

Coalville Times At War

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SHEPSHED

We regret to hear that Lieutenant E. C. Roswell (whose home is at Shepshed), of the Royal Fusiliers, was seriously injured last week in France by the bursting of a hand grenade, which he was in the act of throwing. The injured officer is the son of the late Recruiting-Sergeant Roswell, of Nottingham, and is one of three brothers serving in the army, one being in the 10th Middlesex, and the other in the Durham Light Infantry. At the age of eight years he was sent to the Hibernian School in Dublin, staying there until he was 14, when he entered the army as a drummer boy in the Royal Fusiliers. At 21 he was in India. Taking his discharge, he returned to England and re-enlisted in the Cheshires. He was gazetted to a second-lieutenancy in last July, and only about a fortnight ago was promoted lieutenant.

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THRINGSTONE VESTRY MEETING

The Vicar (the Rev. Cheverton Shrewsbury) presided at the annual vestry meeting at St. Andrew's Church, Thringstone, on Thursday night, and asked Mr Jabez Henson again to be his warden for the ensuing year.

The Vicar said that at the last vestry meeting, he expressed the hope that the war would be over before they met at the vestry again. They were sorry it was not so, and could only hope that it would be over before next year. Already, five men from Thringstone had made the supreme sacrifice, and he was afraid there was a sixth, but it was not officially confirmed. Three of their sidesmen were serving with the forces, also two sons of sidesmen, and one son of a chorister.

The memorial window to local soldiers and sailors was to have been dedicated on St. Alban's Day, but it was decided to leave it till after the war. The amount subscribed towards the window to date was £53/18/10. He regretted to say they had lost by death, one of their sidesmen, Mr W. J. Gough. The church congregations were slightly smaller, though the altered time of service owing to the lighting restrictions, but they would go back to the old time, 6.30 pm. In a fortnight's time. If the war continued, they might consider whether they would provide means for darkening the church another winter, instead of altering the time.

LEICESTER'S RUSH TRENCHES

Thursday night's bulletin from the British Headquarters in France contains the following:

"The Leicestershire Regiment carried out a very successful raid at Carnoy. The raiding party rushed the trenches, and after fierce fighting drove the Germans into their dug-outs and bombed them from there. Our casualties, 8 wounded, were all brought in. The German losses were considerable. Last night the enemy gained a footing in one of our craters in the Hohenzollern position, but were driven out."

COUNTY APPEALS TRIBUNAL

FARMER'S APPLICATION FAILS

Alderman T. Cope, presided at the County Appeals Tribunal, held at the Castle on Saturday, and was supported by Messrs. G. Murray Smith, B. H. C. Fox, J. Longwill, A. E. Hawley, J. Bailey, J. C. Plant, Major Wellsman (military representative), and Mr J. C. Bassett (agricultural representative).

A farmer who applied for exemption for his son stated that he had five sons, some of whom were serving with the colours. He employed three on one farm and two were employed on another of his farms. The senior of the two sons employed on the latter farm was appealing for the junior. The appeal was dismissed.

In a case where the military representative applied for the shortening of the time for exemption granted by the local Tribunal, Mr Sykes alleged the military representative had not done what he ought to have done.

Major Wellsman: The military representative works with the Advisory Committee, who inquire into these matters.

Mr Sykes: Yes, but he should have come to see me, and he could have had all the information he required.

Mr Sykes said that the man in question was his chief clerk. He had some important business to transact very soon needing the services of the man in question. He did not wish to stand in the way of any of his employees enlisting. The appeal was dismissed.

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ASHBY TRIBUNAL

YOUNG MEN IN THE COAL MINES

A meeting of the Ashby Rural District Tribunal was held at the clerk's office on Saturday, when Mr T. Varnham, presided, and there were present, Messrs. A. Riley, F. C. Stevenson, J. W. Fowler, J. Rice, J. T. Bradshaw, and Dr. Atkinson (members), Mr J. R. Champion (representing the Board of Agriculture), Captain Phillimore (military representative), Mr W. Baldwin (military secretary), and Mr George Farmer (clerk).

Mr W. P. Musson, solicitor, Ashby, supported the application of Mr S. T. Nixon, aged 27, a Heather farmer, for the total exemption of himself and two men (brothers) both married, aged 28 and 32. Before the war applicant said he had five men and was now two short, one being on military service in Egypt. He farmed 200 acres, and kept 41 milking cows, besides other stock. He sent the milk to London. The Advisory Committee recommended that one of the brothers be taken and the others left. The agricultural representative said it was important that sufficient men should be kept on the farms. The chairman remarked that many were going from the farms to the pits to escape service. Dr. Atkinson said the men went to the pits to get more money. They would work on the farms if they could get the money. Mr Rice said farmers could not afford to pay the same wages as paid at the pit. Conditional exemption was granted to the farmer and his eldest man, the other being allowed two months.

Conditional exemption was granted to another Heather farmer, and also to the cowman, aged 40, and waggoner, aged 26, on the Old Parks Farm, Ashby, the applicant in this case stating that he was 81 years of age and would work himself if he could.

A Staunton Harold farmer succeeded in his application for the conditional exemption of his cowman, aged 27.

A small farmer, baker and grocer, of Coleorton, who said he was 83 years of age and infirm, applied for the exemption of his grandson, aged 28, on whom he depended to carry on the business. He was assisted into the room by the Rector (the Rev. H. Robinson), who spoke on the old man's behalf. He said applicant sat in the chimney corner all day and could do nothing. His grandson really looked after him. Applicant said he had three grandsons now serving in the army and two engaged in munition work. Answering the chairman, he said the latter could not help him if the application was refused. It was pointed out that the old man had a daughter at home. Two months (final) were allowed, it being remarked that they hardly keep a man at home to nurse his grandfather.

Conditional exemption was granted to a waggoner, aged 28, on a Normanton-le-Heath farm, of 200 acres, and a Coleorton farmer, who said he was 76 years of age and appealed for his son, aged 37, was allowed till August 1st.

A Ravenstone farmer, married with two children, wife and mother dependent upon him, was allowed conditional exemption. He farms 66 acres and has only a boy of 14 to help him.

Application for total exemption was made by an Osgathorpe farmer of 63 acres in regard to his son, aged 19, who was cowman. One son had gone. Answering the chairman, he said he could not get a boy 16 or 17 and the colliers were doing so well that they would not help on the farms after leaving the pits.

A member: They are getting plenty of money and want to spend it.

Another member asked why men were not fetched out of the pits. A colliery manager told him only the other day that he could spare 100 men from his pit but they would not fetch them. If they kept taking the men who produced food, added the member, it might become a serious matter. Six months were allowed.

Fourteen days, which it was said might mean a month, were allowed to a called-up carrier, of Thringstone, to enable him to complete the disposal of his business.

Application was made for a Snarestone farm bailiff aged 35, single, for an extension of his exemption. Mr Musson (Ashby) appearing for him. He stated that an aunt partly depended on the man. The application was refused.

Conditional exemption was granted to the son, aged 27, of a Worthington farmer, who had 27 cows, and several young stock, and ten horses. His son is the waggoner.

An Appleby Magna farmer and carting contractor applied for his two men and was allowed conditional exemption for one only.

In the case of a Normanton-le-Heath farmer who applied for his son, aged 24, it transpired that the applicant had another son working on a farm in another part of the county. The agricultural representative said this son had been exempted by the Hinckley Tribunal and to take him away would mean a vacancy on another farm. Applicant produced a letter from the tenant of the farm objecting. Conditional exemption was allowed.

Mr Hammersley, of the Measham boot factory, applied for the exemption of three employees, and it transpired that two of them were only 18 years of age. The chairman said that in regard to those the matter would right itself. They would go when they were 19. In regard to the other man, aged 22, a presser, applicant said he now only had five men and 97 women and girls. The application was refused.

A Swannington builder and contractor, aged 31, applied for exemption, stating that, in addition to his business he assisted his widowed mother in the management of a public house. Fourteen days (final) allowed.

A Packington smallholder, aged 29, on 24 acres, with seven cows, asked for total exemption stating that he did the whole of the work himself. The chairman asked him how he occupied his time on 24 acres. Applicant said he had a milk round and also assisted his father. Conditional exemption was allowed.

A similar result attended the application of an Appleby Magna bakery and grocery manager, aged 33.

A shoeing smith of Snarestone applied for exemption on the ground that he did work for 26 farmers and others. He also had a business at Twycross. The chairman said that if this man went, farmers would be in a difficulty as to the repair of their implements. Applicant said he did his best for the farmers working from early morning till it was dark. Conditional exemption was allowed.

A Measham certified assistant school master, aged 26, and married, who said he had given up his home and was now in lodgings, was allowed till June 1st in view of an anticipated domestic event.

A Measham plumber appealed for his son, aged 21, to assist him in the business. He had five sons and was expecting all the others to go. All had attested. Three months allowed.

Several other cases were dealt with.

MORE GROUPS SUMMONED

MARRIED MEN TO REPORT ON MAY 29TH

POSITION OF THE UNATTESTED

Proclamations were issued on Thursday last, dated April 29th, calling upon the men of Groups 33 to 41 inclusive, to report themselves for service on May 29th.

The War Office has notified recruiting officers that all enlistments under the Group system are to cease forthwith. Married men of military age not already attested can now only be accepted for immediate service with the colours.

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BOSWORTH OLD SCHOOLBOY KILLED

Relatives at Shackerstone have received the sad news that Private G. H. Arnold was killed in action in France on Wednesday last week. He was 28 years of age.

The deceased soldier was an old Bosworth School boy. A few years ago he emigrated to Australia and on the outbreak of war joined the Australian force together with his brother. These two went unscathed through the heaviest of the fighting at the Dardanelles, and the deceased had only been in France eleven days. His brother is on sick leave in England. Altogether there are four brothers serving in the army. They are the sons of Mr Ralph Arnold, of Milton, and grandsons of Mr R. Arnold, of Shackerstone.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

IS A £1 A WEEK MAN INDISPENSIBLE?

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Rural District Tribunal was held on Tuesday morning, 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), Mr F. E. A. Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), Mr F. Bouskell (clerk) and Mr W. C. Kirkman (representing the Board of Agriculture).

An Atterton farmer applied for the exemption of his cowman, single, aged 37, who had worked for him for 14 years. The farm comprised 194 acres, of which 80 acres are plough land. There were 15 milking cows and other stock. Applicant's son, aged 21, had been medically examined and accepted, and another son (15) did what he could. The cowman was the only man employed on the farm. A temporary certificate for six months was allowed.

In regard to an appeal by a carter at the Desford Colliery, who resides at Ratby, aged 25, and married, a letter was received from the applicant stating that on the appointed date he reported himself at Glen Parva Barracks and was medically rejected. There was, therefore, no need for him to now attend the Tribunal in support of his appeal.

Mr Eggington: Do we accept a letter from an applicant like that as final?

The clerk said that if the appeal was dismissed, it would block any chance of the man getting out otherwise than through illness. Mr Blower said the military authorities would watch that. The appeal was dismissed.

Six months' exemption was allowed a Sheepy farm-hand, aged 25, married with no family, his employer stating that there was only one other man besides himself to do the work on 182 acres.

Application was made for the Thornton sub-postmaster, aged 30, and married, with three children. His father (the applicant) said the man also assisted on 35 acres of land, with 9 cows and other stock. They also had a large coal carting business, and in the hay season his son did the mowing for many of the small holders in the district. He walked 9 miles a day collecting and delivering letters, and sending them from Bagworth Station. Mr Wollaston remarked that the postmaster at Shenton had to go and a woman was delivering letters. Mr Eggington said the Postmaster-General had not exempted any of his men. Mr Jacques said it was a long way to take mail bags from Thornton to Bagworth Station, and he did not think a woman would do it. The chairman said the postmaster should make arrangements. Mr Jacques said the difficulty was that the postal authorities would not make satisfactory arrangements. At Ibstock, they could not get letters till ten o'clock in the morning.

Mr Eggington: And they go out at 5.50. Girls are doing the work there.

Mr Jacques: If you leave home early in the morning you can't get your letters.

Mr Wollaston: We get out letters an hour earlier now that a woman is delivering them.

The clerk said the bulk of the correspondence at Thornton would be private, and not of a business nature, as the residents were mostly colliers, who were exempt from service. Three months were allowed.

Some discussion arose over a second appeal for a single man, aged 22, employed as a horseman, on a Wellsborough farm of 250 acres. It was elicited from the bailiff who applied that the man was one of four brothers, none of whom were serving in the forces. They were working on different farms. This man was being paid £1 a week. Mr Kirkman said the fact of a man having four sons, none of whom were serving, had nothing to do with it. Mr Jacques asked whether Mr Kirkman had any right to take part in the deliberations of the Tribunal. He (Mr Jacques) would be quite candid, and say that he was not coming there to waste his time if the Tribunal was not to decide the cases.

Mr Kirkman was speaking again when the chairman called order and added: *“Mr Kirkman has a right to state his case as a representative of the Board of Agriculture. He has nothing whatever to do with deciding the cases.”*

Mr Arnold said the question was whether the man was required by his employer or not. If so, he had a right to exemption. It did not matter what the other sons were doing.

Mr Jacques: Is a man indispensable at £1 a week?

The Chairman: He is if his employer can't replace him.

Mr Eggington: He could replace him if he offered a bigger wage.

Mr Towers: He can't. I know a farmer who has been advertising for four months and can't get a man.

Mr Eggington: He does not offer sufficient wages.

Mr Jacques said there was no doubt young men were leaving the farms because they could get better wages elsewhere, which showed that a £1 a week man was not indispensable. A month was allowed.

A tailor, who lives at Markfield and has carried on business at Thornton for 8 years, was allowed three months to make arrangements. He said he was 35 years of age and married.

The clerk stated that he had received a letter from Captain Stevenson, recruiting officer, Coalville, in reference to a War Office letter re certain exemptions being withdrawn and stating that as he would be calling up these men early next week he presumed that the clerk to the Tribunal had notified those affected. Mr Bouskell said he had replied that he had not notified any man whose certificates were withdrawn by the operation of the law. The only cases he notified were those that came before the Tribunal where a decision was given.

The clerk added that he considered it most absurd to suggest that clerks to Tribunals should notify people that their certificates were withdrawn when it was for the Tribunals to decide whether they were withdrawn or not. They must leave it to the persons concerned and the military authorities to raise such questions if necessary, and if there was any dispute, it would come before the Tribunal. The latter could hardly be expected to waste a couple of days going through all these cases before the questions were raised. The chairman, alluding to the frequent changes, said there might be more fresh orders next week.

Mr Eggington: Perhaps orders will come for all to get into khaki.

COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

The surveyor reported the receipt of a letter from the Urban Council's Association in regard to the employment of conscientious objectors to military service. The Association asked whether the Council would be willing to employ those men on local sanitary work, fire brigades, civil hospitals, asylums, etc., and if so what vacancies were there that the Council desired to fill.

Mr McCarthy: I will move that we acknowledge the letter, and let it end there.

The surveyor said he had already replied to the letter. To the inquiry as to their willingness to employ conscientious objectors, he replied, *“Certainly not,”* and as to any vacancies on his staff caused by men

joining the Colours, these would be filled by men who had honourably served their country. He was ashamed, he added in his letter, that he should be asked to fill the places of patriots by such persons as those referred to above. (Hear, hear).

Mr Blower said he thought the Council should go further than that. They had had one or two samples of these men – and not the best of samples – in this district and he did not think the Council should be content with a mere acknowledgment of a request of that sort. What the surveyor had written should go as the expression of the Council.

Mr Kelly: I take it that is so.

Mr Blower said it should have the Council behind it. They should show that they had no room for men who would not take their corner when it was a question of humanity, even though it was their religion. Mr Brown said that the letter, besides expressing the surveyor's opinion, also pledged the Council, and he thought the surveyor should have brought a matter like that to the Council before replying. He had very little sympathy with a lot of conscientious objectors, but he believed that there were some who were honest.

Mr Blower: There are some, I agree.

Mr Brown: I have seen some there is nothing too bad for, but others struck me otherwise.

Mr Farmer asked whether they were paying two guineas a year to the Urban Council's Association to find work for conscientious objectors, because if that was so let them resign their membership. (Hear, hear).

The Chairman: We are not paying for that, altogether.

Eventually, the surveyor's reply was approved.

THE NATIONAL REGISTER

The clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board in regard to the police having been empowered to visit houses to see the national registration cards. The new rule also was to more rigorously enforce people to notify change of address. It was provided that volunteers could help the police in this house visitation, but they must be duly authorised persons. Mr Jesson added that he believed the police were carrying it out. Mr Fellows thought it would be best to leave it to the police. It was left to the clerk to see Inspector Dobney as to what was being done.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

We are pleased to hear that Lieutenant, the Hon. Francis McLaren, M.P., who served through the Gallipoli campaign, where he contracted dysentery, is now making satisfactory progress from a rather severe illness.

The Market Bosworth Depot for the national egg collection reports that during April 789 eggs were sent to the central depot from Carlton 129, Cadeby 32, Barlestone and Osbastone 122, Newbold Verdon 20, Market Bosworth 146, Odstone 151, Twycross 36, and Sutton Cheney 103.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Ashby Rural District Tribunal dealt with about 30 cases on Saturday, being occupied for over three hours?

Members of the Ashby Citizens' Corps were at work most of Sunday in helping to restore the telegraph lines in the district?

The Postmaster-General announces that any postcard, or other postal packet, containing a photograph, drawing, or other representation of any of His Majesty's ships, sent through the post, will not be delivered?

From May 1st the rate of exchange for payments to soldiers in France has been fixed at 5 francs as equal to 3/6?

Arrangements, it is stated, have been made between the railway companies and the War Office that no railwaymen on whose behalf a certificate of indispensability is given is to be called up for military service?

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DESERTER CALLED OUT OF BED

At the Coalville Police Court before Mr J. W. West, yesterday, Thomas Warren, private in the 3rd Leicesters, was charged with being a deserter from Patrington since November 18th last. Sergeant Kirkland deposed to calling Warren out of bed at 11 o'clock the previous night at his home in Albert Road. He was remanded to await an escort.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

OVER 80 APPEALS PENDING

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal last (Thursday) night, when there were also present, Messrs. B. B. Drewett, A. Lockwood, M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, J. W. Fisher, T. F. Fox, and C. W. Brown, with Mr J. G. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Mr McCarthy asked whether men who had previously been exempted had to apply again under the new rules.

Mr Blower: Under certain ages.

The Coalville Motor Bus and Garage Co. applied for the total exemption of Alec Jas. Wardle, married, with a wife and one child, and mother to support, on the ground that as a 'bus driver and mechanic he was helping to maintain a service of public utility. – Mr C. Coleman stated that £5,000 was invested in the premises and rolling stock. – The Advisory Committee recommended a temporary certificate for three months, and this was agreed to. Mr Coleman was informed that another man (Wortley) having also been exempted, further applications by the 'Bus Co., were not likely to be successful. Mr Coleman said they had four 'buses and could not run these with only two drivers.

The proprietor of the Coalville Electric Theatre, applied for the exemption of an apprentice named Bott, aged 19, stating that he was the only man left on the staff with a knowledge of the engine, dynamo, etc. Three others of his staff had gone, and he did not appeal for them. Mr McCarthy said he thought they had not control over apprentices.

The clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board stating that in certain circumstances a master could claim an apprentice who had attested, but if the attestation was cancelled the man would be liable to be called upon. Applications for apprentices had to be dealt with on their merits, and it was for the Tribunal to decide. – The Advisory Committee were against the application. Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, appeared in support of the application, and said the boy had once been rejected on medical grounds, but this might not hold good now. He was the only operator Mr Johnson had. Answering questions, Mr Moore said it was usual to apprentice boys to this trade, and they often had to pay a high premium, though it was so in this case, and the youth was getting a good wage. It would be a serious thing for Mr Johnson if the youth was taken away. He had been at the theatre for three years. One month (final) was allowed.

Frederick Smart, single, aged 39, boot repairer, Hugglescote, applied on the ground that he supported his widowed mother, aged 80. His only brother, aged 49, was serving with the Colours in France. Applicant said he waited on his mother night and day, and did the cooking. Answering Mr German, he said his mother received an old-age pension. He had two married sisters living in the district. The appeal was disallowed.

An Ellistown ironmonger, and home furnisher, James Wyatt, single, aged 36, who had previously been allowed two months, asked for further time to settle his affairs, and close down. In the two months he had settled debts amounting to £500, but still had £700 outstanding. Application refused.

The British and Argentine Meat Co. applied for the manager of their Coalville branch shop, and two months (final) were allowed.

A Whitwick tinsmith, aged 36, single, asked for total exemption, stating that he had not been able to get anyone to take his place during the two months previously allowed him. He supported his widowed step-mother aged fifty. Answering questions, he said he was formerly in the Leicestershire Yeomanry for 3 years.

Mr Lockwood: Did you like it?

Applicant: It was different then. (Laughter)

The application was dismissed.

A former employee of the Coalville Urban Council, George Taylor, of Hugglescote, applied for the exemption of his son, aged 28, a pipe-yard hand at Ibstock. He said he depended on his son, having met with an accident, and when his state insurance pay of 10/- a week dropped to 5/-, as it would shortly, he did not know what he would do. His wife was also poorly. It was pointed out that the man could make an allotment to his parents from the army. A month (final) was allowed.

Samuel Wilkins, aged 25, married with one child, asked for exemption on the ground that he gave up his occupation as a miner to manage the Old Gate Inn, Hugglescote, for his widowed mother, having done this for the last seven years. His mother had been ill for 12 months. He had three brothers, all married, working as miners. Two months (final) allowed.

The only other case was that of the Coalville Co-Operative Society for the first hand in the tailor's department, but as there were other cases from the Society, this was adjourned that they may be taken together.

The clerk said there were now over 80 appeals now pending. The Tribunal decided to meet again on Wednesday next. The question was raised as to how many decisions of the Coalville Tribunal had been reversed on appeal, and it transpired that there were only two.

COALVILLE SOLDIER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Mrs Poyser, of Claremont Villas, Highfields, Coalville, has been officially notified that her husband, Driver Ernest Poyser, of the North Midland Mounted Brigade, Army Service Corps, was accidentally killed on April 15th. No further details are given. The official letter is accompanied by one from Lord Kitchener expressing the sympathy of the King and Queen.

Driver E. Poyser was in Egypt at the time, and was acting as officer's servant. He was 27 years of age, and before the war worked at the Ibstock Colliery. Seven months ago, when in training at Norwich, he obtained short leave, and came to Coalville to marry, before going abroad. Miss Rose Palmer, (daughter of Mr B. Palmer, of the above address), for whom much loyal sympathy in her early widowhood will be felt.

A photograph, and further particulars which may be to hand, will appear in our next issue.

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GROUPS REVIVED

FOR MARRIED AND EXCEPTED MARRIED MEN

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:

"The group system of enlistment which was temporarily closed on April 28th has now been reopened. Unattested married men and single men excepted from the Military Service Act, 1916, can again therefore join their respective groups. A new group to be called Group A is being formed, for all men born in 1898.

Arrangements have been made at recruiting offices for men to be attested for this group commencing Saturday, 6th inst."

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ASHBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

RELIEVING OFFICER JOINING THE FORCES

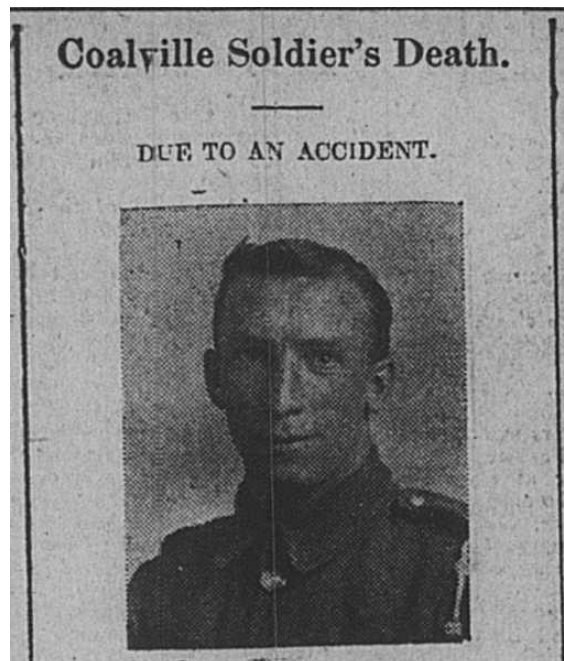
Mr Petchey, one of the relieving officers, wrote asking to be relieved from his duties on May 27th to join the army. Mr Riley said the No. 2 relief committee, while sorry to lose Mr Petchey, agreed that he should go if Mr Bowley could do the work. Mr Bowley, who has been unwell, was called into the room and said he was feeling much better now. He thought he would be able to do the work of both districts, though the doctor had advised him to be careful against getting a chill. The difficulty was in getting about, but he proposed to get a motor cycle. It was agreed to let Mr Petchey go and the clerk was instructed to apply to the local Tribunal for the exemption of the porter.

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COALVILLE SOLDIER'S DEATH

DUE TO AN ACCIDENT

Mrs Poyser, of Claremont Villas, Highfields, Coalville, has received news unofficially as to how her husband, Driver Ernest Poyser, of the North Midland Mounted Brigade, Army Service Corps, met with his death in Egypt, as officially reported last week. The War Office notice stated that the deceased soldier was accidentally killed and Mrs Poyser is now informed that it was due to a revolver going off whilst being cleaned by a companion. Poyser being shot through the head. He was formerly employed at the Ibstock Colliery, and had only been married seven months.



THRINGSTONE SOLDIER'S DEATH CONFIRMED

Mrs Robinson, who lives near the Fox Inn, Thringstone has now been officially notified of the death of her husband, Sapper Robin Robinson, who first joined the Leicestershire Regiment, but was transferred to Royal Engineers, through his knowledge of mining. It is intimated that he lost his life through the explosion of an enemy mine. The sad news was first conveyed in a letter sent by Captain F. D. Gunny, of the Royal Engineers, who wrote to the young widow as follows:



"I wish to express my very sincere sympathy in the grave loss you have sustained by the death of Sapper Robinson, killed in action. The company suffers severely by the death of a man whose character was always one of courage and devotion to duty. He was one of the most reliable men in the company, was invaluable, and could ill be spared."

The deceased soldier leaves a widow and three boys, aged 7, 5, and 2 ½ years. Before the war, he was a miner at the Whitwick Colliery. He was 29 years of age. He had been in France about 12 months, having joined the army four months earlier. He was well-known in the Thringstone district and was of a cheerful disposition. Two brothers of the deceased are serving in the forces, Joseph being in Mesopotamia, and David at Patrington.

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER WOUNDED

Mr and Mrs T. Williams, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote, have been officially notified that their son, Sergeant L. A. Williams, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, has been wounded in action. He was with the relieving force, and on April 5th received gunshot wounds in his hand and cheek. A letter from him in hospital has been received by his parents, in addition to the official notice, and it is hoped that the wounds are not serious. Before the war, Sergeant Williams was in the Coventry City Police Force, and entered the army just 12 months on Monday last.

RAVENSTONE SOLDIER KILLED

TRAVELLED 14,000 MILES TO ENLIST

In a recent issue, we recorded how Private Wm. Brooks, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr A. Brooks, a Snibston collier, residing at Oak Cottages, Ravenstone, travelled 14,000 miles to enlist in the regiment of his native county, and we very much regret now to report that he has been killed in action.

On Monday morning, Mr and Mrs Brooks, received the sad news in a letter from the War Office, intimating that the deceased soldier was killed in action on April 27th. They had been prepared for this, however, by letters received a few days earlier from the deceased's officer and comrades. Lieutenant H. Pickbourne, who is the son of the Rev. F. Pickbourne, pastor of the Coalville London Road Baptist Church, writing on April 30th, stated:

"I am sorry to have to write this letter. Your son, Wm. Brooks, was killed by a bullet on the 27th of this month. He was with a few others in charge of an advance post and was shot early on Thursday morning. The whole company miss him, for the men knew him as the best of fellows, and all their letters are full of sympathy. He was in my company, and proved on many occasions most brave and reliable, and I knew that I could trust him to do anything, and go anywhere that was required. Shortly after his death, I was passing down the trench and overheard one of the men say 'He was one of the best fellows who ever joined the regiment'. That was the opinion of all who knew him. He was buried the same evening near _____, just behind our lines. He has made the greatest sacrifice, but he made it willingly. If there are any enquiries I can answer I shall only be too willing to do so."

Another letter received was from Corporal Paling, of the same company, also writing on April 30th, who stated:

"Your dear son William passed away from us who loved him on the morning of the 27th about five o'clock. It hurts me very much to have to write this letter, but as it has pleased our Father to take our dear comrade away, we must pray that he will go to his last heavenly rest. Your son was my very best chum, and dearest comrade, one whom I loved very much, and one I knew would stand by my side until death. For the last ten months he had been under me as a bomber, and he was the best bomber and the best man in the regiment. He was a gallant soldier, and has done his best, and died bravely fighting for his King and country. The whole battalion and officers mourn his death, and are all very much upset as he was so much liked in the regiment. If there is anything I can do for you, or anything you should like to know, I shall be only too glad to be at your service. With sympathy and regret from all his comrades."

The letter was also signed by Lance-Corporal Bentley. The War Office letter was accompanied by one from Lord Kitchener, expressing the sympathy of the King and Queen.

Hugglescote Sergeant Wounded.





Private Brooks was 27 years of age, and formerly worked at the Snibston Colliery. Four years last September he emigrated to Australia and when war broke out was 14,000 miles from home in the backwoods of Queensland. He started for the coast, travelling many days over rough country, and eventually reached port in time to join the ship Omrah which brought over part of the Australian Force, and also had on board 44 prisoners of the German raider "Emden." He worked on the ship as a stoker. He had been invited to "join up" in Australia, but preferred to come home and join the regiment of his native country. He reached his home at Ravenstone on Christmas Eve, 1914, and enlisted in the Leicestershire Regiment on New Year's Day, 1915. On May 3rd of that year, he went to France, thus having been at the Front about twelve months. Just before Christmas, 1915, he had leave, and was at home for a few days, but last Christmas Day found him in the trenches again. He brought home several interesting war trophies, one of which was a hand grenade, of which he was an expert thrower.

A younger brother of the deceased, Arthur Reginald, is serving in the Northumberland

Fusiliers. He formerly worked in the Coalville Co-Operative butchery department.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

IBSTOCK APPLICATIONS

A meeting of the Market Bosworth Rural District Tribunal was held in the old Board Room on Tuesday. Mr R. A. Oswald Brown (Cadeby) presided and there were also present, Messrs. W. Eggington (Ibstock), G. M. Arnold (Shackerstone), W. Towers (Newbold Verdon), R. Hanmer (Sheepy Lodge), military representative, W. C. Kirkman (Barlestone) representing the Board of Agriculture and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

Mr Arnold said he would like to raise a question in regard to cases exempted by the Tribunal. He instanced one applicant on May 2nd having been exempted for a month now having been called up on Friday. What was the position? If this sort of thing was to occur it was useless for the Tribunal to grant exemptions.

The clerk said that this being a case of exemption being granted after the revised list of reserved occupations had been notified, he should say that the military authorities were wrong, and the man could raise the case again before the Tribunal. Mr Bouskell added, in regard to a request by Captain Stevenson (Coalville Recruiting Officer) that he (the clerk) should send out notices to appellants whose exemptions had become inoperative through the new regulations, the War Office circular stated that this might be done where it was convenient, but in his case, he was very much under-staffed. He also pointed out that certificates granted to apprentices still held good. That was because they were apprentices, and had nothing to do with reserved trades.

Mr Arnold said that when the Tribunal granted a man exemption, he should not be called up until that had expired. A member remarked that the military authorities had intimated that they could call up anyone if they thought the circumstances warranted it. The clerk said there were about 120 cases to come before the Advisory Committee.

Application for exemption was made by Walter Crane, master butcher, of Ibstock, who said he was 34 years of age, married, with two children. He had had the business for 13 years, and did the whole of the work himself. He also had 11 ½ acres of land. Mr Eggington said there were several butchers in Ibstock who had

attested. He suggested giving some time to this man until other cases came up, so they could do justice all round. The chairman said some of them might be younger men, and it was the young men they wanted. Mr Eggington said they should be careful about sending married men with children and other responsibilities until they saw what the Bill just passed would do. Three months were allowed.

Another Ibstock application was that of John Palmer, landlord of the Ram Inn, aged 35, with two children. He said he was also a pig-breeder and feeder, and he made his application on financial and domestic grounds. His business contributed to the revenue of the country, and pig-breeding was also of national importance. He Ram Inn was the only commercial hotel in Ibstock. His widowed mother was 63 years of age, and wholly dependent upon him. Replying to questions, he said he had 12 pigs now. He bred from 40 to 80 a year and had four acres of land. Three months allowed.

The next applicant, Douglas Alfred Mee, aged 18, also resides at Ibstock. He said he was employed by his mother, a baker, chiefly in the bakehouse and in delivery. Mrs Mee, who also appeared, said she was a widow with five children, Douglas being the eldest. The next boy was 16. She had a baker, aged 27, who had been rejected, having defective eyesight, but he might be called up for munition work. The Tribunal granted exemption till August 9th.

A Shenton insurance agent, Mr Taylor, employed by the Prudential Company, aged 34, married, with two children, asked for total exemption owing to defective eyesight. The chairman said this was a case for the army doctors. Applicant said the army doctor had examined him and told him his sight was very bad. They placed him in Class B for clerical work.

The Chairman: We can't deal with it.

The Clerk: You may not be called up, but it is a question for the military authorities.

It transpired in one case that the notices had been delivered by the postal authorities to the wrong man. This brought George Weston, collier, of Barlestone, before the Tribunal instead of Joseph Weston, boot and shoe dealer, Barlestone. George Watson said he appealed for his son sometime ago.

The Clerk: And didn't the Tribunal dismiss it?

Mr Weston: Yes

Hasn't your son gone? – No.

It was remarked that the man had evidently been overlooked by the military authorities.

Mr Weston: I am in a muddle altogether then. He has travelled with a horse for four years, and is out with it now. I have eight beasts besides, and 26 acres of land for the boy to manage.

The Clerk: We can't hear it again. It has been dismissed.

Mr Kirkman: Is it too late to appeal to the Tribunal at Leicester?

The Clerk: Yes, it was heard on March 21st. He is lucky that the military authorities have not fetched him.

A Market Bosworth baker, Mr Fletcher, appealed for his son, aged 19, and single, who had previously been granted two months. He said that if his son went he could not carry on the business. Answering questions he said he had daughters, but they could not drive horses, or a motor to deliver bread. A member remarked that they were all having to do a lot of things now that they had never done before. A month (final) was allowed.

Mr Arnold remarked that matters were getting rather awkward in regard to bread delivery in some of the villages. At Shackerstone on the previous day there was a sort of bread famine, and people were going from house to house trying to borrow bread. A member remarked that bread used to be baked at home, and they would have to get back to that. The chairman said there was no doubt it would be much better were that so. Mr Arnold said the people would have new bread.

The Chairman: There is nothing more extravagant than that.

Mr Eggington: If you go into Yorkshire you will find that nearly every housewife bakes her own bread.

Among a number of cases assented to, six months being allowed in each were the two sons of Mr W. C. Kirkman, farmer, Barlestone, a Stanton-under-Bardon tenant farmer, a Shenton horseman, a Cadeby farm hand, a Market Bosworth mail driver, a Sutton Cheney farm hand, and a Stanton-under-Bardon farmer.

“BLIGHTY”

A NOVELTY IN WAR NEWSPAPERS

A soldiers' paper called “Blighty” is the newest development of the War. It is to be a present to our fighting men on land and sea, produced weekly, and sent free of charge to the Fleet and the Army abroad. It will not be circulated at home, and therefore the proprietors of the leading humorous and illustrated papers have consented to lend their pictures and stories to it for reprinting, so that it will contain the cream of the home press.

Its sub-title is “Life and Laughter at Home,” and it expresses its purpose. It will have no bad news, no dull news, no news of the war, or politics, or crime, or the city, or anything stupid. It will aim to have all the best pictures and tell all the best stories, with the aid of authors, artists, journalists, actors, everybody who has a funny story to tell or a merry message to send to the North Sea or the trenches.

It has been invented because our boys are short of reading matter since paper got so scarce and dear, and the newspapers no longer have tons of unsold copies to send to them. The Y.M.C.A. the Church Army, the Red Cross Society, British and Foreign Sailors' Society, and the Post Office will give special help to enable it to be well-distributed, so that every battleship and every regiment may receive its share of copies. The paper will be about the size of “Punch.”

It is managed by a committee of journalists whose services are given gratuitously, but money is wanted to pay for its production and postage to the Front. The paper and printing alone will cost about £300 a week, and a sum of £2,000 is wanted to ensure a good start, until an advertising revenue is established. Donations should be sent to the offices, 30, 31, and 32, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Cheques should be made payable to “The Committee of ‘Blighty,’ and crossed “London and South Western Bank.”

Every donor of £1 or more will receive a souvenir copy, and can nominate a soldier or sailor, to whom a personal copy will be sent weekly by post.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Miss M. German, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Burton-on-Trent, who has been acting as assistant matron on the Gallipoli Peninsula, has been honoured by the King with the Royal Red Cross decoration. She was mentioned in despatches by Sir Ian Hamilton.

The Bardon Hill and Whitwick stone quarry authorities wrote to the Hartshorne and Seals Council meeting on Saturday that owing to so many of their men having been taken for the army and other war conditions, they could not guarantee the delivery of stone according to contract. One of the members (Mr Parker) remarked that if they could not get stone they would have to do without.

It is understood that a proclamation will be issued on May 13th calling up for service with the colours as from June 13th, the remaining groups under the Derby scheme. These are group 24, covering the married men of 18, and groups 42 to 46 which include the married men of 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40.

Cricket match for local Soldiers' Comforts to be played on the Fox and Goose Ground, on Saturday May 20th. Coalville Swift's V Mr Price's Team. The following are the players: Swift's: Messrs. A. Starkey (captain), G. Underwood, C. Storer, C. Price, P. Underwood, M. Bott, S. Storer, W. Bird, R. Nichols, C. Bradshaw, T. Nichols, and C. Parry. Mr Price's XI: Mr T. Price (captain), Messrs. J. Rice, H. M. Harris, W. Harris, L. Ratcliffe, L. Baxter, J. Rowell, W. Baker, G. Bott, A. Pauley, H. Ratcliffe, and B. White. Umpires: Messrs. J. Burton and J. Baxter.

ASHBY POLICE COURT

Monday – Before Mr J. P. Adcock, and Mr G. Brown. Frank Martin (24), kiln fireman, Worthington, was charged with being absent when called up for military service of May 5th. He admitted the charge and was fined £2 and handed over to the military authorities.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL
MARRIED MEN'S APPEALS

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

An appeal was made for the manager of the Whitwick Picture House, Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, Coalville, appearing for the applicant, and Mr Tebbett, of Leicester, for the company owning the place. Mr Moore said the operator was due to join the army next Saturday, and Mr Kelly would then be manager, electrical engineer, and operator. He was a married man. Mr Tebbett said they had tried to replace the manager and failed, and if he had to go it would mean closing down.

Mr German: You think it is in the national interest that he should remain.

Mr Tebbett: Yes.

Mr Moore said the takings were between £40 and £50 a week, which would be rather good for the amusement tax. A member asked whether the entertainments were such as would imbue the young with patriotic ideas. Mr Tebbett said he could hardly answer that. Answering further questions, he admitted that there were similar entertainments at Coalville, which was not far away. This was the only Picture Palace owned by the company, and the capital involved was £2,000. One month, (final) was allowed.

Henry Conniff, milliner and draper, Coalville, asked for conditional exemption. He said he was 31 years of age, and married with two children. He had the premises in Hotel Street on a seven years' lease, only two and a half of which had expired, and if he had to go it would mean financial ruin. The case was considered privately, and the Tribunal granted three months.

W. H. Parker, pawnbroker, Coalville, applied for exemption, and the case was adjourned for further information.

Assent was given to the application of John Samuel Ball, a loom turner, at Messrs. Burgess and Sons' factory.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, Coalville, appeared in support of the claim of Mr John Blockley, tailor, Hugglescote, for the exemption of his man. Mr Sharp asked for a reasonable time, saying that another man had gone, and this was the only one Mr Blockley had left. He had a lot of orders on hand, and it would mean delay. Moreover, the man was a cripple, though he realised that was a matter for the military authorities. Answering a question, Mr Blockley said he did not employ women or girls.

Mr German: Why?

Mr Blockley: I don't believe in them. I have plenty of customers who would not give me an order if they knew I employed women or girls.

Mr German said there were many things they were having to do now that they did not do before.

Mr Blockley: I am aware of that, and I am as anxious about the war as anyone.

One month (final) was allowed.

Mr T. H. Moore represented Mr Simpkin, carter, of Hugglescote, in his appeal for his son, aged 19, who carried on the business. Mr Moore said that if the lad had to go it would stop the business on which his father depended for a livelihood, and he could not do it himself owing to ill-health. Answering Mr German, applicant said he had tried to get a man over military age, and had failed. The applicant had previously been granted two months, and one more month (final) was allowed.

Mr C. Coleman, for Messrs. Coleman and Sons, Ironmongers, Coalville, applied for the exemption of two of their men, Albert Edward Spittlehouse, aged 29, married, and John Wilkins, 32, married. The former delivered oil and petrol to the collieries and others, and Wilkins also went round with the oil waggons. They

attended to horses and machinery and were indispensable. Five of their staff had attested, and they were only appealing for these two. Women could not do this work. Answering questions, Mr Coleman said he had tried to get men over age, and could not. People could not fetch oil from villages miles away. His own son was in France on active service. Two months were allowed in each case.

A Coalville painter, C. A. Pegg, aged 31, married with one child, appealed for total exemption, saying he had several contracts on, and if he had to go it would mean financial ruin. There would be nothing to come back for. He was doing all the work himself now. Last summer he employed three men, and two were now in the army. His brother had been killed in the war. Three months allowed.

Total exemption was asked for by Thomas Gray, tailor, Hotel Street, Coalville, aged 28, who urged that it would mean financial ruin. The Advisory Committee recommended six months, which prompted a member to ask whether they were going to carry the war on. He would like to exempt them all, but could they do it. The chairman said men were wanted.

Mr McCarthy: (jocosely) All the members of the Tribunals had better go, and they would soon polish it off.

The chairman said they wanted to do right to the men who appealed, and to the country at the same time, and it was very difficult. Mr McCarthy said they had to keep up the finances of the country. They were financing the Allies, as well as fighting and unless the commerce of the country was kept up, they could not do that. There were plenty of men who ought to go yet, before they sent business men, and possibly ruined their businesses. The Tribunal divided on the case, and there was a majority for six months.

It was stated that there were about forty cases now waiting for the Tribunal, of which 28 were from the Coalville Co-Operative Society and the others chiefly from the South Leicestershire Colliery, and Messrs. Griffin Bros. Hugglescote. These were cases which had been before the Advisory Committee. There were many other cases pending.

The next meeting was fixed for next Wednesday, at 6.30 pm.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

War casualties among London and North Western Railway men number 3,683, of whom 725 have died?

Private T. Usherwood, of the 5th Leicesters, son of Mr T. Usherwood, of Highfields, Coalville, one of the Coalville first fifty Territorials to leave for France, where he has been on active service for about 15 months, is at home on leave this week?

COALVILLE SOLDIER BROTHERS

ONE DEAD AND THE OTHER WOUNDED

Mr and Mrs John Massey, of 224, Ashby Road, Coalville, had two soldier sons, and have received the sad news that one of these has been killed, and the other seriously wounded.

On May 1st, 1915, their fifth son, Frederick Massey, who was then working at the Snibston Colliery, where his father is also employed, joined the Northumberland Fusiliers, and went to France three days before last Christmas. The news received states that on May 1st, 1916, the first anniversary of his military career, he died in hospital from a gunshot wound in the leg. He was only 18 years of age.

Nurse W. Teevar, sister-in-charge of the No. 5 casualty clearing station, writing on April 30th, stated: "*I regret to tell you that Private Massey is in the above hospital. He has been shot in the leg. Everything that can be done is being done for him, and he is receiving every care.*"

Another letter, dated May 1st, was as follows: "*I regret to tell you that Private Massey died in this hospital this afternoon. His leg was much too badly wounded to hope for his recovery. Everything that could be done was done for him, and his end was most peaceful. If you write to the Graves Registration Committee, they will tell you where he will be buried.*"

The soldier who has been wounded is Private Joseph Massey, of the Leicestershire Regiment, aged 23, also formerly a collier at the Snibston pit. He enlisted on November 7th, 1914, and was severely wounded at the Persian Gulf on January 13th. Two letters have been received from him. In the first, he says that as the result of his wounds he has lost his right eye, and the sight of the left is damaged. He also had a bullet through his arm, but the wound has healed. In his second letter, written from Ambala Hospital, India, he says: *"I think my left eye will come alright in time, but the right eye I have completely lost. The wound in the arm is alright now. I am having a fine time here. We are having concerts and things nearly every night, so we are not badly off, only it is miserable not being able to go out because it is so hot. I have finished with active service, and I don't know when I shall get to England, but I am coming in time. They say they can do a lot for the left eye."*

A postcard received by Mr and Mrs Massey on Tuesday stated that their son had just arrived in England. Photos will appear in our next issue.

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NEWBOLD VERDON SOLDIER KILLED

News from the War Office was received at Newbold Verdon yesterday by the widow, that Private George Grain, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action at the Persian Gulf, on April 6th. Deceased was about 32 years of age, and left a good situation as a stallman in the Desford pit to join the forces. The widow is left with one child.

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COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

ROLL OF HONOUR

Local Men who have died for their country.

One Hundred and Thirty-Nine 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 5th, 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 25th, 1914.

William Ogden Hoden

Private, of the 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action in France, October 13th, 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 1st, 1914. He belonged to Heather.

J. C. Andrews

Lance-Corporal, of the 1st Beds. Regiment, killed in action on November 7th, 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 1st 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 16th, 1914. Formerly employed by Messrs. W. Moss and Sons, Coalville.

Frederick Kirby

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, died from wounds on December 9th, 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 6th, 1915. A former resident of Margaret Street, Coalville.

John Manders

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, died wounds, 15th 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, 20th March, 1915. A former employee of the Coalville Urban Council, of North Street, Hugglescote.

Owen Hallam

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

John Williamson

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

John D. Sheffield

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

Ernest Moore

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

Ernest Hall

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed at Neuve Chapelle, between 10th and 14th 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 3rd Bedfords, killed in action in France on April 11th, 1915. He lived at Copt Oak.

Ernest Samuel Boot

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

Thomas Dooley D.C.M.

2nd Lieutenant, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed in action in France, May 1st, 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 1st Leicesters, died of wounds on April 16th. A native of Swannington.

Harry Spence

Trooper, Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action, May 13th, 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 13th, 1915. A director of the Ibstock Collieries Ltd.

George Barker

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

C. Avins

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

William Moore

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

A. Heathcote

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

J. G. Poyser

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

Timothy Betteridge

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

John Gadsby

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

George Henry Wesson

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

Cecil Thomas Beadman

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action on May 19th, 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 13th, 1915. His home was at Ellistown.

Charles William Jewsbury

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

Frederick Wilfred Hart

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

Francis Frederick Martin

Private, of the 1st Leicesters, died in England, on June 11th, 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 23rd London Regiment, killed in action on May 25th, 1915. A Whitwick man.

Ernest Tugby

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

Harold G. Blackham

Private, of the 5th 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 23rd, 1915. Formerly lived at Hugglescote, a colliery clerk.

Arthur Brownlow

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

John Ison

Private, of the 1st 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 5th Leicesters, killed in action on June 30th, 1915. A collier of Cumberland Road, Ellistown.

William Wardle

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

Harry Walker

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

G. H. Highfield

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

John George Bennett

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

Walter Gray

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

John Clibbery

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

George Andrews

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

Harry Smith

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

William Massey

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

Harry Badcock

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

Isaac Hall

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

H. Ing

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

Cyril Ernest Briers

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

Fred Pringle

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

E. Dowell

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

Clifford E. Scott

Private, of the 5th Leicesters, killed in action in France, September 1st, 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 5th Leicesters, killed in action, August 31st, 1915. He was a collier, formerly residing at Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick.

Arthur Charles Johnstone

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

Alfred Clifford

Private, in the 1st 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 15th. Son of Lady Maude Hastings of the Manor House, Ashby.

Bernard Hatter

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

Walter Irons

Private in the 5th Leicesters, died of wounds received in action in France, September 28th. 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 28th. He was a Heather man and formerly worked at the Ibstock Colliery.

Walter Shaw

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

J. H. Pepper

Private of the 9th 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 3rd Leicesters, killed in action on September 17th, 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 21st, 1915. Formerly a Whitwick collier, who leaves a widow and three children.

Frank Underwood

Private in 8th 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, 5th Leicestershire Territorials, killed in action, October, 1915. Son of Lady Maude Hastings, of the Manor House, Ashby.

Bernard Whittaker

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

George Gadsby

Private of the 5th 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 1st Hants Regiment, killed in action. He was a Ravenstone man.

Walter Woodward

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

E. Pringle

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

George Fletcher

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

R. C. Lawton

Lieutenant, 5th 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 15th, 1915. A former Coalville policeman.

Samuel Thomas Berkin

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

Frank William Woolhouse

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

Gerald Stewart

Captain, 10th 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 2nd 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 1st Grenadier Guards, killed in action, October 17th, 1915. He formerly resided at 88, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, and worked at the Snibston Colliery.

Harry Toon

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

C. H. Smith

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

A Litherland

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

Frederick Barttam

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

W. Hadland

Private in the 5th 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 9th Leicesters, killed in action in France, December 9th, 1915. He was a Whitwick collier, aged 22 years, and his wife and child reside at the Dumps.

Charles W. Cook

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

Robert Ashby

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

L. G. Beck

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

Oliver Pratt

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

J. W. Archer

Of the 1st Leicesters, killed in action, November 17th, 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 1st Leicesters, killed in action, January 1916. A Markfield man.

George Spencer

Private in the 3/5th 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 5th, 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 2nd Leicesters, posted wounded and missing in France, from September 21st, 1915, death officially confirmed January 12th. Had spent 5 years in the army, son of Mr S. Snell, of Snibstone.

James Haywood

Private in the 8th 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 13th, 1915. Son of the Rector of Carlton.

Thomas Sleath

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

Alec Howard Mason

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

Stenson Hardy

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

George Wilkinson

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

John Copley

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

Edward Henry Hunt

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

G. E. Hartwell

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

Amos Elkin

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

James Thomas Bishop

Company Sergeant-Major, of the Army Service Corps, died February 17th 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 7th. Formerly lived at Ibstock.

Arthur Pegg

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

Joseph Satchwell

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

E. Howe

Private, 2nd Leicesters, died February 16th, of wounds received in action at the Persian Gulf, January 6th or 7th. 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 3rd, 1916.

John Martin

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

Roland D. Farmer

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

John Williamson

Corporal, 5th 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, 5th 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 25, killed in action, January, 1916. Late of Markfield. 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, 1915. An old Bosworth School boy, 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.

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.

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

"A TRADE THE COUNTRY CAN DO WITHOUT"

TRIBUNAL MEMBER'S SON AND THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

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

A Snarestone farmer applied for his stockman, saying he was the only man on the farm of 60 acres and was experienced with all kinds of stock. It was not assented to.

Conditional exemption was asked for by a Newbold farmer, aged 82, for his son aged 29 and married. Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) represented the applicant and stated that the son solely managed the farm of 75 acres (15 arable). Applicant had a daughter, who was a widow with an invalid child and to take the son away would mean hardship to them all. There were on the farm 25 cows, 35 sheep and lambs, three horses and 18 pigs. Application granted.

The Hinckley Urban District Council applied for conditional exemption of the fireman at their waterworks at Snarestone, who was stated to be 26 years of age and single. The waterworks supplied a population of 23,000 people with water. The man had worked on the job since leaving school. They had failed in their efforts to replace him. A member remarked that they could soon get another man for this job if they would offer an attractive wage. Eventually, the case was adjourned to the next meeting for a representative of the Council to attend.

A Snibston farmer, Mr Willett applied for his waggoner, aged 18, to be exempted until after the corn harvest. He had a farm of over a hundred acres and this was the only man he had, his two sons being at the front. He also had a milk round. Allowed till October 1st.

Mr J. B. Hammersley, aged 30, director of the Measham Shoe Co., applied for absolute exemption, stating that besides being the director he was also working a machine in the factory in place of a man who had been called up. It was stated that women were doing good work in shoe factories, a member remarking that in one

district they were turning out more work than the men, in consequence of which the latter were talking about striking. Three months was allowed.

Conditional exemption was granted to a Willesley farmer, aged 36, farming 240 acres, and to his waggoner, married, also aged 36.

The military representative asked for the cancellation of an exemption certificate granted to the son of Mr J. Rice, farmer, Measham, who is a member of the Tribunal on the ground that it was not necessary to retain the man on the farm. There were two other men working on the farm which was under 100 acres, and only 20 acres arable. Capt. Phillimore said that to be fair to other farmers in the district, this man should not be retained. Evidence in support of the cancellation was given by Mr Blake, though Mr Stevenson remarked that it was rather unusual to hear witnesses. Mr Mammatt, solicitor, Ashby, who appeared for Mr Rice, questioned Mr Blake, eliciting that there were 25 cows being milked and 200 families were being supplied. Mr Mammatt said the two men on the farm referred to were not skilled. About all they could do was to spread manure. Mr Rice was 67 years of age. His son was granted absolute exemption by that Tribunal and the facts now were exactly the same. Capt. Phillimore said the conditions now were not the same as before. A new list of reserved occupations and fresh conditions had been issued. Mr Mammatt said that strengthened his case. This man was 28 years of age and the new regulations unstarred men under 25. Mr Champion said it was a heavily stocked farm. Mr Bradshaw remarked that though it was only one hundred acres, Mr Rice got as much out of it as some men did out of 200 acres. It was agreed not to assent to Capt. Phillimore's application, Mr Rice being allowed, therefore, to retain his certificate of conditional exemption.

A Newton Burgoland waggoner was granted conditional exemption.

The landlord of the Swan Inn, Measham, H. Rudin, aged 30, asked for exemption on the ground that it would be a hardship for him to have to leave his business. A member remarked that if there was a business that the country could do without it was that of the licensed victualler. Some of the public houses were a nuisance and the people would be a lot better without them. One month was allowed to enable the applicant to arrange his affairs.

It was stated that facilities were being given to women to manage the houses while their husbands were away and every protection would be afforded them.

A Measham cycle maker and motor cycle mechanic, aged 29, married with two children, applied for absolute exemption on the ground that if he had to give up his business, it would mean great financial loss. Some discussion took place as to whether one month or three be allowed. It was urged that applicant was the only motor repairer for several miles. A member remarked that it was not in the national interest. A man who could not attend to his own motor cycle should stop at home. Three months were allowed.

A Swepstone farmer, farming 330 acres, of which 150 were arable, applied for the exemption of his waggoner, aged 21 and single. He said he had two waggoners, a cowman and a shepherd and occasionally an old man and two boys assisted. He worked two teams (eight horses) and had an average of 30 cows in milk. He had tried to get two women, but even if they had come they could not do the work with the horses. Allowed till October 1st.

A Ravenstone licensed victualler sent a telegram withdrawing his application, stating that he had been medically examined and rejected.

A Heather farmer applied for his cowman, aged 23, stating that there were only two regular men and a boy of 12 on a farm of 231 acres (90 arable) and there were between 20 and 30 milking cows. The Agricultural representative said the man had tried to enlist three times and was rejected each time owing to defective eyesight. Conditional exemption allowed.

Absolute exemption was asked for by a Measham chip potato and fish salesman and greengrocer. Answering the chairman, he said his wife could not manage it if he went. He was blind in one eye and had been medically examined, being passed for home service. Conditional exemption was allowed.

An Oakthorpe newsagent, aged 35, applying for exemption, stated that he was nearly blind, and suffered from ulcerated legs. He gave up his bed in Derby Infirmary for a wounded soldier. Conditional exemption allowed.

A Griffydam schoolmaster, aged 30, married, asked for temporary exemption. He had two children, one born on the previous day. His school year terminated on May 31st. He did not know till May 1st that the Education Authorities were not appealing for him, and he had made no arrangements. He submitted a letter from the Director, Mr W. A. Brockington, stating that originally the applicant was on the list to be appealed for, but owing to the need for men, the Committee had had to considerably reduce this. He was allowed till July 1st and said that would suit him very nicely.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, Coalville, appeared for the landlord of the Robin Hood Inn, Swannington, aged 36, married, with four children. He stated that applicant only partially depended on the public house for a living, a more important part being his business as a builder and he also had 4 cows and 11 ½ acres of land. His wife was in a delicate state of health. There was only one other builder in Swannington who was a single man and had unsuccessfully appealed. Two months were allowed.

A number of other cases were dealt with, the Tribunal being occupied for several hours.

ASHBY POLICE COURT

LIGHTING OFFENCES

Emma Hadley, (45), dressmaker, Ashby, was summoned for a contravention of the lighting order at Ashby on May 5th. She pleaded not guilty. P.C. Copley said he saw a bright light from defendant's window in Packington Road. It shone on a building opposite. He had previously cautioned the defendant. Defendant said that since then she had got a dark blind, and thought it was alright. P.C. Copley said there was a streak of light three inches wide. Defendant admitted a little light but said it was not three inches.

The Clerk: The constable had warned you.

Supt. Lockton: I warn them all before prosecuting.

The chairman told the defendant it might be unpleasant, but it was important that no light should be visible. They all had to do it. Fined 10/6.

James Anderson (40), timekeeper, Measham, similarly summoned, pleaded not guilty. P.C. Holmes said there were electric lights from the colliery power house which looked like searchlights, and lit up trees some distance away. Defendant admitted that the lights were bad and said he was in charge in the absence of Mr Waddell. When served with the summons, defendant denied that he was in charge. Witness had cautioned officials of the Measham Colliery Co. on two previous occasions this year. P.C. Drury corroborated. Robert Brodie, manager of the colliery said it was the duty of the defendant to shade the lights.

By defendant: More than once he had been round the works with the defendant impressing upon him that the lights must be shaded.

Defendant on oath, said he agreed the lights were showing, but he had nothing to do with them. They were on 2 ½ hours before he got to work that night.

The Clerk: Who do you say was responsible for the lights?

Defendant: I should say the man who lit them.

By Supt. Lockton: After the police came he told a man to lower and shade the lights.

The Chairman: It is exactly like the Government. No one is responsible.

Fined £2/2/- and 2/6 for the witnesses, or 14 days.

Eli Lord (20), fireman, Measham, was similarly summoned in respect of lights from the boiler-house at Measham Colliery, on May 5th. Defendant pleaded not guilty. P.C. Holmes stated that at 10.30 pm there was a brilliant electric light shining from the boiler-house down the railway for some distance to the road. Witness asked him to turn out the light, and he refused at first, saying he could not see without lights, and witness said if they were not put out he should knock them out. The defendant in the last case (Anderson) then came up, and advised defendant to shade the lights. He did so. P.C. Drury corroborated, and the manager Mr Brodie, said the defendant was in charge. Defendant said he was in charge of the boilers, but not the lights, which were lit 2 ½ hours before he went on duty. Fined £2/2/- or 14 days.

MARKET BOSWORTH POLICE COURT

LIGHTING OFFENCES

Bertram Simpson, chemist, Ibstock, was summoned for not shading the lights at his house, and he did not appear. P.C. Potterton stated that from a distance he saw a bright light from defendant's back bedroom window. He told witness he had quite forgotten to draw the blind. He had previously been cautioned about his shop lights. Fined 10/- or seven days.

Jesse Gardner, publican, Newbold Verdon, similarly summoned, pleaded guilty to a technical offence. P.C. Shaw said there was a bright light reflecting on the wall opposite the window at the back. Defendant said it was a streak only about a quarter of an inch wide. The chairman said it would look more than that, seen from above. Fined 10/- or five days.

Joseph Matley, collier, Ibstock, summoned for a like offence, sent his mother. Sergeant Iliffe said he went to the back door to tell them about the light at the front bedroom window, and found a greater light from the kitchen window. Fined 10/- or five days.

Wm. Trivett, confectioner, Ibstock, was represented by his wife in a lighting charge, and she said it was a very subdued light. They had stopped using gas, and only had a paraffin lamp, by which they could hardly see. P.C. Potterton said it was a bright light. Fined 10/- or five days.

Edward Green, hairdresser, Stanton-under-Bardon, did not appear to answer a similar charge, and on the evidence of P.C. Sreaton was fined 10/- or five days.

John W. Sperry, collier, Ibstock, also summoned in respect of not shading his light, send word that if he left work to attend, others would be thrown idle. P.C. Potterton said there was a bright light at the bedroom window. Defendant told him he must have a light as his child was ill, and witness told him he should shade it. Fined 10/- or five days.

Wm. Cooling, labourer, Market Bosworth, was summoned for driving a vehicle without a red rear light, at Newbold Verdon, on April 22nd. P.C. Shaw said the defendant was driving a beer dray belonging to Mr Trivett. Fined 5/-.



ASHBY

CITIZENS' CORPS FIELD DAY

The Citizens' Corps of Ashby, Whitwick, and Woodville had a field day in Staunton Park, four miles from Ashby, on Sunday. They attended service in the morning at the church near Staunton Hall and afterwards were engaged in various manoeuvres, under the command of Mr G. J. German, till about five o'clock, when tea was provided. Mr German expressed the thanks of the Corps to Earl Ferrers for his kind permission to use the park, and Mr Parker responded. The companies afterwards marched home.

COALVILLE SOLDIER'S DEATH

The death occurred in hospital at York on April 28th, of Pte. J. H. Shaw, of the Leicestershire Regiment, from wounds received in action at Hill

60 last summer. The body was interred at Bardon Hill Churchyard on May 2nd.

Pte. Shaw was the son of Mr and Mrs Shaw, of Moore's Farm, Bardon Road, Coalville, who have received a letter of sympathy from Pte. E. Moon (Melbourne Street) and Bugler S. Jones (Belvoir Road), two Coalville soldiers in the same regiment. They say that the deceased was well-liked by all the members of the company, who always found him kind and straightforward in every detail. It was hard after fighting and toiling as he had done to depart after recovering from his wounds, but they realised that he had died nobly in the defence of his country. The members of the company subscribed for an artificial wreath and globe which has been placed on the grave.

WHITWICK SOLDIER'S LETTER

Mr T. Kelly, of the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, has received an interesting letter from his nephew, Pte. T. Kelly, of the Royal Marines, who is with the Eastern Mediterranean Squadron. He says he is in the best of health, but a bit tired. They are very busy out there now, but it is not so bad as it was twelve months ago. He would never forget the landing at the Dardanelles as long as he lived and adds: *"But never mind, we got through it alright and expect going through it a lot more yet. But I shall keep doing my bit for the old country while I am able and if I die I shall die a hero the same as my brother did and I shall not disgrace the name of Kelly I can assure you. Tell my old grandmother I am in the pink and could not wish to be any better and tell her I have good faith of getting through, then I shall give you a call when it is over. I hope you are doing your share of trade and keeping the old flag flying."* He concludes by asking to be remembered to all friends.

LIEUT.-COL. HEYGATE WOUNDED

Lieut.-Colonel C. Heygate, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was wounded in action on April 29th. He is a son of Major W. H. B. Heygate, of Mapledene, Woodhouse Eaves, who has done much excellent work in raising batteries for the war. Lieut.-Colonel Heygate has a gunshot wound in the leg below the knee. Happily, the wound, though severe, is not regarded as serious.

COALVILLE SOLDIER TWICE WOUNDED

Writing from Mesopotamia on April 8th to his wife, of 208, Ashby Road, Coalville, Corpl. J. Balding, of the 2nd Leicesters, states that he has been wounded again, having been hit in the chest and left leg, but he hopes to be alright again after getting to the hospital. It was during the first fight he had participated in since recovering from another wound received just three months before, and he was hit ten minutes after it started. He adds: *"I think my luck must have been out though I am thankful to have escaped as well as I did. I am satisfied at having done my duty and though I have been slightly gassed and wounded twice in 8 months, I am still game. I don't know where I am going yet, but hope to be home soon."* His photo will appear next week.

HUGGLESCOTE "COLONIAL" AT THE FRONT

INTERESTING LETTER

We have received an interesting letter from Sapper H. H. Pink, a Hugglescote man with the forces in France. He says, *"I am not in the Leicesters, but as one of the New Zealand Engineers, am fighting for the old flag and liberty. I was a runner for your valuable little paper when I was a boy in Coalville and I always enjoy a pleasant hour when I get the "Coalville Times." I am sorry to see the names of a few of my old pals in the roll of honour. I was over at Coalville in February. There is another Coalville boy in our company, Bill Wright, the bicycle racer, of Belvoir Road. I am always looking out and asking for the Leicesters, but have found no trace of them. If I had been in England when the war broke out I should have joined up with the county regiment as my pals have done, but although I belong to the New Zealand Army, my heart is still with you. I used to get a "Coalville Times" sent to me across the ocean and when I had done with it, I used to pass it on to another Coalville family. I was born in Wilkins' Lane, just below the Gate Inn, Hugglescote. We are all in the pink of condition and I hope we shall soon have victory for the Allies."*

The writer's full address is 4/1307 Sapper H. H. Pink, No. 1 Section, New Zealand, E. T. Co. B.E.F., France.

COALVILLE SOLDIER BROTHERS

These are two brothers, sons of Mr and Mrs John Massey, 224, Ashby Road, Coalville. Frederick has died of wounds received in action and Joseph has been wounded, particulars of which we gave last week.

(Photographs of Ptes. Joseph and Frederick Massey accompanied the article)

LEICESTER FARRIERS AND MILITARY SERVICE

On Saturday afternoon a meeting of the Leicester and District Branch of the National Farriers' Association was held at Leicester to consider the difficulties of the trade in view of the latest call to the Colours.

Mr W. Varnham, who presided, explained that there was a great scarcity of farriers in the country, and considerable difficulty was being experienced in coping with the work. In Leicester now, men were working 14 and 15 hours a day, and if the attested men were taken it would be impossible to shoe all the horses in the town. In the shoeing trade there was no possibility of employing female labour. No one had attempted to keep men away from the Colours, but it was essential they should now appeal to the Tribunal to prevent any further men going away.

The Secretary reported that in August, 1914, there were 27 farriers' shops in the town with 30 working employers, 36 journeymen, and eight boys, together with a few casual men. During the war six forges had closed down, and only 23 journeymen were left. All the men who were of military ages had attested, with the exception of two employers and one journeyman.

Mr Carson, secretary of the National Association, thought they might see some concessions from the military authorities, but it was not wise to object to the single men under 25 years. A member expressed the opinion that horses for sport or pleasure should now take a 'back seat' and that first consideration should be given to animals used for trade. It was decided to make up a list of employers and workmen for submission to the military authorities with a view to exemption.

CALL TO THE MARRIED

PARTICULARS OF RELIEF SCHEME AWAITED

Married men who have received notice to join the colours either on May 29th, or June 13th, are anxiously awaiting full details of the scheme of relief promised by the Government.

The Local Government Board, on May 5th, circularised all local authorities asking if they could lend two rooms in each district for the barristers who are to investigate the claims – one for the Commissioner, and one for his clerk. *"It is of the utmost importance,"* wrote Mr Long, *"that the addresses of several of the Commissioners should be fixed in time to allow of their being published in a complete list which is about to be distributed to the post offices throughout the district. I should, therefore be much obliged if you would be good enough to inform me not later than Wednesday next (May 10th), whether your Council can assist the Government by supplying the needed office accommodation."*

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ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted – Useful man. Regular employment. Good wages. Ineligible for Army – H. Seal and Co. Whitwick

Assurance – Ashby and District, Whitwick and Ellistown, only ineligible men need apply. Disabled soldiers preferred.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr Robert Sharp, of Whitwick, has lately collected eggs for wounded soldiers as follows:

Previously acknowledged: 112 eggs. Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 25 eggs; T. W. Harris 20; G. Harding 12; C. Foster 12; J. W. Land 12; G. West 12; Croson 12; R. Sharp 12; M. Downes 8; H. Beniston 4; A. Briers 12; Mrs T. Hull 12; Mrs F. Popple 12; Mrs Broadhurst 12; Mrs Jelley 9; and Mrs H. Underwood 8.

At the Coalville Men's Adult School on Sunday morning, Mr B. B. Drewett (president) reminded the members that the Daylight Saving Bill comes into operation next Sunday and asked them not to forget to put their clocks forward one hour on Saturday night or they would be coming to school at 9.30 on Sunday morning instead of 8.30. This will apply all round, and doubtless next Sunday morning a good many mistakes will be made. Residents who have forgotten to alter their clocks will wake up to find themselves one hour behind the times and the reminder given by the president of the Adult School is repeated here for the benefit of the members of other places of worship and other readers.

Pte. A. S. Woodcock, 4711, 3/5th Leicestershire Regiment, "somewhere in England" writes stating they are in camp miles from any town or village or any place of amusement, and they would greatly appreciate the loan of a gramophone and a few records, or any other musical instrument to amuse themselves with at nights. We are not allowed to publish the exact location of the regiment, but we have this in the soldier's letter and if any reader has an instrument he would like to send, we should be glad to supply the address.

In view of it being "flag day" at Coalville tomorrow for the funds of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild, it is interesting to note that Mrs L. L. Baldwin, hon. sec. continues to receive shoals of letters thanking the Guild for the gifts and showing how greatly they are appreciated by the boys. Here are extracts from a typical letter: *"May I ask you to convey my many thanks to the Committee and accept same yourself. The contents of the parcel were very nice and also very useful and I can assure you that they will be prized, knowing that they have been sent with all good wishes. It makes our lot much more pleasant to know that whilst we are doing our bit out here, our friends in the homeland are thinking of us and doing such good work to make us happy. I only wish I could be there to thank you personally."* Pte. Jos. Sperry. We have seen a pile of similar letters which come from France, Egypt and many other scattered places where are to be found local lads doing their best to keep the old flag flying and to uphold their country's honour.

The engagement is announced of Captain A. T. Sharp, 5th Leicestershire Regiment, the old Reptonian and Leicestershire county cricketer, and Miss Ellen May Taylor, daughter of Mr W. G. Taylor, of 'Invargarry', Knighton Grange Road, Leicester, Captain Sharp is the son of Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick.

Captain W. S. Cooper, of the New Zealand troops (son of Mrs H. H. Gibbs) was last week visiting his native place (Shepshed) and on one day addressed the scholars at the Church of England Schools, where, as he stated, he was a scholar 25 years ago.

Lance-Corporal J. G. Ward, 2/1 London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), son of Mr John Ward, of High Street, Coalville, is home on leave from France this week. He has travelled a good deal, and has had some interesting experiences. Before the war he was assistant to the Borough engineer at Southend, and he joined up on September 3rd, 1914. Since then with his regiment, he has been at Malta, Egypt, and the Dardanelles, before going to France. His regiment was attached to the famous 29th Division at Sulva Bay, and participated in some severe engagements. While in Egypt, he contracted dysentery, and was in hospital at Alexandria. He was discharged convalescent just before Christmas and while in Alexandria he ran up against an old school fellow, Tom Pepper, of Standard Hill, both having attended the Ashby Grammar School years ago. They spent the Yuletide season together in the famous Egyptian town, and had quite a good time. Pepper is in the R.A.M.C. Also while in Alexandria, Lance-Corporal Ward met Captain H. E. Powell, a former Coalville veterinary surgeon. He visited the pyramids, and sphinx, and had many interesting experiences. One particularly interesting fact he mentioned in a chat with our reporter was that two pals of his walked some distance along a road at Sulva Bay, which was swept with the Turkish fire, and shells dropped all around them, but they were quite unhurt. They were going to be confirmed and seemed to have been protected by providence. Though he had been in several engagements Lance-Corporal Ward has never been hit, and he is looking remarkably fit.

COALVILLE SOLDIERS IN IRELAND

PLAYING FOOTBALL MATCHES

Writing from Ireland on May 14th, Sergt. A. Dobney, son of Police Inspector Dobney, of Coalville, says: *"No doubt some of your readers will be interested to hear some of the doings of the Coalville boys here. During the time we were having a rest from our 'touch' of active service, an interesting match was arranged and played between our company, which is detached from the battalion at present, and a team selected from another regiment, on Friday last, the 12th inst. The names of the Coalville players were: W. Cross, private; R. Glover, private; H. Marson, sergeant; which no doubt, your readers will be able to recall. The result of the*

match was 5 goals to nil in our favour. It was an exceedingly good game, and we were very pleased with the result. This match was not played on the plains of Flanders, but among the lakes and hills of Ireland practically three times the distance from England to France.

Yesterday (Saturday) the 13th inst. another match was played between officers and N.C.O.'s and men. The Officer's and N.C.O.'s team contained the following Coalville men: C.-Sergt.-Major T. H. Wain (late recruiting sergeant, of Coalville), C-Q-M. Sergt. Hubbard, Sergt. C. Bradshaw, and Corpl. R. Hull. The opposing team was made up of Leicester and Hinckley men. The game was keenly contested and ended with a win for the officers and N.C.O's by three goals to two. Goals were registered by C-Q-M-Sergt. Hubbard and Corpl. Hull.

We are having a real good time here and are under canvas. The worst thing we have to contend with now is the weather. It is said that where we are it rains every 24 hours and since we came here we have found this to be the case. All the boys are in the best of health."

THRINGSTONE

SALE OF WORK

A successful sale of work with the object of providing funds to send comforts to Leicestershire soldiers who are prisoners of war in Germany, was held in the Thringstone Village Hall, on Saturday. The stalls were well laden with useful garments, baskets, plants, flowers, etc. Most of the garments and the baskets having been made by the members of the Girl's Club, assisted by the wives of members of the Club House, and friends. The sale was brisk, and all the articles were sold. During the evening there were patriotic tableaux by the girls and boy scouts, and songs by the infants, the Scouts, girls and adult male members. Misses Maud Tite, Elsie Ottey, and May Webb acted as the pianists. The Vicar (the Rev. Cheverton Shrewsbury) presided, and there was a large attendance, which included the Right Hon. and Mrs Charles Booth, Mrs Ritchie, Mrs Neal, and Mrs and Miss Shrewsbury, besides many visitors from the villages around. The effort is expected to yield a good sum, and all who participated are to be heartily congratulated on the result.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Mr J. C. Higgins, for 6 ½ years senior assistant at the Markfield Day Schools, left on Saturday, having joined the Royal Field Artillery?

Mr F. J. Newman, of Ibstock, who has been in the employ of Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Solicitors, Coalville, for 19 years, as clerk, left on Tuesday to join the army?

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PRINTING BUSINESS FOR SALE

Messrs. German and German at the Royal Hotel, Ashby, on Monday night, offered for sale two shops and dwelling house, the Floral Hall and printing business carried on for many years by Mr Beadmore, owing to the owner being called up for military service. The whole was offered as one lot and was withdrawn at £1,100. Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster (Coalville and Loughborough) were the vendor's solicitors.

MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

ALL APPLICANTS GET SIX MONTHS

Mr W. Eggington presided at a meeting of this Tribunal on Tuesday when there were also present Messrs. J. E. Homer, W. Towers, and G. M. Arnold, with Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (military representative) and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

Twenty cases were dealt with, all of which had been assented to by the Advisory Committee, and in every case, six months' temporary exemption was allowed. The cases dealt with included a Shenton farmer's son, aged 25, single; Twycross farmer's son; a Bagworth farmer's son, single, aged 23; a Market Bosworth farm hand single and aged 21; a Barton Fabis farmer's son, single, aged 19; an Ibstock blacksmith, married, aged 29; a Desford farm bailiff, married, aged 35; a Ratby farm foreman, married, aged 32; a Sutton Cheney farmer's son, single, 18; an Ibstock wheelwright, married, 33; a Norton farm waggoner, single, 19; a Sheepy

Magna farmer's son, single, 24; a Pinwall farmer and licensed victualler, married, 35; an Odstone farmer's son, single, 20; a Dadlington farmer's son, single, 22; a Market Bosworth farmer, married, 29; a Thornton farmer's son, single, 19; a Ratby farm waggoner, single; and an Upton farmer's son, single, 20.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY'S APPLICATION

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District 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, B. G. Hale, A. J. Briers, and C. W. Brown, with Mr G. J. German (military representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A Coalville pawnbroker, whose case was adjourned from the last meeting, stated in his application, that he had tried to get someone to take charge of his business, and had failed. The Advisory Committee did not assent, but the Tribunal allowed two months' (final).

The South Leicestershire Colliery Co. applied for the exemption of three clerks, all married. – Hy. Dancer, 35 Reginald Biddles, 36, and Wilfred Bramley, 35. The Advisory Committee recommended conditional exemption. Mr German said it was represented to the Advisory Committee that the company had lost a good many clerks, and the Committee thought that as these men were all doing good work, and were all married, they should have conditional exemption. This was agreed to.

Messrs. Griffin Bros., builders, Hugglescote, applied for the exemption of eight of their employees, all married. – Percy R. Woods, 34, confidential clerk; Seth Marper, 35, woodwork machinist; Herbert Clamp, 36, foreman joiner; Bernard Brearley, 38, joiner; Frederick Wm. Biddle, 35, joiner; Oscar Haywood, 38, bricklayer; and Ernest Saunders, 32; and John Thomas Saunders, 26, (brother), bricklayers. Mr F. Griffin appeared in support of the application. He said they had a few big jobs nearly finished, and nobody could do the balancing up as well as Woods. Besides, he was doing good national work in training young soldiers in the Church Lad's Brigade. Forty or fifty of his old boys were at the Front now. Then, Woods had been medically rejected four times. The last time was a month ago, when he was passed for home service only. Marper was the machinist, and had worked for them for 10 or 12 years. It was skilled labour, and very dangerous to anyone who was not used to it. It would be impossible to replace him, and if he had to go, it would mean closing the joinery shop. Clamp was the foreman joiner, and had been with them 14 or 15 years. He had sole charge of the joinery department. Brearley and Biddle had both worked there for nearly ten years, and both were married, and good men. Before the war, they had 12 joiners and now there were 7. The bricklayers had worked for them for getting on for 17 years, and Haywood and the elder Saunders were foremen. The firm were now chiefly engaged on repairs. In the case of Clamp and Haywood, conditional exemption was allowed, Woods, Marper, Brearley and E. Saunders each were allowed three months, and Biddle and J. T. Saunders, two months.

Mr F. J. Bayliss, plumber, Coalville, applied for Frederick Conibear, 20, plumber and decorator, and Oliver Cromwell Bayliss, aged 19, an apprentice. The Advisory Committee assented to the former, but not to the latter. Mr Briers asked what was the law in regard to apprentices. The clerk said the rule had been to exempt apprentices until the indentures expired, unless the indentures had been entered into since the war began. Mr German said that under the Group system, masters still had a right to claim apprentices. Conditional exemption was allowed for Conibear, and the apprentice was exempted until he had served his apprenticeship. Mr German said Mr Bayliss now had only eight employees compared with 22 before the war.

The Coalville Co-Operative Society made application for the exemption of 26 of their employees, and it was decided to take them in departments. There were 7 butchers – A. Barker, 27, and Albert J. M. Shorthouse, 21, both single, the others being all married, viz., George R. Cockerill, 23, Eustace H. Kibbler, 28, Walter Thornley, 28, Frederick W. Coates, 34, and Frederick Wm. Wright, 36. The Advisory Committee did not assent for the two single men, but recommended conditional exemption for all the married. Mr Lockwood (manager of the Society) said there were two in the grocery department not assented to, and he would like to effect a compromise. He would forego the claim for the two single butchers if he could retain the grocers. He pointed out that though the butchers were single men, they were doing useful work. Barker was running the Whitwick and Thringstone shops, and taking £60 weekly, and Shorthouse was taking £30 weekly at the Swannington shop. Mr German said he thought the Advisory Committee had dealt most generously with the Society. They only claimed 5 soldiers out of 26 men appealed for. What would the Tribunal do if these were

men who were on their own. Mr Lockwood submitted that the Tribunal would not compel them to close down if they were doing business like that in their own. Answering Mr McCarthy, Mr Lockwood said five employees had gone out of the butchery department alone. It might seem a lot to apply for, but they must remember the large business that was being done. It was agreed to give conditional exemption to all the married men and to refuse the two single.

The number applied for in the grocery department was 13, all married men. They were W. E. Palmer, 29, A. W. Aris, 29, H. Gencers, 30, G. H. Bishop, 32, H. Cook, 32, A. Green, 37, H. Sharp, 38, T. Brooks, 33, J. Manning, 31, W. E. Tyers, 27, W. E. Usherwood, 27, W. Brooks, 28, and J. D. Smith, 24. It was the two latter that were not assented to by the Advisory Committee, all the others being recommended for conditional exemption. Mr Lockwood said there were now five girl assistants, and three boys at the Central Stores, one man was called up, and if Brooks was taken away, it would only leave the manager (Mr Latham) to do all the lifting and heavy work. A member remarked that they were having to do that in their own businesses.

Mr Lockwood: Not so heavy as in the grocery trade. The trade done here is £60 a week.

He pointed out that they had 5,000 members to cater for, and the staff had got to the irreducible minimum. Already 45 employees had left them to join the colours. He had not appealed for clerks, and they had lost five men out of the office, who had been replaced with girls.

Mr McCarthy: Forty-five have gone and how many more are going?

Mr Lockwood: About ten.

Mr McCarthy said that should be taken into consideration. Mr Briers said that what they were doing now would have to be done for other businesses.

Mr McCarthy: We are here to see that the business of the country is not paralysed. We try to hold the scales evenly between the War Office and the business of the country. Some Tribunals seem to think they are canvassers for the War Office.

Mr German pointed out that the Advisory Committee had gone carefully through these 26 applications, and only asked for five. Mr McCarthy moved three months for Brooks and Smith. Four voted for the three months, and only one against, it thus being carried. All the others were allowed conditional exemption. Mr Brown explained that as chairman of the Co-Operative Society, he was not voting.

The applications for three married bakers – J. H. Smith, 29, J. H. Burton, 29, and E. Fisher, 34 – were assented to, it being pointed out that theirs was a reserved occupation. The next application was for Thomas Wilde, married, aged 25, manager of the ready-made clothing department. Mr Lockwood said that one man (Williams) had gone from this department, and a boy and two girls were now employed. They could not get anyone to take Wilde's place. – The Advisory Committee did not assent, but the Tribunal allowed two months.

Conditional exemption was recommended for the manager of the boot department, Jos. Horrocks, 37, married, Mr Lockwood stating that the trade in this department for the quarter was £1163, besides £425 transferred to branches. Three months were allowed.

The last case was that of W. A. Baker, 30, married, motor driver. Mr Lockwood said he delivered bread and goods to the outlying districts. The Advisory Committee suggested one month, but the Tribunal gave two.

The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday next at 6.30.

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CLOSING THE GROUPS

WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:

"The married Groups 24 to 46 will be closed at midnight, on June 7th, 1916. The Single Groups 1 to 23, which are now open for single men who are excepted from Military Service Act will close for these men also at midnight on June 7th, 1916.

Group 'A' single and married men born in 1898, will close at midnight on 7th June, 1916, for men who have then attained their 18th birthday, and will hereafter be closed to men as, and when, they attain their 18th birthday. It should be realised that only a certain number of men can be dealt with each day at recruiting offices, and, therefore if men wait until the last moment and then rush in to attest, they may not be able to do so."

ASHBY TRIBUNAL

Mr T. Varnham presided at a meeting of the Ashby Rural Tribunal on Saturday. Nearly all the cases (about 25 in number) were connected with agriculture and all were granted conditional or temporary exemption except one.

Hinckley Urban Council applied for a stoker at Snarestone Waterworks, aged 26, and Mr Atkins, who appeared for the Council claimed that the man was entitled to a certificate of conditional exemption unless the military representative could show that the man was not required in the national interest to be retained in his civil employment. There was another fireman and two engineers employed at the works. Ultimately, exemption was granted till August 1st, with an understanding that a substitute was to be found for the man, and instructed in his duties.

A newly married gamekeeper, aged 30, asked for temporary exemption for two months pending a domestic event. It was observed, however, that a president would be established which it would be difficult to avoid in future applications, and the application was refused.

A widow, of Measham, the proprietress of an extensive baking business, applied in respect of two assistant bakers and deliverers. Applicant was accompanied by a solicitor, who claimed the right to cross-examine the military representative after he had stated his objection. Captain Phillimore said that was not a Court of Law. Conditional exemption was granted in one case, and till August 1st in the other.

A Measham manufacturer agreed to allow two men to go in two months' and to train two women to take their places if four other indispensable men were allowed, and this was agreed to.

Conditional exemption was allowed for a Measham foreman baker.

An Osgathorpe farmer's son was allowed till August 1st. His father was nearly 70, and he was the only man working for him. A member remarked that some farmer's gave their sons a few shillings a week and kept them working for them. Naturally they would not get another man to do the same.

Another Osgathorpe farmer applied for his son aged 20. Conditional exemption was granted. In this case, as well as to a Normanton waggoner, who was the only one employed by his father.

A Sweptstone farmer applied for his son, a hedge-cutter. Granted till August 1st. A Ravenstone farmer's waggoner was granted conditional exemption. A Coleorton innkeeper and farmer, applied for his son, aged 35, married, on the ground of indispensability. He was granted till August 1st. A Blackfordby farmer's waggoner, the only man on 140 acres was granted conditional exemption.

Another Coleorton farmer's application for his waggoner, was adjourned for enquiries. An Osgathorpe cowman, waggoner, ploughman, and stallion attendant, was allowed till August 1st. A Coleorton farmer in an extensive holding of 270 acres, was granted conditional exemption for his young foreman aged 23, and till September 1st for his waggoner, aged 20. Conditional exemption was granted to a Snibston farmer for his waggoner (his son), as was also a Blackfordby farmer for his son aged 28. Temporary exemption was also granted for a Stretton waggoner.

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MARKET BOSWORTH TRIBUNAL

AN EIGHT HOURS' SITTING

Mr W. Eggington (Ibstock) presided at a meeting of the Market Bosworth Rural Tribunal on Tuesday, when the members also present were Messrs. J. T. Jacques (Ibstock), G. M. Arnold (Shackerstone), J. E. Homer (Bagworth), and W. Towers (Newbold Verdon), with Major Wollaston and Mr R. Hanmer (military representatives), Capt. Stevenson, Capt. Chambre, R.N., Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr F. Bouskell (clerk).

A Barlestone boot and shoe repairer, single, aged 23, who is also parish clerk, appealed for absolute exemption having previously been granted three months temporary. He said his mother was practically dependent upon him. There was another boot and shoe repairer in Barlestone. If he had to give up his business it would mean ruin. His life savings were invested in the business. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the way applicant answered questions, and the application was refused.

An Ibstock butcher, W. J. Newman, aged 29, married, with one child, applied for exemption stating that he did his own slaughtering, and managed his business entirely. The meat trade had fallen off somewhat of late owing to the high prices. He had four brothers, three of whom were soldiers, and his other brother, who was a baker, had been rejected. Mr Jacques said three sons out of five was very good, and the military representatives agreed. Three months were allowed.

A solicitor appeared in support of the application of a Ratby man, described as a proprietor of a grocery and provision store, with a beer-off license attached, and as an undertaker and joiner. Applicant was 30 years of age, married, with one child. Answering questions, applicant said the best part of his business was from the sale of provisions and beer.

A member: It usually is.

Three months (final) allowed.

Frederick Ernest Preston, butcher, Ibstock, aged 28, married, with one child, applied for exemption. His father, aged 70, he said, also carried on a butcher's business, and applicant did the slaughtering for himself and his father. He had four acres of land, and also assisted his father in keeping milking cows. Before deciding this case the Tribunal heard the next, a brother-in-law of Preston, John B. Dunncliffe, aged 28, married, also a butcher of Ibstock. He said his mother, a widow, was partially dependent on him. He had shops at Heather and Ibstock, and also a large round. His Ibstock premises were on a lease, of which 8 years had yet to run. He did the slaughtering and the whole of the work himself, and while he was out delivering, his wife had charge of the shop. It was decided to grant each of the applicants three months, to be final in Preston's case, and it was intimated to them that Dunncliffe would be expected to help his father-in-law after his brother-in-law had gone. Dunncliffe said he would do his best.

A Congerstone farmer applied for his horseman, saying he was the only man he had who knew anything of horses. He was 19 years of age, and single. The chairman said there was something in the papers that morning, telling them they must not impoverish the land by taking much of the labour. Mr Kirkman, quoted from a recent speech by the Prime Minister taking that view. The agricultural representative added that the food production this year was less than last year, and it might become serious. The chairman asked whether it was not a fact that more land was being seeded down by farmers owing to the high price of cattle, instead of being seeded with corn. They should not give relief to agriculturalists if they were going to let the land go out of cultivation. Mr Kirkman said the weather had been against the farmers as well as the shortage of labour. What was necessary now was for farmers to be able to get their hay and clover, and also the production of roots, or what would they do next Spring. It was stated that the man applied for was one of six single brothers all working on the land. Mr Jacques said that was not fair to those who were fighting. Applicant said one brother, the only one married, was serving. Mr Kirkman said the six single brothers working on the land were rendering the country as good service as if they were fighting. Applicant said he had 250 acres of land, of which 100 were under the plough. He was not appealing for a boy, aged 19 next July. On the understanding that no appeal would be made for the latter, the Tribunal allowed six months. Mr Kirkman said he knew a lot of land was going out of cultivation, because farmers could not get the labour.

A Barlestone collier, who occupies some land, applied for his son, but the clerk said the application had been dismissed once, and it was out of court. – Dismissed.

Six months were allowed to a farmer, of Brascote House, Newbold, for his ploughman and waggoner, aged 19, it being stated that there were only two men on 200 acres of land, of which 100 are arable.

The Ellistown Colliery Co. applied for a youth, aged 18, employed in the pipe and fireclay department, and a representative of the firm said that if exemption was not granted the works would have to be closed.

Mr Homer: Do you mean to say that if this youth of 18 goes, you will have to close the works?

Applicant: Yes

Mr Homer: Close then!

The representative stated that this lad was engaged in wheeling clay to two men whom he kept supplied. The clerk said men engaged in this work were not reserved under the age of 30 years of age. It was stated that men could not be got. Mr Jacques said he had five girls working in his brickyard, and they were walking from Hugglescote. Applicant said girls could not do this work – wheeling one hundredweight of clay up a plank. Answering Mr Homer, he said it was not essential for the wheelbarrow loads to weigh 1 cwt, but otherwise the men would not be kept going. Mr Homer said the application was an insult to the intelligence of the Tribunal. It was dismissed.

The application of a Desford baker for his son, aged 18, was dismissed.

Six months were allowed to George Gilliver, aged 35, married, occupying 86 acres of land at Newbold Verdon, and doing all the work himself. Mr Kirkman urged that farmers should be given absolute exemption instead of having to trouble them again in six months. Mr Jacques said they had passed a resolution to grant no absolute exemptions.

Mr Homer: And we shall stick to it.

A Stapleton farmer applied for his son, aged 18, and it transpired that he had two younger sons, both deaf and dumb. Six months were allowed.

Captain Stevenson urged that young fellows should submit to medical examination. They would be sent home until they were 19, and if unfit would have a certificate. He had had several lately. If they applied at his office at Coalville, he would give them the necessary papers and a free railway ticket to Wigston.

A Sutton Cheney grocer, oil, hardware, boots and clothing salesman, married, aged 31, with a village round, was allowed three months.

Two brother, farmers of Desford, applied, and the one married was allowed 6 months, and the single one's application was dismissed. It was stated that they worked 52 acres.

The Bagworth Colliery Co. for whom Mr S. Bigg (Leicester) appeared, applied for the exemption of a despatch clerk named Kimber. Mr Homer said it was a case for the Colliery Recruiting Court. Mr Bigg said the man was not put on the list which was sent to the Colliery Court.

Mr Homer: That is your mistake, and you are responsible.

Mr Jacques said this man was as much entitled to exemption as any man in the pit. What was the use of colliers getting the coal, if there was no one on the surface to despatch it. Six months were allowed, and similar exemption was granted to an Ibstock saddler, named Owen, aged 34, and married, who, it was stated, repaired the harness for 90 ponies at the Ibstock pit.

The Ibstock Colliery Co. applied for the exemption of ten workmen in their pipe works. – Thomas Collins, G. C. Smith, W. Ottey, G. Clarke, J. A. Pallett, H. T. Poyser, H. G. D. Askew, P. Foster, W. T. E. Askew, and F. Weston.

Mr Watson, secretary to the Colliery Co. said all the men were married, and some had been engaged at the works all their lives. If they left, it would probably stop the works. Some months ago, they had to stop their brick works, and all the men available were drafted into the pipe works. They had advertised for men, applied to Labour Exchanges, and for discharged soldiers, but in vain. They were making 350 different articles at

their works, and were supplying pipes to 13 Government works. On the outbreak of war they had in their brick and pipe works 54 men eligible for the Army, and 34 of these had joined, and six other men who tried to enlist were refused. After some discussion, it was agreed that applications for Collins, Smith, Ottey, Clarke and Weston be dismissed. Pallett, and Poyser were each allowed three months, and the two Askews, and Foster, one month each.

Six months were allowed to a Sutton Cheney farmer for his waggoner, aged 21. In this case it was pointed out by the chairman that the Advisory Committee did not assent.

Mr Homer: Are we to be led by the nose by the Advisory Committee?

The Chairman: I didn't suggest anything of the sort.

Mr Fielders, solicitor, Atherstone, represented Mr S. Chamberlayne, of Witherley Hall, applied for the exemption of his chauffeur, married, aged 32, with two children, who also partly maintained his aged father-in-law. The man had three brothers serving in the forces. Mr Chamberlayne was doing a great deal of public work, and was representing the military authorities on the Nuneaton Tribunal, and his chauffeur, who had been with him eight years, was indispensable. The same applicant also appealed for his gardener, aged 35, who had previously been granted three months' exemption, which had nearly expired. The man lived with his widowed mother, and was being employed to produce fruit and vegetable only. Flowers were not being cultivated, and lawn mowing was a thing of the past, the lawns being mown only occasionally with a scythe. Three months were allowed in each case.

A Witherley tenant farmer, represented by Mr Fielders (Atherstone) applied for his son, aged 20, who assists on the farm where 36 cows are in milk, besides considerable other stock. Another son of the applicant, aged 24, went through the Gallipoli campaign and was now at home, crippled for life, having been discharged from the army. Six months allowed.

The landlord of the Queen's Head Inn, Markfield, who is also a plumber and decorator, applied through Mr W. Hood (Leicester) for exemption. Mr Hood said the man was married, aged 36, and had four children. He was the head of his business and suggested that the case be adjourned until Mr Long's circular re head of businesses had been received. That was done in four cases he had recently before the Hinckley Tribunal. Mr Hood read letters from the Rector, and Mr W. Bott, of Markfield, supporting the application, stating he was the only plumber for miles round. – Three months were allowed.

A Ratby grocer, who is also assistant overseer for the parish applied for exemption. He was 20 years of age and married. The clerk said Ratby was a large parish and this man made an excellent rate collector.

A member (jocosely): The ratepayers won't mind if he does go (laughter)

Three months allowed.

A Ratby baker, carrier, and coal dealer applied for his son, the only assistant he had, and was allowed three months.

A Barton farmer's application for his son, a waggoner and milkman was adjourned.

Six months were granted to a Stanton-under-Bardon butcher, aged 32, married, who also had 34 acres of land and five cows.

A woodman at Kirkby Mallory, applied for his son, aged 18, who was working on 20 acres of land at Newbold Verdon. The application was refused. A brother of this youth, aged 22, single, also applied, stating that he was a carter at Newbold Verdon. He had had one appeal dismissed, and was given a month on appeal, and he wanted an extension of this to allow him to dispose of his business. – Case dismissed.

A Stapleton farmer of 50 acres, applied for his son, aged 23, the only help he had. He said he had three married sons who had all received calling-up papers. Six months allowed.

Thos. Insley, coachbuilder, Shackerstone, applied for a wheelwright in his employ, aged 28 and married. It was all agricultural work. Six months allowed.

A Desford farmer appealed for his son, the only man to assist him on 110 acres. Six months allowed.

The caretaker of the Ibstock Picture Palace applied for exemption, stating that he had to give up work in the pits owing to defective eyesight. He had been passed by the military authorities. Dismissed.

A Newbold Verdon blacksmith, applied for his grandson, aged 18, saying he would have to close his business and come to the workhouse if the lad went. – Six months allowed.

A Shackerstone farmer of 100 acres (40 plough) applied for his waggoner and was allowed three months.

An Odstone shoeing smith applied for his son, aged 26, who had previously been exempted, but was unstarred through the alteration of the ages in the Government list. – Three months allowed.

Harratt Bros., wheelwrights, Ibstock, appealed for one of the three partners, married, with one child. – Six months allowed. A similar term was granted to a Desford shoeing smith for his son.

A Carlton farmer applied for his nephew, who assisted in the milking of 22 cows. Answering questions, he said he sent milk to London. It was making a good price now. – Six months allowed.

A Ratcliffe Culey farmer applied for his two single sons, aged 19, a cowman, and the other, 23, a waggoner. There were 99 acres of land, of which 39 were arable. He had 7 cows in milk. The elder was allowed six months and the other dismissed.

A Market Bosworth builder and contractor, aged 35, married, was allowed six months.

A Kirkby Mallory farmer applied for his two sons, 21 and 23 years, with whom, he said he worked the farm of 260 acres. – Six months in each case.

Over sixty appeals were heard besides several assented cases and the Tribunal were occupied for about eight hours.

OBJECTOR FINED AT LEICESTER

At Leicester on Monday, Alan Frederick Shoults, tomato grower, of Blaby, was charged with being an absentee from the army under the Military Service Act.

Lieut. Pritchard stated that defendant had been passed for non-combatant service, his appeal for exemption being dismissed. Defendant said he was a conscientious objector. The Tribunal refused to exempt him, and it now remained for him to prove by his body that he would not take part in military service. The magistrates imposed a fine of £2 and ordered defendant to be handed over to the military authorities.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The ladies of Coalville and district who worked so energetically on Saturday last selling flags to provide funds for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild are to be heartily congratulated on the result. There is a little more yet to come in, but when matters are cleared up, it is hoped to hand over £105 to the Guild. The ladies set themselves out to raise £100, and it was a splendid effort. Mrs B. G. Hale, and a committee were responsible for the arrangements. It is interesting to note that the Guild in the course of their operations have sent useful gifts to over 1,200 brave young fellows serving their country from this locality.

Everything seems to have worked very smoothly in connection with the Daylight Saving Bill. Most people put the clocks on one hour before retiring to bed on Saturday night, and very little change was noticed next day, until the evening, when it was light till nearly ten o'clock. For many reasons the alteration is greatly appreciated but from what one hears, the greatest drawback with most people is in regard to the children. The youngsters do not see the fun of going to bed in broad daylight, and during the long days it seems likely that they will hardly get as much sleep as they have done hitherto. A local colliery employee working a night shift on Saturday was chuckling to the writer that he would work an hour less that night and his mate would

have to come an hour sooner in the morning. The latter will get his own back when the clock is put back again on October 1st.

As will be seen from our advertisement columns today, the Leicestershire Agricultural War Committee are appealing for women to assist on the land during the summer months. The Committee are anxious to enrol names as soon as possible and any ladies who would like to assist should communicate with Mr Thos. Hacking, organiser, 33, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.

BAGWORTH

A very interesting wedding took place on Saturday, the contracting parties being Pte. William Lockwood, 2/5th Leicestershire Regiment, and Miss Harriet Reed, the eldest daughter of Mr Wm. Reed, (parish councillor) Bagworth. The bride was attired in a blue silk dress with a wreath and fall, and the bridesmaids were Misses Dolly Reed, Beatrice Wright, Gladys Percival and Mabel Kenniwell. The dresses were of blue and white silk and wore hats to match and also carried baskets of flowers. Mr George Reed was the best man and the bride was given away by her father. The Rev. H. Adams conducted the ceremony at the Holy Rood Church. The happy couple had quite an array of useful presents. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride, where a large number of guests were entertained.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Supplying drink to four soldiers cost a married woman named Emily Town, a fine of £10 on Monday, at Sandwich, Kent?

Sergt. F. Clark, of the A.S.C., son of Mr Liberty Clark, of Coalville, has been at home on leave from France this week?

HUGGLESCOTE TERRITORIAL KILLED

ANOTHER OF THE FIRST FIFTY

A rumour for several days past that Private Joseph Wm. Cowley, of North Street, Hugglescote, had been killed in action, was confirmed by official news received by his parents on Wednesday morning. A War Office letter stated that deceased was killed in action on May 8th, and Lord Kitchener sent an expression of the sympathy of the King and Queen.

Private Cowley was another of the first 50 Territorials to leave Coalville, who have made the supreme sacrifice. He was about twenty years of age, and a popular young man. Before the war he was a blacksmith's striker at Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s Works and was a tenor horn player in the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band. He was an old boy at the Hugglescote Church School, and the sad event accounted for the school flag on Wednesday (Empire Day) being seen flying at half-mast. The deceased's father is Mr Jos. Cowley, who works at the Whitwick pit.

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COALVILLE SOLDIER WOUNDED

Mrs J. Robinson, of Marshall's Row, Coalville, has received a letter from her brother, Pte. Jack Measures, stating that he has been wounded, but is pleased to say that he is going on first rate. The wounds are to his leg and he is expecting soon to be sent to hospital further down the line.

WHITWICK SOLDIER WOUNDED

Pte. C. H. Bottrill, of the Leicestershire Regiment, writing from a Birmingham hospital, states: *"I arrived here from Mesopotamia on the 11th May, being invalided from there with a fractured jaw, which I received in the Persian Gulf on the 6th January last, but thanks to good treatment in hospital, I am recovering splendidly. My home is at 23, Talbot Street,*



Whitwick, and I always was a regular reader of the "Coalville Times," having it sent to me when I was out there. It passed away many a comfortable hour. I also get it in the hospital and I have noticed that a fine lot of Coalville boys have done their bit for their country. I saw in last week's paper the report of the death of Pte. Edward Hunt, from Victoria Road, off Park Road, Coalville. He was my pal when we were out there. We went into action side by side. We were always hoping for a happy day when we should return, but that will never come now. When we were going into action his last words to me were, "Bert, if you have the good luck to get home remember me to my father and mother, and if I have the luck to get home I will see that your wife is visited by me to tell her of your friendship to me." Well, we had not gone very far on the first day when I was struck with a rifle bullet through my face, which fractured my jaw, but I happened to be the lucky one, as not far from me he was killed nearly outright. I tried to do my best, though wounded, but he was past all aid, never speaking again to me, so it was a sad parting, I am sorry to say. We were old friends in civil life and his father knows me very well, I having worked for Mr Baker, carter, Hugglescote, and I used to take material to the Coalville Park, which he and his father used to look after. I am hoping to have the pleasure of visiting his parents when I get my furlough, which will be a long while yet, as I have had to have my teeth taken out, and be fixed in splints to set my jaw into proper place again. We had a very hard time of it out there, as the heat was in the shade. The Turks very soon took to their heels when the boys got at them. Well sir, I think if you will be so kind as to publish this letter in your next issue, I should be pleased, and I will conclude, with the best of luck, from"

'One of the Coalville Boys'
(Keep smiling)

HUGGLESCOTE SOLDIER WOUNDED

Sergeant Stanley Allard, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr R. Allard, of Hugglescote, has been wounded as the result of an accident. He is an instructor in bomb throwing at Patrington, and during these exercises recently, one of the bombs went off unexpectedly, injuring his hand. On inquiry on Wednesday, we were informed that his parents had heard that he was going on nicely.

COALVILLE TRIBUNAL

153 CASES WAITING

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District 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, B. G. Hale, A. Lockwood, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, J. W. Fisher, and C. W. Brown, with the military representatives, Major Welsman, and Mr G. J. German. Mr R. Blower (military secretary), Mr J. R. Champion (agricultural representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The Whitwick Colliery Co. were granted conditional exemption for three married clerks. – J. B. Newbury, J. W. Horne, and H. H. Heward. Another who was appealed for, G. Ramsey, was stated to have enlisted.

The Coalville Urban District Council through the surveyor, Mr L. L. Baldwin, applied for the conditional exemption of the Kelham Bridge sewage farm bailiff (Cooper), aged 40, and for a steam-roller driver (Mills) aged 33, and an assistant to the engineer at the waterworks pumping station (Cook) and these were granted. Some discussion took place on another application by the Council for the exemption of A. J. Pratt, storekeeper and timekeeper, and assistant to his father, the road foreman. Mr Baldwin said it would be difficult to replace him at present. Mr McCarty said the Council had a lot of people with cuffs and collars knocking about and if a few of them went for a holiday he did not think the work would suffer.

Mr Hale: You should make that statement at the Council.

Mr McCarthy: I can, and I have done many a time. I will make it anywhere.

On a vote being taken, the chairman said there were three in favour of allowing three months, and four for one month. Mr Lockwood challenged the vote, stating there were four each way.

The Chairman: Then I shall give my casting vote for one month.

John Taylor, of Standard Hill, checkweigher at the Ellistown Colliery, applied for his son, Alfred, aged 19, who was the only man on 40 acres of land, on which were 10 beasts and five horses. Eighteen acres were

under plough. Another son was serving in the forces. The Advisory Committee did not assent, but the Tribunal granted conditional exemption.

William S. Page, aged 18, printer's apprentice, of Coalville, appealed for exemption during the term of his apprenticeship. He stated that he had already received such exemption, but had since received papers calling him up. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Mr Lockwood asked whether they had not a rule in dealing with apprentices. The clerk said they had been granted exemption on producing the indentures. Mr Drewett said that if they had acted legally in doing that, the case was at once disposed of. Mr McCarthy said they granted an exemption to Mr Bayliss for his apprentice only last week. Had the law altered since then? The clerk said that in that case the employer appealed, but the employer was not appealing in this case. It was stated that this might be due to a wrong impression, though the man having been previously exempted during the term of his apprenticeship. Mr McCarthy suggested an adjournment for 14 days to give the employer a chance to appeal. Mr Blower said the employer could claim an attested apprentice, but then it placed the person appealed for under the Military Service Act, and the indentures might be cancelled. Mr McCarthy said that was a scandalous thing. They had to think of the business of the country, and they wanted apprentices. He wished they had more of them. Major Welsman said that if the case was adjourned, he would make enquiries on the point raised as to apprentices, and cause a report to be sent through the Coalville military representative. The cases of apprentices had not yet been before the Appeal Court. The case was adjourned for a fortnight.

A Whitwick farmer, Mr Thirlby, applied for his waggoner, aged 20, the only man on 120 acres. The Advisory Committee were against the application, saying an older man should take his place. Five months were allowed.

Charles Clutsom, of the Highfields factory, Coalville, applied for a weaving loom foreman, P. W. Griffin, aged 21. Conditional exemption was moved, but there were five to three in favour of three months, and the latter was carried.

Mr C. F. Crane, solicitor, Coalville, represented Mr J. Henson, blacksmith, Coalville, in his application for his son aged 26, blacksmith. Applicant said he was on war work, and the army authorities were pressing him to turn out more horse shoes. Conditional exemption was allowed.

A Coalville wholesale and retail fruit and potato merchant, A. H. Johnson, aged 21, applied for exemption on the ground that having to go would mean financial ruin. The clerk said applicant had previously been exempted, but was unstarred now, because he was under 23. Mr McCarthy asked whether they would come under the heading of one-man businesses they had heard so much about. Major Welsman pointed out that in such cases, it had to be shown that a man had at least three people dependent upon him. The Advisory Committee did not assent. Applicant said that since he was granted exemption previously, his younger brother who might have taken his business, had enlisted, though he was under military age and he was now in France. Two months were allowed.

Stanley Thomas Smith, aged 22, employed by his father, George Smith, baker and grocer, Hugglescote, applied for exemption on the ground that he was the only man employed for the bakery. The Advisory Committee did not assent. It was stated that baking was a reserved trade, but the age limit in regard to it was fixed at 30. The father of the applicant said his son did the whole of the baking. They had had a bread round for over 25 years. Witness had had it himself eleven years. Major Welsman pointed out the obligations of an attested man, which was to serve his country when called upon, and the father should have taken steps to replace the lad. Mr Drewett thought men who had attested should have credit for it. Many of them did it thinking they had a good case of appeal, though willing to serve if absolutely necessary. Major Welsman said he was not discrediting a man who had attested. If he were here, he would compliment him.

Mr Drewett: It appeared to me that the military representative was rather hard on him.

Four members voted for two months, and three for conditional exemption, and the Chairman declared the former carried. Mr Lockwood asked permission to move a further amendment – four months. The Chairman said it had been decided. Mr Lockwood held that it was open to further amendment. The clerk pointed out that Mr Lockwood had voted for two months.

Mr Lockwood: That is in order. I claim a right to vote on one proposition, and then move a further amendment. The Chairman said he would like them to be a little more unanimous. They did not want three resolutions on one man. It did not help business.

Mr McCarthy: Can a member of the Tribunal who voted for an amendment, move a further amendment?

The clerk said he did not think Mr Lockwood could move four months, having voted for two.

Mr Lockwood: What are the standing orders?

The Clerk: That is the only thing they have not provided us with.

Mr Brown said he would move three months.

The Chairman: Did you vote before?

Mr Brown: No. (Laughter)

There were three each for 3 months and 2 months, and the Chairman gave a casting vote for the latter.

Five months were granted to Thos. Carter, farmer, Whitwick, for his man, aged 23; two months to David Roland Hill, aged 22, baker, employed by F. H. Deacon, Coalville, and five months to the son, aged 23, of W. S. Williamson, a Bardon Hill farmer.

The Advisory Committee recommended two months each to three Ellistown butchers – Geo. Wm. Walmsley, 25; Robert C. Horns, 26; and Edgar Gough, 30. The Tribunal agreed in the first two cases, and a discussion took place on Gough's. Mr McCarthy said it was an old established business. Mr German said the Advisory Committee had recommended two months in each of these cases after very careful consideration. Mr McCarthy said the Tribunal were going to consider them now.

Mr German: (ironically) I should like to make a few remarks now and then, Mr McCarthy, with your permission. (Laughter).

Mr Drewett said Mr Gough, senr., had an accident some time ago, in falling from a haystack, and that should be taken into account. Mr Gough, senr., appeared in support of the application. He had carried on the business for 32 years, but was now very unwell. His son conducted the whole business, and he could not do without him. They had 40 acres of land. By five votes to one, the Tribunal were in favour of four months.

George Hallam, of High Tor Farm, appealed for a waggoner and ploughed man, aged 26, and it transpired that he had a deformed hand. He was granted total exemption.

Mr R. H. Whiteford, pawnbroker and jeweller, of Coalville, wrote withdrawing his appeal, having been medically rejected at Wigston.

The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday at 6.30. The clerk said there were 153 appeals in the office, of which 21 had been before the Advisory Committee. The chairman said they wanted to keep up with the work if possible.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of our mother, Mrs George Burton, of London Road, who died November 25th, 1912 and also of our dear brother, Lance-Corporal S. H. Burton, killed in action, May 26th, 1915. Sorrowfully missed.

In loving memory of Private Clifford Page, who was killed at the Battle of Richlebourg, between the 15th and 16th of May, 1915.

"No loved one stood beside him
To hear his last farewell
No word of comfort could he have
From those he loved so well"

From his affectionate wife and little daughter, Sybil.