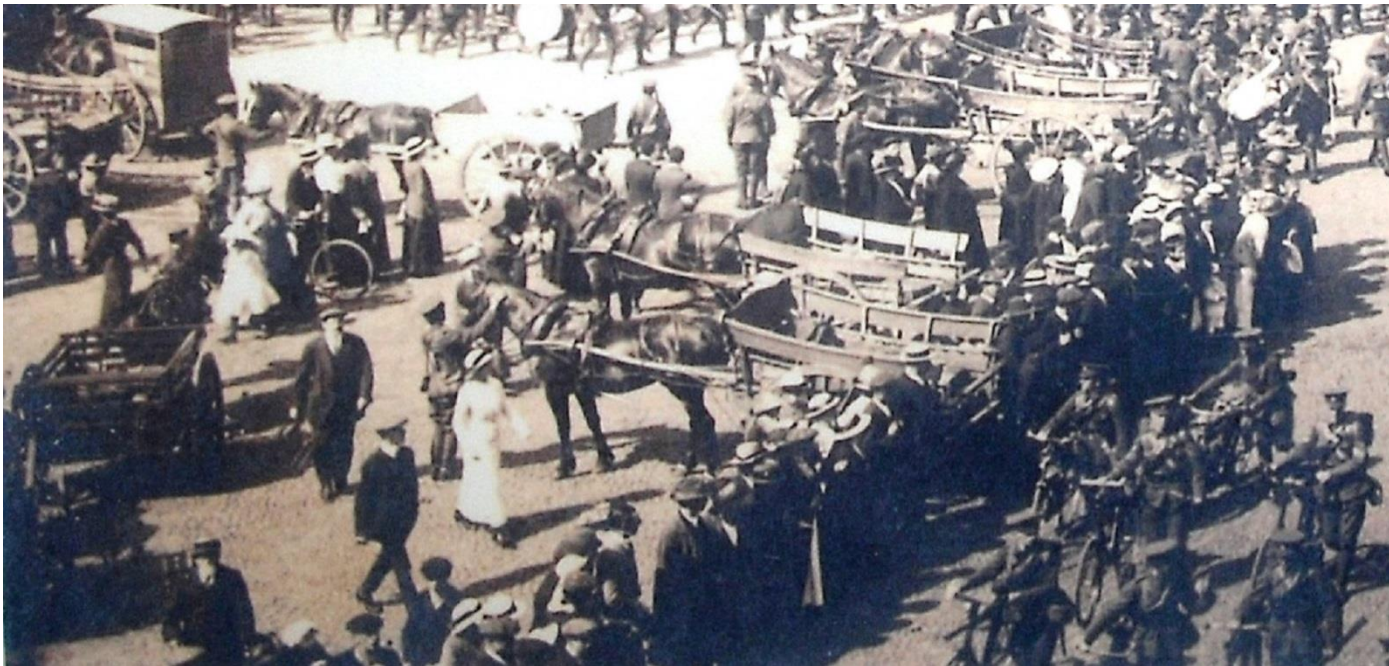


## Continuing the story of Newark's Great War–100 years ago this week



### Our young men line-up to face the enemies

ONE aspect was apparent as the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters prepared to march out of the Market Place – the youth of most of the gallant volunteers.

It was easy to conclude that the future of the town is about to be defended by the men most likely to have spent the next decade or two of their peacetime lives doing their utmost to improve their lot.

And suddenly their lot is to leave their loved ones, homes and jobs, to put their personal ambitions on hold, and to battle for Britain's right to live in a free world.

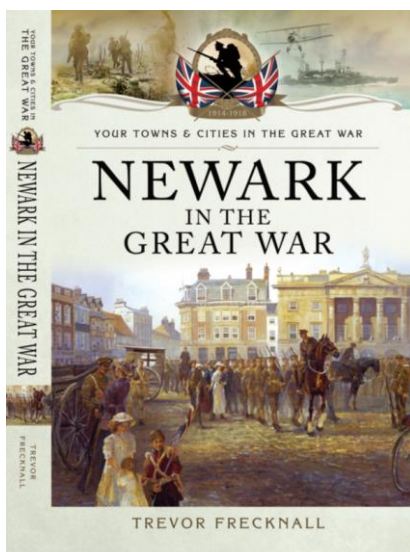
In the photograph above left: some of the transport that had on-lookers likening their appearance to that of a circus troop.

In the lower photograph the men prepare to march out of the Market Place into Bridge Street.

It is a sobering fact that some of them are taking their final glances at the heart of 'good old Newark'.



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### How Newark spent its last days of peace

ON Bank Holiday Monday, 3 August, Germany declared war on France and invaded neutral Belgium – and the long defunct Newark Flower Show was revived in a paddock beside Hatton House. It was deemed a success despite a downpour forcing everyone indoors at the very moment the Mayoress was declaring it open. The Mayor, as President of the organising committee, said: "We're all just now thinking of serious things and it's a relief to be able to transfer our thoughts to peaceful pursuits." Miss Josephine Elizabeth Gilstrap, who resided in the 24-room Winthorpe House with her sister Lady Manners, was a prolific winner of classes for both flowers and vegetables.

**AS the works holiday fortnight began on Saturday, the Great Northern Railway Company issued an apology for not running promised trains to Filey and Scarborough. Hardly anybody got away anyway – except to join the Forces.**

THE Workhouse on Bowbridge Road was informed by Horace J Stray that "owing to the European crisis and the rise in the prices of flour, barley meal and eggs" he was unable to deliver goods at the contracted price but would be pleased to continue to supply at the lowest market prices. The Guardians informed him that if he declined to deliver in accordance with his contract they would be compelled to obtain the articles elsewhere and charge the difference to him. The Guardians added that they were prepared to meet the contractors "in the present exceptional circumstances" so far as they were legally entitled to do so and so far as the Local Government Board would permit them to do so.

### Yeomen capture German miners

A SQUAD from the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry left their horses temporarily and travelled in two especially requisitioned motor charabancs on Friday to capture 30 German workers who were sinking a new coal mine at Harworth for an Anglo-German syndicate.

The 'undesirable aliens' were taken to Retford Police Station, where their interpreter was Miss Muriel Gough, a well-known operatic singer and the daughter of the headmaster of Retford Grammar School.

All German residents in Great Britain were considered to be dangerous and potential spies from the moment War was declared. All were interned in secure camps.

### Pilot crash-lands again in Kelham

THREE Army airmen landed their aeroplanes in fields at Kelham on Tuesday. One damaged his undercarriage, just as he did on a previous visit to Newark. Mechanics arrived with a spare part and he managed to get away on Wednesday morning.



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## Bainbridge ladies' Sunday shift for Yeomanry

BEHIND its elegant façade, Bainbridge's was a hive of activity on the Lord's day of rest yesterday.

The young ladies who work for the haberdashers in the Market Place composed 80 sewing and darning sets for the Mansfield Squadron of the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry. A spokesperson explained: "Every man knows the discomfort of being even one button short at home. But the trouble is much intensified when campaigning." John C Bainbridge (born 1823 Lincoln) had first appeared in the Newark census for 1861 as a "draper employing 7 assistants, 4 apprentices and 12 servants." By now, his the ornate frontage of his shop near the Arcade (home to Nottingham Building Society a century later) looks somewhat like a fairy castle but the contents are entirely practical for ladies who have to knit, sew or darn clothes, tablecloths, bedding and furniture accessories.

# Terriers march out!



**THIS** was the emotional scene in Newark Market Place today mere minutes before the local Territorial soldiers of the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters marched off to take patriotic parts in The Great War.

The town's annual works holiday was over before it really began. Of the major employers, Ransome & Company reopened their Stanley Works at 7am and Simpson's Lowfield Works whirled into action at 8.30am.

At 9.30am, there began the most significant military move in Newark since the Civil War era. A dense crowd of well-wishers mingled with the soldiers. The Mayor, Councillor John Kew, wished the brave men 'God-speed'. The Vicar, Canon Paton Hindley, accompanied by other clergy, conducted a short service. The Battalion then marched off via the Fosse Way to Radcliffe-on-Trent, leaving behind H

Company under Captain John Becher, a court clerk and solicitor in peacetime, to guard the railway.

All the horses had been purchased locally. The transport was, basically, begged and borrowed. Floats from Warwick and Richardson's and Hole's breweries formed the majority of the Small Arms Ammunition and tool carts, whilst Dickens's Mineral Water drays and Davy's Brewery drays made fairly good General Service wagons, when fitted with light wooden sides. The collection was completed by a furniture van full of blankets, two Corporation water carts, and a bread cart with a large red cross on each side.

Observers agreed that few Regimental Transports could have better resembled a circus.

The marching men reached Radcliffe at about 4pm and will complete their journey to Derby tomorrow.

## **Bread cheaper as ladies get to work**

The price of bread and flour in Newark and district was reduced by 3d a stone as fears of food shortages subsided.

And there was more good news for the wives and mothers who were left somewhat helpless by their menfolk volunteering for the Forces.

First, Mayor Kew assured the men that, while they were performing their patriotic duty, their families would be looked after.

And the Council Chamber of Newark Town Hall was packed this evening by ladies from the town and surrounding villages responding to the call by the Mayoress, Mrs Annie Kew, to discuss the best ways of helping the sick and wounded and those left behind by those who have gone forth to serve.

Miss Queenie Vincent Robinson, elder daughter of a costume manufacturer living at 20 Baldertongate, was elected secretary of The Mayoress's Working Party, which spent the next four years making clothes for soldiers and providing help and advice to their families.