

Great War Bulletin

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Invasion fears grip Newark

FEARS of a German invasion from the East Coast of England are so great that several special steps are being taken to protect Newark. The enemy is certain to target the town because of its strategic position at the centre of

England's road and rail networks.

The National Reserve this morning took over the duty of guarding the Tubular Bridge that carries the Great Northern Railway line over the River Trent.

Until now, local Scouts and Territorial soldiers from Yorkshire have patrolled the bridge. Now the vital role has been handed to 72 men recent recruits to the Army.

All are supposed to come resplendent in new red tunics – but a reporter with scant regard for censorship rules notes that five “burly frames could not be compressed into the uniforms.”

In addition, the inaugural meeting of the Newark Volunteer Reserve took place on Saturday for retired soldiers ready to do their bit should an invasion take place.

Quartermaster Sergeant Major Renwick, late of the Sherwood Foresters, drilled five men – and called for more volunteers ahead of next week's meeting.

VOLUNTEERS FLOOD IN

MEN of Newark and the surrounding villages demonstrated their patriotism as never before while the out-numbered soldiers in the British Expeditionary Force struggled to slow the advance of the ruthless Germans through defenceless Belgium and northern France.

There were examples on every day of young men leaving the safety of their own homes to rush to the defence of their country.

On Tuesday evening a special recruitment meeting was held for the Sherwood Foresters at the Lowfield works of James Simpson and Company Limited.

The *Newark Herald* was proud to report: “Young workers of the right stamp showed a keen interest in the speeches” by the general manager of the work, Mr McKinney, and the Mayor of Newark, Councillor John Kew.

On Wednesday the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry appealed in the *Newark Advertiser* for volunteers “who can ride for service

abroad.” The advertisement went on: “This crack yeomanry regiment has been honoured by being accepted for Foreign Service, and it is imperative that the right stamp of men who can ride should come forward at once. There are also vacancies for several farriers. Those wishing to join should communicate with Mr George Foster, Stodman Street, Newark.”

On Thursday morning there was dramatic proof that the public appeal for volunteers was succeeding spectacularly.

The extra 300 men required by the 8th Battalion Sherwoods – to replace those decreed unfit for service – climbed onto a train at Northgate Station at 11am. Their first

destination was a training camp in Hertfordshire.

On Friday evening a second unit of the Sherwoods' 8th Battalion was formally founded.

A “remarkably enthusiastic meeting” was held in the Kinema, Balderton-gate, presided over by the Duke of Portland, “for the purpose of pointing out the justice of England's cause in the great European conflict and to accelerate recruiting”.

The Borough Band under Francis Carle played patriotic music in the Market Place to put folk in the mood and the spacious hall was packed to overflowing with an enthusiastic audience of men of all grades and parties while about 100 seats were filled by ladies.

Patriots step forward from all walks of local life...

Southwell Rural District Council surveyor Mr George Symon joined the South Notts Hussars – and his employers remitted part of his salary to his wife of five years Lilian, who was left at home with their two babies, George (3 years) and Kenneth (6 months).

Three of the four men employed by barge owner William Chapman, who made a living by dredging and selling gravel from the Trent, left Newark to join the Army. They were identified as Infantrymen Moore and Lunn and Gunner Scott.

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

A GIANT shopping list drawn-up last Thursday gave a comprehensive idea of the cost of essentials. It emerged when the Newark Board of Guardians signed new contracts for goods required over the next six months for men, women and children being housed in the Workhouse on Bowbridge Road because they were incapable of looking after themselves. This was Newark's...

Price of survival

THE FOOD BILL

Article	Price
Bread	5¼d per loaf
Beef – rounds	10s 5d per stone
Beef – flanks	7s 10d per stone
Beef – shoulder pieces	8s 7d per stone
Beef – sticking pieces	7s 7d per stone
Beef – brisket	6s 3d per stone
Mutton	7s 9d per stone
Beef suet	5s 10d per stone
Flour	1s 11¼d per stone
Barley meal	1s 1½d per stone
Fourth	11¼d per stone
Oatmeal	2s 2d per stone
Soda	2s 8d per cwt
Soap	22s 3d per cwt
Rice	16s 0d per cwt
Salt	1s 4d per cwt
Black tea	1s 5d per lb
Coffee	1s 1d per lb
Cocoa	1s 3d per lb
Sugar – granulated	3¼d per lb
Sugar - lumps	4¼d per lb
Cheese	9d per lb
Treacle	2½d per lb
Jam	4d per lb
Flaked tapioca	3d per lb
Mustard	6¼d per lb
White pepper	9¼d per lb
Currants	3d per lb
Raisins	4¼d per lb
Biscuits	7¼d per lb
Vinegar	1½d per quart
Butter	1s 3d per lb
Eggs	2s 6d per score
Oxo	48s 7d per 12/ 16oz
Cod	4d per lb
Haddock	4d per lb
Plaice	6d per lb

FUEL COSTS

House coal	16s 9d per ton
Engine coal	14s 8d per ton
Coke	13s 0d per ton

COST OF CLOTHES

Grey cloth suits	25s
Men cord trousers	6s
Boys' tweed suits	6s 6d
Youths' tweed suits	8s 6d
Boys' cloth suits	9s 6d
Youths' cloth suits	15s
Men's caps	6s/doz
Boys' caps	6d/doz
Men's stockings	12s/doz
Grey calico shirting	4¼d/yd
White calico " "	4d/yd
White flannel	1s/yd
Scarlet flannel	1s/yd
Twilled calico	1s 4¼d
Scouring flannel	8¼d
Worsted	2s 4d /lb
Navy cloth	1s / yd
Print	6¼d / yd
Linen check	6¼d / yd
Oxford shirting	6¼d / yd
Women's skirting	8¼d / yd
Hessian for aprons	6¼d / yd
" " for tramp shirts	9¼d / yd
Women's stockings	1s 3d
Children's stockings	10¼d

FOOTWEAR

Girls' boots	3s 11d
" boots 11-1	4s 6d
" boots 7-10	3s 6d
Child's straps	1s 11d
Men's boots	2s 10d
Women's boots	1s 10d
Children's boots	2s 4d
Men's boots	7s 6d
Men's slippers	2s 11d
Youths' boots	5s 11d
Boys' boots	4s 6d
Women's boots	6s 11d
Women slippers	1s 11d

ALCOHOL and TOBACCO

Brandy	37s / gallon
Gin	16s / gallon
Whiskey	21s / gallon
Port wine	20s / dozen
Taragona	18s / dozen
Tobacco	4d per lb

MEDICINES, HYGIENE

Boracic lint	1s 1d per lb
Boracic ointment	11d per lb
Boracic lotion	½ d per oz
Absorbent cotton wool	9 ½ d per lb
Castor oil	½ d per oz
Liquid carbolic acid	½ d per oz
Cyanide gauze	1d per yard
Epsom salts	1d per lb
Gangee tissue	1s 3d per lb
Healing powder	6d per lb
Iodoform gauze	2d per yard
Izal soap	31s 6d per cwt
Kerol soap	30s per cwt
McDougall's soap	28s per cwt
Izal powder	7s 6d per cwt
Olive oil	½ d per oz
Quibell's disinfectant	3s 6d per gallon
Turpentine	3s 10d per gallon
Bed ticking	1s 4 ½ d per yard

Two ladies drown at Winthorpe

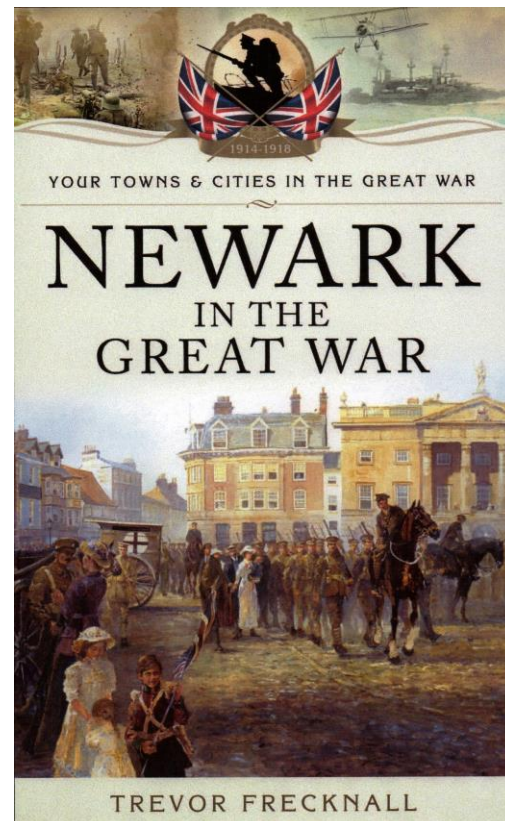
WINTHORPE'S villagers suffered a double drowning tragedy last Tuesday.

Miss Caroline Elizabeth Branston, 38, daughter of Alderman J G Branston of Winthorpe Grange, sacrificed her life in a vain bid to save her inseparable friend Miss Monica Oxenham, 24, only daughter of the Reverend and Mrs George William Oxenham, who had got into difficulties while swimming in the Trent.

The "painful" story was told at the subsequent inquest by Alderman Branston's grand-daughter, Miss Watson, who added that they had enjoyed regular swimming adventures.

The inquest jury – all men, of course – decided the pair died accidentally.

Now read the full dramatic account of...



£14.99 from WH Smith

Prince's Fund to aid our fighters' dependents
NEWARK Board of Guardians was assured at its meeting last Tuesday that all relief granted to dependents of soldiers and sailors since the outbreak of War will be repaid from the Prince of Wales Fund. The pledge came from the Local Government Board.

Women workers to clothe our soldiers

THE Honourable Mrs Mary Emily Handford, wife of the county Medical Officer of Health who lives on The Burgage, Southwell, announced a scheme by the Nottingham and Notts Branch of the National Union of Women Workers to supply socks and shirts to the men of the local regiments. What nobody can imagine is that the Handfords will suffer having two sons and a son-in-law killed in action a few months hence.