

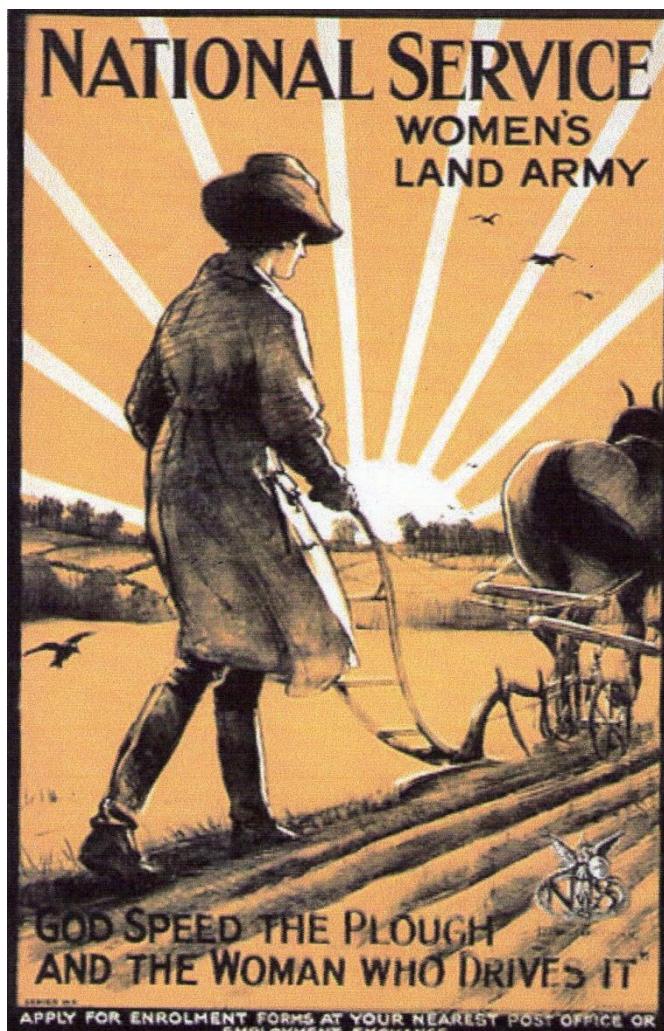
Follow Newark's trauma in The Great War as it happened 100 years ago this week

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FARMING PLEA TO WOMEN WORKERS



Volunteers give £195 5s for Engineers' tent

ANOTHER great success was recorded tonight for the spirit of voluntary effort without which The Great War could never be prosecuted.

'Colours' secure in church

NOW THAT the Second 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters are about to leave their headquarters at Newark Drill Hall, their "Colours" were entrusted to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Newark Parish Church at a solemn service on Saturday morning.

The officers and men, under the Command of Colonel William Coape Oates from Besthorpe, are understood to be heading to the South of England for further training. They all enlisted in answer to Lord Kitchener's call for the creation of a Second Army.

The Colours will be returned to the battalion once the war is over.

THE APPROPRIATELY-NAMED Miss Farmer of the Board of Trade Labour Exchange appeared at a meeting in Newark Cattle Market on Wednesday – and urged the farmers to make use of female labour.

It amounts to the first time that the men have ever been lectured by a female (except perhaps in the private confines of their own homes).

Indeed women are rarely seen among the men and their animals on Market Day.

But the vast majority of farmers are facing the new growing and harvesting season with diminished workforces because so many of the men on whom they rely have volunteered for service in the Armed Forces.

Miss Farmer informed the farmers that 20 to 30 women locally had completed training but had no work to go to.

She was supported by the branch secretary of the Farmers' Union, Fountain Picksley, who said it was up to the farmers to take the women on now that the Government has trained them.

By the end of 1916, 20,000 women will be working on farms nationwide.

Left: One of the posters that supported the campaign.

The YMCA tent requested by the Royal Engineers was opened officially on Sconce Hills, £195 5s having been subscribed in a fortnight.

Wounded soldier's thanks for an egg

WITH EGG collections involving all ages, Barnby Road Schoolboy James Swain, 9, of 45 Vernon Street has received a letter from Private J Thompson, in the Royal Field Artillery "Boot Shop" Convalescent Depot, Rouen:

"I had an egg for my breakfast this morning with your name and address on it, also with the following greeting ...

'Love and best wishes.'

"I am sure it is so very kind of the British public that they study us chaps here at the front in the way they do.

"They are doing their very best for us and we are doing our utmost for them, which is only fair. I arrived in this country at the beginning of October last, and experienced last winter and up to a few weeks ago in the trenches.

"I am down here having a well-earned rest. We are getting very good treatment here and everything is ideal."

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GAS ATTACKS and SHIRKERS

A YOUNG Newark rifleman yesterday fired home a letter expressing fury at the Germans for launching gas attacks – and the English shirkers for not joining the great fight.

A PROMOTION was announced on Thursday for Newark's heroic Dr Harry Stallard (*pictured above*).

He has been elevated to Major ten years after being commissioned as Surgeon-Captain of the 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, with whom he is currently serving gallantly.

Rifleman Albert Duckworth, only 20, informed his parents, labourer George and mother-of-eight Fanny at 34 Tenter Buildings, off Appleton-gate, that he is currently 'somewhere in Belgium' having previously been 'somewhere in France' with the 1st 7th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment.

But he confided: "I should just like to come

I'd like to come home and let someone else have a go – Albert, 20

home to England and let someone else have a go.

"The Germans are fond of sending gas over the trenches we are in and it is rum stuff, I can tell you...

"It's all right for those blokes who go walking with girls up the Muskham road and never think about their comrades out here.

"But never mind. Wait until they come to cheer me up at the station. I will [censored] them up.

"I was in a nice race the other day. Just as we were digging a trench, the Germans started to shell us. It was a panic moment."

Police Sergeant's son killed in action

POLICE SERGEANT WILLIAM TAYLOR and his wife Emma of 64 Castlegate, Newark, were informed on Saturday that their only son, Christopher William, 18, was killed in action on Wednesday.

The news came in a letter written by his friend, 18-year-old Leslie Tyers – a fellow Private in the 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters – to his own parents at 36 Harcourt Street.

They carried out the melancholy duty of informing the Taylors.

Christopher, a former scholar at the Wesleyan Day School, worked for James Simpson and Company Limited at Lowfield before becoming Private 1723 in the local Territorials.

He was firing a machine gun when he was shot, says the letter.

Christopher is remembered at Sanctuary Wood Cemetery, 5km from Ypres town centre in Belgium.

Leslie Tyers, too, will perish next year as the toll rises inexorably...

GOGGLES TO COMBAT GAS!

OLD MAGNUSIAN Claud Davenport, the Lieutenant in charge of transport with the 1st 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, spent a brief furlough back in Newark last week appealing for goggles for his motor cyclists.

He assured would-be sponsors: "They would be a great protection from the German gas."

Commission for Master

FORMER MASTER of the Newark Workhouse John Dyde, 45, has received a commission as Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the 5th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

He is currently Master of the Scarborough Workhouse, where his wife is matron, and rearing their own two children, John Horsfall, 9, and Sam Brooke, 6.

Post-War school for Newark

HAVING AGREED to sell two acres of his land in Albert Street, Newark, so that a school can be built, the Duke of Newcastle asks the Town Council for a £20 deposit and agrees to await settlement of the remainder "until two months after peace has been declared between England and Germany."

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