

# From the Newspaper Archives

## West Cumberland at War

October 1918



Nurse Belle (Isabella) Thompson, daughter of the late Councillor John Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, of 27, Tangier-street, has been awarded the Mons Star for services in Antwerp.

3 October 1918. Image from edition of 8 July 1915

Information has been received at Whitehaven, of the death in action of Pvt. J. W. Strand, of the Border Regiment, which occurred on October 1st. Pvt. Strand, who was married to a daughter of Mr. Dyson, of the Royal Standard Hotel, had been in the army eighteen months. He leaves in addition to his widow, two young children. Pvt. Strand was described as a brave and gallant soldier.

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Allied troops renew their offensive in France beginning a series of battles which force the Germans steadily back. British and Australian troops capture Damascus. Turkey signs an armistice with the Allies.

### WHITEHAVEN AND DISTRICT WAR ITEMS.

Pvte. Jas. Abernethy, of the King's Liverpool Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Abernethy, of 12, Senhouse-street, has been killed in action. He was 18 years of age, and had been in France seven weeks and four days when killed. He was employed previous to being called up at No. 10 Pit, Lowca.

3 October 1918

## Food Value of Chocolate

*Extract from a letter just received  
by Cadbury Bros. Ltd. from the  
President of an Officers' Mess, R.A.F.*

"You will no doubt be aware that it is a regular thing for our Pilots, especially when they are on early morning flying before breakfast, to take with them a small quantity of chocolate as nourishment."

### Cadbury's Chocolate

is both nourishing and sustaining.

MADE AT BOURNVILLE.

We take this opportunity to state that we are supplying our trade customers with as large a quantity of chocolate as the Government restrictions in raw materials permit, and regret any inconvenience the public may experience in obtaining full supplies.

CADBURY BROS. Ltd., Bournville.

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# S. JAMES', WHITEHAVEN.

## ALL SOULS.

The Great Memorial for the Departed.

**ALL SOULS EVE (FRIDAY, Nov. 1)**

**EVENSONG & VESPERS, Seven p.m.**

**Preacher: Rev. C. GATHORNE.**

**ALL SOULS DAY (SAT., Nov. 2),**

**REQUIEM COMMUNION, 7-30 a.m.**

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**WHITEHAVEN & DISTRICT Y.M.C.A.**

## HUT WEEK AND FLAG DAY,

**OCTOBER 7TH TO 13TH (Registered War Charity, 1916).**

Organised in Conjunction with His Worship the MAYOR (Ald. J. R. MUSGRAVE, J.P., C.C.).

Never has the Y.M.C.A. been more needed, more deeply appreciated, than now. It must not be allowed to suffer for want of Funds.

**LORD FRENCH** said recently at Dublin :—

"WHEN WE THINK OF THE WAY SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN TRIED IN THIS WAR, HOW THEIR NERVES HAVE BEEN STRAINED, AND HOW THEY HAVE COME THROUGH THE ORDEAL, WE CANNOT BUT REALISE THAT SOME VERY GREAT SPIRIT IS AT WORK AMONGST THEM. I AM SURE IT IS A SPIRIT THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT AMONGST THE TROOPS VERY LARGELY BY THE WORK OF SUCH AN INSTITUTION AS THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

The Right Hon. **DAVID LLOYD GEORGE'S** Great Tribute to the Y.M.C.A.

"FEW ORGANISATIONS HAVE DONE SO MUCH IN CARING FOR THE COMFORT AND WELL-BEING OF OUR SOLDIERS AS YOUR ASSOCIATIONS."

"THEY GIVE INVALUABLE HELP TO THE ARMY, AND HAVE IMMEASURABLY LIGHTENED THE HARDSHIPS WHICH HAVE TO BE ENDURED BY OUR TROOPS."

"IN RECOGNISING THE EXCELLENT WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, I SHOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU SUCCESS IN THAT WHICH YOU STILL PROPOSE TO UNDERTAKE. I CONSIDER THAT YOUR PLANS FOR AFTER THE WAR ARE NOT THE LEAST IMPORTANT OF YOUR ACTIVITIES."

**Field Marshal Sir DOUGLAS HAIG** says :—

"I CANNOT SPEAK TOO HIGHLY OF THE SPLENDID AND DEVOTED WORK WHICH HAS BEEN DONE IN EVERY PART OF THE ARMY IN FRANCE BY THE Y.M.C.A. WORKERS, OFTEN UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES OF EXTREME DANGER AND DIFFICULTY. OFFICERS AND MEN GREATLY VALUE AND APPRECIATE WHAT IS DONE FOR THEM BY THE Y.M.C.A. HUTS, AND I SEND YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR APPEAL."

**LORD DERBY**, British Ambassador in France, says :—

"SINCERELY TRUST YOUR APPEAL FOR Y.M.C.A. HUTS WILL MEET WITH GENEROUS RESPONSE. NOBODY WHO HAS SEEN THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE HERE CAN FAIL TO APPRECIATE THE ENORMOUS BENEFIT THEY CONFER ON OUR TROOPS. WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS."

**Admiral DAVID BEATTY** says :—

"I WISH EVERY SUCCESS TO YOUR APPEAL FOR Y.M.C.A. HUTS—AN ASSOCIATION WHICH HAS ALREADY DONE SO MUCH FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS CANNOT FAIL TO RECEIVE UNIVERSAL SUPPORT."

Help to meet the growing requirements of our Sailors and Soldiers in the critical times that are at hand. **THINK OF THE BOYS.**



**YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO-DAY.**

DONATIONS should be Addressed to His Worship the MAYOR (Ald. J. R. MUSGRAVE, J.P., C.C.), Town Hall, Whitehaven. CHEQUES made Payable to the "TREASURER, Y.M.C.A. Hut Fund" (W. H. Sands, Esq., The "District" Bank, Lowther-street, Whitehaven).

Organising Secretary, Mr. LEMUEL JONES.

10 October 1918



## MARYPORT SERGEANT AWARDED V.C.

Sergt. E. Smith, D.C.M., Lancashire Fusiliers, has been awarded the V.C. Sergt. Smith is a native of Maryport and worked at the Oughterside Colliery. A very young man he has won rapid promotion and was awarded the D.C.M. His father served at the Dardanelles in the R.N.R.

17 October 1918. Image from County Annual 1919

## A WHITEHAVEN SOLDIER'S CHUMS.

Driver James Hannah, R.F.A., T. 390424, 17th General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt, a Whitehaven man, writes that he has lost the address of most of his chums in the 3rd Border Regiment, to which he belonged from 1911 until mobilization in 1914. He served in the Border Regiment R.A.M.C., A.S.O., and Royal Artillery, and is now down in hospital with malarial fever pretty bad. He has come across Gunner Douglas, the footballer, who has not been home since 1915. Driver Hannah asks for the address of some of those who knew him. He belonged to D Company, 15th platoon, 10th section, 20th brigade, 7th division, of the 2nd Border Regiment. He has been fighting in Palestine, and hopes the people at home won't forget them "apres la guerre" (after the war).

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**SOLDIER PLOUGHMEN.**—Soldier ploughmen recently graded "A" are not to be withdrawn from farms for the present, even though substitutes have already been provided. Every effort will be made to find an additional number of skilled ploughmen to assist in the autumn work. Inquiries are being made into the number of ploughmen serving in the Army at home who can be made available for sending out on two months' agricultural furlough.

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## SAD DEATH OF A WHITEHAVEN FLYING OFFICER.

Last week we published in "The News" the fact that Flying Officer Ralph Mossop, of Whitehaven, had met with an accident owing to the failure of his engine while he was flying and a consequent awkward landing.

This week we have the sad duty of recording his accidental death. Flying Officer R. Mossop, who was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mossop, of Church Street, Whitehaven, was 19 years of age, and winning a scholarship at the Irish Street Council School he proceeded to St. Bees, where he was a member of the Cadet Corps.

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## GREEK MILITARY CROSS FOR WATH BROW SOLDIER.

The many friends of 2nd Lieut. John Dalziel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dalziel, Wath Brow, will be pleased to learn that he has gained the Greek Military Cross. Lieut. Dalziel was a scholar and pupil teacher at Montreal Schools, Cleator Moor, where he won a scholarship, and attended Whitehaven County Secondary School, and was successful in passing his Oxford Senior and Preliminary Certificate examinations. He afterwards entered St. John's College, Battersea, where he was again successful in obtaining his certificate as schoolmaster. He returned to Montreal School as assistant master, and joined the army three years ago as a gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery, rising from the ranks to 2nd Lieutenant. He was drafted to Salonica over twelve months ago, and was posted with a siege battery. Later he acted as gunner instructor for Greek officers for a period of six months. He is again with his battery, and has been awarded the Greek Military Cross (which carries with it the gift of an acre of land in Greece) for conspicuous bravery on the Sarka front.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES.

### WHITEHAVEN AND DISTRICT Y.M.C.A. HUT FUND.

THE GRAND TOTAL has now reached £97 10 12s 5d, and it is a reasonable hope that at least £1,000 clear of all expenses will be raised in this second appeal in Whitehaven and district.

THE FUND is, of course, STILL OPEN, and those who have delayed sending their contributions may send them to His Worship the Mayor (Ald. J. R. Musgrave; J.P., C.C., Town Hall, Whitehaven, or c/o the Hon. Treasurer (W. H. Sands, Esq., Manager, District Bank, Lowther Street). Cheques should be made payable "Treasurer Y.M.C.A. Hut Fund."

ALTHOUGH the WAR may be NEARING its END there is room and need of every pound that can be raised in view of the provision required for our brave men moving along in their victorious march to victory and peace, and there must be no slackening of effort just now.

THE GREAT GERMAN MILITARY MACHINE, which has taken half a century to create, is crumbling. With a little more pressure it will go like a house of cards.

### DON'T FORGET THE BOYS.

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Cut out and keep this notice. Show it to everyone in your household

## Notes on Saving

### No. 1.—How to save on Gas.

Do not light a burner until you need it for use.

Turn out the gas immediately when you have done with it.

Keep your burners and cooking utensils clean.

When boiling do not let the gas flare up round the sides of the pot or kettle; turn the gas lower as soon as boiling point is reached.

Regulate oven flames to produce the right heat for your cooking.

Give early notice to the company of bad supply or defective stoves or fires.

*Saving Gas means Saving Money.*

Invest your  
Gas Savings in

## War Savings Certificates

£1 for 15/6. £50 for £38:15:0. £500 for £387:10:0.

If you have not yet joined a War Savings Association, it is your patriotic duty to do so. Apply to the Secretary of your Local War Savings Committee, or write to the National War Savings Committee, Salisbury Square, London, E.C. 4.

Every Shilling saved and lent helps to win the War.



War Savings Certificates are a British Government Investment backed by all the wealth and power of the nation.

Their purchase price is 15/6 each, and their value in 5 years' time £1 each—this is equivalent to compound interest at 5 1/2 per cent., free of Income Tax.

You can get your money back in full at any time with any interest which is due.

You can buy War Savings Certificates from any Money Order Post Office, Bank, or Shopkeeper acting as Official Agent.

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### **A WHITEHAVEN SERGEANT WOUNDED.**

Mr. and Mrs. Rule, Carter-lane, Whitehaven, have received official word that their son, Sergt. Robert Rule, of the Border Regiment, has been wounded. They have also received word from the soldier himself stating that he has lost his left eye, and is wounded in the left side of his face. He was awarded the bar to his Military Medal about three weeks ago. He is now in hospital in London.

3 October 1918. Image from edition of 20 February 1919

### **A WHITEHAVEN PRISONER OF WAR.**

Private Arthur Kenneth McCullagh, son of Mr. J. McCullagh, Herbert Hill, Whitehaven, has been reported to be a prisoner of war. He was about 19 years of age, and was serving his time with Mr. Wm. Collis, before he joined the Army.

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### **AN EGREMONT YOUNG MAN KILLED IN ACTION.**

We regret to announce the death of another Egremont young man, in the person of Pvt. Patrickson, who was killed in France, on October 10th. Pvt. Patrickson made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of Wyndham Terrace, and was well-known in the town and district. He was only 21 years years of age, having joined the 5th Borders 2½ years ago. He had seen some heavy fighting, and was killed during the advance upon the Hindenburg Line, north of St. Quentin. He was a fine young man, and previous to joining the army was employed by Messrs Litt, farmers, of Low Walton, with whom he was a great favourite.

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### **LOCAL WAR ITEMS.**

Pvt. Robert Wm. Thompson, Royal West Kent Regt, of 160, Ennerdale Road, Cleator Moor, and of Walkmill Colliery, was killed in action on the 7th September. He was among the earliest volunteers, going off with the Egremont men of the 5th Border, and was then 18 years of age. Twice gassed, his first wound was his last.

Gunner John R. Atkinson, R.G.A., of 29, Peter Street, Whitehaven, son of the late Mr. C. W. Atkinson, Tangier Street, Whitehaven, has been wounded in the right thigh, in action, in France. He is in hospital in this country and has sent word to his wife that he is progressing favourably.

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### **PROFITEERING, FOOD HOARDING, &c.**

Mr. Edward Bohane, Divisional Commissioner, Ministry of Food, North-West Division, Derby House, Preston, writes to the Editor that he desires to secure, if possible, the co-operation of everyone in dealing more effectively with those who contravene the Orders of the Food Controller; and hopes that readers will favour him by drawing his attention to any case of obvious or suspected profiteering or hoarding of food stuffs. Such information will be treated as confidential and carefully investigated by his staff, and if necessary effectively dealt with. All communications on this subject should be addressed to him personally, and marked "confidential" on the outer cover.

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