

Great War Bulletin

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FEMALES IN FACTORIES

A SURVEY today confirmed that Newark industry is experiencing revolutionary changes in its labour force.

Quibell Brothers are now employing girls to pack their soaps in attractive wrappings.

At **Warwick's and Richardson's** brewery, women and girls have superseded boys in the bottle washing department.

Female labour is firmly established at **Cafferata's** and **Associated Portland Cement Works**.

And the whisper is that **Ransome's** are following suit.

Southwell soldier shot by sniper

INFORMATION reached Southwell on Tuesday that Private Frank Paling, 22, of the 8th Sherwoods was killed in the trenches last week.

Frank – the son of John and Annie Paling of Constance Villa, Station Road who worked for Merryweather's – raised his head above the parapet and was promptly hit by a sniper. He died within the hour.

One of his comrades had a lucky escape: 24-year-old Alexander Peet of Kirklington Road, more accustomed to delivering groceries, was digging trenches last Tuesday when a bullet went clean through his right arm. He is recovering back at base. Frank will be remembered in the Kimmel Chateau Military Cemetery – and the Palings will now concentrate on worrying about their younger son Albert.

Reg earns respite

GEORGE WILLIAM TATHAM, an Army pensioner who is now innkeeper of the Castle and Falcon at 10 London Road, and his wife Mary had special reason for cheer: their second son, Sapper Reginald, aged 20, arrived home on a seven-day furlough.

He has been involved since the start of the War ... in the first advance and then retirement from Mons ... and is currently with the 8th (Railway) Company doing highly important work about which he is not allowed to speak.

MIRACULOUSLY ONLY THREE MEN ARE KILLED AS...

Newarkers' trenches are blown-up!

THE BIGGEST battle yet involving the Newark Company of the 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters took place on Tuesday 'somewhere in Belgium'.

The Germans tunnelled under No Man's Land and achieved total surprise when they blew-up mines under the front line held by the Battalion but fortunately there was loss of life in only one trench, the one held by H Company.

A terrible bombardment followed the mining, in which heavy artillery, 'Jack Johnsons', machine guns, mortars and rifles belched out shot and shell for over an hour.

The Newark lads, however, held on and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, who were hopelessly defeated in their endeavour to break through the Battalion lines.

The Newark Company lost only two men. By coincidence both were named Richardson.

Private William Richardson, 23, the only son of John and Ann Richardson of 26 Baldertongate, went from Christ Church School to Edward Castle's carriage-building works (now Mather and Company) on Castlegate and then to George Walker's foundry; and he was a highly respected Sunday School teacher at Lombard Street Congregational Church. He had been in the Territorials and resigned, but rejoined as soon as War was declared.

Private 1743 George Richardson, aged 21, of 42 Wright Street, had worked first in malting and then at Ransome's. He had been in the Sherwoods for some

BUT OUR BRAVES FIGHT OFF ATTACK

three years prior to the War and never had a second thought about going into action.

Southwell lost 25-year-old Corporal Frank Wilcox, a threader in Carey's lace factory and the eldest son of 51-year-old groom George Wilcox of Hoveringham, who is now with the Army Service Corps in France.

Frank was a Sunday School teacher and member of the Church of England Men's Society.

Notwithstanding his mild temperament, he had been in the 8th Battalion for six years, and also became a crack shot in Southwell Rifle Club. He won several trophies before the War took him to the Western Front.

Lieutenant Colonel George Herbert Fowler, Commanding Officer of the 8th, wrote sympathetically to Frank's parents: "He was a promising non-commissioned officer and will be much missed in his Battalion.

"The one consolation I can give is that he has died as a gallant soldier should, fighting for his King and country."

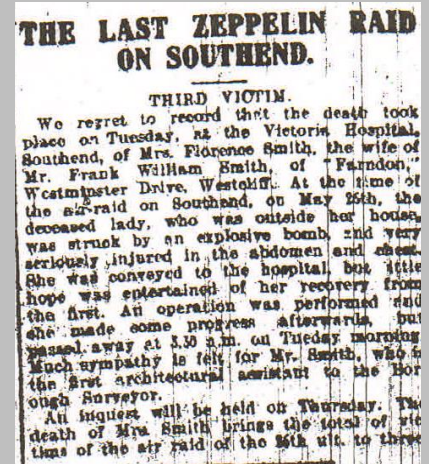
All three men are remembered in the village churchyard in Locre (now Loker), six miles from Ypres. It was in Allied hands during the greater part of the War, and field ambulances were stationed in the Convent of St. Antoine.

Our Zeppelin victim mourned

HUGE CROWDS gathered in Newark Cemetery on Saturday for the funeral of the Southend Zeppelin bomb victim Florence Smith.

The mourners were led by her husband, father Horace Mills, oldest brother Horace, oldest sister Edith Sarah ... and, most poignantly, the floral tributes are headed by a wreath from husband and baby daughter Mary, who will never know her mother.

Florence succumbed last Tuesday to the internal injuries she suffered in the raid. Reproduced on the right is the *Southend Standard* report of her death.



IN PRAISE OF IRON MEN

JOHN HOWITT and Sons, the ironmongers and agricultural implement manufacturers, unveiled a unique window display in Stodman Street – photographs of their employees who are serving their country and souvenirs they have gathered.

The portraits are of soldiers F Traylen, G Hopkinson, J Harvey, A Facey, T Perry, A Eason, J Easton, E Lyle, G Bettinson, J Horspool and S Whitton while A Hall is a sailor.

Among the relics is a mirror that stopped a bullet and saved a Newark officer's life, a French '75' shell, the time fuse of a 'Jack Johnson', clips of German and French cartridges, a German infantryman's belt, and the time fuse of a German shrapnel shell.

Refugees' leader dies

THE DEATH occurred at Lower Sleaford Road on Friday of widower Emile Volkaert, aged 59, the Belgian refugee in charge of the Newark Committee who has recently been residing with his daughter, Madame Pateet.

He was a native of Malines, born in 1855, and became a chair maker. When the war swept through his country, he joined the fleeing refugees who headed for Ghent and Ypres, finally reaching Ostend and sailing to London.

Devastated old Emile found sanctuary with his daughter and son-in-law first at South Collingham, then in the Middlegate house made available to

refugees and finally in their own home in Sleaford Road.

But he never seemed able to forget the awful sights and sounds he had witnessed while being driven so savagely from his own country.

Monsieur Leonard Pateet is now working at Cafferata's as an engineer.

Next spring, the Pateets will be celebrating the birth of a daughter, Regina ... but 17-year-old Marie Pateet will die late in 1925, followed by Leonard, aged only 48, early in 1926.

Their oldest daughter, Theodorina Catherina (born 30 July 1905) will marry Herbert Hayes in Newark in 1928 and live in her adopted town to the age of 73.

INVASION: are we bothered?

THERE were two indications last week that the people of Newark are no longer concerned about the possibility of a German invasion.

Lieutenant Norris of the RE's lectured the Volunteer Training Corps in the Beaumont

Hall, emphasising the importance of field defences. The audience was disappointingly small.

Twenty-four hours later a Legion of Volunteers meet-

ing in the Town Hall attracted a small crowd.

Mayor Kew regretted the attendance was not "commensurate with the importance of the movement."

Worshipper attacks troops!

Widower John Worthington, aged 69, who described himself in the 1911 census as a "superannuated Supervisor of Excise" from Lancaster now residing at 11 Milner Street, objects that half the congregation of the Parish Church suffers all the disturbance caused by worshipping troops, who are allocated a block of pews. He suggests that soldiers and civilians should be encouraged to occupy alternate pews throughout the church so that all regulars are equally disturbed.

Notwithstanding Mr Worthington's worry, there appears to be no shortage of people turning to God for guidance and support in these difficult times. The Vicar, the Rev Canon Paton Hindley conducted an open air service in the Market Place yesterday. The Borough Band played for the hymns and there was a larger than usual attendance.

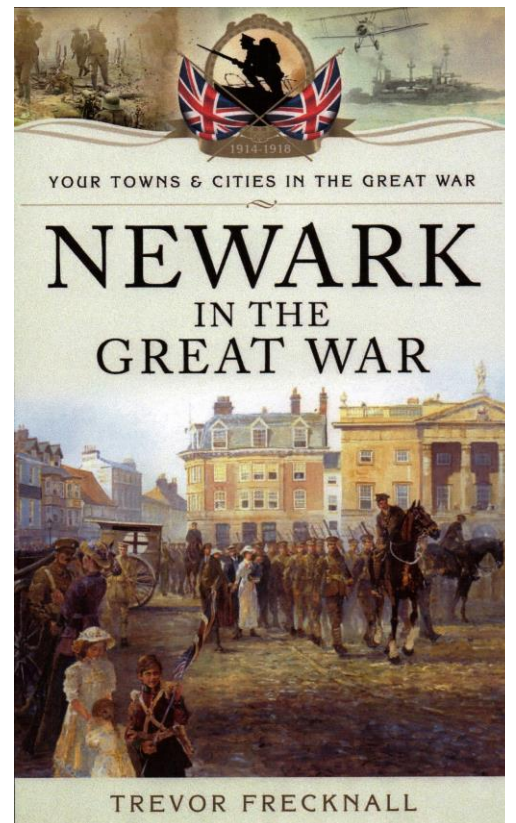
Where there's muck...

J MATHER AND SONS' go-ahead motor engineering company won a lucrative War Office contract to provide sewage filters for huge army camps growing at Clipstone and at Cannock Chase, Staffs. It has purchased two massive ploughs from Fowler of Leeds to do the work.

Eggs-for-troops flying

THE EGG COLLECTION in the Newark district – involving all the schools and hundreds of individuals – for wounded soldiers set another record last week: 2,693. The lengthy alphabetical list of donors was headed by a Balderton lady named ... Mrs Bird.

Now read the full dramatic account of...



TREVOR FRECKNALL

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