

Great War Bulletin

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Newarker is lost in great Jutland battle

CONFIRMATION arrived on Wednesday that one brave Newark lad perished in the recent great naval battle off Jutland.

History will record the Battle of Jutland was the most significant naval engagement of the entire War with over 100,000 sailors involved on 250 ships. More than 6,000 Royal Navy and 2,500 German sailors lost their

lives. Many men from Newark were involved; some were wounded but only one was killed.

Bricklayer Arthur Robert Kelham, 46, and his wife Harriett of 5 Nicholson Street received a statement from the Admiralty about the eldest of their six children:

"I regret to inform you that HMS Invincible was sunk on 31 May. Ernest Kelham, Gunner, RMA, No. 13448, who is believed to have been on board does not appear in the list of survivors received by this department. In these circumstances it is feared, in the absence of any further evidence to the contrary, he must be recorded as having lost his life."

Only 20, Ernie went to the Wesleyan Day School then worked for Ransome's until the lure of the sea led him into the Navy three years ago. He applied himself so diligently that he became a 1st Class Gunner; and was delighted when he was drafted onto the *Invincible*.

In addition, Alice Hickman, the daughter of Cafferata's manager Louis d'Ascanio, received notification from the Admiralty that her husband of nearly six years James, 29, an electrician, was recovering from wounds suffered in the naval action.

He was a foreman at Ransome's before the War.

A century on, Naval warfare experts continue to debate who won: Britain suffered greater losses but was left in possession of the battlefield when the Germans ran for home.

Thereafter the German High Seas Fleet rarely left harbour, the main reason for the low morale which culminated in October 1918 mutinies.

Entertainers fight

J H Reynolds, the popular cornet player in the orchestra at the Picturedrome was presented with a Waterman fountain pen and tea service before he set off to join the Army.

Manager Arthur Brogden said he was the third member of the staff to set off for the War in three weeks.

Kitchener is killed!

Disgust at workers' Whitsun demands

A GREAT deal of disgust was expressed that many workers today ignored the Government's request to keep factories, shops and offices open and instead took Whit Monday off.

The trouble arose be over the sordid question of whether employers should pay the men time-and-a-half.

Mr L H Ransome of Ransome's offered on Friday to take the matter to arbitration but the men said there was no time to consult their union; they would not be coming in on Monday.

So a notice appeared yesterday at the entrance to the Ransome's works: "Owing to the actions of the Trades Unions in refusing to allow the men to come in, these works will not be open on Monday."

Other works remained open: men at Abbott's, Simpson's, Bradley's, Farrar's and Nicholson's Midland Ironworks insisted on time-and-a-half payments.

It is understood that all of their employers met their demands.

TUESDAY night's sitting of Newark Borough Tribunal began with the Mayor referring to the sinking by a German mine of HMS *Hampshire* on Monday with the loss of 643 sailors plus the British Commander-in-Chief Lord Kitchener.

The architect of the British Forces – famous for his posters proclaiming 'Your Country Needs You' to boost enlistment – was rumoured to have been on "an important mission to Russia".

The Mayor said we were all greatly distressed, especially by the terrible news of the loss of Lord Kitchener and members of his staff.

When the business started, Tribunal learned that grain dealer Robert Henry Vickers, 30, of 106 Barnbygate had been passed fit for service at home, military representative Nicholson asked for him to be instructed to report for duty on 30 June but said the probability was he would never be called up ... George Edward Rose, 30, of 42 Cross Street, a joiner building huts for the military, is asked if, as a married man, he would switch to munitions work to release a single man for action; he was given until 30 June ... Tax collector Charles Robert Scarborough, passed fit for home service, was given two more months in his job, though Nicholson dissented ... John Eggleston Oldham, 39, proprietor of a confectionery business at 48 Market Place was given exemption, as was sanitary inspector George Herbert Kemp, 36 ... Henry Gee, 38, of 17 Bowbridge Road, cycle repairer at C E Ford & Son, was given a reprieve to 31 July and told to have a medical ... Cafferata's asked for temporary exemptions for six: Frank Blaydon, foreman potter's miller, and Alfred Johnson, chemical mixer of a secret process for cement mixing, were allowed to stay in their jobs; joiner Stephen Brown of Grove Street, Balderton, and Thomas Hirst of Lime Grove were given until 31 July as men over military age should be doing their jobs; blacksmith's striker George William Hill, 38, of 26 Whitfield Street was given until 31 August after Tribunal member Councillor E Patrick said his job could be learnt in three hours; and horseman Harry Peck was ordered to enlist now ... Electrician W P L Harrison was given permission to stay in Newark if he worked for the military ... Quibell's were given exemption for W Simons of Warburton Street, a clerk, and for agricultural chemist's labourer George Aldridge, 34, of 8 Regent Street ... Mather & Co were told their repairer of agricultural machinery, T A Booth of Millgate, must enlist on 31 August ... Grocer's warehouseman William Newbound, 27, of Providence Place, was told to go on 31 July ... Ordered to go at the end of August were plumber Francis Lacy of 39 Stodman Street; sawyer E Priestley of Crescent Place; hairdresser William Rodding, 40, of 3 Chain Lane; fruiterer and florist W F Midhurst, Market Place; master tailor Joseph S Darnell, 31; and S C Hallam employed by Crossland & Co.

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Tribunal secrecy leads to a mystery

COLLINGHAM estate managers Smith, Woolley and Wigman created a mystery at Wednesday's session of Newark Rural Tribunal

They had their plea to keep surveyor's assistant Frederick Watson Hoe, 38, heard in secret. And they won their case.

It left more than one aggrieved farmer wondering what was said behind closed doors.

Tribunal was boosted by news that appeals against their decisions by Arthur Holland, Charles Crampton and Arthur Swain had been refused at county level ... Samuel Parkin, farmer and licensee of the Red Lion, Coddington, was told his son Fred, 24, must enlist on 31 July; his younger son, 15, could do the work. The agricultural representative pointed out July was the most awkward period of the year; 1 October would be more practical. Parkin said: "It is unfair, very unfair indeed." Chairman Kew dismissed them with: "You can take it to appeal in Nottingham" ... C H Horner, Danethorpe, put in such an impassioned plea to keep his stockman Joseph William Ward, 26, pointing out he is also the village thatcher, that Chairman Kew said: "All right - don't get excited." He was allowed to stay until 1 October and appeal again ... George Ernest Marsh of Staunton was allowed to keep James Brown, 27, one of four men doing the work that 12 were doing pre-War on his 700 acres ... Herbert Hatcliffe, 29, the

only man left in his Collingham grocery and cycle repair shop was allowed to stay ... Henry Clayton, Collingham, was told he could not appeal to this Tribunal for his son Frank, 26, because he had already been refused by the Nottingham Tribunal ... Walter Ashton, Besthorpe, was allowed to keep his horseman and milkman Fred Winn, 30 - and praised by Chairman Kew for letting his other two men enlist ... John Thorpe, who had 11 children at South Scarle and had a son in the Dublin Rebellion, was told another son, Fred, 18, horseman, must enlist on 1 October ... Arthur Ernest Williams, 33, carrier of produce from Collingham to Newark and Lincoln and William Fred Holbrook, 33, joiner, wheelwright and painter at North Clifton were told to enlist on 31 July ... John C Perry, 29, of the White Hart Inn, Collingham, who had 42 soldiers among his customers last Sunday night (hinting how many were training in the villages), was told to enlist on 7 July despite saying he could not foresee his wife coping with the pub while rearing children aged 9, 8 and 1½ ... J W Lawson, 37, Harby market gardener and father-of-five was allowed to stay and work his land; his foreman Samuel Cole, 28, married, was told to go ... North

Clifton farmer John William Brown, 51, was ordered to give up being a Guardian, District Councillor, School Manager and Village Overseer work more after his son William Leonard, 19, enlisted on 31 July ... George Allen Ross, 38, was allowed to stay at his 500-acre Coddington farm ... Horace Mills, Farn-don's basket and wicker manufacturer, said he only had 12 of his 70 pre-War men left. He was allowed to keep fore-man Charles Twigger, 37, of Albert Street and upholsterer James Wilson, 33, of Victoria Street; but told he to let basket makers Edmund Webster, 29, and George William Mayfield, 30, enlist ... George Bee, 52, was allowed to keep his son George, 22, on their 80-acre South Scarle farm until 1 October ... Reuben Crampton, 36, was told to remain as the only wheelwright, joiner and undertaker in Farndon; his two men had enlisted ... Collingham builder W T Millns said he was willing to let his son Edward, 29, go but had much work on; his call-up was deferred to 7 July ... Robert W Wilkinson, 38, was allowed to stay at Harby running 373 acres ... South Collingham farmer and coal merchant Arthur Shaw, 37, complained of ill health and was given to 1 August to have a medical ... The Tribunal's agricultural representative, J C Fisher, said George Bingham was at rock bottom with labour on his 254-acre farm at Langford; but he was ordered to let his second horseman Frank Leverton, 18, go on 1 October ... John Beet, 29, of Devon House, Farndon, insisted his twice-daily milk round could not be done by his father, 61 and crippled with rheumatism, or his sister; his case was adjourned to 7 July ... Bread baker Frank Willcock, 33, already under orders to enlist, was given a reprieve as his boss, Carey Steel at Balderton, had fallen seriously ill ... The case of Robert Gravell, 34, Britannia Inn, Farndon, was also deferred to 1 August after he pleaded his "riverside resort" was popular with officers and he had a weak cartilage in a leg ... William Henry Beaton of 200-acre Cottage Farm, Balderton, was allowed to keep horseman Frank Hall, 37, and cowman Charles Henry Pearman, 29 ... Arthur Watson Millington, 39, claimed to be the only carrier between Harby and Lincoln; he was told he must go on 31 August if he passed a medical ... Blay Clements of South Scarle was told his son Sidney Blay Clements, 20, must enlist now ...

'Kitchener' Tribunal

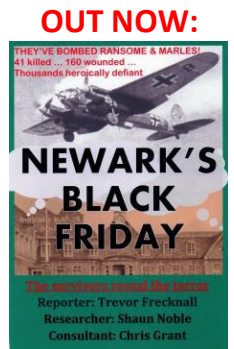
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Men given until 30 September were: fishmonger John Thomas Covell, 39, Stodman Street; Harry A Ford, 40, assistant in Johnson's regimental tailor's and general outfitter's in the Market Place; James Ferguson, 40, a carter for Halstead's coal merchants; and window cleaner William T Brown, 30, of Millgate.

COMPASSION FOR A FARMER IN MOURNING

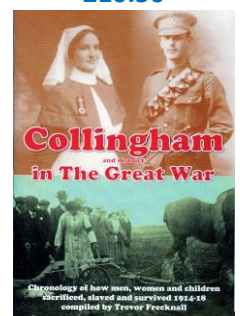
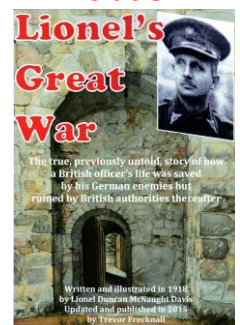
WILLIAM WRIGHT, who had already had a son killed in the War, was allowed by Claypole Tribunal to keep horseman Fred Burrows, 28, at Dry Doddington ... Edward Roe at Thurlby was allowed to keep his son George Edward, 20, as shepherd and horseman after he said: "I've tried women but they only want to work 1½ days a week." Oh, how Tribunal laughed ... J and J W Bee, farmers and stock breeders at Sedgebrook were able to keep Walter Russell, 36, and William Armstrong, 27, after arguing they are "producing food for the nation" ... Charles Haywood said he had only three men on 230 acres at Norton Disney and Thurlby in successfully pleading to retain horseman and milker Charles Heywood, 23 ... William Wallhead, on 36 acres at Thurlby, was told his son Harry, 23, must enlist ... George Hunt, 40, Beckingham cottager and milk seller, produced a doctor's certificate saying he was not fit to fight and was given a month to have a military medical ... Long Bennington wheelwright Thomas Ellwood, 37, and his brother George William, 30, a joiner, were excused service; their man, George Marshall was told to enlist on 7 July ... Joseph Streets, farmer of 400 Claypole acres, was allowed to keep his son and wagoner Walter, 28 ... Fred R Scott, 24 and married, who had been ordered to enlist on 1 June, won an appeal through solicitor H B Footitt to keep his farm and threshing machine business going ... Joseph Brocklebank, Carlton-le-Moorland applied for two wagoners, both 19, to stay looking after his 16 horses. He was allowed to keep William Toynbee but told Charles Twigg must enlist on 7 July ... Coal merchant William Jefferies, Claypole, was allowed to keep William Vickers, 23, until 30 September ... Long Bennington farmer W B Bingham is told he could keep married men, Thomas Etches, 35, cowman; horseman Samuel Troop, 39; and foreman William Watson, 35 - but bachelor John Robinson, 21, must enlist ... Stubton farmer T R Stanger had yet to find a replacement for his son Charles Robert, 22, who was supposed to go on 1 June; he was given an extension to 1 August despite a strong objection by the military representative, Younghusband, who said that the boy should be on his way into military service before now.

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