

Local Gallantry Award Winners of the First World War



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- Soldiers from Worksop and District who died serving in the First World War transcribed by Pat Malkin and Colin Dannatt from weekly reports appearing in the Worksop Guardian newspaper during the First World War (1914-1919) – Held at Worksop Library
- Nottinghamshire County Council's Roll of Honour – available online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/rollofhonour

Worksop Library holds (on microfilm) the Worksop Guardian newspaper (1896-present). Ancestry.com and the British Newspaper Archive are available to access for free, through Inspire's online subscriptions, in Nottinghamshire Libraries and Nottinghamshire Archives.

Front page illustration: Sergeant Fred Painter, 1/8th Sherwood Foresters, received a commendation by the Mayor-General commanding the North Midland Division.

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Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Airey	Farnsworth	Gunner	4th August & 29th December 1916	8th August 1916
Allen	William Barnsley	Captain	15th September 1916	28th September 1916
Allsopp	Cyril	Signaller	13th December 1918 & 25th April 1919	22nd July 1919
Allsopp	William	Corporal	22nd & 29th December 1916	8th December 1916
Alltoft	Sam	Private	18th October 1918	7th February 1919
Ashley	W	Lance Corporal	5th October 1917	16th November 1917
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Bagshaw	Sam	Gunner	22nd June 1917	17th July 1917
Bailey	George Arthur	Sergeant	8th November 1918	
Barnsdale	F.H.	Private	3rd May 1918 & 6th June 1919	12th July 1918, 30th May 1919 & 9th March 1920
Battersby	George William	Sergeant	20th June 1919	30th May 1919 & 12th December 1919
Beardsall	William	Private	15th February 1918	25th January 1918
Bee	G	Company Quartermaster Sergeant	6th June 1919	30th May 1919
Benn	Leonard	Private	27th October 1916	10th October 1916
Betteridge	James	Lance-Corporal	25th May & 1st June 1917	
Betts	Jack	Private		9th January 1917
Biggin	George Henry	Private/Colonel	24th March 1916	13th June 1919
Biggin	Wilfrid	Sergeant	12th April & 24th May 1918	12th April 1918
Birtles	Alec		31st August 1917	24th August 1917
Blagden	Sam	Corporal	12th October 1917	30th October 1917
Blakey	John	Sapper	8th November 1918	13th May 1919
Blewitt	William Thomas	Private	9 July 1915	18th June 1915 & 28th January 1919
Blow	James Newman	Private	14th February 1919	22nd July 1919
Bower	Reginald	Lance-Corporal	20th October &	19th January 1916
Bradshaw	L.	Gunner		15th March 1918
Brown	Enos	Driver	21st December 1917	1st February 1918
Brown	W. H.	Private	13th July 1917	14th August 1917
Brown	William Henry	Private	13th July 1917	6th July 1917
Brownlow	Ernest C	Corporal	20th September 1918 & 29th November 1918	Edinburgh Gazette 19th June 1919
Buckley	Alfred	Company Sergeant-Major	13th October, 29th December 1916 & 13th April 1917	14th November 1916

Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Buckley	J. H.	Sergeant	4th October 1918	22nd July 1919
Burcher	G. H.	Sergeant	16th May 1919	
Burnett	Alfred. G.	Corporal	26th January 1917	8th December 1916
Butcher	J	Private	10th November 1916	
Butler Bowdon	W. E.	Major	11th January 1918	7th December 1917
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Cartwright	James	Corporal	18th June 1915	22nd & 29th June 1915
Cashmore	Luke	Company Sergeant Major then 2nd Lieutenant	1st June 1917, 16th August 1918 & 14th March 1919	25th May 1917, 3rd October 1919 & 4th November 1919
Clewes	W	Sergeant-Drummer		10th March 1916
Cole	Fred	Private	15th September & 29th December 1916	1st September 1916
Colton	Archie W	Private	29th November 1918	13th May 1919
Coupland	Henry Frederick	Private	9th August 1918	18th October 1918
Coupland	R A	Sergeant		7th February 1919
Cowgill	John Ignatius William	Lieutenant	4th January 1918	28th December 1917
Cowgill	John Vincent	2nd Lieutenant	22nd June & 7th September 1917	14th August 1917
Crehan	M	Crehan	23rd March 1917	23rd March 1917
Crummock (Crummack)	Ernest	Sergeant	25th August & 29th December 1916 21st February, 8th August & 19th December 1919	22nd September 1916 13th February 1917 & 29th July 1919
Cunnington	W	Corporal	11th, 18th October & 13th December 1918	3rd December 1918
Curley	Fred	Private	24th August 1917	14th September 1917
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Dalby	Henry	Private	25th August 1916 & 7th September 1917	23rd August 1916 & 16th October 1917
Deakin	Willis	Sergeant	7th February 1919	21st January 1919
Dennis	Alfred E	Private	6th & 13th December 1918	Edinburgh Gazette 2nd September 1918
Dolby	G H	Private	25th August 1916	28th August 1916
Douglas	H	Acting Corporal	29th September & 29th December 1916	20th October 1916
Drabble	Harold	Private	24th May 1918	25th June 1918

Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Eaton	J.	Private	30th November 1917, 13th December 1918 & 14th March 1919	16th November 1917, 11th March & 28th November 1919
Ebbs	J. W	Private	5th October 1917	30th October 1917
Edwards	R. H	Sergeant	27th June 1919 for death announcement	18th October 1918
Elliott	Charles Pynsent	Lieutenant	16th November 1917 & 26th April 1918	14th December 1917 & 19th April 1918
Ellis	S	Private		21st November 1919
Evason	Arthur	Sergeant	9th August 1918	9th August 1918
Evers	Owen	Private		10th December 1918 & 23rd May 1919
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Featherston	Joseph	Lieutenant	11th January 1917	18th February & 16th July 1918
Featherston	W	Pioneer	7th March 1919	19th August 1919
Finch	L. H.	Captain	23rd June 1916	13th June 1916
Fisher	Wilfred	Private	27th October 1916	10th October 1916
Foljambe	Gerald William Frederick Savile	Captain	4th January 1918	28th December 1917
Foljambe	R. F. T.	Lieutenant	5th January 1917	2nd January 1917
Foreman	Henry George	Lance-Corporal	22nd September & 29th December 1916	12th September 1916
Forrest	E.	Private	16th March 1917	9th March 1917
Fowler	William	Bombardier	31st January & 1st August 1919	22nd July 1919
Fox	Arthur	2nd Lieutenant	16th June 1916	30th May 1916
Franklin	T	Sergeant	27th December 1918	11th March & 28th November 1919
Froggatt	Bernard	Private	6th July 1917	14th August 1917
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Garside	F.	Private	24th November & 29th December 1916	19th December 1916
Gee	J.	Private		13th May 1919
Gething	S.	Sergeant	5th January 1917	16th February 1917
Godley	F.	Sergeant	18th January 1918	1st January & 16th April 1918
Grainger	Cyril	Sergeant	8th September 1916	1st September 1916
Grant	D.	Captain	12th January 1917	
Gray	William	Private	27th December 1918	
Greaves	Fred	Acting Corporal	30th November 1917, 25th January & 14th June 1918	23rd November 1917

Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Greaves	George	Private	9th November 1917, 17th January & 7th March 1919	11th January 1918 & 10th January 1919
Greaves	Harry	2nd Lieutenant	7th June, 29th November & 27th December 1918	18th September 1918 & 3rd October 1919
Green	William Bernard	Sergeant	12th April 1918	12th April 1918
Gretton	Albert	Driver	9th November 1917	
Gribble	Gribble	Temporary 2nd Lieutenant	2nd June 1916	3rd April 1916
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Hackney	J. W.	Gunner	9th November 1917	16th November 1917
Hague	Sam	Private	14th September 1917, 27th December 1918 & 14th March 1919	16th October 1917 & 4th December 1919
Hall	H.	Sergeant		12th November 1918
Hancock	Robert	Company Sergeant-Major	27th October, 29th December 1916 & 30th November 1917	14th November 1916
Harding	Daniel	Lieutenant	7th February 1919	14th February 1919 & 14th October 1919
Harrison	Bert	Corporal	21st June 1918 & 7th February 1919	31st December 1918 & 2nd September 1919
Harrison	Frederick	Lance-Corporal	30th August 1918	12th November 1918
Harrop	Richard	Sergeant	25th January, 5th & 26th April 1918	1st January & 16th April 1918
Harvey	Bernard	Corporal	21st December 1917	11th December 1917
Harvey	Douglas Preston	2nd Lieutenant	29th June 1917	15th June 1917
Haslam	Frank	Lieutenant	31st August, 14th September 1917 & 1st February 1918	25th September 1917 & 8th January 1918
Hazelhurst/ Hazlehurst	David Thomas	Sergeant	Nottingham Journal 29th June 1916	Edinburgh Gazette 5th June 1916
Heavey	Martin T	Lance-Corporal	16th August & 13th December 1918	14th August 1917
Hill	A.	Gunner		25th September 1917
Hill	George Ernest	Sergeant	3rd November, 14th November & 29th December 1916	12th September 1916
Hill	J	Private		13th June 1919
Hinde	L	Private	6th June 1919	30th May 1919 & 9th March 1920
Hodding	Henry Ellis	Temporary Lieutenant	30th November 1917 & 12th April 1918	5th April 1918
Holberry	George	Private	1st & 29th December 1916	10th November 1916
Holmes	J	Private	23rd June 1916	13th June 1916

Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Hoole	H.	Gunner		16th October 1917
Hopewell	J. W	Private	26th July 1918	19th July 1918
Horsley	Bernard Hill	Temporary Captain	29th September 1916 & 1st November 1918	22nd September 1916 & 11th October 1918
Howley	E.	Private		22nd September 1916
Hunt	Mabel	Matron	28th June 1918	18th June 1918
Hydes	Frank	Driver	8th December, 29th December 1916 & 27th June 1919	10th November 1916
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Ibberson	George	Lance-Corporal	9th November 1917 & 23rd May 1919	14th December 1917
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Jenkins	J. W.	Company Sergeant-Major	31st August 1917	14th August 1917
Johnson	William Henry	Sergeant	20th December 1918 3rd January, 14th February, 28th March & 4th April 1919	13th December 1918 & 12th December 1919
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Keeling	Robert Henry	Private	5th November 1915 & 25th August 1916	22nd September 1916
King	W. H.	Company Sergeant-Major	2nd March 1917	24th January 1917 & 2nd March 1917
Kitchen	Edward	Private	13th & 20th December 1918	22nd July 1919
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Lawrie	Herbert	Quarter Master Sergeant		17th December 1918
Limb	Fred	Private	2nd August 1918	18th October 1918
Lister-Kaye	G. L.	Lieutenant	20th September 1918	3rd September 1918
Lock	J.	Rifleman	29th December 1916	17th December 1918
Long	Henry	Company Quartermaster-Sergeant	24th January 1918	19th November 1918, 21st January 1919 & 3rd October 1919
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Malthouse	Frank	Sergeant	22nd February 1918 & 26th April 1918 for death announcement	
Marks	Moses	Sergeant	Retford Times 23rd October 1914	20th October 1914 27th October 1916
Marsden	William	Lance-Corporal	20th July 1917	14th August 1917 14th
Marshall	William	Sergeant	6th August 1915	
Martin	H	Lance-Corporal	25th October 1918 (Notice of death)	12th October 1915

Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Martin	Robert (Richard in Workshop Guardian)	Private	23rd November 1917	
Matthews	Arthur Clement	Sergeant	18th January 1918	15th March 1918
Matthews	Stanley	Lance-Corporal	16th June 1916 & 27th April (Death)	2nd June 1916
Mawer (Chamberlain)	Alfred	Private	6th December 1918 & 24th December 1919	13th June 1919
Meakin	Herbert Morgan	2nd Lieutenant	9th November 1917 & 12th April 1918	23rd November 1917 & 5th April 1918
Metcalf	Arthur	Sergeant	8th March 1918	
Miller	Frank C	Lance-Sergeant	15th December 1916	8th December 1916
Mills	Arthur	2nd Corporal	26th July 1918	26th August 1918
Moncton- Arundell	G. V. A.	Major	5th January 1917	2nd January 1917
Morris	Francis John	Doctor	20th October 1916	20th October & 29th December 1916
Morton	F. S.	Sergeant		28th September 1917
Mosgrove	E.	Private	6th & 13th December 1918	11th March 1919 16th July 1916
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Naughton	J.	Sergeant	10th January 1919	31st December 1918, 22nd July & 2nd September 1919
Nelson	J.	Private	24th January 1919	17th January 1919
Nix	Walter	Private	Retford Times 30th June 1916	16th October, 8th & 15th December 1914
North	Horace G	Lance-Corporal	24th January 1919 & 6th June 1919	30th May 1919
Nussey	Richard	Private	24th November & 29th December 1916	8th January 1917
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Oldfield	W.	Lance-Sergeant	17th November & 29th December 1916	10th November 1916
Oldknow	A.	Sergeant	23rd June 1916	13th June 1916
Otter	Ernest	Private	21st September 1917	
Outlaw	Arthur	Private	17th November & 29th December 1916	
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Painter	Fred	Sergeant	8th June 1917	
Parkin	E.	Corporal		30th October 1917
Parkin	G. H.	Sergeant	4th January, 8th March & 10th May 1918 Report of death)	1st March 1918

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Pearson	Kenneth Noble	Temporary Captain	27th October 1916	20th October 1916
Perkins	A. J.	Mechanist/ Staff Sergeant	28th February 1919 26th July 1918	17th January 1919 19th July 1918
Petrie	H.	Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant	23rd June 1916	23rd June 1916
Pickering	George	Acting Bombardier	10th November & 29th December 1916	5th January 1917
Pinchin	Clement	Lance-Corporal	21st September 1917	25th September 1917
Pitchford	Donald Mitchell	Lieutenant	11th February & 29th December 1916	Edinburgh Gazette 31st March 1916
Pogson	Edgar	Private	22nd June 1917	17th July 1917
Powell	George	Captain	14th June, 20th September 1918 & 28th March, 4th April 1919	13th September 1918
Powell	T.	Company Sergeant-Major	18th August 1916 & 1st June 1917	25th May 1917
Price	L.	Private	3rd August 1917	14th August 1917
Surname	Forename	Rank	Worksop Guardian	London Gazette
Ramsden	Frank	Private	23rd November 1917	25th January 1918
Ramsden	Richard	Private	2nd November 1917	14th December 1917
Redfearn	Charles	Private	23rd June 1916	13th June 1916
Rice	W. A.	Sergeant	10th August 1917	24th August 1917
Roe	Amos	Lance-Corporal	25th January 1918	16th April 1918 & Edinburgh Gazette 2nd January 1918
Russon	William	Sergeant	10th May, 21st June, 20th September, 25th October, 8th November 1918 & 24th December 1919	30th August 1918 & 11th March 1919
Rutherford	Samuel	Temporary Captain	21st June 1918	10th May 1918
Surname	Forename	Rank	Worksop Guardian	London Gazette
Shaw	Frank Sampson	Temporary 2nd Lieutenant	22nd June 1917	24th July 1917
Shore	Albert	Corporal	5th November 1915	
Sibbing (Sibbering)	Arthur	Private	15th November 1918	14th February 1919
Smith	I	Private		13th May 1919
Smith	John E	Sergeant	18th January 1918	9th April 1918
Smith	Sydney	Private	30th November 1917	22nd February 1918
Smith	William Alexander	Lance-Corporal	23rd August 1918	2nd August 1918
Snow	W. S.	Bombardier	6th September 1918	26th August 1918

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Sorby	Frederick William Dare	Lance-Corporal/ Sergeant	20th September 1918 & 18th October 1918 (Announcement of death)	12th November 1918
Storey	H.	Corporal	10th January 1919	22 September 1919
Story	Thomas	Acting Sergeant	11th & 18th April 1919	24th January 1919
Stout	James	Private	17th March & 29th December 1916	2nd February & 10th March 1916
Stringfellow	Bernard H	Private	31st January 1919	
Suffolk	W. A.	Private	13th December 1918 & & 14th March 1919	11th March & 28th November 1919
Sturgess	Tom	Private	26th July 1918	12th March 1918
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Thomas	Leonard	Private	5th May & 29th December 1916, 31st August 1917, 1st February, 29th November, 20th December 1918 & 1st August 1919	10th November 1916, 25th August 1917, 13th May 1919 & 22nd July 1919
Thompson	F.	Bombardier	21st June 1918	4th October 1918
Tomlinson	B.	Private	9th November 1917	25th January 1918
Tompkin	H. M.	Company Sergeant-Major	6th June 1919	30th May 1919
Tompkins	Jack	Company	27th June 1919	29th October 1919
Tristram	Frederick	Gunner	27th April 1917	
Turner	Stanley	Captain	8th November 1918	29th November 1918
Surname	Forename	Rank	Workshop Guardian	London Gazette
Vessey	Frank	Sergeant/ 2nd Lieutenant	24th August 1917 & 14th June 1918	13th September 1918
Vickers	Willis	Private	13th November 1914, 23rd July 1915 & 24th November 1916	14th October, 20th October & 8th December 1914
Wade	R.	Private	24th May 1918	11th June 1918
Walton	Maurice Arthur	Sapper	8th, 15th June 1917 & 11th January 1918	17th July 1917
Warboys	Ernest	Sapper	28th February 1919	19th August 1919
Warburton	A. J.	Sergeant-Major	7th January 1916	16th February 1915, 26th February 1916 & 1st January 1918
Ward	E.	Lance-Corporal	25th February 1916	25th September 1917
Watson	J. H.	Sergeant	12th July 1918 & 15th November 1918	14th June 1918 & London Gazette 14th May 1919
Wells	H.	Sergeant	13th September 1918	14th June 1918 & 26th August 1918
Whiting	H.		17th November & 29th December 1916	27th October 1916

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Whyld	F. W.	Corporal	21st & 28th February 1919	7th February 1919
Whyles	Ernest	Private	24th March 1916	
Whyles	J. T.	Sergeant	15th February & 1st March 1918	
Wilkes	William	Private	22nd June 1917	
Winfield	A	Sergeant		
Wood	Ethelbert	2nd Lieutenant	5th October 1917	8th January 1918
Woolley	G. H.	Lance-Corporal	24th January & 7th February 1919	31st December 1918, 29th January & 2nd September 1919
Wrigglesworth	W. .H	Corporal	20th December 1918	13th May 1919
Wright	T.	Private	31st January 1919	30th October 1917
Wright	W. A	Sergeant	7th June & 1st November 1918	31st May & 18th October 1918
Wright	W. T	Private		23rd August 1916 & 16th November 1917
Young	G. H.	Private	6th October, 29th December 1916 & 2nd November 1917	20th October 1916
Young	William	Sergeant	27th December 1918 & 14th March & 23rd May 1919	11th March & 28th November 1919

Worksop Guardian 25th September 1914

ANOTHER WORKSOPIAN WOUNDED

News was received in Worksop last night that Pte. Marks, son of Mr. M. Marks, of Potter Street, as lying wounded in the hospital at Bristol. He sustained a severe injury in the forearm.

Worksop Guardian 2nd October 1914

WORKSOP MAN WOUNDED

SERGT. M. MARKS SUSTAINS SHATTERED ELBOW

While in action, Sergeant M. Marks (not Private Marks, as previously published), who was attached to the 3rd Batt. Coldstream Guards, and is a son of Mr. M. Marks, house furnisher, and clothier, Potter Street, Worksop, sustained a shattered elbow. We are glad to be officially informed that he is progressing favourably, and the arm will be saved.

Worksop Guardian 23rd October 1914

HONOUR FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

SERGT. M. MARKS MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

WOUNDED BY GERMAN WHITE FLAG TREACHERY

Sergt. M. Marks, of the Coldstream Guards, son of Mr. M. Marks, of Potter Street, Worksop, has been mentioned in despatches. At the Battle of Mons, his officer was killed, and, being the senior sergeant, he took charge of a number of men. They were attacked by a host of Germans, who eventually showed the white flag. We are informed that when Sergt. Marks got to within 30 yards of them, however, they opened fire, and this was how he was wounded, sustaining, as previously stated in the "Guardian" a shattered elbow. Sergt. Marks is still in the Bristol hospital, but the arm will be saved, and it is said that he will be out in about six weeks. Mr. Marks visited his son on Wednesday.

Retford Times 23rd October 1914

HONOURS FOR WORKSOP MAN

RECOMMENDED FOR THE V.C.

In General French's last despatch, No. 5705 Sergt. M. Marks, of the 3rd battalion Coldstream Guards, is mentioned amongst the honours list. He is the second son of Mr. Maurice Marks, of Potter Street, Worksop. We hear on reliable authority that he has been recommended for the



Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in an action in which his battalion took part, and in which they distinguished themselves in a remarkable manner.

When all the officers had either been killed or wounded, and only 80 of

the rank and file remained Sergt. Marks took command, and with his small contingent of men succeeded in making a large number of German prisoners. He was highly congratulated by the officer who subsequently took command of the heroic little 80.

Mr. Maurice Marks, of Worksop, visited his son in hospital on Wednesday at Liverpool, and found him progressing fairly well. Up to a week ago it was thought it would be necessary to amputate his left arm, but it has now been definitely decided that the amputation will not be necessary. All his Worksop friends will be delighted to hear the glad tidings, and at the same time they extend to the sufferer their sincere sympathy.

Mr. Marks Sen., took with him 100 cigarettes given by the Worksop Tommy Atkins' Chum Association for his son, and the latter heartily thanked the Association for their kindness and forethought.

We hear on the highest authority that the reason why Marks has been recommended for the Victoria Cross is that at the time his battalion was reduced to 80 he was wounded badly, but he took command of remnant comrades and continued fighting for 24 hours.

Worksop Guardian 14th November 1914

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL FOR PTE. WILLIS VICKERS

Writing to his sister, Pte. Willis Vickers, who lives in Worksop, belongs to the 3rd Company of the Army Service Corps, and is a son of Mr. Tom Vickers, of Bath Terrace, Worksop, says: "I am in the best of health. I am glad to say I have received a telegram from the commanding chief, informing me that I have earned the Distinguished Conduct Medal, which is, of course, a big honour. It is for bravery, and I am very proud of it. All the officers shook hands with me."

London Gazette 14th October, 20th October and 8th December 1914

Worksop Guardian 18th June 1915

WALES SOLDIER'S BRAVERY

AWARDED THE D.C.M.



Corporal James Cartwright, R.A.M.C., 14th Field Ambulance, 5th Division, whose home is at Walesbar, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallant conduct in the field. The particular act of bravery for which the honour was awarded, and for which Cartwright was promoted from Private to full Corporal, was performed a few months ago, and Corpl. Cartwright has just written home to inform his parents that he has been awarded the medal. The winning of the honour is described by a mate of Cartwright's in a letter to the parents of the latter, as follows: - "I am sure you will be pleased to hear the story of your son's brave and gallant act, which has brought him under the notice of his superior officers. A few days ago, whilst he was carrying out his usual duties, the enemy began to shell the village, dealing death and destruction on all

sides. A man was wounded and lay exposed in the open square. Your lad saw him, and without the slightest hesitation went to his aid, picked up the wounded man, and began to retrace his steps. Shells were screaming around, and one passed over your lad and his burden, burying itself in the ground a few yards in front of them, without hurting either. At last he reached the shelter of a wall, and had begun to dress the wounds of his patient, when another shell burst close by. Although practically deserted, your brave lad stuck to his post, and finally dressed the poor fellow's wounds five in all – and then removed him to a place of safety."

Corporal Cartwright, who is 20 years of age, enlisted fifteen months ago, and previous to enlisting he was employed at Waleswood Collieries. The news of the honour won by Corporal Cartwright has given considerable satisfaction to a large number of friends in the district.

London Gazette 22nd & 29th June 1915

Co.-Sergt. George Phillipson arrived at his home in Retford last week from the front, and received a hearty welcome from his many friends and acquaintances. He has reported himself at Newark the headquarters of the regiment, and has finished his service with the battalion. It will be remembered the Col.-Sergt. Phillipson was one of the Volunteers from Retford who served in the South African campaign, and has rendered excellent service for his King and country.

From London Gazette 29th June 1915

CORPORAL JAMES CARTWRIGHT

For conspicuous devotion to duty since August 1914, in tending the wounded frequently under fire. On 25th February 1915, he was reported for "most heroic" conduct under shell fire.

Worksop Guardian 9th July 1915

ANOTHER WALES D.C.M.



Private W.T. Blewitt, R.A.M.C., attached to the 8th Casualty Clearing Hospital in Flanders, has been awarded the D.C.M. for capable and devoted attention to his duties in the hospital to which he is attached, the 8th Clearing Hospital, which was the subject of a brilliant article by Mr E. Alexander Powell, of the "New York World", a few weeks ago, that writer describing it as "The Caravan of Agony". Private Blewitt, whose home is at Wales Bar, is well-known in local football and cricket circles

He has played football for Waleswood, Worksop Town (a few years ago), and Kiveton Park, and the last two seasons has fulfilled an important football and cricket engagement at Castleford. He has two brothers serving in the army, Private Ernest Blewitt, K.O.Y.L.I., who is in training at Harrogate, and Private Albert Blewitt, of the Bedfordshire Regiment, who has been posted as missing for about fifteen weeks.

Whilst following his hospital duties, Private Blewitt was called upon to dress the wounds of Private Horatio Mullins, whose home is at Waleswood, and also had the opportunity of congratulating Corporal J. Cartwright, R.A.M.C., of Waleswood, upon his gaining the D.C.M. Wales Parish is to be congratulated upon its two D.C.M.'s. (London Gazette 18th June 1915) Whilst following his hospital duties, Private Blewitt was called upon to dress the wounds of Private Horatio Mullins, whose home is at Waleswood, and also had the opportunity of congratulating Corporal J. Cartwright, R.A.M.C., of Waleswood, upon his gaining the D.C.M. Wales Parish is to be congratulated upon its two D.C.M.'s.

London Gazette 18th June 1915

WORKSOP GUARDIAN 23RD JULY 1915

HONOURING WORKSOP'S D.C.M.

INTERVIEW WITH DRIVER WILLIS VICKERS

It is generally supposed that Worksop does not possess a soldier who, during this war, has distinguished himself by winning, or rather by obtaining, a D.C.M. This, however, is quite wrong, for as early as August 23rd a Worksop soldier was awarded the honour. He is Driver Willis Vickers, son of Mr. and Mrs. T Vickers, of No.1, Back Bath Terrace, off Potter Street, Worksop. We have previously announced in the "Guardian" that Willis had won the coveted award.

Driver Vickers, who is attached to the A.S.C., was a Reservist, and had served for two years in the Worksop Territorials. He re-joined his regiment on August 5th, and was in France fourteen days later. He had remained fighting for liberty and freedom until a few weeks ago, when a bullet went right through the thumb of his right hand. He was admitted to hospital in France, and arrived in Worksop on Friday Afternoon, staying until Tuesday.

Interviewed on Saturday by one of our reporters, Willis was asked how he won the Medal, and observed that two days after the retreat from Mons, on August 23rd, when attached to the Royal Field Artillery, a German aeroplane passed over our batteries, shining brilliant lights, and thus discovering their position. The enemy then heavily shelled the batteries until only one was left. "We had two horses left, and under heavy shell fire we took the gun to a position of safety." He was decorated by the King in November "out there".

Driver Vickers was at the battles of Mons, La Basse, Neuve Chapelle, Givenchy, Laventia, Armentieres, Ypres, Hill 60, and the Aisne. While in France he gained some reputation as a cross-country runner, winning several contests open to the British Army, and also many boxing engagements.

Willis said he appealed to the young men of the town to enlist. He was quite ready and willing to return to the Front.

Worksop Guardian 9th August 1915

WORKSOP YEOMAN HONOURED

Sergt. Wm. Marshall, son of Mr. Thomas Marshall, head keeper to Sir John Robinson, of Worksop Manor, has just been the recipient of the Proficiency Medal. Sergt. Marshall is in the Mansfield Squadron of the Sherwood Rangers now stationed at Swaffham, and previous to the war was in the Mansfield Police Force. The presentation was made after Church Parade on Sunday, by Col. Dawson, commanding the Regiment, who said Sergt. Marshall had served twelve years with the regiment, and the nation owed a debt of gratitude to those who had joined in years past, for upon the frame work of their work the present regiment had been built up. It was a reward of duty well done.

From London Gazette 8th October 1915

LANCE CORPORAL H MARTIN

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on the night of 8th-9th September 1915, near "Point 432." He was on duty at a listening post about 12.30 a.m. when he saw a German Officer and two men approaching him. He remained silent till, they were quite close, when he sprang suddenly into view shouting "Hands up!" They dropped their arms and put their hands up. He then saw a fourth German, and ordered the Officer to make him lay down, his arms and join the party, which he did. He then stood guard, over his prisoners and shouted for an escort, which marched them in.

Lance-Corporal Martin then returned to his post, after collecting one revolver and three rifles belonging to the prisoners.

Worksop Guardian 25th October 1918 – Notice of death

Worksop Guardian 5th November 1915

HONOURS FOR WORKSOP SOLDIERS

RECOMMENDED FOR THE D.C.M.

SIMILAR HONOUR FOR RETFORD



News reached Worksop yesterday morning that further honours have been won by two of its gallant sons fighting in France. Corpl. Albert Shore, of 10 Garside Street, Worksop, who is with the 8th Batt. Of the Sherwood Foresters, a son of Mr. George Shore, writing to a relative, says that Sergt. Leslie Green, of Retford, of the same battalion, "and a special friend", have been recommended for the D.C.M. It is understood that the "special friend" to whom Corpl. Shore refers is the writer himself, for he was naturally of a retiring disposition. In a postscript, he adds that he has just been promoted sergeant.

The writer says that during an attack at _____, the Sergt. And himself, with fifty others, were ordered to hold a position the British had captured, during the last time they were in action.

There were only those two left at the finish! "several men were shot dead by my side," he says, "and during the action the dear old Colonel was also shot."

In another letter to the same relative, the writer says that "Bob" Keeling, another Worksop man, who is the son of an employee of the Worksop Urban District Council, has also been recommended for D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery at Loos.

London Gazette 22nd September 1916

NOTE: UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE AWARD OF THE D.C.M. FOR PTE. SHORE

London Gazette 15th December 1915

PRIVATE WALTER NIX

For gallantry at Le Gateau, when he left the trenches and assisted a wounded officer, who was under a heavy shell and rifle fire, to a place of safety, and then returned to the trenches.

Workshop Guardian 7th January 1916

FRENCH MEDAL FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

SERGT.-MAJOR WarBURTON HONOURED

The French Government has conferred a great honour upon Sergt.-Major A.J. Warburton, of Worksop, Army Veterinary Corps, the sixth son of Mr G. Warburton, late of the Prior Well Inn, Prior Well Road, Worksop, who was for many years connected with the Worksop Volunteers.

Sergt.-Major Warburton, who deservedly enjoys much popularity among officers and men, has been awarded the "Medaille Militaire." The news is all the more welcome as the medal is only given on rare occasions, and readers will unite in offering hearty congratulations to the recipient.

Referring to the award, "The Veterinary Journal" says: - "To be awarded the 'Medaille Militaire' is considered a very great honour by Frenchmen, for it has on its reverse side, 'Valeur et discipline', and in the French Army is only allowed to be worn by either a general or a private. For a medal of this class to be awarded to a member of the British Army service means great honour for the recipient, and the corps to which he belongs. The Army Veterinary Corps might well feel proud that one of its members has been selected, and the choice of Sergt.-Major Warburton is undoubtedly a popular one. Born at Worksop in 1879, he enlisted in the 7th Dragoon Guards in 1901, and transferred three years later to the Army Veterinary Corps, with whom he has remained ever since. Previously, he had seen active service during the South African War with the Sherwood Foresters. Promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1904, whilst on service in South Africa, his rise to the rank of warrant officer took part temporarily in November 1914, and was permanently confirmed shortly afterwards. Amongst other appointments held whilst a staff sergeant was that of instructor to the Royal Veterinary College of Ireland Contingent Officers Training Corps from May 1911 to December 1912, and as such, his unfailing courtesy and attention to discipline will make his new honour doubly welcomed by those graduates who happen to be military during that period. At the present time, he is a Sergt. -Major of No.5 Veterinary Hospital with the B.E.F. in France, and as such, is equally popular with officers and men. Our wish is that the honour will be the precursor of many others to come. The medal, which has a very handsome setting of laurel leaf pattern in silver, has a gold scroll above it, and on the obverse side is the head of Liberty surrounded by the words 'Republique Francaise,' in blue enamel, and on the reverse, 'Valeur et discipline.' The broad ribbon, by which it is suspended, is of golden yellow, with a bright green stripe on either side."

London Gazette 16th February 2015, Mentioned in Despatches.

London Gazette 25th February 1916.

London Gazette 1st January 1918, Meritorious Service Medal)

Workop Guardian 4th February 1916

SULVA BAY AND ANZAC

WORKSOP SOLDIER "MENTIONED"

FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN GALLIPOLI

Friday night's "London Gazette" contained a despatch from General Sir Ian Hamilton G.C.B., who furnished "list of the names of the officers and men whose services I wish to bring to your notice in connection with the operations described in my despatch of December 11th, 1915."



PTE. JAMES STOUT, D.C.M.

The list contains the name of Pte. James Stout, 10642, Regimental Scout, 6th (Service) Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment, of Netherton Road, Worksop. Pte. Stout is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Stout, of Cheapside, Worksop, and a nephew of Mr. J. J. Stout, Cross Keys Inn, Potter Street, Worksop, and A Stout, of 211 Kilton Road, Worksop, and Lance-Corpl. Joe Stout, who is with the Sherwood Foresters in the North of England. He is a native of Worksop.

No news of why he should be "mentioned" in the despatch is known, except that he has rendered "distinguished service" in the field. He is one of eight soldiers in the Lincolns to be mentioned, and half of that number are officers – sufficient proof of the honour conferred upon him.

It is interesting to record that Pte. Stout enlisted in the September of 1914, and was in Gallipoli for a long time. Writing to Mrs. C. Paget, of Sheffield, his aunt, he says he has been awarded the D.C.M. Readers will join in offering him hearty congratulations.

Workop Guardian 11th February 1916

HONOUR FOR UNITED METHODIST MINSTER'S SON

FRENCH DECORATION FOR LIEUTENANT PITCHFORD



LIEUT. D. M. PITCHFORD

The many friends of the Rev. J. Pitchford, Whitehaven, late of the United Methodist Circuit, Worksop, will offer him their hearty congratulations upon the signal honour which has been bestowed upon his son, Lieut. Pitchford, of the 10th Border Regiment, attached to the Highland Light Infantry Brigade. Lieut. Pitchford was well known in Worksop, and was a popular member of the Avenue Lawn Tennis Club.

On the outbreak of war, he, like so many sons of the manse, enlisted, and ultimately received a commission in the 10th Border Regiment.

Writing home from Lemnos, he says: "You have perhaps heard that I got a French decoration the other day for something or other that happened in Gallipoli on December 19th. There were about eight English and a dozen French officers decorated in the centre of a large square formed by battalions of English and French Soldiers. The French G.O.C. pinned the medals on. The Prime Minister's son was next to me in the ceremony. The Croix-de-Guerre is very much like our V.C. in appearance, but with a green and red ribbon, and is supposed to rank between the D.S.O. and the V.C."

Edinburgh Gazette 31st March 1916

Workshop Guardian 25th February 1916

CRESWELL MAN MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

One of the men from Creswell Colliery who was selected to go in the Tunnelling Companies in connection with the Royal Engineers in France, has been mentioned in despatches, and is recommended for the D.C.M. for bravery in a mine. This man is Lance-Corporal E. Ward, of the 4th Section R.E., in the 185 Tunnelling Co. He has written home stating that he has gained the above honours for an act of gallantry and bravery after a mine went up. He is married and lived in No. 56 Duchess Street, Creswell. He had seen service in the Army before, and has a son at the front who has been wounded once.

NOTE: UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE MENTION IN DESPATCHES OR D.C.M. FOR LANCE-CORPORAL WARD

London Gazette 10th March 1916

SERGEANT DRUMMER W. CLEWES

For conspicuous good work as Sergeant of the Brigade Sniping Section. He has personally accounted for many of the enemy.

London Gazette 10th March 1916

PRIVATE JAMES STOUT

For conspicuous gallantry at Suvla Bay on 21st and 22nd August, 1915. Lance Corporal Taylor and Private Stout went out in front of the line during the day to take water to wounded men. Between them they brought back no less than five wounded men in broad daylight and under heavy fire.

Workshop Guardian 17th March 1916

AT SULVA BAY

WORKSOP SOLDIER'S "CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY"

D.C.M. FOR RESCUING WOUNDED

Official details are now to hand – issued in the "Gazette" Supplement on Saturday – relative to our exclusive announcement on February 4th that Pte. James Stout, 10642, Regimental Scout, 6th (Service) Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment, had been recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal. In February, we stated that Pte. Stout had been mentioned in General Sir Ian Hamilton's despatch from the Dardanelles furnishing a "list of the names of the officers and men whose services I wish to bring to your notice in connection with the operations described in my despatch of December 11th, 1915." Pte. Stout is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Stout, of Cheapside, Worksop, and a nephew of Mr. J. J. Stout, Cross Keys Inn, Potter Street, Worksop, and A Stout, of 211 Kilton Road, Worksop, and Lance-Corpl. Joe Stout, who is with the Sherwood Foresters in the North of England. He is a native of Worksop.

He was one of eight soldiers mentioned, and half of that number are officers – sufficient proof of the honour conferred upon him.

Giving the reason for the granting of the D.C.M., the “gazette” says: “10642 Pte. J. Stout, 6th Batt. Linc. Regt. – For conspicuous gallantry at Sulva Bay, on 21st and 22nd August, 1915. Lance-Corporal Taylor and Pte. Stout went out in front of the line during the day to take water to the wounded men. Between them they brought back no less than five wounded men in broad daylight, and under heavy fire.”

Referring to his “mate,” 9858 Lance-Corpl. (Acting Sergeant Shoemaker) C.D. Taylor, 6th Batt. Lincolnshire Regt., the “Gazette” continues: “For conspicuous gallantry at Sulva Bay, on 21st and 22nd August, 1915. Lance-Corporal Taylor and Pte. Stout went out in front of the line during the day to take water to the wounded men. Between them they brought back no less than five wounded men in broad daylight, and under heavy fire.”

It is interesting to record that Pte. Stout enlisted in the September of 1914, and was in Gallipoli for a long time.

Another Worksop Man who has won the coveted honour is 120 Sergeant-Drummer W. Clewes, 1st-8th Notts and Derby (T.F.). For conspicuous good work as sergeant of the Brigade Sniping Section. He has personally accounted for many of the enemy.

Worksop Guardian 24th March 1916

WHITWELL SOLDIERS “MENTIONED”

CARRYING DESPATCHES TO THE FIRING LINE

WHERE A TORPEDO WAS PLACED

News has reached Whitwell that two of the many soldiers who enlisted on the outbreak of the war have been mentioned in despatches for acts of conspicuous bravery. They are Pte. George Biggins and Private Ernest Whyles, and the news reached Whitwell by means of letters from the soldiers, both of whom are in France, to friends or relatives in the village.

Pte. G. Biggin, 19700, writing to his brother in Whitwell, says: “The reason for me being mentioned in despatches was because I went over the parapet with two other fellows. There were two sets, and four of us are mentioned. We took a torpedo with us, about 12 feet long, charged. We had to put in under the German barbed wire entanglements, and, as all the glass was broken in front of it, it was all the worse for us. By the time we got to it, it was twice as heavy through the mud sticking to it. It was a tedious job. It was all muddy through the shell holes, and raining, and there was a German patrol on our left. They were firing upon us up to half-way across; they wounded two. We rested in a shell hole for half-an-hour, then advanced. They must have thought we had gone back, for they never fired again. As we advanced nearer to them I could hear them laughing and talking quite distinctly. We were two hours on the job, and covered with sludge on our return. We put it straight under a sniper’s loop-hole, so just imagine if he had heard us! It would have been all up with us. I had a wee drop of rum when I got back; I could scarcely stand, let alone walk... It was not half a noise when they exploded; then a bombardment followed. You would have been all asleep at the time. I cannot make you understand how it is over the parapet, but to know what it is you need to come and have a try. This is the third time I have been over. It is to blow the barbed wire up...” Pte. Biggin concludes, “I hear you are having a cricket team; I envy you.”

Pte. Wyles, writing to his parents, says; "We have given Mr. Fritz a warm time of it during the last week. He played his dirty tricks again about a fortnight ago, and took some of our chaps prisoners. You say you have heard that I have been trying for a V.C. no. On February 14th, I was recommended for carrying messages under very heavy shell fire up to the firing line when all the wires had been broken.... I have only God to thank that I got through as I did."

NOTE: UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE MENTION IN DESPATCHES FOR PTE. BIGGIN OR PTE. WHYLES.

PTE. WHYLES DISCHARGED DUE TO WOUNDS 3RD OCTOBER 1917.

London Gazette 28th March 1916

TEMPORARY SECOND LIEUTENANT STANLEY IVIE GRIBBLE

For conspicuous gallantry. As battalion grenade officer, he led a counter-attack which drove a party of the enemy from our trench. He then entered the enemy trench with one rifleman, and was severely wounded while commencing to make a block. He set a fine example of dash and courage.

Worksop Guardian 5th May 1916

SHIREOAKS MAN RECOMMENDED FOR D.C.M.

Rumours that Pte. Leonard Thomas, son of Mr. Richard Thomas, Shireoaks, had been recommended for the D.C.M., were current in the village on Saturday last, and enquiries of Mr. Thomas confirmed their accuracy, though Pte. Thomas himself had, with the modesty which is characteristic of him, asked his parents not to say anything about it. But news of it had been forwarded to Worksop by comrades, so it will not be inappropriate to quote Pte. Thomas's own account, which is succinct almost to the point of baldness. He says: - "I know you will be pleased to hear the good news about me. I have been recommended for a D.C.M. Our Company Officer came and told me and my pal he had recommended us, as we have done some brave and splendid work.



PTE. LEONARD THOMAS.

I tell you what it was. I bandaged wounded men up under heavy shell fire and bombs. I don't want you to tell people at Shireoaks till I get it. I hope I get it now I have been recommended for it. It will be some weeks before I get to know if I have got it. I thank God, He kept me safe through it all. We had some very bad weather all the time in the trenches; rained every day. We are out of the trenches resting for two or three weeks. I have had lots of people congratulate me for the work I did."

From letters sent by men who were with him, the fighting in which the incidents occurred was of the fiercest, the trenches being many times blown up or otherwise wrecked. Pte. Thomas enlisted at first with the 8th Sherwoods, and was for some time engaged in mining operations, for which his work at Shireoaks had admirably

fitted him. Being also a qualified ambulance man, he was afterwards selected for stretcher bearing, in which capacity he is still serving.

Later, his father received from his son a complimentary card which Pte. Thomas had received from Major-General E. Stuart Wortley, commanding the 46th North Midland Division, British Expeditionary Force, in which he says: - "Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field. I have read the report with much pleasure." Major-General Wortley's card was forwarded to Pte. Thomas by Captain Breetman, commanding his Company, who says, "The attached is forwarded with my own congratulations on your splendid work added."

NOTE: UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE AWARD OF THE D.C.M. TO PTE. THOMAS

London Gazette 30th May 1916

2ND LIEUTENANT (TEMPORARY LIEUTENANT) ARTHUR FOX

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. When he found his half company too weak to carry out an assault, he went back, under heavy fire, and brought up his supporting half company, equipped with bombs and shovels. After the assault, in which he captured a trench, he beat off two counter-attacks and consolidated his position under very difficult circumstances.

Worksop Guardian 2nd June 1916

HONOUR FOR FORMER WORKSOP BANK CLERK

Among the recipients of the Military Cross on Saturday was Lieut. Stanley Ivie Gribble, 12th Rifle Brigade, and an old member of the C Squadron, Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry. Lieut. Gribble is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gribble, Fareham, Hants., and is well known in Worksop and district, where he has many friends, he having been in the employ of the United Counties Bank, Bridge Street, now Barclay's, for seven or eight years. After leaving the United Counties Bank, Mr Gribble accepted a post in the British bank of South America, at Rio de Janeiro, and returned to England about 12 months ago to join the Army. He received a commission in the 12th Rifle Brigade, and the Military Cross was conferred upon him for gallant conduct in leading a counter attack as Battalion Grenade Officer. He received the Cross at the hands of His Majesty.

Lieut. Gribble joined C Squadron Sherwood Rangers nine or ten years ago, when it was under the command of Captain Edward V. Machin, and by coincidence a fellow patient in the same hospital with him in London was his former Captain. Lieut. Gribble was badly wounded in the arm by a bomb.

Worksop Guardian 16th June 1916

YOUTHFUL LIEUTENANT WINS MILITARY CROSS

Probably the youngest recipient of the Military Cross, conferred by the King on officers in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the field, is Sec.-Lieut. (Temp. Lieut.) Arthur Fox, 3rd (attached 1st) Shropshire Light Infantry, and nephew of Mr H.W. Fox, of York House, Worksop. Although Lieut. Fox is not personally known to many people in Worksop, he has occasionally been in our town on a visit to his uncle, and Worksop people will therefore be glad that the nephew of a townsman has received this high distinction.

The young Lieutenant's services are set out in the "Gazette" as for conspicuous gallantry and determination. When he found his half company too weak to carry out an assault he went back under heavy fire and brought up his supporting half company equipped with bombs and shovels. After the assault, in which he captured a trench, he beat off two counter attacks and consolidated his position under very difficult circumstances.

Lieut. Fox is not yet twenty years of age, and a year ago, was a boy at Shrewsbury School. He was a member of the O.T.C., and the value of this Corps has been proved in his case, his bravery reflecting credit on the old School. It is to be hoped that Lieut. Fox will come through all right, and we are sure there will be no heartier welcome when he returns to England than that from the boys of his old School.

Worksop Guardian 16th June 1916

MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP MAN

A BRAVE DEED

We learn that Corpl. Stanley Matthews, of 1st – 8th Sherwood Foresters, who before the war was in the employ of Mr. Wm. Hill, game dealer, Bridge Place, Worksop, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry in the field. The fashion in which Corpl. Matthews won the distinction marks an interesting story, and concerns the death of a Worksop soldier, in the late Pte. Charles Redfearn, of 15 Aldred Street, which was reported in our issue of December 17th last. He was attending to a wounded soldier when the Germans, with characteristic treachery, turned a machine gun upon them. As a result, Redfearn was dangerously wounded in both legs, but he was brought in and received attention at the 10th Stationary Hospital, where he died a week later. Before his death he was visited several times by the Chaplain, Rev. J.P. Hales, who was with the Sherwood Foresters Territorials while they were in training at Newark, Luton, Derby and Harpenden. Redfearn was a well-known member of the Worksop Town Band, a clarinet player of some skill, and he was also one of the Priory Church bell ringers.

When we gave these particulars in December we were unaware of the fact, which has since been brought to our knowledge, that Lance-Corpl. Matthews, as he then was, with another Lance-Corpl., went out to fetch Redfearn from under the fire of the guns, together with another wounded man. It was a most hazardous feat, and the danger they ran in deadly peril. Matthews bravery did not pass unnoticed, and he has now received the Military medal in recognition of his gallant conduct. What had added to his pleasure is a letter from Capt. J.M. Gray, written from Ecclestone Hospital, London, tendering his best congratulations on his medal. It had been a long time coming, but it had been thoroughly earned. "I hope," added the Captain, "I am addressing you by the right title, because I have a hazy idea you were promoted just before I left the Battalion."

Writing to his wife, Corpl. Matthews says the medal has been a long time coming, but "it is worth it at the finish. Let us hope and pray that I live safely through this to wear it. I have just heard the news about Lord Kitchener; I should kill every German I could get hold of, the dirty scoundrels they are."

London Gazette 2nd June 1916

Worksop Guardian 16th June 1916

HODSOCK OFFICER HONOURED

Among the list of birthday honours is the name of Capt. George Angus, of Hodsock, Durham L.I., who is to be congratulated on obtaining the Military Cross for splendid work in France.

London Gazette 2nd June 1916

Worksop Guardian 23rd June 1916

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

Worksop people – especially those who knew him – will be pleased to learn that Pte. C. Redfearn, 8th Notts. And Derby., who died of wounds, is mentioned in Sir Douglas Haigh's despatches. Pte. Redfearn was endeavouring to succour a wounded comrade when he himself was shot down. He was a member of the North Notts Society of Ringers, and pulled a rope at Worksop Priory tower.

London Gazette 13th June 1916

Other names mentioned in the despatch are, Capt. L.H. Finch; Q.M. Sergt. H. Petrie, Sergt. A. Oldknow, and Pte. J. Holmes, all of whom were well-known in Worksop.

All London Gazette 13th June 1916

Nottingham Journal 29th June 1916

Sergeant Hazlehurst, of Lowtown, was awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct on 19th April 1916 nr Ypres.

London Gazette 2nd June 1916

Retford Times 30th June 1916

D.C.M. HERO KILLED

Missing since Sept. 14th last, the official news has just been received of the death of one of Worksop's heroes. He was Pte. Walter Nix, of the 1st Lincolns, and had he lived he would have been the proud possessor of the D.C.M. The deceased lad was 28 years of age, being the son of Mr. George Nix. Of Hodsock Grange, but before the war he worked at Manton Pit. He then lodged with Mrs. Lee, of 34 Devonshire Street, Worksop, but on the outbreak of war he, along with other reservists, was called up, and was in active service until the battle of Le Cateau. His previous service consisted of eight years in India. He won the D.C.M. by gallantly assisting a wounded officer to a place of safety, and the medal has been forwarded to his fiancée, Miss Lee, by the War Office, together with a letter of sympathy.

London Gazette 16th October, 8th & 15th December 1914

Workshop Guardian 21st July 1916

LATE PTE. CHAS. REDFEARN, WORKSOP

Mrs Redfearn, 15 Aldred Street, has received the following letter from the War Office, dated July 12th: -

“Madam, I have it in command from His Majesty the King to inform you, as next-of-kin of the late Private Charles Redfearn, No. 1544, of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment (Territorial Force), that this Private was mentioned in a Despatch from General Sir Douglas Haig, dated 30th April 1916, and was published in the Second Supplement to the ‘London Gazette’ of 13th June, dated 15th June 1916, for gallant and distinguished service in the field. I am to express to you the King’s high appreciation of these services, and to add that His Majesty trusts that their public acknowledgement may be of some consolation in your bereavement. I have the honour to be, your obedient servant, M.D. Graham, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Military Secretary.”

London Gazette 13th June 1916

Workshop Guardian 4th August 1916

HONOUR FOR ANSTON SOLDIER

We are pleased to hear that Gunner J. Airey, of the 88th brigade, R.F.A, has been awarded the Military Medal. Gunner Airey is the son of Mr. Jas. Airey, and grandson of Mr. J. Airey, the Assistant-Overseer for Anston. He enlisted in January, 1915, and was drafted to France in July last year. He passed his 21st birthday – March 1st last – in the trenches. He bears a respected name in Anston, and is one of the many gallant young men from that village who are bravely doing their duty. The distinction conferred upon him will afford Anston people great satisfaction.

London Gazette 8th August 1916

Workshop Guardian 18th August 1916

BRAVERY IN THE FIELD

DISTINGUISHED WORKSOP MAN

FIVE BROTHERS SERVING

A signal honour has been occurred upon a Workshop soldier, C.S.M. Tom Powell, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell, of Eastgate, by a tribute from the North Midland Command, congratulating him for his bravery in the field. The news of this was received by his parents recently in the shape of a letter from the concerned soldier’s Captain, in which a card from the Commander of the North Midland Division, addressed to Powell, was enclosed. The card bore the following words: “Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field. I have read the report with much satisfaction.”

The C.S.M.’s Captain, enclosing the card, wrote: “Dear Mrs. Powell, it gives me much pleasure in send home to you your son’s card for gallantry out here. He asked me if I could send it home to you to keep safe and clean, as it is most difficult for him to do so. He has earned this by continual good work in every responsible position in my command as Company Sergt.-Major

He has also earned it very gallantly in bringing in wounded under fire when we were in action on July 1st. Since he has been Company Sergeant-Major he has always done his best towards the efficiency and smooth-running of the Company, the result of which, in a big way, has been to make 'D' Co. easily the best in the 8th Battalion. I have pleasure, Mrs Powell, in adding my congratulations, and in telling you that both your boys, Tom and George, are very well. I hope you are well, and that I shall have the pleasure of coming to see you after the war. Yours sincerely, H. Hill, of Woodborough."

London Gazette 25th May 1917

Worksop Guardian 25th August 1916

WORKSOP MEN HONoured

WORKSOP SOLDIER RECOMMENDED FOR D.C.M.

Though not yet gazetted, it is very probable that Pte. Robert Hy. Keeling, of 8th Sherwood Foresters Territorial Force, and of 10 Devonshire Street, Worksop, will shortly be the recipient of the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Keeling is now resident in Worksop, being incapacitated from further military service by reason of the wounds he sustained. That he deserves the honour is shown from the story of his gallantry. He is the son of Mr. Albert Keeling, of Devonshire Street, an employee of the Worksop District Council, and was a member of the Worksop Company of Territorials in pre-war days. It will be remembered the 8th Batt. was in camp at Filey when war was declared, and they were mobilised at once, and sent to Newark for training, and afterwards to Luton. Keeling has four years, one hundred and five days' service to his credit, of which about a year he spent in France, in the trenches, and he was discharged on May 18th, this year, in consequence of wounds received in action at Loos, on October 13th, 1915.

On that day, the Batt., in a bayonet charge took part of the German trenches, and whilst in the enemy trenches he was between two officers, one Capt. Vann, both of whom were wounded in the arms. He was left alone and took refuge in a trench on his right, and started bombing the enemy until eight other British soldiers came to assist. Bombs were then thrown into the trench by the Germans, and all of them were wounded, one or two being killed. They were practically buried alive in the trench, but after some difficulty, those able to do so scrambled out of the trench, and Col. Fowler, the Commanding Officer, then came up to him and said he would see that Keeling got recommended if he (the Colonel) got out all right. Unfortunately, the gallant officer was killed next day whilst attempting to rescue Major Becher, who also died of his wounds.

Keeling was wounded in twenty-four places altogether. His right knee-cap was blown off by the bursting of a shell, he lost sight of his right eye, and one of the toes of his left foot, and he was wounded in the face.

After Keeling was wounded, he was taken further down the trench, and had to stay there a whole day and night, and eventually he was taken to a Base Hospital, and then sent to the Coulter Hospital, London, in January. It seems that the names of those recommended for distinguished service were read out at a Church Parade on October 24th, by Adjutant Weighman, but Keeling could not answer to his name as he was in hospital. He has, however, been informed by Corpl. Ernest Morris, of the same Regiment, a time-expired man, that he was mentioned, and Sergt. Albert Shore, of the same Company, of 20 Garside Street, Worksop, makes the same statement.

Under the circumstances, the receipt of the honour being somewhat tardy, Sir Frederick Milner has interested himself in the matter, and has had some correspondence with the War office. On August 8th, Sir Frederick received a letter from Genral Wigham, of the War Office, in which he says: "Dear Sir Frederick, You will be glad to hear that the man Keeling you wrote me about, has now been recommended by the Commander-in-Chief in France, for the D.C.M., and I hope it will shortly appear in the Gazette. Yours, R.L. Wigham, General."

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PTE. H. DOLBY, WORKSOP

RECOMMENDED FOR MILITARY MEDAL

Mr. T. Dolby, Marecroft, Worksop, informs us that his son, Private Harry Dolby, of the 10th Notts. and Derbys., has been recommended for the Military Medal, in recognition of his gallantry in bringing in some wounded from the trenches under fire. So far as can be ascertained, it would seem that the incident occurred during the heavy fighting which took place early in July, that Dolby behaved with great coolness and bravery. In a letter home, he says that he did not think the incident would have been noticed, as he had done no more than any other chap would have done. However, his gallant conduct did not go unrecognised, and he states that he has already received the ribbon. He is to have the Medal on his return to England.

Pte. Harry Dolby is 23 years of age, and before the war worked as a motor driver at Manton Colliery, and is a member of St. Mary's (R.C.) Church. He has been in France twelve months. His only brother, Pte. John Dolby, enlisted in the Notts. and Derbys., but was transferred to the Royal Berkshires, and is now attached to the A.S.C. r T. Dolby's son-in-law, Pte. Charles Henry Canhan, is a prisoner of war. He was wounded in several places and captured by the Germans on February 14th this year. He is at Mersburg, and states that he has been well treated both in the hospital and out – which is more than most prisoners of war in Germany can say. Mr. Dolby himself is an old soldier, and took part in the Boer War.

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KIVETON PARK FOOTBALLER AWARDED

MILITARY MEDAL

Lance-Corporal Frank Tanfield, of the East Yorks. Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tanfield, Ashberry Road, Sheffield, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct in the field. Lance-Corpl. Tanfield, who enlisted in September 1914, will be remembered in local football circles as a very clever inside forward, operating for Kiveton Park. In 1913-14, he was largely responsible for bringing the Portland Challenge Cup to Kiveton Park. He was a clever and resourceful player, and a consistent goal scorer. Very popular at Kiveton Park, Tansfield will have the congratulations of all his colleagues and those connected with the Kiveton Park F.C.

London Gazette 22nd August 1916

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D.C.M. FOR DINNINGTON SOLDIER

News was received by Mrs. Crummack, of 84 Lorden's Hill, Dinnington, yesterday, that her husband, Sergeant Ernest Crummack, of 1st-5th Y. and L. (T.), has been awarded the D.C.M. for good work on July 1st and 2nd. Sergt. Crummack is well-known in Dinnington, where he worked for some years as a miner. He joined the Territorial Brigade at the outbreak of the war, and was for some time stationed at Sandbeck Park. He was over in June this year, when he married Miss Hall, daughter of Mr. Ed. Hall, of Park Terrace. In a letter to his wife, he speaks of the honour conferred upon him, and asks that his honour "shall not be too much advertised."

London Gazette 22nd September 1916

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WHITWELL SOLDIER'S BRAVERY

AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL

Another soldier, a member of a Whitwell family, to gain distinction in a great fight is Sergt. Cyril Grainger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Grainger, of Larpit Lane, who has been at the Front with the 8th Sherwood Foresters about a year and eight months, and has continually been doing brave and good work. He has now been presented with the Military Medal, having been recommended a number of times for this distinction. By his gallant deeds he has also gained promotion, and is now a Platoon Sergeant. A little time ago his parents received a card from Major-General William Thwaites, commanding the North Midland Division, bearing the following words: "My Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field. I have read the report with much pleasure." On the back of the card was an extract from Battalion Orders, issued by Grainger's Brigadier-General Commanding, reading: "The Military Medal is awarded Sergt. C. Grainger, 8th Sherwood Foresters, D Company. At Fonqueville, on July 1st 1916, he brought in a wounded man in daylight, under heavy rifle fire and over a hundred yards of open ground."

With the card came also a letter from Sergeant Grainger's Captain, reading: 2 Dear Mrs Grainger, I have the greatest pleasure in congratulating you upon the excellent work of your son, a Sergeant in my Company, and his work is being recognised by the Army. Enclosed is a card given him by the Division Commander, Major-General Thwaites, and his Army comrades sent the congratulations on his being given the Military Medal on the afternoon of yesterday. Ever since we came out to France your son's work has been good. I recommended him several times, and at last he has been recognised. I have given him promotion to Platoon Sergeant, which means he is second in command of about sixty men. He does not realise – or does not recognise danger – and is quite fearless of everything, and has done much to make my Company what it is – easily the best in the Battalion, which is a famous one. I have great pleasure in telling you that your son is very fit. I am trying to get him special leave, but leave is closed to all at present. I send my congratulations to you in having so fine a son, and hope to meet you after the war. Yours very sincerely, H. Hill, Woodborough."

Mr. and Mrs. Grainger have every reason to be proud of their son, and it is hoped that he will safely return home when peacetime comes to well enjoy the fruits of a victory for which he has fought so gallantly.

London Gazette 1st September 1916

Workshop Guardian 15th September 1916

HONOUR FOR OLD CUTHBERTIAN

The Military Cross has been awarded to Dr. Wm. B. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy E. Allen, of Scarborough, one-time resident in Workshop. The honour is announced in the Divisional orders as follows: - The Divisional Commander has great pleasure in announcing that the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief has, under authority granted by His Majesty the King, awarded the Military Cross to Captain Wm. B. Allen, R.A.M.C., attached Royal Field Artillery, for the following acts of gallantry on the 14th and 20th August 1916, unhesitatingly passed through heavy German shell fire to attend to wounded men. On the second occasion, working for half-an-hour in a wrecked dug-out at imminent risk of being buried. The Divisional Commander warmly congratulates the recipient and the units concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen resided for a number of years at Blyth Road, Workshop, and the gallant Doctor received his earlier education at St. Cuthbert's College.

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A WORKSHOP HERO

PTE. F. COLE WIND MILITARY MEDAL

A BRAVE AND GALLANT DEED



F. FRED COLE, M.M. (Workshop).

One of the heroes of the war is Private Fred Cole, 11th Batt. Sherwood Foresters, whose home is No. 14 Boundary Row, Workshop. He has been awarded the Military Medal in recognition of his great gallantry and devotion to duty under terrifying conditions. Cole was a middle-aged man when the war broke out, but despite the fact he was bordering upon 40 years, he presented himself for enlistment along with other men from Manton Colliery, where he worked and was accepted. He was attached to the 70th Light Trench Mortar Battery, and it was in this capacity he displayed those heroic qualities which have won for him this proud distinction upon the possession of which Workshop people will tender him their most hearty congratulations.

The official story of the reason why the Military Medal has been conferred upon him is set forth as follows: - "For great gallantry and devotion to duty on July 1st 1916, near Ovillers, when although wounded, he remained with his Gun in 'No Man's Land' and continued firing it till he finished all his ammunition. He then crept back to our own lines carrying his Gun with him. He displayed the highest qualities of a soldier throughout his action."

Pte. Cole has received the congratulations of his Commanding Officer and the Officer Commanding the Division on the bestowal of this honour, and his comrades have not been behindhand in their praise of "Good old Fred." It is as "Fred" Pte. Cole is best known in Workshop, and many will remember him as a dashing footballer and one of the mainstays of the old West End F.C. in its palmy days.

He himself speaks of his exploits in most modest fashion. In a letter to his wife, in which he asks many questions about his children and friends, he thus refers to the honour conferred upon him: - "...What do they think of old Cole getting the Military Medal; but I would sooner be at home with my children. They can have all the Medals if I can be at home with you. I shall never forget it as long as I live. A good many boys went under that day from Worksop, poor lads... Tell your father I should like a pint of Worksop beer... Keep on smiling."

Cole is as modest as he is brave. Worksop is very proud of him and when the war is over, he and our other heroes will, we are sure, have a rousing welcome. Pte. Cole will be 42 in January next. He has four children, and one child died during his absence.

London Gazette 1st September 1916

Worksop Guardian 22nd September 1916

ANOTHER MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER A COURAGEOUS DEED



CORPL. H. G. FOREMAN (Worksop).
(Awarded the Military Medal.)

After a considerable lapse of time, for the recommendation was made in March this year, 2nd Corpl. Henry George Foreman, of the Tunnelling Section, Royal Engineers, and of 152 Newcastle Avenue, Worksop, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct in the field. The story of the work which gained him this distinguished honour is difficult to tell, in its circumstances, being different to the general brave actions for which it is usually awarded. It was an individual effort which required great courage and tact, and though he did not succeed in his purpose, his attempt was marked by great bravery.

It happened in the days of the fighting around the Hohenzollern Redoubt in France, a formidable fortification, formed chiefly by the explosion of three large mines and several hundred yards across. One half of it was held by the enemy, who had gun emplacements all round their half circumference. Mining was going on from both sides and the Germans made some progress with short shallow saps, until our men found out the trick and undermining them blew the German saps to the heavens. One important German gallery was, however, left, and it was desirable that the situation of this should be definitely known as it led from the German trenches outside the Redoubt, and volunteers from amongst the Tunnelling section were asked for to locate it. Corpl. Foreman, an experienced sapper and miner, volunteered at once for the duty, and under cover of the darkness made his way across the Redoubt, and had almost cleared the portion of it held by the Germans, and was quite close to the trench into which the gallery was supposed to run, when a rocket was fired and he was discovered. Machine guns, rifles, and bombs were at once turned on him and one of the latter fell practically at his feet, but sank into the soft mud of the Redoubt and did him no damage.

Groveling through the mud and dirt, he made his way back to his own trenches on the other side of the Redoubt and, marvellous to relate, escaped scatheless. Throughout he displayed the utmost courage when facing what appeared to be certain death.

This was not Corpl. Foreman's first experience. Three times he has been blown up in mines, whilst following his occupation as a tunneller, and twice he has been "gassed."

He is the son of Mr. George Foreman, of 152 Newcastle Avenue, Worksop, and enlisted in May 1915, in the Tunnelling section of the R.E., and on account of his experience was sent to France within a fortnight. He is 37 years of age, and lived in Worksop until he was about 18, when he went to London to assist an uncle, who was a big contractor for the making of sewers and roads. Here he got his tunnelling experience, and before enlistment he was foreman under one of the London District Councils in sewer work and drainage. He was married, but has had the misfortune to lose his wife since his enlistment and she has left him with two children, who are now resident with their grandfather at Worksop. He was last in Worksop at Easter, when he came over from France to his wife's interment in London.

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SERGEANT ERNEST CRUMMACK

For conspicuous gallantry in carrying wounded under fire, both by day and night. On one occasion, he rendered very gallant service with his machine gun.

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PRIVATE ROBERT HENRY KEELING

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in holding for 24 hours a barricade under continuous rifle fire and bomb attacks.

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TEMPORARY CAPTAIN BERNARD HILL HORSLEY

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in leading his company in an attack under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He was severely wounded. Throughout the campaign, he has displayed great powers of leadership.

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DR. WILLIAM BARNESLEY ALLEN

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was telephoned for when an artilleryman was severely wounded, and came in at once over ground which was being heavily shelled at the time. On another occasion, he did similar fine work under heavy shell fire.

Workshop Guardian 29th September 1916

KIVETON PARK OFFICER'S DISTINCTION AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

"Temporary Captain Bernard H. Horsley, K.O.Y.L.I., for conspicuous gallantry and skill in leading his Company in an attack under heavy shell and machine gun fire. He was severely wounded. Throughout the campaign, he has displayed great powers of leadership." Such is the official description of the winning of the Military Cross by Captain B.H. Horsley, of Kiveton Park, who will be heartily congratulated upon this high distinction. Captain Horsley, who sustained sever wounds in the advance on July 1st, was in New York, U.S.A., when the clash of arms came and he immediately threw up a good position to answer the call. He was granted a commission and attached to the gallant K.O.Y.L.I., and his subsequent promotion has been rapid. He is at present in hospital recovering from his wounds. His brother, Adjutant Roland H. Horsley, is at present home on leave, and speaks very optimistically of the chances of the Allies. Adjutant Horsley joined up on September 2nd, enlisting in the Hussars. He was afterwards given a commission and attached to the Royal Engineers. Wounded early in July, he quickly recovered and was promoted to the rank of Adjutant. Prior to enlistment he was chief surveyor at the Kiveton Park Collieries. He is married to a daughter of Mr. G. Emmerson, J.P.

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ANOTHER WORKSOP MILITARY MEDALIST SERGT. HENRY DOUGLAS



Another Workshop hero who has won the Military Medal is Sergt. Henry Douglas, of the East Yorks Regt., son of Mr. George Douglas, of 86 Cresswell Street, Workshop, who is now lying in the Shropshire Surgical Home, Military Hospital, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, suffering from wounds in his arm sustained in the Great Push, which fortunately are not serious. Writing from the hospital to his father he mentions that he has been awarded the Military Medal "for good work in the field, going out to the German trenches at night and bringing back some prisoners." He has, he says, also been mentioned in despatches twice.

Sergt. Douglas was a soldier before the war, joining the East Yorkshires when quite young. He is now 28 years of age, and was a Reservist working at Dinnington when the mobilisation happened on August 5th 1915, on which date he was recalled to the Colours. . He was a private then, but he has gone through the ranks to that of Sergeant by his soldierly qualities. Before the war, he lived in Clarence Road, Workshop, with his wife and two children.

London Gazette 20th October 1916

Workshop Guardian 6th October 1916

MEDAL FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER



PT. G. H. YOUNG (Whitwell)
Awarding the Military Medal

Whitwell people will be pleased to hear that the Military Medal has been conferred upon Pte. G. Herbert Young, A Co., 9th Batt. Leicester Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Young, Whitwell, for bravery in the field. The exact details are not yet known.

Writing to his mother under date September 22nd, he says: "I expect you will be surprised to hear that I have been awarded the Military Medal for work I did in the attack we were in on July 14th. I will tell you more about it next time I write. I only got to know about four days ago, and I was surprised myself when I heard."

This is a proud distinction for so young a soldier, and his many friends will congratulate him.
London Gazette 20th October 1916

Workshop Guardian 13th October 1916

A CRESWELL D.C.M.



CO.-S.M. ALFRED BUCKLEY (Creswell)

Company Sergt.-Major Alfred Buckley, 12th King's Royal Rifles, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Buckley, Creswell, has been awarded the D.C.M. for services performed on September 17th. The official letter from the Adjutant conveys the congratulations of the General commanding the Division, and also the Brigadier-General's good wishes.

Company Sergt.-Major Alfred Buckley enlisted at the beginning of the war, a few days before his brother, who is a Sergeant in the 12th Sherwood Foresters, and joined the K.R.R. He had then just turned 19. He was soon made a Lance-Corporal and made steady progress, being made Sergeant some nine months ago. He has been in France considerably over a year. He was formerly one of the smartest Sergeants in the Creswell Boys Brigade, to which he belonged since a boy of 14. He was employed at Creswell Colliery.

London Gazette 14th November 1916

Worksop Guardian 20th October 1916
MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER
PTE. R. BOWER, S.R.I.Y.
"A GALLANT ACTION BRAVELY DONE"



PTE. R. BOWER (Worksop)
(Awarded the Military Medal)

This phrase briefly sums up the circumstances which led to the bestowal of the Military Medal upon Pte. Reginald Bower, of the "C" Squadron, Sherwood Rangers I.Y., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bower, Ryton Street, Worksop. Full details are not yet to hand, but the story of Pte. Bower's gallantry is set forth with soldier like brevity in the following letter addressed to Mrs. Bower by the officer Commanding the "C" squadron: -

"Salonica, September 25th. Dear Madam, I have a sad and yet pleasant letter to write to you – sad, because your boy has been wounded in the arm; pleasant, because of the circumstance under which he received the wound. A fellow soldier had been mortally wounded. Your boy immediately went to his assistance and carried him back under a hot fire, some two hundred yards. Just as he arrived at the stretcher-bearers he was himself shot, the bullet piercing his arm, and it was found quite flattened inside the puttee against the leg of the wounded man he was carrying – a gallant action bravely done."

"I have put his name forward for notice, giving the circumstances. I am very proud to have him in my Squadron and trust his recovery will be a speedy one. Yours faithfully, Bryan Laing, Major Commanding "C" Squadron S.R.Y." one. Yours faithfully, Bryan Laing, Major Commanding "C" Squadron S.R.Y."

Pte. Bower is still in hospital, and his parents are anxiously awaiting news as to his condition. He is one of three brothers who enlisted in the Sherwood Rangers in the early days of the war. He was 26 last month; his brother Frank is 23, and his other brother, Sydney, 21. They went to Egypt together, and were separated when Reginald was in hospital in Cairo recovering from the effects of an accident. Later, he took part in the retreat from Serbia, and is now in Salonica, where he performed the deed which has brought honour to the regiment. Those who know him will not be surprised that he risked his own life to succour a comrade. His brother, Frank, is also in Salonica, and Sydney is in England preparatory to going abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Bower's many friend's will congratulate them on the distinction their son has won, and will wish him a speedy recovery and safe return to England.

London Gazette 19th January 1916

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MILITARY CROSS FOR WORKSOP DOCTOR

His many friends will be pleased to hear that Dr. F.J. Morris, R.A.M.C., who was in partnership with Dr. T.C. Garrett before enlistment, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in the field. Dr. Morris enlisted in the early stages of the war, and soon won commendation for his coolness, and resource under heavy fire. What the particular feat of gallantry, which has gained for him the distinction and the Military Cross, was, is not known locally, but we may rest assured that it was for services to the wounded under circumstances of extreme peril. The Royal Army Medical Corps has furnished its heroes in this war. Ever foremost in their devotion to duty, the British Army officers have worthily upheld the high tradition of their noble profession, and Worksop people will be proud to think that a Worksop doctor has so distinguished himself.

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DR. F.J. MORRIS

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. He led his stretcher-bearers to collect wounded in full view of the enemy's position, and set a fine example to all near him. He has done other similar gallant work.

London Gazette 20th October 1916

TEMPORARY CAPTAIN KENNETH N PEARSON

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. With one other pilot, he attacked ten hostile aeroplanes. The other pilot had his controls cut and had to return, but Captain Pearson fought on till all the enemy aeroplanes were dispersed. On another occasion, he bombed, trains from a low altitude. He has done other fine work.

Workop Guardian 27th October 1916

MILITARY CROSS FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

Many of his old friends in Worksop will rejoice to hear that the Military Cross has been awarded to Co.Sergt.-Major "Bob" Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, of 40 Sandhill Street, Worksop. S.M. Hancock joined the 9th Leicesters as a private, but he soon succeeded in getting promotion, and he is probably one of the smartest soldiers turned out by Worksop, which is saying a good deal. Indeed, he has been described as a born leader of men.

His regiment has taken a foremost part in the fighting during the great advance, and has suffered severely. S.M. Hancock was badly wounded in the arm and leg, and he is now in Bagthorpe Hospital, Nottingham. The circumstances under which he has been recommended for the Military Cross are not yet known, but we may be sure that "Bob" has well deserved this proud distinction by conspicuous gallantry.

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CO. SGT. BOB HANCOCK.

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MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

News has been received, but not yet officially, that Pte. Leonard Benn, of Worksop, and of the Royal Fusiliers, has been recommended for the Military Medal for services in France. The news was conveyed to Pte. Benn's wife through a colleague in the same regiment, and he has since written confirming it. The feat for which the distinction has been awarded is not yet known. Pte. Benn, before enlistment in January 1915, was well-known in local football circles, and he married Miss Stringfellow, of Potter Street Club.

London Gazette 14th November 1916

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AVIATOR HONoured

Many Worksop people will remember Temp. Capt. Kenneth N. Pearson who has just been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and skill. With one other pilot, he attacked ten hostile aeroplanes. The other pilot had his controls cut and had to return, but Captain Pearson fought on till all the enemy aeroplanes were dispersed. On another occasion, he bombed trains from a low altitude. He has done other fine work.

In pre-war days, Capt. Pearson was a draughtsman with the Steetley Lime Co., and resided in Overend Road, Worksop. He enlisted soon after war broke out, joining the R.E., but he was transferred to the R.F.C. Captain Pearson's father was Bishop of Burnley, and also at one time Rector of St. Mark's, Sheffield.

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CRESWELL MAN WINS MILITARY MEDAL

Mr. Haydn Cook, of 5 Welbeck Street, Creswell, heard from his brother-in-law, Pte. W. Fisher, 14621, of the 12th Sherwood Foresters (Pioneers), on Wednesday, that he had been awarded the Military Medal. Pte. Fisher has been acting as guide for the observation officers, and it is thought that it will be in connection with this work that the honour has been gained. He was very clever at map reading and sketching. Previous to enlistment on September 2nd 1914, he worked at the Creswell Colliery. He is married with one child, his wife living at Whittington near Chesterfield.

London Gazette 10th October 1916

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MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

A ROYAL GROOM

News has been received that Sergt. G.E. Hill, of the R.F.A., eldest son of the late Mr. Edward Hill (of Hill Bros.) and Mrs. Hill, of 40 Gladstone Street, Worksop, has been awarded the Military Medal. Sergt. Hill was four years in the coach stables at Welbeck, and from there he went to the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace, where he remained two years, enlisting with eight other Royal grooms on September 21st 1914, in the Royal Field Artillery. He was promoted to the rank of Sergt. Rough Rider after about eight weeks training, and in February 1915, he was put with the guns and sent to France.

The circumstances under which he has been awarded the Medal are not yet to hand, but writing to his mother, Sergt. Hill says his Commanding Officer sent for him "last Tuesday," and told him he had been awarded the Military Medal, and gave him the ribbon to wear. "He has been very good to me," adds Sergt. Hill; "he sent me down to the seaside for a week for a good rest." Sergt. Hill has two other brothers serving – Pte. E. Hill, of the Sherwood Rangers, and Pte. A. Hill, Royal Warwicks, who is at present in hospital in France.

Sergt. Hill's photo arrived too late for reproduction this week, but we hope to give it in our next issue.
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SERGEANT G. E. HILL, Worksop
(Awarded Military Medal)
As reported in our last issue

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CRESWELL SOLDIER'S COMMENDATION

Pte. J. Butcher, 2nd Sherwood Foresters, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Butcher of Dover Street, Creswell, who is in hospital following amputation of the leg subsequent to wounds, has received the following certificate of merit from the Records Office:

"Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself near Ginchy on the 15th and 16th September last, by conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty by carrying dispatches under heavy fire Signed C Ross, Major-General, Commanding 6th Division"

Workshop Guardian 10th November 1916

CRESWELL SOLDIER WINS MILITARY MEDAL

Mr. S. Evans, the manager of Creswell Colliery, has received a letter from Bombardier George Pickering, R.F.A., France, in which he states:

"I am still A1, and I am pleased to inform you that I have added another honour to our little village lit by being awarded the Military Medal on October 27th, for services rendered on September 26th on the Somme. I need hardly tell you I am feeling proud. I read about Sergt.-Major A. Buckley getting the D.C.M., and was very pleased, because I was getting very vexed because we could not boast of any distinction for Creswell, although I am content now we have got proof of our mettle."

Bombardier Pickering, it may be remembered, wrote several letters in the early days of the war, which were published in our columns. He was a Reservist, and went with the first Expeditionary Force, and has been in France since with an occasional leave.

London Gazette 5th January 1917

London Gazette 14th November 1916

COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR ALFRED BUCKLEY

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the enemy delivered a bombing attack he and two men remained at a barrier and held it with great courage and determination, fighting against heavy odds.

London Gazette 14th November 1916

CO. SERGT.-MAJOR ROBERT HANCOCK

For gallant conduct in the field at Bazentin Le Petit on the 14th July. He collected men of all units and consolidated the position, constantly exposing himself in order to encourage the men, was wounded in two places at midnight, but stayed with his men till next morning and was again severely wounded before leaving the position.

Workshop Guardian 17th November 1916

MILITARY MEDALS FOR CRESWELL MEN

Lance-Sergt. W. Oldfield, 8th Sherwood Foresters, now stationed in France, has been awarded the Military Medal. Sergt. Oldfield, who is married, enlisted at the commencement of the war, and has been in France for considerably over a year. He formerly worked at Creswell Colliery.

A Military Medal has also been awarded to Pte. Horace Whiting, 7th Leicesters, son of Mr. and Mrs. R Whiting, of Baker Street, Creswell. The honour has been conferred upon him for good work in the trenches, bombing and sniping. It is to be presented to him at the Depot at Leicester. Previous to enlistment in August 1914, he worked at Creswell Colliery. He has been in hospital several weeks, and just joined his Depot after sick leave.

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WORKSOP SOLDIER COMMENDED

PTE. ARTHUR OUTLAW

Many Workshop people will remember Mr. and Mrs. F. Outlaw, formerly milk dealers, of Sandy Lane, Workshop, and now of South Elmsall, and their sons George Outlaw and Arthur Outlaw. The latter left Workshop with his parents eight years ago, and worked as a miner at Frickley. When at Workshop he was employed at Manton. On the outbreak of the war he enlisted and joined the 19th Middlesex Regiment. He has been in France eight months and that he has done splendid service is obvious from the following card which has been addressed to him by the Major-General Commanding the Division:-

"I wish to place on record my appreciation of your courage in assisting Sergt. Carne to remove the wounded of your Company to a place of safety under heavy fire, September 12th 1916, at Deaville Wood."

Private Outlaw was himself wounded in the desperate fighting at this point, and had only recently gone back to France, after being in hospital at Chatham. He is a gallant soldier, and his people are naturally very proud of the Major-General's high commendation. His brother, George, who is in Workshop, served in the 3rd Sherwoods, and was discharged as medically unfit.



Workshop Guardian 24th November 1916

WORKSOP MILITARY MEDALISTS

A more pleasing duty than writing of the fallen is the recording of the winning of two Military Medals by Workshop men. Amongst the gallant recipients of this distinguished honour is Pte. Frank Garside, of the Royal Engineers, son of the late Mr. Frank Garside, of Workshop, and brother of Mr Wm. Garside, of Garside Street, Workshop. Pte. Garside, before enlistment, was a joiner in the employ of Mr. T.J. Pepper, and later with the Leeds Corporation, and he enlisted in the R.E.'s in October 1914. He has been in France eighteen months, and is 34 years of age and single.



The circumstances under which he won the coveted Medal are not exactly known, but he writes that it was on Oct. 21st, when there was an attack, and when he got his medal for good work in the field. "Which is every man's duty that will do it," he says. He is pleased to say that they have some very good officers and men, which makes the work better and far more interesting. He adds that he is very comfortable and happy, but says nothing further as to his conduct in winning the Medal.

A second Workshop man to win the Military Medal is Lc.-Corpl. Richard Nussey, of the 7th Leicesters, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Nussey, now of Portland Street, Shirebrook, but formerly of Workshop. Lc.-Corpl. Nussey was born in Workshop and lived in Sandy Lane with his parents, until the removal of the latter to Shirebrook, a little time ago. He joined the 7th Leicesters at the outbreak of war, and has taken part in much of the fighting in the great push, and has now had the honour of receiving the Military Medal.



The circumstances under which he won it are not known, because in keeping with most of the Tommies who receive honours, his communication is modest, and he says very little about it. In a letter to his parents, dated Nov. 7th, he says he had a very nice day on the previous Sunday, as he went out of the trenches to have his Military Medal Ribbon presented to him. "I can tell you it was very nice of the General," he says, "the way he congratulated us, and gave us a talking to about our work. He asked how I won the Medal, and when I told him, he said he was proud to have me in his Army Corps."

Lc.-Corpl. Nussey's parents, too, are proud of him, and especially because he is a Notts. born man. His many friends in Workshop will congratulate him on the honour he has achieved.
London Gazette 5th January 1917

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C.S.M. R. HANCOCK M.M., WORKSOP

As recently stated in the "Workshop Guardian" Co. Sergt.-Major "Bob" Hancock of Sandhill Street, Worksop, has been awarded the Military Medal, and the official record of the brave deed which led to this distinction reads as follows:-

"For gallant conduct in the field at Bazentin Le Petit on the 14th July. He collected men of all units and consolidated the position, constantly exposing himself in order to encourage the men, was wounded in two places at midnight, but stayed with his men till next morning and was again severely wounded before leaving the position."

There is some probability, we are glad to hear, of Sergt.-Major Hancock being awarded the Military Cross. This decoration is awarded to officers and warrant officers for gallant conduct in face of the enemy, and Hancock has held the latter rank since February 11th 1916. As he had done no previous service before joining Kitchener's Army in September 1915, this is a good record and it is hoped that he will gain the distinction of the Cross. "Bob" is recovering from his wounds at Bagthorpe Military Hospital and hopes to be in Worksop soon, A hearty welcome awaits him.

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SHIREOAKS SOLDIER AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL

General satisfaction was caused in Shireoaks by the inclusion of the name of Pte. Leonard Thomas in the recent list of military honours. Some months ago, he was recommended for the D.C.M., but whether the present decoration is for the acts of bravery then noted or for subsequent gallantry is not yet known.

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CRESWELL SOLDIER WINS MILITARY MEDAL



CORPL. H. WHITING (Creswell).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

Pte. H Whiting, of the 7th Leicesters, and son of Mr. and Mrs. R Whiting, of Baker Street, as we announced a fortnight ago, has been awarded the Military Medal for good work in the trenches bombing and sniping. He enlisted in 1914, previous to which he worked at Creswell Colliery, but has now returned to his depot at Leicester, where the medal has been presented to him. **London Gazette 10th November 1916**

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WORKSOP AMBULANCE MAN WINS MILITARY MEDAL

News has been received that Pte. George Holberry, of the R.A.M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holberry of Netherton Road, Worksop, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry and continuous good work in action. He is a stretcher bearer in the 1/8th Notts. and Derbys., and has been in France since February 1915, and has been slightly wounded once. Writing to a friend in Worksop, Pte. Holberry says: "Well I must tell you of my distinction. I have been awarded the Military Medal for my services and conspicuous gallantry and continuous good work in action and may possibly get a bar to it for further work in another action we had in July. Our Medical officer says: 'You're well worth it Holberry,' but it's swank telling you what he said, nevertheless it's true. I feel quite big with a bit of ribbon on my chest."

Pte. Holberry was in the Worksop St. John Ambulance Brigade before enlistment. His only brother is also at the front and occasionally they meet. Mr. and Mrs. Holberry are to be congratulated on the distinction won by their son, whose photograph we propose to reproduce next week.

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HARTHILL SOLDIER WINS MILITARY MEDAL

HARTHILL'S FIRST HONOUR

News has reached Harthill village that Gunner Frank Hydes, Trench Mortar Battery, R.F.A., has won the Military Medal for "conspicuous gallantry and bravery and keeping to his post during a heavy bombardment." Gunner Hydes, who is 20 years of age, enlisted in May 1915. He was a chorister at All Hallows Church, Harthill, and previous to enlistment was employed at Kiveton Park Colliery.

This is the first military honour won by a Harthill soldier in the present war, and Gunner Hydes has the heartiest congratulations from a large circle of friends in the distinction conferred upon him. He was over on leave in June this year.

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GUNNER FRANK HYDES (Harthill).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

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PTE. GEORGE HOLBERRY (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)
As reported in our last issue.

London Gazette 8th December 1916

CORPORAL WILLIAM ALLSOPP

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He fought and handled his trench mortars with great courage and determination throughout the operations. He set a splendid example to his men.

Worksop Guardian 15th December 1916

MILITARY MEDAL FOR KIVETON PARK SOLDIER

Sergeant Frank Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Millar, of Wales Road, Kiveton Park, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in assisting to capture a German machine gun under heavy fire. Sergt. Frank Miller, who is a member of the teaching profession, was educated at Kiveton Park Council School, and the Training College, Sheffield. He afterwards held positions at Kiveton Park Schools and subsequently took up a position at Southport.

He enlisted just a year ago, in the King's Royal Rifles, and was sent out to France last Easter. He contracted rheumatic fever in the trenches, but is now convalescent in Daventry V.A.D. Hospital. His wife is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Illsley, Kiveton Park.



SEBGT. F. MILLER - Kiveton Park.
Awarded Military Medal.

Sergeant Miller is 25 years of age, and is very popular amongst a large circle of friends.

London Gazette 8th December 1916

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WORKSOP SOLDIER AWARDED D.C.M.

CORPL. "BILLY" ALLSOP

It is with pleasure that we have to record the gaining of the distinction of the Distinguished Conduct Medal by a Worksop lad, Corpl. William Allsop, better known to his familiars as "Billy" Allsop, of the R.F.A., and son of Mr. W. Allsop, of 108 Cheapside, Worksop. The award has been made for gallantry in carrying a wounded officer to the dressing station under the enemy's fire, at the commencement of the big push.

Further, Corpl. Allsop has been commended for gallant conduct and devotion to duty in October. At a parade, recently he was presented with a parchment bearing the following inscription: - "32nd Division, Corpl. William Allsop, 32nd Trench Mortar Battery, R.F.A. I have read with great pleasure the report of your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander, regarding your gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on October 25th and 26th 1916. D Aycroft, Major General Commanding 32nd Division"



CORPL. W. ALLSOP, D.C.M. (Worksop).

Corpl. Allsop is to be congratulated on his honours and Worksop will be proud of him. He is only 19 years of age, and enlisted when 17 in the R.F.A. at Sheffield in company with other Worksop lads, amongst then Charlie Allsopp and Cyril Cox. He was an Ashley House School boy, and later he went to MR. T.J. Green in the electrical department. He has been in France for about a year, being attached to the Trench Mortar Division, and he has had no leave since he went out.

London Gazette 8th December 1916

Worksop Guardian 5th January 1917

MILITARY MEDAL FOR CRESWELL MAN

Mr. S. Evans, J.P., the manager of the Creswell Colliery, has received a letter from Sergt. S. Gething, R.A.M.C. Naval Division, stating that he has been awarded the Military Medal for services rendered during the advance of the Royal Naval Division in the Somme front on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of November. Sergt. Gething mentions that their men had cleared "No Man's Land" before the first objective had been consolidated. He says he is pleased with his success because he has helped to bring honour to the unit to which he belonged.

Previous to enlistment with 14 other members of the Creswell Ambulance Brigade, on December 31st 1914, he was employed at Creswell Colliery. He is married with five children, his home being in the New Village. He has been on active service a year and ten months, first in the Dardanelles etc. and latterly in France. He has not had leave yet but expects to come home next week. Four men out of his unit received the distinction and two men were awarded the medal out of his own section.

London Gazette 16th February 1917

Worksop Guardian 5th January 1917

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

Among the officers mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches are: -

Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) R.F.T. Foljambe, a son of Mr. George Savile Foljambe, and grandson of the Right Hon. F.J. Savile Foljambe, of Osberton, Worksop.

Major the Hon. G.V.A. Moncton-Arundell, Life Guards, the eldest son of Viscount Galway. He has previously been mentioned in despatches for his services in 1914-15.

London Gazette 2nd January 1917

London Gazette 9th January 1917

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great courage and determination throughout, himself killing two of the enemy. Later, he rescued five wounded men, and after remaining with a wounded officer for 48 hours succeeded in bringing him in.

Worksop Guardian 12th January 1917

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

CAPT. D. GRANT

Amongst those mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig is Capt. D. Grant, son of Mr. A. Grant, late of Queen Street, Worksop, and now resident in Sheffield. Capt. Grant enlisted soon after the outbreak of the war in the 12th Yorks. And Lancs. Regiment, the Sheffield City Batt., and received his commission before the Battalion left England for France. Promotion quickly followed, and he gained distinction by the energy and resourcefulness of his work at the front. He was highly commended for the construction of a railway from what was described as scrap iron, and in other ways he demonstrated his ingenuity and inventiveness. Previous to the war he was employed at Cammel-Laird's Penistone works. He was very well-known when resident in Worksop, and was for one season a member of the Worksop Amateur Operatic Society. Recently he married Miss Angus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus, of Hodsock, where he is now residing on leave.

Unable to confirm this

Worksop Guardian 26th January 1917

MILITARY MEDAL FOR ROCHE ABBEY SOLDIER

It is a far cry from the peaceful valley of Roche to the battle fields of France, but amongst the first to answer the country's call was Corpl. Burnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Burnett, of Roche Abbey Lodge. He joined the 49th Division West Riding R.E., and has since seen considerable service. On two occasions, he distinguished himself by his gallant conduct and devotion to duty as a despatch rider, and in recognition of his services, he has been awarded the Military Medal. Corpl. Burnett has recently been home on leave, and is in very good health. His many friends in the Roche Abbey district will be pleased to hear of his distinction.

London Gazette 8th December 1916

Worksop Guardian 2nd March 1917

WHITWELL TEACHER HONOURED

Mr. Harold King, who was an assistant master at the Whitwell Schools before enlisting in 1914, has been gazetted Second-Lieut. In the Notts. And Derbys. Last week he was invested by the King with the D.C.M. for gallantry during the Irish Rebellion.

In a recent letter to Mr. Robert Ellis, he says: "In a very few days we hope to be out there (France). Personally, I'm not particularly anxious to go (I think no one is). I had quite as much as I want in Dublin, but I am prepared, like most of us, to go quite cheerfully, and leave the outcome on the knees of the gods... Will you please give my best wishes to everybody. I'll try and write to some of them later. I've been trying to imagine myself back at School. I'm very rapidly forgetting all I ever knew, though I am still convinced it is easier to teach boys than men, and particularly those whom we have been getting lately – average 38, and most of them single... My Best wishes to Mrs. Ellis, to yourself, any of the youngsters at School who may remember. Yours sincerely, W.King."

London Gazette 24th January 1917 & 2nd March 1917

London Gazette 2nd March 1917

COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR W H (HAROLD) KING

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He greatly assisted his Company Commander during the storming of various buildings. He set a splendid example throughout.

Workshop Guardian 16th March 1917

M.M. FOR CRESWELL MAN

Mr. A. Forrest, of Common End, Creswell has received a letter from his son, Corpl E. Forrest, R.E., to say that he has been awarded the Military Medal. In his letter, Corpl. Forrest states that the award was made to him for "doing his duty" during a heavy bombardment. Corpl Forrest enlisted from Creswell at the beginning of the war, and has been in France practically the whole of the time. He was in the Grenadier Guards, but was transferred to the Engineers. In civil life, he was employed by Mr. J. Clark, baker, Creswell.

London Gazette 9th March 1917

Workshop Guardian 23rd March 1917



London Gazette 23rd March 1917

PRIVATE M. CREHAN

Workshop Guardian 13th April 1917

SERGT.-MAJOR BUCKLEY, D.C.M.

Company Sergt.-Major Alfred Buckley, 12th King's Royal Rifles, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Buckley, Creswell, has arrived home on a month's leave prior to undergoing training for a Commission. He was awarded the D.C.M. for services rendered during the Somme offensive and promoted to his present rank. He will be presented with the decoration on his return to the Winchester Depot. The Sergeant-Major enlisted at the outbreak of the War and has seen considerable fighting. He was formerly a Sergt. in the Creswell Boy's Brigade. He is the fifth member of the Brigade to receive a commission, and the sixth, Sergt. Varley, was recommended for commissioned rank at the time he was killed. Up to the present, one D.C.M. and seven M.M.'s have been won by Creswell soldiers.

London Gazette 14th November 1916

Workshop Guardian 27th April 1917

KIVETON PARK SOLDIER MAKES THE GREAT SACRIFICE RECOMMENDED FOR MILITARY MEDAL

We regret to record the death in action of Gunner Frederick Tristram, R.F.A., who was killed on 11th April, in France. The news was conveyed to his wife in the following letter:

"Dear Mrs. Tristram, I deeply regret having to tell you that your husband was killed yesterday, and you have my deepest sympathy in your loss. You will hear of his death from the War Office, but I wanted to send you word and tell you what a splendid and fearless man he was, and I can but thank God, he was asleep at the time it happened in his dug-out about 3 p.m. Comfort yourself in knowing that he had a decent burial and a clergyman was there, who read the service over him and one of his pals who was killed beside him.



He has done splendid work here and I had recommended him for the Military Medal, which will be sent to you in due course. You have my deepest sympathy. Yours sincerely, G.R. Flemming (Major) Commanding C/312, R.F.A."

Gunner F. Tristram, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Tristram, Dawson Terrace, Kiveton Park, leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss, was for some time a member of the Sheffield City Police, but before enlistment had resumed his employment at the Kiveton Park Collieries. He was a fine built soldier, standing well over 6ft. A few days previous to the intimation of his death, he wrote home stating that he had been recommended for the M.M. He was 24 years of age, and enlisted on May 26th 1915, going out to France just before last Christmas. His brother, Private J. Tristram, is in hospital suffering from fever contracted on active service.

Unable to confirm in London Gazette or on Ancestry

Workshop Guardian 25th May 1917

WORKSOP SOLDIERS' CONSPICUOUS BRAVERY

Another Workshop soldier, Lance-Corpl. James Betteridge, of 2/8th Sher. For., son of Mr. Betteridge, 83 Newgate Street, Workshop, has earned recognition by his conspicuous bravery in the field. No details are as yet available and the news is contained in the following letter addressed to Mr. Betteridge by his son's Commanding Officer: -

"I have much pleasure in forwarding to you the attached card of recognition of distinguished bravery in the field to your son, Lance-Corpl. Betteridge. This card would have been presented to him personally by the Brigade Commander, but unfortunately, he was wounded shortly after distinguishing himself. Yours faithfully, H.H. Jeffcock, Lieut. And A/Adj. For Officer Commanding 2/8th Sherwood Foresters, B.E.F., France, 14-5-17."

The printed card reads as follows: - "Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field. I have read the reports with Much pleasure. C F Romer, Major-General, Commanding 59th Division, 8th May 1917."

Worksop Guardian 1st June 1917



LANCE-CORPL. J. BETTERIDGE (Worksop).
Commended for Bravery.

Worksop Guardian 1st June 1917

HONOURS FOR WORKSOP SOLDIERS

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

SERGT.-MAJOR T. POWELL

As reported in our last issue, among the officers, warrant officers, and men of the Notts. And Derbyshire Regt. Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch for distinguished service and devotion to duty in the field is Coy. Sergt.-Major T. Powell, 130 Eastgate, Worksop.

Sergt.-Major Powell is one of five brothers serving, and before the War was in the Worksop Coy. Of Territorials. Both he and his second brother George, have been marked out for promotion, and have been sent home with a view to qualifying for a Commission. All of Mr. Powell's sons are serving, a record of which the family may well be proud.

London Gazette 25th May 1917



SGT.-MAJOR T. POWELL (Worksop)
Mentioned in Despatches.

Worksop Guardian 1st June 1917

SERGT.-MAJOR L. CASHMORE

Company Sergt.-Major L Cashmore, of Worksop, is also mentioned in despatches, an honour upon which he is to be heartily congratulated.

Some time ago he was a miner at Dinnington, afterwards removing to Manton, where he was employed when the Wat broke out. His smartness as a soldier soon gained him promotion, and this is not the first time mention has been made of his good services.

London Gazette 25th May 1917



SGT.-MAJOR L. CASHMORE (Worksop)
Mentioned in Despatches.

Worksop Guardian 8th June 1917

WORKSOP R.E. MENTIONED FOR BRAVERY

Sapper Maurice Walton, R.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton, of 127 Netherton Road, Worksop, has been mentioned for conspicuous bravery in the field by the General Commanding the 2nd Division, who states: - "Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field on May 3rd 1917. I have read their reports, and although promotion and decorations cannot be given in every case, I should like you to know that your gallant action is recognised, and how greatly it is appreciated."

Sapper Walton, writing to his parents, encloses the General's card, and says they will be surprised to see that he has been recommended for bravery. He does not know whether he will get a medal, but his Company Captain, in giving him the card, said in all probability, there would be one, and he was very pleased with his (Sapper Walton's) work. Things Had been very lively round their part lately. He had not seen any Worksop lads, but heard from some of them.
London Gazette 17th July 1917

Worksop Guardian 8th June 1917

WORKSOP SOLDIER COMMENDED

Among the men who responded to the call from Osberton, Worksop, was Fred Painter, now a Sergt. in the 1/8th Sherwood Foresters. At Osberton in the days before the war Painter was well-known locally as a good all-round sport, being particularly keen in football and cricket. He is now playing the greater game and has been so engaged in France for the past eighteen months or more. The Sherwood Foresters have borne a distinguished part in the fighting, and on a recent occasion Sergt. Painter displayed such conspicuous courage that he was singled out for a commendation by the Major-General commanding the North Midland Division.



SERG. F. PAINTER (Worksop).

In his letters home Sergt. Painter says little about his achievements, and we shall have to wait a little while before we learn the full circumstances of his gallantry. He is a brother of Mrs. Nolan, Victoria Road, Worksop. His father was for many years' coachman to the late Right Hon. F.J.S. Foljambe.

NOTE: UNABLE TO TRACE THIS.

Worksop Guardian 15th June 1917

MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER SAPPER WALTON, R.E.

In our last issue, we mentioned that Sapper Maurice Walton, R.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton, of 127 Netherton Road, Worksop, had been mentioned for conspicuous bravery, and his friends will be now pleased to hear that he has been awarded the Military Medal, thus adding another name to the list of gallant Worksop men who have distinguished themselves.



SAPPER M. WALTON, R.E. (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal)

Sapper Walton first joined the R.A.M.C, and he was wearing this uniform when the photograph reproduced was taken. Later he was transferred to the Royal Engineers. In a letter home, dated June 3rd, he writes: - "I must tell you that I have been successful in getting the Military Medal. It came through to the Company four days ago, so I guess you will be very much surprised. I am enclosing a little bit of ribbon which I expect you have all seen floating about in Worksop."

London Gazette 17th July 1917

Second-Lieutenant Douglas Preston Harvey

London Gazette 15th June 1917

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of two guns he showed great courage and determination in getting his guns into position under heavy fire. Although wounded, he continued to command his guns with great coolness and ability.

Worksop Guardian 22nd June 1917

MILITARY MEDAL FOR BARLBORO' SOLDIER

Barlboro' people, and especially sportsmen, will be pleased to hear that Gunner Sam Bagshaw, the popular hon. Sec. of the Athletic Football Club, has been awarded the Military Medal.

In a letter home he writes: - "We were having a sever shelling, they got us up at quarter-to-four because "jerry" was attacking, he put one on our No. 6 gun pit, which is about 8 yards from ours (No. 5). I was outside our pit and it fairly stunned me. I dropped behind a sandbag wall, and when I recovered I could see nobody in either ours or No. 6 gun pit, which was all on fire, so I jumped to the pit to see if there was anyone in.



GUNNER S. BAGSHAW (Barlboro').
(Awarded Military Medal.)

"To my horror I could see my best pal badly wounded. The ammunition was blazing and I was a bit frightened at first. In an instant I made up my mind I must get him out, so I dashed in and then another chap came, and we lifted him out together and hurried him off to the dressing station. You will be pleased to know that I have been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field. Our officer read the award out to all the boys the other night. He complimented us on the work we did (the other gunner also getting the same award), and all the boys gave us three rousing cheers. I also came in for many personal congratulations."

It is gratifying to know that the wounded gunner, although having lost his right arm and being badly wounded in the foot, has written them a very cheerful letter from the Military Hospital at Shrewsbury. Gunner Bagshaw joined the colours in 1915, and did his training at Nottingham and Preston, his younger brother, Lance-Corpl. Arthur Bagshaw, the well-known centre-half, was killed in France, last October.

London Gazette 17th July 1917

Worksop Guardian 22nd June 1917

LIEUT. J.V. COWGILL WINS MILITARY CROSS

The news that Second-Lieut. J. Vincent Cowgill, son of the Vicar of Shireoaks, has received the Military Cross in connection with the recent British offensive, reached his father on Sunday, and has caused general gratification. Lieut. Cowgill was recently over on leave, after the operation during which the decoration was earned.

London Gazette 14th August 1917

Worksop Guardian 22nd June 1917

WELBECK SOLDIER GAINS MILITARY MEDAL

Another local soldier who has gained distinction is Pte. Edgar Pogson, son of Mrs. Pogson, South Lodge Welbeck, who has been awarded the Military Medal. Pte. Pogson enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters shortly after the outbreak of war, and was wounded in July last year. On his return to duty he was put in the transport section, and it was whilst serving in this capacity that he gained the distinction upon which his many friends will congratulate him. In a letter to his mother he says: - "I have got the Military Medal for getting rations up to the lines under heavy shell-fire. Two of us on the transport got it – Lance-Corpl. Dunn and me. We were the only transport to get through in the Brigade for two nights."



PT. E. POGSON (Welbeck).
(Awarded Military Medal)

So far this is all that is known of his brave exploit. Pte. Pogson is a brother of Mr. A. Pogson, hon. Sec. of the Worksop Chums' Association prisoner-or-war fund. Prior to the war he was a blacksmith on Welbeck estate.

London Gazette 17th July 1917 (Death notice in Worksop Guardian 18th October 1917)

Worksop Guardian 22nd June 1917

MILITARY CROSS FOR LIEUT. SHAW

Second-Lieut. Frank Sampson Shaw, Worcester Regt., only son of Reuben Frank Shaw, and grandson of the late Henry Shaw, has been awarded the Military Cross. He was wounded while holding a captured trench at Lake Dorrar on 25th April, and is now in hospital at Salonika. He enlisted in August 1914, and was promoted Sergeant in three weeks, then Colour-Sergeant, and in January 1915, Company Sergeant-Major in the 20th County of London Regt., receiving his commission in April 1915. Lieut. Shaw is a member of an old and respected Worksop family, both his father and grandfather being natives of the town, and well-known to the older generation of Worksop.

London Gazette 24th July 1917

Workshop Guardian 22nd June 1917

CRESWELL SOLDIER DISTINGUISHES HIMSELF

Pte. William Wilkes of the 2/5th Sherwood Foresters, has forwarded to his wife, who lives in Duke Street, Creswell, a Certificate of Distinguished Conduct received from the Major General of the division, reading as follows: -

Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field. I have read the reports with Much pleasure. C F Romer, Major-General, Commanding 59th Division, 8th May 1917."



PT. W. WILKES (Creswell)

At Cologne Farm on the 3-4 May, when all wires had been cut, and runners were unavailable, and the signal lamp for the moment had been knocked out, Wilkes volunteered to take a message of great importance to Battalion Headquarters under a heavy barrage. He delivered the message and returned within 20 minutes of despatch. At the time the casualties were rapidly increasing. His devotion to duty and disregard of personal danger, furnished a fine example, and did much to stiffen morale at a critical moment.

Pte. Wilkes was a Reservist and was called up at the outbreak of the war. He formerly worked at the Creswell Colliery. He holds the South African medals, and also the Indian medal. He has been in France previously, but was invalided home and was in hospital in Liverpool.

Workshop Guardian 29th June 1917

SEC.LIEUT. HARVEY WINS MILITARY CROSS

HONOUR FOR OLD CUTHBERTIAN

Another officer with many Workshop associations to be awarded the Military Cross, is Second-Lieut. Douglas Preston Harvey, second son of Mrs. Harvey, formerly of Bridge House, Bridge Place, and grandson of the late Mr. John Preston, Eastgate House, Workshop. Lieut. Harvey was among the gallant band of soldiers decorated by His Majesty the King at the recent investiture in Hyde Park. The circumstances under which he won this distinction are stated as follows: -

"On 27th April, at the Quarries in front of Cologne Farm, this officer, when in charge of two machine guns, showed great courage and determination in getting his guns into position under extremely heavy shell fire. Although wounded, he refused to leave his post, and continued to command his guns with the greatest coolness and ability for 18 hours after being hit. He also dug out a number of men who had been buried by shells, and dressed their wounds. His fine example had the greatest possible effect on all the troops in his vicinity. On previous occasions this officer has shown great courage and resource."

Sec.-Lieut. Harvey was for some weeks in a London Hospital, but is now on sick leave. He is an old Cuthbertian and spent his boyhood days at Workshop, where the many friends of his family will read this account with pleasure. His younger brother, Sec.-Lieut. Alec Harvey, is in the Scottish Rifles, and is at the Front.

London Gazette 15th June 1917

Workshop Guardian 6th July 1917

CLOWNE SOLDIER AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL

Pte. Bernard Froggatt, Yorks. And Lancs. Regiment, son of Mrs. Froggatt, Rectory Road, Clowne, has been recommended for the Military Medal in recognition of his gallantry on the field of battle. The official notification is couched as follows: - "9th Batt. York and Lancaster Regiment No.34873 Pte. Bernard Froggatt. For exceptional courage and gallantry during offensive operations on ___, on June 7th, 8th, 9th 1917. This man acted as Company Runner, and performed his duties with exceptional coolness and accuracy, especially during the very heavy enemy bombardment on the night of June 8th-9th, when he delivered messages through to Battalion H.Q. - T. Harmen, Lieut.-Col. A.A. and Q.M.G., 23rd Division.



PTE. B. FROGGATT (Clowne).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

Pte. Froggatt enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war, in the Scottish Rifles, and was drafted to Salonika to illness, he was invalided home, and afterwards transferred to his present Regiment and sent to France. Some time ago he was sent home on ten days' furlough, which was granted by his commanding officer in recognition of bravery whilst in action. He is 21 years of age, and formerly employed at the Southgate Colliery.

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WORKSOP GUARDIAN 13TH JULY 1917

WORKSOP STRETCHER-BEARER WINS M.M.

PPte. William Henry Brown, son of Mr. John Brown, 29 John Street, Worksop, a stretcher-bearer attached to the 2/5th K.O.Y.L.I., has been awarded the Military Medal for an act of conspicuous bravery. Pte. Brown, who was born in Abbey Street, Worksop, was a miner at South Kirkby when the war broke out. He joined up early in 1915, and as a stretcher-bearer he has seen much service and had some narrow escapes. The circumstances under which he won the Medal are sufficiently exciting. In one engagement, almost all the officers were wounded, and the C.O. killed. Among the wounded was the Major, and it was in fetching this officer that Brown distinguished himself.



PTE. W. H. BROWN (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

"The Major was left with a lot of our men wounded right in the German Line," he says, "and four of us went out in daylight to try and get them in, and took a big Red Cross flag with us. The Germans fired on us and we had to get back sharp." Another attempt was made at night, with the assistance of a guide, but the party were fired on from both sides and had to go back, leaving the stretcher behind. Later Brown and the guide had another try, "and this time we found our Major and brought him in." Brown is 28 years of age.

His brother, Pte. J. Brown, Northumberland Fusiliers, was killed in action in July last year. He was also a miner at South Kirkby. A brother-in-law, Pte. E. Fletcher, York and Lancs Regt., whose widow lives with her father, was killed about nine months ago, and another brother-in-law, Pte. Henry Hardy, of the Lincolns, is now in hospital in London. He has been four times wounded. Mr Brown's third son, George, was also in the York and Lancs, and was wounded. He has since been discharged. Mr. Brown himself is an old soldier and served with the South Staffs. He took part in the Zula War and the Egyptian Campaign, and by dyeing his hair and moustache endeavoured to persuade the military authorities to take him on for the present war.
London Gazette 6th July 1917

Worksop Guardian 13th July 1917

MILITARY MEDAL WON

Pte. W.H. Brown, of the South Wales Borderers, now serving in France, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field.

Pte. Brown was a stretcher-bearer to his Company, and when the order came for them to go over the parapet, two of the four stretcher-bearers were wounded, and another was unable to do his duty. Pte. Brown, therefore, had the whole of the work of rescue to do under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

Pte. Brown was a native of Northwich, Cheshire, but for several years he resided in Worksop, being in the employ of Mr. J. Doughty, watchmaker and jeweller. While in Worksop he made many friends, who will be pleased to hear of the honour conferred on him.

London Gazette 14th August 1917



PTE. W. BROWN (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

Worksop Guardian 20th July 1917

WORKSOP SOLDIER WINS MILITARY MEDAL LANCE-CORPL. W. MARSDEN

To the list of Worksop soldiers whose conspicuous bravery in the field has been rewarded by the presentation of the Military Medal, must be added the name of Lance-Corpl. Wm. Marsden, 2nd Royal Marines, Lewis Gun Section, whose home is 24 Trent Street. In a letter to the Editor, Lance-Corpl. Marsden says: -

"I am glad to inform you that I have won the Military Medal for bravery in the field, and as I am a constant reader of your paper I should very much like to see it in the 'Guardian.' I have met a lot of the boys from Worksop, and they seem to be going strong out here, I can tell you, and they all seem cheerful."



LANCE-CORPL. W. MARSDEN
(Awarded Military Medal.)

"It is just like the good old Worksop pluck. Hoping you and all my pals are having a good time of it." Marsden, it will be observed, makes no mention of the circumstances under which he secured the distinction, and he is not much more communicative in his letters to his wife. All he tells her is "that if he could not help a poor fellow under fire it is time he gave up." From this and other information it would seem that Lance-Corpl. Marsden succoured a wounded officer under heavy fire. A gallant act and characteristic of the British soldier.

Marsden, who will be 36 next September, is an old soldier, and was a reservist when the war broke out, at which time he was employed at Manton Colliery. He had nine months' service at the Dardanelles, and there met his nephew, Pte. F. Scott, Sherwood Foresters, who was killed in August 1915. He himself was wounded by shrapnel in the right shoulder and side, and was invalided to Malta. After recovery, he returned to England and was in Worksop in August last year, since when he has been in the thick of it in France. Marsden has three children the youngest of whom was not a month old when he last saw it. His neighbours, and the townspeople generally, are proud to think another Worksop man has so distinguished himself. His brother-in-law, Pte. Hubert Bird, Sherwood Foresters, has been wounded and although he is only 20 years of age, is again leaving for France for the third time. Another brother-in-law, Lance-Corpl. W. Bird, is in training, and a third, Pte. T. Bird, is a time-expired man. Two cousins, Pte. W. Marks, and Pte. Wilson, Sherwood Foresters, have both been killed.

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TEMPORARY 2ND LIEUTENANT FRANK SAMPSON SHAW

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon through very heavy hostile barrage with marked ability. Although himself wounded at the time, he brought a machine gun into action, working it alone and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy.

Worksop Guardian 3rd August 1917

WHITWELL SOLDIER AWARDED D.C.M.

For conspicuous gallantry and distinguished service on the battlefield, Pte. L. Price, Leicester Regiment, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Lewis, Rose View, Whitwell, has been awarded the D.C.M., and he has written home to his wife to state that the ribbon was pinned on his breast by one of the officers on July 15th. Last year he was congratulated by Major-General D. Campbell upon distinguishing himself between September 25th and October 1st 1916, and he received the Military Medal, while on June 15th last the Brigadier-General forwarded his congratulations upon some fine work accomplished "mid shot and shell." The hero enlisted in August 1914, and went to France on July 29th 1915. He is a stretcher-bearer. Twenty-six years of age, Pte. Price worked at the Dinnington Colliery in pre-war days. The family hail from Clay Cross. Though he has been in France nearly two years he has never once been wounded.

London Gazette 14th August 1917

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D.C.M. FOR CRESWELL MAN

Mr. E. Curris, Creswell, has received a letter from Pte. C. Fall, Creswell, in which he states that Sergt. Arthur Rice 12th Notts. And Derbys. (Pioneers), the battalion in which so many lads are serving, has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry on the field. Narrating the circumstances under which the gallant Sergeant won the distinction, Pte. Fall says: - "He is worth it, every lad is proud of it. When all our officers had got knocked out he brought us out from under a very heavy barrage from Fritz. He is down here with us and enjoying himself."

Sergt. Rice is a son of the late Mr. John Rice, of Creswell and Staveley, who was well-known in football circles, and enjoyed popularity in the district as a sports handicapper and starter. He is married, and before enlisting worked and lived in Bolsover.

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2ND LIEUTENANT JOHN VINCENT COWGILL

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage and disregard for danger in looking after the cables. This line was frequently down owing to very heavy shell fire. His personal supervision was of the utmost assistance throughout.

London Gazette 14th August 1917

COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR J.W. JENKINS

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying ammunition up to the firing line continually all day, under very heavy fire. On many occasions on his way back from the firing line, he carried wounded men, showing absolute disregard of his personal safety and setting a splendid example to all ranks.

London Gazette 14th August 1917

PRIVATE L. PRICE

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As stretcher-bearer, he continually showed the greatest gallantry and fearlessness in attending to the wounded in our front line without shelter and under heavy hostile barrage. He also left the trenches in broad daylight, making his way under heavy fire into exposed places in search of wounded, showing a splendid disregard for his own personal safety.

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MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP MAN

SERGT. FRANK VESSEY

His many friends in Worksop will be glad to hear that Sergt. Frank Vessey, of Worksop, and of the R.G.A., has been awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry in the field. Writing home he says that the ribbon was presented to him on Saturday by General Sit Thos. Morland, but he makes no reference to the circumstances under which the Medal has been awarded. Sergt. Vessey was an Abbey schoolboy, a member of the Priory Church choir, and for seven years he was in the offices of the Worksop and Retford Brewery Co. He enlisted in the regular army about seven years ago, and was soon drafted to India, where he spent three with his Battery, after which he was three years in garrison at Aden. During this period, there was a fight with the Turks in the Persian Gulf, in which he took part, following which he was again sent to India. He came back to England last September, and up to March he was engaged at various artillery centres in training gunners. He went out to France in March and has been in the fighting line since. He has passed his medical examination for a commission, and is only waiting the sanction of the War office before becoming a cadet.

In his letter, he states that they have had a lot of casualties in his Battery lately, and the other night he had only just been relieved from his gun when a shell burst and wounded seven of his detachment. We hope to give Sergt. Vessey's photograph next week.

London Gazette 25th September 1917

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HONOUR FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

Pte. Fred Curley, Leicester Regt., who as reported in a recent issue, was wounded during the offensive, has received a card from the Major-General commanding the 46th North Midland Division, expressing his pleasure at hearing that he (Curley), has "distinguished himself by conspicuous bravery in the field." His Lieutenant also informed him that his Commanding Officer "wishes me to convey to you his appreciation of work well done. He also wishes you further honours in the future." Pte. Curley has received the ribbon, and the Medal, it is expected, will follow. He is the son of Mrs. Curley, 1 Newgate Street, and is 32 years of age. He has been in France for over two years, and is one of the band of gallant men who enlisted from Manton Colliery.



SERGT-MAJOR JENKINS (Donnington)

He has four brothers serving; one, Pte. George Curley, K.O.S.B., is a prisoner of war. Pte. Rd. Curley, is in the Notts. And Derbys., and is in France for the second time after recovering from a wound. Pte. Frank Curley is in the Motor Transport, and Pte. Albert Curley is in training in the Notts. And Derbys.

His remaining brother, Mr Curley, 11 Harrington Street, is a miner. This is a splendid record.

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PRIVATE ALEC BIRTLES

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile bombardment. With very great presence of mind and magnificent courage he seized two live grenades, which were rolling down a tunnel staircase towards five men who were sheltering there, and hurled them out of the exit, when they at once exploded. His act of gallantry undoubtedly saved the lives of his five comrades.

London Gazette 24th August 1917

SERGEANT W.A. (ARTHUR) RICE

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very difficult circumstances. On two nights in succession he took charge of his company after his officers, had been wounded, withdrew them from the danger zone, and returned with volunteers and successfully removed all the wounded. Throughout these two nights he kept his men together by his great coolness and cheerful demeanour.

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PRIVATE JAMES STOUT

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. When nearly all the garrison of a strong point were killed, and wounded he organised and carried out the evacuation of the wounded, making several journeys himself under heavy shell fire. Finally, he returned when all the wounded had been brought in and made a further thorough search of the shelled area. His splendid example of devotion and fearlessness greatly inspired all the other stretcher-bearers, who were ready to follow him anywhere.

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DINNINGTON SOLDIERS HONOURED

PTE. BIRTLES, D.C.M.

GALLANT DEEDS RECOGNISED

We have much pleasure in recording the act of great gallantry. Performed by Private Alec Birtles, Leicester Regt., who has been decorated with the D.C.M. Pte. Birtles performed an extremely fearless and gallant act on July 6th, by throwing two live bombs out of the trench, thereby saving the lives of his five comrades. The act, on being reported to the Brigadier-General, was quickly followed by the announcement that the D.C.M. would be awarded. The decoration took place at Brigade drill in France.



PTE. A. BIRTLES (Dinnington).

The recipient, in writing home, says, "The General pinned it on my tunic, and told the tale in the presence of four battalions. There were three other Generals present. It was a special affair." Alec Birtles it will be remembered, worked on the Colliery cottage property, as assistant to Mr. Preston, prior to his enlistment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Birtles, of 15 Plantation Avenue, he was three years the "dinner bell" ringer at Handsworth Church. The official announcement of his bravery says:-

"Pte. A.A. Birtles, Leics. R. – With very great presence of mind and magnificent courage, he seized two live grenades, which were rolling down a tunnel staircase towards five men who were sheltering there, and hurled them out of the exit, when they at once exploded. His act of gallantry undoubtedly saved the lives of his five comrades."

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SERGT.-MAJOR JENKINS, D.C.M

CONSPICUOUS BRAVERY

Another Dinnington soldier, Sergt. Major J.W. Jenkins, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, has won distinction in the Eastern campaign, having been awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery in the fighting, which took place in Palestine on March 26th last. The decoration was made in Egypt. Jenkins, it will be remembered, worked some years at Dinnington prior to the war, and resided in Coronation Avenue. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs Jenkins, of 48 Coronation Avenue, who also have another son serving.

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SERGT-MAJOR JENKINS (Dinnington)

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WORKSHOP SOLDIER HONOURED

"HIS SPLENDID EXAMPLE"

Pte. James Stout, 10642, Lincolnshire Regt., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Stout, of Cheapside, Workshop, has been awarded a Bar to the D.C.M. conferred upon him in February last. Pte. Stout is a man whom Workshop is proud to honour. He is one of the gallant number who by their valour and chivalry have won distinction. The D.C.M. was conferred upon him for conspicuous bravery in the field, and the circumstances which have gained him the additional honour of a bar are thus tersely recited in the official account:- "10642 Private J, Stout, Lincolnshire Regiment. Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. When nearly all the garrison of a strong point were killed, and wounded he organised and carried out the evacuation of the wounded, making several journeys himself under heavy shell fire. Finally, he returned when all the wounded had been brought in and made a further thorough search of the shelled area. His splendid example of devotion and fearlessness greatly inspired all the other stretcher-bearers, who were ready to follow him anywhere."

D.C.M. gazetted February 2nd 1916.



PTE. J. STOUT, D.C.M.

Pte. Stout has many relatives in Worksop. He is a nephew of Mr J.J. Stout, of the Cross Keys Inn, Mr. A. Stout, 211 Kilton Road, and of Lance-Corpl. Joe Stout, Sherwood Foresters. His D.C.M. was gained in Gallipoli.

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SERGEANT FRANK VENNEY (Worksop).
Whose winning of the Military Medal we reported
in our last issue.

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LIEUT. FRANK HASLAM

Another local soldier to earn distinction is Second-Lieut. Frank Haslam, West Riding Regt., brother of Mr. J Haslam, architect and surveyor, Worksop. Lieut. Frank Haslam joined up two years ago, previous to which time he was an assistant in the offices of Mr. F. Hopkinson. He has been in France some time, and has taken part in much of the heavy fighting. That he comported himself with courage and coolness may be gathered from the fact that he has received a "Gallantry Card" from Major-General Percival, Commanding the W.R. Division. This states: - "Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you distinguished yourself in the field on the 11th and 12th August 1917".



LIEUT. FRANK HASLAM (Worksop).

Lieut. Haslam is 25 years of age, and is at present recovering from the effects of gas. He is well-known in Worksop, and his many friends will congratulate him upon the distinction he has won.

London Gazette 25th September 1917 & 8th January 1918

Worksop Guardian 7th September 1917

SEC.-LIEUT. COWGILL'S MILITARY CROSS

It must be with feelings of great pride that the Vicar of Shireoaks (the Rev. Harry Cowgill) records in his parish magazine the gaining of the Military Cross by his son, Second-Lieut. John Vincent Cowgill, Notts. And Derby. Regt., Special Reserve, attached Sig. Coy. The circumstances are thus tersely stated in "The Times": -

He showed great courage and disregard for danger in looking after the cables. This line was frequently down, owing to very heavy shell fire. His personal supervision was of the utmost assistance throughout."

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WORKSOP SOLDIER'S SECOND HONOUR BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL

News has been received of a second honour conferred on Sergt. Henry Dalby, of 10th Sherwood Foresters, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dalby, of 26 Marecroft, Worksop. In July 1916, he was awarded the medal for gallantry, which we reported on Aug. 25th 1916. The act for which he then received the honour was for fetching in a wounded soldier, and carrying him about a hundred yards on his back, under hot machine-gun fire, and the medal was presented to him by General Robertson. Then he was a private, and he has risen since step by step, to the rank of full sergeant.



SERG'T. H. DALBY (Worksop).

Writing home under date Aug. 30th, Sergt. Dalby says he is in the best of health, and he thinks they will be out of the trenches soon for a rest. He has got a bar to his Military Medal. On the night of Aug. 5th, he went out with the officer commanding and a party of men on a bombing raid, and when they got through the Huns barbed wire, about twenty yards from his trenches, machine gun opened fire, and two men got hit, one too bad to get back by himself, and he was called upon to attend him, and he brought him back under heavy machine gun- fire and bombs, but was pleased to say he did not get a scratch.

It was his duty, however, though he had given up stretcher bearing. "Keep smiling, mother," he goes on, "God is good and will see me through safe, though I will not run in any more danger if I can help it. I am enclosing a letter which I got from the sister of the man I carried in." Don't forget to send the "Guardian," sorry I can't be with you. I have to watch Fritz, he is a naughty boy. I remain your ever-loving son, Harry.

The letter referred to as from the sister of the wounded man, is as follows: - "Sergt. Dalby, Dear Sir, we have today received news of my brother's death, and we have been told of your bravery in rescuing him, and we wish to thank you, and to ask you for any further information, however small, that you can let us have. We shall be very grateful if you will do us this kindness, and we shall never forget what you did for him. Again, thanking you for all of us. Yours sincerely, Dora Lister, 38 Ratcliffe Street, Nottingham."

Sergt. Dalby is 24 years of age, and before enlistment worked at Manton in various capacities after leaving school. He was one of the first to go as a volunteer, enlisting in the 10th Sherwood Foresters in November 1914, and has been amongst the fighting most of the time since. He has, however, been particularly lucky, as he has escaped injury of any sort, except that he was buried by the explosion of a shell, and was in hospital a few weeks with a sprained neck. He was a good straight lad, and a member of St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, and he was much esteemed by his fellow workers at Manton, who will rejoice at this second honour accorded him.

His only brother, Pte. John Dalby, enlisted in the Notts. and Derbys., but was transferred to the Royal Berkshires, and is attached to the A.S.C. Mr. T. Dalby's son-in-law, Pte. Charles Henry Canham, is a prisoner of war. He was wounded in several places and captured by the Germans on February 14th 1916. Mr. Dalby himself is an old soldier, and took part in the Boer War.

London Gazette 16th October 1917

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MILITARY CROSS FOR LIEUT. HASLAM, WORKSOP

The Military Cross has been bestowed upon Second-Lieut. Frank Haslam, West Riding Regt., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Haslam, Harstoft, Chesterfield, and brother of Mr. John Haslam, architect, Worksop. The services which led to this distinction being conferred upon Lieut. Haslam were remarked upon in the "Guardian" a fortnight ago, when we reproduced a photograph of the gallant officer. He was well-known in Worksop, where he has many friends. Before the war, Lieut. Haslam was an assistant in the offices of Mr. F Hopkinson, architect and surveyor. **London Gazette 25th September 1917**

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A WHITWELL HERO

PTE. SAM HAGUE

Another Whitwell soldier has distinguished himself and brought honour on the village in the person of Pte. Sam Hague, Notts. and Derbys., who has been awarded the Military Medal in recognition of his bravery in carrying messages to the trenches while under heavy fire on July 1st. His parents, who live at Hall Leys, received the gratifying news yesterday. Pte. Hague is well-known in Whitwell and is a fine young fellow, as modest as he is brave, and his success will give his many friends the greatest pleasure. We shall reproduce his photograph next week. **London Gazette 16th October 1917**

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MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP MAN

LANCE-CORPL. C. PINCHIN

Lance-Corpl. Clement Pinchin, Sherwood Foresters, brother of Mr. George Pinchin, 108 Kilton Road, Worksop, with who, he resides, has been awarded the Military Medal for his services in the field. Lance-Corpl. Pinchin is 26 years of age, is a cousin of the late Gunner Horace Pinchin, and is well-known in Worksop.

For a considerable time, he was in the employ of Messrs. Eyre and Sons, but on his marriage, he went to live at Hastings, near where his wife resided. Eighteen months ago, he returned to Worksop and joined the Notts. and Derbys. He has now been in France fifteen months, and has taken part in all the recent fighting. The circumstances under which he won the Military Medal are not quite known.



LANCE-CORPL. C. PINCHIN (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

In a letter home, he says: - "I shall have to tell you I have won the Military Medal and been made Lance-Corpl. In the recent push. I expect you want to know what I did to get it; will tell you later. It was my duty, and the opportunity was open, so I took it. I have received the papers from the General, but before I tell you what I got it for, I want to know what he has to say when he presents the ribbon. But it is not honours that makes one perform these actions. It's every man to do his duty, and that's what we have come out here for."

Lance-Corpl. Pinchin will receive the congratulations of his many friends. Our Worksop lads are doing well.

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GALLANT CONDUCT

PTE. E. OTTER, WORKSOP

Another Workop lad to earn distinction is Pte. Ernest Otter, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Otter, 19 Portland Street. Pte. Otter, who is in the 20th Hussars, enlisted in September 5th 1914, soon after war broke out, at which time he held a good position on the clerical staff at Carlton Main Colliery, Grimesthorpe.

For some years, previously he was in the offices of the Workop Co-operative Society, so that he is well-known in the town, where he has many friends. Indeed, Workop people whether they know the individual soldier or not, are always interested in the doings of our local lads.



PTE. E. OTTER (Workop).

Pte. Otter has been in France for some time, and on June 25th he, with five comrades, volunteered for a daring piece of work. It was very essential to obtain certain information, which could only be obtained by going into the German lines. Volunteers were asked for and Otter was one of the number who proffered his services. Six men were selected; and in the twilight of the summer evening were sent forth on their dangerous task. They reached the German lines undetected, but were discovered as they were cautiously making their way. Then the firing began. It seemed marvellous that any of the six should live to get back, but happily, Providence favoured them, and the whole six, we believe, returned unscathed. It was for taking part in this nerve-trying task that Pte. Otter was presented with a card from the Major-General Commanding the 2nd Cavalry Division, stating that he had been informed "that you have distinguished yourself by your gallantry," and that his gallant conduct "is recognised and appreciated."

Mr. and Mrs. Otter have reason to be proud of their son, and their many friends will offer them their congratulations.

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PTE. H. HAGUE (Whitwell).
(Awarded Military Medal.)
(As reported in our last issue.)

Worksop Guardian 5th October 1917

MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKSOP CANADIAN

Worksop people will be pleased to hear that Pte. J.W. Ebbs, 87th Canadian Battalion, son of Mr. and Mrs George Ebbs, late of Lincoln Street, Worksop, and now of Retford, has been awarded the Military Medal. Pte. Ebbs emigrated to Canada five years ago, prior to which time he worked as a miner at Manton. On the outbreak of war, he, like many gallant Britishers in Canada, responded to the call, and enlisted as a soldier. Pte. Ebbs is 38 years old and is a brother of Mr Steven Ebbs, Kilton Road, and a brother-in-law of Mr H. Kelk, George Street.

The story of how he won the Military Medal is a thrilling one. His officer, Lieut. McLean, was shot down in the battle of Lens, and Ebbs who went to his rescue, managed to drag him into a cellar, where he effectually concealed himself and the wounded man. For six days and nights he remained in this trying position, the Germans being overhead all the time. All they had in the way of provisions was a tin of bully-beef, and upon this they existed until Ebbs found it possible to remove his patient. We hope to reproduce his photograph in our next issue. In a letter to Pte. Ebbs, Brigadier-General Odum, Commanding 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade says:-

“My dear Ebbs, I am delighted to hear that your remarkable determination and endurance has justly been recognised by the granting of the Military Medal. You held out under conditions of the utmost hardship for six days, when you found yourself cut off from our lines, and showed great loyalty to Lieut. McLean in rescuing him and helping him to survive his long trial. In addition to this you remained in the cellar while it was heavily shelled by our artillery, showing that you were ready to face the worst ordeal rather than surrender. I am exceedingly glad that you were eventually rescued, not only for your own sake, but because we cannot afford to lose men possessed of courage and determination such as yours.”

London Gazette 30th October 1917

Worksop Guardian 5th October 1917

MILITARY CROSS FOR WHITWELL OFFICER

Second-Lieut. Ethelbert Wood, attached to the West Riding Regt., who has been awarded the Military Cross, and recently received the decoration at the hands of the King, is a member of an old Whitwell family, being the younger son of the late Mr. John Wood, The Cottage, and the nephew of Mrs. E.C. Tinker, The Vaults Hotel, Whitwell.

He enlisted early in the war, and was for some months Sergt.-Instructor at the Brocton School of Musketry. In January last, he was granted a commission, and went out to France in April. Prior to enlistment Mr. Wood was a member of the teaching profession, holding an appointment as organising master of an important school under the Sheffield Education authorities. He is at present in a London hospital suffering from neurasthenia, the result of the exploit which won him the Military Cross. The investiture took place at Buckingham Palace on the 26th ult.

London Gazette 8th January 1918



SECOND-LIEUT. E. WOOD (Whitwell)

Workop Guardian 5th October 1917

CLOWNE SOLDIER AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL

Corpl. W. Ashley, Coldstream Guards, son of Mr. and Mrs. W Ashley, John Street, Clowne, whom we reported as being wounded a fortnight ago, has received a notification from his Commander that he has been recommended for the Military Medal in recognition of distinguished bravery whilst in action. Corpl. Ashley, who is very reticent about the matter, makes a passing allusion to the affair, when writing to one of his pals recently. He says:- "I have had the narrowest squeak of my life." We are glad to hear that he is progressing well, and that he hopes shortly to be back with his battalion. Last winter Corpl. Ashley was back in "Blighty" suffering from trench feet. (London Gazette 16th November 1917)

London Gazette 16th November 1917

Workop Guardian 12th October 1917



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M.M FOR CRESWELL SOLDIER

The Military medal for gallantry on the field has been awarded to Sergt. Sam Blagden, Notts. And Derbys., son of Mrs. Blagden, Church Street, Creswell. The Major-General Commanding the Division, has written him as follows: - "I am very pleased to see that your excellent behaviour has been rewarded with the Military Medal, and offer you my heartiest congratulations."

Sergt. Blagden enlisted at the beginning of the war, and has been in France since June 1915. His brother John, who enlisted at the same time, is also serving in France. Both were Creswell Colliery workmen.

London Gazette 30th October 1917



SERG. S. BLADEN, M.M. (Creswell)

Workshop Guardian 2nd November 1917

MEDAL FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

Pte. Richard Ramsden, Lincolns, brother of Pte. Joseph Ramsden, has been awarded the Military Medal for rescuing wounded under heavy shell-fire. His brother, Pte. Frank Ramsden, of the same Regt., who as we announced last week had won the welter-weight boxing championship of his Brigade, has also been recommended for the decoration. The hero, who has been in France over two and a half years, formerly worked at the Whitwell Colliery. He is a nephew of Mr. Barnet Kenyon, M.P.

Workshop Guardian 2nd November 1917

WHITWELL LADY AND SON'S MEDAL

On Wednesday, General Sir John Maxwell, D.S.O., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, visited Sheffield and presented numerous medals and decorations to soldiers and ex-soldiers. He also handed other awards to the relatives of soldiers who have lost their lives since they gained their distinctions. Among the latter recipients was Mrs G. Young, 6 Wandsworth Terrace, Bakestone Moor, Whitwell, whose late son, Corpl. G.H. Young, Leicester Regt., was awarded the Military medal under circumstances previously reported in our columns.

London Gazette 14th December 1917

Workshop Guardian 9th November 1917

DRIVER A. GRETTON, KIVETON PARK

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

This week we reproduce a photograph of Driver Albert Gretton, of Kiveton Park Station, who has been dispatch rider for the 76th Army Brigade Headquarters Staff for the past twelve months in France and Belgium, and who now lies in hospital at Dundee, having been gassed and also badly burnt about the body on October 19th. Previous to this he was slightly gassed on two occasions. On September 30th, he was wounded in the foot and ankle, and the following day, after cutting away half his boot to enable him to walk, he volunteered to go up the line again with the 'boys' to a new position.



DR. ALBERT GRETTON (Kiveton Park)

At Vimy Ridge, Driver Gretton was mentioned in despatches as follows: - "42807, Dvr. Albert Gretton, was the Brigade Orderly to the Division. Day and night, he carried out his duties conscientiously and efficiently, very often under heavy shell-fire. His cheery disposition, under very trying circumstances, set an excellent example to all."

He was very much thought of by the Brigade and Battery Officers, and on several occasions received their thanks for his good work. After a recent exploit over barbed wire by moonlight, delivering despatches, his Colonel handed him a smoke, etc., and told him he was the best fellow that had ever served under him. Prior to leaving the Front, he was again "Mentioned." Dvr. Gretton is well-known round Kiveton Park as a thorough sportsman.

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M.M. FOR BARLBROUGH SOLDIER

Private George Greaves, Sherwood Foresters, son of Mrs. Greaves, Dusty Miller Cottages, Barlboro', has won the Military Medal. The deed which gained the honour is as follows: - "The Major-General Commanding the 39th Division wishes to place on record his appreciation of your gallantry and good work on September 20th 1917, south-east of Ypres, when you took numerous messages through the heaviest shell-fire. E. Feetham, Major-General Commanding 39th Division."

Pte. Greaves, or more popularly known as "Trudger," lives at barber's Row, Barlboro'. E is well-known and esteemed in the village. His brother, Fred, has been wounded, and is in hospital in Somerset; and another brother, Herbert, is in France. The hero was wounded in the Summer.
London Gazette 11th January 1918

Workshop Guardian 9th November 1917

MILITARY MEDAL FOR ANSTON SOLDIER

We congratulate Gunner J.W. Hackney, R.F.A., of Anston, on winning the Military Medal. He is 20 years of age and the only son of Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Hackney, Springfield Terrace, North Anston. Gunner Hackney has been in the Army over three years, and has been in France for the last 18 months.

The following is a letter from his "pal": -

"Your son asked me to write to you while I am on leave. He is alright and in the best of health.

I suppose you know about him getting the Military Medal a few weeks ago. He deserved it; under heavy shell-fire he tried to dig his comrades out of a dug-out, where they were buried by the explosion of a shell. It was a brave deed, and we are all proud of him, and hope he has the good luck to come out safe and sound. Your son hopes to see you all before Xmas."

London Gazette 16th November 1917



CORPL. IBBOTSON, M.M. (Whitwell).

Workshop Guardian 9th November 1917

M.M. FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

CORPL. GEORGE IBBOTSON

Corpl. George Ibbotson, son of Mr. George Ibbotson, of Bakestone Moor, Whitwell, has been awarded the Military Medal. He has been more than two years in France, and has been twice wounded. The Colonel of his Regiment, in the notification, says, "This N.C.O. set a fine example to his section by his coolness and courage under fire. He arranged for the necessary digging, and conducted up relieving platoons with great coolness under heavy shell-fire."

Writing to Mr. H. Coulson, Sunnyside, Whitwell, a comrade of Corpl. Ibbotson's says: - "He's got the Military Medal, and he's worth it too, I'll give you my word for it! A very fine fellow in the line. Jim Blow is sitting by me while I am writing this. I don't know when I shall have the chance of writing again."

London Gazette 14th December 1917



CORPL. IBBOTSON, M.M. (Whitwell).

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LIEUT. MEAKIN WINS MILITARY CROSS

Lieut. Herbert Meakin, son of Mr. Supt. Meakin, Workop, whose promotion was recently referred to in these columns, has been awarded the Military Cross for "conspicuous bravery in the field." The precise details under which Lieut. Meakin distinguished himself are not yet available; all that is publicly known is that the young officer acted with great coolness and bravery during the heavy fighting towards the end of September. It will afford great gratification to his many friends to know that he has been thus distinguished. Before enlisting as a private in the Sher. For., Lieut. Meakin was a teacher at Holles Street School. He was offered a Commission in November last, and has been in France some little time. Workop is proud of him. We join in congratulations to Lieut. Meakin, and wish him a safe return.

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LIEUT. H. MEAKIN, M.C. (Workop).

WORKSOP GUARDIAN 9TH NOVEMBER 1917

CLOWNE SOLDIER AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL

A Clowne soldier, Pte. B. Tomlinson, of the Sherwood Foresters, and who is attached to the Lewis Gun Section, has a remarkable career as a soldier.

He was 19 years of age last May, and enlisted Xmas 1914, at 16½ years of age. In September 1915, he was drafted out to the Dardanelles, where he met his elder brother, Jack, who is also with the Colours. Afterwards he was sent to Egypt, and from there to France. Twelve months ago he was in hospital suffering from wounds. Since then he has had an attack of scarlet fever. Four months ago he was home on furlough, and a few days since Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, who reside at 52 Barlboro' Road, received the news that he has been awarded the Military Medal for distinguished bravery on the field of battle.



PTE. B. TOMLINSON, M.M. (Clowne).

In a letter from Pte. Tomlinson to his parents he says: - "I know you would be pleased to hear that I have been awarded the Military Medal for a bit of work in the 'push' on Sept. 4th." We congratulate our gallant soldier on his youthful career and success. He was formerly employed at the Southgate Colliery.

London Gazette 25th January 1918

Workop Guardian 16th November 1917

WORKSOP OFFICER WINS MILITARY CROSS

Workop people will hear with gratification of the honour won under circumstances which demanded great courage, fortitude, and presence of mind, by Capt. C. Pynsent Elliott< Sherwood Foresters, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Elliott, Sparken. In the recent heavy fighting, in which the Sherwood Foresters more than upheld the glorious traditions of the regiment, Capt. Elliott took a gallant part, and for his conduct under trying circumstances, he has been awarded the Military Cross.

Capt. Elliott is only 21 years of age, and has been in France since February this year. Previous to this he saw service in Ireland and was wounded during the rebellion. His many friends and the townspeople generally, congratulate the young officer on his achievement, and will join in wishing him a safe return.

London Gazette 14th December 1917 & 19th April 1918

Workop Guardian 23rd November 1917

M.M. FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

PTE. RICHARD MARTIN

Another Workop soldier has distinguished himself by winning the Military medal, viz., Pte. Richard Martin, Sherwood Foresters, brother of Mr. Sam

Martin, Netherton Road, deputy at Manton Colliery, Workop. Pte. Martin, who was 21 years of age on Sunday last, enlisted in March 1915, prior to which time he was a pony driver at Manton. He has been in France some time and has thrice been wounded, on two occasions rather severely. An idea of the circumstances under which he has won this proud distinction may be formed from the fact that a card with which he has been presented, states that the Major General Commanding the Division "wishes to place on record his appreciation of your gallantry on September 20th 1917, south-east of Ypres, where you volunteered to carry messages in full view of the enemy snipers at a critical part of the operations."

This is itself is a splendid tribute to Pte. Martin's coolness and pluck. He was presented with the ribbon on the field, and the medal will be pinned on later. His brother, Mr Sam Martin, as a reservist saw service in the early part of the war and was discharged from the Army in consequence of wounds and sickness, and his brother William, is serving with the Royal Engineers in France.

(UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS)



Workshop Guardian 23rd November 1917

WHITWELL SOLDIER WINS M.M.

Fresh lustre has been added to the splendid record of patriotism furnished by the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ramsden, Larpit Lane, Whitwell, by the announcement that one of them, Pte. Frank Ramsden, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in carrying messages under heavy shell and rifle fire. It is the second honour gained by this gallant soldier in France, for only recently we announced that he had won the welter-weight boxing championship of his Brigade, a rare distinction, which goes to prove the fine sportsmanlike qualities of this Army protégé. He is 25 Years of age, and single, and enlisted at the outbreak of the war, having been in France nearly two years. He formerly worked at the Whitwell Colliery. Two other brothers, Tom and Dick, joined up at the same time, and as we have previously announced, the



latter has also won the Military Medal for carrying dispatches to the front-line trenches under heavy fire. All three have been wounded, while a fourth son, Joe, who enlisted on attaining his nineteenth birthday, and was subsequently transferred to the same regiment in which his brothers were serving, has been missing, believed killed, since May 3rd. All are nephews of Mr B. Kenyon, M.P.

London Gazette 14th December 1917

London Gazette 23rd November 1917

CORPORAL FRED GREAVES

For most conspicuous bravery, initiative and leadership, when his platoon was temporarily held up by machine-gun fire from a concrete stronghold. Seeing that his platoon commander and Sergeant were casualties, and realising that unless this post was taken quickly his men would lose the barrage, Corporal Greaves, followed by another non-commissioned officer, rushed forward regardless of his personal safety, reached the rear of the building and bombed the occupants, killing or capturing the garrison, and taking four enemy machine-guns. It was solely due to the personal pluck, dash and initiative of this non-commissioned officer that the assaulting line at this point was not held up, and that our troops escaped serious casualties. Later in the afternoon, at a most critical period of the battle, when the troops of a flank brigade had given way temporarily under a heavy counter-attack and when all the officers in his company were casualties, this gallant non - commissioned officer quickly grasped the situation. He collected his men, threw out extra posts on the threatened flank, and opened up rifle and machine-gun fire to enfilade the advance. The effect of Corporal Greaves' conduct on his men throughout the battle cannot be overestimated, and those under his command responded gallantly to his example.

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BARLBOROUGH'S V.C.

A LEADER OF THE BAND OF HOPE

"PLUCK, DASH, AND INITIATIVE"

Barlborough is a proud village this week by reason of the fact that one of her gallant sons, No. 23715 Acting Corpl. Fred Greaves, Notts. And Derby. Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs Jude Greaves, of New Road, has been awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest and proudest honour a British soldier can win. The circumstances under which Corpl. Greaves thus distinguished himself are set forth in the official record as follows:-

NO. 23715 ACTG. CORPL. FRED GREAVES, Notts. And Derby Regiment (Barlborough).



PL. F. GREAVES V.C. (Barlborough).

For most conspicuous bravery, initiative and leadership, when his platoon was temporarily held up by machine-gun fire from a concrete stronghold. Seeing that his platoon commander and Sergeant were casualties, and realising that unless this post was taken quickly his men would lose the barrage, Corporal Greaves, followed by another non-commissioned officer, rushed forward regardless of his personal safety, reached the rear of the building and bombed the occupants, killing or capturing the garrison, and taking four enemy machine-guns. It was solely due to the personal pluck, dash and initiative of this non-commissioned officer that the assaulting line at this point was not held up, and that our troops escaped serious casualties. Later in the afternoon, at a most critical period of the battle, when the troops of a flank brigade had given way temporarily under a heavy counter-attack and when all the officers in his company were casualties, this gallant non - commissioned officer quickly grasped the situation. He collected his men, threw out extra posts on the threatened flank, and opened up rifle and machine-gun fire to enfilade the advance. The effect of Corporal Greaves' conduct on his men throughout the battle cannot be overestimated, and those under his command responded gallantly to his example.

Corporal Greaves, who is 27 years of age and unmarried, enlisted in January 1915. He saw service in Gallipoli and in Egypt, and has been in France since July of last year.

Prior to joining the Army, he worked at Barlborough Colliery. He was a well-known racing cyclist, a member of the Sheffield Central Road Club, and the holder of that club's 25 miles' championship. He also took a keen interest in boxing and other sports.

Greaves who met with several accidents in the pit, and had had both his legs broken, was only recently recommended for the Military Medal for rescuing wounded men under heavy shell fire. He was before the war a prominent member of the Primitive Methodist Church at Barlborough, and the leader of the Band of Hope. His brother Harry, who enlisted in September 1914, has just been gazetted as a second-lieutenant in the Notts. And Derbys.

Barlborough is very proud of its V.C. hero, and on Wednesday, the Parish Council voiced the popular feeling by sending the following telegram to Corpl. Greaves: - To Corpl. Fred Greaves, V.C., 23715, A Coy., 9th Batt. Lewis Gun Section, Sherwood Foresters, B.E.F., France. Heartiest congratulations; your parish is proud of you. Signed, Clarkson, Chairman Barlborough Parish Council.

Workshop Guardian 30th November 1917

MILITARY CROSS FOR WORKSOP OFFICER

It is with very great pleasure that we record the fact that another Workshop officer has been awarded the Military Cross in recognition of conspicuous bravery under heavy fire. The gallant officer in question is Lieut. Henry Ellis Hodding, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Hodding, The Bungalow, Workshop, and grandson of Mr. Henry S. Hodding, Harness Grove, Workshop. The announcement will afford great gratification, and is another proof of the splendid work done by the men of Workshop who are now fighting for their country. The circumstances under which Lieut. Hodding won this proud distinction have not yet been officially announced, but we may be sure that it was won under conditions which would try the nerve and courage of any man.



LIEUT. H. E. HODDING, M.C. (Workshop)

Lieut. Hodding joined the Inns of Court as a Private soon after the war commenced. Later he got a commission in the 14th Sherwood Foresters, and in May last year he was on active service and posted to the 10th Sherwoods. He took part in the heavy fighting on the Somme, and in the recent operations in which his battalion more than maintained the proud reputation which the Sherwoods have always enjoyed. It was in these recent operations in Flanders that Lieut. Hodding distinguished himself. He is twenty-five years of age, and is at present at home on leave, after being in hospital suffering from trench feet. He will shortly be re-joining, and we are very sure that he will take with him the sincere good wishes of the townspeople for his safe return.

London Gazette 5th April 1918

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A BRAVE WORKSOP SOLDIER

SERGT.-MAJOR R. HANCOCK, M.C.

CONGRATULATED BY THE KING

At the investiture held at Buckingham Palace last Wednesday week, C.-S.-M. R. Hancock, 9th Leicester Regt., who was awarded the Military Cross for a particular fine act of bravery on July 16th 1916, formed one of the number to be presented to the King.

After decorating "Bob". As his friends know him in Workshop, His Majesty asked several questions and chatted most freely, his hearty congratulations being accompanied by a very warm hand shake. C.-S.-M. R. Hancock is a native of the town, and was as popular as a civilian, as he is in the Army.

Workshop Guardian 30th November 1917

We are pleased to hear that Acting-Corpl. J. Eaton, of the Royal Irish Rifles, son of Mrs. Eaton, Welbeck Kennels, has been awarded the Military Medal.

Corpl. Eaton enlisted voluntarily on September 3rd 1914, and has been twice wounded. He is at present in a Convalescent Hospital at Rouen.

London Gazette 16th November 1917



CORPL. J. EATON, M.M. (Welbeck).

Workshop Guardian 30th November 1917

BARLBOROUGH'S V.C.

A LEADER OF THE BAND OF HOPE

"PLUCK, DASH, AND INITIATIVE"

The Military Medal for gallantry on the field has been awarded to Pte. Sydney Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith, New Village, Creswell. He was a member of the Creswell Ambulance Brigade, and with fifteen other members enlisted in the R.N.D., in December 1914. He is the third member of the Unit to gain this distinction, the other recipients being Sergt. S. Gethin and Pte. M. Crehan. At the time of enlistment, he was only 19 years of age. He saw service in Gallipoli and other parts of the East, and after being stationed at Blandford, he proceeded to France with the Naval Division, and was wounded some months ago.

London Gazette 22nd February 1918



PTE. R. SMITH, M.M. (Creswell).

Workshop Guardian 21st December 1917

M.M. FOR CLOWNE MAN

The Military Medal for zeal and devotion to duty has been awarded to Bombardier Enos Brown, R.F.A., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brown, Church Lane, Clowne. Twenty-two years of age and single, the Bombardier enlisted in January 1915, and saw service in Gallipoli for nearly twelve months before he was stricken down with dysentery. After being treated in hospital at Malta, he returned to England, where he remained until February last, when he was sent to France. He was a prominent member of the Clowne first troop of Boy Scouts, and before enlisting, worked at the Southgate Colliery.

London Gazette 1st February 1918



BOM. E. BROWN, M.M. (Clowne).

Workshop Guardian 21st December 1917

M.M. FOR DINNINGTON SOLDIER

Corporal Bernard Harvey, of Dinnington has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry shown in the field on August 24th Last. The award was made on Oct. 2nd. Corpl. Harvey is a native of Shireoaks, and has lived some years in Dinnington, where he was a miner prior to the war. He joined up along with two other brothers in August 1914. He is in the York and Lancs Regt.

London Gazette 11th December 1917



CORPL. B. HARVEY, M.M. (Dinnington)

Workshop Guardian 4th January 1918

D.C.M FOR DINNGTON SOLDIER

SERGT. G.H. PARKIN

We have much pleasure in recording the fact that Sergt. G.H. Parkin has been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery in the field in France. He is a son of the late Mr. Hy. Parkin, of Treeton.

In civil life he worked at Dinnington, as a foreman on the surface. He had been a Territorial for some years before the war, and was promoted to Sergeant while training with the Y. and L. Regt. His many friends rejoice at the honour conferred upon him.



Workshop Guardian 4th January 1918

HONOURS FOR LOCAL OFFICERS

A number of local names appear in the list of New Year's Honours. The D.S.O. has been conferred upon Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G.W.F.S. Foljambe, a brother of the Earl of Liverpool, M.V.O. He is one of four soldier brothers, three of whom saw service in the Boer War. He received his first commission in February 1898, and is a well-known rider in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

Major P.H. Warwick, of Southwell, is the second son of the late Mr. Richard Huskinson Warwick, and a member of the firm of Messrs. Warwicks and Richardsons Ltd., brewers, of Newark.

Col. Charles Clifford, R.F.A., who receives the C.M.G., is one of the proprietors of the "Sheffield Telegraph." He was one of the original members of the West Riding Volunteer Association, and received the V.D. and the Coronation Medal. He has been for many years a member of the Council of the Sheffield University, and has served on the Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

Workshop Guardian 4th January 1918

MILITARY CROSS FOR SHIREOAKS OFFICER

In Wednesday night's "London Gazette," the name of Lieut. (Acting Captain) J.I.W. Cowgill appears among those of Officers awarded this distinction. Lieut. Cowgill is at present with the Sherwoods in England, after having been wounded in France, where the decoration was earned. His elder brother, Lieut. J.V. Cowgill, was similarly honoured last year.

London Gazette 28th December 1917

London Gazette, 8th January 1918

LIEUTENANT FRANK HASLAM

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally trying conditions. For two nights in succession, when in charge of a wiring party of sixty men in the front line, he kept them together and got the work done in spite of repeated heavy bombardments, both by gas and ordinary shell. Although suffering from the effects of gas himself, and scarcely able to speak, he insisted on being allowed to remain on duty, setting a splendid example of pluck and determination.

London Gazette 8th January 1918

SECOND-LIEUTENANT ETHELBERT WOOD

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company in the attack upon a very strong position occupied by greatly superior numbers of the enemy with machine guns. On two occasions, he crawled over ground swept by machine gun fire and covered by snipers, in full daylight, to report the situation to his company commander; and when the situation became so critical that it was necessary to withdraw, he carried out the order with such skill and coolness that there were no casualties, by his splendid leadership and contempt of danger filling his men with the greatest confidence.

Workshop Guardian 11th January 1918

WORKSOP MILITARY MEDALIST WOUNDED

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton, of 127 Netherton Road, Worksop, have received notification that their eldest son, Lance-Corpl. Maurice Arthur Walton, M.M., has been wounded. Lance-Corpl. Walton is 22 years of age, joined the Forces in October 1914, with many others from the Worksop Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. After six months' service in England with the Ambulance he was transferred to the Royal Engineers, and was drafted to France in September 1915. The following May he received a slight shrapnel wound. In May last, he was mentioned for conspicuous bravery, and shortly afterwards he received the Military Medal. He is now in hospital in France, suffering from a gun-shot wound in the right leg. Although still confined to his bed he is improving favourably. Prior to enlisting he worked at Manton Colliery, and he was a well-known member of the Worksop Reserve F.C. As a lad he attended the Abbey Boys School, and he sang in the Priory Church choir.

Workshop Guardian 11th January 1918

CLOWNE OFFICER'S DISTINCTION

LIEUT.-COL. BUTLER BOWDON, D.S.O.

Lieut.-Col. W.E. Butler Bowdon, Duke of Cornwall's L.I., son of Col. J.E. Butler Bowdon, D.L., J.P., of Southgate House, has been awarded the D.S.O. He was educated at the Priory, Birmingham, and Sandhurst, and gazetted in August 1899. In the following November, he went with his Regiment to South Africa, and served under General Smith-Dorriens's Column. He holds the King's and Queen's Medals, with six clasps, and was mentioned in despatches. On his return home after 2½ years' service, during which he attained his majority, he was given a rousing reception by the Clowne and Barlboro' people, rejoicings being organised at Southgate, where his father dispensed hospitality to a large crowd.



At the outbreak of war, Lieut.-Col. Butler Bowdon was employed as Deputy Assist.-Adjutant and Quartermaster General at Aldershot. He proceeded to France about 18 months ago, and is now serving as Assist.-Director-General of Transportation at General Headquarters. He has twice been mentioned in dispatches. His youngest brother, Second-Lieut. Basil Butler Bowdon, Lancashire Fusiliers, who educated at Downside, Bath, and Sandhurst, leaves for France in a few days.

The Butler Bowdon's come of an old Derbyshire family, the Bowdon's of Bowdon Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, one of the ancestors being Thos. Bowdon, of Whetstone, who commanded the garrison at Bolsover Castle. Lieut.-Col. Butler Bowdon is a grandson of Col. John Butler Bowdon, J.P., D.L., Pleasington Hall, County Lancaster, who was for many years the chairman of the County Magistrates in the Lower Division of the Hundred of Blackburn, and the chairman of the N.E. Lancashire Liberal Association. A descendant of the fifth Lord Clifford, he was married a few years ago, to the third daughter of the late Augustus de Trafford, Haselour Hall, Tamworth.

London Gazette 7th December 1917

Worksop Guardian 11th January 1918

MILITARY CROSS FOR WORKSOP OFFICER LIEUTENANT J. FEATHERSTON

Another Worksop officer has brought honour to the town by winning the Military Cross, an achievement upon which his many friends will heartily congratulate him. Lieut. Featherston is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Featherston, and is one of three soldier brothers. His father is the respected Clerk to the Urban District Council, and he will receive the congratulations of the townspeople upon the distinction his son has gained. Lieut. Featherston joined the army in March 1915, enlisting in the R.F.A., and was quickly promoted to the position of Bombardier.



In Nov. of the same year he was granted a commission in the 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regt., and was in training at several camps in the country. He was with his Regiment in Ireland during the Rebellion, and remained there for some months.

A year ago, he was sent to France, where he has taken part in considerable fighting. He was given his second star and gazetted 1st Lieut. Quite recently, and the Military Cross has now been awarded him for conspicuous bravery in the field. We trust the gallant young officer will be spared to come through the struggle uninjured. Before enlisting he was a bank clerk at Sheffield. One of Lieut. Featherston's brothers is a Corporal in the Royal Engineers, and another brother is a Bombardier in the Royal Garrison Artillery.

Worksop Guardian 11th January 1918

WORKSOP MILITARY MEDALIST WOUNDED LANCE-CORPL. M.A. WALTON, R.E.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton, of 127 Netherton Road, Worksop, have received notification that their eldest son, Lance-Corpl. Maurice Arthur Walton, M.M., has been wounded. Lance-Corpl. Walton is 22 years of age, and joined the Forces in October 1914, with many others from the Worksop Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. After six months' service with the Ambulance he was transferred to the Royal Engineers, and was drafted to France in September 1915. The following May he received a slight shrapnel wound. In May last, he was mentioned for conspicuous bravery, and shortly afterwards he received the Military Medal. He is now in hospital in France suffering from a gunshot wound in the right leg. Although still confined to bed he is improving favourably. Prior to enlisting he worked at Manton Colliery, and he was a well-known member of the Worksop Reserve F.C. As a lad, he attended the Abbey Boys School, and he sang in the Priory Church choir.

Workop Guardian 18th January 1918

M.M. FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

SERGT. A.C. MATTHEWS



F. A. C. MATTHEWS, M.M. (Whitwell)

The many friends of Sergt. A.C. Matthews, son of Mr. Luke Matthews, Whitwell, will be pleased to hear that he has been awarded the Military Medal "for great courage and presence of mind in saving the lives of several men during the fierce fighting on Passchendaele Ridge." Sergt. Matthews, who is 23 years of age, was educated at Whitwell Boys School, and afterwards at Kelham Theological College. Answering his country's call in 1914, he joined the King's Royal Rifles, and was afterwards transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, where he has done good work, especially in the Ypres and Somme district. We wish him every success, along with the many heroes from Whitwell, who have not failed their country in its hour of need.

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SERGT. J.E. SMITH AWARDED M.M.

A letter was received on Saturday by Mrs. Smith, wife of Sergt. John E. Smith, 1st Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, now in Palestine, in which he says that he has been awarded the Military Medal. The letter is dated Dec. 11th, in which he states: "I know you will be waiting to hear the result of my recommendation. I have been congratulated by the Corps Commander, the Brigadier General, and Colonel, and have been awarded the Military Medal," Sergeant Smith adding, "but for my own part, I would sooner have had a fortnight's leave in England, which I am now entitled to."

A previous letter evidently mentioning the particulars which merited the honour bestowed on Sergt. Smith, has not been received, and no doubt has miscarried, and he does not mention them again in the later one.

Sergt. Smith, who is a native of the town, and a member of an old and respected family, is a smart soldierly young man, thirty years of age, and the second son of Mr Kiddle T. Smith, of Tomlinson and Smith, timber merchants, Newgate Street, Worksop, and about three years ago, married Miss Emily Carson, daughter of Mr. Henry Carson, Kilton Inn, Worksop. He joined the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry as a youth, 18 years of age, serving five years, and re-joined his old regiment on the outbreak of the war, being sent out to Egypt with the first contingent in April 1915, and later to the Dardanelles, where he saw considerable fighting. After a short period in hospital at Malta, he re-joined his regiment at Salonika, remaining there for twelve months, being drafted to Palestine last autumn, and it was on the way that his transport was torpedoed, and all their belongings and horses were lost, themselves being landed on the island of Mudros, where they stayed for several weeks.

Sergt. Smith prior to joining up, was a builder's joiner in the employ of Mr. C. Leverton, Worksop. He has been out now nearly three years, and is expecting leave any time. He will be congratulated by his many friends in the town on the honour he has won.

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SERGT. J. E. SMITH, D.C.M. (Worksop)

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D.C.M. FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER



SERG. R. HARROP, D.C.M.

We are pleased to hear that another Worksop soldier has been awarded the D.C.M. in recognition of his conspicuous gallantry on the field. We refer to Sergt. R. Harrop, 12th Sherwood Foresters, whose home is at 54 Kilton Road, Worksop. Sergt. Harrop, who is 31 years of age, enlisted at the end of 1914, and formerly was employed as a miner at Shireoaks. His father, who now resides at Sheffield, worked for a number of years at Messrs. Steel and Garland, Priory Foundry. Sergt. Harrop has seen considerable fighting in France, and more than once, and more than once has had narrow escapes from severe wounds. severe wounds.

On one occasion his watch and pocket book saved him from being badly damaged by a piece of shrapnel. With regard to the circumstances under which he gained the D.C.M., it would appear that a number of Germans wearing khaki got into a British trench, one of them shouting "Now boys, have you had your rations?" Harrop noticed that the tallest man of the lot wore an artillery badge, and he at once came to the conclusion that the newcomers were Germans. Without an instant delay, he made a dash at the tall soldier who, with his comrades, promptly showed fight. The Germans endeavoured to get away, and Harrop succeeded in bayonetting the artillery man, and the rest took flight, save those who were stopped by British bullets. It was afterwards ascertained that they were a party of German bombers who had put on khaki to help a surprise attack, which but for Harrop's promptitude might have been successful. He has been decorated with the ribbon, and he will receive the medal in due course. He is the second Worksop man to win the D.C.M.

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BARLBOROUGH'S V.C.

PRESENTATION TO SERGT. F. GREAVES

There was a very interesting ceremony at the Barlboro' Institute on Saturday, when Sergt. Fred Greaves, the Barlboro' V.C., was presented by the officials and workmen of the Barlboro' Colliery with a token of their high appreciation of his gallant conduct, the presentation being made by Mr. H. Gregory, manager at the Barlboro' Colliery. The hon. sec. of the Derbyshire V.C. Committee, Mr. A.W. Morris, said he wished, on behalf of the Derbyshire V.C. Committee, to thank them all for the honour they had paid to Sergt. Frederick Greaves, V.C., Sherwood Foresters, by their kind patronage and support. The cash to hand was: Subscriptions to date, £40 11s. 6d., and that evening's entertainment had realised £13 2s. 6d., making a total of £53 14s. He was, however, sorry to say the scheme was not going as well as the Committee would like, and regretted that the Derbyshire Miners' Union officials, instead of stimulating the testimonial, were pouring cold water on it. He had, he said, written to Mr. B. Kenyon, M.P., and Mr Frank Hall, on 13th December, asking for their kind support and approval, but he had not yet had a reply. He saw by the Press that at a meeting of the Council of the D.M.A., at Chesterfield, that the application for a grant to the fund was declined, and at the same meeting a grant of £50 was made to the Belgian Workmen's Fund.

Also at the meeting at Mosboro', Mr. Frank Hall had stated that the Miners' Federation had accumulated a fund of £60,000, which could be used politically, and yet they could not entertain the idea to honour a miner who previous to the war was a member of their Association, and worked at the coal face – one who voluntarily left his good job three years ago to go and fight for his King and country for a bob a day, and one who was the first miner in the County to bring by his bravery and devotion to duty honour, not only to Derbyshire, but to the whole British Empire. His record was one of the finest in the whole British Army. If the miners' officials could not help them, he proposed appealing through the Press to every miner in the County, asking for one penny each for the Fund, and then the Derbyshire testimonial would be a great success. It had taken over three years of this terrible war to secure a V.C. for Derbyshire, and now surely the miners would not begrudge one of their own class of a single penny. He would suggest that a resolution be sent to the Derbyshire Education Committee, asking them to arrange for a Derbyshire V.C. Day throughout the schools in the County, and that each scholar be asked to contribute a half-penny to the fund.

In making the presentation to Sergt. Greaves, Mr Gregory said he thought there was not a single miner in Derbyshire but who would wish the V.C. God-speed. He had great pleasure in presenting him with a gold watch and chain, suitably inscribed.

Sergt. Greaves, who had a warm reception, in a modest speech, said he had done nothing only his duty. He happened to be there at the right moment, and taking his right opportunity. He heartily thanked the officials and workmen at the Barlboro' Colliery and the villagers for what they had done on his behalf. He hoped the war would soon be over, and that every lad in the village wearing the King's uniform would have some recognition. He again thanked them for their kindness. The watch bore the following inscription: - "Presented to Sergt. F. Greaves, V.C., Notts. And Derbys., by the officials and workmen of Barlboro' Colliery, for duty to his country, January 18th 1918." On the motion of Mr. Clarkson, seconded by Mr. j. Robinson, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Gregory.

The Presentation was preceded by the Hon. Mrs. Gell's play, "The Empire's Honour," given by 40 members of the Barlboro' Dramatic Society, who were in native costumes. The principals were: - Mrs. A. Gosling, Miss Rushforth, Miss Sherwin, and Mr. G. Fisher, Mrs. Barnfather was the accompanist. The performance was admirably performed, Mrs. Gosling being an excellent Britannia.

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KIVETON PARK D.C.M.

Lance-Corpl. Amos Roe, 1st K.R.R.C., of Kiveton Park, has had the honour conferred upon him of the award of the D.C.M. Lance-Corpl. Is at present an inmate of Netley Hospital, suffering from wounds which, unfortunately have resulted in the destroying of his left eye. In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, 114 Wales Road, Kiveton Park, with whom he lived prior to his enlistment on Aug. 12th 1915, Lance-Corpl. Roe gives some particulars of the deed which procured for him the decoration.



LANCE-CORPL. A. ROE, D.C.M. (Kiveton)

Though the ward was only gazetted a few days ago, the deed in question was performed on April 29th last, on which morning they went "over the top" at 5 o'clock. Those on the right and left fell back, and he was ordered to take six men and bomb the right flank. They succeeded in bombing the Germans out of the trench "and it was jolly good sport for about ten minutes." After that they were ordered to go down the trench to the right. They went well for about 50 yards down the trench, and then the Germans made a stand and counter-attacked in massed force, which resulted in losses on both sides. The officer commanding recommended Roe for his courageous leadership and initiative.

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WORKSOP SOLDIER HONOURED

BAR TO D.C.M. COL.

FOLJAMBE AND STICKING OUT

An interesting ceremony took place outside the Town Hall, Workop, on Wednesday morning, when Pte. J. Stout, 6th Lincolnshire Regt., a Workop soldier, was publicly presented with a bar to the D.C.M. awarded him for conspicuous gallantry on the field. The presentation was made by Col. G.S. Foljambe, and no doubt had circumstances permitted of public notice being given of the event, a large gathering would have assembled to do honour to this hero, whose modesty is only excelled by his dauntless courage. As it was, the affair had to be hurriedly arranged, and only a few people were aware that it was taking place. Mr. Councillor T. Hancock J.P., chairman of the Urban Council, presided, and there were also present Councillors A.J. Hollely and F.S. Whittell, Mr W. Beard, Mr. G.H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Daffen, Mr J.J. Stout, of the Cross Keys inn, Mr. A. Stout, Kilton Road (Uncles of Pte. Stout), and other relatives. An interested crowd also soon gathered.



Councillor Hancock introduced Col. Foljambe, C.B., and said he had come here that morning to perform a very interesting duty, and he would, therefore, simply call upon him to make a presentation to Pte. Stout.

Col. Foljambe said:- "Fellow townsmen at Workop, it is with very great pleasure that the duty has devolved upon me of making a presentation. Before Doing that, however, there are one or two things I should like to say. I think you all know the signal that was thrown from the "Victory's" mast-head prior to the Battle of Trafalgar, "England expects every man to do his duty." We have got one here a sample of a few odd millions of Englishmen who are doing their duty nobly, out in the plains of Flanders and Mesopotamia, and elsewhere throughout the world. But I think there is a question we might ask ourselves, are we doing our duty here as well as we can? (Hear, Hear.) I had myself, during the year before last, a spell of time when I was not employed, and I filled that in for ten months' service with the British Red Cross in France. My duties there were to inquire the addresses which were subsequently obtained of those of our fellows who were missing, and in the course of my duties I interviewed and talked to some thousands and wounded in various hospitals. I came in contact with thousands of soldiers of all ranks, Red Cross nurses, sisters, and doctors, who were very much over-worked and tired, but I can tell you that I have heard more grumbling and criticism in one day in this country than I heard all the time I was out there.

What must our fellows home on leave, the discharged, or the wounded in hospital, think of us. When you consider what they have been through, the hardships they have endured by day and night without a murmur – I never heard a murmur, - yet here, when the shoe is just beginning to pinch there is always this talk of even – I am sorry to say – “let us have peace before the war is finished.”

For heaven’s sake let us stop all this bickering’s amongst ourselves, and let us go on with the war. I don’t think we, as a nation, have quite grasped what the war is about. It is quite true we are fighting for very high ideals. We came into this war to uphold the British name, to enforce the sanctity of treaties, also in the cause of justice and freedom, and we mean at least, I hope we mean, to go on with this war until the Robber State is forced to disgorge its ill-gotten gains, and make reparation to the uttermost farthing for the damage done. So far, Germany may be said to have gained one of the objects for which she fought, and having gained that, she wants peace in order to give herself breathing space and time to re-organise for the next time. Now, it is up to us to see there shall be no more next time.; we want this to be finished once and for all. There is no such thing as a draw, either Germany wins or we win.

Germany has now drawn a map of Europe as she wishes to have it, and there will be no real settled peace for our descendants if that map is allowed to stand as it is. We must and will have victory in the field, or by the slower process of the blockade. It may be that we shall be pinched a bit more than now, and it is a question of sticking out. When once the people of this country thoroughly understand the inwardness of this war, I am quite certain they will tighten their belts and stick it out to the last ounce. If we all owe peace to be obtained by negotiation, as sure as we stand here it means that the lives of our brothers and sons sacrificed in the past, and the matter will have been sacrifices in vain, and the matter will all have to be done over again. I am speaking truly as I feel it, and I wish every man, woman, and child could really understand and see what is behind all this. (Hear, Hear.)

I have great pleasure in calling upon Pte. Stout to receive his well-earned reward. I am sorry he is not in the Sherwood Foresters, but he is in a sister regiment very near, only just over the Trent, and a native of the old town.

Col. Foljambe then read the announcements from the “London Gazette,” appertaining to Pte. J. Stout, which were as follows: -

“His majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 10642, Pte. J. Stout, 6th Lincoln Regiment.”

“His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 10642, Pte. J. Stout, 6th Lincoln Regiment for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. When nearly all the garrison of a strong point were killed and wounded he organised and carried out the evacuation of the wounded, making several journeys himself under heavy shell fire. Finally, he returned when all the wounded had been brought in and made a further thorough search of the shelled area. His splendid example of devotion and fearlessness greatly inspired all the other stretcher-bearers, who were ready to follow him anywhere.”

Continuing, Col. Foljambe said: - “Private Stout, I present you with this medal, which you have doubly won, and in wishing you all luck and a safe return, I hope that this will be a memento in your family for generations, of duty nobly and well done.” (Loud cheers.)

The Colonel then pinned the Medal and Bar on Pte. Stout’s breast, and the latter in reply, said it had been a pleasure to him to do his bit for his King and country, and whilst this war was on he intended to continue doing all he could in his small way for his country and his comrade pals. (Cheers.)

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LIEUT. FRANK HASLAM, M.C.

Some weeks ago, we had the pleasure of announcing that Second-Lieut. Frank Haslam, West Riding Regt., brother of Mr. John Haslam, architect and surveyor, Worksop, had been awarded the Military Cross. The circumstances under which Lieut. Haslam had gained the distinction were not then public property, and they are thus narrated in the "London Gazette": - "Second-Lieut. Frank Haslam, West Riding Regt. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally trying conditions. For two nights in succession, when in charge of a wiring party of sixty men in the front line, he kept them together and got the work done in spite of repeated heavy bombardments, both by gas and ordinary shell. Although suffering from the effects of gas himself, and scarcely able to speak, he insisted on being allowed to remain on duty, setting a splendid example of pluck and determination." Since then the gallant young soldier had been promoted 1st Lieutenant.

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MANTON MINER WINS M.M.

Pte. Wm. Beardsall, of the Notts. And Derby Regt., who has been awarded the Military Medal, served some time in France. He was last year badly gassed and slightly wounded, and was in hospital in Derbyshire. He is now at Ripon, and expects to return to the field shortly. He went through the Irish Rebellion without an injury. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Beardsall, Churchgate, and his wife lives at 49 West Street, Retford. Before the war Pte. Beardsall lived at Worksop, and was a miner at Manton Colliery.

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WHITWELL SOLDIER HONOURED

Another Whitwell soldier, Sergt. J.T. Whyles, Sherwood Foresters, has been commended for bravery. He has received a card from Major-General Romer, commanding the 59th Division, which reads as follows: - "Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by conspicuous bravery in the field. I have read the reports with Much pleasure."

Sergt. Whyles held his post with great determination during the heavy counter attack. "He consistently showed great courage, leadership, and devotion to duty."

One of Sergt. Whyles' brothers was killed in action.

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HONOUR FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

THE CROIX DE GUERRE



SERG. FRANK MALTHOUSE (Whitwell)
(Awarded Croix de Guerre.)

A high military honour has been conferred upon Sergt. Frank Malthouse, Notts. And Derbys., son of Mr Richard Malthouse, High Street, Whitwell, who has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for gallantry. The Sergt. Was over on furlough a few weeks ago, but made no mention of the impending award beyond the casual statement that his father might hear some good news in a day or two. The "good news" reached Mr. Malthouse on Monday from Col. King, who wired: - "Sergt. Malthouse awarded Croix de Guerre. Congratulations."

The gallant Sergeant, who is a nephew of Mr. Sam Malthouse, the Welbeck golf pro, enlisted in 1914, and served in the Dardanelles, whence he was transferred to the Western Front. He has come through several of the big "pushes" unscathed. Twenty-two years of age, and single, he formerly worked at the Whitwell Colliery. He is an old and respected member of the Whitwell C.I.B., and before joining up was the promising half-back of the Whitwell St. Lawrence F.C.

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WHITWELL SOLDIER COMMENDED

Lance-Corpl. John Thos. Whyles, Notts. And Derbys., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Whyles, Larpit Lane, Whitwell, has received a Certificate from Major-General Romer, commending him for conspicuous gallantry on the field. He rendered his Officer, and afterwards his Sergt., valuable assistance in leading and organising the Company under shell-fire, and also held his post with great determination during the heavy counter attack. He consistently showed great courage, leadership, and devotion to duty.

The Lance-Corpl. joined up in Nov. 1914, and has been in France over two years. His brother, Joe, of the, was killed in action recently; while two other brothers – Will and Ernest – the former a well-known local boxer, have been discharged, owing to wounds sustained in action.

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SERGEANT G.H. PARKIN

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as company sergeant-major he showed great determination and energy in organising and leading a ration party to isolated posts which could not be reached by day. When the battalion was relieved, he voluntarily remained behind to bring in five wounded men from advanced posts, and worked for several hours in a most exposed position until this was accomplished. He set a splendid example to his men.

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CRESWELL MILITARY MEDALIST

The Military Medal has been awarded to Sergt. Arthur Metcalf, R.F.C., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Metcalf, of Elmtun Rd., Creswell. The gallant Sergeant, who is First Air Mechanic, joined up in 1916. He has been over the enemy lines several times, and has participated in many thrilling combats in the air. His elder brother is also in the Army.

Unable to find any confirmation of this.

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CRESWELL'S HEROES

PRESENTATION TO MILITARY MEDALISTS

Mr. J.P. Houfton, J.P., managing director of the Bolsover Colliery Company, on Monday evening, at the Creswell Church Schools, presented Sergt. Arthur Rice, Sherwood Foresters, of Creswell, with the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and on behalf of the Pals' Association, he also handed over to the gallant Sergeant and to the father of Sec.-Lieut. Alf Buckley, K.R.R., who won the D.C.M., in September 1916, the sum of £10, and £5 each to the relatives of 17 Military Medallists. The room was crowded. Prior to the meeting the Creswell Colliery Silver Prize Band paraded the village, and later discoursed selections in the hall of the school. Mr. S. Evans, J.P., chairman of the Pal's Association, presided; supported by Mr. Houfton, Second-Lieutenant Geo. Houfton, Messrs. J. Bingley, Bolsover; W.H. Carter, Forest Town; W. Harper, the Vicar, Rev. J.E. Pagett, Rev. T.E. Freeman, Rev. Hamer Lewis, and Mr. G.I. Bell.

The Chairman said he was glad to see so many present to do honour to whom honour was due. It was an augury, at any rate, that although they might be somewhat tired of the war, they were there with the determination to carry it through to a successful issue. They wanted to hand down to their children not a legacy of slavery, but the same freedom which had been handed down to them by their forefathers. They were fighting not only for the freedom of individuals, but for the freedom of States. They wanted a peace that would be a permanent peace, and one that would be satisfactory to the whole of the civilised world. If they did not win the war, they would be a doomed nation. They owed a debt of gratitude to the brave soldiers who had suffered hardships and privations, and who in many cases had made the supreme sacrifice, and unless they brought the war to a satisfactory conclusion all their sacrifices would be in vain.

The Vicar, after expressing the hope that the people would devote one day a week to prayer for the peace which they all so much desired, said they were fighting not simply against a nation, but against the idea of freedom and liberty. Might God bless the lads who were to receive just a small token of their honour and gratitude, and might He pour down very soon upon them all the blessing of peace. (Hear, Hear.)

The Rev. T.E. Freeman said they did not believe in the German philosophy that war was a Divine medicine. They knew it was a regrettable necessity, and at this time it was so. The great watchword for their own day was "steadfastness." They were met that night to do honour to the brave men who had done brave deeds, and they were glad to bring their tributes of admiration and lay it at their feet. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Houfton said he had never come to a Creswell meeting with so great a degree of pleasure as he had this evening. He was not going to assume in anything he had to say that there was going to be any grouching on the part of the civilian population of Creswell. He had heard lots of them talk about doing their little bit. He wanted them to do something more now. He wanted them to eat their little bit (laughter) until they were able to get their big bits again. (Renewed laughter.) What they had to do was to do what the British race had done since the dawn of history, they had got to endure.

This great war had shown that the spirit of the British race was as high in valour and endurance and determination, and cheerfulness in difficulties and discomforts as ever it had been in the past. Men were laying down their lives that the race might still go on, that civilisation might be untouched, and be more illustrious and higher in ideal. The spirit that animated the British race was an undying spirit, because it was a spirit which was never used for conquest, for domination, and lust of wealth and greed, but it was a spirit which stood for everything that made life worth living – for freedom and ideals of civilisation throughout all the nations of the world. (Applause.)

He had no misgivings whatever as to how the war was going to end. He did not believe the people would fail them if they were made thoroughly to understand that today was to be with them a day of endurance, self-denial, and self-sacrifice. There were some pessimists in the world. He believed there were some in Creswell (laughter) but fortunately they were few and far between. His firm opinion was this, that however arduous the task they had to perform, whatever dangers and privations they had to go through, if they only showed the same spirit as their forefathers did, they were going to win through. (Hear, hear.) The Kaiser had not got a monopoly on God. He professed to have, but surely at a time like this they would only ask God to assist them in performing the task he had put in their hands. (Hear, hear.) Continuing, Mr. Houfton said he could not say much about Sergt. Rice, but he hoped his son would be able to tell them something of him. He had been by his side and seen him at work.

They were proud of the two men who had gone from Creswell and won the D.C.M. It was no light thing in war like this to get the D.C.M. It was not always the bravest deed in actual fighting that deserved the greatest merit. It was the men who could go through shot and shell to secure their wounded comrades without any hope of fighting and killing the enemy, who often displayed the finest courage, and it was just this that Sergt. Rice did, and he believed it was owing to him that he had one son still left. (Applause.) They were pleased to have him amongst them and proud of his connection to Creswell. At the time, he enlisted he was not living or working at Creswell, but when his Creswell friends joined up, he immediately came and joined them. He had risen to the rank of Sergt., and today had the satisfaction of receiving at the hands of his King and Country the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two nights in succession, so the official record ran, he took charge of his company after his officers had been wounded, withdrew them from the danger zone, and returned with volunteers and successfully removed all the wounded. Throughout these two nights he kept his men together by his great coolness and cheerful demeanour. (Applause.) Mr. Houfton then handed the medal to Sergt. Rice, and expressed the hope that he would be spared to return to his friends and wear the honours that had been bestowed upon him.

Sergt. Rice replied: Thank you very much sir.

Lieut. Geo. Houfton in a racy speech, paid an eloquent tribute to the bravery of Sergt. Rice, and explained that after he (the speaker) had been wounded, the Sergt, learning that he had not come in, went out to search for him under heavy shell-fire, and carried him on his back to the dressing station. (Applause.) Sergt. Buckley, of Creswell, was also recommended for decoration for gallantry in carrying out his work, although several times blown off his feet by shell blast, but unfortunately nothing came of it.

Mr Houfton then presented a cheque for £10 to Sergt. Rice, from the Pals' Association, who had, he mentioned, disbursed £192 15s. amongst the local service men on leave, and in hospital, since March 1916. (Hear, hear.) Sergt. Rice suitably replied, and remarked that should the occasion arise he would again do his duty. (Applause.) He felt sure the Creswell boys appreciated very highly all that the villagers had done and were doing for them when on leave and in hospital, and he desired particularly to thank the Pals' Association, and through them the people of Creswell for their very handsome gift.

Lieut. Buckley, D.C.M., being abroad, the cheque for £10 was presented to his father, Mr. Matthew Buckley, who said his son had remarked that he had only done what was required of every British soldier, and what others would have done under similar circumstances. (Hear, hear.)

A sum of £5 was presented to the relatives of the following Military Medallists who were unable to be present: - Sergt. W. Oldfield and Sergt. S. Blagden, Notts. and Derbys.; Sergt. S. Gethin and Ptes. T Achan and S. Smith, R.N.D.; Bom. G. Pickering, R.F.A.; Corpl. E. Forrest, Grenadiers; Corpl. H. Whiting and Pte. J.W. Bown, Leicesters; Sergt. L. Matthews, M.G.C.; Corpl. Ibberson and Ptes. W. Fisher, H. Hague, T. Wright, T. Drabble, C. Hayden, and D. Edger, Sherwood Foresters.

Mr. Houfton remarked that they ought to be proud of their two D.C.M.'s and 17 Military Medallists. He hoped when the war was over they might have another similar meeting to congratulate their gallant heroes upon the work they had performed, and the honours they had received. Altogether, including 603 men from the Colliery, nearly 700 men had enlisted from the parish. Over 100 had been discharged as unfit, while 56 from the Colliery, and 14 from the parish had made the supreme sacrifice. Six were prisoners-of-war in Germany.

During the meeting, vocal items were rendered by Mrs. Holmes, Miss Evans, Messrs. S. Cope and W. Raynor; Mr. W.A. Pitchford being at the piano. Mr. J. Ball moved, and Mr. W. Harper seconded a comprehensive vote of thanks which was carried with acclamation. Mr. H. Booth is the secretary, and Mr. E. Currass the treasurer, of the Pals' Association.

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WORKSOP SOLDIER MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

The name of Sergt. R.W. North, R.E., has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the war. Sergt. North is a son of Mr. and Mrs. North, Carlton Road, Worksop, who have been warmly congratulated upon the honour achieved by their gallant son.

Unable to confirm.

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A WORKSOP HERO

SERGT. R. HARROP, D.C.M.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

An interesting ceremony took place at Workshop Town Hall on Saturday morning, when Sergt. Richard Harrop, of the 12th Sherwood Foresters, whose home is at 54 Kilton Road, Workshop, was presented by Col. G.S. Foljambe with the D.C.M. Owing to circumstances, the presentation had to be hurriedly arranged. It was not until Thursday night that the matter could be definitely settled, and Mr. T. Hancock, as Chairman of the Urban Council, adopted the best means he could at the short time at his disposal to make the event known, so that a large crowd assembled to witness the presentation. This was of a brief though interesting character. Mr. Hancock presided, and was supported by Col. Foljambe, Mrs. Foljambe, Mrs. Warre, and Mrs. Hancock. Sergt. Harrop was in attendance and proud and interested onlookers were members of the family and other relatives.

Mr. Hancock said he was glad the townspeople had turned up so well to do honour to one of our gallant lads. Could they have made the presentation better known, he was quite sure there would have been a much larger gathering. Unfortunately, they were not able to give much notice. He happened to hear some days ago, Sergt. Harrop was entitled to his decoration. He wrote the authorities, and it was not until late on Thursday night that they heard the medal would be sent on, in fact it only arrived the previous morning. Sergt. Harrop was home on leave, and they thought it would be nice to give him the medal during his presence amongst them. They were not only proud of him, but they were proud to think that other Workshop lads were doing their duty at the front and holding the Germans up with every hope of coming out successfully. If so, this would be entirely due to the efforts of such men as Sergt. Harrop. He hoped he would live for many years to wear the decoration. (Applause.)

Col. Foljambe said he had been requested by the Officer Commanding the 45th Division to come here and present the medal to Sergt. Harrop, and he considered himself very much honoured in being asked to carry out that duty. He was not going to say anything about Sergt. Harrop in his presence, but he was going to say one or two words which he thought would be Sergt. Harrop's wish, and the wish of all the boys out there, should be said, and that they were doing their part, and that we had got to do our part in this country. One way in which we could do our part was by keeping a cheerful countenance. They were not downhearted out there, and hard as he knew it was when this fearful battle was raging, on which the fate of the country depended, not to be anxious for those near and dear to them, let them pin their faith on the strong arm and the stout heart of those out there. Let us remember them in our prayers to Almighty God. Our cause was just and Almighty God, who was the God of Battles, would be, and was on their side.

Addressing Sergt. Harrop, Col. Foljambe said he was unable to give out the actual deed for which the decoration had been awarded. The extract from the "London Gazette" simply stated that the Distinguished Conduct Medal – one of the highest honours a British soldier could win – had been awarded to Sergt. Harrop, Sherwood Foresters, Notts. And Derbys., and he would now ask Mrs Foljambe to pin the medal on.

Col. Foljambe then handed the medal to Sergt. Harrop, with whom he shook hands very heartily, and Mrs. Foljambe pinned the medal on his breast. She also shook hands and congratulated him.

Mr Hancock then called for cheers for Sergt. Harrop, which were given with great heartiness, and cheers followed for Col. Foljambe.

Sergt. Harrop, who had been trying to keep in the background, was then pushed forward, and said he was very pleased to think he had received the medal in Worksop. "I only got it," he said, "for doing my duty, just the same as the lads are doing out there." (Cheers.)

HOW HE WON THE MEDAL

The incident which led to Sergt. Harrop winning this proud distinction is not stated, it not having yet been published in the "Gazette." But a deed performed by Sergt. Harrop, related in the "Guardian" three months ago, is of so remarkable a character that it will well bear repetition. A number of Germans wearing khaki got into a British trench, one of them shouting, "Now boys, have you had your rations?" Harrop noticed that the tallest man of the lot wore an artillery badge, and he at once came to the conclusion that the newcomers were Germans. Without an instant delay, he made a dash at the tall soldier who, with his comrades promptly showed fight. The Germans endeavoured to get away, and Harrop succeeded in bayonetting the artillery man, and the rest took flight, save those who were stopped by British bullets. It was afterwards ascertained that they were a party of German bombers who had put on khaki to help a surprise attack, which but for Harrop's promptitude might have been successful.

Sergt. Harrop, who is 32 years of age, enlisted at the end of 1914, and formerly was employed as a miner at Shireoaks. His father, who now resides at Sheffield, worked for a number of years at Messrs. Steel and Garland, Priory Foundry. Sergt. Harrop has seen considerable fighting in France, and more than once, and more than once has had narrow escapes from severe wounds. On one occasion his watch and pocket book saved him from being badly damaged by a piece of shrapnel. He has received a letter from Major-General Daly, Commanding the 24th Division, congratulating him upon being awarded the D.C.M.

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MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

CORPL. R.F. SKELTON

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Skelton, of 5 Albert Street, Worksop, have just received official notification that their son, Corpl. Ronald Frederick Skelton, of the Army Ordnance Corp, now in France, has been mentioned in despatches for "distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty." Corpl. Skelton is to be congratulated on his success. Prior to joining the Army about Easter 1915, Corpl. Skelton was an assistant at Mr. J.H. Saxton's grocer, Potter Street. After seven weeks training he was drafted to France, arriving there at Whitsuntide, where he has been ever since. A rumour was circulated that he was killed, but Mr. and Mrs. Skelton received a letter from him on Tuesday morning, in which he said he was alright and in the best of health. He has a brother serving in the Navy, Gunner George William Skelton. We hope to publish Corpl. Skelton's photograph next week.

London Gazette 24th December 1917

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TEMPORARY LIEUTENANT HENRY ELLIS HODDING

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in the attack when the other officers became casualties, and led them to the final objective. He consolidated the captured position and did excellent work during the two following days in warding off threatened counter-attacks. Though blown up by a shell on the first day, he remained with his company until relieved.

London Gazette 5th April 1918

LIEUTENANT HERBERT MORGAN MEAKIN

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon very gallantly in the attack, in spite of severe casualties, killing many of the enemy and taking twenty-five prisoners. He set a splendid example to his men.

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CORPL. R. F. SKELTON (Worksop).
(Mentioned in Despatches).
As reported in our last issue.

Worksop Guardian 12th April 1918

MILITARY CROSSES

LOCAL OFFICERS GALLANT DEEDS

Some weeks ago, we had the pleasure of recording that the Military Cross had been awarded two Worksop officers, Temp.-Lieut. Henry Ellis Hodding, and Temp.-Sec.-Lieut. Herbert Morgan Meakin, both of the Notts. And Derbyshire Regt. Lieutenant Hodding is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Hodding, the Bungalow, and Lieut. Meakin is the son of Supt. Meakin, Worksop. The deeds for which the distinction was awarded are thus stated in the official record.

TEMPY. LIEUT. HENRY ELLIS HODDING, Notts. And Derbyshire Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in the attack when the other officers became casualties, and led them to the final objective. He consolidated the captured position and did excellent work during the two following days in warding off threatened counter-attacks. Though blown up by a shell on the first day, he remained with his company until relieved.

TEMPY. SECOND-LIEUT. HERBERT MORGAN MEAKIN, ATTD. Notts. And Derbyshire Regt. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon very gallantly in the attack, in spite of severe casualties, killing many of the enemy and taking twenty-five prisoners. He set a splendid example to his men.

London Gazette 5th April 1918

London Gazette 16th April 1918

SERGEANT F. GODLEY

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did consistent good work as a Lewis gun sergeant, always displaying great courage and coolness under fire, and setting a fine example of initiative, power of leadership, and devotion to duty.

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SERGEANT RICHARD HARROP

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done consistent good work during a long period. He set a magnificent example to his men under heavy fire, and on one occasion carried in a wounded man over the open under fire from enemy snipers.

London Gazette – 16th April 1918

LANCE-CORPORAL AMOS ROE

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, singlehanded, held back a counter-attack, and on the enemy retiring pursued them. Later, though all his party—including the officer in command—had become casualties, he maintained his position until reinforcements arrived. His conduct has been consistently gallant.

Worksop Guardian 19th April 1918

LOCAL SOLDIERS DECORATED

H.H. the King of the Belgians has conferred a number of decorations on British soldiers for distinguished service rendered in the war. Amongst the local recipients are Sergeant (Acting Quartermaster- Sergeant) William Bernard Green, Lincolnshire Regt., Worksop, upon whom the King conferred the Croix de Guerre. Sergt. Bernard Green is a well-known Worksop man, and is the son of Mr. Green, blacksmith, Lead Hill. As a youth, he was for some years a chorister at the Priory Church, and also an Assistant Scoutmaster of the Priory Branch Boy Scouts Troop, in which he took a keen interest. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, previous to which he was employed in the Estate Offices of Sir John Robinson, Worksop Manor.

Another local man who has also been honoured is Sergt. Wilfred Biggin, Leicestershire Regt., Whitwell, who has received the Decoration Militaire.

London Gazette 19th April 1918

LIEUTENANT CHARLES PYNSENT ELLIOTT

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical time, after heavy officer casualties, he took over command in the frontline, which he ably reorganised under heavy fire. He was twice buried by shells, but remained at duty for some hours until ordered to the rear.

Worksop Guardian 26th April 1918

LIEUT. C.P. ELLIOTT

HOW HE WON THE MILITARY CROSS

In December last, we had the pleasure of announcing that Lieut. (Acting Captain) Charles Pynsent Elliott, son of Mr A.E. Elliott, Sparken, Worksop, Agent to the Duke of Newcastle had been awarded the Military Cross. The circumstances under which Lieut. Elliott gained this distinction were not mentioned at the time, so that the following announcement will be read with pride and pleasure by Worksop people.

LIEUT. (ACTING CAPTAIN) CHARLES PYNSENT ELLIOTT, Notts. and Derbyshire Regiment. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical time, after heavy officer casualties, he took over command in the frontline, which he ably reorganised under heavy fire. He was twice buried by shells, but remained at duty for some hours until ordered to the rear.

Lieut. Elliott is only 22 years of age, and is one of the many young Territorial Officers, who have displayed such gallantry and coolness on the field of battle. He took part in the Irish rebellion, in which he was wounded, and on his recovery, he re-joined his Company in France, where he still is.

London Gazette 14th December 1917 & 19th April 1918

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WHITWELL HERO KILLED

SERGT. FRANK MALTHOUSE

A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of announcing that Sergt. Frank Malthouse, Notts. And Derbys., son of Mr. Richard Malthouse, High Street, Whitwell, had been awarded the Croix de Guerre for gallantry. This week we have to record with regret that news has been received that he was killed in action on March 22nd. The information was contained in the following letter addressed to the gallant soldier's father by Major T.W. Daniel: - "Dear Mr. Malthouse, Just a line to express to you my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son. Sergt. Malthouse served in my company ever since he joined the Batt., and the company was never the same when he was not with it. Always cheery, the first to volunteer for any special task or patrol, a magnificent athlete and a soldier of the greatest capabilities, he was adored by all who knew him. We had many good and enjoyable times together, both in the trenches and in rest billets, and I miss him more than anyone else. I myself was on leave when he was killed, and it was a great shock to me on my return to hear of his death. A more cheery and gallant fellow never lived. This is a difficult letter to write, but I have endeavoured to express not only my own thoughts, but those of the whole battalion. Again, please accept our deepest sympathies."

Sergt. Malthouse , was a nephew of Mr. Sam Malthouse, the Welbeck golf pro. He enlisted in 1914, and served in the Dardanelles, whence he was transferred to the Western Front. He had come through several of the big "pushes" unscathed. Twenty-two years of age, and single, he formerly worked at the Whitwell Colliery. He is an old and respected member of the Whitwell C.I.B., and before joining up was the promising half-back of the Whitwell St. Lawrence F.C.

Worksop Guardian 3rd May 1918

OUR NAVAL HEROES

This week on of our naval heroes, who took part in the daring raid on Zeebrugge, has been on leave in Worksop, viz., Acting L.M. George G. Middleton, of the R.N.A.S., eldest son of Mr. G.G. Middleton, builder and contractor. Young Middleton was in the Chemist's Department on H.M.S. Vindictive, and he volunteered for the enterprise, his duty being to assist in making the smoke clouds, under cover of which the convoy sailed. He was in charge of five other men, whose it was to throw liquid fire from a portable flame waver. Having demolished the lighthouse at the extreme point of the "Mole" it was their duty to knock out the battery of guns quite near to the lighthouse. Middleton was one of the first to land on the "Mole," and one of the last to leave it, the engagement, which took place there, being terrible. The execution among the marines who first charged the batteries was awful, he states. The action was wonderfully conceived, there being 70 ships of all descriptions taking part, the skill and coolness displayed by the men being a wonderful token of British valour. An intimate friend of Middleton's was Commander Brock, who was captain of the Rugby F.C., when he was secretary. Brock was one of the commanders of the chemistry section, and was a good deal responsible for the success of the enterprise.

Another Worksop boy who took part in the enterprise was Second-Mechanic Tom Mokes, second son of Mr. Councillor T. Mokes, who was in the Chemists' section on the Warwick flagship. He joined the navy on February 14th this year, and his many friends will congratulate him on his good fortune in coming out of so fierce an engagement without a wound of any kind. He is expected home on leave shortly.

(Unable to confirm this)

Worksop Guardian 3rd May 1918

M.M. FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

LCE. -CORL. FRED BARNSDALE

Our readers will be pleased to hear that another Worksop soldier has been awarded the Military Medal. We refer to Lce. -Corpl. Fred Barnsdale, Trench Mortar Battery, of the 3rd Division, who before joining up was a screensman at Smith Bros., Albion Mills, Worksop. Barnsdale is 24 years of age and married, his wife residing with his parents at 89 Low Town Street. He was drafted for France in June last year, and his battery has been heavily engaged in the recent heavy fighting. In a letter to his wife, he says that he and three other lance-corporals of the battery have been awarded the M.M. For good work with the guns during the opening days of the German offensive. "I don't know," he says, "That I did anything extraordinarily brave; I only did my duty as a soldier, but there it is. The award came through yesterday afternoon, and we have been congratulated by the battery on our success." Barnsdale draws a pathetic picture of the women and poor little kiddies, who have had to flee before the Germans. We hope to produce a photograph of the gallant soldier next week.



LANCE-CORPL. FRED BARNSDALE (Worksop).
(Awarded the Military Medal.)
As reported in our last issue.

Worksop Guardian 10th May 1918

WORKSOP SOLDIER WINS D.C.M

It is with pleasure that we record the fact that another Worksop soldier, Sergt. W. Russon, 1st Sherwood Foresters, residing at 33 Grafton Street, has been awarded the D.C.M. under circumstances which have not yet been made public. Sergt. Russon has just turned 21 years of age, and his many friends will congratulate him upon earning so proud a distinction. He enlisted before the war in June 1914, and has been in France, with occasional leaves, since March 1915. His brother, Henry, is serving with the R.A.M.C. in France, and his eldest brother, Mr. E. Russon, is the S.A. bandmaster at Worksop.

London Gazette 30th August 1918

Worksop Guardian 10th May 1918

DINNINGTON D.C.M. KILLED

SERGT.-MAJOR PARKIN

Early in January this year, we had the pleasure of reporting that Sergt.-Major G.H. Parkin, of Dinnington, had been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery in the field in France. It is this week our painful duty to state that the gallant soldier was killed in action on April 11th or 15th. The official news was received on Tuesday by his brother Mr. Parkin, of Dinnington. The deceased soldier was a son of the late Mr Hy. Parkin, of Treeton, and in civilian life he was foreman on the surface at Dinnington Colliery. For some years prior to the war, he had been a Territorial, and he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant while training with the Y. and L. Regiment. His many friends will learn with deepest regret of his death. He was a brave and gallant man, and much respected by all who knew him.



SGT. G. H. PARKIN, D.C.M. (Dinnington)

Worksop Guardian 16th May 1919

HONOUR FOR CLOWNE OFFICER

Lieut.-Col. W.E.I. Butler Bowdon, D.S.O., Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry, son of Col. J.E. Butler Bowdon, J.P., Southgate House, Clowne, has received from the King of Roumania, the Order of the Crown of Roumania. During the war, he acted as Assistant Director General of Transportation in France. Col. Butler Bowdon saw service in the South African War, and holds the King's and Queen's Medals with five bars. His younger brother, Lieutenant Basil Butler Bowdon was killed in action in France.

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M.M. FOR CLOWNE STAFF-SERGEANT

Staff-Sergeant G.H. Burcher, R.A.S.C., of Clowne, who saw nearly three years' service in Mesopotamia, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

London Gazette 19th September 1919

Worksop Guardian 24th May 1918

HONOUR FOR WHITWELL MEDALIST



PTE. H. DRABBLE (Whitwell).
(Awarded Bar to Military Medal.)

Congratulations will be extended to Pte. Harold Drabble, Notts. And Derbys, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Drabble, Southfield Farm, Whitwell, upon his recent achievements on the battlefield. During the early stages of the German offensive in March, he was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry, and now his parents have received the gratifying news that he has been awarded a bar to his medal. He enlisted in May 1917, at the age of 19 years, and went to France last September. Prior to the war he was employed on his father's farm.

Worksop Guardian 24th May 1918

BELGIAN HONOUR FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

Sergt. Wilf. Biggin, Leicesters, son of Mr. And Mrs. Albert Biggin, Larpit Lane, Whitwell, has been awarded the Belgian Militaire. Particulars of the gallant act which won him the distinguished honour are lacking. The sergeant was seriously wounded in action last October, and is still in hospital. A well-known athlete, he played centre-forward for Worksop Town in the Midland League in pre-war days, and also cut a creditable figure in County cricket. Two other brothers are serving.

Worksop Guardian 24th May 1918

M.M FOR CRESWELL SOLDIER

Corporal R. Wade, 7th Norfolks, son of Mr J. Wade, Creswell, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and distinguished conduct. Aged 27, he enlisted at the beginning of the war, and has served with the Mining Company. Two sisters are serving as V.A.D. Nurses, while a brother, Gunner G. Wade, was killed in action some time ago. Before enlisting, Corpl. Wade lived with Mrs. Blagden, whose son, Sergt. Sam Blagden, it will be remembered won the military medal several months ago.

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D.C.M. FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery has been awarded 202259 Sergt. W. A. Wright, North Staffs, attached L.T.M. Battery (Worksop). Sergt. Wright is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G Wright, 145 Cheapside, and before enlisting he was an assistant at Mr. H.W. Fox's, Market Place. He is to be highly congratulated upon the distinction he has won, and which brings honour to his native town. We hope to give further particulars next week, and to give his photograph.

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BARLBORO' SOLDIER WINS M.C.

Second-Lieut. Harry Greaves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jude Greaves, New Road, Barlboro', and brother of the V.C., has been awarded the Military Cross. In a letter to his parents, Lieut. Greaves modestly says, referring to the event, that he could not tell them anything about it. They must look in the papers for themselves. Lieut. Greaves was commissioned from the ranks. He enlisted in the Notts. And Derbys in September 1914, and after two years' service in France, returned from the front in May 1917, to train for his commission at a camp in Ayrshire. He returned to France early this year. He was a Barlboro' Colliery workman, and formerly played football for the old Barlboro' Primitive Methodist Church.

London Gazette 18th September 1918

Workshop Guardian 7th June 1918

M.M. FOR BARLBORO' SOLDIER

Lce.-Corpl. Jim Fisher, Notts. And Derbys, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fisher, California, Barlboro', has won the Military Medal. In a letter home, Lce.-Corpl. Fisher says: - "You will be very pleased to hear I have been awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct on the field. I have just received the ribbon; I don't know when I shall receive the medal." Lce.-Corpl. Fisher enlisted in the early days of the war in company with Pte. Frank Rodgers (now killed). Before enlisting, he worked at the Barlboro. No. 2 Colliery. He was connected with the Barlboro' Athletic Football Club.

UNABLE TO CONFIRM

Workshop Guardian 14th June 1918

BARLBORO'S V.C.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

GENERAL JACKSON'S TRIBUTE

In beautiful weather, and in the presence of a large gathering, Sergt. Fred Greaves, V.C., Sherwood Foresters, son of Mr and Mrs. Jude Greaves, New Road Barlboro', was on Saturday, presented by Brigadier-General G.M. Jackson with War Bonds of the value of £100, subscribed for by the County of Derby, and his local friends and admirers, in recognition of the high honour which has been bestowed upon him for valour. The interesting function took place at the garden party held in the grounds of The Hawthorns, the residence of Mrs. C. Baker, at Barlboro', on behalf of the funds of the local Red Cross.



SGT. FRED GREAVES, V.C. (Barlboro')

The gable end of one of the buildings, against which had been erected an improvised platform, was lavishly decorated with flags, in the centre of which, surmounted by the Crown, was the inscription, "Long Live the V.C." Facing the platform was the "B" Company of the 4th Batt. Derbyshire Volunteers, under Capt. W.F. Farmer, the other officers on parade being Lieuts. J. Swift, second in command, F.C. Wood, W.H. Skelton, and Sec-Lieut. W.A. Pitchford. Mr. W. Waplington, agent of the Staveley Coal and Iron Co., presided, supported by Brigadier-General Jackson, Col. J.E Butler Bowdon, J.P., commanding officer of the 4th Batt. Of Volunteers; Rev. J.D. Griffiths, Messrs. J.H. Clarkson, J.P., Chas. Robinson, J.P, G. Bunting, and A.W. Morris , hon. sec. of the presentation fund.

The General salute having been sounded by the buglers of the Clowne St. John troop of Scouts, Mr Waplington said nothing had given him greater pleasure than to preside over that gathering, which had met to do honour to a brave man, Sergt. Greaves had won the greatest honour that Britain could bestow upon any of her sons. (Applause.)

General Jackson, in making the presentation, said in these days of heroism, when hundreds of thousands of brave men were holding the line against great odds, they naturally felt very proud of a man who performed some extra act of gallantry, and when the honour which was bestowed upon him was the V.C., they would agree with him that it was well merited, and that some very brave deed had been done to win it. Sergt. Greaves won the V.C. for "most conspicuous bravery, initiative, and leadership, when his platoon was temporarily held up by machine gun fire from a concrete stronghold, seeing that his platoon commander and sergeant were casualties, and realising that unless this post was taken quickly, his men would lose the barrage. Corpl. Greaves, followed by another N.C.O., rushed forward, regardless of his personal safety, and reached the rear of the building, and bombed the occupants, killing or capturing the garrison and taking four enemy machine guns. It was solely due to the personal pluck, dash, and initiative of this N.C.O., that the assaulting line at this point was not held up, and that our troops escaped serious casualties. Later in the afternoon, at a most critical period of the battle, when the troops on the flank of the Brigade had given way temporarily, under heavy enemy attack, and when all the officers of his Company were casualties, this gallant N.C.O. quickly grasped the situation. He collected his men, threw out an extra post on the threatened flank, and opened up rifle and machine gun fire to enfilade the advance. The effect of Sergt. Greaves's conduct on his men throughout the battle could not be over-estimated, and those under his command responded gallantly to his example."

Continuing, General Jackson said not only was the British Empire proud of such men as Sergt. Greaves, but England was proud of him, Derbyshire was proud of him, and he ventured to think that the village of Barlboro' was also more than proud of him. (Applause.) By his great deed of bravery, he had brought honour to the county, and to his native village, and he only hoped Sergt. Greaves would have a long life and a happy one to enjoy the reward he had so richly deserved, and that, after the war, he would return to his native heath, where he would always, he knew, be respected, honoured, and loved. (Applause.) "I have great pleasure," concluded the Brigadier, "in presenting the War Bonds to you, in congratulating you, and in wishing you every luck."

Sergt. Greaves, who was received with rousing cheers, thanked his many friends for the kindness they had shown him, also the secretary, Mr. Morris, Mr. Waplington for presiding, and General Jackson for making the presentation. He returned to France on the following day, and hoped to be able to return with the other boys when the war was over. (Applause.)

General Jackson called for three cheers for the gallant Sergeant, which were heartily given.

Replying to a vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Waplington, and seconded by the Rev. J.D. Griffiths, who remarked that Sergt. Greaves had cast lustre upon their little village, General Jackson said it was the first opportunity he had had of making a presentation to a V.C., and therefore, to him, it was a red-letter day. He was informed that Barlboro' now had four military medallists, one D.C.M., and a V.C., and he understood that Sergt. Greaves's brother, who was an officer, had won the M.C. He thought great credit was due to the family; they were a family of heroes. (Applause.)

Mr. Waplington was thanked on the motion of Mr. Clarkson, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and a similar compliment was made the secretary and committee.

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WORKSHOP OFFICER AWARDED THE D.S.O.

CAPT. GEORGE POWELL

This week we have the pleasure of recording that three Workshop soldiers have won military honours, the D.S.O. being conferred upon Sec.-Lieut. George Powell, 16th Sherwood Foresters, who has also been promoted to Captain; the Military Cross upon Lieut. F.C. Vessey. Who is also a military medallist, and the D.C.M. upon Sergt. W. Wright.

Lieut. Powell, who is 30 years of age, is the first Workshop man to be awarded the D.S.O., and he is to be heartily congratulated upon gaining so great an honour.

He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Powell, Eastgate, and is one of five soldier brothers, the other sons being Se.-Lt. Thomas Powell, 16th Sherwoods, who has been wounded twice, and has only recently become convalescent; Sergt. J. Powell, Coldstream Guards; Sergt. "Ted" Powell, 1/8 Sherwoods; and Bom. W. Powell, R.F.A. The recipient of the D.S.O. has been wounded once, and we need scarcely add Workshop is particularly proud of this soldier family. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war, and went out to France in February 1915. He soon earned promotion, and was recommended for a commission in August last.

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APT. GEO. POWELL, D.S.O. (Workshop)

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SERGT. W. WRIGHT, D.C.M.

As briefly reported in our last issue, the Distinguished Conduct Medal has been awarded to Sergeant W.A. Wright, of the North Staffordshire Regiment (attached to a Trench Mortar battery), second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wright, 145 Cheapside, Worksop. Sergt. Wright will be 21 years of age on July 8th, so that he is one of the youngest men in the army to hold this distinction. He enlisted in May 1916, and had some service in Ireland. He went to France and was promoted sergeant for good work in the field in 1917.



CORPL. BERT HARRISON (Worksop).
(Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.)

Before joining up he was an assistant at Mr. H.W. Fox's, Market Place, and was liked by all who knew him. He was a server at the Priory Church, and a regular attender at services. He had been in the thick of a good deal of the recent fighting, and it is for bravery in one for the actions that he has been given the medal. The precise circumstances which gained for him the distinction have not yet been announced. His father is an employee on the Osberton estate, and he and Mrs. Wright have received numerous congratulations on the honour which their son has won. Worksop is proud to number him amongst her gallant sons.

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LIEUT. FRANK VESSEY, M.C.

Another Worksop officer to win distinction is Sec.-Lieut. Frank Vessey, R.G.A., who has been awarded the Military Cross. About eight years ago, he enlisted in the regular army, and was drafted to India, where he spent three years with his battery, and later was three years in garrison at Aden. During this period, there was a brush with the Turks in the Persian Gulf in which young Vessey had his baptism of fire. The battery was recalled to England in September 1916, and for the next six months Sergt. Vessey was busily engaged at various artillery centres in training gunners. He went out to France in March 1917, and has been in the fighting ever since. He was awarded the Military Medal in August last year, the ribbon being presented him by General Sir Thos. Morland, and he was promoted on the field. Now we have the pleasure of stating that Sec.-Lieut. Vessey has been awarded the Military Cross, and has also been the recipient of a card signed by General Plumer, congratulating him on the gallant act by which he has won it. This is a splendid distinction, and one which brings honour to the town. Before joining the army, Lieut. Vessey was a clerk in the offices of the Worksop and Retford Brewery Company.

London Gazette 13th September 1918

Worksop Guardian 21st June 1918

HONOUR FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

CORPL. B. HARRISON

Among the recipients of the Meritorious Service Medal is Corpl. Bert. Harrison, of the Durham L.I., one of the soldier sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. Harrison, 11 Gladstone Street, Worksop. Corpl. Harrison's name is included in the list, issued this week, of soldiers decorated for good service, and the honour is one on which he is to be congratulated. Worksop lads are indeed doing well, and bearing themselves most bravely on land and sea. All honour to them. The old town is proud of them.



CORPL. BERT HARRISON (Worksop).
(Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.)

The circumstances under which he medal was gained have not been published, but it is well-known that the Dirhams have been in the thick of it, and have maintained the high tradition of the regiment. Corpl. Harrison has been in the army three years, and I now 22 years of age. Previous to enlisting, he was employed in the offices of the Britannic assurance Company. His elder brother, Pte. Joseph Edwin Harrison, Sherwood Foresters, is 24, and is now in France for the fourth year in succession. His other brother of military age, Pte. William Ernest Harrison, aged 20, is in the A.S.C., and is at Salonica. Mr. Harrison Sen., is a Special Constable, so that the family are doing their duty.

London Gazette 31st December 1918 & 2nd September 1919

Worksop Guardian 21st June 1918

CLOWNE SOLDIER AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL

Bombardier F. Thompson, R.F.A., of Ringer Terrace, Clowne, has just been awarded the military medal in recognition of "distinguished bravery in action." Writing to his wife, he tells how the Major presented the medal on the 9th inst., when they were on parade, and describes the "distinguished bravery" as "mending lines and keeping up communication under shell and machine gun fire all one night." He says, "Taking it all through, I think it was the worst night I have had." The Bombardier, who is 29 years of age, enlisted in March 1915, and has been in France two years. We congratulate him upon his distinction and success.

Worksop Guardian 21st June 1918

MILITARY HONOUR FOR A CLOWNE MEDICAL MAN

Information has reached Clowne that Dr. Rutherford, who formerly carried on a practice in the village, has been awarded the military cross.

Unable to confirm

Worksop Guardian 21st June 1918

HOW SERGT. RUSSON WON THE D.C.M.

A THRILLING STORY

The circumstances under which Sergt. W. Russon, Sherwood Foresters, of 33 Grafton Street, Worksop, won the D.C.M. (as reported in our issue of May 10th) are told in a letter to his wife, dated May 26th. He says: "We went up the line and took up positions at a place called _____. We hadn't to wait long before the Germans came on to that village, and I can tell you he put up a hard fight for a couple of nights, but it was of no use, he could not get through. I took up a position close to the main road, and on the second night I saw about 70 men marching up this road in fours. My orderly and myself went down the road to meet them, and when we got about 20 yards of we halted them. One of the crowd gave us answer that they were West Yorkshires, 'English of course,' so I advanced with fixed bayonet to see if they were English or not. As soon as we moved towards them they turned and ran like scared rabbits.



SERG. WM. RUSSON (Worksop).

Seeing them run away like that from two men, I came to the conclusion that they were Germans. I had already looked down this road, and seen that there were three big gaps in the row of houses. I had only 13 men with me, and I had four posts of three men each to find, that left me with one man to deal with the whole lot. In one post, I had a Lewis gun, so I put that near one gap with five men, and the others I put in the last gap. That left me with nobody on guard, so I took that on myself with the orderly."

The "About an hour after, I saw the same group again< so I let them come right up the road to the unguarded gap. Here I halted them, and got the same answer, so I fired two shots at them, dropping one of the leading men, making them think that they were up against a staunch foe... I was nipping first one end and then the other calling men to come on that weren't there, and then I gave them a nice little exhibition with the bayonet... Fritz though that we had landed on him with a lump, so he did a 'nip' straight through the gap.

This was what I wanted, and my Lewis gun then came into play, also my section from the top gap. When he found himself between two fires he was absolutely winded, so we had nothing to do but take them prisoners. We got about 30 prisoners out of that lot, so the other few were nappood (killed)."

Sergt. Russon is greatly to be congratulated upon so nobly earning the proud distinction.
London Gazette 30th August 1918

Worksop Guardian 28th June 1918

HONOUR FOR MATRON OF WELBECK HOSPITAL

The King has awarded the Royal Red Cross to a number of ladies in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war. Amongst the recipients of this distinction is Miss Mabel Hunt, Matron of Welbeck Abbey Auxiliary Hospital, and the fact that her services have thus been recognised is greatly appreciated not only by Miss Hunt's personal friends, but by all who know the splendid work the hospital under her charge is doing.

London Gazette 18th June 1918

Worksop Guardian 12th July 1918

No doubt many residents in Clowne and Creswell will be pleased to know that Sergt. J.H. Watson, M.G.C., has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Sergt. Watson, who formerly worked at Creswell Colliery. Enlisted at Clowne Council School, in October 1914, and went to France in the following June, and so has been out there over three years. A younger brother is now in training with the 4th Leicesters. Sergt. Watson's parents formerly resided at Clowne, but now live at 36 John Street, Worksop.

London Gazette 14th June 1918



London Gazette 16th July 1918

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH FEATHERSTON

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling officer. He kept up communication during the operations with great skill in spite of frequent changes in the situation, and showed the greatest initiative at his work.

London Gazette 19th July 1918

PRIVATE J.W. HOPEWELL

After the No. 1 and No. 2 of his Lewis gun section had become casualties in the ship in which Private Hopewell was serving, he took the Lewis gun ashore and brought it into action. He continued to fire the gun throughout the operation, and was almost the last man to retire, bringing his gun out of action with him, until it was rendered useless by a direct hit by a shell.

WORKSOP GUARDIAN 26TH JULY 1918

CPL. A. MILLS, M.M.

Shortly after the launching of the first German offensive in March, the mother of Cpl. Mills hears from him that, in the course of the heavy fighting that then occurred, he had with others, been in a very tight place where (as has so often been said in this war) it was, for the time, like being in Hell, and from which he thought he would not emerge safely. He had, however, won through (though losing all except what he stood up in), and told his mother (Mrs. B. Hall, Shireoaks) that, with a London.

Chum, he had been awarded the Military Medal for (as he expressed it) "doing his duty, just like any other man would have done." That his officers appreciated the doing of it, is officially notified by the receipt of the warrant from the H.Q. of the Fourth Army, giving the list of those to whom honours had been awarded, among the names being that of Sec.-Cpl. Arthur Mills, whose photograph we give today. Cpl. Mills was in the Territorial Force (Sherwood Foresters) when they were mobilised, and has been in France over three years. On going out, he was transferred to the R.O.D., R.E., and has been on the railway service since, seeing much active service and strenuous work, and experiencing several narrow escapes. Cpl. Mills was at home on time-expired leave at Christmas time last. His friends will wish him further honour and a safe return.

London Gazette 26th August 1918



CORPL. A. MILLS (Shireoaks).

Workshop Guardian 26th July 1918

CRESWELL SOLDIER'S GALLANTRY

Pte. J.W. Hopewell, R.M.L.I., who receives the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal for braver work at Zeebrugge, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hopewell, Baker Street, Creswell. The official account of his gallantry says: "Pte. Hopewell was serving a Lewis Gun on a ship, and when his comrades were Casualties he took the gun ashore and continued to fire throughout the operation, being almost the last man to retire, bringing the gun out of action, when it was rendered useless by a direct hit from a shell."

Twenty-four years of age, Pte. Hopewell enlisted in July 1915, being a Creswell Colliery workman. He was taken prisoner by the Germans at Zeebrugge, and has written home stating he is sound. Another brother, Tom, is serving with the Notts. And Derbys.

London Gazette 19th July 1918



PTE. W. HOPWELL (Creswell).

Workshop Guardian 26th July 1918

CLOWNE SOLDIER'S MILITARY HONOUR

Pte. Tom Sturgess, Canadian Regiment, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field of battle. Writing home to his friends, he tells how he has been presented with the medal, which he describes as a "dandy." Pte. Sturgess, who was wounded in action, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Sturgess, Pork Butcher, Clowne.

London Gazette 12th March 1918

Workop Guardian 2nd August 1918

WHITWELL SOLDIER WINS M.M.

Private Fred Limb, son of Mrs. Limb, the Old Mill, Belph Moor, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty during operations between the Aisne and the Marne, from May 27th to 11th June 1918.

London Gazette 18th October 1918

Workop Guardian 9th August 1918

M.M. FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND DEVOTION

Mrs. Coupland, 14 Norfolk Street. Worksop, has received official intimation that her husband, Acting- Corporal Henry Frederick Coupland, Machine Gun Corps, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action during and attack on June 15th last. Corporal Coupland, who is better known to his intimates as "Cock," and was very well-known in the town, worked at Manton Colliery before joining the army in August 1915. The d his gallant exploit are set forth in the following official announcement: -



T. CORPORAL H. F. COUPLAND, M.G.C. (Worksop)
(Awarded Military Medal.)

"This non-commissioned officer was in charge of a machine gun which was blown up during the heavy bombardment, two of his team being killed by the same shell. He recovers the gun, cleaned it, and mounted it on a ridge to the right of the original position and commenced to fire, but unfortunately had a bad stoppage (bullet in the barrel) which he endeavoured to remedy without success. By this time the enemy had worked their way round his left flank, and tried to cut him off. As his gun was useless, he dismounted it and, with his No. 2, retired towards a gap in the wire, being pressed and fired at by the enemy. In a trench leading into the front line he again tried to get his gun into action, but without success. Eventually he joined the remainder of the sub-section in the front-line trench and assisted to keep off the enemy by rifle fire, until they were forced to withdraw by superior numbers. This non-commissioned officer was wounded in the hand during the bombardment." – E.F. Falkner, Lieut.-Colonel, A.A. and Q.M.G., 30th June 1918.

London Gazette 18th October 1918

Workop Guardian 9th August 1918

DINNINGTON M.M. GAINS A BAR

Sergt. Arthur Evason, Y. and L. Regiment, who was presented with a gold watch at "The Palace" on Xmas Day last, in recognition of his having won the Military Medal, has now added a bar to that decoration. This was earned on Mar. 21st, when the Germans made the first of their big pushes for the coast, by showing exceptional coolness and, under heavy fire, bringing in an officer, Lt. Cummings, when mortally wounded. "Arthur" is very popular in Dinnington, and his friends will be pleased with his new honour. Previous to the war he was employed as a ___ driver at Dinnington Colliery. He joined up in 1914.

London Gazette 16th July 1918, See London Gazette 11th February 1917 for Military Medal

WORKSOP GUARDIAN 16TH AUGUST 1918

HONOUR FOR CLOWNE SOLDIER

Lce.-Corpl. M. Heavey, Notts. And Derbys, High Street, Clowne, is amongst the local lads who have gained military honour. He has recently been awarded the Military Medal. The deed of heroism is described as the establishing of a bombing post and holding same for 24 hours against constant attacks.

Worksop Guardian 16th August 1918

WORKSOP OFFICER BRINGS IN MAN UNDER FIRE

Writing to Mr. F. Iliffe, Lce.-Corpl. Granville Wright, Sherwood Foresters, now in hospital in London, describes how he was wounded. It happened on the night of July 24th, when he was picked to go on a raid, the party consisting of an officer, a sergeant, a corporal, lance-corporal, and six privates. "We got old Jerry's line alright and we all put him a bomb in his trench, then we got up to rush it. But just as luck would have it, the moon came out full, and so old Jerry spotted us, and don't forget if he did not give us hell for ten minutes. Two of our men and the officer were hit, so we began to make our way back. We got the two men back alright, but we found the officer was not with us, so Mr. Cashmore, who was our O.C., asked where he was, and said 'we shall have to have him in.' So, I and Sergt. Boast, and the O.C., Mr L. Cashmore, went out to find him. We found him close to old Jerry's trench, but our luck was out as Jerry again spotted us, and he simply rained bombs and machine gun fire into us. This is where I got my medicine."

"The way Mr. Cashmore and our sergeant worked to get me and the wounded officer in was simply marvellous, as Jerry had got the wind up, and kept up a good fire. But Mr. Cashmore brought me in alright upon his back, and I want you to have this published in the "Guardian" for them to see the good work a Worksop officer did for me. The calf of my left leg is all shattered, and the artery is severed, and there is a nice gash in my right leg, but thank God no bones are broken."

Lieut. Cashmore is well-known in Worksop, and his gallant exploit is characteristic of his coolness and bravery.

Worksop Guardian 23rd August 1918

LCE.-CORPL. W.A. SMITH, M.M.

Information is earnestly desired by Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Smith, W.M. Club, Hodthorpe, Whitwell, respecting the fate of their only child, Lce.-Corpl. William Alexander Smith, 1st Lincolnshire Regiment, reported missing since April 16th. As a matter of fact, Lce-Corpl. Smith has not been heard from since the end of March. Inquiries have been made through the Red Cross Society and other channels, but so far without avail, though in a letter from the Infantry Records Office, Lichfield, dated Aug. 11th, it is stated that Smith was awarded the Military Medal for services, presumably prior to April 16th. No other details are known. The missing soldier was only 16 when he enlisted in December 1914, and will be 20 in November next. Before joining up he worked at Whitwell Colliery. He is a fine well setup youth, and his many friends trust that good news will yet be received concerning him. His father is the well-known Worksop cricketer, who resided at Kiveton Park before he removed to Whitwell.

London Gazette 2nd August 1918



LCE.-CORPL. W.A. SMITH (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

Workshop Guardian 23rd August 1918

D.C.M. FOR CRESWELL SOLDIER

Residents of Creswell and Staveley will be interested to learn that Sapper H. W. Piggford, R.E. Signalling Section, has been awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. A native of Staveley, and the eldest grandson of the late Mr. Marmaduke Wright-Tudsbury, of that town, Sapper Piggford, prior to enlisting, followed the calling of his father, Mr. J.B. Piggford, of the Railway Waggon Works, Doncaster, and was employed successively at Creswell, Shirebrook, and Mansfield Collieries. He is now a dispatch rider, and is attached to the headquarters staff of a Tank Brigade. He joined up voluntarily two years ago, in the K.O.Y.L.I., and has been in France fourteen months. He is a son-in-law of Mr. J. Vardy, Duke Street, Creswell.

UNABLE TO CONFIRM

Workshop Guardian 30th August 1918

WORKSOP SOLDIER AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL

Information has been received this week by the relatives of Lce. Corpl. Fred Harrison, Gordon Highlanders, third son of Mrs. Harrison, 78 Central Avenue, Worksop, that he has been awarded the Military Medal for services during the recent operations in France. Beyond this no further particulars are to hand.

Lce. Corpl. Harrison will receive the congratulations of his many friends in winning this signal honour. Joining the forces in September 1915, he, with several other Worksop youths, first served in the Cameron's, and was later transferred to the Gordon Highlanders. Lce.-Corpl. Harrison is a fine soldierly young man, 22 years of age, and six feet in height. He has seen considerable service in France, and was home on leave in March last, previous to enlisting he was an assistant with Messrs. Shaw and Sons, Ironmonger, Bridge Street.



CE-CORPL. FRED HARRISON (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

London Gazette 30th August 1918

SERGEANT WILLIAM RUSSON

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A party of the enemy succeeded in surrounding his post and section. He immediately charged them, killing two and capturing five. Owing to the courage and initiative he displayed the post remained intact, although the enemy made another attempt to take it. For ten days, he led and handled his section in the most capable manner, rendering valuable assistance to his company commanders at critical periods.

Worksop Guardian 6th September 1918

DINNINGTON BOMBARDIER WINS M.M.

We are pleased to record the rank and name of another Dinnington lad who has won the Military Medal, as announced in a special supplement to "The London Gazette," dated Thursday Aug. 29th, as follows: - "33636 Bombardier W.H. Snow, R.F.A., of Dinnington." Bombardier Snow is the second son of James Snow, Church Lane, and lived in Dinnington, until joining up in 1914, practically all his life. He has been in France 3½ years, where he has seen much active service. The actual deed for which the Military Medal has been awarded is not yet known to his parents, but as he was slightly wounded some four months ago, in the German Spring offensive, it is thought probable he earned it then. He has since then been severely wounded, his parents receiving notification of the fact the same day the notice appeared in "**The Gazette.**"

We heartily congratulate Bombardier Snow (and his parents too) upon his having won this honour, and hope he will have a speedy recovery from his injuries. Bom. Snow, as a boy, was an active member of the Church Boy Scouts and C.L.B. He was later employed as a driver at Dinnington Main Colliery. He has two brothers serving the King and Country in the Navy.
London Gazette 14th June 1918

Worksop Guardian 13th September 1918

MEDAL FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

Another Worksop soldier to be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal is Sergt. H. Wells, 9th Leicesters, whose home is at 6 Osborne Terrace, Low Town Street. When the war broke out Sergt. Wells was a stoker at Manton Colliery, and had previously worked for Mr. F. Bannister. He enlisted on Sept. 3rd 1914, and has been some time in France. He was awarded the medal for services rendered on June 17th, and it will be presented to him on his return to England, probably at Worksop. He is married, and has three children who have reason to be proud of their father. He is now attached to the M.M.P., and has had two horses killed under him. Sergt. Wells is 32 years of age. We wish him a safe and speedy return.

London Gazette 14th June 1918

London Gazette 13th September 1918

CAPTAIN GEORGE POWELL

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer in command of a company fought a skilful rear-guard action, enabling the battalion to take up a fresh position. On several occasions, he went out to reconnoitre, gaining important information, and once, when out with only three men, brought back four prisoners. A few days later, when all other officers had become casualties, he led the battalion in a brilliant attack, gaining the objective, and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. His example throughout ten days' fighting was of inestimable service.

London Gazette 18th September 1918

SECOND-LIEUTENANT HARRY GREAVES

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a company in the front line he led a small party round the back of an enemy patrol and cut them, off, killing many, and capturing a company sergeant-major and one man, who gave valuable information. He did very valuable service.

Worksop Guardian 20th September 1918

GALLANT SHIREOAKS SOLDIER

The friends of Corp. E.C. Brownlow will be pleased to hear that he has been awarded the Parchment Certificate for gallant conduct and devotion to duty, by the G.O.C., 8th Division, under the following circumstances: - "On 27th August 1918, Cpl. Brownlow was conspicuous for the example of grit and courage he set to his section in repelling enemy bombing attacks and leading bombers forward against the enemy. During a heavy bombardment of our lines he dressed wounded under fire and dug out a comrade who was buried by a shell, which fell close to him, in complete disregard of all personal danger. His conduct in a critical situation was beyond all praise."

Worksop Guardian 20th September 1918

SEC.-LIEUT. GEORGE POWELL, D.S.O.

HOW HE LED THE BATTALION

The official account of the circumstances under which Sec.-Lieut. George Powell, Notts. and Derby Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Powell, Eastgate, Worksop, gained the honour of being made a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, has now been published. The account as gazetted reads: - Sec.-Lieut. George Powell, Notts. and Derby Regiment. "This officer in command of a company fought a skilful rear-guard action, enabling the battalion to take up a fresh position. On several occasions, he went out to reconnoitre, gaining important information, and once, when out with only three men, brought back four prisoners. A few days later, when all other officers had become casualties, he led the battalion in a brilliant attack, gaining the objective, and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. His example throughout ten days' fighting was of inestimable service."

Worksop Guardian 20th September 1918

SERGT. WM. RUSSON, WORKSOP

In our issue of June 21st last, we reported that Sergt. Wm. Russon, Grafton Street, Worksop, had been awarded the D.C.M., under circumstances of much gallantry, and demanding great presence of mind. The award has now been gazetted, and the story in brief is as follows: - 12276 Sergt. W. Russon, Notts and Derbyshire Regiment (Worksop). "A party of the enemy succeeded in surrounding his post and section. He immediately charged them, killing two and capturing five. Owing to the courage and initiative he displayed the post remained intact, although the enemy made another attempt to take it. For ten days, he led and handles his section in the most capable manner, rendering valuable assistance to his company commanders at critical periods."

Worksop Guardian 20th September 1918

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

LIEUT. G.L LISTER-KAYE

Lieut. G.L Lister-Kaye, of the Lincolnshire Yeomanry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Lister Kaye, Scofton, Worksop, is mentioned, among others, for distinguished and gallant services rendered on the occasion of the destruction or damage by enemy action of hospital ships, transports, and store ships. Lieut. Lister-Kaye was in the Sherwood Rangers some years ago, and then went to South America. When war broke out he gave up his appointment and came to England to join the Army.

London Gazette 3rd September 1918

Worksop Guardian 20th September 1918

WINNERS OF THE D.C.M.

Worksop people will hear with great satisfaction that another Worksop man has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and has been promoted from Lce. Corpl. to Sergeant on the field of battle. The young soldier in question is Sergt. Dare Sorby, brother of Miss Sorby, Burwood, Highland Grove, and youngest son of the late Mr. Leonard Sorby, Inglewood, Worksop. Sergt. Sorby emigrated to Canada about ten years ago, and there married. He enlisted at the commencement of the war, and came over to do battle for the old country with the first Canadian contingent, he joining the Black Watch, attached to the Canadian Expeditionary Force. As will be seen from the photograph, he is wearing the Battalion Honours presented to the Canadian Black Watch for heroic work on the Somme. Sergt. Sorby being among the remnant of the battalion, which only numbered 75. He was awarded the D.C.M. and promoted on 8th August, and the official report of the occurrence has yet to be received.



SERG. D. SORBY, D.C.M. (Worksop).

We are very sure that Miss Sorby's many friends in Worksop will be proud to hear that her brother has thus distinguished himself, and that he adds another name to the long list of Worksop men who have so manfully fought for liberty and freedom. Sergt. Sorby has twice been slightly wounded, but otherwise has come through safely. He was educated at Retford Grammar School.

London Gazette 12th November 1918 for D.C.M.

Worksop Guardian 11th October 1918

D.C.M. FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

Another Worksop soldier to be awarded the D.C.M. is Sergt. W. Cunnington, Coldstream Guards, son of Mrs Cunnington, 6 Grafton Street, Sergt. Cunnington is well-known in Worksop and district, and before enlisting was engaged as a booking clerk on the G.C. Railway, in which capacity he served at Worksop, Shireoaks, Waleswood, and other stations. He has been in France for a year and nine months, and was awarded the D.C.M. some little time ago. The circumstances under which he gained the distinction have not yet been made public. He is a well-built young fellow, and stands over six feet. His many friends will congratulate him most heartily upon the fact that so far, he has come through unwounded. They trust he will continue to have the same good luck, and that he will soon be at home again.

London Gazette 3rd 1918

London Gazette 11th October 1918

TEMPORARY CAPTAIN BERNARD H HORSLEY M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and dashing leadership. During a counter-attack by his company he led a bombing party along the trench, killing many of the enemy and bombing them in dug-outs with such determination that they soon began to surrender. He eventually cleared three hundred yards of trench and joined up with other troops. His company altogether captured over a hundred prisoners, including six officers, and took six machine guns, three of which were immediately put in action against the enemy. It was greatly owing to his perfect handling of his company throughout that the counter-attack was a complete success. He performed magnificent service.

Worksop Guardian 18th October 1918

WORKSOP CHEMIST AWARDED M.M.

His many friends in Worksop will be pleased to hear that Pte. Sam Alltoft, Signalling section, who, previous to joining the Bedfords in 1915, was for over ten years an assistant with Boots', Chemists, Bridge Street, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field during the heavy fighting from Aug. 22nd – 26th. Pte. Alltoft, writing to his friends, says he was personally congratulated by the Colonel, and is now wearing the ribbon, and will get the medal when he comes to England.

During the time he was in Worksop, Pte. Alltoft was for some years a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and instructor to some of the classes. He is well-known in the town and very popular among his acquaintances who wish him a safe return.

London Gazette 7th February 1919

Worksop Guardian 18th October 1918

WELBECK M.M. DIES OF WOUNDS

Another of the brave men of this district to lay down his life for his country is Pte. Edgar Pogson, military medallist, youngest son of Mrs. Pogson, South Lodge, Welbeck. The news of his death is contained in a letter to his mother from a Casualty Clearing Station in France, which reads as follows: - "Dear Mrs Pogson, I regret to inform you that your son died here from wounds received in action. He suffered little, and his end was very peaceful. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy, sincerely yours, Janet Richardson, Sister in Charge." The communication was received last Friday, and the date of Pte. Pogson's death is not mentioned. This is all that has been received up to the present.

The deceased was 30 years of age, and enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters shortly after the outbreak of war, being sent to France about Xmas 1914. He had only been in France this last time about a month, having come from service in Italy, where he had been nearly a year. Writing to his mother, he says how sorry he was to return to France's mud-hole from Italy, but he thinks "it is to end the war, and that he won't be long before he is home." He was expecting a leave this Xmas, not having been home since August last year. He had been wounded twice, once before being awarded the military medal in June 1917, and once since.

The news of Pte. Pogson's death will be received with great regret by his many friends, and their sympathy will be extended to his mother.

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SERGT. DARE SORBY, D.C.M

On Monday afternoon, the news was received that Sergeant Dare Sorby, D.C.M., Black Watch, Canadian Expeditionary Force, youngest son of the late Mr. F.L. Sorby, Worksop, had passed away on the previous Friday at a hospital in France. The wound he received in his knee on Sept. 28th was not at first considered serious, and it was thought he would soon be in England, but probably the head wound he received as recently as Aug. 16th, and the strain of the severe fighting he had taken part in during the last few months, had weakened his splendid constitution, and he gradually sank and passed away as stated. Upon hearing that things had taken a serious turn his sister, Miss Sorby, endeavoured to obtain a pass to visit him, but she did not get it in time. However, she had immediately written to Miss Ida Kemp, V.A.D (daughter of Dr. Kemp) who had just returned to France after fourteen days leave, asking her to visit Sergeant Sorby if possible. On receiving the letter, Miss Kemp lost no time in finding the hospital, but the gallant soldier had passed away a few hours before she got there. She saw the matron and Sister who nursed him, and from them obtained many particulars, which, of course, are a great consolation to his relatives. In her letter conveying the sad intelligence to his sister, Miss Kemp writes: - "I can only assure you that everything that could be done for him, was done. The hospital he was in was an excellent one, and the Matron one of the kindest of women. Both she and the sister who nursed him were very upset by his death. They said he was such a splendid patient and so unselfish and uncomplaining. They would have done and given anything to have pulled him through, but he was just tired out, and gradually sank to rest.

One consolation is that he suffered very little pain." His gentle, unselfish disposition caused him to be loved by all who knew him. Sergeant Sorby enlisted when war was first declared. He had married Miss Lily Gunn, of Glasgow, in June 1914. She and her little daughter have remained in Canada.

Sincere sympathy is expressed with them and with Miss Sorby and the other members of the family in their great bereavement.

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SERGEANT W. CUNNINGTON (Workop).
Awarded D.C.M., as reported in our last issue.

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SERGEANT W.A. WRIGHT

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has at all times set a high standard of courage and resource to the personnel of his unit. He successfully led carrying parties through very heavy shelling, and by his coolness in a surprise gas projection he prevented a number of casualties.

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SERGEANT W. RUSSON, D.C.M.

PRESENTATION AT WORKSOP

A crowd assembled at the Town Hall, Workop, on Saturday afternoon to witness the presentation of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Sergeant William Russon, Sherwood Foresters, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Russon, 33 Grafton Street. Councillor W. Raines, J.P., chairman of the Urban Council, made the presentation, and among those present were the Rev. J.H. Bligh, Councillors G. Storer, G.H. Turner, F.G. Foster, A. Middleton, T. Hancock, and F.S. Whittell, Supt. Meakin, Lieut. Meakin, Lieut. Featherston, Sergeant Ben. Bolton, Mr. G.H. Featherston, Mr. George Elliott, Mr. W.W. Skelton, and Mr. T. Harpham. There were also a number of wounded from Kilton Hill Hospital. Among the members of Sergeant Russon's family present were the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russon; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Russon, brother and sister-in-law; and his fiancée, Miss Lily Crossland.

Councillor Raines said that no duty allotted to him during his term of office as chairman of the Council could give him more pleasure than the one he had to perform that afternoon. They had been greatly gratified at the accounts of the fighting during the last few days. The continued success of our fighting forces, he considered, had been brought about by good generalship and such splendid men as Sergt. Russon, who had been awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. (Cheers.)

Mr Raines proceeded to read the official account of the circumstances in which Sergt. Russon so distinguished himself, as follows: - "A party of the enemy succeeded in surrounding his post and section. He immediately charged them, killing two and capturing five. Owing to the courage and initiative he displayed the post remained intact, although the enemy made another attempt to take it. For ten days, he led and handled his section in the most capable manner, rendering valuable assistance to his company commanders at critical periods." He then presents the medal, and shaking hands with Sergt. Russon, said, "May God spare you for many years to wear it." (Loud cheers.) The medal was pinned on by a gold tie pin presented by Mr. Raines.

Sergt. Russon in responding, said it was up to the to keep the name of the old town going. Punishing the Germans severely was the only way to end the war. Referring to the way in which the people at home had looked after their men in the fighting, the speaker said he could thank the public of Worksop on behalf of all the Worksop soldiers for their many kindnesses to them. It was such institutions as the Chums' Association and the Sweets' Association that they appreciated, and their parcels were always very acceptable.

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TRAGIC DEATH OF WALESWOOD SOLDIER

Sec.-Lt. Harry Martin, D.C.M., of Waleswood, has met his death in a tragic manner, somewhere in the South of England.

He and others were gassed and injured by a shell, which, owing to some unexplained reason, exploded. Sec.-Lt. Martin was badly injured and died in hospital on Tuesday. Lieut. Martin joined up at the outbreak of the war and had seen considerable service. He won the D.C.M. in France, and was afterwards given a commission.

Prior to enlistment, he was employed as a fitter at Waleswood Colliery. He was particularly well-known in local cricket and hockey circles, having the reputation as a thorough good sportsman. We hope to reproduce his photograph next week.

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KIVETON PARK OFFICER AWARDED THE D.S.O.

"Temporary Captain Bernard H. Horsley, M.C., K.O.Y.L.I., during a counter-attack by his company he led a bombing party along the trench, killing many of the enemy and bombing them in dug-outs with such determination that they soon began to surrender. He eventually cleared three hundred yards of trench and joined up with other troops. His company altogether captured over a hundred prisoners, including six officers, and took six machine guns, three of which were immediately put in action against the enemy. It was greatly owing to his perfect handling of his company throughout that the counter-attack was a complete success. He performed magnificent service.

Such is the official description of the winning of the D.S.O. by Captain B.H. Horsley, of Kiveton Park, who will be heartily congratulated upon the high distinction. Captain Horsley won the Military Cross in the Battle of the Somme in 1916. "For conspicuous gallantry and skill in leading his company in an attack under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He was severely wounded. Throughout the campaign, he has displayed great powers of leadership." Captain Horsley was in New York, U.S.A., when the clash of arms came, and he immediately threw up a good position to come to England to answer the call. He joined the K.O.Y.L.I., gained his commission, and was quickly promoted to his company.

His brother, Captain Roland H. Horsley, R.E., joined as a private in the Hussars, and was afterwards given a commission in the Royal Engineers. Prior to enlistment, he was chief surveyor at the Kiveton Park Collieries.

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SERGT. W.A. WRIGHT, D.C.M.

The circumstances under which 202259 Sergt. W.A. Wright, N. Staffordshire Regiment, Worksop, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wright, 145 Cheapside, won the proud distinction, the D.C.M., are this officially recorded: - "He has at all times set a high standard of courage and resource to the personnel of his unit. He successfully led carrying parties through very heavy shelling, and by his coolness in a surprise gas projection he prevented a number of casualties."

Sergt. Wright is at present home on leave and has received the hearty congratulations of his many friends.

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D.C.M. WINS M.M.

A further honour has been won by Sergt. Wm. Russon, D.C.M., Sherwood Foresters, of Grafton Street, Worksop, who was recently presented with the D.C.M. News has just been received that the gallant soldier has been awarded the Military Medal on recognition of special work accomplished by him a few nights before he left on his recent leave. The details have not yet been published. Sergt. Russon, who is a member of a well-known Worksop family, is to be heartily congratulated on the honours he has so bravely won. We wish him a safe return.

London Gazette 11th March 1919

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ANOTHER WORKSOP MEDALLIST

We are also pleased to announce that the Military Medal has been conferred upon Spr. John Blakey, R.E., of 2 Bracebridge, Worksop, who has been in France fourteen months. He enlisted in January last year, prior to which he was a joiner at Osberton. He has been awarded the medal for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field, and the Officer Commanding the Division to which Sapper Blakey is attached forwards his congratulations. Spr. Blakey's many friends and townspeople generally will be proud of this gallant soldier.

London Gazette 13th May 1919

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WON DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Captain Stanley Turner, R.A.F., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E.M. Turner, Anston, is at home on a short leave. The many friends of the family will be pleased to learn that this gallant airman, although only 19 years of age, has recently been promoted to the rank of Captain, and has won the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has seen six months' service in France. Before joining up he was a student in Sheffield University, and had won a scholarship in glass technology. **London Gazette 29th November 1918**

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Mr G H Featherstone has received a letter from a former Worksop resident, Mr George Bailey, who now resides at Fort William, Ontario, Canada, giving news of his son, G A Bailey. As a boy he was a scholar in the Wesley Sunday School and eight years ago, with his parents, emigrated to Canada. He enlisted in the 52nd Canadian Infantry Regiment and was created a sergeant on the field at Conseelette, later winning the military medal and was subsequently awarded a bar to his medal. He was killed in action near Cambrai on 28th August last. At the Wesley Sunday School on Sunday morning, the letter was read to the scholars. Many of the teachers and elder scholars recalled the farewell service held eight years ago, and much regret was expressed at the loss of the gallant soldier and sympathy with his parents in their great bereavement.



London Gazette 12th November 1918

LANCE-CORPORAL FREDERICK WILLIAM DARE SORBY

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during an attack. He employed his Lewis gun to great, tactical advantage, killing a large number of the enemy. By giving covering fire with his gun, he was responsible for the capture of two strong points by his section. He rendered most valuable service.

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SERGEANT FREDERICK WILLIAM DARE SORBY

When his platoon was advancing on a village along a sap, the enemy attempted a flanking movement. This N.C.O. rushed out with a Lewis gun, beating them off with heavy casualties. The platoon was next held up by a defended wire block. In attempting to rush it he was wounded by a bomb bursting on his helmet. He next found one of his men, who was missing, lying very badly wounded. He picked him up and carried him back under a hail of bombs.

Killed 9th October 1918

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ANOTHER HONOUR FOR CRESWELL MINER

A short time ago we had great pleasure in announcing that Sergt. J.H. Watson, M.G.C., had been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, and now his friends will be pleased to hear that he has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field and devotion to duty. Sergt. Watson enlisted from Creswell Colliery in October 1914, and has been in France three years and five months. His younger brother, Pte. F.E. Watson, 6th Leicesters, has been in France three months, and in that short time has been in some severe fighting.

London Gazette 14th May 1919

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D.C.M. FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

The parents of Private Arnold Sibbering have received intimation that he has been honoured by being awarded the D.C.M. He belongs to the North Staffs Regiment. The bravery exhibited by Pte. Sibbering is shown by the letter received as follows: - "Pte. A. Sibbering, during the attack, rushed forward to an enemy dug-out in time to prevent 45 of the enemy coming out and firing on his Company. Pte. Sibbering spiritedly forced all the enemy to surrender by threatening them with bombs. His action undoubtedly saved much hard fighting and heavy casualties."

London Gazette 14th February 1919 & 9th January 1920

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WORKSOP SOLDIER AWARDE THE MILITARY MEDAL

PTE. ARCHIE W. COLTON, S.F.

Information has been received that Pte. Archie W. Colton, 1-8th Sherwood Foresters, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallant and soldierly conduct, and for conspicuous bravery in the field on Oct. 17th. He had also been congratulated by his Commanding Officer on a previous occasion. Pte. Colton, whose home is at 34 Church Walk, is a son of the late Mr. Wm. Colton, Jnr., Cheapside, and voluntarily enlisted in the Sherwoods in November 1914, previous to which he worked at Manton Colliery. He is well-known in local football and cricket circles. Pte. Colton has seen a considerable amount of fighting, and he has been through all the big battles in Northern France, and has had the good fortune to escape being wounded.

London Gazette 13th May 1919

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M.M FOR SHIREOAKS SOLDIER

Some time ago Corpl. E.C. Brownlow, 1st Batt. Sherwood Foresters, was awarded the Parchment Certificate for conspicuous gallantry, and was subsequently promoted Sergeant. During recent leave from France he has been notified of the award to him of the Military Medal, the occasion on which the honour was won being in the operations on Fresnes-Rouvroy and Queant-Drocourt lines in September and October 1918.

London Gazette 13th May 1919

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BARS TO MILITARY MEDAL

Pte. Thomas, of the Stretcher Bearing Section, was one of the first Shireoaks men to be recommended for devotion to duty under most trying conditions, for which the Military Medal was awarded him. News of this first honour trickled through, as it were; but the awarding of successive bars – a first and a second – has only become known through men over on leave from the 1-8th Shers. Giving information.

London Gazette 13th May 1919 for first Bar, and London Gazette 22nd July 1919 for second bar

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SECOND-LIEUTENANT HARRY GREAVES

This officer organised and led an attack on a position which was held in great strength by the enemy. He personally led one of the bombing attacks, and, advancing under very heavy fire, captured the objective and consolidated it. Three times he repulsed hostile counter-attacks, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He was always ready for any emergency, and showed high courage and skill throughout the period.

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CAPTAIN STANLEY TURNER

A gallant and zealous pilot who has rendered valuable service on photographic and contact patrols. On the morning of 20th September Lieutenant Turner carried out a most successful contact patrol, locating the position of our troops in face of very heavy hostile fire -and under adverse weather conditions.

Owing to a hostile counter-attack the situation that evening again became obscure, and this officer carried out a second patrol, over the same area. Owing to his Klaxon horn being damaged by the intense fire to which he had been subjected he was compelled to descend to a very low altitude to ascertain the position of our troops. On this occasion, Lieutenant Turner displayed courage and skill of a high order.

London Gazette 3rd December 1918

CORPORAL (LANCE-SERGEANT) W. CUNNINGTON

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under circumstances of great difficulty, in a fog, he displayed fine judgment in handling his platoon and gained the objective, although much opposition was offered. On another occasion he showed similar fine courage and initiative

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MILITARY HONOURS

PTE. ALF. MAWER CHAMBERLAIN, S.F.

It is with pleasure that we have to add another name to the list of brave Worksop lads who have won Honours in the field. Writing home a fortnight ago, Private Alfred Mawer Chamberlain, nephew and adopted son of Mr. C.H. Chamberlain, watchmaker, 43 Gateford Road, said, "he and three comrades had been recommended for the Military Medal, with an N.C.O. for the D.C.M." In a further letter received on Monday, Pte. Alf. Chamberlain says: - "You will be pleased to know that I have got the ribbon put on my coat, and have also received the congratulations of my superior officers. The award is for conspicuous bravery in the field." Pte. Chamberlain, with three comrades and an N.C.O. went out on patrol four times in "No Man's Land" under shell fire to obtain information regarding the enemy, and came back to where the lads were each time safely with valuable information. "You can back we were in a hot place," he adds, "and we had to run for our lives."



PTE. ALF. M. CHAMBERLAIN (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

The gallant young soldier, who will be 20 years of age in January next, enlisted in April last, previous to which he worked at Shireoaks. Well-known in musical circles in the town as a violinist, and also playing in the orchestras at the local places of amusement and various concerts. His many friends will congratulate him on the honour he has thus won.

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M.M. FOR WORKSOP MAN

Another Worksop soldier to be awarded the Military Medal is Corpl. E. Musgrove, 1st-8th Sherwood Foresters, whose mother, Mrs. Williams, resides at 72 Portland Street. His father was the late Mr. T. Musgrove, of Worksop. Writing to Corpl. Musgrove, his officer, Lieut. Hallam says if anyone deserves a decoration I think you do.

Corpl. Musgrove is at present home on leave and returns to France tomorrow.

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KIVETON PARK SOLDIER WINS M.M

"For conspicuous bravery at Mont Kemmel, on 17th April 1918. During an attack on the enemy's position, his company were held up by machine gun fire. Private Dennis went forward with his Lewis Gun and got up a deadly fire on the German machine gun post. By doing this the attack was carried out with success." Such is the official description of the winning of the Military Medal by Private Alfred E. Dennis, 1/5 York and Lancs., son of Mrs. Wright, and stepson of Mrs. J. Wright, of 11 Dawson Terrace, Kiveton Park. Pte. Dennis was presented with the medal at Ripon Camp on November 19th. He was rather badly wounded at the time of winning the M.M., but is now recovered. He enlisted on Sept. 2nd 1914, and up to being wounded in April this year had seen continuous active service in France.

Previous to enlistment, he was employed at the Kiveton Park Collieries. On Saturday, he was married at St. John's Church, Wales, to Miss Jane Hare of Sunderland. Private Alfred Dennis has a brother, Gunner Harold Dennis, R.F.A., who also enlisted at the outbreak of war, and has seen lengthy service in France and Salonika, and is now on his way home from the latter.

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A CLOWNE HERO

A public presentation of the Military Medal awarded to Lce. Corpl. Martin T. Heavey, Sherwood Foresters, took place on Saturday evening, at the Clowne Picture Hall. Brigadier-General Jackson, of Clay Cross, who made the presentation, spoke in eulogistic terms of Lce. Corpl. Heavey's gallantry, which is described in the official record as follows: - "On June 7th, on reaching hostile trenches this N.C.O. established a bombing post and held it against constant bombing attacks. He kept up the supply of bombs and when hostile attack was pressed home he encouraged his men to further efforts, with the result that he held his post successfully for 24 hours, until reinforcements came to his assistance."

Lce.-Corpl. Heavey, who has recently been discharged, has seen three-and-a-half years of active service, and has twice been wounded. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Brig-Gen. Jackson, who was supported by Mr. G. Calow, Mr. J.T. Hill and Mr. B. Elliott, who represented the Parish Council.

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CORPL. W. CUNNINGTON, D.C.M

Some weeks ago, we had the pleasure of recording the fact that Corpl. W. Cunnington, Coldstream Guards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cunnington, Grafton Street, Worksop, had been awarded the D.C.M., and the circumstances under which this coveted honour are now officially reported as follows: -

D.C.M.

18079 Cpl. (L.-Sergt.) W. Cunnington, 1st Bn. C. Guards (Worksop).

Under circumstances of great difficulty, in a fog, he displayed fine judgment in handling his platoon and gained the objective, although much opposition was offered. On another occasion he showed similar fine courage and initiative.

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D.C.M. FOR WELBECK SOLDIER

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We have much pleasure in announcing that Sergt. J. Eaton, 12th Royal Irish Rifles, son of Mrs. Eaton, of Welbeck Kennels, has been awarded the D.C.M. He is at present in Bagthorpe Hospital, Nottingham, and has received a letter from his C.O. congratulating him on the honour conferred upon him. His relatives and friends will be pleased that his services have been recognised by the bestowal of both the M.M and D.C.M.

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A WHITWELL MEDALIST

Pte. Edward Kitchen, of Whitwell, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry in action in October last. He enlisted at Leeds in March 1916, in the West Yorkshire Regiment, and was sent to France the following June. After two years' service, he was transferred to the M.G.C., and it was whilst serving in this corps that he gained the medal. He makes the 15th "old boy" from Whitwell School to gain the M.M., a splendid record of which Whitwell might well be proud.

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PTE. W.A. SUFFOLK, 2ND BEDFORDS, WINS THE D.C.M.

Another local man to gain honours in the war is Pte. W.A. Suffolk, 2nd Bedfords, son of Mr. Wm. Suffolk, Woodside Cottage, Shireoaks. Joining the forces in January this year, he went out to France in May, previous to which he worked at Shireoaks, where his father is at present and under-manager. Pte. Suffolk, who is about 30 years of age, is well-known in the town, and before enlisting took a keen interest in boxing. The gallant soldier has been awarded the D.C.M. for distinguished conduct and bravery in the field. Pte. Suffolk outflanked a machine gun, killing the crew, and also capturing the gun, recently, at Albert, his bravery saving the lives of many of our own men. He was congratulated by his officers, and received the ribbon, which was pinned on his coat immediately. We are sure his many friends and fellow workmen at Shireoaks will join in their congratulations on the honour thus won.

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PTE. W. A. SUFFOLK (Shireoaks)

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SIGNALLER CYRIL ALLSOPP, M.M.

It is very gratifying to learn that another Worksop boy has been awarded the Military Medal, viz. Sig. Cyril Allsopp, Royal West Kents, second son of Mr. and Mrs Elijah Allsopp, of Thurcroft, formerly of Worksop. The circumstances under which Signaller Allsopp won this proud distinction have not yet been gazetted, but it is understood that he won the medal by his bravery in taking messages to the Guards under heavy fire. Cyril is well-known in Worksop, and his many friends will congratulate him most heartily upon his gallantry. He was 19 last August, and enlisted on September 3rd last year. His elder brother Charles, is also serving.

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CORPL. E. MUSGROVE, M.M. (Worksop).
As reported in our last issue.

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PTE. A. DENNIS, M.M. (Kiveton Park).
As reported in our last issue.

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SERGEANT WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSON

For most conspicuous bravery at Ramicourt on the 3rd of October, 1918. When his platoon was held up by a nest of enemy machine guns at very close range, Sergeant Johnson worked his way forward under very heavy fire, and single-handed charged the post, bayoneting several gunners and capturing two machine guns. During this attack, he was severely wounded by a bomb, but continued to lead forward his men. Shortly afterwards the line was once more held up by machine guns. Again, he rushed forward and attacked the post singlehanded. With wonderful courage, he bombed the garrison, put the guns' out of action, and captured the teams. He showed throughout the most exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty.

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WORKSOP'S V.C.

SERGEANT OF TERRITORIALS WINS THE HONOUR MAGNIFICENT HEROISM

It is with unbounded satisfaction that we are this week able to record the fact that Sergeant William Henry Johnson, 1 Shelley Street, Workshop, 1st-5th Notts. and Derby Regiment (T.F.) has been awarded the Victoria Cross. The circumstances under which the gallant soldier gained this proud distinction are thus narrated in the "Gazette": -

"Sgt. William Henry Johnson, 1-5th Bn., Notts. and Derby Regiment (T.F.) (Workshop). When his platoon was held up by a nest of enemy machine guns at very close range, Sergeant Johnson worked his way forward under very heavy fire, and single-handed charged the post, bayoneting several gunners and capturing two machine guns. During this attack, he was severely wounded by a bomb, but continued to lead forward his men. Shortly afterwards the line was once more held up by machine guns. Again, he rushed forward and attacked the post singlehanded. With wonderful courage, he bombed the garrison, put the guns' out of action, and captured the teams.



MECHANIC STAFF-SERGEANT PERKINS.
(Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.)

Sergt. Johnson, who is a son of the late Mr. William Johnson, a painter, is 28 years of age, and prior to enlisting on February 9th 1916, worked as a miner at the Manton Colliery, Workshop, belonging to the Wigan coal and Iron Company. He was badly wounded in the heavy fighting early in October this year, in which the Sherwoods so distinguished themselves, and is now in hospital in France. He is married and has three children aged 9, 7, and 3, and both he and his wife, who was a Miss Walton, belong to well-known Workshop families.

Sergt. Johnson's two brothers have both served, viz; Edward Johnson and Albert Johnson. The news reached Workshop on Sunday morning, and was given out by the Vicar, the Rev. G.J.A. d'Arcy, with his other announcements at the Priory Church. The congregation, he said, would be glad to know that a member of their church, and one of their bell-ringers, Sergt. W.H. Johnson, had been awarded the Victoria Cross.

The announcement caused great pleasure, and there were many inquiries as to the circumstances under which the distinction had been won. Mrs. Johnson received many congratulations, and on Monday morning her neighbours in Shelley Street, decorated their houses in her husband's honour.

JOY BELLS RUNG FOR A WORKSOP HERO

On Sunday evening, the bells of the Priory Church rang out a joyful peal of 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples, compose and conducted by H. Haigh to commemorate the awarding of the Victoria Cross to No. 30612 Sergt. William Henry Johnson, 1-5th Bn., Notts. and Derby Regiment (T.F.), Worksop.

Sergt. Johnson is a member of the Priory band of change ringers, and, prior to the war, by hard work and patient perseverance, attained high efficiency in the art of change ringing. His quiet and unassuming disposition endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and he was most popular with all his colleagues, being known as "Our Billy." He was always keen and anxious to attempt and master the most intricate methods, but shortly after the war broke out he volunteered his services and patriotism for his King and country. In a letter written on Dec. 8th to the writer of these lines from a hospital bed in France, he says: -

"I must tell you I am making good progress, had another operation a fortnight ago, and am feeling the benefit of it now. I have not yet been out of bed, but I am hoping to get up very shortly. I was very pleased with the newspaper cuttings you sent me, and the good ringing you did on Armistice day. I must thank you and the ringers very much for remembering me, and for the volleys fired on the bells on my behalf. I can assure you that when I read of it in the papers I felt very grateful to you all. Sorry I shall not be able to be with you for Christmas ringing, but shall be able to go with you on the annual outing-trip next Whitsuntide, if all goes well with me.

This is the bright and cheery letter read to the ringers on Sunday last, and the ringers again assembled on Monday night to fire a few volleys and ring 720 of Kent Treble Bob. The following took part in the ringing: - R. Wright, aged 15 years, first quarter peal; H.H. Cartwright, W. Roberts, H. Haigh (conductor), E. Clark, J.T. Wilson, Sapper T. Bartholomew, R.E., and G. Hardwick. - H. Haigh, 103 Gateford Road, Worksop.

On enquiry yesterday, we were glad to learn that Sergt. Johnson, who is in hospital at Trouville, is progressing satisfactorily. In addition to his wounds and lung trouble, he has been suffering from influenza, but in a telegram received by Mrs. Johnson yesterday from the hospital, her husband is reported to be doing well. She has also received some interesting letters from the nurses, one of whom writes: -

"I wish to offer you my heartiest congratulations on your husband being awarded the V.C. Sergt. Johnson has been through a very rough time, and the courageous way in which he has borne his pain and sickness has endeared him to us all. He very often talks of you, and his chief delight in gaining this honour is for your sake. He has not told us what his brave deed was, but we shall make him tell us one day. I cannot tell you how proud we all are of him. Again congratulating you, and with all good wishes for both your future happiness."

Sister J.M. Mitchell, V.A.D., writes: - "I must send you just a line of heartiest congratulation upon the great honour which has been won by your husband. He has not told us by what act of special courage he won the distinction, and his modesty only enhances its value. We who have been with him through his long and trying illness can really appreciate the moral courage which goes to make up the true hero... Hoping he will get home before long."

WORKSOP COUNCIL'S TRIBUTE

Speaking at the meeting of the Worksop Urban Council on Monday night, the Chairman (Mr. W. Raines, J.P.) paid a fine tribute to Sgt. Johnson. Worksop, he said, had made a splendid response to the appeals which had been made during the war, both for men and money. He believed Worksop to be the equal to any other town as regards the honours which had been won by their splendid and heroic men.

It had been his heart's desire that some Worksop lad should win the V.C., the greatest honour and distinction it was possible to win, and he was proud to say that his honour had been won by a townsman, in the person of Sgt. W.H. Johnson, one of the old Notts. and derby men. (Applause.) He regretted that Sgt. Johnson now lay seriously ill from wounds and influenza. He moved that the Council send him their congratulations and a message of appreciation, also wishing him a speedy recovery. (Applause.)

Mr. T. Hancock seconded, and said Sgt. Johnson had won a great honour. Worksop was very proud of him, and he hoped it would make him a handsome present. The vote was carried with acclamation.

Worksop Guardian 20th December 1918

ANOTHER WORKSOP MEDALIST

CORPL. W.H. WRIGGLESWORTH

Another Worksop soldier to be awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry on the field is Corpl. W.H. Wrigglesworth, 1st-8th Sherwood Foresters, son of Mr. and Mrs. H Wrigglesworth, 126 Kilton Road. Corpl. Wrigglesworth, who is 36 years of age, has been in France since February 1915, and has had the good luck to come through without a scratch. Nevertheless, he has had several very narrow escapes, and has on frequent occasions carried out his duty under heavy fire. The circumstances under which he won the Military Medal are thus recorded: -



W. H. WRIGGLESWORTH, M.M. (Worksop)

No.305172 Corporal W.H. Wrigglesworth, 1/8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, awarded Military Medal for the following Act of Gallantry: -

"During the attack at Bellenglise and Ramicourt between 29th September 1918 and 4th October 1918, this N.C.O., who was in charge of the Battalion Stretcher Bearers, showed special devotion to duty. When the Aid Post was being heavily shelled and gassed, and cases had to be attended to in the crowded passages, Corpl. Wrigglesworth was an exceptional help to the Medical Officer in dressing cases, and expediting.

The evacuation of wounded. He went out on several occasions into the open to attend to cases under shell fire, and on one occasion worked unceasingly for 24 hours.”
We congratulate Corpl. Wigglesworth and his relatives on his very gallant conduct, and upon the distinction he won.

London Gazette 13th May 1919

Workshop Guardian 20th December 1918

A SHIREOAKS MEDALIST

LCE.-CORPL. L. THOMAS

In the brief note in a former issue we were unable to give particulars of the work for which Pte. L. Thomas had been awarded a second Bar to his Military Medal. The following letter and extract from orders will be read with interest by his many friends, who will be glad to know that the gallant soldier is now recovering from a serious attack of jaundice.

His Company Commander writes to his parents: - “May I, as your son’s Company Commander, offer you and him my heartiest congratulations for his splendid for his splendid work, which I was able to see him do. I hope he is better now. E.W> Wagner, Capt., 8yj S.F.”

No. 306026 Pte. L. Thomas, M.M., 1/8th Sherwood Foresters, awarded 2nd bar to M.M., Nov. 3 1918, for the following act of gallantry: - This man, a stretcher bearer, worked continuously during the attack on 17th oct. 1918, near Regnicourt, to fetch in wounded under heavy machine gun fire. He never hesitated to go out into the open to attend to his comrades. **London Gazette 22nd July 1919**

Workshop Guardian 20th December 1918



Worksop Guardian 27th December 1918

MILITARY HONOURS

PTE. WM. GRAY, M.M.

Another Worksop man to be awarded the Military Medal is Pte. William Gray, of the Grenadier Guards, son of the late Mr. Gray, formerly farm bailiff for Mr. Hbt. Hopkinson, and later of Sparken Hill Farm, Worksop. Pte. Gray served in the South African War, and was a time-expired man when the call came in August 1914. At the time, he was an Inspector in the service of the N.S.P.C.C., at London. He, however, re-enlisted, and was soon sent to France, in which country he has been for over three years. He is married and his sister, Mrs. H. Hope, lives at Darnall. Pte. Gray was awarded the M.M. in recognition of his conspicuous bravery.

Unable to confirm this

Worksop Guardian 27th December 1918

D.S.O. FOR BARLBORO' OFFICER

Barlboro' people will be pleased to learn that Lieut. Harry Greaves, M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jude Greaves, New Road, and brother of the Barlboro' V.C., has been awarded the D.S.O. In a letter to his parents, Lieut. Greaves modestly says that he has had the ribbon of the D.S.O. pinned on him on the field. The official report is not yet to hand. Only recently Lieut. Greaves had the signal honour of carrying the colours from Derby to the Front. He has also gained two bars to his Cross. The hero enlisted in the Notts. And Derbys at the time the country were urgently calling for men. The village has every cause of pride, having in addition to the V.C., M.C., and D.S.O., a D.C.M., half-a-dozen Military Medallists and a Croix de Guerre.

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HONOUR FOR CRESWELL SOLDIER

Sergt. T. Franklin, R.F.A., son of Mr. And s. W. Franklin, 198 New Village, Creswell, in a letter to Mr. S. Evans, J.P., the colliery manger, states that having been mentioned in despatches, he has been awarded the D.C.M. and the French Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star. Sergt. Franklin, who formerly worked at Creswell Colliery is 23 years of age, and enlisted in September 1914, being one of the first in the village to answer Lord Kitchener's call. He went out to France in May 1915, and came through all the heavy fighting unscathed, until march 21st last, when he was wounded in the leg with shrapnel, and was treated in hospital in England. After spending a furlough with his parents in June he returned to France, and took part in the severe fighting that culminated in the signing of the Armistice. He is now in Germany.

London Gazette 11th March & 28th November 1919

Worksop Guardian 27th December 1918

D.C.M. FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

The gratifying news reached Whitwell this week that the honour of D.C.M. had been conferred on two Whitwell lads. Sam Hague, who had been previously awarded the Military Medal, and William Young, of Bakestone Moor, whose brother Herbert, after receiving his M.M. was killed some time ago.

London Gazette 28th November 1919

Worksop Guardian 3rd January 1919

WORKSOP'S V.C.

A PUBLIC PRESENTATION

The public of Worksop will, we are very sure, give their cordial approval to the proposal made by Mr. W. Raines, J.P., Chairman of the Urban Council, that a presentation should be made by the townspeople to Sergt. William Henry Johnson in recognition of the gallant exploit which won him the Victoria Cross. Worksop has every reason to be proud of its sons who have taken part in the war. They have all fought bravely, and many of them have brought special honour to the town, and we are proud to know that the greatest honour the King can award has been won by a Worksop soldier. No wonder his fellow miners at Manton are proud of him. It is Mr. Raines' hope that the subscription list he is about to open will be in every respect representative. Whilst substantial sums from those who can afford them will be welcomed, it is particularly hoped there will be a great number of small amounts, so that when the presentation is made to Sergt. Johnson, he will have the pleasure of knowing that the townspeople as a body have united to do him honour.

The gallant soldier is still in hospital, but is slowly getting better.

Worksop Guardian 10th January 1919

D.C.M. FOR CLOWNE SOLDIER

Sergt. J. Naughton, R.E, of Mitchell Street, Clowne, who has just been released from active service, has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry on the field of battle.

London Gazette 31st December 1918, 2nd September 1919.

See London Gazette 22nd July 1919 for Military Medal

Worksop Guardian 10th January 1919

M.M. FOR ANSTON SOLDIER

Cpl. H. Storey, 19207, 9th Batt. Sherwood Foresters, of West Street, Anston, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry in the field on Nov. 10th last. He is to be congratulated upon the honour.

London Gazette 22 September 1919



CORPL. H. STOREY (Anston).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

London Gazette 10th January 1919

2ND LIEUTENANT HARRY GREAVES

He led three platoons of his company with marked gallantry and ability in a raid on a village field by the enemy, capturing prisoners and a machine gun and inflicting heavy casualties in killed and wounded. The complete success of the enterprise was largely due to his courage and fine example of coolness under heavy fire.

Second Bar to Military Cross, M.C. gazetted 18th September, 1918. 1st Bar gazetted 29th November, 1918.

Worksop Guardian 17th January 1919

V.C.'S BROTHER HONOURED

Sec.-Lieut. Harry Greaves, M.C., D.S.O., 3rd Batt. Notts. and Derbys, who has been awarded a second bar to his M.C. for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jude Greaves, New Road, Barlboro', and a brother of Sergt. Fred Greaves, V.C., M.M., Notts and Derbys. Both brothers were employed at the Colliery, and volunteered for service in 1914. Sergt. Greaves was the first Derbyshire soldier to win the V.C.

Worksop Guardian 24th January 1919

"MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES"

HONOUR FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

It is announced in the "Gazette," that Lance-Corporal Horace G. North, of the Royal Engineer's, 4th Army Signal Company, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. North, of Carlton Road, Worksop, has been mentioned for good work in Sir Douglas Haig's last despatch. It is not known for what reason his name has been included in the list, but we are certain that it is as a reward for devotion to duty and consistent good work in maintaining vital communication, either as an operator or in the repairing of the wires. Corpl. North, who has been in France over four years, formerly worked at the Worksop Post Office, and his colleagues there have forwarded him their hearty congratulations upon receiving such an honour, whilst his many friends in the town will join us in offering our sincere congratulations.

By a peculiar coincidence, his brother, Sergt. North, also of the Royal Engineers, was similarly "mentioned" some time ago. Sergt. North is at present doing duty on the staff of the Supreme War Council.

Another brother is on service in Mesopotamia, so that Mr. and Mrs. North have three sons in the army, all in the R.E.'s, one a Lance-Corporal, the other a Corporal, and the third a Sergeant.

London Gazette 23rd December 1918

Worksop Guardian 24th January 1919

HONOUR FOR CRESWELL DOCTOR

Captain W.T. Wood, R.A.M.C., of Creswell has been demobilised after over four years' service with the Colours. For the greater part of that time he acted as regimental doctor to a line battalion in the North Midland brigade, and latterly was attached to the ammunition column of the same Brigade. Though well over military age, Capt. Wood joined up at the outset of the war, and happily realised his desire to see the war through. Our readers will well remember his excellent services in connection with the Creswell Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, many members of which have rendered noble service with medical units in all parts of the world, and also with the Nursing Sisters, who have given their service gratuitously at the V.A.D. hospital at Creswell, of which Mrs. Wood is the commandant. In recognition of his services, Capt. Wood has been awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French Government.

UNABLE TO CONFIRM

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D.C.M. FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

Sergt. S Hague, Notts. And Derbys, of Hall Leys Farm, Whitwell, who was awarded the Military Medal in July 1917, has now received the D.C.M. for gallantry displayed on the field in October 1918. He served over two years in France. His wife is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Chambers, New Village, Creswell

The Old Boys of Whitwell Church Schools have been awarded six D.C.M.'s and fourteen Military Medals.

In recognition of valuable services rendered with the armies in France and Flanders, the Meritorious Service Medal has been awarded 305999 Pte. J. Nelson, 8th Bn. (T.F.) Notts. And Derbys, Worksop.

London Gazette 17th January 1919

Worksop Guardian 31st January 1919

HONOURS FOR WORKSOP SOLDIERS

The Military Medal for gallantry in the field has been awarded to 293129 C.Q.M.S. H. Long, of Worksop, of the 7th Bn. Cheshire Regiment.

London Gazette 19th November 1918, 21st January 1919 and October 1919

The President of the French Government has awarded the Croix de Guerre to 121032 2nd -Cpl. George Henry Woolley, 89th Field Company, R.E., of Worksop, "for distinguished services rendered during the campaign."

London Gazette 29th January 1919

Workshop Guardian 31st January 1919

THE MONS STAR AND RIBBON

The Mons Star and Ribbon has just been received by Mrs. Stringfellow, widow of Pte. B.H. Stringfellow, Coldstream Guards, son of ex Sergt. Stringfellow, who was killed on Nov. 21st 1914, at St. Julien. The War Office letter which accompanied the award said: - "The medal is sent to you in memory of the services which your husband rendered to the British Expeditionary Force whilst employed in France and Belgium between the outbreak of war and November 21st 1914." The star is of gold and has the name of the deceased soldier inscribed upon it.

Workshop Guardian 31st January 1919

M.M. FOR WORKSOP BOMBARDIER

Another Workshop lad to win distinction is Bdr. William Fowler, C. Battery, 62nd Brigade, R.F.A, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fowler, 70 Kilton Road. Bdr. Fowler joined up in September 1914, and has been in France three years and eight months. He is 22 years of age, and for a time worked at Manton Colliery, where his father is engaged as a night watchman. Young Fowler has seen considerable fighting, and has luckily escaped unhurt. A few days before the armistice was signed he won the Medal for his gallantry and devotion in the field. His C.O. has forwarded him his heartiest congratulations "on the honour done you by H.M. the King in awarding you the Military Medal for the gallant service you rendered on November 19th." We heartily congratulate Bdr. Fowler on this recognition of his bravery. His brother, Sgt.-Major Jno. Fowler, is in Romania.



BDR. W. FOWLER (Workshop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

Workshop Guardian 31st January 1919

M.M. FOR KIVETON PARK SOLDIER

We congratulate Sergeant Willis Deakin, 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, son of Mt. and Mrs. W. Deakin, Carrington Terrace, Kiveton Park, upon winning the Military Medal. The award was gazetted on Monday. Sergeant Deakin, who enlisted in 1915, has seen a lot of heavy fighting in France with the famous "Fighting Fifth."

London Gazette 21st January 1919

Pte. T. Wright, of the 15th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment), has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field. During operations in August 1917, he sustained serious injuries, and afterwards had his arm amputated in a London hospital.

London Gazette 30th October 1917

Worksop Guardian 7th February 1919

TWICE HONOURED

WORKSOP SOLDIER WINS D.C.M. AND FRENCH MEDAL

Some time ago 121032 Sergt. George Henry Wooley, of the 8th Field Company, Royal Engineers, of 92 Netherton Road, Worksop, was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for consistent good work in action. As briefly announced last week Sergt. Wooley has now been awarded the Croix de Guerre by the President of the French Government for "distinguished services rendered during the campaign." Apart from the official announcement in the "Gazette," Sergt. Woolley, who was demobilised in December, has just received a letter from the officer who formerly commanded his company. The letter, which is dated Jan. 19th, and was written in France, reads:

"Dear Sergeant Woolley, Many congratulations on winning the D.C.M. announced in the London "Gazette" list of New Year Honours. It has been thoroughly well earned, and the whole Company is very proud of you. Our work this year has been very strenuous, and I wish to express my appreciation of the gallantry displayed by you has been recognised by the award of the D.C.M.



SGT. G. H. WOOLLEY, D.C.M., Croix-de-Guerre (Worksop).

I wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year, and the brightest of hopes for the future. I remain, yours sincerely, S. Snell, Major, R.E., 89th Field Coy., R.E." Sergt. Woolley, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Woolley, of Burton-on-Trent, came to Worksop in 1911, to an appointment at Manton Colliery, at which he was engaged prior to enlisting.

The congratulations of many friends, and of the townsfolk generally will be accorded to Sergt. Woolley. To win the D.C.M. is a high honour, but for this to be followed by the Croix de Guerre is singular recognition of an N.C.O.'s services. We may be very sure that the honours were awarded for consistent good work in helping the infantry. Strictly speaking, the engineers are not a combatant unit, but the work of the Field Company, such as that to which the sergeant belonged, is very dangerous and always strenuous, and it is just and proper that such efforts should be appreciated by the "powers that be." To Sergt. Woolley we extend our hearty congratulations, an expression in which our readers, we are sure, will join.

London Gazette 31st December 1918 & 2nd September 1919

Worksop Guardian 7th February 1919

SECOND HONOUR FOR WORKSOP SOLDIER

A few months ago, Mr. and Mrs. T Harrison, 11 Gladstone Street, Worksop, had the satisfaction of seeing their son's name, Sergt. Bert Harrison, included in the honours list with a Meritorious Service Medal to his name, and now we are able to announce that the same soldier has been awarded the D.C.M. His name has appeared in the "London Gazette," but how the sergeant has so proudly distinguished himself is not known, although we can be certain that his reward has been gained by good work in connection with the Observation Section to which he has been employed on the Headquarters staff for about a year.

Sergt. Harrison, who is 23, is one of the men Worksop will welcome back with pride. He has spent three years in the army, and most of that time "Out there."

London Gazette 2nd September 1919

Lieut. Dan Harding, R.M.I., formerly an assistant master at the Creswell Church Schools, who joined the ranks in the early days of the war, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

London Gazette 14th February 1919

Workop Guardian 14th February 1919

LIEUT. DAN. HARDING, CRESWELL.

Creswell people will be pleased to hear of the honour which has been bestowed upon one of its soldiers. Lieut. Dan. Harding, R.M.A., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harding of Welbeck Street, Creswell, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Educated at Brunts' Technical School, Mansfield, and the Netherthorpe Grammar School, Lieut. Harding was employed as an assistant master at the Creswell Church School prior to entering a Training College. When the War broke out, Mr Harding enlisted as a private in the Royal Marine Artillery, in November 1914, and in the following year was dispatched to Egypt, where he saw much service against the Senuissi, a treacherous tribe of the desert. He won his laurels both as a signaller and a gunner. Returning to England a few months later he trained for a commission and passed the final examination with flying colours. He was gazetted on Dec. 12th 1917, and proceeded to France shortly afterwards, eventually taking up a none too "healthy" front with his battery on the Belgian coast, where his battery was subjected to almost continuous fire from the German guns. Lieut. Harding, who is 25 years of age, and who is over on leave, hopes to enter a training college in the autumn.

London Gazette 14th February 1919

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M.M. FOR WHITWELL SOLDIER

HONOUR TO PTE. J.N. BLOW

To the large number of Whitwell lads who have received distinction for acts of bravery, another one is added this week, viz., Pte. James Newman Blow, who is the recipient of the Military Medal. The official intimation states that "During the advance east of Le Cateau on Oct. 21st he did excellent work, and showed great daring as a runner. When the advance of the battalion was held up by machine gun fire he went forward to ascertain the situation in the front line, in the face of very heavy machine gun fire. Lewis guns were pushed forward on the right flank, and quickly gained a superiority of fire, thus enabling the advance to proceed, and two machine guns to be captured. Throughout the day his work was of the highest value, and his coolness under machine gun and artillery fire was a fine example to all ranks."

London Gazette 22nd July 1919

Workop Guardian 14th February 1919

WORKSOP' V.C.

WELCOME TO SERGT. W.H JOHNSON

On Tuesday evening Worksop had the opportunity of according a public welcome to Sergt. William Henry Johnson, V.C., 1st-5th Batt., Notts. And Derby regiment (T.F.) on his return home on recovery from the wounds sustained in action, when he won the coveted distinction. Sergt. Johnson travelled from Birmingham, where he had been an inmate of the Military Hospital, and was met at Sheffield by his wife. He arrives at Worksop by the 5.07pm train, and awaiting him on the platform were a large group of friends, acquaintances, and the general public.

Outside the station and immense crowd had gathered, and the streets had been decorated in his honour, despite the fact that very short notice of his arrival was given. The streamer bearing the words "Welcome Home," which crossed Bridge Street from the Cattle Market Hotel, well expressed the popular sentiment.

On the station platform were Coun. W. Raines, J.P., Chairman of the Urban Council, who was accompanied by Councillors G.H. Hall, F.G. Foster, and J.H. Saxton. The Priory Bellringers, of which company Sergt. Johnson was a member, was represented by Mr. H. Haigh, Mr. A. Johnson, V.C.'s uncle, and Cadet Arnold Beck; The Sweets Association by Mr. R. Tingle, and the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, who formed a guard of honour outside the station, by Mr. G. Fairclough and Mr. W. Marshall. The sergeant's little children were also on the platform in the care of friendly neighbours. On Sergt. And Mrs. Johnson alighting from the train, they were greeted by an outburst of cheering, and the V.C. was enthusiastically greeted, and people crowded round him to congratulate him, and some women, in their enthusiasm, embraced him.



MECHANIC STAFF-SERG. PERKINS
(Awarded Meritorious Service Medal)

Escorted by Mr. Raines, Sergt. Johnson was led across the bridge and, through the Station Booking Hall to the station yard, where an open landau, drawn by two horses and appropriately decorated, were in waiting. The way was lined with discharged soldiers, and a passage was kept by the untiring efforts of Police Sergeants Roberts and Mitchell, and other officers. Sergt. And Mrs Johnson took their seats with their children, and Mr. Raines, standing up in the landau, addressed the V.C., remarking that on behalf of the inhabitants he wished to accord him a hearty welcome on his return from the battlefield, where he had attained such a proud distinction. (Cheers.) When the news reached Worksop that a Worksop man has won the V.C. his heart knew no bounds. He was delighted to think this honour had come to Worksop, and he was sure that the inhabitants were equally as proud and pleased, and that he was only giving expression to their wishes when he said to Sergt. Johnson, "Welcome home, and may you be spared for many years to come and have a speedy recovery from all your wounds." (Cheers.)

Sergt. Johnson made no reply beyond bowing his acknowledgements and saluting the crowd.

Had it been possible, a band would have been in attendance, but unfortunately this could not be arranged, and the demonstration was therefore shorn of its effects. However, the streets were lined with spectators and, as the carriage proceeded up Bridge Street, the sergeant was greeted with cheer after cheer. It was an experience which he told us afterwards he would never forget. "indeed," he said, "At times I could not see anything."

The route taken was along Potter Street, down Prior Well Road, to Shelley Street, where Sergt. Johnson lives. Just before Shelley Street was reached, Sergt. Johnson said a few words. He expressed his delight at being in Worksop once more, and he thanked them all for the hearty welcome they had given him. He noticed amongst the crowd a number of discharged and wounded soldiers and sailors, and he would like to say this: "That there was not one among these men who would not have done what he had done if they had been placed in a similar position on the battlefield. They would all, like British soldiers, have done their duty." Once more he thanked them sincerely for their hearty welcome.

To welcome Sergt. Johnson's return, the Priory ringers assembled on Tuesday evening, and rang merry peals, grandsire triples, Union Triples and Bob Major, and "fired" the bells at intervals in volleys. Sergeant Johnson was present in the belfry during the proceedings, and thanked the ringers for the high honour bestowed upon him and expressed the wish to be able to take part in a short peal on Sunday next. The following ringers took part in the ringing: - H. Haigh (captain), Sergt. T. Anderson, Cadet A. Beck, Sapper T. Bartholomew, R.E., H.H. Cartwright, A. Johnson, W. Roberts, E. Clark, G. Eastland, G. Hardwick, R. Wright, and H. Simpson.

London Gazette 14th February 1919

LIEUTENANT DANIEL HARDING

For services with the Royal Marine Artillery Siege Gun Detachment in Flanders. On the 28th March, 1918, at "Carnac" battery, near Oost Dunkirk, after extricating himself from the debris caused by an enemy shell bursting in his gun position, displayed marked coolness in attending to the wounded and assisting to extinguish a fire. Has since shown zeal and devotion to duty on all occasions.

Workshop Guardian 21st February 1919

DINNINGTON SOLDIERS HONOURED

Second-Lieut. E. Crummack, 4th Bat. Y. and L. Regiment, attached 6th Bat., D.C.M. and Russian Order of St. George, has been further honoured by the Military Cross. Lt. Crummack, before joining the colours in 1914, was a miner at Dinnington Colliery. He speedily gained promotion and has seen much service. He has twice been wounded. He is highly respected, and some time ago was publicly presented with a gold watch by the public of Dinnington, in recognition of the honours he has won and the promotion he had earned. His home is at Lorden's Hill, Dinnington.

London Gazette 29th July 1919

Sergeant F.W. Whyld, Royal Fusiliers, who was previously employed as an assistant in the grocery department of the local branch of the Handsworth Woodhouse Co-op Society, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry in action.

London Gazette 7th February 1919

We offer both Lt. Crummack and Sergt. Whyld, our heart congratulations upon their well-deserved honours.

Workshop Guardian 28th February 1919

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

We are able to publish a photograph in this issue of Mechanist-Staff-Sergeant A.J. Perkins, M.T., R.A.S.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. A Perkins, late of Cotterill Wood, Woodsetts, and brother of Mrs. Leonard Palmer, of Shireoaks, who as announced last week, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.



MECHANIC STAFF-SERGT. PERKINS.
(Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.)

The Sergeant joined the West Riding R.H.A. (Wentworth Battery) in 1910, and was called up on the outbreak of war, receiving his discharge in 1915 on the termination of his five years' engagement. He re-enlisted in the Mechanical Transport, and has seen three years' service in France. Prior to the war, he was employed at the Sheffield Simplex Motor Works.

London Gazette 17th January 1919

Workshop Guardian 28th February 1919



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M.M FOR SHIREOAKS SOLDIER

On the 20th inst., Sapper Ernest Warboys received the following from his officer: - "Dear Warboys, Just a scribble to congratulate you on your M.M., which I see has been awarded to you today (Feb 17). You certainly deserve it for your work all through, and more especially during the last two months while out with me. With best wishes for your success in civil life. Yours sincerely, Andrew Pearson."

This was supplemented next day by the following official notice: - "I have the pleasure to inform you that the Third Army Commander has awarded you the Military Medal in the "Peace Despatch." This will be published in due course in the "London Gazette." The Chief Engineer, Third Army, desires me to convey to you his congratulations, and I take this opportunity of also congratulating you. W.H. Tamblyn, Capt., E.E., A/O.E., 181st Tunnelling Co., R.E."

London Gazette 19th August 1919

Workshop Guardian 7th March 1919

M.M. FOR BARLBOROUGH SOLDIER

PTE. GEORGE GREAVES

There was a pleasant gathering at the Institute on Monday, when Pte. George Greaves, of Barlboro', was presented with the Military medal. Mr. J.H. Clarkson presided, and remarked that Pte. Greaves had brought further honour to the village, and on behalf of the parish he warmly thanked him. He wanted to thank all those who had gone from the village; they had saved this country from the fate of France and Belgium. They were all pleased to welcome Pte. Greaves home.

Colonel Butler Bowdon said Pte. Greaves was worthy of all praise; he had had to carry his life in his hands to win the honour and was a credit to the village. Barlboro' had done magnificently in the war and the honours achieved were worth boasting of. He did not know whether there was anything in a name, but there was certainly some grit in the name of Greaves. (Applause.) One had won the V.C., a brother had won the Military Cross and D.S.O. and now another of the same name had gained the Military Medal. He was interested in Pte. Greaves' deed, as it had been performed not far from where his son was killed. The Colonel then pinned the medal on the coat of Pte. Greaves, who thanked the Colonel and all the parishioners for what they had done for him.

At the close three cheers were raised for "Trudger." The hero enlisted in January 1915, and served two years and three months in France, and has been wounded twice, on the Somme and at Ypres. He was attached to the 17th Batt. Notts. And Derbys. He won his medal on the 20th Sept. 1917, for carrying messages through heavy shell and machine gun fire south-east of Ypres. His brothers Fred and Herbert, have done two years' active service.

Worksop Guardian 7th March 1919

Congratulations will be extended to Lance-Corpl. Stanley Featherston, Royal garrison Artillery, of Queen Street, Worksop, son of Mr. G.R. Featherston, clerk to the Worksop Urban District Council, and Mrs. Featherston, who has been awarded the Military Medal. It is understood that during an attack by the British, at Le Cateau, the advancing troops came under a heavy gas shell bombardment. Corpl. Featherston, however, succeeded in maintaining communication with his battery, an achievement which, under the circumstances, required a great deal of pluck and initiative. His brother, Joseph, was awarded the Military cross some time ago.

London Gazette 19th August 1919

Worksop Guardian 7th March 1919

FRENCH DECORATION FOR LATE WORKSOP SOLDIER

After much delay, consequent upon a confusion of names and numbers, the news has come through that a Worksop soldier, Cpl. Arthur Johnson, M.G.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, 23 Kilton Road, who was killed in the German onslaught on March 21st 1918, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre in recognition of his good work and bravery in the field. It was known that he had been recommended for recognition, and, thanks to Sir F. Milner's kindly offices, the full facts were ascertained, and his parents have received this proud testimonial to their late son's valour. Cpl. Johnson joined the Territorials in July 1914, and was sent to France during the following year. He was wounded at Neuve Chappelle, and on recovery, he was again hard at it. Poor brave lad, he did not live to receive the honour he so nobly won, and which is now his parents' most treasured possession.

(Confirmed on CWGC site)



SERGT. G. H. WOOLLEY, D.C.M., Croix-de-Guerre
(Worksop).

Workshop Guardian 14th March 1919

PTE. C.G.H. TAYLOR, WORKSOP

Another Workshop soldier to be awarded the Military Medal is Pte. Charles George Henry Taylor, 1/5th Lincolns, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Taylor, Westgate, Worksop. Pte. Taylor joined the Territorials at Scunthorpe early in 1914, and shortly after the outbreak of war he was in France. He was attached to the bombing section, and in the fierce fighting which took place in April 1915, he greatly distinguished himself, and in recognition of his coolness and bravery he has now been awarded the M.M. Pte. Taylor was wounded in the shoulder by an explosive bullet, and was in hospital in England for ten months. On recovery, he was sent to Ireland, and has since been discharged. Three brothers, Albert, Steven, and William, all served in the Notts. and Derbys, and are now discharged.

(UNABLE TO CONFIRM)



PTE. C. G. H. TAYLOR.
(Awarded Military Medal.)

Workshop Guardian 28th March 1919

WORKSOP SOLDIER'S AND THE KING

INVESTITURE TOMORROW

Tomorrow (Saturday) morning, at 10.30, two Workshop men will be honoured by the King at Buckingham Palace, when His Majesty will present Sergt. W. H. Johnson, 1-5th Bn., Notts. and Derby Regiment (T.F.), with the Victoria Cross, which proud distinction he won by one of those glorious deeds that have made famous the British Army. His Majesty will also admit Captain George Powell, 16th Sherwood Foresters, into the Companionship of the Distinguished Service Order, and honour which Captain Powell gained by a brilliant feat of arms. He is the first Workshop officer to gain the D.S.O., just As Sergt. Johnson is the first Workshop soldier to be awarded the V.C. Thus, Saturday will be a proud day for Workshop.



It is interesting to observe that both Captain Powell and Sergt. Johnson joined the army as privates. Captain Powell was an old Territorial, and was called up at the outbreak of the war, and Sergt. Johnson enlisted on Feb. 9th 1916. Four of Captain Powell's brothers have served their country, and one has made the great sacrifice. He will return to France from Buckingham Palace, and Sergt. Johnson will come back to Workshop, probably arriving here at 7.42p.m. Mrs. Johnson has been invited to accompany him, and Capt. Powell's many friends hope that his soldier brothers will be able to be present to witness the honour conferred upon him



CAPTAIN GEORGE POWELL, D.S.O.

Workop Guardian 4th April 1919

AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

WORKSOP SOLDIERS HONOURED BY THE KING

VICTORIA CROSS FOR SERGEANT; D.S.O. FOR CAPTAIN

Saturday was a proud day for Worksop; when two Worksop Soldiers were honoured at Buckingham Palace by the King, who held an Investiture, and, in the presence of a large number of spectators, bestowed over 300 decorations of various kinds, including war honours and the insignia of the Orders of bath, St. Michael and St. George, The British Empire and Royal red cross, together with an Albert Medal for special gallantry.



LEAVING BUCKINGHAM PALACE AFTER THE INVESTITURE.

(Photo. "Factional Press.")

Of the six V.C.'s only four could be awarded personally, because the winners of the other two had paid with their lives for their bravery, and the crosses were bestowed upon their next of kin. The recipients of the Victoria Cross included Sergeant William Henry Johnson, 1/5th Battalion Notts. and Derby Regiment (T.F.), of Shelley Street, Worksop.

HERO'S "WONDERFUL COURAGE"

The circumstances under which the honour was awarded to Sergt. Johnson were thus narrated in the London "Gazette" at the time:

306122 Sgt. William Henry Johnson, 1/5th Bn., Notts. and Derby Regiment (T.F.) (Worksop). For most conspicuous bravery at Ramicourt on the 3rd of October, 1918. When his platoon was held up by a nest of enemy machine guns at very close range, Sergeant Johnson worked his way forward under very heavy fire, and single-handed charged the post, bayoneting several gunners and capturing two machine guns. During this attack, he was severely wounded by a bomb, but continued to lead forward his men. Shortly afterwards the line was once more held up by machine guns. Again, he rushed forward and attacked the post singlehanded. With wonderful courage, he bombed the garrison, put the guns' out of action, and captured the teams.

Sergt. Johnson, who is a son of the late Mr. William Johnson, a painter, is 28 years of age, and prior to enlisting on February 9th 1916, worked as a miner at the Manton Colliery, Worksop, belonging to the Wigan Coal and Iron Company. He was a member of the Priory band of change ringers. He enlisted on February 9th 1916 and served for exactly four years. He was with the 2/8th Sherwood Foresters for three years, but was transferred to the 2/5th Notts. and Derbys, and later to the 1/5th Battalion.

Sergeant Johnson is as modest as he is brave. His quiet and unassuming disposition endeared him to many, and he was most popular with all his comrades, being known as "Our Billy."

THE KING AND WORKSOP

“WORKSOP! OH, YES, I KNOW!”

Sergt. Johnson, accompanied by his wife, who was a Miss Walton, and who, like her husband, belongs to a well-known Worksop family, left Worksop for London on Friday.

When His Majesty was pinning the medal on his breast, he chatted for several minutes with the recipient. The King asked the Sergeant his age and whether he was going to remain in the Army. On receiving a reply in the negative, His Majesty enquired the hero's pre-war occupation, and expressed the hope that good luck would attend him in his civilian employment. “And where do you come from” asked the King. “Worksop, Your Majesty,” was the answer.

“Worksop! Oh, yes, I know!” replied the King.

“The King seemed to know Worksop very well” said Sergeant Johnson to a “Worksop Guardian” reporter later.

The medal, which was enclosed in a handsome case, which in its turn was covered by a small box, bears the inscription:

“306122, Sgt. W.H. Johnson, 1st 5th Bn. Notts. and Derby's Regt.”

The cover is engraved, “Sergt. W.H. Johnson, V.C.”

A ROUSING RECEPTION

It was expected that Sergt. Johnson and his wife would arrive in Worksop at 7-42 on Saturday night, but, unfortunately, the King's Cross train to Retford was late and the connection to Worksop was missed. Therefore, the large crowd which gathered to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were doomed to disappointment. A large number gathered on the platform, including Mr. W. Raines, J.P., chairman of the Worksop Urban District Council and President of the Worksop Traders Association, and Mr. H. Hodges, who also represented the Traders Association. A guard of honour was to have been formed by the Worksop Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors' and Soldiers' Association, including Mr. J. Fairclough (chairman), and Mr. J. Woodhead (hon. Secretary). The Worksop Town band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Wrigglesworth were also present.

Sergt. Johnson, however, arrived at 9.20, and as he detrained met with a great reception. As the train steamed into the station, the band played, “see the conquering hero comes,” and later Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were driven home, via Eastgate, in a gaily-decorated carriage and pair.

Worksop Guardian 11th April 1919

LOCAL HONOURS

THE MILITARY MEDAL

Sergeant Thomas Story, 20th Canadian Battalion, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Story, of 68 Portland Street, Worksop, has so distinguished himself as to be awarded the Military medal, which was received the other day by his parents. Sergt. Story emigrated to Canada in July 1913, and subsequently came over with the Colonial troops to France, where he took part in many of the heroic and memorable onslaughts which coupled the name of the Canadians with the title of honour. When he won his medal, he had achieved the rank of corporal, and was promoted sergeant afterwards.

It is not known how he gained the distinction, but excellent qualities as a fighting man, to which witness is borne by his well-earned promotion, goes far to lend certainty to the fact that he earned the honour for a distinct act of bravery.

Sergt. Storey is expected home today, and hopes to make an early return to the colony, where his wife is at present. (London Gazette 24th January 1919)

Worksop Guardian 18th April 1919

WORKSOP SOLDIER HONOURED

M.M. FOR CAPTURING MACHINE GUN POST

Congratulations will be extended to Sergeant Thomas Story, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Story, of 68 Portland Street, Worksop, who has been awarded the Military medal. Sergt. Story emigrated to Canada in July 1913, but enlisted in 1914, and in 1915 came over to France with the Canadian troops, whose memorable onslaughts and heroic deeds are well-known. Sergeant Story belonged to the 20th Canadian regiment, and the medal was won by a brilliant feat of arms at Marshel Cave, near Amiens, when he attacked and captured an enemy machine gun post. He was a corporal at the time, but obtained his third chevron late.



SERG. T. STORY (Worksop).
(Awarded Military Medal.)

Sergeant Story is expecting to return to Canada shortly, and the good wishes of many friends will accompany him across the water.

Worksop Guardian 25th April 1919

PTE. CYRIL ALLSOPP, M.M.

As previously reported, Private Cyril Allsopp, 2nd 20th London Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Allsopp, South View, Blyth Road, Worksop, has been awarded the Military Medal, which will shortly be presented him. Private Allsopp joined the R.F.A. in August 1917, but failing to pass the medical test, he was transferred to the West Kents, and subsequently to the 2nd 20th London Regiment. The medal was awarded him in recognition of his bravery in carrying messages under heavy fire at Solesmes, at a time when the Germans were making a fierce attack. Pte. Allsopp volunteered for the duty and escaped uninjured. He is one of the many gallant Worksop lads who have brought honour to the town.

Worksop Guardian 16th May 1919

HONOUR FOR CLOWNE OFFICER

Lieut.-Col. W.E.I. Butler Bowdon, D.S.O., Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry, son of Col. J.E. Butler Bowdon, J.P., Southgate House, Clowne, has received from the King of Roumania, the Order of the Crown of Roumania. During the war, he acted as Assistant Director General of Transportation in France. Col. Butler Bowdon saw service in the South African War, and holds the King's and Queen's Medals with five bars. His younger brother, Lieut. Basil Butler Bowdon was killed in action in France.

Worksop Guardian 16th May 1919

M.M FOR CLOWNE STAFF-SERGEANT

Staff-sergeant G.H. Burcher, R.A.S.C., of Clowne, who saw nearly three years' service in Mesopotamia, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

London Gazette 19th September 1919

Worksop Guardian 6th June 1919

FOR MILITARY SERVICE

LONG LIST OF BIRTHDAY HONOURS

LOCAL RECIPIENTS

Various supplements to Monday's "London Gazette" contained lists of appointments, promotions, and decorations awarded on the occasion of the King's birthday in recognition of valuable military services rendered in the different theatres of war. Altogether several thousand names are included, and every branch of the service is represented. There are a number of local recipients: -

Major W.R. Tylden Wright, D.S.O., 3rd Hussars, is promoted to Brevet-Major.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal has been awarded to: -

Sergeant F.H. Barnsdale, 2nd Northants, attached to Light Trench Mortar Battery (Worksop)

London Gazette 30th May 1919 & 9th March 1920

17046 Pte. L. Hinde., 2nd Grenadier Guards (Worksop)

London Gazette 30th May 1919 & 9th March 1920

899007 Sergt. J.R. Law, 34th London Regiment (Misson)

The Meritorious Service Medal has been awarded to: -

4928 Company Sergeant-Major H.M. Tompkin, 18th Cycle Battalion (Worksop)

London Gazette 30th May 1919

305012 Company Quarter-Master Sergeant G. Bee, 8th Notts. and Derbys. (Worksop)

London Gazette 30th May 1919

T.4/250978 C.S. M.G. Turnbull, 49th Divisional Train (Retford)

T.4/058665 C.Q.M.S. K. Bagguley, 40th Divisional train, Royal Army Service Corps (Southwell)

S.E./582 Farrier Q.M.S. C. Mason, Royal Army Veterinary Corps (Bolsover)

Worksop Guardian 6th June 1919

WORKSOP SOLDIER HONOURED

The King has been pleased to approve of the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to Corporal Horace G. North, R.E., in recognition of valuable services rendered with the armies in France and Flanders. Corpl. North, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. North, Carlton Road, Worksop, was in the Signalling Company and was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches last November. Corpl. North was a telegraphist at Worksop Post Office when he enlisted, and he will shortly resume his former occupation. Mr. and Mrs. North had three sons in the war, and they will soon all be home. Corpl. North will be warmly congratulated upon gaining his distinction.

London Gazette 30th May 1919

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ITALIAN HONOUR FOR WORKSOP OFFICER

Mr. Albert Smith, secretary to Mr. R.L.V. Sherwood, the well-known trainer, of Newmarket, and youngest son of Mrs. Smith, George Street, Worksop, who served as a Lieutenant with the British Red Cross on the Italian front, has received from the Italian government the Croce al Merito di Guerra. Mr Smith was formerly in the employ of Sir John Robinson, Worksop Manor, and is a native of Worksop, where, of course, he is well-known.

TO CONFIRM

Worksop Guardian 20th June 1919

HONOUR FOR KIVETON PARK SOLDIER

Amongst the recent King's Birthday honours list was the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to Sergeant G.W. Battersby, R.G.A. The award is for good service and devotion to duty whilst serving with the Aden Field Force operating in Aden, Hinterland. Sergeant Battersby went to Aden in February 1909, and served there until September 1910, from whence he was transferred to Bombay. He was stationed at Bombay until January 1916, when he posted back to the Aden Field Force with the rank of Acting-Battery Sergeant-Major. He returned to England in February last, and is now stationed at Prees Heath, Crewe, with the 3rd Siege Artillery Brigade. Sergt. Battersby is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Battersby, of Kiveton Park Station. Mr. and Mrs. Battersby have had two other sons serving, one of whom attained the rank of lieutenant.

London Gazette 30th May 1919 See London Gazette 12th December 1919 for Medal Militaire Decoration conferred by The President of the French Republic.

Worksop Guardian 27th June 1919

MILITARY MEDALIST KILLED IN ACTION

TRANSPORT SEREANT'S BRAVERY

Even in these days of comparative peace it is our sad duty to chronicle the death of yet another gallant son of Worksop – one who after bearing the “heat and burden of the day,” and after winning honour on the battlefield, has now, in the eleventh hour, so to speak, laid down his life for the country he served so well. Official news was received in Worksop on Friday of the death in action, just before the Armistice, of 6702, Sergeant Robert Henry Edwards, M.M., 11th Battalion, Notts and Derby Regiment (Sherwood Foresters), husband of Mrs. A Edwards, of 15 Grafton Street, Worksop. The gallant soldier was reported wounded and missing on October 15th 1918, and now comes the belated news of his death on or about that date.



SERGT. R. H. EDWARDS.

First, he proceeded to France, thence to Italy, and afterwards to France again, where his unfortunate death took place. He was ultimately appointed transport sergeant, a position, which, as every soldier knows, is no sinecure. Night after night, he proceeded “up the line” taking rations and ammunition to the men in the trenches, and his mates say that he displayed an absolute disregard of danger. For a particularly brave piece of work in June 1918, he was awarded the Military Medal, though that fact has never been made public before.

The official record of the circumstances under which the honour was awarded is well worth quoting, showing as it does the courage, bravery, and initiative of the gallant N.C.O.: -

“For most conspicuous courage and devotion to duty on June 15th 1918, this Con-Commissioned Officer, as Transport Sergeant, carried up water and rations for the Battalion under heavy artillery fire, and personally saw that they were delivered to the Companies in the firing line as usual. Hearing that small arms ammunition was running short in the line he returned to Battalion headquarters, loaded up with S.A.A. some of his pack mules, and then returned with them to the front line.”

Sergeant Edwards was a splendid man and a splendid soldier, one whom we could ill-afford to lose. Previous to re-joining the Army he was a groom in the private employ of the late Sam Hoggard, and will be remembered by many friends in Worksop. Mrs. Edwards has received a letter of sympathy from their Majesties the King and Queen sympathising with her in her sorrow, and our readers, we are sure, will join us in expressing sincere sympathy with Mrs. Edwards and the members of the family in the irreparable loss which they have sustained.

London Gazette 18th October 1918

Workshop Guardian 27th June 1919

WHITWELL MAN WINS D.C.M.

Company Sergeant-Major Jack Tompkins, Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, a Whitwell man, has been awarded the D.C.M. Enlisting in the early part of the war he has seen much service in Palestine. On one occasion his horse was shot from underneath him, but the rider escaped. He served in the South African War and holds the King's and Queen's medals. C.S.M. Tompkins, before enlisting, was employed at Welbeck, and had charge of some of the Duke's stables. When his officers had become casualties, C.S.M. Tompkins assumed command and through his initiative and bravery a position which had been lost was regained and held.
London Gazette 29th October 1919

London Gazette 29th July 1919

2ND LIEUTENANT ERNEST CRUMMACK

Near Epinoy on September 27th, 1918, he and two men crossed the Canal du Nord under cover of our rifle fire, and drove a party of the enemy southwards into the hands of another platoon. This operation completed the work done by another officer and his men further down the canal. The combined work of both was responsible for clearing the east bank of the canal, and so allowing the attack of the division to carry on without interruption.

Lt. Crummack was badly wounded on October 1st, leading the men through uncut wire. Through the whole operation, he set a fine example of pluck and daring to his men.

Workshop Guardian 1st August 1919

MILITARY AWARDS

WORKSOP MAN THRICE HONOURED

A supplement to the "London Gazette" states that the King has approved of the following awards to the undermentioned non-commissioned officers and men for bravery in the field: -

SECOND BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL

306028 Pte. L. Thomas, M.M., 8th Bn. Notts. and Derby Regt., Worksop.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL

305986 Pte. F. Green, M.M., 8th Bn. Notts. and Derby Regt., Worksop.

MILITARY MEDALS

41165 Sergt. A. Winfield, 11th Bn. Manchester Regt., Worksop.

London Gazette 22nd July 1919

3486 Bombardier W. Fowler, C/62nd Bde., R.F.A., Worksop.

London Gazette 22nd July 1919

71786 Pte. J.N. Blow, 11th Bn. Notts. and Derby Regt., Whitwell.

London Gazette 22nd July 1919

14619 Sergt. J.H. Buckley, 9th Bn., Notts. and Derby Regt., Creswell.

London Gazette 22nd July 1919

27828 Pte. J.W. Sutton, 9th Bn., Notts. and Derby Regt., Retford.

Workshop Guardian 8th August 1919

DINNINGTON OFFICER HONOURED

Second-Lieutenant E. E. Crummack, D.C.M., 4th batt. York and Lancs. Regt. (T.F.) att. 6th Batt., of Dinnington, has been awarded the Military Cross.

The official statement reads: "On September 27th 1918, he and two men crossed the canal and drove a party of the enemy into the hands of another platoon."

This is the third honour which ex-Lieutenant Crummack has won. Early in the war he was awarded the Russian Gold Medal of the Order of St. George, and as a Sergeant, the D.C.M.

London Gazette 29th July 1919



London Gazette 2nd September 1919

CORPORAL BERT HARRISON

For gallant work and devotion to duty while in command of divisional observers for the last year, including the Ypres offensive, 1917, and the fighting on the Somme, March, 1918. During the engagements, at Canizy, I Le Quesnel, Mezieres, and Little Wood his cheerfulness and coolness under fire were a splendid example to his men, and the able manner in which he organised his runners kept divisional headquarters well informed of the progress of the fight.

London Gazette 2nd September 1919

SERGEANT J. NAUGHTON

He has been a section sergeant for the past 14 months; during this period, he has set an excellent example to his men under fire, and has at all times, under most trying conditions, done sterling work. He has materially raised the efficiency of his section and the morale of the men under him.

London Gazette 2nd September 1919

LANCE CORPORAL (ACTING 2ND CORPORAL) G.H. WOOLLEY

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially near Montescourt, on 21st and 22nd March, 1918. He was ordered to take a party to destroy a house at Montescourt. Owing to casualties the party was not forthcoming. He therefore proceeded alone, carrying explosives. He got to the house through a heavily shelled area and fired the charge. Not being satisfied with the result, and despite enemy fire on the house, he fixed and blew a second charge. By his fine action a valuable O.P. was denied to the enemy. Though wounded, he returned and reported to his O.C.

London Gazette 3rd October 1919

SECOND-LIEUTENANT LUKE CASHMORE

On the 18th September, 1918, in front of St. Quentin during the attack on the Quadrilateral and Douai trench, his company was held up just short of the enemy position. He went forward in face of intense machinegun fire, found a way through the enemy wire, and returned to his company. He placed his Lewis guns to engage the enemy machine guns, and rushed his men through the wire and captured the position. He showed great courage and initiative.

London Gazette 29th October 1919

COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR JACK TOMPKINS

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when two troops of his squadron were sent to seize a tactical feature. While approaching the place the squadron leader was killed, and this warrant officer at once took charge of the two troops and seized and consolidated the position, in spite of heavy rifle fire. He showed fine dash and ability.

London Gazette 4 November 1919

SECOND-LIEUTENANT LUKE CASHMORE

4th Notts. & Derby. — Lt. (actg. Capt.) L. Cashmore, M.C., is placed on the ret. list on account of ill-health caused by wounds, 6th Nov. 1919, and is granted the rank of Capt.

London Gazette 28th November 1919

SERGEANT J. EATON

For fine courage and resource in action west of Kezelberg on the 11th October, 1918. When his platoon was ordered to capture Mansard Farm at dawn, he went out alone and reconnoitred the whole ground during the night, locating the enemy posts exactly. At dawn, he led his platoon forward with a rush, and himself killed two enemy and captured a machine gun. He then cleared the farm and established his posts. He did splendid work.

London Gazette 28th November 1919

SERGEANT T. FRANKLIN

He was No. 1 of a forward gun on 22nd October, 1918, near St. Louis. This gun came into action in close support of the infantry, practically in the front line. He took charge while the officer went forward to reconnoitre and kept his gun in action under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, firing at neighbouring houses containing enemy machine guns until his wagon and ammunition were blown up. He saved fifteen rounds from the burning wagon and, seeing a machine gun in action in a house close by he fired off these rounds and silenced the machine gun, knocking down the house. He displayed the greatest 'coolness and courage throughout the day.

Gazette 28th November 1919

SERGEANT SAM HAGUE

Near Oppy on the 6th October, 1918, he led his platoon with consummate skill and boldness. Having removed noiselessly three enemy booby traps, he dashed into the enemy post, completely surprising them and capturing seven prisoners. He then reorganised his platoon and consolidated new positions under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Later, he beat off strong enemy counterattacks on his post, and successfully maintained it till the line was established. He set a most inspiring example and did splendid work.

London Gazette 28th November 1919

PRIVATE W.A. SUFFOLK

For most conspicuous and determined gallantry. On the morning of 18th September, 1918, during the attack on Ronsoy, his platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire, which seemed likely to impede seriously its advance. He advanced alone along the bank of a sunken road under heavy fire from two machine guns, and then rushed the first, putting the team, out of action. Then, working his way round behind the second, he sniped the team, killing them all, thus allowing the advance! to continue. He did splendid work.

London Gazette 28th November 1919

SERGEANT WILLIAM YOUNG

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership during the fighting in the Foret de Mormal, on 4th November, 1918. When his platoon, officer was early wounded he assumed command. His platoon was on the right flank, and had to capture a thick portion of the wood. The outskirts of the wood were held by three machine) guns, but he led his platoon forward with such gallantry and ability that the position was taken at once and the guns captured. He also established communication with the battalion on his right flank.

Workop Guardian 19th December 1919

DINNINGTON SOLDIER HONOURED



Included among the recipients of honours won during the war, and invested by Prince Arthur of Connaught at York yesterday, was Mr. E.E. Crummack, of Dinnington, who received at his hands the Military Cross, for distinguished conduct in action during the later phases of the war. This is the third distinction won by Mr. Crummack, for, besides this latest decoration, he is the possessor of the D.C.M. and gold medal of the Russian Order of St. George. Mr Crummack joined up early in the war as a private, but before long he had his step, his promotions coming rapidly, until at last he obtained his commission as Lieutenant, and there can be no doubt, had the war continued, he would have obtained his captaincy. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to him.

London Gazette 9th January 1920

PRIVATE ARTHUR SIBBING (SIBBERING)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Vertorandenmolen, on 28th September, 1918. During the attack he rushed forward to an enemy dug-out in time to prevent 45 of the enemy coming out and firing on his company. He forced them to surrender by threatening them with bombs, and undoubtedly saved many casualties.

London Gazette 9th March 1920

SERGEANT F.H. BARNSDALE

On the 7th October, 1918, at Neuville, he was in command of a Stokes gun when the enemy attacked. In the company of an officer he at once counter-attacked the enemy with bombs and bayonet, who had captured a trench junction and was advancing into our system. By his fine courage and determination, he repulsed the enemy and recaptured all lost ground.

Gazetted for M.M 12th July 1918

London Gazette 9th March 1920

PRIVATE L. HIND

For great gallantry and devotion to duty from 16th September-11th November, 1918, and particularly at the crossing of the River Selle on 20th October, when his courage and initiative were largely responsible for bringing supplies to his company under conditions of great difficulty and danger.

Gazetted 30th May 1919

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