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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.	(December 29 th)
Edwards, J. W. Corpl.	(December 28 th) (Wishing you all a Happy New Year)
Timson, A. Corpl.	(December 29 th)
Varnham, Wilfred. Gunner	(December 23 rd)

Grenadier A. Geary, a Coalville soldier writes from Cologne, where he is with the troops of occupation, sending a photograph of the Cologne Barracks.

GORDON HIGHLANDER WINS THE M.C.

Second-Lieutenant A. P. Grosert, of the Gordon Highlanders, has been awarded the Military Cross. He was a well-known footballer before joining the Forces, having played for the Hibernians and later for Fulham F.C. He is a nephew of Mr T. Grosert, the Coalville Co-Operative Society's bakery manager.

HUGGLESCOTE

The engagement is announced of Miss E. M. Poole, eldest daughter of Mr John Poole, of Wilkin's Lane, Hugglescote, and 2nd Lieutenant H. Parker, eldest son of Mr Parker, The Hollies, Croutel Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, after an absence of over two years, during which he has been engaged as a War Munition Volunteer, has resumed his practice at Coalville?

ASHBY

Mrs Lathbury, the Green, Ashby, has been notified that her husband, Lance-Corporal W. E. Lathbury, Northumberland Fusiliers, died in hospital in India following an attack of influenza, which developed into pneumonia.

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MAJOR A. T. SHARP HONOURED

Captain (temporary Major) A. T. Sharp, Machine Gun Corps, formerly with the 5th Leicestershire Regiment (T.F.), and lately attached to the British Mission American Expeditionary Force, is among the recipients of army honours at the New Year. He is appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division) for valuable services rendered in connection with military operations in France and Flanders. The announcement of this honour follows upon Major Sharp's "special mention" in Sir Douglas Haig's list officially published on Tuesday.

The Old Reptonian and Leicestershire County cricketer will receive hearty congratulations on the honours conferred upon him. he has been on military service since the first day of the war, and has seen much active service in France with both the 5th Leicesters and the Machine Gun Corps. Until he returned to England recently he was for nine months with the American Expeditionary Force.

BAGWORTH N.C.O. HONOURED

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES BY SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

A supplement to a recent issue of the "London Gazette" contains a dispatch from Sir Douglas Haig, in which he submits a list of names of officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Leicestershire Regiment, as deserving of special mention.

Included in the list is the name of Company Quartermaster-Sergeant C. Hubbard (6th Battalion) who is a son of Mr Hy. Hubbard, of Bagworth. He volunteered for service in November, 1914, and went to France early in 1915. He is shortly returning to his former occupation as a clerk at the Nailstone Colliery.

Another of the men "mentioned" is Private J. Dobney (1st 4th Battalion) of Oakham, who is a nephew of Police Inspector Dobney, of Coalville.

MARRIAGE

White – Kilby. On December 28th, 1918, at St. Michael's Church, Ravenstone, by the Rev. A. S. Dowling, Corporal Harry W. White, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas White, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada, to Ethel Kirby, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Kilby, Ravenstone.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. L. Haywood, Scottish Rifles, who was on board the torpedoed "Aragon" on his way to Egypt, December 30th, 1917. Aged 21 years.

"His life for his country."

From his loving Mother and Dad

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

In the lists of officers in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches ("The Times", December 28th), Second-Lieutenant S. J. Fox, 4th Bedfords, was "specially mentioned" for good work on August 26th. Lieutenant Fox, who was wounded on August 28th, is the son of Mr Trueman Fox, of Odstone.

The soldiers of Broom Leys send their heartiest thanks to the people of Coalville for the gifts which were sent to the hospital, and they also thank the entertainment committee for the entertainment which was given, and to all who contributed to make up the splendid time which was enjoyed at Christmas.

The recently announced honour conferred on Captain (temporary Major A. T. Sharp) recalls an interesting incident on the cricket field. When Britain declared war on August 4th, 1914, he was on the Northampton cricket field assisting Leicestershire in their match with Northants. He received a telegram calling him to take his commission as a second-lieutenant in the Territorials. He at once left the field without waiting for a knock in the second innings, and Leicestershire lost by four runs. Major Sharp, is the only son of Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, Coalville. His best cricket effort was that fine innings of 216 for Leicestershire against Derbyshire in the same season in which C. J. B. Weed established his remarkable record against Yorkshire at Bradford.

Mr Edgar Hawthorn, of Hawthorn Bros., Market Place, Coalville, has been demobilised from naval service, and will be glad to see old friends and new friends at 12, Market Place, Coalville.

COALVILLE OFFICER WINS M.C.

Many congratulations will be offered to Captain John Puxley White Jamie, of the 14th Leicesters, on being awarded the Military Cross for distinguished services in connection with military operations in France and Flanders. Captain Jamie is the second son of Dr. J. W. Jamie, the medical officer of the Coalville Urban Council, and a grandson of the late Mr J. P. White, J.P. of The Scotlands, Coalville. The gallant officer is very popular in the army and in many letters which have been written home by Coalville boys, Captain Jamie has

been referred to in terms of admiration and esteem. None will be more pleased than they at the honour which has been conferred upon him. Captain Jamie has served all through the war having joined up in the first week.

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S DEATH

INTERMENT AT THE LONDON ROAD CEMETERY

The funeral took place at Coalville Cemetery on Saturday afternoon of Sergeant William Herbert Howell, of the Royal Field Artillery, who died on New Year's Eve at the house of Miss Key, 74, Berrisford Street, Coalville, where he had lodged for over 12 years.

The son of a sergeant-major, and born in the army, Howell joined his father's regiment, the Royal Horse Artillery, when a lad of 13, as a drummer, and served 13 years, and eventually came to Coalville where he was employed at Messrs. Stableford's Works. As a reservist, he was called up the day war broke out and was in much of the fighting in France, being three times wounded and once gassed. He was discharged in August last. He was 47 years of age.

The funeral on Saturday was to have been with military honours, but the severe weather interfered with the arrangements and the firing party were unable to get from Wigston. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Hosking (vicar) the first portion being in the Parish Church. Messrs. J. Archer, T. Pepper, G. Savage and W. Scaysbrook acted as bearers.

A bunch of laurel leaves and lilies was thrown into the grave by the deceased's land-lady, Miss Key, and other floral tributes were from Clara and Harry, Mr and Mrs A. Freer and family, and an artificial wreath and globe as *"a token of respect and deepest sympathy from his fellow workmen."*

COALVILLE SOLDIER IN EGYPT

We have received a letter dated December 10th from Sapper C. Bradshaw, of the Royal Engineers, a Coalville soldier with the Forces in Egypt, stating that he received an election card on the evening of December 9th, and as the election was fixed for December 14th, he asks, *"What chance have I got to nominate anybody as proxy?"* He thinks that soldiers should not have been so treated. Concluding, he says *"Now that the war has terminated, I hope the normal state of affairs will soon come about, especially in the rationing of food and the price of wearing apparel."*

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FIVE LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOL V.C.'S

We are informed by Mr Brockington, the County Director of Education that the V.C. has been won by five soldiers who were, in their boyhood, scholars of the public elementary schools of the county, namely: Lieutenant-Colonel Bent from Ashby-de-la-Zouch; Lieutenant Boulter from Wigston; Pte Buckingham from Countesthorpe; Sergeant Leonard Insley from Albert Village.

Both Colonel Bent and Private Buckingham lost their lives in action, and in the case of the former, the award was posthumous.

The circumstances in which the first four crosses were gained are fresh in the public mind. In the case of Sergeant Leonard Insley, Royal Marine Light Infantry, 63rd Royal Naval Division, the official account of the act which won the great honour is as follows:

"For great bravery, leadership and devotion to duty on the morning of 8th October, 1918, when in charge of two machine-guns during an enemy counterattack with tanks which had penetrated the outpost, he kept his two guns in action against very difficult shell and machine-gun fire in a most heroic manner, finally putting one out of action in flames and causing the other to retire. He then reformed and took command of 100 infantry details which had fallen back, and led them forward to the original position. During the second counterattack at 7 o'clock, his guns did great execution before the artillery barrage came down, and this excellent N.C.O. was again responsible for collecting and reforming the infantry who had fallen back on his position. The maintenance of all objectives was greatly due to this heroic stand."

COALVILLE OFFICER HOME AGAIN

LIEUT. W. HANDFORD'S RETURN FROM GERMANY

Second-Lieutenant Walter Handford, of the 8th Leicesters, who was taken prisoner by the Germans on May 27th last, has reached home. His widowed mother and wife reside at Highfields Street, Coalville. Before the war, Lieut. Handford was well-known in the musical circles of the district, being organist of the Ashby Parish Church. He was taken prisoner on the same day that Captain F. Scott, another Coalville soldier in the same regiment, was killed. Unfortunately, there seems to be no doubt now about Captain Scott's death. For a long time his father, Mr W. V. Scott, L and N.W. station master, Coalville, was unable to obtain any definite news, but he has now received a letter from a soldier who states that he was present at the burial of Captain Scott, under a German guard. Captain Scott was the first officer from the Coalville district to win the M.C.

ASHBY BROTHER OFFICERS AWARDED M.C.'S

Captain H. C. Tucker, 6th Leicesters, and Lieut. G. W. Tucker, 4th East Yorks, sons of Mr and Mrs H. Tucker, of Tamworth Road, Ashby, have been awarded the Military Cross for services in the field. Both enlisted voluntarily as private soldiers, and have seen considerable service on the Western Front. The former had a miraculous escape when a shell killed the horse he was riding. Lieut. Tucker, who held the rank of Captain while temporarily in charge of a company, had been wounded.

HUGGLESCOTE

EFFORT FOR "OUR BOYS"

A successful whist drive and dance were held in the National School, on Saturday night, the proceeds being to provide gifts for men serving in the Forces and formerly residing in the Hugglescote ecclesiastical area not included in the parish effort recently made. There were 30 tables for whist, the M.C.'s being Messrs. F. J. Wainwright and C. Holt, and for dancing, Messrs. J. Jackson and E. Darby officiated, the pianist being Miss Bonser.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dearest pal (my husband), Pte. W. Statham, R.N.D. killed in action, December 28th, 1917.

*"Beloved it is well, though deep and sore the smart
The Hand that wounds knows how to bind
And heal the broken heart."*

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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.	(January 4 th)
Gardner, Pte. M.M.	(January 10 th)
Wildgoose, G. H. Sergt. M.M.	(January 7 th)

ASHBY

GOOD NEWS

Mr and Mrs John Fair, of Tamworth Road, Ashby, whose son, Pte. Eric Fair, had not been heard of for several months, although it was known that he was a prisoner of war in Germany, have now been informed of his arrival in Southampton, and subsequent removal to a London hospital.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Captured at Mons and a prisoner in Germany for over 4 years, Private Durrands, of the Coldstream Guards, called up on the outbreak of war, and formerly a police constable at Coalville, has written to Inspector Dobney stating that he is well, and reached Holland on December 29th.

BROOM LEYS

A very successful concert was held at Broom Leys on Sunday the 12th when a concert was given by Miss Choyce and party, Sergeant Darby presided, and the evening was a very enjoyable one.

DISABLED SOLDIERS

Sir, I should like, through the medium of your paper, to ask some of the public to show a little more consideration to disabled men. I cannot believe that the lack of consideration is intentional, but rather, through absent-mindedness; neither is it general, but the few instances are very uncomfortable to those most concerned.

I, like a few others of this district, who have met with the same difficulties, walk about with the aid of crutches, and I have often had to leave the path, both in daylight and in darkness, to allow able-bodied men to pass. At times, two or even three abreast, swing along at a good pace, and leave one about a foot of walking space on the outside edge of the path. This, of course, to the man on crutches, means getting on to the road, in order to prevent being knocked over, a rather dangerous proceeding in the darkness. This, I would say, does not refer to ladies. Personally, I do not like ladies to move; it seems outside the correct order of things.

Another instance: One of my friends, who is much worse than myself, and who is well-known in the district, has had to stand in the 'bus from Ellistown to Coalville, because nobody offered him a seat. Unknown to others, this caused him not discomfort, but pain, but a soldier is too proud to complain, for fear of getting pity, a thing he detests. On two other occasions, he has had to walk the whole distance, because people crowded and pushed him to one side, filling the 'bus to overflowing before he could get in.

On Armistice night, I, together with three chums in similar circumstances, passed straight through a dense, surging crowd in Trafalgar Square, London, without any difficulty whatever. Why? Because that waving, shouting crowd had a little consideration for those who had done their duty, and suffered on consequence. A path was cleared as if we were of the Royal Family.

Surely the good people of Coalville and district will not have it said that they are less courteous than the people of London: I know they are not, and I am not asking for favours, but what I believe is our honest due. Thanking you in anticipation for your kindness in affording space for this letter. I am, yours sincerely.

J. A. Evans
Ellistown.

FORMER COALVILLE MAN WINS M.M.

Sapper James Cook, R.E., Signal Sub-Section, attached 76th Brigade, R.G.A. of 214, Anglesey Road, Burton-on-Trent, has been awarded the Military Medal. The official notification states that the award is made for continuous good work and devotion to duty since December 7th, 1916. As despatch rider he has never failed to deliver his dispatches under the most trying and difficult circumstances, and often under shell-fire. The following example is typical:

"On September 7th, important barrage dispatches were given him for delivery at advanced Brigade Headquarters. Owing to Brigade Headquarters being moved to another part of the village, Sapper Cook

searched the village, under a continuous concentrated bombardment between 3.00 and 4.00 for over an hour, eventually finding Bridgade Headquarters and delivering his dispatch." Before enlisting in August 1916, Sapper Cook was assistant manager for the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society at Coalville, and resided in London Road. He is very well-known in the Burton district and was employed as an agent by the same society in the town before coming to Coalville.

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COALVILLE POLICE COURT

P.C.'s T. Robertson and W. Mason, two Coalville policemen who have served in the Forces and have received their discharge, were again sworn in as constables. The chairman said the magistrates were very glad to see them back again, and that they were safe. He understood that both had been wounded, but was glad that it was not so serious as to prevent them from resuming their duties. The country was grateful for men like them who had done their best to prevent the Germans from overrunning this country and doing the mischief they would have done had they had the opportunity. The magistrates welcomed the two men back again and hoped their future life would be happy and successful.

Thomas Joseph Noon, private of the 3rd Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, Halsham, was summoned by Alice C. Bryan, single, Coalville, to show cause etc. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the girl who, he said, was very respectable, and had walked out with the defendant for five or six years. The parties arranged to be married, but the defendant afterwards declined to carry out his promise and had ignored the complainant. He had now agreed to pay 5/- per week from November 1st and the court expenses. Witnesses, he said, were present at the last court, when the case was adjourned. Complainant said she was twenty years of age, and had kept company with the defendant for six years. The girl's mother also gave evidence, stating that defendant had given her daughter money to buy furniture. The Bench made an order for defendant to pay 5/- per week till the child is 16, the court costs £2/13/6, advocate's fee £3/3/0 and expenses of the birth £1/1/-.

Ernest Smith (20), collier, Coalville, was summoned by Florence E. Day, single, Whitwick, to show cause etc. Defendant did not appear and P.C. Grewcock said that when served with the summons defendant replied that he should pay what was put on him. Mr J. J. Sharp for the complainant, said it was a sad case. Defendant had kept company with the girl (she was only 19), for some time and said he would marry her, but he went off and joined the Coldstream Guards. He said he wanted to see a bit more life. He wrote the girl an affectionate letter and sent her £1. He agreed afterwards to pay 5/- a week but when the agreement was drawn up he refused to sign it. The girl gave evidence, and said defendant was now working at the Whitwick colliery. Defendant was ordered to pay 5/- per week till the child is 16, £1/11/- expenses of the birth, 10/- court costs and an advocate's fee of £5/5/0, the chairman remarking that the defendant had acted very badly in the matter.

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S DEATH

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING AND A PRISONER



Three official reports have been received by Mr and Mrs John Willett, of Ivy Dene Cottages, Highfields, Coalville, concerning the fate of their only son, Private Thomas William Willett, of the 3rd Leicesters, who formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery, and voluntarily enlisted on November 9th, 1914.

After the battle of Loos on September 25th, 1915, Private Willett was reported missing. Ten months later his parents received another official communication stating that their son was a prisoner in Germany, while a day or so ago, a third letter was received from the War Office stating that the soldier had been killed in action or died of wounds on September 25th 1915 or since. Accompanying this letter is one from Lord Milner, expressing the sympathy of the King and Queen. The deceased soldier was 29 years of age when he enlisted. His parents have heard nothing from him since prior to September 25th, 1915.

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LIEUT. R. HAY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

SAD OCCURRENCE IN BELGIUM



Much sympathy is felt for Mr T. Y. Hay (manager of the Whitwick Colliery) and Mrs Hay, of Forest Road, Coalville, on having received news that their younger son, Lieut. Robert Hay, of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, was accidentally killed in Belgium on Tuesday last week.

A telegram was received on Wednesday stating that the young officer was in a dangerous condition, and this was followed by another the following day informing his parents that he had passed away.

Since then, Mr and Mrs Hay have received a letter from the Commanding Officer of the deceased's regiment who, writing on January 7th, says:

"I very much regret to inform you of the fatal accident of your son, Lieut. Robert Hay. He was out riding this afternoon along a road with a brother officer when, about 3.45 pm both he and the horse he was riding were apparently knocked down by a motor lorry and your son was run over, breaking his spine, and completely paralysing him. This, I am glad to think, prevented him from feeling any pain. A doctor was passing at the time, and Lieut. Hay was taken by motor ambulance to the casualty clearing station at Namur, where he died at 6.45 pm today. On behalf of all ranks of the battalion I desire to express our deepest sympathy with you in your great loss. We all feel we have lost a very great friend and a very fine soldier. We propose to conduct the funeral service ourselves and probably the interment will take place at 2 pm on the 9th at the village cemetery here in Malonne, four miles S.W. of Namur."

Mr Hay also received a letter from the Brigadier-General, who writes as follows, *"I cannot tell you how much I regret to write to you on the sad occasion of your son's death. Unhappily, in the last few years I have had to write many letters to bereaved parents, but I have written few with a heavier heart than I am writing this. Your son has done brilliant work in the war. I knew and liked him immensely, as well as recognising his sterling worth. I know too well how useless letters must be on these occasions, but I cannot refrain from trying to express to you a little of sympathy I feel for you in your sad loss. I will not weary you with a longer letter. Please once more accept my very deepest and most sincere sympathy."*

Lieutenant Hay was 23 years of age. He joined the army early in December, 1915, and was in much of the fighting in France, being wounded at the Messines Ridge in June, 1917. He was at home on leave in July last, and crossed again to France on July 31st. Of fine physique – he stood 6ft 3in – he had decided to adopt the army as his profession. He was formerly a clerk in the United Counties Bank at Nottingham. The day on which he was killed was the anniversary of his brother George's wedding.

DISCHARGED SOLDIER'S DEFENCE

Magisterial sympathy for a discharged wounded soldier was shown in a case at the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, when John Smith (32), and George Bennett (31), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper to Mr de Lisle, for day poaching at Whitwick, on December 18th, and for wilfully damaging a stone wall at the same time. Defendants both pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp, who prosecuted, said he was surprised at them taking that course, as since the offence they had been to Mr de Lisle and asked him to be lenient.

Trevor Pratt said he saw the defendants and another man in Cademan Wood about 11 am. He saw one dog, and believed there were two. A rabbit ran into a stone wall and the defendants pulled the wall down to get at the rabbit, but it got away. Then they put a ferret in a rabbit hole. They went off on seeing him and he secured the ferret, which he produced in court, remarking, "It is a very good one."

P.C. Grocock said he met Bennett in Cademan Street, coming from the direction of Cademan Wood with a dog. His boots were dirty and there was green stuff on his coat.

By Bennett: *Witness would have stopped him had he thought he had a rabbit on him.*

Bennett, on oath, denied the offence, saying it was a case of mistaken identity. He was a discharged soldier, and would not be so silly as to risk losing his pension for the sake of a rabbit. When he went to see Mr de Lisle, after receiving the summons, he told him he was not guilty. He explained to the Bench that he was unable to use his left arm through it having been hit by an explosive bullet, and he produced his army papers showing that he was discharged after two years with the Leicesters in the army, during which he was an honest, sober and reliable man. Mr Sharp said Mr de Lisle did not wish to press the cause unduly.

The question arose as to whether a conviction would affect the man's pension, and the clerk said it would not, being only a summary offence. Superintendent Lockton said a man might lose his pension if sent to prison for larceny.

The chairman said the magistrates would take a lenient view as they were sorry defendant had been wounded while fighting for his country. They would serve both defendants alike, and dismiss the cases on payment of 16/- each, costs and damage, and the chairman said he hoped it would not occur again.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

Lance-Corporal Lester Varnham, of the North Staffs Regiment, was mentioned in recent dispatches by Sir Douglas Haig for good patrol work in France and has also been commended by his commanding officer. He is the third son of Mr T. Varnham, J.P., of Barnsheath Farm, Appleby, chairman of the Ashby Board of Guardians and Ashby Rural Tribunal.

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Edwards, J. W. Corpl. 15th H.L.I. (January 13th)
Beard, V. E. (January 13th)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Major H. E. Powell, D.S.O., of Coalville, director of Veterinary Services, has arrived in England from Nazareth, where he has seen active service with the Palestine Forces?

Pte. Durrands, a former Coalville policeman, has returned to Coalville this week after being a prisoner of war in Germany for over four years?

Leamington's V.C. Private H. Tandy, shaved off his moustache, and attempted to disguise himself when visiting his home, telling his mother that it was easier to face a hail of bullets than a crowd of admirers?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr R. H. Whitford, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, begs to announce that he has now returned home, having been demobilised from the Army. He takes this opportunity of thanking the public for their patronage and support during his absence.

IBSTOCK

WAR MEMORIAL

In connection with the war memorial which is to be raised in memory of Ibstock soldiers, sailors and airmen, the members of the committee are commencing to distribute leaflets setting out the subject, with a view to obtaining subscriptions or promises for such, in weekly or monthly contributions from the inhabitants of Ibstock, and the immediate neighbourhood. The leaflet is worded as follows:

"Parish of Ibstock – Public Memorial to those who fell in the great European War, 1914 – 1918. Dear Sir or Madam, At a well-attended public meeting held at the Town Hall, Ibstock, on November 27th, 1918, a committee was appointed for the above object. The memorial is to consist of:

- (a) A monument to the memory of the fallen*
- (b) Presentation to the relatives of all men who have joined the Colours of a "Souvenir Photo Album."*

The cost is estimated to amount to £1,500. The committee hope and believe that every inhabitant of the parish will be anxious to assist. The parish is divided into districts, and each district is in charge of a member of the committee. Individuals are asked to give their donations through the collector in charge of the district. In order that all may 'do their bit' in a duty that devolves upon every person in the parish, donations may be contributed weekly for so many weeks, or may be made in one subscription. Cards will be furnished by the collectors to those preferring the former method of subscribing, and receipts will be handed to those choosing the latter method. All donations received will be placed to the account of the committee in the London Joint City and Midland Bank till required for the actual execution of the work. Subscriptions may be paid direct, if preferred, to the hon. treasurer, W. T. Williams, Esq., at the bank. The collector in charge of your district will call in ten days' time and hopes to have the pleasure of putting down your name as a subscriber to this memorial fund. It is proposed to publish the names of all subscribers. Trusting you will be good enough to give the matter your earnest attention, we are, yours faithfully, A. Turner, president; W. Eggington, chairman; F. Holmes and T. Wright, hon. secretaries; W. T. Williams, hon. treasurer."

LEICESTER

On Saturday afternoon a roll of honour containing the names of 46 members of the Jewish faith who joined the Forces from Leicester, was unrolled at the Leicester Synagogue by the Mayor (Councillor Lovell) in the presence of a large attendance. The Rev. A. A. Green, of London, conducted the service, and said that in all parts of the country members of the Jewish persuasion had made the sacrifice ungrudgingly. England had done all for the Jews and the Jews would do all for England.

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PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL AT ASHBY

INTERESTING SUGGESTIONS

A public meeting, conveyed by the Ashby Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday night to consider the steps to be taken to perpetuate the memory of Ashby men who have fallen in the war.

Mr W. M. Slater, who presided, said that from the little town of Ashby, over 600 men took part in the great struggle and something like 100 had given their lives. He suggested the erection of a block of six cottages standing back from the road with a statue in front, the cottages to be occupied by the widows of men who had fallen.

Mr J. German favoured a free recreation ground with a statue.

Mr J. P. Adcock suggested the erection of a good Town Hall with offices suitable for public meetings and town use generally.

Another suggestion was to build a new wing to the Cottage Hospital.

Eventually, it was left to the members of the Urban Council to consider the various suggestions and report to a future public meeting.

IBSTOCK SOLDIER KILLED



News has been received by Mr and Mrs Holland, of Orchard Street, Ibstock, of the death of their son, Private R. Holland, of the 2nd Manchester Regiment. A comrade of the deceased writes, *"We had almost taken our objective when he was hit close by me with an explosive bullet in the head. He died instantly and suffered no pain. He was very much liked by the officers and men of the company. Whatever he was asked to do, he did it, no matter how dangerous. I buried him next day in a pretty little cemetery on the banks of a canal. Over 20 of his pals were present. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you in the loss of such a good son and soldier. He paid the price as thousands have done, and if ever I get back home again I will come and explain fully to you all. I miss him as a brother."* Private Holland was killed a few days before the Armistice was signed.

SHAW LANE SOLDIER'S DEATH

Mr and Mrs T. Kelham, of Shaw Lane, have just received official news that their eldest son, Private T. T. Kelham, of the R.N.D., missing since March 25th, 1918, has been killed in action. He was a single man, 33 years of age, and worked at the Bagworth Colliery before joining the army. The deceased soldier's father was a tailor, and one of the Markfield representatives on the Market Bosworth Rural District Council and Board of Guardians. Another son, who went all through the war, receiving only one slight wound, returned home last Friday.

COALVILLE D.C.M. WINNER



Congratulations to Sergeant J. H. Beard, a Coalville soldier in the 7th Leicesters, on being awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery in the field. He has been through nearly the whole of the war, and in much of the fighting, having volunteered in November, 1914, and been 3 ½ years on the Western Front.

Sergeant Beard is another of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road School to bring this honour not only to himself but to his old school and his native town. His widowed mother resides in Melbourne Street, Coalville, and a brother of his is Mr William Beard, formerly a well-known local footballer. The gallant N.C.O. has just been demobilised and is returning to his old job as a miner at the Snibstone Colliery.

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STOKE GOLDING

A noteworthy effort was made by the villagers of Stoke Golding, on Saturday, in connection with the fund which is being raised for the benefit of lads who have gone from the village, and for a peace memorial. In the afternoon there was a bazaar in the Workmen's Hall, which attracted many people from the surrounding district, there being numerous stalls, competitions, and side shows, including an exhibition of souvenirs which Stoke Golding soldiers have brought with them from different theatres of war. The opening was performed by Miss Taylor, the daughter of the new vicar. The amount realised was £55.

COALVILLE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

EMPLOYEE'S ROLL OF HONOUR

The 140th quarterly meeting of the Coalville Workingmen's Co-Operative Society was held in the Adult School Hall on Saturday evening, Mr C. W. Brown, jnr. presiding over a good attendance.

The chairman said it was the first time since he had been chairman that he had been able to wish the members a happy new year, except with bated breath. They were glad that peace was at hand. The war had

made many homes sad and they all hoped that at the peace conference now sitting some method would be arrived at in dealing with disputes between nations which would prevent anything of the kind happen again (hear, hear).

A letter was read from Mr W. Stacey, thanking the members for their vote of sympathy with him on the death of his son.

The chairman said that it had been remarked that the Society had made many appeals to the local Tribunal, but it was not generally known that 85 of their employees had joined the Forces. He regretted to say that ten had made the supreme sacrifice, their names being:

J. Horrocks (boot department), E. Stinchcombe, W. Mace (stables), J. Brooks (Bagworth grocery), V. Hancox, W. Tyers (Ellistown grocery), D. Drinkwater (Central bakery), W. Collier (Hugglescote grocery), R. Brooks (butchery), and T. Wild (tailoring).

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS'

MEETING OF THE COALVILLE FEDERATION

INTERESTING QUESTIONS DISCUSSED

A meeting of the newly-formed branch of the Leicestershire Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation was held at the Adult School Hall on Tuesday evening, when Mr J. E. Lowe presided over a large attendance.

Before the business commenced, the chairman referred to the bereavement of the King and Queen by the death of their youngest son. As loyal soldiers and sailors their sympathy went out to their Majesties, who did all they possibly could for the men in the Forces during the war. A vote of condolence was passed by the members rising in silence from their seats.

The chairman then said they were all very grateful that the threatened coal strike had been settled. Soldiers and sailors had not expected to come home to that sort of thing. They had looked forward to coming home to comfort and peace, and it would have been a very unsatisfactory state of affairs to come back to a strike. They were very glad wiser counsels had prevailed, and that the matter had been settled.

Mr G. Tomlin (secretary) reported on work done since the last meeting. Several new members had been enrolled, making the total membership to date 70. They had taken an office in Coalville Market Place (old Y.M.C.A. room) and this would be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8.30 pm when any information could be obtained. Good progress had been made with the arrangements for the whist drive to be held on Saturday next. The report was considered satisfactory.

A letter was read from Mr W. Hancock inviting the branch to affiliate with the Coalville Trades Council. The chairman said he would leave it to the meeting, but they should safeguard their branch against becoming a political organisation. They were led to believe that the Trades Council was not a political organisation, but it rested with the meeting to say whether they would join or not.

Mr Palmer said he did not see how they could join. A resolution was on the minutes, passed at their first meeting that they should be non-political. Mr Leach said they had made a good start as brothers together and he thought they could not do better than continue on those lines, and keep clear of politics (hear, hear).

The chairman said that if the Trades Council sympathised with them they could help them without the branch joining the Council. They might say that they should join the Conservative or Liberal Club, but it would not be right. Up to now the branch had made good progress, and he thought the question of joining the Trades Council should be left over. He believed in Trades Councils and formerly belonged to one at Nuneaton, but those were his views. A member remarked that the Trades Council were trying to push this down their throats before they had hardly got on their feet. Mr J. Clarke moved that they write thanking the Trades Council for their invitation, and stating that they could not see their way to affiliate at present. Mr Baker seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The chairman suggested some action for which they should endeavour to get pensions for disabled men as a statutory right, and not as an act of grace. The full pension now was 27/6 per week and no man, especially if he was married and had a family, could live on that. It was a question whether they could keep a pauper on 27/6 a week, and it took more to keep a disabled man than one who was fit and well. They should protest against 27/6 a week being the maximum pension for a disabled soldier or sailor. Plenty of men were saying that they could not live on £3 a week, and if that was the case, what could a disabled man do on 27/6?

A member: *It won't pay for it.*

The chairman also said a suggestion had been made to start a sick club among their members, and another thing he would like to mention was that they should make a levy on the death of a member. After some discussion, it was agreed to establish a death levy of 6d per member, the amount to be made up to £5 in each case.

It was also decided to start a 5/- sick club in connection with the branch, the contribution to be 3d per member per week. The chairman said those were two good items, and would help to keep them together. The committee would go into the arrangements to get the sick club started.

Some discussion took place on the suggested inadequacy of the pension of 27/6, during which it was pointed out a bonus of 20 per cent was now given, but a member said that was only up to June. Mr Palmer asked whether a partially disabled man, one who had lost an arm or a leg, got 27/6 a week. The chairman replied in the negative, remarking that 27/6 was the maximum for a fully disabled man. Mr Leach said the whole question of pensions should be re-organised. The man who was partially disabled did not get enough. It was unanimously decided to protest against the inadequacy of the pension.

A member suggested that the branch should be more widely advertised. He said there were many eligible men in the Whitwick and Thringstone district who knew nothing about it. They should make it more widely known. The chairman said he was trying to get a meeting at Whitwick and Mr G. F. Burton had promised to assist him in trying to get a room. The committee would also try to arrange meetings at Ellistown and other places in the district. He said Mr D. Marston, whom they were glad to see present, had promised to give them a good report in the "Coalville Times" and that would be a great help to them (hear, hear).

The question was raised as to the time of men in all classes of reserve counting for the gratuity, and it was unanimously decided to make a request for this to be so. Several more new members were enrolled, and a vote of thanks to the chairman ended a successful meeting.

HINCKLEY

At Hinckley Parish Church on Sunday, a service was held in memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men belonging to the town who fell in the war of 1918. There was a large congregation, which included members of the Urban Council, and local organisations, and many of the bereaved relatives were also present, with a number of repatriated prisoners of war. The hymns were "O God our help," "Jesus lives," "Think, O Lord, in mercy," and "For all the Saints" and suitable music was played by the organist. The lesson was read by the Rev. D. O. Thomas (curate). Canon Hurrell (vicar) gave an address.

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WEDDING

An interesting wedding took place at the Ibstock Parish Church early on Saturday morning last. The contracting parties were Miss Edith Vickers, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Y. Vickers, of Copson Street, Ibstock, and Mr John William Eggington, R.A.M.C. The ceremony was performed by the Rector (Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.) The bride has been connected with the Day and Sunday Schools for a number of years, and the bridegroom prior to joining the Forces was employed at the Bagworth branch of the Coalville Co-Operative Society. On account of recent bereavements in the bridegroom's family, the wedding was of a quiet nature. The bride wore a travelling costume, with hat to match. Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple motored to Nuneaton, where they entrained for Barmouth, N. Wales, where the honeymoon is being spent. The numerous presents include a dinner service from the teaching staff of the National School.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

More than 100 lbstock soldiers, most of them miners, have been released from the Army to return to civilian employment?

Over 600 men from Ashby joined the Forces, or about one-eighth of the town's whole population, and more than 100 sacrificed their lives?

With the object of enabling him to earn his living, efforts are being made by friends at Earl Shilton to make £320 to purchase a taxi-cab for Private Fantham, who lost both his legs in the war, but is an expert motor driver?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

All the men from Ashby known to have been prisoners of war have now been accounted for, the last being Private Eric Fair, son of Mr and Mrs John Fair, of Tamworth Road, who has returned from Germany, and is now in a London hospital in a rather serious condition, due to privation.

In a letter to the Leicestershire County Council thanking that body for the loan of a room at Coalville for a voluntary munition shop, it was stated that between one and two hundred thousand pieces of various sorts had been made, and several dummy patterns of enemy grenades had been developed for the War Office. Stores were also supplied to Woolwich, the Ministry of Munitions, Armament, Buildings and the Trench Warfare Supply Departments. About 40 regiments had also been supplied with small private orders. The valuable work done by Miss Cresswell and her assistants at Coalville has been warmly acknowledged.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WHIST DRIVE

The members of the local branch of the Leicestershire Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation held a successful whist drive and dance in aid of their funds at the Bridge Road Council Schools, on Saturday night. There was a very large attendance. Messrs. W. Eames and A. E. Morris, assisted by soldiers, were the M.C.'s for whist, and for dancing Messrs. G. F. Sheffield and Frank Goddard officiated, the pianist being Mr George Wright. The whist prize winners were:

Ladies: 1 Mrs Blower; 2 Miss Cooper; 3 Miss Roberts.

Gents: 1 Mr Chambers; 2 Mr Ekins; 3 Mr Challenor.

Mr J. Clarke, of Ellistown, a discharged wounded soldier, presented the prizes. Thanks were expressed to the V.A.D. and others for assistance in making the event such a splendid success.

JURY DISAGREE

THE DESFORD ARSON CHARGE

At the Leicestershire Assizes on Saturday, Thomas Henry Gamble, 20, soldier, was indicted for maliciously setting fire to certain stacks of hay and straw at the Desford Industrial School, the property of the Leicester Corporation, on the 22nd August last. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr Everard.

Mr W. Powers, for the prosecution, said that on the date named, six or seven stacks of hay were burned at the Desford Industrial School. Prisoner was an inmate of the school before joining the Army, and at the time of the occurrence was on leave, and though he did not report himself at the school, he was seen in the neighbourhood of the ricks a short time before the fire was discovered. He was there while the ricks were blazing, and he was one of the most prominent among those who assisted to extinguish the fire. It was suggested by the prosecution that accused had a spite against the school and against the superintendent, as the result of the latter prosecuting him for some offence after he left the school. About a year ago, Gamble, it was alleged, was heard to say, in the presence of a police officer, that he would be even with the superintendent and that *"he would turn the old _____ out next time."* After the fire prisoner had a

conversation with another soldier named Starr, and it was alleged that he told Starr he fired the ricks and stole some grapes.

Prisoner, giving evidence, said the first information he had of the fire was when he was in the baths near the school. He hastily dressed and ran to the assistance of the staff, being the first to use the hose on the burning ricks. He worked hard at the fire for six hours. It was not true either that he threatened to burn the ricks, or that he admitted being the one to set them on fire. He had served in France since he was 18 years of age, and had been four times wounded.

For the defence, Mr Everard urged that a man who had intended to fire the stacks would not have visited the place openly and talked to a number of the officers before committing the crime. The jury, after nearly an hour's deliberations informed the judge that they could not agree. His lordship discharged the prisoner to be bound over in his own recognisance to come up for trial again at the next Assizes.

SHUNTING FATALITY AT COLEORTON COLLIERY

EX-SOLDIER'S SAD DEATH

An inquest was held at the George Inn, Coleorton, by Mr H. J. Deane (North Leicestershire Coroner) on Thursday afternoon, concerning the death of Samuel Robert Frettsome (21), of the White House, Coleorton, who was killed while engaged in shunting at the Coleorton Colliery on Monday morning.

David Frettsome, of the White House, Coleorton, said the deceased was his son and was employed at the Coleorton Colliery as an odd man. He had recently been released from the Army. His sight and hearing were good, and he was active in every way. He had not been wounded in the war, and his general health was good.

By the Inspector: *Deceased started working at the colliery as a surface worker when he was 13, and had never been anywhere else till he joined the army.*

Dr. R. W. Jamie (Coalville) said he received a message, and went to Coleorton Colliery on Monday morning, arriving at 10.30. He saw the deceased's body in an outbuilding. He made a superficial examination and found that the breast-bone was fractured in two places. The seventh rib was dislocated, and probably also fractured, and there were indications of severe internal injuries. The force which caused the injuries must have been considerable.

Albert Toone, 72, Margaret Street, Coalville, said he was employed at the Coleorton Colliery as a banksman, and was working there about ten o'clock on Monday morning. He saw the locomotive with one wagon attached, and on the same set of metals, a short distance away, about a foot, there were three loaded wagons coupled together. He saw the deceased bend under the buffers and place a rope on a hook on the full wagons, and then stood up and tried to squeeze between the buffers on the other side. Witness noticed that he was fast, and called to the driver to ease up, which he did and deceased fell on to the metals. Frettsome did not speak after hooking the rope on to the draw-bar. He bent down and got under the buffers going in, but when he tried to get out on the other side, he tried to get between the buffers. Witness did not see the wagons move and heard no sound. He had known wagons to move through the spring of the buffers, and he thought that happened on this occasion.

By the jury: *Deceased was not pinned for more than two or three seconds. The driver eased up immediately witness called to him.*

John Waterfield, engine-wright at the colliery, said he was in charge of the locomotive at the time of the accident, another man having had to go home. Under such circumstances, it was quite within the scope of witness's duties to take charge of the engine. Witness had an empty truck attached to the engine, and had been pushing the three full trucks without them being coupled up. Two of the wagons had the brakes pinned down and they took a lot of pushing. Witness thought the buffers were close up, but the full wagons must have gone on slightly after he stopped the engine. He had no idea of deceased being fast till Toone shouted, and he drew up immediately. He ran to him and picked him up and carried him into the workshop. Deceased died without speaking. Witness was sure that the engine did not move after it had stopped, as the brake was down tight. He could not say whether the empty wagon moved at all, but did not notice it do so. He had known wagons to move in similar circumstances. He thought that on this occasion the full wagons must have

moved through the buffers expanding. Deceased was an intelligent young man, and seemed able to adapt himself to various kinds of work. He was not an experienced shunter. He had been shunting for about three days with his brother, the regular shunter being ill.

By the Inspector: *The wagons should have been drawn apart for the rope to be put on. He was waiting for the deceased to tell him to draw up. Had deceased done that the accident would not have happened. It was not usual to get under the wagons.*

By Mr Lovett: *Witness was not aware that the wagons were not coupled up.*

Answering Mr Greensmith, witness said he regarded deceased as a capable man, and thought he would prove a very useful man to them.

By Mr Crane: *He returned to the colliery from the Army just after Christmas. He was in the Army about three years. He was used to work among wagons before going into the Army.*

By Mr Lovett: *Though deceased was not a regular shunter, he was shunting that day by witness's instructions.*

In reply to the Coroner, witness said he did not think it possible for deceased to have hooked the rope on the wagon with the shunting pole.

Arthur G. Greensmith, manager of the colliery, said deceased returned to the colliery from the Army on January 2nd as a spare man. He shunted with his brother for two days, and the brother and Waterfield both thought deceased was quite competent. It was quite evident that deceased thought the engine and wagons were stationary and that he could get through.

By Mr Lovett: *When he met with the accident deceased was in the course of his employment.*

The Coroner having summed up, the jury returned a verdict that it was a pure accident and no one was to blame. The Coroner said he quite agreed. The jury and Coroner expressed sympathy with the relatives, and Mr Crane for the engine-wright and officials, also expressed sympathy, remarking that it was very sad that a young man like this after three years in the Army should come home and meet with a violent death within three weeks.

Mr Greensmith, expressing sympathy with the relative for himself and the company, and different members of the family had been engaged with locomotives for over 20 years, and this was the first accident. P.C. Sibson acted as the Coroner's officer.

FOOTBALL

Local footballers will be glad to learn of the honour conferred upon Sergeant Stanley Moyens, in being awarded the bar to his Military Medal. In pre-war days, Moyens was a popular footballer. A resident of Bardon Hill, he learnt the game with the village team in the Coalville League, and blossomed into a fine half-back, playing for Coalville Swifts and Hugglescote in the Leicestershire Senior League. Of fine physique, he was a tower of strength to his side, as opposing forwards well knew.

An "Old Coalvillite" writing from Sheffield says, "*I am an old reader of your esteemed paper, and a former resident of the Coalville district. I noticed in your last week's issue that the Senior League had commenced operations again, and I thought I would convey a bit of news that would interest some Coalville and district football lovers. I have just recently come across Ernest Layton, who assisted Whitwick Imperial to win the 1914-15 trophies. He went from there to Huddersfield Town, and assisted them regularly until joining the Army. When I saw him he was Sergeant E. Layton, of the R.G.A. and had just been demobilised as a miner, and intends coming down to Bagworth to work in the mines. I believe he will be able to assist one of the local clubs. With best wishes to you and your paper.*"

BARDON HILL

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in memory of Private William King and Harry Hill, of Bardon, who have made the supreme sacrifice, was held at St. Peter's Church on Sunday night. There was a large congregation, including the officers of the "Granite" Friendly Society. Special psalms and hymns were sung, and suitable reference made to the sad event, also to the need of our prayers for those taking part in the Peace Conference, and for peace in the industrial world. The service was taken by Mr F. T. Bellward, honorary lay reader.

WAR MEMORIAL

A meeting of the parishioners was held on Monday evening in the Reading Room to consider what form the memorial to those who have given their lives for their country during the war should take. The chair was taken by the Rev. E. Pillifant, who outlined several schemes, and after discussion, it was eventually decided that if possible, a granite cross should be erected in the church-yard, near the south transept, bearing a suitable inscription and the names of the fallen, and also that there should be a roll of honour, containing the names of all who had served on land or sea, and their length of service. A subscription list has been opened, with Mr T. Allen as secretary, and Mr F. T. Bellward, as treasurer, and various efforts are to be made in addition. The members of the G.F.S. have already arranged a whist drive and dance in aid of the fund. Upwards of £150 has been raised in the parish for various objects since August last.

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ANNUAL LICENSING SESSIONS AT ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

The license of the Lamb Inn, Ashby, was transferred from Mrs Ball to William Henry Ball, her husband, who has returned from the Colours, and the Bench remitted the fees.

TRIP TO LEICESTER

The repatriated prisoners of war belonging to Ibstock and the immediate neighbourhood, journeyed to Leicester on Saturday last, accompanied by Mr Dunstan (local secretary for the Prisoners of War Fund) to participate in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Prisoners' of War Reception. The ex-prisoners, all of whom had received invitations and special tickets for admission to the ground and hall, joined other regiments at Victoria Park, and marched in procession, via London Road to the Rugby Football Ground, to witness a match between Leicester and Coventry. Tea and entertainment were provided, and after the National Anthem, a train was caught for home, the party having spent a very enjoyable time.

IBSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

A letter was received from a discharged soldier asking for 12 acres of land to enable him to commence a small holding, and after discussion, the Council decided to forward the application on to the Rural League who are acting in this capacity.

LEICESTERSHIRE LAND GIRLS

PRESENTATION OF RIBBONS

At the Victoria Galleries, Granby Street, Leicester, on Wednesday January 29th, the Rt. Hon. Mrs Alfred Lyttleton presented good service ribbons to about 80 Land Army girls of this county. Mrs Murray Smith opened the meeting in the absence of Mrs Charles Morris, chairman of the L.W.A.C.

Mrs Lyttleton said how sorry she was Miss Talbot was not to be present to see the girls who had done so much for their country, "food production" being the most important thing during the war. Mrs Lyttleton spoke of the new Bill likely to be passed in Parliament, viz., to give to the Land Girls a grant of land, the same as the soldiers were to get, and urged them to work hard still, and also get domesticated, especially those who thought of emigrating to the Colonies, and those getting the grant of land. In presenting the ribbons, it was pointed out that there were special badges given for special acts of devotion, where girls had risked their lives, or any other heroic deed. The instructresses first had their ribbons, viz., Mrs Binns Taylor (group leader), Miss Davison and Miss Cowdell. Amongst the others, two girls from the Coalville area, E. Hickling, of Coalville, for 18 months' service, and R. Hutt, of Standard Hill, for over six months' service.

After the distribution the girls were given an entertainment, the performers being Miss Elsie Hodson, Mrs Binns Taylor, Mr Goddard and Mr Billy Burton. Tea was afterwards provided, and after a jolly time the meeting terminated.

Cheers were given for Mrs Lyttleton, Mrs Morris (county secretary) and Miss Nuggee (welfare officer). Among those present were Mrs Woods, the wife of the Bishop of Peterborough, Miss James, Mrs Raine, Mrs Drackley, Mrs Ruddle, Miss Everard, Miss Paget, and Mrs Dunkin (hon. secretary Coalville district). During the week field cards have been received by us from the undermentioned local soldiers on service.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The employees of Messrs. R. Walker and Sons, "Wolsey" Works, Coalville have just made their 24th contribution of £3/3/0 to the funds of the Broom Leys V.A.D. Hospital?

Burton-on-Trent Town Hall which has been used as a Red Cross Hospital for 4 ½ years, was closed on Saturday, the remaining patients being sent to Leicester, Coalville and Eggington Hall?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A word of congratulation is due to the Coalville Whizz Bangs, the young ladies' troupe of entertainers who have gained so much popularity by their excellent performances in various parts of the district. They added another to their list of successful public appearances by assisting at the presentations to two soldier heroes at Thringstone on Monday night when it transpired that these talented young ladies, since they commenced their efforts not so very long ago, have raised no less than £250 for various local patriotic and charitable objects. Those of our readers who have never heard the Whizz Bangs should take the first opportunity of doing so. Their performances are most creditable and thoroughly deserve all the success they have achieved. Their record is a splendid one, and it is to be hoped that they will still go on adding to their laurels.

COALVILLE URBAN COUNCIL

Prior to the commencement of the business, the chairman (Mr Hale) referred to the death of Lieutenant R. Hay and moved that the sympathy and condolence of the Council be conveyed to Mr and Mrs Hay and family on their sad bereavement.

A letter was read from Mr and Mrs Hay thanking the Council for their vote of sympathy on the death of their son, Lieutenant R. Hay. The Council were asked to allow a Flag Day for the memorial to Lord Roberts, which, it was stated, was to be in the form of workshops for training wounded soldiers.

FOOTBALL

On the Halfway House Ground, Coalville, Stableford's workmen entertained Coalville Swifts and though they lost by three goals one, the wagon-builders put up a much better fight than the score would indicate.

The referee in this match, it is interesting to note, was Mr Hayden Insley, who only a few days before had doffed his khaki, having received his discharge from the army, and is now back again at his old job. He was one of the Senior League referees before the war.

LOUGHBOROUGH COUNTY COURT

At the Loughborough County Court, on Tuesday, John White, miner, Waterworks Road, Coalville, sued his sister-in-law, Agnes Dyson, factory overlooker, of King Street, Loughborough, for the return of certain articles, of their value, £7/5/-, with £1 damages for detention. Mr T. H. Moore was for the plaintiff, and Mr Wilfred Meyn for defendant.

Plaintiff married while serving in the army, but the wife was taken seriously ill, and died in April, 1918, when he was in hospital wounded. It was admitted that defendant had been very good to her sister, and his Honour held there was at Christmas, 1917, a deed of gift to her from the wife of a silver watch and chain.

The claim as regards them must fail, but he gave judgement for the plaintiff for the remainder. There would be no costs in the action. Though outside his judgement, he suggested plaintiff might arrange for defendant to have the clock and sewing machine.

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THRINGSTONE MILITARY MEDALLIST HONOURED

PUBLIC PRESENTATION BY LT. COL BURKITT

The Village Hall at Thringstone was packed on Monday evening on the occasion of a public presentation to Private Hy. Robinson, of the R.A.M.C. the second Thringstone soldier to win the Military Medal. The company included a good number of servicemen, members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Volunteer Regiment, and Boy Scouts in uniform, and the proceedings organised by the Thringstone Patriotic Committee, were of a very enthusiastic character. The hall was gaily decorated with flags.



The presentation consisted of an illuminated address, and a handsome timepiece. The address was as follows:

"Not for ourselves, but for our country – Pte. Henry Robinson, No. 64474, R.A.M.C., 3rd Division, 13th Corps. The inhabitants of the parish of Thringstone by the presentation of this address and an alabaster case timepiece desire to testify their appreciation of the honour to yourself and parish by your being awarded, whilst on active service in the great European War, the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty, also on June 14th and 15th, 1918, in rescuing a wounded soldier in an exhausted condition who was trying to reach the La Basee Canal. All through the attack you displayed great courage, and set a very fine example, the enemy's barrage being particularly heavy. The recommendation was signed by Lt.-Col. Ross

Taylor, R.A.M.C. officer commanding No. 74 Field Ambulance. These expressions of recognition to an heroic soldier of H.M. Army were presented on February 3rd, 1919, by Lt.-Col. Burkitt, R.A.M.C. at a public meeting in the Thringstone Hall. Signed, on behalf of the Thringstone Patriotic Committee: J. Colley Burkitt, Benjamin Baxter, Hubert Bradley, Joseph T. Briers, Ernest Gee, Phillip Neal, Thomas Watts, John Waldram, John Harry Weston, James Smith (treasurer), Ernest Watts (hon. secretary), Cheverton Shrewsbury (Vicar of Thringstone), and Henry G. W. Howe (chairman). God save the King."

The timepiece was inscribed, *"This timepiece, with an address, is presented to Private Henry Robinson, of the R.A.M.C. by the inhabitants of the parish of Thringstone, Leicestershire, in recognition of his being awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty, June 14th and 15th, 1918, during active service in the great European War."*

Mr H. G. W. Howe presided, and was supported on the platform by Mrs Booth (Gracedieu Manor), Lieutenant-Colonel Burkitt, Mrs Hamilton, the Rev. C. Shrewsbury (vicar) and members of the committee.

The first part of the programme was devoted to the harmony, there being some splendid contributions by Mr H. Gledhill, the popular Coalville entertainer, and the Coalville Whizz Bangs, the talented troupe of lady performers, whose efforts were much applauded.



After a fanfare by the Scout buglers and the singing of "Rule Britannia," the chairman introduced Lt.-Colonel Burkitt, and explained the object of the gathering. He said it was the desire of Thringstone people to recognise the bravery of their lads who won honours for themselves and their native village, and he was glad that this was the second occasion on which that hall had been crammed for a similar purpose, Corporal Rennocks having received a presentation last November. (Picture left). Thanks to the efforts of their brave lads, the German hordes had been driven back, and instead of them reaching England, our troops were now occupying German territory. The address having been read to the meeting by Mr H. Gledhill.

Lt.-Colonel Burkitt, in making the presentation, said he regarded it as a great honour to be asked to do so, and especially as it was to a man in his own corps (cheers). No

doubt many people thought that the R.A.M.C. had had a good time - that they were not in the fighting, but simply had to attend to the wounded when they were brought back. But he would like to remove any wrong impressions in that respect. The R.A.M.C. men ran great risks, often attending the wounded under heavy fire, it was no cushy job, and those of this corps who had won honours thoroughly deserved them (cheers). He complimented the gallant soldier on the great service he had rendered, and he was pleased to see such a large gathering and representative meeting to do honour to one of Thringstone's sons. He was sure that in saying to Private Robinson, "*I am proud of you,*" he was voicing the feelings of them all. (Cheers). They wished him much success and happiness while he remained in the Army, and when he returned to civil life. The National Anthem was then sung.

This was followed by the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow," and three cheers heartily given for Private Robinson.

As Corporal Rennocks was not able to be present personally on the former occasion when a presentation was made on his behalf, a similar address and timepiece were now presented to him by Lt.-Col. Burkitt, who said that the holding of a bombing post for 14 hours after all his comrades had fallen, stamped Corporal Rennocks as a brave man (cheers). It was such men as he who had given us the victory. With such men as the war had brought out, there was no fear for the future of the British Empire. (Cheers).

Corporal Rennocks, responding, said he was sorry not to be present when his presentation took place, but in the Army it was duty before pleasure. He was called away in a hurry, going with troops to Italy when help was needed there, and they saved the situation, (cheers). He thanked them very much. He was proud of his present, and whenever he had the chance he should swank with it (laughter), not only for his own sake, but for the sake of his inhabitants of Thringstone (cheers).

Again the company enthusiastically took up the refrain, "He's a jolly good fellow." Mr B. Baxter moved and Mr T. Watts seconded a vote of thanks to Col. Burkitt, which was carried with acclamation. Colonel Burkitt, responding, said this was his 35th year in the Whitwick district - he came in 1884 - and he could only say that he had always tried to do what every Englishman would do, that was his duty. He asked them at all times to give all honour to the boys who had saved their hearths and homes. Whenever they saw a wounded soldier, remember, "*He was wounded for you,*" and always respect him and say, "*there goes one of England's heroes.*" (Cheers). He hoped none of them would ever talk like a shirker he heard on Coalville railway station only last Saturday night. This man, who had never been to war, saw a wounded soldier assisted from the train and made the remark, "*There is another for us to keep.*" (Cries of 'Shame'). That was not the right feeling towards the men who had done so much for them. They should do all they could to find suitable jobs for these men, and at all times honour the brave. (Cheers). He trusted that peace would reign in the future, not only in England but throughout the civilised world. (Cheers).

Mr J. H. Weston moved a vote of thanks to the entertainers, paying a tribute to Mr Gledhill and the Coalville Whizz Bangs. As to the latter, he said it was their first visit to Thringstone, but they had readily given their services all over the district, and had raised over £250 for local patriotic and charitable purposes. (Cheers). They hoped to see them again at Thringstone. (Cheers). Mr P. Neale seconded, and the vote was heartily accorded.

Thanks to the military representatives for their attendance were proposed by the Vicar, and seconded by Mr Howe, and for the use of the hall, on the proposition of Mr Waldram, seconded by Mr J. Briers, and a splendid gathering terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

WEDDING AT HUGGLESCOTE

A pretty wedding was solemnised on Saturday at Hugglescote Church, the contracting parties being Lance-Corporal H. Smith, of Coalville, and Miss Margaret Martin, of Hugglescote. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of ivory crepe de chine, with wreath of orange blossom and veil, and carried a pretty sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaid, Miss E. Stevens (cousin of the bride), wore a dress of pale blue voile, trimmed with silk to match, with a black tuile hat, and also wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. She also carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Mr W. Smith (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. They were the recipients of a lot of useful presents. The bridegroom was a prisoner in Germany for over twelve months.

PRESENTATIONS TO WHITWICK SOLDIERS

TWO MORE MILITARY MEDALLISTS

An interesting event at the Whitwick Picture House, on Monday night, was the presentation of handsome gifts by the parishioners to two more Whitwick men – Sergeant T. Bailey, of the Leicesters, and Corporal W. H. Bishop, of the 1/4th Northamptonshire Regiment – in recognition of conspicuous acts of bravery on the battlefield for which they have been awarded the Military Medal.

Throughout the war, Whitwick residents have acted handsomely towards their men winning honours, and these presentations brought the total to eight, and it is understood that two more are likely to be coming along shortly. The Picture House was packed, and the proceedings were very enthusiastic. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.), presided, and was supported on the platform by Father O'Reilly, Messrs. J. Gilbert, A. J. Briers, C. W. Pegg, J. W. Eagles, S. W. West and H. T. Bastard (members of the Presentation Committee).

The chairman referred to the great part taken by Whitwick in the war, and the great pleasure it gave them to honour those who had brought honour to the parish.



Sergeant T. Bailey is a son of the late Mr J. Bailey, of Leicester Road, a former well-known newsagent, and the gift to him consisted of a clock and was handed to him by Mr J. Gilbert, who complimented him on his fine Army record, and offered the congratulations of his fellow townsmen.

The medal was awarded to Sergeant Bailey for good work with a trench mortar while exposed to machine-gun fire at Ephy, on September 23rd. During the four years he was in the Army he spent three years, two months in France, and was in the thick of the fighting most of the time. He went "over the top" 15 times and never got a scratch. He was slightly gassed in 1915. Among some interesting souvenirs he has brought home is a German helmet. He is resuming work at the South Leicestershire Colliery.



Corporal Bishop, whose home is in North Street, Whitwick, was presented with a watch and chain, this presentation being made on behalf of the committee, by Mr A. J. Briers, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the soldier's record, and complimented him on the bravery displayed which had won for him the medal while serving in Palestine.

During an attack by the Turks on November 27th, 1917, Bishop was in an exposed position on the top of a house, acting as an observer, and sniping under the enemy's heavy machine-gun fire. He kept his position until the attack was repulsed.

Both soldiers suitably replied, and an interesting and enjoyable function was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

BATTRAM

SOLDIERS' SAILORS' AND WIDOWS' FUND

Mr J. Wm. Jacques presided at a meeting on Saturday at Battram. The balance sheet showed that a sum of £98/18/6 had been realised by the efforts of the committee and the following officials, president, Mr J. W. Jacques, secretaries, Messrs. J. Wm. Miles, Geo. Horsefield and J. Winfield and treasurer, Mr Daniel Partner. After a sum of £23/3/- had been paid for expenses, £75/15/2 was divided among 43 soldiers, 1 sailor and 3 widows.

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HOW CAPT. F. SCOTT WAS KILLED

Various reports have been received from time to time concerning the fate of Capt. F. Scott of the Leicestershire Regiment, the first Coalville officer to win the Military Cross, but his father, Mr W. V. Scott, L

and N.W. Stationmaster at Coalville, has now been in communication with a captain of the same regiment, who was taken prisoner, and has recently returned from Germany, and from his statements the matter is placed beyond doubt.

This officer states that they had been fighting hard for 14 hours, and as they were losing heavily they held a consultation as to the course to pursue. While they were considering the position, Captain Scott was shot through the head, and fell dead into his brother officer's arms. Almost immediately, the Germans swarmed the trench and the survivors were all taken prisoner. He did not know what became of Captain Scott's body. In regard to the latter, however, Mr Scott has heard from a Welsh soldier who says that he was present at the burial of the gallant officer.

Mr Scott is reporting these facts to the War Office. Up to the present, the name of Capt. Scott has not appeared in the official casualty list.

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IBSTOCK

A meeting of the Memorial Committee was held on Thursday evening last week in the Town Hall, Ibstock. Councillor W. Eggington presided over a good attendance. The Sites Committee reported on the result of their survey and after discussion it was decided to merge the two committees into one, when the question of where the memorial is to be erected will be further discussed. Several of the collectors brought in reports showing that up to the present, £200 had been collected, and definitely promised. Other collectors have yet to report. It was decided to publish a list of subscribers monthly in the "Coalville Times" commencing in March.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Driver W. V. H. Peach, R.F.A. and Private J. Dolman, Coldstream Guards, both of Ashby, have won the Military Medal?

The Rev. W. R. Hamilton, rector of Sutton Bonnington, and brother of the late Dr. J. S. Hamilton of Coalville, has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery in Italy?

Admiral Sir David Beatty, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, returned to his home at Brooksby Hall, on Wednesday, and the residents of the whole countryside turned out en masse to give him a welcome?

Unanimously agreeing that a discharged soldier should have the preference, Ashby Urban Council have appointed Lieut. G. W. Tucker, M.C. (East Yorks Regt.) of Tamworth Road, Ashby, as rate collector in succession to Miss Timms, resigned?

At a meeting of the Leicestershire County Council, on Wednesday, Sir Thomas Cope referred to the valuable work carried on by Miss M. C. Cresswell at Coalville, in turning Bridge Road Council School into a voluntary munition shop, where between one and two thousand pieces of various sorts of munitions had been made?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Temporary Second Lieutenant A. N. Choyce, who appeared in Monday's "London Gazette" as promoted temporary lieutenant, is the brother of Inspector D. Choyce, of the Leicester Borough Police Force, and a native of Hugglescote. Lieut. A. N. Choyce joined the Scottish Fusiliers as a private, and rose from the ranks. He was wounded in May, 1917, and in April last year went to America, where, on behalf of the British Government, he has lectured in many important towns and cities in most of the United States. He arrived home on Sunday last, where he met his nephew, Inspector Choyce's son, who has also won a commission after enlisting in the ranks. The last time they met was on the Arras road, long ago, when the nephew was still a private, and Lieut. A. N. Choyce had just earned his commission.

The latter has many friends in the Coalville and Hugglescote district, who will offer hearty congratulations on his promotion. Before joining the Army, Lieutenant Choyce was a teacher at the Coalville Bridge Road Council School. He is the author of an excellent little book of poems.

WAR MEMORIALS

Dear Sir, Having served in the Army and then demobilised, one returns home to find himself confronted on all sides by the clergy and laymen of the various parishes surrounding, for subscriptions for a memorial proposed to those who have fallen in the war. These memorials, I believe, are to take the form of Lady Chapels, etc. to be attached to the respective churches, which is almost ludicrous as the present congregation are not sufficient to fill the standing buildings. The estimated cost reaches the huge sum of about £500 (not mentioning it is by workmen's subscriptions mostly). I wonder how many of the bereaved mothers who have had their sons torn from them, require a memorial, or how many others require anything other than our memories to remind us of these last terrible years? Would it not be a far more Christian and humane idea to make the lives of those left behind more comfortable? For instance, or in the first place, the orphans and fatherless. Give these poor mites a good and sound education or education facilities, and a respectable home. Divide between the men discharged or maimed in the war so that they cannot follow their own special trade, a goodly sum to enable them to set up a suitable and remunerative business of their own. If a remainder, to have a good sized cross placed in the respective churchyards, and to be given to a society which aims at better housing, if such there be in Coalville and district. Thanking you, in anticipation for a space in your valuable paper.

Yours respectfully
"BETLIF"

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BARDON HILL

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

The members of the Girls' Friendly Society arranged a successful effort in aid of the Bardon War Memorial Fund on Saturday evening last. There was a whist drive in the old schoolroom, with Miss F. Grant as M.C. and a dance in the new schoolroom, at which Mrs J. Lynch supplied the music, and Mrs J. Grant and Miss J. Martin were the M.C.'s. Both functions were well-attended. There were various side attractions at each place to swell the funds, and it is hoped to hand over upwards of £15 to the treasurer as a result of the effort – a most satisfactory total indeed.

COALVILLE SOLDIER KILLED

Mr and Mrs Joseph Cliff, of 6, Melbourne Street, Coalville, have received news that their second son, Private Percy Cliff, who joined the 3rd Leicesters last Whitsuntide and had been transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers, was killed in action on November 2nd, 1918. He formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery, and was nearly 20 years of age. He was married and his wife and child reside with his parents at Coalville.

Private Cliff was one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road School, and nothing having been heard of him for some time, Mr Frith communicated with the Authorities, writing several letters. Owing to the deceased's transfer to another regiment, some difficulty was experienced in tracing him, but the letter stating that he was killed in action has now been received by Mr Frith, and communicated to the bereaved parents.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

On Saturday evening a whist drive and dance were held in the Church School, at Whitwick, there being a good attendance. Messrs. C. V. Pegg and W. Fern were M.C.'s for whist and Mr B. Massey for dancing, the pianist being Mr R. G. West. The proceeds were for the Parish Church War Memorial Fund.

ENGAGEMENT

An engagement was arranged on Saturday, February 8th between May, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. Smith, of Bardon Hill and Lieut. J. F. Surman, nephew of Mr and Mrs J. Surman, Bardon Hill.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my beloved son, John Henry Wyatt, who died of wounds, 19th February, 1917, in Station Hospital, Boulogne.

"May his reward in Heaven be as great as his sacrifice on earth."

From his loving Mother.

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COALVILLE WESLEYANS AND THE WAR

PROPOSED MEMORIAL AND THANKSGIVING FUND

Meetings are being held throughout the Ashby Wesleyan Circuit, to consider the inauguration of a war memorial and thanksgiving fund, and there was a gathering for this purpose in the Coalville Wesleyan Chapel on Saturday night, when Mr C. H. March presided over a fairly good attendance.

The details of the scheme are set forth in a circular which is being issued, and of which the following is a copy.

"To celebrate the end of the 'great war' and the coming of 'peace' the quarterly meeting of the Circuit decided by a unanimous vote to inaugurate a great 'Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund.' The nation in the hours of danger has not counted any sacrifice of blood or treasure too great to hasten the time when all that we hold dear should be made secure from an unscrupulous foe. That end has been achieved. The victory is ours. In token of our gratitude to Almighty God, we desire to raise this 'Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund' to enable the churches in this Circuit more efficiently to carry on, and extend the Kingdom of God. We suggest that contributions may be given as a thank-offering for loved ones spared, or in memory of dear ones who have laid down their lives for us. There are also large numbers in the Circuit, who, because of the importance of their work, have escaped the horrors of the battlefield, and will be able to give substantially in thankful recognition of their privileges. Everyone, indeed, has received great blessing through the ministry of our church, and the debt we owe to our beloved Methodism is greater than we can tell. Therefore, we earnestly appeal to all our people to give hearty and generous support to the 'Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund'. The first claim upon the income of the fund will be the clearing of the debt upon the Circuit houses, which amounts to £1,000, thus saving £44 per year in interest. The remainder of the income will be held at the disposal of the Circuit quarterly meeting for the benefit of the work of God in the Circuit. – William Hooper, William H. Wardle, B.A., and William Solomon (ministers), J. P. Adcock, J. P. (treasurer); W. J. Plowright and C. H. March (secretaries)."

During the meeting, Mr T. Frith read the Roll of Honour, which contained 99 names formerly connected with the church and Sunday School. Two have won the D.C.M. – Harry Beard and Edwin Collier – and four the Military Medal, these being Tom Palmer, Tom Wood, George Wildgoose and Walter Lewis.

Twenty had made the supreme sacrifice – Cecil A. Bradshaw, Ernest Batho, Geo. Beale, Sydney Dodds, Walter Fantom, John Hall, Horace Hall, Jess Jones, Wilfred Jones, Fred Hart, Arthur Johnson, Walter Lewis, M.M., Harry Lewis, William Setchell, Sam Smith, Tom Usherwood, Willie Wells, Alf Wood, Albert Essex and Tom Wild.

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HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER'S DEATH

The death of Regt.-Sergeant-Major S. F. Gamble, M.C. of Hugglescote, aged 36, took place at the Military Hospital, High Barnett, on February 7th. He served 18 years in the Army, and through the war served in France and Flanders, being awarded the M.C. for gallantry in April, 1918. He was gassed twice and wounded twice. His body was conveyed to Wigston on Tuesday, February 11th, and buried on Thursday in the Old Wigston Cemetery with full military honours. His wife resides at South Wigston and his widowed mother at No. 5, Main Street, Hugglescote. Regt.-Sergeant-Major Gamble has always borne a good character, and was much liked by all ranks.

BELGIANS LEAVING COALVILLE

THANKS AND GOOD WISHES

Before leaving this country, the Belgian refugees of 64, Berrisford Street, Coalville, wish to express to the people of Coalville and neighbourhood their heartiest thanks for the generous hospitality and help they received during their four years' exile.

The joy which fills our hearts at the return to our redeemed homes, to the old life of long ago; to all that is dear to us, and that we have won back, thanks to the help of the gallant British soldiers, makes us think with emotion of the sorrowful days of 1914, and of the shelter we found in your midst. We shall always remember those days, and think with pride of the many friends we are leaving behind in this country.

We wish to express our thanks more especially to Dr. Wykes, who, more than any others has devoted himself to the welfare of the Belgian refugees. We are greatly indebted to him.

May you all be happy, dear friends, and think now and then of your Belgian refugees who will never forget you.

Mrs Barbe, Joseph and Virginia.
Mrs Ch. Barbe-Vanderpitte, and Gustave
Mr and Mrs de Paul-Barbe, and Mariette.
Mr and Mrs Roffiaen-Barbe, Justin and Eddy.

64, Berrisford Street, Coalville.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Arrangements are being made for the repatriation, in the course of the next few days, of a large number of Belgians who have made their homes in Leicester and the county during the war?

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COALVILLE SOLDIER'S DEATH

A FORMER WHOLESALE FRUIT MERCHANT

Mrs F. Dexter, of 48, Charnwood Street, Coalville, has received news of the death of her husband, Private F. Dexter, of the 38th Labour Company, which occurred from pneumonia in hospital in France on February 6th. An officer writes, *"It is with the deepest regret that I write to convey to you the sad news of your husband's death which occurred on the 6th inst. at No. 4 Stationary Hospital, of pneumonia. Mr brother officers and the men of his company join with me in endeavouring to express our sympathy with you in your great sorrow. Dexter was a man who was liked by us all, and I can only repeat myself and say how deeply grieved I am to*

think that this should have happened after he had been with us so long, and at a time when we were all expecting shortly to return home."

The matron of the hospital writes, *"He was brought to us very ill indeed, and suffering from pneumonia. We did all we could for him, but he died last evening (6th) at 8.45. He was too ill to talk to us, but one of the bravest men I've seen. He will be buried in the British Cemetery at Longuenesse, near St. Omer."*

Private Dexter was 39 years of age, and before joining the Forces carried on a one-man business as wholesale fruit merchant at 3, London Road, Coalville. A memorial service for the deceased was held at the Coalville United Methodist Church last Sunday night, conducted by the Rev. E. Crane, Loughborough. At the close of the service one of the Boy Scout buglers sounded the "Last Post."

A CURIOUS RUMOUR

SOLDIERS SAID TO HAVE LOST THEIR MEMORY

A rumour has been current in Leicester for the past week or so, says a Leicester contemporary, to the effect that there are at Glen Parva Barracks some 200 soldiers who have lost their memory. The natural consequence has been that a large number of persons have visited the Barracks on the strength of the report, in the hope of discovering relatives who are among the "missing."

We are officially informed, the report continues, that there is not an atom of truth in the rumour, which, like so many others during the past four years, has gained currency in some mysterious fashion, and spread abroad in an irresponsible manner, has added to the grief of those who, with forlorn hope, are waiting the return of the missing ones who may never come back.

There are no men at Glen Parva suffering in the way indicated. We are requested to advise relatives of missing men that nothing is known at Glen Parva of soldiers who are "lost," and that no advantage can accrue from a visit to the place.

GALLANT GROBY SOLDIER

The Mayor of Leicester (Councillor W. J. Lovell) presented the Military Medal on Tuesday morning to Lance-Corporal A. V. Jordan, late South Staffordshire Regiment, of 9, Leicester Road, Groby, the decoration being awarded for bravery in the field, Lance-Corporal Jordan doing good work with a Lewis gun in a critical situation. The presentation took place privately in the Mayor's Room.

It is understood that a brother of Lance-Corporal Jordan has also won the M.M.

WHITWICK MINISTER WINS M.C.

The Rev. J. E. Eagles, chaplain to the Forces in Egypt, has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery in the field. He is the eldest son of Mr J. W. Eagles, manager of the Coalville Urban Council's gasworks at Whitwick, and has served in Egypt for three years. The Rev. J. E. Eagles is a Wesleyan minister.

THANKS

Mrs F. Dexter, 48, Charnwood Street, Coalville, desires to thank all friends for kind sympathy shown to her and family in their sad bereavement through the death of her husband in Longuenesse, France.

IN MEMORIAM

In affectionate remembrance of James Edwin Cox (Coldstream Guards) who died February 20th, 1915, at Caterham Barracks, aged 23.

*"Soldier rest, thy warfare o'er,
Dream of fighting fields no more,
Sleep the sleep that knows no breaking,
Morn of toil, nor night of waking."*

From his loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters
178, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

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ASHBY PETTY SESSIONS

P.C. Collis (Coleorton), having returned from the Army, was again sworn in as a constable, and in welcoming him, the chairman said he understood that Collis had served three years and seven months in the Army and had been wounded and gassed. They had every reason to believe that he had done his duty to his utmost, and it was greatly to his credit. He only wished that everybody in these times of stress would endeavour to do their duty as P.C. Collis had done. They hoped he would live happily and comfortably in the future, and that he would serve his country as well in the police force as he had done in the Army. They were pleased to see him back again safe and sound.

P.C. Collis: *Thank you, sir.*

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

A party of Belgians returning to their native country had a good send-off from Coalville yesterday morning?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Congratulations will be offered to Staff-Quartermaster-Sergeant Cyril Walton, attached to General Headquarters in France, on his recent promotion to Staff-Sergeant-Major. Before joining the Army early in the war, Sergt.-Major Walton was a clerk in the offices of Messrs. Crane and Moore, solicitors, Coalville, and is returning to them on demobilisation. He was one of the shorthand teachers at the Coalville Evening School and resided in Park Road.

WESLEYAN MEMORIAL

A meeting was held at the Standard Hill Wesleyan Chapel on Monday night, in connection with the inauguration of a memorial and thanksgiving fund for the Ashby Wesleyan Methodist Circuit. The speakers were the Rev. W. H. Wardle (Coalville), and W. Solomon (Measham), Mr John Taylor and Mr C. H. March. As a memorial to the lads who have fallen in the war and thanksgiving for the victory achieved, a movement has been started which aims at raising £3,000 in the Ashby Circuit, with the object of clearing off the debt on the ministers' houses and in other ways furthering work of the circuit. The object was fully explained by the speakers, and circulars were distributed with subscription forms, which the members were invited to fill up.

CORRESPONDENCE

HONOUR THE HEROES

Dear Sir, I should be extremely obliged if you would allow space in your valuable paper to insert the following letter. The lack of interest shown by the public of Coalville towards our returned local heroes, is being commented on very largely by the discharged and demobilised sailors and soldiers, and not without good reason.

We have in this town quite a number of men who through acts of great bravery, won hard-earned decorations, but no public ovation has been accorded them by their fellow townsmen. Surely these men are worthy of being publicly acknowledged, and if someone would only form a presentation committee, I am quite confident that subscriptions would not be long in coming in.

The surrounding villages have taken the opportunity of making a public presentation to their boys who have won decorations in the war. Surely Coalvillians are not going to have it said about them that they did not do

likewise. The same thing applies to our local prisoners of war. They have undergone great hardships whilst in enemy captivity. Why not arrange a dinner or tea in their honour, as a small mark of appreciation.

I contend that it is quite time this was made public, and maybe someone will endeavour to form a committee with the object of raising subscriptions for a public presentation to our Coalville heroes.

Yours faithfully
"EX-SOLDIER"

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HUGGLESCOTE

PRESENTATION

At a social gathering of the Hugglescote and Donington Sailors' and Soldiers' Christmas Gift Fund Committee, held in the School, Saturday, Mr F. J. Wainwright was presented with an electro sugar basin and cream jug in recognition of his services as secretary, the presentation being made in suitable terms by the Rev. C. Barker, on behalf of the committee. Mr Wainwright, in reply, said they collected over £237 and 283 Hugglescote soldiers and sailors received a Christmas gift of 15/- each, while their wives and children were given a Christmas party. There is a balance in hand of a little over £9.

ELLISTOWN

MENTIONED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICES

In the despatches from General Sir G. F. Milne, Commander-in-Chief British Salonika Forces, among those mentioned for gallant conduct and distinguished services rendered during the period from March 1st to October 1st, 1918, is Captain H. Culpin, brother of Police Constable W. Culpin, of the Leicestershire County Constabulary, stationed here. Captain Culpin has now served about 25 years in the army, and before going to Salonika was on the Western Front.

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S DEATH

MILITARY FUNERAL AT HUGGLESCOTE

The death has occurred in hospital of Private Samuel Harold Deacon, aged 26, of the R.A.S.C. eldest son of the late Mr Samuel Deacon, of Jackson Street, Coalville. Deceased enlisted on October 9th, 1914, and subsequently went to Italy. His health gave way, and he was sent back to England, and had been in hospital at Warrington for nine months.

As a youth he was employed by the Midland Meat Co. at their shop in High Street, Coalville, and immediately before joining up, he was a butcher on his own account at Syston. His widow and two children reside at Sileby, and his mother at Jackson Street, Coalville, and much sympathy is felt for them at the receipt of the sad news.



The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon from the house of the deceased's mother, Mrs Tingle, Jackson Street. The body was enclosed in a polished elm coffin, mounted with brass furniture, shrouded with the Union Jack, and borne in a hearse, the bearers being Coalville soldiers in khaki. The first portion the service was held at Christ Church, Coalville, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Hosking, who read the service at the Baptist Burial Ground. The mourners were: The widow and seven year old son, Mr T. G. Deacon (eldest brother), Mrs E. Tingle (mother), Mr Alfred Deacon (youngest brother of deceased), Mr Wm. Allsopp of Sileby (uncle of deceased), Miss Ruby Deacon (sister of deceased), Mr B. L. Tingle (step-father), Mrs E. J. Burdett, of Ashby (aunt), Mr and Mrs T. Deacon, uncle and aunt (Ellistown), Mr and Mrs Jas. Gutteridge, aunt and uncle (Coalville), and Mrs G. Dakin, aunt of the widow.

Military honours were accorded, a firing party from the Wigston Barracks

preceding the cortege from Coalville to the grave, where three volleys were fired, and a bugler sounded the "Last Post." The beautiful floral tributes from the family and friends included a wreath from the widow and children, and a harp with broken string from deceased's mother and family.

The coffin breast-plate bore the engraved inscription: "*Samuel H. Deacon; died Feb. 22nd, 1919. Aged 26 years.*"

THANKS

Mr E. G. Hutchins, Whitwick and Thringstone postman, who has recently arrived from service in Egypt, wishes to thank all kind friends for their sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained through the death of his wife. Also lost nine more relations in twelve months.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Rev. J. E. Eagles, M.C., honoured by a public presentation at Whitwick on Monday night, is one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Coalville Belvoir Road School?

Before leaving Coalville last week, the Belgian refugees presented an excellent framed portrait of their King to the Coalville Urban Council, to be hung in the Council Chamber as a token of their gratitude for the kindness shown to them during their exile?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

With the present issue we publish a list of the names of men from Coalville and district who have made the supreme sacrifice in the war. The list has been prepared from reports of casualties which have appeared from time to time in the "Coalville Times" and contains the names of no less than 449 men, of whom 158 are from Coalville, 54 Hugglescote, 57 Whitwick, 51 Ibstock, 19 Bardon Hill, 21 Ravenstone, 17 Ellistown and 12 Thringstone, adjoining parishes, as will be seen, contributing smaller numbers. Heavy as the list is, we fear it may not be complete, as it is possible that all the casualties have not come to our notice, and it shows the prominent part which the men of this district took in the great war. The fullest sympathy is extended to the many local families who have been bereaved.

Something ought to come of Mr Lockwood's suggestion for a war memorial at Coalville. Efforts are already being concentrated upon a Cottage Hospital, but so far, the Urban Council has taken no action in the matter. Other districts have taken up various schemes and, as Mr Lockwood said, Coalville should not be behind. There is no lack of patriotism in the Coalville district, and it only requires a lead to be given to ensure the success of a suitable scheme. Such a lead should come from the Urban Council. Not very far removed from this question is also that of some public recognition of Coalville men who have won honours in the war, about which an "Ex-soldier" contributed to our correspondence columns last week. Very properly, the Council on Tuesday night decided to endeavour to secure recognition of the brave act of a Coalville miner, and while this subject is before the public, we should like to plead the cause of Coalville men who have won honours in the war. Whitwick and Thringstone have set a splendid example. We know that Coalville has done excellently for the lads while serving, through the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild, but some public recognition of Coalville medallists would be popular. We also recall that a Coalville sailor lad was on board the "Vindictive" in the glorious attack on Zeebrugge, while a Coalville soldier also gallantly gave his blood to save a wounded comrade – both brilliant performances which were duly recorded in these columns at the time, but that was all the notice taken of them. Some towns would have acted very differently towards such great men.

GROBY

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council on Friday night thanked Mrs Spencer for her able services as clerk during her husband's absence with the Colours, and then welcomed back Mr Spencer, whom they reinstated as clerk. The chairman, Mr W. H. Harris expressed the Council's pleasure that Mr Spencer had returned in good health, and unwounded. Mr Spencer expressed his wife's and his own appreciation in the kind remarks.

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IBSTOCK

PRESENTATION

In recognition of the splendid services rendered by Mr W. Dunstan, headmaster of the Ibstock National Schools, during the war to the Ibstock and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Wives and Widows Fund, the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.) presented to him, on their behalf, an ebony walking stick, silver mounted and engraved; a solid silver inkstand with cut glass holders; and a pair of silver candlesticks.

The presentation took place at the National Schools on Tuesday morning in the presence of a small committee. Mrs J. Lardner, widow of the late Mr James Lardner, was mainly instrumental in getting the subscriptions for the gifts. The engraving was as follows, "*Presented as a token of gratitude to W. Dunstan, Esq., by the Ibstock and District Disabled Soldiers, Sailors and Dependents, March 4th, 1919.*" Mr Dunstan briefly replied, expressing surprise, and thanked them for their friendly act. What he had done was both a pleasure and a patriotic duty.

WAR MEMORIAL

Several subscriptions have been received from outside friends, including £21 from Lord Aberconway. The amount handed in this week brings the total to £169 actually collected. As several collectors have not yet reported, the publication of the list is postponed for a fortnight. This will be advertised in the "Coalville Times" as soon as the collectors reports are all to hand, and lists will also be put up at the Bank and Post Office.

WHITWICK

CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL FUND

On Tuesday evening a whist drive and dance were held in the National School in aid of the Parish Church War Memorial Fund. Mr R. G. West played for dancing, the M.C. for which was Mr G. Underwood, and the M.C.'s for the whist drive were Messrs. W. Fern and R. Gee. Refreshments were served, and the company spent an enjoyable evening.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bernard V. McCarthy having been demobilised from the Army wishes to inform the inhabitants of Whitwick and District that he will re-open his butcher's shop at 1, Silver Street, Whitwick on Thursday March 20th, 1919, and hopes for a continuance of the public patronage. All orders promptly attended to.

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WHITWICK HEROES HONOURED

THREE MORE PRESENTATIONS

An interesting event at the Whitwick Picture House on Monday night was presentations to three more Whitwick men who have brought honour to their old town as well as to themselves by distinguishing themselves in the war. It brought the number of Whitwick men up to ten, and the gallant services of them all have been fittingly recognised by the patriotic residents of their native place.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided, and was supported by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, Messrs. G. F. Burton, F. Blow, J. W. Eagles, J. H. Gilberd, C. W. Pegg and J. H. Robinson (members of the committee),

and the Whitwick and Thringstone Boy Scouts, who made a presentation on their own account, and with their drums and bugles figured prominently in the proceedings.

The Vicar said it was a pleasure to them to honour these men, and they were proud of the fact that ten of the lads from Whitwick had won medals.

The first presentation was made by Mr J. H. Robinson (manager of the Whitwick Quarry), and consisted of a handsome timepiece, given to Private George Henry Quemby, of the 9th Staffordshire Regiment, in recognition of his winning the Military Medal. Mr Robinson read the official account of Quemby's bravery, which was as follows:

"9th Staffordshire Regiment – 16013 Pte. George Henry Quemby – On the 27th October, 1918, this man displayed very marked courage in the dressing of wounded. He was working with his party at Salettuol bridgehead, when a hostile aeroplane bombed the bridge, inflicting many casualties on the working party and on surrounding troops. Private Quemby immediately started dressing the worst cases, and arranged their evacuation. Notwithstanding the fact that the bridgehead was shortly afterwards heavily machine-gunned by hostile planes, he worked there all afternoon clearing the casualties. – Awarded the Military Medal for the above. (Signed) H. C. Owen, Major A. and Q. Branch of Staff, 23rd Division." 1st December, 1918.

"16013 Private G. H. Quemby – 9th Staffordshire Regiment – I congratulate you on your name being mentioned in the despatch from General, the Earl of Cavan, K.F., K.C.B., M.V.O. Commander-in-Chief of the British Force in Italy. Dated War Office, 6th January, 1919. (Signed) John Byron, Brigadier-General, Commanding 23rd Division." – (Loud Applause).



Mr Robinson said he was particularly pleased to make the presentation because, although immediately before joining the army early in the war, Private Quemby worked at the colliery, he spent most of his working life at the Whitwick Quarry, where his late father was the foreman for many years. He went on to say how splendidly Whitwick men had served their country in the war. They hoped Pte. Quemby would long be spared to enjoy the respect and esteem which they all felt for him (cheers).

Private Quemby thanked the committee and the people of Whitwick very much for their kindness. He said he had three years and six months out there, and went through nearly all the big battles. He hoped it would never occur again, but if it did, he would be ready (cheers).

On behalf of the Scouts, Mr G. H. Burton then handed a wristlet watch to Corporal J. H. Robinson. It was explained by the Vicar that Robinson had already received a presentation from the people of Whitwick, but as he was an old scout, the troop thought they would like to honour one of their old colleagues, who had been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Mr Burton said the boys were very proud that one of their number should have won this honour. He was one of his (Mr Burton's) old Scouts, most of whom had distinguished themselves. He urged parents with eligible sons to let them join the Scouts, and also that the parents themselves should take an interest in the Scout movement, which was a very good one (cheers). Corporal Robinson said he thanked the Scouts very much for the gift.



Another presentation was to the Rev. J. E. Eagles, Wesleyan chaplain to the 75th Division, who had been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action in Palestine. The gift consisted of two handsome volumes of Dr. Hastings' "Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels" and in handing these to Mr J. W. Eagles, the chaplain's father, the Vicar said they were sorry that the Rev. J. E. Eagles was not present to receive them, but he was still abroad, and not likely to be home again till after Christmas. Though chaplains did not actually fight, when there was a big battle on they went out amidst shot and shell, facing death like soldiers in the performance of their duties. The official record stated that the Rev. J. E. Eagles was awarded the Military Cross for displaying conspicuous gallantry whilst in action on September 19th, 1918. Not only had the Rev. J. E. Eagles performed his duties splendidly in the war, but the fact that he had chosen those two magnificent books

was evidence of his intention to carry on the spiritual war when he came home. It gave him (the Vicar) very great pleasure indeed to hand the gift to Mr Eagles in recognition of the bravery of his son, assuring him that Whitwick people were proud of him (applause).

Mr Eagles said he was very sorry that his lad could not be there to receive the splendid gift himself, but on his behalf he thanked them very much. He was sure that had his son been there, he would simply say that he had only done his duty as so many other Whitwick lads had done (cheers).

After each presentation the Scouts gave a general salute with the bugles and drums, the others standing at attention. Mr G. F. Burton proposed and Mr J. H. Gilberd seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs Kelly for the use of the theatre on those occasions. Mr Gilberd said Mrs Kelly had been left alone during the war, and she had carried on splendidly. The Whitwick people had supported her well and he hoped they would continue to do so (cheers). The Vicar added that as far as they knew this would be the last presentation, and he would like to say that whenever the collectors had gone for contributions towards the fund, they had always been received kindly. He thought that word was due to the public of Whitwick (cheers). The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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ROLL OF HONOUR

Local Men who have Died for their Country

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

COALVILLE

William Chambers

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

Forester Roberts

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

James Edwin Cox

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

Alfred Wesson

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

John Manders

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

John Thomas Williamson

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

John Davenport Sheffield

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

Ernest Moore

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

James Wardle

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

Ernest Samuel Boot

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

Thomas Dooley D.C.M.

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

Albert Johnson

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

George Henry Wesson

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

Frederick Wilfred Hart

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

Charles William Jewsbury

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

Francis Frederick Martin

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

Harold Groves Blackham

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

Arthur Brownlow

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

John George Bennett

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

Walter Gray

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

John Clibbery

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

Harry Ing

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

Clifford Ernest Scott

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

Clifford Page

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

Frank William Woolhouse

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

Fred Davies

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

Lancelot George Beck

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

George Spencer

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

Stenson Hardy

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

George Wilkinson

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

John Copley

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

Edward Henry Hunt

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

George Ernest Hartwell

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

John William Williamson

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

Ernest Brownlow

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

John Fred Cracknell

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

Ernest Poyser

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

Frederick Massey

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

John Henry Shaw

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

Albert Arthur Unwin

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

William M. Farley

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

Herbert Heggs

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

Joseph Moon

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

Ernest Batho

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

John William Hollick

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

John Bullock

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

William Ducksbury

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

James Arthur Crooks

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

Albert Willis Wells

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

Ambrose Brownlow

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

James William Nicholls

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

Charles Ernest Stanford

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

John William Pickering

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

Wilfred Jones

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

Frank Benistone

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

Joseph Wardle

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

Maurice Edwin James

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

Thomas Black

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

Herbert Gladstone Wharmby

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

Percy Tookey

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

Joseph Sheffield

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

David Archibald Jones

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

Percy Adams

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, reported killed in action, October, 1916. A Coalville man.

John Wakefield

Private, of the London Regiment, killed in action, October, 1916. A Coalville man.

Leonard Dable Brown

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September, 1916. Aged 23, a former printer, son of Mr and Mrs H. Brown, James Street, Coalville.

Charles Edward Hammond

Private, Worcestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1916. Aged 19, former carpenter's apprentice with Messrs. Newman and Hammond, Coalville.

Emmanuel Holyoak

Corporal, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, reported missing at Gallipoli, August 12th, 1915, official notification of presumed death received December 1916. A former employee of Messrs. Stableford and Co. Wife and two children reside in Bakewell Street, Coalville.

Arthur Wright

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action February 5th, 1917, in France. A former Coalville insurance agent, aged 23, of Berrisford Street.

John Burton Holmes

Rifleman, King's Royal Rifles, killed in action in France, January 25th, 1917. A former Coalville master printer, aged 32, son of Mr John Holmes, Bridge Road.

Richard Stanley

Private of the Hussars, died of wounds, January 1917. Shot in a motor launch on the Euphrates on New Year's Day, 1917. Formerly of Mammoth Street, Coalville. Aged 25 years.

Thomas Allan Thorpe

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action February 13th, 1917. Aged 20. Formerly shop manager, Ashby Road, Coalville.

John Leslie Cope

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, died February 1917, of Waterworks Road, Coalville.

John William Setchell

Private, King's Royal Rifles, killed in action, February 28th, 1917. Aged 25, of Highfields Street, Coalville, formerly employed at Burgess's factory.

Reginald George Bamford

Sapper, Royal Engineers, reported missing May 12th, 1916, and subsequently reported killed on that date. His wife and children reside at Waterworks Road, Coalville.

Thomas Handley Usherwood

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, accidentally shot in France, March 1917. Aged 21 years, of Highfields Street, Coalville, formerly employed by Messrs. Wootton Bros.

John William Wright

Dispatch rider in New Zealand Forces, killed in action in France, March 1917. A former well-known Coalville cycle-racer.

George Firban

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, died from wounds accidentally received in France, March, 1917. Aged 20 years, formerly worked at Whitwick Colliery and resided in Berrisford Street.

William Thomas Bakewell

Private, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action, April 9th, 1916. Aged 22, of Bakewell Street, Coalville, formerly employed by Mr C. H. March, plumber.

Oswin Joseph Peck

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds received on April 16th, 1917. Aged 21, of 118, London Road, Coalville, formerly employed at Stableford's.

Alfred Dale

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, reported killed in action, April 1917, after being missing 7 months. Aged 19, of Victoria Road, Coalville, formerly employed at South Leicestershire Colliery.

Roland Hall

Private of the Manchester Regiment, killed in action April 14th, 1917, aged 33 years. Parents reside at 5, Club Row, Coalville.

Arnold Spencer Heward

Acting-Bombardier of the R.F.A., killed in action in France, April 24th, 1917, aged 28. Son of Mr and Mrs T. H. Heward, formerly of Coalville.

Eric Morgan

Sergeant in the Sherwood Foresters, killed in action, April 1917. Former shunter at Mantle Lane, Coalville.

John Hall

Sergeant, of the Leicestershire Regiment, died May 1917, from wounds received in action in France. Aged 26, of Ashby Road, Coalville, formerly a furnace-man at Stableford's.

G. H. Chapman

Private, of the Essex Regiment, killed in action in France, May 1917. Formerly of Coalville.

John Albert Moulton

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, aged 24, son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Moulton, of 166, Belvoir Road, Coalville. Killed in action in France, May 3rd, 1917. Formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery.

Horace Hayes

Private of the Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action in France, May 26th, 1917. Aged 21, son of Mr W. Hayes, 38, Belvoir Road, Coalville, and a former grocer's assistant.

John Joseph Marsh

Private of the North Staffs Regiment, killed in action, May 24th, 1917. Aged 22 years, son of Mrs J. J. Marsh, Jackson Street, Coalville, and formerly employed at Stableford's Works.

John Harper

Sergeant of the Leicestershire Regiment, died from wounds, June 7th, 1917. Aged 25, son of Mr John Harper, of 179, Belvoir Road, Coalville, and formerly employed at Stableford's Works.

J. Shaw

Private, Notts. and Derby Regiment, presumed killed after being reported missing on July 1st, 1916. Son of Mrs J. Shaw, Belvoir Road, Coalville, and formerly employed at Stableford's.

George Arthur Beale

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, June 1917, aged 24 years, formerly employed at South Leicestershire Colliery. Wife resides at 70, Melbourne Street, Coalville.

John William Tugby

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, reported missing September 25th, 1916, and later concluded to have been killed on that date. Aged 24, a former bricklayer, son of Mr T. Tugby, 90, Highfields Street, Coalville.

Alfred Dale

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, reported missing September 15th, 1916, and later concluded to have been killed. A former South Leicestershire collier and resided in Victoria Road, Coalville.

George Dakin

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, died from gas, June 21st, 1917. Formerly worked at Ellistown Colliery. Wife resides at 51, Oxford Street, Coalville.

John Henry Mawer

Private of the Royal Sussex Regiment, reported missing October 16th or 17th, 1916, and later concluded to have been killed in action. A former railwayman, aged 20, son of Mr J. Mawer of Charnwood Street, Coalville.

Samuel Line

Private, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, reported missing October 12th, 1916, and later concluded to have been killed in action. Son of the late Mr S. Line, tailor, Hotel Street, Coalville.

Sidney Dodds

Private, Royal Sussex Regiment, reported missing October 21st, 1916, and later reported missing October 21st, 1916, and later concluded to have been killed in action. Aged 21 years of Berrisford Street, Coalville, formerly employed by Messrs. Wootton Bros.

William Knight

Rifleman, Queen Victoria's Royal Rifles, killed in action, August 1917. Son of Mr and Mrs John Knight, of the Altons, near Coalville.

Archie Martin

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, August 17th, 1917. Aged 26, formerly worked at Whitwick Colliery. Mother resides at 8, Club Row.

Walter James Cecil Brown

Private, King's Royal Rifles, killed in action, August, 1917. Aged 20 years, son of Mr S. W. Brown, London Road, Coalville.

Frank Tyler

Private, Manchester Regiment, killed in action July 31st, 1917. Aged 26, a former Whitwick collier. Parents reside in Waterworks Road, Coalville.

William Beasley

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, September 11th, 1917. Aged 21, only son of Mr C. Beasley, Hermitage Hotel, Coalville.

George Saddington

Sergeant, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, September 27th, 1917. Aged 25, a collier, formerly of Albert Street, Coalville.

Alfred Wood

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October 1st, 1917. Aged 27, a former fishmonger and postman of Coalville.

Samuel Charles Smith

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October 1st, 1917. Aged 23, of Melbourne Street, Coalville, and formerly employed at South Leicestershire Colliery.

Harold Edwin Ketcher

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, reported missing July 16th, 1917 and later reported killed. Aged 20 years, of Oxford Street, formerly employed at Stableford's, Coalville.

James Bird

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 26th, 1917. Aged 27, of 55, Ashby Road, formerly worked at Snibston Colliery.

Albert Essex

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action on October 7th, 1917. Aged 20, of 28, James Street, Coalville, formerly employed at Snibston Colliery.

James Horace Hall

Lance-Corporal of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1917. Aged 22, son of Mr James Hall, 86, Belvoir Road, Coalville. Formerly worked at Stableford's.

Jesse Frank Billet

Private of the Leicesters, died of wounds, October 8th, 1917. A former M.R. shunter at Coalville.

Albert Edward Pratt

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1917. A Coalville man.

C Smith

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1917. A Coalville man.

John William Argent

Private of the South Staffs Regiment, killed in action, October 2nd, 1917. Aged 23, formerly resided at Hotel Street, Coalville, and worked at Ibstock Colliery.

Clarkson Clarke Woodcock

Private of the Leicesters, killed in action, November 20th, 1917. Formerly fitter's apprentice at Wootton's Works, and resided at Charnwood Street, Coalville.

Ernest Harper M.M.

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, aged 20, killed in action on October 10th, 1917. Formerly resided at Belvoir Road, Coalville, and worked at Burgess's Factory.

Victor William Hancock

Private, of the Leicesters, killed in action on December 6th, 1917. Aged 21, of James Street, Coalville, formerly a Co-Operative Society employee.

Ernest Amos

Private of the Royal Warwicks, aged 27. Killed in action on December 3rd, 1917. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Joseph Amos, High Street, Coalville.

William Statham

Private, Royal Naval Division, killed in action, November 28th, 1917. Aged 30, formerly worked at Whitwick Colliery and resided in Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Jos Eaton

Lance-Corporal of the Leicesters, killed in action, December 24th, 1917. Aged 19. Formerly worked at Ibstock Colliery, and lived in Margaret Street, Coalville.

George Martin

Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, December 8th, 1917. Aged 20, of Ashby Road, Coalville. Formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery.

Percy Stabler D.C.M.

Company Sergeant-Major, 11th Leicesters, died of wounds in France, March 25th, 1918. Formerly a Coalville grocery shop manager, of Highfields Street.

Edward Victor Kelham

Private, 1st Leicesters, died of wounds in France, March 27th, 1918. Formerly worked at Ellistown Colliery, parents reside at Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Leonard A. P. Finch

Gunner, R.F.A., died of wounds in France, March 21st, 1918. Formerly employed by Mr F. J. Bayliss, plumber. Parents reside at Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Arthur E Johnson

Corporal, R.F.A., died of wounds in France, March 25th, 1918. Formerly employed by Messrs. Coleman and Sons. Parents reside in Jackson Street, Coalville.

Samuel Buckingham

Sergeant, Lincolnshire Regiment, killed in action in France, March 22nd, 1917. A former M.R. shunter of Standard Hill, Coalville.

Herbert Palmer

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, aged 19, killed in action in France, March 28th, 1917. Son of Mr B. Palmer, Highfields, Coalville.

Arthur Hagger

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, aged 21, killed in action in France, March 27th, 1917. Son of Mr W. Hagger, Coalville Cemetery sexton.

Horace Bradshaw Baum

Private, Durham Light Infantry, killed in action, April 10th, 1918, of Station Terrace, Coalville

David Hickling

Gunner, R.F.A., killed in action April 29th, 1918, of Belvoir Road, Coalville

Edgar Herbert Palmer

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, April, 1918. Formerly of Coalville

Walter Reginald Ketcher

Private, East Yorkshire Regiment, killed in action, April, 1918. Formerly of Coalville.

Percy Victor Horne

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May, 1918. Wife resides in Ashby Road, Coalville.

Hubert Ronald White

Lance-Corporal, South Staffs Regiment, died from gas poisoning, June 9th, 1918. A Coalville man formerly employed at Snibston Colliery.

Harry Watson

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May, 1918. A Coalville man.

Reginald Mansfield

2nd Lieutenant, R.F.A., killed in action, October 1st, 1918. Second son of the late Mr H. R. Mansfield, of Broom Leys, Coalville.

John Walker

Private of the Leicesters, died of wounds, October 9th, 1918. Aged 24, widowed mother resides at 211, Ashby Road, Coalville.

Isaac Mycroft

Private of the Leicesters, killed in action September 29th, 1918. Aged 31. Widow resides in Melbourne Street, Coalville.

Walter Fantom

Private, of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, killed in action, October 14th, 1918. Formerly of Margaret Street, Coalville.

Walter Berrisford

2nd Air Mechanic, R.A.F., killed in action, October 7th, 1918, of Bridge Road, Coalville. Aged 19.

William King

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1918. Of Waterworks Road, Coalville.

Albert Cecil Bradshaw

Lance-Sergeant, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October 11th, 1918. Formerly of Gutteridge Street, Coalville, and an employee at Stableford's.

Frank Goacher

Lance-Corporal, West Surrey Regiment, killed in action, September 21st, 1918. Son of the Rev. William Goacher, of London, formerly of Coalville.

John William Thomas Collier

Private of the Royal Engineers, died in hospital in France from influenza, November 6th, 1918. Son of Mr and Mrs W. Collier, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Frederick Scott

Captain of the Leicesters, killed May, 1918. Son of Mr W. V. Scott, L & N.W. Station-master, Coalville.

Thomas Wild

Private, Durham Light Infantry, died in hospital in Germany, November, 1918. Formerly employed by Coalville Co-Operative Society.

Archibald Wortley

Private, King's Own, Yorkshire Light Infantry, killed November, 24th, 1918. Aged 20, son of Mrs Wortley, Hotel Street, Coalville.

Thomas Willett

Private of the Leicesters, previously reported prisoner, September, 1915, and later reported killed. Aged 28, former collier, son of Mr John Willett, Standard Hill.

Robert Hay

Lieutenant, Royal North Lancashire Regiment, accidentally killed in Belgium, January 7th, 1919. Son of Mr T. Y. Hay, manager Whitwick Colliery.

Samuel Beck

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, May, 1918. A Coalville man.

Douglas Drinkwater

Private of the Leicesters, killed in action, June, 1918. Formerly a baker at Coalville Co-Operative Stores.

William Henry Leech

Corporal, Leicesters, reported missing and later (July, 1918) believed killed. Wife resides in Bakewell Street, Coalville.

Francis Edward Stafford

Private of the Machine Gun Corps, died of wounds September 2nd, 1918. Formerly of London Road, Coalville.

John Frederick Colver

Signaller, East Yorks Regiment, died of wounds, September 10th, 1918, of Park Road, Coalville.

Percy Cliff

Private, Leicesters, killed in action, November 2nd, 1918. Aged 19. Former Whitwick collier, of Melbourne Street, Coalville.

Fred Dexter

Private, Labour Corps, died in hospital, February 1919. Aged 26, of Syston, and formerly of Jackson Street, Coalville.

HUGGLESCOTE

William Ogden Holden

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

Frederick Kirby

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

James Young

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

Owen Hallam

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

Cecil Thomas Beadman

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

Fred Whitmore

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

William Massey

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

Bernard Hatter

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

George Gadsby

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

Oliver Henry Pratt

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

James Haywood

Private, in the 5th Leicesters, killed in action in France, January 22nd, 1916. Formerly worked at Ellistown Colliery, aged 32, and lived in Donington-le-Heath.

Amos Elkin

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

James Thomas Bishop

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

John Arthur Pegg

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

Joseph William Cowley

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

Fred Chamberlain

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

Charles Drewett

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

Walter Hill

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

John William Brooks

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

Ambrose Harold Attwood

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

Jesse Jones

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

Harry Osborne Moseley

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

Harold Groves Blackham

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

George Harold Highfield

2nd Lieutenant, of the 3rd York and Lancaster Regiment, killed in action, July 4th, 1916. A former master at Coalville Grammar School.

Thomas Sleath

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

Ernest Willett

Of the King's Royal Rifles, died of wounds, November, 1916. Formerly page boy at the Vicarage, Hugglescote, parents residing in North Street.

Joseph Farn

Private, Royal North Lancashire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1916. Aged 21, formerly worked at Hunter's Stores, Coalville, and resided in Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

Charles Simmons

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 1916. A former collier of Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

William Young

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1916. Formerly resided at Hugglescote and employed by Messrs. Griffin Bros. builders.

Joseph Tebbatt

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1916. Formerly resided at Hugglescote, and employed by Messrs. Griffin Bros., builders.

Herbert Charles Elkin

Lance-Corporal, Leicester Regiment, reported dead, December, 1916, after being missing since September 25th, 1915. Aged 21 years, son of Mr H. C. Elkin, of 148, North Street, Hugglescote.

William Riley

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September, 1917. Formerly worked at Ibstock Colliery, and resided at 157, North Street, Hugglescote.

Archie G. Tovell

Gunner, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, February 1st, 1917, in France. Aged 22, formerly employed at Burgess's Factory, and residing in North Street, Hugglescote.

Ernest Stinchcombe

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, March 20th, 1917. Formerly employed by Coalville Co-Operative Society, and resided at St. John's Terrace, Hugglescote. Aged 19.

Roy G H Beadman

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, died in hospital in England, May, 1917. Aged 18 years, son of Mr T. Beadman, formerly of Forest Road, Hugglescote.

Ronald Albin Cross

Of the King's Royal Rifles, aged 19, son of Mr C. Cross, of North Street, Hugglescote, killed in action in France, May 21st, 1917.

Harold Fletcher

Private of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, presumed killed in action, July 30th, 1916, after being posted missing. Aged 25, son of Mr J. W. Fletcher, Hugglescote station master.

John Edwin Hibbitt

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 13th, 1916. Formerly resided in the Castle Yard, Hugglescote.

William Baker

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 5th, 1917. Aged 19. Formerly employed at Bagworth Colliery, and resided at Page's Hill, Hugglescote.

H B Drewett

2nd Lieutenant, East Yorks Regiment, killed in action, October 31st, 1917. Elder son of Mr and Mrs B. B. Drewett of Hugglescote.

Alfred Talbot Richardson

Private of the Machine Gun Corps, died of wounds, November 11th, 1917. Formerly a compositor on the "Coalville Times" staff, and resided at Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

William Newbold

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October 31st, 1917. Formerly resided at 50, North Street, Hugglescote.

J E Briggs

Private of the Canadians, died of wounds, November 11th, 1917. Formerly resided at Bagworth Row, Hugglescote.

Walter Lewis M.M.

Sergeant, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds in France, March 26th, 1918. Aged 25, son of Mr Henry Lewis, Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

Harry Lewis

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, between March 21st and 23rd, 1918. Aged 19, son of Mr Henry Lewis, Crescent Road, Hugglescote

G Hart

Corporal of the A.S.C. died in India, May 22nd, 1918. Of North Street, Hugglescote.

Thomas Marriott

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action August 21st – 23rd, 1918. Aged 23, son of Mr T. Marriott, of Breach Road, Hugglescote.

Fred Pink

Private of the Leicesters, killed in action, September 24th, 1918. Formerly of Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

Albert Gamble

Gunner, R.F.A. died of wounds, October 2nd, 1918. Of Wilkin's Lane, Hugglescote. Aged 21.

Bernard Walker

Private, of the Yorks Regiment, died of pneumonia in France, October 12th, 1918. Formerly of Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

Samuel Foster Gamble

Regimental Sergeant-Major, Leicestershire Regiment, died in hospital, February 7th, 1918. Formerly of Main Street, Hugglescote.

John Summers

Corporal of the M.G.C. killed in action, in France, July 20th, 1918. Formerly of Ashby Road, Hugglescote.

Frederick Jas Betteridge

Private, Leicesters, died of wounds, September, 1918. Wife resides at Ashby Road, Hugglescote.

WHITWICK

Ernest Hall

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

Harold Sidney Burton

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

Ernest Tugby

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

Arthur Charles Johnstone

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

Herbert Smith Hurst

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

James Cairns

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

Frank Underwood

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

Bernard Whittaker

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

Edward Jarvis

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

Joseph Amithae Hall

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

George Harold Barker

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

Edgar Howe

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

Herbert Kelly

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

George Henry Copson

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

Private John Joseph Morley

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

Herbert Harold Burton

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

Lawrence Albert Whitmore

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

Edward Walton

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

Charles Wilson

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

Robert William Berrington

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

Joseph Lowe

Corporal, Royal Fusiliers, killed in action, October, 1916. Son of Mr B. Lowe, of King's Norton, formerly of Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Harold Parish

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, October, 1916. Aged 21, son of Mr and Mrs W. Parish, 82, Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

Andrew Charles Hobson

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September, 1916. Wife and two children reside at Pare's Hill, Whitwick.

Norman Burrell

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, reported missing July 14th, 1916, later reported killed on that date. Formerly resided at Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

George E Heighton

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, April 9th, 1917. Aged 31 years, son of Mr C. Heighton, 44, Green Lane, Whitwick.

John Heighton

Of the Royal Naval Division, killed in action in France, November 13th, 1916. Aged 24 years, son of Mr C. Heighton, 44, Green Lane, Whitwick.

B Morley

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, April, 1917. A Whitwick man.

Herbert Briers

Sapper of the Royal Engineers, killed in action June 7th, 1917. Aged 25 years, partner in the firm of E. Briers and Sons, builders, Whitwick.

Samuel Richards

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, died June 10th, 1917, from wounds received in action in France. Aged 25 years, 150, Church Lane, Whitwick, formerly employed at Whitwick Colliery.

Arthur Concannon M.M.

Lance-Corporal Sherwood Foresters, killed in action, July 1917. A Whitwick man.

William Henry Cooke

Private of the Leicesters, reported wounded and missing September 25th, 1916 and later concluded killed. Aged 23, formerly resided at Green Lane, Whitwick.

Louis E Brotherhood

Sergeant of the Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, October, 1917. Formerly of the City of Dan, Whitwick.

F F Myatt

Private of the Machine Gun Corps, died of wounds, November 10th, 1917. Formerly worked at Stableford's and resided at North Street, Whitwick.

Arthur Griffiths

Naval stoker, went down with his vessel, October 26th, 1916. A Whitwick man.

E Knight

Corporal of the Royal Engineers, killed in action, December 3rd, 1917. Aged 22. Formerly worked at Stableford's and resided at Silver Street, Whitwick.

J A Carter

Private of the Leicesters, reported missing July 14th, 1916 and later reported killed on that date. Aged 19, of Whitwick.

George Wright

Private of the Leicesters, reported missing July 14th, 1916 and later reported killed on that date. A Whitwick man.

William Parsons

Private of the Leicesters, died of wounds, December 20th, formerly resided at Whitwick.

Oliver Bishop

Private of the Northamptonshire Regiment, reported missing on April 19th, 1917, and later reported killed on that date. Aged 21 of North Street, Whitwick.

Ambrose Harley

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, January 12th, 1918. Aged 22 years, of 4, Castle Street, Whitwick. A South Leicestershire collier.

R Underwood

Able-seaman, R.N.D. died from gas poisoning in France, March 1918. A Whitwick man formerly residing at Pare's Hill.

Ernest Roome

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, reported missing, May 3rd, 1917, and later to have died on that date. Formerly of Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Job Bailey

Private of the Notts and Derbys Regiment, aged 24, killed in action April, 1918. Of the City of Dan, Whitwick.

Walter Bradley

Private, Sherwood Foresters, killed in action, April 24th, 1918. Of South Street, Whitwick.

Ernest Alfred Hart

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, died of gas poisoning, May 16th, 1918. Of Church Lane, Whitwick.

E Morris

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May 30th, 1918. Of Green Lane, Whitwick, formerly employed at Stableford's.

William Taylor

Sergeant, of the Leicesters, killed in action in France, September 29th, 1918. Parents reside near the Monastery, Whitwick.

G W Underwood

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 24th, 1918. Formerly of Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Herbert Freeman

Private of the Leicesters, killed in action, October, 1918. Of Hermitage Road, Whitwick, a former Whitwick collier.

Richard Freeman

Private of the Leicesters, reported missing May 3rd, 1917, and since presumed killed. Formerly of Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

Laundon

Private of the Devons, reported missing October, 1917, later presumed to be dead. Formerly of Leicester Road, Whitwick.

John Edward Ducker

Corporal, Leicesters, died while a prisoner in Germany, July 19th, 1918. Formerly of Leicester Road, Whitwick.

C Cavendish

Private, Leicesters, killed in action in France, July, 1918. Formerly of Pare's Hill, Whitwick.

Walter Partridge

Private, South Staffs Regiment, reported missing October 4th, 1917, and later presumed to be dead. Formerly of Green Lane, Whitwick.

William Harold Knight

Private of the Royal Sussex Regiment, killed in action in France, August 8th, 1918. Formerly of Silver Street, Whitwick.

Alfred John Wilson

Leading seaman, R.N.V.R. killed in action August 21st, 1918. Formerly of Silver Street, Whitwick.

Thomas Price

Private, M.G.C. killed in action, August 31st, 1918. Wife resides at Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

COLEORTON

Alfred Clifford

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

Harry Toon

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

Joseph Martin

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

Percy Walster

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

George Arthur Walker

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

F Hubbard

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, March 1918. A Coleorton man.

Cecil Cuthbert

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, August 25th, 1918. Of Coleorton.

Archibald Holt

Private, Coldstream Guards, died of wounds, September 22nd, 1918. Of Coleorton.

DONINGTON-LE-HEATH

C H Walker

Sapper of the Royal Engineers, killed in action, February 1917. Formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery, and resided at Donington-le-Heath.

Charles Henry Shilton

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, September 23rd, 1917. Aged 22, of Donington-le-Heath, a baker formerly working at Ellistown.

Leslie Cross

Private of the Leicesters, killed in action, September 24th, 1918. Aged 22, son of Mrs Cross, Donington-le-Heath.

IBSTOCK

Harry Smith

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

Henry (Harry) Camp Badcock

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

Cyril Ernest Briers

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

Albert V. Dolman

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

Robert Ashby

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

J. Flaherty

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

Joseph Satchwell

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

Noel Lane

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

Lester Green

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

John (Jack) William Barrs

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

William Riley

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

Alfred Sleath

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

William Henry Timmins

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

Cyril Partner

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

George Sharp

Private, Canadian forces, killed in action, October, 1916. Son of Mr Thomas Sharp, High Street, Ibstock.

B. T. Wright

Of the King's Royal Rifles, died of wounds, October, 1916. Son of Mr and Mrs T. Wright, Church End, Ibstock.

Robert Holland

Private, West Riding Regiment, killed in action, October, 1916. Formerly resided at Ibstock, and worked at Bagworth Colliery.

Albert Dunncliffe

Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery, killed in action, October, 1916. Son of Mr and Mrs A. Dunncliffe, Ravenstone Road, Ibstock.

George Chamberlain D.C.M.

Lance-Corporal, Royal Engineers, died, January 1917. Formerly of Ibstock.

H Houghton

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, February, 1917. An Ibstock man.

J Rolleston

Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, March 9th, 1917. Formerly worked at Nailstone Colliery and resided at Ravenstone Road, Ibstock.

Bertram Redshaw

Private, North Staffordshire Regiment, killed in action, March 1917. Son of Mr Samuel Redshaw, Melbourne Road, Ibstock.

Thomas Capers

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, April 1917. Formerly an insurance agent, of Ibstock.

Frederick Callier

Of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in Mesopotamia, April 1917. A former hairdresser of Ibstock.

George Barrs

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr J. Barrs, 7 Richmond Terrace, Ibstock, died of wounds, May 25th, 1917.

Isaac Lewis

Sapper of the Royal Engineers, killed in action in France, June, 1917. An Ibstock man.

George Cooper

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 3rd, 1917. A former boot and shoe maker of Leicester Road, Ibstock.

Arthur Newman

Despatch rider, accidentally killed in France, August 1917, formerly a draper at Ibstock.

J T Sharpe

Private, accidentally drowned at Basra, July, 1917. An Ibstock man.

Albert Mattley

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 1917. Formerly an assistant at Worthington's Store, Ibstock.

Walter Fowkes

Private, North Staffs Regiment, killed in action, September, 1917. An Ibstock man.

J Allen

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, died, September 1917. An Ibstock man.

J M Benn

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1917. An Ibstock man.

J H Wright

Private of the Leicesters, killed in action, October, 1917. Formerly employed at Ibstock Colliery, and resided at Hinckley Road, Ibstock.

Samuel Preston

Private of the South Staffs Regiment, killed in action, October, 1917. An Ibstock man, aged 23, formerly worked at the Ibstock Colliery.

Alfred William Preston

Private, killed in action, September 16th, 1917. Aged 26. An Ibstock man.

Arthur Allen

Private of the North Staffs Regiment, killed in action, March 10th, 1917. An Ibstock man, aged 27, formerly employed at the Bagworth Colliery.

George Riley

Lance-Corporal, Leicesters, killed in action March 21st, 1918. Formerly of Ibstock.

William T Wright

Rifleman, K.R.R.C. aged 29, killed in action, April 12th, 1918. Of Ibstock.

John William Naylor

Private, Australian Imperial Force, killed in action April 8th, 1918. Formerly of Chapel Street, Ibstock.

G W Smith

Sergeant, South Staffs Regiment, killed in action June, 1918. An Ibstock man.

T H Jacques

Lieutenant, R.A.F. killed while flying. September 30th, 1918.

W Rolleston

Private, Royal Sussex Regiment, died in hospital from influenza after recovering from wounds, October 1918. Formerly of Melbourne Road, Ibstock.

John H Storer

Of the Royal Naval Division, killed in action, September 5th, 1918. Wife resides at 23, Melbourne Road, Ibstock.

George Burton

Private, Cambridgeshire Regiment, killed in action on September 18th, 1918. Formerly of Ibstock.

Arthur Ottey

Private of the Leicesters reported missing, August 22nd, 1918, later reported killed. Formerly of Orchard Street, Ibstock.

R Dawson

Gunner, killed in action, June, 1918. Son of Mr A Dawson, Ibstock.

G Sharp

Private, Cambridgeshire Regiment, killed in action, September 6th, 1918. Formerly of Ibstock.

NAILSTONE

Arthur Price

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

J Haywood

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 14th, 1916. Formerly worked at Nailstone Colliery.

OSGATHORPE

W Dalby

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 1917. An Osgathorpe man.

S Richards

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, June, 1917. Formerly of Osgathorpe.

BAGWORTH

Alfred Lorenzo Heathcote

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

Alfred Holland

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

James Lovett

Private, killed in action, October, 1916. Son of Mrs Lovett, of Bagworth.

Joseph Emmerson

2nd Lieutenant, Leicestershire Regiment, posted as missing, October 13th, 1917 and officially presumed dead December, 1918. A former colliery surveyor, son of Mr J. Emmerson, of the Bagworth Colliery.

Alfred Emmerson

2nd Lieutenant, R.F.C. killed in action, March, 1917. Son of Mr J. Emmerson, manager of Bagworth Colliery.

J Bennett

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May, 1917. A former collier of Bagworth.

J Reed

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, December, 1917. A Bagworth man.

Bert Farmer

Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, August 16th, 1918. Of Bagworth.

BARDON HILL

George Harry Newton

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

Walter Irons

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

Frank Blake

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

John Henry Martin

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

R. Benson

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

Robert Holliday Graham

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

A Holbrook

Sergeant, in the Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, October, 1916. Relatives reside at Bardon Hill

William Joseph Orton

Of the Coldstream Guards, killed in action, October, 1916. Relatives reside at Bardon

A Furlong

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, reported to have died, April 1917, of Bardon Hill.

John Surman

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, April 1917. A popular Bardon Hill cricketer.

John Thomas Grant

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, May 1st, 1917. Aged 26 years, son of Mr G. H Grant, of Bardon Hill.

Thomas Moyens

Private, Leicestershire Howitzer Regiment, died of wounds, October 1st, 1917. A Bardon Hill man.

Arthur Webster

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of gas poisoning, October, 1917. Formerly resided at Waterworks Road, Bardon Hill.

H G Webster

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, November 22nd, 1917. Wife resides at Waterworks Road, Bardon Hill.

Ernest Alfred Saunders

Private of the Royal Warwicks, died of wounds, December 12th, 1917. A Bardon Hill man.

Arthur Willett

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 19th, 1918. Former Bardon Hill quarryman.

A Lock

Private, Leicesters, killed in action, September 11th, 1918. Formerly of Bardon Hill.

A J Fort

Sapper, Royal Engineers, died of wounds, September, 1918. Wife resides at Bardon Hill.

BATTRAM

Arthur E Quilter

Corporal of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, May, 1917. Aged 23, of Battram, formerly working at Nailstone Colliery, and first old boy of the Battram Council School to fall in the war.

COPT OAK

Alec Howard Mason

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

Harry Valentine (Val) Alexander Hull

Private of the 3rd Bedford's, killed in action in France on April 11th, 1915. He lived at Copt Oak. Aged 19 years.

William Wibberley

Private, of the Devon Regiment, killed in action, April 1917, aged 20. Formerly of Copt Oak, and gardener at The Oaks, Vicarage.

ELLISTOWN

Wilfred Pepper

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

Edgar Henry Butler

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

William Barney

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

George Fletcher

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

Isaac Wood

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

Arthur Frank Prior

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

Edward Orton

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, October, 1916. Aged 20, son of Mrs E. Orton of 3, Kendal Road, Ellistown.

J R Ward

Private, Royal Sussex Regiment, killed in action, November 1916, formerly employed at Bagworth Colliery and son of Mr William Ward, of 35, South Street, Ellistown.

Percy Deacon

Private in a training battalion, died of illness, February 28th, 1917, soon after enlisting. Aged 26. Only son of Mr and Mrs T. Deacon, Ellistown.

William Edward Harper

Private, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, died May 15th, 1917, from wounds received in action in France. Aged 31, of Whitehill Road, Ellistown, formerly employed at Ellistown Colliery.

W E Cave

Sergeant of the Leicesters, died of wounds, December 29th, 1917. Aged 23, of Cumberland Road, Ellistown.

J B Sleigh

Private, Leicesters, killed in action, April 1918. Formerly of Victoria Road, Ellistown.

Stewart Robson

Private, M.G.C. killed in action, April 1918. Formerly of Victoria Road, Ellistown.

Harry Partner

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May 4th, 1918. A former Nailstone collier, of Battram Road, Ellistown.

Charles Nicholls

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, March, 1918. Aged 19. Formerly of Ellistown.

J Callier

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, June 1917. Formerly of Ellistown.

Wilfred Mason

Private, Leicesters, reported missing September, 1917, later presumed to be dead. Aged 20, formerly of Ellistown.

GRACEDIEU**Alec Turner**

Wireless telegrapher, aged 19, son of Mr W. Turner, gardener, Gracedieu Manor, on vessel which was sunk, May 20th, 1917. Formerly a teacher at Coalville Bridge Road Council School.

SHAW LANE**George Henry Partner**

Of the R.N.D. killed in action, March 25th, 1918. Formerly worked at Ellistown Colliery, aged 20 years of Shaw Lane.

HEATHER**Sydney Herbert Sharpe**

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

W. L. Pearson

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

William Bradford

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

William Boobyer

Corporal, Worcestershire Regiment, killed in action, October, 1916. Formerly worked at Ibstock Colliery, being a native of Heather.

Ernest Flamson

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, June, 1917, aged 23 years, a Heather man formerly employed at South Leicestershire Colliery.

Walter Pettitt

Corporal of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, August 1917. Aged 21 years, a former Nailstone collier, of 64, Ibstock Road, Ellistown.

Joseph Maides

Private of the Grenadier Guards, killed in action, October 14th, 1917. Son of Mrs J. Sparrow, of Heather.

Arthur Brooks D.C.M.

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in the summer of 1917. A former Heather man, aged 21 years.

Buttons

Of the Royal Navy, drowned at sea, December 1917. A Heather man.

George Henry Harris

Lance-Corporal, Leicesters, killed in action, September 19th, 1918. Aged 25, a printer of Heather.

PEGG'S GREEN

Harold Curtis

Sapper of the Royal Engineers, reported missing, June 29th, 1916, later reported killed on that date. A Pegg's Green man, and formerly employed at the Coleorton Colliery.

Albert Shakespeare

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, August, 1917. A Pegg's Green man.

RAVENSTONE

Jake Clarke Andrews

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

Harry Walker

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

George Andrews

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

Percy Lawrence Smith

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

Stanley Samuel Snell

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

John Martin

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

William Brooks

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

Christopher Fairbrother

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

Arthur Prew

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

William Glover

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

Arthur Reginald Brooks

Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, died of wounds received in action in France, January 20th, 1917. Aged 22, formerly employed as a butcher by the Coalville Co-Operative Society, son of Mr A. Brooks, of Ravenstone.

George Yates

Private, of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France on April 16th, 1917, aged 19. Son of Mr G. Yates, of Church Lane, Ravenstone.

Jack Knifton

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France on April 16th, 1917. Aged 21, son of Mr C. Knifton, Coalville Road, Ravenstone.

Walter Hill

Private, Machine Gun Corps, killed in action, August 1917. Formerly resided at Ravenstone.

Albert Fowkes

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, September 1917. Aged 23, formerly a builder of Ravenstone.

J Hancock

Sergeant, of the Coldstream Guards, died of wounds, September 24th, 1917. Formerly of Ravenstone.

William Potter

Able-seaman, of the Royal Naval Division, killed in action, October 28th, 1917. Formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery and resided at Sinope, Ravenstone, aged 23.

Harold Congrave

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, September 19th, 1918 of Wash Lane, Ravenstone. Aged 21.

John Curtis

Corporal, of the Leicesters, died of wounds, September 18th, 1918. Formerly a Snibston Collier, of Albert Villas, Ravenstone.

Joseph Collier

Lance-Corporal, Norfolk Regiment, killed in action, October 8th, 1918. A Ravenstone man, formerly working at Stableford's.

John Watson

Gunner of the Manchesters, died in hospital, November, 1918. Formerly of Ravenstone.

SWANNINGTON

Leonard Henson

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

Joseph Arthur Johnson

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

William Wardle

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

Walter Shaw

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

Samuel Thomas Berkin

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

Alfred Bernard Smith

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

Charles Dedman

Rifleman in the London Regiment, killed in action, September, 1916. Aged 26, formerly employed by Mr R. Tebbett, saddler, Coalville, and resided at Swannington.

George H Irons

Private, of the R.N.D. killed in action, January 3rd, 1918. Aged 28. Formerly worked at Stableford's and lived at Swannington.

A Smith

Private of the Leicesters, died of wounds, May 1918. A Swannington man.

THORNBOROUGH

George Bailey

Private of the R.A.M.C. died of wounds, December 6th, 1917. Wife resides at Thornborough.

THORNTON

Frank Mee

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, March 1916. A Thornton man, and formerly employed at the Desford Colliery.

T Brown

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, after being posted missing, reported killed, March 1917. Of Thornton.

STANTON-UNDER-BARDON

J. L. Adcock

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

F. H. Lynes

Sergeant, of the Scottish Rifles, killed in action, September, 1916. Aged 41, wife and three children reside at Stanton-under-Bardon.

W J Orton

Of Stanton-under-Bardon, posted as missing on September 15th, 1916, later officially reported killed in action on same date. Aged 20.

J Adcock

Sergeant, Leicestershire Regiment, after being posted missing, reported killed in July, 1916. Of Stanton-under-Bardon. Aged 20 years.

A Barnes

Private of the Lancashire Fusiliers, killed in action in France, April 15th, 1917. Son of Mr Edward Barnes, of Stanton-under-Bardon.

R J Brown

Lance-corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, June 15th, 1917. Formerly worked at Ellistown Colliery and lived at Stanton-under-Bardon.

THRINGSTONE**Theophilus Jones**

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

William Moore

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

Isaac Hall

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

Robin Robinson

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

Thomas Squires

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

H W Granger

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, February 1917. A former bricklayer's labourer for Messrs. W. Moss and Son, Coalville, and who lived at Thringstone.

J Squires

Private of the Leicesters, died of wounds, December 21st, 1917. A Thringstone man.

James Gee

Private, Yorks and Lancs Regiment, killed in action, March 25th, 1918, of Thringstone.

Thomas Bailey

Private of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, missing over a year, presumed to be dead, October 1918. Formerly of Thringstone.

J T Fortnam

Private R.N.V.R. killed in action, August 1918. Of Thringstone.

Wilfred Sykes

Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, missing September 26th 1917, later reported killed. Formerly of Thringstone.

John Morley

Private, Leicesters, killed in action, September 6th, 1918. Formerly of Thringstone.

ASHBY PETTY SESSIONS**POLICEMAN WELCOMED**

P.C. Durrands, formerly stationed at Coalville, was again sworn in as a constable. The clerk said Durrands was a reservist, and was wounded and taken prisoner early in the war. He was in Germany for over 4 years. The chairman said the magistrates were pleased to see him back again, and they hoped he would continue to do his duty as well as he had done in the past.

P.C. Durrands: *Thank you sir.*

The constable is now stationed at Ashby.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

There will be 32 Royal Air Force squadrons for the reconstituted Army of the Rhine?

It is reckoned that 6,000 French women have married American soldiers during the past 12 months?

It is officially announced that the exemption of children from school attendance for employment in agricultural work, which was allowed during the war, is now to cease?

The captured German guns, which have been on view in the Municipal Square, Leicester, for the past few months, were removed on Monday and taken to the Arsenal?

STANTON-UNDER-BARDON

CHARITABLE EFFORTS

An effort was made in the Council Schools on Saturday evening in aid of a soldier who contracted consumption while on military service. A sum of £20 was raised. A week ago £22 was raised for the Leicester Royal Infirmary, while a few days previously, £32 was obtained for an ailing resident.

MARKFIELD

OBITUARY

Mr M. E. Spence, who lost two sons in the war, has now sustained another bereavement, his daughter Ada (wife of Mr T. H. Smith) aged 49, passing away after a long illness, and being laid to rest on Tuesday. The chief mourners were Mr T. H. Smith, sons and daughter, Mr and Mrs Mee (Desford), Mrs J. T. Spence (Stanton-under-Bardon), Mr and Mrs George Massey (Shaw Lane), Mr and Mrs H. E. Spence, Mrs Bishop, Mr and Mrs Tyers (Leicester) and Mr and Mrs Smith. There were many floral tributes.

SOLDIER COMEDIAN

Private T. H. Bagshaw, 105th Field Ambulance, 35th Division, British Expeditionary Force, son of Mr G. A. Bagshaw, of Belvoir Road, has been demobilised, having enlisted in 1914. He wears the "Star" Ribbon. He joined up from the Coalville Corps of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, volunteering for service, and in four years has served on different fronts. At the outset he went to the Dardanelles and was in action at Gallipoli, where he stayed for five months; thence he was sent to the Suez Canal for twelve months, and finished in France. He was wounded at Gallipoli during the evacuation, and was one of the last 50 to leave the land, with an officer and corporal, carrying a despatch for the Australian Headquarters at Anzac Cove. The message was delivered to the officer in charge of evacuation. The party left in a barge to board the Carron. He was wounded on his 19th birthday, having enlisted at 17 years of age. Casually, at Mudros, he met his brother, serving in a tunnelling company. From Alexandria, young Bagshaw, in 1916, did duty in the desert, bordering the Suez Canal, for six months. As a youngster he was in the local post office as telegraph messenger, and early he was known as a comedian. He had been enabled to entertain thousands of troops on the various fronts, and was one of the "Laurels" Concert Party of his unit, obtaining many compliments.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bernard V. McCarthy having been demobilised from the army, wishes to inform the inhabitants of Whitwick and District that he will re-open his butcher's shop at 1, Silver Street, Whitwick, on Thursday, March 20th, 1919 and hopes for a continuance of the public patronage. All orders promptly attended to.

THRINGSTONE PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

The efforts of this committee in organising the previous public presentation and further recognising the acts of bravery of Corporal Rennocks and Pte. Robinson, recipients of the Military Medal, were brought to a close on Monday evening, when the chairman and committee entertained a few friends and the distinguished soldiers to a dinner at the Rose and Crown, Thringstone, Mr H. G. W. Howe presided.

After dinner, which was admirably catered by Mr and Mrs Smith, the loyal toast having been duly honoured, the chairman submitted the final balance sheet, showing £4 in hand, balance from the public presentation, and the committee had decided that this surplus should be equally divided between the Military Medallists.

Each man on being presented with half this balance, expressed surprise and thanks for the handsome way in which the committee and parish generally had recognised their military service, which was only their duty, and it the country should again require their services they would gladly respond to the call.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, committee, and all who had assisted in the successful effort, especially the chairman's organising ability been conspicuous throughout and mainly was he responsible for the dinner they had just enjoyed, and it was hoped he would be long spared to organising such noble objects. The singing of the National Anthem concluding the proceedings.

COALVILLE MILITARY MEDALLIST

GIVES HIS BLOOD TO SAVE OFFICER'S LIFE



Private J. Weston, M.M., of the 1st Leicesters, son of Mr Thomas Weston, Belvoir Road, Coalville, has just reached home in the convalescent stage, after making a noble sacrifice to save an officer's life.

Private Weston was wounded on October 8th, and while in hospital, he gallantly gave a pint of his blood to save the life of a wounded officer, who was a stranger to him. Weston had previously shown his bravery, being awarded the Military Medal for a brilliant performance on September 24th, the official account stating that he attacked an enemy post single-handed, and succeeded in clearing the same, so securing touch on the right.

He is now making good progress from the effects of his wounds and voluntary loss of blood, and has just been demobilised. He is a single man, 23 years of age, and before the war worked as a stamper at Messrs. Stableford and Co's Waggon Works,

Coalville.

THANKS

Mr E. G. Hutchins, Whitwick and Thringstone postman, who has recently arrived from service in Egypt, wishes to thank all kind friends for their sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained through the death of his wife. Also lost nine more relations in twelve months.

PEACE TERMS

EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

News from Paris says that the preliminary peace treaty with Germany is expected to be ready on March 20th. The German peace delegates are likely to arrive in Paris between March 23rd and 25th. The document will be handed to them, and no doubt they will be given a reasonable opportunity of taking it to Berlin for consideration by their Government.

It is reported that the Allies have decided that all German war material is to be surrendered or destroyed. Germany is not to be allowed in future to build a single tank, nor a single gun of more than 6 inches calibre. She is also not permitted to manufacture any more poisonous gas.

HINCKLEY DIVORCE

Justice Coleridge, on Friday, granted a decree nisi to Frederick George Hall, employed at the Sketchley Dye Works, Hinckley, on the ground of the misconduct of his wife, Ellen Rebecca. Petitioner said the marriage took place in November, 1914 at the Registry Office, Hinckley, and they lived at Whiteman's Yard, Trinity Lane, Hinckley. Eventually, he discovered that his wife had committed misconduct while he was in the Army.

MR W. H. PARKER



Mr W. H. Parker who recently passed away at Leicester. Before joining up he was in business as a pawnbroker at Belvoir Road, Coalville.

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COALVILLE COLLIER'S DEATH

THREE SONS KILLED IN THE WAR

The death occurred rather suddenly early on Monday morning of Mr Thomas Brownlow, of 104, Margaret Street, Coalville. He was 69 years of age and had worked as a collier for over 60 years, having for the last 25 years been employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery, and went to work as usual up to last Friday. He was out on Sunday, apparently in his usual health, and ate a hearty supper, but he became unwell during the night and passed away early on Monday morning. The widow, five sons and two daughters survive, but the deceased had ten sons, three of whom were killed in the war – probably the greatest loss experienced by any Coalville family. The three sons killed were Arthur, aged 36, who fell at Armentieres; Ernest, aged 34, a well-known Coalville Town footballer, whose death in action occurred at Vimy Ridge; and Ambrose, aged 27, who was killed on the Somme.

Five sons (all colliers) served in the war and one, Harry, was badly wounded at Guillemont Farm on the Somme, but is now making a good recovery. The latter and Arthur, the first of the three brothers to fall in the war also served in the South African War.

The death of Mr Brownlow was certified as due to valvular disease of the heart.

FIVE SONS WITH MEDALS THROUGH THE WAR UNSCATHED

Five sons of Mr and Mrs F. W. Longson, who two months ago removed from London Road, Leicester to Hull, have excellent war careers. They served in H.M. Forces from 1914 – four in the Army and one in the Navy – and went through the fighting without receiving an injury. Further, each has been awarded a war medal.

Company Sergeant-Major T. W. Longson (34) of the Leicesters, is a hero of Mons, Marne, Vimy Ridge, Ypres, Hill 60, etc. He won the D.C.M. for carrying in wounded under heavy shell fire. Before the war he was in India eight years.

Leading-Seaman D. Longson, of H.M. minesweepers, received the D.S.M. for valuable services in the sinking of U-boats.

Air-Mechanic H. T. Longson, joined the R.A.F. at the age of 20, and won the D.F.C. for night bombing over enemy territory.

Pte. F. H. Longson (23), South Wales Borderers served at Mons, and had been serving in France only three weeks when he was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action. He has since received a bar to the M.M.

Corporal W. W. Longson, 8th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, enlisted at 16, and was awarded the M.S.M. in September, 1918, for valuable service.

NEUVE CHAPELLE LEICESTERS' FOUR-YEAR OLD FEAT

Monday was the fourth anniversary of the first great offensive of the fighting of 1915 when Sir John French attacked the Huns, making the village of Neuve Chapelle his chief objective. The offensive, which lasted practically three days, was successful, but the price paid was heavy. The British attack was carried out with such gallantry that its very success – which landed many of our troops in untenable positions – was against its full value being utilised. The Huns admitted that the fierceness of the British attack and the terrible bombardment which proceeded it shook them up in a manner they had never previously experienced.

The gallantry of our troops was never exceeded on any battlefield and our own local regiment performed veritable prodigies of valour and suffered heavily. The British losses were 13,000, of which 190 officers and 2,337 men were killed. The 2nd Battalion of the Leicesters – fresh from India – was in the fiercest of the fighting and its losses were very heavy, not a few of these being caused by the German bombardment before the attack developed and while the men were crammed in the trenches waiting for the word to go over. Hand to hand fighting in the enemy's trenches and desperate bayonet work fell to the lot of the Leicesters, while hacking a way through the barbed wire entanglements, and they were amongst the first to consolidate what their valour had won.

The battle was marked by very many heroic deeds. Private Buckingham won the V.C. and fell afterwards on the Somme. He showed the most devoted courage and rescued many wounded men under very heavy fire. Captain Morgan, M.C., commanded B Company, and although wounded in six places, led his company till he fell from exhaustion. Captain Romilly won the D.S.O. by his bravery in a bombing fight, in the course of which he bowled over several Huns with his revolver. Captain Weir led C Company with much credit and got the Military Cross. Sergt. Ruckledge, Corpl. Oakes, Privates Hill and J. Steeples, and Corpl. Keitley were amongst the recipients of the D.C.M. and many other acts of individual heroism were recorded in the three days fighting.

COPT OAK

SOLDIER'S DEATH

Private J. Pearce, Labour Company, developed a cold while at home on leave, and was taken to hospital, where he died within a week. He was buried by the Vicar in Copt Oak Churchyard.

Friday March 21st 1919 (Issue 1411)

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Leicestershire County C.C. have now definitely concluded arrangements for a fixture with the Australian Imperial Forces eleven, and the match will be played at Leicester on Friday and Saturday, July 11th and 12th?

The War Office at the wish of the Commanding Officer of the 6th Leicestershire Regiment, has offered to the Coalville Urban Council, as a trophy for the town, a captured German gun, a 150mm howitzer and carriage?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A fitting tribute was paid at the dinner on Wednesday night to the excellent services rendered to the public during the war by the Special Constables of Coalville and District. They were out 19 nights when there were air raid alarms and they have been on duty on several other occasions. It is interesting to note that when they made enquiries as to the number of tools, etc, there were in the Coalville area, that would be of use in case of invasion by the Germans, it was ascertained that in Coalville alone there were 916 pick axes, 1,407 spades, 3,044 shovels, 307 crowbars, 487 axes, 500 sledge hammers, 1,282 hand-saws, 223 hedge slashers and 61 firearms.

BELGIAN REFUGEES

We hear that Mr, Mrs and Mmes. Boulogne, Barbe, De Paw, Detrixhe, Gaspard, Janssens, Nahoel, Pugener, Hoffoens, Willens, Mlle. Ducarme, Mr and Mrs Cavier, Corman and Tarrus, Belgian refugees, who lately left England, reached safely their homes in Belgium. Many of the children however, caught severe colds while sailing. Notwithstanding the state of great misery which prevails in their native country, the refugees were very glad indeed to have provided themselves with clothing, boots, hosiery, etc, as far as possible to enable them to help their relatives a little.

They have heard with great pleasure of the acceptance of two portraits of the King of the Belgians presented on the eve of their departure by delegation to the Coalville Urban District Council and the Belgian Refugees' Committee, as a token of the gratitude of the refugees to all in the district who kindly helped them in their distress and they present to the inhabitants their cordial tributes.

A tragic event happened to one of the refugees, Mrs Pugenger, widow of a soldier killed in action, in Flanders, on October, 1917. When she appeared in her mourning dress with her two little children, before her grandmother, the poor old lady was so overcome with emotion that she expired.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of Sergt. S. Buckingham, late of Highfields, Coalville, killed in action, March 22nd, 1918.

Deeply mourned by his loving Wife and Daughter.

"Ever in our thoughts"

In ever loving memory of Thomas Tertius Kelham, who was killed in action, March 25th, 1918.

*"A light is from our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled."*

From loving Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters.

In ever loving memory of Lance-Corporal George Riley, who fell in action, March 21st, 1918.

"He answered the country's call."

From his sorrowing Wife, Mother, Father and Family.

In loving memory of Private Ernest Stinchcombe, 1st Leicesters, killed in action, March 25th, 1917.

"Gone but not forgotten."

From his Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.
22, St. John Terrace, Hugglescote

In loving memory of our dear son, Leonard A. P. Finch, who was killed in action in France, March 21st, 1918.
Aged 20 years.

*"In a far and foreign graveyard,
Where the trees their branches wave,
Lies a loving son and brother
In a cold and silent grave.*

*He served his King and Country,
God knows he did his best;
Now he's asleep in Jesus,
A British soldier laid to rest."*

From his loving Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

In affectionate remembrance of our Golden Star Brigade cousin, Leonard A. P. Finch, who was killed in action in France, March 21st, 1918.

*"Asleep in Jesus, far from thee,
Thy kindred and their graves may be,
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."*

From his loving Cousin, Miss Ray Williams, Llanelly, Wales.

In affectionate and everlasting remembrance of our two dear boys, Sergeant Walter Lewis, M.M. and Bar, Machine Gun Corps, died of wounds in Galley Hospital, France, March 26th, 1918; and Pte. Harry Lewis, Notts and Derby Regiment, killed in France, March 21st, 1918.

"Grief too deep to be expressed."

From their sorrowing Father and Mother, Sisters and Brother-in-law.

STANTON-UNDER BARDON

SOLDIER'S FUND

Mr T. Dilk's, secretary, has just finished disbursing the amount obtained for this fund by the parade. A sum of £55 was disbursed to 41 recipients, each share being £1 6s 6d. The share of seven lads who had fallen were devoted to the memorial fund. Fourteen shillings had been distributed to each of the "boys" previously from amounts received by whist drives and dances held in the Council School.

ANOTHER WHITWICK M.M.

Private W. W. Stinson, M. T., B.A.S.C., 405 Siege Battery, the proprietor of Southam and Co., was awarded the Military Medal for devotion to duty under heavy shell fire, on the night of October 17th 1918. He is the elder son of Mr W. Stinson, Dumps House, Whitwick, and has served one year in England and two years in Belgium.

HUGGLESCOTE MILITARY MEDALIST

PRESENTATION AT THE PARISH CHURCH

An interesting event at the Hugglescote Parish Church during the evening service on Sunday was the presentation by Canon Broughton (Vicar) of the Military Medal to Gunner William John Kirby Haynes, awarded to the soldier for bravery on the battlefield.



Haynes is a brother of Mr William Thomas Prime, and resides with him at 134, North Street, Hugglescote. Before the war he was employed at the Desford Colliery, and joined up in September, 1914, enlisting in the Notts and Derbys. Regiment, in which he acted as a stretcher-bearer. He was awarded the medal in 1916, and is believed to be the first Hugglescote soldier to receive this honour, as well as being the first Hugglescote man to have the medal presented to him during public service in the Parish Church.

He was wounded near Ypres in 1917, and after spending ten days' leave in England, went to the Belgian front where he was transferred to the Machine Gun Section, and he was wounded a second time. Later, he served in the Tanks.

Haynes has now been demobilised, and is back at his old job at the Desford Colliery.

TRIBUTE TO LEICESTERSHIRE YEOMANRY

Dear Sir, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter received by His Grace, the Duke of Rutland from the General Officer commanding Cavalry Corps in France.

Yours Faithfully
C. M Sergeantson (Major)
Secretary Leicestershire and Rutland Territorial Associations.

H.Q. Cavalry Corps
B.E.F.
March 3rd, 1919.

To the Duke of Rutland, K.G.

Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire

Dear Sir - Now that the time has come for the remaining officers and men of the Leicestershire Yeomanry to leave the Cavalry Corps on demobilisation. I feel perhaps that you would like to hear how well the regiment and all its members have done during the war.

The regiment, early in the war, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Freke reached a high state of efficiency which compared most favourable with the Regular Cavalry Regiments alongside of whom they were serving. They maintained this high standard of efficiency throughout the hard fighting of the first two years, and all ranks have continually played a splendid spirit.

It has been a splendid honour and pleasure for me to have had the Leicestershire Yeomanry under my command in the Cavalry Corps, as I was their Adjutant from 1895 to 1900, and they also joined and formed part of the 7th Cavalry Brigade which I commanded during the first Battle of Ypres in 1914.

I hope and believe that after a short period at home, a large number of the men will re-join, and that before long the regiment will be re-formed, up to strength, and again ready to take their part in the defence of the country if called upon.

Signed – M. Kavanagh.

Lieut. General Commanding Cavalry Corps.

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IBSTOCK WAR MEMORIAL

FIRST SUBSCRIPTION LIST

Per Mr T. Wright

A E. Hawley, Esq., £25, Lord Aberconway £21, the Hon. H. D. McLaren, M.P., £5/5/0, Lord Donington's Exors. (per S. G. Shields, Esq.) £5/5/0, Messrs. The Star Tea Co., £2/2/0, Mr J. Marsh's Exors (per Mr J. W. Marsh) £1/1/0, Mrs Thirlby £1/1/-, Mrs Burnett £1, Mr D. Gadd £1, Mr T. Pruden 10/6, Mr W. Stinson 10/-.

Per Mr F. W. Stevens

Mr W. Eggington J.P. C.C., £10, Mr F. W. Stevens, £5, Mr W. M. Sykes £2/2/0, Mr W. Grech £1/1/0; Mr W. Jordan £1/1/0; Mr J. Baxter £1/1/0; Mr H. Gray 18/0; Mr J. Fletcher 15/0; Mr W. Tyers snr, Mr W. Tyers jnr, Mr H. Tyers, Mr L. Hardington, Mr W. A. Johnson, 10/- each; Mr J. W. Lockwood, Mr W. E. Bowley, Mr W. Burdett, Mr E. Ward, Mrs Clark, Mr W. Atkins, Mr W. Sperry, 5/- each; Mr J. Hoult, 3/6; Mr Loveday, Mr James Clamp, Mr C. W. Kendall, 2/6 each; Mr G. Preston, 2/-; Mrs H. Brown, Mrs Marlow, Mr W. Storer, Mr T. Findley, 1/- each; Mrs Rice, 6d; Mrs Alesworth, 3d:

Per Mr G. Forman

Mr T. Dawson, £2/2/0; S.T. £2/2/0; Mr Jos. Gray, Mr W. King and "Helper", 5/- each; A. Friend, 4/-; Mr J. Storer, 2/-:

Per Mr J. Baxter

Mr W. Rowell, £5/5/0; Mr W. E. Gee, £5; Mr and Mrs E. Perry, £5; Mr F. B. Pickworth, £3/3/0; Mr H. Forrester, £3/3/0; Mr and Mrs Wheatcroft, £2/2/0; Miss P. Wheatcroft, 10/6; Mr Swingle, £1/1/0; Mrs Swingle, £1/1/0; Mr A. Holmes, £1, Mr and Mrs J. H. Wood, £1/1/0; Mr and Mrs W. C. Johnson, £1/1/0; Mr Geo. A. Wood, 10/6; Mr G. Reason, Miss Tebbett, Miss Tredinnick, Mr R. West, Mr W. Smith, Mrs J. W. Eggington, Mr H. Hincks, Mrs Clare, Mr G. Thirlby, Mr E. Harding, Mr G. A. Benn, 10/- each; Mr J. Knapp, Mr W. Gretton, Mr W. Rudin, Mr J. King, Mr G. Foster, Mr A. Sperry, P.S. Iliffe, Mr C. Goadby, 5/- each; Mrs Tebbett, Mr E. Mason, 2/6 each:

Per Mrs Dunstan

Mr and Mrs W. Smith, Cottage Farm, £5; Mr Brend, Mr A. Harding, 5/- each; Mrs Clarke, 3/6; Mr S. Storer, 2/6; Mr G. Stirland, 2/6:

Per Mr W. Eggington

Station Road Dancing Class, £10; Mrs Newman, £5/5/0; Mr T. B. Wain, £5; Miss Newman, Miss Knight, Mr and Mrs Elson, Mr and Mrs C. J. Harratt and Mrs C. Eggington, Mr W. Wain, Mr W. T. Williams, £2/2/0 each; Mr and Mrs Chaplin-Burrows, 10/-; Mr and Mrs Burrows, 5/-; Mr Massey, 5/-; Mr and Mrs Ridgway, 4/-; Mr Newman 4/-; Mr G. Harrison, 2/6; Mrs Redshaw, 2/-; A. Widow's Mite, 3d:

Per Mr R. West

Mr T. Johnson, £2/10/0; Mr B. Rolleston, £1; Mr S. Thompson, 10/6; Mr G. Grice, Mr F. Brown, snr, Mr F. Brown, jnr, 10/- each; Mr A. Dunncliffe, Mr J. L. Vaughan, Mrs E. Vaughan, 5/- each; Mr H. Dunncliffe, 4/-, Mr Davis, 3/-, Miss M. E. Vaughan, Mr L. Hardy, Mr J. Palmer, Mr G. Vaughan, Mr R. Ayris, 2/6 each; Mrs J. Grewcock, 2/-, Mr P. Gamble, 1/-; Mr R. Gamble, 6d:

Per Mr J. W. Smith

Mr James Mee, £1/1/0; Mr H. Whitehead, £1; Mr A. Mason, £1; Mr A. Robinson, Mr C. Baugh, Mr G. Perry, Mr F. Brown, Mr R. Grainger, jnr, Mr H. Preston, Mr E. Towers, Mr G. Hugh, snr, Mr J. W. Smith, Mr W. Morrison, 10/- each; Mr H. Bailess, Mr J. Foster, Mr H. Mee, Mr J. S. Mee, Mr J. Jacques, Mr J. Wright, Mr J. Kirton, Mr John Wright, Mr C. Windram, Mr E. Forknell, Mr W. Pickering, Mr A. Walker, 5/- each; Mr G. Lewis 4/- each; Mr H. Wilson, Mr T. Woodward, Mrs Hardcastle, Mr R. Kirton, Mrs H. Mee, Mr E. Woodward, Mr E. Gilliat, Mr A. Foster, Mr J. Jackson, jnr, Mr P. Stirland, Mr E. Bircher, 2/6 each; Mr S. Poxon, Mr R. Wright, Mr J. Ball, Mrs Davies, 2/- each; Mr W. Baugh, Mrs Walker, Mr W. Gilbert, Mr S. Brooks, Mrs Stirland, 1/- each:

Per Mr A. J. Walker

Mr and Mrs L. Mear, £4; Mr G. Sparrow, £1/1/0; Mr J. A. Barnes, £1; Mr T. Forknell, Mr R. Black, Mr and Mrs Brotherhood, 10/- each; Mr G. Wright, 7/6; Mr J. Underwood, Mr and Mrs E. Morris, Mr J. Palmer, Mr A. Hipwell, Mr F. Fowkes, 5/- each; Mrs Morris, 3/-, Mr Gretton, Mr Langton, Mr W. Jordan, Mr W. Taylor, Mr S. Underwood, Mr T. Goski, Mr R. Mee, 2/6 each; Mrs Wood, Mr Lewis, Mr Ayris, 2/- each; Mr Gadsby, Mr J. Lester, Mr Johnson, 1/- each; Mrs B. Webb, 6d; Mrs H. Illsley, 6d:

Per Mr T. Wyatt

Mr T. Wyatt, £2/2/0; Mr W. Walker, Mr W. Baxter, Mr C. Judge, Mr E. Newbold, Mr J. Moore, Mr B. Baxter, Mr S. Green, £1 each; Mr H. Fowkes, 10/6; Mr J. Allen, Mr J. Mattley, Mr L. Heath, Mr J. Kinson, 10/- each; Mr A. Baxter, 5/-; Mr W. Orton, 5/-; Mr J. Alvenstone, Mr D. Gimson, 1/- each:

Per Mr W. Wallace

Mr W. T. Humble, Mr T. Freeman, £1/1/0 each; Miss Knight, £1; Mr Burgess, 10/-; Mr and Mrs Hammonds, 7/6; Mr Hammonds, Mr Warren, Mr Sutton, Mr Brown, Mr Johnson, Mr J. Belcher, 5/- each; the Rev. H. Cowling, Mr Cufflin, Mr Belcher, Mr Wood, Miss Heggs, Mr Foster, Mr Waring, Mrs Spencer, Mr Ashby, Mrs Fletcher, 2/6 each; Mr Elliott, Mr Lander, Mr Ball, Mr Underwood, 2/- each; Mrs Wileman, 1/-:

Per Mr R. Stafford

Mr R. Stafford and family, £2/12/6; Mr G. Moreton, £1/1/0; Mr W. Wallace, Mr S. Jacques, £1 each; Ibstock Palace Co. £5/5/0; Mr I. Davis, Mr B. Simpson, Mr H. Dennis, 10/- each; Mrs J. W. Walker, 7/-; Mr W. Gibson, Mr H. Illsley, 2/6 each; Mr H. Gray, Mr A. Burton, Mr H. Shepherd, Mr Burton, 2/- each; Mr G. Smith, Mr Meakin, Mrs Fowkes, Mr F. Fowkes, Mr Ball, Mr S. Gibson, Mrs Smith, Mr S. Knifton, Miss Mattley, 1/- each; Mr J. Robinson, 1/6; Mr A. Adcock, Mr Love, 6d each:

Per Miss Meek

Mr J. Bonser, £2/2/0; Mr J. White, Mr E. H. Cuthbert, £1/1/0; Mr E. Overton, £1; Mr H. Hawtin, Mr G. Gilbert, Mr J. Price, Mr H. Black, 10/- each; Mr Marlow, 3/-; Mr Gregory, P.C. Potterton, Mr J. Abell, Mr R. Price, jnr, 2/6 each; Mr H. Deakin, Mrs Ringrose, Mr G. Willoughby, Mr G. Widdowson, 2/- each; Mr S. Butler, 1/6; Mr J. Hartopp, Mr R. Meakin, Mr C. Tonks, Mr R. Price, snr, Mrs A. Tonks, Mr F. Spencer, Mr J. French, Mr J. Greasley, Mr D. B. Smith, Mr A. Dawson, Mr H. Hilliard, 1/- each; Mr Harrison, 9d; Mr Bancroft, Mr Povey, Mrs Sperry, 6d each; Mr Warnett, 2d:

Per Mrs C. J. Harratt

Mr and Mrs F. Holmes and family, £2/12/6; Mr James Newman, Mr G. C. Harratt, Mr J. Richardson, £2/2/0 each; Mrs Tyers, 10/6; Mr J. W. Hopkins, Mr W. Clarke, Mrs W. Clarke, Mr W. Preston, Mr H. Newman, Mr Walter Crane, Mr A. Lloyd, Mr G. Askew, Mrs A. Mee, Mr J. Bayliss, Mr C. W. Ford, £1/1/0 each; Mr J. E. Black, £1; Mrs Trivett, Mrs T. Iliffe, Mr W. H. Riley, 10/- each; Miss Barton, Mr R. Tomlinson, Mrs W. Preston, Mr J. Allen, Mr G. Smith, 5/- each; Mr Brown, Mr J. Neal, Mr T. Chiswell, 2/- each; Mr Satchwell, 1/-:

Per Mrs Agnew

Mr I. Baxter, Mr R. J. Harratt, £1/1/0 each; Mr S. Ottey and family, Mr and Mrs G. Pike, Mrs H. Hopkins, £1 each; Mr J. Eggington, 15/6; Mr T. Woodward, Mr J. Holmes, Mr S. Y. Vickers and family, Mr L. Bourne, Mr and Mrs Findley, Mr J. Wright, Mr G. Bodle, 10/- each; Mr P. Bourne, Mr W. Burditt, Mr F. Storer, Mr A. Findley, Mr H. Findley, Mr G. Harrold, Mr Hewson, Mr H. Smedley, Miss Capers, 5/- each; Mr W. Price 3/-; Mr H. Dennis, Mr W. Rowe, Mr T. Humphreys, Mr T. Black, Mr and Mrs W. Askew, Mr S. Overton, 2/6 each; Mr T. Spencer, Mr H. Underwood, Mrs Foster, Mrs Adcock, Mr W. Sharpe, 2/- each; Mr F. Sparham, Mr J. Agar, Mr T. French, Mr Brown, Mr J. H. Finney, Mr Tansley, Mr G. Preston, 1/- each;

Per Mr J. J. Sparrow

Mr J. J. Torrance, Mr J. J. Sparrow, £1/1/- each; Mr A. Hall, Mr and Mrs Courtney, Mr Grewcock, 10/- each; Mr Allen, 7/6; Mr I. Joyce, Mr W. Robertson, Mr Spencer, Mr Astley, Mr Bowley, Mr Arkinstall, Mr W. Cooper, Mr F. Hyman, 5/- each; Mr Harrison, 3/-; Mr Carpenter, Mr Pask, Mr W. Geary, Mr Holt, Mr J. Jordan, Mr Burton, 2/6 each; Mrs A. Bayliss, 2/-; Mr G. Greasley, 1/- weekly; Mr Pick, 2/-; Mr G. Deacon, 2/-; Mr Windram, Mrs Pallett, 1/- each; Mrs Elliott, Mrs Mountain, 6d each:

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MARKFIELD

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FUND

At the annual meeting of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Committee, the joint secretaries (Messrs. Hall and Prevett) reported that a total of £181/5/10 had been received during the year, and after deducting expenses for printing and postage, a sum of £179/18/0 has been dispersed to 193 recipients who had expressed their gratitude for the efforts made on their behalf. It was resolved that the same committee remains in office, and the co-operation of prominent sympathisers secured to make worthy efforts at Easter and at Midsummer on behalf of a War Memorial Fund.

ASHBY PETTY SESSIONS

PROBATION OFFICER DEMOBILISED

Mr E. Kimpton, of Leicester, secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society, intimated that Mr F. W. A. Hale, of Leicester, who had been serving in the Forces had now been demobilised, and he asked the magistrates to re-appoint him as probation officer. Mr Kimpton had been discharging the duties in his absence and he said the Society were pleased to have Mr Hale back again.

The magistrates re-appointed Mr Hale to the office, and the chairman said they were glad to see him back again. They thanked Mr Kimpton for what he had done while Mr Hale was away.

CYCLE WITHOUT REAR LIGHTS

William Court (18), soldier, Ashby, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a rear red light at Ashby on March 7th. P.C. Durrands stated the case. Defendant, who is one of the guard of the German prisoners at Ashby, said he was delivering an important military message, and he had to obey orders. No conviction was recorded, defendant being ordered to pay 5/6 costs.

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LOCAL WAR MEMORIALS

WHEN COST MAY BE MET BY THE RATES

Mr J. G. Hancock (Belper) having asked the President of the Local Government Board whether local bodies are allowed to pay for war memorials out of public rates.

Major Astor, in a written answer on Tuesday, stated that the Local Government Board were aware that a number of local authorities contemplated expenditure out of the rates in providing war memorials or contributing towards meeting their cost. Where this could not be done under existing powers, the Board would be willing in cases where the accounts of the local authority are subject to Government audit to sanction, under the Local Authorities (Expenses) Act, 1887, reasonable expenditure for purposes of a useful character.

The provision of certain kinds of memorials eg in the form of recreation grounds, or buildings to serve as libraries or hospitals is, Major Astor added, ordinarily within the statutory powers of a local authority, who would in such cases, no doubt, proceed in the usual manner, but in other cases, eg, where the provision of social clubs or village halls or institutions is suggested sanction by the Board under the Act of 1887 would generally be required to authorise the expenditure.

In many cases a public appeal for voluntary subscriptions from the inhabitants is contemplated by the local authority before they have recourse to the rates, and the Board's general view would be that such appeals should be discouraged. It would be desirable that the general opinion of the inhabitants of a district should be ascertained before the local authority commit themselves to any proposal involving large expenditure.

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COALVILLE SOLDIER'S DEATH IN GERMANY



Mr T. H. Brooks, of Mantle Lane, Coalville, and late of Ellistown, has received news from the War Office that his son, Private Thomas Henry Brooks, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, died at the prisoner of war camp at Minden, Germany, on October 24th, 1918, from gastric catarrh and exhaustion. He was one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road School.

SPORT

One of the most popular football officials in the Coalville and Whitwick district, Mr George Waterfield, secretary of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. for several seasons, has this week resumed his old job as a clerk in the offices of the Whitwick Granite Co. Waterfield "did his bit" in the war, in the course of which he was, unfortunately, seriously wounded, necessitating the amputation of one of his feet.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Mr J Palmer, the well-known Ibstock and Leicestershire cricketer, has recently been demobilised after serving with the forces in Palestine, where he had some interesting experiences?

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CONCERT

In connection with a young man's effort to provide comforts for the men still in the Army from the Coalville P.M. Church, a concert was held in the school on Saturday evening, when a good programme was rendered to an appreciative audience as follows: Song, "The Bassoon," Mr A Carter; song, "When the great red dawn," Miss E Webster; monologue, "The Telegram," Miss Newman; humorous sketch, "Dr. Diaculum," Messrs. Roberts, Laurence, Knifton and Kendrick; song, "Bombardier," Mr W. Shaw; comic song, Mr C. Massey; song, "Three for Jack," Mr H. Toon; monologue, "The Scissors," Miss Newman; song, Miss D. Kendrick; sketch, "The New Waiter," Misses G. Carter, B. Whitmore and Mr Rowell and Messrs. C. Massey, A. Carter and W. Lilley: Mrs J. W. Burton very ably accompanied.

IBSTOCK

OBITUARY

On Thursday last, Pte. John William Gray, only son of Mr Eli Gray, of Ibstock, passed away, after being invalided out of the army five months ago. Deceased had seen over two years' service in France, was badly wounded in action on the Somme, from which, however, he recovered. He was eventually gassed near Ypres. Deceased was 23 years of age.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH

Soldiers who were connected with this church before joining the army, and who has been demobilised, were welcomed back on Saturday. A tea and concert was provided, to which 38 men, with their partners (wife, sweetheart or mother) were invited, and most of them were present. After a few words of welcome at the tea tables, all joined in singing the Doxology as a thanksgiving for the safe return of so many. In the evening a programme was given by Mr A. Holmes's Class, Lance-Corporal F. Holmes presiding at the piano. Sister Hope, connexional deaconess, who commenced a fortnight's special mission services on the following day, presided at the concert. The services on Sunday were well attended.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of Robert Underwood, late of Whitwick, who died in France, March 25th, 1918.

Sadly missed by his loving Wife and Daughter.

In dear and loving memory of Corporal Arthur Edward Johnson, who died from wounds in France, on March 24th, 1918.

*"He bravely answered duty's call,
And gave his life for one and all."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sister Mabel, Albert and Tom, brothers.
16, Jackson Street, Coalville.

In loving memory of Mr Dear Husband, Lance-Corporal P. V. Horne, killed in action, March 24th, 1918.

*"Not now but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll know the meaning of our tears,
And then, ah then, we'll understand."*

WHITWICK INFLUENZA TRAGEDY
SCISSORS GRINDER CUTS HIS THROAT
DEATH IN ASHBY WORKHOUSE

The death in Ashby Workhouse Infirmary on Sunday afternoon of Joseph Taylor, 46, a Whitwick scissors grinder, was the subject of an inquest, by Mr H. J. Deane (Coroner) at his Coalville office on Tuesday.

The Coroner had previously viewed the body at the Workhouse, where he took the evidence of Gertrude Mary Weston, charge nurse at the Union Infirmary. She said she saw Taylor on his admission on Saturday, when he was in a very weak condition. He had a cut on his neck which had been bound up, and his clothing was covered with blood. There was a deep cut right across the windpipe, but he could talk and was conscious. He told her his name. She sent for the medical officer, who came directly. Deceased never rallied, but gradually got worse. He seemed exhausted and died at 3 pm on Sunday.

Isabella Taylor, the widow, said she lived at 10, the City of Dan, Whitwick. Her husband was a scissors grinder, and travelled with a machine. He had bad health and was taken seriously ill a fortnight ago. The doctor saw him last Tuesday. He kept his bed and got worse towards the end of the week. He was very low spirited, but never threatened to injure himself. He let his beard grow. He had a bad night on Friday night and on Saturday morning when she had been out for about five minutes, she found on going back that he had "done it." He had reached the razor from the mantelpiece while in bed. He had not been well since his first illness seven weeks ago, when he had a cold. He had served three years and eight months in the army and was discharged to work at Woolwich, but he found he was not strong enough. He got no army gratuity. His Army papers were still at Woolwich.

Answering the Coroner, witness said they had been short of money.

Did that prey on his mind at all? – Yes, a lot.

Was he consumptive? – I could not say. He never said anything to me.

Was he always a thin man? – Yes, except just before he went into the Army.

There was no sign of his mind being affected, or that he contemplated suicide? – No.

There was no trouble between you? – No, we were on good terms.

Was anybody threatening to put you in Court for money? – We had been told about a month since that we should be turned out for the rent. Some friends gave me 6/6 on Saturday.

Had you been able to earn everything yourself? – No. I have a sick baby at home now.

Can you suggest any reason why he should do this? – No, only the trouble about not being able to pay his way.

Dr. Rolston (Whitwick) said he saw the deceased about a week ago when he had influenza, pneumonia threatening. About 9.40 on Saturday morning, Mr Moore came and told him Taylor had cut his throat. Witness found him with his throat cut right across the windpipe, but it was not severed. He put three stiches in the wound, bandaged it up, and advised the man's removal to the Workhouse Infirmary. There was nothing he saw in the deceased to indicate mental disturbance, though it was a common thing for influenza patients to become delirious, especially on the fourth or fifth day. The throat wound itself was not sufficient to cause death, which was due to influenza and pneumonia, accelerated by the wound.

The Coroner said that what he had to consider was how far the evidence given to him there and at Ashby, justified him in saying what was the cause of the unfortunate man's death, and the history of the case was reasonably plain. Deceased had had influenza and from what Mrs Taylor had told him, he gathered that their financial position recently had been none too satisfactory. The man had been very depressed, partly in consequence of shortness of money, and partly as the result of his illness, which led to him cutting his throat with a razor kept on the mantelpiece in the bedroom. The doctor had told them that the wound in itself was not sufficient to have caused death, but it had the effect of causing severe haemorrhage and shock to the system, already seriously affected by the influenza from which he was suffering. He gradually sank at the infirmary, though he was seen by a doctor there, and everything possible done for him. The injury was obviously self-inflicted and had the effect of hastening the man's death, and he (the Coroner) had to consider whether there was any evidence showing the state of the deceased's mind. He was helped in two ways as

regards that – from his own knowledge that influenza was a most depressing illness, and the evidence of Mrs Taylor and the doctor. She had stated that her husband had been depressed, and the doctor said that on the fourth or fifth day there was a certain amount of delirium in influenza patients. He found that death was due to influenza and pneumonia, and that it was accelerated by a self-inflicted wound in the neck, and that such wound was inflicted by the deceased at a time when he was not responsible for his actions on account of illness.

In reply to the Coroner, Mrs Taylor said she was not able to pay for the funeral, and the Coroner said the Workhouse master would arrange matters. The woman asked whether she could have her husband at home for an hour before he was buried.

The Coroner said she had better communicate with the Workhouse master, or the funeral would take place at Ashby. P.C. Grocock, who acted as the Coroner's officer, said Mr Albert J Briers, one of the Whitwick Guardians, had promised to phone to Ashby, and do all he could for the woman.

MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS

IBSTOCK POLICEMAN WELCOMED

The chairman welcomed P.C. Potterton (Ibstock) who has again resumed duty, after serving in the Forces, Mr Brown remarking that the magistrates were very pleased to see him back again.

MAINTENANCE ORDER REDUCED

Sidney Hogg, signalman, Coalville, made an application to the reduction of a maintenance order obtained by his wife, Sarah Lucy Hogg, of Whitwick, in July of last year. The order was for a weekly payment of 25/- and applicant asked for a reduction to 15/- a week.

The clerk said the grounds of the application were that one of the children had attained the age of 16 years, and that applicant's wife's means had improved. Applicant said that since the order was made a son had returned from the war and was working as a miner at the Whitwick Colliery. The youngest lad, (13), had also started to work at Stableford's and was getting 19/3 a week. His wife was also receiving an allotment of 8/- per week in respect of a son in the Asylum.

The clerk: *Do you know what the son is getting who works at the colliery?*

Applicant: *I can't say. I went to get to know last Sunday night, but he would not tell me.*

The woman admitted that she was a little better off financially than before the order was made, but 15/- a week from her husband would not be enough. It cost more to live now and she sent a parcel every week to her son who was away. Her daughter was not getting so much now at the factory as formerly, and one of her sons was wanting to get married, so, she added, *"I look very nice."*

The Bench agreed to a reduction of 5/-, the order being varied from 25/- to 20/- per week, applicant to pay the costs.

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DESFORD WAR MEMORIAL

A meeting was held in Desford Council Schools on Wednesday evening to consider the question of a War Memorial for the parish. Mr F. Nutt presided. After several suggestions, it was decided, on the motion of Mr E. A. Squirrell, C.C., seconded by Major Kelly, that a representative committee of 12 be elected to receive and consider suggestions as to what form the proposed memorial should take, and report to a future meeting. The following were elected on the committee: Mesdames Brookes, Squirell and Dawson, Major Kelly, Dr. Warner, Messrs. E. A. Squirrell, E. Graining, F. Smith, Jno. Evans, R. Evans and W. Sargeson, with Mr F. Nutt as convenor.

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IBSTOCK SOLDIER'S DEATH



Private John William Gray of the Leicesters, who died March 20th, 1919, from the effects of gas poisoning in May, 1917, and formerly of Ibstock.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The War Office announced that up to noon on Monday, 60,839 officers and 2,194,236 other ranks have been discharged or demobilised?

The King and Queen of the Belgians have given £1,000 for the monument to be raised at Zeebrugge in honour of the victims who fell in the British attack of April, 1918?

For the second time, Acting-Major W. Watters, R.A.S.C. son of Mr Henry Watters, Newtown Grange, Desford, has been mentioned in despatches?

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Pte. T. H. Brooks, whose death in Germany was reported in our last issue, resided at Ellistown before joining the Army. His father, Mr T. H. Brooks, lives at Mantle Lane, Coalville.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pte. Arthur Hagger, of the 6th N.F. who was killed in action, March 29th, 1918. Aged 21 years.

*"We little thought when we 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
But the hardest task is yet to come
When the lads that are left come marching home
And our dear son is missing."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Sisters, and Brothers, and ever-remembered by Edie, of Redcar.

In loving memory of John William Gray, who passed away 20/3/1919, through gas poisoning, May, 1917.

Deeply mourned by his Father, Sister and Brother.

In ever loving memory of Gunner J. F. Cracknell, 1926, killed in action April 2nd, 1916. Aged 24 years.

"To-day recalls sad memories."

From his sorrowing Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

In ever loving memory of William Thomas Bakewell, private, 6th Royal Warwicks, who fell in action at Fresmey le Petit, on Easter Monday, April 9th, 1917.

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HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER'S DEATH
VOLUNTEERED THE DAY WAR BROKE OUT
FUNERAL WITH MILITARY HONOURS



The death occurred in hospital at Huddersfield on Thursday last, of Driver John Smith, R.A.S.C. son of the late Mr Jos. Smith and Mrs Smith, of 60, Main Street, Hugglescote. Deceased, who was 25 years of age, volunteered for the army on the day that war broke out, being then a miner employed at the Ibstock Colliery, and he served in Salonika, Palestine and France, being invalided from the latter place in December last, and his death in Huddersfield Military Hospital, where he had been since, was due to tuberculosis. While abroad, he five times had malarial fever.

The funeral took place with military honours at Hugglescote Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the service being conducted by Canon Broughton (vicar). A military party from Wigston, with arms reversed, walked at the head of the funeral procession from the church to the cemetery, and there took up a position by the side of the grave.

The chief mourners were the mother, Private William Smith, of the Highland Light Infantry, (who has been a prisoner in Germany) and Mr Jos. Smith, wearing the silver badge (brothers), Mrs C. Cross (sister), Mr C. Cross (brother-in-law), Miss Amy Pitcher, Miss E. Bridgland, and Mrs Mugglestone.

The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and was borne by four comrades in khaki, all recently demobilised – Messrs. E. Smart, E. Cross, George Caldwell and S. Wilkins. The inscription on the coffin was

"Driver John Smith, A.S.C., H.T., died March 27th, aged 25 years,"

And after the body has been lowered into the grave the military party presented arms and fired three volleys, after which a bugler sounded "The Last Post."

There were numerous beautiful floral tributes, one from his sorrowing mother, and brothers, Will and Joe, and others with cards bearing expressions of sympathy, from Jenny and Charlie, the "boys of 'F' ward" (Huddersfield), Mrs Kirk, Bishop and and Cooper, Mrs Newbold and Family, Mr and Mrs Pickering and Neddy, Mr and Mrs Alvin Smart and Louie, Mr and Mrs J. Thompson and Family, Captain and Mrs Harper, Mr and Mrs G. Cross and family, Mrs J. Smart and Ephraim, Mr and Mrs T. Simpkin and family, and the members and steward of the Hugglescote Constitutional and Unionist Institute.

Over the buildings of the latter, the flag was flying at half-mast, and the internment was witnessed by a large concourse of people, there being many manifestations of the respect in which the deceased was held and sympathy for the widowed mother and family.

MONUMENT TO BRITISH SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN GERMANY

ERECTED BY PRISONERS OF WAR



This photo is of a monument erected to the memory of prisoners of war who died in captivity in Friedrichsfeld Camp, Germany. The work of erecting, and the material was found by prisoners entirely, and is on a site just outside the big prisoners' camp at Friedrichsfeld, close by the cemetery where the Germans buried French prisoners in the 1870 – 1871 war.

The monument stands quite 16ft high. Sent by Pte. W. Smith, H.L.I. of 60, Main Street, Hugglescote, who was a prisoner at this camp from May 1st, 1917, until November 18th, 1918.

COUNTY DIRECTOR THANKS COALVILLE WOMEN'S GUILD

FOR WORK DONE AT THE V.A.D. HOSPITAL

Mr A. W. Faire, County Director of V.A.D. Hospitals, has written to Mrs Allen, secretary of the Coalville Co-Operative Women's Guild, as follows:-

"I have learned with great pleasure of the work accompanied by the members of the Coalville Co-Operative Women's Guild in connection with the V.A.D. Hospital at Broom Leys, and wish you to convey to them at the next meeting my sincere thanks for all they have done. The mending of the clothing for the hospital of seventy patients is a big task, and that your members have, in addition, made a weekly collection to provide extras for the men, is most praiseworthy. I am sure that the patients themselves have much appreciated all the kindness shown to them. I also wish to thank you personally for the trouble you have taken in organising your work."

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SWANNINGTON

CANADIAN CAVARLYMAN'S WEDDING

Trooper Edgar Sharpe, of the Fort Geary Horse, and is from Almeida, Canada, son of ex-Police Constable David W. Sharpe, Leicestershire Constabulary, and Miss Alice Archer, third daughter of Mr ____ Archer, Burton-on-Trent, were married on Saturday at Christ Church, Burton, by the Rev. W. R. Guest, the bride's father giving her away. Her wedding gown was of white crepe and was trimmed with Georgette, and she wore a wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. There were three bridesmaids – Miss May Archer (sister), Miss Mary Gould and Miss Beatrice Rowse, of Groby, two wearing pale blue and the third heliotrope. Each had a bouquet presented by the bridegroom, and they wore a gold brooch, also his gift. Master Gordon Waldron, son of Mr George Waldron, of the Swannington Hospital, was

the page, and had a wrist watch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's only ornament was a gold badge of her husband's regiment. Many friends attended the service, after which the party motored to Swannington, where Mr and Mrs Sharpe, parents of the bridegroom, entertained a hundred guests. The young couple received many presents. The bridegroom journeyed from France for his marriage. He served an apprenticeship at Ashby-de-la-Zouch to a cabinet maker before seeking fortune in Canada where he has taken up farming. The couple are now making the voyage to that country.

COALVILLE URBAN COUNCIL

WAR TROPHY FOR THE DISTRICT

An intimation was received from Major Parker that at the request of the Officer Commanding the 6th Leicestershire Regiment, the War Office had decided to grant a captured German howitzer, 150 mm with carriage, as a war trophy for Coalville.

It was decided to accept the same, with thanks. The question was asked where it would be put, and the park was suggested. The chairman said a good place would be the Market Place corner if they got the Wyggeston Hospital land. The surveyor said no doubt that was where it should be put eventually. It was left to the surveyor for the present.

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RAVENSTONE

FOR THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS

A public meeting was held in the Snibstone Council School on Saturday night to consider means of raising funds for gifts to soldiers from Ravenstone and Snibstone, who have won honours in the war, and also those who have been permanently injured. Major Hatchett, J.P., presided, and there was a good attendance. After some discussion a committee was formed with Mr Perkins (Ravenstone Church School headmaster) as hon. secretary, and whist drives and other events will be shortly arranged.

APPLEBY WOMAN DESERTED

EXTRAORDINARY CASE AT ASHBY

An extraordinary story was told at Ashby Police Court on Saturday, in a case in which Charles William Crichley, labourer, Market Overton, Rutland, who appeared in khaki, and was wearing the South African medal ribbons, four good conduct badges, and one wound stripe, was summoned for deserting his wife at Appleby Magna, since March 4th. He pleaded guilty.

Complainant said she was married to defender at Osmaston, near Derby, on April 10th, 1909, and had five children, the eldest being 9 years' old and the youngest seven months. Defendant joined the army on April 4th, 1916, prior to which he worked as cowman for Mr Ward, farmer, Appleby, and up to that time they lived happily together. He was last at home in January, but did not come home on being demobilised. He was living with another woman at Market Overton.

The clerk: *Is she a widow? – She says so.*

Proceeding, complainant said that in February he came home with the woman and her three children, and they told complainant that the defendant had got the woman into trouble. Complainant asked the woman if that was correct, and she said it was and that she "*should stick to him.*"

Defendant said he asked his wife to come and live with him.

Complainant: *Do you think I was going to come and live with you in a house with another woman?*

Defendant, giving evidence on oath, said he had been in the army three years this time, and previously served 12 years. He was last at home on January 10th. It was correct that he told his wife about the other woman, and took her home in February. He left with the woman on March 4th. His reason was that he got no

comfort at home. The house was always in a dirty state, and it was untrue he lived happily before joining the army.

Complainant: *In what way was the house dirty? – It was always dirty.*

You have never made complaints before. – I should like the sanitary inspector to see it.

Louisa Phillips, widow, Market Overton, was then called by the defendant who, she said, was living with her. Her husband died four years ago. On February 27th, she went with defendant to his house at Appleby, and they had some conversation about the children. Witness offered to have the children and complainant said she would consider it, whether she would let the children come and also come herself to live there. Defendant was the author of witness's trouble.

Complainant (to witness): *I did not say I would come and live with you.*

Witness replied that complainant said she would come and bring the children. Answering the clerk, witness said she did not know at first that defendant was a married man; he told her afterwards. It transpired that defendant was now working at some ironstone works, and was earning £3 a week.

The Bench considered the case privately, and ordered defendant to pay his wife 30/- weekly, complainant to have the custody of the five children, defendant also to pay 10/6 costs.

The chairman: *Our advice to you is to go back to your wife.*

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MISCELLANEOUS

10S Reward. – Lost on March 30th, between the Dumps and the Warren, Gracedieu, a Gold Brooch (Regimental Leicestershire Crest). Anyone finding the same and returning to 64, Brooks Lane, Whitwick, will receive the above reward.

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THANKS

Mrs J. Smith and Family desire to tender their best thanks to all kind friends for sympathy extended towards them in their bereavement by the loss of their son and brother, John, who died at the Huddersfield War Hospital.

Main Street, Hugglescote.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Venice Horace Bradshaw Baum, Durham Light Infantry, killed in action in France, April 10th, 1918.

*“Christ will clasp the broken chain
Closer when we meet again”*

From his loving Father, Mother and Brothers

In fond remembrance of Pte. John W. Naylor, M.M. Australian Imperial Forces, killed in action April 8th, 1918. Fondly remembered by Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters. 58, Chapel Street, Ibstock.

In loving memory of Private Horace Bradshaw Baum, who was killed in action, April 10th, 1918.

From Grandma, Uncle and Auntie.

In loving memory of our dearly beloved son, Drummer H. Watson, of the 2/4th Leicesters, who fell in action, April 15th, 1918.

*"Do not ask us if we miss him,
There is such a vacant place,
Can we ere forget his footsteps
Or his dear, familiar face?"*

*"The midnight star shines o'er the grave,
Of a dear son, and soldier brave,
How brave, how dear, we shall understand
When we meet again in that better Land."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers and Sister; also Winnie.

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STANTON-UNDER-BARDON

Private Geoffrey Mitchell (19), passed away at Stanton-under-Bardon, after many months' illness, he having contracted consumption whilst on active service. He was discharged from hospital last August. A month ago, £17 was raised for him locally.

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IN MEMORIAM AND THANKSGIVING

CHORAL SERVICES AT COALVILLE

The united choirs of the district together with the members of the Coalville Philharmonic Society held In Memoriam and Thanksgiving services at the Coalville Wesleyan Church (kindly lent) on Sunday, when they sang Elgar's "For the Fallen," followed by several works of thanksgiving for peace. Both in the afternoon and evening the chapel was well filled, and the services were greatly enjoyed for the beautiful singing, being also very impressive and appropriate.

Miss May Eaves was the soloist, Mrs de Ville (Ellistown) the accompanist, Mr Cecil G. Price (Measham) the organist, and Mr Frank Storer wielded the baton.

The service opened with the organ solo, "Largo Appassionata" (Beethoven) ably executed by Mr Price. "For the Fallen" is a beautiful composition alike in the music and the words, which commence as under:-

*"With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free."*

Miss Eaves was in excellent voice, and did her part most creditably and the chorus was also ably rendered. The "In Memoriam" part of the service was concluded with the hymn by the congregation, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and a short address by the president. In the afternoon, the chair was occupied by Mr William Hurst who said that the memory of the brave men who had fallen would live in their hearts while life lasted. *"They have died,"* he said, *"so that we may live in this land of ours free and unfettered with the yoke of any foreign power."* The following were the items in the thanksgiving part of the service, all of which were highly appreciated by the large congregation.

Organ solo, "Grand Chorus" (Lemmens), Mr Cecil G. Price; chorus, "Awake, awake," (Stainer), (Isaiah, ch. 52: v, 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10), solo, "Rejoice greatly," Miss May Eaves; hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," chorus, "Lord, Thou art good", (Coward); organ solo, "Offertoire in D Minor and Major," (Ratistan), Mr Cecil G. Price; solo, "I will extol Thee," (Costa), Miss May Eaves; chorus, "Hallelujah," (Handel). – Benediction.

The Vicar (the Rev. S. Hosking) presided at the evening service, and gave a short address appropriate to the occasion. Mr L. L. Baldwin, on behalf of the chorus, expressed thanks to the Wesleyan Trustees and stewards for the use of the building and the organ for the services and the rehearsals. The proceeds will be devoted to a local war memorial.

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IBSTOCK

THE PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL

A public meeting was held in the National Schools on Thursday evening last, to hear the report of the War Memorial Committee. There was a fair attendance, and Councillor W. Eggington, J.P., was in the chair. Mr A. Turner, of London and Nailstone Collieries, chairman of the committee, hoped suggestions would be forthcoming that would help forward the object they had in view. He was somewhat disappointed to hear that the subscriptions, including promises, amounted to only £450, when in the case of the Prince of Wales' Fund they realised some £4,000. Among the subscriptions were: Ibstock Collieries £50, Mr A. E. Hawley, £25, Lord Aberconway £21, and for his partners in the Nailstone Collieries, and himself, 100 guineas.

Replying to Mr L. Heath, junr., Mr Eggington said some sections of the parish had not yet been canvassed, including Battram and Ellistown, owing to the illness of collectors. He thought it ought not to be difficult to raise £1,500. Mr Simpson asked if the character of the scheme was irrevocable, as he knew many people were not favourable to the scheme, and Mr Turner said very few things were irrevocable, but the resolution was passed unanimously for the double scheme of a monument and albums at a representative meeting.

Mr Dunstan was of opinion that the lukewarmness was due to the people not fully understanding that the object was to commemorate the dead, and not to provide something for the living. He urged that they should educate the people by the distribution of literature. After some considerable discussion it was decided that the committee should press forward with the original scheme, and, on the proposition of Mr Forman, seconded by Mr Heath, it was decided to co-opt on the committee representatives of discharged soldiers and sailors.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A Coalville man, Mr Horace Hing, was one of the passengers on board the "Carmania," which sailed from Liverpool for Canada on Thursday last. Mr Hing was in Canada when war broke out, and joined up early in the war, being in the first Canadian contingent. He won the Military Medal while serving in France. He is one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Belvoir Road Council School, and two of his brothers, Messrs R. and T. Hing, are employed at Messrs. Wootton Bros' engineering works.

Writing in the current number of the Whitwick Parish Magazine, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) says, "*A movement has been started for founding a Cottage Hospital as a War Memorial for the whole district. A well-equipped and well served hospital would be a great blessing in an industrial centre like the Coalville Urban District, and judging from the reports which have appeared in the papers Broom Leys would be an admirable and cheap site. I believe that if the scheme is adopted the whole district will work as a whole to make it an accomplished fact. But this need not interfere with parochial memorials. Whitwick has set its heart on seeing a monument in its midst to commemorate the men it loved, and who will not return. Whitwick is going to erect its monument for the same reasons that nine out of ten people would, if they could, place memorials over the graves of their loved ones in churchyards and cemeteries. This is done all the world over. But those same people have helped in the past, and are willing to help again such splendid Christian constitutions as our hospitals, and especially wish they do so when one is placed in their midst.*"

THANKS

Sir, I wish to thank all friends who are enquiring about me. I am getting on as well as can be expected. Pleased to hear what Mr Lockwood is going to do for us boys. He is the right man in the right place. I am sure the people of Coalville will back him up. Thanking you for allowing me the space in your paper. I am, yours truly.

Sergt. H. Sharp (Late of the 6th Leicesters)
No. 6 Ward, S.N.R. Cross Hospital, Bellahouston, Glasgow.

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ADVERTISEMENT

Mr Walter Handford, having been demobilised, is resuming his duties as:

Director of Music at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Vacancies for pupils for Organ, Pianoforte and Theory.

Organ pupils have free use of five 3-Manual Organ.

Pupils attended at their own homes. Distance no object.

High Class professional tuition only.

Term starts after Easter.

Address: 95, Highfield Street, Coalville and Hendon House, Kilwardby Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The amount raised for the proposed war memorial in Whitwick Parish Church is now well over £100?

The Canadian Government propose to bar all immigrants who claim exemption from military service on conscientious grounds?

Mr Churchill says that two free copies of photographs of soldiers' graves abroad are sent to each appellant, and that if more are desired, half-a-dozen copies may be had?

President Wilson, in a statement made on Monday, said the peace questions were so nearing completion that the Conference had decided to advise that the German plenipotentiaries be invited to meet the Allied and associated representatives at Versailles on April 25th?

Over 900 soldiers of Shepshed and district have received a sum of 10/- each from the local Presents Fund Committee?

The benefit football match on April 5th, Bagworth United v Bagworth Demobilised and Discharged Soldiers, in aid of Mr W. Gamble (late M.G.C.) who has been ill for some time, realised the handsome sum of £13/17/3 which has been handed over to him by the treasurer, Mr F. Smith?

The amount received to date for the Thringstone War Memorial is £84/17/8. The order for the work to be done has been given to Messrs. Kempe and Co. but as they are overwhelmed with similar orders, some little time may elapse before the work is executed. Meanwhile the Vicar would be glad to know of any names that ought to be added to the list.

COALVILLE BELVOIR ROAD COUNCIL SCHOOLS

A meeting of all "O.B.'s" (Old Belvoir-Roadians) will be held in the above school on Wednesday, May 7th, 1919 at 7 o'clock pm, to consider:-

- a) A Memorial Tablet (to "our" fallen boys).
- b) A Roll of Honour
- c) A suitable "Welcome Home" to those returning.

Mr Frith hopes for a large attendance.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pte. J. S. Surman, 1/5th Northumberland Fusiliers, died of shell-shock, April 20th, 1917.

*"His sunny smiles and pleasant ways
Will linger with us all our days."*

From his Fiance, Sarah.

In affectionate and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte. Jack Knifton, 2/5th Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, April 16th, 1917.

*"In a land of strangers our dear son lies,
Not one of us near him to bid good-bye;
But the angels in heaven are guarding his soul,
Till we meet him again at the call of the roll.
Saviour, in Thy precious keeping,
Leave we now our loved ones sleeping."*

From his ever-loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

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INSTITUTE FOR DISCHARGED DEMOBILISED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS

TO BE OPENED SHORTLY IN COALVILLE

The committee of the Coalville branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, which was formed early this year, have of late been working towards the opening and equipment of a club and institute, and for that purpose have taken the Masonic Hall, in Hotel Street, and it is hoped to open it in two or three weeks' time.

The Association has had an uphill fight in the way of funds, but thanks to the generosity of their president, Mr A. Hawley, junr., of Hinckley (late Captain, 2nd Leicesters) who has given them £100, and a few other donations, they are now able to start an institute on a modest scale.

It is intended to run it as a social club and to provide reading, recreation, and amusement as well as a place of rest during the day, to all those who fought in their country's cause, and who through the loss of limbs, or other injuries, are incapacitated from following their employment, and to provide for all men who are discharged or demobilised from the Navy or Army, an institute where they can feel at home after their day's work, and where they may come at all times of the day to renew old friendships, or have a game of billiards, read the papers and magazines, and enjoy themselves generally.

The objects of the Federation will also not be forgotten, namely to look after the welfare and interests of all discharged and demobilised sailors and soldiers and especially of the widows and children of the fallen, and active propaganda work will be begun as soon as the institute is opened. As a matter of fact much good work has already been done in watching the interests of discharged men and the widows and children of those who have fallen or died.

The association is rather low in funds at present, but an appeal to the public is contemplated shortly, and the committee feel that it will be generously responded to, as there are doubtless few who will not gladly give a little, when they know it will be used for the benefit of those who have returned from doing their duty to their country – many of them maimed and ruined for life.

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ASHBY PETTY SESSIONS

DISCHARGED SOLDIER'S OFFENCE

Charles Ridgway, (23), discharged soldier, of Snarestone, was summoned for travelling on the Midland Railway without having paid his fare at Ashby, on March 12th, to which he pleaded guilty.

John Hitchin, ticket collector, Ashby, said the defendant passed the barrier and gave up a ticket from Snarestone to Measham. Witness had about 70 passengers to deal with, and after they had gone he ran after the defendant who then offered to pay the fare from Measham to Ashby, 7 ½ d.

Defendant said he was sorry, and it should never occur again. Answering the clerk, defendant said he was three years in the army, and 19 months a prisoner in Germany. Mr Lockton said he had known defendant seven years, and was sorry to see him in that position. He was a very respectable man.

Fined 10/6 or seven days.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Captain W. D. Carruthers, R.A.M.C. of Ashby, second son of Mr and Mrs R. J. Carruthers, who has been recently demobilised, has been mentioned a second time in despatches, after having served for fourteen months as specialist sanitary officer of the Dublin district.

MARKFIELD

WAR MEMORIAL

A successful effort on behalf of the War Memorial was made on Saturday. Headed by the Desford Industrial School Band, a parade of the village was made. Subsequently an adjournment was made to the Red Lion field, where various attractions were provided. £14 10s was realised.

BARDON HILL

ST. PETERS CHURCH

The Easter decorations included a number of memorial lilies on the communion table in memory of those who had made the supreme sacrifice. The congregations throughout the day were very large and the services bright and hearty. The choir sang the anthem, "This is the day which the Lord hath made" (Mauder). The collections were given to the Vicar as an Easter gift and amounted to eleven guineas.

PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL AT WHITWICK

PARISH MEETING

A meeting was held in the National Schools on Wednesday evening, when the attendance was moderate. Mr A. J. Briers was voted to the chair, and Mr Thos. Kelly was asked to act as secretary. He read a letter received by the overseers from the clerk to the Urban District Council asking the overseers to call a meeting to ascertain the views of the parishioners as to whether they were in favour of a war memorial for Whitwick, or a joint memorial for the whole of the area.

The chairman, having read the notice convening the meeting, said they should have a memorial of some kind, but what form or course it should take was for them to consider. The Council had not moved in the matter but were waiting for the views of the local parishes, but whatever was done would be by voluntary subscriptions.

A question was asked as to the proposed memorial hospital at Coalville, and if the Council had not the power to build a hospital if necessary.

The chairman replied in the negative. Ultimately, after a long discussion, Mr George Knight proposed, and Mr George West seconded, a resolution that a war memorial be obtained for Whitwick parish. Mr Chas. Pegg, Mr S. Perry and others supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and it was left to the overseers to convene the next meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Staff-Sergeant H. T. Newbury, R.E., son of Mrs Jacob Newbury, Whitwick, and formerly a clerk at the Coalville Elastic Web factory, has just returned home from Basra, Mesopotamia, where he spent nearly three years, having now been demobilised?

The Hugglescote Castle Buffs have arranged for an up-to-date whist drive and dance to be held in the National Schools, Hugglescote, on Saturday, April 26th, 1991, commence at 6.30 pm sharp. The proceeds to go to Mr John Bullen, who has lost both feet in action in the Great War. Six valuable prizes for whist; waltzing competition; specially prepared floor; two experienced judges; prizes on view in Mrs Clay's window, Belvoir Road, Coalville?

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of Sergeant G. W. Smith, Ibstock, who fell in action, April 26th, 1918.

"Loved in life, remembered in death."

Ever remembered by Mary and all at Castle Gresley.

In ever loving memory of Private Charles Thomas Colver, of Ravenstone, who was killed in action in France, April 26th, 1918.

*"He bravely answered duty's call,
And gave his life for one and all,
Father in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our loved one sleeping."*

From Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

In affectionate remembrance of my dear son, S. R. Dring, killed in action, April 28th, 1918.

"A year has passed, and still I miss him."

From his devoted Mother.

In loving memory of Sergt. G. W. Smith, 1st S. Staffs. Regt. who was killed in action, April 26th, 1918.

*"His sunny smiles and pleasant ways,
Will linger with us all our days."*

From his Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

DESFORD

MEMORIAL

At Desford Parish Church a tablet has been unveiled, presented by the choir to the memory of a late chorister, Lance-Corpl. Jno. Dawson. Mr Amos Dilkes, who has just completed 50 years' service in the choir, unveiled the tablet, and the Rector read the dedicatory prayers. The tablet bears the inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Lance Corporal John Edward Dawson, 1/6th West York Regiment. A faithful chorister and Church worker since a boy. Killed in action on Mount Kemmel, in France, in the service of his country, April 25th, 1918. Aged 27 years. 'Faithful unto death'."

VESTRY MEETING AT WHITWICK

GIFT OF A STAINED-GLASS WINDOW

The Annual Parish Church Vestry meeting was held at Whitwick, on Tuesday night, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presiding over a fairly good attendance. The Vicar said they were all pleased that the awful war was over. This time last year, the great German push was on, and the enemy were taking everything before them, but a great change came. Now, they were on the threshold of peace, and their hearts were full of gratitude that peace was not only actually in sight, but on the point of being declared. He had been wondering how Whitwick would keep Peace Day. If something was arranged for the whole district, they at Whitwick would be pleased to join in. They would probably do something at Whitwick themselves, though they did not wish to clash with anything which might be arranged for the urban areas. He had not heard of anything yet officially, but no doubt something would be arranged. He regretted to say that no less than 60 Whitwick men had been killed in the war, and they were taking steps to erect a memorial in the Parish Church for which he was pleased to say they had already over £100 in hand. That was altogether apart from any permanent memorial which might be decided upon for the whole district. They would all be glad to hear that Mr J. J. Sharp had told him that he wished to place upon another stained glass window in the church as a war memorial. They had already in their beautiful old church, eleven stained-glass windows, and there were only two – both in the chancel – not of stained glass, and it was one of these which Mr Sharp proposed to put in (applause). Proceeding, he said it was not for him to say anything about the finances, but he was glad to know that the report was satisfactory. The number of Easter communicants was 274, which was a few more than last year, and he thanked them for the Easter offering, which was the largest he had ever received in Whitwick (hear, hear).

SUGGESTED WAR MEMORIAL FOR HEATHER

PUBLIC MEETING

Mr H. J. Ford presided at a public meeting at the National Schools, Heather, on Thursday evening last, to discuss the question of a war memorial for the parish. There was a fair attendance, and many suggestions were forthcoming.

The chairman said they decided the opinion of all the people in the parish as to what form of memorial was desirable as a record of their appreciation and gratitude to those who went and fought for them in the cause which they believed to be true, and for which many laid down their lives, so that they who were left might be free. There were a great many schemes adopted up and down the country, but what he personally wished to see was a memorial in the parish that would be permanent, and record for future generations to see, the names of those who never came back. To build an Institute would entail considerable cost and also upkeep.

Mr Hardy said they had great need of an Institute for their young men to attend, as they had nowhere to go in the winter evenings, and it would serve to brighten the village life. The Rev. H. Standidge (Rector) asked what would be the probable cost. He suggested it would entail quite £1,000. The chairman said he had been informed £1,500.

Mr Fox said the question of an Institute depended on whether they could get the necessary amount of money. He rather favoured the idea of a clock in the church tower. Several others having spoken in favour of

an Institute, Mr M. Armson said he did not wish to appear unfavourable to an Institute, as there was undoubtedly a definite need for something of the kind at Heather, but he urged they should endeavour also to do something for the children of those who had gone out and laid down their lives for them. Many a good soldier was also a good father, who had previous to the war, been looking forward to giving his children a better education than had been his lot. Now the children may have to lose that advantage unless something was done for them. He suggested a free scholarship should be provided, tenable at some of the schools round about. As it would be better to get unanimous support for any scheme he proposed the meeting be adjourned for a few weeks while the various schemes discussed might be further considered before being finally adopted. Also that ladies might be approached to render assistance.

Mr Gibson seconded, and it was agreed to hold a further meeting on May 8th. The chairman expressed a hope that the various places of worship would announce the next meeting in order that more might be induced to attend.

MR AND MRS HAWLEY AT HUGGLESCOTE

WOMEN UNIONISTS' WELCOME TO DE-MOBILISED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

The members of the Hugglescote and Donington Women's Unionist Association conceived the happy idea of arranging a welcome to all demobilised soldiers and sailors in the parish with their wives and sweethearts, and the result was a very enjoyable gathering in the National Schools, on Wednesday night, when a company of over 400 accepted the invitations.

Mrs Meredith, Miss Moseley (hon. secretary) and other officials of the Association, assisted by Mr Wm. Baldwin, the agent, made excellent arrangements for the reception of the numerous guests, and an added interest was given to the proceedings by a visit during the evening of Mr and Mrs A. E. Hawley.

Mr F. J. Wainwright acted as M.C. and the programme included various games, humorous songs by Mr Bagshaw and Mr F. T. Bellward, and ventriloquial sketches by Mr H. Gledhill, of Coalville. Mr J. H. Dean ably officiated as the pianist.

The room was nicely decorated with flags and evergreens and the refreshment room had a very appetising appearance. A splendid lot of refreshments were provided and were admirably served by the ladies. Mr A. E. Hawley, who had an enthusiastic reception, said what a great pleasure it was to him to be there to take part in this welcome which had been organised by the Women Unionists of the district. It had not been arranged with any idea of politics at all, but was simply to express their high admiration and gratitude for what the men had done for them. It was nice to think that for the Easter holidays they had had a welcome change in the weather and that the country looked nice with promise of the beautiful summer days to come, but that was not the only thing they had to be thankful for; they had to be thankful to the gallant soldier and sailor lads that the dark war clouds which were over them so many weary years, had at last been burst and rent asunder, and they were now looking forward with hope and confidence to a long and lasting peace – a peace in which they were free and at liberty to once more return to their families and to their homes, and to come back to the old job under better conditions than which prevailed before the war; shorter hours of work and worry, and longer hours for sensible and good pleasures and enjoyment. That was necessary for them all. They hoped that in the future this England which they had fought for so nobly and so well would be in the words of Mr Lloyd George, a country fit for heroes to live in (applause). A week or two ago he was at a banquet in London, and had the privilege of hearing speeches by Admiral Sturdee and General Rawlinson. In response to the toast of the Navy and Army, the Admiral spoke with modesty of what the Navy had done, and General Rawlinson, after paying a tribute to the work of the late Lord Kitchener, to Generals French, Haig and Marshal Foch, he said there was one man who was head and shoulders above them all, and that man was Private Tommy Atkins (loud applause). Concluding, Mr Hawley said that in the name of Hugglescote Women Unionists' Association, he wished to express their admiration and thanks to every one of them, and to give from the bottom of their hearts, the warmest welcome home (applause).

Mrs Hawley was invited to speak, but was unable to do so owing to a cold. The gathering was a huge success and passed off to the great enjoyment of all present.

WEDDING AT IBSTOCK
MISS EDITH EGGINGTON AND MR CECIL KING

An interesting wedding took place at the Ibstock Wesleyan Church on Wednesday last week, when Miss Edith Eggington, youngest daughter of Councillor Wm. Eggington J.P., of the Hawthorns, Ibstock, was married to Mr Cecil King, of Ibstock.

The Rev. W. Hopper, of Ashby, officiated. Owing to recent bereavements in the family, the wedding was of a very quiet nature. The bride was attired in a grey travelling costume with hat to match, and was given away by her father. The bride was attended by Miss Hilda Mattley, who wore a navy costume with hat to match. The best man was Mr Alfred Eggington (brother). Shortly after the ceremony, the happy couple motored to Loughborough, where they entrained for Scarborough where the honeymoon is being spent.

Mr King has lately been demobilised, having seen much service abroad.

ASHBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL AT COLEORTON

Mr Cuthbert enquired as to the ownership of roadside land at a certain spot in Coleorton, where it was proposed to erect a monument to the memory of local soldiers who had fallen in the war, if there was no objection to the site. The surveyor was asked to inspect and report.

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SNIBSTONE
PATRIOTIC WHIST DRIVE

A whist drive and dance were held in the Snibstone Council Schools, on Tuesday evening, organised by the local committee, which is endeavouring to raise funds for gifts to men from Ravenstone and Snibstone who have won honours in the war, and those who have been wounded. The committee, with Mr Perkins (National Schoolmaster) as secretary, made excellent arrangements for the event, which was well-attended. Messrs. W. E. Hewes and T. Plowman were the M.C.'s for whist, and Mr J. Allen for dancing and music was supplied by Mrs W. E. Hewes (piano) and W. and V. Hewes (violins).

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LOCAL NEWS

The "London Gazette", April 10th – Captain C. C. Marston, Army Medical Service, relinquishes his Commission, and retains the rank of Captain. Captain Marston, Dental Surgeon, served with the army in England, and with the British Salonika Force in Macedonia and Bulgaria. He has now returned and has resumed his dental practice at 40, London Road, Coalville.

WHIST DRIVE

The members of the Coalville Women's Guild held a whist drive and dance in the Bridge Road Council Schools on Easter Wednesday in aid of their £1,000 effort towards the proposed War Memorial Cottage Hospital for Coalville and District. A company of about 200 was present. Messrs. H. Taylor and T. Wood were M.C.'s for whist for which six useful prizes were awarded and the M.C.'s for dancing were Messrs. W. Hancock and R. T. Bradshaw, Miss Bonser being the pianist.

CORRESPONDENCE

WAR MEMORIAL

*"What higher aim can man attain,
Than conquest over human pain."*

Dear Sir, - I have been very interested in the several accounts of meetings in Coalville and district with reference to memorials to the fallen of Coalville and district. Personally, I am surprised at the people of Coalville and district for not supporting the Cottage Hospital scheme.

Are the miners forgetting that they have accidents almost every day, and what a great boon it would be to them to be attended at a hospital close at hand? Why marble crosses, when we might put up a building or institute a cottage hospital that will not be an ornament only? We don't want ornaments to-day, but something useful. I suppose Whitwick has its old grudge that Coalville has everything.

What are the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Association doing? Why not support this scheme? It will be useful to them. There are enough crosses to bear in life without erecting them, and I am sure the fallen would want some memorial useful.

Wake up, Coalville urban district!

Yours truly
"Once a Soldier"

Dear Sir, - I have read the report of the meeting for a war memorial for Coalville, which appeared in the "Coalville Times" with interest and surprise. I am interested in the object of the meeting, and the objects under discussion, and I am surprised at the small attendance at such an important meeting. Now the war is over, there is such a lot of work needing attention. The first object under discussion. It is a very good offer of Messrs. Coleman, but I consider myself that public baths and swimming baths would be a great benefit to the district, and would meet a long-felt need which in my opinion is an object for the Urban Council, and would not only be self-supporting, but in a few years' time would pay for the initial cost. I don't know what it costs for the upkeep of the Loughborough Memorial Baths, but I should like to see something similar in Coalville district.

A cottage hospital is needed for the district, and it think it would be a suitable memorial to the fallen. I don't want to see a rival to the Leicester Infirmary, but a cottage hospital that will help that Institution. We know of the crowds who attend gatherings and meetings at the time when men were wanted. Why not be enthusiastic now, and set out for three objects, which to some people may seem an absolute impossibility. But what cannot be accomplished if people are enthusiastic?

- 1. A memorial to look upon, worthy of the sacrifice made.*
- 2. A Cottage Hospital, worthy of the district.*
- 3. Public baths.*

P.S. Was it impossible a year ago for Tommy Atkins to finish his work?

Yours very sincerely
Arthur Bevin
Camp, Hightown, Nr. Liverpool. 30/4/19.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Burbage Co-Operative Society have agreed to subscribe £100 to Burbage war memorial on condition that the money is spent as proposed at the meeting of the parishioners?

A meeting of the old boys and girls of the Coalville Belvoir Road Council School is to be held next Wednesday night to consider the question of a memorial to the old boys who fell in the war?

The whist drive and dance in the Snibston Council School on Easter Tuesday for Ravenstone and Snibston cripple soldiers and those who have won honours in the war realised the splendid sum of £67/14/5 net, for which the committee are very grateful?

WAR MEMORIAL

PARISH MEETING AT HUGGLESCOTE

MEMORIAL CHAPEL TO BE BUILT IN THE CEMETERY

A parish meeting was held in the Hugglescote National Schools, on Thursday (last night), called by the Overseers at the request of the Coalville Urban Council, to consider the question of a war memorial for the district.

Canon Broughton presided over an attendance of about 40, and, in opening the meeting, said he was sure they all desired to do something for the brave men who fell in the war. It was too awful to contemplate what would have happened to them had Germany won. It was for a time in the balance, but our men struck to their guns and the enemy was beaten. They were going to have a memorial in the Parish Church, but that had nothing to do with anything they might do as a parish or district. He mentioned the Broom Leys Hospital scheme, and remarked that it would require £1,000 a year to maintain it, and that was a large sum. Personally, he would like to see a monument in the parish bearing the names of all the men who had died for them.

Mr B. B. Drewett spoke in favour of a permanent and useful memorial, one that could always be seen by everybody and which would be fitting to the occasion. As a parish memorial he suggested the erection of a memorial chapel and spire at the cemetery. It might be considered expensive, but could they measure the value of the lives they had lost? That meeting ought to have been crowded with people ready to give freely to such a project. He did not think there was indifference, but it was thoughtlessness, and once the monument was started, he believed there would be a ready response. If it cost £2,000, he believed the money would be raised.

Mr Fellows said the meeting was open for the parishioners to say what they thought the parish should do. He explained that the Urban Council did not recommend any particular scheme, and it was improbable that they would build a hospital, because the law would not allow them to do it. He would be pleased to do his part as a parishioner to support any scheme the parish adopted.

Mr F. Griffin said the idea of the meeting was to ascertain whether they would join in a memorial for the whole district or have one for the parish only.

Mr Ashton Burton said he would move that they act independently, and have a memorial in their own parish.

Mr J. Cato spoke to support Mr Drewett's suggestion for a memorial chapel in the cemetery, and seconded Mr Burton's resolution.

A remark that Coalville could do as it liked, and Hugglescote would do the same, led Mr Drewett to say that he did not wish it to go like that. They desired a memorial at Hugglescote, but if a scheme was adopted for the whole district, no doubt many of them would subscribe to both schemes.

The resolution to have a memorial for Hugglescote parish only was carried unanimously. The chairman said they ought to give an answer to the question as to a hospital. Mr Drewett said he did not wish to discuss the hospital scheme. There was a meeting for that on Monday night.

Mr Fellows said they could have a cottage hospital without it being a memorial. It ought not to clash with a memorial for each parish. Mr Drewett moved the appointment of a small committee to consider the erection of a memorial chapel in the cemetery and report to a future meeting. Mr Cato seconded.

The chairman said his experience of chapels in cemeteries was that they were very cold buildings, and he thought there was a preference for taking a body into church or chapel. Mr Drewett said his idea was to have a nice, warm building, with stained-glass windows if necessary, worthy of the occasion.

Mr J. Clarke, an Ellistown ex-soldier who has lost a leg, said they should have something which would not only be a memorial to the boys who had fallen, but of use to those who came back. He suggested the erection of an Institute at Hugglescote, with reading and recreation rooms, etc., and moved an amendment that this be the memorial. Mr V. Griffin seconded.

Mr E. A. Gowtage said he did not think a memorial chapel desirable, if it was, the Urban Council should provide it. They wanted something useful to the men who came back. At Ellistown they favoured a hospital, subject to the whole parish being rated.

Mr F. Griffin said the committee might consider both suggestions. Mr Drewett said he thought that meeting should decide what form the memorial should take. Only four voted in favour of an Institute and there was a large majority in favour of a memorial chapel.

The following were elected to consider it: Messrs. F. Griffin, B. B. Drewett, J. Cato, H. Holt, G. H. James, F. J. Wainwright, E. V. Griffin, J. Taylor, E. Darby, D. S. Moore, S. Dean, J. W. Fletcher, J. Clarke and the Rev. C. Barker.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear Son and Brother, Private Frederick Massey, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who died on May 1st, 1916, of wounds received in action at St. Elor. Aged 18 years.

*"I think of him in silence,
No eyes can see me weep,
But, dear, within my heart,
His memory I shall keep,
Unknown to the world he stands,
By my side and whispers
My dear Mother, death cannot divide."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

In ever-loving remembrance of our dearly beloved Son, Gunner D. Hickling, R.F.A., who was killed in Ypres on April 29th, 1918.

*"Do not ask us if we miss him,
There is such a vacant place;
Shall we forget his footsteps,
Or his dear and smiling face?"*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters.

In ever-loving remembrance of my dear husband, David Hickling, R.F.A. who was killed in Ypres, on April 29th, 1918.

*"Sleep on dear husband, kind and true,
No friend on earth I find like you,
For me you always did your best,
May God grant you eternal rest."*

From his loving Wife.

In ever-loving remembrance of our dear son, Lance-Corporal J. T. Grant, killed in action, May 1st, 1917.

"He nobly did his duty."

From his Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters, Wife and little son.

Re-Opening of Business.

E. ROBINSON,
The Garage, Hotel Street,
Coalville,

Having been demobilised from the Navy after 3 years' service as Chief Engineer in charge of one of His Majesty's large Submarine Chasers, begs to inform his old Clients that he has now Re-opened the above Garage, as a thorough Expert on High-Combustion Engines, and is prepared to receive orders for

Repairs, Overhauling, &c., which
will be promptly attended to.

Cars for Hire. Any Make of Car Supplied.

HUGGLESCOTE

BENEFIT WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

The Castle Lodge of the R.A.O.B. organised a very successful whist drive and dance in the National Schools on Saturday night for the benefit of an ex-soldier, Mr J. Bullen, at Highfields, who lost both his feet in the war. There was a large attendance. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. T. W. Underwood and F. J. Wainwright and for dancing, Messrs. B. V. McHugh and James Williamson. Mr J. Locker's prize band provided excellent music. The whist prize-winners were:

Ladies: 1 Miss F. Marshall, 179; 2 Miss E. Woolerton, 176; 3 Miss L. E. Dean, 175:
Gents: 1 Mr B. Dearden, 178; 2 Mr J. W. Fletcher, 176; 3 Mr J. Ottey, 175.

Miss Mason and Mr W. Davenport were first in a waltzing competition and Miss Adams and Mr J. Wells second. In the various competitions, Mrs C. Adcock won a cake and Mrs B. McHugh 12 eggs, which were sold again for 5/6. A marrow was not claimed. Mrs Wells' had charge of the refreshments, assisted by several ladies, and this department was also a great success. Mrs B. V. McHugh acted as secretary for the event.

THORNTON

MEMORIAL EFFORT

In aid of the fund for providing a public war memorial at Thornton, a large number attended a dance and whist drive in the schoolroom, on Wednesday night last week. The attractions included a skittle competition for a ham, which was won by Mr F. Godfrey.

COALVILLE WAR MEMORIAL

THE PROPOSED COTTAGE HOSPITAL

In view of another public meeting to be held at the Adult School Hall next Monday night to decide the question of adopting the Broom Leys Hospital scheme as a war memorial for Coalville and district, Mr W. Lindley, J.P., chairman of the committee, and Mr R. J. Brown, hon. secretary and treasurer, have during the week issued seven thousand circulars to householders of the district, in which it is stated:

"At a public meeting held in the Adult School Hall, on March 24th, the Provisional Committee, elected in the early part of 1915, reported that they had considered various schemes, prepared by their architect, Mr S. Perkins Pick, of Leicester, with the result that they recommend the purchase of Broom Leys house and grounds, approximately 5 ½ acres, and including gardener's house and lodge, and its adaption for the purpose of a hospital. Mr Keay attended the meeting, and explained the sketch plans and said that in his opinion, and in that of Mr Pick, Broom Leys house would make a very suitable hospital, with its added advantages of beautiful and spacious grounds.

The estimated cost of this scheme is as follows:- Broom Leys house and grounds £4,000; the addition of two sanitary annexes and the necessary internal alterations, heating apparatus and drainage £3,500; furnishings and equipment £1,500. – Total £9,000.

Towards the above cost, we have in sight the following amounts:- Mr John Wootton's gift of £1,000, the cash balance, furniture, etc. now at Broom Leys War Hospital, and the property of the War Hospital Committee, which it is proposed to hand over to the Cottage Hospital committee (say) £1,000; amounts promised in response to the appeal four years ago £400; Coalville Co-Operative Women's Guild (at present in hand) £100. – Total £2,500, leaving a balance to be secured on the capital account of £6,500.

It is proposed in the first instance, to provide a male and female ward with 14 beds, and later to equip a children's ward for which there is ample accommodation, for providing wards for paying patients, if desired. It will, therefore, be seen that Broom Leys house shows ample accommodation to fill the possible requirements of Coalville and district for many years to come. The desirability of such a hospital has again and again been insisted upon and agreed to. We, therefore, most earnestly appeal to you to take the matter into your serious consideration, and to assist the scheme to the utmost of your ability."

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

DISCUSS THE PROPOSED HOSPITAL SCHEME

UNEMPLOYED PAY SCANDAL

A meeting of the Coalville branch of the Leicestershire Demobilised and Discharged Sailors and Soldiers was held in their new headquarters, the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday night, when Mr J. E. Lowe presided over a fairly good attendance.

The chairman expressed pleasure that 13 new members had been enrolled that night and hoped more would join. He would like to have seen a larger attendance, because he was aware that that meeting did not anything like represent the number of demobilised and discharged men in that district. No man could take this matter too seriously, because the Government were not dealing fairly with them. A man who had lost an arm or a leg was being told that he was only partially disabled, and the Government was not treating them as they should in regard to pensions. While the men were out fighting, the Government paid their wives a paltry 12/6 a week, but munition workers who had been earning £5 or £6 a week were allowed 25/- a week as soon as they were out of work. It was enough to stir the dead, let alone the living. Then, he would like to ask, why was not a second and third child worth 7/6 a week, the same as the first? They took as much to keep. He urged them to again to join the Federation and said that by combining they could make the Government deal with them as well as they had dealt with the miners and give them as much (cheers).

It was then announced that the secretary, Mr George Tomlin, had taken up other work which compelled him to resign the position, and it was agreed to make him a grant of £5 in recognition of the excellent services he had rendered the Association. – Answering a question, the chairman said they had £100 in hand besides the £100 given to them by their president, Captain Hawley (cheers).

Mr E. W. Pindard was unanimously elected secretary, and in accepting the office, said he would be glad to do his best for the men. The chairman gave a report of the Executive Committee, stating that the arrangements were being made to open the hall as their club. Plans had been drawn by Mr Harry Swanwick of the necessary work to be done at an estimated cost of £170, and they hoped soon to get this in hand. It was not their intention to use any of the money they had in hand. They were going to make a public appeal, and he would be very much surprised and disappointed if they did not get £300 out of Coalville as a memorial to the living soldiers (hear, hear). They hoped to have that building open as a first-class club in a few weeks. They had bought a capital piano for £40, and proposed to install a full-sized billiard table, about which enquiries were now being made. During the month, the branch had dealt with ten cases of injustice and hardship, and he was pleased to say that the results were most satisfactory (hear, hear). If any of them know of any mother or widow who was not receiving all the money she was entitled to, he hoped they would report it to the branch. Then, if the local Pensions Committee could not do anything – it was not proposed to go over the heads of the committee – that branch would take the cases up, and the prompt replies they had already received in the cases they had dealt with was encouraging, and a credit to their secretary.

Mr C. Leach gave an interesting address on the aims and objects of their federation, and, referring to the unemployed, he said there were cases of married women drawing 25/- a week out-of-work pay, though their husbands were in full employment earning big wages. He contended that men who allowed such a thing were dishonest Englishmen (cheers).

Mr A. P. Thomas moved *“That this meeting views as a disgraceful act the findings of the Army Council that black and yellow troops are not to be rewarded.”*

Mr Whitford said that every man who lived under the British flag and had fought for it, deserved some gratuity, never mind of what blood he was. Such men belonged to the greatest empire the world had ever seen, and deserved to be recognised. The resolution was unanimously carried.

A discussion took place on the proposed war memorial hospital, some of the members complaining that they (the men who had fought) had not been invited to give any expression of opinion as to what the memorial should be. Mr Whitford spoke in favour of the Broom Leys scheme, and moved that the Federation support it, conditionally on preferences being given in hospital treatment, firstly, to the widows and children of men who had fallen and, secondly, to the wounded men, civilians coming afterwards.

Mr Leach said he thought Broom Leys was not a suitable scheme, and before they accepted it they should know more details. A new Hospital built on modern lines would be better than £10,000 spent on Broom Leys.

One of the members said they would not get the same treatment at Broom Leys as they did at Leicester Infirmary. Mr Thomas said that before they sent a resolution they should know more about the scheme. The chairman said they wanted to know further details of the conditions of sale.

An amendment was moved that the matter be deferred until the Federation had more details, and 50 voted for this, which was carried by a large majority. Mr Whitford suggested that a sub-committee be formed to wait on Mr Lindley for information on points raised that the Federation might go to the meeting next Monday night with a recommendation one way or the other. The chairman said that in meeting the Hospital Committee they would be meeting a body who had already made up their minds.

A member: *It appears we have* (laughter).

It was left to the executive committee to endeavour to meet the hospital committee, and also to attend the meeting on Monday night. It was decided that the secretary combine the office of steward of the club, and that the salary be £3 per week.

Mr Whitford moved a vote of thanks to Mr D. Marston (“Coalville Times”) for attending the meeting on that and previous occasions, and giving them good reports, which were a great help to the Association. The chairman endorsed this. Mr Leach seconded, and the resolution was heartily carried.

Mr D. Marston, in reply, said the proprietors of this paper and himself, were glad to do anything they could to help the men who had served in the Forces, and congratulated them on the progress made in the formation of a club, which he hoped would be a great success.

SPORTS AT V.A.D. WAR HOSPITAL

On Easter Monday the convalescent soldiers of Broom Leys had a good day's sport and there was keen competition in the following events:

Obstacle Race:- 1st, Sang; 2nd, Geggie; 3rd, Mather.

100 Yards Steeple Chase:- 1st Rea; 2nd, Sergeant Birks; 3rd, Sang.

3-Legged Race:- 1st, Rea and Sergeant Birks; 2nd, Gridley and Crawshaw.

100 Yards Flat Race:- 1st, Sang; 2nd, Rea; 3rd, Sergeant Birks.

Boot Race:- 1st Sergeant Birks.

Hopping Race:- 1st Grice

Blindfold Race:- 1st, Seading; 2nd, Shines

Egg and Spoon Race:- 1st, Mather; 2nd, Shires

O'Grady Drill:- 1st, Geggie; 2nd, Davis; 3rd, Fletcher.

Taken by E. G. Boss in drill.

Ladies Staff:

Blindfold Race:- 1st, Miss Thornburn; 2nd, Miss Nicholls.

Mrs Meredith presented the prizes to the successful winners, and the afternoon sports were followed by a concert and dance. Songs were given by Miss L. Evans, Mr C. Massey, Mr W. Baker, also a violin solo by Master Newman.

Sergt. Birks moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the N.C.O.'s and men thanking the subscribers to the prize fund, and Mr Rowell for concert and Mr A. E. Morris, who organised the sports. Mr A. E. Morris thanked the Matron, Sergt. Birks and staff who assisted and did their utmost to make it a wonderful day.

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CORRESPONDANCE

WAR MEMORIALS

Dear Sir, - Will you kindly allow me a little of your valuable space to call your readers' attention to a striking article on the above subject by John Oxenham, which appeared in last Sunday's issue of "Lloyds Sunday News." While not in any way wishing to "throw cold water" on a cottage hospital scheme – everyone must feel that some scheme of this character is necessary to the town and district – I would point out that the scheme which we wish to put forward would make an admirable additional memorial or, in case the other scheme should not meet with the success it warrants, a substitute for the same. Providing, as it does, for both sexes, and designed to be self-supporting from the first, it seems to me that this scheme would be likely to meet with the support of your readers. What then is the scheme? Let the author of the above-mentioned article speak:-

WHAT THEY DIED FOR

Our men, then, we are all agreed, died to make life better for those at home. Then let the memorials we raise to them carry on and complete the work for which they gave their all. Let every memorial be such as will broaden and deepen, and generally uplift and make brighter and happier, the lives for which they gave their lives. If, as most folks believe now, they, in the other world, are cognisant of what goes on in this world, they will surely rejoice more in seeing their hopes realised than in the erection of anything the finest sculptors or architects could produce. If you want to keep their memory golden in the hearts of all, let their memorial be something that comes right home to the everyday life of those they loved and left, and died for. And that something I urge should be a bright and cheerful centre where all within reach of it could meet and be always sure of genuine welcome and freedom to enjoy their leisure in just the way that suits them best.

BARDON HILL

EX-SOLDIER'S DEATH FROM INFLUENZA

The death occurred on Monday afternoon at his home, 27, The Crescent, Bardon Hill, of Mr George Burton, late of the Leicestershire Regiment, the result of influenza. He had served in France and was only discharged from hospital in London on the previous Tuesday. Before joining the army, in which he served for three years, he was a quarryman at the Bardon quarries. His father died only a month ago and much sympathy is felt for the widow and relatives in their double bereavement.

SHOCKING FATALITY AT BARDON HILL QUARRY

WORKMAN DRAWN INTO MACHINERY

JURY'S RECOMMENDATION

The North Leicestershire Coroner (Mr H. J. Deane) held an inquest at the Bardon Hill Reading Room on Monday afternoon concerning the death of Frederick Edwin Neal, quarryman, who died from injuries received while working in the mill at Bardon Quarries on Thursday afternoon by being crushed in the machinery.

Mr F. Griffin (Hugglescote) was foreman of the jury and also present were Mr C. D. Mottram, H.M. Inspector of Mines and Quarries; Mr B. N. Everard (one of the owners); Mr J. Ward, J.P. (manager), and Mr R. B. Grant (foreman of the quarry).

After viewing the body the jury proceeded to the quarry and saw the scene of the accident and the machinery of the Mill in operation.

James Arthur Neal, quarryman, Old Row, Bardon Hill, said the deceased was his brother and was 27 years of age. He lived with another brother at 21, The Crescent, Bardon, was a single man and was employed as a labourer at the Mill at Bardon Quarry. He had been there about six weeks since returning from the army, but worked at the quarry from 1908 till joining the army in November, 1914. On Thursday, witness went to the mill and saw his brother after the accident had happened. He told witness his coat caught in the cogs. Deceased was in good health previously and his sight and hearing were good. He went through the war without injury, except that he was slightly gassed in France.

Dr. S. E. Dunkin (Coalville) stated that about 4.30pm on Thursday, he received a telephone message calling him to Bardon quarries. In the mill, he saw the deceased fast in some machinery. He was in the position described to Mr Grant to the jury. Witness remained till deceased was liberated and removed to the store room. He made a superficial examination and found that deceased had a compound fracture with severe flesh wound of the left arm, a compound fracture of the left leg at the middle and another at the ankle. Fracture of the left thigh, fracture of the pelvis and the skin and some muscle torn off the buttock. All over the body were abrasions and bruises and on the head. There were also most likely internal injuries. Deceased died about 6.30 from shock caused by the injuries.

George Reason, 33, Old Row, Bardon Hill, said he was a mill labourer at the quarries and was working there on Thursday last. Deceased's duty was to level the washed gravel with a shovel as it came from the hopper and to do this, he stood in the square place in front of the hopper. As soon as witness saw the deceased fast, he rang the bell and the engine stopped in about a minute. He then went to fetch Mr Grant. The deceased had nothing on his shoulders, and the top part of his body, his clothing having been torn off by the machinery and was wrapped round it. When witness saw the deceased working there ten minutes previously, he had his jacket on. If a man shouted after being caught in the machinery, he could not be heard for the noise.

By the Inspector: *And you don't consider the work dangerous, though the man had to work in front of revolving machinery. He had done similar work himself.*

Witness: *No, not extra dangerous.*

Answering Mr Everard, witness said he had worked there many years.

The Coroner: *Familiarity breeds contempt.*

Henry Brewin Williamson of the Old Row, Bardon, said he was mill foreman at the quarries. Neal had charge of the gravel washers and had to level the gravel as it came from the hoppers. Several times during the day, witness saw deceased at work and he was doing his work properly. He was a very good and competent workman. When witness got there after the accident the engine had been stopped. The shaft had to be released from its bearing before deceased could be got out. His clothing was wrapped round the shaft. Witness had seen him only ten minutes before.

The Coroner: *How far would his jacket be away from the revolving cogs when he was shovelling the gravel?*

Witness: *Some distance.*

Would it be a foot away? – Oh yes, more.

Furthering answering the Coroner, witness said that once a man's clothing caught, he was almost bound to be drawn in, unless he could slip out of his clothing. Witness had done the job many a time and never thought it unsafe. He had never heard anybody suggest that it was unsafe. It would be possible for a man to stand on the platform and move the gravel with a long handled shovel, but it would be very difficult. While the gravel was being levelled, the machinery could not very well be put out of gear as the gravel was coming all the time.

Is there any reason why the cogs should not be fenced? – No, only it would take up the room.

If there had been a fence it could not have happened? – No.

You say it has been worked like that for 25 years and has not been considered dangerous? – Yes.

Robert Bennett Grant, foreman at the quarry said the deceased died just as an ambulance arrived to take him to Leicester Infirmary, witness having sent a telephone message. Deceased told witness that he was moving the gravel when his coat caught in the wheel. He worked in the mill since 1908 before joining the army, but not at that particular job. Witness thought him a very suitable man for the work being dangerous.

The Coroner: *What is your view as to the safety of the place?*

Witness: *Up to last Thursday, I thought it perfectly safe and I should have gone there myself without any fear. But since then, I have altered my mind and can see now there is a possibility of people getting injured.*

Can you suggest anything? – Yes, I suggest we put a hood over and cover it in. But if you box everything in, it is very difficult to oil and repair the machinery, and it takes up room.

In view of what has happened previously, had it not occurred to you that this was dangerous? – Some places which occurred to me as dangerous since the last accident have been boxed in and some are being done now, but in this place I thought there was plenty of room for a man to work without danger.

Is not this almost precisely similar to what happened at the mill some time ago? – Yes.

And still you say you did not think it dangerous? – I should not have sent a man there had I thought it dangerous. They have worked there for 25 years and there has never been a complaint as to it being unsafe.

The Inspector: *You are familiar with the law as to fencing? – Yes.*

It says all parts of the mill gearing and dangerous parts must be securely fenced or be of such construction as to equally safe to any person as they would be if securely fenced? – Yes.

It says all parts of the mill shall be fenced? – Yes.

Why was this part not fenced? – I thought it safe without.

You didn't consider this was dangerous? – No. I do now, but I didn't before.

The Coroner, summing up, said that if he had been asked to express as an opinion, he would have described it as a horribly dangerous place. But Mr Grant and Mr Williamson were practical men and they had stated that work had gone on there for 25 years and they have never considered it dangerous. The jury had seen the place for themselves and Mr Grant had described in his usual able way exactly the nature of the man's work and how the accident happened. The suggestion that a long-handled scraper might be used was apparently ruled out of court and the only other suggestion was that the machinery should be fenced round. The point the jury had to consider, and it was no use blinking it, was, is it Messrs. Ellis and Everard's carelessness or neglect which has caused this man's death? If it was so, or if it was because they had not carried out their statutory duties, the matter became most serious. It was for the jury to say whether the firm

had taken such reasonable precautions as they should have done in all the circumstances to protect the life and limbs of their workmen. Mr Grant had told them that since a similar accident happened at the mill the whole question of protecting those gears had been considered and those thought to be dangerous had already been protected and others were in the cause of being protected, but this particular place had been left alone, because nobody had realised, apparently, that there was the slightest danger attaching to it. It was extraordinary how "familiarity breeds contempt" and he could not conceive anybody, except those persons who knew what mill work was, a dangerous place to work in. That was the outsider's point of view, but the workmen and their superiors were practical people and it was their duty to know what was best. In this case, the deceased was doing work he was competent to do, in the ordinary way, and he apprehended no danger; the foreman of the mill apprehended no danger, and Mr Grant, who had charge of the works, had told them that work had gone on in this way for 25 years and until Thursday last, no one conceived any possible danger.

The jury found that the cause of death was from shock from severe injuries through being accidentally drawn into the machinery. Mr Griffin said the jury were also strongly of the opinion that this particular of the machinery should be fenced off.

Mr R. N. Everard said that on behalf of himself and other members of the firm he wished to express their great regret at the accident and their deepest sympathy with the relatives. He would personally see that the jury's recommendation as to fencing should be done as early as possible.

Sympathy with the relatives was also expressed by the jury and Coroner, who said it was very sad that this young man after serving his country for four years, should come back and be killed in this way. Deceased was a native of Woodhouse.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

An Ashby furniture remover, who evidently possessed a keen sense of humour, having been demobilised, announces his return to civil life as follows:

"Having completed my contract in removing Jerry from France and Belgium, I am now able to quote for all classes of removals. Distance no object."

Some difficulty is being experienced by the Vicar of Coalville in obtaining the names of all the men from the parish who fell in the war, and it is hoped that relatives will send in the necessary particulars in order that the names may all be placed on the memorial which is to be erected at the Parish Church. So far, about one hundred names have been received. It is anticipated that the order for the casting of the names will be given before the end of month, and after that, it will be difficult to add any more.

LOCAL NEWS

MARRIAGE

Mr Sidney Jordan, late of the Third Royal Irish Regiment, and Master of Ceremonies and Sunday School teacher at St. Saviour's Church, Coalville, was married to Miss Ivy Mills, of Loughborough, on Monday last at the Loughborough Catholic Church.

BELVOIR ROAD SCHOOL

On Wednesday night a most enthusiastic special meeting was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, a good number attending at the invitation of Mr T. Frith, to consider the purchasing of a memorial tablet, preparing a complete roll of honour, and arranging a welcome home to all the boys that have passed through the day school. Over 50 old scholars were present. A Memorial Tablet and Roll of Honour committee was formed to go into the various details, and a subscription list was started, the splendid sum of £20 being promised by the members present. Any old scholars desirous of helping in this noble object can give their donations to the schoolmaster. A committee was selected to arrange a suitable welcome home, in the near future.

SOLDIERS BEAT WORKINGMEN'S CLUB

A friendly football match was played on the Central ground on Saturday afternoon between Coalville Workingmen's Club and a team of the Convalescent Soldiers from the Broom Leys V.A.D. War Hospital. The soldiers won an enjoyable game by two goals to one. A collection on the ground for the soldiers' fund realised £1.

LEICESTERSHIRE MAN SECURES DIVORCE

In the Divorce Court, on Tuesday, Mr Anderson Garratt, a miner, of Newton Burgoland (Leicestershire) sued for divorce from his wife, Nellie, on the ground of her adultery with a man named Meakin.

Garratt stated that they were married, in February, 1906, and had three children. He joined the Army in August, 1915. He last lived with his wife in July, 1917, and in September, 1918, he was home on leave. He noticed that his wife was an expectant mother. He accused her of being guilty of misconduct. She did not deny it. The child was born in 1918. His Lordship granted petitioner a decree nisi with the custody of the children.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

As the result of a recent match, the Hugglescote Ladies' Hockey Club have been able to send £3 to the St. Dunstan's Hostel for blind soldiers?

The War Office announces that officers, non-commissioned officers, and men eligible for demobilisation, but not actually demobilised by May 1st, 1919, will receive, as from that date, the full bonus granted to personnel retained in the army of occupation?

THANKS

Mrs Burton and Family, of Bardon Hill, desire to thank all kind friends and neighbours for their kind sympathy; also floral tributes sent, in their sad loss by the death of their son and brother, Private George Burton.

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CORRESPONDENCE

WAR MEMORIALS

Dear Mr Editor – I am very pleased to learn that the discharged soldiers are taking some interest in this question, and they should be able to inform us somewhat as to what they desire to perpetuate the memories of those lads who have gone under.

It is very difficult to appease my mind that this should be done to the establishment of a public building, especially when we realise they were requested whether there had been a war or not. The question wants looking at very broadly before one entertains the idea of erecting this, that or the other. A case in point:- It is suggested to erect in Hugglescote Cemetery a chapel with a spire towering as high as possible into the sky in order that it may be seen from all points at a rough estimate of £2,000. There must be a spire if there is nothing else, it is contended. After studying the geographical map, I am afraid I should have to abandon the site immediately, as I am not satisfied with the sandy surface and the faulty underground.

Now, a heap of stones shaped and made symmetrical to suit us architecturally is not a good type of memorial. Bardon Hill, made by the Great Designer, towers higher than your proposed spire, and can be seen for many miles, and, if only one requires some concrete object to remind one of the boys that are gone, you can easily set your mind on that. Surely there will be many memorials stamping our streets for many years, to keep that type of memory alive, and the worst of it is, that often they will be worse off than your stately buildings of stone.

I see one Council propose spending £20,000 on statuary, and the D.S. and S. branch has protested. They had better by half to spend it on the broken humanity returned from the inferno. The general idea of a memorial belongs to the ages of long ago, and now that the world is promised a new era through a great sacrifice, let us likewise try to arrive at something more according to the times.

The boys who have returned desire something of some use to them, and rightly so. Something to cater for their spare time, and also to keep their organisation together, which is very essential, because if they desire to eliminate the wrongs done to the warriors of old, they must keep together.

The Y.M.C.A. hardly hits their desire, I am informed, and they want a stage in advance. They certainly want some building, and also something self-sustaining. Their object should be similar to what they fought for – to smash militarism – and to alleviate the wrongs done to the fighters and the one who are left without a breadwinner. Do not let our minds wander to the easy way of memorising.

One can die contented if he realises that the world is going to be better for humanity. I consider many of the suggested memorials are rather cold remembrances. They did not die for heaps of stones, for they already have got them on the battlefield. We don't want sentiment, we want a principle, because the former is not very stable.

Let us then try in deciding on our memorials to arrive at something that will accomplish the real thing. Let us guarantee the returned men what they have guaranteed to us, and that is a chance of living in safety. Pensions must be more generous and on a different scale. Allowances must be based on equality when a man is incapacitated from work as a result of war – perhaps because he cannot get work – he should be fully maintained, and not be paid according to the number of limbs, etc., he has lost.

Yours faithfully
E. A. Gowntage
Ellistown.

Sir, - I have had your paper sent to me as regularly as possible since the outbreak of war and I must admit that the piece of "news" in which I have taken the keenest interest is the proposed war memorial for Coalville. Of course, the following suggestion is not by any means original, but what I should like to see in Coalville is:-

- 1. A hospital on absolutely modern ideas and up-to-date staff, which can easily be maintained now that there are so men being demobilised who have had a vast experience owing to the war.*
- 2. A complete system of baths for old and young, male and female. Why is it that such places as Skegness, Southport, Blackpool or other seaside resorts should be able to have these kind of things and yet Coalville and district, with all its miners and other working people must either have a small inconvenient bath at home or go anything from four to fourteen miles out of the town? I think the time has come for Coalville to set an example, as a workingmen's town, for a cleaner and better England which we have all been fighting for.*

I am quite aware that there are difficulties, but this war has proved that difficulties can be surmounted, and I hope and trust that when I come to make my home once more in Coalville, these things will be well on their way, and make every man who has "come back" be thankful and willing to stay in the old home town.

Sincerely yours

"A Coalville Soldier"
R.E. Chatham

COALVILLE URBAN COUNCIL

WAR MEMORIALS

The clerk read reports from the parish meetings in regard to war memorials.

Mr T. Kelly (overseer) wrote that the Whitwick meeting decided to have a memorial of its own, and the overseers were asked to call another meeting to decide what form the memorial should take. About 35 people attended the meeting.

Mr T. R. Grundy wrote that about 25 were at the Ellistown meeting, and after a long discussion, it was agreed to support a cottage hospital scheme as a memorial for the whole district, but they would also like to have something local on which the names of Ellistown men who had fallen would be inscribed.

The Coalville overseers wrote that their meeting was moderately attended, and a resolution in favour of a hospital scheme was carried, seven voting for it and none against. They also forwarded a letter received from Mr C. Coleman offering a free site of 1,500 square yards of land in Bridge Road for baths, or, if baths were erected on another site, he and his brother would give £100 each towards the cost.

Mr Griffin gave the report of the Hugglescote meeting stating that they decided to have a memorial of their own, a chapel and spire in the cemetery, and appointed a committee to go into details.

Mr Lockwood said the replies were somewhat conflicting, and there was nothing unanimous about it. He thought they should try to understand one another and get something like unity in the matter as soon as possible. He asked whether the Council intended doing anything.

Mr McCarthy said he agreed that it was time they knew where they were. If one effort was to be made, the Council would be central body, but before they did anything they took the precaution of ascertaining the feeling of the people in the matter. Whitwick and Hugglescote had agreed upon a memorial and it was for Coalville to decide what they would do.

Mr Kelly: *The only people who don't know where they are, are those at Coalville. Whitwick and Hugglescote have decided, and it is up to Coalville to do so.*

Mr Brown asked whether they could take these opinions as representative of the feeling of the district. There would not be more than 120 people in all the four meetings held. Coalville was definite in deciding for a hospital.

Mr McCarthy: *Seven out of twenty odd.*
Mr Brown: *Nobody voted against it.*

Mr McCarthy said the overseers had done their duty in calling the meetings. They could not compel the people to attend. Mr Fellows said the idea of a cottage hospital was in no way tabooed at Hugglescote. They wanted a parish memorial, and the cottage hospital should not be a memorial question, but a cottage hospital, pure and simple. So they left that out of the discussion. He would not like it to go from the Council that they had collected information which ruled out a hospital scheme. It was not so; they were sympathetic towards it. Some people thought the Council should undertake the provision of a hospital, but they were barred from that. They were the sanitary authority, and the only hospital they could provide at present was to deal with cases of infectious disease. At Ellistown it was urged that the hospital should be made a rate question; perhaps the clerk would tell them the law on that matter.

The clerk said a cottage hospital could not be built with money from the rates, but an infectious disease hospital could.

Mr Fellows: *You can't use a cottage hospital for infectious disease; they won't allow it.*

Mr Blower said the Local Government were allowing grants from the rates for memorials. The clerk said he had told them the "legal position." If they got the sanction of the Local Government Board, that was different. Mr Hay said a hospital was needed in the district and the Council should make a grant if they could.

Mr Smith attended the Coalville meeting which favoured a hospital. He agreed with the sentiment as to parish war memorials and they could leave that to Coalville, as well as Hugglescote and Whitwick. He had reason to know that there would be a local memorial for Coalville, and the cottage hospital would also, no doubt, come along.

Mr Blower said that if they left it to the wards, they as a body representing the district would be doing nothing. The bulk of the people were in favour of a cottage hospital and he would move that they apply for the sanction of the Local Government Board to contribute £1,000 from the rates towards a hospital scheme. That would be covered by a 4d rate. It would touch those who had property and he did not think it would hurt anyone. The Council in that way would show sympathy with a worthy object. He did not say the Broom Leys scheme, but they ask for sanction to give £1,000 for "a" scheme. Mr Griffin seconded, remarking that a hospital would be a great boon to the district.

Mr McCarthy said it was most extraordinary to move a resolution like that before there was any definite scheme before the public or Council. Several schemes had been mentioned, but nothing definite had been decided upon. If a scheme had been adopted and they were asked to subscribe, he would agree. It would be time for a resolution like that after they had heard what the large and prosperous collieries and industries were going to give. He moved that it be postponed for three months. He did not object, but they should have a definite scheme formulated first.

Mr Kelly seconded the amendment, remarking that it was full early yet, and they were told that the rates were going up. Mr Lockwood said that there was some force in the argument that there was nothing definite yet before them, but if they obtained the sanction of the Local Government Board it committed them to nothing. They were at sixes and sevens as to a mandate from the whole district and he took it that a hospital would be for the whole district.

Mr McCarthy: *Yes and for places outside like Ibstock, etc.*

Mr Lockwood said he should support the enquiry going along. He favoured a rate-supported hospital, because then nobody could back out of it. Mr Armson supported the proposition. He said that if they waited three months they would probably take the same course as proposed that night. They wanted a hospital in the district and he thought the ratepayers were looking to the Council for a lead.

Mr Brown said they could take it for granted that by the new Bill now before Parliament some power would be given to local authority to provide such institutions as that they were discussing. As regards a memorial, he regretted the attitude of the other parishes, because it looked as if Coalville would have to go on its own and have something different. He wished the whole district had stuck together so they could have a memorial which was useful as well as being something to look at. If they had a cottage hospital it would mean that the whole district should subscribe. The Council could take what course they liked after obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Board to subscribe.

The chairman said it was understood that it did not commit them to any scheme until such a scheme had their approval.

Mr Blower: *That is so.*

The resolution was carried, only Messrs. McCarthy and Kelly voting against it. Mr Lockwood then moved that they write asking for particulars and plans of the Broom Leys scheme to be placed before the Council.

Mr McCarthy: *We have had them here. Besides, the proposer of the resolution said he did not mean that scheme at all.*

Mr Blower: *I said we were not pledged to any particular scheme. But this is the only scheme that is coming forward for the moment. If Mr McCarthy had been at the meeting on Monday night and heard the promises made, he would have known that it is not a decaying scheme.*

Mr Kelly seconded that they ask for particulars.

Mr Fellows: *It means they supply us with particulars of a scheme, after they have arrived at a decision.*

Mr McCarthy said that when they wrote to the Local Government Board they would get a reply asking what was the scheme.

A Voice: *Broom Leys.*

Mr Armson: *A Cottage Hospital scheme, not Broom Leys.*

Mr McCarthy: *It has just been said across the table that there is no scheme before us.*

Three voted for the proposition and four against, it, therefore, being lost.

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COALVILLE MATRIMONIAL CASE

SOLDIER'S REMARKABLE STATEMENTS

There were some remarkable features in a case before the Coalville magistrates on Friday in which Susan Pepper, married, of Coalville, made an application for a maintenance order made on her husband, Thomas H. Pepper (35), of Prior Lodge, Ashby, to be increased. Defendant appeared in khaki, with a wound stripe on his sleeve.

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the applicant, stated that in March, 1911, an order was made for the defendant to pay his wife 5/- a week. He was then a lance-corporal in the army, and now was a sergeant-major in a Colonial force.

Defendant admitted that 5/- a week was not sufficient, and said he had made an offer which Mr Moore would not accept. Applicant said she had not always received the 5/- a week. After the war started, she got a separation allowance, and an allowance for the child, but that was stopped after her husband joined the Colonial Forces. He had asked her to get a divorce.

Defendant said he was a lance-sergeant when the separation order was obtained, and was now sergeant. Mr Moore wanted 30/- a week, but his (defendant's) pay was only 19/10 a week. He had made a reasonable offer over and above what could be compulsory stopped from his pay, but it was not accepted. He said he was there through making a sacrifice in giving this woman his name to save her character. Instead of appreciating that, his wife, he said, had tried to pull him down all she could. He had come home on leave from German East Africa to try to get the matter settled. It was to him a continual nightmare, and he had suggested that she should try to get a divorce, but they found that was impossible. His wife's sole object was to extract money from him. Since coming home, he had heard all sorts of reports being circulated about him being a rogue, and his sister had been insulted in the street. His wife also swore at him and tried to show him up before a crowd of people on Coalville Station. His parents would have brought the child up better than it was being brought up. If the woman had gone her own way and allowed him to go his, it would have been better for both. The compulsory allotment from his Army pay now would need to be 7/-. He had tried to meet his wife fairly, because it was distasteful to him to have this publicity. It got into the Press and was read by his brother N.C.O.'s. He asked that whatever the magistrates did that morning, they would endeavour to put a stop to the circulation of evil reports concerning him.

Mr Moore said the offer defendant made was 15/- a week. Defendant said this thing was continually before him, week by week, being a blight on his life.

Applicant (from the Court): *What about my life?*

Defendant alleged that all his wife cared was to get all the money out of him that she could. He came home to get the matter off his mind, and he hoped the Bench would make such an order as would allow him to go free without being molested and annoyed.

The Bench made an order for 7/- a week and, addressing the woman, the chairman said she must understand that she was not to annoy her husband.

Applicant: *I have not annoyed him. We have been married ten years, and during that time I have only seen him four times.*

The Chairman: *You have made things unpleasant for him, and you must not do it.*
Defendant was ordered to pay 8/6 costs.

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CORRESPONDENCE

WAR MEMORIAL

Dear Sir, - I should like to support the schemes outlined by Mr H. T. Dobbs in your issue of May 2nd, re the formation of a Red Triangle Club. I have had about 3 ½ years' experience of the good work done by the Y.M.C.A. at the Front, and I am sure that the formation of such a club would be a splendid practical memorial to the boys who have lost their lives, and would be greatly appreciated by the boys who are returning home.

Yours truly,
Sergeant H. Sharp
Bellahouston, Glasgow
May 12th, 1919.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS

GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS SOON

Mr Bonar Law stated in the Commons on Tuesday that a statement would in due course be made to both Houses, upon the intention of the Government with reference to the proclamation of a public holiday and the proposals of the Government on the whole question of Peace Celebrations.

Colonel Thorde suggested that Whitsuntide would be a convenient time.

Mr Bonar Law: *It really must depend on what happens in the next few days or weeks.*

Mr R. McNeil: *Is it proposed to hold peace celebrations while half Europe is still fighting?*

Mr Bonar Law: *That is a very natural question. But if a satisfactory treaty is concluded with our chief enemy it would naturally be a subject for rejoicing (Hear, hear).*

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of William Harper, the beloved son of Edward Harper, Ellistown, who died of wounds, May 12th, 1917.

*"What peaceful hours we once enjoyed
How sweet their memory still;
But it has left an aching void,
The world can never fill."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

In sacred memory of Pte. W. E. Harper, killed in action, May 1917, aged 31 years.

From his loving Wife and two sons, Willie and Silas.

In ever loving memory of Sergeant J. Hall, 4th Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds in France, May 17th, 1917.

*"Saviour in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our loved ones sleeping."*

In ever loving memory of Lance Corporal E. A. Hart, 1/6th North Staffords, who gave his life in France, May 16th, 1918. Aged 26 years.

"To-day recalls sad memories."

"Loved too much in life to be forgotten in Death."

From his sorrowing Dad and Mother.
Roy House, Church Lane, Whitwick.

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MEMORIAL TO 28 COALVILLE MEN

TABLET UNVEILED AT THE LONDON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

CAPT. H. PICKBOURNE'S TRIBUTE TO LOCAL SOLDIERS

An impressive memorial service was held in the Coalville London Road Baptist Church, on Monday evening, when a tablet to the memory of 28 men, formerly connected with the church, who made the great sacrifice in the war, was unveiled by Captain H. Pickbourne, of the Leicesters, and son of the Rev. F. Pickbourne, pastor of the church.

The service, which was conducted by Rev. J. D. Freeman, M.A., D.D., pastor of the Leicester Belvoir Street Baptist Church, was well attended, and while the congregation were taking their places, Mr J. H. Starkey (organist) played, "O rest in the Lord."

The opening hymn was "O worship the King" and the reading of portions of Scripture from the 15th chapter of Is, and the 21st and 22nd chapters of Revelations, was followed by the singing of "God of the living in Whose eyes" and there was a good rendering by the choir of the anthem, "Jerusalem, my glorious Home."

CAPT. PICKBOURNE'S TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

After the singing of "Now the labourers' task is o'er," and immediately preceding the unveiling of the tablet, Capt. H. Pickbourne, in uniform, ascended the pulpit, and said that when he was invited to take part in that ceremony, he was rather overwhelmed at the thought, but he recognised that friends of the church would like one of their own boys to do it, if possible, and he realised, too, what a great honour it was to be asked to take that share in the ceremony, so he thought he would do his best. During the war he had been with the men under all conditions of service. They had been in camp together, behind the lines together, in the trenches together, and "over the top" together. Behind the lines, the British soldier was just as they knew him at home. He was very fond of his games, chiefly football, and was quite an ordinary person, but it was when he got into danger that they found out what a wonderful man the British soldier was. He knew the risks he had to take and that each day might be his last, but he took those risks – took them willingly. He was there to do a certain job, and meant to see that job through. During the war there were scores of instances of bravery, many of which they had doubtless heard of, but there was one performed by a local man, a Corporal from Ravenstone, which he could never forget. When the man's friend was buried through the bursting of a shell, though they were within 300 yards of the enemy front line trench, the Corporal jumped on the top and with a spade, dug his friend out, thereby saving his life. He knew he might have been shot at any moment. After he had brought the man out, the corporal found out that a bullet had gone through his equipment so that he nearly gave his life for his friend.

Another instance was that of a man in front of Ypres during a time when not a day passed but what they lost someone. This man had a bad leg, and he (the chaplain) wanted him to go into hospital, but his reply was, "*I came out here to have a go at the Germans, and I have not done my bit yet.*" He said he would go to the hospital when the business was over, and he went 'over the top'.

Relating a more personal incident on the Somme, Capt. Pickbourne said his regiment made an attack, and were held up by the enemy, though it was not until on 30 were left out of his company of 150. He was lying wounded in a shell hole when one of his men saw him. Though the man had a badly shattered arm, and it meant almost certain death to expose himself, the man ran across and threw himself into the shell hole. He

got a bullet in the chest, but said, *"I saw you were wounded sir, can I do anything for you?" "How can we fail to honour for me to be here to-night?"*

Proceeding, he said that perhaps they did not fully realise how the men thought of home when they were out there. Many a time in the trenches at night he had talked with them and they had talked of home. As long as they got good news from home they carried on cheerfully. If only those at home could have seen the faces of the men and heard their cheers when the signal was given in camp that the mail had arrived, they would realise how much the soldiers thought of the friends they had left behind, and how they appreciated good news from home. He thought it was not always fully realised what the men had saved them from. He wished he had the skill to describe to them some of the villages in France which were nothing but heaps of bricks and mortar – a scene of misery and desolation. He wished he could describe to them some of the scenes he witnessed in Assyria, of places laid waste by the Turks, the wailing of the women and children, people dying by hundreds of thousands. Bodies lay in the streets as they passed through, and the numbers were added to daily, men and women dying of starvation. *"That,"* said Captain Pickbourne, *"is what our men have saved us from, and we can never repay all we owe to them."* In this great work, he could assure them that the boys from Coalville and district had taken a very large share. He was with the Leicestershire Regiment the whole time, and naturally they had a good few local men. He was proud of them many times. Officers from other platoons had told him that the Coalville men were the best they had. He well remembered the day when Brownlow, commonly known as 'Brudge' was killed. It was a loss to the battalion. He was highly respected and officers and men mourned his death like that of a close friend.

Another man who was killed was Brooks, of Ravenstone Lane, who worked his passage all the way from Australia in order to join his own county regiment. He was in his (Capt. Pickbourne's) company, and was a man on whom he could rely to do anything. He never shirked a job. The morning he was killed, the men were heard to say, *"Poor old Brooks; he's gone; isn't it a pity. He was one of the best men who ever lived."* *"That is the type of man we sent from here,"* concluded the captain. *"It is to honour such men as these that this tablet is for. How can we fail to honour them when we know the sacrifices they have made?"*

He then unveiled the tablet, which is a beautiful work in carara marble, and is erected on the wall at the rear of the pulpit. The tablet, containing the names of 28 men, is inscribed as follows:-

"In loving memory of our boys who fell in the great war, 1914 – 1918."

Here follow the names in three columns: A. Wesson, J. Manders, E. S. Boot, T. Dooley, D.C.M., Lieut., G. H. Wesson, sergeant, C. W. Jewsbury, gunner, F. F. Martin, C. Scott, S. Hardy, T. Black, H. G. Wharmby, J. H. Mawer, A. S. Heward, bombardier, F. E. Tyler, A. Martin, C. C. Woodcock, E. Amos, V. W. Hancock, L. A. P. Finch, gunner, P. V. Horne, I-corporal, F. Scott, captain, S. Beck, J. H. Colver, signaller, W. A. Berrisford, 1st air mechanic, P. W. Cliff, A. Ford, W. H. Hordern, T. M. Hordern.

At the foot of the table are the words:-

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

After the unveiling the congregation stood while Mr Starkey played the Dead March in "Saul," and two buglers sounded "The Last Post."

The tablet is the work of Mr T. H. Palmer, of Rowsley, one of the old scholars of the Sunday School.

ASHBY

A welcome to demobilised soldiers, sailors and airmen of the town, organised by a joint Committee of the Parish and Holy Trinity Churches, was given in the Town Hall on Friday, and was attended by about 600 men of the forces and friends. A musical entertainment was provided and refreshments were served, the proceedings throughout was marked by a spirit of rejoicing and gratitude. The Rev. H. E. Sawyer, vicar, and the Rev. D. A. Thomas, vicar of Holy Trinity, welcomed the men, and expressed the gratitude they all felt for what they had done. Lieut. Col. G. German, D.S.O. (Leicesters) returned thanks for the welcome, and also for many other things that the people of Ashby had done for the men of the Forces, and for which they were grateful. He wanted to see carried out in peace time in England that great comradeship which existed in the trenches, and he hoped it would not be long before a place would be provided where all returned soldiers

might meet each other and continue their friendships, for no friendships on this earth were like these made in France. On the Colonel's invitation, cheers were given for the committee and the National Anthem was sung.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

His many local friends will be pleased to learn that Mr Harry Tanser, eldest son of Mr G. F. Tanser, of Bilstone, has been promoted to the rank of captain. After fighting experience in France, he was subsequently sent to India, to assist in the training of the newly raised native regiments. The young officer is only 21 years of age, and after demobilisation he intends taking a civil appointment with a firm in the East.

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WHITWICK EX-SERGEANT MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

Ex-Staff-Sergeant H. T. Newbury, R.E., who served for nearly three years in Mesopotamia, has received an intimation from the War Office that in dispatches by Lt.-General W. R. Marshall, on February 1st, 1919, he was mentioned for meritorious service.

Mr Newbury, who was recently demobilised, is a son of Mrs Newbury, and of the late Mr Jacob Newbury, of Market Place, Whitwick, and is engaged as a clerk at Messrs. Burgess and Son's factory, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The bank balance on the Ibstock War Memorial account now stands at over £350, and outstanding promises bring the total to between £500 and £600?

In Leicestershire's first County Cricket match, which opened against Notts. on Wednesday, Major A. T. Sharp contributed 62 in the 1st innings?

The War Office announces that from the date of the armistice to noon, on May 15th, the following numbers were discharged or demobilised: Officers, 96,103; other ranks, 2,612,600?

In connection with the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers (Coalville branch) a parade will take place, Saturday, May 24th, headed by the Coronation Band, starting from the Masonic Hall, 1.45 pm, route, Hugglescote and Coalville? – All discharged and demobilised men are invited to fall in. Concert on return to Masonic Hall.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pte. Fred Chamberlain, killed in action, May 24th, 1916.

*"Saviour in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our loved ones sleeping."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sister and Brothers.

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HEATHER

WAR MEMORIAL

Mr H. J. Ford presided over a well-attended meeting of the Memorial Committee on Tuesday evening last week, and various proposals were discussed as to the design for a suitable memorial. Mr Ford promised to give £50 towards the amount required, and the committee expressed their great appreciation of this gift. Mr

Hardy strongly pressed that something should be done towards erecting an Institute, and eventually it was agreed that after the erection of a suitable memorial, an effort should be made to meet this distinct need of the village.

COALVILLE FOOTBALL OFFICIALS

An interesting meeting of football referees and others interested in the popular winter pastime was held at the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville, on Saturday evening, and was well-attended. Mr R. T. Bradshaw, of Coalville, the well-known English League referee, presided, and the chief speaker was Mr F. L. Jinks, secretary of the Leicestershire Football Association.

The chairman, referring to the season just ended, said they took up the game most enthusiastically in this district after the enforced suspension of football during the war, and they had been pleased with the results. They were glad to welcome back again some of their old football officials, and among those he mentioned Mr George Waterfield, hon. secretary of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. whom they were glad to see present (hear, hear).

Mr Waterfield, (who has lost a foot through being wounded in the war), had, he said, done his bit, and they wished him much success in his future career, both as regards business and sport (cheers).

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LEICESTERS' HOMECOMING

CIVIC WELCOME TO CADRE OF 1ST BATTALION

An immense crowd witnessed the return to Leicester on Monday of the cadre of the 1st Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, which arrived in England from France a few days ago. The detachment comprised about 70 officers and men, and was under the command of Col. Latham, D.S.O.

They arrived at the Midland Station shortly after two o'clock, and were met on the platform by the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs Lovell), the Rev. W. Williamson, C.F. and others. With the battalion colours in front, the cadre marched through the town to the Municipal Square, the streets en route being lined with thousands of spectators, who greeted the returned warriors with great enthusiasm.

Arriving in front of the municipal buildings, the men were addressed by the Mayor, who said the 1st Leicesters had a record any regiment might be proud of. Their achievements in the present war had filled Leicester people with feelings of admiration and gratitude; though greatly reduced in numbers, their spirit had always remained firm. The Mayor read a telegram from the Duke of Portland, regretting his inability to be present and offering the men a hearty greeting.

Colonel Latham, in responding, said the men in the ranks had, no doubt, borne the brunt of the war, and the manner in which they had maintained their courage, their cheerfulness, and their discipline amidst dangers and difficulties had been marvellous. He took the opportunity of expressing sympathy with the relatives of those who had fallen while gallantly fighting with the battalion. The officers and men were afterwards entertained to tea in the Town Hall.

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LOCAL NEWS

WELCOME TO RETURNED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Soldiers and Sailors formerly connected with the Coalville London Road Baptist Church who have returned home were welcomed on Wednesday evening, when they were entertained to tea in the school by Mr James Smith, of London Road. After a capital tea, a musical programme was given, the contributors including Messrs. Bagshaw, E. Onions, W. Smith, J. H. Starkey and A. Clarke. An enjoyable evening was spent.

MARKFIELD

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The second of a series of efforts for the Memorial Fund was a distinct success. The Desford Industrial School Band paraded the village and afterwards played for dancing in the Red Lion field, where other attractions were provided. Competitions were won by Messrs. W. Morris, G. Hayes, E. Boyles, J. Whitby and Mrs Robinson. About £19 was realised.

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MILITARY FUNERAL AT COALVILLE

The funeral took place with military honours at Coalville Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon of ex-Sergt. John Henry Atkins, late of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He was 36 years of age, and joined the army when he was 18, serving seven years in the Royal Warwicks and six years in the Reserves. He joined up again on September 4th, 1914, and was nearly four years in France, where he was gassed and twice wounded. He also served a short time in Italy, and was demobilised a few months ago. He had been working three weeks for the Coalville Urban Council. Last September, he was married, and the widow resides at 18, London Road, Coalville. The deceased's widowed mother lives at Woolstan, Warwickshire.

The service, the first portion of which was in the Parish Church, was conducted by the Rev. S. Hosking (Vicar). The procession to the cemetery was headed by a firing party from Wigston Barracks, walking with arms reversed. After the committal, they fired three volleys and a bugler sounded "The Last Post." There were several beautiful wreaths, and a good number of people witnessed the internment.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

During last week, three more Australian transports left these shores, carrying home troops and soldiers' wives?

On Monday morning a number of German prisoners of war, who have been working in the Ashby district, left by train for duties elsewhere?

The superintendent minister of the Ashby and District Wesleyan Methodist Circuit voiced the official welcome to local returned soldiers and sailors connected with the denomination at a gathering held at Ashby, on Wednesday, the proceedings taking the form of a tea and social?

SHAW LANE SOLDIER'S DEATH



News has been received by Mrs A. A. Richardson, residing at Shaw Lane, the widowed mother of Private Samuel William Richardson, 11th Leicester Regiment, from the Infantry Recording Officer, that her son, who has been posted as missing since the 22nd March, 1918, is now presumed to have been killed on that date. Before joining the army he was employed as assistant sawer at Ellistown Colliery.

IN MEMORIAM

In affectionate remembrance of our dear brother, Pte. H. Hayes (Northumberland Fusiliers) who was killed in action, May 26th, 1917, somewhere in France.

*"In a land of strangers our loved one lies,
Not one of us near him to bid him goodbye;
But the angels of heaven are guarding his soul,
Till we meet him again at the call of the roll."*

From his loving Brother and Sister-in-law, Joe and Hilda.

In loving memory of Horace Hayes, (Northumberland Fusiliers) the beloved son of the late Wm. Hayes and Mrs Hayes, 38, Belvoir Road, Coalville, killed in action, May 26th, 1917.

*"Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the Better Land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And there, some time, we'll understand."*

*God knows the way; He holds the key,
He guides us with unerring hand;
Sometimes with tearless eyes we'll see;
Yes, there, up there, we'll understand."*

From Mother, Sister, Brother, also Edith (of Redcar)

EMPIRE DAY

CELEBRATIONS IN COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

Empire Day was celebrated in Coalville and District in various ways, though the principal observances were at the various day schools. On Saturday, flags were flying from the headstocks of several of the local collieries, as well as on many public buildings and at business premises and private houses.



In the afternoon, over a hundred discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors started from their club at the Masonic Hall, and, headed by the Coalville Coronation Band and Ex-Corporal Bee, V.C. made a tour of the district, marching along London Road and Forest Road through Hugglescote and back via Belvoir Road. Ex-Corporal Bee was carrying the Union Jack. He won the Victoria Cross in the Boer War and is now residing in Margaret Street, Coalville. Collecting boxes were used on the route of the procession, the proceeds being for the funds of the newly-opened club. A concert was held in the evening.

WELCOME TO RAVENSTONE AND SNIBSTONE SOLDIERS

TRIBUTE BY MAJOR HATCHETT

An interesting event in the Snibstone Council Schools on Saturday evening was a presentation to local soldiers who have won honours and who have been wounded in the war. For its size, this little parish has a splendid record in regard to the number of men who went forth in the hour of the country's need. Quite a large number, unfortunately, made the supreme sacrifice, while several have returned home to be cripples for life. The movement to show the appreciation of the parishioners of the services of these men and also of those who won medals by their bravery, met with a ready response, a splendid sum being raised, and the patriotic committee saw a fitting culmination of their labours in Saturday night's meeting.

Major Hatchett J.P., presided, and was supported by Mrs Hatchett, the Rev. J. D. C. Wallace, Mr J. Edwards, (members of the committee), Mr F. H. Perkins, Ravenstone Church schoolmaster (hon. secretary) and Mr A. Woolley (hon. treasurer).

Major Hatchett said they had met that night to welcome back to Ravenstone and Snibstone some of the brave and heroic men who had been fighting for them during the war, and it gave them great pleasure to do so. They extended to them the heartiest of welcomes and congratulated them and their friends on being able to return home again. They had the very best wishes of the people of Ravenstone and Snibstone for a large measure of prosperity and happiness in their future life. The nation had been passing through a terrible time – a time of trouble, trial and anxiety; a time of sadness, of sorrow and bereavement, and it was a great and glorious change to be able to look forward to the blessings of what they hoped would prove to be a lasting

and enduring peace. While the war lasted, British people never faltered in their faith in the justice and righteousness of their cause, and they never lost confidence in the British Army and British Navy, which never disappointed them and, they felt sure, never would (applause). There were some things they could never forget. They could never forget the courage, the endurance and the devotion to duty of their soldiers and sailors; their hardship and their suffering, their wounds, and in thousands of cases, their deaths.

The people were deeply grateful to them for the sacrifices they had made. They were very proud of the men who, when their country was wantonly attacked, considered it a sacred duty to defend it. They were not afraid to walk into the valley of the shadow of death to save the lives and honour of those they had left behind. They went forth, leaving home, comforts, friends and loving relatives to take their places in the battle line, to fight in a righteous cause against the most cruel, vindictive and treacherous foe that the world had ever known. The criminal accursed system of Kaiserism had been ground to powder. The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small. The Germans were now howling and squealing because they wanted to evade payment of any kind for the mischief they had done. The Germans meant to come here; they meant to invade our country and treat as far worse than they treated Belgium and France. They meant to do what Bismarck told them to do to France in 1871, but which they did not get a chance to do thoroughly, and that was to strip them of everything, and leave them only their eyes to weep with. That was what the Germans meant to do to us, and now they were howling because they had got to pay. We meant to make them pay something, though perhaps not enough, but whatever it was, when the bill was paid, it would not restore to us our unreturning heroes, who were lying in soldiers' and sailors' graves in the ocean bed and in the soil of France and other countries.

Their widows and fatherless children would be gratefully cared for by England, for whose sake they died. To the men who were present that night, they were very thankful. These men helped to keep the enemy from invading our country, they helped to save our women and children from similar treatment to what the Germans meted out to the Belgians, and they were thankful to them for saving our island home – the home of liberty and of everything that is worth having in this world. The people of Ravenstone and Snibstone were proud of these men and had requested the committee which had been formed for the purpose to make a little present to each one who had been permanently injured and to those who had received honours for bravery on the battlefield, and they desired that the gifts should not be considered with reference to their intrinsic value, but that they would understand that it was only an honest and heart-felt tribute of respect and admiration for all they had done and for what they had passed through. That was Empire Day, and he thought it very fitting that such an event should take on that day. These men did their best, along with other soldiers and sailors, to preserve our great empire. Notwithstanding what they had gone through, and notwithstanding all the evil intensions of their enemies, they remembered that day that England was still mistress of the seas; her flag had braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze. England, our England, glory be to her and peace evermore (loud applause).

The Rev. J. D. C. Wallace, also addressing the gathering, remarking that it was a great privilege to be present on such an occasion because they were honouring men who had maintained the dignity and the very existence of the British Empire. The war had taught them how strong were the ties which bind together every part of it (cheers). He was proud to be there that night, because he was born to his father's regiment, and although he wore a parson's coat, he had got the heart of a British soldier. So he was proud to join with them in showing appreciation of the brave men who had done such great things for them. *"In the name of the people of Ravenstone and Snibstone,"* he said to the men, *"I thank you, I thank you in my own name, and the name of those who are near and dear to me, for all you have done and endured for us and ours. We are proud that you are ours, and we are yours, and we shall try to be worthy of you and what you have done for us."* (Loud applause).

Mrs Hatchett then made presentations, handsome clocks to the medallists – Co-Sergt.-Major W. Revell, D.C.M., Sergt. T. H. Smith, M.M., and Pte. J. H. Bullen, M.M. The latter has lost both his legs and the clock was received on his behalf by his mother. The cripples were next presented with War Savings Certificates: Messrs. A. W. Congrave, J. G. Bullen, Wm. Hutt, Jos. Randon and John Wilkins, each received 10 certificates and Messrs. David R. Hill, Harold Deakin and Joseph W. Wardle, received five each. It was noticed that Hutt was another soldier who has lost both legs, and some of them were minus one limb.

The thanks of the soldiers to the people of the parish for their kindness were voiced by Co.-Sergt-Major Revell. The school was prettily decorated with flags and a musical programme was much enjoyed. Mrs Wallace played pianoforte selections including the marches of several famous regiments, songs were given

by Miss C. Hewes, Messrs. W. Shaw and H. Toon, and there were some amusing monologues by Miss M. Newman, while the Rev. J. D. C. Wallace gave a fine recitation entitled, "Rule Britannia's Way."

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MEMORIAL SERVICE AT COALVILLE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH

UNVEILING OF A TABLET

THE GIFT OF MR AND MRS J. R. BENNETT

An impressive service was held in the Coalville Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday morning, when a tablet erected to the memory of fourteen former Sunday School scholars who fell in the war, was unveiled. The tablet is erected on the wall near the right entrance to the church, and is composed of Caen stone, with an alabaster panel, the beautiful design being in keeping with the church. The inscription is as follows:-

Sacred to the Memory of Scholars, who fell in the Great War, 1914 – 1918.

John George Bennett	July 15 th , 1915
John Clibbery	July 20 th , 1915
Alfred Dale	September 15 th , 1916
Sidney F. Dodds	October 21 st , 1916
Douglas W. Drinkwater	June 13 th , 1918
Joseph Eaton	December 24 th , 1917
James H. Hall	October 15 th , 1917
John W. Harper	June 7 th , 1917
Ernest Harper	October 10 th , 1917
Horace Hayes	May 26 th , 1917
E. Victor Kelham	March 27 th , 1918
Simeon Stacey	October 19 th , 1918
John T. Williamson	March 10 th , 1915
Arthur Wright	February 4 th , 1917

Mr Henry Swanwick designed the tablet, which was executed by Messrs. Jones and Wills, Birmingham, and was the gift to the church of Mr J. R. Bennett (circuit steward) and Mrs Bennett, one of whose sons was among the fallen.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Mantripp, and there was a large congregation. The opening hymn was, "I long for household voices gone," followed by prayer by the Rev. J. C. Mantripp, and Mr S. Bowley read the lesson, Psalm 27th. "Sometime we'll understand," having been sung, Mr J. R. Bennett said that when he first mentioned this project to Mr Mantripp, he told him "to go on with it," and all that that meant had been carried out to his entire satisfaction. He had been met with every encouragement in this scheme which had had the warmest support of the officials of the church. He felt that they had done him a great honour because he looked upon that as one of the days of his life, and on behalf of Mrs Bennett and himself, he would like to publicly say to the officials of the church, "Thank you." He would also like the friends associated with the tablet to feel that the same welcome was given to their boys' names as to his own. He wanted to impress that. They could rest assured that the officials of the church received the suggestion of a permanent memorial to all these boys in the warmest possible manner. A committee had been formed to carry the project through, but they had allowed him to do pretty well all he wanted, and he thought the most suitable person to unveil the tablet was the man who Sunday after Sunday for many years had been the teacher of the young men. The reason he had also asked Mr Frith to take part was that Mr Frith had always taken a great interest in the boys, and was the day school teacher of almost all the boys whose names appeared on the tablet. He was personally indebted to Mr Frith for many kindnesses to his own boy. He did not think Mr Frith had ever missed an opportunity of paying a tribute to any of his boys as the occasion arose, and the committee sanctioned Mr Frith being there with the same heartiness as they sanctioned everything else. Then, as regards Mr West, they could hardly have had a ceremony of that sort without asking Mr West to take part. He then asked Mr James Kendrick, the teacher of the young men's class to unveil the tablet.

THE UNVEILING

Mr Kendrick said he regarded it as a great honour, because he loved the boys as if they had been members of his own family. He had been connected with the church for 30 years, and since he came back over 17 years ago, after being away for a time, he had been associated with the class, of which he had some very pleasant recollections. During the whole of that time he had worked in harmony with Mr West, and they had never had a word. He went on to speak of the courage shown by the young men when the war broke out and they went forth to help their country. He never tried to persuade them to go or to stop at home, but tried to give them words of encouragement. When he thought of the courage and devotion of these men, he had come to the conclusion that there was nothing which the British soldier could not do. He read letters setting forth the bravery of some of the boys and spoke of what George Bennett and others told him as to what they had to go through in the trenches where they were often up to their knees in mud. *"It showed their endurance, that they might save us from the enemy,"* the speaker concluded, *"and to-day we honour them and thank the Lord for having delivered us."* – Mr Kendrick then unveiled the tablet.

THEIR OLD SCHOOLMASTER'S TRIBUTE

Mr T. Frith, having expressed the readiness with which he accepted Mr Bennett's invitation, said:

"Most of the boys whose names are recorded on the tablet just unveiled were known to me from their childhood. Their winning ways, boyish pranks, their ready forgiveness for what may have seemed to them undue harshness, come up before me now. I recall when they were in perplexity, how often I would sit by their side to help them out, and again how I tried to win them to see the right, and how with tears of which they may have felt ashamed, but which were no disgrace to their boyhood, they would promise amendment. I remember again the parting words when they left my daily care, and again later when they embarked upon their last adventure. We looked for quite a different career for them. Positions of honour and distinction were apparently open to them; we expected them to do their bit for the prosperity and betterment of mankind; we anticipated their companionship, they would be the stay of their fathers and the pride of their mothers; we thought they would found new homes, bring up their children and "carry on" when our task was done. But they died that we might live. They "counted not their lives dear unto themselves." Yet words fail me to express how deeply I deplore their untimely deaths. Do we say, "God willed it." It was the work of the evil one – man's hatred, greed, and ambition were to blame – when God's will is done, these happenings will be impossible. God can make the wrath of man to praise Him, and it may be that good will eventually result from this great evil that has come upon the people. Nations, as well as individuals, must work out their own salvation. They must realise that "righteousness exalteth a nation." The fallen ones may bring home to their loved ones the facts that war is cruel as the grave, and what a missing of the mark sin is. Through their dying shall we not rise to better things? This tablet will silently admonish us all "to seek peace and pursue it." We mourn our dead, but we would not seek for vengeance; shall we not rather ask God more and more that the nations may so live that never again will the flower of the world's manhood be called upon to vindicate the right with the sword. Meantime, we may safely take comfort in the thought that our fallen ones are "not lost, but with God," and however mysterious life is:

*He holds the key of all unknown
And I am glad
If other hands had held the key,
I might be sad.*

He knows the end from the beginning, and in His own good time righteousness shall cover the earth as waters cover the deep. God grant that time may speedily come."

MR WEST ACCEPTS THE TABLET

The hymn, "Be still, my soul," was then sung, after which Mr J. W. West, J.P. (superintendent of the Sunday School) accepting the tablet on behalf of the officers of the church, said: *"The duty assigned to me this morning is to receive this beautiful tablet on behalf of the church. In the first place I think I ought to say how grateful we are to Mr and Mrs Bennett for their thoughtful generosity. David of old, had a longing desire to build a house for the worship of the Lord his God, but was not permitted. Nevertheless, God said to him, "Thou didst well that was in thine heart." Mr and Mrs Bennett have done well that it was in their hearts to do this. We thank God that they have been permitted to carry out their desires, and that this morning they have been able to see that tablet unveiled. This is by no means the first valuable gift our friends have given to this*

church. We remember with gratitude the valuable help we received when this beautiful church was erected. We remember also the generous donations which the parents of both Mr and Mrs Bennett gave on that occasion. We pray that our friends may long be spared to be what they have been for many years' valuable assets to this church. We thank them with a full heart this Sabbath morning for this latest token of their love for this church. We thank them for this beautiful tablet, worthy as it is of their own generous hearts of the church in which it is placed, and of the brave lads to whose imperishable memory it is erected. I associate myself with all that has been said by my friends, Mr Kendrick and Mr Frith of the dear lads whose names are inscribed upon the tablet, noble sons of Britain, who battled for the true, the just, and paid the great price that England, their homes and their loved ones might never lie at the proud foot of the conqueror. David, when mourning the death of Jonathan, said, "The beauty of Israel is slain upon Thy high places." His heart was wrung with anguish as he gave utterance to this expression, but he had the consolation that the memories of a precious one – of his loved friend would remain with him as long as life should last. Like David, we to-day mourn the loss of lads who were dear to our hearts, and were the beauty of our Israel; its crown and its glory. But there are consolations; their memory shall ever live in our hearts, and this tablet shall always help to keep them in our thoughts. We shall always remember the beauty of their ready, noble, unselfish self-sacrifice. They had gifts, youth, intelligence, strength and health, they also had the precious possession, the spirit to understand that,

No easy hopes or ties
Shall bring us to our goal;
But from sacrifice
Of body, will and soul,
There's but one task for all
For each our life to give
Who stands if Freedom fall?
Who dies if England live?

On behalf of the church, and I think I may also add, in the name of the relatives of the dear lads, I accept this tablet with feelings of deepest gratitude."

THE SERMON

The Rev. J. C. Mantripp took as his text part of the 14th verse of the 7th chapter of Revelations, "These are they that come out of the great tribulation." "So we are here to commemorate those who have escaped – those who before the fight of life had barely begun achieved their victory – those who have come eternity. These are they who came through. It is not our intention by our presence here, and our action now, to blazon forth our faith that those who die in the act of war therefore die to wake to a glory that life could not in other ways achieve. This would be Mohammedism, in its most blatant and repellent form. Our intention is Christian, not Mohammedan. But this is the secret of the enthusiasm that swept the countries around the Mediterranean in the seventh century almost bare of Christianity. The Mohammedan crusade was carried on by those who believed that to fall in battle was to achieve the full bliss of Paradise. Ours is a Christian act, conceived in the spirit of Christ, and carried out amidst the sanctions and in the sentiment of Christian worship. We commemorate the dead because we believe in the promise and the power of life. We are here to do honour to those who we hope and believe would have been worthy of honour if they had been spared to stand with us to fight the battles that wait us to-day and in the coming years. We commemorate the dead whom the cruel circumstances of war has claimed but with what greater joy we would have greeted them in the homes where they are missed, for the comradeship that is broken, to the church where their places are empty. For if it be true that those who are dead early escape many evils here, yet we cling passionately to the faith that life is a good thing that to live here is worth while. Still, there is a Christian view of death that, evade it as we will and strangers to it as we are, attracts us at such times as these, and that is arresting, comforting, inspiring. It is a view that upsets many of our most cherished ideas and plays havoc with our plans and methods when it grips us; yet we have to recognise this, that Christianity is probably the most disturbing force that the world has known, and that if we were subject to its sway as completely as the dead are stripped of the vanities of time and sense, then we should be greatly disturbed. But at the heart of the disturbance we should find a great peace, and if we could only make that peace our own, we should acknowledge that it was good for us that we had been disturbed. What a challenge to us – what a gage of battle thrown down – is this word of our text; these are they who came out, those who have emerged. We have been saying of those who have returned to us that these are they who have come out – hurt, crippled in body or in mind, some crippled in spirit, I fear, for war is a terrible disturbance in the region of moral and spiritual values – but we have said that we have not cared so much for the hurt, the joy that those for whom

we feared have come through and come home, in more than our care. For us, those who came out of the great tribulation are those who still share our experiences in this world of sense. But this word of our text quietly says: No; your judgements concerning reality are wrong. This is the world of death. Life wins its enfranchisement, its heritage of escape and triumph, beyond. These are they that came out, these who were greatly prosecuted and who stood steadfast, and who, when they could live no longer because of the agony of it, greeted eternity with a smile, and who now see the face of God. These are they who came through, not those who live on where wickedness, rage and persecutors have their evil way, and injustices organised for slaying the good. Death is not failure nor despair. It is release, adventure, glory, triumph. I say that this is a word that disturbs our ideas and plays at ninepins with our ambitions and methods. And I am willing to admit that at first sight there is something that seems akin to despair in it. For life, this life, is a good thing and can be made worth while. There will always, I suppose, be those who go through life determined to ferret out the defects of the world, and the universe, and of God. They cling to what is little and paltry and meant they read their own littleness into the nature of things; and then, not satisfied, they attempt to remake God after their own image. It is not surprising that these see in His glorious world nothing but a waste, howling wilderness. What is surprising is that they cannot see that the wilderness is in themselves. No, life is good, let the misanthropes and pessimists say what they will.

*My God, this world is beautiful,
I thank Thee that I live.*

Yet there come to all of us at times and moods when we know that the world has not the bread to give on which life feeds. It gives bread, but it is not the bread of life. Life makes clamorous, piteous, persistent demands to know its heritage, and the means for attaining that heritage. There is fear to face; there is loss to undergo; and presently it is brought home to us that only a few, brief, speedily passing years at most, separate us from those who see no more the pleasant daylight or enjoy the evening sun. What then? Is it despair that says, "Though I walk where the shadows are, I will not fear?" Is it despair that says, "Neither peril nor pain shall separate me from God?" It is not despair, but triumph, to know that fear, loss, death, are not the last things that life comes into its triumph through these – in spite of these. It is of those who are with God of whom we can say with unshaken faith. These are they that have come through – emerged, escaped. There are many things in reference to the adventure of life in the unseen that spring to utterance. But these must wait another opportunity. There is also the fact that the vision of the glory of those who have come through was won in perilous times. Men and women had to endure hell in order that this vision of heaven might be won. And there is the other fact that not only on stricken battlefields, but in the ordinary ways of life there are lives cut short by accident or disease that promised great things for the world. Since our first mother mourned her dead son.

*"Never mourning wore to evening,
But some heart did break"*

And the most purposeful, promising, powerful personality that has been thrust into our human history was cut off on the threshold of manhood, Jesus was a young man when He died. But all these things must be left. There is only one thing to be said. It is a new thing that we are doing to-day. Our Nonconformist churches have not grown accustomed to such services as this. What does this new thing signify? What is its message for us? That we glory in war, that we believe in war, that to the bitter end of things we must face its stern, inevitable necessity? No, or these we commemorate have died in vain. We believe in life. In spite of death we believe in life. And although it must always be that the reality is beyond, that whether fulfilling a long time in a short space, or going on to hoary age we all come to the end here; yet God has more reality for us here if we become worthy of it. Is not this the message of the life and death of the lads we commemorate? When we can learn to clothe life everywhere with the reality that we clothe it, when caught up in the dread business of war, how easily it is put, how hardly achieved – yet there it is – when all life everywhere, at all times, is a conscious endeavour to slay sin and crown Christ, then there will be adventures here, and death will not be a shock, a rupture, but opportunity for new adventure and discovery. I could use more words, but these would not tell what our task is more clearly. That we can respect the dead – what does it mean but that life is worth reverence, that it is a good thing. We must discover this, and adventure in order to discover it. Or the glory will pass and fade. A sense of loss must gather about an event of this character. There are wounds that have partially healed that will open again. And although human sympathy is not wanting for those who know loss, yet beyond sympathy there comes into our gathering an inspiration that we dare not refuse. These, these, who have fallen, who in our eyes have seemed to die and have perished – these are the victors. These are they that have come through – emerged into the life that has put death behind it for evermore. Our best commemoration of them will be to say with purpose, "We who are about to live salute you."

The choir, under the direction of Mr Fred Clay, gave a fine rendering of the anthem: "What are these?" (Stainer), and the closing hymn was "The Homeland."

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SOLDIER'S DEATH

Private Sidney Johnson, 14681, Lewis Gunner, 6th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, who was reported missing since March, 1918, is now officially reported to have died on March 23rd, 1918, or later.

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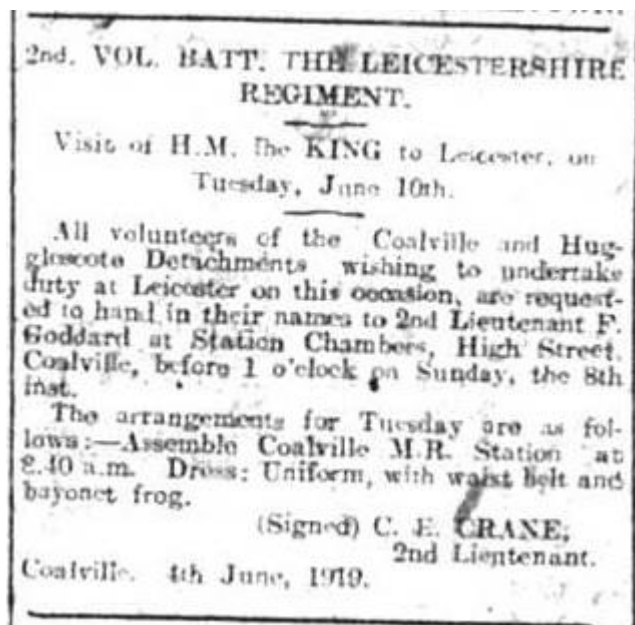
MASS MEETING OF EX-SERVICE MEN AT COALVILLE

THE LOUGHBOROUGH TRAINING COLLEGE DISPUTE

A mass meeting of ex-service men was held in the Marlborough Square, Coalville, on Wednesday evening, in connection with the dispute at the Loughborough Training College, where the discharged soldiers in training have come out on strike this week for a higher wage.

Mr T. Warden presided, and the chief speaker was Mr S. Basford, Loughborough, secretary of the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation, who said that disabled men learning trades at the College were only to be paid 38/- a week under the new Government scheme and it was not enough to keep them. When a man had been broken in the war, he urged, the people of England and the Government should work hand in hand in restoring those men to as good a position as they occupied before the war, and he was glad to say that the trade unionists of Loughborough were giving the trainees their support. He appealed for financial assistance, stating that £250 a week would be required while the men were out.

Mr Clarke, one of the trainees, who addressed the meeting, and on the motion of Mr C. Loach, a resolution was adopted pledging the Coalville branch, now about 260 strong, to adopt a levy of 1/- per man per week to assist the trainees while the dispute lasts. A collection for the fund realised about £4.



CHURCHYARD CROSS

The Duke of Argyll has been asked to unveil a churchyard cross at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as a memorial to those of the town who gave their lives in the war. Mr Powys, A.R.I.B.A. is responsible for the design. The cross will be of Hopton Wood stone, 16 ft in height, and will bear a suitable inscription.

The names are to be placed upon a lead tablet in the parish church, and the memorial is to be completed by October 13th – the fourth anniversary of Captain Hasting's death in action. The cost will be between £200 and £300.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Several of the convalescent soldiers left Broom Leys Hospital yesterday morning?

The Licensed Victuallers' recent whist drive in aid of the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Union, realised £26/8/0?

There will be a parade of ex-servicemen at Coalville Parish Church on Sunday morning on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial tablet?

The collection during the procession of Demobilised and Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' at Coalville, on Empire Day, realised £13/10/0 for the club?

A discharged soldier, wearing the badge, soliciting alms in Coalville streets with a concertina, was found by the police to be in receipt of a Government pension of 28/3 per week, and he had done no work since he was discharged in April, 1917?

IBSTOCK

HONOUR'S LIST

Much pleasure is felt by Ibstockonians that one of their "boys" is included in the King's Birthday Honours List, in the person of Sergeant Wilfred S. Hipwell, of 16th Batt. King's Royal Rifles, who has been awarded a medal for meritorious service. Sergeant Hipwell, before joining up was employed as a clerk at the Ibstock Colliery offices, and has seen much active service in France.

RATBY ROLLS OF HONOUR

At the P.M. Church, Ratby, on Sunday evening, Rolls of Honour of the Church and School were impressively unveiled before a large company. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Welbourne, Superintendent Minister, of Hinckley Road, Leicester, who stated that 121 soldiers and sailors had joined from the above church and school; 11 had paid the supreme sacrifice, one had won the D.C.M. and two the Military Medal. Mr Albert Pickard, C.C. performed the ceremony of unveiling and spoke encouraging words to the bereaved parents, remarking that the little church could look upon its record with pride. The Rolls of Honour were beautifully inscribed by Master Walter Preston, a scholar of the school and tastefully framed and were presented to the trustees of the church by the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School.

IN MEMORIAM

In affectionate remembrance of Private E. Tugby, killed in France, June 7th, 1915.

"In a land of strangers our loved one lies,
Not one of us near to bid him good-bye,
But the angels of heaven are guarding his soul,
Till we meet him again, at the call of the roll."

From Mother and Dad.

WHITWICK

WEDDING

At the Parish Church yesterday afternoon, the marriage was solemnised by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) of Mr Gordon Perry Bayliss, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Bayliss of London Road, Coalville, and Miss Mary Gertrude Henson, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jos. Henson, of Whitwick. Miss Louise Bayliss (sister of the bridegroom) acted as bridesmaid, and Lieut. Edmond Brown, of Coalville, accompanied the bridegroom as best man. The happy couple received the good wishes of many friends.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Among the officers presented with the Military Cross by the King at Leicester, on Tuesday was Captain John Jamie, son of Dr. R. W. Jamie, the Coalville medical officer of health. Captain Jamie has had much active service in France and Belgium. He was always extremely popular with his men, many of whom hailed from his native town. He was studying for the medical profession before the war broke out and has now resumed his studies. His father witnessed the presentation.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' CHURCH PARADE

Over a hundred of the discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors of the district paraded in Marlborough Square on Sunday morning and, headed by the Coalville Coronation Band, marched to Christ Church, where service was conducted by the Vicar. The offerings were given to the widow of a deceased soldier, the amount including a donation of 10/- from one of the men who was unable to attend. The church was prettily decorated with flowers.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The War Office announce that from the date of the Armistice to noon, June 5th, 104,743 officers and 2,725,403 men had been demobilised?

Playing for Leicestershire against Northants at Northampton on Monday, Major A. T. Sharp batted brilliantly, contributing 139 to Leicestershire's total of 296 in the first innings?

UNEMPLOYMENT DOLE

13 WEEKS' EXTENSION FOR DEMOBILISED MEN

The Ministry of Labour makes the following announcement:

"In consideration of the fact that amongst the 400,000 demobilised sailors, soldiers and airmen who have not yet been reabsorbed into industry, there are a number who have now exhausted the 26 weeks' out-of-work donation provided for ex-members of the forces without finding employment, the Government have decided to extend the donation period for these men by a further period of 13 weeks at a reduced rate.

Under the original scheme, every fighting man under commissioned rank, and every mobile member of the Women's Corps attached to the fighting services, receives on demobilisation an out-of-work donation policy, entitling the recipient to an allowance of 29/- per week in the case of men, and 25/- per week in the case of women, plus 6/- a week for the first dependent child under the age of 15, and 3/- a week for every additional child under that age, during a period of 26 weeks in the first twelve months following demobilisation."

IN MEMORIAM

In ever-loving memory of our dear Son and Brother, Bombardier Harold Edwin Ketcher, 12th Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, June 16th, 1917 at Fountaine Les Croiselles.

*"Two years have 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."*

R.I.P.

From his Sorrowing Mother and Father, Sisters and Brothers, and Walter abroad.

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ROYAL VISIT TO LEICESTER

THE KING AND QUEEN SPEND A BUSY DAY

MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION

Not since the reign of the unhappy Charles the First had Leicester recorded a visit from a reigning Sovereign until Tuesday. True, the borough has, on more than one occasion, had what may without disrespect be called a nodding acquaintance with Royalty, Queen Adelaide in 1839 and Queen Victoria in 1843, having passed through the town on their return to London after a stay at lordly Belvoir, while the late King Edward, when Prince of Wales, and the present Monarch, at that time, Duke of York, came in 1896 to the Royal Agricultural Show, but these occasions were in the nature of accidental circumstance, and were not intended as an honour to the borough.

Tuesday's visit was on a totally different footing. The King and Queen were coming in fulfilment of a promise which was to have been kept at the time the Armistice negotiations cropped up, and citizens of all ranks spared no pains to show their appreciation of this mark of Royal favour. There had been a suggestion that the strike in the hosiery-finishing trade might lead to some outward mark of discontent, but nothing of the sort happened. On the contrary, well-known trade unionists, including Alderman Chaplin, the leader of the hosiery workers, and Mr E. L. Poulton, the general secretary of the Boot and Shoe Operatives' Union, were amongst the prominent townspeople presented to their Majesties, and in no part of the town did the Royal visitors receive a more whole-hearted welcome than in the working-class districts.

THEIR MAJESTIES ARRIVE

On the arrival of their Majesties at the Midland Station at 11:10, they found a number of the best-known representatives of town and country awaiting them on the platform, including the Mayor (Ald. Lovell) and Mrs Lovell, the Lord Lieutenant (the Duke of Rutland), and the Duchess, the Town Clerk (Mr A. H. Pritchard), the High Sheriff (Sir Samuel Faire) and Sir Ivor Maxse (general officer commanding Northern Command). His Majesty, who was wearing the service uniform of a field marshal, was received with a salute of guns, fired by a detachment of the Anti-Aircraft Defences from Nottingham, and the playing of the National Anthem by the Band of the Discharged Sailors and Soldiers.

In the beautifully decorated outer court of the station were drawn up a hundred demobilised men enlisted in 1914. King George passed slowly through their ranks, chatting with one or another, and shaking many by the hand. Here it may be remarked that this cordial recognition of the men who have fought for their country was the outstanding note of the day's proceedings. Wherever the King went he had a cheery word for wounded and discharged soldiers, who were clearly foremost in his thoughts.

The party then entered their carriages, the King and Queen, with their suite, occupying two State equipages sent down from London last week. The first carriage, drawn by four cream-coloured horses, contained the King, the Queen, and the Home Secretary (Mr E. Shortt, M.P.), and the second, the Earl of Jersey, the Earl of Cromer, Major R. H. Seymour, and the Countess of Airlie. As the procession, headed by scarlet-coated

outriders and with postillions in navy blue livery, with white leggings, passed into London Road, a tempest of cheering arose from the spectators, some of whom had been waiting for three or four hours.

Their Majesties' first objective was the hosiery works of Messrs. N. Corah and Sons, but on the way they called at the Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers' and Sailors' Club, in Bond Street, where a guard of honour, consisting of the nine members of the Nottingham and Notts. Crimean and Indian Mutiny Veterans' Association from the Dorothy Boot Home at Wilford, in charge of Mr Seely Whitby, were drawn up. The old warriors, who had a great reception from the crowd, had gone over to Leicester as a tribute to the federation. The King and Queen inspected the club, and after a few questions as to its progress, resumed their itinerary.

At Messrs. Corah's works they were received by several members of the firm, and were conducted through the principal departments, given the scouring sheds and dyeroms being looked into. The firm, their Majesties were told, has made over ten million articles of knitted goods for the forces. A hundred discharged soldiers, all employees of Messrs. Corah's, lined the archway of the works, and inside was a group of old stockingers. Upon leaving, the Queen accepted a knitted ivory silk coat, trimmed with handsome rabbit wool collar and cuffs, all in ivory, and several pairs of hose in silk and cashmere.

AT THE DE MONTFORT HALL

The principal item of the day was the presentation of the town's address in the De Montfort Hall. This immense building, which stands in the Victoria Park, and accommodates about 7,000 people, was packed to its utmost capacity. The greater part of the floor space was occupied by men in hospital blue, while the galleries were tenanted by privileged spectators. The period of waiting was beguiled by a programme of music, rendered by a mixed choir of 800 voices, formed from the leading local musical societies. Their Majesties alighted at the front of the hall, and walking along the middle gangway, mounted the platform by a flight of flower-banked steps placed in the centre, the choir, led by the organ, meanwhile singing the National Anthem. The King and Queen sat in handsomely-carved, high-backed chairs used at the Museum for official receptions, their suite, the Mayor and Mayoress, and the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, being seated on either hand. The Queen was wearing a dress of pale grey chiffon, embroidered with pearls, and a close-fitting torque of belge, satin trimmed, and with a narrow wreath of pale roses and berries. Round her neck was a string of pearls, and she carried a pink silk sunshade.

The Town Clerk read the civic address of welcome, which breathed sentiments of the warmest admiration for the "sustained efforts" which the King and Queen have made during the trying years of the war – efforts "which have filled our hearts and excited our grateful reward." An assurance of loyalty and love for the Sovereign and the Royal House was followed by a statement that the war period had been marked by freedom from trade disputes in the town, and that it had been decided to establish "a University for Leicester and neighbourhood." Through the magnificence and public spirit of several private donors in the town, it was hoped that this object would soon be attained.

THE KING'S REPLY

The King read his reply in a ringing voice, which could be distinctly heard in every corner of the building. He first touched on Leicester's historic past, spoke of the conclusion of the war, and of the necessity of building a new order for our common life. We must strengthen these ideals of liberty for which we had fought. This was a work worthy of all the energies of a great nation.

"Only by the unselfish co-operation of all classes can we win victory in peace, as we won victory in war," continued his Majesty (Cheers), *"The Queen and I – (Loud Cheers) – earnestly desire to join with our people in the work of peace, as we have shared their sorrows and anxieties in war (cheers). The men and women of Leicester, and of the Midlands, have given their help right freely in bringing the war to a successful end. We are deeply grateful for their good services to their country in every branch of the fighting forces, and for the zeal and efficiency which they displayed in the important work of clothing and equipping our troops. It gives me special pleasure to learn that this has been accomplished in a spirit of mutual understanding between employers and employed – (cheers) – and I unite with you in the belief that the same spirit will be maintained through the period of reconstruction that lies before us."*

"Your address shows that you are mindful that our obligations to the men who have fought for us are not ended with the war (cheers). There remains the duty of seeing that they are not forgotten, and, above all, that of caring for the wounded and disabled – (cheers) – and helping them to find a place in the normal work

of the community. I congratulate Leicester on the generosity which its citizens have shown in raising funds for this purpose, and they have done well to turn their attention in particular to those distressing, nervous diseases which are unfortunately, the outcome of modern warfare. I am informed that the Leicester Frith Home of Recovery was the first institution of the kind to be established outside the London district – (cheers) – and I rejoice to hear of its growing efficiency and usefulness.”

“I note, also, with pleasure, the reference in your address to your proposals for housing, a subject which the Queen and I have much at heart. The character of English life is moulded in the home (cheers). We must, therefore, take care that houses are planned and built so as to make possible for all a healthy and happy family life (cheers). I learn with satisfaction that the Corporation of Leicester has already arranged to acquire land for this purpose, and is preparing plans for the building of new houses in large numbers. We cannot hope, however, to grasp fully the opportunities before us unless we secure to the young men and young women of the town the invaluable benefits of a sound education (cheers). It is a matter of congratulation that Leicester proposes to establish a University, which is to serve as a centre of advanced studies for the Eastern Midlands. The foundation of new Universities in the leading provincial towns has been a notable feature in the educational movement of the past century; and I welcome a scheme, which, while bringing a higher education within the reach of all, will establish that contact between research and industry which is of vital importance to our future commercial prosperity.” (prolonged cheers).

PRESENTATIONS

A number of presentations were then made, amongst those introduced to their Majesties being the local members of Parliament including the Attorney-General, Sir Gordon Hewart, K.C., the Bishop of Peterborough, Mr Fielding Johnson (a nonagenarian magistrate), clergy and ministers, officers, nurses, civic, professional, and commercial notabilities. The conferring of distinctions began with the bestowal of the accolade upon Ald. Jonathan North, who recently received a knighthood. Ald. North, who has been four times Mayor of the borough, knelt on one knee on a stool, the King lightly touching him with a sword borrowed from one of his suite. Several recipients of medals were engaged in conversation with the King, who talked at length with a stalwart Australian soldier.

After lunching with the Mayor at the Museum Buildings, the King and Queen drove to Victoria Park, where there was a march past of several thousand men. It was a glorious afternoon, and the spectacle was witnessed by vast crowds of people. Their Majesties, who were acclaimed with the utmost enthusiasm, occupied a grand stand in front of a special pavilion. At the head of the forces came the 2nd Royal Warwicks, the 2nd Lincolns following, with the 2nd Leicesters next. The 1st South Staffs, the 2nd Sherwood Foresters, the 2nd North Staffs, the 3rd Bedfords, and the 3rd Royal Irish were next in order, the R.A.M.C. and Royal Air Force bringing up the rear of this section, while the next section was entirely comprised of men of town and country units. Demobilised men of the army and navy got an especially fine welcome.

After leaving Victoria Park, the King and Queen went to the works of Messrs. Taylor and Hobson, in Stoughton Street, to see something of the manufacture of optical lenses, driving then to the Midland Station, which they left at five o'clock for London. Their Majesties reached London at 7 pm.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Coalville's war trophy, a captured German gun, has arrived and been placed for the time being in the park. It is a much battle-scarred weapon, and a written intimation states that it was "Captured by the 6th and 7th Leicesters, August, 1918." It was made at Krupps, Essen, in 1909, and on the barrel is a figure of the Prussian Eagle, and a feint Latin inscription, which appears to be "Pro Gloria et Patria." The gun has been presented by the War Office to the Coalville Urban Council in recognition of Coalville's services in the war, financially, and in other ways.

The Mayor of Leicester, on Monday received a letter from the Home Secretary, announcing that "*his Majesty has been pleased to approve the restoration of your ancient town to the status of a city.*" The announcement, following so quickly on the Royal visit to Leicester, has given great satisfaction to all classes.

Leicester, Ledecestre, or Levecestria, was called a city in Domesday. On the sub-division of the Morcian See in 679, the district was formed into a separate bishopric, having its See at Leicester, the first bishop being Cuthwine. The last Bishop of Leicester was Leofwine, who died in 874, and in 1078 the See was united with that of Lincoln, at which date the dignity of being a city was lost.

The members of the Coalville branch of the Discharged and Demobilised Sailors' and Soldiers' Association, visited Ibstock, on Monday evening, with a view to forming a branch in that part of the Leicestershire coalfields, embracing Heather, Ellistown, Shackerstone, Market Bosworth, etc.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Since the signing of the Armistice, the War Office announces 107,055 officers and 2,769,293 other ranks have been demobilised?

IN MEMORIAM

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.

*"We shall not forget him; we love him too dearly;
For his memory to fade from us just like in a dream.
Our lips need not speak when our hearts mourn sincerely,
For grief often dwells where seldom 'tis seen."*

"Rest in Peace"

From his Sorrowing Mother, Father and Sisters.
Main Street, Heather.

In ever loving memory of our dear Brother, Sapper Isaac Lewis, who was killed June 19th, 1917.

*"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 Sister and Brother-in-law, Jane and Tom.

In ever loving memory of my dear husband, Sapper Isaac Lewis, who was killed in action, June 19th, 1917.

*"In his prime of life he was cut down,
He could no longer stay,
Because it was his Saviour's wish
To call him hence away.
Some may think I forget him
If at times I am apt to smile,
Little thinking grief is hidden,
'Neath the surface all the while."*

From his sorrowing Wife and Child.

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LOUGHBOROUGH HEROES WELCOMED HOME

Scenes such as were witnessed in the Loughborough rectory grounds on Saturday will long be remembered. It was unquestionably the largest garden party that had been arranged in the town. The rector, at one time chaplain in the navy, is deeply interested in the sailor and soldier, and when he proposed entertaining the

men, his church officials and the members of the congregation gave the scheme their hearty support. The necessary funds, nearly £200, were soon forthcoming. At one day's services set apart for the occasion, £74 was collected.

Invitations were issued to 800 men and their wives and sweethearts. There were no fewer than 70 ticket distributors. At the ____, which was held in both halls at the Fearon Buildings, there were 200 helpers, and 40 stewards, and gigantic as was the feeding of 1600 people, not a single hitch occurred. The halls were decorated with flags, streamers, and flowers. A string band was in attendance, and played appropriate selections. There was an abundant display of bunting, and over the entrance gates there appeared one greeting, "Welcome home."

Concerts were given at intervals, and various games, including golf and bowls were provided. The Borough Prize Band discoursed music, and in the evening played for dancing in a field at Limehurst, where sports were also indulged in. The rector welcomed the heroes, and paid a glowing tribute to their valour, both at sea and on the battlefield.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The War Office wishes it to be known that demobilisable men are in no way being kept in India for the Army of Occupation. It appears that certain men necessarily detained have been informed that their employment has been cancelled *"because they have volunteered for the Armies of Occupation."*

It is notified by an Army Council instruction that warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, officers and men granted leave prior to embarkation, will be granted free railway journeys in the United Kingdom, irrespective of whether they are proceeding for service in a theatre of war or for garrison or other duty overseas.

It is considered by the Allies that the sinking of the German warships constitutes a violation of the Armistice, and reparation will be sought.

In connection with the Peace Treaty it appeared as late as Thursday that the Germans had not intimated her plenipotentiaries, and there is the possibility of the Allies sending in an ultimatum for immediate steps to be taken in that direction.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The signing of the Peace Treaty has been postponed until tomorrow?

Practically the whole of the German Fleet, which surrendered to Admiral Beatty, in November last, has been sunk by their crews?

The value of the Fleet is estimated at 50 million pounds. Although the men took to the boats, about 7,800 officers and men were made prisoners?

The War Office announces that all soldiers who rejoin for service with the infantry will be sent direct to Regular battalions of the regiments to which they have enlisted?

The name of John H. Taylor, 76, The Lawn, London, and late of Standard Hill, appeared in the 'London Gazette' of the 3rd inst. as having been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal?

Army demobilisation figures since the Armistice are: Officers, 112,101; other ranks, 2,816,964?

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our only son, Bert (Tom), killed in action, June 28th, 1918.

"Loved too well in life to be forgotten in death."

From his sorrowing Mother and Father, Mary and Arthur Dawson.

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THE SCUTTling OF THE GERMAN FLEET

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

GERMANS FIRED ON

The first official announcement was contained in the following statement issued by the Admiralty on Saturday afternoon:

"Certain of the interned German ships at Scapa were sunk and abandoned by their crews. The crews will be detained in safe custody."

Late on Saturday night the following additional particulars were published:

According to the latest reports received from Scapa Flow, all the interned German battleships and battle cruisers have sunk, except the battleship Baden, which was still afloat.

Five light cruisers have sunk, but the other three have been beached. Eighteen destroyers have also been beached by the local tugs, and four destroyers are still afloat. The rest of the destroyers have sunk. The German Rear-Admiral and most of the Germans from the ships are in custody on board his Majesty's ships. Some boats from the ships refused to stop when ordered, and were fired on, and a small number of Germans were killed and wounded.

In accordance with the terms of the armistice, the German ships were interned with skeleton German crews as caretakers, and without British guards on board.

GERMAN SHIPS

In the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon, Mr Long, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in reply to a question as to why precautions were not taken to prevent scuttling of the warships said, *"I do not think I can add much, if anything of importance to what has already appeared in the Press. The Admiralty took steps as soon as this affair occurred to give the fullest possible information to the newspapers. So far as I know all the*

main facts have been disclosed. Full and detailed reports of the sinking of the German ships have not yet been received by the Admiralty. We have called for a report from the Commander-in-Chief, which I imagine is on its way. Admiral Von Reuter stated that he personally had given orders for the ships to be sunk, being under the impression that the armistice had ceased at noon on Saturday. There would have been no difficulty in the German admiral circulating these orders since he was allowed to visit his own ships for the purpose of maintaining discipline – (ironical laughter) – and in doing so he was conveyed to and fro in a British boat – (ironical laughter). Well, it is obvious he could not be allowed to go in one of his own boats. The present position is as follows:

*10 battleships sunk; 1 afloat
5 battle cruisers sunk
5 light cruisers sunk; 3 beached
30 destroyers sunk; 2 afloat; 18 beached.*

Salvage experts are now making an examination, and, until their report is received, it is impossible to say whether the sunken ships can be salvaged or to what extent they will interfere with the anchorage or the channel. The question of reparation for the sinking of these ships is now under consideration by the Allies in Paris. The statement that the crews have been changed periodically is incorrect; sick men have been changed as circumstances arose. The total number in the care and maintenance party had been reduced from 4,700 to approximately 1,800.

As regards the question why precautions were not taken by the Admiralty to prevent the Germans scuttling their own ships, the answer is that it was impossible. The ships were interred, not surrendered, and the Admiralty therefore had no power to place guards over them. It is not correct that the naval advisors of the Admiralty recommended internment. Their views were clearly and definitely expressed at the time. The decision of the heads of the Allied Governments was in favour of internment; and this has, of course, controlled the situation ever since, and made prevention of scuttling impossible."

PEACE!

The Germans agreed to sign the Peace Treaty on Monday, the following being the text. The German reply reached Paris at 5.30pm.

German Peace Delegation, Versailles, June 23rd, 1919.

Sir, - The minister for Foreign Affairs has instructed me to communicate to your Excellency the following:

"The Government of the German Republic has seen with consternation from the last communication of the Allied and Associated Governments that the latter are resolved to wrest from Germany by sheer force even the acceptance of those conditions of peace, which, though devoid of material significance, pursue the object of taking away its honour from the German people. The honour of the German people will remain untouched by any act of violence.

The German people, after the frightful sufferings of the last few years, lacks all means of defending its honour by external action. Yielding to overwhelming force, but without on that account abandoning its view in regard to the unheard-of injustice of the conditions of peace, the Government of the German Republic therefore declares that it ready to accept and sign the conditions of peace imposed by the Allied and Associated Governments.

Pray accept, etc.

(Signed) VON HANIEL

"His Excellency, M. Clemenceau, President of the Peace Conference."

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SWADLINCOTE WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial Committee for Swadlincote Urban District decided on Monday evening to dissolve, owing to the deplorable lack of interest that existed. The local Chamber of Trade and workers' representatives

express the opinion that the time is not ripe for such an undertaking, and suggest an adjournment of the scheme until the country is in a more settled state.

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SALES BY AUCTION

BROOM LEYS, COALVILLE

The dispersal of the entire contents of the V.A.D. Convalescent Home, Broom Leys, Coalville, will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, July 23rd and 24th, and following day if necessary.

Upwards of 300 pairs blankets and sheets. About 80 Jenner bedsteads with spring mattresses, wool mattresses and underfelts; 70 lockers suitable for small wash stands. The contents of the Matron's and Nurse's sitting room and bedrooms; crockery, glass, cutlery, forks and other utensils, 150 circular back lounge and strong dining room chairs, strong deal and other tables.

MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS

SOLDIER'S OFFENCE

Ernest Lawrence, soldier, of Great Cosby, Liverpool, was charged with false pretences at Barlestone. Mr J. B. Simmonds (Birmingham), prosecuting, said the defendant was a private in the Notts and Derby Regiment and was charged with obtaining by false pretences at Barlestone, on 19th January last, the sum of 10/-, the money of the Postmaster General. On December 31st, an army postal draft was made out in defendant's favour by the Paymaster at Lichfield for the sum of £1/5/8 and was forwarded to him at Osbaston. On January 19, he presented the draft at the Barlestone Post Office for payment. The figures and words had been altered to £1/15/8 and that amount was paid to him.

Defendant, who said he was sorry, was bound over in the sum of £5 to be of good behaviour for six months.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The Government has decided that the national thanksgivings for peace in the cathedrals, churches and chapels should be made next Sunday, instead of the first Sunday in August, as was originally intended. The Local Government Board has issued an order sanctioning any reasonable expenditure by local authorities for public celebrations, but it is urged that this power should be used to supplement rather than supersede voluntary funds. Guardians may also make provision for the indoor poor participating in the celebrations and additional outdoor relief may be given in the week which includes the public celebrations.

PEACE SIGNED

HISTORIC SCENES AT VERSAILLES

LOCAL REJOICINGS

The historic episode at Versailles on Saturday occupied less than three-quarters of an hour. The Treaty was signed first of all by the German plenipotentiaries, and then by representatives of all the 27 Allied and Associated nations, with the exception of China, who refused consequent upon a feeling of injustice in regard to the Shantung settlement.

The ceremony had no such feature as that which marked the presentation of the draft Treaty to the Germans last month, when Count Brockdorff-Rantzau made his virulent speech, and by one correspondent the proceedings are referred to as having been dull and unimpressive.

A curious interjection during M. Clemenceau's opening remarks was noted, however. The French Premier used the words, "German Republic," whereupon, someone at the German table ejaculated, "State! State!" and M. Clemenceau corrected himself accordingly.

Immediately before calling upon the German plenipotentiaries to sign, M. Clemenceau uttered the reminder that the signatures would sign a solemn undertaking to abide loyally and faithfully by the conditions of peace.

Mr Lloyd George arrived in London from Paris on Sunday evening, and received a great welcome. The King and the Prince of Wales were the first to receive him at the railway station.

The news of the signing of peace was received in Ashby about a quarter to four on Saturday afternoon, and was signalled by the blowing of buzzers and the hoisting of flags. At Coalville, the Boy Scouts and the Coronation Band paraded the town and flags were flown from public and private buildings. A merry peal was rung on the Hugglescote Church bells and was followed by a thanksgiving service.

Preaching at the Coalville Parish Church, on Sunday morning, the Rev. J. D. G. Wallace, of Ravenstone, said the peace they had all longed for had come at last and after the tension and strain of the last five years, their feelings were of thankfulness to Almighty God and to their soldiers and sailors and their allies for the victory achieved against a most powerful, a most unscrupulous and a most unchivalrous foe. When the glamour of peace had gone they must never forget the men who had done so much for them, but should always see that they had adequate pensions provided for them and their dependants. Old Britain's heart would throb with pride as shoulder to shoulder the boys came marching home again, but the victory had been dearly bought and they had loving thoughts for the boys who would never return. They had made a Christ-like sacrifice and the fair promise of their lives was now being fulfilled. It was for all of them to try to make themselves worthy of the sacrifices made on their behalf. He pleaded for more brotherly love and less selfishness, each striving for the other's good. The National Anthem was sung at the close of the service.

The Coalville and District Free Church Council held united thanksgiving services at various centres on Monday night. At Coalville, the service was in the London Road Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. F. Pickbourne, and Mr Wm. Morris, president of the Council, gave an appropriate address.

At Hugglescote, the service was in the Wesleyan Church; at Ellistown in the Wesleyan Reform Church; at Bardon, in the Congregational Church; at Whitwick, in the Wesleyan Church; and at Swannington in the Wesleyan Church.

At the Coalville Men's Adult School on Sunday morning, Mr Drewett also made suitable reference to the signing of peace, which he said he hoped would be lasting.

LOCAL NEWS

The Scotlands Farewell Bazaar will be held on Saturday, 5th inst. in the Convent Grounds from 2 pm. Also two handsome painted cushions will be drawn for. Refreshments. Proceeds for Belgian Convents demolished during the war.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pte. Frank Blake, of Bardon Hill, who was killed in action on July 1st, 1916.

*"There is in France a grave unknown
Where a dear brother sleeps alone
But his name is written in letters of gold
On our hearts he left at home."*

From his loving Sister and Brother, Nephew and Niece, Maltby, Yorkshire.

BURIALS

Parker – At Whitwick, on Thursday, William Z. Parker, aged 23 years, of Cademan Street.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Since the Armistice 15,486 officers and 2,849,367 men have been demobilised?

A civic welcome was accorded the cadre and colour party of the 5th Leicesters when they arrived during the week-end at Loughborough?

Lord Downham, in London, on Tuesday, said the Government had decided upon Saturday July 19th, as the day for the national celebration of victory and peace?

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COALVILLE URBAN COUNCIL

SUGGESTED WELCOME TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

The chairman said peace had now been signed and what that would mean only the future would reveal, but he felt that they had been rather backward in Coalville in regard to welcoming home their soldiers and sailors. At Loughborough, Hinckley and other towns the local men had been publicly welcomed and he would move that a committee be appointed to arrange some form of entertainment for the men who had served them so well and that an appeal be issued by the Council for subscriptions to carry that out.

Mr Lockwood, seconding, said the thought had also crossed his mind that they had been somewhat lax in this respect and it had been said that Coalville had not acted like other localities in this matter. He had seen it in the paper that items of expenditure by Councils for this purpose would be sanctioned by the Local Government Board. He thought that they should arrange a reception for the soldiers and sailors to show their appreciation of what they had done.

Mr Fellows agreed, but said it should be paid for by voluntary subscription and not out of the rates. The soldiers and sailors paid rates and it would be asking them to pay for something for themselves. The chairman said his idea was that it should be a voluntary thing.

Mr McCarthy said he hoped it would not take the place of peace rejoicing. The chairman said that was not intended. It would be simply an act of thanks from the district to the men who had risked so much in order that they might live at home in peace. The resolution was carried and the Council then went into committee.

DAY POACHING AT WHITWICK

NOVEL DEFENCE

“POACHERS ARE SPORTSMEN”

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, George Bennett (32), William Hurst (33), Wilfred Black (20), of Whitwick, and John Allen (21), of Thringstone, all colliers, were summoned for day poaching at Whitwick, on June 14th.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the prosecution asked for a fortnight's adjournment owing to the illness of a witness.

Mr R. Clifford (Loughborough) for the defendants, opposed the application, saying he was prepared to proceed. The magistrates declined an adjournment. Defendants all pleaded not guilty.

Trevor Pratt, game keeper to Mr De Lisle, stated that about 9 am he saw the four men and three dogs at Sharpley corner. He knew the defendants, who did not see then. He saw Bennett go through the Sharpley Rough gate and the others stood near the gate. The dogs put up a hare in the bracken and chased it. He shouted and as soon as defendants saw him they bolted. He had known the men all their lives and had no doubt as to their identity. A friend was with him who came from Yorkshire to a wedding and he promised to come as as witness, but was ill.

By Mr Clifford: *He did not make random charges and this was not all imagination.*

Mr Clifford: *I suggest that if colliers are poachers they are sportsmen, and would not go after game at this time of the year.*

Pratt: *They go at any time.*

The defendant Bennett said he had served in the army nearly three years, and was discharged in consequence of wounds.

Mr Sharp: *We had all this in another case not long ago.*

Proceeding, defendant said he worked at the Whitwick Colliery, and went for a walk after leaving work that morning, with Hurst. At the Sharpley corner they saw the other two and they sat talking. They had no dogs and never went into Sharpley Rough. They never saw Pratt and did not run away. He had a little mongrel dog which belonged to his little boy. The other three defendants gave similar evidence, all denying that they ever left the road. Mr Clifford said the defendants all bore a good character and in view of that and the service they had rendered their country in the war, he asked the Bench not to convict them on the uncorroborated evidence of Pratt. Defendants were each fined 12/6 or 14 days.

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PEACE THANKSGIVING AT RATBY

Peace Day was recognised by the parishioners on Sunday, when the largest open-air service ever held in Ratby took place in the centre of the village at three o'clock, large numbers being present from Groby and neighbourhood. The Church wardens, the surpliced choirs of Ratby and Groby, the past and present vicars, the Rev. G. E. Gilbanks and the Rev. H. D. Hanford, and Sunday School scholars and teachers, marched from the Church Rooms to the Gravel, where the Rev. H. D. Hanford conducted a service which concluded with the National Anthem. The prayers were read by the Rev. G. E. Gilbanks, and the vicar gave a practical address. The Rev. G. E. Gilbanks read the names of the 33 men who had paid the supreme sacrifice from the Ratby portion of the parish, and of the 17 men who had fallen from Groby. The services were continued in the Parish Church when the vicar was again assisted by the Rev. Gilbanks. The Rev. H. D. Hanford preached an eloquent sermon to a very large congregation upon the subject of peace.

PEACE REJOICING

MEMENTO FOR COALVILLE CHILDREN

At a meeting of the Coalville Urban Council on Tuesday, a request was considered from the Whitwick Parish Meeting held the previous night that a rate be levied for meeting the expenses of the local peace rejoicing, and the clerk was instructed to reply that such a rate could not legally be levied, but the Local Government Board, and intimated that reasonable expenditure may be incurred by Councils in connection with the celebrations and the Council had decided to provide a memento of the occasion for all children of school age in the urban area. It is understood that a memento is to be in the form of a medal.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS AT WHITWICK

COMMITTEE FORMED

A public meeting of parishioners, convened by the overseers, was held on Monday night at the Whitwick National Schools to consider what form the peace celebrations should take in the parish. The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, Rural Dean, presided.

It was agreed to make a house-to-house collection, to ascertain the amount available, so that a committee could decide on the form of celebration, which, it was suggested, should be a tea to the children, old people and soldiers and sailors.

Dr. Burkitt said for Coronation celebrations a grant from the rates was made by the Coalville Urban District Council, which provided £50 for the Whitwick Ward. He believed it was proposed to do so again. It was the fairest way, as it was a national rejoicing. Some people would not give, and the only way was to make them pay through the rates. He moved that, according to precedent, the Council be asked to make a grant from the rates. Mr Samuel Perry seconded, and the resolution was agreed to.

Messrs. Kelly and Briers, the ward councillors, were asked to convey the request to the urban authority. Dr. Burkitt intimated that the contribution from the rates would be additional to the collections. The meeting proceeded to elect a Finance and General Committee, and discussed other matters.

MEETING AT RAVENSTONE

A public meeting in the Church School at Ravenstone on Monday evening to consider what form peace rejoicings in the village should take, drew together the largest audience seen at a parish meeting at Ravenstone for years, the school being packed.

Major Hatchett, J.P., presided, and invited suggestions. Considerable discussion took place, some of those present advocating a "spread" for everybody, but it was ultimately decided to provide a tea for all the school children, old people of 65 and upwards and soldiers and sailors.

A committee was formed to carry out the arrangements, Major Hatchett being appointed chairman, and Mr George Harris, secretary.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, who has been on active service with the Leicestershire Yeomanry, has been demobilised. Dr. Burkitt has seen about two years' service in France, being promoted Lieut.-Colonel (R.A.M.C.) and in command of a medical unit, and afterwards did duty in Ireland with his unit. His military service dates from the commencement of the war, though previously he had a long connection with the Yeomanry.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The amount received so far, towards the War Memorial window proposed to be erected in Whitwick Parish Church is £155/16/5?

W. Scoon, the Coalville Town footballer, who went right through the war unscathed, returned to Coalville, demobilised on Monday?

Ashby decided at a meeting on Wednesday to celebrate peace on July 19th, by entertaining the soldiers and the widows of the fallen to a tea in the Bath Grounds?

At a "peace celebration" Shepshed schoolchildren were treated by the chairman and vice-chairman of the local council (Messrs. H. F. Green and C. B. Hanford) to two hours of rides on the scenic railway at the local Wakes?

Broom Leys being no longer required for soldiers, the furniture (as will be seen in our advertisement columns) is to be sold, and the hospital committee have decided to distribute the surgical appliances between the local nursing associations, and Leicester Royal Infirmary?

DEATHS OF TWO SOLDIERS

News has been received of the deaths of two Whitwick soldiers – Private Charles Turner and Private Reginald Allgood. Pte. Turner was a brother of Mrs F. James, formerly residing in Church Lane, Whitwick, and he was in the 7th Norfolk Regiment. The official information states that he died on October 10th, 1918, in a field hospital while a prisoner of the Germans, and was buried in the local cemetery at Laudrecies. Pte. Turner enlisted in August, 1914, went to France in 1915 and was taken prisoner in March, 1918.

Private Allgood is the son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Allgood, of 53, Leicester Road, Whitwick, and was in the South Staffs Regiment. He had been missing since March 21st, 1918, and is now presumed to have been killed in France on that date, or since. He joined up in August, 1916, and was 22 years of age. He was an old scholar of the Whitwick Church schools.

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S DEATH

AT THE LEICESTER BASE HOSPITAL



The funeral took place at Coalville Cemetery on Saturday afternoon of Private Harry Geary of The East Surrey Regiment, whose death occurred in the Base Hospital at Leicester. The deceased, who was a single man, 25 years of age, was the youngest son of Mrs Geary, of Hotel Street, Coalville, and before joining the army was in the employ of Messrs. R. Walker and Sons, of Leicester. He had been 3 ½ years in the forces, serving 12 months in Mesopotamia where he contracted malarial fever. He returned from Mesopotamia on April 23rd.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Wills, the first portion being in the London Road Baptist Church. The mourners present were his mother, brother John, Miss Dorothy North (Leicester), Mrs Thompson (sister), and Mr Thompson, Mrs J. Geary (sister-in-law), Mr G. Gibson (uncle) of Ashby, Mrs North, Miss F. North and Mr W. North (Leicester). Six old chums of the deceased – 2nd Lieut.

Edwards, Corporal B. Starkey, B. Mason, Wilfred Mason, E. Brearley and Douglas Lager – acted as bearers.

Wreaths were sent by the Mother and Minnie, Dorothy, Mrs North and family; Mr and Mrs J. Geary (brother and sister-in-law); Mr and Mrs Thompson (brother-in-law and sister) and children; Ethel (sister); the directors of Messrs. R. Walker and Sons (Leicester); Mr and Mrs Thompson; Mr and Mrs Brierley and family; Y.M.C.A. members and staff, Ted, Bert, Bill, Frank and Douglas (companions).

During the time the deceased soldier was in Mesopotamia, he used to say in his letters how he looked forward to receiving the "Coalville Times" which his mother sent to him regularly every week. His situation

had been kept open for him by Messrs. R. Walker and Sons, in whose firm he had excellent prospects, and his death, after surviving the perils and hardships of the war has occasioned much regret among many friends.

THANKS

Mr and Mrs Parker and family desire to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown to them in their sad bereavement in the loss of their son, William Zachariah Parker.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. H. Belcher, who passed away July 10th, 1918.

*"And surely Thou at last did'st come
To end the sorrows of my son,
And bear him to Thy peaceful home
With Thee for ever to abide."*

"Gone but not forgotten"

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brother and Sisters

In loving remembrance of my dearest brother, Pte. H. Belcher, who died July 10th, 1918.

"Some day we may understand"

From his sorrowing Sister, and Brother-in-law, Beatrice and Will

In loving memory of our dear son, Private J. H. Martin, 9th Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 11th, 1916.

*"If we could have clasped his dying hand
Or heard his last farewell
It would not have been so hard to part
With one we loved so well."*

From Mother, Father, children, Brother and Sisters

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HUGGLESCOTE MAN AT VERSAILLES

WHEN PEACE WAS SIGNED

AN INTERESTING LETTER

An interesting letter has been received by Mr and Mrs S. Dean, of North Street, Hugglescote, from their son, Walter, who, after serving some years in France, took up Y.M.C.A. work. He gives a most interesting description of the proceedings on the day that peace was signed. The letter is written from *"In front of the Palace of Versailles, June 28th, 1919, 3.50 pm."*

"I am here, as above, representing the family at the signing of Peace, which has just been accomplished. Guns are crashing out, massed bands have just concluded playing the Marselaise, while Frenchmen stood bare-headed, other troops at attention or saluting, women and children of all nationalities for a moment stand in absolute silence, and then, in an instant, pandemonium is let loose. Everyone is singing or shouting or playing some instrument, flags are waved, strangers shake hands with strangers, staid, elderly British gentlemen and ladies produce tin whistles, trumpets, etc., and swell the tumultuous noise. The marvellous fountains of Versailles which have been silent for five years suddenly spring to life again. Nearly everyone seems to produce a camera and take snapshots. The play of the fountains is indeed wonderful. The park

and gardens are looking perfect. It seems difficult to think there can be anything in the world made by man than can vie with the present scene, for being a pleasing harmonious whole. The wonderful imposing palace in the background, the fountains everywhere, the broad steps, terrace, and shaded walks, the velvet turf, the leafy trees, the magnificent show of roses and other flowers, all ending in the artificial lakes at the far end of the vista, make a sense that will live for all time for those privileged to witness it.” – Later – “Some little time afterwards the Guards were withdrawn, and we, that is, the person in the motley crowd were allowed to approach the building itself. I saw some of the delegates, but was not able to identify any of them at the distance. I have seen so many sad scenes in France that I consider it in many ways some slight recompense to be allowed to witness a joyful event like that of today. Expect to be back in Doullers for Monday and Tuesday, and then probably Cambrai.”

“FOR BRAVERY ON THE FIELD”

COALVILLE SOLDIER RECEIVES A MEDAL

Mr Fred Kelham, a confectioner in the employ of the Coalville Co-Operative Society, on Tuesday received from the War Office, a medal, *“For bravery in the field,”* awarded to him on October 14th, 1918. He was formerly a private in the 2nd East Lancashire Regiment, and on the date named, at Douai, when acting as a stretcher-bearer some 400 or 500 yards behind the Hindenburg Line, he rescued a comrade and under heavy fire carried him to a place of safety during which Kelham received three bullet wounds in the shoulder. He arrived in England, demobilised on February 17th, and has now resumed his former employment in the Stores bakery, where he has worked for the last 12 years. He joined the army on October 30th, 1915. Since his return, he has been married and his wife and widowed mother reside at Hathern. Happily, he has practically recovered from the wounds received during the performance of the brave deed which secured for him the medal.

ARMY CAPTAIN WHO WAS A PORTER

DECLINES TO RETURN TO OLD JOB

An army captain, who before the war was employed as a railway porter on the London and North Western line at Blaby Station, Leicestershire, has just been demobilised and has refused the company offer to be reinstated in his old job.

He enlisted in Kitchener’s Army, joining the Leicestershire battalion, and was twice wounded. He was sent home for his commission and after returning to active service gained promotion to the rank of captain.

Negotiations have been entered into with the railway company with a view to some suitable position being offered to him. Failing that, the young officer intends to go abroad and try his fortune in a new field.

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HUGGLESCOTE WAR MEMORIAL

MEMORIAL CHAPEL SCHEME DROPPED

MONUMENT TO BE ERECTED IN THE CEMETERY

A public meeting was held in the Church Schools at Hugglescote on Monday evening to further consider the proposed war memorial for the parish.

Mr B. B. Drewett was voted to the chair, and about forty people were present. The chairman explained that at a previous public meeting various suggestions were made and the one which found greatest favour was the erection of a memorial chapel in the cemetery. A committee was appointed to make enquiries and this committee had met and consulted an architect who had prepared two plans. These were placed before the meeting. The estimated cost of one building was £1,500 to £2,000, and the other £2,000 to £2,500. Mr Drewett said it was for the meeting to decide. It might be suggested some assistance could be obtained from the rate, but he preferred it to be a voluntary matter, and would rather have a less ambitious scheme than one which might land them into financial difficulties. He asked for suggestions.

Canon Broughton said they would be likely to get greater support by having a memorial which pleased everyone. This scheme was not approved by all the parishioners, many of whom preferred to take their dead to their own church or chapel, rather than to a cemetery chapel, about which there was always a coldness.

Mr A. E. Gowtage asked whether the Urban Council had been approached as to permission to erect such a chapel in the cemetery. The chairman replied in the negative, and Mr Wainwright said Mr F. Griffin (a Councillor) said the Council would largely be guided by the feeling of the parish. Mrs Meredith questioned whether they would raise the money. The chairman thought they would get money like shelling peas if they were united in regard to the scheme, but not if there was opposition.

Mr Cato said they would never be all of one mind and he thought the proposed chapel a most suitable memorial for the parish. Canon Broughton said there was a strong feeling in the parish against a Cemetery Chapel; the people really did not want it. It would be a fatal mistake for Hugglescote to adopt a £2,000 scheme which was not popular. He moved that this scheme be rejected.

Mr W. Lander seconded, considering £2,000 too great an expenditure. No doubt the Urban Council would build a chapel in the cemetery sooner or later. Mr Gowtage said he considered it an unsuitable site for a memorial. He thought the committee ought to have considered alternative schemes and not have concentrated on this one only.

Mr James said Mr Gowtage was wrong in saying that the cemetery was already half full. It was nothing like half full; and then, as to it not being a suitable site, the committee were informed otherwise, the expert opinion being that there would be a good foundation. On a vote being taken, 23 voted for the rejection of the proposed chapel and nobody voted in favour of it. The scheme was therefore dropped. The chairman said it was now open to the meeting to make suggestions.

Mrs Meredith moved that the endeavour to purchase a site at the corner of North Street and Wilkins' Lane and lay it out as a garden and erect a monument, which everybody could see, bearing the names of all local men who had fallen. Miss Moseley seconded. It was remarked that this proposal would cost as much as the memorial chapel.

Mr Darby suggested that they should first try to ascertain how much money they were likely to raise. Ellistown was supposed to be included and they had one person from Ellistown at the meeting. Ellistown was making provision for itself. The chairman said they should have something to put before the public before asking for contributions. He suggested an obelisk in the cemetery, failing a chapel.

Mr James agreed with trying to get the money first. Only a fool would build a house without counting the cost. Whatever they decided upon, there would be "black crows" about. It was suggested that perhaps the owner of the ground mentioned by Mrs Meredith would give it, but the chairman said they did not want that. This was to be Hugglescote's spontaneous effort as a memorial to the boys who had fallen.

Only two voted for Mrs Meredith's proposition, which was lost. Mrs Woolerton moved that a monument be erected in the cemetery bearing the names of the fallen and this was seconded. Mr Gray supported this and thought there would be no difficulty in getting the money. Mr Darby said they should state the possible expenditure and suggested £250 to £300. Mr Gray said it should be understood that it did not include Ellistown. The chairman said it would depend on whether Ellistown subscribed. He thought Ellistown people would like to be included.

Canon Broughton said Hugglescote civil parish, without Ellistown, would be very small. The cemetery was for the ecclesiastical parish of Hugglescote, and that should be taken. Mr D. Marston pointed out that Vaughan Street and other parts of the civil parish of Coalville were in the Hugglescote burial area. Mrs Woolerton said she would include in her resolution that the monument be for the Hugglescote burial area. This was carried unanimously and the old committee, with power to add, were asked to go into the matter and report to a future meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded the committee for what they had done and to the chairman for presiding.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Coalville Urban Council are arranging a public "welcome home" to all men who have been serving in the Forces, and in order to ascertain the names and number of such men, the committee appointed for the purpose are this week making house-to-house distribution of forms for residents to fill in giving the necessary information. It is important that these forms should be completed and returned as speedily as possible. If anybody should be accidentally missed in the distribution, they can obtain a form from the surveyor, Mr L. L. Baldwin, at his office.

LOCAL NEWS

COALVILLE SOLDIERS WELCOMED

The employees of the Coalville Co-Operative Society organised a garden party on Wednesday as a welcome home to their fellow employees who have been serving in the Forces. A company of about 250 were taken by motor 'bus to the Barrow Hill Farm, Osgathorpe, recently purchased by the Society, and there had tea and games, a pleasant time being spent. The Coalville Coronation Band was present. Of the 83 employees who served in the Forces, 7 were killed. The number recently returned and who were welcomed on Wednesday, was 42. Mr W. Scaysbrook (chairman) read the following to the assembly:

"Coalville Workingmen's Co-Operative Society. – The primary object of our gathering to-day is to afford the opportunity of welcoming back to our midst those of our fellow employees and comrades who, responding to the call of duty, have endured danger and hardships in order that civilisation might be protected from the ravages of a ruthless foe, and in order that life for all nations shall be more worth living. The Society, with which we are associated, has made its contribution to the common cause, no less than 83 of its employees having joined the military, naval and air forces. To all who have been spared to return, we to-day give a whole-hearted "welcome home," and at the same time express our deep appreciation of the services they have rendered, and our gratitude for having taken their part in protecting our hearths and homes. To all those who are still in service, we wish a speedy return to the more peaceful pursuits of our movement, so that they, with us, may help forward the day of the Co-Operative commonwealth. At a time like this we cannot forget, and we would not if we could, those of our number who have made the supreme sacrifice of their lives, and once again offer our deepest sympathy with all those who, through the tragedy of war, have lost those who were dear to them. Their names are:

J. W. Brooks, W. Brooks, W. Mace, T. Wild, R. Stinchcombe, W. Collier, R. Brooks, W. Tyers, V. Hancock, J. Horrocks and D. Drinkwater.

In conclusion we venture to express the earnest hope that never again shall you be called upon to leave your homes to engage in warfare, but trust that your future may be peaceful and prosperous, and worthy the sacrifices that have been made. – July 16th, 1919."

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Swadlincote Peace Celebrations Committee is arranging a torchlight procession and bonfire for Saturday night?

IBSTOCK

Mr J. W. Hopkins, churchwarden at the Ibstock Parish Church of St. Deny's informs us that the amount realised at the united Peace thanksgiving service, held in the Church Avenue, was £11/16/0 and the expense £2/16/6, leaving a balance of £8/19/6 which has been paid into the Parish War Memorial Fund at the bank.

IBSTOCK SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WELCOME HOME

At the National Schools, Tuesday, July 22nd. Tea on tables at 5.30. Will the Ibstock Soldiers and Sailors whose invitation has been inadvertently missed, please accept this as an invitation.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear nephew, Pte. Cecil H. E. Wilson, Essex Regiment, who was killed in action near Festubert, France, July 14th, 1917. (Once wounded). Aged 21.

From his sorrowing Aunt and Uncle and Brother, Frank, Markfield.

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PEACE REJOICINGS

PUBLIC MEETING AT IBSTOCK

A public meeting was held in the National Schools, on Thursday evening, Mr J. T. Jacques, J.P., presiding, over a representative attendance.

The chairman, opening the meeting, said they had met together to decide what should be done to celebrate peace, and who should be the committee to organise the matter, and to raise the necessary money. At a meeting of the Parish Council they had decided to give the sum of £64 to Ibstock, and £16 to Battam. Whatever was done at that meeting, therefore, they started off with £80 as a nucleus of the amount they may require to provide a fitting celebration. The Parish Council suggested they should give a treat to the children, of which there are something like 1,200, and later to give a welcome home to the soldiers and sailors. There are still quite a number of soldiers and sailors serving in the Forces. There are also quite a lot of old people whom it might be possible to entertain also. To do this, would require more than what was already allocated, and he suggested they should appoint a committee, and get to work as quickly as possible, so as to make the celebrations successful.

Mr Lawrence said the United Band and the Excelsior Band were prepared to tender. Mr Moreton proposed they follow the lines suggested by the Parish Council, and form a committee to provide the finance and arrange the working arrangements. Mr Wyatt seconded. Mr L. Heath suggested the treat for the old people should also include widows.

Mr F. Holmes asked if it was suggested the children should meet altogether in one place as in the past. That had been tried and found to be very inconvenient. He suggested they should meet at their own Sunday Schools for tea, and come together later.

Mr Jacques said there would have to be an allocation made if that suggestion was adopted for children who did not attend Sunday Schools, but the point was to first decide on the scheme, and then settle those matters as a committee. Mr Heath supported the proposition.

Miss Meek suggested Peace Day should be a children's day. The proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr Dunstan suggested the "welcome home" to returned soldiers should be definitely fixed. Mr Eggington proposed that Mr Dunstan be appointed secretary, which was carried unanimously. Mr Eggington proposed, and Miss Meek seconded, that Peace Day be a day set apart for entertaining the children. On the suggestion of the secretary, it was also included in the proposition that the old people be entertained on the Monday following, and the demobilised soldiers and sailors on the Saturday previous to August Bank Holiday. This was agreed.

Mr L. Heath proposed, and Mr J. Hudson seconded, that the nucleus of the working committee be composed of five representatives from each Sunday School. Mr W. Cockett suggested the Parish Council should collect the money. (Laughter). The chairman said they wanted other people to help the Parish Council, not leave them to do the work.

The proposition was then carried, and it was left to the Sunday Schools to appoint their representatives.

Mr Sparrow proposed that five representatives be also invited from the soldiers and sailors. The Parish Council, Mr Cockett, Mr J. Heath, Mr T. Wyatt, Mr Forman, Mr W. Wallace, Mrs Sykes, Mrs Agnew, Mrs Dunstan, Mrs Rolleston, Mrs Williams, Miss Meek, Mrs Gadsby, and others were also co-opted on the committee.

On the proposition of Mr Forman, seconded by Mr Eggington, it was decided to appoint a finance committee, as follows: Messrs. J. J. Sparrow, A. Adcock, John Spiller, Cockett, Askew, L. Heath, Deacon, John Neal, Mrs Sykes, Mrs Williams, Mrs Dunstan, Messrs. Pike and Wallace, Mrs Gilbert, Miss Meek, Miss Tebbett, Mrs Foode, Messrs. J. Lawrence, Forman, Moreton, W. Eggington with Mr J. T. Jacques, treasurer. The Rector (Rev. A. H. Birks), M.A., was appointed chairman.

Mr Dunstan suggested that the children meet as a whole, and march in procession, go to different schools for tea, and afterwards, proceed to a field. Mr Forman proposed the suggestion made be the general outline of the children's day programme. Mr Eggington seconded, and it was agreed.

It was decided that all soldiers' widows, and returned soldiers' wives be invited to the tea. Other matters were referred to a meeting of the committee on Monday night.

TEA AND SPORTS FOR COALVILLE CHILDREN

A meeting was held at the Coalville National Schools, on Monday evening to further consider the arrangements for the local peace celebrations. Mr J. W. Farmer, J.P., presided, and there was a good attendance. The ladies present undertook to make a house-to-house collection of the parish, the intention being that the cost of the treat shall be met by voluntary contributions.

The arrangements for next Saturday are: The children will assemble at their various Sunday Schools at two o'clock, and will then proceed to the Coalville Recreation Ground off London Road. Here they will be marshalled into procession by Mr L. L. Baldwin and march to Marlborough Square, where a musical programme will be gone through under the direction of Mr W. Hurst. The children will then proceed to their respective Sunday Schools for tea and will afterwards assemble in a field near the London Road Baptist Chapel, kindly lent by the Whitwick Colliery Co., where it is hoped to provide sports and various amusements should the funds permit.

The Coalville Urban Council have decided to present every child of school age in the urban area with a medal as a peace souvenir, but it is found impossible to get these by next Saturday – about 5,000 being required – and they will be presented to the children at a later date.

A meeting was held at St. James' School, Snibstone, on Monday night, the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Atkins) presiding, when arrangements for the "peace tea" next Saturday were made. Though this school is just over the Coalville border, many of the children live in Coalville parish, and this school will join the Coalville schools for the celebrations, according to the programme outlined above.

WHITWICK'S PROGRAMME

At Whitwick the children are to meet in the Market Place, and after a short procession they will march to the Range Field off Silver Street, where tea will be served. A capital programme of sports, etc., is also being arranged. The old people over 65 and ex-service men will have a meat tea in the schools, and afterwards assemble in the Range Field for various games and competitions, including hat trimming for the soldiers, etc. The committee are offering prizes for the best house and street decorations.

RAVENSTONE REJOICINGS

At Ravenstone, the programme includes tea to the school children, old people and ex-service men, with sports etc. The cost is being met by voluntary contributions, and the arrangements in the hands of a committee, of which Major Hatchett, J.P., is chairman, and Mr G. Harris, secretary.

THRINGSTONE'S PREPARATIONS

To-morrow's proceedings at Thringstone will be a tea to the school children in the Village Hall, also for old people over 65, ex-soldiers and sailors and the wives of soldiers and sailors now serving. Sports will be held in a field afterwards.

SHEPSHED ARRANGEMENTS

A public meeting, convened by the Shepshe Urban District Council, was held on Friday evening at the Council Schools. Mr H. F. Green, J.P., presiding over a large attendance. A discussion took place as to whether any money should be asked for from the rates, and eventually it was decided by a majority that any peace rejoicings organised should be by voluntary effort.

The chairman announced that a certain gentleman had promised to provide for the children, a statement which was received with applause. Other suggestions were made respecting the demobilised soldiers, and also the old people, and a representative committee was appointed to carry out the same. Amongst the suggestions adopted was one to have a procession headed by the local band. Subscriptions were promised as follows: Mr J. Harriman, J.P., £20; Mr C. H. Nelson £5; Mr M. Smith £5; Mr J. W. Martin £1; Mr C. Smith £2/2/0; Mrs Smith £2/2/0; and Mr C. Tivey will entertain children.

COLEORTON REJOICINGS

The charming grounds of Coleorton Hall will be the venue of the peace celebrations on Saturday. Sir George Beaumont will provide for the youngsters; Mrs Abel Smith, of Coleorton Hall, will entertain the discharged and demobilised men of the services, and the villagers are subscribing towards the entertainment for old folks of the parish.

FREE "FEED" FOR EVERYBODY AT MARKET BOSWORTH

The celebrations of peace on Saturday are to be on a lavish scale in the old town of Market Bosworth. There will be a free luncheon in a large marquee in the Park for all parishioners over 15 years of age, and later in the afternoon, tea will be provided for those under 15. A capital sports programme has been arranged, and a band will play for dancing in the evening.

ASHBY'S ARRANGEMENTS

The programme for Peace celebrations on Saturday next was arranged at a meeting of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Peace Celebration Committee. There will be a grand parade of discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors, who will march in procession through the principal streets of the town to the Bath grounds. A programme of sports has been arranged, and in the evening there will be a torchlight procession and display of fireworks. Each child in the town will be presented with a presentation medal.

THREEPENNY RATE AT BAGWORTH

A capital programme has been arranged for peace rejoicings at Bagworth, on Saturday. This should have been the day for the annual parade for Leicester Infirmary, but that event has had to be postponed, though most of the artistes engaged are being retained for the peace celebrations. A free tea is to be provided for the school children, old people and ex-service men, and the public generally will have the opportunity of taking part in a public tea at a nominal charge. The programme opens with a young men's mile road race from Bagworth Station to Mr Sperry's field, where various sports and entertainments are to be held. A large tent will be erected in the field for the tea. The cost of the day's proceedings is being met, as far as possible, by voluntary contributions, but to do the thing well, the Parish Council decided to supplement the amount collected by levying a rate, to go as high as 3d in the £, should it be needed. A 3d rate at Bagworth produces about £150.

TEA FOR HUGGLESCOTE CHILDREN

Hugglescote children are to make a parade of the parish, and after tea at the schools, will assemble in a field off the Bardon Road for games and sports. The cost is being met by a house-to-house collection. The

children will also, in due course, receive a commemoration medal, which the Coalville Urban Council are providing to all the school children in their area.

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ASHBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CAPTAIN R. FARMER

The chairman read a letter from Mr J. W. Bowley (relieving officer) stating that the officers who were associated with the late Capt. Roland Farmer (assistant clerk) were desirous of placing an enlarged photograph of him in the Board room as a memorial and asking the permission of the Board to do so and also whether any of the members who knew the late officer would care to subscribe. If the proposal met with approval, the formation of a small committee was suggested.

The chairman said there was no need for him to remind the old Guardians of the good qualities of the late Captain Roland Farmer and he thought this would be a suitable recognition (hear, hear). If it was carried out in a proper way, it would not only be an ornament to the room, but would be an appreciation of one of their officers who volunteered on his own account, and was, unfortunately, killed by the Germans. He (the chairman) had mentioned it to Mr and Mrs Farmer and they would be quite willing and pleased for it to be done.

Mr Blakesley endorsed what the chairman had said, remarking that there was no young man for whom he had greater respect than Roland Farmer. He always did his work in the No. 2 Committee Room in a most able and pleasant manner. He was sure all the Guardians would be glad to associate themselves with this memorial.

Mr Frost said he knew the late Capt. Farmer from a boy and endorsed all that had been said about him. He would be pleased to subscribe. The Rev. T. W. Walters said new members as well as the old, would like to join this, and he moved that Mr Blakesley and Mr Frost, with the two officers named be a small committee to see it through, Mr Bowley to act as treasurer. Mr Soar seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

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IBSTOCK

TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT

A "Welcome Home" tea and entertainment was given to the returned discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors of Ibstock on Tuesday, in the National Schools. Tea was served by the Ladies' Patriotic Committee, assisted by representatives from the various denominations in the village to a large number of guests. After the cloths were removed, a lengthy programme of songs, recitations, etc., was rendered by local artistes, viz., Misses T. Gray, Smith, Clarke and Messrs. Humble, Adcock, Parry, Rutland, Ottey, Baugh, Sparrow, Moreton and F. Forman. The Rector (Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.) presiding, extended a hearty welcome home to those present, and during the evening similar speeches of welcome were made by Councillor W. Eggington, J.P., Messrs. J. T. Jacques, J.P., G. Forman and W. Dunstan. Mr T. Simpson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Ladies' Patriotic Committee for the way in which they had worked on behalf of the Ibstock soldiers and sailors, to which Mrs W. M. Sykes (secretary) briefly replied. At the close, the Rector asked for a moment's silence in memory of those who had laid down their lives during the war, and in sympathy with their relatives. The National Anthem concluded a very enjoyable event.

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OVERSEAL WAR MEMORIAL

At a public meeting held in the Council Schools, at Overseal, it was resolved to accept the quotation of Lady Colville's agent for a piece of ground at the back of the schools for recreation purposes, for the sum of £100. The purchase forms part of the proposed war memorial.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Admiral Sir David Beatty will receive the freedom of the City of Leicester to-day?

During the peace rejoicings at Earl Shilton Mrs Diana Raven, the oldest inhabitant of the village, died suddenly in the street?

Messrs. Davenport and Son Ltd, of Ashby, have given the whole of their employees two months' wages in celebration of peace? Mrs Davenport's son was killed in action.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Lance-Sergeant Ambrose Harold Attwood (King's Royal Rifle Corps) who fell in action in Delville Wood, France, while serving his King and Country, July 27th, 1916. Aged 21 years.

*"When last we saw his smiling face,
He looked so strong and brave;
We little thought how soon he would
Be laid in a far-off grave."*

From his Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers, Burton-on-Trent; and his Brother. Lieut. W. W. Attwood, now serving in Russia.

LOCAL FESTIVITIES

HOW COALVILLE AND DISTRICT CELEBRATED "PEACE DAY"

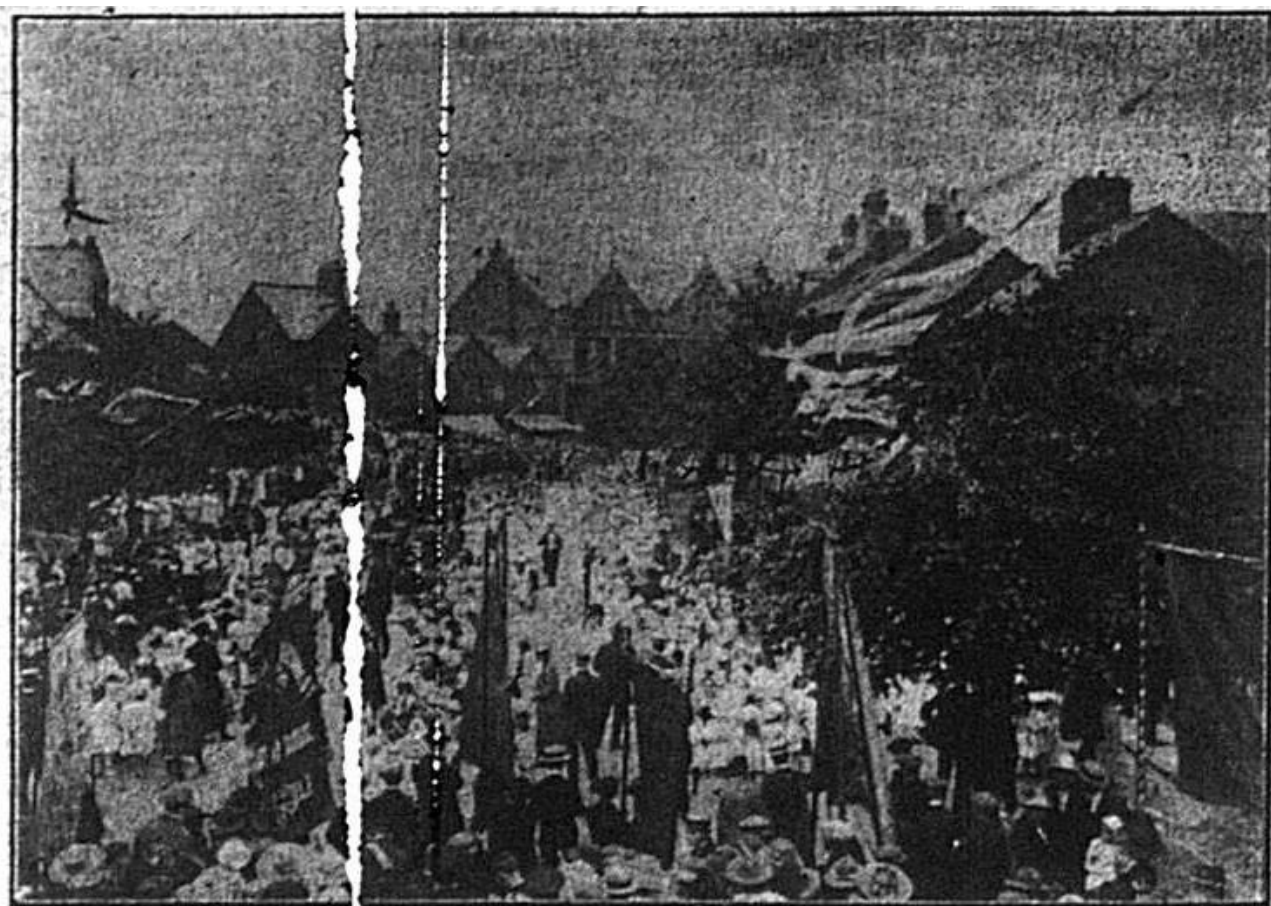
By a tour of the district made by a representative of this paper on Saturday, it was evident that Coalville and the surrounding villages entered most heartily into the celebrations. Signs of the strain which weighed so heavily upon the populace during the last four years had disappeared, and everywhere was to be witnessed scenes of hopefulness in the knowledge that the war is at last over, and that this country and her allies have gained a victorious peace. It was principally a children's day, there being in almost every case a parade of "young Britain" though the old people and men who have returned from the war were not forgotten, these having a big share in the festivities.



PRETTY SCENE IN MARLBOROUGH SQUARE, COALVILLE

As it was only known about a fortnight before that Saturday was to be the day for the National Peace Celebrations, it did not allow much time to make the preparations. What was done necessarily had to be hurried, and though at Coalville little more than a week was occupied with the arrangements, the day's programme was admirably conceived, and passed off with great elan except for the weather in the evening.

It looked at one time as though "Peace Day" in Coalville would be a rather tame affair, but thanks to the initiative of Mr J. W. Farmer, J.P., chairman of the Urban Council, who had a very able lieutenant in Mr L. L. Baldwin, surveyor, the town rose splendidly to the occasion. The two gentlemen named got together an efficient and willing body of workers, including many of the teachers of the day and Sunday schools, and a number of ladies who undertook a house-to-house visitation for donations, the cost of the celebrations being met by these voluntary contributions.



The scene in Marlborough Square.

The children assembled at their respective Sunday schools at two o'clock and proceeded to the Recreation Ground off London Road, where they were marshalled by Mr L. L. Baldwin into one huge procession. There were, in all, about 2,000 children, and long before the last contingent had left the Recreation Ground, the leaders had reached Marlborough Square, taken up their positions on the lines which, with admirable foresight had been marked out for them. All the Sunday schools which have banners, carried them in the procession and most of the children carried miniature Union Jacks. They marched to the strains of the Coalville Salvation Army and Boy Scouts' Bands, and viewed from High Street as they descended the slope in Hotel Street, the procession afforded an inspiring scene. This, however, was even eclipsed by what was subsequently witnessed in the Square. The trees planted some years ago by Lord Aberconway (then Sir Charles McLaren) are now in all their verdant glory, and stretchers of bunting of the national colours were tastefully suspended from tree to tree, while the flags and banners, and the pretty dresses of the children, with the Liberal Club building charmingly decorated as the background, afforded a spectacle not soon to be forgotten by the thousands of people who witnessed it.

The proceedings in the Square, fittingly opened with the sounding of the "Last Post" by two of the Scout buglers, the vast audience standing with heads uncovered, meanwhile, as a tribute to the men who fell bravely fighting and only by whose sacrifice such a day was made possible. Then, led by Mr Wm. Hurst, and to the piano and cornet accompaniment of Mr and Mrs J. W. Burton, the children sang the appropriate hymn:

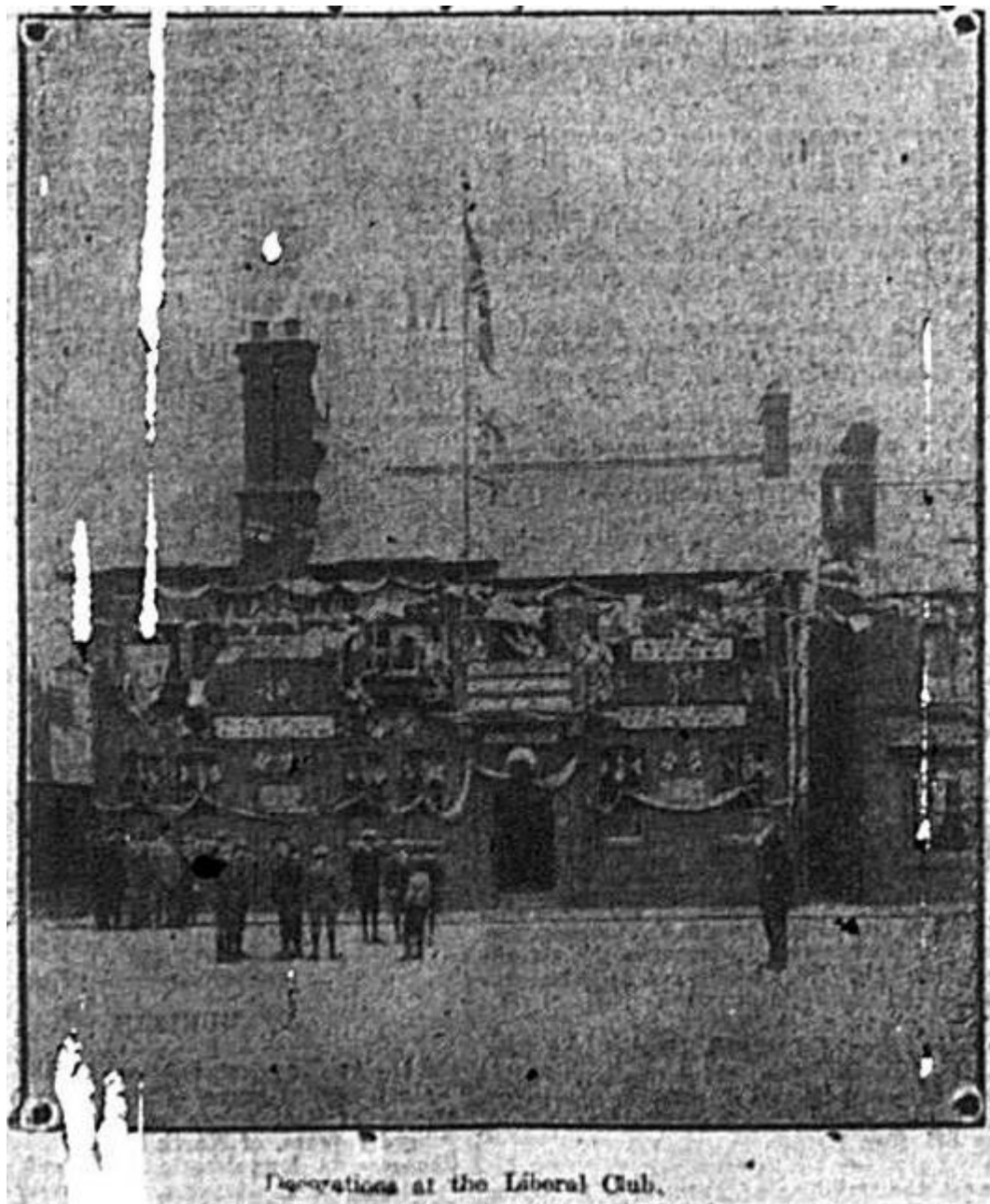
This was followed by 'Rule Britannia', the youngsters taking up the refrain with great heartiness, the verses being as follows:

The public were invited to join in the repeated chorus, which they did with enthusiasm, while the children cheered and waved their flags. One verse of the National Anthem and more cheering and waving of flags brought to a close the proceedings in Marlborough Square, and the children moved off to their respective schools for tea. In the Square, special constables were on duty, and rendered valuable assistance, the assembling of the children and their departure all passing off with clockwork precision.

A splendid tea was provided for the youngsters at all the schools, and they afterwards assembled for games and sports in a field near the London Road Baptist Chapel, kindly lent by the Whitwick Colliery Co. Up to this point the weather had been all that could be desired, but, unfortunately, about five o'clock rain began to fall, very steadily at first, but it gradually got worse, and by seven o'clock was coming down heavily. By this time, the children had to leave the field, some to continue the games in their schools, and others for home, wet and disappointed. The weather was the only thing which came towards the close to mar what would otherwise have been a very happy and memorable day for the children.

The Coalville Urban Council decided to give all children of school age in the urban area a medal as a souvenir of the occasion, but it was not found time to obtain these soon enough for presentation on Saturday – about 5,000 being required – but they will be given to the children on a subsequent date.

The town was gaily decorated for the occasion. Private residents, as well as the tradespeople, made a good display of flags, and there was quite a blaze of colour in several parts of the town. Margaret Street, in particular, had a number of garlands, and there were other instances of private decorations worthy of special notice. Prominent among these was the Liberal Club. The front of the building was simply covered with flags and bunting and suitable mottoes, all of very pretty design. Immediately over the entrance appeared the cheery words, in garland form, "Welcome Home", and above this were to be seen, "Well done, the Tigers", "Peace and Prosperity" and "Peace with Honour". Other mottoes displayed on the building were, "Thank God we've kept our flag flying", "Health and Happiness to all who have fought for us", "May God bless our Army and Navy" and "Our undying gratitude to the men who have bled for us." These, all tastefully arranged, with the intermingled flags, gave the Club an appearance on which the steward, Mr Thos. Kinsey, is to be highly complimented.



Decorations at the Liberal Club.

The Conservative Club was also very prettily decorated, similar patriotic mottoes being displayed on the front of building with flags and rows of miniature glass globes of various tints, forming the letters, "G. R." and which, when illuminated in the evening, gave a very charming effect. This also was a very creditable display due to the manager, Mr J. Brown. The two electric theatres were also prettily decorated, "Peace and Prosperity" being the motto in floral design over the door of the Olympia, and on the National Schools in London Road, were to be seen, arranged with flags, the words, "Peace and Victory, thanks to our Boys."

At the Liberal Club in the evening, a social was held in the Progressive Hall, which was largely attended, and a capital programme was rendered.

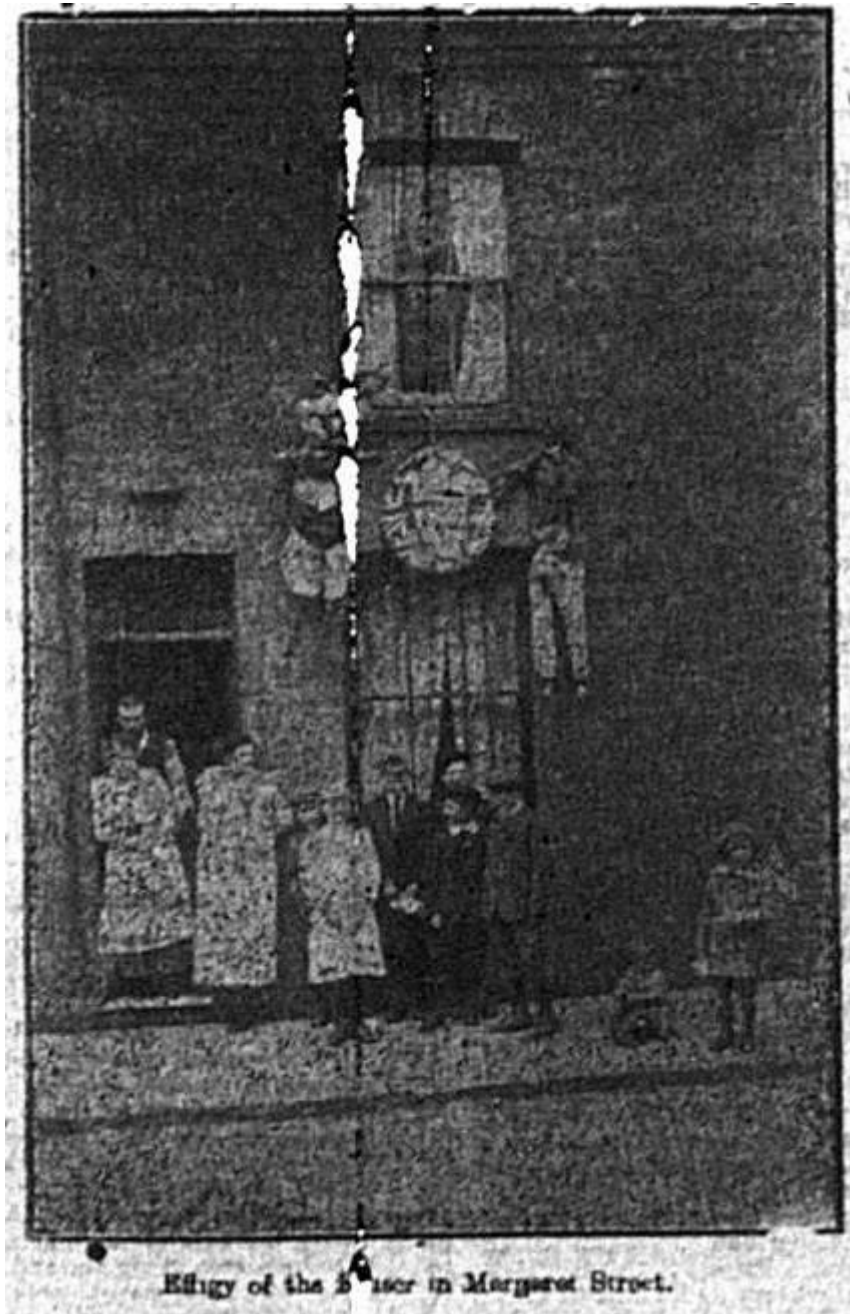
AT THE COALVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The children at the Coalville Grammar School had a good day, Mr A. Rigby (headmaster) and the teachers having arranged a capital programme. The scholars assembled in the school grounds and after the singing of two hymns, Mr Rigby gave a short address. A cricket match followed, between the girls and the boys, but was not finished owing to the rain. Sports also took place in the grounds during the afternoon, and tea was served in the school. In the evening, it was intended to have fireworks and the burning of an effigy of the

Kaiser, but the weather interfered with those arrangements. A fancy dress dance took place in the Harley Hall, prizes for the best dresses being awarded as follows:

Girls: 1 Annie Lockwood, a Scotch girl; 2 Enid Wells, a Red Cross nurse; 3 Eva Smith, Eastern Princess.
Boys: 2 Colver, a Scotch boy; 2 Blood, a Headmaster.

Several parents and friends visited the school in the evening, and witnessed the dancing from the balcony.



Effigy of the Kaiser in Margaret Street.

SNIBSTONE

The children of St. James' Church Sunday school, Snibstone, joined the Coalville children in Marlborough Square for the singing, and afterwards had tea and games in the field adjoining the church, finishing up in the school when the rain came on.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

Peace rejoicings were on a lavish scale, and the town was beautifully decorated. The grand parade toured the principal streets to the Bath Grounds, headed by band playing patriotic airs. The procession included members of the Urban Council, demobilised soldiers and sailors, members of friendly societies and public bodies. Tea was partaken of in a large marquee by soldiers, old folks and children. A programme of sports was gone through, and at intervals a massed choir gave a musical programme under the direction of Mr G. D. Orchard, there being also displays of dancing and drilling by the girls of the Grammar School. Interest centred in a cricket match between Woodville and Ashby Hastings club. In the evening there was a torchlight procession and fireworks. Each school child is to be the recipient during the early part of next week of a medal and ribbon. The arrangements were controlled by a committee, of which Colonel German, D.S.O., was the chairman, and Mr W. E. Jennings, hon. secretary.

A torchlight procession, which could not be held on Saturday owing to rain, took place on Monday, and, notwithstanding short notice, the event was, perhaps, the most enjoyable of any of the rejoicings. Prizes were offered for the best character dresses, and the judging took place during a halt at the Town Hall, where, under the glare of many torches, the costumes, as well as the wearers, were much admired. After marching to the Bath Grounds, a salute was fired with bombs, and a firework display followed.

BELTON

Although Belton has suffered somewhat heavily in the war, and has given the lives of nine of her gallant sons in the struggle, the villagers entered whole-heartedly into the celebrations. The Vicar (Rev. H. C. Deane), members of the Parish Council, Mr Albert Moore, R.D.C., and a large number of ladies, had for some time been working out the arrangements for the day, with the result that a successful demonstration, gay with a profuse display of British and Allied colours, was followed by a substantial repast to the demobilised soldiers, the aged people, and the children.

RAVENSTONE

The procession at Ravenstone was led by Major Hatchett, J.P., Mrs Hatchett and party in a conveyance, and the Hugglescote Town Band. Some amusement was caused by a number of residents in comic dress, who afterwards played a cricket match in Mr H. M. Hewes' field (kindly lent), where the sports took place. Tea was served to the children on the field and the old people, widows and ex-servicemen sat down to a good tea in the school. Major Hatchett was president, and the Rev. A. S. Dowling (Rector) chairman of the committee, with Mr George Harris, secretary, and the money they received in voluntary contributions was ample to meet the cost.

SWANNINGTON

There were some novel and interesting features in the doings at Swannington. The children paraded the village in the afternoon and great amusement was caused by the comic characters in the procession. Prizes were offered for the best fancy dress and these were won by the following:

Girls: 1 Emily Fox; 2 Gertrude Gilbert and Dorothy Jones; 3 Ruby Tranthem.

Boys: 1 J. Springthorpe and C. Jones; 2 A Walker; 3 A. Brewin.

Tea was provided for the children at the National School, and a sports programme in the recreation ground followed. There was also a large sitting down to a public meat tea. During the afternoon, an effigy of the Kaiser (for which Mr Jones won a prize in the procession) hung from a gibbet in the field, and a notice was attached, bearing these words, "*Kaiser Bill will be executed tonight at 8 o'clock; no flowers by request.*" An enthusiastic committee, with Mr Hy. Jinks, as chairman, and Mr G. Holloway, secretary, carried out the arrangements and collected the necessary money from the parishioners, from whom there was a good response. After the procession in the afternoon, a short address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Robinson, in the field. Before going home the children received buns.

PEGG'S GREEN

The inhabitants of Pegg's Green celebrated victory and peace in right royal fashion, old and young having a very good time. The fancy parade was one of the interesting items of the programme, causing much

excitement and amusement as people recognised friends through the disguise of paint and powder. The judges, Mr Measures, Miss Trussell, Mrs Knighton and Mr Danvers, awarded "Hospital Ward" (Mrs Harvey and party) and the comic band (Mr Edwards, Mr Shepherd and party) first prizes, while other prize winners were: Miss E. Crosen, as a nursemaid, with baby and perambulator; "Darby and Joan" (Misses C. Fewkes and F. Smith); "Rags and Bobs", (Herbert and George Elliott); and "Field Ambulance" (Wilfred Wilton, Misses E. Wilton and E. Davies).

After a procession through the village, the school children were entertained to tea, and later, 50 old residents and disabled soldiers partook of a meat tea. There was also a public meat tea for other residents. Sports of great variety, organised by Miss Trussell, Mr Measures and Mr Danvers took place in the evening, the prizes being both handsome and numerous. In the races for older people, Mrs Richards won a handsome teapot, while Mr J. Wilton won a pipe and tobacco. Light refreshments, sweets and nuts, given to the children, with a short display of fireworks, closed the proceedings of a very happy and successful day.

NEW SWANNINGTON

Prizes offered for the best house and street decorations at New Swannington, caused the villagers to vie with one another in their efforts to produce the best result, and it produced a capital effect on the whole. For street decorations, the winners were:

1 Mrs Holmes; 2 Mrs Pollard; 3 Mrs Rowell.

For house decorations: 1 Mrs Billings; 2 Mrs Bath; 3 Mrs Williamson; 4 Mrs S. Kendrick and 5 Mrs North. Messrs. T. Kendrick, George Hardy and T. Henney acted as judges. The children marched to the Whitwick Market Place and back via Church Lane. A comic band led the procession and much fun was created by a fancy dress parade, for which prizes were awarded. The following were the winners of prizes in the parade:

Horseback: 1 Mr A. Bayliss (Dick Turpin); 2 Miss E. Holmes (Robin Hood); 3 Mr A. Williamson (Clown).

Vehicle: 1 Miss E. Brown and party (V.A.D.); 2 Miss A. Taylor and party (Britannia); 3 Miss Waterfield.

Comic: 1 Mr F. Smith (Demobilised); 2 Mr L. Smith (Charlie Chaplin); 3 Mr T. Rowell (New Woman).

Original: 1 Mrs Bayley (Scotchman); 2 Mrs J. Mundy (House Wanted); 3 Mrs E. Shepherd (Nurse).

Children's Fancy Dress: 1 Connie King; 2 Edith Smith; 3 Freda Smith.

Boats: 1 Master G. Mundy; 2 Master H. Waterfield; 3 Master D. Bradley.

Children's Carriage: 1 W. Mundy; 2 A. Billings; 3 M. Henson.

Children's Cycle: 1 A. Waterfield; 2 Louie Henson; 3 S. Waterfield.

Tea was served to the children (over 200) in Mr Bath's field, and there was a spread for the ex-service men, a public tea at a nominal charge also being attended by over 220 residents. A good sports programme was afterwards carried out and Mr Palmer, of the Queen's Head, Thornborough, greatly pleased the youngsters by lending his donkey for free rides. Mr O. Geary was chairman of the local committee, with Mr A. Webster, secretary, and Mr F. Bradley, treasurer. They were greatly encouraged by the response to their appeal for money for the event, this little hamlet raising over £21 for the purpose.

WHITWICK

"Peace Day" was celebrated here in true Whitwick style. Not for many a long day have the fine old bells rang out from the ancient church tower as they did during Saturday afternoon. A full peal of 5,040 was rung in 2 hours 55 minutes, the ringers being Messrs. F. Middleton, W. Fern (conductor), S. W. West, J. Cadle, T. Belcher, J. Rawson, J. A. Moulton and F. Boam. The decorations were very effective. The first prize went to Messrs. Briers and Bonser (Leicester Road), the second to Mr Squires (Three Crowns Hotel), and the third to Mr George West (Conservative Club).

Suitable mottoes were displayed at numerous points and there were many flags flying. From one of the houses in Silver Street hung an effigy of the Kaiser with a card attached, "Lost, 1914." The judges were: Mrs Burkitt, Mrs Aris, Mr E. Aris (secretary to the committee) and Mr J. W. Eagles. The procession of ex-servicemen, children and Scouts was marshalled by Dr. Burkitt and led by the Whitwick Holy Cross Band. At the head was carried a laurel wreath round the words, "Lest we forget," as a tribute to the fallen. The tea for the children took place in the Range Field off Silver Street, and the old people, discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors, Scouts, bell-ringers, and the Band had their tea in the National School. In the evening when the sports prizes were presented by the Rev. T. W. Walters (chairman of the committee) and Father

O'Reilly, there was also a presentation of a gold chain, on behalf of the residents of Whitwick, to Mr Walford Stinson (son of Mr Wm. Stinson, of the Dumps) in recognition of him having won the Military Medal. There was a capital response to the appeal for funds, the cost of the proceedings being met by voluntary contributions.

THRINGSTONE

Thringstone children paraded in the school yard at two o'clock, and marched to the Village Hall where an excellent tea for them was provided at three o'clock. At four o'clock the old people, ex-service men and others had their repast and at five o'clock there was a public tea at a charge of 2/- per head. The evening was devoted to sports in Mr Illsley's field, and a short devotional service. The cost of the festivities was borne by voluntary contributions.

COLEORTON

The Coalville Coronation Band head a procession at Coleorton, where the children afterwards had tea in the school, and then went to the Hall field for games and sports. The arrangements also included a bonfire and fireworks and the Band played for dancing. The picturesque grounds of the Hall were a scene of much animation, a meat tea being provided there for the discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors. The cost was met by the voluntary contributions of the villagers, there being a splendid response both in money and kind to the appeal of the committee, of which the Rev. H. Robinson (Rector) was chairman, and Mrs Tabor (Coleorton Hall) secretary. There were several decorations in the village, and a good display of flags.

IBSTOCK

The children from the various Sunday Schools at Ibstock, met in Church Avenue, on Saturday afternoon and, after being marshalled in order of procession, proceeded along High Street, Chapel Street, Melbourne Road and Crown Lane round the village. It was one of the best processions ever seen in Ibstock. Upwards of sixteen hundred children took part, headed by the Excelsior Band, under Bandmaster Chas. Godfrey, and the Church Lads Brigade Bugle Band. The Rector (the Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.) the Baptist pastor (the Rev. Hy. Cowling), Councillor W. Eggington, J.P., Messrs. W. Dunstan and F. W. Stevens, assisted by members of the Peace Committee and Sunday School teachers, marshalled the procession, which was nearly half a mile in length, and included many decorated vehicles conveying the infants. Miss Irene Howitt, Church Sunday School, and Miss Thurza Grey, Wesleyan Sunday School, carried a banner bearing the words, "Welcome Boys; thank you Boys; God bless you Boys" at the head of the Sunday Schools, and there was a fine display of flags and other banners with appropriate wordings, carried by the other scholars. At various points en route the children sang the hymns and patriotic songs, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts", "What can I do for England?" and the National Anthem, Mr F. W. Stevens conducting. The Rector conveyed the King's message of gratitude to the soldiers and sailors on the conclusion of peace, and three cheers were raised by the children at the conclusion of the singing. After the procession, the children were given a tea at the respective Sunday Schools and later proceeded to a field off Locker's Lane, kindly lent by Mr Wm. Rowell, where races and games had been arranged, but owing to the weather turning showery, this was abandoned, and the children were recalled to their schools where they received buns and chocolate. Ibstock was gaily decorated for the peace rejoicings with streamers and bunting, and in Chapel Street, the effigy of the Kaiser was burned later in the evening.

In connection with the peace celebrations, the old people and widows were entertained to tea and concert in the National Schools on Monday. The large room was made particularly inviting by a display of bunting and floral decorations, and after a substantial tea, the men regaled themselves with tobacco, and the women with chocolates, which were presented to them. The Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A., presided over the concert in the evening, and extended a hearty welcome to the guests with an expression of sympathy for those who had suffered bereavement as the result of the terrible war which was now, happily, over. Songs and recitations were contributed by the following and were heartily appreciated by the audience:

Messrs. J. J. Sparrow, W. Morton, W. T. Humble, W. Ottey, P. Bourne, J. Plant, Mrs Bourne, Miss Clarke and Miss Grey. Votes of thanks were passed and heartily accorded, on the proposition of Councillor W. Eggington, seconded by Mr W. Dunstan.

HUGGLESCOTE

Hugglescote on Saturday had one of the finest processions ever seen in the parish. Prizes were offered for the best fancy dress and many of the children were splendidly "got up," while the youngsters generally were beautifully dressed, and with their flags and banners, made a happy throng. In the absence of the local bands, which had accepted engagements elsewhere, Mr T. Bird and Mr R. Cartwright, two old bandsmen, got together a number of their former comrades, and made up an excellent band, which led the procession. This included the Church Lad's Brigade, and two jazz bands organised by boys, which created much amusement. Canon Broughton (vicar), the Rev. C. Barker (Baptist minister) and the staffs of the two day schools also took part in the procession, of which Mr Fellows, headmaster of the Council Schools, had charge. Patriotic songs were sung by the children at The Green, at Donington and at Wilkin's Lane, Mr J. Garrett conducting. After the procession the children went to a field opposite the Baptist Cemetery, kindly lent by Mr J. B. Simons, and were provided with an excellent tea, over a thousand being entertained. The arrangement of the tea was undertaken by the Hugglescote Soldiers' and Sailors' Gift Fund Committee, of which Mr F. J. Wainwright (Church School headmaster) is secretary, and the various religious denominations assisted by sending helpers. The cost was borne by voluntary contributions, which also allowed about £16 to be allocated for sports prizes, Mr J. H. Dean acting as the sports secretary. Unfortunately the sports programme was cut short by the wet weather. A tea to the old people of the parish on a later date is contemplated.

ELLISTOWN

There were no peace celebrations at Ellistown on Saturday, but arrangements have been made to give a tea to the children on the day when commemoration medals are to be provided by the Coalville Urban Council are presented.

MARKFIELD

As a result of voluntary subscription a sufficient sum was obtained to entertain the children of the village right royally. A short service was held on the village green at 2 o'clock, and previous to having tea in Miss Widdowson's field, enjoyed themselves in an adjoining field kindly lent by Mr Biggs. A number of willing helpers were most assiduous in looking after the creature comforts of the youngsters, and in entertaining the mothers and friends subsequently. Unfortunately, the weather at this point was unpropitious, and it was decided to defer the programme of sports till a later date. By the kindness of Mr Birchnall, all the people of 70 years of age and upwards were sumptuously entertained at the Manor House.

GROBY

The celebrations here were stopped by the weather, but the children had tea in the Council School, and also ran races in the cricket field. Boating was indulged in at the Pool. Mrs R. D. Hyde Thomson, of the Pool House, presented each child with sixpence in lieu of medals. A huge bonfire was lighted on Bunny Hill tip, and on Monday evening a display of fireworks on the Recreation Ground finished the festivities.

VICTORY CONCERT BY THE COALVILLE PROGRESSIVE ORCHESTRA

The festivities were resumed at Coalville on Monday night, when the Progressive Orchestra took up a stand in Marlborough Square, and played some excellent selections of music under the conductorship of Mr John Locker. The programme included the following:

March "Indiana" (A. Selnick); violin "Thrills" (C. Ancliffe); cornet solo, "The Rosary" (E. Nevin); Master Wilfred Benistone, grand fantasia; intermezzo, "Rendevous" (W. Alletter); valse "Mello" (E. Wendtenfeld); grand march, "Tannhauser", (Wagner); clarinet solo, "Un Reve" (J. Delafosse); Mr Thornley's overture; "The Bohemian Girl" (Balte); intermezzo, "Hanake" (W. Allersteritz); valse,

It was listened to with appreciation by a large crowd, many of whom were dancing in the Square to the waltz music.

THE FESTIVAL OF VICTORY

STUPENDOUS SCENES OF ENTHUSIASM IN GREATEST PROCESSION OF MODERN TIMES

HOW LONDON GREETED HER WARRIORS

"The most wonderful day of a wonderful year." Such was London's verdict at the conclusion of the Victory Festival in the metropolis. Great preparations had been made for the march past of our victorious troops, and those of our allies, and on Saturday morning last the great population of the premier city of the world was early astir to view the sights – sights such as have never before been seen on so elaborate a scale. Happily Marshal Foch was able to leave France and partake in the procession, thus adding the final touch which made the world's most famous pageant complete.



Trafalgar Square—the hub of the Empire—was thronged throughout the day by enormous crowds.

THE DECORATIONS

The route chosen was from Hyde Park, through Belgravia to the south side, thence through Lambeth and Westminster to Whitehall, and onwards through the Admiralty Arch to the Victoria Memorial (opposite Buckingham Palace), where the King took the salute, and so back to Kensington Gardens via Hyde Park Corner. The whole line of march was gay with flags and flowers, and seats had been arranged all along the scarlet and gold way for the thousands of spectators who witnessed the greatest procession in our history. From the Albert Gate, Hyde Park, the soldiers and the sailors, the men of the sky and the men of the submarines marched beneath balconies richly festooned. From Chesham-place to the northern end of Vauxhall Bridge right gaily did the pylons, wreathed in scarlet and tipped with gold, bear the pennons dancing in the breeze. A simple festoon of flags looped the plane trees from Kennington-road to Lambeth Baths. By Westminster Bridge the soldiers passed between scarlet pylons, and along Whitehall the great Government offices were almost invisible behind the stripes, the stars, and the crosses, the red, the blue, and the green of the flags floating from their windows. Every church in the metropolis possessing bells added its quota to the general rejoicing, and

bands of bellringers visited those churches which had no parochial ringers. The bells of St. Paul's rang from 9 to 10 am. St. Giles's, Cripplegate, one of the most historic City churches, took up the paean of triumph from 10.30 to 11, and the bells of Westminster Abbey started ringing at 11.30, when the procession was approaching.

A most impressive moment was when the procession passed the temporary memorial which has been erected in Whitehall to "The Glorious Dead," and the colours were dipped in honour of those of our greatest heroes who have passed to the Great Beyond.

THE PROCESSION

At the head of the great procession were the Americans, who were attended by a monster military band; in their wake came the Belgians, who were followed by a group of seven mounted Chinese officers, led by General Tang. Next came the Czecho-Slavs, and then the crowd strained itself for an extra display of enthusiasm, for riding behind a group of French Lancers was seen a solitary horseman. In a moment cheer upon cheer rang out, hats and handkerchiefs wildly waved, and Foch came into sight. The welcome to the great Generalissimo of the Allies was tremendous. Following the French troops were the Greeks, under the command of the son of M. Venizelos, the famous patriot, and then the Italians, with the Japanese in rear. Poles, Portuguese, Roumanians, Serbs and Siamese preceded our own band of warriors, at the head of which was Admiral Beatty, who naturally prompted another great outburst of cheering. A score of flag officers

followed, and it is to be noted that among the naval contingent was "Joey," a mascot bull-dog from one of the battleships. Then came a detachment of men of the mercantile marine. Behind the sailors rode Sir Douglas Haig, and the crowd, all unwearied, gave him and the men of all units represented under his command a right royal reception. There were also Australians and South Africans, men of the Army, Service Corps, tanks, trench mortars, V.A.D.'s, W.A.A.C.'s, and men of the Labour Corps, the end of the great pageant, which took something like two hours to pass, being occupied by members of the Royal Air Force.

TAKING THE SALUTE

At the Victoria Memorial, where a white pillared pavilion had been erected, the King (who was accompanied by the Queen and members of the Royal Family, and attended by Mr Lloyd George, Mr Churchill, and Mr Asquith) took the salute. As each of the chief figures in the procession passed the pavilion he fell out of the line and took his place beside the King. Needless to say, as each in turn shook hands with the King, the crowd cheered wildly.

During the luncheon which was given at Buckingham Palace at the conclusion of the procession the King proposed the following toast:

"I drink to the health of the troops of our gallant Allies, whose representatives and leaders I am proud to welcome here to-day."

The luncheon was served in the state dining-room, which was beautifully decorated with red carnations and roses. Varied indeed were the entertainments indulged in during the afternoon and evening.



The Office of Works had erected in Regent's Park, close to the Boat House, a large stage, and here Miss Lydia Kynaht and her company gave a performance. In the evening scenes from Shakespeare were given by the National Organisation of Girl's Clubs. Among other entertainments provided by the League of Arts were Miss Italia Conti's singing and dancing children as fairies in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Hyde Park. Welsh singers in London took part in a choral concert on the Horse Guards' Parade during the afternoon.

A very pleasing incident was when the King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Mary, drove to Hyde Park to listen to the music. Their Majesties' left the Palace in an open carriage, and a most hearty reception was given to the Royal visitors on their entering the park. They first visited singers and dancers at Coalbrookdale Gate, finally being interested spectators of the folk songs and dances given at the Victoria Gate.

The firework display, which opened with only a rocket or two, speedily took the form of a barrage, and it is said that the efforts of the pyrotechnists were of the most wonderful yet attempted. The sky was brilliantly illuminated with the coloured lights of falling stars; exploding rockets, threw out masses of flaming snakes which spiralled hissing to the ground. Of rocket patterns there were over 30, and scores of shells were fired, which on bursting, threw out stars of almost every colour. The day's festivities terminated with the lighting of bonfires, which completed the great chain of flame which encircled the country from Land's End to John o' Groats.

HAIG'S ILLNESS

A slight gloom was cast over the evening's rejoicings when it became known that Sir Douglas Haig had had to be conveyed to his home at Kingston-on-Thames by motor-car owing to indisposition. In view of a mild attack of malaria he has been ordered a few days' rest.

THE GLORIOUS DEAD

After the procession had passed through Whitehall, thousands of people made a pilgrimage to the cenotaph erected there "to the glorious dead," where they passed a moment and silently saluted.

A HANDY VISCOUNT

Viscount Harcourt was among those who rendered efficient and prompt aid when ladies near the Victoria Memorial fainted.

GIRL'S RISKY WALK

Three girls got through a window on to a narrow parapet around the edge of the roof of St. Thomas's mansions – a four-storeyed building. They walked along, while the crowd below watched them breathlessly, until they reached their objective, when they were given an admiring cheer.



CORRESPONDENCE

THE PARISH CHURCH MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Dear Sir, - Will you kindly permit us, through the columns of your paper, to make public announcement to several inquirers, and to draw attention to all interested in this matter.

Most people are aware of the fact that the late Vicar of Coalville, who showed such great interest in our boys, intended to make the South Transept of the Church into a Memorial Chapel, sacred to the memory of those who had made the "supreme sacrifice," whatever their creed might be; also to have the names of the fallen from the entire parish, inscribed there for all time.

Unfortunately, the Vicar was taken from us before the work of engraving the names (of which there are over 100) and which at present is expensive work, will necessitate more funds being raised.

We feel there are at present many people in Coalville, especially those who have lost someone dear to them, who would like to help in this memorial if they had the opportunity; also personal friends of the late Vicar, though not Church people, have expressed a wish, out of regard and esteem for him, to help in the work.

We desire to say that all subscriptions, however small, will be acknowledged, and may be paid to any of the undersigned, or to the Fund at Lloyds Bank.

The Committee ask intending subscribers to be as prompt as possible, so that the work, which will be a continual reminder of our "brave lads" and also of the late Vicar, may be finished as soon as possible.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

E. Orton, Chairman

E. Hagger and G. Peck, Members of Committee

A. G. Wedgwood, Hon. Treasurer

BROOM LEYS

The piano at Broom Leys Hospital realised £15 at the sale on Wednesday.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mrs de Lisle and Miss de Lisle, of Garendon Hall, were guests at the King's Garden Party to war workers at Buckingham Palace last Friday. Miss de Lisle has done a considerable amount of work at the War Office and Admiralty during the war, and with Mrs de Lisle was very assiduous in seeing to the comfort of the Mounted Brigade which was camped in Garendon Park, lent free by Colonel de Lisle.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS

Owing to the wet on Peace Day, adjourned peace celebrations were continued last Saturday at Coalville West End. A huge bonfire was lit by Mr G. Deacon at 10 pm with an effigy of the Kaiser in the centre. Patriotic songs were sung by a huge crowd of west-enders, including "O King of Kings." Humorous songs, in character, were rendered by Mr W. A. Burton, comedian, one fine comic being "Don't get the wind up, Walter."

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution announce that 5,300 lives have been saved by the lifeboats since the outbreak of war?

Sir David Beatty will receive the honorary freedom of the borough of Grimsby on Tuesday next week?

Mr and Mrs J. Harriman entertained 200 aged people of Shepshed to a peace tea at the Charnwood Road Schools, and gave each guest 2/-?

WHITWICK WAR WIDOW'S HASTY MARRIAGE

MAGISTRATES REFUSE A SEPARATION ORDER

A REMARKABLE LETTER

Some remarkable features were disclosed in a case before the Coalville magistrates on Friday, when Frederick Saunders (40), striker, late of Coalville, was summoned for the desertion of his wife, Catherine Saunders, of Whitwick, who applied for a maintenance order. Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) appeared for the defendant.

Complainant said she was married to defendant on December 4th last, her previous husband having been killed in the war at the Persian Gulf. On December 9th, defendant returned to the Army, and she had separation allowance. He was demobilised in May, and in consequence of tales put about by his sisters, which were untrue, he had not returned to her. She had four children by her previous marriage and had worked hard to keep them.

By Mr Crane: *She was married by the late Vicar at Coalville Church by special license within 48 hours of meeting defendant. It was a quick marriage. She took him out of pity that he might have a home to come to. She admitted writing the following letter to him while he was in France:*

"No. 20, Talbot Street, Whitwick, Leicestershire. – Fred – I am writing to tell you I have done with you. Cast me off your mind, as I can never live happy with you. Come home to get a divorce as soon as possible, as our marriage is a failure. I could not see my children turn from me for a man like you. So let me know where I can send your things to, as I don't require them. I know I shall not get my pay back, but I can see my comfort with my children. So, Fred, you can draw your Government pay in as soon as possible, as I can fall on my children's. I have enquired of a good many and there is not one out of 20 that speaks well of you, and my children have turned against you. I think you would be best single again, as you do not understand keeping children, and I will keep to my children for the dear man that give his life up for them. I could not live happy with you as you are too drunken, and I am not going to have my mind upset on drink. So, Fred, do your best, and turn from us, as it will all be for the best. – I remain, Kate. Keep this letter for a purpose."

Mr Crane submitted that in the face of that letter, he had no case to answer. The Bench agreed and dismissed the case.

ELLISTOWN

PEACE CELEBRATIONS

A public meeting was held in the Council Schools, Ellistown, on Monday night, convened by Mr T. R. Grundy (overseer) to consider arrangements for a tea for the children to celebrate Peace. Mr R. Blower presided, and in the course of considerable discussion it was suggested that old people 65 years and over should be included, also the returned soldiers and sailors. – It was pointed out that the ex-service men in the urban area, which included Ellistown, were to be provided for at a "Welcome Home" being arranged by the Coalville Urban Council, but it was ultimately decided to call a further public meeting on Friday night to decide whether Ellistown should go in for the larger scheme, or arrange a treat for the children only.

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COALVILLE PEACE CELEBRATIONS

The balance sheet in connection with the Coalville Peace Celebrations shows: Subscriptions £99/11/9; Expenditure: Provision £81/14/3, printing £2/5/0, sports £11/15/0, band £2/2/0, scouts £1/1/0, sundries 14/6, Total £99/11/9. Signed, J. W. Farmer, Frank Goddard and Leonard Baldwin.

IBSTOCK

DISCHARGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS

The first general meeting of the local branch of the National Federation was held in the National Schools on Thursday evening last. Upwards 120 members were enrolled, including several ladies. The Rector (Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.) president of the branch, congratulated the members on the fact that the Government had now put pensions on a basis of right instead of as a favour. This was a great step forward. The scale had also been materially increased. He also congratulated them on the success attending their recent whist drive and dance, and upon the strength of the branch. Mr Simpson said they had met the executive of the Coalville branch, and discussed the question of forming a separate branch at Ibstock. They had a membership equal to Coalville, and their income would be the same. He proposed they form a branch accordingly. Mr T. Bryden seconded. Mr Pyke urged they would have a larger membership by being federated to Coalville. Mr A Eggington asked what his position would be if he joined Ibstock branch and lived elsewhere. He urged they should form a definite branch at Ibstock. The reply was that he would have the advantage of belonging to any branch in the federation, and enjoy its advantages anywhere in the country. Mr Brown said if they joined Coalville it meant a good deal of work for them in having to run over to Coalville with any cases they wished to get attended to. Coalville started with only 18 to 20 men and did not appear to progress for some time, whereas Ibstock had a large number of keen members already. They were more likely to keep going if they started a branch at Ibstock. The proposition that they can form a separate branch at Ibstock was carried unanimously. The proceeds of the whist drive reported as amounting to £46/18/3 ½ after all expenses had been paid.

Mr Pike said Coalville had been very good in helping them get into working order, and he proposed they ask Coalville to endorse their application for the branch to become affiliated to the federation. Mr J. Brown seconded, and it was agreed. Mr W. Smith urged that they should at once take steps to get a room for meetings, and it was agreed that the committee should enter into negotiations with the landlord of the old Conservative Club-rooms. The following were elected a committee: Messrs. T. Brown, Potterton, T. V. Simpson, F. Preston, Bryden, C. Smith, F. Pike, J. Riley, W. Henson, J. Lewis, with the Rector, as president, and Mr P. Heath, secretary, and W. Smith, treasurer. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded the ladies for their help, and Mrs Agnew briefly responded.

CRICKET ON THE RHINE

LIEUT. W. E. ASTILL IN GREAT FORM

Lieut. W. E. Astill, the Leicestershire cricketer, who is with the 29th Machine Gun Corps with the army on the Rhine, is playing fine cricket. On Wednesday, his battalion played the 1/5th Yorkshire and Lancashire and gained an overwhelming victory. The Yorks and Lancs, were all out for 28, and the M.G.C. scored 222 for four wickets, Astill took seven wickets for 8, and scored 97 not out.

On Tuesday, the M.G.C. were engaged with the 1/6 Yorks and Lancs, the match of the season on the Rhine, this battalion of the Yorks and Lancs having won all their 15 matches hitherto. Batting first, the M.G.C. were dismissed for 102, but the opposition were all dismissed for 27. Astill's share of the wickets was five for 8. The result placed the two teams level in the Rhine League, each having lost one match.

Astill has received invitations to play in two important matches in England – for the Army v R.A.F. at the Oval on August 15th and 16th, and for the Army and Navy v Leveson-Gower's XI, at Lord's, on August 26th, 27th and 28th.

HEATHER

PARISH CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL

With the object of raising funds towards the purchase and erection of a new organ for the Parish Church, a sale of work, and garden fete were held at "Highfield" (by kind permission of Mr H. J. Ford), on Wednesday 30th ult. The event was favoured with beautiful weather, and a large number of people was present. The Rector (Rev. H. Standidge) at the opening of the proceedings, apologised for the absence of Major, the Hon.

O. Guest, M.P., who he said, had promised to be with them that day, but was prevented on account of illness. He then went on to refer to the objects of that gathering, saying it was proposed to erect a new organ in the Parish Church in place of the old one in use, which after 40 years' service was getting worn out. It was intended to make the new organ a memorial to those who had fallen in the war, and he hoped everyone would work quickly to collect the necessary funds, and give generously to the scheme. The Rector then asked Mr H. J. Ford to open the sale. Mr Ford, in reply, said he fully endorsed the late speaker's remarks, and expressed the hope that all who were present that day would open both their hearts and their purses, in order that a substantial sum might be raised. He then declared the proceeding open.

The sale was well patronised, between £40 and £50 being taken at the stalls. There were various other attractions, including concerts, the programme being provided by Mr J. Goddard, humourist, of Leicester. A palmist was in attendance in the rose garden, and proved a great attraction. There were competitions of different kinds. The Ibstock Town Band played selections of music at intervals, and for dancing in the evening. The receipts for the day amounted to over £100.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of William Massey, 1/5th Leicesters, killed in France, August 9th, 1915, aged 19 years and 7 months.

From his loving Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters, Whitwick.

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CLUB DINNER AND PROCESSION AT WHITWICK

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TEN MEMBERS KILLED IN THE WAR

The members of the Marquis of Hastings Lodge on Monday held a Memorial Procession and attended a memorial service at the Whitwick Parish Church in honour of the ten members of the Society who were killed in the war. The procession, accompanied by the Volunteer Corps, Thringstone Boy Scouts, and the Whitwick Holy Cross Band, paraded from the Society's headquarters to the Vicarage, where they were joined by the Vicar and Choir in their robes. During the procession the Whitwick Society of Bellringers rang a Quarter Peal with bells muffled. Service was conducted in church by the Vicar, who preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "*Greater love hath no man than this - that a man lay down his life for his friends.*"

The Holy Cross Band accompanied the hymn "*O God our help in ages past,*" the "*Dead March in Saul,*" was played by the organist (Mr R. G. West) and Mr D. Martin played the "*Last Post,*" bringing to a close a most impressive service.

After service, the procession, accompanied by the Holy Cross Band, embarked on a "Victory Parade," in honour of the members of the Society who joined the Forces, and who were spared to return home again. En route, the members paid a visit to Bro. Michael McCarthy (Senior Trustee) and there partook of refreshments. After parading the principal streets in Whitwick and Thringstone, the members returned to their headquarters and partook of a capital dinner, provided by Mr J. Massey, the proprietor.

After dinner, a high-class musical programme arranged by the Whitwick Quartette Party was given. Bro. M. McCarthy was in the chair, supported by the Vicar, Father O'Reilly and Mr J. W. Eagles.

The toasts of the King, and Ministers of all Christian Churches, were given from the chair and enthusiastically received. Musical honours were accorded the Rev. T. W. Walters and the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly on rising to reply.

Father O'Reilly unveiled the Society's Roll of Honour, and paid an eloquent tribute to the deeds of valour of the Army and Navy, especially mentioning the three Military Medallists of the Society, Bros. R. Berrington, R. C. Whitmore and T. Bailey.

The chairman proposed the best thanks of the Society be accorded to Mr J. W. Eagles, for writing the Roll of Honour, free of cost, to the Society, and on rising to reply, Mr Eagles was accorded musical honours.

The toast of the Marquis of Hastings Lodge was submitted by Mr Eagles. The Secretary replying gave the history of the Society from 1872, showing how the Society had grown and flourished, observing that when Bro. Michael McCarthy joined in 1882, the membership was 17, and the capital under £5, whereas at the present time, the membership was 440 and the funds available, £3,300. The secretary mentioned that the turning point in the Society's career, was undoubtedly due to the interest and business abilities that Bro. M. McCarthy brought to bear on the Society when he became a member.

Bro. Walter Waterfield, in proposing the vote of thanks to the chairman, said it was undoubtedly due to the fact that Bro. McCarthy being a member of the Society, that it had made such progress. The toast to the Host and Hostess, and the singing of the National Anthem, brought to a close, a day to be remembered by the Society.

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COPT OAK PEACE REJOICINGS

Not for many years has there been such a successful gathering in the parish as that on the occasion of the peace rejoicings held on Saturday, in a field kindly lent by Mr Brooks. With Mr Page at the head as an indefatigable secretary of a hard-working committee, everything was carried out without a hitch. The demobilised soldiers, with their wives or fathers and mothers of fallen and absent soldiers, all the people over 60 years of age, and the sick of the ecclesiastical parish, totalling over 200, were entertained to a splendid meat tea. The children, numbering about 140, also had tea.

A hearty welcome to the returned soldiers (numbering about 70), was given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Gannell) and Mr Page. The subsequent proceedings were witnessed by a great crowd of visitors, including Lady Joyce and Mrs Lillington. A capital sports programme was admirably carried out, under the superintendence of Mr Kidger and Mr E. Bowley. The following were winners in the various events:

Tug-of-War (Final) – Copt Oak beat Shaw Lane.

Pillow Fight (Senior): 1 E. Holman; 2 E. Fisher.

Pillow Fight (Junior): 1 F. Baker; 2 T. Wells.

Tug-of-War (Ladies): Copt Oak beat Shaw Lane.

Rabbit Race: 1 L. Lillington; 2 G. Handley; 3 H. Brooks; 4 F. Baker

50 Yards (Boys under 7): 1 E. Hardy; 2 J. Edwards; 3 W. Partner; 4 E. Moore

50 Yards (Girls under 7): 1 A. Kidger; 2 I. Partner.

70 Yards (Boys under 16): 1 G. Kidger; 2 T. Crane; 3 W. Duffield; 4 B. Gibbins

70 Yards (Girls under 10): 1 F. Page; 2 M. Neale; 3 K. Ennis; 4 P. Edwards.

Threading Needle Race: 1 H. Leeson; 2 E. Pepper; 3 W. Leeson.

Egg and Spoon Race (ladies): 1 Mrs Gibbins; 2 Mrs Heggs; 3 Mrs Bainbridge.

3-Legged Race (Boys): 1 J. Cadle and H. Brooks; 2 J. Atkins and J. Turner; 3 L. Wells and H. Pearce.

Wheelbarrow Race (Soldiers): 1 Messrs Hawkins and Roberts; 2 Messrs Thorneycroft and Marston; 3 Messrs. Pearson and Holman.

Threading Needle Race (Ladies): 1 Mrs Bainbridge; 2 Mrs Partner; 3 Mrs Whitby.

3-Legged Race (Girls): 1 A. Shelton and V. Crane; 2 E. Shelton and E. Brooks; 3 P. Edwards and A. Geary.

100 Yards (Boys under 14): 1 H. Mason; 2 W. Elbs; 3 E. Hull; 4 A. Mason.

100 Yards (Girls under 14): 1 F. Wilson; 2 V. Crane; 3 A. Shelton; 4 D. Thorneycroft and A. Windram (tie).

Girl's Race: 1 D. Townsend; 2 E. Draper; 3 F. Edwards.

Fortunately, after a stormy afternoon, the weather cleared, and materially contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable evening, during which the Thornton Band played selections, and for dancing. A display of fireworks formed an attraction.

The funds for the tea and attractions had been generously provided by a local voluntary contribution, which realised nearly £50, and at the conclusion, Mr Page warmly thanked the donors, and especially eulogised all who had contributed to make the proceedings so thoroughly successful, mentioning Mr and Mrs R. Walton and Mr Brooks. "The King" ended a day which will be long remembered in Copt Oak.

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CONCERT

A successful concert was given in the Coalville Wesleyan School on Wednesday evening, in connection with the local branch of the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors. Mr T. Warden presided over a large attendance. A capital programme included pianoforte selections by Miss G. J. Ducker, concertina solos by Mr T. Elsworth, songs by Mrs Baugh, Mr W. Reece, Mr Egan, Miss Anderson, Mr Grewcock (humorous), Miss Finch, Mr H. Hallam, and Mr G. Bevan, and duets by Mr and Mrs W. Smith and Miss F. Butler and Miss H. Vendy.

WELCOME TO EX-SERVICEMEN

A meeting of the committee, which is making arrangements for the public welcome to ex-service men in the Coalville urban area was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, Mr J. W. Farmer, J.P., presiding. Various committees were formed and arrangements made for a public appeal for funds. If the response is satisfactory, it is proposed that the "welcome" shall take the form of a dinner, sports, and tea, with a concert in the evening. It is estimated that there are about 1,500 men to be catered for. Mr L. L. Baldwin was appointed hon. secretary and Mr B. B. Drewett, chairman of the Finance Committee.

The committee's appointed were:

Finance: Revs. T. W. Walters and M. J. O'Reilly, Mr A. J. Briers (Whitwick), Messrs W. Eames, B. B. Drewett and H. Brown (Coalville), T. H. Hatchett, F. Griffin and W. Andrews (Hugglescote), J. T. Bellamy, R. Blower and E. Gough (Ellistown).

Catering: Messrs. H. Taylor and J. Gutteridge (Coalville); A. J. Briers and T. W. Bourne (Whitwick), T. Hatter and W. Meadows (Hugglescote); and T. R. Grundy and S. Armson (Ellistown).

Amusements: Messrs. A. Clay, H. Gledhill, J. Wootton, G. Brooks, F. Cook, J. Tivey, and A. T. Bertenshaw.

HUGGLESCOTE

AN EX-GUARDSMAN'S WEDDING

At the Hugglescote Parish Church, on Monday, August 4th, the marriage took place of Mr Benjamin Grew of Swannington, and Miss Elsie Barratt, of North Street, Hugglescote, Canon Broughton officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was becomingly attired in a dress of ivory crepe de chine silk, with wreath of orange blossom and veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies and carnations. The bridesmaids, Misses Nellie and Doris Barratt, (sisters of the bride), wore dresses of white voile, and white hats trimmed with pink roses and net, and carried bouquets of pink and white carnations. Mr Percy Savage acted as best man.

During the war, the bride was in the employ of the Midland Railway Co., being in charge of a signal box for about 12 months. The bridegroom served with the Grenadier Guards for 4 ½ years, and after seeing much active service in France, was severely wounded in 1916.

The bridesmaids received presents from the bridegroom, one a gold locket and chain, and the other a gold dress ring. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Unitarian Hall. The happy couple were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Ellistown children are to have their "peace" tea and sports next Wednesday?

The War Office announces that since the Armistice 108,511 officers and 2,649,900 men have been demobilised, and 19,168 officers and 167,176 men discharged medically unfit?

ASHBY URBAN COUNCIL

GERMAN GUN OFFERED AS WAR TROPHY

The clerk read a letter from the secretary of the War Office Trophies Committee, in which it was stated that on the recommendation of the Lord-Lieutenant of the county, and the officer commanding the 6th and 7th battalions Leicestershire Regiments, they were asked to take charge of a 100mm gun captured from the Germans by the 6th and 7th Leicesters.

The chairman suggested that they should accept the offer, but Mr Tugby advised the Council to decline the offer, on the ground that it would add to the sorrows of those who had suffered great loss in the war, if they had it in the town. The chairman pointed out that they were only asked to take charge of a gun captured by the local regiments. He thought time would heal the wounds Mr Tugby referred to. Mr Tugby said he had only voiced the feeling of the townspeople. Eventually, it was agreed to adjourn the question until the feeling of the people had been discovered.

Friday August 22nd 1919 (Issue 1433)

“WELCOME HOME”

Arrangements for the “Welcome Home” to the ex-service men of the Coalville Urban District are being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, several committees being hard at work. The number of men to be entertained will probably be from 1,700 to 2,000, and it is proposed to provide them with dinner, followed by sports, tea, and a concert in the evening. To enable them to do the thing in a manner befitting the occasion, the committee will require at least £1,000, and as this is to be raised by voluntary contributions, it is expected that the public will respond liberally when the collectors call. The urban area has been divided into small districts and collectors appointed for each. They are commencing the collection today (Friday) and hope to get the bulk of it done during the week end. We are asked to state that all men who were in the Forces whose homes were at Coalville while they were serving, but who may have gone to live elsewhere since, and any who may have come to live at Coalville since leaving the Forces, are eligible to participate. The committee are anxious to make it as comprehensible as possible and that no one should be overlooked. If there are any who have not received forms, they can get them from Mr L. L. Baldwin, at the Council Offices, and Mr Baldwin will be pleased to give all possible information to anyone requiring it. It may also be mentioned that in the arrangements to welcome the men who have returned those who have fallen are not to be forgotten. The proceedings are to include some fitting form of tribute to the local men who made the supreme sacrifice.

COALVILLE SOLDIER’S DEATH AT MONS

The death occurred in hospital at Mons, on October 19th, 1918, of Lance-Corporal Martin Eames, 1st Leicesters, who was taken prisoner at Merchres, on March 22nd, 1918. His wife and their 8 year old boy reside at 32, Gutteridge Street, Coalville, and Mrs Eames has been officially informed through the Lichfield Records Office.

Deceased formerly was employed in the electric engine-house at the Whitwick Colliery, and voluntarily joined the Army in January, 1915. He wrote to his wife on October 12th from a prisoner’s of war camp, and stated that he was then well. It appears that his death occurred six days after writing the letter. Much sympathy will be felt for the widow and child.

The deceased soldier was a well-known member of the Coalville Men’s Adult School, and was one of Mr T. Frith’s old boys of the Belvoir Road School.

"FOR VALOUR"

COLLIERS' PRESENTATION TO A LOCAL SOLDIER

An interesting event on Tuesday was a presentation to Sergeant Percy Marper, of the 6th Sherwood Foresters, who is now in Wharecliffe Hospital, Sheffield. The gift was from his former fellow workmen and took the form of a gold watch, with the following inscription:

"Presented to Sergt. P. Marper, D.C.M. by the officials and workmen of Birley Collieries, for valour, June, 1919."

Sergeant Marper was formerly employed at the Birley Collieries. He is a brother of Mr Seth Marper, of Wilkins Lane, Hugglescote, with whom he was staying on a visit a short time ago. He was with the 46th Division from August, 1914, through the war, and was wounded just before the Armistice was signed.

He took part in many engagements, having some thrilling experiences and in recognition of his bravery and valuable services he was awarded the D.C.M.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The committee of the Coalville Co-Operative Society have decided to give £100 towards the expenses of the Soldiers' and Sailors' "Welcome Home" at Coalville?

Ex-Service men in Loughborough have formed a branch of the National Union of Ex-Service Men and at the inaugural meeting appointed Mr D. Harris, R.N., and Mr C. Bowler, R.M.E., to act as joint secretaries?

In the match with Derbyshire last week, which Leicestershire won just on time, Major A. T. Sharp, by a peculiar coincidence, scored the same number of runs in each innings – 44?

The "Peace Medals" which are being provided for school children in the area by the Coalville Urban Council, have arrived, and the Ellistown children received theirs on Wednesday?

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private T. Marriott, Northumberland Fusiliers, who was killed in action, August 23rd, 1918. Aged 23 years.

*"When last we saw his smiling face
He looked so strong and brave
We little thought how soon he would
Be laid in a far-off grave."*

From his Mother and Father, Sister and Brothers, 10, New Breach Road, Hugglescote.

In affectionate remembrance of our dear son and brother, L. S. Alfred John Wilson Allen, Hood Battalion, 63rd R.N.D. who was killed in action in France, August 21st, 1918. Aged 26 years.

*"He bravely answered duty's call,
He gave his life for one and all.
A loving son, a brother kind
A beautiful memory left behind."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Arthur Ottey, 7th Leicesters, who was killed in action on August 22nd, 1918. Aged 23 years.

*"When last we saw his smiling face
He looked so strong and brave
We little thought how soon he would
Be laid in a far-off grave."*

From his Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers and Fiancee.

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A BELTON "WELCOME HOME"

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ENTERTAINED

The inhabitants of this ancient parish, formerly a market town, and widely noted for its great horse fair, have demonstrated in thorough British style, their admiration of those who from the parish have been serving in any of H.M. Forces in the great European War.

The welcome took place on Tuesday, in the National School, which was decorated with great effect suitable to the occasion. The organisation was undertaken by a committee formed from the two committees responsible for the peace celebrations promoted by the local cricket and football clubs, Mr A. Moore being chairman. Messrs. J. Jeffcoat, G. S. Moore and T. Wainwright, were joint secretaries. An excellent band of workers was associated with the event, and much credit is deserved by the lady helpers for their assistance.

A substantial hot dinner was served, the provision for which was very generous, Mr A. Moore giving a fat calf, Mr J. Brooks a fat lamb, and gifts of vegetables were received from Mr F. Elliott and others. A very commendable feature of the welcome was that towards the funds (with one exception) the whole of the expenditure was subscribed by the inhabitants of the parish. The catering was most ably carried out by Mr C. Wainwright, of the George Inn, and Mr J. Hammond, of the Queen's Head Inn, Mr James Gilbert, undertaking, with great success, the cooking details, and a note of praise must be given for the excellence of the plum pudding.

About 100 attended this bountiful welcome, over which Mr A. Moore presided, and included in this number were 40 out of the 66 who had gone from the parish to serve in the great war; some were not yet demobilised, whilst ten comrades are numbered amongst the fallen heroes, and to whose memory a solemn tribute was accorded.

After a short adjournment, the company again assembled, the chairman opening the proceedings with the loyal toasts, the National Anthem being sung. Mr G. Moore rendered the song, *"Gentlemen, the King."* – The toast of *"The Imperial Forces"* was proposed by Mr H. G. W. Howe, who remarked on the exceeding great difficulties experienced by all the forces of the empire in the late war; how the nation was indebted to the gallant men who had so bravely fought for their country, crushing the efforts of the enemy to invade our shores, and more than echoing Nelson's words, *"Every branch of the service with heroism doing its duty in the struggle to secure victory for us and those who are to follow."*

Lieut. J. H. Green and Sergt.-Major Peach (Leicestershire Yeomanry) responded, the former having seen considerable service in the war, spoke from personal knowledge of the pluck of the British soldier, and Sergt.-Major Peach referred to the altered circumstance of warfare to what existed at the time of the South African War, in which he served. Mr J. Rose followed with a song, *"The Soldier's Grave."*

The Rev. H. C. Dean (Vicar of Belton), in a most appropriate speech, gave the toast of *"The Soldiers' and Sailors' of Belton,"* the speaker's remarks being heartily approved. Dr. Bell, in feeling terms, proposed *"Our fallen comrades,"* the company showing respect by standing in silence. The toast of *"The Donors and Subscribers,"* was very ably proposed by Mr G. S. Moore, and responded to in a very witty speech by Mr R. Dean, and the chairman, Mr E. Newbold, giving the next song.

Mr James Gilbert gave the toast of *"The Visitors,"* to which Mr H. G. W. Howe responded, expressing much pleasure at the opportunity of being present at such a patriotic event, and complimented the committee on

the perfection of the arrangements. A good old song, "*My pretty Jane*," was sung by Mr G. S. Moore and encored. "*The Press*" was proposed by the chairman, Mr Howe replying. The chairman proposed the toast of "*The Secretaries*," which was received with enthusiasm. He stated that the work had been considerable, but their energy had produced great satisfaction. Mr J. Jeffcoat responded, and said their duties had been made pleasant by the happy assistance from so many. "*The Soldier's Farewell*," was sung by Mr G. S. Moore.

The toast of "*The Chairman*," was given by Lieut. J. H. Green, and was received with musical honours. The proposer said the chairman had put great interest in the proceedings, and in reply Mr Moore said his share of the welcome had been much encouraged by the heartiness of all who had been associated with the desire to pay a well-deserved honour to the men of Belton.

During the proceedings, a pleasant incident was introduced by Private J. King, who referred to the generous forwarding of parcels to the Belton men at the Front, and said he desired to pay a personal tribute to Mr John Cufflin for his organising of the despatch of the parcels. Mr Hubert Smith ably officiated at the piano.

In due course a balance sheet will be issued of the receipts and expenses. The National Anthem closed an historical event, which will be long remembered by Beltonians.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS AT ELLISTOWN

PROCESSION, TEA AND SPORTS

CHILDREN PRESENTED WITH MEDALS

Ellistown people were the last in the Coalville district to celebrate peace, but Wednesday's proceedings were none the less hearty on that account. About 500 children were provided with tea, after which they were presented with medals, and had sports in the evening. The youngsters assembled in Mrs Black's field, where short addresses were given by the Rev. G. R. Terry (Vicar) and the Rev. J. Hayhoe, and hymns were sung in tribute to the local men who had laid down their lives.

The Desford Industrial School Band accompanied the singing, and afterwards led a procession through the village. Many of the residents displayed flags, and the board near the hotel, containing the names of local men who have fallen, was covered with flowers.

The tea was served in the Council School, and the merry shouts and laughter of the children indicated that they were having a very happy time. After tea, all the children of school age were presented with medals by Mr T. H. Hatchett (headmaster Council Schools) and Mrs Lagoe (headmistress Church Schools). The medals, provided by the Coalville Urban Council, are of pretty design, the figure of a dove, bearing an olive branch, surmounting the base of the medal, on which is the emblem of victory. The inscription is "*Peace 1919*," and on the reverse side, "*Coalville peace celebrations*." The medals had only recently arrived, so that while Ellistown children were the last to celebrate peace, they were the first to receive these souvenirs.

After tea, an adjournment was made to Mr E. Gough's field (kindly lent) where a capital programme of sports were carried out, and the Desford Boys' Band enlivened the proceedings with some capital selections. Happily the weather, very wet in the morning, cleared about noon, and was fine for the remainder of the day.

The cost of the festivities was borne by voluntary contributions, Mr T. R. Grundy acting as treasurer, and the arrangements were admirably carried out by a committee, with Mr James Taylor as secretary, and Mr E. A. Gowntage, secretary for the sports.

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COALVILLE'S WELCOME HOME

TO RETURNED SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS'

The arrangements for the "Welcome Home" to discharged and demobilised Soldiers and Sailors in the Coalville Urban District are well in hand and a house-to-house collection to meet the expenses is to be

commenced to-day (Friday). The following is a list of the collectors appointed by the committee, with the districts allotted to them:

Highfield Street, Miss Wood and Mrs Biddle.
Cambridge and Charnwood Street, Miss Hawthorn.
Ashby Road (South side, to colliery), Miss Hagger.
Ashby Road (Beyond the colliery), Mrs Cufflin.
Ashby Road (North side), Mrs J. H. Massey.
Hermitage Road (Bridge to Exotic Nurseries), Mrs Jelley (Bakewell Street)
Hermitage Road (side street to Hotel Street), Mrs Blower.
Belvoir Road (both sides to Berrisford Street), Mrs Sculthorpe and Mrs Spencer.
Belvoir Road (east side to Mr Guy's), Mrs Bagley and Mrs Fitches.
Owen Street, Jackson Street and Marlborough Square, Mrs Mason (Bakewell Street).
Margaret Street, Miss Hale.
Forest Road, Constable Lane and London Road (beyond Fox & Goose), Miss Moore.
London Road (Baptist Church to Fox & Goose), Mrs Harcur.
High Street, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Coleman and Mrs L. L. Baldwin.
Oxford Street, Mrs Smith and Mrs J. W. Fisher.
Albert Road, Victoria Road and Park Road, Miss White and Miss Pearce.
Bakewell Street, Mrs Richards.
Melbourne Street and Berrisford Street, Mrs Hooley and Mrs G. H. Massey.
James Street and Vaughan Street, Mrs J. W. Farmer.
Bridge Road and Scotlands Road, Miss Hagger.
Gutteridge Street, Mrs Allen and Mrs Wildgoose.
Mantle Lane, Marshall's Row and Pickering's Cottages, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Coleman and Mrs L. L. Baldwin.
St. Saviour's Road and Crescent Road (to 100 yards beyond footpath), Miss Wood and Mrs Biddle.
Waterworks Road and Bardon Road, Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Goddard.

Collections have also been appointed for the Hugglescote and Whitwick Wards.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A Coalville soldier, Sapper F. H. Harrison, whose home is at Standard Hill, did remarkably well in the sports promoted by the R.E., R.A.M.C., and A.C.S., at Derindje, in Anatolia, Asia Minor, on August 3rd. He was first in the quarter mile, second in the sack race, second for throwing the cricket ball, first, with Corporal Egginton, in the three-legged race, and his team also won the tug-of-war, beating the R.A.M.C. 2 – 0 in the final.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' MEETING

A meeting of the Coalville branch of the Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation was held in the Club on Hotel Street, on Saturday, Mr A. P. Thomas presiding. The balance sheet was passed, and various matters in connection with the club discussed, the meeting ultimately being adjourned.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The date of Coalville's "Welcome Home" to the returned soldiers and sailors will probably be Saturday, September 20th?

A large shed on Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s Works has been kindly lent by the firm for their dinner, etc. to the ex-service men at the forthcoming "Welcome Home"?

The War Office announces that from the date of the Armistice to August 20th, 131,419 officers and 3,009,745 other ranks had either been discharged or demobilised?

Saturday being the fifth anniversary of the Battle of Mons, a procession was formed from the town to the graves of the British soldiers who fell in the battle?

COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT

"WELCOME HOME" FUND

List of subscriptions of £1, or over, paid to the Treasurer, R. J. Brown, Esq. Notts Bank, Coalville.

Coalville V.A.D. War Hospital Committee	50	0	0
Mr E. Tyler	10	10	0
Mr J. W. Farmer	10	10	0
Mr J. H. Land	10	10	0
Mr A. W. Tyler	10	10	0
Mr H. Gledhill	10	0	0
Mr A. I. White & Mrs White	7	7	0
Coalville & District Charity F.A.	5	5	0
Mr Gutteridge & Mrs Ward	5	5	0
Mr W. Hurst & Mrs Hurst	5	5	0
West End Workingmen's Club	5	5	0
Messrs. Thompson & Hodgkinson	5	5	0
Messrs. The Midland Cycle Co.	5	5	0
Mr J. C. Hunt	5	5	0
Rt. Hon. Sir Matthew I. Joyce	5	5	0
Dr. Wykes	5	5	0
Dr. R. W. Jamie	5	5	0
Mr E. G. Harcus	4	4	0
Messrs. Onions & White	3	3	0
Mr J. A. Johnson	3	3	0
Mr C. E. Fryer	3	0	0
Mr G. F. Hurst	2	2	0
Mr C. W. H. Gutteridge	2	2	0
Mr & Mrs March	2	2	0
Messrs. Richards and Sons	2	2	0
Mr P. W. Moore	2	2	0
Mrs and Miss Gutteridge	2	2	0
Mr J. T. Emery	2	2	0
Mr J. W. Nunley	2	2	0
Mr H. Morris	2	2	0
Mr S. T. Boam	2	2	0
Mr F. H. Perkins	2	2	0
Dr. W. H. Mauding	2	2	0
Mr T. Hatter	2	2	0
Messrs. Goddard and Wain	2	2	0
Mr and Miss Ward	2	2	0
Mr C. E. Crane	2	2	0
Mr C. W. Brown	1	1	0
Mrs Wm. Hurst	1	1	0
Mr D. Marston	1	1	0
Mr R. J. Biddle	1	1	0
Mr F. Rogers	1	1	0
Mr T. Cramp	1	1	0
Mr W. Higgins	1	1	0
Mr W. H. Gibbs	1	1	0
Mr G. F. Sheffield	1	1	0
Mr G. F. Taylor	1	0	0
Mrs J. Casson	1	0	0
Mr W. E. Canner	1	0	0
Mr S. Clamp	1	0	0
Mr G. Thompson	1	0	0
Mr J. Colver	1	0	0

COALVILLE LIBERAL CLUB

WELCOME TO MEMBERS HOME FROM THE WAR

An interesting event in the Progressive Hall at the Coalville Liberal Club on Saturday, was a "welcome home" arranged by the committee, to members of the club who have been serving in the Forces, and have now returned to civil life. A company of 85, with a few friends, sat down to an excellent meat tea, which was provided amid congenial surroundings, the hall being beautifully decorated, while the tables were tastefully set out, flowers and other adornments giving them a very pretty effect. It was evident that no effort had been spared to make it a really enjoyable event to the men who endured the hardships of the war, and much credit was due to the steward, Mr Thomas Kinsey, and his wife, and also to the committee for the excellent arrangements.

The tea was greatly appreciated, as also was a conduct which followed. Mr B. G. Hale, J.P., presided, and in opening the proceedings extended a very cordial welcome to the company on behalf of the club members. He spoke highly of the services they had rendered to their country, and expressed the hope that the peace which had been secured would be lasting, and that every one of them would have a happy and prosperous future. He then submitted the toast of "The King," which was enthusiastically received.

This was followed by a few minutes' silence as a tribute to "Our Glorious Dead," and the scene for the moment was a very impressive one.

The harmony provided was of a first-rate character. The singers were Miss Hannaway, soprano, of Leicester, Mr George Torery, baritone, of Leicester, and Mr Fred Timmins, comedian, of Birmingham. Each rendered several stanzas, all of which were heartily applauded. Mr C. Jones, of Swannington, was the pianist.

During the evening, refreshments and cigarettes were free to the ex-service men, who were evidently very pleased with the kindness shown them, and with the cordiality of their reception. Mr S. Allen proposed a vote of thanks to the committee and to Mr and Mrs Kinsey, all of whom he congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements, remarking that they could wish for nothing better. Mr A. Snooks seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation. The cost was borne by a fund contributed to by members of the club.

BELGIAN NUNS' FAREWELL

LARGE GATHERING AT THE SCOTLANDS TO BID ADIEU

The community of Belgian nuns, who have resided at Coalville for three years, gave a farewell garden party at the Scotlands, Coalville, on Saturday, prior to their returns after exile, to their native land, to take part in the reconstruction of Belgium. Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, who figured prominently in ecclesiastical matters during the war, ordered the Ursuline Order of Nuns to return, and a petition was sent to his Eminence by Coalville residents, praying that they might be allowed to continue their educational work in Coalville and district, but the Cardinal reluctantly refused, and said the nuns were required in Belgium, to which country they will return shortly. Hence the garden party and farewell to the many residents who have been pleasantly associated with the nuns, who were assisted in entertaining the large party by St. Saviour's Catholic Sewing Guild. Ibstock Band was engaged and those inclined danced on a beautifully situated lawn, whilst others roamed round the extensive gardens. Messrs. J. McHugh, W. Harrison, B. McHugh and L. Haywood, were M.C.'s for the dance programme, Mr D. E. Bouchier Wrey, The Grange, Snibstone, gave a fine rendering of "David Garrick".

At the sale of work held in connection with the garden party, some beautiful Maltese lace and a cushion, hand-painted by the daughter of an Earl, were objects of interest, and found ready purchasers. Father Degan, priest in charge at St. Saviour's Catholic Church, stated that £30 was realised, and the sum will be added to the Catholic New Church Building Fund, which amounts now to £400. It may be of interest to state that the guests who were cordially welcomed, included the Rev. Henry Cowling, Baptist minister of Ibstock, and the Rev. Stroud, of Gloucester, his holiday friend. Pleasantry reigned throughout the garden party, and the nuns were happy in entertaining.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Several local ex-servicemen have not yet returned the forms to Mr L. L. Baldwin at the Council Chamber in connection with the forthcoming "Welcome Home." They are requested to do so at once to enable the committee to make full provision. If any have not received forms, they should communicate with Mr Baldwin.

The Market Bosworth War Memorial Committee made the final arrangements on Wednesday afternoon for the erection of a Celtic Cross in the centre of the Market Place as a memorial to the men who served in the Forces and those who fell in the war. The cross will be of a beautiful design, 17ft 6in high, with steps leading to the base.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

A meeting of the Coalville branch of the Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Association was held at the club in Hotel Street on Tuesday evening, Mr A. P. Thomas presiding. As the branch now has a membership of 500 and is still increasing, it was agreed not to accept honorary memberships. It was decided to hold monthly church and chapel parades throughout the district, and to hold a drum-head memorial service on a near date to be fixed. Messrs. A. P. Thomas, W. Leech and A. Snook were appointed to attend a London Conference of the National Federation on September 27th. A resolution was unanimously passed as follows:-

"That in view of the decision of the Army Council not to meet the demands of the N.F.D.S. and S. for an increase of war gratuity, and payment of service Class Z Res, this branch resolves to demand that war gratuities be paid to all ranks under that of an officer, on the same basis as paid to officers, under Article 497, Royal Warrant, and to be circulated on present rates of pay; also that the service in Class Z Res, be paid on the same basis as a man on first class Army Res."

It was decided to send copies to the Secretary for War, local M.P.'s etc. Mr A. E. Potter was appointed permanent secretary, and Mr W. Moore permanent steward.

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WEDDING AT IBSTOCK

At the Ibstock Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) the marriage took place of Miss May Hextall Jacques, only daughter of Mr J. T. Jacques, J.P., and Mrs Jacques, of The Motts, Ibstock, and Mr William Rowell, A.R.C.S., B.Sc. science master at the King's School, Grantham, and only son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Rowell, of The Lodge, Ibstock. The bride is a niece of the Mayor and Mayoress of Leicester, who were both present at the ceremony.

Owing to Lieut. T. H. Jacques, R.A.F., only son of Mr and Mrs Jacques having been killed in action, about eleven months ago, the wedding was of a quiet character, and there was no reception.

The nuptials were performed by the Rector of Ibstock, the Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a wedgwood blue costume, and hat to match. There were no bridesmaids, Mr W. H. Lovell (cousin of the bride) of Leicester, acted as best man.

After the ceremony, the happy couple left for Barmouth, on their honeymoon. They were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents. It is interesting to note that the bride's mother and father, and also her uncle and aunt (the Mayor and Mayoress) spent their honeymoon at Barmouth, and stayed with the same family at the same house to which the newly-married couple travelled yesterday.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pte. Percy William Baker (of Hugglescote), 1st Leicesters, killed in action in France, September 5th, 1917.

"Thy will be done."

From Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters.

In ever loving memory of my dear husband, Pte. George Sharpe, who was killed in action in France, September 6th, 1918. Aged 25 years.

From his dear Wife and Child at Ibstock.

In ever loving memory of Pte. George Sharpe, 1st Cambridge Regt. killed in action, September 6th, 1918. Aged 25 years.

From his Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters.

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COALVILLE URBAN COUNCIL

THE "WELCOME HOME"

The chairman said that was the last time the Council would meet before the "Welcome Home" to ex-service men took place, on September 20th, and he wanted to appeal to all employers and shopkeepers to do their utmost to let the men off to be present at the "welcome." He also appealed to the general public to do their shopping on Friday that week, or early on the Saturday, to make it easier for the shopkeepers. He was sure it only needed to be mentioned, and everyone would do their best to assist in making it a successful event.

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LOCAL NEWS

The nuns who came to Coalville as refugees and have been in residence at the Scotlands, Forest Road, left Coalville by the twelve o'clock train for Leicester, on Monday, on their return to Belgium, being expected to arrive there on Thursday. A good number of the members of St. Saviour's Catholic Church, which the nuns had attended, assembled with Father Degan at the station, and the send-off was hearty, and of an affectionate character. During their residence at Coalville, the nuns had established a successful school, and a petition was sent to Belgium by the parents of the children and other residents of Coalville, asking that the nuns might be allowed to remain to carry on the school, but Cardinal Mercier, the Archbishop of Malines, was not able to give his consent, the nuns being required for similar work in Belgium. It is understood that they will be succeeded by Irish nuns at the Scotlands Convent.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S SPORTS AT COALVILLE

The committee responsible for the arrangements in connection with the proposed "Welcome Home" to ex-service men in the Coalville urban district, estimated to number nearly 2,000, have arranged a capital sports programme to take place on the afternoon of Saturday, September 20th. The events will include: Pillow Fight, driving completion, boot race, boat race (teams of eight), ring and bottle race, O'Grady competition, boxing in tubs, three-legged race, musical chairs, obstacle race, tug-of-war, pick-a-back, wrestling, tent pitching, taking down and packing (teams of six), also for men who have lost limbs there will be hat-trimming, eating apple, eating bun and hitting ball blindfold competitions. Mr A. L. Bertenshaw, hon. secretary, anticipates a large entry. Monday, September 15th, is the last day for receiving entries.

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Sadly, this issue is missing from the archives

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The arrangements for the "Welcome Home" at Coalville tomorrow to 1,600 ex-service men are well in hand, and it promises to be a memorable event. One of the large sheds on Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s Works (kindly lent) has been converted into a splendid dining hall, beautifully decorated and a first-rate luncheon will be served to the men at two o'clock. This will be followed by sports on the Fox and Goose ground, tea, and a concert in the evening. Most of the shops in the town are closing at 12.30. The cost is being borne by public subscription, and the residents have responded well, over a thousand pounds having been subscribed. The proceedings will include a fitting tribute also to the men who fell in the war. A dais is to be erected in High Street, near the railway station, and this will be mounted with floral tributes. At sunset, the "Last Post" will be sounded. About 350 men from the Coalville Urban District, as near as can be ascertained, have made the supreme sacrifice.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private Arthur Willett, 203481, 7th Leicestershire Regt., who made the supreme sacrifice, September 19th, 1918.

*"There was a grave far away in France,
Where our darling Arthur sleeps,
There's a cottage home in England,
Where his loved ones often weep,
And the things that are making life worthwhile,
Are the sweet memories that cling round his name.
We loved him in life very dearly,
We love him in death just the same."*

From his loving Mother, Sisters, and Brothers, Bardon Hill.

In honoured memory of Lance-Corporal George H. Harris, of the 1st Leicestershire Regt., killed in action on September 19th, 1918. Aged 25 years, the dearly-loved son of Mrs Harris, of Sweptstone Lane, Heather.

*"He left his home in perfect health,
He looked so young and brave,
We little thought how soon he'd be
Laid in a hero's grave."*

From his ever-sorrowing Mother, Brothers and Sisters, and his many friends.

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THANKS FROM BELGIUM

Sir, I take the first opportunity upon our arrival at the Ursuline Convent at Gierle, in Belgium, to thank the inhabitants of Coalville and district for their open-handed generosity to my community during the long period of our enforced exile. The shopkeepers and tradesmen with whom we had business courteously and promptly did all in their power to provide for our wants, especially during the food scarcity, and were so successful that I believe our thirty-five girl boarders fared better in Coalville during those dark days than they could have done at their own homes in other parts of England.

It would mean a long list of names were I to mention all our friends from among the private residents of Coalville. But we wish more particularly to thank Mr and Mrs L. L. Baldwin, Mr and Mrs Hay, Mr M. McCarthy, Mr Ottey, Mr T. McCarthy, Mr Bonchier-Wrey, Dr. Maudling, Dr. Jamie, Father Degan, Mr Walters, the Rev. H. Cowling, Mr and Mrs Harrison, Mr and Mrs Lindsey, Mr and Mrs Arthur White, Father O'Reilly, Mrs

Haydock, the Superior of Mt. St. Bernard's Abbey, and last, but by no means least, our good friend, Inspector Dobney.

These, and many others, we will always hold in very grateful remembrance. Naturally, we are glad to find ourselves back in our old country, but at the same time, we shall never forget the three happy years we spent in Coalville. Yours, very gratefully in Christ.

Rev. Mother Agnes

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Desford Hall, which has been utilised as an Auxiliary War Hospital for 4 ½ years is again open for civilian patients. During the war period nearly 2,000 sick and wounded soldiers were admitted to the hospital, and in connection with this the Leicester County Sanitary Hospital Society spent much more than it received from the military authorities. Efforts have been made to rectify this, but so far have proved unavailing. The original purpose of the home – to accommodate male convalescents – has now been reverted to, with Miss Morley as matron, leaving the Swithland Home, as originally designed, for women convalescents. There are at present, 44 in the latter home with Miss M. Bray as matron.

CONCERT FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S

The Coalville Progressive Orchestra, under Mr John Locker, gave a capital concert on Sunday evening in the large shed of Messrs. Stableford's Works, which had been decorated for the ex-soldiers' "Welcome Home." There was a large company present, and besides the items by the Band, songs were nicely rendered by Madam Edna Burton, Mr A. G. Ball and Mr S. Walker, Mr J. Smith, who presided, suggested that Coalville ought to have a permanent memorial to the boys who fell in the war. His idea was a monument in the centre of the Market Place in Aberdeen granite, with panels, one facing Hugglescote, bearing the names of the deceased men from South Ward, one facing High Street for the Central Ward and one facing Whitwick for the North Ward. He also commended the work of the St. Dunstan's Hostel, for which the concert was held, and a silver collection realised £14/7/0 for the Hostel.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

It is announced that next month, the Duke of Argyll is to unveil a memorial at Ashby-de-la-Zouch to local men who fell in the war?

The beautiful laurel wreaths placed on the Cenotaph at Coalville last Saturday, were made and given by Mrs J. H. Land (two), and Messrs. Hickling Bros (two)?

BAGWORTH WAR WIDOW'S BABY

A SAD ANNIVERSARY

REMARKABLE PATERNITY CASE AT MARKET BOSWORTH

On the first anniversary of her husband's death in France, a Bagworth widow was in the Market Bosworth Police Court on Wednesday, applying for an order respecting her child, and there were other remarkable features about the case.

The defendant was James Boulton, collier, Bagworth, who was summoned by Maggie Ward, widow, also of Bagworth. Mr A. H. Bennett (Leicester) appeared for the woman, and Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby), for the defendant, who denied the paternity.

Complainant, residing at 112, Barlestone Road, Bagworth, said she was a widow. Her husband was killed in France on September 24th, exactly 12 months ago that day. He had been in France twelve months, and it was over two years since she had seen him. The defendant, a single man, working at Desford Colliery,

started visiting her in June last year, and intimacy took place. She told him of her condition in October. He admitted he was the author of her trouble, and continued to visit her until Christmas. She had known defendant all her life.

In reply to Mr Jesson, complainant said the defendant was visiting her while her husband was fighting in France. Mr Bennett objected to that, stating that this was a court of law, and not a court of morale.

The chairman said they should keep to the evidence as to the paternity of the child. Further cross-examined by Mr Jesson, the complainant said no other man than the defendant had visited her. Fanny Newman, wife of Frank Newman, collier, Bagworth, said she had frequently seen defendant at complainant's house. She heard the defendant admit being the father of the child.

Annie Turner (sister of complainant), wife of Thomas Turner, Bagworth, and her husband, and mother (Mrs Brewin) deposed to defendant admitting being the father of the child, and saying he would have married the complainant before now if she had kept her mouth shut.

Defendant, on oath, denied visiting the woman, and said nothing improper had ever taken place between them. The first time he heard it suggested was about the end of November, when Mrs Ward told him she was in trouble, and that as he was a single young man, she was going to put it on to him.

By Mr Bennett: *He knew the complainant's husband before he joined the army, and was friendly with him. He could not say why the witnesses should come there and commit perjury. As a collier, he earned £4 to £4/10 per week.*

Rose Bevans, wife of Percy Bevans, who lives close to the complainant, was called as a witness for the defendant, but when she admitted that defendant had been to the house, Mr Jesson said he could carry the case no further.

It having been pointed out that during the case that the child, like the defendant, had a deformed ear, the Bench asked to see the child, and it was taken up by the mother for the magistrates' inspection.

An order for 10/- a week till the child is 14 was made, defendant also to pay £1/1/0 advocate's fee, and 15/- expenses of the birth.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Archibald Holt, of Coleorton, aged 23, Royal Fusiliers, who died of wounds received in action at Leicester Base Hospital, September 22nd, 1918.

*"Gone to his rest through the pathway of duty,
Giving his life that others might live.
Such are the words on the tablet of beauty,
In letters immortal, in honour to live."*

From his sorrowing Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

In loving memory of my Uncle Archie from his little nephew.

Baby Archie Holt

Baptist Road, Measham.

In sad but loving memory of our dear sons, John William Barrs, who was killed in action, September 27th, 1916; also George Harold Barrs, who died from wounds received in action, May 25th, 1917.

*"We often sit and think of them,
And think of how they died.
To think they could not say 'Good-bye,'*

Before they closed their eyes.

*Some day we hope to meet them,
Some day – We know not when,
To clasp their hand in a better land,
Never to part again."*

Fondly remembered by their loving Mother and Father, and Sisters and Brothers.

In loving memory of Sapper Bernard Whittaker, 14993, 2nd Leicester Regiment, who made the supreme sacrifice, September 25th, 1915.

*"There's a grave far away in France,
Where our darling Bernard sleeps.
There's a cottage home in England,
Where his loved ones often weep.
And the things that are making life worth while,
Are the sweet memories that cling round his name."*

From his loving Mother, Sisters and Brothers (Coalville).

"Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

"R.I.P."

In undying memory of my pal, Bernard Hatter, Lieutenant, Leicestershire Regiment, who fell at Loos, September 25/26, 1915.

In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. T. W. Willett, who fell in action at the Battle of Loos, September 25th, 1915. Age 29 years.

*"A light is from our household gone;
A voice we loved is still'd,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

In loving memory of Private Leslie Cross, 1/5th Leicestershire Regiment, who was killed in action, on September 24th, 1918.

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

From his loving Mother, Sisters and Brothers and Brother-in-law.

In loving memory of my dear Will (Sergt. S. W. Taylor, M.M.), 1/5th Leicesters, who fell in action, September 29th, 1918.

"Ever remembered"

By his loving Sarah.

In loving memory of our dear friend, Sergt. S. W. Taylor, M.M., 1/5th Leicesters, who fell in action, September 29th, 1918.

*"Worthy of true respect was he,
From those he has left behind.
A more faithful friend there could not be,
Or one more true and kind."*

From Mr and Mrs Wallam, Daisy and Albert.

In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. Wilfred Mason, 5th Leicesters, who fell in France, September 26th, 1917.

*"Oh son, little did I think,
When first I cradled thee,
That on the battlefield you'd fall,
So far away from me."*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

In loving memory of Private George Burton, who was killed in action, September 18th, 1918. Aged 20 years.

*"I sit and think of you, dear son,
Till my heart is sore with pain.
All this world would be like heaven,
Could I bear your voice again."*

*If only your smiling face I could see,
Oh, what joy there would be for me.
When nights are dark and friends are few,
'Tis then, dear son, I think of you."*

From Mother, Father, Brother and Sister.
Ibstock

In loving memory of Corporal Wilfred Sykes, the dearly-beloved son of Mr and Mrs W. Sykes, Co-Operative Cottage, Thringstone, who was killed in action, September 26th, 1917.

*"Peaceful be thy rest, dear Wilfred,
It is sweet to breathe thy name,
In life we loved you very dearly,
In death we do the same."*

*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."*

Will ever be missed, but never forgotten.

From his loving Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

In loving remembrance of our son, 24472, Lance-Corporal Francis Sydney Goacher, M.M., 1st Queen's Royal West Surreys, who fell at Ephey, on the 21st of September, 1918. Aged 25.

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal William Bird, 2nd Leicester Regt. reported missing (now reported killed) 25/9/1915.

*"He left his home in perfect health,
He looked so young and brave;
We little thought how soon he'd be,
Laid in a hero's grave."*

*"Not now, but in the coming years –
It may be in the Better Land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears;
And there, some time, we'll understand."*

From his ever sorrowing Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters.

In ever loving memory of Pte. C. H. Shilton, of the 1st North Fusiliers, killed in action in France, September 23rd, 1917.

*"May the heavenly winds blow gently,
O'er the sweet and sacred spot;
Although you are so far away,
Dear son, you are not forgot."*

From his loving Mother, Father and Sisters.

In ever loving memory of Pte. C. H. Shilton, 1st North Fusiliers, killed in action, in France, September 23rd, 1917.

*"Time changes many things,
But loving memories always cling."*

From Auntie Eliza, Alma and Families.

In ever loving memory of Pte. C. H. Shilton, 1st North Fusiliers, killed in action, in France, September 23rd, 1917.

*"There is a link death cannot sever;
Love and remembrance last for ever."*

From Aunts Emma and Annie, and Families.

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COALVILLE'S GREAT DAY

FIFTEEN HUNDRED EX-SERVICE MEN ENTERTAINED

ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD

A MEMORABLE EVENT

Saturday, September 20th, 1919, will be remembered as a great day in the history of Coalville and District for years to come. The people of this town have accomplished many excellent things in connection with the war, but it is doubtful whether any other event created greater public interest and enthusiasm than the "Welcome Home"- which was accorded on Saturday to local men who served in the Forces, and have returned to civil life. The town made general holiday, practically all the places of business being closed, and many thousands of the residents turned out to witness the proceedings and to add to the warmth of the welcome accorded to Coalville's sons who took such a great part in vanquishing the Hun.



The movement was initiated by the Urban Council on the suggestion of the chairman, Mr J. W. Farmer, J.P., a few months ago, (photo left) and was heartily taken up, a large committee of about 60 persons, representative of all classes of the community, being formed, with Mr Farmer as chairman, and Mr L. L. Baldwin (the Coalville surveyor) as secretary (photo left). From this committee was formed a finance committee, with Mr B. B. Drewett as chairman, and Mr L. L. Baldwin, secretary; a sports committee, of which Mr George Brooks was chairman, and Mr A. L. Bertenshaw, secretary; and a catering committee, of which Mr Herbert Taylor was chairman, with Mr J. W. Eagles as the secretary. These committees also formed sub-committees of themselves to carry out various duties, from which it will be seen quite a large army of workers became interested in the project, which they took up most enthusiastically.

The first consideration, of course, was ways and means, and though the Council

could have made a contribution from the rates, they very properly decided to make it a voluntary matter – a decision which was more than justified by the splendid result achieved. A house-to-house collection was arranged, the urban area being divided into small districts, and collectors appointed. With very few exceptions, the collectors everywhere met with a splendid response, and a noteworthy feature was that among the most cheerful givers were many people who have suffered most by the war. The reports of some of the collectors were quite touching. One instance is recorded of an aged widow, whose near relative, her sole support, was killed in the war, and who would have been passed by the collectors but for her expressing a desire to contribute, placed her purse in the hands of the collectors and insisted upon them taking all she had – the sum of 4/6. In other cases, even old-age pensioners with no other source of income, gave there threepences and sixpences with their blessing upon the lads who helped to win the war. The largest distribution was £100 voted by the Co-Operative Society, and there were many other handsome contributions, the total sum raised being about £1,100.

The total number of men entertained was 1,500, and to make provision for such a large number, particularly should it prove to be a wet day was a task which gave the committee no small difficulty, but, thanks to the offer of Messrs. Stableford and Co., this was happily overcome. As on one or two former great national occasions, the firm kindly placed one of their large sheds at the disposal of the committee, and it suited the purpose admirably.

The shed underwent a wonderful transformation. Only two or three days before the event, it was a hive of industry, containing wagons and various materials weighing thousands of tons, but on Saturday, it had been converted into a beautiful dining hall.

Under the supervision of Mr J. Collins and Mr B. B. Drewett an admirably conceived and tasteful scheme of decoration was carried out by a number of ladies. Over the entrance to the building were draped in the national colours of the world. *"Not for ourselves, but for our country,"* and on the walls around the interior very neatly formed in evergreens one read, *"We honour you," "Victory," "Welcome Home,"* and others. The pillars were draped in colours of gold, scarlet and black (the latter a tribute to the dead), while there was a plentiful display of flags. Around a spacious platform in the centre of the building were representations of shields and crowns and national flags, festooned with gold-coloured drapery, while baskets of heather and bloom were suspended from the ceiling. The tables were also very prettily decorated, the whole having a very charming effect. All the guests were able to be seated at one time, and it was a most inspiring scene.



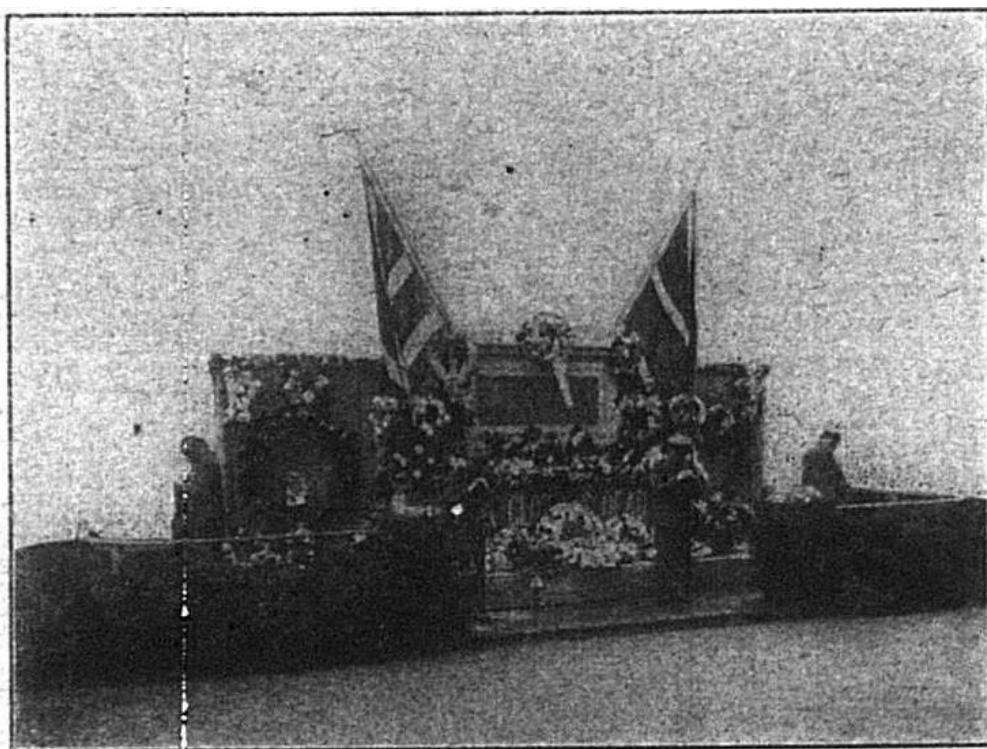
After the luncheon, Mr J. W. Famer (photo left) said, *"The committee have decided – and I think you will agree, very wisely decided too – that there shall only be one toast at this part of the day's proceedings. That toast, you will readily understand, refers to those who have made the supreme sacrifice, and the district mourns the loss of about 350 men. Many of you who have been through the thick of it, have even seen your chums fall by your side, must feel yourselves thrilled as you think of the wonderful deaths some of them have died. To those who have lost their dear ones, our hearts go out in deepest sympathy. This 'Welcome Home' must revive pain to those whose boys will not return, but it was never said with greater truth, 'They died that we might live.' Gentlemen, I ask you to rise silently in your places and with due reverence drink to the toast, 'Our fallen Heroes.'"*

The company responded in a manner which formed a fitting tribute to the men who will not return.

There was a further impressive scene in High Street when the men marched past the Cenotaph, which had been erected opposite the Council Chambers.

They had formed into a long column, four deep, under Mr T. Warden, the chief marshal, and ex N.C.O.'s and, led by the Coalville Coronation and Hugglescote and Ellistown Bands, (which both gave their services), were proceeding to the 'Fox and Goose' field where a capital programme of sports had been arranged. The bands ceased playing and, as the men approached the dais, the command, "Eyes left!" was given, and they promptly turned their heads toward the memorial, and doffed hats and caps as they marched past, a military guard meanwhile having presented arms. Many of the people in the densely packed crowds were moved to emotion by this touching tribute.

THE CENOTAPH



The cenotaph, which had been designed by Mr T. I. McCarthy, was quite a work of art. The centre panel, bearing the names of about 340 local men who lost their lives in the war, was framed artistically in woodwork, in the style of an altar, surmounted by national flags, and flanked by laurel wreaths on a background of purple hangings. Above the names appeared the words, *"They live, and those who knew them will not forget,"* and underneath, *"Let those who come after, see to it that their names are not forgotten,"* while at the foot in large letters appeared:

"THE GLORIOUS DEAD"

Evergreens surrounding the rail round the dais were comprised of bilberry bushes and heather, piled up with mountain grass, emblematical of the local forest and local country from which the men sprung. At the approach to the dais was the verse:

*"Proudly they gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All that they hoped for – all they had they gave,
To save mankind – themselves they scorned to save."*

Scores of beautiful floral wreaths and crosses were placed around the cenotaph by relatives and friends of the deceased men, the whole making a beautiful picture, which was silently admitted by thousands of people in the course of the day. Four men in khaki stood on guard with heads bowed, and arms reversed, and in the evening, at sunset, buglers sounded "The Last Post."

THE DECORATIONS

Flags were flying from many of the public and private buildings in the town, and many suitable mottoes were displayed. Stretching across the road from the cenotaph to the Council Chamber was a streamer, which on one side bore the simple, but eloquent words, *"Thank you!"* and on the reverse side, *"Welcome Home."* Other mottoes seen on route to the sports field were: *"Welcome Boys," "Thank you Boys"* and *"God bless you boys."*



As the procession passed Mrs L. L. Baldwin's house, they were greeted in large letters stretched across the road with "Cheerio!" which was a happy idea, since it was from Mrs Baldwin that the boys during the war received thousands of articles made by the members of the Comforts Guild, which brought cheer into their lives when they were enduring the hardships of the battlefield.

THE SPORTS

Valuable prizes were offered for the sports, which included some novel events, and caused much amusement to the spectators, who numbered some thousands, a sum of £35 being taken at the gate. The sports officials were as follows:

Judges: Messrs. W. Rawlinson, J. Upton, L. Palmer, B. Nixon, R. Scott and H. Sharp.

O'Grady Competition: Mr W. Sharp.

Hat Trimming: Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Famer and Mrs S. W. Brown.

Starters: Messrs T. Warden and E. Boot.

Field Stewards: Messrs. G. Brooks, A. P. Thomas, H. Sharp, E. Pindard, F. Cook, J. Tivey and J. Wootton.

Competitor's Stewards: Messrs. A. E. Morris, W. Rawlinson, M. Boot, A. Clay and A. Snook.

General Stewards: Messrs. J. Baxter and J. Burton.

Appended are the prize winners:

O'Grady Competition: 1 H. Brotherhood; 2 W Sear; 3 W Randon; 4 D. Smith.

Three-legged Race: 1 Booth and Booth; 2 Deacon and Brooks; 3 Burton and Latham.

Driving Competition: 1 Spencer and Evans; 2 Deacon and Drew; 3 Clarke and Cluley.

Boot Race: 1 Spencer; 2 Beasley; 3 Ball.

Pillow Fight: 1 F. Tansey; 2 F. Clarke.

Ring and Bottle Race: 1 Egan; 2 Ball; 3 Geary.

Tug-of-War: Coalville Discharged Soldiers' Federation.

Eating Apples: 1 Walton; 2 Pindard

Eating Bun: Presland; 2 J. Clarke.

Striking Bell: 1 Waterfield; 2 Pindard.
Hat Trimming: 1 Presland; 2 J. Clarke.

Great fun was caused particularly by the pillow fight, the winner of which, Frank Tansey, had an advantage in his height and reach. Hours of laughter were caused even among the officials when he got astride the pole, inasmuch as he was able to do so while still standing on the ground. He was required, of course, to balance himself on the pole the same as the others, with feet off the ground.

Another interesting event was the ladies' hat-trimming competition, noteworthy because the first prize-winner, Presland, only had his left hand to operate with. He lost his right hand in the war, but he completed successfully with his two-handed rivals. Sticking the needle in his coat sleeve, he deftly threaded it with his left hand, and soon turned out a very presentable piece of millinery which pleased the lady judges better than any of the other creations.

Another diversion was that when two of the teams in the tug-of-war were pulling for all they were worth, the rope broke.

Unfortunately, rain fell in the evening, and cut the sports short, some of the events having to be postponed. A return was made to the dining hall, at Stableford's Works, where tea was served, about 1,500 men again participating.

THE CONCERT

In the evening a concert party from Nottingham gave a capital programme, the songs being interspersed with a few speeches, as the men enjoyed the cigarettes and refreshments which were freely handed round.

Mr Farmer said he would like to thank everybody for the great efforts put forward to make it a successful day. He said that although the welcome was somewhat belated, it was deferred as long as possible in the hope that more men would be demobilised, and thus be able to participate. It was never doubted that Coalville would give a welcome to its returned service men, and a jolly good welcome too. (Cheers).

Mr F. Griffin, proposing the toast of "The British Empire" remarked that he need hardly say how much they appreciated what the returned service men had done for them during the terrible struggle through which they had been passing during the last five years. He might go further and say that every civilised country in the world had to be thankful for what the British soldiers and sailors had done. They knew what happened in France and Belgium, but that was infinitesimal to what would have occurred in England had the Huns been able to carry out their designs in invading this country. What was it prevented the Germans from carrying out their designs? The guns, warships, and high explosives helped, but they would have been no use but for the spirit of British pluck and determination. (Cheers). The men had carried out their duties nobly and well, and on behalf of the district, he thanked them. But for the response they made, this country would not have been in the happy position it was to-day. Coalville and district was proud of their men, and was trying to show that day how much they appreciated all that the men had done. (Cheers). The toast was well-received.

Mr A. P. Thomas, chairman of the Coalville Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors, responded. He said he was sure he was expressing the feeling of them all when he said how deeply they appreciated the splendid welcome given them that day. They had thoroughly enjoyed all the good things provided for them, and on behalf of the boys he tendered their heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown to them, and the great success of that day's proceedings. (Cheers).

Major A. T. Sharp proposed "*Our absent friends*," referring to the men still serving, those in hospital, and any who for other reasons could not be present that day. Though they might sympathise with the men who had not yet been able to get out of the army, he pointed out that the pay was much better now, and had he been a single young man – which he was glad he was not (laughter) – he would have been tempted to stay with the colours. The people who were still in hospital must have been injured severely, and all hoped that they would soon recover. At one time they were glad to get into hospital, but when the war was over they wanted to get out as quickly as they could. He could sympathise with the poor fellows in business not able to be with them, because he was in business himself now, and was having to work hard. He urged the men who had been in the army and had been demobilised, to stick together. (Cheers). They all found each other jolly good fellows during the war, and they should stick together and help each other now the war was over. Discharged soldiers were the biggest force in the country now, and by being united could secure their

deserts, but if they were divided they would go down. They had seen that the King had just issued an appeal to employers to help ex-service men and he (Mr Sharp) knew that the Federation at Coalville was doing its best to help them. By supporting the Federation they would be supporting themselves, and at the same time would be helping some fellows who could not help themselves. (Cheers). He had pleasure in proposing the toast, and asked them to drink to "*Our absent friends*," who were detained in the way he had stated. The toast was heartily received.

Mr L. L. Baldwin then read out the names of about 50 men from Coalville and district who won distinctions in the war, and said that was not a complete list. Several of the men were present that night, and he would ask Captain Jamie to present the medals.

Captain J. P. W. Jamie said he very much appreciated the honour of being asked to present medals not already officially presented to the men who had won them. There were many also who did deeds which deserved recognition, but which went unnoticed. He had great pleasure in being there that night. It had already been said how much they appreciated the excellent fare provided, and he would ask them to show that in tangible form by giving three hearty cheers for the Coalville urban district. The cheers were enthusiastically given.

The medallists were then called on to the platform, and the decorations were pinned on their coats by Captain Jamie, who congratulated each one heartily on his heroism and safe return. As the representative of the inhabitants of the urban district, Mr Farmer also shook hands with each man, and offered hearty congratulations.

The first man called to the platform received quite an ovation. This was Corporal James Clamp (son of Mr Sam Clamp, of the Waggon and Horses Inn), who had won both the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Military Medal. Others were Sergeant Beard, D.C.M., Sergeant F. Clarke, Meritorious Service Medal, Lance-Corporal Carr, M.M., Lance-Corporal Wildgoose, M.M., Sergeant Booth, M.M., and Lance-Corporal Lilley, M.M. and bar, Lance-Corporal C. Dean, M.M., Corporal Bailey, M.M., and Private Quemby, M.M.

Next came the presentation of the sports prizes by Mrs L. L. Baldwin, Mrs J. W. Farmer and Mrs S. W. Brown.

PRIZE FOR BLIND SOLDIER

Mr George Brooks (chairman of the Sports Committee) said they were anxious for as many as possible to get prizes, and they made the programme too long to get through, but would have to finish it another time. He also stated that there was a blind soldier, and when the committee heard of that, they decided to pay his expenses in getting to the festivities, and as there was no event he could compete in, to pay him a sum in cash equal to the best prize of the day. (Applause). In introducing the three ladies mentioned to present the prizes, he said the committee felt it was only fitting that these three, who did so much for the boys during the war, should have the honour of being asked to perform that ceremony. (Cheers).

After the presentation, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Farmer and Mrs Brown, on the motion of Mr Brooks. The concert was proceeded with, and about ten o'clock a successful and memorable day was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

During the day, members of the Coalville St. John's Ambulance Brigade were on duty, and had a few minor casualties. A boy was knocked down by a motor car in Mantle Lane, the wheels going over his leg, and a baby was injured by the overturning of a perambulator, while there was also an accident to an injured ex-soldier named Harris, who was knocked down by one of the runners on the sports field.

It should be stated that the Hugglescote Town Band offered their services after the programme had been completed, and could not be accepted, though the offer was appreciated. The beer supplied to the men was given by Messrs. Marston and Thompson, Ind Coope and Co., Eadse's, Offier's, Salts, and Truman, Hanbury and Buxton, and the mineral waters of Beckworth and Stinson's (Whitwick), Massey (Hugglescote) and Ford and Parr (Leicester).

Messrs. W. H. Russell and Son (Coalville and Leicester) lent the piano for the concert, and motor cars for the conveyance of the wounded were lent by Messrs. Coleman and Sons, C. Hunt, R. Blower, Blythe and Son, W. T. Lawrence, J. Wootton, S. T. Boam, A. E. Vendy and Dr. Jamie.

INTERESTING CEREMONY

An interesting ceremony took place in the Coalville Urban Council Chamber on Tuesday evening in connection with the "Welcome Home." The councillors present were Messrs. J. W. Farmer (in the chair), S. Armson, M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, T. Y. Hay, C. W. Brown, W. Fellows, A. Lockwood, J. Smith, R. Blower and T. Kelly.

Prior to the meeting, a party of discharged soldiers, under Lieutenant T. Warden, had removed the tablet forming the central part of the Cenotaph, and borne it to the exterior of the Council Chamber. The members had just taken their seats when a knock came at the door, which was answered by the surveyor, Mr L. L. Baldwin.

Mr Baldwin then announced that a party of Coalville discharged soldiers and sailors were at the door, and wished to hand over a memorial tablet containing the names of their fallen comrades. The chairman said the Council had heard the request, and asked whether they agreed to accede to it. The Council unanimously agreed, and the members rose from their seats as the ex-soldiers advanced into the chamber, preceded by the bearers carrying the tablet on a stretcher covered with the Union Jack.

Mr Baldwin then introduced Lieut. Warden to the chairman, and addressing Mr Farmer, the Lieutenant said, *"We, a party of men of the Coalville Urban District, who have fought in the great war, desire that the names of our comrades who have fallen should be preserved with honour in the Council Chamber, as the centre of government of the district, and we now present a tablet with the names recorded thereon"*. The tablet contains the names of some 350 men.

The chairman informed Lieutenant Warden that the Council had acceded to their request and would see that their wishes were fulfilled. He added, *"I cannot conclude better than by saying, as appears on the tablet, 'They live, and those who knew them will not forget.' Let those who come after see that their names are not forgotten."*

Lieutenant Warden thanked the Council and the party then withdrew.

The Council agreed that the presentation be placed on the minutes, and the surveyor was instructed to take the necessary steps for the fixing of the tablet in the Council Chamber.

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LOCAL NEWS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday evening, a memorial service for Messrs. T. Wild and M. Eames, two old boys of the Sunday and Day Schools, who died in Germany, was held at the Coalville Wesleyan Chapel. Mr W. A. Hall was the preacher, and the choir sang, "What are these?" Miss March played the "Dead March." There was a large congregation.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Because of kisses put on the wrapper of a newspaper sent to his mother by Pte. A. C. Howell, a Birmingham soldier on farm work in Bedfordshire, she had to pay letter rate of postage?

ROBBED HIS AUNT

CHARGE AGAINST A YOUNG SOLDIER AT COALVILLE

Before Major Hatchett at the Coalville Police Court on Monday, Albert Kay, alias John William Oldfield, late of Scotton Camp, Catterick, Yorkshire, of the Durham Light Infantry, was charged with stealing 25/- belonging to his aunt, Mrs Mary Meakin, at Donington-le-Heath, on September 27th.

P.C. Moore gave evidence as to arresting the prisoner at the house of his grandmother, 66, Melbourne Street, Coalville, and taking him to the Police Station, where he admitted the offence.

Prisoner, who was wearing the Mons Star, the general service ribbon and ribbons of the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the French Legion of Honour and the French Medal Militaire, was remanded in custody to the Coalville Petty Sessions to-day (Friday), when he will also be charged with unlawfully wearing these decorations.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear husband, Private Herbert Hill, 1/4th Leicesters, who fell in France, October 3rd, 1918.

"A sorrow too deep for words."

From his loving Wife and two Children, 97, Waterworks Road, Bardon Hill.

In remembrance of our dear son, Gunner Albert Gamble, who died of wounds, October 2nd, 1918. No. 1331.

*"When last we saw his smiling face,
He looked so strong and brave.
We little thought how soon he would
Be in a soldier's grave."*

*"We pictured his safe returning,
We longed to clasp his hand
But God postponed the meeting
Till we meet in the Better Land."*

From Father, Mother and Brother and Niece, 120, Wilkin's Lane, Hugglescote.

In ever loving memory of my dear sweetheart, Private Alf Wood, who was killed in action, October 1st, 1917.

*"I miss him and mourn him,
In silence, unseen;
And dwell on the happiness
Of what might have been."*

*I had hoped for his safe returning,
Once more to clasp his hand,
But God has postponed the meeting,
Till we meet in the Better Land."*

From his sorrowing Fiancée, E. Henman, Loughborough.

In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte. J. H. Wright, 8th Leicesters, who fell in action, October 6th, 1917.

*"In our home you are fondly remembered
Sweet memories cling round your name;
We loved you in life very dearly,
We love you in death just the same."*

"A sorrow too deep for words."

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters.
17, Hinckley Road, Ibstock.

In ever loving memory of Pte. J. H. Wright, 8th Leicesters, who fell in action, October 6th, 1917.

*"Time changes many things,
But loving memories always cling."*

From Ethel, Coalville

In loving memory of Pte. W. Partridge, South Staffords, who was killed in action, October 4th, 1917.

*"Some day we hope to meet you;
Some day, we know not when
To clasp your hand in a better Land,
Never to part again."*

From his sorrowing Wife and Children.

In memory of our dear Walter, who fell in action, October 4th, 1917.

"Ever remembered"

By his Sister, Clare.

To the memory of Private C. H. Shilton, who fell in action, September 23rd, 1917.

"Though lost from sight, to memory dear."

From his Chum, Jesse Barnett.

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IBSTOCK

WEDDING

The wedding of Miss Maggie Walker, eldest daughter of the late Mr John W. Walker, farmer, Ibstock, to Mr Butler Wright, took place at the Ibstock Parish Church, on Wednesday afternoon. The Rector, the Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A. officiated. The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore a tailored costume of pale grey material, with hat to match, and was attended by her sister, Miss Ethel Walker, as bridesmaid. Sergeant Lockton acted as best man. Mr Wright has recently been demobilised from the King's Royal Rifles, being amongst the first volunteers in the early days of the war. He has lost two older brothers in action in the war.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Captain A. E. Hawley, of the 1/5th Leicestershire Territorials, son of Mr A. E. Hawley, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and good work during the attack on Fresnoy le Grand, on 9th October, 1918. He led two platoons against the railway station, which was held by a strong enemy party with three machine guns, and succeeded in capturing the station with five prisoners and three guns, killing six of the enemy and driving out the remainder. Subsequently, he held onto his captured position in spite of a very heavy hostile bombardment with gas and high explosive shells. Capt. Hawley is the president of the Coalville D.S. and S. Federation.

MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS

Samuel Storer, Walter Parry, Elijah Parry and John W. Allen, colliers, Ibstock, were summoned for singing in the street at Ibstock, after being requested to desist. Walter Parry did not appear, and the others pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Potterton said the defendants committed the offence in High Street, at 10.20 pm, after being spoken to by him and the sergeant. They were with others, including a soldier on leave. One of the defendants said they only shouted, "*Form fours.*" Answering Mr Eggington (a magistrate), the constable said the men were singing the old song, "*Fall in.*" They were pretending to be in France. Three of them (all but Storer) had served in the army.

Sergeant Iliffe said it was becoming a regular thing with young men, several of whom had served in the army, though he had cautioned them. There has been numerous complaints. The chairman told defendants that they must obey the police orders, and the magistrates hoped this sort of thing would not occur again. The case was dismissed on payment of 5/6 costs each.

William Adcock, farm labourer, Witherley, a discharged soldier, was ordered to pay 21/- costs in respect of a charge of stealing a jug from the Blue Lion Inn, Witherley, which he said he intended to return. Defendant was wearing several war decorations, including the ribbons of the two South African medals, Mons, general service, Delhi and field service medals. He had served in the army and reserve 26 years, and fought through the South African war, and four years in the late war.

DRUMHEAD SERVICE

A Drumhead Memorial Service will be held by the Coalville Discharged and Demobilised Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation in memory of their fallen comrades, on Sunday next, at 2.30, on the Whitwick Colliery field, adjoining the Baptist Chapel on the London Road. The procession will start from Marlborough Square at 2, and move slowly to the field accompanied by the massed bands of Coalville and Hugglescote, playing the "Dead March." Arrived at the field, a solemn service will be held, conducted by Canon Broughton and the Rev. W. H. Wills, assisted by all the local ministers of the district. A dais will be erected on the field, and anyone desirous of sending a wreath can do so on Sunday morning, when a guard will be in attendance to receive them. Forms of service will be handed out on the field, and the public and all ex-service men are invited to attend.

THRINGSTONE

"WELCOME HOME"

A public meeting was held in the Village Hall at Thringstone, on Thursday evening to consider the question of arranging a "Welcome Home" to Thringstone men who have served in the Forces, and of paying a tribute to the local men who have fallen. Mr H. G. W. Howe presided, and there was a fairly good attendance. The meeting unanimously decided to take the matter up and a committee of 20 was formed to take the necessary steps to secure contributions and carry out further arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal Joseph Collier, who was killed in action at Ramicourt, on October 8th, 1918. Aged 21.

*"Bright his example shines forth as a beacon,
For his loved country he went forth to the fray
Fierce though the war heat, one pure light is guiding,
Lit from the gems of a crown far away.*

*Fair are the flowers that will twice round the memory
Of those whose graves only strangers may tend,
Wreaths that ne'er wither are made of the laurels,
Of him who perished, his land to defend."*

From his loving Mother, Sisters and Brothers and Aunt.
Ravenstone

In ever loving memory of my dear husband, Private T. W. Wild, who died at Ordruff, Germany, October 6th, 1918.

From his Wife and little S

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private T. W. Wild, Durham Light Infantry, who died in Germany, October 6th, 1918.

*"Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Tears of sorrow oft times flow,
Memory keeps our loved one near us
Whom God called one year ago.
Some day we hope to meet him,
Some day, we know not when,
To clasp his hand in the Better Land,
Never to part again."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

In ever loving memory of my dear son, Pte. John Walker, 48900, 1st Leicesters, who died of wounds on the 8th October, 1918, in France.

*"I miss him and mourn him in silence unseen,
And dwell on the happiness of what might have been."*

*"I had hoped for his safe returning,
Once more to clasp his hand,
But God has postponed our meeting,
Till we meet in the Better Land."*

From his loving Mother, Brother and Sister.

In loving memory of Pte. C. Turner, 7th Norfolks, who died at Landrecies (whilst a prisoner of war) on October 10th, 1918.

"Ever in our thoughts."

8, North Street, Hugglescote

In loving memory of Private Walter Fowkes, who was killed in action, September 30th, 1917.

*"We think of you in silence,
Your name we often recall,
But there's nothing left to answer
But your photo on the wall .*

*We little thought the night we parted
It would be his last farewell,
But his unknown grave's the bitterest blow
None but aching hearts can tell."*

From his loving Father, Sister and Brother.
Ibstock

In loving memory of Private Herbert Gladstone Wharmby, killed in action on the Somme, October 8th, 1916.

"Re-union our abiding hope."

From Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters

In loving remembrance of Lance-Corporal Frank Marlow, killed in action, October 10th, 1918, only son of Mr and Mrs G. Marlow, Ravenstone.

"Make him to be remembered with Thy Saints in Glory everlasting."

From Mother, Father and Sisters.

BOGUS HERO AT COALVILLE

WON MILITARY MEDAL FOR "EATING RATIONS"

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, John William Oldfield, (17 years and 9 months), alias Albert Kay, soldier, Catterick, Yorks, was brought up in custody, charged with stealing 25/- in money from a dwelling house at Hugglescote, on September 27th, and he was further charged with unlawfully wearing military decorations at Coalville, on September 27th. He pleaded not guilty.

Mary Meakin, of Burton Road, Hugglescote, said the defendant was her nephew. On the date named, she went out for a walk and, returning, met the defendant, who said he had been to their house. When she returned she found the door open, and missed the money from upstairs. She left her little girl in the house and defendant said, when he met witness that the girl had gone to take her father's club.

P.C. Moore said he arrested defendant at his grandmother's house, 66, Melbourne Street, Coalville. He denied any knowledge of the offence, but later admitted it, and said he changed a sovereign with a Hugglescote greengrocer. He had a 10/- note, and two half crowns on him.

Inspector Dobney said that at the Police Station defendant told him that his uncle had offended him, and he took the money to get even with him. Prisoner was wearing the Mons Star and ribbon for general service, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the French Legion of Honour and the French Medal Militaire, also the Allied Medal on his breast, and two wound stripes on his sleeve. Witness told him that he was not entitled to wound stripes, nor to decorations or chevrons. Prisoner replied that he had been wounded in the abdomen, and showed a mark, whereupon witness replied that that was the mark of an operation. Prisoner then said he was operated upon for appendicitis, and the doctors found a piece of shrapnel inside him. (Laughter). Witness asked him how he won the Belgian Croix de Guerre, and he said it was for carrying in wounded. Asked how he got the French Legion of Honour, prisoner said that was for bringing in two 75's. When asked how he won the French medal, prisoner replied, *"That was for eating rations."* (Laughter). Prisoner re-enlisted after being discharged, and was now an absentee.

In reply to the Bench, prisoner said he was born at Templeboro' near Sheffield, and was nearly 18. Supt. Lockton said the age was 22 in the Army papers, and prisoner said that was the age he gave when he enlisted.

Prisoner was sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment, with hard labour, on each charge, the sentences to be concurrent. The chairman remarked that prisoner had already had one 3 months, besides other sentences.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE AT PACKINGTON

ROLL OF HONOUR PLACED IN THE CHURCH

On Wednesday evening of last week a memorial service was held in Packington Church for the men from the parish who fell during the war. A large congregation assembled to the mournful tablet, consisting of a slab of pure white statuary marble, framed in black marble had been fixed in the north wall of the chancel. In the centre, at the top, a laurel wreath is carved in relief, below which is an incised cross and the names of the seven Packington men who were killed in action. The whole of this work was erected by Messrs. John and Charles Elliott, of Ashby.

On the wall of the north aisle had been hung a roll of honour in the form of a graceful scroll, formed of polished oak, surmounted by a raised laurel wreath. Underneath are inscribed in gilt letters, the names of 58 men from Packington, who served during the war in the army or navy. The roll of honour was made and fixed by Mr W. Hutchinson, of Packington.

Both the tablet and the oak board add to the adornment of the church, and are a credit to their craftsmen. After a short service, the Rev. H. E. Worthington, R.D. gave an address, after which he unveiled the tablet and accepted and dedicated it and the roll of honour. After a short explanatory statement by the Rev. G. Moore (Vicar), the hymn *"For all the Saints,"* was sung, and the service concluded.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The "Welcome Home" to Thringstone ex-Service men, has been fixed for Saturday, November 22nd, and will be in the form of a hot supper and concert in the Village Hall?

The visit of the Duke of Argyll to Ashby-de-la-Zouch for the purpose of unveiling a monument cross to fallen heroes, has been postponed until the end of the month?

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Lance-Corporal James Horace Hall, of the 1st Leicester Regiment, killed in action, October 15th, 1917.

*"My dear son is sleeping his last long sleep
In a grave we may never see
But some kind hand in a distant land
May lay down a flower for me."*

*"On the Resurrection morning,
Soul and body meet again,
No more sorrow, no more parting
No more pain."*

From his loving Mother, Father and Sisters, Gladys, Ivy and little Lucy.

In loving memory of our dear nephew and cousin, Lance-Corporal James Horace Hall, of the 1st Leicester Regiment, killed in action, October 15th, 1917.

*"In prime of years I was cut down
No longer could I stay
Because it was my Saviour's will
To call me hence away."*

From his loving Aunts and Uncles, and Cousins, Florrie and Edgar.

In loving memory of my dear husband, Lance-Corporal M. Eames, who died while a prisoner of war in Germany, October 19th, 1918.

"Gone to rest with the Lord"

From his sorrowing Wife and Son.

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Lance-Corporal M. Eames, who died while a prisoner of war in Germany, October 19th, 1918.

*"Tis finished, all is finished,
His fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the Golden Gate
And let the victor in."*

"Nobly striving, nobly fell."

From his loving Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters

In ever loving memory of Private George Edward Fletcher, 5th Leicesters, who made the supreme sacrifice, October 23rd, 1915.

*"We long for household voices gone,
For vanished smiles we long;
But God hath led our dearest ones on,
And He can do no wrong."*

*No one knows how much we miss him,
None but aching hearts can tell;
Earth has lost him, Heaven has found him
Jesus hath done all things well."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Brothers and Sisters, and Louie.

In loving memory of Lancelot John Twells, who died whilst a prisoner of war in Germany, October 13th, 1918.

*"Never again, dear heart, never again,
Shall life's ills grieve thee; sorrow, toil or pain."*

From his Mother, Father, Brother, Sister and Brother-in-law.

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COALVILLE HEROES HONOURED

DRUMHEAD MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Coalville branch of the National Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers paid a fitting tribute to their comrades who fell in the great war by organising a drumhead service, which took place in the Whitwick Colliery field (kindly lent) off London Road, on Sunday afternoon.

The discharged men assembled in Marlborough Square, under Lieutenant Boot, assisted by Sergeant Majors' Smith and Rawlinson, ex-Corporal Bee, who won the V.C. in the Boer War, and Sergeant Lycett, wearing the Military Medal and bar, and the Italian Croix de Guerre, and they were joined by the Coalville Fire Brigade, under Lieutenant G. Lander, Boy Scouts, with Scoutmaster C. W. H. Gutteridge, Women's V.A.D. in command of whom was Sergeant E. H. Green, Hugglescote Church Lads Brigade, with Major Woods and Lieut. W. E. Canner, and the Salvation Army.

A procession was formed and, headed by the local clergy and ministers, proceeded at a slow march to the field, the Coalville Coronation and Hugglescote and Ellistown Bands playing the *"Dead March"* en route.

Despite the rain, the service was attended by a huge crowd, which included many relatives of men killed in the war, and these were given a place of honour in front of a platform on which was formed an altar of drums, covered with the Union Jack. The platform had a border of laurels and evergreens, and was draped in a purple material, on which at the front appeared the words, *"Our glorious Dead,"* and here many beautiful floral tributes were placed by relatives in memory of their loved ones.

The Rev. W. H. Wills (pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church) presided at the service, in which those taking part were Canon Broughton (Vicar of Hugglescote), the Rev. W. H. McNeile (Vicar of Coalville), the Rev. C. Barker (Hugglescote Baptist minister), the Rev. J. A. Hopwood (Bardon Park Congregational), and Captain Beynon (Salvation Army).

The service opened with the hymn, "*O God our help in ages past*," given out by the Rev. J. A. Hopwood, and this was followed by prayer by the Rev. C. Barker, after which the hymn "*When I survey the wondrous Cross*," was sung. Captain Beynon read the lesson, and the next hymn was "*Lead, kindly Light*."

CANON BROUGHTON'S ADDRESS

In the course of an address, Canon Broughton said he was glad to see on the platform Church ministers and the ministers of other denominations. One thing which the war had done was to bring them closer together. Even if they varied in their mode of worship, they could be one in spirit in the bond of peace. A lot of harm had been done to the cause of religion by their unhappy divisions. People looked at them, and said, "See how these men have one another," and it made them turn away. It did still more harm in foreign countries. The heathen came to be baptised, and then he had to solve the great question: "*Am I to be a Roman Catholic, or shall I belong to the Church of England? Am I to be a Baptist, a Wesleyan, or a Primitive Methodist?*" And, he got no further. Their divisions had lost that man for Christ. He prayed that these divisions might be removed.

Proceeding, Canon Broughton said they had met that day in the sacred memory of those who had fallen in the great war – no doubt the greatest and most awful war fought in the world since God put man on this earth. They all remembered when it began, more than five years ago – August 4th, 1914. There was not a person in Coalville or Hugglescote today who would ever forget that date. They did not wish to go to war, but Germany was determined, and when they found the Germans marching through Belgium towards Paris, with the intention, perhaps, of getting to Calais and England, we at once joined in the war, and he thought that everyone present that day – though many had suffered fearfully in the war – was glad that they took part in it. They would have been ashamed had they not taken their part in the war. At the same time, these four years of war had been very unhappy, sad years. All their liberty at one time seemed to be taken away. Their food was rationed, and all seemed dark and gloomy; no lamps were lit in the streets, churches and chapels had to be darkened, and the people, especially in London, were in constant dread of bombs coming down to destroy their life and property. There was intense anxiety among mothers. When they opened the newspapers, when the postman or the telegraph messenger came, the first thought was, "*Is it my boy or husband?*" At home, they were in constant suspense, and what were the men doing in other countries? They were fighting for old England; fighting for our liberty against a terrible enemy who did not mind what he did so long as he could gain the day. He (the Kaiser) wanted to be a super-man to rule Europe, and he wanted us to be vassals under him. Thank God that had not come about. But the war had cost no less than 7 million dead, among whom were some of their best, and most promising young men. Hundreds of men from Coalville and Hugglescote died in the war. Some were killed at the Front fighting in the battle, and, after all, that was the kindest death. Others died from wounds. They were carried into some hospital, and carefully looked after, but he often thought that one of the most awful things in the war was that some of their dear boys should die in a foreign hospital away from home, with no mother or sister to help them or cheer them, and having to be looked after by strange people. It was an awful time. Then peace came, and he thoroughly hoped that they were not going to be foolish, but would make the best use of peace that they could. "*What are my thoughts this afternoon?*" he continued. "*I have two thoughts in my mind. I cannot help being full of gratitude and admiration for those men who gave their lives and died for us. And then again, I do feel great sympathy for those who have lost dear ones. Animals forget their young. A calf, after a time, is taken away from the cow, and the cow thinks no more about it. A cat has a kitten, and for a time plays with it, but the kitten is taken away, and the cat forgets it. It is not so with a mother's love. A mother's love goes on for ever, and the homes in Hugglescote and Coalville will not be the same after this terrible war, because a hero, perhaps the best of the bunch, has been taken away.*" If a mother, he proceeded, came to him and asked him to say words of comfort, he would tell her first of all to remember that her boy had died a glorious death – the most glorious death a person could die. He died for his country, and whatever his life may have been in the past – he may not have been what they call religious – in his death, at any rate, he was Christ-like. Christ died for others, and so that boy gave his life for others. But he was not dead. He was still living in that second part of our existence: still conscious, still remembering, still loving, still, perhaps, even that afternoon, thinking of them, though they could not come to us here, they were looking forward to the time or re-union. There was one question he would like to give an answer to. May we pray for those who are dead? They could pray for them while they were living, but when they were dead, we should stop praying. He thought

that was utterly wrong. He believed that as they prayed for them when they were living, so they should pray for them in their second state. In the Prayer Book there used to be prayers for the dead, but these prayers were taken away in the year 1852 by the desire of the Puritans. Still, he found enough in the Prayer Book, in the funeral service, to satisfy him that he was not doing wrong in praying for those who had passed away. He went to his Bible and turned to Timothy. He found that Timothy had a friend called Onesiphorus, and St. Paul told them how Timothy prayed for his friend. Then they could go to their Lord's teaching. Someone might say He never told them that they might pray for the dead, but while that was so, let them bear in mind that Christ never told them that they might not pray for the dead. And remember this, it was a common practice, when Christ was here on earth, for the Jews to pray for their dead, and had that been wrong, he felt that their blessed Lord would have told them so. *"And so,"* concluded the preacher, *"I feel the greatest comfort in lifting up the names of those dear to me to the Throne of Grace. I ask you to pray for those who have died for us; pray that God will accept them; pray that the light of His countenance may ever shine upon them and that they may have peace and rest in the paradise of God."*

Buglers sounded "The Last Post" and after the hymn, "Abide with me," had been sung and the Benediction pronounced by the Vicar of Coalville, an impressive service concluded with the National Anthem.

The Salvation Army Band accompanied the singing.

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SHEPSHED WAR MEMORIAL

ATTITUDE OF TRADE UNIONS AND DISABLED SOLDIERS

Major W. A. Brockington, Director of Education for Leicestershire, unveiling a war memorial in Shepshed Council School on Saturday afternoon in memory of 40 old scholars who had fallen in the war, said he hoped those who had returned from the war with their health impaired and unable to follow their previous occupations would be the first care of the country. He had a great deal to do with this matter officially, and already he felt that people were beginning to forget what they owed to these men. He particularly wanted the trade unions of the country to show a more generous spirit than was being shown by some at the present time. He was not going to name any unions, for he had had to deal with a great many; but he did think that some of them, in allowing these men to be trained for occupations to enable them to get a living, should show a more truly generous spirit. Let them think of the men first, and of everything else afterwards. He hoped they would not begin to forget the obligation they owed to these men.

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COALVILLE POLICE COURT

NO PRICE LISTS

Percy Danvers (19), fruiterer, Shepshed, was summoned by Arthur Ottey, Food Officer, Coalville, for failing to display price lists of potatoes and apples at Whitwick, on September 2nd. He pleaded guilty.

Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby), prosecuting, said it was unfair to the tradesmen in the district when outsiders came in and did not observe the regulations. P.C. Haywood deposed to seeing defendant with his dray, without price lists, which, Danvers said, at first, had blown away, but later he admitted having no lists. Defendant said his father had put him on that job because he had been in France and was not strong.

Fined 11/- in all, or seven days.

MILITARY PRESENTATIONS AT BURTON

The ex-servicemen of the Burton and District Engineering Department of the Midland Railway were entertained to a meat tea, followed by a concert, at the Burton Co-Operative Hall, on Saturday. The four hundred guests hailed from a radius of about 20 miles.

The Mayor (Mr G. H. Hill) handed the M.S.M. to Q.M.S. George Hines, of the Ashby and Nuneaton Junction, and Military Medals to Sergt. Alfred Gilbert (Burton) and Air-Corporal F. Fowler (Burton).

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Congratulations are offered to Capt. A. T. Eggington, M.C., B.Sc. on his appointment as headmaster of the Junior Technical Department of the Loughborough Technical College. Captain Eggington, who was selected from 55 applicants, is a son of Mr W. Eggington, J.P., C.C., Ibstock, and an old Bosworth school boy. Before the war he was science master at the Great Marlow Grammar School. He joined up early in the war and saw much active service, being twice wounded, and his gallantry on the battlefield won for him the Military Cross.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The German prisoners at Loughborough and at Uppingham left on Tuesday in the highest spirits for Brockton Camp, on their way home to the Fatherland?

The gallant men of the 4th and 5th Battalions of the Leicestershire Regiment – the Territorials – who fell in the taking of Hohenzollern Redoubt four years ago, had their deeds commemorated on Sunday, when a special service was conducted at the Loughborough Parish Church by the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Briggs?

THANKS

Mrs John Watson and children, Piper Lane, Ravenstone, wish to thank the Ravenstone footballers and cricketers for the memorial stone they have laid on his grave, to the memory of the late Pte. J. Watson, M.G.C., who died of wounds received whilst fighting for his country.

Mr W. Watson and Family wish to thank all kind friends for the stone erected by them for the late John Watson in Ravenstone Churchyard.
Blackthorn Cottages, Ravenstone.
October 22nd, 1919.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private E. Orton, 1st Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, who died of wounds received in action, on the 23rd day of October, 1916.

*"Fondly we loved him,
He is dear to us still;
But in grief we must bend to God's holy will,
Our sorrow is great, our loss hard to bear,
But the angels, dear Brother, will guard you with care."*

*"We think of him in silence,
And his name we often call;
But there's nothing left to answer,
But his photo on the wall."*

From his sorrowing Brothers and Sisters, of South Elmsall.

In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Edward Orton, who died of wounds, in France, October 23rd, 1916.

*"He sleeps beside his comrades,
In a hallowed grave unknown;
But his name is written in letters of love,
In the hearts he left at home."*

*"Tis only those who have lost can tell,
The pain of parting, not saying Farewell."*

From his loving Mother, Brother, Sister, Sid and little Lily.

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Sergt. Sam William Taylor, M.M., 1/5th Leicesters, who was killed in action, September 29th, 1918.

*"We think of you in silence,
Your name we often recall;
But there's nothing left to answer
But your photo on the wall."*

*We little thought the morning we parted,
It would be his last farewell.
But his unknown grave's the bitterest blow,
None but aching hearts can tell."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sister and Brother.

In loving memory of my beloved son, Private Thomas Henry Brooks, Northumberland Fusiliers, who died whilst a prisoner of war in Germany. Taken prisoner, 21st April, 1918. Died, October 24th, 1918. Aged 28 years.

From his loving Father and Stepmother. No. 8, Mantle Lane, Coalville

In loving memory of my beloved brother, Private Thomas Henry Brooks, Northumberland Fusiliers, who died whilst a prisoner of war in Germany. Taken prisoner, 21st April, 1918. Died, October 24th, 1918. Aged 28 years.

From his loving Brother and Wife, and Ruth, his niece.
Ellistown.

In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte. T. H. Brooks, who died whilst a prisoner of war in Germany, October 24th, 1918.

From his sorrowing Wife.

In loving memory of Pte. Harold Parish, No. 40817, 1st Leicester Regiment, who died of wounds, October 23rd, 1916.

*"No one knows how much we miss him,
None but aching hearts can tell,
Earth has lost him, Heaven has found him,
Jesus hath done all things well."*

From Father and Mother; Brothers and Sisters.
82, Hermitage Road, Coalville.

DYING SOLDIER'S WISH

REQUEST TO SALVATION ARMY AT COALVILLE

£100 FOR NEW BUILDING FUND

The Salvation Army at Coalville, has received a bequest of £100 towards their new building fund from the late Mr W. H. Parker, who before the war, carried on the business of a pawnbroker, etc., at premises in Belvoir Road, Coalville. Early in the war, Mr Parker joined the Forces, and his business was one of the first to be closed owing to the owner having gone to the war. He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery, and contracted an illness while on service, which culminated in his death in hospital at Leicester a fortnight after being demobilised. How the legacy came into the hands of the Salvation Army at Coalville forms a touching story of a dying soldier's wish to give some financial reward to an organisation though in no way connected with which, was the means of extending comforts to him and other soldiers while on war service.

The facts were ascertained by our reporter in an interview with Captain Beynon, in charge of the Salvation Army at Coalville. The first intimation of the bequest that he received was contained in a letter addressed to the head of the Salvation Army of Coalville, and sent by Mrs Gibbs, of Coventry, who is the mother of Parker, and was residing in Leicester at the time of his death. A reply to this letter was followed by a visit to Coalville by Mrs Gibbs, who handed over a bank note for £100 which has been placed to the credit of the fund for building new barracks at Coalville.

Mrs Gibbs informed the captain that her son, on his dying bed, spoke of the great benefits he and other soldiers received from the Salvation Army huts while he was on war service, and he wanted to leave the army something as a token of gratitude. As her son was in business at Coalville, and made his money there, continued his mother, she thought it only right that Coalville should have the benefit of the sum named.

"The legacy came as quite a surprise," says the captain, "and a coincidence is that the site we have purchased for our new hall is a piece of land fronting Gutteridge Street, at the back of Mr Parker's old business premises, and used to be rented by him."

When this interesting fact was mentioned to Mrs Gibbs, she remarked that it must have been providence that sent her to Coalville with the money.

Continuing his story, Captain Beynon said that in addition to having purchased the site, they now had in hand £231 towards the cost of the new building. The Army is making excellent progress at Coalville, and the present Barracks in James Street, are quite inadequate for their increasing congregations. But as everything is so dear, the building operations may have to be delayed a little longer.

"It is our intention," concluded Capt. Beynon, "when the building is erected, to place a stone there to the memory of the late Mr Parker."

ASHBY PETTY SESSIONS

SCHOOL CASE

Alice Sidle, of Albert Village, was summoned for not sending her child regularly to school. Her husband appeared, and said he was working away, and had to keep the girl at home to look after her mother, who was ill.

Charles Hart, school attendance officer, Measham, gave the facts. Defendant's husband, answering questions by the magistrates, said he had five children and his wages were £2/19/6 a week. He joined the Army in 1914, and was four years and nine months in the service.

The chairman asked whether he could arrange for the girl to attend school until Christmas when she would be entitled to leave.

Side: *What arrangement can I make?*

The Chairman: *That is for you.*

Side: *The only thing is for me to stop at home, and let the children go to the workhouse.*

Mr Jones, one of the magistrates tried to reason with the man, who said he would try to make some arrangement. The chairman said they must have some assurance that the girl would attend school, and this not being forthcoming, the Bench imposed a fine of 5/-.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Donington Hall is again deserted, its wartime inhabitants, German officer prisoners, having departed for the Fatherland where, in all probability, most of them will dwell in less palatial quarters. Submarine officers were included among the 300 late "guests" who are now on their way to Germany, accompanied by 120 servants and some tons of personal luggage. The whole party was in high spirits, and their health and deportment was an excellent advertisement for the treatment they received at the hands of their captors.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Over ten and a quarter million yards of army cloth have been released for civilian purposes?

Troops overseas must, after October 31st, exchange their foreign money into English money before they leave for this country?

The demobilised and discharged members of the Hinckley Liberal Club were, on Saturday night, entertained to a substantial tea and a first-class concert?

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private Robert Holland, 2nd Manchesters, killed in action 4th November, 1918, in France.

*"I shall remember him so long as the light lasts,
And in the darkness I shall not forget."*

From Joe.

In loving memory of my dear brother, William Newbold, 9th Leicestershire Regiment, who fell in action, 31st October, 1918.

"Earth has lost, but Heaven has found."

From his affectionate brother "Jim."
174, Albany Street, London, N.W.

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SWADLINCOTE MAN'S DELAYED LETTER

A Swadlincote resident, who has seen active service both in the Navy and the R.A.F. has just received two letters posted to him in 1917. At the time these letters were sent the vessel on which Mr W. D. Mountford, of Wilmot Road, Swadlincote, was serving as wireless officer, had reached American waters after exciting experiences subsequent to leaving for France, and later Gibraltar. This was about the time the first submarines made their appearance on the other side of the Atlantic. In fact, when only a day out on the voyage back to France and European waters, they had a brush with one of these super-submarines.

The letters have been to America, to France, and have crossed and re-crossed miles of ocean, and then when the railway strike was on and posts were considerably delayed these letters made their timely appearance. A few months ago, this same young man received a packet posted over a year ago, and besides bearing French and American post-marks, had been kindly stamped again by the Consul authorities at Panama to ensure safe dispatch to England. Mr Mountford is well acquainted with the vagaries of the Atlantic, besides seeing a bit of the Channel, North Sea, and Mediterranean waters, but, like most ex-Service men, he is rather reticent and modest regarding his experiences.

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N.F.D.D.S.S.

The newly formed branch of the Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers is making excellent progress, several ex-servicemen joining at the monthly meeting, when Lieut.-Colonel J. C. S. Burkitt was unanimously elected president. The following were nominated vice-presidents: Major A. T. Sharp, Mr J. H. Robinson, Rev. T. W. Walters (Vicar of Whitwick), and the Hon. Malcolm Macnaughton, with power to add. Mr S. E. Perry is chairman of the committee, and Mr F. E. Needham, secretary.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' PROTEST AT COALVILLE

Presiding at an I.L.P. meeting in the Coalville Adult School Hall, on Saturday night, Mr Tom Marson urged the need for men of the I.L.P. stamp on their national and local governing bodies. He said the Coalville Urban Council recently received a gift of a motor ambulance from the county V.A.D. for public use, and when a bedridden woman in Waterworks Road, whose husband was killed in the war, wanted to go to Leicester Infirmary, the Council charged her 26/8, though her pension was only 30/- a week. ("Shame"). That gave the Coalville branch of the National Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers an opportunity of protesting, and the letter came before the Council on Tuesday night, when the ex-soldiers protested so vigorously that the Council climbed down, and said they were prepared to refund the money in such an extreme case. The local Council, he said, was only a reflex of the national assembly, and it was only by the workingmen rising to a sense of their responsibility that they would get the men in power at Westminster and on their local bodies whom they wished to see in power. *"There ought to be in Coalville,"* he concluded, *"Such an I.L.P. that we should make the place ring."*

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ADVERTISEMENT

Mr W. Handford

Organist, Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, has limited number of vacancies for pupils for pianoforte and organ. Only pupils attended at their own homes.

Address: Parish Church, Ashby: 95, Highfield Street, Coalville

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

An extract from the "Gazette of India" Sinnlaj, dated October 4th, 1919, which was received in Coalville on Tuesday, states that 2nd Lieut. A. T. Dobney, of the 24th Punjabis, has been promoted to be Lieutenant, dating from July 31st, 1919. Lieutenant Dobney is the eldest son of Police Inspector Dobney, of Coalville.

The visit of the Duke of Argyll to Ashby to unveil the memorial cross to the fallen had been looked forward to with pleasurable expectancy, and the date was fixed for November 13th. We, however, are informed that his Grace cannot undertake the ceremony because of pressure of engagements, and the Bishop of Leicester has been asked and has consented to unveil the memorial. The memorial takes the form of a cross in the parish churchyard, and will bear the names of the heroic deed. It has been erected largely through the labours of the Rector of the parish church, and will form a worthy memorial of the town.

The War Office states that Christmas puddings for soldiers will be provided this year under the regimental arrangements in force prior to the war. There will be no need, therefore, for the private generosity which was manifested so freely during the war.

Arrangements are well in hand for the welcome home to Thringstone soldiers, fixed for November 22nd. There are about 100 of the men who will be entertained to a capital hot dinner and entertainment in the Village Hall.

The Roll of Honour erected to the men who served in the war from North Street, Hugglescote, and which was placed near the Post Office, has now, after thorough renovation, been fixed permanently in the Council Schools by the kind permission of the managers. A short account describing the origin of the project and payment of costs has been added, and signed by the six gentlemen who formed the committee to carry the matter through. The number of names on the list is 95, of whom 16 fell in action or died of wounds, 2 died while serving, 25 wounded and gassed, and 52 demobbed, discharged, or still serving.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. William Newbold, who fell in action, October 31· 1917. Aged 23.

*"There is a link Death cannot sever;
Love and Remembrance last for ever."*

From Mother, Father and Brothers

In ever loving memory of our dear son, Pte. J. W. T. Collier, 50 Div. Artillery, 1/6th Northumberland Fusiliers, who passed away in France, November 2nd, 1918, of pneumonia. Aged 21.

*"Had we but seen him at the last,
And watched his dying bed;
Or heard the last sigh of his heart,
Or held his drooping head;
Our hearts would not have felt
Such bitterness and grief.
But God had ordered otherwise,
And now he rests in peace."*

"Peace, perfect Peace."

From his loving Mother and Father.

In loving memory of our dear pal, Pte. J. W. T. Collier, 6th Northumberland Fusiliers, who died in hospital in France, on November 2nd, 1918.

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

From G.C.A.

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal A. A. Wortley, 2/4th K.O.Y.L.I. killed in action, November 4th, 1918, in France.

*"I 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 Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

20, Hotel Street.

In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte. Herbert Lakin, 1/5th Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, November 8th, 1918.

*"We think of you in silence,
Your name we often recall;
There is nothing left to answer,
But your photo on the wall.*

*We little thought the morning we parted,
It would be your last farewell.
But your unknown grave's the bitterest blow,
Non but aching hearts can tell."*

From his sorrowing Wife and Baby (Charlie)

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Herbert Lakin, 1/5th Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, November 8th, 1918.

*"We little thought the time was short,
When on his short leave he came.
Out to the Front he bravely went,
Never to return again.*

*Far and often our thoughts do wander,
To that grave so far away,
Where they laid our dear son,
Just twelve months to-day.*

*We think of him in silence,
He name we often re-call,
There is nothing left to answer
But his photo on the wall."*

From his loving Mother and Father, Sisters and Brothers.

In loving memory of Private Thomas Watson, killed in action, November 8th, 1918. Aged 26 years.

*"I sit and think of you, dear son,
Till my heart is sore with pain;
And this world would be like heaven,
Could I hear your voice again.*

*If only your smiling face I could see,
Oh, what joy there would be for me;
When nights are dark, and friends are few,
'Tis then, dear son, I think of you."*

From his loving Mother and Father and Sisters and Brothers.

In loving memory of Private Samuel Smith, 1/5th Leicestershire Regiment, who was killed in action, 8th November, 1918.

*"In a land of strangers, our loved one lies,
Not one of us near him to bid him good-bye;
But the angels of Heaven are guarding his soul,
Till we meet him again at the call of the roll."*

From his Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters, Ibstock.

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SOLDIERS WELCOME HOME

The members of the Whitwick Baptist Church gave a hearty welcome on Saturday to the returned soldiers and sailors connected with the church. A capital tea was served in the school and this was followed by a concert in the evening at which Mr O. Geary presided, and the contributors to an excellent programme included Madam Clay, Mr and Mrs W. Smith (Coalville), Miss E. M. Hewes (Ravenstone), Mrs Aris (Whitwick), Messrs. Carter and Massey (humorous) who all gave songs, and there were violin solos by Master Willie Lowe. Mr Cyril Hewes, of Ravenstone, and Miss May Geary, of Whitwick, were the pianists. The company spent a very enjoyable evening.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Armistice Day was observed in Coalville and district as in other parts of the country, by a temporary stoppage of work and other activities. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, local buzzers were sounded, and for two minutes there was everywhere, an impressive silence, during which thoughts went back to the terrible war which ended a year ago, and the feelings of all were of thankfulness at deliverance from that awful time, and of gratitude to the men who gave their lives in bringing about a victorious peace.

LOCAL NEWS

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CLUB

Mr W. Stevens, of Leicester, has been appointed full-time secretary of the Coalville Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Club, which has a membership of over 600. The club is well-appointed, and has one of the finest billiard tables in the district. Excellent work has been done by the committee in rectifying ex-service men's grievances and those of their dependents.

EX-SOLDIERS' CONCERT

The members of the Coalville branch of the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation had an enjoyable evening at their club in Hotel Street on Thursday night, a capital concert being given by members of the R.A.O.B. Mr T. Saddington presided, and songs were given by Messrs. C. Allen, S. Allen, J. E. Peters, J. Margetts, S. Shaw, J. Taylor and J. Smith. Recitations were also given by Messrs. G. Saunders and J. E. Peters, and Mr Alfred Allen played pianoforte selections. The new secretary was introduced to the members.

IBSTOCK

The King's request for the two minutes' silence in remembrance of Armistice Day, was duly recognised at the Colliery and Brick and Pipe Works. All the machinery was stopped, including the electric generators, etc., which cut off the lighting and power underground, thus denoting to the underground workmen the exact period of time to be observed.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

By a small majority, Loughborough's War Memorial referendum has resulted in favour of a bell-tower and carillon, estimated to cost £12,000, in preference to a health centre or monument?

The parishioners of Shackerstone and Odstone propose putting in a stained-glass window in the chancel, at a cost of £250, to the memory of the men of those places who gave their lives during the war?

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Private Joseph Richard Ward, 12th Royal Sussex Regiment, who was killed in action in France, November 13th, 1916.

*"A loving son, a brother kind,
A beautiful memory left behind
His work is done, he'll fight no more,
He is laid to rest on a foreign shore.*

*To-day brings back to memory
A dear son gone to rest.
And those who think of him to-day
Are those who loved him best."*

From his Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

35, South Street, Ellistown.

In loving memory of Lance-Corporal F. A. Smith, who died in Mesopotamia, on November 13th, 1918.

"Rest in peace."

From Mother, Father, Brother and Dorothy.

In loving memory of Alfred Talbot Richardson, who died from wounds received in France on November 11th, 1917.

Gone but not forgotten

From his loving Wife and Children.

In loving memory of Albert Talbot Richardson, who died from wounds received in France on November 11th, 1917.

At Rest

From his loving Mother.

"WRAFS" DEMOBILISED

The famous women's corps, the Wrafs, no longer exists. An order was given some time ago that the total demobilisation of the force should be accomplished by November 9th, and, with the exception of about 200 in England, and about forty in France, all the girls have now left.

BARDON HILL'S "WELCOME HOME"

RETURNED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ENTERTAINED

The residents of Bardon Hill gave a splendid "welcome home" on Saturday, to the men from their parish who served in the war, and have now returned to civil life. There were nearly 300 of them, including many stalwart quarrymen, who rendered excellent service in France and other theatres of war.

A capital meat tea was provided in the school during which musical items were rendered by Messrs. W. Hemsley (violin), R. Hemsley (cello) and C. Hemsley (piano). The tea was followed by a concert, at which a splendid programme was much enjoyed. The Vicar, the Rev. E. Pillifant, presided, and the contributors to the evening's harmony included the Ellistown Glee Party (Messrs. W. and A. Hemsley, F. Bowler and T. Cox). Madam Edna Burton, Miss Hawthorn (Coalville), Misses Smith, Martin, Lynch, Messrs. E. Lock, J. O. Lynch and others.

During the evening, gold medals were presented to Sergt. S. Moynes, Private Starbuck and Private Kendrick, in honour of having won the Military Medal for gallantry in action. The whole cost of the "welcome" was borne by public subscription in the village, and the men highly appreciated the splendid reception accorded them.

ARMISTICE DAY

CELEBRATIONS IN COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

At 11 o'clock, on the 11th day, of the 11th month, one year ago on Tuesday, hostilities in the Great War ceased – as the King reminded his people in his stirring Proclamation. At 11 o'clock on Tuesday, Great Britain, and the Greater Britain which comprises our far-flung empire, paused at the King's suggestion for two minutes to pay a silent tribute to her glorious dead. There was one world under silence.

The moment was heralded in London by the firing of maroons from the fire stations – as was a year ago the news that hostilities had come to an end. Then they were the signal for an outbreak of spontaneous joy, whose echoes lasted weeks; on Tuesday they were a reminder of all that we have lost in gaining the great victory; a reminder of vacant niches in our memories of gallant sons, of heroic brothers, of lost husbands and fathers – of those vacant niches which mean heartache in millions of homes.

Traffic stayed on the instant in the empire's heart. London missed two pulse beats, a hush fell on her streets; her teeming millions pause in their toil, arrested in their task at the moment of signal. Such universal homage, eloquent in its simplicity and dignity, rendered the observance of Armistice Day and uplifting and never-to-be-forgotten anniversary.

COALVILLE

Work ceased for two minutes at all the Leicestershire collieries, and practically all the works in Coalville and district. At the collieries, work is stopped at 11 o'clock in the ordinary way for "snap time" for 15 minutes, but in order to take part in Tuesday's proceedings, at the Snibstone and other collieries, "snap time" was held half-an-hour earlier, and work was resumed again, so that when 11 o'clock arrived, the two minutes' silence was most impressive. The hour was heralded by the blowing of "buzzers," which was the signal for the brief cessation of activities all over the district.

About 50 members of the Coalville Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Club assembled at the headquarters in Hotel Street, and buglers sounded the "Last Post" as a tribute to fallen comrades.

The day was observed in Coalville schools in a manner which made a strong impression on the minds of the children. At the Belvoir Road Council School, Mr T. Frith (headmaster) read the King's letter and addressed a few words to the children on the meaning of it. He also read the names of 51 old boys who fell in the war, and then asked the children to indulge in two minutes' silent prayer. As the children stood with bowed heads

– some of the elder scholars, who had lost brothers and sisters in the war, being moved to tears – it was a most impressive scene.

At the Bridge Road School, all the children were assembled in the central hall, and an address was given by the headmaster (Mr J. H. Massey) who also read the King's letter. Here again, some of the elder scholars were moved to tears as they stood for two minutes with bowed heads in eloquent tribute to the men who had fallen, among whom were two former teachers of this school, Captain F. Scott, M.C., and Mr Alec Turner, a wireless telegraphist in the Navy. At the end of the two minutes, the children sang the hymn, "Eternal Father."

There was a similar ceremony at the Christ Church School, London Road, where, after being addressed by Mr F. V. Webber, the headmaster, the children stood in silence for two minutes. The hymn, "O King of Kings," and the National Anthem were sung, and the elder scholars spent the rest of the morning writing a composition on the League of Nations.

At the All Saints' School, Ashby Road, Mr J. J. Brown (headmaster) and the assistants gave appropriate addresses, and the two minutes' silence was observed.

The King's letter was read to the scholars at the Coalville Grammar School by the headmaster, Mr A. Rigby, who also addressed the children assembled in the Harley Hall, after which silence was observed for two minutes in a reverent and impressive manner.

A SAD ANNIVERSARY

The funeral took place in Whitwick Cemetery on Sunday afternoon of Mrs Annie Lomax Carter, aged 30 years, wife of Mr John Carter, and fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Allgood, of Whitwick. A sad circumstance was that deceased passed away on the first anniversary of her wedding day, and her husband is left with a baby daughter a fortnight old. He is the son of Mr Thomas Carter, of Moor Farm, Whitwick, and was a Sergeant-Major in the Leicestershire Imperial Yeomanry during the war. Much sympathy is felt for him and the family in their bereavement. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. E. Crane of Birmingham, acting for the Vicar (who is ill), and the first portion was conducted in the Parish Church. The internment at the Cemetery was witnessed by a large number of parishioners. Members of the two families and several friends were present as mourners, and there was a good number of floral tributes.

BARTON FABIS

A memorial has been erected in Barton Fabis to the two lads who laid down their lives in the war. The memorial is a marble scroll fixed in a stone base, and bears the inscription:

"In memory of F. W. Thompson and J. Maides, who fell in France during the great war. Erected by the villagers."

It is fixed in front of the Baptist Chapel and was the work of Messrs. Wells and Co. of Hugglescote. The memorial was unveiled on Sunday afternoon, November 9th, at the close of the usual afternoon service. There was a good and representative congregation present at the service, when the pastor of the church, the Rev. F. C. Darvell, preached, taking as his text John 15-13. He carried all his hearers with him in his eulogy of the lads who went and endured so much for love of England and of home, in his claim that those who came back should be treated in no niggardly spirit, and those who did not come back should be remembered as long as England stands, and that each as individuals, and the nation as a whole, should prove worthy of the stupendous sacrifices made on their behalf. In conclusion, he pointed to the illustration the sacrifice of these lads of their own lives gave us of the sacrifice of Jesus, who for love of men laid down His life to save them.

The memorial was unveiled by G. Johnson, Esq., on behalf of the committee. In performing this duty, Mr Johnson urged all to remember the words they had listened to in the service, and prove themselves worthy of the men who had laid down their lives for them.

A Roll of Honour is to be placed in the chapel, containing the names of all who went direct from the village to serve in the army. G. Johnson, Esq., was chairman, and the Rev. F. C. Darvell, secretary, of the committee, which has had this matter in hand.

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ASHBY

AN ABSENTEE

At an occasional Court, before Mr George Orchard on Saturday, Private Connolly was charged with being an absentee from his regiment at Shorncliffe Camp, and he was remanded to await an escort.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

On Thursday the Bishop Suffragan of Leicester, dedicated a stone cross erected in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Churchyard, in memory of the men of Ashby who fell in the great war?

IN MEMORIAM

Woodcock – In loving remembrance of George Henry Woodcock, who died September 20th, 1917. Aged 50 years. Also of Pte. Clarkeson Clarke Woodcock, of the 1st Leicesters, killed in action, November 20th, 1917.

"A sorrow too deep for words."

From Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

Holland – In loving memory of Robert Holland, Manchester Regiment, who was killed in action, November 4th, 1918.

*"A loving son, a brother kind –
A beautiful memory left behind
His work is done, he'll fight no more,
He is laid to rest on a foreign shore.*

*In a land of strangers our loved one lies,
Not one of us near him to wish him good-bye,
But the angels of Heaven are guarding his soul,
Till we meet him again at the call of the roll."*

From his Father and Mother, Brothers and Sister.

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EX-SOLDIERS' MEETING AT COALVILLE

WONDERFUL PROGRESS OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

A public meeting in connection with the Coalville branch of the Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation, was held in the Wesleyan School, on Friday night, Major A. T. Sharp (vice-president) presiding over a fairly good attendance. The chief speakers were Mr H. J. Trevillan, National Organiser, of London, and Mr B. Onions, of Long Eaton.

The chairman said the Coalville branch was started in January with 70 members, and now had 650, which he thought was wonderful progress. (Cheers). One of the best things the local association had done was to get 35 pensions for people who might not have got them but for the help of the Association. The next thing was to get an institute of their own. They had a club now, but only one room, and with 650 members that was

not large enough. To assist in getting an institute, it was proposed shortly to launch a 20,000 shilling scheme, the particulars of which would be out on Monday, and he hoped everybody would do their best to make it a success. It was quite proper that the men who fought in the war should keep together now, and they could best do that by having an institute where they could meet together for social intercourse and recreation. Their National Federation now had over a million members, and was the strongest organisation in the country. (Cheers).

Mr Trevillan congratulated the Coalville branch on its splendid progress. He went on to speak of the need for such an association, and the great help they had received in the House of Commons by Mr J. M. Hogge, M.P. (Cheers). The growth of the Federation had been most extraordinary. They had not been going four months before they had 170 branches in the country, and when a bye-election took place in Liverpool, they were able to run a candidate in their interests, and though they did not win the seat, they "got the wind up," of many of the politicians. Attempts had been made to check their movement, but such efforts were not likely to succeed. An opposition organisation had come into being known as the "Comrades of the Great War," and he suggested that this was to make a split in the ranks of the Federation already in existence. The Federation naturally took exception to it, and, in spite of Press opposition, had continued to make progress in their campaign, and to get stronger as time went on. Their main object was to get justice for the widows and fatherless, and, secondly, to form clubs for the comradeship of the men. By same and good management, they had grown, not only into a great National Federation, but also into an International Federation. (Cheers). They were allied to similar organisations in France, Italy, Canada, and other places, and in England alone they had over a million members, and hundreds of branches as healthy and vigorous as that at Coalville. the result was that the opposition organisation had begun to totter, and to-day the National Federation could snap their fingers at any rivals. Their organisation was entirely non-political, but was run solely in the interests of the ex-service men, and they reserved to themselves the right to put ex-servicemen's candidates into the field at any election. The Federation had already done much to increase their pensions, and allowances, and though the increases given were small, they would not have been given but for the work of the Federation. Since 1917, they had been fighting the problem of back pay. There was a great difference between the back pay of the British Tommy and the Australians, New Zealanders and Canadians, and they asked that the British Government, in fairness, should treat them as well as the Colonials were treated. In the matter of gratuities, it was quite possible for a Canadian private to get £125 when discharged, and the Australian 1/3 per day for every day's service. They felt it very keenly in view of the fact that the British Government had been lending money in large sums to the Colonial Governments to pay these gratuities, and to give better pay to the Colonials, and they felt that if the British Government had money for these charitable gifts, they should begin at home. (Cheers).

Thousands of cases of pensions were being taken up by their branch secretaries all over the country every week. The Federation had also taken up the case of the trainees. They said that in no circumstances must a man's pension be taken into account, either by the Ministry of Pensions or the private employer when his remuneration for work was under consideration. (Cheers). The pension was given for services rendered and no one had a right to take it into account when adjusting the rate they were to be paid for any work they might do. There were 15,000 trainees in the country today, learning trades because they could not follow their ordinary occupation as a result of war service, and there were 40,000 on the waiting list, who could not be absorbed by the Ministry of Labour, and little attempt was being made to absorb them. They were now having to face the opposition of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers who refused to work with ex-servicemen who had gone through a course of training and these men, in many cases, were being victimised in the workshops by young whipper-snappers who avoided military service by going into the munition shops, but an ex-service man turned out of a training shop, especially like that at Loughborough, was more a mechanic than 90 per cent of the men who evaded service during the war, and got into munition shops to save their skins. The Federation, he went on, intended to fight the A.S.E. on this point, and were powerful enough to combat any influence which the A.S.E. could bring to bear on this matter. In the majority of trades, the trade unionists had received them with open arms, but there was this one exception of the A.S.E., who had taken a direct stand against the ex-service man, and would not permit him to take up a card and work alongside them at their benches. ("Shame"). He urged them to be loyal to their Federation, and do their utmost to strengthen it.

Mr Onions also addressed the meeting, and complained that discharged men were not receiving the consideration they should have from the Government in regard to employment. He contended that men at Chilwell, and similar factories, who had been earning high wages during the war, were still being kept on while discharged men were wanting a job. He also urged that the Government should do more for the men suffering from tuberculosis, of which he knew some deplorable cases.

Major H. E. Powell, D.S.O. (another vice-president of the branch) also expressed sympathy with the objects of the Association, and said he was pleased to make their acquaintance once more. Mr A. P. Thomas moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and speakers, and to Mr D. Marston ("Coalville Times") for representing the Press.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr Peace, and heartily accorded, and acknowledging it, Major Sharp said that after the excellent speeches they would realise that with men like Mr Trevillian, Mr Onions and Mr Thomas to work for them, the Federation was in good hands.

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BATTRAM'S "WELCOME HOME"

EX-SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED

A "welcome home" was celebrated in the Battram Schools last Saturday night to the returned soldiers and sailors, numbering about 70 from Battram and Upper Ellistown. A right royal welcome was given at 4 pm in the form of a hot dinner, which was voted by the 'boys' as sumptuous, and to which hearty justice was done. The arrangements for the feast had been admirably carried out by a strong committee of which Mr J. C. Burdett and Mr J. Carlin, and in Mr Jos. Smith the committee had an efficient treasurer. The whole of the catering was undertaken by a sub-committee, of which Mr J. A. Hume was chairman. The committee appeared to have remembered all the pet likings of a "Tommy" from his glass of beer to a Woodbine. The school and tables had a splendid appearance, the decorations of the tables being especially tasteful – the work of a party of very interested ladies. The committee who dined afterwards, had very willing waiters in some of the "boys." Following a brief interval, the soldiers and their friends were the listeners to a rare musical treat from Mr S. L. Jordan's renowned concert party, of Leicester, including Mr S. R. Hibbert, tenor, Miss Millie Spencer, soprano, Madam Lettie Nourish, contralto, Mr Jos. Brown, bass, Mr Jordan, humourist, and Mr E. G. Smith, an able accompanist.

The chairman, Mr A. Turner, of London, read a telegram from Mr A. E. Hawley, regretting inability to attend, also a letter from Lord Aberconway, whose duties had taken him to France. Mr Turner, in eloquent terms, thanked the soldiers present for their service to the country, and also to all those who for various reasons were not called to the fields of battle, yet who, had it not been for those men who answered the call, may never have had the opportunity of welcoming the men who were attributes to victory.

The first part of an excellent musical programme was then given. All the items elicited vociferous calls for encores, which were equally appreciated. Madam Nourish retains all her old charms which have so often delighted in the past, local audiences. Miss Spencer possesses a delightful soprano voice, and was a great favourite. Messrs. Hibbert and Brown who are always enjoyed, were most heartily applauded for the concerted items. The humourist, Mr Jordan, was as versatile as ever, and kept the audience in high spirits during his selections.

Mr Harley should have given an address to the soldiers, but in his absence, Mr John Hastings Turner, of London, and son of the chairman, whose name has become so well known as the author of such successful revues as "Bubbly," "Tails Up," and "Hullo, America!" very pleasingly deputised. His originality and ready wit easily captivated the hearts of all present, and Mr Turner at the close of his speech was the recipient of a rousing ovation.

At the half-way stage, Mr John C. Burdett delivered a most appropriate and appealing "welcome home" address, remarking upon the anxiousness of waiting for news from those at the war, the feeling of apprehension aroused by delayed posts and how difficult it was for the boys themselves to realise how heartfelt was the desire and longing of the parent or wife to welcome the loved ones home, nor could they understand fully the meaning of the absence to a parent, or the anticipation of a home-coming. Mr Burdett said the briefest yet most eloquent words of welcome were the two constituting the function: "Welcome Home." The second half of the programme was enjoyed to the full, during which Mr A. B. Emmerson spoke in a very interesting manner of the keenness of all in desiring to make life and conditions better now the soldiers had returned, and that the specific function was (if theories propounded recently at the Church Congress in Leicester may be accepted) also a welcome to those who fell in action, because the theories advanced the possibility of the presence of the spirits of the departed.

At the close of the musical programme, Mr Jabez Emmerson, one of the original Coalville 50, and later a captain of the Leicester Regiment, very ably proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the soldiers and sailors to the chairman and committee, and all who had interested themselves in providing such a splendid programme.

Mr Leonard Burdett, also one of the Coalville 50, seconded the vote of thanks, and spoke of Mr Turner's generosity and willingness at all times to assist any cause which had as its object the welfare of the soldiers and sailors, and also took the opportunity of thanking those in the district who had been responsible for the many useful and acceptable presents sent to the soldiers from time to time whilst in the Army.

Mr Turner suitably replied, and a most enjoyable evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. The expenses of the "Welcome Home" were defrayed from the balance left from the Peace Celebrations, and subscriptions to the dinner by the committee.

MEMORIAL CROSS

A very imposing cross in Cornish granite was unveiled by Lady Waring, and dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. E. W. Deacon, at Twycross on Sunday. The cross stands 12 ft high and has been erected, at a cost of £138, to the memory of the men belonging to the parish who made the "great sacrifice."

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DOLE FRAUD AT LOUGHBOROUGH

EX-SOLDIER HEAVILY FINED

At Loughborough Petty Sessions on Wednesday, before Major Heygate, and other magistrates, James Hall, labourer, 15, King Street, Loughborough, was summoned for fraudulently obtaining out-of-work donation to the amount of £11/8/0, from the Loughborough Employment Exchange, between July 10th and August 14th.

William Albert Watts, pay clerk at the Exchange, said defendant was a discharged soldier, and would receive an "out-of-work donation policy book," the conditions for the use of which were printed on the back and were also set out on posters displayed in the offices of the Exchange. One of the conditions was that the holder of the book could not receive out-of-work donation, whilst, amongst other things, he was in receipt of sickness and disablement allowances. Witness produced six coupons signed by defendant representing payments of £1/18/0 for each week from July 10 to August 14.

Thomas Alfred Biggs, secretary to the Loughborough War Pensions Committee, produced pay-sheets signed by defendant during this period for payment of treatment allowances under the Ministry of Pensions. These allowances were made when a man was unable to work, and were equal to full pension, the amount paid to defendant being £2/7/0 per week. A discharged soldier in receipt of these treatment allowances was not entitled to out-of-work donation.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and said he had drawn the money innocently, and was willing to pay it back. The Bench considered it a very bad case, and fined defendant £20, or three months in default.

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EX-SOLDIER ROBBED AT LEICESTER

STORY OF A MISSING WALLET

At the adjourned Leicester City Quarter Sessions on Monday, before the Deputy-Recorder (Mr S. M. Everard), Lillian Townsend, 31, and James Lynch, 23, shoe hand, were charged with stealing from the person of John William Langton, a wallet, four £5 notes, one £1 note and one 10/- note at Leicester, on August 9th last. They both pleaded not guilty. Mr Hinde appeared for the prosecution, Mr Marshall Freeman defended Townsend, and Mr P. W. Williams defended Lynch.

The case for the prosecution was that Langton, an ex-soldier, who had served in the war with distinction, was walking in Humberstone Gate, where the female prisoner accosted him and pretended to know him. He walked on, but the woman kept pace with him for some distance. She took hold of him by the coat, and as he pulled himself away he noticed that she had his wallet in her hand. Almost at the same moment he received a violent blow on the head, and turning round, saw Lynch, who had served in the same regiment with him. Both prisoners ran away, prosecutor chasing Lynch. The latter was stopped by a passer-by, but while Langton went away for the constable, both Lynch and the man who stopped him, disappeared. The prisoners left Leicester two days later, and were seen together in a public house at Nottingham. When apprehended, Lynch made a statement to the police that Townsend gave him a pound note the day after the robbery.

For the defence it was stated that prosecutor went with the woman for an immoral purpose, but it was denied that any robbery took place. Finding he had lost his money, he charged the woman with stealing it, and threatened her with violence. Her screams brought Lynch on the scene, and a struggle took place. The money given by the woman to Lynch next day was money she owed him, and which she obtained from her father.

The jury found prisoners' guilty, and they were both sentenced to six months' hard labour.

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D.D.S.S.

The Hugglescote Town Prize Band entertained a large number of members of the Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' branch at the clubroom on Saturday night, contributing quartets, duets, violin solos, a march and several excellent pieces by the full band. Messrs. G. H. Wilcox and W. Cooper gave solos. A vote of thanks was accorded the band, and others who had assisted, and the National Anthem brought an enjoyable event to a close.

POLICEMAN'S WEDDING

A pretty wedding took place at Groby, on Saturday afternoon when P.C. John William Love, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nathaniel Love, was married to Miss Harriet Ellen Smith, daughter of Mr Herbert Smith, the vicar, the Rev. H. D. Hanford performing the ceremony. The bride was given away by Mr Nathaniel Love, father of the bridegroom, and Pte. Jos. T. Love, Royal Engineers (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. The only bridesmaid was Miss Ada Smith (London) sister of the bride. The bridegroom has seen much service, and has been recently demobilised, before which he was in the Military Police, and served at Gibraltar, France and Aldershot. He recently joined the Leicestershire Police Force, and is stationed in Coalville. The bride volunteered for work as a munitioner and left home to work at Leicester.

EX-SOLDIERS' WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

A successful whist drive and dance, promoted by the Whitwick branch of the D.D.S. and S. Federation was held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night, there being a large attendance. Lieut. S. Perry, Messrs. M. Downes and Harris were M.C.'s for whist, and Messrs. R. Needham, H. Underwood and R. Whitmore for dancing, for which Mr George Wright's band played. Major A. T. Sharp presented the prizes. Mr F. E. Needham acted as secretary for the event.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

As 33,000 W.A.A.C.'s have been demobilised, only about 7,000 remain?

THRINGSTONE'S "WELCOME HOME"
OVER A HUNDRED WAR HEROES ENTERTAINED
TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

An interesting event at Thringstone, on Saturday night was the "Welcome Home" by the villagers to about 130 men who went from this patriotic little village to serve their country in the great war. Considering the size and population of Thringstone, the number of its men who have been and "done their bit" would, doubtless, be hard to beat. But Thringstone has a reputation for doing things well, and this was well maintained on Saturday night, when the welcome to their returned warriors was as fine a thing as anything which the villagers have done in connection with the war, which is saying a good deal.



Few parishes in the fortunate position of possessing such a splendid hall and institute as Thringstone does – a beautiful building erected for the benefit of the parish by the late Right Hon. Charles Booth, to whose memory it stands as a fine and lasting monument. It was in this magnificent hall that the ex-service men assembled on Saturday night for a sumptuous hot dinner, which had been provided for them by an enthusiastic and energetic committee. Beautifully decorated with flags of the national colour, and with the taste-fully laid out tables, the interior of the hall had a charming appearance, while the high spirits of the men, gathered under such happy auspices, all contributed towards making it what it was – a most enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Mr H. G. W. Howe, chairman of the reception committee, presided in a happy and congenial manner over the proceedings, which were graced by the presence of the Vicar (the Rev. C. Shrewsbury), Major A. T. Sharp, and Captain J. G. Shields, and while the dinner was in progress, a visit was paid by Mrs Booth, of Gracedieu Manor, who was accompanied by her son, Mr C. Z. M. Booth.

It was a splendid dinner, the menu including roast beef, roast and boiled mutton, lamb, vegetables, veal pies, plum pudding, cheese and celery, with an abundance of beer for those who cared for it, or mineral waters for the abstainers, and everything was well served by a large body of willing helpers of both sexes.

A short toast list was gone through after the dinner, the first submitted being that of "*The King*," by the chairman, who said that King George had served his country in the best possible manner during the terrible days through which we had been passing during the last five years, and he was sure that in an assembly of that description, the toast of His Majesty's health would be received with the enthusiasm it deserved. After drinking the toast, the company heartily sang the National Anthem.

Mr Howe also proposed "*Queen Mary, the Prince of Wales and rest of the Royal Family*," remarking that we had a Royal House of which the whole Empire was proud. They were not like monarchs and Royal Families of the old days who lived for luxury and self, but they were ever mindful of their subjects, and always did their part to further the best interests of the country. This toast was also enthusiastically received.

Apologies for absence, and wishing the gathering every success, were received from Lady Beaumont (on behalf of Sir George Beaumont, who was away from home), Mr E.M.P. de Lisle, of Garendon Park (who enclosed a handsome donation to the fund), Mr C. E. Crane, solicitor, of Coalville, Mr T. Booth and Mr C. Peach.

Mr J. H. Weston proposed, "*Our Imperial Forces*," remarking that whether it was the Army, Navy, or Air Force, all put their shoulders to the wheel and succeeded in keeping the Hun away, but for which they would not have been taking part in such a happy gathering that night. (Cheers). He coupled with the toast the names of Major A. T. Sharp and Captain J. Shields, who had a fine reception, the company singing, "For they are jolly good fellows."

Major Sharp said that till he came into the room that night, he had no idea that so many men from Thringstone took part in the war. It was extraordinary, and he thought Thringstone must have sent more men, in proportion to population, than any other village in the country. (Cheers). He also said this district stood well in regard to the strength of its branch of the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, and he thought that was a great deal to be proud of. He thought they could say of this district that every man who could go, did go, and everybody was proud of the district on that account. He was attached to the Leicesters for a time, and he thought they came out second to none in the war. (Cheers). He thought that the crossing the Canal would rank for all time as the greatest feat of British Arms, and that stood to the credit of the Leicestershire Regiment. (Cheers). They had a V.C. man as well, so it was something to be proud of. (Applause). His only regret was that he was not with the Leicesters during the whole of the war. He thanked them for the kind way they had received the toast.

Captain J. Shields said he felt it a great honour to have his name coupled with such an important toast, and he was delighted to be among them that night, although he did not live in the parish. That was not his fault, but his loss, he could see that. He did not think that ever in his life had he seen such a jolly gathering. He would like to say delighted he was to see Mr Howe in the chair. Mr Howe was an old friend of his whom he was very fond of. He had done lots of kindnesses to him (the speaker) and he respected him very much. They were lucky at Thringstone in having a man to carry out these little "doings" as Mr Howe did. It did not matter what happened. Mr Howe always seemed to turn up, and whatever he took in hand he carried out in the proper way. (Cheers). Proceeding, Mr Shields said he had some of the Leicesters among his men during the war, also Staffordshire and Derbyshire lads, and they were the best of fellows. It was a pleasure to live among them. They would have done anything for their officers, and the officers would have done anything for the men. (Cheers). He thanked them for inviting him that night. He had had a very good dinner, and he congratulated the ladies and all concerned, on doing everything so well. (Applause).

The next toast was "*The men of all services who took part in the great war from Thringstone*," and in moving this, the chairman said some of them joined up in 1914 and others later, but whenever they went, it was with the determination to do their best for victory, and it was due to them, with the other units, that such a happy gathering as they were having that night was possible. Those who were left at home endured many personal inconveniences, but that was nothing to the ordeal which the men on the battlefield had to go through. Those seated around the tables that night knew something of shellfire, bombing, liquid fire, poison gas, and other frightful things, and all desired to recognise the hardships they had gone through and to assure them of a warm welcome home. The work of arranging that gathering was one which the committee had very cheerfully undertaken. The only thing that he could put to his credit from a military point of view was that he was the founder of the Whitwick Citizen Corps. (Cheers). It developed into something much better and stronger, and the old man of 70 did his best according to his age and strength. His age prevented him during the war from going and doing what a good many had done, but he was glad to take part in arranging that welcome to the men, and he hoped they would be well satisfied. It was one of the proudest moments of his life to give that toast. Thringstone did not have a V.C. man, but they had two Military Medallists – Corporal J. Rennocks and Private J. Robinson – (Applause) – and he was pleased to couple their names with the toast, which was received with musical honours.

Corporal Rennocks said he hoped they had all enjoyed themselves as they had done, and he asked them all to join him in hearty thanks to the committee and the ladies for the excellent spread that night. Private Robinson also expressed his thanks, and caused much laughter by saying he was "too full for words."

Then the scene changed from gay to grave, and was wonderfully impressive. Speaking with evident emotion, the chairman said there were 20 Thringstone men who would never come back – among them his own son – and he asked the Vicar to propose the toast of "*Our fallen comrades*," after which the company would stand in silence for one minute.

The Rev. C. Shrewsbury said, "*The fewer words said the better. We think of them; they are in our hearts, and we shall strive to prove ourselves worthy of the sacrifice of their lives by trying to make our country better.*"

During the silence which followed, the audience stood with bowed heads and many of them were moved to tears.

The health of the subscribers and trustees of the hall was next drunk. The chairman said it would be unfair to mention anyone, as all from the highest to the lowest had cheerfully responded to the appeal. A balance sheet would be published in due course. Mr Benjamin Baxter, responding, said there was not a house or cottage in the village but what had responded well. They had helped the committee nobly in every way. If it was only a penny, they had given what they could in order that the lads should have a good "do" on this occasion. The lads had done well for their King and country and he hoped the blessing of God would rest upon them for ever. (Cheers).

Mr A. Merriman proposed, "*The lady helpers*," who, he said, had very ably assisted in the catering and contributed in no small degree to the success of the gathering. Mr J. W. Wilford (Pegg's Green) responded for the ladies, remarking that they were always willing and ready to help in any good cause.

Mr J. Robinson proposed the health of the visitors, and this having been well received, the chairman said they were glad to have with them a representative of the Coalville Co-Operative Society. Mr A. Lockwood was invited, and another engagement prevented him attending, but he was represented by Mr George Clarke, Senr., a member of the Management Committee. The Society, who had a branch of Thringstone, had not only subscribed handsomely to the fund, but also made liberal contributions of meat from the butchery department, lent crockery and assisted in other ways. Mr George Clarke, responding, said reference had been made to the large percentage of men who went from Thringstone and he said "*All honour to them*." (Cheers). He was proud to be with them. He had had a long walk, having missed the 'bus, but to be in the company of such brave men and in such a splendid hall had well re-paid him. On behalf of the Co-Operative Society and the visitors, he thanked them for the splendid reception. He congratulated them on the success of the gathering and said it was an example of what could be done by co-operation. (Cheers).

The Vicar proposed the last toast which, he said, was not on the list, but they could not allow it to pass – that was the health of the chairman. They all knew how hard he had worked for that event and with what satisfactory results.

Major Sharp supported this, observing that in everything that was good, they always found Mr Howe helping it along. Mr Howe was never so happy as when he was trying to help to make others happy, and nobody could say a better thing of a man than that. (Cheers).

The Company heartily sang, "*For he's a jolly good fellow*," and gave cheers for Mrs Howe. Mr Howe, responding, said that if anything he had done had contributed to the success of the gathering that night, their appreciation had amply repaid him. He had been connected with public life in different parishes for the last 40 years and it was the first time that his dear wife had been associated with him in an expression of thanks and he appreciated it very much. He had had some good workers on the committee, and that had made his part easy. They had held something like ten meetings, some of them lasting two or 2 ½ hours and the organisation had been made as perfect as possible. He hoped no man had been missed. Concluding, he alluded to a memorial cross having been erected on the village green at Twycross in memory of the fallen and expressed the hope that something similar would be done at Thringstone. He could not expect to attend many more functions in his life. He was now 72 years of age, and though he was a Bucks man, 55 years of his life had been spent in Leicestershire. He thanked them for the way they had received the toast of his health.

A capital concert followed, during which smokes were freely handed round. The excellent programme provided was much enjoyed. Mr "Billy" Burton, comedian, of Coalville, met with quite an ovation and was encored for most of his songs, and there were also songs by Capt. J. Shields, Messrs. L. Gough, B. Waterfield, A. Barlow, E. Benistone and Mr Chalner, recitations by Master Peace and piano selections by Mr H. Shelton and Mr H. Hallam. A very enjoyable and memorable gathering terminated with the singing of the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne.

Mr Ernest Watts ably acted as secretary to the committee and Mr J. Smith was treasurer.

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COLEORTON

CONCERT FOR THE BLIND

A concert on behalf of Sir A. Pearson's Fund for blinded soldiers and sailors, was given on Wednesday, November 19th, in the Coleorton Schools, when the following programme was rendered by a concert party from Ashby, organised by Miss Redern: Recitation, Mr Cartwright; song, "The Bells of St. Mary," Miss Vendy; song, Mrs Parton; song, "The Ballad Monger," Mr Ward; instrumental duet, Misses F. Holdron and Yates; recitation, Mr Cartwright; song, "Garden of Happiness," Miss Lowe; recitation, Mr Cartwright; song, Mrs Parton; song, "A Valley beyond the Silence," Miss Vendy; recitation, Mr Cartwright, instrumental duet, Misses F. Holdron and Yates; song, "The Skipper," Mr Ward; song, "The Night Nursery," Miss Lowe. Accompanist, Miss N. E. Haynes.

In spite of the weather, there was a good attendance, and the programme was thoroughly appreciated by the audience, encores being frequently demanded. At the close Miss Redfern made a statement relative to the objects of the Fund. As a result of the effort the sum of £6/6/3 has been handed over to the Fund.

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EX-SOLDIER'S PLIGHT AT IBSTOCK

NOWHERE TO GO

A POSER FOR THE MAGISTRATES

"What would you do in my place?" said Alfred Adcock, musical instrument dealer, of High Street, Ibstock, to the Market Bosworth magistrates, on Wednesday, when he was told that an order of ejectment made on him a month ago, could not now be altered.

"I am to be put into the street tomorrow," continued Adcock, "for a single young chap to go into my shop, and I think it is jolly hard, after coming back from France, and trying to get another start."

A letter was sent to the Bench from the Ibstock branch of the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors', signed by J. Riley (chairman) and J. Lewis (secretary). The letter stated:

"We, the Ibstock branch of the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors', respectfully protest against the ejectment order made on November 5th last, against Mr A. Adcock, late of the 4th Leicester Regiment. We would respectfully bring to your notice that while in the army, he was turned out of one house, and compelled to sign an agreement before being allowed possession of the house he had agreed to exchange. Also in the present case, alternative accommodation for Mr Adcock and his business has not been provided as promised, when the ejectment order was made. We would respectfully beg for your earnest consideration of this case, seeing that Mr Adcock has been wounded in the service of his country, and has now returned to civil life, and attempting to work up his business."

Adcock alleged that the Court was deceived by the evidence given on the last occasion when the order was made. The clerk said the order could only be altered or annulled by an appeal to the High Court and it was too late for that now.

Adcock: *That means to say that tomorrow I shall be in the street. It is hard that I should be deprived of my livelihood by a single young fellow.*

The clerk said people owning houses had a right to them.

Ald. Eggington: (A magistrate) *But it was not the owner who made the application.*
The clerk: *He is the landlord of this man.*

It was explained that the applicant who got the ejectment order is the tenant of the house and shop, and Adcock is a sub-tenant.

The clerk: *Didn't they say when making the application that you could have the house which the son was leaving?*

Adcock: *Yes, but they had not the authority of the landlord, and he has let it to someone else.*

The clerk: *It is very awkward.*

Ald. Eggington: *It is very hard on this man.*

The clerk said the magistrates had no power. The man should not have left it so long. Adcock said he had been trying all the time to get another place. If only he could have the front of the shop for his business he would not mind. He could go into lodgings. He added, *"I have about 50 members paying into a Christmas club, and if I can't keep the business going I am absolutely in the cart, and don't know where to go or what to do."*

Mr Brown (a magistrate) said the Bench agreed that it was a hard case and Adcock had the sympathy of the magistrates, who would not have granted the order had they known all the facts at the time. But it could not be helped now. He ought not to have left it till the last moment, but should have come to them a fortnight ago. Adcock then left the court.

It is understood that the suggestion has been made from influential quarters to the tenant of the premises who obtained the ejectment order, that he would be well-advised to stay his hand for the time being.

IBSTOCK

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Ald. W. Eggington presided over a well-attended meeting of the committee for the above last week-end. An apology for non-attendance was read from Mr Harratt, and a letter from the president, Mr A. Turner, Esq., urging the committee to proceed with an agreed scheme. Mr Dunstan gave the report of the Album Committee, from which it transpired that it would cost about £500 to carry this out in a meagre form, and if the thing was done on the originally intended lines, it would cost about £800, and suggested that this should be dropped, and their whole efforts merged into the one scheme of a memorial monument.

Mr J. T. Jacques gave the report of the Sites and Monument Committee, recommending the erection of a suitable monument on the Central Avenue. He stated that Mr T. B. Wain had prepared a very suitable plan of one to be carried out in best Portland stone, the base of which would be 21ft x 12ft 9in, with two relief columns, and a centre panel, with the names of all the fallen engraved thereupon. The site for same to be laid out in connection with the new houses and would lend itself to the beautifying of the whole scheme. Although they had only £570 in hand, he was quite optimistic of the securing of the balance. Mr Wain then submitted a drawing of the proposed memorial, and explained it to the committee in detail.

Mr W. T. Williams suggested that the subscribers should be called together and the whole thing be again laid before them. Mr Simpson supported. Mr Stafford said Mr Thirlby thought enough time had been lost already, and they ought to get on with it at once, and on a proposition being put, 12 voted for the immediate carrying out of the work, and 2 against, it being agreed to circularise the subscribers, stating what had been done.

Mr Wain agreed to make out a sketch plan to be exhibited in a suitable window for the public to see. The following were elected as a sub-committee to carry out the work: Messrs. J. Baxter, J. T. Jacques, J.P., J. J. Sparrow, W. Dunstan, T. R. Wain, R. Stafford, R. B. Thirlby and Ald. Eggington, J.P.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The promise made by the War Office to the Syston Parish Council has been fulfilled in the arrival at Syston, on Monday, of a German field gun captured by the Leicesters?

IN MEMORIAM

Watson – In ever loving memory of my dear husband, Pte. John Watson, M.G.C. died November 30th, 1918, from wounds received while fighting for his country, buried at Ravenstone, December 5th, 1918.

*"Gone from sight but not from memory,
None but aching hearts can tell.
Our sorrow is great, our loss hard to bear,
The Father in Heaven will guard him with care."*

From his loving Wife and Children
Piper Lane, Ravenstone.

Bodle – In loving memory of Pte. S. Bodle, 2nd Manchester Regiment, who died of wounds in France, December 3rd, 1918.

*"Still the dark clouds are silver-lined,
With such beautiful memories left behind.
But the angels of Heaven are guarding his soul,
Till we meet him again at the call of the roll."*

From his loving Aunt Emma and Uncle Sim; Nana and Bert; and Harry and Bob.
Ibstock.

Bodle – In ever-loving memory of our dear son, Private Samuel Bodle, who died from wounds received in action, December 3rd, 1918. Buried at Rouen.

*"He sleeps in a foreign land,
In a grave we may never see.
As long as life and memory lasts,
We will remember thee."*

*"When alone in my sorrow and bitter tears flow,
There stealeth a memory of sweet long ago.
Unknown to the world, he stands by my side,
And whispers, dear loved one, Death cannot divide."*

From loving Mother and Father; Sisters and Brother.

Knight – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Corporal Edward Knight, of the R.E. killed in action, December 3rd, 1917.

*"No mother's care, did him attend,
Nor o'er him did a father bend,
No sister by to shed a tear,
No brother his last words to hear."*

From Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.
92, Silver Street, Whitwick.

Knight – In loving memory of my dear brother, Corporal Edward Knight, of the R.E. who was killed December 3rd, 1917.

*"There is a link Death cannot sever,
Love and remembrance lasts for ever."*

From his loving Sister and Brother.
203, North Street, Hugglescote.

Bailey – In honoured memory of Private George Bailey of the R.A.M.C. of Edinburgh, who died of wounds received in action, in France, on the 6th December, 1917.

*“Gashed with honourable scars,
Low in glory’s lap he lies,
His victory won.”*

From his Mother and Father-in-law, Mr and Mrs Thomas Baugh, of Thornborough.

Martin – In ever loving memory of my dear fiancée, Corporal G. Martin, who fell in action, December 8th, 1917.

*“To know him was to love him,
His memory I cherish with pride.
Had only the guilty suffered,
My dearest one would not have died.”*

From CIS.

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COALVILLE PETTY SESSIONS

ONLY JUST DEMOBILISED

John Collier (24), waggoner, Coalville, was summoned for driving a dray without two front lights at Coalville, on November 19th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Sibson said defendant only had one front light. He got another light. Defendant said he was not aware that three lights were required. He was only demobilised ten days ago after five years in the army, 3 ½ years in France. Supt. Lockton said he would be willing to withdraw the case on payment of costs. Withdrawn on payment of 5/6 costs.

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ASHBY URBAN COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

In reply to a question by Capt. Abney Hastings, the chairman said the War Memorial Sub-Committee had prepared a report, which would be shortly presented to the main committee. It was also stated that the war trophy from the Government, was expected shortly.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

George N. Sitdown (late R.A.S.C.), Licensed Horse Slaughterer, 10, Jackson Street, Coalville, gives best prices for live or dead cattle?

IN MEMORIAM

Spencer – A token of love and remembrance of Harry Spencer, who died May 8th, 1918; also of Private George Spencer, who died November 27th, 1915.

From Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

Saunders – In loving memory of Private Ernest A. Saunders Royal Warwicks, died of wounds in France, December 10th, 1917.

"The loss is too great for words, but he nobly did his duty."

From his ever-loving Mother, Father, Harry, Horace and his sweetheart, Gladys.

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CORRESPONDENCE

WHITWICK EX-SOLDIER'S CASE

Dear Mr Editor: We hear a good deal these days of the power of the Press, and as ordinary methods have failed to secure fair and just treatment in the following case, touching a gallant soldier and his relatives, we make public the particulars in the hope that publicity and the Press may succeed where private methods have been in vain.

A Whitwick man, eager to fight for his country, joined the Leicestershire Regiment in 1915, and continued to serve until February, 1916, when he became of unsound mind, the disability being due to his military service. He was invalided from the army to Beverley, and later transferred to the County Asylum at Narborough. From his arrival there, the responsibility of the Military Authorities seems to have ceased, for the father of the soldier promptly received an order from the Ashby Board of Guardians to contribute 12/- per month towards the maintenance of his son. In vain the father, a man advanced in years, pleaded that his son's disability was due to military service. The Guardians were adamant, and for nine months the contributions were regularly paid. The matter was taken up by the Local War Pensions Sub-Committee which, be it said to its credit, did all in its power to secure just treatment. Its efforts met with success, for after months and months of writing and discussion, the Ministry of Pensions awarded a special grant, and the father was apparently, to receive this in due course. So far, so good, but to this day not a penny has he received, although he has paid £5/8/0 to the Guardians towards the maintenance of his son.

The fact is that the Guardians claimed the whole of the grant for arrears due to them, and the Ministry of Pensions, over the heads of the local sub-committee, paid the whole of the grant direct to them.

We contend that even if the Ministry of Pensions was right in so paying it, and even if the father had no legal right to compensation for his son's disability, he (the father) should not be compelled to contribute to the maintenance of his son, and therefore, the £5/8/0 should be at once refunded by the Guardians. We are, sir, yours truly.

S. E. Perry (Chairman)
F. E. Needham (Branch secretary)
N.F.D.D.S.S. (Whitwick Branch)
Church Lane, Whitwick

We have made enquires of Mr J. W. Bowley, relieving officer for the district who states that the case was first brought to the notice of the Ashby Guardians by the Patrington Union. The man had been discharged from the army, and admitted to the Beverley Asylum, thereby becoming chargeable to the Patrington Board, who requested the Ashby Board to accept the settlement of the ex-soldier as being in their Union. Ashby accepted the liability, and paid to the Patrington Union £6/5/0, also £2/18/0 to the Beverley Asylum for his maintenance.

After accepting settlement and prior to his removal to the Leicestershire Asylum at Narborough, the cost of which, £5/5/0, was another charge to the Ashby Guardians. After the removal to Narborough, the man's father was asked to pay what he could towards the son's maintenance, and his offer of 3/- per week (12/- per month as stated in the letter) was approved. This went on until the father had paid a total of £5/8/0 and the Guardians also received £2/16/9 from the army authorities, balance of military pay due to the man. In the meantime the case had been taken up by the local War Pensions Committee, and the Ministry of Pensions allowed a gratuity of £25, and recognised the man as a service patient, henceforth being liable for his maintenance. It was then that the Guardians' liability ceased, and the father made no more payments. The man was in the asylum, chargeable to the Guardians for 44 weeks and two days, at 14/- per week, or

£44/6/0, and after deducting the father's payments and the man's balance of pay, there was a balance of due to the Guardians of £50/9/3. When the Ministry of Pensions made a gratuity to the man of £25, they wrote and asked the Guardians whether they had any claim to make against the gratuity, as part of the man's estate, for his maintenance. The Guardians made a claim to the Ministry for the whole of the £50/9/3, but they declined to pay more than the gratuity of £25, which still leaves a balance of £25/9/3, due to the Guardians. (Editor "C.T.")

IBSTOCK EX-SOLDIER'S PLIGHT

Dear Sir, - I should be very pleased if you will permit me a small space in your columns in reply to the "Ibstock Ex-Soldier's Plight," I being the single young man, as he says, to be put in his shop. I should say myself that it is a hard case if I did not know the case all through. As regards the Court being deceived by the evidence given on the last occasion, when the order was made, I should like to state that the evidence given was the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. I should say, if Adcock can prove it, let him do so. Then Adcock stated that the house my brother lives in is let to someone else before notice of any kind has been given?

In reply to the Ibstock Branch of the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors statement of Adcock being compelled to sign an agreement before being allowed possession of the house he now lives in, I can prove that he was not compelled. After he had been to see me several times, I let it to him on conditions, and he said he would take it on any conditions. So I let it to him. Thanking you for the space you have allowed me – I remain, yours truly.

William Boyer
Curzon Street, Ibstock.
9/12/1919

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WHITWICK MATRIMONIAL CASE

WAR WIDOW'S UNHAPPY SECOND VENTURE

SEPARATION ORDER GRANTED

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, Andrew Smith (23), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for deserting his wife, and also for assaulting her. He pleaded guilty to the assault, and not guilty to the desertion. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appears for the complainant, who, he said, married the defendant a year last March, her former husband having been killed in the war in France. By the marriage, complainant forfeited his pension.

Complainant said her first husband was killed in 1915, and she was left with three little girls, for whom she went out to work, but her health had been so affected by the defendant's treatment that she could not work. He left her six weeks' ago, and she had not received a penny from him since. She and the children were afraid of him. He struck her in the mouth on one occasion, and she had not seen her false teeth since. Defendant earned over £4 a week, and he used to give her 50/- a week to keep house.

Answering defendant, complainant said that odd weeks he had given her £3, but the usual amount was 50/- a week. It was untrue that another man had been to the house. She had backed horses.

The chairman: *Backing horses has nothing to do with it.*

Defendant made other allegations against his wife, which she strongly denied. Kate Hall, complainant's little daughter, also gave evidence.

Defendant, on oath, in the witness box, accused his wife of immorality, and keeping a bad house, and said he should not pay her anything while she did that. He earned £3/15/0 a week, and gave his wife £3 a week, in addition to which she received 23/6 a week Government money for the children.

By Mr Sharp: *He caught a man in the house, and saw the man pay his wife 2/-, which she said was for a bet on a horse. She said she had put a shilling on a horse at two-to-one and backed a winner.*

Sergeant Betts, called by the defendant, said he went to the house to collect some money from the defendant, and saw Smith and another man in the house. Defendant made no complaint as to the presence of the other man in the house, and they appeared to be quite friendly.

For the assault, defendant was fined £3/3/0 or one month.

Replying to the Bench, complainant said she was receiving 23/6 weekly from the Government for the three children. A separation order was made, defendant to pay his wife 35/- per week, 14/6 costs, and an advocate's fee of £2/2/0.

Defendant: *What does it amount to altogether?*

The clerk: *Do you mean the fines and costs?*

Defendant: *Yes, apart from what I have got to pay her. I shall pay her nothing.*

The total in these two cases was £5/19/6 but it was pointed out that there was another case against the defendant.

This was for an offence under the Poaching Prevention Act to which he pleaded guilty. P.C. Jones said he met the defendant at 12 am last Sunday, with a wild rabbit in his possession, and a dog.

Defendant: *Who fetched it off the land?*

The clerk: *You have pleaded guilty.*

Defendant: *I might as well own to it.*

A fine of 10/6 was imposed. Defendant asked for time to pay, saying they had been on short time. Inspector Dobney said the last five or six days they had not worked a full day at the Whitwick Colliery, owing to a shortage of waggons.

He was ordered to pay 30/- that day, and the balance of £5 within 21 days.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr H. Woolley, secretary of the Leicester and County Hospital Society for the support of the Leicester Royal Infirmary and Convalescent Homes, has received a letter from the War Office conveying the thanks of the Army Council for the valuable assistance rendered in establishing and maintaining an auxiliary hospital for the sick and wounded.

The soldier poet of the Leicester Regiment – Mr A. Newbury Choyce – is the only poet represented in the Christmas Number of "Pearson's Magazine" – one of his poems – "A Lad's Litany," appearing under his pen name of "Thurce Crayne," and the other, "The Midlander," speaking enthusiastically of Leicester. Many men in Leicester city and county followed Mr Choyce "over the top" in the Hohenzollern Redoubt, and at Arras, and his poems from the trenches, "Crimson Stains," are well-known throughout the regiment. As a soldier poet, he was the youngest member of Lord Reading's lecturing mission to the United States in 1918, and we of his county who have read his two successful books of verse published in New York, are glad to think that by one of their officers, the name and fame of the "Tigers" has been told from Gotham to San Francisco, and from the Canadian border to the Mexican Gulf. Mr Choyce is a resident of Hugglescote, and before joining the army was a teacher at the Coalville Bridge Road Council School.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The names of nineteen men from the village of Overseal who fell in the war are inscribed on a marble tablet in the church which was dedicated on Saturday?

A peal of bells costing £841, towards which Mr W. Worthington has given £250, as a war memorial, was dedicated at St. Matthew's Church, Overseal, on Saturday, by the Bishop of Peterborough?

MARKET BOSWORTH WAR MEMORIAL

A further meeting was held in the Park Street Schools, Market Bosworth, on Monday evening, to consider the estimates for the erection of the proposed war memorial in the Market Place. There was a good attendance. The chair was taken by Canon P. H. Bowers, D.D.

The memorial is to take the shape of a cross standing 17 ft high, with several steps at the base. Owing to the increased cost of materials and labour, a further £100 will be necessary, making a total sum of £285 to complete the work. Several offers were made by parishioners present to double their subscription to the cost of the memorial, and it is anticipated that no difficulty will be encountered in raising the additional sum required.

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GROBY EX-SOLDIER'S COTTAGE

A DIFFICULT CASE

At the County Police Court, Leicester, on Saturday, an ejectment order was made against Richard Carpenter, 41, Ratby Road, Groby, on the application of the Groby Granite Company.

For the Company, Mr Billson said the cottage was one of a row built for their employees. Carpenter worked for them before joining the army, and his wife was allowed the use of the cottage, as the Company thought he would come back. However, he was now employed in Leicester, and the cottage was wanted for a man who had been ejected from his own house and was now temporarily staying at the house of the curate.

Mr Bennett, defending, said Carpenter had been injured in the war and could no longer work for the Company, in consequence of a crushed foot. He had made every effort to get another house, but without avail. As soon as he could get a suitable house he would readily move into it, but he asked the Bench not to render homeless a discharged soldier who had done his best. The Bench described it as a difficult case, but they felt they could do no other than make an order for possession within 21 days.

WAR MEMORIAL TABLET IN ELLISTOWN CHURCH

DEDICATED BY THE BISHOP OF LEICESTER

The Lord Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Norman Lang) at a special service at St. Christopher's Church, Ellistown, on Wednesday evening, dedicated a memorial tablet which has been placed in the church with the names inscribed upon it of 30 men from Ellistown who fell in the great war.

The tablet, executed by Mr J. B. Morcom, of the Newark, Leicester, is of beautiful design. The names of the fallen are engraved on a slab of Swithland marble, framed in Chelston alabaster, with a wreath and surrounding mould of carved laurel leaves, the whole surmounted by a cross with the sculptured figure of the Saviour upon it. There are also the sculptured figures of St. Mary and St. John. The figure of Christ on the Cross is to show in an unmistakeable way the sacrifice willingly made and nobly borne; those of John and Mary have an obvious message of sympathy for the mourners, while the laurel leaves are a symbol of honour.

The inscription on the tablet is as follows:

To the glory of God and in memory of - J. W. Twigg, A. Barnes, E. Butler, A. Quilter, W. Pepper, W. Barney, G. W. Fletcher, G. T. Gadsby, R. Ashby, C. Briers, I. Wood, A. F. Prior, J. W. Barrs, G. H. Barrs, F. Orton, J. R. Ward, P. T. Deacon, A. Barnes, A. Quilter, W. E. Harper, W. Pettitt, A. T. Richardson, A. Burton, C. Nicholls, H. S. Robson, H. Partner, W. Cave, W. Mason, J. Richardson, L. Bacon, H. Brooks, J. B. H. Sleigh - who fell in the Great War 1914 - 19. Rest in Peace.

The cost has been borne by voluntary contributions and amounts to about £100, the whole of which has been raised. The dedication service was largely attended, and was very impressive. It consisted of evensong, and after the reading of the third collect, the Bishop, led by the two churchwardens, Messrs. J. A. Hume and G. B. Lagoe, proceeded to the tablet which is on the left wall of the church, a few yards from the entrance, and performed the dedication ceremony, after which buglers sounded "The Last Post."

The Bishop afterwards gave an address, and during the service the hymns, "Fight the good Fight," "Soldiers of Christ," "There is a blessed Home," and "For all the Saints," were sung. A collection was made for the memorial fund, in connection with which it is also proposed to provide a book to be kept permanently in the church, containing the names of all the men from the parish who served in the war.

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MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS

A MISSING DEFENDANT

Walter James Looms, soldier, of Kirby Muxloe, was summoned by Daisy Page, single woman, Ibstock, in respect of her illegitimate child.

The clerk said a letter from the defendant's wife stated that he had gone to France. Complainant produced a letter from the defendant's commanding officer, stating that he had been discharged from his unit. Answering the clerk, complainant said the child was born in October, 1918. She took out a summons at Loughborough last January, but they adjourned the case till the man returned to England. He was then on service. She took out this summons for the Bosworth Court as she had since gone to reside at Ibstock, in the Bosworth area.

The clerk pointed out that the proceedings were still alive in the Loughborough Court. Complainant, in reply to further questions, said she had not heard from the defendant since August. Defendant was a married man all the time, but represented himself to her as single. She could not say where he was now. The case was adjourned for a fortnight for enquiries to be made.

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LOUGHBOROUGH CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

A party of 150 children of Loughborough whose fathers were killed during war service, were entertained on Saturday in Loughborough Town Hall. The elementary school teachers controlled the event. Each child received gifts valued 2/6 from the Christmas trees, and the Mayoress of Loughborough (Mrs W. F. Charles) made a personal gift to the children.