

From the Newspaper Archives West Cumberland at War

September 1917



MRS. G. HUGUIER,
FORMERLY MISS COULTHARD,
OF CLEATOR MOOR.
RECIPIENT OF FRENCH DECORATION FOR
HER WORK AS A NURSE WITH THE
FRENCH ARMY.

20 September 1917

The third Battle of Ypres raged on with fighting concentrated around Menin Road Ridge and Polygon Wood. Germans captured Riga using their new "stormtrooper" tactics.

THE KING AND THE HEROES OF 1914.

A SPECIAL MEDAL TO BE ISSUED.

The following announcement is issued by the Secretary of the War Office:—

"The King, having expressed a wish to recognise specially the services given in the earlier part of the war in 1914 by troops in France and Belgium, the Army Council, after consultation with Field-Marshal Viscount French, have advised His Majesty that the object could best be met by the award of a distinctive decoration, with ribbon, but without clasp, to all officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, on the establishment of a unit of the British Expeditionary Forces, including the Indian contingent, the Royal Naval Division, and other naval and marine units, which landed for service in France or Belgium during the earliest and most critical stages of the war, up to and including the first battle of Ypres."

13 September 1917



ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

RECRUITS, SKILLED or UNSKILLED (the latter must be Clerks, Storemen, &c.), Men of almost any occupation, are Wanted at once for the various branches of the Royal Flying Corps.

Men of Military Age* and UP TO FIFTY YEARS OF AGE accepted.
Corps Rates of Pay.

Apply Personally or in Writing to the Nearest Recruiting Officer, who will put applicants into touch with the Special Recruiting Officer of the Royal Flying Corps in this District.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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27 September 1917

LITERARY.

LOCAL AND OTHER VERSE.

THE WAR.

We think of friends now far away,
And others who are near;
And some who passed away from earth,
Now in another sphere.

The dreadful European War
For three years now has raged;
Thousands who came from far and near
In it have been engaged.

Brave heroes of the battlefield,
And of the sea and air;
And even 'neath the ocean's wave,—
Danger is everywhere.

Many disasters have occurred;
Yet God is over all;
He can bring right to victory
Though many thousands fall.

20 September 1917

THE SILECROFT V.C.

Following up our report of the award of the V.C. to Lance-Sergt. Mayson, of Silecroft, we have pleasure in adding the following to our report on page 7 of to-day's paper:—He will be 24 years of age in November, and was born at Silecroft, being only seven years of age when he came with his father to reside at the "John Bull." He received his education at Whicham School, leaving at the usual time to go to farm work, and was engaged in that occupation with Mr. Dawson, Gutterby, when the war broke out. He was the first in the district to volunteer, going to Ulverston, along with Percy Hunter, son of Mr. Hunter, Stangrah, Whitbeck, to enrol as a Volunteer in the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. As a boy at school young Mayson is said to have been always willing to join in a scrap or any kind of rough-and-tumble play, but was nevertheless of a very kind disposition and very popular with his mates.

Lance-Sergt. Mayson is the third son of the late William Mayson, "John Bull," Silecroft, who died nearly two years ago from the complaint which has carried off so many miners, who spent some years in South Africa. The two most recent recipients of the Victoria Cross honours were residing in Whitbeck prior to joining the Army—Mayson at Gutterby, and Christian left Town End Farm to enlist.

20 September 1917

PRESENTATION TO PVT. CHRISTIAN, V.C.

THE ABOVE PRESENTATION WILL
TAKE PLACE AT THE
MARKET CROSS, EGREMONT,
ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH,
At Three p.m.

H. ADAIR, } Hon. Secs.
N. KITCHIN, }

27 September 1917



**2ND LIEUTENANT R. SMITH,
OF WHITEHAVEN,
DIED FROM WOUNDS.**

6 September 1917

NEWS OF A MISSING WHITEHAVEN MAN.

A postcard has been received from Corpl. G. Batty, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Batty, of Meadow View, Whitehaven, saying that he is in good health, but unfortunately a prisoner of war. The postcard is dated August 14th, and was received on Sunday last. Some time ago Corpl. Batty was officially reported missing.

27 September 1917

SILECROFT'S V.C. PRESENTATION FUND.

FOR

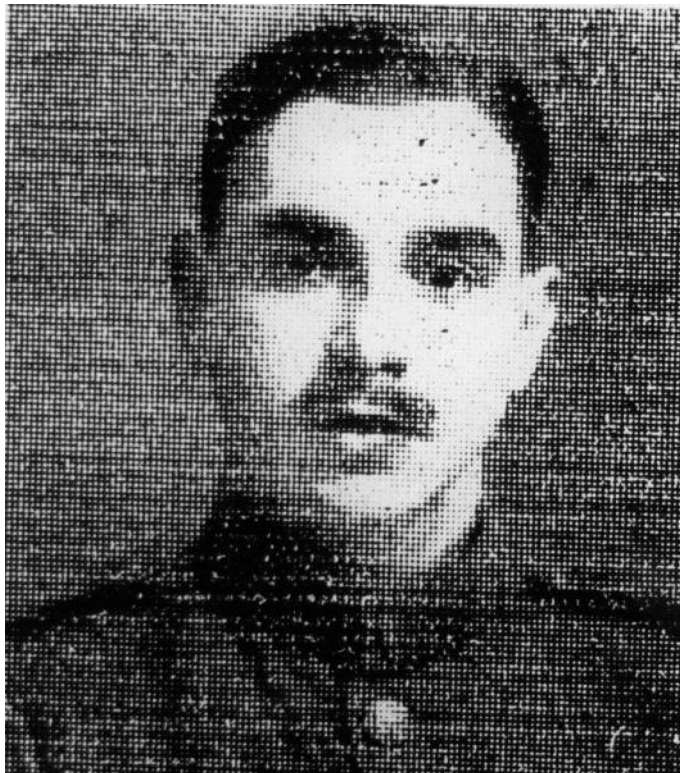
LANCE-SERGT. T. F. MASON, V.C.

To make the presentation worthy of the recipient, the Committee (on account of the small population in the Parish) will be glad to receive any subscriptions from those interested residing outside the Parish

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS forwarded to the Fund will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Hon.-Secretary,

EDWARD BROWN,
Hartrees House, Silecroft, Cumberland. (id

27 September 1917



A HARRINGTON MAN WINS THE MILITARY MEDAL.

PRIVATE L. G. BARNES.

Private Leslie Gordon Barnes, 631,858, West Lancashires, and a native of Harrington, has been awarded the Military Medal. He is a son of Mrs. W. W. Barnes, of 13, Ashford Road, Birkenhead, and enlisted in Liverpool at the beginning of the war. Since the announcement of the honour conferred upon him was made Mrs. W. W. Barnes has had word that her son has been wounded.

Writing to his mother, Private Barnes says:—"We have had a pretty rough time of it as the weather broke just as we were going forward it turned the place into a quagmire. The General was round and gave a speech. I wish he would have only given me ten days' leave. Wouldn't it have been fine? I had a touch of gas. It took a lot of skin off my body and also affected my chest, but now I am O.K."

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS REPORT ON EYESIGHT. OFFICIAL.

No. 4.

"Notwithstanding the important bearing which good Eyesight must have upon output, the question is not to-day receiving adequate attention——"

Why is the Ministry of Munitions insisting upon proper care being paid to the eyesight of their workers?

It is because they realise that faulty, weak, or defective eyesight means inefficiency, loss of time, and lessened output.

Are YOUR eyes helping, or hindering, your efficiency?

If your eyes ache at times, feel tired or strained, if you find close work trying, or if distant objects seem dim, if you suffer from headaches—then you should know that Nature is warning you of eye trouble.

Pay heed to your eyes. If you suspect that your eyesight is not what it should be, have your eyes tested, and make sure.

The price that you pay for defective eyesight is a million times greater than the cost of a pair of Glasses. Don't let the few shillings that correctly-fitted Glasses cost endanger the safety of your sight, handicap your work, and undermine your health.

If you feel indications of eye trouble, call here and have your eyes properly examined.

W. ROBERTSON,

F.S.M.C., F.I.O.,

*Fellow of the Worshipful Guild
of Spectaclemakers and the*

Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians,

**CERTIFICATED OPTICIAN,
11, LOWTHER ST.,
WHITEHAVEN.**



6 September 1917



PRIVATE PETER KENNEDY KILLED.

Further details of the death of Private Peter Kennedy have come to hand in letters received from officers of the Tyneside Irish Regiment, which the deceased joined on its formation. Deep sympathy is expressed to his father and mother and family, who are so highly respected by the residents of Cleator Moor, in their sad bereavement of a son who by his estimable character endeared himself to all. Deceased was buried by the Catholic chaplain, Father McBrearty, in a cemetery close to hand where he met his death by shell fire.

13 September 1917. Photo: 20 September 1917

A HENSINGHAM SOLDIER'S DEATH IN HOSPITAL.

Official word has been received of the death in hospital of Private Tom M'Farlane, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), son of Mr and Mrs M. M'Farlane, of Hensingham. He enlisted about three years ago, previous to which he was employed at Walkmill Colliery. He was well-known and highly respected in the district, being a member of the Hensingham Liberal Rooms, and the news of his death at the early age of 23 years will be heard of with sincere regret.

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A MISSING HAVERIGG SOLDIER.

Mr Thomas Floyd, Haverigg, has received official news that his son John, of the Cameron Highlanders, has been missing since the great battle, in which his other son, Richard, was killed.

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A KELL'S MAN SECURES A COMMISSION.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph Reed, of Kells, will be delighted to learn that he has this week being gazetted Second-Lieutenant, and has been posted to the 4th East Lancashires. He left Whitehaven to join his Company at Whitby on Tuesday last. At the time of the outbreak of war Second-Lieut. Reed was in the Territorials, and joined up at once, and since then has seen much active service. He was recently selected for a Commission, and after training has been posted as stated above. Second-Lieut. Reed's father was amongst the men who lost their lives in the Wellington Pit disaster. In civil life the Lieutenant was a clogger, in the service of Mr. T. Bridson, Queen Street, Whitehaven, with whom he served his time to that business. He was associated with the Mount Pleasant Mission, and is a fine spirited young fellow.

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PRIVATE CHRISTIAN, V.C. INVESTED BY THE KING

On Tuesday the King conducted an investiture ceremony at Glasgow, when Private Harry Christian of Low Mill, Egremont, received the V.C. The "Daily Mail" describing the ceremony, says: "The ovation of the day was kept for Private Christian. He had to be carried to the King in an invalid chair. Christian got the Victoria Cross for digging out one after another under heavy fire three colleagues who were buried in a crater in front of our trenches in France. He carried them back to safety. The King had a short talk with each V.C. and when Christian received his medal there was a mighty cheer. No other wearer of the Honour from the day it was instituted can ever have known quite such a reception."

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MISSING SOLDIER NOW A PRISONER.

The many friends of Private J. Dunn (who was reported missing in the "News" a few weeks ago) will be glad to learn that he is alive and well, although a prisoner in the hands of the Germans. Mrs Dunn has received a post card from him, in which he says:—

"Just a line to let you know I am alive and quite well, but a prisoner. I was captured on the 10th of July. I will write a letter later and give you my address when I get to our destination.—
Your loving son, .

JIM

6 September 1917