

Great War Bulletin

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Major Sam is wounded again

HAVING got over a neck wound and returned to the Front, Major Samuel Lloyd Quibell – 'Sam' to family and friends – has now been shot in the chest, his parents at Shalem Lodge were informed by War Office telegram last week.

And the 24-year-old, son of the head of Quibell Brothers' glue works near Nether Lock, is in a much more serious condition this time.

The news arrived from France only a few days after Sam's father, Mr Oliver Quibell, was named among a panel of businessmen who have agreed to sit on the Newark Borough Tribunal and hear appeals by townsmen who believe they should not have to serve in the Forces.

Mayor held-up by air raid

THE Mayor of Newark, Alderman William Knight, took 12 hours to get home after a meeting in London today.

He set off from King's Cross at 5.30pm. Owing to the biggest air raid so far, the train was held up several times and did not arrive in Newark until 5.30am.

History will relate that nine Zeppelins raided England tonight – tasked with raiding Sheffield, Manchester and Liverpool – actually attacked several West Midlands towns as well as Loughborough.

The Newark Gas Company's lack of a telephone was exposed as a danger to the town. A constable had to be despatched from the Police Office in the Market Place to warn them of tonight's alert.

He took five minutes to get there ... five minutes in which a Zeppelin could have struck before the gas supply was turned off.

TOLL OF WAR IS REVEALED

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Territorial Forces Association revealed at their meeting last Tuesday that, up to 10 January, there had been 1,648 casualties among county units, as follows:

Regiment	Officers killed	Officers wounded	Other ranks killed	Other ranks wounded	Grand total
Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry	3	4	8	39	54
South Notts Hussars Yeomanry	0	2	10	44	56
Notts RHA	0	0	0	1	1
7 th Sherwoods	6	22	101	451	587
8 th Sherwoods	11	24	147	756	938
North Mids Division Cyclists' Corps	0	3	1	7	11
MBF Ambulance	0	0	1	0	1
Total	20	55	268	1,306	1,648

Suicide of a sad soldier

FIVE DAYS before he was due to appear before a Newark Medical Board preparatory to re-joining the Royal Engineers, an inquest was held into the death of Lieutenant Eric Honton Griffith Tomblings, 27, found in a Derby hotel room with his throat cut.

Witnesses say he was sent to Gallipoli last July, suffered dysentery, had to be shipped to Alexandria for treatment, then suffered a nervous breakdown on returning to Gallipoli.

He had recently been complaining of buzzing in the head. Verdict: suicide while temporarily insane.

The coroner did not reveal that Eric's father is Lieutenant Colonel Edward Griffith Tomblings, 56, a cavalry officer with a glittering career behind him. Eric is on the memorial at the Campsall Old Cemetery, Yorkshire.

Praise in despatches for Gallipoli trio

GENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON mentioned the distinguished service of three local officers in his latest despatch with the Mediterranean Force on Friday: the late **Colonel Sir John Milbanke VC**; **Captain J D F Woodhouse**, who had many years in the 14th Hussars before becoming Adjutant of the Sherwood Rangers in October 1911; and **Major** (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) **Reginald John Thoroton Hildyard DSO**, who was also mentioned in despatches in October 1914.

He is a son of General Sir H J T Hildyard of Flintham Hall. He served in the South African War, and then held staff appointments in England. He went out with the BEF as Major of the 7th Infantry Brigade of the 2nd Army Corps and was slightly wounded in one of the first battles. He will finish his service with the rank of Colonel and be knighted.

Woodhouse will reach the rank of Major and remain in with the Hussars until he retires in 1931.

LAUNDRESS'S SON KILLED

THE LAUNDRESS at Southwell Workhouse, Mrs Martha Hazlewood, 51, learned on Thursday that her son, lovingly known as 'Pat', is dead.

He was reported missing some time ago; and now official word has come from the Records Office at Lichfield that Private Arthur Hazlewood, only 19, was killed in action on 14 October 1915. He is remembered on the Loos Memorial.

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

How horsepower can take the strain for farmworkers



FARMERS who are struggling to replace horsemen being called into the armed forces received a glimpse of a possible solution on Tuesday.

It was hailed in the local press as "A great advance in agriculture."

Joseph Hardy at Thorpe Lodge became the first farmer in the district to purchase a 16-horsepower motor tractor, the Mogul.

The vendors were John Mather and Company, who have outlets in Bingham and King Street, Southwell, as well as Castlegate, Newark.

Other farmers flocked to a practical demonstration, knowing that they would need all the mechanical help they can find if they are to meet the ever-increasing demand for food while The Great War takes away more and more of their workers.

Rogue soldier sent to gaol

A CONMAN in khaki was sentenced to six months in gaol with hard labour by Newark Borough Magistrates today.

Soldier George Shardlow wore his uniform when he appeared in court charged with stealing a £3 watch and chain from Miss Betsy Ann Beck, 60, a dressmaker, of 36 Sleaford Road, Newark.

The magistrates were told that Shardlow had billeted himself on kindly Miss Beck without authority. The implication was that he was among the thousands of men being trained in Newark to undertake duties in the Royal Engineers.

In fact, it transpired from police inquiries that Shardlow is a deserter from the 2nd Battalion Gloucester-shire Regiment and has a criminal record for deception.

For drinkers

Newark County Magistrates have decreed that clubs and pubs can be open for the sale of intoxicants for an extra 30 minutes: up to 9.30pm during work days and to 9pm on Sundays.

For Parish Church

THE Newark Parish Church Reparation Fund closes, having gathered donations of £2,319 17s 11d (£213,072.70 in 2016 values). The surplus after all bills have been paid is £52 3s 8d.

For widows

The Royal Engineers Corps stationed at Newark begin a week of variety performances in the Beaumont Hall to raise funds for widows and orphans of local Sherwood Foresters and Rangers.

Tragedy of dying soldier

THE HOMELESS PLIGHT of a dying soldier was made public at the fortnightly meeting of Southwell Board of Guardians on Friday.

The clerk of the Board was asked to find a home for 48-year-old Private William Smith.

The patriotic man has been discharged from the 3rd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry because he has a tumour in his neck, but does not wish to go home to Kelham because his parents are poor.

The problem was aired because different Boards of Guardians are refusing to pay for William's bed and care.

He is currently in Pontefract Workhouse, whose officials wrote to Newark Guardians, whose officials in turn passed on their letter to Southwell.

"They evidently want to get him out of their hands," said Southwell chairman Charles Gregory Caudwell, part-owner of a mill and owner of Easthorp Lodge.

All members agreed that William did not deserve to spend his last days in a workhouse.

So they decided to ask their clerk to seek a comfortable haven for him during his final days.

Farmers' show is off

NEWARK Agricultural Show Committee, meeting at the Royal Oak Hotel, Castlegate, while members were in town in attend the Wednesday market, agreed not to stage a show this year.

They unanimously decided that farmers would be too busy tending their land to support the event.

MORE CRIME

THE ANNUAL report by the Chief Constable of Newark, Albert Wright, revealed last week that 248 people had been proceeded against during 1915, an increase of 86 on the previous year.

Indictable offences nearly doubled to 24.

Crimean veteran is a beggar

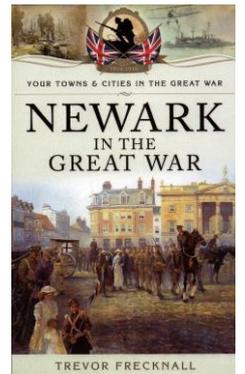
JAMES GIBSON, an aged man with a tangled mass of hair who says he is in his 89th year and a Crimean War veteran, appeared before Newark Magistrates today charged with being drunk and begging on Saturday night outside the Post Office.

Chief Constable Wright told the magistrates that it would be a kindness to send him to prison, where he would be admitted to the hospital and cleaned-up.

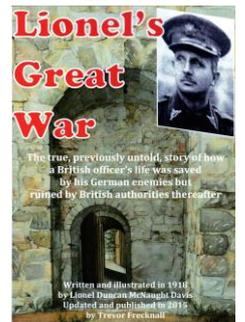
The magistrates agreed, compassionately sentencing Gibson to seven days "without hard labour, of course".

And the advised him to go into an infirmary attached to a workhouse as soon as he was released.

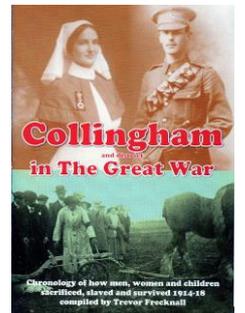
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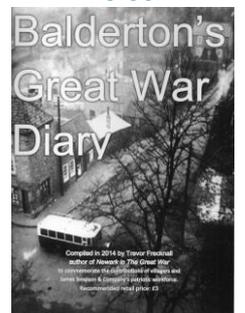
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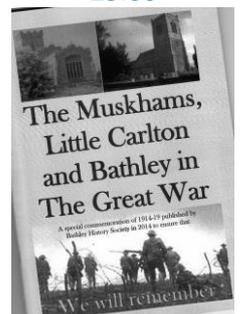
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