gun bullet and passed away instantly. His death was painless. Nothing could be done for him, or the doctor or any of us would so willingly have done it. We have buried him in a new British Cemetery near where he gallantly fell, and we are erecting a cross there to his memory. It is little we can do for you in these circumstances. How I wish I could do more to lessen your pain and loss. The C.O. cannot write to you himself, but asks me to express his sorrow at the loss to the regiment, and his deep sympathy with you. Yours in tender sympathy."*



Official news has been received by Mrs Cross, widow, of Abram's Nook, Donington-le-Heath, that her eldest son, Pte. Leslie Cross, of the Leicesters, was killed in action on September 24th. He was 22 years of age, single, and before the war worked as a hairdresser in Loughborough. He acted as hairdresser to the regiment. He had been three years in France, having joined up 3 ½ years ago, and had been through much of the fighting without getting a scratch. He was one of Mr W. Fellows' old school boys of the Hugglescote British School. His father, Mr Harry Cross, died about three years ago. (Photo left).

Pte. Fred Pink, of the Leicesters, was killed in action on September 24th, official news to this effect having been sent to his brother, Mr Harold Mudge, of 9, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, with whom he lived before joining the Colours three years last January. He had been in France 17 months, and was over on leave at Hugglescote Wake last August. He was formerly employed by Messrs.

Kemp and Co., grocers, of Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Mrs Mycroft, of 14, Melbourne Street, Coalville, who is left with three young children, has been officially notified that her husband, Pte. Isaac Mycroft, of the Leicesters, was killed in action on September 29th. Aged 31 and a former miner at the Ibstock Colliery, he volunteered for service within the first month of the war, and had been wounded no less than six times, besides being gassed once.



Mr Thomas Marriott, of Breach Road, Hugglescote, has now heard from the chaplain saying there is no longer any doubt that his son was killed on August 21st to 23rd, as he has located his burial place. Pte. T. Marriott, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, was 23 years of age, and before the war worked at Snibston Colliery. He enlisted in 1915, and has been in France 2 ½ years. He was badly burnt by an explosion of gas in 1917, and wounded slightly since then. (Photo left).

After having been reported missing for over 12 months, Private Thomas Bailey, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, is now presumed to be dead. He was formerly a collier, and lived with his late grandfather at Drury Lane, Thringstone. His mother resides at Mountsorrel.

Pte. A. Bailey, of the Worcestershire Regiment, has been wounded, and is in hospital in London, where he is making good progress. His home is at 9,

Marshall's Row, Coalville.

Private Arthur Ottey, second son of Mr and Mrs Sam Ottey, of Orchard Street, who was reported missing on 22nd August last, has now been officially reported as killed or died from wounds on the field. He was a member of the Ibstock Baptist Bible Class, and was well respected at Ibstock. Along with his brother he voluntarily enlisted in the 7th Leicesters in May, 1915. He had been wounded twice previously. He was 23 years of age, and prior to enlistment, worked at the Ibstock Colliery.

Lance-Corporal C. S. Dean, M.M. K.R.R.C. has been wounded for the fourth time in the recent fighting on the Flanders front. He has gunshot wounds in right arm, shoulder and back, and is now in hospital in England. His elder brother, Rifleman W. N. Dean, who is now in the same battalion, saw him fall at his Lewis gun, and went to his assistance and bound up his wounds, afterwards sending him to a dressing station.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Fantom, of 3, Margaret Street, Coalville, on Monday received the official news that their third son, Private Walter Fantom, of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, was killed in action on October 14th. He went to France on his 21st birthday, and has been there nine weeks, having previously been employed at Messrs. Stableford's Works, Coalville, as a blacksmith's striker. His brother is a well-known member of the Coalville Town Football Club.

Mrs Storer, of 23, Melbourne Road, Ibstock, has received news that her husband, John H. Storer, H.G.A.B., Royal Naval Division, has been killed in action. The letter from a comrade states, *"It is with the very deepest of sympathy I am writing to inform you that your loving husband, John, was killed instantly today (September 5th) by a shell. He suffered no pain. It grieves me to write you such terrible news, for I am sure it will be heart-breaking for you. I have some of Jack's (as we all called him) personal property which I will send to you as early as possible. He will be sadly missed by us all, for he was always of cheerful spirit, and willing to do any duty he had to perform. He was getting on well as an N.C.O., and rapid promotion was in store for him. Anything you would like to know I will be willing to answer as far as permitted. Excuse short letter, for I am letting you know the distressing news three hours after it happened. Everyone sends their deepest sympathy to you in having lost a good husband."*

Corporal F. J. Baker (Coalville), Corporal J. Curtis (Ravenstone) and Pte. W. O. Gregory (Ibstock) all of the Leicestershire Regiment, are reported wounded.

Sergeant S. H. Cart, late of The Fields, Osbaston, is wounded a second time, and is now in hospital in Lancashire. Before enlisting in the Leicesters, he was a clerk at Parr's Bank Ltd, Hinckley. On being sent to France he was transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers, with whom he has seen much hard fighting.

BAGWORTH

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' COMFORTS FUND

A whist drive and dance in aid of this fund were held in the Council School, Bagworth, on Saturday and about £20 was realised. Mr S. Ward acted as the hon. secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of Pte. E. Orton, 1st Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, who died of wounds received in action on October 23rd, 1916.

*"Sleep on dear one, in a far off land
In a grave we may never see
But as long as life and memory last
We will remember thee."*

From his loving Brother and Sister, Levi and Florrie
238, Valley Street, South Elmsall.

In loving memory of Pte. George Burton, who was killed in action, September 18th, 1918.

*"He left his home in perfect health
He looked so young and brave
But we little knew how soon he would
Be laid in a hero's grave"*

*"When alone in my sorrow and bitter tears flow
There stealeth a dream of a sweet long ago
But unknown to the world you stand by my side
And whisper, "Dear mother, death cannot divide."*

*"We think of him in silence
His name we oft recall
But there's nothing left to answer
But his photo on the wall."*

From his Father, Mother, Sister, Brothers John (in France), Alfred (in Egypt).

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Wm. Stacey and Family desire to tender their sincere thanks for the many kind tokens of sympathy received in the great bereavement they have sustained by the death of their beloved son, Simeon.

31, Park Road, Coalville.

Mrs Lardner and her children, wish to thank all friends for kindness and sympathy shown to them in the loss of a dear husband and loving father.

*"There are some things Death cannot sever
Love and remembrance will live for ever"*

*"His cross was heavy, but patiently borne
None knew the heartache but those left to mourn.
But in God's good time we shall meet again
Where there'll be no more suffering, sorrow or pain."*

In ever loving memory of Private J. Farn, 27373, Loyal North Lancashires, killed in action on October 25th 1916.

*"He left his home in perfect health
He looked so young and brave
But we little knew how soon he would*

Be laid in a hero's grave"

From his loving Father and Mother, Sister and Brothers.

In loving memory of Pte. E. Orton, 40763, 2/5th Leicestershire Regiment, who died of wounds received in action on October 23rd, 1916.

*"Sleep on, dear brother, in thy lonely grave
Your life for your country you nobly gave
No loved ones around you to bid you good-bye
But in God's own keeping you safely lie."*

From his loving Brothers and families, South Elmsall.

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MILITARY MEDALLISTS

The following further awards of the Military Medal to local soldiers for bravery in the field are gazetted:-

6_916 Sergeant W. I. Bonner, Notts and Derby Regiment (Leicester)
4_912 Private B. Chapman, Leicestershire Regiment (Whittlesea)
1__18 Lance-Corporal G. W. Crowder, Leicestershire Regiment (Ashby-de-la-Zouch)
40255 Private W. Edwards, Leicestershire Regiment (Clerkenwell)
12757 Private B. Faulkes, Leicestershire Regiment (Leicester)
241763 Lance-Corporal C. A. I. Flint, Leicestershire Regiment (Leicester)

IBSTOCK SOLDIER'S NOBLE EXAMPLE

A COMRADE'S APPRECIATION

An interesting letter has been received by Mrs Armston, of Station Road, Ibstock, concerning good work done by her son, Pte. Ronald Armston, of the Machine Gun Corps, now serving in France.



The letter is from a comrade who, writing from Oldbury, near Birmingham, says:
"You will no doubt be surprised to receive a letter from me, but I feel it a duty to write you on behalf of your dear son, Ronald. I know it will be a pleasure to you to hear of a few facts concerning Ronald's noble example for Christ in the army, and it is for that purpose I write you. Ronald and I met one another by him associating himself at the very outset with our Bible Class, which I was able to start by God's help a short while ago. Since then we have been great friends. He was a great help to us, always doing his best to bring new members to join us, and helping others by sending forth that blessed light his Master had given him. Many have tasted of true life and joy and others made better fellows through Ronald's courageous efforts for Christ. He was liked by everyone wherever he went, and it was hard parting when he went to France. We miss him very much. His ways were straight and upright, one who feared God and eschewed evil. I know it is hard for you now he is overseas, but let me say never do we forget him at the Bible Class in our prayer and never shall. I only wish we had more of

his kind. The world would be all the sweeter and I am certain of this that the life so glorious that he led in this country, so he will in France, and with a stronger determination to fight the battles of life, and by God's help he will come out more than conquer. With you, I pray that we shall be re-united once more with our loved ones, in a speedy time, with a victory that all humanity may inherit an everlasting and abiding peace."

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Bodle, T. Gunner	(October 28 th)
Bott, Horace, Pte.	(October 27 th)
Brown, C. E. Corpl.	(October 24 th)
Meakin, Pte.	(October 21 st)
Palmer, F.	(October 21 st)
Tansey, F. Sergt.	(October 24 th)
Walker, J. W. Pte.	(October 27 th)
Watson, J.	(October 26 th) "I have been admitted to hospital. I am being sent down to the Base."
White, S. E. G.	(October 27 th)

TURKEY SURRENDERS

DARDANELLES OPEN

AUSTRIA APPEALS FOR AMISTICE

Turkey has capitulated and Austria has expressed her willingness to surrender, and fighting will probably cease within a few hours. Turkey's surrender is unconditional. General Townshend, the hero of Kut, was liberated some days ago and went to the island of Mitylene to place the Turkish offer before Vice-Admiral Sir S. A. Gough-Calthorpe, the British commander in the Aegean Sea. Turkish plenipotentiaries arrived at Mudros early this week, and an armistice was signed on Wednesday night. The terms include the following:

Hostilities ceased at noon yesterday – A free passage through the Bosphorous to the Black Sea was opened to the Allied warships – The forts of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorous were occupied by landing parties in order to secure this passage – All the Allied prisoners of war are to be repatriated immediately.

There were loud cheers in the House of Commons yesterday when these terms were announced by Sir George Cave, in the absence of Mr Bonar Law.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

There are 208 men from Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s Engineering Works, Coalville, serving in the Forces?

BROOM LEYS HOSPITAL

A series of games was played at the Broom Leys V.A.D. Hospital on Tuesday night between the members of the Men's V.A.D. and the patients. The results were as follows:

Billiards: The soldiers won 3 games to 1. Scores, 377 and 223.

Draughts: Soldiers' won 15 games to 8.

Dominoes: Five games each.

Whist: Nine games to four (won by the soldiers).

SPORT

The war continues to take its toll of Leicestershire sportsmen. During the week news has been received that Pte. F. Bacon, a well-known runner and footballer in the Hinckley district has been killed in action. He was only 19 and a very promising youth. He was the youngest son of Mrs Bacon, widow, of Earl Shilton, whose four soldier sons all met with misfortune during September, two being severely wounded, a third developing fever and the fourth killed.

Another footballer to fall in action is Lance-Corporal Joseph Collier, of Ravenstone, news of whose death was received on Monday. He and his brother, Herbert, who has been wounded and is now in hospital in

France, were both prominent members of the Ravenstone Imperial F.C., and their father, the late Mr Samuel Collier, was also a prominent local sportsman, being captain of the Ravenstone cricket team and also associated with the football club.

Pte. Bert Hall, a well-known long distance runner, has been wounded in France.

Football enthusiasts in the Coalville district will remember Scoon, the popular half-back of Coalville Town, and will be interested to know that a letter has been received from him this week by Mr A. E. Johnson, chairman of the Town club. Scoon is in France and is quite well. He has been in the war right from the beginning, and though he has had some narrow escapes, and not a few exciting experiences he has so far come through it all without a scratch. He is attached to the Royal Engineers and in his letter mentions one little enterprise in which nine of them were engaged. He was the only one who came through safely, the other eight all being wounded or gassed. His many friends in this district will hope that the extraordinary luck which has attended to him so far will remain with him to the end, and that at no distant date we may see him back again, delighting the football crowds on the Waggon and Horses ground at Coalville, as in the old days.

The many friends of Mr W. H. Squires (chairman of the Fosse Football Club) will deeply regret to learn that he has suffered another bereavement in the death from influenza on Sunday of his son, Leonard, aged 16. Mr and Mrs Squires lost their eldest son, Duncan, in France, in 1916, and last year, Ida, their only daughter, died of meningitis.

FUNERAL OF MR FRED HENSON



The funeral took place at Hugglescote Cemetery, on Friday last of Mr Fred Henson, second son of Mr George Henson, butcher, of Belvoir Road. The service was conducted by Canon Broughton, the first portion being at the Parish Church. The chief mourners were, Mr G. Henson (father), Mr G. Henson jnr, (brother), Miss C. Henson (sister), Mr and Mrs Samuel Henson (uncle and aunt of Packington) and Mr and Mrs Chas. Henson (uncle and aunt of Leicester). There were several beautiful floral tributes, including one from the Coalville Butcher's Association, of which the deceased's father is a respected member.

The deceased, who was 31 years of age, and died from pneumonia, following influenza, only survived his wife by a few days, her death taking place from the same disease. Mr Fred Henson was formerly in the Royal Air Force, having been invalided after about 12 months' service. He always took a great interest in the Coalville Charity Parade

LOCAL MILITARY MEDALLISTS

The following have been awarded the Military Medal:

R/6484	A.B. F.E. Peake, R.N.V.R. (Leicester)
17389	Pte. G. E. Reeve, Leicestershire Regiment (Leicester)
47036	Pte. G. E. Roach, Leicestershire Regiment (Measham)
64474	Pte. H. Robinson, R.A.M.C. (Thringstone)
200783	Pte. S. Roe, Notts. and Derby Regiment (Stapleford)
9364	Sergt. H. J. Routledge, Yorkshire L.I. (Loughborough)
29346	Corpl. A. E. Searcy, East Yorkshire Regiment, (Market Harborough)
52461	Sergt. E. Smart, R.F.A. (Leicester)
79586	Pte. E. P. Smith, Durham Light Infantry (Leicester)
18177	Lance-Corpl. H. Thompson, Leicestershire Regiment (Burnley)
10665	Pte. W. J. Thornhill, Leicestershire Regiment, (London, N)
36251	Pte. B. E. Underhill, Leicestershire Regiment, Netherfield)
10400	Corpl. A. S. Warner, Leicestershire Regiment, (Loughborough)
41210	Pte. W. Warten, Royal Lancashire Regiment, (Loughborough)
419420	Pte. J. G. Webb, R.A.M.C. (Moir, Coalville)
123326	Gunner A. Wilbur, R.G.A. (Hinckley)

THRINGSTONE

PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

On Saturday evening a concert was held in the Thringstone Village Hall in aid of the Leicestershire Prisoners' of War Fund. The Vicar (the Rev. C. Shrewsbury) presided, and there was a large attendance, the hall being packed. Mr Oldham, of Loughborough, brought over a party who contributed to an excellent programme which also included two humorous sketches entitled, "Tea and Scandal," and "Betty's Blunder." It is anticipated that a good sum will be realised.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Official news received by Mrs Curtis, of Albert Villas, Ravenstone, states that her husband, Corporal Job Curtis, of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds on September 18th. He formerly worked at Snibston Colliery. The widow is left with five children.



Mr T. Walker, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote, on Thursday morning, received official news that his son, Pte. Bernard Walker, of the Yorkshire Regiment, died of pneumonia in France on October 12th. They also had a letter from Captain Dodsworth, whose orderly Walker was, speaking in the highest terms of him as a soldier and as a man. He says Walker was buried in the American military cemetery on the banks of the Soire with full military honours, a firing party of Americans being in attendance. Private Walker was 30 years of age and started life in the service of Canon Broughton, with whom he lived for five years. (Picture left)

Mr and Mrs J. Shaw, of 49, Highfields Street, Coalville, have received official news that their son, Private C. Shaw, of the Leicestershire Regiment, is in hospital in France suffering from a gunshot wound in the buttock. He has been four years in France and this is the third time he has been wounded.



The sad news has been received by Mr and Mrs Taylor, the Forest, near St. Bernard's Abbey, Coalville, that their son, Sergt. William Taylor, of the Leicesters, was killed in action on September 29th, 1918. He was a well-known lad on the Forest, and was much respected by all who knew him. When war broke out he was in camp with the Territorials and went to France in February 1915, and has seen nearly four years of active service. He has also won distinction for his many brave deeds. Only a few days before his death he was recommended for decoration. His death was a great blow to his mother and father, brother and sister, Rolla and Cissie, and he is greatly mourned by all who knew him. He was 24 years of age. Writing to Mrs Taylor, an officer states, "*We had reached our final objective on the 29th and were engaged in consolidating our ground when a shell splinter hit your son in the head. He was killed immediately and can have suffered no pain. He was buried two days afterwards in one of the villages he himself had helped to capture. He had been with me for more than two years and I had come to look upon him as a personal friend as well as an excellent N.C.O.*

The whole company mourn his death and I must convey to you their deepest sympathy in your loss. Only a few days previously I had recommended your son for a decoration. He single-handedly dealt with an enemy machine-gun which was holding up his platoon. This was only typical of his many brave deeds, and I can never replace him in my company."



Private Arthur Willett, Leicestershire Regiment, 32, whose widowed mother lives off Bardon Road, Coalville, is officially reported to have been killed in action on the 19th September. He worked at Bardon Quarries for some years, and left to go into the mines, being employed at Ellistown Collieries when he was called up about 18 months ago. He was once wounded and gassed. Two brothers are serving in the army. He was the eldest son of the family. (Picture left).

A letter from the Army Record Office received by Mrs Hill, of Main Street, Ravenstone, on Monday morning, stated that her son, Lance-Corporal Joseph Collier, of the Norfolk Regiment, was killed in action on October 8th. He enlisted on the outbreak of war when only 17 years of age and had been about 2 ½ years in France, having been four times wounded. He was 21 years of age last Good Friday, and returned to France that day, having been recalled when on his way home on leave. Before the war, he worked at Stableford's engineering works, Coalville, and like his father, the late Mr Samuel Collier, was a well-

known local footballer, playing for Ravenstone Imperial. He was also a member of the Rector's Bible Class at Ravenstone Church, and popular in the village.

Another son of Mrs Hill, Private Herbert Collier, has been wounded and is now in hospital at Rouen. He is 24 years of age and, like his brother, was formerly employed at Stableford's Works, Coalville.



Able-Seaman John Henry Storer, of the Royal Naval Division, has been killed in action by a shell. Before the war he resided with his mother at 23, Melbourne Road, Ibstock, and worked at the Ibstock Colliery. He had been married only three months before his death, and his young widow is living in London. He was 23 years of age and had been three years in the Forces. He was twice gassed. (Picture left).

Lance-Corporal G. Barker (Bagworth), Ptes. A. Armson, V. Cartwright (Ibstock), H. F. Briers, H. Cave, W. Hobbins, G. Knight, W. Lilley M.M., J. E. Sharp and T. Williamson (all of Coalville) L. Collier (Ashby), T. Dowell and F. W. Dowell (Thornton), D. Earp and W. J. Watret (Whitwick), S. Smith (Osgathorpe), T. W. Jarvis (Ellistown) and T. Lord (Hugglescote) all of the Leicestershire Regiment, have been wounded.

Official news has been received by Mr J. Orton, of 16, Leicester Road, Whitwick, that his adopted son, Pte. G. W. Underwood, was killed in action on September 24th.



He was one of the first to join up at the outbreak of war and before then, worked as a miner at the Whitwick Colliery, and his 22nd birthday has occurred since his death. He was in Ireland during the rebellion and since then has been in France for about two years. A letter from an officer states, *"I regret to tell you that Pte. G. W. Underwood was killed on September 24th whilst his battalion were making an attack on a village. The company to which he belonged made a glorious charge against great odds and obtained their objectives. It was while making a rush on a machine-gun that he met his death. The officers of 'A' Company and his comrades send you their deepest sympathy in your great loss."* (Picture left)

Mr and Mrs B. M. Wouldge, of the Lowlands Farm, Belton, are notified of the death of their youngest son, Sergeant Leonard B. Wouldge, in France. In conveying the sad news to the mother, the Major commanding the battalion, Machine Gun Corps, stated that deceased was killed in action on Sunday,

October 13th, death being instantaneous. His officer also said that he could not speak too highly of the character of Sergeant Wouldge, and further stated that his loss would be felt both in the field and social life of the company. Moreover, he had been recommended for gallantry as recently as October 2nd. As a lad deceased was attended the Belton School where he gained a 'Harley' scholarship, as well as one of the scholarships offered by the Leicestershire County Council. Accepting the former, he attended the Loughborough Grammar School for four years. After serving a year as student teacher at the Shepshed

Council School, he entered on a course of training at Saltley College, and it was while a student in his second year that he enlisted in the Royal Warwicks, later being transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. He left for France in August, 1916, was in Italy four months, and then returned to France. Soon after this he was awarded the Military Medal and special congratulations of his officers for gallantry and determination on July 31st, 1917, when in charge of a gun team he took up a position in front of the infantry, keeping his gun in action, thereby greatly assisting in breaking up an enemy counter-attack. Sergeant Woulidge was a man of fine physique, and a great favourite with all who knew him. He was home on leave in June, when he was in excellent health and fine spirits.



Private Arthur Ottey, second son of Mr and Mrs Sam Ottey, of Orchard Street, who was reported missing on 22nd August last, has now been officially reported as killed or died from wounds on the field. He was a member of the Ibstock Baptist Bible Class, and was well respected at Ibstock. Along with his brother he voluntarily enlisted in the 7th Leicesters in May, 1915. He had been wounded twice previously. He was 23 years of age and prior to enlistment worked at the Ibstock Colliery. (Picture left).

The Rev. and Mrs William Goacher, of London, formerly of Coalville, have suffered a great loss in the death of their younger son, Lance-Corporal Frank Goacher, who was killed in action in France, on September 21st. He had served in the West Surrey Regiment for two years and three months in France, during which he had been awarded the Croix de Guerre and Military Medal.

News has been received by Mr and Mrs A. E. Preston, 23, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, that their son, Pte. F. W. Preston, 11th Leicesters, has been wounded, and is now in hospital in Kent.

Pte. F. O. Hill, of North Street, Hugglescote, is in hospital in Bournemouth, suffering from severe gunshot wounds in the left hand.

Pte. G. H. Evans (Coalville) of the Leicestershire Regiment has been wounded.

Pte. R. Timmins (Ibstock) of the Leicestershire Regiment is reported missing.

ASHBY OFFICER AWARDED M.C.

Captain G. W. Tucker, son of Mr and Mrs H. Tucker, Tamworth Road, Ashby, has been awarded the Military Cross. He joined the 3rd Yorkshire Light Infantry as a private soldier soon after the war began.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Ottey, Orchard Street, Ibstock, wish to thank all friends for their sympathy in their sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of William Potter, R.N.D. killed in action, October 28th, 1917.

*"Sleep on, dear son, in a far-off grave,
A grave we may never see
But as long as life and memory live,
I will remember thee.*

*Nobly you answered your country's call
You gave your life for one and all
A loving son, true and kind
Leaves nothing but sweet memories behind."*

From his Mother, Father, Brother (in France) and Sister, Violet.

Sinope, Ravenstone.

In ever loving memory of Lance-Corporal Frank Goacher, who was killed in action on September 21st, youngest son of the Rev. William Goacher, of London (formerly of Coalville).

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

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private William Newbold, 9th Leicesters, who fell in action, October 31st, 1917, aged 23 years.

*"A loving son and brother dear
The fatal blow, it came severe
His loving smile and welcome face
No one on earth can fill his place."*

From his loving Mother, Father, and Brothers.

RAVENSTONE

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

A successful whist drive and dance was held at the Church School on Saturday evening in aid of the funds of the Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild. There was a large attendance, the schools being packed. Messrs. W. Hewes and G. Harris acted as M.C.'s for whist, and Messrs. W. J. Bagnall and A. Clarke for the dancing. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs Hewes, who was unwell, the music was supplied by the Rector, (the Rev. A. S. Dowling) assisted by Misses Hatton and Harris. Refreshments were served by a ladies' committee.

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COPT OAK

FUNERAL

The Vicar (Rev. H. K. Broad) officiated on Thursday at the funeral of Sergt. Crane who, after an illness extending over a long period, died at Copt Oak. He had for some time been recruiting sergeant at Shepshed, and was only 37 years of age. He leaves a widow and two young children.

ASHBY POLICE COURT

Samuel D. Moreton (30), soldier, Newton Burgoland, was summoned for the non-payment of 9/11 poor rate. P.C. Higgs said the soldier was in France, but when witness took the summons to the house, defendant's wife said she was responsible for the rate and would pay before the court day. George E. Compton, rate collector, Newton Burgoland, produced his books and proved the rate. In reply to the Bench, witness said the wife had two children, and had the separation allowance. She was also at work, leaving the children in charge of her neighbours. She might bring the money in if the case was adjourned for 14 days. The case was accordingly adjourned.

LOCAL NEWS

15743 Acting-Sergeant W. Tidmas, Leicestershire Regiment, (Leicester) has been awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. He set at all times a splendid example to the men of his platoon, and his coolness and courage were of great value to his company during a trying and critical time.

STREET NAMES

GERMAN CHANGED FOR ENGLISH AT LEICESTER

A meeting of the Leicester Town Council was held on Tuesday evening, the Mayor (Ald. North) presiding.

The name of Hanover Street was changed to Andover Street, Saxe-Coburg Street to Saxby Street, and Gotha Street to Gotham Street.

ALBERT MEDAL AWARDED CARLTON SOLDIER

Mr Charles Farren, tailor of Carlton, near Market Bosworth, has received the Albert Medal, awarded by the King of Belgium, to his late son, Sapper Joseph Collington Farren, of the Royal Engineers, who was killed in action last April. It is a bronze medal of pretty design and in a neat case. The inscription on the front is: "*For gallantry in saving life on land,*" and on the other side, "*Awarded by His Majesty in recognition of the gallantry of Sapper Joseph Collington Farren, R.E. in saving life in Flanders at the cost of his own life, on April 30th, 1918.*"

The gallant soldier, who was 25 years of age and formerly a guard on the London and North Western Railway, was in charge of an ammunition train which took fire, and he lost his life in trying to get the train to a place of safety.

LOCAL OFFICER WINS M.C.

Lieutenant R. Alcock, an old boy of the Whitwick National School, has been awarded the Military Cross. He is a son of Mr R. Alcock, of Leicester, formerly of St. Helen's Cottage, near the Forest Rock, and well-known as the agent for the Bagworth Farmer's Association. The young soldier joined up in September 1914.

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WAR NEWS

THE ARMISTICE

The Foreign Office at a late hour last night stated that there was no foundation for a report circulated earlier in the day that an armistice had actually been signed on the Western Front.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Lowe, S.	(November 3 rd)
Roberts, F. B.	(October 29 th)
Price, W. (Grenadier Guards)	(November 1 st)
Wainwright, E. W. Sergt. (Grenadier Guards)	(October 29 th)
White, S. E. G. Pte.	(November 3 rd)
Wild, W. J. Sapper	(October 31 st)

IBSTOCK

WEDDING

A very interesting wedding was celebrated on Monday last at Ibstock Baptist Chapel, the Rev. H. Cowling (pastor) officiating, the contracting parties being Miss Janet Hammond, a daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hammond, Chapel Street, Ibstock, and Sergt.-Major John Bullman, of Bulwell, Nottingham, who is on leave from France. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr John Hammond, of Coalville, wore a dress of champagne crepe de chine with velour to match, and the bridesmaids, Miss Sally Hammond (sister) and Miss Lillian Rudin (niece) wore pale blue silk dresses trimmed with swansdown, with hats to match. The bridegroom's brother attended as best man. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents, which included a case of ten knives from the staff at the Ibstock branch of the Co-Operative Society, of which Miss Hammond was a member.

COALVILLE SOLDIER IN GERMANY

“NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY”

Mrs T. Wilde, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote, have just received a letter from her husband, Pte. T. Wilde, of the Durham Light Infantry, who is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was formerly an assistant in the gents' outfitting department of the Coalville Co-Operative Society, and his many friends will be glad to know that he is well. The letter informs his wife that there is *“no cause for concern.”*

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

There were only three members present at the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night?

The proceedings at the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when 13 assented cases were dealt with, lasted only 13 minutes?

Every man from Ellistown serving in the forces is to have a Christmas gift of £1/1/- from the parishioners?

The recent whist drive and dance at Whitwick Holy Cross School, organised by Stableford's Recreation Club for Christmas gifts for men who have gone into the Forces from the Works, realised £41/10/0?

The recent whist drive and dance at the Coalville National School for Christmas gifts for men in the Forces who were formerly connected with the Christ Church, realised over £41?

Mrs Booth will open a jumble sale at the Thringstone Club tomorrow (Saturday) at 3 pm in aid of the Leicestershire Prisoners' of War Fund, and a dance will be held in the evening?

The splendid sum of £14 has been realised for the Ellistown Soldiers' and Sailors' Christmas Presents Fund by the sale of tickets for a rug which has been made and given by Mrs Newbold, of Whitehill, and was won by Mrs Fox, of Ibstock Road, Ellistown?

It is proposed to send from Ashby a Christmas gift of 10/- to every Ashby man serving in the Forces?

BROOM LEYS WAR HOSPITAL

The following concerts have been given with great success:

October 30th: Sister Bedlow, boys of the hospital assisted by Miss Anderson, Miss Astley and Mr Barton.

November 2nd: Sister Bedlow and boys of the hospital, also Miss Astley.

November 3rd: Mr Holmes and party.

After each concert the soldiers went to bed well pleased. They want “some more.”

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A meeting of this Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, when only three members were present, Messrs. C. W. Brown, M. McCarthy and C. H. Coleman, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr J. G. Jesson (clerk). Mr Brown was voted to the chair.

The clerk said there were 13 cases, and the Advisory Committee agreed to six or three months in them all.

Six months each was allowed in the following cases; Coalville solicitor, 35, Grade 1; chief clerk and cashier at South Leicestershire Colliery, 43, Grade 3; Coalville master baker, 41, Grade 2; Whitwick foreman bricklayer, 43, Grade 1; Coalville cycle and motor engineer, 43, Grade 1; Coalville baker, 42, Grade 2; and Coalville loom batten and shuttle maker, 33, Grade 1.

In the other cases, three months each was allowed, these being; Coalville colliery clerk (South Leicester), 38, Grade 3; Whitwick colliery weigh clerk, 37, Grade 3; Whitwick shoe bench hand, 23, single, Grade 3; Coalville Council employee, 36, Hugglescote; Donington-le-Heath bread deliverer, 42, Grade 3.

A Coalville baker, 42, Grade 2, wrote asking to be excused from Volunteer drills, pointing out that he was working for an aged employer and was putting in 13 or 14 hours a day and six hours on Sunday. He had to do deliveries as well as baking, and was often late getting home, after which he had the horse to see to. A member remarked that there were plenty of men working longer hours and some had had to close their businesses altogether. Another member said he thought the case deserved consideration, but the application was refused.

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

A meeting of the Ashby Rural District Tribunal was held at the Clerk's Office, on Saturday afternoon, Mr T. Varnham presiding. There were also present, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Messrs. J. T. Bradshaw, H. M. Cuthbert, J. Rice and A. Riley, with Captain Stevenson (National Service representative) and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

Twelve applications were dealt with, which Captain Stevenson said disposed of all the cases up to date. In all cases periods of exemption were given.

Six months each was allowed a Swannington butcher, Measham shoe factory director and manager, Measham boot manufacturer, Oakthorpe baker, Newton Burgoland grocer (subject to two days a week at work of national importance in this case), and a Coleorton Hall butler, in Grade 3.

Each of the following got three months: Two Measham bakers, Appleby agricultural worker (subject to six days a week at work of national importance), Measham pressman and a Donisthorpe licensed victualler, who is working six days a week on a farm.

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LOCAL CASUALTIES

Sergeant Harry Sharp of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose parents reside at Hermitage Road, Coalville, has been admitted to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds in the buttock. A letter from a friend describes how Sharp was hit when taking part in an attack. He lay wounded until a platoon runner found him and carried him in and bound up the wound amidst a hail of bullets. The soldier writes to his parents from Glasgow hospital saying he has to undergo an operation, but they must keep smiling. He thinks the war will soon be over.

Mr and Mrs William Bradshaw, of 5, Gutteridge Street, Coalville, have received news that the youngest of their four soldier sons, Lance-Sergeant Albert Cecil Bradshaw, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action on October 11th. He had been in the war almost from the commencement, being one of the "Coalville First Fifty." Before the war he worked at Stableford's where his father has been employed for many years. Deceased was 23 years of age and was married when home on leave last January. He was one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road School, and a member of the Coalville Wesleyan Church.

Private J. H. Bullen, M.M., has arrived in Coalville, and is now living with his parents, Mr and Mrs Matthew Bullen, Eaton Villa, Highfields, while waiting to go into hospital for his artificial limbs, Pte. Bullen having lost both legs 15 months ago whilst engaged in the fighting.

An official communication to Mr Thomas Wills, of Hugglescote, states that his son, Pte. Wm. Wills, of the Leicesters is in hospital at Rouen with a wounded knee. This is the second time that Pte. Wills has been wounded in action. He is 22 years of age, and has served in the Army over four years. Before the war he was employed at Messrs. Walker's hosiery factory at Belgrave, Leicester.

Pte. Edwin Arnold Briers, R.A.F., eldest son of Mr Edwin Briers, Shepshed, has died in training after a few weeks' service. He was not quite 18.

The death is announced of Private W. Rollestone, third son of Mr Wm. Rollestone of Melbourne Road, Ibstock, which occurred at Newhaven on Saturday last from influenza. He had just returned to camp after

having been at home convalescent from wounds sustained in action on the Western Front. He was a private soldier in 2nd Royal Sussex, and previous to joining up worked at Ibstock Collieries. This is the second son that Mr and Mrs Rolleston have lost during the war, and they have two more sons in the Forces, one in France and the other in training in England.

Pte. Albert Marlow of the 1/5th Leicesters, 24 years of age, enlisted soon after the outbreak of war. He was seriously wounded recently in the face. On the eve of being discharged he died of sickness in a military hospital. He was buried at Ibstock Cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Solomon, of Measham, and the coffin was borne by the following ex-soldiers, viz., Messrs. W. Robertson, W. Smith, T. Bradshaw, E. Barrass, T. Mee, F. Osborne, W. Weston and T. James. A photo of the deceased will appear in our next issue.

Pte. C. Batson, of the Manchester Regiment, has been admitted to hospital at Rouen, suffering from a severe gas shell wound. He formerly resided at 40, North Street, Hugglescote.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Marlow, Ibstock, wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for wreaths sent, and for expressions of sympathy with them on the death of their son, Pte. Albert Marlow, who died of sickness in a Military Hospital.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of two brothers, Jake Clarke Andrews (Lance-Corporal 1st Bedfordshire Regiment) who was killed in action, November 7th, 1914, at Ypres, aged 23 years, and George Thomas Andrews, (Private, 5th Leicestershire Regiment) who was killed in action, July 23rd, 1915, at Ypres, aged 20 years.

*"For faith, for liberty and truth,
They offered up their stalwart youth
They fell in strife, that peace might reign
Throughout the tortured world again,
They died – if it were death to give
Their lives – that all they loved, might live."*

"In the midst of life we are in death."

From their loving Father, Mother, Sister and Brothers.
Ravenstone.

In loving memory of my dear Will (Sergt. S. W. Taylor) 1/5th Leicesters, who fell in action, September 29th, 1918.

"He nobly did his duty"

"A sorrow too deep for words"

From his loving Sarah.

In loving memory of our dear friend, Sergeant S. W. Taylor, 1/5th Leicesters, who fell in action, September 29th, 1918.

*"He nobly did his duty
In a hero's grave he lies
A loving friend, true and kind
Leaves nothing but sweet memories behind."*

From Mr and Mrs Wallam, Daisy and Albert.

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Joseph R. Ward, 12th Royal Sussex Regiment, who fell in action, November 13th, 1916, aged 19 years.

*"A loving son and brother dear
The fatal blow it came severe
His loving smile and welcome face
No one on earth can fill his place.*

*This day brings back our memory
Of him who was called to rest
And those who think of him to lay
Are those who loved him best."*

From his Father and Mother and Brothers and Sisters

In loving memory of Rifleman Ernest Willett, King's Royal Rifle Corps, who died of wounds in France on November 9th, 1916.

*"We often sit and think of him
And wonder if he is dead
It seemed so hard for us to part
And never said Good-bye.*

*But God is good; he gives us peace
To bear our heavy loss
He is the only one who knows
How bitter is our loss."*

Inserted by his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters.

DEATH

McClumpha – Killed in action October 24th, Private Charles McClumpha, Black Watch, the dearly beloved only son of Mr and Mrs Anthony McClumpha, 217 East Park Road, Leicester, aged 26 years.

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THE ARMISTICE

RETIREMENTS BEGIN

The advance of the Allies into the territories redeemed from the Hun has begun. On Sunday the French flag will fly over Alsace and Lorraine. At the same time there is need for caution on the part of the Allies as there are indications that the move towards surrendering the fleet might possibly be a trap. The control of the soldiers' councils is incomplete, a desire to raise difficulties is apparent, and acts of violence and pillage are still committed. In these circumstances the immediate withdrawal of British troops from the front is impossible. Demobilisation must be a matter of time.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Barratt, F. Corpl, E.E.F.	(October 10 th)
Hill, John, Pte.	(November 9 th)
Hubbard, T. Gunner, (262124)	(November 6 th)
Mayne, C. (Tank Corps)	(November 4 th)
Rawlings, W. H. Pte. (2 nd Manchesters)	(November 8 th)
Tansey, F. Sergt.	(November 4 th)

White, S. E. G. Pte.
Wildgoose, G. H. Sergt. M.M.

(November 10th)
(November 7th)

ASHBY URBAN COUNCIL

The monthly meeting was held on Monday when Mr Alfred Stimson presided.

Before commencing the business, the chairman said he thought they would all agree that some reference should be made to the termination of the great war. That would be a memorable day in history, and he thought that there should be placed on the minutes, the thanks to Almighty God for His wonderful deliverance. Ashby's death toll was a terrible one, and he hoped that later some worthy or permanent memorial would be erected to the fallen heroes, who had laid down their lives for their country and for the welfare of mankind.

HUGGLESCOTE

R.A.O.B. WHIST DRIVE

On Saturday evening, a whist drive and dance, arranged by the R.A.O.B. were held in the Hugglescote Church School in aid of the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Christmas Presents Fund. There was a good attendance. Messrs. W. Fletcher and T. W. Underwood were M.C.'s for whist, and B. McHugh and A. Taylor for dancing, Mr J. H. Dean being the pianist.

COALVILLE OFFICER WINS M.C.

Lieutenant F. W. F. Willshee, of the Machine Gun Corps, has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery in action. He is a son of Mr Willshee, of Woodville, and before joining the army was a clerk in the London City and Midland Bank at Coalville.

ANOTHER WHITWICK MILITARY MEDALLIST

Corporal T. Bailey, is another Whitwick soldier to be awarded the Military Medal. His home is at Leicester Road, Whitwick.

NEWBOLD VERDON SERGEANT'S HONOURS

Sergeant Walter Preston, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, who recently won the French Medaille Militaire and Croix de Guerre with Palms, of the 1st Class, has now been awarded the Military Medal. Sergeant Preston is a native of Newbold Verdon, Leicestershire, and is now home on leave.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The Secretary of the Local Government Board and the Ministry of National Service announce that the Government has decided that all recruiting under the Military Service Acts is to be suspended. All outstanding calling-up notices, whether for medical examination or service are cancelled. All cases pending before Tribunals should be suspended.

CONCERTS AT BROOM LEYS

A capital concert was given to the soldiers at the Broom Leys Hospital, on Wednesday evening by the Coalville Progressive Orchestra Society. Mr A. Lockwood presided, and the programme included selections by the orchestra, and songs by Miss Johnson and Mr S. Walker, all of which were much applauded. Miss Beniston was the pianist. Mr W. Hurst moved a vote of thanks to the performers, and the soldier heartily signified their approval. The "blue boys" also enjoyed a concert given on Sunday evening which included capital songs by Miss Smalley, Miss Wright, Mr and Mrs W. Smith, Miss Smith and Mr Harrison. Miss Astley was the pianist.

IBSTOCK OFFICER'S BRAVERY

In the Army Orders of General Sir Edward Plumer, commanding the Second Army, dated October 23rd, 1918, appears the name of 2nd Lieut. R. V. Moore, 2/15th London Regiment, as having been awarded the Military Cross. Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Benke reports that *"during the attack on Messines on 28th September, 1918, this officer led three fighting patrols with conspicuous gallantry against the enemy strongpoint. By his skill, coolness and initiative, he successfully cleared the enemy trenches and thereby enabled a further advance to be made later in the day. He was with the leading line in this later attack on the ridge at Messines and acted with great coolness in leading his platoon, and re-organising at each stage."* 2nd Lieutenant Moore is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Joel Moore, of Ibstock Collieries Ltd, and joined up soon after the outbreak of war.

IBSTOCK

Mr R. Gray, the town crier made a tour of the village on Monday, announcing that the armistice with the Germans had been signed at 5 am, and that fighting ceased at 11 am. On his way he made a collection, the proceeds of which, £10/15/1 he generously handed over (per Mr Dunstan) to Mrs Sykes, hon. secretary of Patriotic Committee, to be used in helping to provide Christmas presents for local soldiers at the Front.

PARISH CHURCH

A special memorial service was conducted by the Rector on Sunday evening last to commemorate all those who had fallen in the war from Ibstock parish. The Rector read out a lengthy list of names, and the service consisted of part of the burial service, and was according to a recently approved form for such occasions. The Rector, in the course of the sermon spoke of the great sacrifices which had been made during the war and urged that it was laid upon all who were left to live more worthily in the spirit of fortitude. Mr W. Dunstan played the Dead March (Saul) and there was a large congregation present.

On Monday evening a special thanksgiving service was held at which there were representatives from all the Free Churches in the parish. A special feature of the service was that of the choir singing in processional order down the south aisle, and back to the chapel through the central aisle. The Rector addressed the congregation from the chancel steps on the great news received of a cessation of hostilities and that the cause of right and justice had triumphed over might. The Rector expressed a hope that the nation would work as unitedly in the tremendous task of reconstruction lying in front of them as they had done in winning the war.

PRISONERS IN GERMANY

INDIVIDUALLY ADDRESSED PARCELS STOPPED

Arrangements have been made by the Central Prisoners of War Committee with the War Office, Foreign Office, and Ministry of Shipping, to send over to Holland and Denmark, ample supplies of food, clothing and medical comforts.

These are available for prisoners arriving in Denmark and Holland, and will also be sent forward to prisoners in Germany as means become available. All parcels individually addressed to prisoners of war from this country have been stopped, because information available shows that there is no chance of them reaching the prisoners.

HOCKEY

HUGGLESCOTE LADIES PLAY SOLDIERS

Hugglescote ladies' hockey team played a team of soldiers from the Broom Leys Hospital on Mr Willn's ground at Hugglescote on Saturday afternoon, when the soldiers won a pleasant game by three goals to two. Mr L. L. Baldwin, of Coalville, acted as referee. After the match, the soldiers and others from Broom Leys, with the Matron, were entertained by the hockey ladies to tea in the Hugglescote Baptist School, and a social evening followed, which was much enjoyed by all. One of the soldiers moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for their hospitality, and this was heartily accorded. Miss Gladys Fellows (captain) suitably replied.

BARDON HILL

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the late Private A. Willett, was held at St. Peter's Church, Bardon Hill, on Sunday night, and the large congregation included representatives from the "Loyal Eadie" Lodge, G.U.O.O.F. of which Private Willett was secretary. He was also secretary of the Bardon Football Club, and several members of this were present. Special hymns and a psalm were sung and the Rev. E. Pillifant (vicar) preached "Shadows we leave behind us."

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MORE WOUNDED ARRIVE AT COALVILLE

Another batch of seventeen wounded soldiers arrived at Coalville, on Monday afternoon by the 3.25 train from the Base Hospital at Leicester. They were met at the station by Commandants B. Morris and W. V. Scott of the V.A.D. and conveyed to the Broom Leys Hospital in a brake by Messrs. E. Briers and Son, of Whitwick. The boys in blue were sporting the national colours and were evidently in the highest of spirits.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mrs Freeman, of Hermitage Road, Whitwick, has received news that her son, Private Herbert Freeman, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been killed in action. He was 22 years of age, and formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery. A brother of the deceased soldier, Pte. R. Freeman, also of the Leicesters, has been missing for over 12 months.

George Draycott, the Fosse left back, is reported killed in action. He had not been overseas long, and the news will be read with regret by his club mates, although for some time there has been a persistent rumour to the same effect. He played many useful games at back for Fosse, where he was a reliable and sturdy partner to Currie, and he rendered the Fosse club valuable service. His wife is living in Leicester.

Temporary Captain Tucker, a son of Mr and Mrs Tucker, of Tamworth Road, Ashby, is in hospital at Rouen, having been wounded. It was only a short time ago that the officer was awarded the Military Cross.



Mr William Collier, hairdresser, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, and Mrs Collier on Monday received news of the death of their only son, Private J. W. T. Collier, of the Royal Engineers. A sister in charge, writing from a hospital in France states that the soldier was admitted to the hospital in an unconscious state, suffering from influenza. He never regained consciousness and passed peacefully away at 10 pm the following day (November 6th). He had been buried in a British cemetery. The nurse expresses deep sympathy and stated that everything possible was done for him. In the course of a letter from a chaplain, the writer stated, *"I know what it is to pass through this kind of sorrow, and mere words seem nothing, but believe me, you have my sincere sympathy. I pray that God will give you strength to bear this sacrifice in a spirit worthy of your dead hero, who followed in the steps of his Master by giving his life as a willing sacrifice for the good of others."* Private Collier was 21 years of age and had been three years in the army. He went to France two years last September. Before joining the colours, he was an assistant in the Coalville Co-Operative Society's grocery

department at Hugglescote.

News has been received that Lieut. John Stanley Wilson, R.A.F. was killed in action while engaged in aerial combat on the Western Front, on September 29th. He was a son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Wilson, of Edmonton, Canada, and joined the Canadian Forces in 1916, having spent two years on the Western Front before taking his commission in the R.A.F. He was a nephew of Mr A. L. Bertenshaw, of Bakewell Street, Coalville, and was recently on leave at Coalville, being killed the day after his return.



Private Albert Marlow of the 1/5th Leicesters, 24 years of age, enlisted soon after the outbreak of war. He was seriously wounded recently in the face. On the eve of being discharged he died of sickness in a military hospital. He was buried at Ibstock Cemetery last week. (Picture left).

News has reached the parents of the death in action on October 20th, in France, of Private Thomas Thacker, who enlisted on April 17th, 1918, at the age of 21, in the 3rd Leicesters, and was afterwards transferred to the Cambridgeshire Regiment. His parents formerly resided at Belton, and now live at 115, Meadow Lane, Coalville, where they received a letter from the Rev. Charles Taylor, C.E. sympathising with them in their loss. This is now the tenth death from the village of Belton.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Rolleston and Family, Melbourne Road, Ibstock, wish to thank all friends for their sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Mr and Mrs Marlow, Ibstock, wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for wreaths sent, and for expressions of sympathy with them on the death of their son, Pte. Albert Marlow, who died of sickness in a Military Hospital.

Mr and Mrs W. F., and Mrs A. C. Bradshaw, desire to thank all friends most sincerely for their kind sympathetic letters of condolence in the sad loss of a dear son and loving husband.
5, Gutteridge Street, Coalville, November 13th, 1918.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Alfred Talbot Richardson, who died from wounds received in action in France, November 11th, 1917.

*"On the resurrection morning,
Soul and body meet again
No more sorrow, no more parting
No more pain."*

From his loving Wife and Children, (Emma and Mary).
Crescent Road, Hugglescote

In loving memory of Alfred Talbot Richardson, who died from wounds received in action in France, November 11th, 1917.

"He laid his richest gift on the altar of duty – his life."

"Peace, perfect peace."

From his loving Mother
Northampton

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal Frank Marlow, killed in action, October 10th, dearly loved only son of George and Agnes Marlow, of Ravenstone.

*"Our life is but a fading dawn
It's glorious noon how quickly past
Lead us, O Christ, when all is gone.
Safe home at last."*

HOSTILITIES CEASE

ARMISTICE SIGNED ON MONDAY – GERMANY WELL BEATEN

GREAT REJOICINGS

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the fifth year of the Great War, the clash of arms ceased. The signing of the armistice with Germany at 5 am on Monday morning preceded by six hours the virtual termination of "the cruellest and most terrible war that has ever scourged mankind." Mr Lloyd George added to this designation on Monday an expression of the universal hope that the signing of the terms marked the end of all wars.

The armistice will be in force 36 days; that there is an option to extend, and within that time the Germans have to leave Belgium, Alsace-Lorraine and Luxemburg and retire to a line about six miles beyond the Rhine, with territory between that line and the Rhine to be a neutral zone. They have to leave in the hands of the Allied and United States forces, 5,000 guns, 30,000 machine guns, 2,000 aeroplanes, 3,000 locomotives and sundry other material, while our army of occupation in the Rhine territories will be maintained at German cost.

The naval clauses include the surrender of all submarines, six battle cruisers, ten battleships, eight light cruisers, 50 destroyers and other craft and the Allies reserve the right to occupy Heligoland. The treaties of Bucharest and Brest-Littovsk to be abandoned. Russian, Rumanian and other territory in the east is to be evacuated by the Germans and all gold and securities taken from Belgium, Russia and Rumania, returned at once.

All prisoners of war are to be returned by Germany, though the Allies will, for the time being, retain the German prisoners in their hands. The blockade of Germany is to continue but the Allies and United States contemplate the provisioning of Germany during the armistice should that be necessary.

The Kaiser has abdicated and gone to Holland, and Little Willie has also renounced his title to the throne. What will be done with them and their arch-conspirators remains yet to be seen. Several other German royalties have also abdicated.

The new German Government is made up of representatives of the Socialist and middle-class parties of the late Majority Group. The Constitution Assembly which is to be formed will decide whether a Socialist Republic or a monarchy will be formed.

When hostilities ceased on the western front at 11 o'clock on Monday morning, British troops were in possession of Mons and had reached a point four miles east of the town. The anxiously awaited news of the signing of the armistice was received with great rejoicing throughout the country, the feelings of a nation finding expression in an outburst of enthusiasm which had no parallel in history.

HOW THE GLAD TIDINGS WERE RECEIVED IN COALVILLE

THE TOWN A BLAZE OF COLOUR

WORKS, SCHOOLS AND PLACES OF BUSINESS CLOSED

SCENES OF GREAT ENTHUSIASM

The atmosphere in Coalville on Monday morning was electric. It was, of course, generally known that the time limit allowed the Germans by Marshal Foch expired at eleven o'clock, and long before that hour, crowds waited on the street anxious to be among the first to hear the news. Many of them were colliers who had been working in the mine all night, but in such momentous circumstances, going to bed was out of the question. Mingled in the crowds were women and children – many with husbands, sons, sweethearts and fathers at the Front – all eager to know the result, while the boys in blue from the Broom Leys Hospital, as

well as many men at home on leave wearing the naval and military uniforms were also there in a state of great expectancy.

The good news came about eleven o'clock. Exactly how it first reached the town is not quite clear, but it spread like wildfire. Telephones were going everywhere, "buzzers" began to sound, and soon it became evident that the long-wished for peace had arrived at last. There was no mistaking the gladness to be seen on everybody's countenance. Wounded soldiers cheered and went about the town, some of them pushing disabled comrades, all singing and displaying the most buoyant spirits. Women embraced each other and one could hear them frequently remarking, *"Well, we don't care now the fighting is over, we know THEY won't be in danger."*

Flags appeared as if by magic, and soon the town was a blaze of colour. They were hoisted on the colliery headstocks, on the clubs, the churches, banks, theatres, and at places of business, while in some streets there was hardly a house which did not display a flag.

It was a great day for the children. Schools were closed and soon the youngsters were parading the streets singing and many of them carrying miniature flags. Some of the little tots had been born since the war started, and though not realising, perhaps, to the full all that peace means, they were none the less enthusiastic. Said one little chap of four years, *"Master, can we buy apples and sweeties now without having to pay such a lot of money?"* That was how the great event appealed to one little innocent fellow.

More significant was the remark of a bigger lad about ten years old. Said he, with beaming countenance, *"Master, the war's over."* *"And are you glad?"* was the good-humoured rejoinder, to which the lad emphatically replied as he went joyfully on his way, *"I am, because now my dad is coming home again."* It was, indeed, a great day for such as he.

There was a cheery scene at Coalville Station when the mid-day train for Leicester arrived. The engine proudly carried a flag, and as the train pulled up in the station, school boys and girls from Ashby, were all leaning from the windows waving flags. The news had reached Ashby, and the children at once had been given a holiday.

By mid-day, Coalville had quite a holiday appearance. Several business establishments had been closed, and factory girls paraded the streets arm in arm in merry mood. Wootton's workmen were out long before the dinner hour and though Stableford's men went back again at two o'clock, work was out of the question, and at 2.30 the "buzzers" sounded cease work for the day.

Many of the men due at the pits on the night shift on Monday declared their intention of staying away for one night at any rate, and at some of the pits notice was given that Tuesday would be observed as a holiday. Owing to the coal shortages, notices were posted at two or three of the collieries that work was to go on as usual, but, as a colliery official remarked to the writer, *"Surely an event of this sort will stand one day's holiday."* Hence, many of the Leicestershire miners were off duty on Tuesday.

On Monday evening, the Coalville streets were again thronged with joyous crowds. The lighting restrictions were relaxed, police having intimated that blinds need not be drawn and this afforded a pleasant contrast to what has prevailed in the Coalville district during the last four years, when on dark nights people have had to grope their way about. It seemed as though nature, too, was in accord with the joy that was in everybody's heart. It was a lovely moonlight night, and in striking contrast to the damp, foggy atmosphere generally experienced at this time of the year. All the local special constables were out on duty, but their task in dealing with the crowds was not an onerous one. If jolly, everybody was orderly, the predominant spirit being one of thankfulness for a great deliverance.

Shopkeepers dealing in fireworks did a roaring trade, and their stocks were speedily bought up. Happy boys no longer feared the man in blue, who turned a blind eye to the promiscuous throwing of crackers, and there were sky rockets galore, and several bonfires. Merry peals were rung on the church bells at Hugglescote and Whitwick.

The same happy spirit pervaded the town again on Tuesday. Stableford's men went to work, but came out again after breakfast, as also did the factory girls. The Coronation Band was out, and the town generally had a holiday appearance. It was Thursday morning before work was resumed at Stableford's and some of the other works.

At Ibstock on Monday, in connection with the signing of the armistice, there was a display of flags and bunting. The local works and collieries continued at work.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Services of thanksgiving for peace were heard at several of the churches in the Coalville district.

At the Whitwick Parish Church on Monday night there was a large congregation than can be remembered on any other occasion, the church being packed, and chairs used in the aisles. The congregation included members of all the local denominations. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) conducted the service, which opened with the hymn, "Now thank we all our God." Prayers of thanksgiving were said, followed by a Te Deum and a short portion of Scripture. There was no sermon, but the Vicar gave a short address. The closing hymn was, "O God, our help in ages past," and the National Anthem was sung. By request of certain members of the congregation, a collection was made, and realised £6/9/1 ½, which it was decided, should be devoted to the church war memorial fund. The service was very impressive and was preceded for an hour by a merry peal on Whitwick's fine old bells, which had also been rung at intervals during the day.

A service was held at Christ Church, Coalville, on Monday night, and was attended by a good congregation. It was impressively conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Hosking) and included appropriate prayers, Psalms and hymns. The thanksgiving will be continued on Sunday.

Thanksgiving meetings have also been held at the Coalville Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Wills, and are to continue on Sunday.

At the Bardon Hill Church on Monday night the Rev. E. Pillifant (Vicar) conducted a thanksgiving service, which was well-attended, and there was a similar service at St. Christopher's Church, Ellistown, on Wednesday evening, conducted by the Rev. E. R. Terry (Vicar) and there was a similar service on Wednesday night at St. James' Church, Snibston, conducted by the vicar, the Rev. F. W. Atkins.

NO MORE WORK FOR TRIBUNALS

In the House of Commons on Tuesday night, Mr Bonar Law, in answer to Sir D. Maclean (Peebles) said that instructions would be sent to the Tribunals to entirely suspend their activities. Mr Bonar Law, answering a further question, said that he thought the calling up notices would also be suspended.

COALVILLE COUNCILLORS SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

A VOTE OF SYMPATHY WITH THE BEREAVED

A special meeting of the Coalville Urban Council was convened for Tuesday evening to consider the County Isolation Hospital Scheme, and the question of making a grant from a general fund to the Leicestershire Prisoners of War effort an appeal having been made by the High Sherriff for £30,000.

Mr McCarthy, J.P., presided, and there were also present, Messrs. B. G. Hale, J.P., W. Fellows, J.P., J. W. Farmer, T. Kelly, A. Lockwood, A. J. Briers, T. Y. Hay, R. Blower, C. W. Brown and F. Griffin, with the officials.

The chairman opened the meeting by saying, "*Thanks be to God, we have peace. They can call it an armistice or what they like.*" He invited any of the members who wished, to say a few words.

Mr Fellows said they had hardly had time to digest it. The most readable rejoicing that he had seen was in the faces of the women. As he walked along the street on the previous day, and looked at some of the women, he felt that their eyes absolutely spoke. But perhaps those who appreciated peace most were the wounded soldiers. They knew what a hell it had all been. All were glad that the end had come, and perhaps they would be better able to express their feelings when they had had a bit more time to digest it.

Mr J. W. Farmer moved that in view of the armistice having been signed, the Council transact no business that night, but adjourn the meeting for a week. In one way, this was a time for rejoicing, but it was also a time for private thanksgiving in all due reverence. When they thought of the position six months ago, it seemed as

if they had practically lost the war, or very nearly; today, they had won the war and Right had triumphed. There was no doubt about them having won the war; and as representatives of the public it was up to them now not to sacrifice what they had won but they must do their best to carry on the affairs of the country as they should be carried on (cheers).

Mr T. Y. Hay, seconding the motion for adjournment, said he was sure they were all glad that they had peace, perfect peace. They had had nearly 4 ½ years of very heavy fighting and the British Empire had risen to the occasion. They started with a very small army, but now had an army of 8 ½ million of fighting men. The leading men of the country had worked together in the great cause, and had done well, and it had been shown how great and mighty was the British Empire, properly controlled. When they thought of last July, none of them thought they would be in such a position that night. He thought then that there was another year of fighting in front of them, but he never doubted that they would win. They were fighting against a brute and against a cruel nation – for a great number of the German people were as bad as the Kaiser – but he always believed that we should conquer. Now that the war was over they all felt thankful, and they also could not help thinking of the thousands of noble young men who had made the greatest sacrifice for the nation. When the boys came back, it would be hard for the parents, the brothers and the sisters of the lads who had lost their lives on the battlefield, and for these they all felt grieved. But the sacrifice had been made for the Empire, and they would say of the noble dead that they were thankful and proud that they had such young men who would give their lives for their country. The war had revealed a splendid spirit among the people of the country. Rich and poor alike had done their best, and in the days to come he hoped there would be no hatred or malice, but that all would be responsible and try to make theirs the happiest and one of the finest nations in the world (cheers).

Mr B. G. Hale said there was no doubt they had won the war, but he thought it was too soon yet to be altogether jubilant. If the Germans faithfully carried out the terms of the armistice within the allotted time, all would be well, but it must be borne in mind that we were dealing with a treacherous, lying and hypocritical people, and he thought that before being too jubilant, they should wait and see that the conditions were carried out. Then they would be absolutely safe. The war had been a terrible time of trial, but he felt more intensely that with all its sacrifices, trials and tortures, the war would prove to be one of the greatest blessings to this country that had been seen in her history. It would not only touch the people against whom they had been fighting that Might could not always prevail, but it would have the effect of cementing a friendship between this country and other countries of the world, who would look up to Britain and her Allies with pride and pleasure, and we should stand on a higher footing than ever we had done before (cheers).

Mr C. W. Brown said he had been dubbed an optimist right from the beginning, and he was still an optimist. He felt certain in his own mind that the war was won and he was pleased because it meant the defeat of militarism. It had been said many times that human nature could not be changed, but he believed this would be the right means of changing the German nature. Right from the cradle to the grave, the Germans had been saturated with militarism, and with them it was the only thing that mattered. But he believed now that that spirit would be killed. When they could get people to throw over such ideals which they had had for as many years, it was a good sign. Since he was elected on the Tribunal, he had been accused of being a militarist, but his object had never been to send all and sundry, his idea in accepting the office was that he thought it a good chance of assisting to deal fairly between one and another (hear, hear). He had never been in favour of militarism, and had come to the conclusion that war had got to go. If the race for armaments was to be continued, the world would not be safe to live in. Unless the race for armaments was finished, he failed to see how any nation could be prosperous again. He believed that the experience of the last four years would teach them that lesson, and make them realise that international, as well as national, affairs must be settled by arbitration; that there was something better than killing (hear, hear). He concluded by expressing sympathy with the relatives of the fallen.

Mr A. Lockwood said they were all overjoyed. They could not find words to express all they felt in regard to the rapid change which had come in our favour in regard to the war situation. They could hardly realise yet what it all meant. The war had hampered the Council in their work and they had a lot of leeway to make up. With the dawn of peace there would be greater scope for their activities and in the reconstruction which was to take place they hoped to play their part. Reference had been made to the sacrifices which had been made, and he agreed that it would take a lot to heal broken hearts, but though many of their finest young fellows were dead, he thought he could say that they still lived in the middle of them all (hear, hear). He hoped there would be much progress in the future. They had seen how kings had been dethroned because they had not striven to further the interests of the common people. That sort of thing was bound to find its

own level. It was only in seeking to promote the interests of the common people that real progress would be made (cheers).

Mr Blower said he was not going to be a pessimist now. He was glad that the end had been reached and he thought the leaders who had dealt so successfully with the Germans during the past few months could be trusted to accomplish what was necessary. It had been his pleasure to see a few countries in the world, and he had never been to a country where an Englishman had not been welcome. He had always been proud of being an Englishman, but never more proud than he was that day (cheers). Their men had been fighting to maintain the freedom which their forefathers won, and they should all show their appreciation. They had some people in England even now who grumbled at the least sacrifice they were called upon to make, but he hoped there would be an end to grumbling, and that they would show to the bereaved a spirit of the appreciation they felt in regard to the sacrifice their loved ones had made. He hoped that the freedom which had been won might be to them some consolation for the losses they had sustained (cheers).

Mr F. Griffin said the result of the war had proved to the world what British tenacity could do. They were grateful for what had been accomplished. They were never in doubt, but did not like to boast. The only thing that had troubled them was what it was going to cost in human life to accomplish it.

The resolution to adjourn the meeting was carried, but before it was put into effect, Mr Farmer moved that the Council place on record a vote of sympathy with the relatives of all the men, who had fallen in the war. Mr Briers, seconding, said the sacrifice they had made was great in the extreme. These men did not go to fight because they liked fighting, but because they thought it was right. He added, *"Let us prove ourselves worthy of the sacrifices they have made."* (Hear, hear). The resolution was carried by the members rising from their seats.

Mr Fellows mentioned the lighting of the street lamps, and Mr Farmer (chairman of the Gas Committee) said the manager had the matter in hand. Lamps were to be lighted at certain points and next week they hoped to resume half the normal lighting.

The chairman said he hoped that people would not take it there was no need to still practice economy in regard to lighting. It meant coal, and there was still a coal shortage, and he hoped they would all still economise.

Before dispersing, the members stood up and sang "The National Anthem" and at the call of the chairman, gave three hearty cheers for King George.

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Sadly, this issue of the Coalville Times is not in the archives.

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IBSTOCK

At a recent meeting of the Ibstock Ladies' Patriotic Committee the sum of three guineas was handed in by Mrs T. B. Wain, being part proceeds of the Station Road private dancing class towards the fund for the local soldiers' and sailors Christmas parcels. In connection with the same fund, Mrs W. J. Lovell, Mayoress of Leicester, has kindly given per Mrs J. T. Jacques (Ibstock) life-sized jointed doll, to be completed for by the sale of tickets. The donors were heartily thanked for their kindness.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Hill, John.	(November 20 th)
Mayne, E. Tank Corps	(November 25 th)

Wildgoose, G. H. Sergt. M.M. (November 21st)
White, S. E. G. Pte. (November 23rd)
York, H. Pte. (November 17th)

COALVILLE MILITARY MEDALLIST

Mrs Sharp, of Hermitage Road, Coalville, has received a letter from her son, Sergeant H. Sharp, of the Leicestershire Regiment, who is wounded in hospital at Glasgow, enclosing copy of a letter which he had forwarded to the commanding officer bringing to his notice Pte. G. Storer, 16 Platoon, D. Coy., 1/4th Leicestershire Regiment, for bravery on the field on Friday, October 18th, in carrying messages under heavy machine-gun fire, and also bringing in wounded under heavy fire. The Commander's reply was also enclosed stating that Private (now Lance-Corporal) G. Storer, was presented with the Military Medal ribbon by the G.O.C. of the Division on November 12th.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Men formerly connected with Christ Church, Coalville, who are serving in the Forces are to receive a Christmas gift of 10/- each from the church people?

Steve Bloomer, the one-time _____ of the football world as an international and Derby County player, and who had been a prisoner in Germany, reached his home at Derby, and was warmly welcomed by his wife and family and by a few friends?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The result of the combined efforts of church and chapel to raise a good sum for the men who have gone from Bardon to serve their King and country, has been crowned with success, the total amount being £118. The secretary, Mr T. Allen and Mrs Bacon, are now going through the lists and verifying the addresses.

The chairman of the Coalville Urban District Council, Mr Michael McCarthy, recently offered three 15/6 War savings Certificates to the school children in each of the three Wards who purchased the greatest number of certificates through their School War Savings Association during October, and the following are the winners:

Whitwick: Robert Waite, (Whitwick Holy Cross School, 30 Certificates); Muriel Bird and Eric Bird, both of the National School, 14 each.

Coalville: Amos Clarke, National School, 9, George W. Ward, 5 and Leonard Brewin, 3, both of Bridge Road Council School.

Hugglescote: Beryl Wheatley, 27, and N. Morley, 15, both of Ellistown School; and Thomas J. Pepper, 24, Hugglescote Council School.

The secretary to the Coalville War Savings Association, Mr J. W. Eagles, in whose hands the Certificates were placed, forwarded one to each of the winners yesterday, and also a letter of thanks to Mr McCarthy on behalf of the committee.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday evening a memorial service was held at the Coalville Wesleyan Chapel for four men formerly connected with the church who have fallen in action – Sergeant Cecil Bradshaw, Corporal A. E. Johnson, Sergeant Walter Lewis, M.M., and Private Harry Lewis (brothers). Mr W. Hall preached an appropriate sermon and the choir sang, "What are these?" Mrs Stocking nicely rendered the solo, "O rest in the Lord," and Mr T. Frith read the Roll of Honour.

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THE FATE OF CAPT. F. SCOTT

KILLED AFTER BEING TAKEN PRISONER

News is to hand that Capt. Frederick Scott, of the Leicestershire Regiment, third son of Mr W. V. Scott, L. and N.W.R. Station master, Coalville, was killed by the Germans after being taken prisoner. He was captured last May after putting up a very gallant fight, and since then Mr Scott has made many enquiries without getting any very definite information.



Now, however, a letter has been received by the late wife of Lieutenant Walter Handford, who was taken prisoner at the same time, stating that Captain Scott was shot and killed by the Germans. He adds that "this is conclusive."

Captain Scott was 25 years of age, and was the first Coalville officer to win the M.C. When war broke out he was studying at Cambridge University and joined up almost immediately. Having been in the University O.T.C., he was soon given a commission, and he took part in a good deal of the fighting, having been three times wounded. He was an old Ashby Grammar School boy, and is the second son that Mr Scott has lost in the war, Private Clifford Scott having been killed in action some time ago.

Lieutenant Walter Handford is a son of Mrs Handford, widow, of Highfields Street, Coalville, and before the war was organist at the Ashby Parish Church. Now that fighting has ended and prisoners are returning, it is anticipated that he may be home shortly and will be able to throw more light on the circumstances in which Captain Scott met his death.

FIRST COALVILLE PRISONER TO RETURN HOME

EXPERIENCES OF PRIVATE G. A. CLARKE



The first Coalville man to return home after being a prisoner in the hands of the Germans is Private George A. Clarke, of the 5th King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment, who arrived at Coalville at 7.30 on Friday night. He is the son of Mr Arthur Clarke, insurance agent of Ravenstone Road, and before joining the army was employed by the Coalville Co-Operative Society as a boot repairer. He enlisted in 1916, and went to France on December 22nd of that year, was wounded on April 21st, 1917, and returning to France on recovery, was taken prisoner at Bethune, on April 10th, 1918.

Seen at his home by our reporter, Private Clarke related some of his experiences while in captivity. He states that prisoners, himself among them, were set to work behind the German lines. For the first two months they were engaged in fetching in the wounded, repairing roads, putting up camouflage by the roadsides, digging trenches, and doing drainage work. After that, Private Clarke was for some months assisting at a ration store, and when the writer remarked that he was looking well, the soldier explained that he had been able to obtain food surreptitiously from the ration store, and so had an advantage which other prisoners had not. There were times, he said, when the British prisoners were very hungry and had been glad to eat potato peelings, nettle leaves, or anything they could get hold of that was eatable. He had seen several of their men die of starvation, and at one place when a comrade died, they had to subscribe among them to purchase wood to make a coffin. The prisoners were compelled to give up their good boots to the Germans under the pretence that they were to be repaired, but they were not returned. Instead, they were supplied with wooden clogs, and having no socks had to wrap their feet in rags. Often when working behind the German lines they were within range of the British guns, and Pte. Clarke relates how on one occasion a church in which a number of our prisoners were lying on straw was hit by a British shell and 13 men killed and 15 wounded. At the same place, ten Scotsmen working on a railhead were all killed by a British shell. As the British advanced, the prisoners had to retire with the Germans, and when on the march, all they received from the Germans was a third of a loaf each day, and it was black bread, which could only be eaten when one was very hungry. Sometimes soup was served, but it was very poor stuff, devoid of any fats of any kind.

The prisoners found the Belgian peasants very kind and they would risk their lives to do a kindness to a British soldier. Said Pte. Clarke, *"I have seen a German sentry strike a woman with the butt end of his rifle simply because she gave our chaps some bread as we passed through a village pulling wagons when on the march."* On other occasions he has seen Belgian women pull off stockings they were wearing to give to the

British soldiers, and one woman handed over her nightdress to a British Tommy who was minus a shirt. The Sisters of Mercy were also very good to the prisoners, and a Belgian Count gave them food and tobacco.

Questioned as to the accuracy of the stories of German brutality to our prisoners, Private Clarke related one occasion on which a German sergeant-major thrashed one of them with a stick and the buckle end of a strap so severely that the man died the next day.

Continuing, Private Clarke said he was released wearing the same shirt in which he was captured, and during his eight months of captivity he was only allowed to get a bath four times and some of the men went longer than that. The Germans tried to conceal from the prisoners the fact that the war was going against them and tried to make them believe that France, Belgium, America and Italy had given up the fight, only England being left. When at last they learned that the armistice had been signed and that they were free men, they were told to march back to the British lines and doing so they were surprised to find how few Germans there were between them and their own troops. Wearing old German clothes and clogs, they were a disreputable looking lot, and in some of the Belgian villages, the peasants thought they were Germans, but as soon as they were recognised as British their reception was splendid. The joy of the people at being released from the German yoke was indescribable. Belgian women, he said, embraced British soldiers in the streets and showered gifts and kisses upon them. The prisoners marched 17 kilometres back to the British lines, and very few of them had boots, and when they rejoined the British at Gramont, Pte. Clark was wearing a pair of old clogs. He is now at home on two months' leave.

IBSTOCK SOLDIER HONOURED



Sergeant Bert Parsons, of Ibstock, of the Machine Gun Corps, and well-known at Hugglescote, being one of Mr Fellows' old schoolboys, has gained the Croix de Guerre, for good work in Italy. He enlisted soon after the outbreak of war, and was in France until November, 1917, when he was moved to Italy. He writes home and says he is in Austria now, and seeing sights which he would not have missed for anything. He also says he will never forget the good work which the women of England have done for them, and thanks the ladies of Coalville Guild for the warm socks, etc., which have been sent out to the boys. Had it not been for them they would have been frozen many times.

LOCAL CASUALTIES



News has been received by Mrs Harriett Partner, of Shaw Lane, that her son, A.B. George Harry Partner, 5030 R.N.D. was killed in action on March 25th. He was reported missing eight months ago. He was 20 years of age, and before enlisting worked at the Ellistown Colliery. (Picture left).

Mr William Bull, of Market Street, Ashby, has learned officially that his eldest son, Lance-Corporal W. H. Bull, Somerset Light Infantry, has died of wounds received in action in France. Deceased had resided at Leamington and leaves a widow and one child. He was a hairdresser.



Private John Walker, of the 1st Leicesters, who died of wounds at the Clearing Station in France on October 9th, 1918. He was 23 years of age and had only been in France five weeks. Before joining up he worked at the Snibston Colliery. His widowed mother lives at 211, Ashby Road, Coalville.

GRIFFYDAM

The following local soldiers of the 2nd Manchester Regiment are reported wounded in action: Private Thomas Smith (Griffydam), left thigh; Private Frank Platts (Griffydam), right hip; Private Alfred Mee (Worthington), in the knee. All are getting on well. Private Charles Platts, 17th Royal Scots is wounded severely in both legs, and is in hospital at Chichester, and is progressing fairly well. His home is at Worthington and he has been in the army since September 1914, having seen much service, and being wounded twice previously.

WHITWICK BROTHERS KILLED



Able Bodied Seaman J. Heighton, R.N.D. Killed in action, November 13th, 1916.



Private G. E. Heighton, Machine Gun Corps, killed in action, April 9th, 1917.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

AN ASSOCIATION FORMED AT COALVILLE

A good number of discharged soldiers and sailors attended a meeting at the Adult School Hall, Coalville, on Tuesday night to consider the formation of a local Association. Mr W. Hancock (secretary of the Trades Council) presided.

Addresses explaining the aims and objects of the Leicester and Leicestershire Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Association were given by Mr Gage, the organising secretary, and Mr Clipstone, of the Executive Council, both of Leicester, and it was decided to form a Coalville branch of the Association. Mr Tomblin was elected secretary, and the following were chosen as a committee: Messrs. Lowe, Walker, Botham, Palmer, Blower, Saddington, Clarke, Thomas and King.

Mr J. W. Fisher (chairman of the Coalville Trades Council) said he was glad they had formed a local Association, and he was sure the Trades Council would do all they could to help them. He hoped to see a strong society in the district considering the number of discharged men already, and the likelihood of many more in the future. The public memory was short. Much had been said about what the boys had done, but even now that was being overshadowed by the election. He was at a crowded meeting the other night and listened to hear a word of appreciation of what the boys had done, but it was not mentioned. Personally, he would be most willing to do all he could to help them. He felt that he owed a great debt of gratitude to them for the sacrifices they had made for those who had stayed at home. When the Association was formed he would like to see them become affiliated to the Trades Council so that the Council could help them in anything they took in hand (cheers).

Mr C. W. Brown, a member of the Urban and Trades Councils, said he wished the Association God speed. He thought that such an Association was never more needed than at the present. Justice to the discharged men should be done by the State, and it ought not to depend on charity (hear, hear). He referred to the King's Fund, and said that was the view taken by the Urban Council who, when it was brought before them, refused to have anything to do with it. Every patriotic employer should, as far as possible, take back employees after they were discharged from the army (hear, hear). But industry, it was said, had no goal, and it was simply a matter of profit, and if these soldiers were not of the greatest use to them, it would take a lot to make some employers see that they ought to employ them. He urged them to keep up their enthusiasm and make the Association a success (cheers).

Mr Gage said they were not a political Association, having men of all shades of opinion in their ranks, but they were hoping to get representatives in Parliament and there were at least eight candidates pledged to support them.

Mr J. E. Lowe moved a vote of thanks to the Trades Council for the efforts they had made on behalf of the discharged men and this was heartily accorded. On the proposition of Mr J. Clarke (Ellistown) a similar vote was accorded the speakers.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private Edgar Isaac Warren Hill, 1/4th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, beloved son of Isaac and Clara Hill, who fell in action, November 28th, 1917, aged 19 years.

*"Let the winds of heaven blow gently
O'er that sweet and sacred spot
But although you are so far away
My dearest, you are not forgot."*

From his loving Father and Mother

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BARDON HILL

MILITARY FUNERAL

In the presence of a large congregation of mourners the funeral took place on Sunday afternoon with military honours, of Mr George Harry Lovett, of Battleflat, an employee of Bardon Quarries, who died on the 19th inst., from pneumonia after a few days' illness. The military honours were accorded, as deceased was a member of the Hugglescote detachment of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, and several Volunteers paraded from Coalville and Hugglescote, and a firing party was provided from the Coalville Detachment under Sergeant C. Brown, the whole being under the command of 2nd Lieut. F. Goddard. The Rev. J. A. Hopwood conducted the service at Bardon Park Chapel. At the graveside the customary three volleys were fired and the Last Post sounded.

ASHBY POLICE COURT

Saturday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Captain Deverell, R.N., and Mr J. G. Shields, Mr J. Hassall and Mr T. Dennis.

Before the business commenced, the chairman said that since the court last met he was glad to state that there had been a cessation of hostilities and an armistice had been signed which they trusted would lead to a lasting peace. They offered their heartiest congratulations to the Navy, Army and Air Forces, and also to their Allies who had helped them in bringing about this result. The war had lasted four years, three months and one week, and their enemy was now without a Navy and had an army which was apparently a mere rabble, which they hoped would be powerless to do further mischief in a warlike capacity for many years to come. The country had made great sacrifices both in men and material and he could safely say that in no place of its size had the sacrifices been greater than at Ashby. They deeply regretted this, as they deeply regretted the loss of all their brave troops. They hoped that the termination of the war would bring a peace to this country and to the world which would last for many generations. They deeply regretted the loss of their dear boys, but felt that they had not given their lives in vain.

Peter F. Brennan, soldier, Measham, was summoned for riding a bicycle without lights at Measham on November 18th. P.C. Holmes gave the facts. Defendant said he had served four years in the army and did not know the rules. It was only the second time that he had ridden a bicycle. The Bench dismissed the case on payment of 5/6 costs.

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“I AM QUITE WELL”

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Pte. White, S. E. G.	(December 1st)
Sergt. W. Lycett M.M.	(November 28 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

There are 550 men from Ashby serving in the forces and it is proposed to send them a Christmas present of 10/- each?

The Mauretania arrived at New York on Sunday night with the first returned American troops?

A parish meeting at Ibstock has decided to erect a monument as a war memorial, bearing the names of all Ibstock men who have made the supreme sacrifice?

A general meeting of Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' will be held in the Adult School Hall on Tuesday evening next, December 10th at 7 o'clock, when all discharged servicemen are invited to attend?

CONCERT

A capital concert was given by Mr J. W. Burton's party at the Broom Leys Hospital on Sunday night, Sergeant J. Darby presiding, and it was much enjoyed by the soldiers.

FOR THE SOLDIERS AT BROOM LEYS

Mr B. Morris, commandant of the Coalville V.A.D. and Mr H. Gledhill arranged a successful dance and whist drive at the Coalville Bridge Road Schools on Saturday evening, Messrs. Goddard, W. Reece and A. L. Bertenshaw acted as the M.C.'s and Mr Gledhill presented the prizes to the winners. Mr Bonser was M.C. for the dance and Miss Bonser was the pianist. There was a good attendance.

MILITARY MEDAL FOR "COALVILLE CANADIAN"

Pte. Harry Ison, of the Canadian Forces, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action. He is a son of Mr Harry Ison, who was the first caretaker of the Coalville Grammar School and a popular member of the Coalville Men's Adult School. Mr Ison, with his family, left for Canada during the same week that the 'Titanic' went down and they are now residing at Sackville, New Brunswick. Another son of Mr Ison, Ernest, has recently been made a sergeant. Both joined the Canadian Forces early in the war and went to France with the first contingent.

WHITWICK SOLDIER PROMOTED

Mrs Aris (nee Maud Wheeldon), a popular vocalist in the Whitwick and Coalville district has received news that her husband, Quarter-Master-Sergeant E. Aris, of the Leicestershire Regiment, that he has been promoted to a Captaincy. He went to France last June and is now at Croix. Captain and Mrs Aris will receive many hearty congratulations.

HUGGLESCOTE M.M.

Residents of Hugglescote will be interested to know that Corporal E. V. Woolley, of the Breach Cottages, was on November 15th presented with the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field. It will be remembered that he was amongst the first 50 Territorials to leave Coalville in October, 1914, and is at the present time at St. John's College, Oxford.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

News was received on Monday that Private Thomas Wilde, of the Durham Light Infantry, a Coalville soldier, who was taken prisoner by the Germans some months ago, has died in hospital in Germany. Up till recently, he had written cheerful letters home and his wife, who resides with their one child at Crescent Road, Hugglescote, had been looking forward to his early return home. Much sympathy is felt for her at this sad turn of events. Pte. Wilde, who was about 27 years of age, was formerly an assistant in the gents outfitting department of the Coalville Co-Operative Society and his genial and gentlemanly bearing at all times had made him very popular with all associates. His father is also an employee of the Coalville Co-Operative Society.

Another soldier to make the supreme sacrifice in the war is Pte. Archibald Arthur Wortley, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who was killed in action on November 4th. Deceased, who was 20 years of age, was the son of Mrs Wortley, Hotel Street, Coalville, the blind widow of the late Mr Amos Wortley, for many years verger at the Parish Church. He was formerly in the service of Dr. Orchard of Ashby, as chauffeur. Mrs Wortley has two other sons in the forces.

Private John Watson, Machine Gun Corps, aged 32, son of Mr Wm. Watson, of Ravenstone, died on Saturday morning in a hospital at Broughton, near Manchester, from wounds received in action in France on 20th October. The deceased's wife and three children live in Piper's Lane.

Mr and Mrs J. Mee have been informed that their eldest son, Pte. Ernest Mee, of the Machine Gun Corps, died of wounds received on October 29th. The deceased, who was 23 years of age, joined the Colours on June 21st, 1917, and went to France in October of the same year. He was wounded in April 1918, and in another occasion gave a quantity of blood to save a comrade's life. Mr and Mrs Mee were first informed by

the Lieutenant of his company, who spoke in the highest terms of the deceased, both for himself and his pals, as he named them. Previous to joining up he was employed by the Coleorton Colliery Co. Mr and Mrs Mee have also been informed that a younger son, Pte. A. Mee, of the 3rd Manchesters, was wounded by a shell in the right knee on November 4th and is now in hospital in France. Mr and Mrs Mee reside at Worthington.

Lance-Corporal J. Fletcher, 117113, Notts and Derby Regt. was unfortunate to get wounded during the last week of the war, in the right thigh, and is now in hospital at Glasgow. His parents reside at Ibstock.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private Victor William Hancox, killed in action in France, December 6th, 1917, aged 21 years.

*"Only a British soldier,
Only a Mother's pride,
He answered the call of honour,
Doing his duty he died."*

From his loving Mother, Sisters and Brothers, 27 James Street, Coalville

In loving memory of My Dear Husband, Pte. George Bailey, R.A.M.C. who died of wounds received in action in France on December 6th, 1917, aged 28 years.

*"Had I but seen him at the last,
And watched his dying bed,
Or heard the last sigh of his heart
Or held his drooping head.*

*My heart would not have felt
Such bitterness and grief
But God had ordered otherwise
And now he rests in peace."*

From his sorrowing Wife and Child.

In loving memory of Pte. George Bailey, R.A.M.C. son-in-law of Mr and Mrs Thomas Baugh, of Thornborough, who died of wounds received in action in France, December 6th, 1917, aged 28 years.

*"Let the winds of heaven blow gently
O'er that sweet and sacred spot
Although you are so far away
Dear George, you are not forgot."*

From Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters

In ever loving memory of our dear Son and Brother, Lance-Corporal G. H. Harris, 1st Leicesters, killed in action September 19th, 1918.

*"In health he left the place he loved,
To obey his countries' call
The call he served right to the end
But now he fills a hero's grave
A grave we may never see
But he never will be forgotten."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Sisters, Brothers, and all who knew him.

In ever loving memory of Private A. Saunders, killed in action, December 10th, 1917.

"Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten."

From Mother, Father and two Brothers, Harry and Horace in France and Sweetheart, Gladys.

THANKS

The Ibstock Ladies' Patriotic Committee wish to thank all those friends who have assisted Mrs Wm. Eggington (Melbourne Road, Ibstock) either by knitting or financially for three successive years, and which has reached in that time the sum of £60 13s 9 ½ d for the Local Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

Mrs W. M. Sykes, Secretary

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"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Pte. G. Middleton	(December 3 rd)
Pte. J. Watson	(December 3 rd)
Pte. S. W. Statham	(December 3 rd)
Pte. Noah Fletcher	(December 3 rd)
Pte. H. York	(December 3 rd)
Sergt. W. Lycett M.M and Bar	(December 8 th)
Sergt. F. Tansey	(December 5 th)

HEATHER

The fund for providing our soldiers and sailors with comforts has now been closed. Since the commencement of the war the sum of £120 has been collected in various ways for the above fund, and when the armistice was signed, the balance in hand amounts to £4 8s 2d. This has now been handed over to augment the sum raised by the whist drive on November 16th for the soldiers' and sailors' Christmas presents.

The following is a list of articles made and provided during the war, several parcels having been sent to various hospitals and the remainder given to the Heather soldiers and sailors: 199 shirts, 376 pairs of socks, 50 pairs of mittens, 26 pairs of gloves, 1 pair cuffs, 43 blankets, 108 scarves, 5 helmets, 4 flannel vests, 1 cardigan, 28 wool caps, 22 handkerchiefs, 2 pairs slippers, bundle of linen, 18 bed jackets, night shirts, 7 pyjamas, 31 sheets, 128 pillow cases, 4 pairs bed coats, 43 towels, 180 bandages, 1 counterpane, 4 pillows, 5 rest pads, 4 books and 8 pairs laces.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Coalville has reason to be proud of the ladies who have formed and worked for the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild. A report has just been prepared showing that since the Association was formed in October, 1914, up to the signing of the Armistice, no less than 16,716 articles were supplied to 2,112 local men serving in the forces. Most of these were in the form of gloves, socks, scarves, body belts, etc, all hand-knitted and the total expenditure, all met by voluntary effort was £2,160 19s 7d. Thousands of letters have been received from the boys expressing thanks for the efforts of the ladies on their behalf. It is a record to be proud of. The officials of the Guild are:

Miss Hosking, president; Mrs L. L. Baldwin, secretary; Mrs J. W. Farmer, treasurer; Mrs S. W. Brown, assistant secretary; Mrs George Coleman, work secretary; Mr B. G. Hale, auditor. All the work was done voluntarily, and it reflects much credit on all concerned.

The Ravenstone with Snibstone Sailors' and Soldiers' Society, as a result of the whist drive and dance on November 23rd, realised £38 12s 3d, which with the balance in hand allows 8s to be sent to each sailor and soldier from the parish, making a total of one guinea each for the 12 months.

An interesting event took place in the Whitwick Picture House on Monday last when Pte. Frank West, M.M., of the 13th London Regt., and a native of Whitwick was presented with a gold chain subscribed for by the inhabitants of Whitwick. The committee were represented on the platform by Messrs. G. F. Burton, C. Pegg, S. W. West, and F. Blow. Lieutenant S. Perry, M.G.C., of Whitwick, made the presentation. Private Frank West responded, and expressed his thanks, receiving a great ovation from the audience. Mr George West (father) also responded, and thanked the people of Whitwick for the honour they had bestowed on his family. Nine decorations have been awarded to Whitwick soldiers including, the M.C., 7 M.M.'s and 1 M.S.M. The latest to receive the M.M. are Ptes. Bishop and Bailey to whom presentations will be made by the people of Whitwick as soon as arrangements can be made for the soldiers to come home on leave.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

A well-attended meeting of the newly-formed discharged Soldiers and Sailors Federation at Coalville in the Adult School on Tuesday evening, Mr J. E. Lowe presiding. The chairman said he would like to clear the air in regard to the rumour that it was a political association. They had determined that they were not going to allow their Federation to be used by anyone for political propaganda.

Exception was taken by several members at the attitude at the last meeting of the soldiers of a member of the Coalville Trades Council. Arrangements were made to hold a whist drive and dance in aid of the funds, Mr Eagles being appointed secretary. Mr Palmer of Thornborough, formerly in the Navy, said he would be pleased to make them a gift of £25 as a start and this was accepted with grateful thanks. Forty new members were enrolled and it was decided to rent premises in High Street. It was stated that already there are 300 discharged men in the district.

MILITARY FUNERAL AT RAVENSTONE



The funeral of the late Gunner J. Watson, of the Manchesters, took place on Thursday last week at Ravenstone. The body had been brought on the previous day from the Military Hospital, Broughton, near Manchester. The funeral procession was met at the churchyard gate by the Rector and choir. The hymn, "Jesu, lover of my soul," was sung on the way to the church. The service in the church was choral, the deceased soldier having been an old member of the choir. Mrs Perkins, the organist, played suitable music as the cortege was leaving the church. The Oddfellows, cricket and football clubs of which the deceased was a member, were also represented. At the conclusion of the service at the grave, the hymn, "On the resurrection morning," was sung. A firing party attended the funeral from Glen Parva Barracks and fired the customary volleys as a tribute of respect to the deceased soldier. The sounding of "The Last Post" brought an impressive service to a close. The funeral was attended by the immediate members of the family and by many relations. A great number of friends were also present, and many others to whom the deceased was personally known. The loss of this soldier brings the number of casualties in this little village up to twenty-six.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of our dear son, Pte. S. Bodle, the beloved son of Mr and Mrs A. Parkin, who died of wounds received in action in France, December 3rd, 1918, aged 21 years.

*Somebody cried when he went away
Somebody's kiss on his forehead lay,
Somebody clung to his parting hand
It was his Mother.*

Had I but seen him at the last,

*And watched his dying bed.
Or heard his last sigh of his heart,
Or held his drooping head.*

*My heart would not have felt such bitterness and grief
But God had ordered otherwise, and now he rests in peace.*

From his Sorrowing Mother, Father, Sisters and Brother, and Uncle Bill.

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BAGWORTH

WHIST DRIVE

On Saturday evening a whist drive and dance were held in the Council School for the benefit of Ex-Corporal Walter Bevins. There was a good attendance. Messrs. J. Witts and T. H. Smith were the M.C.'s for whist and Mr J. W. Reed for the dance.

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IBSTOCK AND THE PRISONERS OF WAR

Mr W. Dunstan, secretary of the Ibstock War Relief Committee, has received the following letter from the treasurer to the Leicestershire Prisoners of War Committee

Dear Mr Dunstan,

Now that the work for the prisoners is nearly over. I desire on behalf of every member of our Committee to offer to the Chairman and each member of your own Committee very grateful thanks for the generous provision which you have for long past made for the necessities of men belonging to your districts. I wish now to beg you to forward nothing further, for we have far more than enough to carry us through. Our last batch of boxes went off on the 6th November, but I hope that a goodly number of the finishing parcels may have been arrested in Holland or elsewhere en route to the benefit of men in the homeward track. I am receiving letters from wives and mothers and from prisoners themselves announcing arrivals either at their own homes or at centres in this country, and men are daily reporting themselves at our offices in the town.

To your Chairman and Committee we feel very greatly in debt, but dear Mr Dunstan, I have reason specially to know how great is the weight of debt which is owing to you personally for the beneficent work which you have put through in aid of the defenceless and of their anxious relatives at home.

Believe me to be, Gratefully and Faithfully yours
Thomas Butler, Hon. Treasurer
Leicester Prisoners of War Committee

LONDON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

In connection with the above Church and school, 7s 6d each to 58 boys now serving with the Colours has been sent as a Christmas gift. For this object £16 3s was realised by the concert and £6 0s 2d taken at a retiring collection.

"THRASH THOSE ENGLISH DOGS!"

TWO MORE COALVILLE PRISONERS' EXPERIENCES

Two more Coalville soldiers to give further evidence of Hun brutality to British prisoners. Pte. H. L. Pell, of the South Staffs Regiment, whose wife and two children reside at Mantle Lane, Coalville, with Mrs Barnett, the wife's mother, has recently returned home after being eight months in captivity. He formerly worked at Ellistown Colliery and joined the army on July 16th, 1917. He went to France in November of the same year

and was taken prisoner at Bullecourt on March 21st last, the first day of the German big push. Since then he has been working behind the German lines. For the first five months he and fellow prisoners were engaged carrying shells to feed the German guns, digging trenches, etc. and for the last three months their chief occupation was making crosses for soldiers' graves.

The rations, he says, were very poor. A small loaf of black bread divided between four men was all the bread they got each day. The rest of the diet varied between cabbage water with maize meal or barley, dried vegetable, 50 grams of horseflesh (twice a week), and 50 grams of marmalade or margarine (once a week). Often they had been glad to boil potato peelings to make a meal of, and if by any chance they came across a mangel it was considered a luxury. Often our prisoners have fallen to the ground from weakness and he has seen them thrashed by the Germans until they got up and worked as best they could. At this point, Private Pell pulled down his stocking and displayed to the writer a large scar and bruises on his shin which, he said, were caused by kicks by a German. The order of one notorious German officer to the men of the guard was, *"If they won't work, thrash those English dogs till they die."* The Coalville soldier says he heard of many acts of brutality to our men besides what he actually saw and experienced himself.

They were liberated at 4.30 on Tuesday afternoon, the day after the armistice was signed. After being marched about eight kilometres they were left to their own resources and told to make their way back to their own lines. It was nearly three days later, on the Friday morning, when they joined the French soldiers, who gave them a splendid reception. During those three days they had to depend upon the people of the villages they passed through for food, but, said Private Pell, *"they were wonderfully good to us."* Some of the prisoners had scarcely any clothing. Pell was wearing an old pair of boots two or three sizes too big. He had had no socks for months and only half a shirt. Some of his companions were in even a worse plight. Ultimately they arrived at Nancy where American soldiers were quartered, and he says the treatment they received from the Americans was magnificent.

STRUCK MANY TIMES WITH A RIFLE

Gunner T. Kirk, of the Tank Corps, son of Mr Hy. Kirk, of 44, Margaret Street, Coalville, reached home a few days ago, after being over a year in captivity. He was formerly employed as a blacksmith's striker at Ellistown Colliery and joined up in September 1916. He went to France in August, 1917, and was taken prisoner at Ypres on October 24th of the same year. The first job he was put to was scraping roads, then he was digging trenches, felling trees in the woods to place in rivers to flood the country, and, finally, in repairing the damaged guns as they were brought from the front. They were made to work very hard on very poor food. Under promise of extra food they had sometimes worked night and day and in the end had been denied the food. Some of the tasks set them were unable to perform through weakness, and, says Gunner Kirk, *"it was a regular thing for the Germans to strike us with the butt end of their rifles. I have been hit like that many times myself because I was too weak to do the work set me."* In Kirk's working party at the commencement were 200 British prisoners, but in four or five months there were only 60 left. Many of them had died and others had been taken ill to hospital in Germany. *"The only decent act I ever saw them do towards the English,"* says Gunner Kirk, *"was when two of our men, as well as three Germans, were killed by an explosion. They buried our men with the Germans and gave them military honours."*

When the armistice was signed Kirk was at Ave, in Belgium. The Germans kept them prisoners for six days after that, till November 17th, and then told them they were free. It took them three days to reach the British lines, and in the meantime they were fed by the Belgians in the villages, who treated them well. Gunner Kirk is now at home on two months' leave.

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HONOUR FOR CAPT. A. HAWLEY

Captain Alfred Hawley, son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Hawley, of Leicester Grange, Hinckley, has been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service in France. The gallant officer who was recently home on leave, offered his service in the early days of the war, and saw much fighting with Leicestershire lads.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Gardner, Jim, M.M.	(December 11 th)
Batho, J. Pte.	(December 13 th)
Lycett, W. Sergt. M.M & Bar	(December 11 th)
Tansey, F. Sergt.	(December 10 th)

SMOKES FOR SOLDIERS

LEICESTERSHIRE'S EXCELLENT RECORD

The annual meeting of the Leicester and Leicestershire War Hospitals Committee was held on Monday at Leicester, the Mayor in the chair. A letter was read from the Queen congratulating the association upon its admirable work of providing the wounded soldiers with tobacco, cigarettes, newspapers etc. and wishing the members success in their future efforts to afford relief and comforts to the patients.

Admiral Sir David Beatty, in an encouraging letter wrote, *"The gallant men who have suffered in the service of the country should not be forgotten in the hour of victory."*

The record of the Association's work showed that during the past four years 8 ½ million cigarettes and nearly 10,000 lbs of tobacco had been supplied to wounded and sick soldiers at local hospitals. Mr Square, the chairman of the committee, stated that the feature of the work in the past year had been the increase of supplies to the hospitals. The accounts showed a favourable balance of £1,600, besides which receipt shop collections had realised over £600.

Colonel Harrison, the officer commanding at the Leicester Base Hospital, in moving the adoption of the report, foreshadowed that that hospital would be continued as long as any of its type in the country. He had recently heard that there were about 500,000 men, including repatriated men, who were awaiting removal from France for treatment in hospitals at home. The report was adopted, and the officers re-elected.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Pte. A. Everett, of the Staffs Regiment, formerly an insurance agent of Ellistown, has returned home this week after being a prisoner of war in Germany for two years and three months?

Pte. Wm. Allen, Leicesters, of Desford, has won the D.C.M.?

COALVILLE WOMEN'S V.A.D.

Dear Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the public to the splendid work done by the members of the Coalville Women's V.A.D. No less than 33 members have been recommended for the War Service Badge, which is given for at least two years' efficient service.

Of these, four have worked abroad, one in Egypt and Palestine, and three in France, seven are in Military Hospitals in various parts of England; the remaining 22 have been working at Broom Leys Hospital, and the badge is awarded on a record taken from the nurses' time books, kept at the hospital. As an original member of the Detachment, formed in 1914, and Quartermaster and Hon. Sec. for nearly 3 years. I should like to bear witness to the magnificent self-sacrifice and devotion of these workers in the face of every possible discouragement. I should specially like to mention the work of Mrs Moss, who went into residence before the hospital was opened, and gave her services for many months as resident house-keeper, also the untiring efforts of the Commandant, Dr. R. W. Jamie, and the kindness of Sergeant Instructor E. H. Green, who has never missed a practice since 1914. It has taken no small amount of courage and hard work to produce such an excellent record, which I am proud to say is one of the best in the county.

Yours truly
C. C. Bird

MARRIAGE

Topliss – Dooley. On November 6th, at St. Michael's Church, Bassingstoke, by Captain the Rev. C. A. Commins (Canadian Chaplain), Raymond George Topliss, Corporal, P.P.CL.T. (Canadians), only son of Mr and Mrs G. Topliss, of Fishburn, Alberta, Canada, to Millicent, second daughter of Mr and Mrs H. T. Dooley, of Coalville, Leicester.

(Copied from the 'Hants and Berks Gazette')

THANKS

Mrs Harry Spencer, of 144, North Street, Hugglescote, desires to tender her sincere thanks to all friends for kind expressions of sympathy on the death of her husband, and for floral tributes sent; also the artificial wreath sent by the kind brothers of the R.A.O.B.

Thanks are expressed to the girl and women workers of Messrs. Stableford and Co. for the sum of £4 received, per Mrs Hale, towards the Christmas festivities at the Coalville V.A.D. War Hospital.

W. Rowell, Hon. Secretary
Games and Entertainment Committee

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal J. Eaton, of Margaret Street, Coalville, who was killed at Epehy of Gommaucourt, December 24th, 1917. Aged 19.

From his loving Father, Mother and Brothers

To the memory of Private Charles Henry Shilton, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, who fell in action in France, September 23rd, 1917. Aged 22 years.

"Gone but not forgotten."

By his Chum, Jesse Barnett

WHITWICK BROTHERS KILLED

Private Herbert Freeman, aged 22, of the Leicesters, is reported to have been killed in action in France on October 11th, and Private Richard Freeman, Leicesters, reported missing on May 3rd, 1917, is now presumed killed. They were the sons of Mrs Freeman, of 92, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, who has two other sons who have been badly wounded.

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TWO GERMAN PRISONERS

BURIED AT ASHBY

Two German prisoners of war, Hanse Schwenke and Huber, confined at the camp, and who died of pneumonia on Friday, were interred at the Ashby Cemetery on Tuesday. The hearse was followed by about a dozen German prisoners, and the British guard. The Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Sawyer, recited the Burial Service at the grave, in which were placed the two coffins. At the conclusion, the guard presented arms, and each of the German prisoners threw sods into the grave, and saluted by standing to attention.

COALVILLE SOLDIER HONOURED



Sergeant W. Lycett, 1st South Staffs, has written home to say that he has been awarded a bar to his military medal during the recent operations on the Piave for bravery. He was awarded the Italian Medal in April last for gallantry during a raid on the Asiago Plateau. Sergt. Lycett enlisted at the outbreak of war in the Leicesters. After being wounded, he was transferred to the South Staffords, having seen much service. Sergt. Lycett was one of Mr Frith's old boys.

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THREE DAYS IN A CATTLE TRUCK WITHOUT FOOD

MORE EXPERIENCES OF COALVILLE PRISONERS IN GERMANY

Two more Coalville soldiers have reached home after being prisoners of war in Germany and they give further testimony of the inhumanity of the Huns. They are Sapper Fred Clay, of the Royal Engineers, son of Mr and Mrs Fred Clay, of Vaughan Street, and Lance-Corporal Harold Smith, of the Tank Corps, son of Mr and Mrs Ben Smith, of 46, Margaret Street.

Sapper Clay joined the Forces early in the year 1917, prior to which he was a draughtsman in the employ of Messrs. Wootton Bros. engineers, Coalville, and an old boy of the Coalville Grammar School. He went to France about four months later, and was taken prisoner on May 27th last, at Chemin-des-Dames, when the Germans were making their great bid for Paris. For 2 ½ months he worked behind the German lines and then, falling sick, was removed to hospital at Hammembourg, in Bavaria, and later to a camp at Darmstadt. He says he had a terrible time during the 2 ½ months behind the enemy lines. They were grouped together in a muddy field, surrounded with barbed wire, without any sanitary conveniences whatever, and during those 2 ½ months he was never able to get a wash or a shave. They were roused by the guards at 3 o'clock each morning, after sleeping in the mud, with no blankets, and marched off to work. All they had in the way of refreshment before starting was a drink of so-called coffee, made with acorns, and they had no food throughout the day. They were kept at work till eight o'clock in the evening, and were then each given a small piece of black bread, which they could not eat, except when ravenously hungry, and a drink of cabbage water, called soup. The bread given to them was often quite hard and mouldy. *"I saw one of our men eat a rat,"* said Sapper Clay, and they had frequently picked up small snails, which they had boiled and eaten. On one occasion he went into a potato field to try and get a few potatoes, but was detected, and twice fired on by the sentry, though, luckily, both shots missed, striking the ground near him. He saw one lad put his leg through the barbed wire to sell his boots to a German for bread, and the lad was shot through the leg by the German guard. In the first month that he was in the hands of the Germans, Sapper Clay lost three stones in weight. While behind the lines he several times saw Pte. T. Wild, another Coalville prisoner, who has since died in hospital.

Describing how he was captured, Sapper Clay says a shell blew in the trench burying four of them. Earlier in the attack three of his pals had been killed, and when they went to recover their bodies for burial, they found that the Germans had stripped them of their boots and clothes. The stripping of the dead was regularly done by the Germans who were in great straits for boots and clothing for themselves. He has seen men who were ill made to work, and if they were unable to, it was a common thing for the Germans to hit them with the butt end of their rifles. It was a terrible journey into Germany. *"We were three days in a cattle truck without food,"* said Sapper Clay, *"and at one station where we saw a number of Germans lining up for soup, we asked for some, but were told there was no soup for the English."*

They had a better time after reaching hospital in Germany, being well looked after by the British Red Cross, and they practically lived on the parcels sent from England. When he went into hospital, he had only one boot, no socks and no shirt, but he soon began to put on weight, remarking that they lived a lot better than the Germans.

According to Sapper Clay, the people are in a terrible plight in Germany. Food is scarce and they are wearing clothes made of paper, and boots with cloth tops, and wooden soles. There is a great change in their attitude towards the English and after the signing of the Armistice, says the Coalville soldier, they tried the "Kamerad" game, but it didn't come off. Three of them left the camp and went to a music hall, but instead of being molested they were treated with respect. On the way home, the greatest solicitude was shown for them by the British Red Cross, food and refreshments being ready for them at practically every station.

Sapper Clay has brought home a few interesting souvenirs, one being a matchbox which he brought in Germany, and on which is inscribed "Gott strafe England". But he left some valuables behind, remarking that on one occasion he gave a German a beautiful pocket wallet, which had been a present to him, in exchange for a glass of water.

"HIT THE GERMAN ON THE NOSE"

Corporal Harold Smith, who is one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road School, used to work at Bagworth Colliery. He was in the Territorials before the war, and went to camp at Bridlington on August 2nd, 1914. He came back home and was called up on the night of August 4th, and went to France in early 1915. He has been twice wounded, the first time at Hooze, and on the second occasion, when he was captured at Bourlon village, in the Cambrai sector, this being on November 27th, 1917. Their tank, he says, was stopped 50 yards in front of the German batteries. Six shells passed through the tank, and all the crew were wounded, but for two hours after that they held an advanced trench, before being surrounded by about 200 Germans. There were seven of them besides the officer, and as they were being marched through the village, a machine gun was turned on them and one of the prisoners was killed. They were sent by train to Germany, being locked in a cattle truck, and all they had during the three days the journey lasted, was a slice of black bread and a drink of water. They arrived at Minden camp early in December 1917, and had a pretty rough time of it there. *"There was hardly any food,"* said Corporal Smith, *"and we often raced for the potato peelings."* In January they were sent to work in the mine. Recalling an occasion when passing a German, who called him swine and spat on him, Corporal Smith said, *"I landed him one on the nose, and for that I got three days standing at attention for eight hours a day, besides having to work."* For nine months they were working in the German coal mines. In August, Smith and a mate made an attempt to escape, but were captured after two days when crossing a railway bridge. They had been hiding near the bridge, waiting for a train to come along, but as daylight came on they were detected by a sentry, who gave the alarm, and they were soon surrounded by about a dozen Germans. That meant more standing to attention when they got back to the camp.

After the Armistice was signed, the prisoners refused to work, and were threatened with machine guns. They were kept till November 27th when about 60 of them made a dash for liberty and after 26 hours marching, succeeded in reaching the Dutch frontier, where they were well-treated. The British Navy, he said, gave them a fine reception when they reached the Humber.

Asked as to the stories of brutality to the prisoners, Corporal Smith said he had seen some of our lads knocked down by the Germans with the butts of their rifles, though he himself had got off well. *"I only had one smack in the face,"* he said, *"and that was from a German civilian, and I hit him back. For that I had 8 hours standing to attention with the sentry over me."* Corporal Smith corroborates Sapper Clay as to the plight the Germans are in. The British prisoners, he said, lived practically on the parcels from home, the Germans not having enough for themselves. *"One day,"* said Smith, *"I saw a pony, which had been killed in the mine, surrounded by German civilians, who had made a rush for it and were slashing off pieces of the flesh with their pocket knives. People here do not realise what a terrible state Germany is in. We saw four or five funerals of civilians every day and it was only a small village we were in. The men work in the mines in clogs. I have seen Germans offer £5 for a pair of boots, 40/- for a shirt, and 16/- for a pair of socks."*

THE KING'S WELCOME

The following is a copy of a letter which the returned prisoners have received from the King.

"Buckingham Palace, - The Queen joins me in welcoming you on your release from the miseries and hardship which you have endured with so much patience and courage. During these many months of trial, the early rescue of our gallant officers and men from the cruelties of their captivity has been uppermost in our thoughts. We are thankful that this longed-for day has arrived, and that back in the old country you will be able once more to enjoy the happiness of a home, and to see good days among those who anxiously look for your return.

George R.I."

Both Corporal Smith and Sapper Clay are now at home on two months' leave.

A LEICESTERSHIRE V.C.

COLONEL BERNARD W. VANN

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to a well-known local officer, Captain (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) Bernard Wm. Vann, M.C., late 1/8th Battalion, attached 1/6th Battalion Notts and Derby Regiment (T.F.)

For most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty, and fine leadership during the attack at Bellenglise and Le Harcourt, on September 29th, 1918. He led his battalion with great skill across the Canal du Nord through a very thick fog and under heavy fire from field and machine guns. On reaching the high ground above Bellenglise the whole attack was held up by fire of all descriptions from the front and right flank. Realising that everything depended on the advance going forward with the barrage, Lieut.-Col. Vann rushed up to the firing line and with the greatest gallantry led the line forward. By his prompt action and absolute contempt for danger the whole situation was changed, the men were encouraged, and the line crept forward. Later, he rushed a field gun single-handed, and knocked out three of the detachment. The success of the day was in no small degree due to the splendid gallantry and fine leadership displayed by this officer. Lieut.-Col. Vann, who has on all occasions, set the highest example of valour, was killed near Ramicourt, on October 3rd, 1918, when leading his battalion in attack.

This is a posthumous award for the gallant officer, was killed in action some time ago. He was the son of a former headmaster at Higham Ferrers Grammar School and was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge. During his studies there he took a very keen interest in foreign missions, and during a campaign on their behalf, he went to Leicester in 1909, and made a stay in the parish of St. Barnabas. Two years afterwards he was ordained curate for this parish. As a keen sportsman he interested himself in rugby, football and hockey. He was a friend of the late Captain F. N. Tarr. When he left Leicester it was to take up an appointment as chaplain and form master at Wellingborough Grammar School. He was formerly resident master at Ashby Grammar School.

At the outbreak of war Mr Vann promptly offered himself for service. Although he applied for a commission, his eagerness outweighed his patience, and he joined as a private in the Gloucester Regiment. Later, a commission was granted, and he was transferred to the Sherwood Foresters.

On no less than four occasions this gallant officer was wounded. For various acts of bravery he was awarded the M.C. Once he was blown out of a trench, and in a letter to the Rev. A. E. Manyell, the incident was described thus, *"I thought I had been promoted to the Flying Corps, but I came down suddenly that I soon found out my mistake."*

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THRINGSTONE MAN HOME AGAIN

FOOTBALL CLUB'S CAPTAIN RETURN FROM GERMANY

A Thringstone soldier, Private W. Lawrence, of the 9th Leicesters, has returned home this week after being a year and eight months a prisoner of war in Germany. Before the war, he was employed by Messrs. Brown and Sons, at their Whitwick boot factory, and was formerly well-known among the young men of the district

as the captain of the Thringstone House Football Club for which he has played many a sterling game at centre half when the club was in its balmy days.

He enlisted on November 11th, 1915, and went to France in August of the following year, being taken prisoner on May 3rd, 1917, at Fontaine. For a few months he was working behind the German lines in France and was then sent to Germany, passing through Belgium on December 1st, 1917. Most of his time in Germany was spent in working at a chemical factory and he stayed in the Aldam Camp.

Lawrence tells the usual story of hard work and poor food. They had practically nothing they could eat from the Germans but bread and potatoes, and lived mainly on the parcels sent them from England. They had to work from six in the morning till six at night, Sundays included. He witnessed many acts of brutality to our prisoners by the Germans, although he came through the ordeal very well himself. He says that at the least provocation, the German guards would strike the prisoners with the butt end of their rifles and he realised that the best thing was to say nothing and keep going on with his work. The guards practically stood over them while they were at work and kept them at it. They were locked in as soon as it got dark. In July, 150 of the English, Lawrence included, and 50 of the French, were down with the fever. They had got to get about again on the fourth day and the fifth day were compelled to start to work again. They were kept working for about a week after the armistice was signed. Lawrence is now at home on two months' leave.

PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT AT MOIRA

Mr John Turner, J.P. managing director of the Moira and Donisthorpe Collieries, was nominated for the position of High Sheriff of Leicestershire, has been interesting himself in the above fund, and in addition to the amounts subscribed by him personally and by the collieries with which he is associated, he has supported the movement for the same fund in the Ashby Woulds urban area, comprising Moira and Albert Village. The amount realised by the last named effort is £190/10/-. Mr T. W. Peach has acted as the secretary of the local effort.

"I AM QUITE WELL"

FIELD CARDS FROM LOCAL SOLDIERS

During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

Dooley, Harry, Sergt. (Germany)	(December 15 th)
Haynes, Gunner, M.M.	(December 15 th)
Tansey, Frank, Sergt.	(December 18 th) "A Happy New Year to all."
Wildgoose, G. H. Sergt. M.M. (Germany)	(December 15 th)
Wortley, T. H. Lance-Corpl.	(December 17 th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Out of the 78 Loughborough men who were taken prisoner by the enemy, over 50 have now returned to Loughborough?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

At the Coalville Men's Adult School on Sunday morning, a vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with the widow and parents of the late Private T. Wild, a prisoner of war who had died in hospital in Germany. The deceased soldier's father has for some years been a respected and popular member of the school.

All the circumstances point to this Christmas having been the happiest for several years in this district. Hundreds of men in the Forces have been home on leave and to the relatives of those still on military and naval duty there was the satisfaction of knowing that they were not in the danger of battle. There was no lack of food in the locality and apparently plenty of money, seeing that the shops have done a splendid trade and

many of them practically cleared of their large stocks. Christmas shopping commenced early Friday and Saturday, as well as Monday and Tuesday nights being a busy time for the tradesmen.

COLONEL VANN, V.C.

The following further appreciation of the late Colonel Vann, V.C., formerly a curate of St. Barnabas, Leicester, and at one time assistant master at Ashby Grammar School, appeared in the "Times" on Friday.

"Bernard William Vann, was a young clergyman of the Church of England, a member of Jesus College, Cambridge, and a hockey blue, who for two years served a country curacy. When war came it found him chaplain and assistant master at Wellingborough. Hot-footed and impatient of the delay that stood between him and an army chaplaincy, he joined the Sherwood Foresters before August 1914 was out. From that moment he began a career of adventure and splendour that has seldom been excelled. No less than 11 times was he returned a casualty.

At last he fell, but a few days before the armistice was signed, leading his battalion into the attack. The war is rich enough in stories transcending the imagination of story-tellers, but the plain tale of how a young English clergyman rose in a few months, after joining the army, as a combatant to the command of his battalion, is one that deserves to be remembered. To be sure the Victoria Cross has been won by priests before – three of them. Army chaplains have won it in this war, but never before has there been a priest who won it as a commanding officer of an infantry battalion.

His was no case of setting aside an old vocation and forgetting it in the new adventure. All the time the men who revered and loved him as a fearless leader knew him, and loved him no less, as a spiritual father. Never was he happier than when the moment served for him to minister to the men whom he commanded: always in his baggage he carried a portable altar and the sacred vessels and his greatest joy was to plead the Great Sacrifice to give his men Communion."

A WORTHY MEMORIAL

TO LT-COL. D. HYDE-THOMSON, R.A.F.

A fund, the first of its kind in the Royal Air Force, has been established for the benefit of officers of the Force, which will be a perpetual memorial to the late Lieut.-Colonel Douglas Hyde-Thomson, who lived at The Pool House, Groby, and was killed while flying on duty on May 21st last. He was a son of Mr R. D. Thomson, of Ibstock Collieries. A sum has been paid to representatives of the Air Council for the purpose of establishing a prize to be known as the "Hyde-Thompson Memorial Prize," to be awarded to any "non-commissioned officer or man who, when recommended for a commission as second-lieutenant (technical wireless) in the Royal Air Force, passes the best examination to qualify him for such rank in wireless telegraphy and kindred subjects during the period for which the said prize is awarded." The prize will be awarded annually.

Lieut.-Colonel Hyde-Thomson's death cut short a brilliant career. Joining the Royal Navy he soon attracted the attention of his seniors as being a young officer of remarkable mental capacity. His aim was towards the most technical branch of the Service, and at a very early age he became a torpedo lieutenant and one of the staff of H.M.S. Vernon. The air, and the infinite possibilities connected with flight which he had the prevision to believe it, fervently held a great attraction for him, so, soon after the formation of the naval branch of the Air Service, he transferred to the R.N.A.S. and brought with him an idea which, when in the course of time it is fully developed, will have an incalculable influence on the conduct of naval warfare. This idea was that of releasing a torpedo from an aeroplane. It has been proved in this war that a submarine is ineffective against a battleship adequately protected by escorting destroyers, but, it has yet to be seen that it is possible to devise any means of protecting a battleship from the concerted attack of several torpedo carrying aeroplanes. On the two occasions (in the Dardanelles in 1915) on which the torpedo carrying aeroplane was used, it met with complete success (at the time Lieut.-Col. Hyde-Thomson received congratulations from the Admiralty); but lack of opportunity has prevented its employment on a large scale.

IBSTOCK WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the above committee was held in the Ibstock Town Hall on Wednesday evening last week. Councillor W. Eggington, J.P., presided and the following members of the committee were present:

Mrs T. N. Wilson, Mrs M. Armson, Miss Meek, the Rev. _____, Messrs. W. Dunstan, Jabez _____, Wyatt, W. Williams, R. B. Thirlby, J. T. Jacques, G. Forman, and F. Holmes.

The chairman outlined the scheme which had been accepted at the previous public meeting, viz. the erection of a monument in a prominent position with the names inscribed thereon of all those who had fallen in the war from Ibstock, together with all those who had enlisted either in the army or navy from Ibstock. Also albums to be printed containing photos and records of Ibstock soldiers and sailors.

After some discussion it was decided to enlarge the committee in order to make it more representative of the village. On the proposition of Mr J. T. Jacques, Mrs Wm. Newman, senr., and Mrs Charles Harratt, were added to the committee.

On the proposition of Mr W. Dunstan, it was decided to ask Mr W. Wallace of the Miners' Council to approach the miners for nominations of their representatives on the committee. Messrs. Joseph Baxter and R. Stafford were also co-opted on the committee.

A sub-committee composed of Messrs. W. Eggington, W. Dunstan and F. Holmes was instructed to draw up leaflets for submission to the next committee to be distributed explaining the method of subscription. The amount to be aimed at is £1,500.

Mr T. Wright (schoolmaster) was proposed by Mr R. B. Thirlby as assistant secretary to Mr F. Holmes. It was decided to ask Mr Stevens, Council Schools headmaster, to join the Committee, with a view to enlisting the co-operation of scholars in promoting the scheme.

A SOLDIER'S APPEAL TO IBSTOCK

The time is now ripe for opening a fund to commemorate, in a suitable form, the glorious part which the BOYS have taken in the Great War.

It is unnecessary for me to attempt to give the number of our lads who have made the supreme sacrifice in the great struggle. I wish to empathise the ardour which all voluntarily entered the army at the early stages of the conflict. The village has a good record for voluntary enlistments, and has had the honour of being represented in most of the theatres of war, from the battle of Mons to the bitter days of fighting in recent battles at Le-Cateau and St. Quentin and onwards.

In every scene of fighting in France, Italy, Salonica, Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, and East Africa, the lads of Ibstock have played their part. The casualties are rather high considering the number of boys you were able to part with. They gave up their lives to uphold the honour of their dear old Blighty, the supremacy of their race, and the eternal principles of justice and liberty. To them is the greatness and glory, to us who are left falls the duty of raising a Monument to commemorate their work and hardships borne on our behalf.

I, therefore, appeal in every living soul in Ibstock to make it their duty in seeing that a monument is erected in the most prominent part of the village will make an effort to form a Committee and consider this appeal made by one who has lost brothers in the war.

A good sum of money will be required for the nature of the memorial I have suggested, but there should be no difficulty in obtaining it. It can be decided by the Committee whether to commemorate the heroic dead alone, or to include all the boys who have taken an active part in the great conflict. A monument would be of a permanent nature, and it is our duty to see that it is worthy of the deeds which it will commemorate.

I am sure all parents who desire their children to grow up and admire the loyalty and devotion of their fathers and brothers towards their country will most readily subscribe towards the amount required.

Now, Ibstock! See what can be done.

Yours Sincerely,
Sgt. C. Smith
Melbourne Road

Sgt. Smith writes this letter from Italy. He will be glad to learn eventually that a movement has been started at Ibstock on the lines he suggests. – Ed., "C.T."

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ODSTONE SOLDIER'S DEATH IN MESOPOTAMIA

A FORMER IBSTOCK BUTCHER

OFFICER'S SPLENDID TRIBUTES

Mr E. Cuthbert, of Odstone, has received a communication from the War Office, stating that his youngest son, Private Joseph William Cuthbert, of the A.S.C., died on October 20th, of pneumonia, in 133, G.B. Hospital, Kut, Mesopotamia. The sympathy of the King and Queen and the Army Council with the relatives is expressed. Before joining up, Private Cuthbert carried on business as a butcher at 81, High Street, Ibstock, in partnership with his brother. He was 28 years of age, was always bright and cheerful, and very much liked by all who knew him.



In a letter from Kut to Mr Cuthbert, dated October 21st, an officer writes, *"It is with great sorrow I have to tell you of the death of your son at 11.30 last night in the British Hospital here. Ever since I have been here I have looked upon him as one of the best workers of the depot. He was cheerful and happy and deeply interested in his work, and in losing him I have lost one of my chief supports. Though he has died far away from you and his old friends, yet he made many friends in this depot and was genuinely liked by everyone. He has always done his duty in a straight, upright and manly way."*

Another officer, writing on October 26th states, *"Your son, Joe was in my section for some months and I had constant opportunities of forming an estimate of his worth. He was always ready to carry out cheerfully any orders I issued and was so reliable that I could leave him in charge of any work. In fact, he was almost too keen, and I had now and again to tell him not to overtax his strength. I had mentioned his name to the Commanding Officer for promotion, but he had been summoned to a much higher service. Private Heyworth tells me that Joe was confirmed last May and if ever a man carried out the principles of his religion in his daily duties, it was your son. He went into hospital on Tuesday week and when I visited him last Sunday morning, I thought he was much worse than when I saw him on the Thursday, but never imagined the end was so near. He died on the night of the 20th and we laid his body to rest in the British Cemetery on the edge of the desert, within sight of the Persian hills over which the sun rises with Eastern splendour; a daily symbol of the great Resurrection. Your son has died in the service of his country, and I would sooner have anyone I loved die thus than in sheltered England. Lieutenant Mitchell, who brought your lad out, walked with me and others to pay our last respects to Pte. Cuthbert. I shall always think of him with pride and await the time when we shall salute one another above. With sincere sympathy."*

COALVILLE FAMILY'S BEREAVEMENT

DEATHS OF FIVE CHILDREN IN ONE HOUSE

Another death occurred on Sunday in the house of Mr and Mrs Benjamin Black, of 13, Club Row, Coalville, who have now lost five of their children from influenza in ten days. As reported in our last issue, there were two double funerals from the house last week, a boy aged 4 years and a girl 6, being buried together, and then two girls, aged 9 and 13. Another girl, Julia Ann, aged 16, died on Sunday and was buried in Coalville Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Black was formerly a Whitwick miner, but has done no work for some time, owing to illness. A boy has been killed in the war and in a family of twelve children, only two now survive.

A SAD CASE

ANSTEY SOLDIER'S SUICIDE

A verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane was recorded at a Lambeth inquest on Thursday afternoon last, on John William Prothero, aged 22, a pensioned soldier from the Northumberland Fusiliers, and is a native of Anstey, who committed suicide in the King George Military Hospital. The evidence showed that Prothero was admitted to the hospital in January, 1917, having been shot through the spine. His case was said to be hopeless, paralysis having set in the lower part of the body. Miss Emily Forden, a nurse, said that on Monday she found Prothero with a razor at his throat. She got it away from him, but it was too late, as he had already injured himself.

John Mackay, Coroner's officer, stated that a soldier now away on furlough, told him that Prothero borrowed the razor remarking that he would like to give it to his father as a Christmas present.

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ELLISTOWN SOLDIER'S RETURN

TWO YEARS AND THREE MONTHS A PRISONER IN GERMANY

Private Arthur Everett of the South Staffs Regiment, formerly an insurance agent, and well-known church worker at Ellistown, has recently returned home after being two years and three months a prisoner of war in Germany. He joined up in April, 1916, and going to France in the following July, had the misfortune to be captured by the enemy within a month during the fighting at Delville Wood on the Somme. After about a week he was sent to Cambrai and for eight days was only allowed one hour's exercise each day. They were asked to join a party for work on a farm but were sent to work on a clay bank about 20 kilometres from Cambrai. They were billeted in some old farm buildings in a filthy state from the point of view of sanitation and in the place they slept in was long rank grass infested with insects. On the first night, the French civilians were allowed to give them bread and apples, but they had difficulty in getting water to drink. They had to work very hard and the food given them was poor and insufficient. After the first night, the guards prevented the French people, who were very good, from giving them food, and if any reached them from this source, it had to be smuggled in, as was occasionally done. *"A French lad about 15,"* says Everett, *"once gave me some cigarettes and was brutally kicked by a German sentry for it."*

Not being allowed facilities to wash and keep themselves clean, the prisoners got into an awful state and eventually had to have their clothing stoved before proceeding to Germany. *"The railway journey into Germany"* says the soldier, *"was too horrible to describe. Forty of us were put into an enclosed cattle truck, with only a narrow slit at either end to let in the fresh air. We were locked in. We were too packed to sit or lie down comfortably, and the only sanitary provision was a tub placed in the middle of the truck. A small ration of bread and four small tins of meat had to suffice for the forty of us for the first day, and we had difficulty in getting water to drink. The second day's ration was a loaf of bread to the forty men – a mouthful each – and I don't think any one of us got anything to drink that day. As we were in the German stations, the people adopted a threatening attitude, and shook their fists at us. When we detrained at nine o'clock in the morning, we were told to march to Debnau camp, and reached there at eleven in the evening. We had nothing to eat or drink that day, and when we arrived, they gave us some soup and tea to drink. During the next four weeks we were vaccinated and inoculated five times, and in the fifth week we started work on the land or various duties in the camp."*

Proceeding, Private Everett said that after about seven weeks at this camp, they were sent to Oberhausen and then had to march about eight kilometres to work in the coal mines at Osterfeld. They refused at first, but were ordered to descend the mine at the point of the bayonet, this threat being carried out by a guard of nine men who had with them two large wolfhounds. The prisoners were also struck by the men of the guard with the butt end of their rifles, one of the Englishmen being badly lamed, but he was made to work in the mine all the same. There was a slight increase in the bread ration while they were working in the mines, but the soup was poor and they were always underfed. In a short time, over 200 of the prisoners fell so ill that they had to go into hospital, Everett among them. But they were left to their own resources, one having to help the other as best they could, and they had a terrible time. Everett suffered badly from boils and stuff was put on them which fetched off his skin and caused intense pain. When he recovered he was sent to work on a farm, and was made to work hard from five in the morning till seven at night, and then the farmer was not satisfied. They could never do enough to please him.

On February 14th, Everett was sent to another camp at Xanten, where he fared to somewhat better. He cannot imagine what would have happened but for the parcels sent from England. They received these fairly regularly, and it enabled them to keep going. They knew that the Armistice had been signed before the Germans told them, through a Swiss paper which was brought into the camp where a lot of French prisoners were.

The camp at which Everett spent most of his time was Friedrichsfeld, and he recalled an awful day in November, 1917, when 1,100 British prisoners were brought into the camp, looking starved and in rags, many of them suffering from unattended wounds. They had been working behind the German lines and many of our men had been killed by our own shells. Fifteen of these men died the first day they were brought in.

Private Everett is now quite well again and is at home on two months' leave.