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CAPT G G ARMSTRONG (Netherwasdale) **MILITARY CROSS**

11 January 1917

WORKINGTON MAN **KILLED IN ACTION**

Mr and Mrs Henry Linton, 24 North Wattstreet, Workington, have received official intimation that their son Lance-Corpl John Henry Linton (26), belonging to the Queen Victoria Rifles, was killed in action in France on Christmas Day, December 25th.

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Inclement weather during early January limited both sides to simply trying to survive the rain, snow, fog and waterlogged trenches and shell holes. The Sinai peninsula was finally recaptured by British forces following the Battle of Rafa.

RAVENGLASS SOLDIER'S **DEATH**

Mr and Mrs George Tyson, Wells Cottages, Ravenglass, have received the sad intelligence that their eldest son, Trooper William Tyson, 2nd Life Guards, had died in France from wounds, on December 28. A telegram from Windsor Barracks was the first intimation they had. A few hours previous Mrs Tyson received a letter from her son dated the 24th December. Born in Ravenglass, Trooper W Tyson attended Muncaster School, then entered farm service, and for some time he was on the home farm, Muncaster Castle, and then went to Moor Row as engine cleaner, and just before joining up had qualified for fireman. He enlisted a little over two years ago, and had been in France about eighteen months. He spent five days' leave at home two months since and was 20 years of age. Trooper W Tyson was of a quiet and unassuming nature, deeply attached to his parents, and always well spoken of by his employers. We deeply regret his loss.

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PRIVATE T S TYSON, ESKDALE, WOUNDED

PVT T S Tyson, Eskdale, joined the Border Regiment on February 19th, 1915, and was trained at Shoeburyness. From there he was drafted out to the Dardanelles on August 25th, taking part in the fighting at Sulva Bay. He was invalided home from there with jaundice and dysentery, arriving in England on New Year's Day. On April 21st he was sent to France, where he was wounded on the Somme on December 9th in the arm, shoulder and jaw. At present he is in hospital at Aldershot, and is doing as well as can be expected.

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A CLEATOR MOOR MAN'S DEATH IN FRANCE

Confirmation of the death of Private James Kendal Telford, son of Mr and Mrs James Telford, has been received at Cleator Moor. Deceased who was well known in the neighbourhood was only 27 years of age and served his apprenticeship as a fitter at the Lowca Engineering Co, and later was employed at Messrs Heathcote's, Cleator Moor.

4 January 1917



CAPT. A. B. COWBURN (SON-IN-LAW OF THE MAYOR OF WHITEHAVEN), AWARDED MILITARY CROSS.

In the list of officers appearing in the special supplement to the "London Gazette" of 1st January 1917, upon whom His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Cross for distinguished service in the field, are the names of Captain Arthur B Cowburn, D Company, 5th Border Regiment; and Second-Lieut Cyril A Blackburn, Royal Garrison Artillery. These two gallant officers are sons-in-law of His Worship the Mayor of Whitehaven (Ald. J R Musgrave).

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**PVT W BRAITHWAITE
(BOOTLE), 7th SEAFORTHS,
MISSING**

11 January 1917

PRICE OF POTATOES

**MARKET RIOT AT MARYPORT
WOMEN ENFORCE "THE LEGAL
SHILLING"**

The high price of potatoes led to a minor riot in the John Street Market, Maryport on Saturday afternoon. In the forenoon Mr Pattinson Lowther, the Town Crier, was sent round by a number of housewives with husbands and sons fighting, crying:

"Mothers and wives of soldiers! You are requested not to pay anything like 2s per stone for potatoes, while your sons and husbands are fighting for your King and country."

The announcement, coupled with the statement in the newspapers that the Government had fixed the price of potatoes at £8 per ton or 1s per stone wholesale led to a large crowd, mainly women, assembling in the John Street Market in the afternoon. These would-be buyers declared they would not pay more than "the legal shilling", than the "Government price".

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4 January 1917

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CLEATOR MOOR SOLDIER KILLED

Official information has been received by his wife at 60 High Street, Cleator Moor, that Private Dickinson Fisher Birkett has been killed in France. Birkett, who before enlisting was employed as a baker at the Co-operative Stores, Cleator Moor, married Miss Maggie Greggain, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geo. Greggain. He was held in the highest esteem by everybody and the news of his death gave a shock to his many friends. He leaves a young wife and child to mourn his loss, and for these and his mother, Mrs Birkett, of Trumpet Road, and relatives, the greatest sympathy is expressed.

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CORPL W GARROWAY KILLED IN ACTION

It is with profound regret that we have to announce the death of Corpl William Garroway (son of Mr John Garroway, of the Anchor Vaults, Ginns, Whitehaven), who died on the 27th ult. from injuries received the previous day. The deceased joined the Whitehaven "Pals" Regiment in September 1914, and after training at Carlisle, Codford, Boscombe and Aldershot proceeded to France with the Border Regiment. At the time of his death he was engaged as a service bomber. The deceased, who was 25 years of age, served his time as an iron moulder at Messrs Stout's Newtown Foundry, Whitehaven. He was well known in athletic circles having played for the Colliery Recreation Club at cricket, football and bowling and won many distinctions, being one of the winning team when the above club won the District Shield in 1909-10. He also held two medals for football won in France. Great sympathy is felt for his father, sisters and brother in their sad loss, Willie, as he was familiarly called, being a great favourite.

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PVT J ATKINSON (BOOTLE), 4TH KING'S OWN WOUNDED & MISSING

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