

Great War Bulletin

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More 'Specials' to protect villages

WITH the danger of a German invasion of Britain still great, more special constables were sworn-in at Newark County Magistrates' Court on Wednesday with the task of assisting the police force – diminished as it is by officers who have

joined the Armed Forces – to maintain law and order in the rural areas:

Winthorpe – Arthur Wright, farm bailiff; Amos Meade, gardener.

Langford – W J Gibson, farm foreman; S Townsend, labourer.

Holme – J S Boddy, farmer's son; A H Plumb, cottager.

South Collingham – W Taylor, farmer; M Clarke, gardener; R Cook, William Thompson, carters.

North Collingham – J T Sharpe, chimney sweep; A W Broadberry, joiner; Ezra Waddington, Jolly Bargeman licensee; J R Antcliff, road man.

Besthorpe – G H Arnold, farmer's son; R Sandars, farmer's son.

Girton – A Gee, labourer; G Hopkinson, boatman.

South Clifton – W R Lingard, gentleman; George Holland, boatman.

North Clifton – E Lilley, labourer; W Hanson, butcher.

Carlton-on-Trent – F Naylor, blacksmith; H H Brewin, butcher.

Sutton-on-Trent – W J Everton, insurance agent; Thomas Marshall, basket maker; James Dye, ex-Police sergeant.

Grassthorne – J and G Seels, farmers.

Marnham – J K Lounds, S Pennington, farmers.

Fledborough – H H Howard, Chas Tinley – farmers.

Cromwell – H Nurcombe, George Dakin, farmers.

North Muskham – J Price, E Slater, farmers.

South Muskham – F Wright, farmer; R L Parlby, joiner.

West Newark – W W Stevens, cottager; H H Butt, cattle dealer.

Kelham – F Brittain, woodman.

Averham – G Smith, gardener.

Staythorpe – A J Dove, farmer.

Rolleston – T S Cullen, S T Sharpe, R Harness, farmers.

Farndon – J Mayfield, maltster; R H Howitt, gentleman; Herbert Goddard, farmer; William Donson, retired police officer.

East Stoke – C E Burton, coachman; A Taylor, gamekeeper.

Syerston – G S Cooper, farm foreman; T Baguley, farm bailiff.

Elston – J T Hallam, E Hunt, farmers.

Harby – G Roland, nurseryman.

Children are knitting for War victory

HOW'S THIS for a heart-warming gesture from home to the heroes battling to keep the rampaging German Army at bay!

Balderton Sunday School scholars gave up their prizes this year so that the money could buy wool and they could start knitting socks, mufflers and mittens for "our gallant and brave sailors and soldiers."

Their decision was announced as it was revealed that a "very large" number of young men from the parish had responded to the call and enlisted for the Armed Forces.

Villagers known to have enlisted are Wilfred Huckerby, Pinfold Lane, Royal Engineers; A C Kitchen, Smith Street; W Lupton, Woodbine Terrace; A Graves, Cross Lane, 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment; C A Knott of the village baking family; H H Eddowes, *HMS Nelson*; George Eddowes, *HMS Foxhound*.

In addition, nearly a quarter of the workers from **James Simpson's Lowfield Works** – 191 men! – were in the fighting forces.

And the other threequarters are club-bing together to send each serving man a Christmas gift of 50 cigarettes and one ounce of tobacco or, in the case of non-smokers, chocolates. The 'Simpsons Roll of Honour' contained:

2nd Sherwoods: R Cawthorne, W Robinson, J Ward. **3rd Sherwoods**: J Robison. **4th Sherwoods**: C Burgin, H Blades, A Combes, H Handley, H Mawson, W Ratcliffe, J Shaw. **7th Sherwoods**: A Mortimer. **8th Sherwoods (Service Battalion)**: A Bramley, H Bryan, F Bramley, F Briggs, G Brewster, R Burns, A Clark, G Clewes, W Clewes, G Croft, W Gale, F Goodey, A Goodenough, R Huckerby, W Hunt, J Hendry, J Henderson, C Hagues, L Hobbs, J Johnson, A

And Simpson's workers count the Lowfields patriotic heroes

Mawson, W Mawson, H Parker, J Patterson, J Roe, C Raine, F Sharp, E Sharp, F Sargison, D Spiers, W Taylor, W Wallis. **8th Sherwoods (Reserve Battalion)**: W Adams, F Bentley, H Bugden, J Brittain, E Bilton, A Burgin, G Barks, H Chapman, T Catley, O Dickens, A Everitt, A Foulds, T Fox, W Gamage, A Green, H Garrod, W Hobbs, A Hudson, J Hudson, C Hartley, C Huckerby, E Hobbs, J Hudson, F Johnson, W Jackson, F Jackson, J Johnson, G Jones, A Lupton, J Lane, A Langstone, A Mayhew, H Musgrove, H Maltby, J Marsden, T Osborne, S Pegg, F Palin, A Pulford, E Proctor, H Pickering, J Pearl, A Roe, A Roberts, A Sharp, A Stamper, C Taylor, J Thorpe, H Taylor, G Taylor, J Twells, A Walsham, F Whitehead, T Watson, W Watt. **Sherwood Rangers (Service Battalion)**: L Bailey, F Clark, G K

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Private Joe, 40, is killed at Ypres

PRIVATE JOSEPH HEMPSHALL was killed in action yesterday – four months after he arrived in France with the 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. He need not have been there. Farmers valued their labourers and tended to hang onto them for as long as possible. And at 40, Joe was older than most soldiers. Born on 25 November 1874 at Cauntton, he could have continued labouring on the Shaws' farm on Debdale Hill and living with his father Thomas (born 1854, Long Bennington); his step-mother Emma (born 1860, Norwell); and their daughter Edith (born 1902, Debdale Hill).

But he was already in the Regular Army as a member of the Lincolnshire Regiment; and landed at Le Havre in France on 14 August as the British Expeditionary Force began to assemble. He was killed in a town in the Belgian province of West Flanders that British soldiers would come to call 'Wipers' ... a place the locals knew as Ypres.

Wife, daughter take teacher's place

FLINTHAM School's 45-year-old head master Albert John Tucker, a father of four, joined the Dorset Regiment last week – and served on the Home Front until his demob as a Lieutenant on 27 December 1918. His wife Rosa Elizabeth and their oldest child, 21-year-old Doris Minnie, taught the village children until his return.

Southwell's refugees excused rate bills

SOUTHWELL Board of Guardians wondered whether they should be charging rates to the growing number of Belgian refugees being moved into empty houses in the district. The Clerk, John Ellis, reported at last Thursday's meeting that he had made inquiries from "the proper authorities" and been informed that where the houses would otherwise be empty, no rates should be charged.

Reluctant lady returns from Germany

MISS STELLA FREEMAN reluctantly returned home on Saturday to her parents at The Chilterns, The Park, Newark, after working for two years in the American Embassy in Hamburg. The 26-year-old said that she left only because the German Government insisted on the removal of all allies who had not been interned; and she wished she had had a more adventurous journey home! Her father, James Rogers Freeman, aged 54, is also a Civil servant: he is a Customs and Excise supervisor.

Cafferata's workforce generosity

CAFFERATA'S workers at Hawton made their 14th consecutive weekly contribution to the Mayor's Appeal to boost the Prince of Wales's Fund. It amounted to 15s 7d (some 78p).

Sunday concert boosts Town Band

SOLDIERS contributed to a Sacred Concert in aid of the Borough Band in the Beaumont Hall, Cartergate, on Sunday. Private Jackson (tenor) and Sapper Pratt (elocutionist) wedged among the artistes along with Miss Maria Viola d'Ascanio (contralto), Francis Carle (solo harp) and Frank Kirby (solo cello). Miss d'Ascanio is the daughter of the manager of Cafferata's plaster works.

Muskham School gifts for refugees

MISS SLATER and her fellow 'assistants' to the North Muskham School head master, Joseph Woodward, quickly became involved in preparing the children to stage a concert in aid of the village's Belgians.

After a fortnight of rehearsals, the performance took place in the large schoolroom on the evening of 27 November. There is no mention in the School Log Book of the programme that was performed; but the children were routinely taught patriotic songs – usually around Empire Day each year – and were accustomed to learning recitations for Church and Chapel Sunday School anniversaries. The evening was so successful that it raised the sum of £5 8s 6d (£5.42½).

It meant that the 28 soldiers and three refugees who had been found room in either The Grange or unoccupied cottages in North Muskham, each received 3s 6d (17½p) – and the knowledge that each was welcome in the community.

Truth or propaganda via India..?

SERGEANT EDWARD WILLFORD-COSSERAT, born in the Indian state of Nagpur 22 years ago and now training at Newark with the Royal Engineers' 11th Signalling Company, received a letter from his sister in India in which she repeated a story which she said had been sent to her by a French lady whose sister-in-law is serving as a Red Cross nurse...

The hard-worked and horrified nurse has seen in a German prisoner's possession the severed right hands of four or five little children.

"Such a revolting action on the part of these Huns should fire the young men of this country who have not answered their country's call, to at once enlist and help to not only avenge these atrocities but also to prevent such Barbarianism being perpetrated on the women and children of England," commented the *Newark Herald* on Saturday.

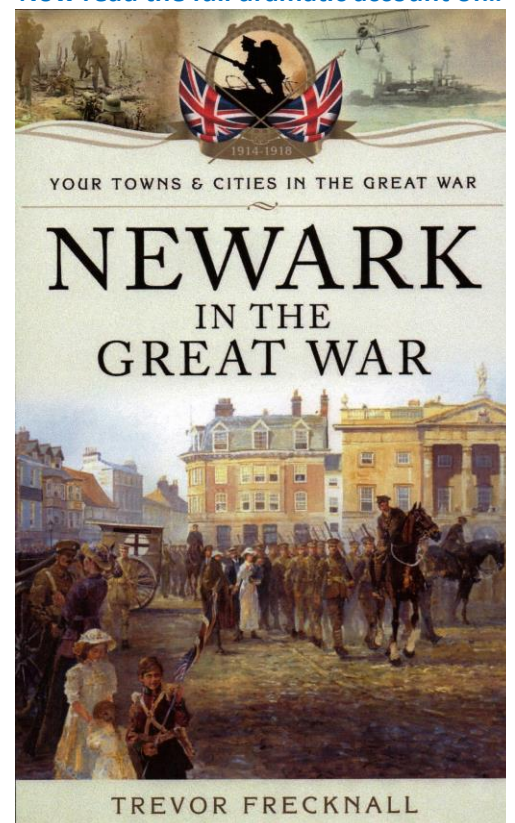
The patriots from Simpson's

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Caithness, J English, J Hunter, L Hunter, P T James, H King, R Swann, B Wade. **Sherwood Rangers (Reserve Battalion):** T Ashley, G Cottam, C Jackson, T Sutton. **Royal Garrison Artillery:** J Ainsley, L Larkin. **Royal Army Medical Corps:** H Brown, J McDougall. **Royal Engineers:** J Ainsley, J Barker, F Chester, S Laurence, E Rogan, C Robinson, H Sheppard, J Simpson, H Turner, T Watt, H Whitten, C Wharton. **Royal Navy:** H Bond (already lost in *HMS Bulwark*), S Bartram, J Brunning, H Eddowes (ambulance), C Harmiston, W Peet, H Trollope (ambulance). **3rd Lincolns:** W Cummins, T Green, H Holwell, J Hall (wounded). **4th Lincolns:** F Clapham. **6th Lincolns:** C Goodwin, W Gelsthorpe, J Middleton, J Whitelock. **1st Leicesters:** J Perry. **9th Leicesters:** H Brown, J Burden, H Howitt, H Killingley, F Morley, J Naylor, H Pinder, W Starr, A Wilson. **Army Service Corps:** J Evans, G Hardy. **2nd Coldstream Guards:** F Storey. **3rd Grenadier Guards:** A Hammond, D Murden. **Royal Field Artillery:** R Bell, W Dunlop, B McGrath, E Smith. **Despatch Riders:** H Taylor, C Waldore. **10th Hussars:** H Cartwright. **11th Hussars:** W R Roberts. **Durham Light Infantry:** J Ruddick, H D Smith. **South Notts Hussars:** C Owen. **Royal Marine Light Infantry:** W Goodyear. **Northants Yeomanry:** F Allen. **11th Manchester:** J Barker. **Northumberland Fusiliers:** H J James, J Watson. **9th South Staffords:** H Renshaw. **Lincoln Yeomanry:** W Revill. **East Lancaster:** J Davis. **6th East Surrey:** W Fairley. **King's Own Rifles:** O King. **Swiss Army:** H Mueller. **National Reserve:** W Bradley, F Coyne, F Huckerby, J Smalley. **Regiments not known:** E Brook, W Barlow, G Napper, F Rushby, R Smith.

In addition, quite a number more men tried to enlist but for various reasons were not accepted.

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