

West Cumberland at War

December 1914

LONSDALE BATTALION ABSENTEES AT WORKINGTON

At the Workington Police-court, on Monday, before R. H. Hodgson, Esq., Joseph Weals Oglethorpe (33), Ernest Roderick Hall (19), William Mumford (23), and John Donoughie (23), privates in the Lonsdale Battalion, at Blackhall Camp, Carlisle, were charged with being absentees from their regiment on the 20th inst.

The Superintendent said in consequence of a telegram received by the Commanding Officer of the Lonsdale Battalion he gave instructions for Oglethorpe, Mumford, and Donoughie to be arrested. He was informed that Hall had been to Whitehaven and was on his way home to Workington. He was arrested that morning.

P.-C. Wilkinson said he arrested Oglethorpe at his home in Vulcan's Lane, and he admitted the offence. He arrested Hall at 15, Bromley-street, at his sister's house that morning, and he also admitted the offence.

P.-C. Riggs and Sergt. Wilson deposed to the arrest of Mumford and Donoughie, respectively at their homes.

The Superintendent applied that the defendants be handed over to Corpl. Davies, who was present, to convey them to Carlisle with the assistance of an escort.

The Chairman said he was distinctly sorry to hear of the breach of discipline from men whom he expected to know better, and hoped it would be the last case.

The men were handed over to Corpl. Davies.

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LATEST WAR NEWS.

HARTLEPOOL AND SCARBOROUGH SHELLED.

The Press Bureau, yesterday morning, issued the following:—

The Secretary to the Admiralty makes the following announcement:—

German movements of some importance are taking place this morning in the North Sea.

Scarborough and Hartlepool have been shelled, and our thrillas have at various points been engaged.

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LT. CECIL W. DICKINSON
OF WHITEHAVEN.
ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE.

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Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby on the east coast were bombarded leading to the deaths of 137 civilians. Earlier in December a British naval squadron defeated the German Asiatic Squadron in the South Atlantic just off the Falkland Islands.

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**IN SUCH DETAIL AND CONVENIENCE FOR REFERENCE ON A
GREAT VARIETY OF MATTERS THAT IT IS CALLED**

"THE LOCAL WHITAKER."

IT CONTAINS ALSO NUMEROUS

LOCAL WAR PORTRAITS OFFICERS & MEN:

Lieut. J. S. AINSWORTH.
Captain C. W. S. ANDREWS.
Lieut. H. BENNETT.
Lieut. TOM BRAGG.
Major J. W. BURNSLINDOW.
Major H. P. BURNYEAT.
CUMBERLAND R.F.A. TERRITORIALS.
Lieut. J. M. FINDLAY DICKSON.
Captain R. N. GORDON.
Captain W. T. HIGHET.

Lieut. R. W. MARLEY.
Private McGRATH.
MILLOM RESERVISTS.
Private ALBERT PAGE.
RECRUITING STAFF AT WHITEHAVEN.
Lieut. R. I. SMITH.
Private ALBERT TYSON.
Private TOM TYSON.
Adjutant T. S. WILKINSON.
Mr. STANLEY WILSON, WHITEHAVEN.

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**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR
TERRITORIALS AT THE FRONT.**—The
Christmas presents which the Misses Adair, Town-
head House, Beckertfiet, have been collecting
during the last few weeks for the E. Company, 5th
Border Regiment (who are on active service in
France), have been despatched, and received by
the men. Their officers—Captain H. R. Potts and
Lieut. W. Adair write to say how pleased and
gratified they all were for the nice and useful
presents. Each man in the Company received
a woollen garment, cigarettes, and chocolates; the
kindness of all who contributed is highly appreci-
ated.

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A SON-IN-LAW OF MR. J. S. AINSWORTH DIES OF WOUNDS.

Lieutenant Arthur George Murray-Smith,
2nd Life Guards, who was in the list of
wounded issued by the Press Bureau in
October last died in a German hospital at
Lille on the 2nd of November, aged 28 years.
Deceased was the son of Mr. G. Murray-
Smith, of Gumley Hill, Market Harborough,
the Chairman of the Midland Railway
Company, and of Mrs. Murray-Smith, who
is the youngest daughter of Lord Belper. He
was married to Margaret Louise, daughter
of Mr. J. S. Ainsworth, M.P., and Mrs. Ains-
worth, of The Flesch, and Harecroft, Gos-
forth, and of Ardanaiseig, Argyllshire.
Lieutenant Smith was educated at Eton and
Trinity College, and got his commission in
1911, and his step in the following year.

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**CORPORAL
VERNON S. MILLS,
OF MILLOM.**

"GERMANY'S OVERDOING IT."

"The Germans are about seventy yards in front of our trenches, and we fairly have some fun with them," writes Drammer C. Beer, 2nd Border Regiment. "When they fire a shot at our trench they do nothing else but hit the bank, and our fellows shout 'Hard lines! Hard lines!' One of the Germans has a tin whistle, and he gives us a tune every night, and then we generally sing them to sleep."

"This is a little parody of 'Everybody's doing it.' It goes like this:

Germany's overdoing it, doing it, doing it;
Now of course they're rueing it, rueing it;
With their country they'll have to part,
Though we know it will break their heart.
They have been sassy right from the start;
Germany's overdoing it now."

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PATRIOTIC CONCERT AT FRIZINGTON.

On Christmas Day a patriotic concert was held in the Picture Palace, in aid of the cigarette fund, and also to provide special requirements for the local soldiers from Frizington serving in France.

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These articles are taken from the *Whitehaven News*, held on microfilm at Whitehaven Archive and Local Studies Centre, and indexed by volunteers.

The issues covering the time of the Great War have been indexed by a group of volunteers in an eighteen-month long project undertaken to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of war, and to act as a lasting memorial to all whose lives were touched by the events.



A Soldier of the KING.

AFTER the War every man who has served will command his Country's gratitude. He will be looked up to and *respected* because he answered his country's call.

The Regiments at the Front are covering themselves with Glory.

Field-Marshal Sir John French wrote in an Order of the day,

"It is an Honour to belong to such an Army."

Every fit man from 19 to 38 is eligible for this great honour. Friends can join in a body, and serve together in the same regiment.

Rapid Promotion.

There is rapid promotion for intelligence and zeal. Hundreds who enlisted as private soldiers have already become officers because of their merits and courage, and thousands have reached non-commissioned rank.

Enlist To-day.

At any Post Office you can obtain the address of the nearest Recruiting Office. **Enter your name to-day on the Nation's Roll of Honour and do your part.**

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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A BORDER OFFICER KILLED.

Much sympathy will be felt in Carlisle with Major Cooch, who is acting as principal Recruiting Officer at the Border Depot, in the loss of his son, Second-Lieutenant C. R. Cooch, who is officially reported to have been killed in action on the 17th inst. Lieut. Charles Rollo Cooch was the only son of Major Charles Edward Hyacinth Cooch, who retired from the Border Regiment in March, 1909, and is now on the Reserve of Officers. Lieut. Cooch, who was the grandson of Colonel W. Cooch, formerly of his Majesty's Bodyguard, received his commission as recently as October 1st, and had only been at the front a fortnight when he fell. He went out to France about three weeks ago with the big reinforcing draft which was sent from Shoburyness to re-organise the regiment after its heavy losses at Ypres in October. His age was 20. He was a fine young officer, over six feet in height, and a very promising soldier. His family has been well-known for several generations in Cheltenham, where his great-grandfather, Colonel Kirwan, was Master of Ceremonies in the heyday of its prosperity.

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TYNESIDE IRISH BRIGADE.

RECRUITING MEETING AT CLEATOR MOOR.

Last (Wednesday) night a most enthusiastic meeting took place at Cleator Moor, in the Market Hall, which was crowded. Prior to commencement of the meeting the boys and girls of the St. Patrick and St. Mary's Schools, sang the various National Anthems, interspersed with "Soldiers of the King" and "Tipperary." Miss McQuaker, Cleator, rendered a song in a very delightful manner, the children joining in the chorus.

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BOROUGH OF WHITEHAVEN.

PRINCESS MARY'S CHRISTMAS FUND FOR THE TROOPS.

THE MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF Collections made by Miss L. M. Beadle and Miss Florrie Wallace, the Sum of £1; and by Miss Rachel Hannah and Miss Fanny Ferguson, the Sum of 4s 6d, which, with Amount already Acknowledged, makes £21 4s 6d.

This Fund is Now Closed.

W. S. BROWN, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, December 21, 1914.

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LIEUT. S. KENWORTHY,
OF ST. BEES.

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MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF AN OFFICER.

WOUNDED FUSILIER MISSING.

One of the mysteries of the war is involved in the extraordinary disappearance of Capt. W. Higgin-Birket, of Birket House, Windermere, an officer in the 2nd Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers, who, after being wounded in action about six weeks ago, suddenly vanished, and has not been heard of since.

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FORMER MILLOMITES SUFFER THROUGH THE GERMAN RAID.—Mr. J. Madge, who was formerly associated with the Millom Volunteers, and who now resides in Hardlepool, in a recent letter to Millom, states that his son, during the German raid, had his hand blown off, and his sister, Mrs. Jones, had her house knocked to pieces.

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