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TWO LOCAL AIRMEN



7 October 1915

2ND A.M. G. SLACK, R.N.A.S.
(COCKERMOUTH).



2ND A.M. H. JACKSON, R.N.A.S.
(EGREMONT).

FURTHER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WANTED.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE WHITEHAVEN NEWS.]

SIR,—On behalf of Whitehaven men in the trenches, through your paper, I would like you to advertise to ask the public of Whitehaven if they would kindly send a few musical instruments such as mouth organs, to pass a happy hour or so away when we come out of the trenches for a rest, as you need something to liven you up after so long a stay in the trenches. We have been in for days, but hope to be relieved soon for a rest, as we have had a bad time of it with wet weather and a hot time with the Germans.—I remain, &c.,

Private H. HUTCHINSON, 2178.

7 Platoon, B Company, 1-5th Battalion, Border Regiment, B.E.F., G.P.O., London, October 10.

14 October 1915

NETHERTOWN SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a list of the names of men now serving with the colours, who were formerly scholars of the above school:—Henry Fisher, Joseph Henry Graham, Thomas Gunson, Wm. Henry Gunson, John Gunson, Robert Lowery, George Munroe, Ernest Munroe, Richard Smith, Thomas Steele, Robley Steele, William Steele, Anthony Steele, Thomas Robley Steele, Arthur Steele, John Strick, Mark Thwaites, John Davidson, John Wood.

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British and French troops land in the Greek city of Salonika to set up a Balkan Front following the invasion of Serbia by Bulgaria. The UK, France, Italy and Russia declare war on Bulgaria.

KING'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION.

A MOVING PERSONAL APPEAL.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

TO MY PEOPLE.

At this grave moment in the struggle between my people and a highly organised enemy who has transgressed the Laws of Nations and changed the ordinance that binds civilized Europe together, I appeal to you.

I rejoice in my Empire's effort, and I feel pride in the voluntary response from my subjects all over the world who have sacrificed home, fortune, and life itself, in order that another may not inherit the free Empire which their ancestors and mine have built.

I ask you to make good these sacrifices.

The end is not in sight. More men and yet more are wanted to keep my Armies in the Field, and through them to secure Victory and enduring Peace.

In ancient days the darkest moment has ever produced in men of our race the sternest resolve.

I ask you, men of all classes, to come forward voluntarily and take your share in the fight.

In freely responding to my appeal, you will be giving your support to our brothers, who, for long months, have nobly upheld Britain's past traditions, and the glory of her Arms.

George R. I.

28 October 1915



SERGT. JAMES BOYLE
(OF WHITEHAVEN), MISSING.

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ONE MILLION WOMEN WANTED -Several millions of hospital requirements have been sent out by the British Red Cross Society for the wounded since the outbreak of war, in addition to over one million garments and enormous quantities of tobacco and sundries. It is computed that not less than one hundred thousand women were working under the Red Cross last winter, but to meet the demands which are being made upon us we now require ten times that number. Our casualty list is growing and the winter is coming on. In order to prevent overlapping and waste central work and pattern rooms are being established in London, and it is hoped to register every working party in the Kingdom under the Red Cross, either directly or through their country organisations but in no case to interfere in any way with their present activities. Regular information as to things most badly needed with be sent to all of them and approved patterns will be supplied at cost price. Organisers provided. Write for list and all particulars to: - the work room hon. secs. British Red Cross Society, 83 Pall Mall, S.W. Write today.

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NEWS FROM A PRISONER OF WAR.

Private T. Stainton, of the King's Own Regiment, who is a nephew of Mr. G. Dickinson, Senhouse-street, Whitehaven, and who is a prisoner of war at Friedricksfeld, Bie Wesil, Germany, has written to his cousin (Miss A. Dickinson), stating that they were only allowed one postcard a week and two letters a month, so that he could not answer everybody at once. He adds: "It is getting rather monotonous this kind of life. I am about ready for a change." In a second card, Private Stainton states that he is in the best of health, only he was getting tired of this kind of life and would be glad when he got back again. Private Stainton, who lives at Sedbergh, was wounded some time ago, and taken prisoner by the Germans.

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PARTON AND MORESBY SEWING GUILD. -This valuable organisation, which during last winter did so much good for the soldiers at the front, has again commenced operations with the object of sending a Christmas parcel to every man from the district serving in His Majesty's Forces; each parcel to include a pair of socks and a muffler for those who have not already got one, besides other gifts.

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THE "DAILY NEWS" ARMY CHRISTMAS PUDDING FUND.

Last Christmas a fund, organised by "The Daily News," and much assisted by friends throughout the country, supplied the whole British Army at the Western Front, in Egypt, and the Mediterranean stations, with Christmas pudding. In all, more than half a million men received this tribute of affection from the nation, and at the close Sir John French sent a message that

"NO PRESENT COULD BE MORE WELCOME."

This year the number to be provided for in the Army is four times as great.

The terms of the arrangement—devised both in the interest of the troops and for the purpose of avoiding overlapping and duplication which might very well upset the whole scheme—do not allow the fund (1) To receive puddings from the public; or (2) To send special consignments to individual units.

But on the other hand, assuming the full quantity supplied, the Fund will have the greatest pleasure in notifying to commanding officers the names of private donors of large amounts or the sources of public subscriptions identified with the units under their command. Contracts have already been placed to the extent of several thousand pounds sterling with some of the best known caterers on a large scale. The samples were approved in competition by M. Escoffier, the famous chef of the Carlton Hotel, and the prices were remarkable favourable: For instance, sixpence will amply provide for one man, £1 10s will supply an infantry platoon, £3 a cavalry squadron or artillery battery, £5 an infantry company, £9 an artillery brigade, £12 a cavalry regiment, £20 an infantry battalion.

The forces it proposes to supply are the soldiers in France and Flanders, Gallipoli, Egypt, and the Mediterranean. The Admiralty has this year placed the Navy out of the purview of a public subscription; every warship, of course, has facilities for making its own Christmas pudding.

The matter is by the way essentially one for speed. The whole supply must be in the hands of the army authorities by the end of November.

Subscriptions will be gladly received by The Daily News, Ltd., Bouverie Street, London, E.C. 9th October, 1915.

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MOOR ROW MAN IN THE DARDANELLES.

Mrs. Macken, Dalzell Street, Moor Row, received a letter from her son, Private B. Mitchell, of the 6th Border Regiment, dated August 4th, but has not heard from him since, only that he was seen by his Pal comrades on the 9th of the same month. Six weeks ago she received official information that he was still serving with his regiment, but she is now much concerned about his safety. Private Mitchell enlisted shortly after the war commenced, and left with his regiment for the Dardanelles early in July.

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WAR-WORKERS' CUTS & BRUISES

MAKE ZAM-BUK A DAILY NEED.

MUNITION workers at home, like soldiers in the trenches, stand in daily need of Zam-Buk, the perfect "first-aid."



Zam-Buk speedily soothes pain, cleanses a wound or sore, prevents festering and blood-poison, and knits the severed skin together again in a truly wonderful way. Zam-Buk is a pure herbal healer, scientifically and hygienically made, and contains none of the rancid animal fats that make old-fashioned ointments so risky and unsatisfactory.

Every British soldier and worker and every British home should have handy a box of this indispensable Zam-Buk.

No increase in popular prices. 1/1½ or 2/6 per box. Of all chemists and drugstores, or direct at same prices from The Zam-Buk Laboratories, Leeds.

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SCOTHING, HEALING & ANTISEPTIC.

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MISS HILDA FLYNN AS A NURSE.

Miss Hilda Flynn, sister of Lieut. Flynn, who has been teaching at St. Patrick's R.C. School, Cleator Moor, and was well known in Whitehaven in connection with amateur operatic performances, has received word from Devonshire House to take duty as a nurse at one of the military hospitals at Manchester; and she leaves for Manchester to-day for that purpose. She was one of the members of the Whitehaven Detachment of the Red Cross Society.

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**PTE. JAMES HOLT
(RAVENGLASS)
DIED OF WOUNDS,
MALTA MILITARY HOSPITAL,
SEPTEMBER 26.**

It is with the greatest regret that we have to record the death of Private James Holt, a man who was held in the highest esteem in the parish. The news is the more distressing as a week ago Mrs. Holt received a letter from him written from the military hospital at Malta, stating that he was progressing favourably, and that he was then out of danger (he had been shot in the head by a sniper whilst engaged in the Dardanelles operations, and it was feared at first that the bullet had touched his brain).

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Gallant exploit by Whitehaven captain and 5th border men.

No. 1910 Pvt Tom B Jones, C Company, 5th Border Regiment, writing to his home at Flimby, describes the recent fighting and mentions a daring act by Captain R R Blair, of A Company, Whitehaven, who with two sergeants and eight men of the regiment went into the enemy's lines and surprised a Bavarian patrol, killing ten outright and bringing a badly wounded one back to their own trench.

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**PTE. TOM SCURR,
2ND BORDER REGIMENT,
WOUNDED.**

(Photograph by W. Gibson, Tangier Buildings, Whitehaven.)

PRIVATE SCURR is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Scurr, 1, Church-street, Whitehaven, and formerly a member of "The Whitehaven News" linotype staff. He enlisted immediately after the outbreak of war, and in a letter to his parents, dated October, 3rd, he informed them that he was in the base hospital with wounds received after a big battle. He was hit by a bullet above the right ear, "but it wasn't much," he said.

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