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# Great War Bulletin

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## MASSIVE NEED FOR NURSES

VIRTUALLY every village is running training courses for women willing to learn the rudimentary skills necessary for them to volunteer to work in the new hospitals and convalescent homes being established for wounded soldiers. More VAD Hospitals are being established on The Burgage, Southwell, and in many large country houses throughout Nottinghamshire.



# Emergency



# hospital appeal

A MAJOR operation was launched last week to transform a large house in Lombard Street into a hospital for soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force – and their French and Belgian allies – who have been wounded during their heroic attempts to halt the German Army.

It is one of hundreds of establishments springing up around the country under the auspices of the Scheme for the Organisation of Voluntary Aid, which was set up by the Government in 1909.

Under the Scheme, the Red Cross has established Voluntary Aid Detachments.

Their members are trained in first aid and nursing – and their numbers are being increased at a rapid rate thanks to courses being run by general practitioners virtually every evening.

The Lombard Street VAD Hospital will comprise 30 beds plus all necessary facilities and staff to enable the patients to recover from their ordeals. Newark General Hospital will also take its share of wounded heroes, too.

## WOUNDED HEROES SET FOR LOMBARD STREET

### Local donors give beds, clothing

THE Newark branch of the Red Cross Society acknowledge with many thanks the receipt or promises of necessities for the VAD Hospital from: Mrs Anderson, Mrs Baker (Crown Street), Mrs H Beevor, Mrs G H Branston, Mrs H P G Branston, Mrs H E Branston, Misses Branston, Mrs J G Branston, Mrs Browne (Collingham), Miss Brewster, Mrs G B Burke, Mrs Cherry-Downes, Mrs G W Cherrington, Mrs Constable Curtis, Christ Church Working Party, Mrs F H Davage, Mrs Dyson (Winthorpe), Mrs G S Foljambe, Mrs G W Ford, Mrs W Ford, Mrs G Fillingham, Miss Fillingham, Misses Falkner, Miss Gilstrap, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Garner, Mrs J Hutchinson, Miss Hadfield, Mrs Hallows, Mrs C J Huskinson, Rev and Mrs A J Judson, Miss Jones (Crown Street), Mrs W E Knight, Miss King, Mrs J C Kew, Dr Kinmont, The Hon Mrs Lister, Mrs MacRae, Mrs E F Milthorp, Mrs W J Need, Mrs R Oakden, Mrs A Platt, Mrs O Quibell, Mrs Rice, Mr H Reynard, Miss Reynard, Dr Ringrose, Rescue Home, Miss Robinson, Red Cross Society, Mrs J R Starkey, Mrs F Swann, Mrs Swann (North Collingham), Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs H Thorpe, Mrs G Tallents, Lady Ada Wilmot, Mrs Wallis.



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# So ... Just how many heroes have enlisted?

SEVEN weeks after War was declared and six weeks after many of the Newark area's volunteers marched out, official efforts are being made to determine exactly how many men have left town.

This became clear on Saturday when a small advertisement appeared in the *Newark Herald*.

It stated that Councillor John Charles Kew, the Mayor of Newark, as Chairman of the Local Relief Committee, would be "obliged if the Wives or other dependents of all members of the Naval and Military Reserves and Territorial forces residing in the Borough of Newark, who are now on active service, would call upon the Secretary of the Committee, Mr R V Appleby, at the Town Clerk's Office, Cartergate, as soon as possible, any day between the hours of 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm to register their names and addresses together with any other

particulars that may be required."

Mr Appleby, one of the staff in the offices of Tallents, the solicitors, has thus set about compiling a register that will serve two purposes:

1 – allow the Council to acknowledge the names of the men fighting for their King and country;

2 – identify dependents who may need support now that their bread-winners are away.

And volunteers continue to step forth. Among the latest are 32 young monks from the Society of the Sacred Mission at Kelham Hall: 11 with the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters, the rest in Lord Kitchener's Second Army.

## Farmers fear foot and mouth

FARMERS in Newark and surrounding villages are concerned that the panicky pursuit of food since the outbreak of The Great War will lead to foot and mouth disease being imported across the Irish Sea.

Their worries were discussed in some detail at the weekly meeting of the Newark branch of the Farmers' Union in the Royal Oak, Castlegate, Newark, on Wednesday.

They had requested the County Council to impose a ban on Irish cattle as a precaution. An earlier ban had been lifted amid fears that there would otherwise be meat shortages.

The Council clearly still fears this possibility is a greater danger than the disease.

For it refused to lift the ban "owing to the state of the country at the present time."



## Value of family left at home

PRIME MINISTER Herbert Asquith (pictured) last week announced a new scale of "separation allowances" for the wives and children of men serving in the Army: 12s 6d (60.5 pence) per week for a wife with no children, 15s for wife with one child, 17s 6d for wife with two children, 20s for wife with three children, and 22s for wife with four children.

## Magnus head laments 'weak' spellers

THE headmaster of the Newark Magnus Grammar School, the Reverend Henry Gorse, informed governors that the 17 candidates for scholarships were "very weak" in spelling while their knowledge of English grammar was "practically non-existent".

The assessment furthers his reputation as a most forthright chap: he banned all football at the school in 1911, insisting that only rugby union be played in winter.

## Sherwoods launch a plea for cookers

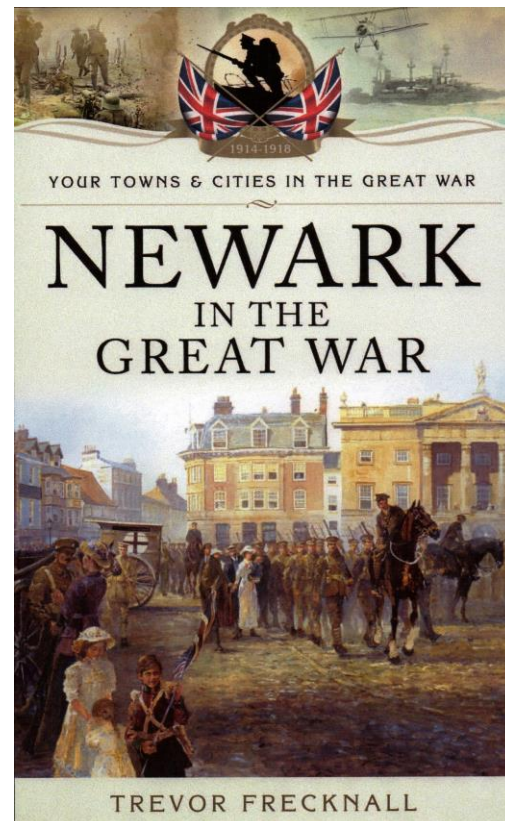
FURTHER evidence – if it was required – that this War is being funded, as well as fought, by voluntary contributions: Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel George Savile Foljambe appealed for £160 so that the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters could purchase "travelling field cookers" before they leave England at the end of the month.

He pointed out that the City of Nottingham and the Duke of Portland had bought similar equipment for the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Robin Hoods) and expressed the hope that "the County" will be as supportive of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Rangers cheered by smoking concert

THE officers and men of the active service contingent of the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, who are also waiting to be sent overseas, were entertained to a smoking concert by the Bassetlaw Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, one of the largest fraternal organisations in the country.

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