

# Great War Bulletin

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## SAVE TO FUND FIGHT!

MORE VOLUNTARY effort was requested last week from every man, woman and child in Newark – and this time it will affect their prosperity.

For a meeting was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday to launch a War Savings campaign in the town.

The Mayor, Councillor John Charles Kew, explained that the War is costing £2,083 a minute. In the time they had been discussing the situation, the war has cost £124,980!

It was vital that everyone in the town – indeed, everyone in the nation – accepted that thrift was a small price to pay when compared with the sacrifices being made by the men at the battlefronts.

# OUR VOLUNTEERS

## ARE PRAISED



*This portrait of Sir Lancelot Rolleston is to be found in County Hall, West Bridgford. After retiring from the Army he held many offices, including Deputy Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff, and chairman of both Notts County Council and Notts Quarter Sessions.*

IN GLORIOUS SUNSHINE, Colonel Sir Lancelot Rolleston inspected the 100-strong Newark Volunteer Reserve on the Magnus Grammar School Field on Sunday – and was very interested to note that it is the only company of its kind in the whole of the county drilling with arms.

There is a good reason for this: the men have begged and borrowed single-barrelled shot-guns, obsolete rifles and carbines from farmers and anyone else willing to donate.

The men's voluntary work is real enough, though. As more and more younger soldiers are needed on the battle fronts, they are taking over guard duties on railways, at munitions works and of Royal

### Sir Lancelot Rolleston impressed that men are drilling with guns

Engineers' stores and equipment.

The officers of the Company on parade were the Company Commander, Dr Ernest Ringrose whose surgery is in Lombard House, Company Second-in-Command Wright (the Newark Chief Constable) plus the Platoon Commanders Michael Shea, Frederick John Short, Ernest Page and Arthur Cooper.

Sir Lancelot is a legend, so his approval is much appreciated by the men who are prepared to

oppose any invader. He joined the South Notts Yeomanry in 1868 and became honorary Colonel in 1896.

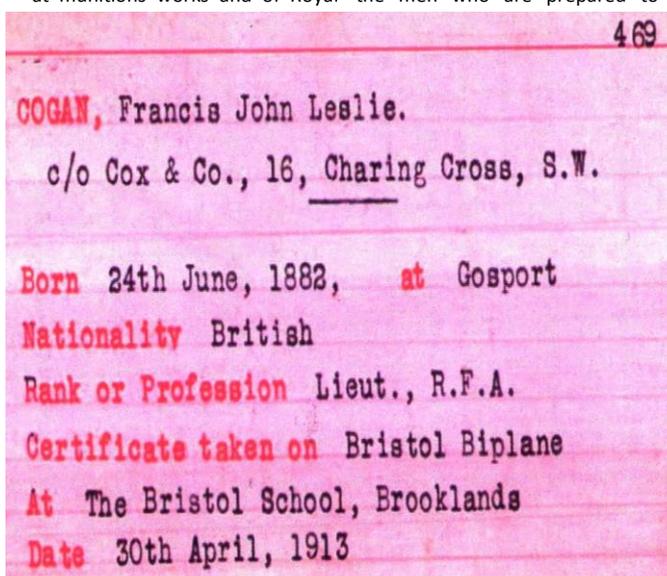
In 1900, he was shot while leading the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Imperial Yeomanry against the Boers while attempting to rescue 500 British prisoners. The bullet broke his arm and exited through the side of his body.

But Sir Lancelot returned to duty, resuming command of the regiment and by the time he retired in 1912, had been awarded the OBE, DSO and several other medals.

## Muskham's new Major is ready to fly!

THE ELDER SON of Mrs Violet Cogan, who has transformed her home at North Muskham Grange into a Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital, Captain Francis John Leslie Cogan of the Royal Field Artillery, is promoted to Squadron Commander and Major in the Royal Flying Corps, it was announced last Monday's *London Gazette*.

Reproduced on the right is the proof that Francis had earned a pilot's licence – in a Bristol Biplane – at the Bristol School, Brooklands, long before The Great War loomed.



## And Mum's patient is ready to fight..!

ONE OF the Belgian refugees who arrived in North Muskham last year as a patient in Mrs Cogan's hospital, Alfonse Van Gompel – nicknamed "Headache" by the friends he made in the village – reappeared on Friday, all smiles, saying he feels "quite English" now that he is in khaki and deemed fit enough to fight for his nation's freedom. He cannot wait to re-cross the English Channel!

# HEROIC COUSINS

ROBERT BLANCHARD JACKSON at Norwell Mill learnt on Friday that one of his sons from his first marriage, Bert, had been killed in action.

Corporal Robert W Jackson (as the Army knew the boy) was a railwayman before he volunteered for the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

All went reasonably well – until he was buried alive on 10 July during an artillery bombardment.

A family friend, Sergeant Major Hopkin, wrote: "He and a few others were taking cover in a dug-out when a German shell struck it and buried the people..."

"I am very sorry to tell you that Bert and another had expired before they could be got out. Every effort was made to bring them round, but all to no purpose."

Bert, who was aged 27, is remembered at the Talana Farm Cemetery, Western Flanders, Belgium.

## Bert buried and killed; Charlie survives to inspire more recruits

COINCIDING WITH news of Bert's death, it was announced his cavalier cousin Charlie Waite had survived his many scrapes and been invalided home.

Charlie, aged 34, has experienced bullets bouncing off his bayonet handle and belt buckle as well as searing through the back of his coat at various times.

Now he has been forced to succumb to ... rheumatism. He will become an instructor, inspiring more men to enlist to fight the great cause.

Born in Winkburn, Charlie was raised in South Collingham High Street, where he followed his father Bartholomew and became a blacksmith.

Although he had married in 1905 Ada Elizabeth Andrew, who had been domestic servant to North Collingham tailor Richard Richmond and his wife Emma, Charlie never hesitated to join the War.

He will survive his Great War deprivations, experience the Second World War – and reach the age of 67 before he passes away in the Retford district in 1948.

## Magistrate in dispute with Police chief

SENSATIONALLY, magistrate J G Branston argued with Chief Constable Wright during a case brought under Great War regulations at the Newark Borough Police Court last week.

It happened when the licensee of the Exchange Hotel, Carl Parkin, was charged under the Defence of the Realm Act with serving intoxicating liquors to non-residents after 9pm on 6 July.

The court was told that the non-residents in question were three corporals in the Royal Engineers training in town. There is a national edict that serving soldiers must not be provided with intoxicants at that hour.

The chairman of the magistrates, Mayor John Charles Kew – sitting with Colonel Nicholson and plumber John Hind of Millgate in addition to Alderman Branston – announced a fine of 5 shillings.

Alderman Branston, whose family owns one of the many maltster's in town, then says a warning should have sufficed.

Clearly dissenting from the verdict of his colleagues on the bench, he described the case as "a persecution, not a prosecution."

The Chief Constable, who had conducted the prosecution, responded: "I consider I used sufficient discretion, sir."

The incident then ended.

## Water supply must wait

CLAYPOLE Rural Council heard last week that it will not get a £1,200 loan to provide a water supply to the area because of the War.

## Baptists pray for wounded Horace

HORACE HUTCHINSON, aged 24, whose parents Walter and Ada live in Charles Street, Newark, has suffered a wound to his right arm.

A joiner with G Brown and Sons and worshipper at the Baptist Chapel, he joined the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters at the outbreak of hostilities and marched out of town last August.

Only a week ago, the Baptist Pastor, the Reverend Ernest W Godfrey, received a most interesting letter from him. Now everyone is concerned as to how badly he has been hurt.

## 1,744 trees blown down in Southwell

A GALE ripped through Southwell on Saturday, destroying many of the 1,744 apple trees newly planted in 37 acres of Norwood Park for the Member of Parliament for Newark, Captain Starkey. Several of the fine old trees on the Burgage Green were also damaged.

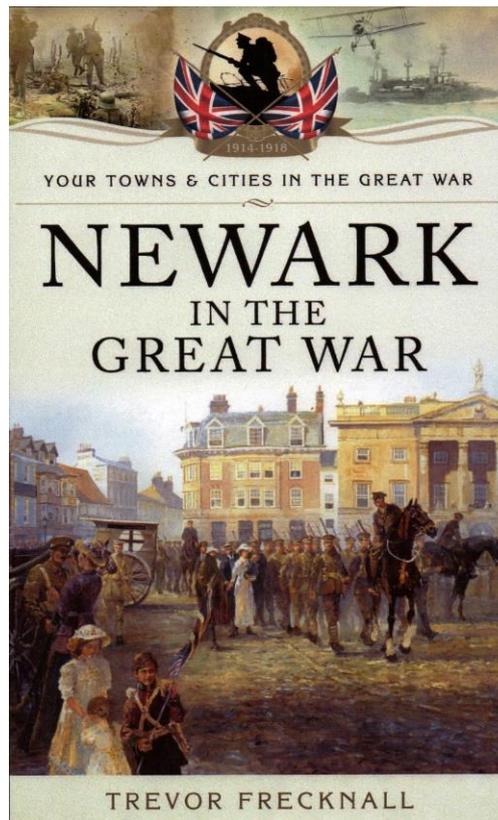
## War Savers get to work

THE WAR SAVINGS campaign gathered pace today. The Schools Committee held its first meeting under the Reverend Gorse. The Ladies' Committee, chaired by Mrs W B B Quibell, has also got to work. And the Works Committee headed by County Councillor Walter Bradley is planning campaigns at the various factories in town.

## NO MONEY FOR BLIND DRUNK

NEWARK BOARD of GUARDIANS agreed to stop relief of 10s a week to a blind man who had threatened to kill their relieving officer, Walter Harry Pearson, who had attempted to break-up a drunken party at his home in Tenter Building.

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