

# Coalville Times At War

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## LEICESTERSHIRE TERRITORIALS

### STRENGTH SATISFACTORY

#### V.A.D. WORK

A meeting of the joint committee of the Leicestershire and Rutland Territorial Association was held at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, His Grace, the Duke of Rutland presiding.

The chairman expressed regret about the illness of Sir Herbert Marshall, and the secretary (Captain Sergeantson) was asked to send a letter of sympathy to him. The Secretary (Captain Sergeantson) submitted the report of the Emergency Committee. This expressed regret at the death of Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. Clough-Taylor, a military member of the Leicestershire Association since its formation and chairman of the Supply and Transport Committee. Colonel Clough-Taylor served for many years in the Leicestershire Yeomanry, and before retiring held the command of the regiment. Another vacancy in the membership of the Leicestershire Association had also occurred by the retirement of Colonel W. A. Harrison, late commanding 4<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment who resigned his membership on leaving this country for South Africa.

The names of Lieutenant-Colonel L. K. Harrison and Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. Gowar had been recommended to the War Office to fill those vacancies and they had been duly approved. In the Rutland Territorial Association the name of Major S. J. Fowler had been forwarded to the War Office, as a military member to succeed the late Lieut-Colonel, the Hon. P. C. Evans-Freke, and Mr G. T. Sills to succeed Major Fowler as accepted member.

The committee greatly regretted to record the following casualties in Territorial units:

Leicestershire Regiment: Lieutenant S. E. Lennard and Captain R. D. Farmer, killed in action. The committee much regretted also to have to record a number of casualties amongst the rank and file.

Of the first line units administered by the Association, there was very little news. The monthly returns show that the strength of the different formations is satisfactory. During the last few months the committee had been represented at certain conferences of the Northern Command Associations which had been held at York, under the following circumstances. After the outbreak of war it was found impossible to continue the meetings of the council of county associations, and the command conference was suggested in order to a certain extent that it might locally take the place of the larger Council. Various subjects had been discussed and had been brought to the notice of the military authorities by the chairman of the conference, and a deputation had been appointed to meet the Adjutant-General on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> April to bring sundry matters to his notice.

With regard to the clothing and equipping of the recruits received under Lord Derby's scheme, no difficulty had been experienced. The stores had arrived from the Ordnance with little delay, and within 24 hours at the most the officers commanding administrative centres had been able to clothe them, fit them with equipment, teach them to "form fours" and send them off.

After the severe storms of the winter, the committee had arranged to have all the buildings occupied under their administration inspected and any necessary repairs carried out. From the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> April, a school of instruction for N.C.O.'s and senior cadets of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cadet Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, was held in Leicester. The report received from the Adjutant, Captain W. A. Brockington, stated that a military school for instruction, attended by N.C.O.'s and senior cadets from the various Grammar schools in the Borough and County, to the number of 150, was held during the week commencing Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1916. By the kindness of the Territorial Association arrangements were made for the use of Orderly Room, Parade Ground, and Drill Hall and the Magazine. Outdoor instruction was given on the county cricket ground; the Empress Rink was available in case of wet; and the committee of the Birstal Golf Club allowed the use of their golf course and golf house. The Newarke Secondary School was used for lectures.

The officer commanding the Battalion, Colonel Robert Harvey, V.D.D.L. acted as commandant of the school, and those engaged in the instruction included Captain Oliver Kaye, of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, Captain W. A. Brockington, adjutant; Captain T. E. Barnes, Captain A. J. Smith, Captain G. E. S. Coxhead, Lieut. E. Masters, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants A. P. Shenton, E. W. Hensman, C. R. Robson and A. E. Ball, together with Sergeant-Major Mitchell, Leicestershire Yeomanry and Sergeant Freckingham.

In addition to assisting in the instruction, Captain Kaye allowed the use of from forty to sixty service rifles, and so enabled the instructions to specialise in the teaching of musketry. The programme included also drill, (detail and word of command), guard duties, bayonet practice, physical instruction, and two field days for the practice of minor tactics. The progress made, especially in musketry, bayonet practice, and extended formation, was very satisfactory. As regards physical instruction, a special effort was made to connect the ordinary course of physical training with special military practice. In this connection, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Robson did specially good work.

During the past quarter the War Office had decided to bring the work of the County Director Voluntary Aid Detachment under a committee consisting of representatives of (a) the Red Cross Society, (b) the St. John's Ambulance Association, and (c) those Associations who appoint their own county directors, and in acknowledging the receipt of this communication, the committee wrote expressing a wish to place on record the Association's satisfaction with the manner in which the work connected with the V.A.D. hospitals, and the conveyance of the wounded had been carried out in this county. In acknowledging the letter which he had received through the Director-General of Medical Service, the chairman of the committee of management, said how gratifying it was to receive this expression of opinion of Mr Faire's work from the Association, and that it was not proposed to make any change in the existing arrangements in this county.

Colonel Harvey, referring to the paragraph referring to the Cadet Corps, said that unfortunately he was disabled, and was unable to give as much attention to the training as he would have liked. Still, he saw the cadets both on the parade ground, in the lecture room, and on the field of Birstal Links, and he would like to say what a satisfactory week's training they had. This was mainly due to the organising skill of Captain Brockington, the adjutant. Personally he was exceedingly pleased with the work during the week, and they could congratulate themselves that they had these boys growing up in reserve with such keenness and aptitude for military pursuits.

Councillor Loseby also added his tribute to the keenness of the cadets in their work, and Colonel Harris, speaking as one with some knowledge of the service, said he was pleased and astonished at the way the cadets stood on parade and handled their weapons. Mr Dalglish dealt with the matters discussed at the York Conference.

The chairman, moving the adoption of the report, expressed regret at the death of Col. Clough-Taylor. He also expressed satisfaction that as an Association they were getting plenty of recruits, and remarked that one of the brightest spots he had come across lately was the fact that the finances of the Association were extremely sound. As to the cadets they were excellent when he saw them some months ago, and no doubt they would be a valuable asset in the future, not only to the county, but to the country. That part of the report regarding the V.A.D. reflected credit on that department, which had done admirable work in connection with the removal of wounded to the hospitals. Mr Dalglish seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

A meeting of the Leicestershire Territorial Association followed. The meeting considered the various instructions with regard to the Volunteer Force regulations which have been published and formulated by the War Office. The chairman remarked that the point to be considered was whether that Association felt competent to undertake the administration of the Volunteer Corps under the new regulations. Major Rolleston expressed the opinion that the whole movement depended upon the question of finance, and argued that if the powers that be would provide rifles of a later pattern, and supply ammunition for practice at ranges, it would make the Corps much more popular. Mr Hull also thought that the provision of rifles the members could use would be of great advantage. Mr Dalglish said that however much the Association might be in favour of trying to help in the matter they ought not to commit themselves until they had more information as to how the scheme was going to work. After further discussion, it was decided to take no definite action in the matter until more information had been obtained from the War Office.

## **WHITWICK SOLDIER POET**

## **A MEMORABLE CHARGE**

Private J. Cato, 2285, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Notts and Derby Regiment, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Base, B.E.F., writes as follows:

*"I am a native of Whitwick and am sending you a few verses which I composed while in hospital to commemorate the bravery of the good old Leicesters and the good old Sherwoods, who are in the same division. If there are two regiments who cling together they are the Leicesters and the Sherwoods. I have the pleasure of knowing a lot of them and every time we go into the trenches, we can hear someone shouting about Whitwick and the surrounding places. No doubt you will hear of great things being done shortly. I hope you are all well at Coalville and Whitwick, and that there are not many conscientious objections. There are plenty of spare dugouts."*

The verses referred to are as follows:

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of \_\_\_\_\_ at St. \_\_\_\_\_ the Leicesters lay,  
Impatient for the signal to advance;  
And the Germans will remember the charge we made that day,  
For a finer regiment never fought in France.  
On the morning of the battle, the canons loud did roar,  
And shrapnel dealt out death on every side;  
Such terrific cannonading was never heard before,  
It was as if hell's jaws had opened wide.  
In the trenches there we stood, drenched with our comrades' blood,  
While maddening cries from wounded rent the air;  
But like tigers we did stand, bravely waiting the command,  
To drive the wily Germans from their lair.  
Hark! Now the signal comes, midst the booming of the guns.  
How we welcome that glad signal with a cheer,  
Then we charged with glittering steel, see those cowardly Germans reel.  
And we took their trenches ere the day broke clear,  
We have read about the Durhams, and the gallant Sherwoods too,  
The Warwicks and the Worcesters have done brave deeds for you;  
But give to me the Leicesters gay, there's none can with them be,  
And when they fight for Britons' right, they fight to win or die.

We have also received some lines on the death of Nurse Cavell, composed by Private Newberry, 26429, of the R.A.M.C., 27, Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F., France, and a further poetical effort headed "Rusty Iron and Failure." From Isaiah Chapman of the Coldstream Guards, through Mr A. Bevin, of Bardon Hill, but we regret that we are unable to find room for these.

## **ASHBY POLICE COURT**

### **THE APPLEBY TRIPLETS IN COURT**

Three tiny babies, two girls and a boy, born at a birth, were brought into court by their mother, Sarah Ann Tunks, the wife of an Appleby soldier, now at the front, who was summoned by H. E. Rastall, school attendance officer, Ibstock, for neglecting to send Annie Bradford, aged 12 (one of 7 other children by a first marriage) regularly to school. The officer said the girl had made 88 attendances out of 130. It was a pity that the child of the first marriage should suffer through the others.

Several magistrates expressed surprise at the remarkable circumstances of the case, and great interest was aroused by the triplets, one of which was nursed by the girl in question, another by the mother, and a third by a friend. The mother said she must have someone to help her. The babies were four months old. She had three more children at home younger than Annie Bradford, and 3 more at service. She was getting separation and children allowance, and her husband was soldiering. The chairman said that the Bench, considering the exceptional circumstances would dismiss the case, but defendant must send the child to school.

## **ASHBY TRIBUNAL**

### **HUGGLESCOTE TEACHER'S APPLICATION**

## FORTUNES MADE AT A HEATHER PUBLICHOUSE

A meeting of the military tribunal for the Ashby Rural District was held on Saturday at the clerk's office, Mr T. Varram presiding. There were also present Dr. Atkinson, Messrs. J. W. Fowler, A. Riley, J. Rice, J. T. Bradshaw and F. C. Stevenson, with Capt. Phillimore (military representative), Mr George Farmer (clerk), Mr J. R. Champion (agricultural representative) and Mr W. Baldwin (military secretary).

Application for absolute exemption was made by Frederick William Louch, aged 31, married, of Thringstone, who is the teacher of day commercial classes for women at Hugglescote under the Leicestershire County Council. He stated that he was engaged on work of national importance, having instructed 80 women in shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping since January. He had been engaged in commercial training for 13 years and was willing to instruct wounded soldiers if desired. He had also promised to assist in the Coalville Evening School. It was at the request of the Home Office that the classes at Hugglescote were started. The Advisory Committee recommended one month to enable the authorities to replace Mr Louch with a female teacher. It was stated that Mr W. Birrell, the principal of the Coalville Technical School, was there to support the application. Capt. Phillimore said he had seen Mr Birrell, who asked for the applicant to be exempted for five or six weeks until the present term of classes finished. Applicant, in reply to the chairman, said he desired total exemption.

The Chairman: Do you say this work could not be done by a woman?

Mr Louch said women teachers could not be got. He said the nearest place where similar classes were being held was Leicester, and students of his came from nearly as far as Burton, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton, etc. The chairman said the Tribunal did not doubt that applicant was doing good work, but their idea was that it could be done by a woman. Mr Louch said there was a tremendous demand for ladies now. He had already supplied 20 firms with lady clerks. Mr Birrell pointed out that in November last year the Home Office urged the opening of classes to train women to take the place of men called to the colours. Two centres were selected by the Leicestershire Education Committee – Coalville and Loughborough. The Loughborough classes, for which a female teacher was appointed, had since closed. They only received two applications for the post of teacher at the Coalville classes and Mr Louch was appointed. A ten weeks' course was started and out of 37 students, 16 found posts and others were going through a second course, which would be completed in about five weeks' time. Whether the County Authorities would sanction a further course he could not say.

The Chairman: You think it very desirable that he should finish this course?

Mr Birrell: Yes.

The Chairman: And you are not quite clear that the classes will be resumed after then?

Mr Birrell: We are hoping so.

He added that 11 out of 17 teachers in the Coalville Evening School had enlisted, the others being over age, and there would be a difficulty there when the classes were resumed. Mr Louch said that in the event of the County Council not sanctioning a further course of classes, he proposed to start classes on his own account. He had been asked to do so by a lot of people.

Dr. Atkinson: It would be a venture on your own?

Applicant: Yes.

Mr Birrell said that so far they had been unable to supply the demand for lady clerks. Mr Louch said that from the first session 87 certificates were won by students. Mr Birrell said the work had been very satisfactory. Exemption for six weeks was allowed.

The licensee of the Crown Inn, Heather, Augustus Wm. Beardall, aged 34, married, applied for conditional exemption on the ground that it would be a hardship to have to leave his business. He had only been at Heather since April 28<sup>th</sup> and was anxious to get things straight for his wife before he had to go. The chairman asked whether this was a very good house.

Mr Champion: There has been a fortune or two made there.

A member remarked that the miners were getting plenty of money and wanted somewhere to spend it. Dr. Atkinson said it was remarked at that Tribunal, only recently that if there was a business the country could do

without, it was that of the licensed victualler. The chairman said that referred to some of the poor little houses. Two months were allowed.

A wheelwright, of Normanton-le-Heath, who is also undertaker and sub-postmaster, aged 35, asked for absolute exemption, saying it would be very hard if he had to close down. He did a lot of repairs for local farmers and his was the only place. He had a wife and family and also a widowed mother to support. Capt. Phillimore questioned whether much work was done for farmers.

A member: What does he live on then?

The military representative: He has other things. He is an undertaker and sub-postmaster.

The chairman said they might as well take the farmer as take the man who did his repairs. At the request of the military representative, the case was adjourned for further enquires.

A Swannington builder and contractor, John A. Robinson, single, aged 31, who resides at the Fountain Inn, was represented by Mr J. F. Jesson, solicitor, Ashby, in his application for temporary exemption to enable him to complete work in hand, and wind up his affairs. Mr Jesson said that before the war Robinson employed twelve men, and now only had one. He had taken on no new work since February, and had five contracts to be completed. One month was allowed, applicant having had previous exemption.

Messrs. Cooper and Harvey, millers, of Acresford, applied for the exemption of a motor lorry driver, aged 23, on the ground that it was in the national interest that he should be retained at his job. A representative of the firm said he had unsuccessfully advertised for another man. One month (final) was allowed.

The case of a man employed by Mr John Ratcliffe, of Measham Lodge, who was stated to have charge of two stallions, six brood mares, and other horses, and was also a waggoner, and assisted in milking was adjourned for further enquiries.

Lionel Arthur Stoneley, aged 33, married, with four children, on a small holding of fourteen acres at the Altons, applied for exemption on the ground that he would have to sell up, and put his wife and children in lodgings. He had twelve beasts, eleven pigs, one horse, and poultry. He helped Mr Lewis, farmer, of Normanton, as waggoner. He was exempted for 14 days, pending enquiries of Mr Lewis by the agricultural representative.

A stallion attendant in the employ of the chairman of the Tribunal, Mr T. Varnham, of Appleby, was allowed till August 1<sup>st</sup>, as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

The Measham public scavenger applied for his two sons, Horace Wilson, aged 22, and Jas. Fredk. Wilson, 20, both single men, who assisted him in the business, and on his 85 acres of land. Applicant said he had five sons, one was a soldier, and two were lame. He said, "*If you take the men off the land we shall lose the war.*" He also said the scavenging had to be done. "*I don't think there is a gentleman in this room who would do it,*" he added.

Dr Atkinson: What will you offer for the job?

Mr Wilson: Ten bob a day.

Dr. Atkinson: I shall not take it on; I can make that. (Laughter)

Mr Wilson: Yes. If I had not got that, you could have them, and me as well.

Mr Fowler asked whether the scavenging was now being satisfactorily done. Mr Rice and Mr Bradshaw replied that it was. There were not many complaints now. Three months each were allowed.

John Dolman, aged 37, married, farmer and grocer, Snibston, applied for conditional exemption, saying he had 46 acres of land besides his shop. He was engaged principally in feeding stock and employed no one. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Answering the chairman, applicant said his brother, Arthur, could not look after his land and stock, having enough to do himself, and lived two miles away. The chairman said this was war-time, when every man was expected to do his best, and a man could hardly occupy his whole time on 46 acres. Applicant said he had 12 acres of hay to get, and looked after a quarter of an acre of garden. He did not enjoy good health. The Tribunal adjourned the case, pending the applicant undergoing medical examination.

Conditional exemption was granted in several cases assented to by the Advisory Committee, as follows: A Measham timber man and sawyer, aged 33; a Measham farm worker, aged 20; a Heather wheelwright, 30, married with six children; a Measham waggoner, aged 31; a Coleorton farm worker, 24; a Newton Burgoland smallholder; Thringstone dairy farmer; tenant of the Star Inn, Thringstone, aged 40, pig breeder and sub-postmaster; Appleby farmer's son, aged 19; Appleby stockman, 25, and a Willesley farmer's son.

The clerk said he had received three notices of appeal against decisions of the Tribunal.

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#### **COALVILLE SOLDIER WOUNDED**

Lance-Corporal J. Balding, of 208, Ashby Road, Coalville, who, as recently reported, has twice been wounded and is now in hospital.



#### **ASHBY SOLDIER KILLED**

Much regret was caused in Ashby by the news of the death of Private William Tucker, of the Yorks and Lancashire Regiment, who, according to a letter from his company commander, was recently killed in action. The deceased was the son of Mr and Mrs H. Tucker, of Tamworth Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, who, with the members of their family, will receive the full sympathy of the people of Ashby and the neighbourhood. Mr Tucker's three sons joined the army immediately following the outbreak of the war. At the present time the youngest son is at home, having been wounded.

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#### **MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL**

##### **A DESFORD SADDLER'S APPEAL**

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Market Bosworth Rural District was held on Tuesday in the old board room at Market Bosworth, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown (Cadeby) presiding. There were also present Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques (Ibstock), G. M. Arnold (Shackerstone), W. Towers (Newbold Verdon), J. E. Homer (Bagworth), Major Wollaston, Mr R. Hanmer, Capt. Chambers, Major Welsman, Col. Thompson (military representatives), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), Mr W. C. Kirkman (agricultural representative), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

An innkeeper, Jos. Rudin, of Orton-on-the-Hill, formerly of Ibstock, who had appealed wrote that he had been medically rejected – The case was dismissed.

Bernard Whitehead, married, aged 34, with two children, applied for exemption, stating that he managed the Neville Arms Inn, Nailstone Wood, for his mother, who was 68 years of age. He also kept a few cattle and had 12 acres of land. It was stated that the applicant used to be on the ground staff of the Leicestershire Cricket Club and was then away nearly every day. – One month (final) was allowed.

Messrs. Harratt Bros, wheelwrights, Ibstock, applied for their man, Robt. Peace, aged 35, married, employed by them as blacksmith. A representative of the firm said they did a lot of repairs for farmers. The application was dismissed.

A Markfield carrier, W. D. Warner, asked for exemption for business reasons. He was the only carrier in the district and Markfield was awkwardly situated as to railways. He was 35 age, married, with three children. He carried a lot of army work that was done in the district. Mr Eggington said that Markfield was over four miles from a railway station and his man appeared to be doing useful work. Six months allowed.

A Ratcliffe Culey farmer applied for his ploughman and horseman, aged 26. It was stated that the man had charge of brood mares and two entire horses. The farm was comprised of 200 acres. The farmer is 76 years of age and had lost three labourers (enlisted) since the commencement of the war. Six months granted.

A Markfield publican, 28, married, was stated to have been medically rejected, and his application was dismissed.

Mr E. D. Spencer, representing the Ellistown Collieries, applied for the exemption of six employees – Albert Edward Morris, married, aged 32, storekeeper and chemist; Arthur M. White, single, 18, clay porter and machinery attendant; Robert Jas. Willett, married, 28, kiln man; David Jepson, 39, married, kiln man; John Astle, 36, setter and loader in sanitary drain pipe works; and Alfred Hall, 34, married, brick setter and loader. Mr Spencer explained the duties of the men and pointed out that before the war they had in the pipe works 25 men and 9 boys and now there were 15 men and 12 boys. Those ten men had enlisted. They had not gone into the pit. Of their output, 66 per cent was for munition work. They were supplying bricks for the building of houses for munition workers. It was decided to allow three months to Morris, Jepson, and Astle and the other three were dismissed.

The military representatives asked for a review of a certificate of conditional exemption granted by the County Tribunal to a Desford saddler. It was held that the work he was engaged in was not of national interest, he was not repairing the belting at Desford Colliery, and no serious hardship would ensue if the man had to go. Major Wollaston said new facts had come to hand since this certificate was granted. There was another saddler within five miles of Desford and this man was not the only man who could repair the Desford Colliery harness. That could be done either at Coalville, Leicester or Ibstock. The manager of the Desford Colliery would support that. The man had a partner and there was no reason why he should not serve his country. Mr J. T. Hinks, solicitor, Leicester, who appeared for the man, asked whether these statements were to be proved. Some of them were so utterly ridiculous that they refuted themselves. He asked what it was the military authorities were fighting for. It could not be for a soldier, the medical tribunal had decided that. The man could only see out of one eye and had been passed for labour only.

Mr Eggington: That is their business.

Mr Hincks: You are not fighting for a soldier, but for a labourer. The question is whether this man is not better employed here than at the front. He is 39 years of age.

Major Welsman said the question was whether the man should be handed over to the military authorities. They were not dismissing his health. Mr Hincks pointed out that his client did a lot of work essential to farmers. The report in the papers about belting was a mistake. Major Welsman said belting certainly was mentioned at the Appeal Tribunal, with the colliery tackle and harness, and this weighed chiefly with the Tribunal.

Mr Hincks: Belting was not mentioned.

The clerk said they had a letter from the chairman of the Appeal Tribunal. Mr Hincks said work was done for 130 farmers and horse-keepers within a radius of five miles. Major Welsman said that what weighed with the Appeal Tribunal was the colliery work and that was why the absolute exemption certificate was given. The colliery representative on the Appeal Tribunal told them that such work would be of great importance to a colliery. Not one word was mentioned about work done for farmers. The clerk said that when the appeal was before the Bosworth Tribunal no mention was made of colliery work. Several members bore this out. In regard to the statement that his client had a partner, Mr Hincks pointed out that the partner had an entirely separate business in Leicester, and had more than he could do. All the interest the appellant had in the Leicester business was financial. Mr Jacques asked whether the Desford Colliery Co. had made a request for the man to be retained.

Major Welsman: No. It was only his evidence which weighed with the Tribunal.

It was suggested that if Mr Hincks relied on the work done for the Desford Colliery, he should call the manager of the colliery, who was in the room to support it. Mr Hincks said he was not there to give evidence, but to meet the points raised by the military representatives. Major Welsman said he would like to ask the manager of the colliery a few questions. Mr J. E. Homer, in reply to the Major, said he was the manager of the Desford Colliery, and the statement that this man repaired the colliery harness was correct. He did no belting repairs. They had no contract in regard to the harness.

Major Welsman: Can you tell the Tribunal why you did not appeal for his exemption?

Mr Homer: It is immaterial to us who does the repairs, so long as we get them done.

Major Welsman: We are told that if he does not do it, it can't be done.

Mr Homer: Oh, can't it!

Major Welsman: Is that inference correct?

Mr Homer: It is not.

Major Welsman: Where else could you get it repaired?

Mr Homer: At Coalville, or Ibstock. Both places are handy.

Major Welsman: As far as you are concerned, this case could be decided without any special consideration being given to the needs of the Desford Colliery?

Mr Homer: That is right.

Mr Hincks: Who is there at Coalville who could do this?

Mr Homer: I can't tell you.

The chairman said it was not for them to decide who was to do the repairs for the Desford Colliery. Mr Blower said there were three saddlers at Coalville, all married.

Mr Hincks: Any fool can get married.

A member: And there are some fools who remain single.

Mr Hincks said he understood that the Coalville saddlers were younger men. This man was 39, and medically unfit. After some discussion, the Tribunal decided to revoke the certificate of absolute exemption given by the County Appeal Tribunal, and allowed one month's exemption to be final. Mr Hincks intimated that there would be a further appeal.

Mr Beale, a Stapleton farmer, applied for the exemption of his man, aged 20, single, a milker and carter. He farmed 194 acres. The man had previously been exempted, but had received calling-up papers under the new regulations of May 1<sup>st</sup>. – The application was dismissed.

In the case of Horace Peters, aged 22, employed by his father, an Ellistown farmer, it was stated that he had joined the Navy, and the case was dismissed.

An Ibstock carpenter, employed by Mr R. Stafford, of Ibstock, applied for exemption on domestic and financial grounds. He said his employer was there to support the appeal if necessary. It was pointed out that there was a Government scheme for rendering help in such cases, and the application was dismissed.

A Desford carrier, single, aged 23, applied for exemption. He said he also farmed 14 acres of land. He supported his mother. Three months allowed.

A Stapleton wheelwright appealed for his blacksmith, aged 20, stating that it was all agricultural work that he did. He had released one man in order to keep this one. Three months allowed.

A Birmingham solicitor, representing the agents of Lord Howe, for the Gopsall estate, appealed for the sub-agent of the estate, Wm. Smith, aged 30, and married. He said it was important that they should have a resident man to manage 13,200 acres. They had a staff of eighteen before the war and 7 had enlisted and four others had attested. Capt. Burnett, the agent, was on military service. It was pointed out that if this man went those responsible for the agency would simply have to find another clerk. The application was dismissed.

The landlord of the "Dog and Hedgehog," Dadlington, applied for exemption, stating that he had an acre of garden and 50 head of poultry. He was 34 years of age, married, with no family. Dismissed.

A Markfield farmer of 66 acres, applied for the exemption of his son, aged 22, a cowman. He had five sons, two of whom were soldiers, and two were colliers. He did a lot of carting. His collier sons could not help him. They could not get colliers to work on the land after they had done their work at the pit.

A member: You don't pay them £1 a day?

Applicant: No, I can't afford it.

The application was dismissed.



A Desford postman applied for exemption till the end of July in anticipation of a domestic event. He had three children. Agreed to.

A Sibson farmer, one of whose sons had enlisted, applied for the exemption of his stockman, aged 19, till the end of July. Agreed.

A Stapleton farmer of 21 acres, married, aged 35, who retails milk from six cows, was allowed six months, and a similar term was allowed a Sibson farmer, who milks 20 cows, in respect of his man.

A Markfield farmer, aged 72, applied for his only man, aged 22, to be exempted for four months. He said he would try to manage after that. He farmed 62 acres. Allowed.

In the case of John Wm. Newbold, general carter and milk seller, Ibstock, it was stated that he had been medically examined and rejected, and the case was dismissed.

Mr Shires, solicitor, Leicester, applied for the exemption of Leonard Wardle, aged 24, single, of Markfield, employed by his father as a baker. He stated that the father was 66 years of age, and the work depended on Leonard. They had a village round, supplying 250 customers with bread, 80 per cent of whom were colliers. Applicant had two sons serving in the army. Three months (final) were allowed.

In all, about 70 cases were dealt with, and the Tribunal were occupied for several hours.

## **COALVILLE TRIBUNAL**

### **OVER 30 CASES DEALT WITH**

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

Mr C. E. Crane, solicitor, Coalville, represented Mr C. E. Goodliffe, house furnishers of Coalville and Nottingham, in his appeal for the exemption of Fredk. Foster, 29, the manager of the Coalville shop in Hotel Street, formerly run by Mr Gough. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Mr Crane said the man was married, with no family. His client had the premises on a long lease, and owing to the heavy nature of the work it could not be done by females. He was the only man and Mr Goodliffe could not get another. He was worse off for labour at his Nottingham shop, and that day had been delivering goods himself. It was pointed out that this was not a reserved trade. One month (final) was allowed.

Mr C. H. Coleman, managing director of the Coalville 'Bus and Garage Co., applied for the exemption of Robert Wortley, aged 28, married, bus engine fitter and driver. He said Wortley was the only man left who could keep the 'buses in running order, and as they were public vehicles, it was essential that they should be safe. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Answering questions, Mr Coleman said that before the war they had a staff of eight – four drivers, a manager (who was also a fitter), a fitter and two cleaners. Now they had only four – two drivers, a manager (who was not a fitter) and a fitter. The traffic receipts were down to half, owing to not having sufficient 'buses on the road. There were three 'buses in the garage now awaiting repairs. A member remarked that they exempted another driver named Wardle, who really ought to go before Wortley. Wardle had another business, but Wortley had a widowed mother who was blind. One month (final) and three months (final) were moved, and the latter was carried.

Mr Geo. F. Burton, baker and confectioner, Whitwick, applied for the exemption of his baker, Wm. P. A. Bland, aged 26, and married. He said he had advertised for another man unsuccessfully. He employed two bakers, the other being 55. Applicant did the bulk of the delivering himself and also attended to the horses. The time of both men was fully occupied in baking. He had three men before the war. If this man went, it would mean having to give up a lot of trade. Conditional exemption was allowed.

A Coalville hairdresser and tobacconist, Wm. Willars, aged 29, applied for exemption on financial grounds. He had a wife and two children to support.

By Mr German: There was another hairdresser in the same street.

Mr Briers said it was a trade they could not do very well without. Another member said they could do without tobacco. Two months were moved, and three months, the latter being carried by six votes to two.

Messrs. A. Wilkins and Sons, proprietors of the "Coalville Times," applied for the conditional exception of Alfred T. Richardson, aged 24, married, with two children, who is employed as a stone hand, maker-up, and machinist. His previous exemption (two months) expires on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr E. J. Wilkins, who appeared in support of the application, stated that he had advertised for another man, and also watched the advertisements, but had failed to secure a suitable person. Two girls had been set on, but they would not be of great help for at least twelve months. The Advisory Committee suggested that the Tribunal satisfy themselves that this man was wholly engaged in this work. Mr Wilkins said that was so. He pointed out that two had gone from their works, one in the army and one in munition work, which was a considerable proportion from a small staff. Three months were allowed.

John B. Holmes, aged 32, single, a Coalville printer, applied for conditional exemption. A previous appeal was dismissed by the Tribunal, and on appeal to the County Tribunal he was allowed one month. He had advertised for a manager, without success, and to have to sell up would mean serious financial loss. The Advisory Committee did not assent. The case was considered in private and the application was refused.

J. H. Lager, a Coalville dairyman, and milk seller, applied for exemption, and his case was heard in private – Conditional exemption was allowed.

Four months were allowed to Wm. D. McCarthy, the Whitwick poor-rate collector, who appealed on financial grounds.

Isaac Cyril Foster, hairdresser, Whitwick, who said he supported a sister in feeble health, applied for exemption. His sister and himself depended solely on the business, his parents being dead. The Advisory Committee recommended two months, and Mr German urged this should be adhered to. Mr Briers said they were there to decide the cases, no matter what the Advisory Committee said. Three voted for two months, and five for three months, which was carried. Mr German said he agreed that the Tribunal could act exactly as they wished, but he intended to appeal against this. Mr Brown asked whether, in a case like that, if the man joined the army, and was killed, would his sister get a Government pension? Mr McCarthy said that was an important point. The chairman said he did not suppose Mr Jesson would care to answer it off-hand. The clerk said he had his own opinion, but he would rather not answer. Mr Brown said that weighed with him. They wanted questions like that answering for their guidance. The chairman said he thought nothing definite had yet been settled.

The Clerk: She would be a total dependant, there is no doubt about that.

Alan V. Cartmel, aged 29, married, auctioneer and house furnisher, applied for exemption, and asked for his case to be taken in private. The Advisory Committee did not assent, and the Tribunal allowed three months.

A similar term was allowed C. W. Wright, applied for by Mr A. Pegg, painter, Hugglescote; to an employee named Walding, of Mr J. W. West, printer, Coalville; to F. G. Lawrence, draper, of Ellistown; and to W. J. Cramp, an Ellistown boot and shoe repairer, who is married, and said he put in his whole time at the work.

Mr Jesson: I thought boot makers did not work on Mondays?

Applicant: I do.

The Advisory Committee did not assent to the application of Fred Henson, butcher and slaughterman, of Belvoir Road. At the request of the appellant the case was taken in private, and the Tribunal dismissed the application.

Three months were allowed to A. Cross, hairdresser, of Hugglescote, and to Mr Insley, coachbuilder, Coalville, for each of his two sons, married, who assist him in the business, though in none of these cases did the Advisory Committee assent.

Messrs. Rogers and Son, builders, Coalville, applied for A. Newman, a joiner in their employ. Mr Rogers, junr., said the man had worked for them several years. They were engaged on four houses. Two months were allowed.

Edward Haywood, aged 26, married, grocer and beerhouse keeper, Park Road, Coalville, applied for exemption, stating that the two months allowed previously expired on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and he had not had time to train anyone to do his work. His father did not enjoy good health. He had been medically examined at Wigston, and had passed for labour at home. He thought he had enough of that. A member said it meant work in England for his country. Mr Haywood said Captain Stevenson had said he should go into a munition factory or on a farm, but he worked hard now. Mr Drewett asked which was the best part of the business, the grocery or the beer?

Applicant: They are both good.

On the question being repeated, Mr Haywood said, "*We sell plenty of beer*" (Laughter)

Mr Drewett said it was not a laughing matter. There were certain considerations which they could give to a man supplying food, which might not apply in the other case. Mr Haywood said they sold as much grocery as beer. His father and mother, and also his wife and child depended on him. One month (final) was allowed.

Thomas Egan, aged 21, fireclay worker at the Ibstock Colliery, of Coalville, applied for exemption till July 14<sup>th</sup>, as granted him before by the Tribunal. The clerk said the man had been called up in the meantime under the new regulations. Applicant said his mother was old and ill, and he wanted till July 14<sup>th</sup> to make arrangements. He had a brother who had been at the Front, and was now in hospital. The application was granted.

The Forest Rock Granite Co. applied for Jas. Ar. Hull, aged 32, single, who looks after the machinery, but a letter was received from the company, stating that as they were on Government work, they were appealing in London for all their men to be starved, and pending a decision on that, they asked for the case to be adjourned. Agreed.

George Taylor, of Hugglescote, a former Coalville Council roadman, applied for the exemption of his son, Geo. Wilfred Taylor, a single man, aged 28, a pipe-yard hand employed by the Ibstock Colliery Co. The clerk said this was the second appeal. The previous exemption expired on June 4<sup>th</sup> and was final. The question was whether another appeal was in order. It was decided to hear the case to see if applicant had any fresh evidence. He said the circumstances were the same. He did not want his lad to go, and leave him with only 10/- a week. The application was dismissed.

Mr E. T. Casson, beer retailer, and grocer, Belvoir Road, Coalville, applied for the absolute exemption of his son, Frank, aged 30, his outdoor manager and machinery attendant. The clerk said this was the third appeal and the last time a month was allowed. Mr Casson said he had advertised for another man, but in vain. Applicant was between 60 and 70 years of age, and had to depend on his son to do all the delivering and yard work. One month allowed.

Fred Gough, aged 35, married, upholsterer and polisher, Coalville, applied for exemption, but it was not assented to.

Conditional exemption was granted to the following, as recommended by the Advisory Committee: Jas. Toon, 28, master butcher, Whitwick; Hy. Ed. Birkbeck, 23, farm worker, Greenhill; John Thos. Briers, 29, manager of the Forest Rock Granite Co.; Ernest Handford, 30, loom-turner, employed by Messrs. J. Burgess and Son, Coalville; Thomas Wm. Thirlby, 32, farmer and cowman, Greenhill; Wm. Moseley, 25, waggoner, Hugglescote; Thomas Neville Radford, 19, cowman, of Blackberry Farm, Ibstock; and Thos. Percy Deacon, 25, baker, Ellistown.

The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday at 6.30.

## RAVENSTONE

### COMFORTS FOR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS.

The village was in a holiday humour on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being a cricket match between Mr Arthur Woolley's eleven and a team captained by Mr B. Lakin, in aid of a village fund for providing comforts for men of Ravenstone and Snibstone, who are serving with the Forces. The players were mostly middle-aged, and had not previously distinguished themselves in the cricket fields, but plenty of energy was displayed. Major Hatchett, J.P., bowled the first ball, and thus commenced the match. Major Hatchett spoke of the gallant work the forces had done and were doing, and said Ravenstone and Snibstone men were doing their share. It gave him pleasure to help in any way the cause for which the match was being played. Mr Burge thanked Major and Mrs Hatchett for their attendance. Mr B. Lakin's team won. From the sale of tickets, and the balance from a football match at Easter, at Ravenstone, Mr Woolley has received up to £5/1/9, but the organisers are hopeful that as the result of a return cricket match in the near future, £10 or more will be realised.

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### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Captain Stevenson, the Coalville Recruiting Officer, asks us to point out that the enlistment of married men under the group system will close on June 7<sup>th</sup> at midnight. The Coalville Recruiting Office will be open for the attestation of married men on producing their marriage certificates, from 9 am to 6 pm each day, Sunday included, also for single men between the ages of 18 and 19. It is hoped that those desiring to attest will do so as soon as possible and not leave it till the last minute, as there is not now the staff at the Coalville Recruiting Office to cope with rushes as they have done in the past.

By kind permission of the members of the Hastings Bowling Club, all wounded soldiers resident in Ashby are granted the free use of the green, and all accessories. Our wounded "Tommies" are taking full advantage of this offer, which they highly appreciate.

The following paragraph from a recent issue of the "Glasgow Herald" is of local interest: "*Captain J. C. Brash, R.A.M.C. who received the Military Cross at Buckingham Palace yesterday, is a Cathcart man, and a son of Mr Jas. Brash, J.P. bank agent. He graduated M.A., B.Sc, M.B., Ch.B., at Edinburgh University, and when he joined up at the outbreak of the war, was acting as Demonstrator of Anatomy at Leeds University Medical College. He was promoted from lieutenant to captain in the field, and received the Military Cross at the King's hands yesterday, for bravery in attending to wounded under a hot shell fire. Capt. Brash was buried amid the debris, but was subsequently rescued.*" The gallant captain's sister is the wife of Mr Wm. Birrell, Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

### **SOLDIER'S WIFE'S SUICIDE**

A verdict of "Suicide whilst temporarily insane" was returned at an inquest in Repton, Burton-on-Trent, on Monday, on Margaret Ann Maddock, 23, wife of Sergeant-Major Maddock, 1/5<sup>th</sup> Notts. and Derby Regiment, who has been at the front for 15 months. Deceased shot herself with her husband's revolver, whilst her two children were being bathed by their aunt.

### **GREAT GROUP CALL**

#### **ONLY FIGHTING MEN WANTED**

On Monday morning the first batches of married men, aged 27 to 35 (Groups 33 to 41), commenced to report themselves at the various metropolitan headquarters. At the Central Recruiting Office in Whitehall, the doctors in attendance were hard at work overhauling recruits long before nine o'clock, and prior to this a long queue of men was waiting to receive attention. At ten o'clock there was 'standing room only' in the large hall, the long rows of seats being occupied by men who were waiting final instructions. In a few instances wives accompanied their husbands under the impression that the latter would not return home again until they donned khaki. This was not the case, however.

All men, a Press representative was informed at the headquarters, return home on the day on which they join up, and do not leave for their destination until the next. Any man who still holds hopes of entering some department or non-combatant corps must have received somewhat of a shock from the reiterated announcement of the burly official at the door; "*Only fighting men wanted.*" Some consolation, however, was afforded by the added intimation, "*All fighting units open,*" though it is understood that this only refers to infantry

and artillery. The privilege of making such a selection was much appreciated by the men, who one and all appeared in the best of spirits.

## **EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS**

### **TWO LEICESTERS FROM GERMANY**

Among the recently exchanged prisoners of war from Germany are Private Biddles, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, and Private J. Wheeler, of the 4<sup>th</sup> Leicesters. Both are in London. Private Wheeler is undergoing treatment in Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank. He joined the 1/4<sup>th</sup> Leicesters in September, and was wounded and taken prisoner in the famous charge of the Leicester Territorials in October last. He was wounded in the leg and arm, and his wrist was broken. In a letter to his Leicester relatives, he said he was finally examined in Germany last Tuesday, and left for Holland the same day, reaching London on Thursday. He writes of the kind treatment he received from the Dutch people. Wheeler, who is 24 years of age, was a painter and paperhanger before joining up.

### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

Tuesday was the hundredth day of the Battle of Verdun?

Market Bosworth Tribunal had another long sitting – seven hours on Tuesday?

About a hundred men left Coalville on Tuesday in response to the calling up of the Groups?

On Monday, Groups 33 to 41, consisting of married men from 27 to 35 years of age, began to be called up?

Miss Deane, daughter of the vicar of Belton, has received an acknowledgement from the National Egg Collection of another 96 eggs received for our sick and wounded soldiers?

The sale of work and concert recently held in the Village Hall, at Thringstone, after all expenses were paid, realised £8/12/6 for sending gifts to Leicestershire soldiers who are prisoners of war in Germany?

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### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A memorial service was held at St. John's Church, Hugglescote, on Sunday evening for two Hugglescote soldiers who have been killed in action – Privates A. Pegg, of Crescent Road, and J. W. Cowley, of North Street, both of the Leicestershire Regiment. Cowley was the tenor horn player in the Hugglescote and Ellistown Silver Prize Band, the members of which attended the service, and played the hymn, "Fight the Good Fight" and also the "Dead March" at the close. Suitable hymns were sung and appropriate reference was made to the deceased by Canon Broughton (vicar) in the course of the sermon. There was a large congregation.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A memorial service for Sapper Robin Robinson, was held in the Parish Church, Thringstone, on Sunday evening, when the church was crowded. The congregation included the members of the Citizen Corps and Boy Scouts, and the commander of the former, Mr J. Lester, read the lessons. At the close of the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Cheverton Shrewsbury); Miss Crane, the organist, played the Dead March, and the National Anthem was sung, the "Last Post" also being sounded by a Scout bugler. The offertory amounted to £1/11/8, and was for the Soldiers' Memorial Window Fund. Sapper Robinson, whose wife and family live near the Fox Inn, Thringstone, was formerly a Whitwick collier. He joined the Leicester Regt., and was transferred to the Royal Engineers for his mining knowledge. He was killed in action on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **IN OFFICER'S UNIFORM**

### **STORY OF SOLDIER'S ESCAPE AT LEICESTER**

On Tuesday at Leicester, Pemberton Arthur Williams, 29, a soldier, was charged with having stolen a motor cycle and sidecar, value £30, at Leicester on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the property of Wm. H. Chapman, motor engineer. Prisoner appeared in the dock wearing an officer's uniform with the D.C.M. decoration. Evidence was given that he called at prosecutor's garage on May 19<sup>th</sup> and was allowed a trial run on a motor cycle. Subsequently he said he would purchase it if a sidecar could be attached, and next day he tried it again with a sidecar. He failed to return. Detective-Sergeant Faulkner deposed to arresting prisoner at Buxton, where he had been detained. He said that in riding to Derby he ran into a hedge and damaged the machine, which he afterwards sold for £10. He was wearing the D.C.M. decoration and the Delhi Durbar ribbon. Prisoner was not an officer, and was not entitled to wear the uniform.

Lieut. Pritchard intimated that accused would be charged with wrongfully wearing an officer's uniform and also for being absent from his regiment. Prisoner was remanded for a week.

## Hugglescote Soldiers Killed.



Pte. F. Chamberlain.

battalion in a little village know will be difficult to that your son has made that will help you in your son's personal soon as possible."

Private Chamberlain was war worked at the Ibstock employed. He enlisted war, and had been about old Hugglescote Baptist

Private J. W. Cowley, of death appeared in our

## HUGGLESCOTE SOLDERS KILLED

The sad news of another Hugglescote soldier being killed was received on Monday morning by his parents, Mr and Mrs Thos. Chamberlain, of 59, North Street, only a few doors away from Mr and Mrs Cowley, the death of whose son was notified only on the previous Wednesday.

The deceased is Private Frederick Chamberlain, of the Leicestershire Regiment, and the information was conveyed in a letter from 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant H. F. King, who writes: "It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you that your son was killed this morning by a shell which dropped among his section, killing him instantly. Please accept my entire sympathy in your great loss. Your

son was one of my very best men in the platoon – a willing boy, and a perfect soldier; a good comrade and esteemed by all in the company. He is to be buried in a little cemetery set aside for our behind the trenches. Your grief, I comfort, but it is the knowledge the great sacrifice for his country, trouble. I am seeing that your belongings are sent on to you as

20 years of age, and before the Colliery, where his father is also just a month after the outbreak of ten months in France. He was an school boy.

Hugglescote, particulars of whose last issue.



Pte. J. W. Cowley.

Of Hugglescote, particulars of whose death appeared in our last issue.

## BELTON SOLDIER'S DEATH

A letter has been received by Mrs Burton, Horsefair Cottage, Belton, from the War Office, confirming the news of the death of her husband, Corpl. F. Burton, Leicestershire Yeomanry, who was formerly reported missing on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. She has also received messages assuring her of the true sympathy of the King and Queen in her sorrow. There have now been two deaths of men from this village who had joined the Forces.

## SHEPshed SOLDIER KILLED

Intelligence reached Shepshed on Monday of the death of Pte. J. Hickling, who was killed in action in France last week. Deceased, who has been abroad for some months, leaves a widow and several children.

Trooper Archie De Ville, of the Leicester Yeomanry, posted as "missing" after the action on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915, is now reported "killed in action." He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles T. De Ville, of the Lindrige Farm, Desford, and was 23 years of age.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Mr and Mrs Joseph Cowley and family, of 97, North Street, Hugglescote, wishes to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy with them in their bereavement by the death of their son, Private Jos. Wm. Cowley, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PRISONERS OF WAR**

One of the most shameful things in this shameful war, is the manner in which the Germans have outraged and starved our men who have fallen into their hands, and it is stated on the best authority that, but for the boxes of food sent from home, they would be starved to death. One of the ways in which all can do something to help the cost of the boxes of food, is to pick out all the old bottles, and give them for this purpose. A scheme has been arranged for all the schools in Coalville and neighbourhood to allow the children to collect these bottles. It is quite a guess how much can be made in this way, but there are sure to be several pounds. And all houses have bottles they do not want, and most people would be glad to get rid of them. The bottles will be taken to the schools, and sorted and finally sold to the best advantage. If all will help, it must be a success. Parcels are being continually sent to local prisoners, Mrs Hale and Miss F. Hosking making themselves responsible for the despatching of them.

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#### **ALL MUST REGISTER**

Mr Long issues, through the medium of Parliamentary papers, a further warning to people who have failed to register themselves. The local authorities and the police are in co-operation with a view to arranging for visits to houses, and the matter will be pressed on employees by their employers. The register which employers now have to keep and the provision in the new Military Service Act requiring the production of certificate of exemption on request, together with the steps taken by local authorities, will, says Mr Long, make it increasingly difficult for a man to evade notice.

#### **TO RELEASE YOUNGER MEN**

#### **NEW OPENING FOR ATTESTED MARRIED MEN OVER 35**

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:-

*"In order to free younger men for service in the field, 1,000 physically fit married men over 35 years of age, required for important war work at home. Only those men who have attested, and have been classified in Groups 42 to 46, will be accepted. So long as the men are physically fit, no special skill is required for the work to be done. They will not be taken for service in the field so long as they are employed in this special work, but will be transferred from Class B of the Army Reserve to Class W Army Reserve, and they will not be under military control. The pay will be from 8 ½ d to 9 ½ d per hour. Full information can be obtained in the Inquiry Office, Great Scotland Yard."*

#### **APPEALS TO TRIBUNALS**

#### **A NEW REGULATION**

Mr Tennant states in Parliamentary papers that the time within which application for exemption should be lodged has advisedly been omitted from recent proclamations calling up groups, as the period for application has not been the same in all cases.

A man who claims on personal grounds is required to send in his application within 10 days after the proclamation is posted, or if his group has already been called up at the time he attests, within 10 days after the day on which he attested. Hitherto it has not been found practicable to give local Tribunals jurisdiction to receive a late application for an attested man, but under the new instructions, which will shortly be issued, relating to attested men, in consequence of the new Act, provision will be made giving the Tribunal jurisdiction, for good reasons shown, to receive an application in respect of a voluntarily attested man, not later than seven days after individual notice has been sent to him calling him up for service.

This is already the rule for voluntarily attested men who make an application on the ground that they are engaged in a certified occupation.

## **COALVILLE AND DISTRICT**

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **Local Men who have died for their country.**

#### **146 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:-

#### **William Chambers**

Private, of Royal Marines, on board H.M.S. “Pathfinder,” sunk in the North Sea, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1914. Mother lives in Margaret Street, Coalville.

#### **L. Henson**

Private, of the Coldstream Guards, formerly police constable stationed at New Swannington, died of wounds, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1914.

#### **William Ogden Hoden**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action in France, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1914. He formerly resided at Page’s Hill, Hugglescote, and left a wife and five children.

#### **George H. Newton**

Went down in H.M.S. “Hawke.” Formerly of Bardon Hill

#### **Sydney Herbert Sharpe**

Private, of the Coldstream Guards, killed in action in Belgium, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1914. He belonged to Heather.

#### **J. C. Andrews**

Lance-Corporal, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Beds. Regiment, killed in action on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1914, in France. He was a Ravenstone man.

#### **Thomas Jones**

Private, of the Durham Light Infantry, killed in the bombardment of West Hartlepool. Former Thringstone school-master.

#### **S. A. Meakin**

Lieutenant, of the 1<sup>st</sup> North Staffs Regiment, killed in action in France in December 1914. Formerly resided at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

#### **Forester Roberts**



Private, of the Northants Regiment, killed in action in France, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1914. Formerly employed by Messrs. W. Moss and Sons, Coalville.

**Frederick Kirby**

Private, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, died from wounds on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1914. Formerly resided in Crescent Road, Hugglescote, and worked as a collier.

**James Edwin Cox**

Private, of the Coldstream Guards, died while in training at Caterham, Surrey. Formerly resided in North Street, Hugglescote.

**Alfred Wesson**

Sergeant, in the Sherwood Foresters, died of wounds, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A former resident of Margaret Street, Coalville.

**John Manders**

Private, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, died wounds, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1915. His wife and two children reside in Belvoir Road, Coalville. He worked at Whitwick Colliery.

**James Young**

Private, Notts. and Derby Regiment. Died of wounds, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1915. A former employee of the Coalville Urban Council, of North Street, Hugglescote.

**Owen Hallam**

Private, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at Neuve Chapelle, on March 10<sup>th</sup>. A well-known local footballer, formerly residing at Donnington-le-Heath.

**John Williamson**

Private of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, March 10<sup>th</sup>. A Coalville man.

**John D. Sheffield**

Corporal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at Neuve Chapelle on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Son of the late Mr W. Sheffield, of the Railway Hotel, Coalville.

**Ernest Moore**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He formerly lived in Ashby Road, Coalville, and was single.

**Ernest Hall**

Private, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed at Neuve Chapelle, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1914. His wife and three children reside at Whitwick where he worked as a collier.

**James Wardle**

Private, of the Grenadier Guards, killed in action at Neuve Chapelle. A former collier, residing at Margaret Street, Coalville.

**Val Hull**

Private, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bedfords, killed in action in France on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He lived at Copt Oak.

**Ernest Samuel Boot**

Private of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on April 15<sup>th</sup>. He was employed at Messrs. Stableford's works and resided in Melbourne Street, Coalville.

**Thomas Dooley D.C.M.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915. A former Coalville collier, of Margaret Street, adopted the army as his profession and rose from the ranks.

**Albert Johnson**

Of the Rifle Brigade, killed in action in April 1915. Formerly resided at Park Road, Coalville.

**J. A. Johnson**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, died of wounds on April 16<sup>th</sup>. A native of Swannington.

**Harry Spence**

Trooper, Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He resided at Markfield and was employed by Messrs. Stableford and Co., Coalville.

**Samuel P. D. Thomson**

Lieutenant of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A director of the Ibstock Collieries Ltd.

**George Barker**

Trooper, Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A young farmer of Onebarrow, Whitwick.

**C. Avins**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in May 1915. He was an Ashby man.

**William Moore**

Private, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, killed in action May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915. He belonged to Thringstone.

**A. Heathcote**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, died of wounds on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915. A Bagworth collier.

**J. G. Poyser**

Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at Neuve Chapelle, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He left a widow and three children at Ashby.

**Timothy Betteridge**

Lance-corporal, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters. An Ashby man killed at Neuve Chapelle, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1915.

**John Gadsby**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in May, 1915. A Breedon man.

**George Henry Wesson**

Sergeant, of the Sherwood Foresters, killed in action on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Formerly of Margaret Street, Coalville.

**Cecil Thomas Beadman**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Formerly worked for Messrs. Wootton Bros., Coalville, and resided at Forest Road, Coalville.

**Wilfred Pepper**

Of the Royal Navy, went down on the "Goliath," in the Dardanelles, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. His home was at Ellistown.

**Charles William Jewsbury**

Gunner, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He was employed by Messrs. Stableford and Co., and resided at Bakewell Street, Coalville.

**Frederick Wilfred Hart**

5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A railwayman, of London Road, Coalville.

**Francis Frederick Martin**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, died in England, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1915, from wounds received in action. Buried with military honours at Coalville.

**Ernest H. Butler**

Of the Australian Contingent, killed in action in the Dardanelles in May, 1915. He lived at Ellistown, being a former colliery clerk.

**H. S. Burton**

Lance-corporal of the 23<sup>rd</sup> London Regiment, killed in action on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A Whitwick man.

**Ernest Tugby**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on June 7th. He resided in Leicester Road, Whitwick.

**Harold G. Blackham**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in May, 1915. Formerly clerk in the Coalville Conservative office.

**Fred Whitmore**

Lance-corporal, of the Black Watch, died of wounds on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915. Formerly lived at Hugglescote, a colliery clerk.

**Arthur Brownlow**

Private, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1915. A collier, whose wife and child were residing in Margaret Street, Coalville.

**John Ison**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Contingent, killed in action in June, 1915. An old Bosworth schoolboy of Measham, who had not long before gone to Canada.

**William Barney**

Lance-corporal, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A collier of Cumberland Road, Ellistown.

**William Wardle**

Lance-corporal, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He worked at Ellistown Colliery and resided in Main Street, Swannington.

**Harry Walker**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1915. A Ravenstone man employed by the South Leicestershire Colliery Co.

**G. H. Highfield**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> York and Lancaster Regiment, killed in action, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A former master at Coalville Grammar School.

**John George Bennett**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action July 15th. He resided in Beresford Street, and formerly worked for Messrs. Wootton Bros., Coalville.

**Walter Gray**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915. He formerly lived in Belvoir Road, Coalville.

**John Clibbery**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A former Ellistown collier, whose father resides in Bakewell Street, Coalville.

**George Andrews**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915. A Ravenstone man who worked at Ibstock colliery.

**Harry Smith**

Petty officer of the Royal Naval Brigade, killed in the Dardanelles, on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Formerly worked at Ibstock Colliery.

**William Massey**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A Hugglescote man.

**Harry Badcock**

Private, 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915. A former Coalville Grammar School boy who resided at Ibstock.

**Isaac Hall**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915. A Whitwick collier whose home was at Thringstone.

**H. Ing**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Resided at Waterworks Road, Coalville.

**Cyril Ernest Briers**

Of the Coldstream Guards, killed in action, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He lived with his uncle, Mr B. Baxter, Ibstock.

**Fred Pringle**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in August, 1915. An Ashby man.

**E. Dowell**

Private, killed in action in France, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1915. His wife and four children reside at Markfield.

**Clifford E. Scott**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915. Son of Mr W. V. Scott, Coalville East station-master, and formerly clerk in the L and N. W. Goods Office, Whitwick,

**Herbert Smith Hurst**

Private, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1915. He was a collier, formerly residing at Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick.

**Arthur Charles Johnstone**

Private, of the 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, died September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915, from wounds received in action the previous day. A collier of Castle Hill, Whitwick.

**Alfred Clifford**

Private, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in September, 1915, in France. He was a Coleorton collier.

**Edward H. H. Rawdon-Hastings**

Lieutenant, of the Black Watch, died of enteric in hospital at Boulogne, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Son of Lady Maude Hastings of the Manor House, Ashby.

**Bernard Hatter**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut., 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Only son of Mr T. Hatter, of North Street, Hugglescote.

**Walter Irons**

Private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, died of wounds received in action in France, September 28<sup>th</sup>. He formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery and resided at Shaw Lane.

**W. L. Pearson**

Private, K.O.S. Borderers, killed in action at Gallipoli, on June 28<sup>th</sup>. He was a Heather man and formerly worked at the Ibstock Colliery.

**Walter Shaw**

Private in the 9<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action September 9<sup>th</sup>. He was a widower, formerly residing at Swannington and was a labourer.

**J. H. Pepper**

Private of the 9<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, died of wounds received in action in France in September. He formerly resided at Newton Burgoland.

**Pte. Dolman**

Of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, killed in action, October 1915. He formerly worked at Nailstone Colliery and left a widow and two children, residing at South Street, Ellistown.

**Joseph Cox**

Private in the Grenadier Guards, killed in action, October 1915. He was an Ashby man and formerly captain of the Ashby Hastings F.C.

**B. Turner**

Private of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He formerly lived at Peckleton and worked at the Desford Collieries.

**James Cairns**

Private in the Connaught Rangers, killed in action in the Dardanelles on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1915. Formerly a Whitwick collier, who leaves a widow and three children.

**Frank Underwood**

Private in 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in October, 1915. Son of Mr John Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and a former employee of the Forest Rock Granite Company.

**Paulyn C. J. Reginald Rawdon-Hastings**

Captain, 5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Territorials, killed in action, October, 1915. Son of Lady Maude Hastings, of the Manor House, Ashby.

**Bernard Whittaker**

Private of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on September 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He formerly lived in Leicester Road, Whitwick, and worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

**George Gadsby**

Private of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action October, 1915. He left a wife and one child living at Mill Row, Hugglescote, and formerly worked at Ibstock Colliery.

**Percy Lawrence Smith**

Private of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hants Regiment, killed in action. He was a Ravenstone man.

**Walter Woodward**

Trooper in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles, died of wounds received in action on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Son of Mrs Woodward of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

**E. Pringle**

Corporal, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, October, 1915. An Ashby man, brother of Pte. Fred Pringle, also killed in action.

**George Fletcher**

Private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, reported killed in action October, 1915. Son of Mr George Fletcher, of No. 9, Ibstock Road, Ellistown.

**R. C. Lawton**

Lieutenant, 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, died of wounds received in action, October, 1915. Son of Mr Lawton of Boothorpe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

**C. Page**

Private in the Worcestershire Regiment, killed in action, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A former Coalville policeman.

**Samuel Thomas Berkin**

Private in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Grenadier Guards, killed in action September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A Swannington man, formerly employed at Messrs. Stableford and Co's Works, Coalville.

**Frank William Woolhouse**

Private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, October, 1915. A Whitwick collier, who resided at Albert Street, Coalville.

**Gerald Stewart**

Captain, 10<sup>th</sup> Hussars, and **John Stewart**, Lieutenant, Royal Irish Guards, both killed in action. Only sons of Mr C. H. and Lady Mary Stewart, of Cliftonthorpe, Ashby.

**Fred Davis**

Private, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at Neuve Chapelle. Aged 26, single, formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery, and lived with his sister, Mrs Massey, late of 154, Ashby Road, Coalville.

**Edward Jarvis**

Private of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grenadier Guards, killed in action, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He formerly resided at 88, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, and worked at the Snibston Colliery.

**Harry Toon**

Private, 9<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He was aged 20, formerly worked at Coleorton Colliery and lived at Griffydam.

**C. H. Smith**

Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Grenadier Guards, killed in action in France, November 1915. His parents reside at Nottingham Road, Ashby.

**A Litherland**

Private, 1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, November 1915. His home was at Chapel Yard, Ashby.

**Frederick Barttam**

Private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment (T.F.) killed in action in France, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. An Osbastone man.

**W. Hadland**

Private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment (T.F.) died of wounds received in action in France, November, 1915. He was formerly employed on the Cadeby estate of Messrs. Scott and Brown.

**Joseph A. Hall**

Lance-Corporal in the 9<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He was a Whitwick collier, aged 22 years, and his wife and child reside at the Dumps.

**Charles W. Cook**

Private, 10<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Aged 22, an Ashby man.

**Robert Ashby**

Sapper of Royal Engineers, killed in action December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1915. A Battram man and former member of the Nailstone Colliery Rescue Party.

**L. G. Beck**

Corporal in the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1915. Late of Leicester and formerly of Park Road, Coalville, aged 27.

**Oliver Pratt**

Private, 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, died on New Year's Day, 1916, from wounds received in action in France on December 27<sup>th</sup>. He was a collier at the South Leicestershire Colliery and resided at 5, Wilkins Lane, Hugglescote.

**J. W. Archer**

Of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He formerly lived at Hill Entry, Desford.

**A Lee**

Private, of the Royal Engineers, died of pneumonia. He belonged to Ulverscroft, Markfield.

**R. Cramp**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, January 1916. A Markfield man.

**George Spencer**

Private in the 3/5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, died while in training in Yorkshire, December 1915. Son of the late Mr Nat. Spencer, of Belvoir Road, Coalville.

**Alfred Bernard Smith**

Private of the Grenadier Guards, died January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1916, from wounds received in action in France the previous day. A former employee of Messrs. Stableford and Co., aged 19 years, of Main Street, Swannington.

**Stanley Samuel Snell**

Private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, posted wounded and missing in France, from September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1915, death officially confirmed January 12<sup>th</sup>. Had spent 5 years in the army, son of Mr S. Snell, of Snibstone.

**James Haywood**

Private in the 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, January 1916. Formerly worked at Ellistown Colliery, aged 32, and lived at Donington-le-Heath.

**Eric Compton Dougherty**

Lieutenant, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, killed at the Dardanelles on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Son of the Rector of Carlton.

**Thomas Sleath**

Private in the Leicestershire Regiment, died from wounds in hospital at Torquay, on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1915, and was buried with military honours at Hugglescote on November 20<sup>th</sup>. His wife and children reside at Coalville.

**Alec Howard Mason**

Private of the 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, February, 1916. Aged 19, a resident of Copt Oak.

**Stenson Hardy**

Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, January, 1916. Lived in Hotel Street, Coalville, aged 28 and married.

**George Wilkinson**

Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Banksman at the South Leicestershire Colliery, and resided at Margaret Street, Coalville, single, aged 33.

**John Copley**

Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, January 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Lived in Margaret Street, Coalville.

**Edward Henry Hunt**

Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, January 1916. Aged 20, single. Lived in Pretoria Road, Coalville.

**G. E. Hartwell**

Corporal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, January 1916. A former Coalville postman.

**Amos Elkin**

Private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Guards, killed in action January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Formerly a collier, single of 148, North Street, Coalville.

**James Thomas Bishop**

Company Sergeant-Major, of the Army Service Corps, died February 17<sup>th</sup> from illness contracted while on military duty. Formerly a collier, married, and resided in Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

**J. Flaherty**

Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry, killed on his ship in the Mediterranean, on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Formerly lived at Ibstock.

**Arthur Pegg**

Private, 9<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1916. Aged 25, single, son of Mr A. Pegg, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote.

**Joseph Satchwell**

Private, 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1916. A former Ibstock man employed at the Ellistown Colliery.

**E. Howe**

Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, died February 16<sup>th</sup>, of wounds received in action at the Persian Gulf, January 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. A former Whitwick collier, of Talbot Street, Whitwick.

**Joseph Martin**

Lance-Corporal, Royal Sussex Regiment, single, aged 31, a gardener, formerly of Coleorton, killed in action in France, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1916.

**John Martin**

Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Single, aged 19, of Swannington Road, Ravenstone, a former Ibstock collier.

**Roland D. Farmer**

Captain, 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1916. Son of Mr Geo. Farmer, clerk to the Ashby Board of Guardians, and a popular Territorial officer.

**John Williamson**

Corporal, 5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, March, 1916. Aged 24, single, formerly of Park Road, Coalville, and employed at the Whitwick Colliery.

**Ernest Brownlow**

Private, 5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, March, 1916. Aged 31, married, wife and 5 children who reside in Margaret Street, Coalville. Formerly worked at South Leicestershire Colliery.

**J. F. Cracknell**

Gunner, R.F.A., killed in action in France, April, 1916. Aged 24, single, grocer's assistant, formerly residing at Bakewell Street, Coalville.

**Frank Mee**

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action in France, March, 1916. A Thornton man, single, and formerly employed at the Desford Colliery.

**Herbert Kelly**

Sergeant of the Sherwood Foresters, aged 23, killed in action, January 2016. Late of Mansfield. A native of Whitwick, and nephew of Mr T. Kelly, of the Railway Hotel.

**G. H. Arnold**

Private of the Australian Forces. Killed in action, April, 1916. An old Bosworth schoolboy, formerly of Shackerstone, aged 28.

**Robin Robinson**

Sapper, Royal Engineers, killed in action, April, 1916. Aged 28, formerly a Whitwick collier, whose widow and three children reside at Thringstone.

**William Brooks**

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, April, 1916. Formerly a Snibston miner, aged 27 years, son of Mr A. Brooks of Ravenstone.

**Ernest Poyser**

Driver in the A.S.C. Accidentally killed in Egypt, April, 1916, aged 27 years. Formerly an Ibstock collier. Widow resides at Highfields Street, Coalville.

**Frederick Massey**

Private in the Northumberland Fusiliers, died of wounds, May, 1916. Aged 18 years, formerly worked at Snibston Colliery, son of Mr John Massey, 224, Ashby Road, Coalville.

**George Grain**



Private in the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, April, 1916. Aged about 32 years, formerly worked at the New Desford Colliery. Widow and child reside at Newbold Verdon.

**J. H. Shaw**

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, died of wounds, April, 1916. Son of Mr J. W. Shaw, of Moore's Farm, Bardon Road, Coalville.

**Jos. Wm. Cowley**

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May, 1916. Former employee of Messrs. Stableford and Co., and a member of the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band. Resided at North Street, Hugglescote. Aged 20.

**Wilfred Tucker**

Private of the Yorks. and Lancashire Regiment, killed in action, May, 1916. An Ashby man.

**Percy Walster**

Private in the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action at the Persian Gulf, April, 1916, aged 26 years. He was a Coleorton man.

**F. Burton**

Corporal, Leicestershire Yeomanry, reported missing, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915, and later reported killed. A Belton man.

**Fred Chamberlain**

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May, 1916, aged 20 years, formerly employed at Ibstock Colliery, and resided at 59, North Street, Hugglescote.

**Archie De Ville**

Trooper, Leicestershire Yeomanry, reported missing, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915, and later reported killed. Aged 23, son of Mr and Mrs C. T. De Ville, Lindridge Farm, Desford.

**N. W. Dashwood**

Private, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, May, 1916. An Ashby man.

**TO RELEASE YOUNGER MEN**

**NEW OPENING FOR ATTESTED MARRIED MEN OVER 35**

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:

*"In order to free younger men for service in the field 1,000 physically fit, married men, over 35 years of age, required for important war work at home. Only those men who have attested, and have been classified in Groups 42 to 46, will be accepted. So long as the men are physically fit, no special skill is required for the work to be done.*

*They will not be taken for service in the field so long as they are employed in this special work, but will be transferred from Class B of the Army Reserve to Class W Army Reserve, and they will not be under military control. The pay will be from 8 ½ d to 9 ½ d per hour.*

*Full information can be obtained in the Inquiry Office, Great Scotland Yard."*

**SOLDIER'S FURNITURE**

**TERMS FOR STORING BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Local authorities have received from the Local Government Board a detailed explanation of their rights and duties under the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, which has just secured the Royal Assent.

Sanitary authorities may make arrangements for storing furniture for men who have been called up, 'reasonable expenditure' to be defrayed out of the rates. Councils are entitled to impose terms and conditions in regard to any arrangements that they may make with the owner, such as a small charge to cover the cost

of removal, storage, and re-delivery, or insurance in cases where they consider such a charge may reasonably be required.

In any case, Councils must insure the articles against damage by fire or belligerent operations, and should make agreements stipulating that, except so far as any injury to the articles is covered by such insurance, the storage must be at the risk of the owner, and that the authority shall not be liable for damage, other than wilful damage.

The agreement should also include an undertaking on behalf of the owner to indemnify the authority against any adverse claim in respect of the furniture or effects.

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## **COALVILLE POLICE COURT**

### **ABSENTEE**

Jos. Ambrose Hall, aged 22, private, of Whitwick, was charged with being an absentee from the machine gun corps, Belton Park, Grantham, since May 21<sup>st</sup>. Defendant admitted it, and said he had been ill. P.C. Jones said he found the defendant at his home. He told him he had two bottles of medicine. Remanded to await an escort.

### **THE LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS**

James Nix, collier, Coalville, was summoned for failing to shade lights on his premises, on May 20<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Bursnall said he saw a brilliant light at the back of defendant's house at 11.15 pm. He used an offensive expression when witness called. Witness had previously cautioned the defendant. Defendant's wife said it was only a candle, and was not there more than a minute or two. There was no one about. The clerk said that did not matter. How if Zeppelins had been about? Fined 15/- or seven days.

### **ASHBY SOLDIER KILLED**

Private N. W. Dashwood, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, was killed in action on May 18<sup>th</sup>. He underwent an operation at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, to make him eligible for admission to the army.

### **OVER THE ENEMY'S LINES**

#### **ENGLISH AIRMAN LOOPS THE LOOP, INTERESTED GERMANS**

An interesting letter has been received by Mr D. Marston, of Coalville, from his nephew, Co.-Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Cave, of Leicester, who is with his regiment in France. He writes:-

*"We have been having a busy time. While the battalion was in the trenches, we C.Q.M.S.'s had to walk to a village about three miles away to draw rations, load them on a wagon, and take them back to the trenches. I have heard, but do not know whether it is true, that we are adopting the new English time – on the instalment system. We are advancing our time ten minutes per diem, so that by the time you get this, if the report is correct, our time will be yours. Compared with our previous losses, our company has of late suffered rather heavily. On the first morning we lost a man killed, and another wounded. When a man is killed it is my unpleasant duty to collect together his personal belongings for transmission to his next of kin. In the case of this man, I found a letter he had just commenced to his wife, telling her he was in the best of health. A few days later, we lost a Corporal, killed, and three sergeants and a lance-corporal wounded, all with one shell. They were apparently all talking together in a group when a shell came. As in the first place, I found several field cards, ready addressed, with everything crossed through but 'I am quite well'. So you see that during the six days the company lost 2 killed and 5 wounded. Up to this our total number killed during the ten months we have been out here was two, or rather one killed, and one died of wounds.*

*We had a fine flying exhibition the other day. One of our aeroplanes was flying near the enemy lines and was, of course, being potted at by the Bosches. During a lull in the firing, our man began to loop the loop and did it continually for about six times. No shells were fired on him, the German gunners, I suppose, being too interested in this unique exhibition.*

*Lately, the Germans having been fired on our airmen with a new gun – a kind of pom-pom, firing at the rate of 150 shots a minute. The shells can be clearly seen streaming through the air towards the aeroplane, looking like snowballs. I expect they are really magnesium flares designed to fire the aeroplane.”*

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## **MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL**

### **MANY IBSTOCK APPEALS**

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Rural District Tribunal was held in the old board room on Tuesday, Mr R. A. Oswald-Brown (Cadeby), presiding. There were also present Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques (Ibstock), G. M. Arnold (Shackerstone), and W. Towers (Newbold Verdon), with Major Wollaston and R. J. Hanmer (military representatives), Mr R. Blower (military secretary) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

The clerk pointed out that under the new regulations issued, persons to whom the Tribunal gave a certificate which was final had no right to appeal again unless there were new circumstances which the Tribunal might think justified a further appeal.

A Stapleton carrier and farmer appealed for his son, aged 30. Applicant said he managed the carrying business and his son was the only man working on 47 acres of land, of which 20 were under the plough. Three months were allowed.

The landlord of the Maynard Arms Inn, Bagworth, wrote that he had been medically rejected and the application was struck out.

Wm. Clark, wine, spirit and beer retailer, Ibstock, asked for exemption, stating that he had turned 40 years of age and had a wife and three children. Six months allowed.

Six months were also allowed to Isidore Baxter, builder and contractor, of Ellistown, who said he was 38 years of age, married with three children, and was now engaged on a contract, building four cottages for the Nailstone Colliery Co. He had only two men to assist him. A member said they had to be careful or they would have men taking contracts as a reason for exemption. Mr Jacques said the contract was let months ago, before the applicant attested.

The landlord of the Gate Inn, Ratcliffe Culey, who is also a hatter at Atherstone, asked for exemption. He said he was 39 years of age and since he made this application his wife had given birth to twins, making five children under six years of age. On him stating that the twins were boys, a member remarked: Two more soldiers. Applicant said he was employed on war work by Messrs. Wilson and Stafford, hatters, Atherstone, who appealed for him to the Atherstone Tribunal and secured exemption till August 24<sup>th</sup>. The Tribunal agreed to similar exceptions.

Mr Kirby, of Sheepy Mill, applied for a foreman in the mill, aged 35. He stated that he had released 18 men for military service whom they might have retained as being in reserved occupations. Six months allowed.

The application of the second master at Market Bosworth Grammar School, G. K. Thompson, who is instructor to the School Cadet Corps, was adjourned, pending a decision of the Board of Education.

Mr Plummer, a Leicester solicitor, appeared for the Ibstock Colliery Co., in their application for the exemption of two men employed in the pipe works. They were W. Granger, 38, and Thos. Elliott, 40, both married, and described as kilnmen. Mr Homer asked what proof they had that the men were engaged as kilnmen. Mr Plummer said that when an advocate made a definite statement before a Tribunal it was usual to accept it.

Mr Homer: We have been bitten.

Mr Plummer said they must accept statements be made as being true unless they were proved untrue. The manager would bear him out and was there to answer any questions. Mr Ottey (the manager) said the men had been engaged as kilnmen ever since they worked at the pipe yard, which was a good number of years. Mr Homer asked whether the company had more men working for them now than before the war. Mr Plummer said there were more men ineligible for military service. If they had more men getting coal they should be

thankful, because there was a great shortage of coal in Leicester. Mr Homer said it was all humbug. He knew how many men they had before the war. Major Wollaston said the Army wanted men, and if these two were exempted would they release two from the colliery.

Mr Watson (secretary to the Colliery Co.): I don't think we are allowed to.

A member remarked that men who had gone to enlist had been sent back by the military authorities because they were working at a colliery. Mr Blower said he thought that question would be gone into.

Another man appealed for was described as colliery traffic manager, aged 39, married, with three children. It was stated that the man resided in London, and a member asked how he could be traffic manager at the colliery, if he was residing in London. Mr Hill, the man appealed for, said that though he lived in London, he was in daily communication with the colliery, and saw that Government departments and munition works, with which they had contracts, were kept well supplied. The clerk asked what Mr Hill's duties were before the war. Mr Hill said he was doing the same. Mr Plummer suggested that they were hunting a hare which would not lead them anywhere. If Mr Hill was engaged in soliciting orders before the war, he was now engaged in work supplying coal to the departments referred to, and it was essential that this should be continued. Mr Homer said the Railway Co. would look after the coal traffic. Mr Plummer said he had learned that Mr Homer was the manager of a competing colliery and he hardly thought Mr Homer should sit there and adjudicate in a case of that sort. On the last Tribunal it was not considered correct for a man to adjudicate if he was in a rival concern. Mr Homer said there was no question of rivalry, as collieries now could sell more coal than they could get. Mr Plummer had admitted himself that there was a shortage of coal. Mr Plummer said that was the position at present.

Mr Homer: Then why should you bring that question forward. It is spleen.

Mr Hill, replying to questions, said he did solicit orders to some extent before the war, but he was doing the same work, looking after supplies to Government departments, with which they had had contracts for the last ten years. Mr Bouskell said the description should be "London Agent", and not "Colliery Traffic Manager".

Mr Plummer: Then strike it out.

After the applicants had withdrawn, Mr Homer offered to retire during the consideration of the case, but the Tribunal thought this unnecessary. All three applications were dismissed.

Canon Poyntz, of Sibson, supported the application of S. J. Jennaway, aged 31, carpenter and wheelwright, in his parish, remarking that the applicant did a lot of work for farmers. He (the Canon) would be the last to support a shirker, having three sons in the army, but this man was most useful to the district. Six months allowed.

Six months were also allowed to Mr Lloyd, an Ibstock draper and clothier, 39, married, with one child; To Robert Long, a Market Bosworth butcher, 37, married, with three children; and to John Wm. Eggington, boot and shoe maker and repairer, aged 40, married with three children. The latter said he had two men working for him before the war, and they had gone to the colliery.

L. Hardy, of Ibstock, aged 40, married, with three children, a Prudential insurance agent, asked for exemption, stating that he collected money from 450 State members, which he considered Government work. Answering questions, he said his company would not appeal, and would not allow his wife to do the work. A member remarked that the Prudential Co., were not employing women. Three months allowed.

The landlord of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Market Bosworth, who appealed, stated that he was 38 years of age, married, with four children. Six months granted. A member remarked that they would be accused of looking after the interests of beer.

Another member: That doesn't weigh with me.

The chairman said they could not send away all the tax-payers and rate-payers.

A Market Bosworth coal merchant, aged 39, with five children was allowed six months, having produced a certificate of discharge from the army through medical unfitness dated 1899. He stated that he was hurt in a gymnasium, and sometime felt the effects now. He served in the Northamptonshire Regiment.

W. Moore, landlord of the White Horse Inn, Desford, applied for exemption, stating that he was 39 years of age, and had two children. He farmed 42 acres of land and had no help. Six months granted.

Wm. Baker, grocer and greengrocer, Ibstock, applied on financial grounds. He said he was 40 years of age, and had three children. He did not enjoy good health. Mr Homer said his idea was that after 39 or 40 a man was no good for the army. It was stated that seven months' exemption would carry the man over his 41<sup>st</sup> birthday. Six months granted.

Charles Wm. Eggington, of Ibstock, aged 39, married, with eight children, was granted six months. He said he was a fishmonger, game-dealer, and fruiterer, and in reply to a question, said he took all the game from the Bosworth estate, for sale.

The manager of the Ibstock Workingmen's Club, aged 33, married, with three children, was refused exemption.

John White, wheelwright and brake proprietor, Ibstock, applying for exemption, said he was 39 years of age, and had two children. He had six horses and acted as driver for the Ibstock Isolation Hospital. He had 13 acres of land. It was stated that if he had to sell out now, the applicant could make a good price for his horses. Three months allowed.

Jos. Ed. Black, landlord of the Whimsey Inn, Ibstock, aged 38, married with two children, in his application said he kept a motor car for hire and managed the business himself. He had been medically examined, and passed for home service. Three months allowed. It was stated that Black had a brother serving in the army.

Thomas Johnson, builder and contractor, Ibstock, married, with two children, told the Tribunal he would be 41 on October 7<sup>th</sup>. He had nine head of cattle, and 13 acres of land, and carried on the business himself besides. Six months allowed.

Similar exemption was granted to John Thomas Cave, aged 40 (41 in October), a grocer and greengrocer, of Barlestone, who is married with two children, and also to Frank Massey, aged 33, a Little Orton smallholder, who stated that he had seven cows on 34 acres of land, and last year made three tons of Cheshire cheese. Members remarked that he did well.

Mr J. T. Hincks, of Leicester, appeared for a Groby grocer, Ed. Chas. Saunders, aged 25, single, who, he said, had built up a successful business, being the only grocer in Groby, apart from the Co-Operative Society, and the residents of the village did not want the business to be given up. He had been before the Tribunal previously, and was put back several groups, two months being allowed on appeal. It would mean the ruin of a good business if the man had to go. His widowed mother was often ill. If the applicant could have disposed of his business, he would have joined the army. Applicant said he had been surprised at not being able to sell. He thought he would dispose of it easily. Three months (final) allowed.

The authorities of the Desford Convalescent Home, now an auxiliary military hospital, applied for the exemption of a gardener, aged 26, and engineer and general handyman aged 33. In regard to the gardener, a medical certificate of unfitness was put in, and this case was struck out. Mr Woolley, solicitor of Leicester, said the other man was indispensable. The whole of the 50 beds had been given up to the wounded soldiers, 600 of whom had now passed through the hospital. A member remarked that it was at the Desford Convalescent Home where conscientious objectors were employed. (Laughter). Mr Woolley said they had no sympathy with conscientious objectors, and the man who was only working for them temporarily at the time, was not now in their employ. Six months were allowed, conditional on the man remaining in the same employment.

A Peckleton farmer was allowed six months for his man.

The Star Tea Co. applied for the manager of their Ibstock branch shop, stating that he was aged 39, married, with two children. A representative of the firm said 700 of their employees were serving, or 72 per cent. He was the only male assistant left at the shop. In a colliery district, when the miners were working six days a week, they wanted feeding well.

A member: And they do if they only work three days a week.

Six months were allowed.

The National Brick Co., Heather, applied for three men, James Rowe, (32), Walter Bowler (28) and W. Richardson (25). They had previously been granted three months' exemption, being engaged on making blocks for munition works, and there was a further request from the Ministry of Munitions that further exemption be given, the conditions being the same. Mr J. T. Jacques, (a member of the Tribunal) supporting the application, said the men were not touching anything but munition work, and he produced a letter from this Government department urging that the men be retained. Answering questions, he said they were all single but were the only men he had left who knew anything about the work. Before the war started he had 47 men of military age, and now only had these three left. So he thought he had done well. His was the only firm of its kind in the district who were employing women.

Mr Homer: You are lucky to get women to work for you. The Union won't let me employ them.

It was suggested that the men be given conditional exemption while the work lasted, but Mr Arnold said that if they gave more time to these men than they had given others, the Tribunal would probably be charged with favouritism because these were Mr Jacques' men. The chairman said they did not mind what was said. They did what they considered right in every case. Eventually, six months' exemption in each of the three cases was agreed to.

### **TRAGIC DEATH OF LORD KITCHENER**

A profound sensation has been caused throughout the empire by the news that death has cut short Lord Kitchener's great career. The Press Bureau announced on Tuesday, that H.M.S. Hampshire, with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, had been sunk by mine or torpedo, west of the Orkney Islands, that no survivors had been picked up, and that it was feared that all on board had been lost.

Lord Kitchener was on his way to Russia, on the invitation of the Tsar, and at the request of the British Government was to have taken part in discussing important military and financial questions. Up to an early hour on Wednesday morning there was no news of any survivors of the Hampshire. Heavy seas were running when she was sunk. Four boats were seen to leave the ship, but only some bodies and capsized boats have been found by the men sent out to search the coast.

Lord Kitchener, when a younger man, was a fairly frequent visitor to the White House, Cossington, Leicester, where his father, Lieut. Colonel H. H. Kitchener, resided for some years. The latter was buried in Cossington churchyard, and only a few years ago, Lord Kitchener paid a visit to his fathers' grave.

The Russians are vigorously battering the enemy's lines between the Pripet and the Rumanian frontier with considerable success. It was officially announced on Tuesday night that in the period June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, over 25,000 prisoners, 27 guns, and 50 machine guns have been taken.

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### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Now that the later married groups are being called up, the work of the Tribunals in general, Coalville among the number is multiplying considerably and public interest in the proceedings has also considerably increased. Hence it was that on Wednesday night a good number of the public were present they got little satisfaction, however, and a good deal of grumbling was heard at the bulk of the cases being taken in private. Of course, the rules provide that any appellant may ask to state his appeal in private, which is only proper, if he has satisfactory reasons for doing so, but the Tribunal could surely come to some better arrangement than that which prevailed on Wednesday night. In the first place, it is for the persons appealing to make the request for privacy if they desire it, and not for the Tribunal to ask them whether they desire it so and then, it would simplify matters if such requests were made known in time for the Tribunal to classify them somewhat and take the private cases altogether, as is done in other well-regulated Tribunals. To keep people trotting in and out of the room as one man said, "like dogs at a fair", borders on the ludicrous, and is not conducive to the maintenance of the dignity of the Tribunal. Above all, the Tribunal should remember that the instructions from the

Government are, that in the main, it is intended that the proceedings of the Tribunals shall be public. On Wednesday night several cases were heard in private when such was not requested.

### ESCORT FOR AN ESCORT

Before Major Hatchett at the Coalville Police Court on Monday, Corporal G. Roberts and Private S. Hayton, were charged with being absentees from the Machine Gun Corps at Belton Park, Grantham, since the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. Inspector Dobney said they were sent as an escort for another absentee, remanded by the magistrates on Friday, and left the Police Station at 8.30 on Saturday morning to catch the 9 o'clock train. They went to Whitwick instead, and remained there till Sunday afternoon, when they were arrested and brought to the Police Station. The other prisoner was there as well.

P.S. Betts said he saw the escort and their prisoner in Whitwick at 5.30 pm. on Saturday, and asked them what they were doing there. They said they were returning at 8.30 that night. Witness received a complaint as to them drinking in a public house on Sunday, and later arrested them.

The Corporal said they had missed the train on Saturday morning and intended returning in the evening, but missed that train also. They intended leaving Whitwick on Sunday, but found there was no train from there. Inspector Dobney said there was a lot of trains from Coalville, between 9 in the morning and 9 at night on Saturday, but they never went to the station to see.

The escort was remanded to await an escort.

### COLEORTON SOLDIER HONOURED

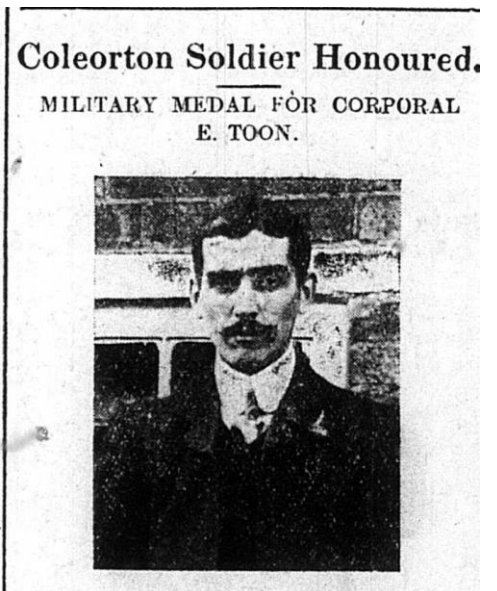
#### MILITARY MEDAL FOR CORPORAL E. TOON

1446, Corporal T. Toon, of the 3/1<sup>st</sup> Leicestershire Yeomanry, whose name appeared in a list published in the "London Gazette" on June 3<sup>rd</sup> as having been awarded the military medal by the King, is a Coleorton man, and before the war worked as a deputy in the Whitwick Colliery. In peace time, he served in the Yeomanry as orderly to Surgeon-Major Burkitt, and on going to France in the early days of the war, was attached to the Red Cross department. He participated in the early battles near Ypres and was there taken prisoner. He was cycling with dispatches at midnight, and having lost his way approached two sentries to make enquiries. To his surprise they were German sentries, and he found himself covered with their rifles. He was taken prisoner and spent 14 months in the Wittenberg camp.

Readers of the "Coalville Times" will recall the report of an interview which our reporter had with Corporal Toon on his arrival in England after his release some time ago. In this interview he was the first to reveal to England the horrors of the Wittenberg camp, which have since been confirmed by the official reports.

When disease broke out among the prisoners they were left to themselves to get on as best they could, and Corporal Toon rendered splendid service in nursing his fellow prisoners, a large number being under his charge. It is for his heroic service in this connection that he has now been so highly honoured by the King, the new military medal being the next highest decoration to the Victoria Cross. After having a well-earned rest, with his wife and four children at his home at Coleorton. Corporal Toon is now on military duty again at Aldershot. His wife is expecting him home this weekend.

The gallant corporal will receive many congratulations on this Royal recognition of his services, and the honour which, as a valiant soldier of the King, he has brought upon the district in which he resides. Corporal Toon has lived at Coleorton practically all his life.



### THE COALVILLE CITIZEN VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Coalville Citizen Corps is making an effort to carry on, and have re-commenced drills, meeting once weekly (Monday evenings at eight o'clock) for this purpose. Notwithstanding the small encouragement given to the Citizen Corps in general, the present members intend to continue drilling so as to be ready, - none can say when and in what form trained men may be required, for Home Defence, or to release regular units. Every German is a trained man, and before the war is over who can say it will not be necessary to train every Englishman? Therefore, the Coalville Citizen Corps invite all men rejected for the army, or men over military age to commence training at once, and make themselves useful, disciplined men, ready in case of need. Mr J. Stenson Turner is the commandant.

### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

Lieutenant Pickbourne, son of the Rev. F. Pickbourne, pastor of the Coalville London Road Baptist Church, has been made temporary captain?

### **COALVILLE TRIBUNAL**

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

Mr Harwood, of Nottingham, inspector to the Britannic Assurance Co., applied for the conditional exemption of Lawrence C. Widdowson, the superintendent of the Coalville district. He said Mr Widdowson was 35 years of age, married, with two children. Over 1,700 men had already joined the Colours from their staff of 4,550 and when all the groups were called up, 3,000 would have gone. They were not appealing for agents, except in rare instances, and they did say that the chief officials should be left. They encouraged their men to enlist, having promised to keep the places open, and were giving financial aid to make up their salaries. Their company had lent over £2,000,000 to the Government and were continuing to do so. Before the war, the Coalville staff consisted of 12, and now there were eight, two of whom were awaiting group calls. The Advisory Committee advised three months. Mr Widdowson said his district covered quite 100 miles. The only other appeal was by him for his assistant. He collected nearly £4,000 a year apart from the State Insurance members. Conditional exemption was allowed.

Mr Widdowson's application for his assistant, Samuel Briers, was next heard. Briers was stated to be 36 years of age and married, with two children. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Mr Widdowson said they would shortly be left with only four full-time agents instead of ten. Mr Briers had been with them eight years. They were anticipating having lady agents and Briers would have to assist in training them. Answering questions, he said a lady could not take the place of Briers. They had over 3,500 clients in this district, and they took some looking after. Two months allowed.

Applications by Mr C. E. Crane, and Mr T. H. Moore, solicitors, Coalville, were heard in private, and Mr Crane was granted conditional exemption, and Mr Moore two months.

Mr George Farmer, of Ashby, registrar of births and deaths, applied for the temporary exemption of the registrar of the Coalville and Whitwick sub-district, W. J. Newbury, aged 32, married, with one child. He said it was a Government office, and it was to the national interest that the work should be efficiently done. It was of a voluminous character, and required a great amount of study before anyone could become acquainted with the office, and especially was that so in a large district like Coalville. Mr Newbury had a deputy in his brother, H. T. Newbury, but he had joined the forces. Mrs Newbury had now been appointed deputy, and in the course of time would no doubt do the work efficiently, but she had a young child, and that would prevent her from going to the outside districts. Mr Briers asked how long it would take for anyone to learn the work. Mr Farmer said anyone would have to be very competent to learn it in three months. Mr German asked whether Mrs Newbury, senr., could now do the work, it having been stated that she used to act as deputy. Mr Farmer said she was between 60 and 70 years of age.

Mr McCarthy: And in delicate health.

Replying to Mr Drewett, Mr Farmer said that Mr Newbury was devoting his whole time to the office. The Advisory Committee recommended one month, but the Tribunal allowed three months.



One month (final) was allowed to the Coalville superintendent of an assurance company aged 36, married, with two children.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, Coalville, applied for the conditional exemption of W. A. Wells, married, with one child, stone mason foreman, of Hugglescote. He said the applicant was the only skilled man, and was indispensable to the carrying on of the business or he would not apply. Two others were employed, one married, and one single. The latter had been medically rejected. Applicant said they were very busy. If he had to go the business would have to close, and that would mean serious financial loss, as they had a large stock. It was chiefly monumental work. It would take four or five months to complete the work now in hand if no fresh orders were taken. One month (final) was allowed.

Three months exemption was granted to Robert Henry Geo. Mason, aged 29, manager of Hilton's Booteries, Coalville; John Lawson, aged 30, married, manager of Hunter's Coalville shop, was allowed conditional exemption; Walter Williams, 25, chauffeur to Dr. Hamilton, Coalville, one month final; Alfred Herbert Cockerill, 34, landlord of the Royal Oak Inn, Coalville, two months; Walter Ernest Chadwick, 32, head fruit salesman, employed by C and P Wilson, Coalville, conditional; Helliwell Gledhill, landlord of the Railway Hotel, three months; Albert Bonser, 24, assistant colliery bank foreman, in charge of coal sorting at South Leicestershire Colliery, three months; Charles Wm. Shaw, 31, carrier and general carter, three months; Milton Richards, 31, tailor's cutter, Coalville, three months; Samuel I. Bennett, 31, plumber and decorator, two months.

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### **COALVILLE SOLDIER WOUNDED**

Private William Chapman, Leicestershire Regiment, was wounded in action on April 20<sup>th</sup>, His parents live at Gibb's Row, Hermitage Road, Coalville, and his wife at No. 8, Mammoth Street, Coalville. Chapman was formerly employed at the Whitwick Colliery.

### **PATRIOTIC SCOUTS**

On Saturday last, the village troop of Scouts played a comic football match for the benefit of a fund which is being formed with the object of sending to each Ravenstone man in the Forces a parcel of comforts. The rival teams, drawn from the Troop, paraded the village in fancy costumes with their drum and fife band, and then proceeded to the football ground, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr H. M. Hewes. Captain Deverell, R.N., opened the game by kicking off, and an interesting and ludicrous match ended in a draw. Some of the costumes were especially good, amongst them being the brothers Biggs, as clown and pierrot. Kendrick, as Boy Blue, Johnson as a smock-frocked "gaffer", and Woolley and George Bullen as old women. The sale of tickets realised £1/17/3, and the Scouts hope to add considerably to this amount by the sale of bottles, which they have been collecting for several weeks.

### **ASHBY RURAL TRIBUNAL**

#### **THRINGSTONE PUBLICAN'S APPLICATION**

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

Dr Atkinson asked whether the results were known of the appeals against the Tribunal's decisions in three cases. Captain Phillimore said they were not likely to know for a month. The clerk stated that the son of Mr J. Rice, of Measham (a member of the Tribunal) whose exemption was appealed against, had been medically examined and rejected, and that appeal would now fall through.

Sir William Abney, of Measham Hall, applied for the conditional exemption of his butler, married, with two children, and 34 years of age. It was stated that since Sir William's illness, the man had acted as his personal attendant. The Advisory Committee recommended one month to replace. Mr J. German, agent to Sir Wm. Abney, said the latter was on educational duties in London, and had asked him to appear. He was sorry Sir William could not appear personally, then they would have seen what an invalid he was. The chairman said

they were all aware of Sir William's poor state of health. Mr German said the butler had been medically rejected for the Army, and was only passed for labour at home or abroad.

The Chairman: He may liberate a man who can fight.

Mr German said Sir William had written that morning pointing out that men passed for garrison duty only were to be allowed two months before being called up. Captain Phillimore said they could not rely on that. One month's exemption was allowed.

Sir William Abney also applied for the conditional exemption of his gardener, aged 33, married, with one child. It was stated that he had charge of six acres of gardens, and also the electric plant which supplied all the water and light to the hall. Mr German said they had advertised for another man and failed. It was expected that a labourer in the gardens would have to go. It transpired that the latter was married with four children.

The Chairman: You expect us to send a man who has four children and retain a man with only one child.

Mr German: He is a labouring man, and does not understand the electric plant.

A member remarked that most of them had to do without electric light. The Advisory Committee recommended that the application be not assented to, and the Tribunal agreed.

A Measham bakery firm, applied for the conditional exemption of a man aged 23, employed solely in the bakery. He had had previous exemption, but was unstarred, owing to his age under the new regulations. The Advisory Committee did not assent, the military representative remarking that there was a good deal of overlapping in the Measham district. One month (final) to replace was allowed.

Mr W. P. Musson, solicitor, of Ashby, appeared for a Donisthorpe gardener, in the employ of Mr John Turner, J.P. Applicant stated that he was 37 years of age, married with one child, and he appealed on domestic grounds. His wife was delicate, after an operation, and his child was also unwell. He had six brothers, five of whom were serving in the forces. The military representative suggested that this was a case in which financial aid in nursing the wife would be given by the Government if the man went. – The application was not assented to.

The landlord of the Fox Inn, Thringstone, aged 38, married, with one child, applied for exemption, stating that his wife was unwell and could not conduct the house, and if he had to leave, it would result in considerable financial loss. He maintained his grandmother, aged 84. He admitted, in reply to the chairman, that the latter had an old age pension. Up to 18 months ago he was a practical coal miner, and was willing to go back to work in the mine, since through so many men going his trade had fallen off. The house was tied, the owners being Messrs. Shipstone, of Nottingham. The Advisory Committee recommended one month to enable the man to make arrangements. Dr. Atkinson gave the names of several public houses in the district.

A member: Then there will be no thirsty men in Thringstone if this house is closed.

One month was allowed.

Application for exemption was made by a tailor and outfitter, of Donisthorpe, and he was allowed six weeks, as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

A Measham plumber and tinsmith, aged 37, married, with two children, said he was the only one of that trade in the district and he did a lot of work for collieries and farmers besides general work and it was in the national interest that he should stay. It was allowed to agree one month as recommended by the Advisory Committee, to allow him to make arrangements.

George Hart, a Measham builder and contractor, aged 40, applied for exemption that he might not lose his business. He had no contracts at present, and was doing repair work. He had machinery for firewood bundling and sold the bundles. He was married with no family. Not assented to.

Application was made for a clerk at the Coleorton Colliery, aged 29, said to be indispensable to the business. The company had given every facility to employees to enlist and were paying grants to the dependants of employees who had gone. A representative of the colliery said this was the only clerk they had left, except a weigh clerk. Answering the military representative, he said he was the managing director of the company and

the man applied for was his son. The work could not be done by a woman. This man was wages clerk, cashier, and office manager and did the whole of the commercial work of the colliery. They had taken one of his sons away and he was trying to carry on. Three months allowed.

An Appleby Magna baker applied for his man, aged 19, single, and the Advisory Committee recommend that it not be assented to. Applicant stated that since the war another baker had left him, and a youth, aged 19, whom, he formerly employed, had gone to the colliery. He had some land and if the application was not allowed, he asked for time to assist in getting his hay. One month was allowed.

A travelling draper, of Heather, applied for exemption, stating that he had been in business for twelve years and had 150 credit customers in the surrounding villages. He was 38 years of age, married, with children. One month was allowed.

In applying for exemption, an Acresford smallholder, aged 39, married, with three children, said he had 14 acres of land and 11 head of cattle. He retailed milk in the village and had a small grocery business, besides carting with two horses. The Advisory Committee recommended two months to get hay, and make arrangements, but the Tribunal thought he was doing good work and gave him four months.

A Measham building firm, Jos. Hart and Sons, applied for the temporary exemption of two bricklayers, aged 28 and 34, stating that since the war, 25 men had left them – 9 to join the army and 16 to the collieries and munition works. – Several members spoke well of the firm and it was agreed that two months each be allowed.

The occupant of Measham House Farm applied for the exemption of his son, aged 18, stating that he had 55 head of cattle and 50 head of sheep on the farm and could get no more help. The farm was 100 acres and there was only the applicant, his son and stepson on the farm. Replying to the chairman, he said he had let his cottage to a collier. He would want three hired men to do the work his two sons were doing, and he preferred to retain the latter. The chairman said the man who previously occupied the farm gave up everything to go to the war. Allowed till September 1<sup>st</sup>.

A Swepstone Fields farmer of 170 acres, with 59 head of cattle, including 27 milkers, seven horses, and 102 sheep, applied for the exemption of his son, aged 22, a waggoner. He said it was impossible to carry on without him. He had two sons and a youth of 18 on the farm, but they were trying to entice the latter to the pits. Conditional exemption was allowed.

A Willesley farmer applied for his cowman, stating that he had 38 milking cows. His wife and daughters made cheese and butter. Allowed till September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr Ratcliffe, farmer, of Measham Lodge, was allowed conditional exemption for his waggoner; and a similar respite was given to a wheelwright at Normanton-le-Heath.

A Chilcote farmer and grocer, of Snibston, whose application was adjourned at the previous sitting, wrote withdrawing his appeal, stating that he had been medically examined at Wigston Barracks and rejected. A number of cases assented to by the Advisory Committee and military authorities were gone through, and approved.

### **ASHBY URBAN TRIBUNAL**

Mr John German presided at a meeting of this Authority held on Monday. There were also present Captain Phillimore, military representative, Messrs. W. A. Musson, J. P., Adcock, Ward, G. D. Orchard, and W. P. Musson (clerk).

A builder and contractor of Ashby, accompanied by a solicitor, appealed for five of his employees, and for his son, who is a partner in the business, and architect. The others were two bricklayers, two joiners, and a carter. Conditional exemption was asked for the son, the two joiners and the carter, who was also horse-keeper, and if this were granted he would ask for a month for the bricklayers and try to carry on, but if the others were taken they would have to close down. – The carter was granted two months, the bricklayers one month, the joiners conditional exemption, and the son two months. – The Advisory Committee had recommended that the latter should not be assented to, and a member moved that the application be refused, but it was not seconded.

A jeweller and watchmaker, 37, married, three children, asked for total exemption on the ground that without him the business must close. Five brothers were joining the Colours. – This was regarded as a “one man business” and a member asked how was this business to be carried on, and where was the money coming from to carry on the war, and where were the rates to come from, if such businesses were shut up. – The military representative remarked that all said they would have to close down if they had to go, and yet they saw him carrying on. Exception however, was taken to the statement. Conditional exemption was granted.

A brewer’s agent, living at Leicester, married, one child, was represented by a Leicester solicitor, in an appeal for exemption, on business grounds, which the Advisory Committee were opposed to. The appeal was not assented to.

The mother of a young farmer and horse slaughterer, appealed for exemption for him. Two months had already been granted, and the appeal was now refused.

Conditional exemption was granted to a Shellbrook farmer and carter; also to an Ashby coal merchant, furniture remover and storer, who said he was drawing 120 tons of coal a month, and had seven ‘homes’ of furniture, worth anything up to £2,000, in his charge. – The Advisory Committee had opposed his exemption. A spirited protest was made by a member of the Tribunal, when a statement was made by another member in the absence of the appellant. He said it was not the first time statements had been made with regard to a man like that, in his absence. It was most unfair, and it made him lose confidence in the member who did it. It was not English. *“I wish I could put them on oath,”* replied the other member.

A greengrocer’s appeal was adjourned for him to go to Glen Parva for examination. Conditional exemption was granted to a butcher’s slaughterman.

A picture palace proprietor, with wife, and three children, and father and mother to support, and £1,200 invested in his business, was granted one month. He himself now worked the bioscope. The military representative suggested two months. – A member said they must tighten the strings now, for the war would either be over in three months, or we should be in a tight corner.

One month was allowed to a coal dealer. Conditional exemption was granted to the manager of a Woodville branch of a local provisions firm. A young partner in the same firm was granted conditional exemption; also a coal merchant and a relieving officer.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Private Frank Martin, (1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters), who died of wounds received in France, June 11, 1915.

*“The flowers we put upon his grave may wither and decay,  
Our love for him who lies beneath will never fade away.”*

From his loving wife and son.

### THE VALLEY OF THE DEAD

*“While sitting at my dug-out door,  
A Frenchman passed me by;  
To get in conversations, I thought I’d have a try.  
I asked him what they called this place,  
He quickly turned and said  
In rather broken English,  
It’s the Valley of the Dead.*

*I asked him what his meaning was,  
And how they ever came  
To give that quiet valley,  
That awful, weird name.  
Then he talked of last September,  
When the Frenchmen fought and bled,*

*And they lost near \_\_\_\_\_ thousand,  
In the Valley of the Dead.*

*Said he, if you don't believe me,  
Just walk fifty yards away,  
And you'll find full satisfaction,  
For every word I say.  
'Twas there in last September,  
When the grass with blood was red,  
That the Frenchmen chased the Germans,  
In the Valley of the Dead.*

*I walked across; the sights I saw  
I never will forget;  
Men who had fallen six months before,  
Had not been buried yet.  
Some sights we see and soon forget,  
But this one turned my head,  
That awful gruesome spectacle,  
In the Valley of the Dead."*

Written and composed by Pte. W. Chapman, 1/5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, B.E.F. France.

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#### **CITIZEN CORPS' SHOOTING MATCH AT ASHBY**

Whitwick: Irons 88; Hull 95; Eagles 89; Blow 94; Palmer 89; Bishop 68; Holland 75; Dodds 57; Storer 96; Briers 79; Collins 89; Robinson 86; Lester 47. Total 992.

Ashby: Joyce 95; Williscroft 96; Gamble 90; Taylor 87; Collier 93; Hussey 88; Parkes 94; Simpson 68; Peck 91; Willis 93; Worrall 90; Webb 92; Redfern 83. Total 1,160.

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#### **ASHBY POLICE COURT**

##### **SOLDIER'S LET OFF**

James A. Beard (30) and Frederick J. Bell (30), privates of the Army Service Corps, were summoned by Samuel Greatbatch, gamekeeper, for game trespass, in the day-time at Staunton Harold, on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Defendants said they were not searching for game. They were after a water hen, and ferns. Defendants were let off on paying 5/6 each costs.

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#### **A GALLANT LIEUTENANT**

##### **KING'S LETTER TO CARLTON RECTOR**

The following letter has been received by the Rev. J. T. Dougherty, rector of Carlton, near Market Bosworth, in connection with the death of his son, Lieutenant Eric Barnard Dougherty, of the Royal Naval Division:

War Office, Whitehall, S.W.

*"Sir, - I have it in command from his Majesty the King to inform you, as next-of-kin to the late Lieut. Eric Barnard Dougherty, of Portsmouth Royal Naval Division, that this officer was mentioned in a dispatch from General Sir*

*Ian Hamilton, dated 11th December, 1915, and published in the supplementary to the "London Gazette" dated 28th January, 1916, for gallant and distinguished service in the field.*

*I am to express to you the King's highest appreciation of these services, and to add that his Majesty trusts that the public acknowledgement may be of some consolation in your bereavement. I have the honour to be your obedient servant."*

M. D. Graham, (Lieut.-Colonel)  
Assistant Military Secretary.

The rector of Carlton was himself formerly chaplain and instructor to the Navy, with which he cruised for 27 years in various parts of the world. Lieutenant Dougherty, his only son, was killed in the fighting in the Dardanelles on July 13<sup>th</sup> of last year. The act of gallantry for which he was mentioned in the dispatch referred to occurred shortly before his death. Struck by a shell, young Dougherty's colonel lay mortally wounded, and Dougherty, notwithstanding a hail of bullets dashed into the open for a doctor, afterwards returning to the colonel's side, and remaining with him until his death. Shortly afterwards, the lieutenant himself was killed.

The gallant lieutenant was only 19 years of age. He belonged to the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and gave promise of a brilliant career. A brass tablet has been erected to his memory in Carlton Parish Church.

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### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

In the list of the King's birthday honours appears the name of Sergeant E. W. Hurst, R.E., (son of Mr Wm. Hurst of Forest Road, Coalville) to whom has been awarded the military medal. The Sergeant was twice mentioned in dispatches, and it will perhaps be remembered was wounded about two months ago by a shell whilst in the trenches. He is now at Willersley Hospital, near Matlock.

Five of the Whitwick church bellringers are now serving in the Army, viz., Mr Walter Adams who volunteered with the Leicestershire Yeomanry at the beginning of the war; Sergeant Harold Pegg, who joined one of the Leicestershire regiments shortly after, and is now in France; Alfred Neath and Joseph Bonser, are in training in England; the fifth is Mr Joseph Sharp, of Silver Street. Mr Sharp left for Australia several years back, and is now with one of the Australian contingents in France, having volunteered at the end of last year. Mr S. W. West has been pleased to receive a letter from Private Sharp recently, in which he explains that whilst in training in Melbourne, Australia, he used to ring at the Cathedral every Sunday and Wednesday when not on duty at the camp. It is noteworthy that over 20 per cent of Whitwick church ringers are now in the Army, which means that if the same percentage of men had joined all over the parish, Whitwick would have an army of 600 men.

At Markfield on Saturday, the Misses Wright and Miss Waugh entertained a party of wounded soldiers from Leicester. Numerous attractions were provided and tea was served on the lawn. Corporal Lang voiced the thanks of the party, and Miss Wright, in reply, said she hoped they would come again soon.

The first Coalville soldier to win the new military medal is Lance-Corporal T. C. Wood, of the 7<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, son of Mr S. Wood, of 111, Belvoir Road, Coalville, which was for going out to the help of a wounded sergeant under fire. Further details and a photo will appear in our next issue.

### **BAGWORTH SOLDIER WOUNDED**

Mrs L. Bevins has had a letter from the War Office, to say that her son, Walter, has been wounded, whilst in action in the Persian Gulf. Mrs Bevins has four sons in the Army, and one of them has been a prisoner in Germany for several months. She received a letter from him this week, in which he says he is quite well. The following are the names of the sons, Walter, George (prisoner), Percy and Wilfred. We congratulate Mr and Mrs Bevins upon the loyal spirit of their sons, and hope they may have them home again safe and sound.

### **GERMAN CASUALTIES**

**TOTAL NEARLY 3,000,000**

## OVER 690,000 DEAD

The Press Bureau issue the following particulars of German casualties reported in German official casualty lists:-

The casualties (exclusive of corrections) reported during the month of May, 1916, are as follows:-

Killed and died of wounds	19,720
Died of sickness	2,751
Prisoners	1,190
Missing	6,771
Severely wounded	15,020
Wounded	5,787
Slightly wounded	42,584
Wounded, remaining with units	8,684

The above casualties, added to those reported in previous months, and including the corrections reported in May, 1916, bring the totals reported in the German official lists since the beginning of the war to:-

Killed and died of wounds	690,268
Died of sickness	44,144
Prisoners	146,665
Missing	191,857
Severely wounded	398,330
Wounded	259,211
Slightly wounded	1,565,420
Wounded, remaining with units	128,691
Total	2,924,586

The above figures include all German nationalities – Prussians, Bavarians, Saxons, and Wurtembergers. They do not include naval casualties, or casualties of colonial troops. It should be noted that the above figures do not constitute an estimate by the British authorities, but merely represent the casualties announced in German official lists.

## ABSENTEE

Before Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Thomas Roberts, a private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, was charged with being an absentee from Patrington, since October 1<sup>st</sup>, last and was remanded to await an escort.

## COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

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

Before any appeals were heard, the chairman remarked that an article appeared in the "Coalville Times" last week, which they had carefully gone through, and which he thought he ought to mention. They considered that they regulated and managed the Tribunal in the best way they could. They tried to do the best they could for the men who appeared before them, and for the country. He would ask the clerk to read a paragraph dealing with the matter, which appeared in the instructions from the Local Government Board. The clerk then read the following extract:

*"The regulations contemplate that cases shall generally be conducted in public, but power is reserved to the Tribunal to conduct in private, if they so desire, the whole, or any part, of their proceedings in any case. If any party to a case, or any person concerned requests that the case shall be conducted in private, the request should be conceded, if there are good reasons for it. Matters of a business or domestic nature may arise in connection with cases which it would be obviously unfair to divulge to the public, and the Tribunal should have*

*regard in cases of this kind, to the interests of the parties or of any persons concerned. The Tribunal may confer in private respecting the decision of any case."*

Mr J. T. Porter, chemist and ironmonger, of Coalville and Hugglescote, applied for the conditional exemption of James Emerton, one of his assistants, aged 32, married, of Highfields, Coalville. He said two of his men had enlisted, and being short-handed now, it would not be possible to carry on if this man was taken. He had tried to fill the position. A knowledge of drugs was required, and it would take time to learn. Emerton had been with him for 20 years, and knew all departments. It would be a serious loss to his widowed mother, if he had to go. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Two months was moved, and three months, the latter being carried by four votes to two. Mr J. W. Fisher, a member of the Tribunal, who is also employed by Mr Porter, did not adjudicate in this case.

Wm. Mander, 32, of Main Street, Hugglescote, married, a fruiterer, greengrocer and provision dealer, asked for exemption on the ground that it would mean serious financial loss, if he had to go. The Advisory suggested two months, and this was agreed to.

Three months were allowed to Mr W. H. Allgood, aged 31, a Whitwick painter, signwriter, etc.

A Coalville hairdresser and Coalville boot and shoe repairer, who had both been medically rejected, produced certificates to this effect, and were given conditional exemption.

Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, Coalville, appeared in support of the application of Bertram Watters, 35, gentleman's outfitter, etc., and three months were allowed.

An Ellistown grocer and off-licence holder, J. Roulstone, 34, was granted a temporary certificate for two months.

Three months were allowed to Chas. Hy. Knifton, 32, loom carpenter, who was appealed for by his employers, Matterson and Son, Coalville.

A Coalville shoeing smith, Ed. Cuthbert, applied for conditional exemption, saying he had been in business for 13 years, and was now working single handed, two men having joined the forces. He was 35 years of age, married, with two children. He did a lot of work for farmers and colliers. Answering questions he said he had no striker now, and had to manage as best he could. Conditional exemption was allowed.

Mr C. W. Pegg, a Whitwick painter, applied for two of his men, H. Webster, 33, and R. P. Roulston, 31, both married, with one child each. He asked for temporary exemption to completed contracts on hand. His own son, formerly employed in the business, had joined the Colours. The Advisory Committee recommended one month each. Webster was allowed conditional exemption, and Roulston one month (final).

Messrs. Brown and Sons, boot and shoe manufacturer, Coalville, applied for the temporary exemption of their Whitwick manager and country traveller, J. S. West, aged 35, and married. Mr H. R. Brown, for the appellants, said he asked for one or two months to enable him to get a girl in West's place. One month was allowed.

A Whitwick hairdresser, Frederick Palmer, aged 34, asked for temporary exemption, stating that if granted reasonable time, he could train his son, aged 14, to the business.

Mr German: How long would it take to teach him – two months?

Applicant: You can't teach a boy to cut hair and shave in two months.

The Tribunal granted two months.

Frederick James Betteridge, 35, of Hugglescote, tailor, employed by Mr J. T. Lawrence, of Ellistown, asked for three months' exemption to get him over the busy season. The Advisory Committee recommended one month. Applicant was asked why his employer had not appealed, and he thought Mr Lawrence intended to. He added that he was married with two children. One month was allowed.

Conditional exemption was granted to the following: John Dean, aged 33, miller and corn merchant, of Battleflat; John Moore, 33, carting contractor and farmer, of Whitwick; A. G. Ball, 31, of Coalville, rate collector; A. H. Sinclair, 36, medical practitioner, Ellistown; J. B. Fletcher, 40, foreman of rubber-warping room at Messrs.



Burgess and Son's factory; Cecil Morris, 33, grocer and dairyman, Coalville; Frederick James Rogers, 33, builder, Coalville; J. H. Willn, baker, Hugglescote; Riley Danvers, 31, farmer, Agar Nook; J. W. Garratt, 30, baker, Hugglescote; Wm. Simpson, 32, dispenser, Coalville; John Fisher Jesson, 35, solicitor, Ashby; R. H. Rich, 33, farmer, Charley; R. J. Gee, 32, boot-maker, Thringstone; A. H. New, carter, Coalville; Ernest Wm. Bass, 35, grocer and dairyman, Coalville; J. H. Lakin, 35, tailor's manager, Coalville; Thomas I. McCarthy, 36, architect, Coalville; Walter Briers, 35, cabinet maker etc, Whitwick; John W. White, 35, horseman and ploughman, Bardon Hill; and J. H. Underwood, 31, baker and grocer, Whitwick.

Several cases in the last four of five groups were adjourned, the calling up of these groups having been postponed.

## **ABSENTEES FROM THE ARMY**

### **THREE DESFORD BROTHERS CHARGED AT HINCKLEY**

At Hinckley, on Tuesday, Joseph Wm. Poole, gardener, Harry Poole, journeyman gardener, and Herbert Poole, gardener (brothers), of Desford, were brought up on custody charged with being absentees from the Army under the Military Services Act, since May 30<sup>th</sup>. They admitted being absentees.

Captain W. E. Stevenson, Recruiting Officer for the district, said that three separate notices were issued to prisoners, and on each occasion, they refused to attend. They afterwards told a police constable that they would only go into the army under escort.

Harry and Herbert Poole told the magistrates that they could not take part in anything that violated their conscience. Joseph Wm., the elder of the three, said he could assure the magistrates that, but to Christ and His teachings he would not have been before them that morning. He believed it was utterly against the teachings of Christ to take a fellow man's life. While he was willing to do some work connected with the army, he felt he could not take part in the destruction of human life.

The magistrates refused to argue the case, whereupon Joseph Poole remarked, "*If any gentleman in this court can prove to me that it is a Christian's duty to go, I will be willing to go the next moment.*" Prisoners were remanded to await a military escort, and Mr Payne, (the Chairman) hinted that a fine would probably be imposed in future cases. If any of the prisoners had appealed, and asked to be put into non-combatant corps, the chances were that the authorities would have done so. The elder brother replied that he had offered to go to a hospital and work for nothing.

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### **THE LANDING AT SULVA BAY**

You may talk of Balaclava,  
And of Trafalgar Day,  
But what of the 11<sup>th</sup> Division  
That landed at Sulva Bay?

They were part of Kitchener's Army  
Some had left children and wives,  
But they fought for England's freedom,  
And for their very lives.

It was on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August  
When they made that awful dash,  
And the Turks along the hillside,  
Our boats did try to smash.

The order came, "Fix Bayonets"  
As from the boats they got:  
Every man there was a hero

As they faced the Turkish shot.

Funnels of ships were knocked over,  
While the sea in some parts is red,  
But they thought their way through the ocean  
To the beach that was covered with dead.

Creeping at last up the hillside,  
While shot and shell fell around.  
They made their last desperate effort,  
And charged o'er the Turkish ground.

The Turks at last gave up the struggle,  
When they saw the bayonets play;  
For they turned their backs on the British,  
And retired from Sulva Bay.

There were Lincolns, Dorsets and Staffords,  
And Notts and Derbys too;  
The Border Regiment were also there –  
The rough and ready crew.

Then next we get the Manchesters,  
With the L.F.'s by their side;  
The lads who came from Lancashire  
Will fill our hearts with pride.

There were Yorks'; West Yorks and East Yorks  
These and the Lancs as well,  
Who fought for good old Yorkshire  
Were among the lads who fell.

The "Fighting Fifth" were fighting hard,  
Northumberland lads, you know;  
While the Duke of Wellington's as well  
Were driving back the foe.

And there along the hillside,  
Lying beneath the clay,  
Are some of the lads who nobly died,  
While trying to win the day.

So remember the 11<sup>th</sup> Division  
Who were all volunteers you know,  
For they fought and died like herds  
Whilst going to meet the foe.

Composed by 15345 Private Arthur Latham, 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Wellington's Regiment, B.M.E.F., Egypt, of Hugglescote, Leicestershire.

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## **BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL**

### **SINGLE MEN IN COAL MINES**

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Market Bosworth rural district was held in the old board room at Bosworth, on Tuesday, Mr R. A. Oswald Brown (Cadeby) presided and there were also present Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques (Ibstock), W. Towers (Newbold Verdon), G. M. Arnold (Shackerstone), and J. E.

Homer (Bagworth), with Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (military representatives), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), Mr W. C. Kirkman (of Barlestone representing the Board of Agriculture) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

A lady from Stapleton applied for the exemption of her only labourer, aged 20, on whom she said she was entirely dependent. She had 48 acres of land and had 19 acres to mow. A member remarked that he wished an older man could be got for this smallholding. Mr Jacques said that had this man gone into a coal mine he would have been exempt. He hardly liked sending older married men when so many single ones were left and he would like to ask the married men who came before them whether they would offer to go to the pits and release these single men.

Mr Eggington: They would not go then. You would be getting another collier, but not another soldier.

Three months were allowed.

An Odstone farmer applied for a cowman in his employ, aged 32, married with three children. The Advisory Committee did not assent, it being stated that he had only been in the farmer's employ for nine weeks. One month allowed, conditional on him remaining in the same employment.

Application was made for a hosiery trimmer of Sutton Cheney, aged 18, on medical grounds, a doctor's certificate being put in. Dismissed, applicant being informed that the case was one for the military authorities.

A master butcher, of Barton-in-the-Beans, aged 30, married, with two children, asked for exemption, stating that he did all the work himself, and was the only butcher in the village. Granted three months.

Representing the Ellistown Collieries Ltd., Mr G. H. Light applied for the extension of Mr Upton, the agent for the brick, pipe and fire-clay works, who is 39 years of age, married, and resides at Luton. Mr Light said that the whole of the work they were doing now was for the Government – drains and pipes for camps, fire-bricks for the Admiralty, bricks for cottages for munition workers, etc. Mr Upton was the only man in touch with the contractors. The clerk said Upton applied to the Luton Tribunal, but they had referred it to Bosworth. A member said this case was on all fours with that of the Ibstock Colliery's traffic manager, which was dismissed. The Advisory Committee did not assent, and the Tribunal also took this view, the application being dismissed.

A Bagworth master butcher, aged 37, who said he had had the business for seventeen years, and did his own slaughtering, was allowed one month (final) to enable him to get some mowing grass.

A Congerstone farmer and butcher, aged 30, applied for exemption, stating that he had had the business for six years and only had a boy to help him. His widowed mother was partly dependent upon him. He had a man about 42 years of age doing the farm work. The latter had worked for him about five weeks. Three months allowed, and applicant was informed that in view of the shortage of labour he should release his man. Applicant said he engaged the man on the understanding that he would help other persons in the district during the harvest. The chairman said that if applicant could prove that the man had helped other farmers, when he appealed again in three months' time, it would be in his favour.

A Shackerstone carriage-builder, who said he was engaged chiefly on agricultural work applied for the exemption of his wheelwright, aged 36, married, with two children, and his painter and writer, aged 38, married with two children. The farmer had 22 acres of land, and a public house. It was stated that one of the men had attested, and the other had not. Mr Eggington said greater consideration should be given to men who attested than to those who waited to be fetched. Mr Jacques said a lot of men did not attest because they did not understand the position.

Mr Eggington: And many did not want to understand.

Another member said that a lot of the men who attested did it because they fought they would have a better chance of getting off. Eventually, both men were allowed six months.

Application was made by a weigh clerk and handyman at the Cliff Hill Quarry, aged 39, and married. He said his mother, over 80, was living with him, and his wife's parents were partly dependent on him. The manager of the quarry wrote that applicant had worked there for 25 years and was a very useful man. Four out of seven clerks in the office had joined the army, and also 40 of their workmen. Mr Eggington said the Cliff Hill quarry people had been very patriotic. Six months allowed.

The Desford Colliery Co. applied for a brick-former and colliery labourer, aged 40. Mr Homer said the man had six little children. The chairman said they should not saddle the country with the expense of keeping six children to send a man of 40. A man of that age was no use as a soldier. Mr Jacques said the man should not be making bricks, he ought to be in the pit. Mr Homer said he would put the man in the pit. He supported the appeal on account of the children.

The Chairman: The military authorities have told us that they don't want men of this description.

Mr Jacques said that of eight brick works in the district, five were closed. Three months were allowed, and Mr Homer said he would put the man in the pit.

Another application by the Desford Colliery Co. was for their boiler stoker, aged 35, and Mr Homer said this man was vital to him. Three months allowed.

A similar period was granted to a Ratby hosiery hand, aged 38, and married.

A collier of Sheepy, aged 33, married with two children, who until recently, was working as a groom, applying for exemption, said he had three brothers who joined the Army, and one had died of wounds, another was seriously wounded, having lost a leg, and the other was ordered to Egypt. Six months allowed.

A Wellsborough farmer was allowed six months for his horseman, aged 32, who is his nephew.

An Ibstock builder, Mr Baxter, applied for his bricklayer, aged 37, married, with two children. He said he had only this man and one labourer, whereas he had seven men before the war. He had no contracts, but was engaged on important repairs, and was very busy. The case was dismissed. Later, the man asked to speak on his own behalf. He said he had a little business of his own, besides working for Mr Baxter, and was working hard. It was pointed out that the man was in one of the groups, the calling up of which had been postponed, and he would not have to go yet. The Tribunal did not alter their decision.

One month was granted to the manager of the Dixie Arms Hotel, Market Bosworth, aged 37, with three children, whose mother is dead.

A Ratby insurance agent, aged 29, asked for temporary exemption while his wife, who was going to do his work, got accustomed to it. Two months (final) allowed.

A Desford grocer, aged 31, who had previously appealed to the Tribunal, without success, but who was granted two months on appeal to the County Tribunal, applied now for further time, the two months having expired. He was married three weeks ago, and wanted time to train his wife in the business. Dismissed.

Previous exemption having expired, an appeal for further time was made by a young tenant farmer, aged 23, who, with his brother, aged 27, occupies a farm of 80 acres at Sheepy Magna. Another three months allowed.

In regard to two applications by the Nailstone Colliery Co. for two of their employees, Mr J. C. Burdett, the colliery manager, asked for the cases to be adjourned, seeing that the calling up of the groups to which the men belonged, had been postponed. The cases were adjourned.

A youth of 18 employed by the Groby Granite Co. applied for exemption on the ground that he supported his widowed mother and sister, aged 9. Adjourned till he is called up.

A Sutton Cheney general dealer, single, aged 28, whose previous appeal was dismissed, applied for an extension of the two months granted him by the County Appeal Tribunal. He said his business would be ruined if he had to go.

A Member: Where would your business be if it were not for the fellows in the trenches?

Applicant: That's not the point.

Several members said that just was the point. Applicant was told that he ought to join the army and the appeal was dismissed.

Six months were allowed to a cowman and shepherd, of Twycross.

In regard to an application by the landlord of the Jolly Toper Inn, Barlestone, it was stated that he had been medically rejected and the case was dismissed.

The Tribunal also dismissed an appeal for the gardener and handyman at Markfield Rectory.

Six months were allowed in a number of cases which the military authorities and Advisory Committee had assented to.

## **WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT COLEORTON HALL**

### **ENTERTAINED BY MRS ABEL-SMITH**

About 200 wounded soldiers from the Leicester Hospitals on Saturday had a delightful outing. Members of the Leicestershire Automobile Club lent cars and a trip was made to Coleorton Hall, when the party were generously entertained by Mrs F. Abel-Smith, in the beautiful grounds.

When the start was made a little before two o'clock, the sun shone brilliantly in a cloudless sky, and except that in the evening the northerly wind was somewhat chilly, the weather proved perfect. Leaving the town towards the Belgrave end the cars took the main road towards Loughborough, but on reaching the "Halfway House" turned to the left, passing to Rothley Temple, and on through the village of Rothley; thence to Swithland, The Brand, Woodhouse Eaves, Nanpantan, on to the Loughborough and Ashby turnpike, reaching Coleorton Hall about three o'clock. The drive was a most enjoyable one, and, as will be seen, took the wounded heroes through a very picturesque part of the country. While the passing of the hawthorns had robbed the hedgerows of some of their beauty, the wealth of forest foliage and the myriads of wild flowers had brought new charm to the countryside, which the men from the trenches were not slow to appreciate. The more interesting spots, including the hoary ruins of Gracedieu Priory, were pointed out by the drivers of the cars, who were mostly members of the Automobile Club.

The gracious hostess at Coleorton Hall extended warm greetings to the men on their arrival, and made them feel thoroughly at home. Entertaining the men who have fought for their country is evidently a labour of love with Mrs Abel-Smith, who was not content with merely throwing open the beautiful grounds of her home for their enjoyment, but always insists upon providing for the "inner man" with true old English hospitality. So frequently does she have wounded soldiers at the Hall, that she has bought a large marquee, capable of seating several hundred at tea. The visitors on Saturday were greatly struck by the handsome exterior of the Hall, and the beauty of the grounds.

Mrs Abel-Smith was accompanied by her eldest son, Mr Henry Abel-Smith, and her daughter, Miss Violet Abel-Smith. The house party included Lady Jane Taylor, Miss Taylor, Miss Hutton, Mr Michael Wellesley Wesley, Miss Tritton, and Mr Edgington. The Rev. Herbert Robinson, rector of Coleorton, was also present.

Games, such as tennis, skittles, Old Aunt Sally, etc., were provided for the guests on the lawns, and were entered into with greatest zest, further interest being lent to them by the fact that Mrs Abel-Smith gave a number of pipes as prizes. An excellent tea was afterwards served in the marquee, and was greatly enjoyed by the men, to whom the drive had given capital appetites. Later on, the guests assembled on the lower lawn for a concert, the artistes, who kindly gave their services, being Miss Lettie Nourish, Messrs Jack Arnold, George Wood, Donald Adcock, Mr Gledhill, Railway Hotel, Coalville (ventriloquist), and Bert Wright who played the piano accompaniments. The programme had been arranged by Mr Arnold, and all the items gave the greatest satisfaction. At intervals, instrumental music was given by the Leicester Club and Institute Band, under the conductorship of Mr S. Brown, the following selections, among others, being rendered: March, "Kitchener," "Sons of the Sea," "Tipperary Lass," "Till the Boys Come Home." Mr G. W. Appleby, the band hon. secretary, had the arrangements in hand. At the conclusion of the concert Mrs Abel-Smith distributed the pipes won in the game contests.

Councillor Baker, in the name of the soldier guests thanked Mrs Abel-Smith for all her kindness to them. They all appreciated her goodness in asking them over to that lovely place and entertaining them so well. Mrs Abel-Smith always seemed to be entertaining wounded soldiers; she was one of those ladies who felt the great obligation the country was under to the brave men who had fought and suffered in its service. He asked the men to give her three hearty cheers. These were given with great enthusiasm, and Mrs Abel-Smith in

responding, said she thought there was no one in the country who did not recognise the noble sacrifices the Army and Navy were making for England, who would not do anything they possibly could to ease the sufferings and lighten the lot of those who had come home wounded. It had given her the greatest pleasure to entertain them that day. "I wish I could entertain you every day," she concluded, amid appreciative cheers.

The band, having played the National Anthem, the cars were loaded up again, and the homeward journey commenced. This was by way of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Ravenstone, Hugglescote, Coalville and Groby. The inhabitants at those places turned out en masse, and cheered lustily as the cars went by, many of them throwing chocolates, cigarettes, and nuts to the men. Approaching Leicester, the cars lined up, and, headed by the band, playing lively strains, entered the town in procession, many thousands of people assembling in Galowtree-Gate and Granby Street, every car being greeted with a hearty cheer.



Sergt. E. W. Hurst.

**HONOURED BRAVERY**

As briefly last issue, two have been King, in being Military Medal battlefield. They Hurst, son of Mr Road, and C. Wood, son of

Wood, of 111, Belvoir Road.

Sergt. E. W. Hurst is in the Royal Engineers months at the front before being wounded. He

**COALVILLE MILITARY MEDALLISTS**

**BY THE KING FOR**



Lance-Corporal T. C. Wood.

announced in our Coalville soldiers honoured by the awarded the new for bravery on the are Sergeant E. W. Wm. Hurst, of Forest Lance-Corporal T. Mr and Mrs S.

and was about 13 is now in hospital.

Lance-Corporal T. C. Wood enlisted about 16 months ago, and excepting for a brief holiday in March, has been at the Front since last July. How he gained the medal is given in the following extract from a letter of a comrade: "We had a sergeant hit by an explosive bullet in the stomach. He was out in the front of our line, examining wire. His cries made the enemy (Prussians) fire like mad. My fellow corporal went to his assistance, and despite the incessant fire, bandaged him up and stayed with him until both were rescued. The sergeant succumbed to his wound, and the corporal has been recommended for bravery. We are all proud of him."

The corporal referred to is Lance-Corporal Wood, whose brother, Alfred, has also enlisted. He is a nephew of Sergeant E. Collier, of Melbourne Street, Coalville, who won promotion and the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery in the field about twelve months ago.

**ASHBY TRIBUNAL**

Mr John German presided at a meeting of this Tribunal, held on Monday.

An appeal for conditional exemption was made by Mr A. E. Mammatt on behalf of a cabinet maker, joiner, and undertaker (32), married, with four children, who put in a certified statement of the value of his business and turnover. It was submitted that his case came under the section relating to certain businesses. Exemption granted.

A similar application was made by Mr Mammatt on behalf of a credit draper (28), married, no children, whose case had been adjourned from May 26<sup>th</sup>. He managed his brother's business (who had joined the colours) as well as his own, and it was impossible to make arrangements for carrying on if he went. Postponed.

Mr Mammatt applied for conditional exemption for a rate collector (39), married, with one daughter, and put in a medical certificate from his doctor. He had been passed fit for sedentary work. Postponed.

A tailor in business on his own account, married, with two children, and a greengrocer, married, with four children, were granted conditional exemption.

The manager of an ironmongery business appealed on behalf of a motor lorry driver, a fitter, and a plumber. The firm had lost 26 men since the war began, 16 of whom had joined the Army or Navy, and five to munition works. They had only one plumber. Conditional exemption was granted for him. In the case of a fitter and agricultural engineer it was observed that the repair of agricultural machinery was essential to getting in of the harvest, for new machinery could not be bought. This case was postponed for consideration when a further batch of applications from the firm comes along. The application respecting the motor lorry driver was refused.

An animated discussion took place respecting the application of a mail contractor from Burton for the driver of the mail between Ashby and Burton. The man is 34 and single. The Advisory Committee had recommended another two months, (temporary) to replace. It was pointed out that his was a certified occupation. Two months' exemption (final) were allowed.

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### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Local names appearing in recent casualty lists are 18315 A. Unwin (Coalville), Leicestershire Regiment, and 16818 T. W. Hodges (Newbold Verdon) died of wounds; 15874 W. H. Poyner (Desford) and 15864 T. W. Willett (Coalville), both Leicestershire Regiment, reported from the German Government as prisoners of war, previously reported missing; and 16146 J. Smith (Ibstock) wounded.

Of late we have received several requests from local soldiers at the Front, for various kinds of articles to assist them in obtaining amusement and recreation in their leisure moments, but the censorship prohibits us from publishing the letters. We are pleased, however, whenever received, to pass the letters on to the right quarter – Mrs L. L. Baldwin, or Mrs J. W. Farmer, of the Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild – where they receive prompt attention.

We are pleased to hear that Ray E. Watson, Leading Seaman of H.M.S. "Dartmouth," recently received a medal for services in the Persian Gulf. A supplement to the London Gazette, issued May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1916, contains a list of awards for services rendered by Petty Officers and men of the East Mediterranean Squadron, between the time of landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula, in April, 1915, and the evacuation in December, 1915 – January 1916, in which appears the name of Leading Seaman Ray E. Watson, for Distinguished Service Medal. He is a son of Mr A. Watson, of Glasgow, and formerly a clothier of Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Several hundred people on Tuesday afternoon witnessed the arrival at the Loughborough Midland Railway Station of a German gun captured at Loos. The procession, headed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicester Regimental Band, included a number of recruits. The gun was taken to the Queen's Park, where it is to be on exhibition for a month.

Some time ago the sum of £8/12/6 was sent from Thringstone House Club to the Leicestershire Churches' Prisoners War Fund and postcards have been received from local men in the Gettingen camp stating that they have received parcels.

George H. Copson, formerly of Loughborough was one of those who went down in the North Sea battle. His father lives at Oxford Street, Loughborough. Copson had lived at Whitwick where he was a miner, and joined the Navy on the outbreak of war. He was 28 years of age, and leaves a widow and two children.

News has been received that Private Alfred Deakin, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr W. Deakin, a foreman at Messrs. Stableford's Works, who resides at Highfields, Coalville, has been wounded in action. It is understood that he has received a nasty shell wound in the cheek and is now in Lord Derby's Hospital at Warrington. Another Coalville soldier reported wounded is Sapper H. Brownlow, of the Royal Engineers.

### **ASHBY WEDDING**

The marriage of L.-Corporal H. Nicholls, son of Mr and Mrs J. Nicholls of Ashby, to Miss Lydia Horrobin, of Kirkby, near Wakefield, was solemnised at the Holy Trinity Church last Thursday. The bridegroom was home

from France on short leave, and the ceremony took place by special licence. The Rev. W. Fowler officiated, and Mr J. E. Nicolls and Miss Frances Nicholls (brother and sister of the bridegroom) were in attendance.

### **CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR FINED**

At Leicester on Tuesday, a conscientious objector, named Frank Oldham, a tailor's cutter who failed to report himself to the military authorities when warned to do so, was fined 40/- and handed over to the military.

### **IBSTOCK**

The Ibstock Church Lads' Brigade have now obtained their new khaki outfits, and presented a smart appearance as they went on a route march from their drill hall on Melbourne Road last Monday evening. Mr Dunstan was in command, and Lieut. Humble second in command.

### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

Sir Douglas Haig was 55 on Monday?

There was no meeting of the Coalville Military Tribunal on Wednesday?

Lieut. H. Pickbourne, (now temporary captain) mentioned in dispatches by Sir Douglas Haig, under date June 15<sup>th</sup>, and published in the "London Gazette" is a son of the Rev. F. Pickbourne, pastor of the Coalville London Road Baptist Church?

Mr T. H. Marks, teacher of music, and pianist at the Electric Theatre, wishes to inform his numerous pupils that he will resume teaching forthwith, having been rejected for the Army?

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### **LEICESTER "ONE MAN" BUSINESSES**

The Leicester Tribunal, which sat on Tuesday, under the chairmanship of Mr F. S. Brice, granted several exemptions in the cases of men passed for "labour at home," but who were now engaged in work on national importance. One or two applicants, who were conducting "one man" businesses, with families dependent upon them, were also granted exemption for periods of three months. In the case of one of the latter the man had had two brothers killed in the war.

### **CADETS ON THE FOREST**

#### **A SHAM FIGHT**

On Wednesday morning in ideal weather, "C" Company (comprising Hinckley, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Coalville and Market Bosworth Schools) of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cadet Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, held an inspection in Broom Leys Park, off Forest Road, Coalville, the platoons being drawn up in column ready for inspection by Col. Harvey, Officer Commanding the Battalion. Captain and Adjutant W. A. Breckington also attended the parade. After the inspection the cadets were put through company drill in the presence of many residents of the district.

The park (lying at the rear of Broom Leys) served admirably for the inspection and parade of the cadets, numbering between three and four hundred, who, after a short interval, marched from the ground to the rocks on High Tor Farm, where a sham fight took place.

After the charge, Captain Cocksedge, who had command of manoeuvres, addressed the Section Commander and cadets. Colonel Harvey addressed them and said of the operations that he did not think the cadets could have done so well as they had that day, and he was more than satisfied with the work. He had seen some very good movements. There had been a few faults which Captain Cocksedge had pointed out, but they could become perfect only by practice. The cadets were dismissed to enable them to take tea at High Tor Farm, and a march to Coalville, headed by the Ashby School's Drum and Bugle Band, ended a very pleasant day's "soldiering."

### **WHITWICK AND THRINGSTONE CITIZEN CORPS**



## WHITSUNTIDE CAMP

By kind permission of the Right Hon. Chas. and Mrs Booth, the Whitwick and Thringstone Corps was enabled to go into quarters at the Thringstone House Club on the Saturday evening, and to remain there until the Monday morning. The corps paraded at headquarters, the Gymnasium, Whitwick, at 5 pm., on the Saturday and marched to Thringstone, the necessary baggage having been carted there by Mr Biddle free of charge. On arrival, the remainder of the evening was spent in preparing quarters for the night, making ready the mess-room, and in "settling in" thoroughly. After supper an enjoyable time was spent in billiards, etc., and a "sing-song" until "lights out" at 11 pm.

Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> was a full day. Reveille at 6.30 am with parade immediately following. A march was taken via the Warren to the cricket ground at Gracedieu for drill. The ground had been placed at the disposal of the corps for the camp by the Rt. Hon. Charles Booth, as had adjoining ground by Mr R. H. Vesty. Ninety minutes was done, and a return made to quarters for breakfast. Church parade at 10.45 am was followed by a march to Thringstone Church, where an excellent discourse was given by the Rev. C. Shrewsbury (vicar), who is assistant-chaplain to the corps. On the return route a visit was paid to Mrs Booth's Convalescent Home, where the matron kindly showed the member, round the institution. This was found to be such a model that a desire at once was expressed for a "week-end". The afternoon, unfortunately, proved unpropitious from the weather point of view. An under-cover shooting range was, however, improvised, so that no time was wasted. A number of very good cards were returned. Private T. Irons heading the score with a "possible." At tea, the corps had the pleasure of entertaining Lieutenant Miss O'Reilly (of the Birmingham W.V.R.) the Rev. J. M. O'Reilly, of Whitwick (chaplain), and the Rev. C. Shrewsbury (assistant chaplain). Parade followed at 5.45 pm and the corps marched to St. George's, Swannington, to a memorial service to the late Lord Kitchener. A splendidly appropriate service was gone through, during which one lesson was read by the Commander of the Corps and the other by Private O. Geary, and a bracing sermon was preached by the vicar (the Rev. G. Robinson).

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Reveille at 5.30 was anticipated by some members and 6 am found a full parade, with the exception of one or two who had to return to work. A march to the drill ground by a new route followed, where all were kept hard at it until dinner time. The afternoon again found the corps busy and the drill and manoeuvring grounds. A great feature of the afternoon was the winning of a scratch shooting completion by Pte. 'Bob' Holland, who, acting as marker for all the others, himself fired last, and who amidst salvos of cheers which greeted the result of each shot, scored the only "possible" made during the competition proper. Ptes. Blow and Williams tied for second prize, each having dropped one point only. In the shoot-off Private Williams proved the winner of second prize with a "possible." After tea, a short time was spent under the presidency of the Rev. Father O'Reilly, who had been with the corps throughout the day. A most hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Right Hon. Chas. and Mrs Booth for their great kindness, which had contributed so largely to the success of the gathering. Similar compliments were paid to Mrs Towle, the popular manageress of the club, and to Mr R. H. Vesty, who in their respective spheres had also added largely to the success attained. After the Commandant of the corps had been similarly thanked he complimented the men on their conduct and enthusiasm, and commented upon the keen spirit which had kept the corps going. He also congratulated the men upon the standard of efficiency they were reaching in drill, etc., and in conclusion thanked them all for the splendid manner in which they had always seconded his efforts.

A most enjoyable gathering was brought to a conclusion in the usual manner with general expressions of the hope for an early opportunity of "having another."

## CITIZEN VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Coalville Citizen Corps is making an effort to carry on, and has recommenced drills. Notwithstanding the small encouragement given to the Citizen Corps in general, the present members intend to continue drilling so as to be ready – none can say where and in what form trained men may be required, for home defence, or to release regular units. Every German is a trained man, and before the war is over, who can say it will not be necessary to train every Englishman? Therefore, the Coalville Citizen Corps invite all men rejected for the Army, or men over military age to commence training at once, and make themselves useful, disciplined men ready in case of need. The commandant is Mr J. Stenson Turner.

**Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1269)**

## **ASHBY TRIBUNAL**

Mr John German presided at a meeting of this Tribunal held on Monday. The members present were: Messrs. W. A. Musson, J. P. Adcock, J.P., Ward, W. M. Slater, W. P. Musson and Captain Phillimore.

An innkeeper, 28, married, with one child, applied for temporary exemption. He was willing to do his duty, but had three months' notice to serve. On the 27<sup>th</sup> March a previous application had been refused, since when he had appealed at Leicester and got a month, which had resulted in his having had three months. – Refused.

A cycle dealer asked for absolute exemption on the ground of ill health, and also mentioned that he had money due to him for cycles supplied to men who had joined the army. He was 35, married, but no children. There was no medical certificate, and the application was postponed pending medical examination.

The application of a fishmonger in business, married, and a business manager of a spirits vaults were postponed because the calling up of their groups had been postponed.

Conditional exemption was granted to the workhouse baker (married, five children); a horse slaughter; a bespoke tailor; market gardener; and a farmer, whilst an accountant was given till 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## **COUNTY APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

### **TITTLE-TATTLE AT ASHBY**

#### **DESFORD SADDLER'S SECOND SUCCESSFUL APPEAL**

Alderman T. Cope presided at a meeting of the County Appeals Tribunal at the Castle, Leicester, on Saturday.

The military representative appealed against the decision of the Ashby Tribunal in the case of a man conducting a branch grocery business at Woodville for a provision dealer at Ashby. Mr Taylor (Fisher, Jesson and Co.) appeared for the respondent.

It was contended that the shop at Woodville was only a small one, and that no hardship would be entailed in closing it. The employer had stated that he should make no effort to fill the man's place. The owner of the business said he was paying the man in question £2 a week, and a share of the profits. He was the only man capable of carrying on the shop, which would have to be closed down, which would be a serious matter. There was no chance of getting another man to take his place. The man did the baking and partly delivered the bread. Major Wellsman pointed out that reserved occupations were excluded from men under 25 years of age. The Court decided that the appeal of the military representative must be allowed.

Mr Taylor: Have we leave to appeal? I contend it is the national interest that the shop should be kept open.

There is no question of principle involved.

Mr Taylor: With respect, I submit that there is.

The Chairman: We have decided there is not.

An oil and cake dealer, a single man, appealed for conditional exemption on the ground that his business was indispensable to the farmers of the district. He stated that he supplied forage to about 500 customers. He also farmed 30 acres of land, and did some horse breeding. It had been impossible for him to find a suitable man to take his place. The chairman said appellant would be granted one month to make arrangements, and this would be final.

In the case of an appeal by the manager of a multiple provisions store at Ashby, the Court having dismissed the application, Mr Plummer, who represented appellant, asked for leave to carry the case further on the ground of principle.

The Chairman: What is the principle?

Mr Plummer said the principle is whether a manager of a multiple concern cannot be said to be a manager within the meaning of the regulations respecting certified occupations. The chairman said there was a difference in the hardship between the case of a multiple shop manager and the man who owned a business. Leave to appeal would not be allowed. Mr Plummer said he regretted the Tribunal's decision, mainly because of the lack of uniformity with regard to the exemption of shop managers. He was sure it was the desire of the authorities that there should be uniformity.

An appeal was made by the military representatives against the decision of the Ashby Tribunal granting conditional exemption to the caretaker and gardener of the Ashby Girls Grammar School. Mr Mammatt represented the respondents. Major Wellsman said these proceedings had been practically forced on the military representatives owing to the comment which had taken place outside the Tribunal among people living in the locality. He did not know the character of the comment, but it was said to be unfavourable to the military, and that being so, it was the duty of the military authorities to bring the case before the Appeal Tribunal. The local military representatives expressed the view that the pupils at the school might, with advantage, be taught the work and look after the market garden, and the hot and cold water. With the assistance of a jobbing man, he considered that the caretaker's place might be filled.

Mr Mammatt said that before the Ashby Tribunal the military representatives did not ask a single question. The school authorities had done all they possibly could to replace this man. They had inserted advertisements in half-a-dozen newspapers, and had only five replies. Four of the applicants would have nothing to do with the job on hearing what the duties were, and the fifth had returned no answer after being told the duties.

The headmistress described the man's duties, which included the gardening of five acres of land, providing vegetables for between 45 and 50 people daily at the school. There were also the furnace work, and the cleaning of high windows, and a great many other jobs which were much too heavy for a woman.

Replying to the chairman, she said the wages were 27/- weekly, with certain perquisites, but no house. Mr Mammatt said he could dispose of the matter of the unfavourable comment by saying it was merely the tittle tattle of a few irresponsible girls. Major Wellsman was afraid Mr Mammatt did not realise that the duty of the military representatives in this case was to find men.

Mr Mammatt: I understand that perfectly well.

Major Wellsman: I don't think you realise the objects we are here for; you will in time.

The appeal of the military representative was dismissed.

Mr J. T. Hincks appeared for a Desford saddler and harness-maker, who appealed a second time from a decision of the Market Bosworth Tribunal, who had refused him exemption. A few weeks ago the Appeal Tribunal had granted him exemption, but the military authorities took the matter up again, on the ground that there had been a misunderstanding, and the exemption was revoked by the Bosworth Tribunal.

Mr Hincks made a strong appeal on behalf of the man, who was aged 39, and had only the sight of one eye. He brought evidence showing the amount of saddlery work he was doing for the Desford Colliery, and for farmers in the district, besides repairing work connected with agricultural implements.

The members retired to consider their decision, and on returning into Court the chairman announced that while there had been some little misunderstanding on the previous occasion, the Tribunal were of the opinion that the appellant should have conditional exemption.

The military authorities appealed against the exemption of the porter and labour master of the Ashby Workhouse. Mr Mammatt, speaking against this appeal, said it was almost impossible to replace a man of this type. There were 100 inmates of the house, and only nine staff. The appeal was dismissed.

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**BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL**  
**A MARKFIELD CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR**

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Market Bosworth Rural District was held in the old board room on Tuesday. Mr R. A. Oswald Brown (Cadeby) presided and there were also present Messrs. W. Eggington, J. T. Jacques (Ibstock), W. Towers (Newbold Verdon) and G. M. Arnold (Shackerstone), Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (military representatives), Mr W. C. Kirkman (agricultural representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

Six months were allowed to an Ibstock family butcher, aged 33 and married; to an Ibstock grocer, confectioner and auxiliary postman, who is married, his wife and one child being dependent and who is 40 years of age in November next; to a Desford grocer and provision dealer, aged 40 in July, with wife and one child and father partially dependent; to a Ratby hosiery hand, aged 40 in November, married with four children and who has two brothers in the army; to the Ratby Co-Operative's baker, aged 37, married with two children; to a Stanton-under-Bardon farmer and milkseller who said he was 24 next week and married; to a pupil and assistant, both 18 years of age, employed by an Ibstock farmer, who said he farmed 341 acres and he had three men over military age besides these two youths working for him; to a Carlton cowman, aged 18 who has two brothers serving in the army; to a Leicester Forest West market gardener, who said he was 32 years of age and married, and on his land he grew potatoes, peas, beans, cabbages, etc., and kept one horse, a milking cow, five goats, ten store pigs and a rearing calf.

A Newbold Verdon innkeeper, who stated that he had been given notice, asked for three months to enable him to arrange his affairs and this was allowed.

Temporary exemption was asked for by an insurance agent of Sutton Cheney, aged 30, married, with two children, applicant stating that he wanted time to complete National Insurance work – Two months final allowed.

A Markfield quarryman, who is a Primitive Methodist local preacher, applied for total exemption on conscientious grounds. He stated that as a follower of Jesus Christ and a preacher of the Gospel he sincerely believed war to be contrary to Christ's teaching and spirit and for him to engage in it in any form, would weaken his power as a preacher. He was opposed also to non-combatant service which contributed to the same end as combatant service. He objected to any form of military service, being opposed to the destruction of human life. He had had these convictions for many years and produced letters from the Rev. T. J. Martin and Mr J. W. West, J.P., of Coalville, in support of his sincerity in making the appeal, though not agreeing with his attitude. He had been a member of the Markfield Primitive Methodist Church for 15 years. He had studied Christ's example and teachings and could find nothing in it in support of this conflict, but much evidence which was to the opposite. In appealing, he felt that there was no other course for him to take. He had no desire to evade sacrifice providing his conscience was not violated, and if the Tribunal considered there was any work of greater national importance in which he could engage than that on which he was now employed, he was prepared to undertake that work.

Mr Eggington: Should you consider making munitions would be violating your conscience?

Applicant: Yes, I could not conscientiously engage in that work. It has an indirect leading up to the same object and it would certainly be very objectionable to me as a Christian man.

It was remarked that stone was used in the same direction, and applicant was asked whether getting stone which might be used by the military authorities would not be violating his conscience. Applicant said that if they looked at things in that way there was no doubt that every man who was not following his employment as an honourable citizen could not help but contribute to the success of his country. Getting stone was not objectionable to him. It was what he did in days of peace as well as of war. Asked whether he would administer to a wounded man, he said he would, but he objected to military service. He added, "*I should consider it a Christian duty to help wounded if I came upon them.*"

Mr Towers: Would you join the R.A.M.C.?

Applicant: No, that would mean joining the military service, which would violate my conscience. If I came across a wounded man, I would do what I could.

Mr Towers: Anybody would do that.

Answering the military representative, applicant said he was willing to help his country any way he could, so long as it did not violate his conscience. The clerk remarked that the Rev. T. J. Martin remarked in his letter that over 100 men had gone from the P.M. churches in the Coalville circuit, these including lay preachers and Sunday School teachers. "*Do you say that these men were misguided?*" asked Mr Bouskell. Applicant replied

that they had to order their lives according to their own ideas. He knew some of these men and they had convictions in this matter which were opposite to his. Mr Towers asked whether the Prince of Peace did not come to the world to destroy evil?

Applicant: Yes, but His methods are spiritual, and I believe Jesus Christ will destroy evil through the spirit of His gospel. We have evidence today in men preaching, and in this manner I believe Christ came to destroy evil.

A member remarked: You would not have to have a conscience if the Germans came.

Another member remarked that he could not understand Christ telling one man it was his duty to go, and another to keep away. Applicant agreed that they could not understand these things and it must be a matter of conscience with every individual. "Are you receiving a war bonus at the quarry?" was another question.

Applicant: Yes

A member: You don't object to that?

Another member: So you are making a profit out of the war.

Applicant: No, I am considerably at a disadvantage as a result of the war. It would not have been given but for the increased cost of food and provisions, and so far from making a profit, I am 6/- or 7/- a week out of pocket. The reason we receive war bonus is to make up the loss which has come as a result of the war. Answering further questions, he said he was prepared to make sacrifices, as the men in the trenches were doing, and if he was put on work of national importance he would be willing to take soldier's pay. All he asked was for the opportunity of acting according to the light of his conscience. It was remarked that the applicant appeared to be very sincere. His appeal for exemption was dismissed, and he was recommended for non-combatant service.

In a number of assented cases, six months' exemption was allowed as follows:

A Dadlington farmer, Peckleton shepherd, Ratby master baker, Fenny Drayton blacksmith, Nailstone farmer and horse-breeder, Osbaston waggoner, Ratby brake proprietor, general dealer and scavenger, Groby farmer, Dadlington waggoner, Twycross waggoner, Battleflat waggoner, two County Council smallholders at Stapleton, Sheepy Mill manager, Norton tenant farmer and threshing machine proprietor, Stapleton famer, Desford farmer and carter, Barton-in-the-Beans famer, Market Bosworth butcher, Ratby farmer, Peckleton farmer, Carlton blacksmith, Twycross farmer and waggoner, Osbaston tenant farmer, and a Ratby dairyman.

Major Wollaston remarked that the day's proceedings had not given them one soldier. The clerk said there were 32 cases for the Tribunal next Tuesday, and after that there would be little work for the Tribunal to do, beyond reviewing cases which had been exempted previously.

### COALVILLE OFFICER KILLED

News has been received that 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lieutenant W. Farley, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, was killed in action on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The deceased officer was 38 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children, who reside at The Lodge, Abbey Road, Warley Park, Birmingham, he having been park-keeper there immediately before the war. Lieutenant Farley however, is a native of Coalville, being the elder son of Mrs Westerman, of Hotel Street, and as a youth he was apprenticed at Messrs. Wootton Bros' engineering works. Military life appealed to him in his early manhood and when about 18 years of age he enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> South Staffordshire Regiment, in which he served for about 18 years, a good deal of the time being spent abroad. When war broke out he at once rejoined the army, being given his old rank of sergeant, and he received his commission just after going to the front eight months ago. He was recently in England on leave, returning to the front only on May 28<sup>th</sup>, and he was then in excellent health. Only a day or two before he died, very cheerful letters were received from him, both by his wife and mother. The sad news of his death was conveyed in a telegram from the War



Office to his wife, who also received a letter from a brother officer, stating that Lieutenant Farley was killed outright, and suffered no pain. He was given a proper funeral service, being interred in a peaceful little cemetery close by.

### COALVILLE SAILOR ON LEAVE

#### TOOK PART IN THREE GREAT SEA FIGHTS

##### IN ADMIRAL BEATTY'S SQUADRON

It is interesting to note that Coalville has been represented in all the three great naval battles, which up to now have been fought in the North Sea. Leading Seaman Bert Hodgkinson, a Coalville man, who is now at home on leave, is a member of the crew of the "Princess Royal", one of the ships in Admiral Beatty's squadron, and was in the thick of the fighting first in the Heligoland Bight, then at the Dogger Bank, when the German warship "Bluecher" was sunk, and also in the recent great fight off Jutland.

Later on, perhaps, when he is privileged to tell the story, he will be able to relate some thrilling experiences. All he could say about the Jutland battle was that it was extremely satisfactory from the British point of view. Hodgkinson is a typical British sailor, full of optimism, and is confident that they will soon put an end to the German navy if the latter will only give battle. He is full of admiration for Britain's dashing Admiral, Sir David Beatty, and assures us that such is the feeling of all the men in the squadron.

Leading Seaman Hodgkinson is the son of a Coalville railwayman, Mr H. Hodgkinson, who resides in Vaughan Street, Coalville, and to use a common phrase, he is "in the pink." Mr Hodgkinson's only other boy, Dennis, is also in the navy, his ship being the "Zealandia."



##### COALVILLE SOLDIER WOUNDED

Private Alfred Deakin, of the 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, who, as reported in our last issue, has been wounded and is now in hospital at Warrington. He is a son of Mr Wm. Deakin, of Highfields, Coalville.

##### Coalville Soldier Wounded.



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##### LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The Coalville Soldiers' and Sailors' Comfort Guild have received 101 packets of cigarettes from the box at Mr W. Higgin's shop, High Street, to be sent to local soldiers. The Guild have taken over the management of the boxes in the district, and all cigarettes received will be sent to local soldiers.

The Military Service Act came into force on Saturday. It should be noted that application for exemption can now only be made by special permission of the local tribunals on special grounds, and only within 30 days. By July 24<sup>th</sup> every eligible man must have reported himself at his local recruiting office, whether he has received the familiar yellow notice paper or not.

##### RATBY MAN A PRISONER OF WAR

News has reached Ratby that Sapper Charles Pendry is a prisoner of war in Germany, a postcard having been received from him. Sapper Pendry was involved in a mine explosion during the battle of Vimy Ridge on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and as some of his comrades were known to have been killed and no news could be obtained of him, his death was regarded as certain. He is 35 years of age, and his wife and seven children reside at Ratby.

## **ASHBY RURAL TRIBUNAL**

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Ashby rural district was held at the clerk's office on Saturday. Mr T. Varnham presided, and there was also present Dr. Atkinson, Messrs. A. Riley, J. W. Fowler, and J. Rice, Capt. Phillimore (military representative), Mr W. Baldwin (military secretary), and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

A Thringstone marine store dealer was given temporary exemption till August 1<sup>st</sup>, and a similar period was granted to a New Swannington draper, an assistant schoolmaster and grocer, both of Donisthorpe, and to a Measham licensed victualler, in the latter case it being intimated that it was final.

Three applications for exemption were refused, these being by an estate foreman at Coleorton, a milk retailer of Thringstone, and a carter of Swannington. Applications adjourned were those of a Heather carter, a Newton Burgoland grocer's assistant, and the clerk of a granite quarry residing at Shepshed. Conditional exemption was granted to a Woodville cowman, and a working bailiff of Appleby.

A Donisthorpe butcher was given a temporary certificate till September 1<sup>st</sup>, an Appleby farmer and carrier, a Donisthorpe grocer, and a Packington stockman all till October 1<sup>st</sup>. In granting exemption till September 1<sup>st</sup> to a Packington waggoner, the Tribunal intimated that this would be final. In 30 other cases which had been assented to by the Advisory Committee and military representatives, conditional exemption was granted.

## **IBSTOCK**

Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs Lane of High Street, Ibstock, who has recently lost her husband, and has now received news from her son Noel's friend at the front, intimating that Noel has been killed. This has not yet been confirmed officially, however. Noel was a private in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, which he joined less than a year ago at the age of 20, and is the second son Mrs Lane has in the army.

## **COALVILLE SAILOR ON THE HAMPSHIRE**

Mrs H. Heggs, widow, of Bath House, Greenhill, has received information from the Admiralty, that the name of her son, Herbert Heggs, aged 18 years on May 5<sup>th</sup> last, rated as acting ordinary on H.M.S. Hampshire does not appear in the list of survivors received by the Admiralty, and it is feared that he must be regarded as having lost his life. Mrs Heggs has also received a letter signed by the First Lord of the Admiralty stating that the King commanded him to assure the sailor's mother of the true sympathy of his Majesty and the Queen in her sorrow. The deceased joined the Navy three years ago, and before that was employed by Mr S. Berrington, farmer, Whitwick.

## **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

Badges for men discharged from the Army on medical grounds will be ready shortly?

Temporary Captain H. Pickbourne, Lance-Corporal T. C. Woods and Leading Seaman Ray E. Watson, mentioned in our last issue as the recipients of honours, are all old boys of the Coalville Belvoir Road School?

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## **COALVILLE TRIBUNAL**

### **MARRIAGE OF MISS M. TIVEY**

On Monday afternoon at the Coalville Parish Church, Corporal Frederick Kirkby, R.G.A., of Shoebury-Ross, and late of Chesterfield, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Tivey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Tivey, of the Leicester Hotel, Coalville, were married in the presence of a large congregation, the Rev. S. Hosking (vicar) officiating. The bride wore a dress of ivory crepe Sylvia, and a wreath of orange blossoms with veil, and she carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies and white heather. She was given away by her father, and Mr Wm. Tivey,

the only brother of the bride, acted as best man. The bridesmaids – Miss Ethel Arundel, of Chesterfield, and Miss Hilda Pegg, of Market Bosworth, wore pale blue crepe de chine and ninon and black picture hats, and carried bouquets of pale pink sweet peas, and each wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The happy couple, who were the recipients of many presents, left for Chesterfield later in the afternoon.

### **SOLDIER SENT TO THE ASYLUM**

The strange conduct of a Coalville soldier, late of the Leicestershire Regiment, led to his appearance before Mr J. W. West, at the Coalville Police Court on Wednesday. Inspector Dobney said that a military escort brought the man to Coalville on Tuesday night to hand him over to his friends, but when in Margaret Street, he ran away, and by his strange antics caused quite a sensation in the town. About nine o'clock witness found him at the railway station climbing the gates as a passenger train was passing through. Witness and P.C. Burenall conveyed him to the Police station. After examination by a doctor, an order for the man's removal to the asylum was made.

### **ASHBY CYCLING ACCIDENT**

Mr Oliver Hutchinson, a time-expired Territorial, was thrown from a bicycle near Belton, on Monday and injured. He was picked up unconscious and taken to Loughborough Hospital for treatment, afterwards being brought home. He has been serving in France with the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters.