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February 1916



DR. H. S. BYERS
(OF CLEATOR),
DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

24 February 1916



February 1916 saw the outbreak of the Battle of Verdun. The Germans launched a major attack against the French. Fighting continued until the end of the year.

THE WAR.

DEATH OF DR. BYERS. ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

SHOT THROUGH THE NECK.

On Friday afternoon last the sad news was received in Cleator of the death of Dr. Byers, who it will be remembered volunteered for active service in the medical service last October. The telegram which came from the War Office briefly stated that Dr. Byers was shot through the neck and died from wounds and hemorrhage at St. George's Hospital. The place mentioned in the wire was not very clear, but it was known that he had been stationed in Malta. Indeed he arrived there about two days before Xmas, and had been in constant service in the hospitals there. The last letter received here was from Malta, intimating that he was very busy attending to the wounded in the hospitals, but further than this there is no knowledge of where he has been to come by wounds resulting in his death. During November the doctor had a week's leave and visited Cleator and district, where he was held in the highest possible esteem. Since he enlisted his work has been carried on by his local medical friends, and it is needless to say the sad intelligence has been the sole topic during the day. As a public man he was very popular, and his elevation to the chair of the Cleator Moor Urban District Council was an event which met with the ready acquiescence of every one of the residents of Cleator parish, and his conduct of the meetings commanded admiration. Details of his death will be eagerly awaited.

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LITERARY.

LOCAL AND OTHER VERSE.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LEST WE FORGET.—Not quite suitable.

THE SOLDIER'S DREAM.

I dreamt I saw the land I loved,
With its woodlands lay so fair,
In which I rambled when a boy
In the sunny days of May.
But soon, dear friends, my vision changed
To one of dread and woe;
'Twas of the battlefields of France,
Where heroes come and go.
Like Nelson, Wolfe, they fac'd the foe
As in Liberty's struggles in days of yore,
And as my vision faded
I woke with great surprise
To find myself in the trenches
With my comrades by my side;—
All of one opinion—ready to fight or die.

PTE. R. PLASHER (1835).

Lewis Gun Team, 5th Border,
50th Division.

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TABLET IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ABRAHAM ACTON, V.C.

The tablet in memory of the late Abraham Acton, V.C., provided by Lieut.-Col. J. A. Jackson, has now been erected in Crosthwaite Memorial School, with the name of the school added. It has been placed in this school as being the one attended by Acton as a boy, Col. Jackson having expressed his intention of erecting such a monument in the school as soon as it became known that Acton had gained his distinction. From the same source each child and teacher attending the school was on Friday presented with a photograph of the tablet, upwards of 400 photographs being distributed.

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Pvt. JOSEPH TYSON,
KILLED IN ACTION.

(Photograph by W. J. Meekin, 47, Main Street,
Egremont.)

The sad news of the death of Pte. Joseph Tyson, of Low Mill, Egremont, who was in the 8th Batt. Border Regiment, was received yesterday week by his sorrowing parents. He is the first of the Egremont Pals on the death roll of honour. The letters, which have been received from his captain and comrades, show in how great esteem he was held. He enlisted early in September, 1914. On two occasions he was chosen as guard of honour to the King—once at Aldershot and again in France when the King visited the troops there. It was in France that he died. He was well known in Cumberland sporting circles, and was very successful as a wrestler, having carried off many prizes. He was one of the prize winners in the catch-weights at the 33rd Infantry Brigade Athletic Sports held in Belton Park, March, 1915. Great sympathy is felt for his relatives. His brother Isaac is somewhere in the Balkans, and no word had been received from him for many weeks until now. He is serving with the 6th Border. Fortunately the post that brought the sad news of Joseph's death also brought a letter from Isaac saying he was well. It had been written on Christmas Day.

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A NERVOUS WRECK—NOW GUNNER IN THE R.F.A.

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I had doctors and doctors none of them could do me any good. It was the same with all the tonics and things I took. They all proved utterly useless. Latterly my legs seemed to be losing power, and I used to stagger about like a drunken man. I always felt as though I were going to faint or have a fit; it was an awful feeling.

"Then at last I got Dr. Cassell's Tablets, and what a change they made in me! I did not believe there was such a medicine on earth until I commenced taking them. After a few doses I felt better, and in a few weeks was actually cured—though I had been suffering for six years. Now I am a soldier and proud to be able to serve my country. I am a Gunner (101,205)

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Gunner Jones, R.F.A.

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SERGEANT JOHN WOOD
(OF NETHERTOWN),
8TH SIEGE BATTERY, R.G.A.
RECOMMENDED FOR D.C.M.

Sergeant John Wood, 8th Siege Battery, R.G.A., and son of Mr. Matthew Wood, platelayer on the Furness Railway, Nether-town, has been awarded the D.C.M. for valuable service rendered by him at the battle of Loos. He enlisted about ten years ago, Corpl. Wood, as he was then, was for three years prior to the war stationed at the Defensible Barracks Pembroke Dock. He went to France in October, 1914, and since then has been in numerous engagements, but has fortunately escaped injury. At the battle of Loos he was on observation duty for eight hours, under heavy shell fire all the time, and it was for this that he had been recommended for a commission. He is married and his wife resides at 76, Military Road, Pennar, Pembroke Dock.

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SERGT. JOHN FLETCHER
(A NATIVE OF ARLECDON),
5TH BORDER,
RECOMMENDED FOR D.C.M.

(Photograph by S. J. Priest, 22, Paxton Terrace,
Barrow-in-Furness.)

We gave full particulars last week of the fact that Sergeant John Fletcher, of the Frizington (G Company) Territorials had been recommended for the D.C.M. His mother is at present resident in Sandhills Lane, Whitehaven.

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**CORPORAL JAS. COPELAND
(OF CLEATOR),
WOUNDED AND SICK IN THE
DARDANELLES.**

Corporal James Copeland joined the 6th Batt. Border Regiment on September 1, 1914, practically at the beginning of the war. Prior to this he was employed at Park House Mine, Bigrigg. His battalion was sent to the Dardanelles in June, 1915. After a few days spent at Alexandria these men landed at the extreme point of the Gallipoli Peninsula—Cape Helles—at a point below the fortified hill known as Achi Baba, from whence shells were pounding the shore.

Corporal Copeland was here only a few weeks before he was disabled. Whilst sniping over the parapet of a trench he was struck in the left hand, on which his rifle was balanced. The bullet went clean through one finger and totally disabled it. The next day he was struck again. While he and other wounded men were being embarked for Malta a bullet struck his foot, but, most fortunately, only effected a skin wound. On his way to Malta, on ship board, he developed dysentery, which proved so fatal to many of our men and so disastrous to our campaign in this region. For a month he was in Malta hospitals—St. George's and St. Patrick's,—and on September 5th he was removed with other sick and wounded men to England.

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RECRUITING IN MILLOM.—The work of recruiting in Milloom is making very satisfactory progress, a good many having either attested or enlisted under the new condition of things. Those who have been called up under their respective groups are making arrangements to join their regiments.

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**KELLS PRIVATE KILLED IN
ACTION.**

We regret to record the death in action of Private William Moore, of Kells, Whitehaven. Private Moore was a Territorial in the 5th Border, and was drafted out to France with his regiment in October, 1914. He was a native of Whitehaven, and married Miss Hetty Beck, daughter of Mr. Jos. Beck, North Row, Kells. He was on leave about six weeks ago, returning to the front again, where he met his death by the bursting of a shell in the trenches. He was well-known and highly respected by his comrades.

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**2ND LIEUT. J. NICHOLSON
(EGREMONT),
RAPID PROMOTION.**

(Photograph by Charles Fearnside, Victoria Road, Penrith.)

SECOND-LIEUTENANT JAS. NICHOLSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nicholson, of Yew Cottage, Egremont, has had rapid promotion from the ranks, and many friends will congratulate him upon his success. On his return from South Africa he sought and secured a clerical position in the office of Mr. Bell, electrician, Whitehaven, but when the war broke out his patriotism carried him to the recruiting office on September 14, 1914. He joined the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry. A week did not expire before he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. On November 13, 1914, he was made Sergeant. He must have displayed great interest and intelligence in the discharge of his duties for in May he was further promoted to the rank of Squadron-Quarter-Master-Sergeant, and he has now been advanced to that of Second-Lieutenant to the 11th Reserve Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

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PRIVATE HARRY BREW
(WHITEHAVEN),

29TH BATTALION CANADIANS.

(Photograph by the Romney Studio, 34, Low King Street, Whitehaven.)

PRIVATE HARRY BREW is a son of the late Mr. R. Brew, clogger, Irish-street, Whitehaven. He emigrated to Canada ten years, and enlisted at Vancouver, on October, 1914. He is 29 years of age, and has been in the trenches for about five months.

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ALIEN RESTRICTION ORDER.

PROHIBITED AREAS IN WESTMORLAND & CUMBERLAND

The "London Gazette" of Friday night contains an order by the Home Secretary adding various areas to the lists already published of prohibited areas under the Aliens Restriction Consolidation Order of 1914. Among the new prohibited areas are:—

CUMBERLAND.

The whole county.

WESTMORLLND.

Municipal borough: Kendal.

Urban districts: Ambleside, Grasmere, Kirkby Lonsdale, Windermere.

Large parts of Northumberland (including Newcastle) and Durham are also scheduled.

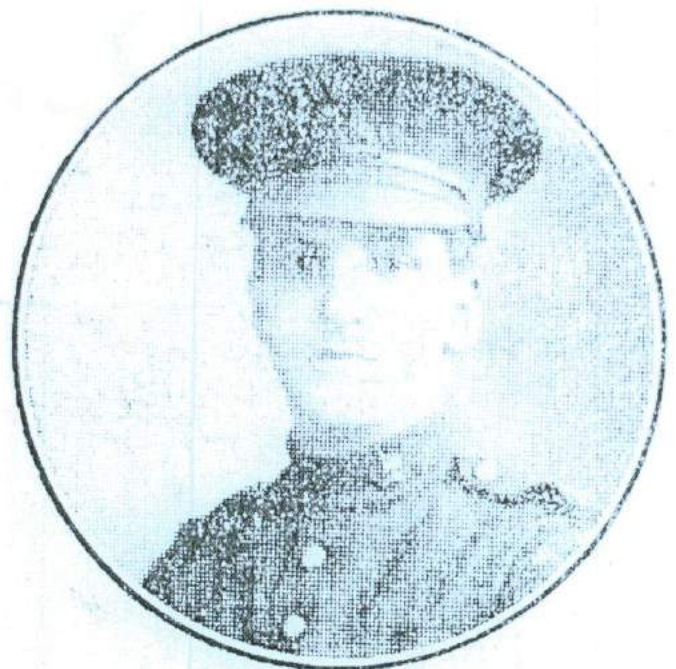
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ST. BEES SCHOOL.

GIFT OF A MOTOR AMBULANCE TO THE FRENCH RELIEF FUND.

There was on view on the terrace of the above school on Saturday a 15 h.-p. Belsize ambulance car, which is to be presented by the School to the French Relief Fund. The car is fitted with all the latest improvements, and can take four stretcher cases, or will hold 16 persons seated. A plate bears the following inscription:—"French Relief Fund. Presented by the St. Bees School, Cumberland." Mr. H. White, St. Bees, brought the car from the makers to St. Bees, to allow the donors an opportunity to view it before it started on its errand of succouring the French wounded. It left St. Bees on Monday.

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PRIVATE ARTHUR BREW
(WHITEHAVEN),

**7TH BATTALION CANADIANS,
MISSING SINCE APRIL 24, 1915**

PRIVATE ARTHUR BREW is another son of the late Mr. Robert Brew. He emigrated to Canada seven years ago, and enlisted within two hours after England had declared war against Germany. He was last seen in the trenches at midnight on April 24th, 1915, but failed to answer the roll call on Sunday, April 25th. He has now been missing for about nine months. He is 24 years of age.

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