

Great War Bulletin

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Deserters arrested at Sutton

THREE corporals of the 9th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers appeared in Sutton-on-Trent "for a spree". But their fun was cut short by the arrival of Police Sergeant Harpham, who did not receive satisfactory answers to his questions about their intensions and identities, and so arrested them. Newark Magistrates remanded them in custody to await a military escort as deserters from Lord Kitchener's Second Army in training at Belton House near Grantham.

SETCHFIELD'S WAR-PART ONE

From a 'snug little hole' in the trenches

HOME DEFENDERS Special police for every village

THERE was a huge attendance at Newark County Police Court on Wednesday morning: the only business was the swearing-in of special constables (mostly aged over 40) to serve through the war:

Balderton – John Cullen, nurseryman; George Parkin, foreman fitter; Robert Atter, farmer; Slade Sadler, draughtsman; William Holmes, assistant overseer of the poor and collector of taxes.

Hawton – John Abraham and Benjamin Farrow, farmers.

Cottam – George Waddington and George Francis B Fretwell, farmers.

Stanton – George Ernest Marsh and James Baguley, farmers.

Kilvington – Alfred Durrant, gamekeeper.

Alverton – William Burton, farmer.

Flawborough – Thomas Watking Taylor, farm foreman; P E Gardin, farmer.

Shelton – C Proctor, cottager; E W Howard, gentleman.

Barnby – Eustace William Vessey and James W Spray, farmers.

Coddington – Edward Brownlow, blacksmith; Andrew Harry, gardener.

Winthorpe – William Belcher, gardener; George Rose, gamekeeper.

Langford – John Henry Mills and James F Ward, farmers.

Farndon – William Buck, gentleman; Thomas Christian Horner, farmer.

East Stoke – Fred Lee and Robert John Pratt, farmers.

Thorpe – Rev Andrew Ping, clerk in holy orders; Leonard Goddard, farmer.

Sibthorpe – Richard Johnson Fox and Arthur Stretton, farmers.

Syerston – William Gash and Robert Goodwin, farmers.

Elston – William Merrin, farmer; John Rawson, basket maker.

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ALFRED SETCHFIELD, who works in Mumby's clothing factory and lives at 28 Northgate, received a letter last week from his 25-year-old brother, Private William Setchfield, a noted local footballer, who is in the trenches.

By a cruel coincidence, William's seven-year stint with the 1st Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment ended on the day war broke out; so he had to enlist immediately.

"I am still in excellent health and ready for the Germans, who are but a few hundred yards away," he wrote.

"We're having rather a strenuous time as we've had all along. I really envy you very much chasing the ball about. Edith sends me the *Football Post* occasionally so that I'm able to see about the Reds..."

"I am writing this in the trenches, quite a snug little hole I've got. The German shells keep bursting over us, and deadly artillery they are, too. We have had many losses, like the old Sherwoods, who are also in this district."

The 1st Warwickshires had gone to France on 22 August, arriving in time to provide infantry reinforcements at the Battle of Le Cateau.

They were also in action at the Battles of the Marne, the Aisne and Messines before the end of the year. And by then, another letter from William would begin a chain of events culminating in a 'Peace' football match, the re-enactment of a kick-about by soldiers during a 1914 Christmas truce.

Belgian aid goes on

NURSE Ethel Cuble's concert raised £70 for the Belgian Refugee Fund. It has been forwarded to the Belgian Ambassador, Comte de Laising, "who will know best the needs of his countrymen". In honour of the fete day of King Albert of Belgium, refugees living in Newark district and wounded soldiers, about 50 in all, were welcomed to Newark Town Hall on Saturday to celebrate their gallant sovereign's birthday and to get to know one another. The event was organised by Mayoress Kew and her committee.

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

Special Constables sworn-in, continued

South Collingham – Joseph Gibson, William Crocker, Alfred Edward Noton, George H Baguley, farmers; Thomas Butler, gamekeeper; William A Palmer, gentleman.

North Collingham – Arthur Willis, retired miller and baker; William Bailey, baker; William Wiseman, jobbing gardener; John Hunt, farmer; T N Millns, builder; James Semper, wheelwright.

Holme – Ernest Boddy and Edward Blundy, farmers.

South Scarle – A Walker, Walter Pinder, farmers.

Besthorpe – Joseph Slack, George William Croft, farmers.

Girton – Albert Noble, farmer's son; Fred Brown, farmer.

Spalford – John Gibson, Hey Holmes, farmers.

South Clifton – Harry Crossland, farmer; Fred Bartle, labourer.

North Clifton – William Wilkinson Wells, John William Brown, farmers.

Thorney – Richard Hardy, joiner; Thomas Hardy, farmer.

Broadholme – Paul Prestwood, Thomas Vivian, farmers.

Harby – George Bottamley, Herbert Henry Brown, farmers.

Wigsley – Charles F S Dixon, John Robert Bottamley, farmers.

Meering – Tom Sudbury, shepherd.

Norwell – Arthur White, threshing machine owner; Arthur William Dobbs, farmer.

Norwell Woodhouse – Charles Jackson, William Charles Richardson, farmers.

Sutton-on-Trent – Frank Oxspring, cycle fitter; Ernest Ashon Midwinter, farmer; Thomas Hounsfield, gentleman (retired steel manufacturer).

Weston – Albert Gibbons, Robert Dakin, farmers.

Ossington – John Wright, head woodman; John Brown, farmer.

Normanton-on-Trent – Charles Skelton, George Esam, farmers.

Grassthorne – Joseph Pennington, farmer; David Garbutt, miller and baker.

Marnham – Wilfred Watson, Charles W Cross, farmers.

Fledborough – John Ernest Howard, Thomas Ellerby, farmers.

North Muskham – Charles Dye, farmer; John S Nickerson, cottager.

Bathley – William Ashton, farmer; William Peatman, farmer's son.

South Muskham – Herbert Hopkinson, William D Sharpe, farmers.

Little Carlton – Thomas Crowther Beckett, farmer.

Cromwell – John Charles Robert Hawdin, F C Capewell, farmers.

Kelham – John H Turner, blacksmith; George Butt, butcher.

Averham – Harry Watts, farmer; Robert Lee, joiner.

Staythorpe – William Henry Thompson, Thomas Arnold, farmers.

Rolleston – F R Lee, joiner; W H Smith, farmer.

Caunton – Edward C Rhodes, butcher and farmer; Charles Henry Challoner, carrier.

Kneesall – David Noble, William Hurt junior, farmers.

Maplebeck – Arthur S Rickett, Walter White, farmers.

Kersall – John William Hurt, George Newbold, farmers.

West Newark – Henry Lambert, farm foreman.

...And in the Southwell District...

MORE special constables were sworn-in at the Southwell Police Court on Friday:

Bleasby – George Oldershaw, rates collector; R A M Brett, farmer.

Bilsthorpe – Edward Hutchinson, John Goodwin, farmers; Richard Biddle Hutchinson, joiner.

Eakring – William Henry Godfrey, Alfred Ragsdale, F W Rayworth, farmers; George Holderness, schoolmaster.

Edingley – Charles Tinkler, William Robinson, cottagers; Jules Peter Sadler, school attendance officer.

Farnsfield – John Parnham, church and school caretaker; W Rammell, builder; William Buckels junior, house painter; James Cooper, stoker; Walter Straw, grocer; Albert E Roe, waterworks manager.

Fiskerton – Samuel Foster, blacksmith; Robert Midgley, gardener.

Halam – Tom Gibson, market gardener; Frederick May, pig dealer; Aram Stubbs, farmer.

Halloughton – William Massey, Samuel Wilson, farmers.

Hockerton – William Gascoyne, roadman; J Ernest McCormach, farm labourer; John Wagstaff, farmer.

Hoveringham – Herbert Morris, cottager; Arthur Pearson, farm bailiff.

Kirklington – William Milner, blacksmith; George Rickett, wheelwright; J M Scott, farmer.

Southwell – James Henry Kirkby, grocer and baker; William Taylor, lace factory hand; Edward Foster, saddler; Henry Clulow, watchmaker; John Brailsford, groom at hotel; Thomas Cope, ironmonger's assistant; R M Richardson, road surveyor; Walter James Adlington, butcher and farmer at Brackenhurst.

Thurgarton – John Milner, blacksmith; John Sitch, gardener.

Upton – John Thomas Abbott, police pensioner; Frederick Trueman, joiner; Frederick James Savage, wheelwright; William Ellis Swann, farmer.

Winkburn – George Gibson, woodman; George H Britton, gardener; William Burrows, farm bailiff.

All of these men were tasked with ensuring there were 24-hour patrols of their parishes to guard against common laws being broken, lights from buildings being visible to raiding Zeppelins and the greatest fear of all – a German invasion via sea or air.

Playtime drowning

AN INQUEST was held today into the death of six-year-old George Herman Branch, who drowned in the Trent on Saturday while trying to pull a stick out of the water.

His father, engine driver George Branch of 84 Millgate, recovered his body from the river yesterday morning and carried it in his arms all the way to the hospital on London Road in the vain hope that he could be saved.

Verdict: accidental death.

Mayor re-elected

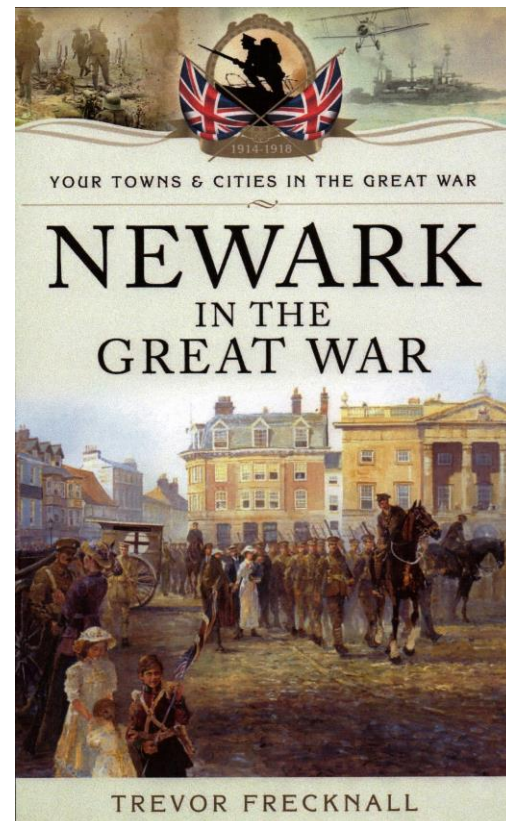


COUNCILLOR John Charles Kew (pictured) was this evening unanimously re-elected Mayor of Newark for another year by his colleagues on the Borough Council.

Rule, Britannia!

MEMBERS of the Newark Volunteer Reserve have received a parchment of membership to the Britannia League.

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