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June 1916

WHITEHAVEN MEN IN THE JUTLAND BATTLE.



**WILKINSON BATTY, J. SPEDDING
AND JAS. SLOAN. ALL WELL.**

22 June 1916

MILLOM MEN AND THE RECENT NAVAL ACTION.

It is to be feared that when the full list of those who have lost their lives in the recent naval action are published some Millom names will be found. Amongst them, Mr. Price Hughes had a son serving on the Queen Mary, but some time previous to the engagement he had been transferred, but to what vessel is yet uncertain. Mr. Steward, of Crown Street, also had a son serving in one of the ill-fated vessels, but so far as can be ascertained had been attending to some duties on land. From The Hill in Millom, too, there were two or three connected with the Navy.

8 June 1916



**SEAMAN T. HODGSON,
A WHITEHAVEN MAN IN THE
BATTLE OF JUTLAND.**

29 June 1916

HMS Hampshire sank off the Orkney Islands while sailing to Russia carrying Field Marshal Lord Kitchener who lost his life. Rumour circulated that *Hampshire* hit a German-laid mine. Meanwhile locally news of the naval losses sustained during the Battle of Jutland began to filter through. The Battle of the Boar's Head was fought on 30 June to divert German attention from the Battle of the Somme which was to begin the next day.



PRIVATE F. C. BOSWARD
(4TH SOUTH AFRICAN SCOTTISH),
AND ONLY SON OF MR. & MRS.
J. G. BOSWARD, SEASCALE.

The residents of Seascale heard with deep regret, on Saturday, that Mr. Frank C. Bosward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bosward, of Coveness Bank, Seascale, had been killed by an accident at a military camp. It appears that a party of men were engaged in bomb-throwing practice on the common, when one of the bombs exploded prematurely, and young Bosward was killed. He was a fine young fellow, very popular with all in Seascale, and was just approaching his 21st birthday.

1 and 15 June 1916

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The Tradesmen Required are :—

**BLACKSMITHS,
BRICKLAYERS,
MASONS,
ENGINE DRIVERS,
FITTERS,
TURNERS.**

Men Desirous of Joining this Unit should apply to the Nearest Recruiting Office and Produce a Certificate of their Qualifications, so that they may be sent to pass the Trade Test.

1 June 1916

LONSDALE BATTALION AND ALARMING REPORTS AT WORKINGTON.

On Sunday and Monday alarming reports about Workington men having been killed and wounded, belonging to the Lonsdale Battalion were circulated in the town and villages. As the result of inquiries it transpired that a letter had been received from a member of the battalion in France to the effect Private William Walter Stephen, the son of ex-Inspector Stephen, Curwen-street, had been wounded and was missing.

15 June 1916

MORE FINES FOR EXPOSED LIGHTS.

IN CHURCH-STREET.

Thomas Preston (56), sculptor, 24, Church-street, Whitehaven, was charged with having neglected to obscure a light in his dwelling-house at 12.45 a.m. on the 15th May.—Defendant did not appear.—P.C. Fishwick gave evidence of a bright light from the window of the upper part of the front of the house, on which there was no blind, and which showed across to St. Nicholas Church. He watched it for ten minutes, thinking someone might put the light out. He then knocked at the door, and Mr. Preston said the light was caused by his daughter and niece, who had been retiring.

1 June 1916



ARMY SERVICE CORPS MECHANICAL TRANSPORT

AN OFFICER from the Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport Section, will VISIT the Undermentioned RECRUITING OFFICES for the purpose of Interviewing and Accepting RECRUITS for this Branch of the Service :—

PENRITH (Drill Hall), Thursday, June 29th, from 2-30 to 4-30 p.m.
CARLISLE (7, Devonshire Street), Friday, June 30th, All Day.

29 June 1916



**ENGINEER-ARTIFICER
A. S. BELLMAN,
OF WHITEHAVEN.**

ARTHUR BELLMAN AMONG NOMAD PRISONERS.

Artificer Arthur Bellman, youngest son of Mr. James Bellman, Victoria Road, Whitehaven, was on the British destroyer Nomad, which was sunk in the battle of Jutland. At first it was supposed that all hands had been lost. Then the Germans reported that they had over 60 of the crew of the Nomad, whom they had taken prisoners. Mrs. Bellman has since received the following war postcard from Germany:—"2nd June. My dear mother, I am a prisoner of war in Germany. We were sunk with flying colours. It was terrible. I am all right and hoping for the best.—Your loving son Arthur. Look after Eva." Eva is his wife.

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15 June 1916



**FLIGHT-LIEUT.
C. W. DICKINSON, R.N.,
SON OF MR. W. DICKINSON,
CHAPELHOUSE.**

DROWNED JUNE 9, 1916.

(Photograph by J. Russell, South Farnborough.)

An announcement was received on Saturday that an Admiralty intimation had been made that Flight Lieutenant C. W. Dickinson had been drowned and that his body had not been recovered. The accident happened about 10-30 on Friday morning.

Mr. Cecil William Dickinson was the only son of Mr. W. Dickinson (Howson, Dickinson & Co., solicitors, Whitehaven) and Mrs. W. Dickinson, of Chapel House, Hensingham. He was educated at Sedburgh.

The first intimation of the sad news that Lieut. Dickinson had been drowned at sea was received at about two o'clock on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson left by the evening mail train for the South to make personal inquiries. They had not returned yesterday morning. After their departure the further intimation was received that the body had not been recovered.

15 June 1916

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**LANCE-CPL. A. J. JOHNSTON
(OF WHITEHAVEN),
KILLED IN ACTION.**

Lance-Compl. A. J. Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, of 31, Victoria Road, Whitehaven, whose death in action was announced in our last issue, was 19 years of age on August 27th, 1914, and on seeing the very serious position our country was in offered himself on the first Monday after that date, but as the enlistment forms were not available he did not join H.M. Forces until the Wednesday following, on which day he was detailed for duties in the Orderly Office. In about October he decided the office work could be done by older and less fit men for soldiers, and asked to be transferred. When the 8th Battalion or "Pals" Regiment was sent to France in September, 1915, he went along with them.

8 June 1916

**FURTHER WORKINGTON
MEN IN THE NAVAL ACTION.**

William Thompson Wright, a native of Workington, and a married man, whose wife lives in Warwick-place, was on board the Indefatigable. Formerly in the employ of the Workington Corporation as a labourer he joined the Navy on January 5, 1915. After proceeding to Devonport he was placed on the Indefatigable, working as a stoker. He was home on furlough last February. He lost a little girl in April, 1915, but has left a little boy.