

Great War Bulletin

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Newark declares war on infant mortality rate

THE MAYORESS of Newark announced on Tuesday that a "Babies' Welcome" was being opened in a room of the Borough Health Department in Middlegate to give advice and assistance to young mothers. It is intended to "lessen the high percentage of infant mortality in our town".

Army cousins are killed

Shattering news about cousins who enlisted together: word reached Newark on Thursday that they had both been killed.

Percy and Betsy Norval at 2 Cromwell Road, New Town, received official news in the morning post of the death in action of John W Tye, 22, the nephew they reared after the death of his parents while he was but a baby.

A railway clerk in Sheffield when War broke out, John enlisted immediately in the 1st Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment with Private Harold Tye.

And guess what ... Harold's widowed mum Eliza had a letter from another son, Frank, to tell them that Harold has perished in the War aged 25.

Harold went to Christ Church Day School and Charles Street Wesleyan Sunday School before starting work as an errand boy at the Freeman, Hardy & Willis shoe and boot shop in Bridge Street.

As he grew older and stronger, he moved to Farrar's boiler works and then to Ransome's before flitting to John's place in Sheffield and forming a friendship that proved fatal for both lads.

Colonel is on casualty list

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL Charles James Willoughby Hobbs' name appeared in Thursday evening's official Casualty List posted by the War Office.

Formerly the Sherwood Foresters' adjutant at Newark, he has been a soldier for 20 years, seeing service in India and being awarded the Distinguished Service Order several months ago.

He was promoted to his present rank in the Sherwoods in September.

This will not be the last time we hear sad news of this career soldier...

Sapper imprisoned

SAPPER Charles Anscombe of the RE's was sentenced to three months with hard labour by Newark Magistrates for stealing a marble clock from the Woolpack Inn, Stodman Street.

Nearly 800 visits to help town paupers

NEWARK Board of Guardians of the Poor was informed at its meeting on Tuesday by Mrs Quibell that the Newark Nursing Association's nurse had made 791 visits to pauper cases during the last year.

The Guardians agreed to send their 10 guineas annual subscription to Mrs Quibell for the visits to continue.

[10 guineas in 1916 would be worth £973.95 in 2016.]

Aiming to stop school floods

Newark Education Authority decided at its monthly meeting to lay asphalt around St Leonard's School to prevent repeats of recent floods during heavy storms.

A SAILOR'S PREMONITION

JOSEPH G PRICE, late of East Stoke, received confirmation on Wednesday that his son George's fateful premonition had come true.

He was one of the victims of the great sea battle of Jutland.

History would prove it to be the greatest naval confrontation of The Great War and the greatest of all-time in numbers of gun armed battleships and battle cruisers engaged.

It was fought off Jutland in the North Sea on 31 May 1916. The German High Seas Fleet, considerably inferior to the British Grand Fleet in numbers and gun power, pursued a risky strategy of trying to trap and destroy a detached portion of it. Things went well for the Germans at first. Their force of battle cruisers found Admiral Beatty's Battle Cruiser Fleet and tried to lead it back to the German battleships. In the running battle that followed dangerous handling practices in the British battle cruisers led to *Indefatigable* and *Queen Mary* blowing up.

Beatty made the famous remark: "There seems to be something wrong with our bloody ships today."

He was lucky to have in company four Queen Elizabeth class battleships whose devastating shooting helped to save the battle cruisers from further loss. When the German fleet came into sight, Beatty turned to lead the Germans to what should have been their doom at the hands of Admiral Jellicoe's Grand Fleet of battleships.

When the fleets met another battle cruiser, temporarily operating with the Grand Fleet, *Invincible*, also blew up but not before she had inflicted eventually fatal damage on the German battle cruiser flagship *Lutzow*. The Germans turned away twice from the British line but eventually succeeded in breaking back to Germany behind an overly cautious Jellicoe, losing only one more big ship, the Pre-Dreadnought *Pommern*, to torpedo attack by destroyers. The Germans lost only 2,115 men to the British toll of 5,672. In German terms Jutland was a victory. As soon as it could, in August, the High Seas Fleet tried another similar operation and was lucky to escape annihilation. The British learned many lessons at Jutland, which was studied hard for many years. As a result, it would fight much more effectively in the Second World War; not that this is much consolation to the Prices.

Young George, a Southwell Grammar Schoolboy, always wanted to be a sailor, joined the Navy aged 15 in 1912 and was thrilled when he became a gunner on the *Queen Mary*. George confessed to his aunt and uncle Annie and Lewis Beeston when he visited them at 5 Sydney Street, Newark, on his last leave in March that he feared he would never see them again. The Beestons' own son Lewis, 18, was in Dublin with the 2/8th Sherwoods, striving to quell the disturbance (and would emerge unscathed). Able Seaman J/19338 George William Price is remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

Follow Newark's trauma in The Great War as it happened 100 years ago this week

Liberal worker a victim at Arras

RAILWAYMAN Harry Barling and his wife Caroline learned this morning that their go-ahead son Harold, 23, had been killed in action.

After leaving the Newark Wesleyan Day School, he spent time working in the Newark Division Liberal Association offices in Castlegate before following his father to Nottingham and working in the Daimler Motor Works.

He enlisted in September 1914, worked his way through the ranks and became Second Lieutenant in the 8th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment with every prospect of further promotion.

On his last leave three weeks ago, he visited several friends in Newark, returned to the battlefield on 1 June and was shot in the thigh on 15 June.

He swiftly fell unconscious and died from loss of blood.

Six men of his own platoon bore him to his last resting place the following night in a little cemetery near the village church at Hannescamps, 20km south-west of Arras in northern France.

CO proud of young troops in Dublin Uprising

SOUTHWELL Rural District Council, at its monthly meeting in the Workhouse, received a letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Coape-Oates from the Curragh in Ireland:

"... It is deplorable to think that lives of men should have been lost in putting down a rebellion in these Islands when the country is engaged in such a gigantic task on foreign soil.

"I am proud to think that my young Regiment has brought such credit on itself and the County to which it belongs by the very able way in which it performed its arduous duties under trying conditions."

Kitchener service

A memorial service at St Leonard's Church this evening is the first of several in Newark in honour of Lord Kitchener and the victims of the recent great sea battle.

Kinema concert

Newark Kinema was packed on Saturday afternoon for a concert by the Regimental Band of the Royal Engineers from Chatham.

Soldier killed 10 months ago

A MEMORIAL service was held at Parliament Street Chapel on Sunday for Private Ernest Allison, 21, whose step-mother Elizabeth Beckett, only 33 and working as a charwoman to look after five other children aged between 17 and 5, lives at 12 Queen Street, Newark. An active worker for the Primitive Methodist Church, he was a lay preacher before he joined the 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment and was involved in the landing at Suvla Bay. Ernie was reported wounded and missing on the 9 August 1915; and now his parents have received the following missive from the War Office: "The Army Council have been regretfully constrained to conclude that he is dead."

The Helles Memorial will officially record his death as on 9 August 1915.

MEN WARNED: DO NOT HIDE!

THE Newark Registration Authority on Saturday completed delivering to every inhabited house a copy of a leaflet calling the attention of registered persons to the importance of notifying changes of address:

"Every man who has been or ought to have been registered under the National Registration Act is liable under the Defence of the Realm Act to a penalty of a fine of £100 or six months' imprisonment if he fails to produce his certificate of registration when duly required to do so as his place of residence. Any such person who has lost his certificate, or for any reason has not been registered, should apply forthwith to the Clerk of the Borough, Urban or Rural Districts in which he is residing ... The penalty for wilful refusal or neglect to notify a change of address is £5 and a further £5 or £1 for each day during which the offence continues."

AMERICAN TOLD: FIGHT FOR UK!

SOUTHWELL Rural Tribunal on Friday ordered American-born Balaclava Morley to enlist and be ready to fight in the British Army.

They were told the 27-year-old is working as a grocer's assistant to support his widowed mother in Lowdhams. Morley's argument that his father did plenty for the country in the Crimean War, Indian Mutiny and American Civil War falls on deaf ears. Tribunal chairman Bonner lectured him: "You have been enjoying all the privileges of a British subject for 17 years and when a chance comes to serve the country, you seem to want to leave the country instead."

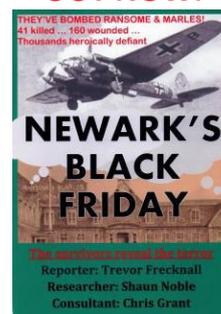
Tribunal also refused to entertain an application for Percy T W Walker, 39, who has moved with the times and progressed from groom to temporary chauffeur for brewery director John Francis Warwick of Upton Hall ... Fish dealer and fryer Arthur Wallhead, 39, of Sutton-on-Trent is ordered to cease his deliveries to surrounding villages and enlist now ... Robert A Hough, 23, is told to go and fight because his father can continue his threshing machine business at Bathley ... Conscientious objector George Baines, a tailor in Southwell, is allowed to take "a job of national importance" in Lincoln ... The following farm hands can stay in the fields until 1 October: Arthur Skelton, 32, yardman to Joseph Pennington at Grassthorpe; Leonard Arnold on his father's 100 acres at Upton; George Marsh, 22, horseman to George Pinder, Caunton ... F J Cobb, 34, whose wife is subject to fits, is told to leave Joseph Hallam's Holme farm and enlist on 1 November, as are Laurence Bartle, 18, second horseman on Joseph Farrow's 220 acres at Norwell; Henry Nicholls, 40, foreman woodman on the Ossington Estate; Orston bread baker G A Martin, 28; Ernest Elkington, 25, the only man left on E Brown's farm capable of carrying a sack of corn; George F Seward, who has 18 acres at Cromwell; Herbert Renshaw, 29, Averham horseman for Edmund Cecil Horner who lives at East Stoke ...

William Pinder's milkman, yardman, stocker and thatcher at Fiskerton Grange, George A H Humphries is given until 1 January as are William Gratton, 31, head wagoner on Hooton's 710-acre Little Carlton farm; father-of-7 Francis Jackson, 35, North Muskham joiner and wheelwright; J W Graves, 35, the only man on Herbert Hopkinson's 390 acres at South Muskham who can carry corn bags and break-in young horses; R W Vickers, 30, horseman to Mr Horner at East Stoke ...

Edwin Godson, 31, head gardener to Colonel Charles Waring Darwin at Elston Hall, is told to enlist now, as are William Fish, 27, wagoner on Ossington's 426-acre Home Farm; J T Bellamy, 19, the second horseman on Lieutenant George Augustus Fillingham's Syerston Hall Farm; and another of Mr Horner's men – David Broderick, 33, groom and milkman – meaning nine of his staff will be in the forces ...

Joseph Newman, 34, Guardian for Staythorpe, is allowed to remain on his 260 acres; and Charles R Batty can stay on his 160 acres at Kelham.

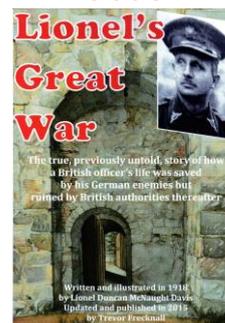
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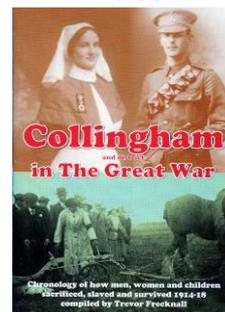
New book to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Ransome and Marles'

bombing in World War II. £9.99 from WHSmith, Market Place, and Osborne Stationers, Kirkgate, Newark.

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