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ASHBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

THE EXEMPTION OF THE WORKHOUSE PORTER

The clerk reported that the military representative appealed against conditional exemption granted to the workhouse porter by the Ashby Tribunal, but the Appeals Tribunal clashed with a meeting in Ashby, he (the clerk) was unable to go, and obtained the services of Mr Mammatt. He incurred certain expense and hoped the Board would pay the bill when it came in. Mr Parker said it was a pity the military representative could not be made to pay. The Board approved of the clerk's action.

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

A SWANNINGTON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Ashby rural district was held at the clerk's offices, on Saturday, Mr T. Varnham presiding, and there were also present Messrs. A. Riley, J. W. Fowler, J. T. Bradshaw, and F. C. Stevenson, Captain Phillimore, (military representative), Mr J. R. Champion (agricultural representative), Mr W. Baldwin (military secretary) and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

A Newton Burgoland grocer appealed for his son, the case having being adjourned for the production of a medical certificate. Applicant said the man had not been examined by a military doctor, not understanding that such was required. He had a certificate from Dr. Hart stating that the lad was unfit for military service. Captain Phillimore said they could only accept the certificate of an army doctor. Mr Riley said they had to treat all alike and they had not accepted a private doctor's certificate in any case yet. The case was further adjourned for a medical examination by the military authorities.

The next case, that of a Heather carrier, farmer, and miller, aged 40, was a similar one. Asked whether he had a certificate from the army doctor, he replied in the negative, but said he had been to South Wigston and was passed for home service only. Mr Baldwin said there was no record of it in the Coalville Recruiting Office, but he would enquire. Applicant added that since he appealed he had been accepted as contractor for stone carting in the Heather district for the Leicestershire County Council. The clerk said that if the man was only passed for home service it might be as well to leave him where he is. The case was further adjourned, and the man told to wait until he heard from the clerk.

Mr J. Ward, J.P., of Bardon Hill, representing Messrs. Ellis and Everard, quarry proprietors, appealed for the exemption of a clerk in the Bardon quarry office, aged 31, it being pointed out that three clerks had joined the army and they desired to retain this man, the only one left of military age. They were supplying stone for military roads. Before the war, they were employing at the Bardon quarries 347 men, and now there were only 146, that was to say 201 men had left them to join the army or other local occupations. The position would have been worse, but for the fact that after repeated interviews he had had with the chief of the Road Board, the men left had been badged to enable them to supply stone for military purposes. The man appealed for did the clerical work.

The Advisory Committee recommended that the appeal not be assented to. Replying to Captain Phillimore, Mr Ward said there were four men in the office over military age. He had not tried employing female clerks, though he had advertised. The four men referred to did the clerical work at the Bardon office of the Charnwood quarries at Shepshed, as well as the Bardon quarries. He added that he saw in a report in the "Coalville Times" that the Market Bosworth Tribunal granted six months to a weighing clerk at the Cliff Hill quarry. Captain Phillimore said it did not matter what other Tribunals did, it did not follow that they would do the same. One month (final) was allowed.

A Heather publican, aged 34, a widower with one child, applied for exemption, stating that he had worked as a collier nearly all his life, but left when he went to this house. Asked what his takings were at the house, applicant said he noticed a reporter in the room.

The Chairman: The reporter will not report that. I have not yet seen reported anything to the injury of an applicant to this Tribunal.

Other members concurred. The Advisory Committee recommended one month to enable the man to make arrangements, and this was agreed to.

A general carter of Oakthorpe, aged 40, who applied, said he also assisted in a grocery and drapery business. He was formerly a collier, and had to leave through an injury to his leg, from the effects of which he suffered still. Replying to a question, he said he had not been medically examined. It was suggested that he should be, and he was allowed one month.

A Donisthorpe baker, confectioner, grocer, and wine and spirit merchant, asked for conditional exemption, stating that he was 36 years of age, and married with one child. He was a director and partner respectively in two Swadlincote firms for which he did a lot of buying, in addition to his Donisthorpe business. He had three brothers serving with the Colours. The chairman said they might drop confectionery; that was a luxury in war time. Bread was more important. The Advisory Committee recommended two months. One month was allowed, it being suggested that in the meantime, he might apply to the Tribunal at Swadlincote, where he had larger interests than at Donisthorpe.

A Ravenstone licensed victualler, married, with two children, who applied, said he had been a miner all his life, and would have been working in the pit now but for an accident. One month allowed.

A Swannington traveller for an importer of oil cake and corn merchants, aged 34, appealed as a conscientious objector, being a Christadelphian. A representative of this body said he supposed every Englishman had a conscientious objection to something, particularly culture, spelt with a k at the present time. Applicant was a Christadelphian, and his conscience would not allow him to do anything forbidden by the law of Christ. It was well-known that no member of the Christadelphian body could take up arms without doing violence to his conscience.

The Chairman: We have heard all this before in a similar case.

Captain Phillimore: We know the principles of the belief and all that.

Proceeding, the spokesman said the religion of a Christadelphian was not a matter of sentiment, but of politics. Christ was King of the World, and if He commanded them to fight, they dare not refuse, but He had commanded them not to fight and so they dare not take up arms. He quoted Christ's commands: "Love your enemies", "Do good to them that hate you", and "Do violence to no man". They did not condemn those who fight, but could not take the position themselves. Doubtless there were thousands of soldiers who were fighting because their consciences told them it was their duty to go. They honoured any man who faced the guns, as well as those who stayed at home, if they did it from conscience.

Applicant said he was willing to do work of national importance outside the army. He could work as a baker though that would mean loss of salary. Answering a question, he said he had been a Christadelphian seven or eight years. The chairman said he did not think it was a trumped-up case, but that the man was genuine.

Mr Bradshaw: I never knew that Christ told them not to fight. We are told in one place that if a man has not a sword he should sell his garment, and buy one. That looks like business.

A member remarked that the position now was that those who are not with us are against us.

The Chairman: But the law is on his side.

Captain Phillimore remarked that there were already plenty of bakers. It was suggested that this man might take the place of a baker who would thus be liberated. Captain Phillimore said it would not be fair for a baker to have to go to save a Christadelphian. One month was allowed to enable the applicant to get other employment which must be satisfactory to the Tribunal.

A Donisthorpe joiner, married, with two children, who also said he was assisting in the sexton's duties, was allowed one month.

A Swannington bootmaker and publican, aged 40, with a wife and four children, was allowed six months.

Conditional exemption was claimed for a timber-cutter, feller and sawyer, of Appleby Magna, on the ground that it was a reserved occupation, and a letter was received from Mr Mammatt, for the employer, stating that the military representative had not questioned that. The case was adjourned.

A Donisthorpe insurance agent, applying for total exemption said he was a collier until 2 ½ years ago, leaving the pit through a fractured thigh, by which one leg was shorter than the other, and he could not stand military training. He had recently been married. He was prepared to go back into the pit, and would have done so before now, but he did not want it to be said that he had gone to the pit in order to evade military service. Application refused, the man being told he would be medically examined.

A Pegg's Green farmer and butcher, aged 39, married, with no family, was allowed conditional exemption, it being stated that one brother had gone.

A Coleorton pork butcher and publican, applied for exemption, stating that he had a wife and three children, and his widowed mother was partially dependent. Six weeks allowed.

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COLLIERIES RECRUITING COURT AT COALVILLE

MINES NOT A REFUGE FOR SHIRKERS

Mr W H Hepplewhite, H.M. Inspector of Mines, of Tamworth, presided at a Leicestershire Collieries Recruiting Court in the Coalville Council Chamber on Monday, when there were also present Messrs. W. Eames, manager of the South Leicestershire Colliery, and S. Buckley, South Derbyshire Miners' Agent, as assessors, Mr G. J. German (military representative) Messrs. R. Blower and W. Baldwin (military secretaries) and Mr Levi Lovett (Miners' Agent).

The Desford Colliery was the first taken and during a perusal of the list it transpired that only sixteen had been taken into the pit since August 15th, causing one of the assessors to remark that that upset the idea that men had gone to the mines to escape military service. The President said the public should remember that the mining community were taking their part in the war. Some of the Warwickshire Collieries had lost 30 to 40 per cent of their men who had joined the army, and they were smart young fellows who took a lot of replacing. A colliery manager present expressed the opinion that there would be a coal famine. Mr Homer (manager of the Desford pit) said men had told him they did not want to be appealed for but would sooner go, which showed the patriotism of the colliers. The Military Representative asked for an offer of men that could be spared.

Mr Bramall: You robbed us last time and if you do so again, I don't know where we shall be.

Mr German: We only took three.

Mr Bramall said that altogether 155 of their men joined the forces. A question was raised as to a Desford man who was also a publican and the President said he would not object to him going. Mr Lovett said there were publicans who worked at the pit because the public houses would not keep them. Mr German asked whether men who had left quarries to go into the pit could be taken. Mr Homer said quarrymen made good shovelmen shifters in the mine. He did not think they went to the mine to evade military service, but because they were not getting full work at the quarry.

The President said money had something to do with it, no doubt. Mr Bramall said every man taken would mean 1 ¼ less tons of coal produced per day. The President said all the men at the Desford pit must be retained unless it was the publican referred to. Mr German said it would be no use taking this one. He would probably get two or three months' exemption by the Bosworth Tribunal on account of his business. The President intimated that if the publican was left he would be expected to put in full time at the pit. Mr Lovett said committees were being formed at the various pits to enquire into cases of absenteeism. They expected every man to put in full time.

Replying to the military representative, the President said that as every man was now a soldier no one could be taken on at the coal mines or the owners would be a heavy penalty for harbouring him as a deserter. If a man went from one pit to another he had to take his exemption card with him.

COUNTY APPEALS

Ald. Cope presided at the County Appeal Tribunal, held at the Castle on Saturday. The secretary of a large estate owner in the Lutterworth district appealed for the only shepherd on the estate. There were about 400 cattle and 200 sheep, besides a large area of ploughed land, and the business was under-staffed. Final exemption till November 1st was granted.

In the case of a newsagent and tobacconist, of Hinckley, employed by the Co-operative Society as a butcher, applicant appealed on the ground on a one-man business. – Dismissed.

A Whitwick hairdresser and tobacconist appealed through Mr Crane. Applicant had been left with his sister entirely dependent on him. Exemption till August 30th was granted.

The military representative, Major Wellsman, appealed for the curtailment of the temporary exemption of a Whitwick collector, who also assisted his brother on a farm. Mr Crane, appearing for the man, said he had been granted an exemption until August 30th. He was granted exemption until 31st July.

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BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

FIVE WOMEN ON A FARM

MARRIED MEN'S COMPLAINTS

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Tribunal was held in the old board room on Tuesday, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown presiding. There were also present Messrs. W. Eggington, J. E. Homer, W. Towers, G. M. Arnold and J. T. Jacques, with Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (military representatives), Mr W. Kirkman (agricultural representative) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

A Groby farmer of 360 acres appealed for his son, aged 18, a stallion groom, stating that he kept 30 horses altogether. Five men were employed on the farm and he would not appeal again for one after his temporary exemption had expired. Six months were allowed.

A Sheepy man, described as a colliery farm bailiff, but who said he was now working in the Baddesley colliery, as a dataller, at which he had been about a month, had his application dismissed, it being stated to be a case for the colliery tribunal.

Another Sheepy applicant, aged 37, married, said he farmed 20 acres and in his spare time helped at Sheepy Mill. Allowed six months.

Application was made by one tenant of the Glebe Farm, Orton-on-the-Hill, for his foreman, aged 36 and married. He said he had three farms, a total of 75 acres, and this man managed the Orton farm of 140 acres. Applicant had 200 sheep and 18 head of cattle. He had eight men working for him, two lads and five women.

The Chairman: Bravo, where do the women come from?

Applicant: Three from Orton and two from Norton.

Six months allowed.

An Ibstock farmer applied for the exemption of his son, a waggoner and cowman, aged 32, married with two children. Applicant said he farmed 54 acres and kept 14 cows, and sold the milk to 70 retail customers. He also did the carting for Ibstock Gas Works. Six months.

Six months were also allowed to a Desford market gardener, aged 36 and married, who said he had an acre of land and produced vegetables for sale on which he partly depended for a living.

Mr Eggington: If a man is near a town and works an acre well, he can make a living.

An Ibstock licensed victualler and joiner, who also had nine acres of grass and two of crops, in support of his application, said he was 37 years of age, married, with three children, and had only just recovered from a serious operation for appendicitis. Granted, six months.

He applications of an Ibstock farmer for his cowman and of a Ratcliffe Culey farmer for his son, a waggoner, were allowed, six months being granted in each case. The youths were both 18 years of age.

The Ratby Heel Co., Ltd applied for two directors and three employees. The latter were dismissed, and the directors allowed three months. Mr Homer remarked that they could have a man back again, who had gone to the colliery. He was very good at pumping water to boil his tea. (Laughter).

Without hesitation, the Tribunal granted six months to a man employed by a Desford grocer, on hearing that he was 40 years of age, and had seven children.

During the hearing of an appeal by an Ibstock master builder, aged 34, married, Mr Jacques said they only had two builders in Ibstock and they each had one labourer, aged 73 and 60. Six months allowed. The other Ibstock builder was also allowed six months, it being stated that he had five children and would be 41 in August.

Mr Jacques: There are only two bricklayers and two labourers in a place where there are a thousand houses.

The chairman said he had a pump from which he had been unable to get water for six months, because he could get no one to attend to it. Mr Eggington said exemption to a man employed by this applicant was refused at the last hearing, and the man had got work at a colliery, and was now exempt.

The application of a Desford Colliery clerk was dismissed, a letter being received that he had been certified unfit. An Ibstock music-seller and teacher, married, aged 29, who appealed, said he had five acres of land and two beasts and managed a licensed house for his widowed mother. Dismissed.

A Stanton-under-Bardon quarryman who had appealed as a conscientious objector wrote that he was not going on with the appeal, as he was relying on the Cliff Hill Quarry Co's application to the War Office. Dismissed.

Mr Homer said he would like notice when these conscientious cases were coming on, that he might bring his bible. Mr Jacques jocosely remarked, "*I thought you knew that.*" (Laughter).

An Ibstock boot and shoe maker and repairer, aged 36, married, was allowed 6 months and another Ibstock man aged 33, who said he was working at a shell factory at Beeston was refused exemption. He was told that it was for his employers to get him badged if he was on munition work. Applicant said it was a great shame that married men had to go while so many single men were left. One had only to walk through the streets of Ibstock to see what a lot of single men had not yet gone.

Mr Eggington: We are all agreed about that.

The chairman: I am sorry, but we can't alter it.

Mr Homer pointed out that a lot of the single young men referred to were working in the mines. They could not do without strong young men in the mines. Applicant might have been exempt if he were working in a mine.

Applicant: I would not do it for conscience sake. I would not have it said that I had gone to the pit to get out of military service.

The chairman: We appreciate that fact, but if you are not satisfied with our decision, you can appeal.

Applicant said he would. He was told that his best plan would be to try and get his employers to appeal for him.

A Markfield master butcher, aged 31, married, with one child, said he did his own slaughtering and supplied 200 families, mostly miners, with meat. He had no one to help him and if he went the business would have to be closed. Allowed six months.

Six months were allowed to a Newbold Verdon carrier and general carter, aged 29, married with two children.

A Thornton carpenter and wheelwright, aged 40 next September, with a wife and four children, who said he was very busy and did a lot of work for farmers, was allowed six months. The application of a Newbold Verdon engineer, aged 26, married, was allowed. He said he was engaged on cycle and motor repairs. He offered to attest at Birmingham and was told by the sergeant he was no good to them. He was formerly four years in the Warwickshire volunteers, and offered to join his old regiment, but he heard nothing. He thought he was alright, and had since married and had incurred business liabilities. Six months granted.

A Markfield licensed victualler, who said he was also a farmer and builder, aged 29, was married with four children, appealed for exemption. Answering questions, he said he appealed previously for one of his men who had to go and now only had one man and a boy. A member of the Tribunal remarked to applicant, "*Say all that you have to say about the Tribunal while you are here and don't go and retell it in your own house and afterwards.*"

Applicant: Thank-you, sir.

After further questions, applicant asked whether he might make a remark. "*There are fifty single young men in Markfield with no responsibilities whatsoever,*" he added.

Mr Jacques: Are they colliers?

Applicant: Most of them are. My single brother has had to go and he was in business.

Mr Jacques told applicant he should put that to Mr Asquith. They had no jurisdiction over that. Applicant said he thought it was very unjust.

Mr Homer: We sympathise with you, but we can't help you.

Six months allowed.

A similar period was allowed to an Ibstock newsagent and general dealer, 38, and the father of four children; to a Markfield fish and fruit salesman, who is nearly 41 years of age; and to a Ratby carpenter, joiner and undertaker, married, aged 34, who has two brothers serving.

A Ratby builder and contractor, applying for four of his workmen, all married, said that before the war he had 23 men working for him and now only had nine. In regard to one of the men, aged 32, who has no children, the application was dismissed and the other three were given three months.

It was decided that another meeting would not be necessary for a month, it being left to the clerk to confer with the chairman if anything exceptional transpired.

COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

DEATH OF LIEUT. C. DREWETT

Before the business commenced, the chairman made reference to the sad news received that day that 2nd Lieut. Chas Drewett had been killed in action. He said Lieut. Drewett was a son of Mr B. B. Drewett, of Hugglescote, a former member of the Council, whom they all knew, and there was a special reason why he should mention the fact and that was that the late officer was formerly connected with the Council. He served his apprenticeship under Mr Baldwin, their surveyor, and they were all well acquainted with him. He (the chairman) was sure that the sympathy and condolence went out to the parents and family in the great bereavement they were suffering under. He moved that a letter of condolence and sympathy be sent from the Council. This was seconded by Mr Fellows and carried in silence by the members rising from their seats.

PATRIOTIC MEETING

A letter was read from the Central Committee for Patriotic Organisation suggesting a repetition of last year's patriotic demonstrations on August 4th, the second anniversary of the war. A public meeting to stir up patriotism

was suggested. Several members thought the Council should fall in with the proposal, and the matter was placed on the agenda for next Tuesday night.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The Collieries' Recruiting Court at Coalville this week occupied three days, during which lists of employees at fourteen collieries were revised by the President, Mr W. H. Hepplewhite. At these fourteen collieries, there are roughly 12,000 men and boys employed and it was found that none of them could be spared for the army, and every man of military age will receive an exemption card. It was emphasised by Mr Hepplewhite, however, that no fresh hands of military age can be taken on at the pits, owners doing that rendering themselves liable to a heavy penalty under the Military Service Act. If experienced colliers go from one pit to another they must produce their exemption cards.

We regret to hear that two Whitwick soldiers, Private Morley and Whittaker, who were reported missing about a year ago, are now both reported killed. They formerly resided in Leicester Road.

Mrs W. Hodges, of Newbold Verdon, has received letters of sympathy from the chaplain and one of the nurses of the General Hospital at Rouen, respecting the death of her son, who succumbed to wounds on May 28th. The letters refer to the bravery and patience of the deceased soldier, and the chaplain forwards the number of his grave in the cemetery.

Lieutenant E. C. Russell, who has recently been visiting his home at Shepshed, went to London last week to receive the Military Cross at the hands of H.M. the King. The local company of the V.T.C. have arranged to present the gallant officer with a sword of honour on his next visit to Shepshed. It is interesting to note that this is the second Shepshed man to be decorated, the other being Sergeant-Major C. W. Hall, who was last year awarded the D.C.M.

The many friends of Private J. W. Brotherhood, of Whitwick, who is now in hospital in France, will wish him a speedy recovery and a safe return from the war. He is a popular member of the Thringstone House Club, a former well-known football referee of the district and a Wesleyan Reform local preacher.

Surgeon-Major Burkitt, of Whitwick, is to be heartily congratulated upon his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Despite his advancing years, the gallant officer, who had previously served in the Leicestershire Yeomanry for a good period, volunteered his services on the outbreak of the war and did excellent work at the front in France in the earlier stages of the fighting. The doctor enjoys much popularity in the Coalville and Whitwick district, where his extensive practice is being carried on by assistants while he is away on military duty. We understand that Lieut. Colonel Burkitt is at present fulfilling an appointment in Ireland.

Mr C. Palmer, M.R. guard, of Highfields, Coalville, has received a letter from his son, Private A. Palmer, of the Leicesters, who was wounded in Mesopotamia, and is now in hospital in India. He says he is going on satisfactorily. Private Palmer formerly worked as a miner. He was under 20 years of age when he enlisted on the outbreak of war, and has not been home since.

Major G. A. Bulkley, the officer commanding the depot of the Leicestershire Regiment, has issued an order making it an offence to serve members of his Majesty's forces with intoxicating liquors in licensed premises in the city of Leicester, including the county, borough of Loughborough and the whole of the county of Rutland, before 12.30 pm and between 2 and 6.30 pm on either weekdays or Sundays. Civilians, however, may be served with intoxicants during the whole period between 6 am and 9 pm on weekdays, but on Sundays the hours for civilians will be the same as for the military, namely between 12.30 and 2 o'clock and 6.30 and 9 o'clock. Bona-fide travellers will not be able to obtain intoxicating liquors on Sunday, except during the hours of opening.

CAPTAIN H. CULPIN

BROTHER OF ELLISTOWN POLICE OFFICER

Many friends of the late Mr and Mrs J. Culpin of Tur Langton district, will be pleased to hear of the promotion of their son, Lieut. H. Culpin, R.F.A. who has been gazetted captain. He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery on March 28th, 1895, and completed 21 years' Army service on the 28th March this year. After a short time in the Royal Garrison Artillery he was transferred to the R.F.A. and was for some time rough-riding to his battery. Some years ago he was stationed at Fulwood Barracks, Preston, and secured several prizes in the military sports there. At Ewshott, he secured the sergeant's cup for tent-pegging. He served in South Africa and India, and had been sergeant-major for six years. When arriving home from India at the outbreak of the war he was granted a Commission. He served for nearly twelve months in France around Ypres, and was then removed to Salonika. He is 39 years of age.

Captain H. Culpin.
BROTHER OF ELLISTOWN POLICE
OFFICER.



A "LIVING HELL"

HEATHER SOLDIER'S RETURN FROM GERMANY

An interesting letter has been received by Mrs J. Massey, of Heather, from her son, Corporal C. E. Cramp, of the Leicesters, who has recently arrived in Switzerland, after being a prisoner of war in Germany. The following are extracts. *"It is after 10 o'clock now, but I do not feel at all tired, although I have been out all afternoon and evening to tea and dinner. We have found quite a lot of new friends here, but we are not forgetting the old ones. You asked me in your letter if I was disabled. Well, I would have told you months ago, if it would have passed the Censor. I still have two good legs and feet, and a good headpiece, but I was wounded through the shoulder and, being by an explosive bullet, I have lost half my shoulder-blade. I was unconscious from 6 am, September 25th till 6 pm September 26th, 1915, during which time I was made a prisoner. I have another slight wound in the right side, given me by a German bayonet while I was in Stendal camp, after coming from hospital, simply because I was too weak (from my other wound) to stand up and run, but I never did an hour's work for the Germans all the nine months. The only work I did was for our own men, but thank goodness I can do something for the grand reception the Swiss people gave us and the kind way they are continuing to treat us. The climate would do you a world of good. I feel already a new man, after those sandy deserts of Saxony. Dear old Suisse is a corner of heaven itself, after coming from that "living hell." The only thing that made us happy there was the news from, and thoughts of home. We had snow here in the valleys only a fortnight ago, but we see it on the mountains all the year round. I am sending you one or two postcards of this lovely country. The thing we are shortest of here is money. Our pay for ten days is 2 francs 30 centimes, not so much as mine would be in England for one day, 2/2. But we have only to buy such things as soap, blacking, writing paper and the like. I am still improving in my French. In fact, I sometimes forget when I am talking to English people, and begin to speak French. Some of the Swiss people speak French, English and German; so if I meet a stranger I always speak French first. We are getting up a concert here for the benefit of the Swiss poor children. The majority of the pieces will be given by the soldiers, but we have one or two English ladies who have promised to help us. I have found a man here at one of the hotels from one of our Territorial Battalions, his name is Barnes from Leicester. We are the only two of the "Tigers" here out of over 300 soldiers all wounded. There are 14 here at "La Brigotiere" - 6 Scotch, 1 Welsh, 1 Irish, 1 Canadian, and 5 English. We are not allowed out till 11 in the morning, so we do our own washing on Mondays, those who are able, and the rest of the mornings we pass in working designs, gardening, reading, writing and other things. We have got our new khaki uniforms, and look and feel quite a treat after the hated "Boch" rig-out." In a postscript, he adds, "We are battered and bruised, but strong and hearty as ever, and we're not downhearted yet."*

LIEUT. C. DREWETT KILLED

We regret to record that on Thursday of last week, 2nd Lieutenant Chas. Drewett, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs B. B. Drewett, of Hugglescote, was killed in action in France.

On Monday morning, Mr and Mrs Drewett received a telegram from the War Office announcing that their son had been missing since June 29th and this was followed by the sad news of his death in a letter from the Colonel of the regiment. Extracts from Col. Pease's letter are as follows:

"Your son, Charlie (as we called him) was killed by two rifle shot wounds last night. He died doing his duty bravely, and I can't tell you how distressed we all are. He was a general favourite and a good officer, and I feel it as if I had lost another son. Unfortunately, his body had to be left in 'No Man's Land,' but we know where he is and are sending a party of his platoon under Sergeant Aket to try to bring him in tonight. The sergeant carried him some distance last night, towards our lines under fire, but as he got nearer, the fire got worse and he was obliged to leave him. A volunteer party from his platoon are going out tonight and I hope later to be able to tell you that he lies in a soldier's grave near here."

Writing next day, (30th) the Colonel adds: *"I regret very much to have to say that our search party, last night, under Sergeant Aket, were unable to find the body of your son. I am trying to put the place on a map and let you know the exact spot later."*

The deceased officer was 25 years of age. He had a genial disposition and gentlemanly bearing at all times which had won for him much popularity and esteem among his associates both in civil life and in the army, and wide public sympathy is felt for the family in their bereavement. He received his early training under Mr W. Fellows, at the Hugglescote Baptist School, and later at Ashby Grammar School, and after serving his articles under Mr L. L. Baldwin, the Coalville Urban Council's surveyor, he proceeded to Nottingham, and was filling an appointment as surveyor there in the Government's Land Valuation offices when war broke out. He joined up almost immediately and after his training in various places, was given a commission in the East Yorkshire Regiment. Mr Drewett's eldest son is also serving with the forces.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Sixteen chaplains have been killed at the front?

The Coalville Tribunal dealt with about 30 cases at a 3 ½ hour sitting on Wednesday night?

It is proposed to erect a tablet in Ravenstone Parish Church to the memory of soldiers from the village who have fallen in the war?

The Vicar of Copt Oak (the Rev. H. K. Bros) having been transferred as chaplain to a cavalry brigade, has left for "somewhere in France"?

Sergeant E. J. Collier, of Melbourne Street, Coalville, who is the holder of a Distinguished Conduct Medal, is at home on leave, after being some months in hospital through wounds received in action?

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY WAR AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

NOTICE TO FARMERS

The above committee have been informed by the Commanding Officer of the Northern District, that about 500 soldiers have been allotted to Leicestershire. Local district sub-committees can obtain parties of about twenty men under an N.C.O. They will bring their own tents. The committees must undertake to be responsible for the men's wages and leading of **courts**, rations, etc. The committees would have to allot the men according to the requirements of the various farmers. Full particulars as to rates of wages and conditions of employment of soldiers may be obtained from.

Thomas Hacking, Secretary
63, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.

MR ROBERT SHARP'S EGG COLLECTION

Previously acknowledged 1,406. Mr H. Morris 25; Mrs W. Butler 12; Mrs T. Hull 12; Mrs J. Hoult 12; Mr Croson 6; Mr R. Sharp 20. Subscriptions: Mr I. Thorp and company 5/9; Mrs R. B. Squire and company 5/-; Mr Bramwell and company 2/-; Mrs E. Orton 2/-; Mr T. Hay 2/-; Mrs E. Hurst 2/-;

1/- each Mrs Mulrooney, Mrs T. Church, Messrs. W. Brown, J. Wyatt, E. Holland, J. Wardle, A. Wardle and G. Williamson.

6d each Messrs R. Davenport, J. W. Burton and Mr T. Kirk. 3d Mrs E. Kirk.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

A 3 ½ HOURS' SITTING

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Coalville urban district was held on Wednesday night in the Council Chamber, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, J.P., B. G. Hale, J.P., M. McCarthy, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, and J. W. Fisher, Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary) and Mr Taylor (for the clerk).

A letter was read from Mr B. B. Drewett, apologising for absence, and stating he was sure the Tribunal would excuse him under the circumstances. The chairman moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr Drewett and family in the great bereavement they had sustained in the death of their son. He (the chairman) said he remembered the time when Lieut. C. Drewett was serving his time in the Council offices as a civil engineer, and he was always a very bright, gentlemanly young man. He had excellent prospects before him as a civilian, but when this lamentable war broke out he joined the Colours. He had lost his life, but no man could lose his life in a more noble cause – he was fighting for honour, freedom and civilisation. The vote was seconded by Mr Hale, who said he endorsed every word the chairman had said. The members silently signified their assent by rising from their seats.

An application by a turner, aged 32, employed at Messrs. Stableford's works and residing in Belvoir Road, Coalville, was adjourned for a fortnight.

An application by a licensed hawker of Crescent Road, Hugglescote, aged 31, was dismissed, the man producing a certificate from the army doctor that he had been rejected.

Two months, as recommended by the Advisory Committee, were allowed to a grocer and greengrocer, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, aged 30, married, with one child.

A carpenter, and joiner, aged 25, married, with one child, residing in Crescent Road, Hugglescote, applied on financial and domestic grounds, and was informed that he could get Government aid in regard to certain liabilities he had incurred. The Advisory Committee recommended it be dismissed, but one month was allowed.

A saddler, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, aged 36, who applied for conditional exemption, said he did the work for the Whitwick and Bagworth Collieries, Co-Operative Society and other concerns, and private customers, and was so busy that he and his men (over military age) were putting in 86 hours a week. Three months allowed, as recommended by the Advisory.

A Hugglescote plasterer appealed for temporary exemption for his only man, aged 23, married, stating that he had contract work on and had tried to get another man and failed. – The Advisory Committee recommended one month and this was agreed to.

A greengrocer, aged 26, married, with one child, residing in Kendal Road, Ellistown, applying for exemption, said he thought fruit of more importance than tailoring and hardware, but noticed that men in the latter trades were getting more exemption than fruiterers. The chairman advised him to try to make his own case as good as he could and leave the others alone. Two months, as recommended by the Advisory Committee were agreed to.

An employee of the Coalville Urban Council, aged 39, residing in James Street, Coalville, applied on conscientious grounds. Letters were read from Mr J. W. West, J.P., and the Rev. T. J. Martin, who both stated that they had known the applicant for some years, and had often argued the matter with him, and while they did not agree with the attitude he had taken up in regard to the war, both testified to the man's honesty and

integrity, and their belief in his sincerity in making the application. Mr German said there was a printed form of ten questions which had to be filled in and he suggested an adjournment to enable the man to do that – the case was accordingly adjourned.

An insurance agent, aged 37, of Thringstone, was advised to go to Wigston and be medically examined, and his case was adjourned.

Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, Coalville, appeared for a saddler, of Hotel Street, Coalville, aged 31, who applied for total or conditional exemption. Mr Moore pointed out that it was an old-established business, two men had left owing to the war and the applicant now had no one to help him. He was doing the work for the South Leicester and Snibston collieries and a letter was put in from Mr Hurst, secretary to the South Leicestershire Colliery Co., stating that applicant did the harness repairs, etc. for 130 horses and ponies. The Advisory Committee recommended three months and this was agreed to.

A joinery foreman, in the employ of the Co-Operative Wholesale Society, working on the new Co-Operative buildings at Coalville and temporarily residing in Margaret Street, applied for exemption, stating that he was 39 years of age, and had four children. Nine men were working under him. Two months allowed.

A Coalville tailor, clothier and outfitter, aged 36, married, with one child, was allowed two months as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, Coalville, applied for the exemption of the manager of a Coalville licensed house, of which the wife of the applicant is the licensee. He has two children and it was stated that he would be 41 years of age next month. The Advisory Committee recommended two months, and this was agreed to.

Mr Sharp also appeared in the case of a Whitwick licensed victualler, who, he said, had been certified physically unfit by a local doctor, and he suggested the case be adjourned to enable the man to go to Wigston to be examined by a military doctor. The case was adjourned for 14 days.

A Hugglescote painter and paper-hanger who said he had been in business nearly 40 years, applied for his son, aged 37, married, on whom he said he depended for carrying on the business. Asked by the military representative why his son did not attest, applicant replied, "We were like Lord Derby for a little while; we didn't know what to do (laughter) it was not because we were not loyal."

Mr German: The only thing is that if he had attested, he would not have been called up for a time.
Applicant: We didn't really know what to do.

The Advisory Committee recommended one month and the Tribunal allowed two.

The lessee of the Coalville Olympia Theatre applied for his electrician, aged 37, who it was stated, was working now at Stableford's in the day time and was doing the Olympia work at night. Mr McDonald pointed out that they were collecting a good sum in tax for the Government now. The man formerly worked wholly for him. Mr Lockwood said the man seemed to be rendering good service if he was doing this work at nights, and Government work in the daytime. Mr Hale said they could do with another hundred men at their works. The Advisory Committee recommended one month, but two were allowed.

Mr T. H. Moore appeared on behalf of a Hugglescote builders' merchant who is now employed at a Coventry munition works in the day time and conducts his business in the evening. Applicant is 32 years of age, married with one child. The Coventry firm wrote that applicant (who had been working for them for five weeks) had proved himself a good workman as a driller, and they were desirous of retaining his services. Allowed two months, conditional on him remaining at the munition works.

In another case in which Mr Moore appeared three months were allowed to a carter of Ashby Road, Coalville, aged 35, with five children.

An aged and infirm resident of Hugglescote, occupying 36 acres of land, with a milk-round, appealed for his son-in-law, who he said, was the only man working on the farm. Conditional exemption was allowed.

In an application for a Whitwick head baker and manager Mr T. H. Moore held that the man was in a reserved trade. He was over 38 years of age and married. The military representative said he wanted the facts. Mr

Moore said they need not go into the case, as the man was out of it according to the law. Mr German said there might be four bakers to do three men's work.

Mr Moore: He is the only man.

Mr German: In that case I agree.

Conditional exemption was allowed.

Mr Moore appeared in the next case that of a licensed victualler in Ashby Road, Coalville, who was also described as a practical miner, pig breeder and breeder of farm stock. He is 37 years of age. Answering the military representative Mr Moore said that if the man was allowed conditional exemption he would be willing to go back into the pit and attend to his business in the evening. The Advisory Committee recommended two months, but Mr German said they did not know the man was willing to go back into the pit. Conditional exemption was allowed, subject to the man working in the mine.

A master plasterer of Hugglescote, also represented by Mr Moore, was allowed three months. He is nearly 41, married, with one child.

A former Hugglescote butcher, aged 30, who appealed stated that he was now working on the South Leicestershire Colliery bank. Mr Blower said the man had been exempted by the Colliers' Court.

A Coalville joiner and undertaker, aged 34, married, with four children, was allowed two months.

A Coalville iron moulder, aged 37, who said he had worked for Messrs. Wootton Bros. for 2 years, produced a badge from the Minister of Munitions and was told he was alright so long as he remained at that work.

The manager of a Coalville wine and spirit shop, aged 34, married, with one child, said he was willing to join the army if he could be given a little time to arrange matters, or he was willing to work at Stableford's having been offered a job on war work. Two months' allowed.

Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby) appeared for a head gardener at Abbott's Oak, and the case was adjourned for medical examination.

A Coalville architect's apprentice was allowed the period of his indentures.

Conditional exemption was allowed in a number of assented cases.

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WOUNDED SOLDIERS

MORE ARRIVALS IN LEICESTER

Two more trains of wounded came in during the early hours of Friday morning last. At 12.20, No. 5 G.W.R. train, in charge of Captain Hopkins, brought in 96 cot cases, and at one o'clock No. 3 train, in charge of Captain Brown, brought in 100 cot cases. The first train load of wounded were taken to the Base Hospital, and the others to North Evington. Owing to there being no sitting cases expected no private cars were asked for, but Mr E. H. Wand sent his car in case it should be wanted, and it proved useful, there being several able to sit up. It was a heavy day for those in charge, and they are to be complimented on excellent work. It meant a period of stress too, for the workers, who all did well. Mr A. W. Faire arranged for the provision of supper for the transport men, and motor drivers at the Oriental Café.

LIFE AT SALONICA

LOCAL SOLDIER'S INTERESTING LETTER

An interesting letter has been received by Mrs D. Marston, of Vaughan Street, Coalville, from her brother, who is serving with the forces at Salonica as a telegraphist in the Royal Engineers. The following are extracts.

"We get a fairly good supply of war news at headquarters and, in addition, there is a daily paper, "The Balkan News" (a copy of which accompanied the letter), issued by the Army Authorities, which gives war and important general news, also we have a reading room here which is supplied with magazines, etc.

It is uncomfortably hot here. We have not had a drop of rain for a month and a blazing sun, shining from a cloudless sky from 5 am to 8 pm approximately, is making us as brown as n_____s. Every day we go into the sea for a swim. We have plenty of work here, having to deal with all sorts of messages, French and Serb, and the latter are teasers. Generally speaking, things are quiet here. We actually had a whist drive in camp the other night, 80 of us participating. It was quite a nice evening's entertainment, and I hope it won't be the last, that is, if we stay here, but I am always hoping for the best, which is for an early finish, and return to 'Blighty'.

The flies, mosquitoes and ants are very numerous and troublesome here. It is impossible to dodge them all and bites galore are the result of their attention."

COALVILLE SOLDIER KILLED

News has been received that Private John Bullock, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been killed in action. He was a single man, a native of Pontefract, but he had lived in Coalville for a good number of years, being formerly in the employ of Mr T. B. Pickworth, draper, etc., of Belvoir Road.

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COALVILLE SOLDIERS WOUNDED

Mrs Handford, of Highfields Street, Coalville, has received news that her son, L-Corporal Walter Handford, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded in action in France and has been moved to the Base Hospital.

L-Corporal Handford was one of the first 50 Territorials to leave Coalville in October, 1914 having joined up soon after the outbreak of war. He was then engaged as a teacher of music and was the organist at the Ashby Parish Church, where he was very popular, being a musician of considerable merit. His father died a short time ago. Hopes are entertained that the wounds may not be serious and that further news may be soon received from him.

A son of Mr Thomas Jewsbury, railwayman, who resides in Bakewell Street, Coalville, has received his discharge from the army, having been severely wounded in the leg, and is now at home. He can only walk with the aid of a stick, though it is hoped that the limb will become normal in due time. Another son of Mr Jewsbury was killed in action some months ago.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

An ambulance train bringing 140 wounded British soldiers of whom 100 were cot cases, reached Leicester at half-past five on Tuesday morning. Amongst them was a man who had been taken prisoner by the Germans during a charge, and subsequently rescued from his captors in a second charge, which proved most successful.

The Rev. Francis Jones, the chaplain of Jellicoe's flagship was at one time a regular player with the Leicester Tigers. The Rev. gentleman was a brother of the late Mr A. O. Jones, himself a former "Tiger" player and captain of the team. He was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he won his Rugger "Blue," and at Market Bosworth Grammar School under the late headmaster. There is another old boy from this little school on the flagship, Mr Fred Storer, its chief scholastic instructor was also a member of the school in its old palmy days.

Two handsome contributions to the Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild have been received this week, and are gratefully acknowledged. They are £10 from the Ellistown Colliery Accident Club, and £8 from the enginemen, shopmen, and brickyard workers at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

HOW LIEUT. DREWETT DIED

SHOT WHILE RAIDING ENEMY POSITIONS

Further particulars as to how Lieut. C. Drewett, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, met his death are to hand in a letter received by his parents, Mr and Mrs B. B. Drewett, of Hugglescote, from a brother officer, Lieut. W. H. Dyson.

Lieutenant Dyson writes: *"It is with deep regret that I write to break the sad news to you of the death of your son, Charles. He was killed early this morning in front of the German wire when nobly carrying out his duties with a raiding party. I ask you kindly to accept my very sincere sympathy and deepest regret in the loss, which I share with you, of a very gallant officer. I may say my brother officers and men in my company share with me in my expression of sympathy. I have known your son since he joined us 12 months last April, and all the time he has been with us, he has been loved and respected by his brother officers and men. He was always cheerful and ready to undertake any duty allotted to him and will be sorely missed by us all. I had the honour to shake him by the hand, and wish him good luck just before he started out last night, and it may be some consolation to you to know that I believe he was thoroughly prepared for, and expected, what happened and yet he was most cheerful in conversation. You may wish to know that his servant, Private A. Holland was with your son on the raiding party, and was assisting him when he received his fatal wound, being himself killed shortly afterwards. I sent a party out tonight to recover his body but regret to say that this will be impossible as owing to the terrific bombardment, proceeding now for some time, no trace could be found of him, the ground being ploughed up."*

COALVILLE LADS AT THE FRONT

Parents and friends of Coalville soldiers serving at the front, and in Ireland, are requested to send their regimental and home addresses to Mr J. Harley, 65, Oxford Street, Coalville, on or before July 21st, to ensure them receiving a portion of the cigarettes from the proceeds of the cricket match between Coalville Swifts and Mr T. Price's eleven.

IBSTOCK

Over 500 eggs, a large quantity of cakes, fruit, cigarettes, etc., from the Ibstock Parish Church flower services was conveyed to Leicester on Monday morning by Mr Lloyd's motor. A thankful acknowledgement was received from the wounded soldiers.

A memorial service was held in the Parish Church on Monday evening, for Private Noel Lane, killed in action a few weeks ago. The Church Lad's Brigade attended, and their buglers sounded the "Last Post."

BARDON SOLDIER KILLED

News was received on Monday morning of the death in action of Private Frank Blake, of the Leicesters. Deceased, who was not 20 years of age, had been out in France for over a year. He was born at Bardon and his widowed mother now resides at Forest Street, Shepshed. Lieut. W. H. Reynolds in a letter to Mrs Blake, says "I am more than sorry and his other comrades loved him, also myself. He died a hero's death – at his post – which was instantaneous. He was a splendid soldier and you have my heartfelt sympathy in your great loss."

Another soldier from Shepshed reported killed in action is Sergeant-Major Frank Johnson, of the Leicesters, son of Mr and Mrs A. F. Johnson, of Leicester Road, Shepshed.

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IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN

At St. Martin's Church, Desford, on Saturday, a quarter peal of grandsire doubles was rung, the bells being half muffled, in memory of those who fell in the recent fighting. The following ringers took part: A. E. Davey,

treble (Kirby Muxloe); Horace O. Over, 2nd (Kirby Muxloe); Hy. Hollis, 3rd (ditto); A. L. Jackson, 4th (Anstey); Fredk. J. Bowley, 5th (ditto); Wm. Sargeson, tenor (Desford), conducted by H. Hollis.

CAPT. C. HEYGATE KILLED

Captain Claud Heygate, second son of Captain W. H. B. Heygate, of Woodhouse Eaves, has been killed in action. Captain Heygate had all his three sons serving.

MARKET BOSWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A WAR OFFICE LETTER

“COLLIERY RECRUITING COURT A FARCE”

A letter was received from Mr W. Bott, one of the Markfield members, suggesting that the Council should appeal to the local Military Tribunal for the exemption of Harold J. Timson, who had been appointed public scavenger for the Markfield parish. He stated that the man now worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery and had been informed that the manager would be prepared to release him at a day's notice on him taking up the scavenging work. He could not do the scavenging and work at the colliery as well. He had 20 acres of land on which he would fill up his time.

The chairman: I don't think it is a case for us to appeal.

Mr Jacques said that if the man appealed himself his case would be considered.

The clerk: If the colliery can release him at a day's notice, it is marvellous how he got exemption at the Collieries Recruiting Court.

Mr Jacques: It was a farce all the way through.

The Council declined to appeal as requested.

The clerk read the following letter he had received from the War Office: *“Sir, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that their attention has been drawn to remarks alleged to have been made by you at a meeting of the Market Bosworth Rural District Council on the 14th June and reported in the daily newspapers of the following day to the effect that members were using at the tables for notes that day the surplus sheets you had saved from War Office literature, and I am to ask you to be good enough to furnish information such as will enable enquiry to be made into the waste of paper alleged by you to have taken place.”*

Mr Bouskell said he had replied to the letter.

Mr Cope: Now you see what a splendid War Office we have got. When the great push is on, they write a letter like that.

The chairman said it was a remark of his that led up to the incident. It was to the effect that he recently received from the War Office a letter on two large sheets of thick paper, the first of which contained a few lines and the second, one line and a signature, though the whole and a lot more could easily have been written on one smaller sheet.

Mr Jacques: If they have nothing better than to go into that sort of thing.

The chairman: They have very little to do.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear brother, Petty Officer Harry Smith, killed in action in the Dardanelles, July 14th, 1915.

Mrs P. Wright, Leicester Road, Ibstock.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

AN APPLICANT WHO WENT OUT WHISTLING

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR QUESTIONED

A meeting of the Coalville Military Tribunal was held in the Council chamber on Wednesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, C. W. Brown, M. McCarthy, J. W. Fisher, T. F. Fox, and A. J. Briers, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Arising out of a discussion at the last meeting, the clerk stated that altogether there had been 32 appeals against decisions of the Tribunal, of which 20 were by men themselves, 16 of these being dismissed, and four allowed or granted temporary certificates. There had been 12 appeals by the military authorities, 11 being allowed and one dismissed.

Mr Brown called attention to a statement by the chairman of the County Appeals Tribunal (Mr Cope). The chairman read the remarks of Mr Cope from a newspaper cutting in which he (Mr Cope) said the Court were of the opinion that agreements made with the Advisory Committee should be adhered to by the local tribunals. The chairman said he did not agree with that. Mr McCarthy said it would be reduced to a farce. The chairman said they should consider the opinions of the Advisory Committee and then form their own opinions.

A letter was read from Mr B. B. Drewett, thanking the Tribunal for their vote of sympathy.

Application was made by the manager of a Coalville firm of corn and cake merchants, aged 35, married, with two children. He had worked 18 years for the firm. The Advisory Committee's recommendation of three months was agreed to.

An employee of the Coalville Urban Council aged 40, married, with three children, applied on conscientious grounds. Mr McCarthy said he thought the calling up of men 40 years of age had been postponed. Mr Blower said that only applied to men who had attested. Applicant's grounds of objection were that he was a follower of Christ and preacher of His gospel, and his principles prevented him from destroying human life, and also from taking part in non-combatant service. He had held these views for many years, and was the only employee of the Council who did not attest, though he was advised to do so. In his spare time he repaired clocks and watches and could have earned more money, but was remaining in one of the poorest paid jobs in the district.

Mr McCarthy said he did not agree. He thought the Council paid about 26/- a week, and there were plenty who got less. Applicant said he was willing to do for soldier's pay, any work of national importance that did not violate his conscience. Replying to Mr McCarthy, he said he had worked for the Council for 15 years, and before that was at the Whitwick brickyard. Mr McCarthy said that whatever a man worked at he was something to keep the human race going and that meant helping those who were fighting. Mr Briers asked why Mr Baldwin, the surveyor, had not applied for him.

Applicant: I think his experience at the last Tribunal satisfied him. (Laughter).

Mr McCarthy: He got all his men off but one.

Mr German asked applicant whether he would be willing to do ambulance work, or anything of that sort.

Applicant: No, sir.

Mr German: You will have to. They will make you. If you object to combatant service, you will have to do this sort of work.

Replying to Mr Blower, applicant said the Primitive Methodist Church, of which he was a member, kept a full roll of honour of members who had gone.

Mr Blower: Then they regard it as an honour in having these men gone?

Applicant: I don't condemn them if their conscience tells them they should go.

Mr Blower: Who gives you conscience?

Applicant: God

Mr Blower: And does God tell one man to do anything that is right and another what is wrong?

The chairman: Some of the finest men in the world have gone, and they have got consciences.

Mr Brown said he had sympathy with conscientious objectors to a certain extent, but when they talked about what Christ did, and said they would not assist the wounded, he could not understand it, because they knew that Christ went about healing the sick. It was stretching conscience a little too far. Applicant said his objection was to helping wounded on the battlefield.

Mr Blower: How should you go on for bread if the warships were not out?

Applicant: The Lord provided for us in the days that are gone by.

Mr Blower: Yes, but not for those who did not do their part. When did you do your part?

Applicant: I consider I am doing my part.

The chairman: If the Germans were here they would make you "pop".

Applicant was recommended for non-combatant service, and was allowed 21 days in which to get such work.

Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, Coalville, appeared for the junior partner in a Coalville firm of printers, aged 35, and married, with one child, and three months were allowed, as recommended by the Advisory Committee. An apprentice of the same firm was allowed exemption for the period of his indentures, which expires on February next.

Mr German said he wrote to Captain Stevenson on this case, and the captain replied that if he (Mr German) had seen the indentures, he was satisfied. The indentures were produced to the Tribunal.

Mr T. H. Moore appeared in support of the application of an employee of Messrs. R. Walker and Son, of the Mantle Lane factory, Coalville, aged 27, and single. It was stated that two brothers were serving in the forces, and applicant's father and a sister were invalids, and were dependant on him. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Mr Brown said that when two were serving from a family and only one was left, especially in circumstances like this the case should have some consideration. Two months were allowed.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, Coalville, appeared for the son of a Hugglescote widow, a licensed victualler, on the ground that he solely managed the house for his mother. He was 26 years of age and married. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Answering questions, Mr Sharp said the applicant had married brothers working in the mine. The applicant was formerly himself a miner, and was willing to go back into the pit. The question was raised as to why this appeal was allowed, when last time the decision was two months final. The clerk said that in that case the appeal was out of order. The Tribunal agreed with the Advisory Committee, and refused assent.

Some discussion took place on an application for a weaving-room overlocker and loom-tuner, employed by the Highfields Weaving Co., Coalville, and exemption was refused. The man is 21 years of age, and single.

The Coalville manager of the Hearts of Oak Friendly Society, married, with four children was allowed two months.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for a Hugglescote master plasterer, aged 34, married, with two children and who said he had been in business for over ten years. Three months allowed as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

Two months were allowed to the manager of the Coalville shop of a firm of grocers who said they had appealed for no assistants. He is 35 years of age and married.

The son of a Coalville mineral water manufacturer, aged 36, single, who said he and his father and mother were dependant on the business which he carried on, was allowed three months, the Advisory Committee having recommended two.

An application by a Coalville farmer and dairyman, for his cowman and horseman on 43 acres, at Agar Nook, aged 27 and single, was not assented to.

Mr Brown said he thought the military authorities might get more soldiers if they would lend soldiers in training to farmers. A lot of men might thus be liberated.

Mr German: They are doing that.

Mr McCarthy: If application is made to Mr Hacking, of the County Council offices, he will find them.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared in support of the application of a Hugglescote builder and contractor, aged 33 and married, stating that this was the first case of a master builder having applied. The Advisory Committee recommended three months. Conditional exemption was allowed.

An Oaks farmer, having nearly 200 acres, applied for a man aged 29, his waggoner. He said he had 14 milking cows and 21 young beasts, 129 sheep and six horses. Working on the farm were three men, including himself and a boy.

Mr McCarthy: They have been on the Forest for 47 years to my knowledge.

Applicant said he was born there, and also his father. Conditional exemption was allowed.

The manager of a Coalville furniture shop, aged 31, married with one child, in appealing said he had submitted himself to the military authorities for medical examination, and passed for home labour only. His widowed mother was dependent upon him. Two months allowed.

A Whitwick man, aged 29, engaged in the manufacture of mineral water, produced a certificate showing he had been rejected by the army doctors, and was told he was all right. He left the room whistling.

The clerk: He is the first man who has gone out whistling. He whistles like a canary. (Laughter).

Three months were allowed to a Whitwick butcher, 33, who said his partner had gone. A pork butcher, of Ellistown, aged 36, who applied, said in reply to questions that he had had the business a little over 12 months. For a time before then he was an insurance agent, having left the pit through an accident.

The clerk: You went from insuring lives to taking lives.

Applicant: Yes, snatching them, as you call it.

Three months were allowed.

An Ellistown newsagent, aged 37, who appealed, was stated to have been medically rejected. Conditional exemption was granted to an Ellistown baker, aged 26, and also to a Coalville milkman, single, aged 22, who was stated to have had one brother killed in action, one crippled for life, and another still at the front.

Four months were allowed to four Coalville butchers, aged 31, 32, 33 and 35, all married. A railway and weighing and dispatch clerk at the South Leicestershire Colliery, aged 35, married, was allowed conditional exemption, Mr Blower remarking that the man would have got this had they taken the case to the Colliery Court.

The military representative asked for the re-hearing of two cases of employees of the Coalville Co-Operative Society who had been given conditional exemption. Mr German said notice would have to be given. The reason for the request was that the conditions had changed since the last hearing.

Mr Lockwood: How

Mr German said that when so many of the Co-Operative Society's cases were before them on a previous occasion, and conditional exemption was given, the Advisory Committee and himself, were under the impression that no more cases would be brought forward. Not a fresh lot of cases had been put in and two men had been rejected as medically unfit.

Mr Lockwood: Not in these departments.

Mr German: You have another butcher before the meeting now.

Mr Lockwood said he could explain that, and it had no bearing on these two cases. Mr German said the Advisory Committee met Mr Lockwood and tried to come to an agreement with regard to some of his men. They thought they had done so, but Mr Lockwood wrote that he preferred these cases to go forward. There was certainly some misunderstanding, and he could not say whether Mr Lockwood, or the Committee were to blame.

Mr Brown: I should think it was the Advisory Committee because on the face of it, it is ridiculous.

Mr German said the Advisory Committee were unanimous in the matter.

Mr Brown: It shows they did not grasp the business.

Mr McCarthy said the cases would have to be gone through when they came up. Mr Lockwood said it would only be a repetition of what they had had before. These men were departmental managers. Mr German said they were entirely out of order in discussing it now. Moreover, if they stuck to the strict letter of the law, any member interested in the Co-Operative Society should leave the room, though he did not want that.

Mr Brown: It has never been done before. If we deal the same with all cases, all members of the Tribunal will be affected.

The chairman: We have not done it yet.

Mr McCarthy said he took it that Mr German meant any official of the Co-Operative Society, or any member of the Committee, and not any one of the six or seven thousand shareholders, because he was one of those. Mr German said that was so. The clerk said that in any case they were out of order now. There was an application for notice for re-hearing and they were hearing it now. It was intimated that notice of the re-hearing would be given, and the consideration of five other Co-Operative Society's cases was proceeded with.

The case of a motor driver, just turned 18, was adjourned until he is called up. The manager of the Bagworth branch stores, aged 35, and married, was allowed conditional exemption, Mr Lockwood stating that the Bagworth branch was the biggest and this man by the results had proved himself the best branch manager they had.

Two delivers, aged 31 and 33, both married, were appealed for, and Mr German urged that these men should be replaced. The Co-Operative Society had been very leniently dealt with. The Advisory Committee did not assent in either case, but the Tribunal allowed the Society two months for both men to give them time to rearrange matters. Mr Lockwood contended that the Co-Operative Society had received no more favourable treatment than any other business compared with the amount of the turn-over.

Two months were also allowed to the man, aged 34, and married, who takes charge at the Central Butchery department, when the manager is away, as Mr Lockwood said he frequently was, for buying cattle, etc. In this case the Advisory Committee did not assent.

The clerk said it would not be necessary to have another meeting for a fortnight or three weeks. He would call the Tribunal together when sufficient cases had accumulated.

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CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR FINED

DISAPPROVED OF TRIBUNALS

Charged at the County Police Court on Saturday with failing to join up on June 21st, when summoned to do so under the Military Services Act, Herbert Wm. Toon, (24) Ivanhoe, Forest Gate, Anstey, a school teacher, pleaded guilty, and said he was a conscientious objector. Defendant said he objected to any form of military service, but he did not appeal because he thought justice was not meted out by the Tribunal.

The chairman told him that they had no jurisdiction to deal with the matter of conscience. He had failed to make an appeal to the Tribunal which could deal with it. A fine of 40/- was imposed.

DERBYSHIRE CRICKETER WOUNDED

A recent casualty list contains the name of a well-known Derbyshire cricketer in the person of Fred Root, Leicestershire Regiment. He was wounded in action and is now in hospital.

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COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

ROLL OF HONOUR

Local Men who have died for their country.

157 Names

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

Appended is a list of names, as far as we have been able to trace them from the file copies of the “Coalville Times,” of the men from this district, who have given their lives for their country:-

Previously reported, 146.

A Unwin

Private in the Leicestershire Regiment, of Coalville. Died of wounds, June, 1916.

T. W. Hodges

Private in the Leicestershire Regiment, of Newbold Verdon. Died of wounds, May 1916.

George H. Copson

Of the Navy, died in the North Sea battle, off Jutland, aged 28. Formerly a Whitwick miner.

Wm. Farley

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

Private Morley

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

Herbert Heggs

Acting ordinary seaman, went down with the “Hamshire.” Aged 18, son of Mrs H. Heggs, of Greenhill, Coalville.

Noel Lane

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

Charles Drewett

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

John Bullock

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

Frank Blake

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

J. W. Hollick

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

COALVILLE Y.M.C.A.

ROLL OF HONOUR

It is well known what a splendid part the Y.M.C.A. is taking in connection with the war, in the provision of hats, and in other ways promoting the comfort of the men on active service and in training, and the roll of honour of men serving is also very large. It is, therefore, interesting to note that the Coalville Association is doing its share in this great work. The following members are serving with the Forces:-

J. A. Jeffcoat; A. E. Fletcher; E. Massey; E. E. A. Boot; W. Lilley; H. Marson; W. Hancock; A. Woolerton; J. Crooks; V. E. Beard; C. Cook; H. P. Crawford; H. Wharmby; C. V. Knighton; H. Woolerton; J. Emmerson; F. Briers; C. T. Walton; W. Harrison; J. H. Hall; J. F. Spriggs; W. Wells; F. Goddard; J. E. Bowley; F. Clay; G. F. Bradshaw; E. Taberner; E. V. Woolley; J. A. Walton; W. Henson; T. A. Shaler; J. Tugby; E. Lees; F. Scott; W. March; A. G. Tovell; A. Hall; S. Allard; E. Dean; J. A. Hill; W. Collier; V. Hancox; A. Upton; E. J. Perkins; G. Wood; A. Danvers; T. L. Catlow; W. Handford; P. L. Savage; W. Essex; H. S. Booth; W. Bakewell; C. Bradshaw; E. S. Harrison; N. A. Stanley; W. H. Mason; A. Cramp; J. W. Parrish; W. S. Gimson; J. W. Wright; A. S. Heward; W. S. Baker; S. Bott; F. Murfin; S. Dodds; H. Smith; L. Palmer; W. J. C. Brown; W. Latham; H. L. Capper; J. W. Brooks; S. Moore; J. Cook; and C. E. Bettison.

Three members have been killed in action: B. Hatter, G. B. Bennett and J. C. Williamson.

J. Emmerson has been awarded the DCM.

In addition, a considerable number of the members are engaged in munition work, while many others are employed at the various collieries.

COALVILLE SOLDIERS WOUNDED

News received in Coalville on Tuesday by the parents of several men at the Front shows that Coalville soldiers have been having a hand in the great offensive now going on, and, unfortunately, a number have been wounded. Mrs Davis, of Margaret Street, received a card from her son, Pte. Herbert Fern, of the Machine Gun Section, Leicestershire Regiment, stating that he had been wounded and is now in hospital at Warrington.

Another Margaret Street resident, Mr Wm. Maddocks, had a card stating that his son, Pte. Wilfred Maddocks, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was in hospital at Bristol and was going on well.

Mr Thos. Earp, of Ashby Road, has received a letter from his son, Pte. Fred Earp, who is wounded and is in hospital at Sheffield, and he mentions the name of another Coalville man who was fatally shot by his side, but this is not yet officially confirmed. Mr Earp is well known as the secretary of the Coalville Town Football Club, and his son Fred was one of the players.

Another Coalville soldier wounded is Pte. Geo. Harry Osborne, who also lives in Ashby Road. There are three brothers Osborne serving in the forces. When news was received the wounded soldier was about to be moved to the base hospital in France. On Wednesday, Mrs Osborne received a letter from her son, who had been moved to hospital at Southport. He is suffering from a shrapnel wound in the thigh, but is going on well. He says he had a terrible four hours during which the Germans were mown down by the hundred, and hundreds taken prisoners. He also mentions the death of the same man referred to in Earp's letter, saying he was by his side when the fatal shot came.

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S LAST LETTER

Mr S. Cart, of Whitwick, was in correspondence with Private J. Bullock, of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose death we reported last week, and the last letter received from him was soon after Easter.

Writing on Easter Wednesday, the deceased soldier stated: *"Just a few lines to let you know that you are in the pink. I thought I would write a few lines as we are now out having a bit of a rest, which I think we deserve, as we have had a rough time of it with the weather, for it has been very cold and wet, in fact, we could hardly*

get about. But this Easter it's been grand here. Well, old boy, I should like to see old Whitwick again and the old pals once more. If I have luck. I don't think I shall be long now before I am getting a bit of leave, as I think it is about time. I hope it won't be long before it is over, and we are all safe at home once more. If you send anything out, don't forget the fags and matches, for they have been useful to us, and have been a great comfort to us this winter. I shall have to come and give you a start this time at football. I expect the 'Half-way' is still there."

This refers to the Half-way House football ground, where the Coalville Half Holiday Football Club used to play. Bullock was one of the leading spirits of the team, and very popular with all the members. He was formerly employed by Mr T. B. Pickworth of Belvoir Road.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Under the auspices of the Leicestershire Automobile Club, several hundred wounded soldiers were taken for a motor outing on Saturday afternoon. After a little tour in the south of the county, the party arrived at East Langton Grange, where they were hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs J. W. Logan.

By an order of the Privy Council, the police are now given power to request holders of exemption cards to produce them on request. If any man fails to comply with the regulation, or gives particulars which are false in any material respect, he shall be guilty of a summary offence.

Confirmation has been received by Lord St. Davids, that his son, and heir, Captain the Hon. W. Roland Erasmus Phillips, was killed in action on July 7th. Captain Phillips who had been at the Front over a year, was in April last awarded the Military Cross. His elder brother, Captain, the Hon. Colwyn Phillips, was killed in May 1915. Lord St. Davids in April last, married Miss Betty Rawdon-Hastings, of the Manor House, Ashby, who has also lost her two brothers to the war.

Lance-Corporal F. Rudkin, No. 2541, of the Remount Squadron, with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, has been promoted to sergeant. Before the war Mr Rudkin was the tenant of the Birch Tree Hotel, Bardon Hill. He went through the South African War, being then a sergeant.

We have received a copy of the "Kerry News" of recent date giving an account of military sports at Tralee in Ireland, in which the 5th Leicesters took part. Several Coalville and district men were among the winners, including Sergeant T. Dobney, Private Brown (Coalville), and Lance-Corporal Bowler (Ellistown). Lieutenant J. P. W. Jamie (Coalville) was M.C. at a social which followed, and among the winners was Sergt. Cureton (Bagworth).

Mr and Mrs J. Crooks, of Vaughan Street, Coalville, yesterday received news that Pte. D. Crooks, of the King's Own, and Lance-Corporal J. Crooks, of the Leicesters two of their three soldier sons, had been injured in the recent fighting and were in hospital.

COALVILLE SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS



The death is officially notified of Private J. W. Hollick, of the Leicestershire Regiment, whose parents, Mr and Mrs Henry Hollick, reside at 33, Hermitage Road, Coalville. In addition to the official communication, Mr and Mrs Hollick have also received a letter from another soldier son, Private Thomas Henry Hollick, of the same battalion, stating that his brother died in hospital, on the 3rd inst. from wounds received on the 1st while on trench duty.

The deceased soldier was 21 years of age, and joined the Territorials 16 months ago, prior to which he was working at the Ibstock Colliery. His father is employed at the Whitwick Colliery.

LIEUT. PICKARD KILLED

We regret to learn that intimation has reached Mr Albert Pickard, of Desford, that his son, 2nd Lieutenant Donald Johnson Pickard, of the Leicestershire Regiment, had been killed in action in France. He was 22 years of age, and had been at the Front since July, 1915. Educated at Stoneygate School, and Tattenhall College, Staffordshire, he went to Western Canada, but returned in June, 1914, and being in England, at once enlisted on the outbreak of war, joining the 4th Leicesters as a private. He was given a commission in one of the new battalions of the Leicestershire Regiments on February 9th, 1915. His elder brother, Lieutenant E. W. Pickard, is serving in the Army Service Corps, in France, and another brother, Mr A. D. Pickard, is acting adjutant of the Leicester Motor Corps. The greatest sympathy will be felt for Mr and Mrs Pickard in their bereavement.

SHEPSHED OFFICER WOUNDED

Second-Lieutenant Frank Gilding is reported wounded, in a letter received by his wife on Tuesday. He was an assistant master at the Church of England Schools at the outbreak of the war, and was at the time a sergeant in the Shepshed company of Territorials. He was gazetted to a second lieutenantcy in another battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment in January last.

LIEUT. SCOTT AGAIN WOUNDED

We regret to learn that Lieutenant F. Scott, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has again been wounded. His father, Mr W. V. Scott, L and N.W. stationmaster, at Coalville East, on Tuesday morning, received a telegram from the War Office, notifying the fact, but prior to that a letter had been received from the wounded officer stating that he was once again in hospital at Manchester. Happily, the wound, which is in his right arm, is not a serious one. Lieutenant Scott had only been back at the Front about a month after recovering from previous weeks.

COALVILLE MILITARY MEDALIST WOUNDED

News was received on Tuesday by Mr and Mrs S. Wood, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, that their son, Lance-Corporal T. Wood, of the Leicestershire Regiment, had been wounded and was in hospital at Rouen. It was only a few weeks ago that we had the pleasure of reporting that the gallant soldier had been awarded the military medal for bravery in the field. It is hoped that the wounds are not serious.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The war is now costing Great Britain over £6,000,000 a day?

A German gun, captured by the British at Loos, is on exhibition in Queen's Park, at Loughborough?

Corporal Jabez Emmerson, D.C.M., son of the Ellistown Colliery manager, and who has been recommended for a commission is at home on a visit from the Front?

Sixty pounds was realised from a flag day and fancy dress parade held at Barrow-on-Soar on Saturday, in aid of the Comforts for Soldiers' Fund?

It is proposed to form a War Savings Association at Swannington?

Corporal Arthur Crooks, one of the three soldier sons of Mr J. Crooks, of Vaughan Street, Coalville, has been promoted to sergeant?

COALVILLE 'BUS SERVICE

Owing to the restricted supply of petrol etc., the Coalville 'Bus service will be reduced, commencing Monday, July 31st. A new time table will be issued in our July 28th issue.

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NOTICE

BELGIAN REFUGEES' COMMITTEE

The Committee request all those persons who kindly lent furniture to Broom Leys, and who desire it again, to apply at Broom Leys with their receipt, on any week-day between the hours of 2 and 6 pm. for the purpose of identifying and removing the said furniture. Any articles not removed before August 4th will be sold by auction on Wednesday, August 9th and the proceeds added to the funds of the Committee.

By authority of the Committee
(Signed) F. V. Webber, Hon. Sec.

IBSTOCK

We regret to report that Mr and Mrs Green of Leicester Road, Ibstock, have received news that their son, Lester, has been killed in the recent fighting on the Western Front. Lester was a former sergeant-instructor in the Ibstock Church Lads' Brigade and joined the King's Royal Rifles on the outbreak of war, and attained the rank of sergeant. He was a smart young officer, and very popular among his friends at home.

It is also reported that the following Ibstock lads have been wounded: Sefton Ottey, Wm. Henson, Sam Ottey, A. Benn, T. Brown, Joe Smith, Jordan Smith, G. Bayliss, R. Hodson, E. Price, and W. Wright.

ASHBY RURAL DISTRICT TRIBUNAL

At this Tribunal on Saturday, Mr T. Varnham, presiding, there being also present, Messrs. J. T. Bradshaw, J. W. Fowler, Captain Phillimore, and Mr W. Baldwin, a temporary certificate for 91 days were allowed a Pegg's Green dairy farmer.

Conditional exemption was allowed to 56 employees of a sanitary pipe company, two were given temporary exemption, and in the case of one employee, the application was reissued.

In three other cases, a Heather carter, a Measham baker and an Ashby colliery wages clerk, conditional exemption was allowed. A Newton Burgoland grocer's assistant was reported to have been medically rejected. A Swannington builder's claim was refused, also that of an Appleby baker, and temporary certificates were given to an Appleby timber cutter (Nov. 1st), Heather farm labourer (Nov. 1st) and a Newton Burgoland grocer (Nov. 15th). Cases adjourned were those of the landlord of the Robin Hood Inn, Swannington, the teacher of the Hugglescote Girls' Commercial Classes, who resides at Thringstone, and a Coleorton farm labourer.

ASHBY URBAN TRIBUNAL

Mr J. P. Adcock presided at a meeting of the Ashby Tribunal, held on Monday. There were present, Messrs. G. D. Orchard, Platts, W. Buck, Ward, W. M. Slater, W. Baldwin, Captain Phillimore, and W. P. Musson (clerk).

The military representative applied for a certificate of temporary exemption granted to the son of a sub post-office keeper, and printer, till August 22nd, to be withdrawn. The Tribunal, considering the father's serious

illness, and the plea that the son was indispensable to the business, had unanimously granted the exemption. The military representative received a reply from the Postmaster-General that he raised no objection to the military representative's claim. Ultimately, the application for the exemption to be cancelled, was withdrawn, the understanding being that the man, who had been attested and passed for general service, would, in the ordinary course, come before the Tribunal or the expiration of his period of exemption.

A credit tailor and draper, applied for a period of exemption for his traveller, who had already had a month, to endeavour to dispose of the business, part of which he had sold, and was negotiating respecting the remainder. Two months (final) allowed.

A scrap-iron dealer, married, 24, unattested, who applied for exemption, was refused. A widow, with a photographer's business, applied for exemption for her photographer, single, unattested. He had been before the Tribunal in March, and refused exemption, but a week was allowed on appeal to the Central Tribunal. The proprietress said she could not get a substitute and her business was all she had to depend upon. The application was not assented to, but it was agreed that this was a case for application to the Prince of Wales's Fund.

A monumental mason applied for an employee, who, he said, was indispensable for a special kind of work, in connection with the removal of headstones for internments. Refused. The chairman remarked that if men were ever wanted at all, it was now.

The application of three Christadelphians were to have been heard, but it was stated that a letter had been received stating that Christadelphians cannot be called up. Two of the applications for exemption had, therefore, been withdrawn, and the clerk said the third would be.

WHITWICK

MR R. SHARP'S EGG COLLECTION

Previously acknowledged 1,673. Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 25 eggs; Mrs F. Sear 21; Mrs W. F. Moore 14; Mrs C. Illsley 12; Miss N. Broadhurst 12; Mr J. H. Stinson 8; Mrs Pepper 7; Mrs Botham 8; a friend 3; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mr H. Croson 6; Mr B. O'Mara and company 3/0 ½; 2/- Messrs. W. Stanley and S. Parsons; 1/- each Mrs Botham, Mrs J. W. Eagles, Messrs. A. Needham, B. Rady, T. Lashmore, H. G., M. Downes, O. Burton, A. Roberts, W. Burton, J. Rose, B. Newbury, and A. Whitmore; 6d each Mrs M. Glynn, Mrs E. Adkin, Messrs. S. Broadway, G. Robinson, A. Robinson and F. Newman.

COUNTY APPEALS TRIBUNAL

LOCAL CASES

A meeting of the County Appeals Tribunal was held at the Castle, Leicester, on Wednesday, Ald. T. Cope presiding. The military representative appealed against the decision of the Coalville Tribunal, who gave a 24 year old collier who had been released by the Collieries' Tribunal conditional exemption. He had a widowed mother dependent upon him, and remarked that he did not consider he had been treated properly, as he had worked at the colliery for 11 years. Appeal allowed.

The military representative appealed against the decision of the Market Bosworth Tribunal, who gave exemption until September 6th to an lbstock insurance agent. Major Wellsman stated that the insurance company were allowing the wives of agents to do the work, and were also paying part salaries to the agents who had joined the Army. Appellant said he left the pit six years ago for health reasons, and had worked up a connection, which he would lose if he had to join. The company would not allow his wife to do the work, and besides, he was doing two men's work. The Tribunal confirmed the decision of the local Tribunal, but made it final.

Appellant: How if I take up munition work in the meantime?

The Chairman: You will have to settle with the military authorities then.

The lbstock Workingmen's Club appealed on behalf of their manager. There were over 300 members, practically all miners, and as the pits were working three shifts, the premises had to be open all day. If they obtained an older man they would have to take him from a mine. Appeal dismissed.

MILITARY WEDDING

A pretty and interesting wedding, connected two well-known Leicestershire families, took place at All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford, on Tuesday, when Miss Phyllis Muriel Everard, only daughter of Mr T. W. Everard, D.L., J.P., and Mrs Everard, Bradgate Park, was married to Major John Montagu Logan, elder son of Mr J. W. Logan, J.P., and Mrs Logan, East Langton Grange, Market Harborough. The church was beautifully decorated with white lilies, roses and palms, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large and distinguished company of ladies and gentlemen from all parts of the county.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Captain W. Lindsay Everard, was charmingly gowned in white tulle and Brussels lace and carried a bouquet of white lilies and heather. Her ornaments were a pearl necklace, the gift of her father, and diamond earrings, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridesmaids were Miss Ailie Bell, Miss Gwynette West, Miss Cantrell-Hubbersty, and Miss Alicia McNeill. Their dresses were mist grey tulle over satin with silver lace veiled with tulle. They wore soft grey hats, and carried bouquets of pink roses. Their ornaments were brooches bearing the regimental badge of the Leicestershire Yeomanry in which corps the bridegroom is an officer. Mr Hugh Logan acted as best man.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. Canon Broughton, vicar of Hugglescote, the Rev. H. Craven, and the Rev. L. Bradyll Johnson, vicar of Newtown Linford. Before and after the ceremony, Mr J. H. Taylor, of Leicester, played appropriate music on the organ. Mr and Mrs Everard afterwards held a reception at Bradgate House. Later in the day the newly-married couple left for a motor tour among the English Lakes. Mrs Logan's going-away dress was of dark blue oagerdine and taffetas.

Among the presents to the bridegroom were a large silver bowl by the officers of the 2/1st Leicestershire Yeomanry, and a silver ink stand by the Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men, "A" Squadron Leicestershire Yeomanry. The staff and employees of Messrs. Everard and Co. Burton-on-Trent and Leicester, gave Miss Everard a silver tantalus spirit stand; a silver tray was presented by Newtown Linford; the staff at Barkby Hall sent a set of silver knives and forks; indoor and outdoor staff, Bradgate, silver inkstands and candlesticks. The staff and employees of Messrs. Logan and Hemingway gave to Miss Everard a silver chain purse.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear nephew, Walter Grey, killed in action, July 23rd, 1915.

"He marched away so bravely,
His head so proudly held,
His footsteps never faltered,
There on the field of battle,
He calmly took his place,
He fought and died for Britain,
And the honour of his race."

From Aunt Annie and Uncle Charlie

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LEICESTERSHIRE PRISONERS OF WAR

GARDEN FETE OPENED BY LADY BEAUMONT

A fete in aid of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Prisoners of War Fund was held in the garden adjoining "The Stoney Gate" on Thursday afternoon, lent for that purpose through the kindness of Major and Mrs Freer.

Previous to the opening ceremony performed by Lady Beaumont, Mr J. B. Everard referred to the fact that Mrs Freer and Mrs Butler, were those who commenced the Prisoners of War Fund in Leicester. It was evident that

Mrs Freer's efforts were still continued from the fact that the fete was held in her garden. He reminded them that the expenses connected with this work were now £100 a week, and it was hoped that this effort would very considerably help. He had another very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to introduce Lady Beaumont. He pointed out that the Beaumont family had been here for many centuries, but he questioned whether any had done so much as the present Lady Beaumont for good causes such as this. Lady Beaumont, in declaring the fete open, remarked, "*I am bound to say I am proud of what Mr Everard referred to regarding my family, but it is not much to boast of; rather it is something to live up to. This particular fete is in aid of something which concerns us all; for there is no section of the Army that we ought to think more of than our prisoners. I feel it is a great privilege to come, for we cannot do too much, and we know how splendidly this association has responded to the need. We are blessed with beautiful weather, and I am sure the fete will be a success. I therefore, have very great pleasure in declaring the fete open.*"

The Rev. S. T. Winckley, Rural Dean, in proposing a vote of thanks to her ladyship, said her words of encouragement would do much to help those who were working on behalf of the prisoners. Mr Butler seconded, and the motion was enthusiastically carried. The band of the Leicestershire Regiment, by kind permission of Lady Balkeley, played selections. Arrangements for tea were in the hands of Miss Berridge. A quantity of garden and dairy produce was on sale, and among the flowers supplied by a number of ladies were carnations received from Mrs Murray-Smith. Various entertainments were provided, and altogether those present spent a very enjoyable time.

Among those present were Lady Levy, Mrs Fielding Johnson, Mrs Freer, Mrs Viccars, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Symington, Mrs Raine, Mrs Patrick, Miss Pike, Mrs Pochin, Mrs Hodges, Miss Flude, Mrs Spencer, Mr and Mrs Butler, Mr and Mrs Bruce, Mrs Winckley, Rev. J. W. and Mrs Armstrong, Rev. W. and Mrs Marsh, Rev. J. Casson, Mr J. M. Gimson, and Mr Walker.

MILITARY CROSS FOR BURTON OFFICER

Lieutenant J. L. Auden, 1/6th North Staffords, son of Mr T. E. Auden, Coroner for Burton-on-Trent and East Staffs, has been awarded the military cross for bravery in the field on July 1st. The official notification with the army commander's congratulations, has been sent on to his father.

MEMORIAL TO LOCAL OFFICERS

DEDICATION SERVICE AT GROBY

In the parish church of Groby, the Bishop of Leicester dedicated two windows and a mural tablet erected in the new chancel by Mrs Thompson, of the Grey Lodge, to the glory of God, and of His Church, and in loving memory of her two soldier sons and Trooper W. J. Steer. The windows are on the south sides. The beauty of the design of the two large figures in each window, and the subjects depicted in the two small panels beneath, drew forth many exclamations of admiration, the colouring being exquisitely rich and appropriate. The one representing David and Jonathan is in memory of Samuel Pestell Donald Thompson, lieutenant in the Leicestershire Yeomanry, who was killed in action along with Trooper W. J. Steer, on the Menin-Ypres road on May 13th, 1915, when the Yeomanry fought with such bravery and distinction. On the outbreak of the war Lieut. Thompson at once volunteered for active service, and accompanied his regiment to Flanders. The other window represents St. Michael and St. George, and is in memory of Kenneth Clarke Thompson, Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers, who fell in the service of his country at Fleurbaix, on December 1st, 1914. Returning to England from Gibraltar, where the battalion was stationed on the outbreak of war, he left again for the Front, with the 7th Division, in October, 1914. He served for a time as Adjutant to the Battalion, and in recognition of his services during the first battle of Ypres, was mentioned in Sir John French's first dispatches, the mural tablet in memory of Trooper W. J. Steer, is one of fine alabaster with gold inlaid work, and ends with the words, "Faithful unto death." The Bishop took for his text, Mark xii., 27, and in simple, but most impressive language preached a sermon which was full of inspiration and encouragement, are one which will long be remembered by those who were present.

COALVILLE N.C.O.'S BRAVERY

COMMENDED BY COMMANDING OFFICER

The many friends of Co-Sergeant-Major James Roland Hill, of the 5th Leicestershire Territorial Regiment, will be glad to learn that he has been commended by his commanding officer for conspicuous bravery in the field. He has received the following communication, dated July 17th.

“North Midland Division, British Expeditionary Force, 5th Leicesters. Your commanding officer and brigade commander has informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery on the field. I have read their report with much pleasure. Major General, commanding the North Midland Division.”

Sergeant-Major Hill before the war was employed at Messrs. Stableford and Co's engineering works at Coalville, and his wife resides at 301, Ashby Road, Coalville. He had several years' service in the local Territorials in peace time, and has been on active service almost since the beginning of the war, except for a brief interval of sick leave some months ago. He was in the South African War and was awarded the South African Medal.

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DESFORD CONCERT TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS

On Saturday the Leicester Workingmen's Club Silver Prize Band gave a concert to the wounded soldiers on the lawn at the Desford Hall Auxiliary Hospital. The concert was much enjoyed by the men, and the staff of the hospital. The band was heartily thanked on the proposition of Sergt. McDermot, of the Durham Light Infantry, seconded by Major T. Gordon Kelley, the medical officer in charge.

COUNTY APPEALS TRIBUNAL

CASES FROM COALVILLE

A sitting of the County Appeal Tribunal was held at the Castle, Leicester, on Saturday morning, Ald. T. Cope presiding. The cases from various parts of the county numbered 27, but few of them presented features of public interest. Major Wellsman again appeared for the military authorities, and Alderman Bassett for agriculture.

From the Coalville area, the assistant superintendent of an insurance society, (36) and married, appealed through Mr Clifford (Loughborough) on the grounds that he was indispensable, and was afraid that if he were called up his chances of promotion would be gone, owing to the age limit. Evidence showed that previous to the war appellant had seven men under his charge, but now the staff was reduced to three men and two women. The business affected was £5,500 per year, and they had charge of £1,250 state insurance cards. Appellant was granted a month's exemption (final) on domestic grounds.

The agent of the Coleorton estate, Mr J. F. Jesson, of Ashby, appealed for the foreman, a married man, aged 39, who was indispensable, and who resided on the premises where the estate materials were kept. Appellant had failed to obtain a substitute, and if the Tribunal could not grant exemption on these grounds he asked that the man should be allowed to work at one of the neighbouring munition factories so that he could reside on the estate and render whatever assistance possible. Appeal dismissed.

The military representative appealed against the decision of the local Tribunal in giving a Shepshed farmer six months' exemption on the grounds that until March last he was a small grazier and tailor. Mr Clifford, for the respondent, said the latter agreed to take the farm in June last, and contended that according to the decisions of the Central Tribunal, whether a man changed his occupation since Registration Day or did not affect the case. The exemption was reduced to October 31st (final). Mr Clifford asked for leave to appeal before the Central Tribunal as a principle was involved, but his application was refused.

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WOMEN AND WAR WORK

INSPECTION AT LEICESTER

DUKE OF RUTLAND IN PRAISE OF THE V.A.D.

There was a numerous gathering on the Rugby Football Ground, Leicester, on Saturday afternoon, when, in beautiful weather, the Leicestershire Women's V.A.D.'s were inspected by Colonel Astley Clarke, A.D.M.S., accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, Mr Richard Dalglish, D.L. (chairman of the Leicestershire Territorial Force Association) Major Freer, D.L., and others. Nearly 500 nurses, including 25 from Coalville, were on parade and presented a very smart appearance.

After the review, the ladies gave a demonstration of V.A.D. work, and the patients were then removed to the Union Training Hall, which had been turned into a base hospital for the occasion. The band of the Leicestershire Regiment played selections, and the event proved to be one of great public interest.

During the course of the afternoon the Duke of Rutland addressed the workers. He remarked that during the past two years he had addressed many members of various hospital corps, but he had never yet, as a mere man, had to speak to such an overwhelming force of the other sex. (Laughter). He said that one of the most remarkable developments of this horrible war had been the part played by women in taking the place of men. They had done this with most remarkable success, and in no branch of work had they been more successful than in that of nursing. The extension of the V.A.D. movement had been wonderful, and the community were grateful to the ladies for what they had done. In conclusion, he said he hoped that their work might not have to be continued as long as some people thought it would be. (Applause).

BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

SIR MAURICE LEVY AND A SOLDIER'S APPEAL

A meeting of the military Tribunal for the Market Bosworth Rural District was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown (Cadeby) presiding, there being also present Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques (Ibstock), G. M. Arnold (Shackerstone), W. Towers (Newbold Verdon), Mr R. Hanmer (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

A member raised the case of a Desford man who, on representing himself to be a market gardener, was allowed six months' exemption at the last meeting. He (the member), said he went over the garden last Sunday morning and all the stuff there was on the whole acre, tops and bottoms and everything, he could have brought away in a wheelbarrow. There was not a bit of glass on the place and the man had left his shop and was living in a villa. The military representative said he had had a letter about the case. It was stated that the man was working five days a week for other people. The clerk said he had a letter from Major Wollaston, who had all the facts, and would raise the question that the man was not a market gardener. That would bring forward the question as to whether the certificate should be revoked.

A Desford waggoner, aged 29, married, applied for exemption stating that there was only one other man besides himself on 102 acres, on which were 27 head of cattle, besides sheep etc. The tenant of the farm was 75 years of age. Applicant had brothers working in the coal mines and sisters helping in the house. They could not help on the farm and the tenant had been unable to get other help. A member remarked that it was quite true that many men working in the coal mines would not help on the farms. Six months were allowed and it was suggested that immediately after the harvest, the military representative should raise the question of a single man on the farm having been granted exemption.

A Ratby butcher, aged 50, appealing for his son, aged 20, said he was serving 200 families in five parishes. His son was his sole slaughterman and as applicant did not enjoy good health, he depended on him to carry on the business. He had 17 acres of land. The application was dismissed.

Six months were granted to a Thornton builder, aged 33, married, with four children, whose previous exemption had expired. He has 12 acres of land. Lady Warwick's agent wrote supporting the appeal stating that this was the only man available to do property repairs in Bagworth and Thornton.

A Ratby hosiery hand, who appealed, said he would not be 19 till the 2nd of June next. His widowed mother and a child 9 years of age were dependent upon him and a child 14, partly dependent.

A member: You are as safe as houses till you are 19.

It was agreed to give him a six months' certificate.

Another Ratby hosiery hand, aged 37, married with four children, appealed for conditional exemption, though now with the colours. He stated in his application that he did not attest, but pointed out that he had proved his loyalty to his King and country by having served in the army eight years, going through the South African War, and had also been eight years in the reserve. He was an Irishman with a deeper love for England than many who had attested to be soldiers without fighting. He would be willing to be placed in the special reserve and in extreme necessity would be pleased to serve his King and country again in the present war. But after the services he had rendered, and having settled down in civil life, with many obligations he thought he could reasonably ask for as much consideration as the rest of his workmates. His employer had nothing against him as a workman. The only thing was that he did not attest. The clerk said the appeal was out of order being out of date, unless appellant gave some special reason. His reason was that he thought his employers would have appealed for him. Mr Jacques said a man 37 years of age, married, with four children, who had served eight years in the army was entitled to consideration.

Sir Maurice Levy, M.P., wrote in reference to the appeal, stating: *"This soldier was sent to the colours after he had given notice of appeal, which was out of date, in consequence of being under the impression that his employers were appealing for him. I understand the Military Authorities at Glen Parva Depot are quite willing to allow the appeal, but I doubt whether the notice is sufficiently long to enable him to be present at the hearing. I trust, therefore, that his case will have a sympathetic consideration by the Tribunal, and that his absence may not in any way prejudice his appeal."*

The clerk having read correspondence with the military authorities, it was decided to adjourn the case till the next meeting, the military representative to make inquiries in the meantime as to the conditions under which men employed by the same firm as the applicant were given exemption.

The proprietor of a motor and cycle works at Ibstock, whose previous appeal was out of date, and was granted one month at appeal at Leicester, made another appeal for an extension of this time. He said he had three depots and 400 customers. He did the majority of repairs to workmen's cycles in the district. Answering questions he said he was willing to go on munition work. He had been passed by the military authorities for home service. The appeal was dismissed.

The landlord of the Royal Red Gate Inn, Fenny Drayton, aged 40, and married, in his appeal, stated that he had nine acres of land. At the time of the national registration he was a butcher at Hinckley. He had been passed for home service only. Answering the clerk, he said his wife could not manage the business herself.

The clerk: You have a lot of visitors from over the Warwickshire border, because the restrictions are greater there than in Leicestershire.

Applicant said that was so.

Mr Eggington: We shall get the restrictions in Leicestershire directly.

Applicant said that if they did, his wife could not manage the house. The appeal was dismissed.

Three months were allowed a Grendon farm bailiff, on the understanding that he would not apply again.

A Norton waggoner got six months, as also did a Market Bosworth tenant farmer, aged 28, who had occupied 70 acres of land since 1910. In regard to the latter, the clerk said there had been rumours in the village that the tenancy of the land had been transferred to the name of the applicant for the purposes of the application, but he produced the papers and receipts showing that this could not have been so.

The application of a Sutton Cheney farmer for a youth, 18, was adjourned for medical examination.

Six months were allowed to a Twycross man, aged 39, farming 311 acres, and the Tribunal dismissed the appeal of the son of a lady licensed victualler at Nailstone Wood, formerly on the County Cricket Club ground staff, whose previous exemption had expired.

CORRESPONDENCE

EGGS' FOR THE WOUNDED

Dear Sir, The following letter from the Director-General of our armies in the field, will, I am sure, prove to you how greatly the work of the collection is esteemed by the authorities. If you could possibly manage to publish the letter in full, we should be most grateful, for it will hearten our helpers all over the country to know their efforts are so appreciated. I regret to say supplies are over half a million below requirements of the hospitals. Thanking you in anticipation.
Yours faithfully
R. J. Dartnell, Hon. Secretary.

General Headquarters
British Army in the Field
27th June, 1916.

Dear Sir, For a long period now our patients in the hospitals in France have been benefitted by the regular supply of eggs sent out by the subscribers to your fund, and I should like to express to you how immensely these gifts have been appreciated and of what great value they have been in helping to restore to health our sick and wounded in France.

I sincerely trust that the great work your society is doing will be continued until the end of the war.

Very truly yours.
A.T. Slogett
Director-General Medical Service, British Armies in France.

F. Carl Esq., Hon. Director National Egg Collection for the Wounded.

MARKFIELD SOLDIERS WOUNDED

Privates H. Boyles and G. Haywood, both of the Leicesters, of Markfield, have written home to say they are wounded, and in hospital in France.

Private E. Whyles (Greenhill) Leicester Regiment, has written to his parents to say he is wounded and in hospital in France.

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIERS WOUNDED

Mrs Lord, of 98, Ashby Road, Hugglescote, has received a card from her husband, Pte. T. Lord, of the Leicestershire Regiment, stating that he has been wounded and is in hospital.

Information has also been received by Mrs Buck, of the Breach, Hugglescote, that her husband, Private James Buck, of the Leicesters, has been wounded.

MILITARY SERVICES ACT

The month of grace allowed by the Military Services Act to married conscripts expired last Monday, but it appears that a good many men who attained the age of 41 since 24th June last, took it for granted that they were not liable for military service. This is a mistake, and every man including time-expired soldiers, who had not reached the maximum age of 41 before June 24th comes within scope of the Act. Any such who have not attested or reported to the recruiting officer, obtained exemption, or have an appeal undecided, are liable to arrest, and to be dealt with by military law as an "absentee" or in other words as a deserter. Everywhere the police have authority to demand and inspect exemption or registration cards. The time for ordinary appeals in the ordinary way has expired, but the Tribunals have certain discretionary powers for hearing exceptional cases, and it is possible that men who have just attained the age of 41 may if they desire, obtain relief by applying to such an authority.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

On Sunday last, Mr and Mrs Rider and Nurse L. Rider, of High Rock House, Bakewell Street, Coalville, entertained light wounded soldiers from Leicester. After tea they spent a pleasant hour at the residence of Mr

White, London Road, leaving at seven in cars kindly lent by Mr White and Mr T. Stinson (Midland Cycle Co) of High Street, who had also brought them on the outward journey. The party had a very enjoyable day.

COALVILLE SOLDIER TAKES 21 PRISONERS

INTERESTING LETTER

Private Harry Sharpe, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr James Sharpe, of Hermitage Road, Coalville, writing home on July 19th states:

"I have the greatest pleasure in writing to let you know that God has helped me in the big battle, and I have come safely through it. But it is with the deepest regret that I have to tell you that I have lost a lot of my chums. Mrs _____ son has got killed, and I have sent them a letter to let them know, but I will expect they will get to know from the War Office. I hope God will help them to bear the burden. He died a hero, doing his duty to the last. I took 21 prisoners myself with one bomb, and also got a wounded chap into the trenches out of 'No Man's Land' that is between us and the Germans. He belonged to another regiment. When I got him to the dressing station he begged hard for my address so I gave it to him. If he writes to our house, let me know. It was nothing to me, I was only doing my duty, as I should do again. You asked me whether I wanted anything. I should like some writing paper and envelopes. Thanks so much for the Woodbines, which I received while in the firing line. I was ever so pleased with them. Good night, and God bless you all."

AN ABSENTEE

Wm. Pickering, private, 10th Leicesters, was charged before Mr G. D. Orchard, on Tuesday, with being an absentee from Rugeley Camp. He had been arrested at his home at Measham, and was remanded to await an escort.

TWO COALVILLE SOLDIERS KILLED

Information has been received by Mr and Mrs Jos. Batho, of 67, Margaret Street, Coalville, that their son, Lance-Corporal Ernest Batho, of the Leicesters, was killed in action on the 14th inst.

Private A. Wright, of the same regiment, writing on the 19th, states *"It is with the greatest regret that I write to tell you of your son's death while in action. We send our sympathy with you and family in your great loss. We have also lost one of the best pals anyone could wish for. In fact we were more like brothers than pals. There is one consolation, he never suffered any agony, the bullet entering his heart. We have kept his belongings. I hope I shall have leave before long, and then I can give them to you. I am one of the Belvoir Road School boys, and enlisted the same day as Ernie."*

The letter is also signed by Private C. Summers.

Lieut. T. Cecil Hewitt writes: *"I very much regret to say your son was killed in action on the 14th, when the battalion made such a wonderful charge. I always expected very great deeds of your son, who lived up to his splendid reputation in the company. Along with two other men he bombed and knocked out two German machine guns, which had been giving trouble. Such wonderful work cannot be left unrecognised, and I have sent a detailed report of his work to the higher commands. May you be strengthened in your great loss by knowing that he died the glorious death of a British soldier, fighting for his King and country."*

Lance-Corporal E. Batho was nearly 24 years of age, and before the war worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery where his father is also employed. He was an old Belvoir Road Schoolboy. Mr and Mrs Batho have another son, Private John Stephen Batho, aged 22, also at the front.

Pte. Joseph Moon, 15966, Leicestershire Regiment, is officially reported to have died on the 15th inst., from wounds received in action. He was the son of Mr Joseph Moon, miner, of Melbourne Street, Coalville, and employed at the Snibston Colliery, 32 years of age, single, and had been at the front 14 months, having enlisted in Kitchener's Army. He played for Coalville Town F.C. and Coalville Amateurs, usually at centre. Mr Moon has another son, Ernest, serving in the Royal Field Artillery.

SHEPshed SOLDIER'S DEATH

Information was received on Tuesday last that Private George Tapp, 20786, 10th Leicesters, had been killed in action in France. His father, Mr Thomas Tapp, is a widower, and resides in Charnwood Road, Shepshed.

TWO WHITWICK SOLDIERS KILLED

Mr Elijah Burton, a banksman at the Whitwick Colliery, who resides in Green Lane, Whitwick, has been officially notified that his son, Private Herbert Harold Burton, of the Northamptonshire Fusiliers, was killed in action on the 3rd inst.

The deceased soldier was 21 years of age, single, and before the war resided with his parents at Green Lane, being then a collier at the Whitwick pit. He enlisted last August and received his military training at Barnard Castle, having been at the front about six months. He was formerly a Sunday School scholar and chorister at the Whitwick Parish Church.



A letter has been received by Mrs Kirkby, of the Leicester Hotel, London Road, Coalville, from Private W. Needham, of the Leicestershire Regiment, stating that her cousin, Pte. Lawrence Whitmore, of the same regiment, was killed in action on the 15th inst. having been hit by a sniper. The deceased was a son of the late Mr Albert Whitmore, a Whitwick collier, and of Mrs Glover, of 101, Talbot Street, Whitwick. He was 21 years of age, and before the war worked at the Whitwick Colliery, where his father was also formerly employed.

Private Needham states that he and the deceased had been great chums, having stuck to one another through thick and thin. He was a gallant soldier and a good comrade whose death is a great blow to the writer and he misses him very much.



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NOTICE

JOINING THE COLOURS

W. H. PARKER

Pawnbroker, Belvoir Road, Coalville, begs to announce to his numerous customers that in consequence of being called to the Colours, his establishment will be closed down in the course of the next few weeks for the period of the war.

IBSTOCK

BELGIAN RELIEF

On Wednesday evening at the Ibstock Town Hall, the local Patriotic Committee held a sale of the furniture which was given or lent for the temporary accommodation of Belgian refugees, and the return of which had not been desired by the owners. The proceeds will be added to the balance remaining in the hands of the committee when the collection of subscriptions ceased, and will be held for the benefit of local soldiers.

Private Walter Wright, of Penistone Street, Ibstock, who enlisted in the 10th Royal Hussars, and is now with the Indian Expeditionary Force up the Persian Gulf, wrote home saying a letter he had previously written had been lost by him whilst fighting. With the same post came the missing letter he referred to, very much bloodstained, and bearing a note on the cover, stating. *"This letter was found by officers on the Turkish Frontier on June 4th, 1916."*

DESFORD

MUFFLED PEAL

A short muffled peal was rung on the Desford Parish Church bells on Wednesday night, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lieutenant D. J. Pickard, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Pickard, of Desford, and Sapper Richard Sanderson, of Hunt's Lane, Desford, who have both given their lives for their country. The following were the ringers: 1. A. G. Hornsby (conductor); 2. A. Dilks; 3. H. Dilks; 4. E. Orchin; 5. Dennis Wood, tenor; W. Sargeson.

Sapper Sanderson was employed at Desford Colliery prior to joining the tunnelling section of the Royal Engineers and was the sixth employee of the Desford Colliery to make the supreme sacrifice.

BARDON HILL

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A special service was held at St. Peter's Church on Sunday evening in memory of Private J. H. Martin, of the Leicestershire Regiment, the first of the actual residents in the village to give his life for his King and country. He was killed in the recent advance, and leaves a widow and three children. The service was taken by the Rev. H. V. Williams, and the organist (Mr Thomas Pruden) played Mendelssohn's 'O rest in the Lord' as a voluntary at the conclusion of the service.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Cyril Ernest Briers, late 1st Coldstream Guards, killed in action, July 29th, 1915.
"Faithful unto Death"

From his Aunt, Uncle and Cousins.

In loving memory of Private Harry Badcock, of the 5th Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 31st, 1915.
From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.