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**DESERTER GIVES HIMSELF UP**

- 10 Robert Devine, who gave himself up to the police on Thursday, stating he deserted from the Second Battalion Highland Infantry, in 1911, when the Battalion was stationed at Mullingar, Ireland, and expressing a desire to go back to his Regiment, was formally remanded awaiting an escort.

His regiment is now at Aldershot

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**HARROGATE SHOW**

There are over 100 patrons of the society, and this year's officials are as follows:-

- 20 President, Mr Herbert Webster, J.P., Harrogate; chairman, Mr Francis Berber; vice-chairmen, Messrs T. A. Hudson and **A. P. Slingsby**; hon solicitor, Mr G. Dawson, hon . treasurer, Mr C. Sealbrook; hon veterinary surgeons, Messrs W. Edmondson and A. Ellison; secretary, Mr George Morrell, council; Messrs W. B. Atkinson, W. Barker, C. Batchelor, E. Batchelor, J. R. Beaumont, W. Bellerby, Wm Bonsall, C. H. Bonsall, J. Brown, Chas Burgess, M. Catt, C. E. Carter, A. E. Cook, T. Daniel, R. Dodsworth, R. Dunn, T. Foster, J. W. Foxton, T. Gibson, G. Goodrick, T. Harrison, W. Hepton, J. Moss Howson, J. Horner, A. J. Hall, James Horner, N. W. Hudson, Hy. Ingham, J. Johnson, J. W. Knowles, H. M. Knowles, W. Lewis, Aulay Macaulay, R. T. Murray, G. T. Overend, R. T. V. Renton, E. C. C. Riley, T. Scatchard, J. Sheffield, J.
- 30 Stather, John Town, W. Townend, H. Wickins, and F. J. Wilkinson.

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### KNARESBOROUGH'S LOYALTY.

#### STIRRING SCENES AT THE RAILWAY STATION.

#### DEPARTURE OF TERRITORIALS. LOCAL FRONTIERSMEN VOLUNTEER

10 A great sensation was caused in Knaresborough on Sunday morning when news reached the town that Germany had issued her declaration against Russia. All other topics of conversation sank into obscurity. Young and old of both sexes talked in groups of the possibilities of Britain being drawn into the war.

Monday brought even more alarming news. Germany had taken the first step towards an invasion of France by sending troops across the frontier through Alsace. A German force had also advanced into Luxemburg and violated the neutrality of that Grand Duchy, which was guaranteed by the Treaty of the Powers in 1867. On Monday morning the daily newspapers were in great demand from 6am, and at ten o'clock every newsagent in the town had sold out. Still people were continually asking for newspapers but they had to wait until the special editions of evening papers arrived. Events of an alarming character followed in rapid succession. The withdrawal of all North Eastern Railway excursions was a further indication of the  
20 seriousness of the situation. It was, indeed, a black outlook for the town's Bank Holiday. A large number of visitors, however, had already come into the town, Saturday's trains having brought many people who were going to stay the weekend and the week. But the disappointment of the restaurant keepers, and boat proprietors could not be disguised. As regards the former, some of the proprietors had made practically all arrangements to cater for parties, who, of course, were unable to visit the town. Knaresborough Cricket Club had arranged a home match with Hull Zingari, but this team could not fulfil the engagement. The town by no means had a Bank Holiday appearance, although in the afternoon, it became busier, large motor chars-a-banc bringing full complements of passengers. The proprietors  
30 of chars-a-banc undoubtedly reaped a harvest in consequence of the withdrawal of railway excursions. On Monday evening the newspapers were eagerly sought. Belgium had declined an offer from Germany to enter into understanding if she would allow facilities for the passage of German troops. Sir Edward Grey said we had obligations of honour and friendship to France, and had given her an assurance that if the German Fleet came into the Channel to undertake hostile operations against the French coasts or shipping, the British Fleet would give all the protection in its power. With regard to the neutrality of Belgium, Germany had given evasive and unsatisfactory assurances, and the independence of Holland and Denmark was likewise imperilled. The Territorial camps were quickly broken up on Monday, and  
40 before nightfall most of the regiments were either back at headquarters or on their

way. The Knaresborough and Boroughbridge Companies who were at Scarborough had only been under canvas the weekend. Bank Holiday was extended until Friday.

On Tuesday diplomatic relations between France and Germany were broken off, and their ambassadors recalled. The British Fleet had been fully mobilised, and a proclamation was later issued calling up the Army Reserves and the Territorials. Owing to the summary rejection by the German Government of a request made by the British Government for the assurance that the neutrality of Belgium would be respected. Britain declared war on Germany at 11pm on Tuesday. This caused a tremendous sensation. The proclamations embodying the Territorial forces, were  
10 posted on all the principal buildings in Knaresborough on Tuesday evening, and were eagerly read by crowds of people.

Wednesday brought with it scenes of great activity in Knaresborough. The Union Jack floated in all parts of the town. It being market day the town was unusually busy. Market prices showed an all round advance. Flour was sold at 2s to 2s. 6d per stone, butter was increased from 1s. 8d to 2s and 2s. 4d per roll, and bread was also dearer. Shopkeepers declined to sell large quantities of flour to buyers. The corn market was practically dead.

### **TERRITORIALS' DEPARTURE**

The departure of the Knaresborough and Boroughbridge Territorials from  
20 Knaresborough for York on Wednesday afternoon caused scenes of the greatest enthusiasm in the town. Instructions were received early in the day that a departure would take place at 9am, but these were amended. Territorials were at the railway station as early as 6.30, and a large quantity of ammunitions and baggage was deposited in the waiting rooms and on the platform. These were guarded by soldiers with fixed bayonets. Naturally, this unusual scene impressed railway passengers. The departure of the Territorials did not take place until 1.20, a special train being requisitioned to convey the Harrogate, Knaresborough, and Boroughbridge companies. The officers in command of the Knaresborough and Boroughbridge contingents were Capt. A. P. Dale, Lieut. Radcliffe, and Lieut. Green, whilst Sergt.-  
30 Inst. Accompanied the men. Huge crowds of people assembled at all places of vantage outside the station, the platform on which the soldiers were lined being closed to the public. Amongst those admitted on to the platform were the Rev. Canon Hancock (vicar of Knaresborough and chaplain to the Knaresborough National Reservists) Dr Mackay, and the local ladies Corps of St John Ambulance Association in costume. Dr and Mrs Robinson and a few ladies. Continuous cheer went up from the hundreds of people outside the station, but the enthusiastic cheer which arose as the special steamed in to the station was unmistakeable of the fire which kindled in the breasts of all present. The men and baggage were smartly accommodated, Mr J. Dobson (stationmaster) personally superintending the  
40 arrangements. As the train slowly moved out of the station, the National Anthem

was sung, all heads being bared. The scene was one of the greatest enthusiasm, but of course, several relatives of the departing men were overcome.

### **EAGER RECRUITS**

Thursday brought the first real news of engagements, German reverses being the outstanding feature. A request for half a million extra men for Britain caused another big wave of enthusiasm which was strongly felt in Knaresborough and veterans of 70 and upwards, who have already served many years under the colours were regretting that their services were not required. The writer was several times accosted on Thursday by men desirous of joining the colours, and they were directed to the proper quarters. Each one was eager and looked fit. A deserter from the Second Battalion Highland Light Infantry at present stationed at Aldershot gave himself up to the Knaresborough police on Thursday night, stating that he deserted in 1911 when his regiment was at Mullinger, Ireland. He was anxious to take a share in the defence of his country. Yesterday he was remanded awaiting an escort. There was a slight decrease in the price of flour on Thursday. Many local tradesmen have been obliged to give up their horses to the Government.

Mr R. Gill (assistant clerk to the Knaresborough Justices) who served in the South African Campaign with the West Yorkshires and later commanded a company with the West African Frontier Force in the Kissi Expedition, has volunteered to serve in the Legion of Frontiersmen under Col. Driscoll, D.S.O. (head of the Legion of Frontiersmen) who has a force of 1000 picked men. Mr Gill is in command of the Claro Unit of the Legion of Frontiersmen, and will be glad to receive applications from men who wish to serve. He has already 20 men, and hopes to raise at least 100 men from this district. Applications are preferable from men who have seen service, or have been abroad, and who are off all reserve es.

A meeting of members (under 40 years of age) of the Knaresborough Company National Reserve is to be held this afternoon, and it is possible that the members will be embodied in the forces on active service.

### **KNARESBOROUGH LADIES VOLUNTEER AS NURSES**

Lady Mountgarret yesterday presided at a well attended meeting of the members of the local St John Voluntary Aid Detachment, formed as an adjunct to the Territorials. The detachment is about thirty strong, and the ladies have shown commendable enthusiasm in taking up ambulance and nursing duties associated with hospital work. Dr I. D. Mackay (medical officer of health for Knaresborough), had greatly interested himself in the organisation and given voluntary instruction.

The meeting decided to make an appeal for subscriptions, with a view to providing a hospital in one of the public buildings in the town, and to enable the detachment to procure material for the necessary dressings. Offers on loan of portable baths, bowls, and other articles, will be gladly welcomed.

Twelve ladies volunteered for foreign service, if needed by the war authorities, and several others for home service outside the county.

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**A KNARESBOROUGH BRIDEGROOM.**

**MARRIAGE OF MR A. P. SLINGSBY AND MISS V. CATHCART.**

The marriage of Mr A. P. Slingsby, of Farnham Lodge, Knaresborough, and Miss Vera Cathcart, youngest daughter of the late Colonel the Hon. A. M. Cathcart, and of Mrs Cathcart, of Mowbray House, Kirkby Malzeard, was quietly solemnised on Monday in the Parish Church at Kirkby Malzeard.

10 The bride, who was given away by her elder brother, Mr F. A. Cathcart, wore a white satin dress, trimmed with Honiton lace, the gift of Col. Atkinson, the bridegroom's uncle. She wore a diamond pendant, the gift of the late Colonel Cathcart, and a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies.

There were no bridesmaids. Mrs Cathcart was present, with Miss and Miss A. Cathcart (sisters), Mr H. Ferrand and Mrs Ferrand (sister), and Mr and Mrs Williamson (sister). Captain Malise Graham was best man.

The Rev. C. H. Watson (vicar) officiated, and the service was choral, Mr W. Woodman (nephew of Mr Ferrand) presiding at the organ.

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**BOY SCOUTS**

20 The spirit of loyalty in Knaresborough has reached the boys of the town and a troop of scouts numbering at least 40 has been raised since Tuesday. The boys, who were very enthusiastic, have practically formed the troop on their own initiative, and being without a leader, were successful in gaining the interest of Mr Styant and Sergt. Alltly (late of Yorkshire Hussars). On Thursday evening the troop paraded in the Castle Yard, and in addition to the gentlemen already named there were present the Rev. Canon Hancock (vicar of Knaresborough Parish Church), and Major Hardcastle (late of the Royal Artillery). The Vicar addressed the boys in a very encouraging  
30 manner, and expressed his pleasure that the boys were so eager to join the Scout movement, which had his full support. The boys were fortunate in having the interest of such men as were present, and he hoped they would fully appreciate what was said to them by those in charge.

The troops afterwards went through numerous drills under the superintendence of Sergt. Attlay, and at the conclusion were heartily complimented by Major Hardcastle and Mr Styan.

Canon Hancock promised to supply the troop with three dozen copies of the official regulations.

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10 **BOY SCOUTS** - The Boy Scout movement in Knaresborough has made rapid progress, and now there are no less than 70 boys on the roll, to form a first troop. Arrangements for registering the troop have practically been completed as well as other arrangements for the provision of uniforms, provision of headquarters, and so on. Under the superintendence of Sgt. T. Attlay, the boys undergo drills twice weekly, and a few days ago the whole troop attended drill, afterwards marching to the Oddfellows' Hall, where they were given a free entertainment. Mr J. Smith, headmaster of the Boys' (National) School, Knaresborough is taking an active interest in the movement, and is acting as treasurer. The drills and marches of the boys calls for much favourable comment. When the first troop has been officially  
20 registered, a second troop is to be formed.

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Recruiting-Sergt. Wm. Mawson, of Knaresborough, though 72 years of age, has taken an active part in securing recruits for the present campaign. On completing 30 years' service, he took up duty as recruiting sergeant and working in Leeds, York, Halifax, Bradford, Scarborough, and Malton, he was very successful. In Leeds he secured 3,000 men for the army, this being prior to 1905. During the present crisis he has sent 80 men from Knaresborough.

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The Yorkshire Hussars who have volunteered for foreign service are still in training at Rillington, near Malton. The remainder are comfortable quartered at Kingscliffe

Camp, Scarborough, where their duty consists of patrolling the coast. The local men are all in the best of health and spirits.

The Northern Police Convalescent Home, Harrogate, are offering fifteen free beds to police reservists who have returned from active service suffering from wounds or sickness.

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10 PARK GROVE WESLEYAN CHURCH. – The harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Park Grove Wesleyan Chapel, Knaresborough, on Sunday last, when Mr J. T. Allen preached appropriate sermons morning and evening. A public meeting was held on Monday, when addresses were given by the Revs. R. F. Appelbe and A. J. Yorke, the Chairman being Mr Worsnop, of Scotton.



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### KNARESBOROUGH

#### The New Army

Recruiting-Sergt-Major Wm. Mawson, of Knaresborough, has sent the following men, as recruits for His Majesty's new army.

John Wm Kirkbride	James Powell
Albert Victor Bell	Edward McEvoy
Lewis Lupton	William Harper
George Poulter	James Chealey
Norman Collier	George Speed Holroyd
Luke O'Brien	Albert Victor Hall
George Pounder	Richard Alfred Day
William Bedford	George Frankland
Ralph Pattison	John Wm McEvoy
Arthur Johnson	Thomas Watson
William Stones	John Lotherington
Alfred Whincup	Alfred Whistlecroft
John Wm O'Brien	Ernest Drury
Water Yates	James Norris
George Cooper	William Gott
William Duxdury	George Scaife
William Norton	Alfred Parkinson
George Frankland	William Walsh
Harry Brown	Joseph Vitty
Thomas Campwell	Harry Noble
Alfred Binns	Bertram Watson

Thomas Leach	James Tennant
Fred Coleman	Arthur Day
Harry Robinson	Arthur Mudd
Harry Surr	Sidney Pool
Arthur Day	James Lawrence Headings
Richard Winn-Winn	Harold Owen Lane
Frank Langthorne	James Wheatherill
Thomas Johnstone	Joseph Potter
Fredk. John Hamp	Robert Bland
Walter Wrigglesworth	Edward Knowlson

In addition to the above list, there are about 15 others who have been sent by Sgt. Mawson, who, however, is unable to supply the names.

## National Reservists

The following members of the Knaresborough Company National Reserve volunteered their services in connection with Home Defence, and are now serving in various ways:

A. Anderson	J. Patrick
C. Morton	C. Jackson
Sgt. Harrison (R.F.A.)	C. Naden
R. H. Cosgrove	T. Runfitt
A. Pilkington	J. Swales
M. Henry	B. Emmett
J. Henry	R. Barker
S. Learoyd	F. Heathcot
E. Blackstone	J. E. Dobson
T. Flatley	W. Carter
J. Harper	C. Whitby
W. Whitaker	C. R. Eshelby
W. Smith	T. H. Wilson
M. Burke	A. Brown
W. Binns	T. Outhwaite
J. Leeming	C. Outhwaite
B. Robinson	W. Harper
J. A. Abbott	W. hainsworth
H. Goodey	PF. Tipling
J. Dinsdale	E. Wood

Others left the town but have returned. Their names are as follows:

F. Kay	- Stubbs
Sgt. T. Smith	R. Thomas
T. Inman	J. Morrison

E. Windsor	G. Ward
J. E. Cosgrove	
A. Cosgrove	

Several others were rejected as unfit.

### **Soldiers and Sailors**

The following is a list of Knaresborough soldiers and sailors at present serving in the Army and Navy. They include regulars and Territorials:

F. Thickett	William Norton
Herbert Hudson	Wm Goodyear
Chas Outhwaite	George Hall
M. E. Nelmes	E. Bedell
Wm. Anderson	Wm Burton
B. Robinson	Ernest Haigh
Percy Nicholas	Harry Steel
Robt. Hy Pollard	Arthur Pavior
Arthur H. Blades	John Pickering
Walter Malthouse	John Smith
Wm Pollard	Peter Tilburn
Wm Albert Birch	-White
George Brown	Harold Kirkby
Wm P. Hardy	Harry Tasker
Chas Naden	Alfred Backhouse
Thos. Armande	G. Blakeborough
George Windsor	James Buck
Laurence Whitaker	Harold Wilson
Ralph Eshelby	William E. Taylor
A. Cosgrove	Harold Buck

F. W. Peacock	Geo. Hy. Allen
A. Anderson	Wm Hy Baker
F. Heathcote	Frank Ibbetson
H. Goodey	Wilfred Dewes
R. Cosgrove	Bernard Robinson
-Mason	-Brown
Thos. Howard	Alfred Pilkington
William Walsh	-Carter
Chas Greaves	T. Rumfitt
Harry Brigham	J. W. Bateman
Chas Harrison	Roger Richardson
Jack Myers	Albt. Mumford
Ernest Thompson	Wm. Mumford
Albert Watson	G. W. Large
Chas Smith	R. Holmes
William Steele	B. R. Inman
John Wilson	C. C. Inman
-Grainge	A. H Hicks
William Shaw	Chas. W. Holmes
Leonard Stead	F. Inman
Jackson Ewbank	R. Barker
P. S. Learoyd	J. Swales
William George Brower	F. Outhwaite
Fred A. Relf	E. Blackstone
John Victor Buck	Charles Yates
Frederick Garbutt	J. E. Dobson
Henry Garbutt	B. Emmett

John McHolme	-Whiteley
Frank Langthorne	-Marie
James Watson	-Baines
W. Wilcockson	Tom Crowe
Harry Holdsworth	Harry Bedford
W. Whitaker	Chas. R. Chamberlain
Ernest Barnes	Fred Baker
J. Clarkson	Thomas Hayton
-Whitaker	Albert Kitching
Fredk. Thackray	Richard Taylor
Chas. Hewitt	Thos. Coates
Geo. Parker	Arthur Lucas
Michael Burke	Horatio Sharp
Patrick Lofthouse	Wm. Wadington
Matthew Henry	-Waite
Harry Anderson	William Buck
Henry Barker	Albert Rudd
E. Wood	Wilfred Greensitt
W. Harper	Arthur Rispin
John Henry	Thomas Morrell
S. Wilson	Jno. Hy. Mummings
J. Patrick	Antony Carr Oversby
C. Ward	Thomas Harbutt
A. Butterfield	Alfred Witham
J. E. Cosgrove	Edwin Prestige
-Jackson	Arthur Thos. Bromwich
W. Beck	James Johnstone



S. Leonard, Bradford, Hussars, S. Africa  
 R. H. Purchase, Harrogate, 1<sup>st</sup> King's D.G. Roughrider, India, Africa  
 D. Kendrick, Knaresborough, France  
 W. H. Banks, Leeds, Beverley Buffs, abroad.  
 J. Carass, Knaresborough, Australia, New Zealand.  
 D. Mitchell, Barnsley, Coldstream Guards. S. Africa, W. Australia, Gibraltar  
 J. W. Tomlinson, Harrogate, Canada  
 Colour-Sergt. J. J. Hart, Huddersfield; Matabele War, S. African campaign (four medals).  
 C. Farnhill, Harrogate, Yorkshire Hussars.  
 10 R. W. Nankes, Askrigg, R.N.R., American, India, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand  
 J. Grant, Knaresborough, farrier and practical engineer; Belgium.  
 Arthur Kelly, Stanningley, 1<sup>st</sup> Y. And L. Regt.  
 Arthur Mason, Knaresborough, 1<sup>st</sup> W. Yorks, 5 years, France.  
 George Ward, Harrogate, L.L.H. Matabele Lane and S. Africa.  
 A. H. Heap, Flaxby; School Cadet Corp; Canada and B.C. and Peru.  
 J. P. Donovan, Harrogate; S. Africa.  
 William B. Stancer, Knaresborough, groom.

The following men have joined various regiments, and become detached from the unit:

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 Corpl. A. Burniston, S. Africa Mounted Police; to Yorkshire Hussars.  
 T. Flatley, Knaresborough, S. Africa; to National Reserve.  
 - Collier, Starbeck, W. Yorks; S. Africa; to National Reserve.  
 W. A. Milton, Harrogate, N. W. Mounted Police, Canada; to Yorkshire Hussars.  
 W. D. Clough, Knaresborough, Yorkshire Hussars, 4 years; France; to Yorkshire Hussars.  
 James McCabe, Knaresborough; S. Africa, 1899; W. Yorks; India, S. Africa; to W. Yorks  
 William Harrison, Harrogate, 3<sup>rd</sup> Yorkshire Regt. S. Africa.  
 A. Timmings, Aldborough, U.S.A.  
 F. Cooper, Leeds, Yorkshire Regt; S. Africa.  
 30 R. H. Cosgrove, Knaresborough; to National Reserves.  
 C. F. Dell, Scarborough, 4 years Territorial, to W. Yorkshires  
 C. Storey, Harrogate, France, Austria, Germany, etc, to Y. Hussars.  
 C. Chippendale, Harrogate, 1<sup>st</sup> V. B. West Yorks, 8 years; Germany, Holland, etc; to Y.H.  
 A. S. Rashley, Leeds; Canada, U.S.A.  
 J. Drury, Oldham, 14<sup>th</sup> Hussars; S. Africa, Egypt, India  
 J. W. Taylor, Knaresborough; Yeomanry, S. Africa.  
 J. Costello, Barnsley, 3<sup>rd</sup> East Lancashire Regt; S. Africa.  
 C. Quinnan, Grimethorpe, N.O.R. Lancashire Regiment.  
 C. Clements, Doncaster; S. Africa, re-joined colours.  
 40 W. D. Charles, Harrogate, Continent.  
 J. B. Charles, Harrogate, Continent.  
 H. Paterson, Knaresborough, ex-Volunteer, abroad; appointed warder.  
 J. H. Robinson, Harrogate, Yorks. Hussars.  
 W. Roberts, Harrogate; Continent; to Yorks. Hussars  
 H. F. Dawnes, Harrogate; Continent; to Yorks. Hussars.  
 Arthur Lord, Knaresborough; R.F.A. (Howitzers); Canada.  
 W. Victor Lawton, Knaresborough; France, Yorkshire Dragoons.  
 S. M. Clancy, Knaresborough; abroad; to Yorkshire Dragoons.

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**3 October 1914**



**KNARESBOROUGH FRONTIERSMEN.**

**TO JOIN WEST RIDING REGIMENT.**

**LIEUT. R. H. GILL RECOMMENDED FOR CAPTAINCY**

**MORE MEN WANTED.**

Lieutenant Robert Harwar Gill (deputy clerk to the Knaresborough magistrates), who at the commencement of the war collected a body of fifty six men as a sub-unit to the Legion of Frontiersmen, some time ago received intimation that the men would not be accepted as a detached unit, and an offer by Lieut. Gill to serve as Mounted Infantry was also regretfully declined. In accordance with instructions since received  
10 from the War Office, Lieut. Gill has made arrangements to join the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion West Riding Regiment with his men. The officer commanding the depot recommends him for a captaincy, and Colonel Trench, commanding the battalion, warmly supports the recommendation, having had Lieut. Gill under his command in Burmah and India.

The following letter was received by Lieut Gill from the War Office:- "I am directed to request that you will present yourself at the nearest military station at your place of residence for medical examination regarding your fitness for service. In the event of your being found medically fit, I am to request that you will proceed at once to  
20 Pirbright and join the 10<sup>th</sup> battalion West Riding Regiment for duty. On joining you should send to the officer commanding the above unit a medical certificate of fitness for duty. If you are unprovided with outfit you should join with plain clothes and obtain uniform later." The letter was addressed to "Captain" R. H. Gill.

The following reply has been sent:- "In accordance with instructions received in War Office letter, I have been in communication with the local recruiting officer (O. D. Depot, West Riding Regiment) who has recommended me for a captaincy in the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, which is commanded by Colonel Trench, who was my commanding officer in Burmah and India, and who endorses that recommendation. I have therefore made arrangements for my men and myself to join that Battalion as soon as they have room for us at the depot. I passed as medically fit at Halifax on 23<sup>rd</sup> inst., and  
30 forwarded completed particulars to the adjutant the same evening. In these circumstances I respectfully ask that we might adhere to the arrangements made, and that I might be gazetted to the 11<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion."

The reply to this letter had not yet been received.

Lieut. Gill will be pleased to receive more men on application to himself at High Street, Knaresborough. He also wishes to state that those who have subscribed money to the unit, will have the same refunded on application to himself. The money was appealed for in the name of "Frontiersmen" and although the men are frontiersmen they are not going as such. Of course, the money already subscribed

would be exceedingly useful to the detachment in providing small kit, underclothing and minor additional comforts. Some of it has already been expended on uniform and travelling expenses.

#### 10 October 1914

The following have enlisted in Kitchener's Army at the Harrogate Drill Hall depot since our last published list, a fortnight ago:-

10 John Allen, Ripon; Henry Stanley Witham, Leeds; Albert Wilson, Cophthwick, Ripon; William Goodwin, Bury St. Edmunds; Richard Hotham, Malton; Francis Arthur Willey, Leeds; Harry Turner, Leeds; Frederick William Charlton Horner, High Harrogate; Albert Bell, Landwith, York; Harold Cooper Ward, York; George Wrightson, Little Ouseburn; George Albert Richardson, Cleckheaton; John Frederick Clarke, Dringhouses, York; William Arthur Robson, Newton on Ouse; Lawrence Malkin, Drifffield; Edward Thirkell, Knaresborough; Joseph Farnhill, Harrogate; Edward Thomas Hudd, Middlesborough; Charles White, Northwich, Norfolk; John William Taylor, Knaresborough; Frederick Addyman, Killinghall; William Breeze, Aylesham; Percy Oddy, Leeds; George Robert Jeff, Hartwith; Walter Ibbotson, Whixley; Harold Taylor, Minskip; Thomas Eason, Coxwold; Joseph Nightingale, Hull; Ernest Bartaby, Fakenham; William Hamilton Shillington, Armagh; Percy Horner Taylor, Otley; John Gledhill, Leeds; Mark Barker Foster, Harrogate; William Wigglesworth,

20 Knaresborough; Henry Kirk, Leeds; Ernest Russell, Knaresborough; Arthur Dearlove, Tockwith; John Taylor, Knaresborough; James Woodhouse, York; Fred Petty, Harrogate; John William Surr, Knaresborough; Fred Thirkell, Ripon; William Dowler, Ravensden; Frederick William Glaswell, Middleton; Robert Orton, Spennymoor.

#### 17 October 1914

### AT KNARESBOROUGH

#### APPRECIATION OF COMFORTABLE BEDS.

30 The seventeen wounded Belgian soldiers who are being accommodated at the Knaresborough Infirmary, had a warm reception in spite of the fact that they did not arrive at the Infirmary until five minutes to two yesterday morning.

The special train from Dover arrived in Harrogate about 1.30am, and the Knaresborough company was at once removed in motor cars to the Infirmary.

Eight members of the Knaresborough Company St. John Ambulance Association were present at the Infirmary when the soldiers arrived, but they were all able to walk into the institution. Several persons able to speak French were able to give the Belgians a welcome, and in this respect Mrs. Hamilton, of Charlton Manor, Knaresborough, made it her duty to give each soldier a warm handshake and a few words of congratulation and welcome in their own language. Although bearing

40 signs of a great deal of suffering and fatigue, the men bore up bravely, and beams of smiles came to their weathered faces in response to the kindness showered on them.

Dr Mackay, who was accompanied by his wife and eight nurses, at once attended to the wounds of the soldiers. The wounds were all caused by bullets, not one being due to shrapnel.

Mr Bishop Kennett and Mrs Kennett, and the superintendent nurse of the hospital (Miss Williams), were busily engaged making things comfortable for the gallant guest. It was not until after four o'clock that they were relieved, and able to retire.

Before retiring, the wounded were given refreshments, including hot coffee and Bovril, which they accepted with pleasing relish. It was not long after that they were comfortably tucked in bed. "Never before have we had such comfortable beds," was the exclamation of several of them.

Their ages range from 25 to 40, and only two of them are able to speak English.

10 Miss Craig, of Knaresborough, has kindly offered to attend the hospital and act as interpreter.

**24 October 1914**

## **FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH**

photograph

Sergt. E. Gibbs, 9<sup>th</sup> Queen's Royal Lancers, killed in the battle of the Aisne, on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

20 Details of their careers are given in this issue.

**24 October 1914**

### **SECOND LIEUTENANCY FOR KNARESBOROUGH STUDENT.**

We are pleased to state that Mr D. B. Chamberlain, eldest son of Mr D. B. Chamberlain, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, has been given a second lieutenancy in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He joined the Leeds University officers' Training Corps on entering the University a little over a year ago.

Lieut. Chamberlain, who is only 18 years of age, was born in Douglas, I.O.M., where his parents had resided for some years. He has lived in Knaresborough about nine years.

30 The training corps on Tuesday went to Tynemouth Castle to join the garrison there. For a fortnight previous to that Lieut. Chamberlain had been at Colsterdale camp with the Leeds City Battalion.

24 October 1914

## **KNARESBOROUGH SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION.**

SERGT. E. GIBBS' UNTIMELY END.

BORN IN BARRACKS

10 There are fewer towns in our country, but have lost some of their citizens in the great war that is raging on the Continent, and Knaresborough has not escaped. We have to record the death of one of Knaresborough's most promising young soldiers, Sgt. Eustace Gibbs, who was killed in action on September 29<sup>th</sup>, in the concluding stages of the battle of the Aisne. He is the first Knaresborean who has fallen during the present war. The unfortunate soldier was only 26 years of age.

20 Sergt. Gibbs, who was the son of Mrs Gibbs, formerly in partnership with Mr C. H. De Lacy, grocer, Knaresborough, and now in South Africa, was in the 9<sup>th</sup> Queen's Royal Lancers, who are several times mentioned in General French's despatches. In the Battle of the Marne on September 7<sup>th</sup>, it is stated:- "The enemy retreated before our advance, covered by his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and Guard Cavalry Divisions, which suffered severely. Our cavalry acted with great honour, especially General de Lisle's Brigade, with the 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers and 18<sup>th</sup> Hussars. On September 8<sup>th</sup> the enemy continued his retreat northward, and our Army was successfully engaged during the day with strong rearguards of all arms on the Petit Morin River." From Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, to September 17<sup>th</sup>, from Mons back almost to the Seine, and from the Seine to the Aisne, the British army had been ceaselessly engaged, without one single day's halt or rest of any kind. In the early morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> the further pursuit of the enemy was commenced, and British corps crossed the Ourcq practically unopposed, the cavalry reaching the line of the Aisne River, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Brigades south of Soissons, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> on the high ground at Fouvrelles and Corseuil. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> September, near Missy, the whole of the British line was heavily bombarded. It is stated that the cavalry rendered most efficient and ready help in the trenches, and had considerably lightened the arduous and trying task which had fallen to the lot of the infantry. In the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> the enemy again showed considerable activity, and the British losses were heavy, but were greatly exceeded in the ranks of the enemy.

### **HOW HE MET HIS DEATH**

30 Some idea as to how the unfortunate Sergeant met his death can be gathered from the contents of a postcard received by Mr De Lacy from his nephew, Private W. Cole, of the Royal Army Medical Corps. The postcard is dated October 1<sup>st</sup>. Private Cole states: "An unlucky shell dropped amongst sonny's Regiment on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup>. I am told by a man in his troop that his leg was shattered, and he was not expected to recover. I saw some horrible wounds caused by the same shell, but Sonny had been taken before my arrival . . . I am quite well, and unharmed. We have been in this billet ten days, and are feeling quite at home, although we hear big guns booming all day."

The last communicating from Sergt. Gibbs was a field postcard, dated September 23<sup>rd</sup>, stating he was quite well. Mrs Gibbs writes to Knaresborough from South Africa stating that she has received the terrible news, and is heartbroken. It is her only son.

Sergt. Gibbs was born in the same Regiment in which he met his death, it being stationed at that time at Hulme Barracks, Manchester. His father, the late Mr J. Gibbs, was the Regimental Q.M.S., also of the 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers, and his mother, who before her marriage was Miss De Lacy, and a school teacher in York, became, on her marriage, the regimental schoolmistress. As a boy Sgt. Gibbs was always determined to enter the army, and became a member of the Knaresborough Volunteers as a youth, under Sgt. Ladd. He was a student at Knaresborough Grammar School, when Mr H. J. T. Bake was headmaster. For a short time after leaving the school, he was employed by Mr Carson at the Mill, but being anxious to develop himself for service in the army, he went into the employ of Mr Morrell, farmer, of Preston Bottom, Knaresborough.

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#### **DETERMINED TO JOIN REGULARS**

When he was wishful of joining the regular army, he was keenly disappointed to find he was half an inch short in chest measurement, and he never put on the necessary amount. He was very anxious to get into his father's regiment, and after repeated failures, his mother wrote to Lord Haldane, the War Secretary at that time, placing the case before him. The youth again presented himself, and this time he was accepted. He was first in the 21<sup>st</sup> Lancers, with whom he went to South Africa to join the 9<sup>th</sup>. He was there two or three years, and then came home. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in July 1913, after six years' service. In addition to serving two or three years in South Africa, he has also been in India.

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It is interesting to note that the 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers, the Dublin Fusiliers, and a battery of artillery were the first to form the Ladysmith camp, this, of course, being prior to the South African campaign.

At the beginning of the present war, Sergt. Gibbs was for a week or two engaged in purchasing remounts for the army. He himself was very fond of horses, and was a most able rough rider. He was always smart in appearance, and very obliging. His loss will be keenly felt by many Knaresboreans.

A photograph of Sergt. Gibbs appears in our picture series.

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21 November 1914

## ROLL OF HONOUR

### KNARESBOROUGH OFFICERS AND MEN UNDER THE COLOURS

The following is a list of Knaresborough Men who are serving their country in the Army, Navy, or Reserve Forces. There are only ten short of 200, but with recent enlistment is about 20 should be added to this list. Relatives and friends are requested to supply the names and regiment of any who have been omitted from this list to Col-Sergt. W. Swires, 10 High Street, Knaresborough:-

J. Adkin	-Almond, Yks. Hus
W Anderson 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	P. Atkinson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Sergt. G. A. Abbott, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	Corporal A. Anderson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
H. Anderson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	A. Binns, 5 <sup>th</sup> D.G.
A. V. Bell, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	F. Bramley
G. Broadbelt, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	-Birch, R.N.
F. Birch, 11 <sup>th</sup> Hussars	Cpl. W. Booth, North. Fusiliers
C-Sgt. A. Butterfield, 5 <sup>th</sup> W Yorks	Sergt. W. Birch, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Lance Corpl J. W. Bateman, 5 <sup>th</sup> W Yorks	Lance Cpl J. Buckley, 5 <sup>th</sup> W Yorks
A. H. Blades, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	W. Beck, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Y.
H. A. Barker, 5 <sup>th</sup> W Yorks	R. Barker, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
E. Blackston, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	M. Burke, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
T. Bamford, W.Y.	Sgt. G. Brown, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
E. Barnes, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	P. Barnie, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
T. Crew, K.O.Y.L.T.	H. Coates, R.F.A.
G. Cooper, R.F.A.	T. Coleman, W.Y.
S. M. Claney, Yorks, Dragoons	J. K Cliff, 5 <sup>th</sup> W Yorks
F. Cosgrove, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	R. H. Cosgrove, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
C. cussions, W.Y.	Major A. E. Collins, Yorks Hussars
Major W. F. Collins, R.S.G.	Lt. W. G. Charlesworth, Yorks Hussars

J. Clark, W.Y.	A. Cameron, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
E. Clayton, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	E. E. Crow, A.S.C.
T. Carass, K.O.Y.L.I.	E. Drury, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
P. De Lacy, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	J. E. Dobson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
G. S. Dinsdale, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	J. Dinsdale, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
T. Easton, A.S.C.	R. Ewan, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
H. Emmett, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	C. R. Eshelby, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
R. D. Eastwood, Yks. Dragoons	F. H. Franklin, W.Y.
G. Franklin 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	J. W. Grafton, W.Y.
Cpt. R. H. Gill, West Riding	H. Goody, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
W. Goodyear, Canadian Contingent	Sergt. E. Gibbs de Lacy, 9 <sup>th</sup> Lancers (killed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. C. F. Hamilton, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	G. S. Holroyd, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
T Howard, W. Y	W. Harper W.Y.
W. Hewson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	E. Hewson, R.A.M.C.
C. Harris, Yks. Huss	T. E. Harrison, Shropshire Regt
Hardy, R.N.	Sergt. R. Holmes
-Hudson, Yks. Huss.	Lance.Cpl Hicks, 5 <sup>th</sup> W Yorks
W. E. Hicks, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	N.Holmes, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
F. Heathcote, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	J. Hainsworth, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Cpl. M. Henry 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	Cpl J. Henry, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
J. Harper, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	B. R. Inman, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
C. Inman, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	A. Johnson, W.Y.
C. Johnson, W.Y.	Sgt. G. Johnson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
C. Jackson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	H, Jacobs, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
F. Kay, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	O. Kirby, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
J. W. Kell, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	J. Kelly, R.N.
Cpl T. King, Canadian Contingent	H. Langdon, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks

F. Lupton, R.E.	P. Loftus, R.F.A.
G. Lund, W.Y.	A. Lund, W.Y.
D. Lund, W.Y.	H. Lund
Roger Lund	H. Longfellow, N. Fus
W. Lawton, Yorkshire Dragoons	G. Large, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
?Cpl. J. F. Lawrence, R.E.	A. Mainman, R.E.
A. Morrell, K.R.R.	J. McNicholas, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
W. Mumford, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	B. Mumford, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Lce Cpl G. W. Middleton, 1 <sup>st</sup> W. Yorks – prisoner of war in Germany	G. Morrell, W.Y. (missing)
W. Malthouse, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	E. McEvoy, W.Y.
Sgt. Major Marsden, Y. Hussars	W.Maker
H. Morrell, K.O.Y.L.I	J. Mason
T. Mason, A.S.C.	G. E. Nelmen, R.A.M.C.
G. Nelms, R.A.M.C.	W. Norton, D.I.I.
H. Noble, W.Y.	C. Naden, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
C. Norton, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	J. Mirros, W.Y.
Lt. K. C. North, 4 <sup>th</sup> Queen's Own Hussars (killed)	Lce.Cpl J. T. Nicholson. R.H.G.
J. D. O'Brian, W.Y.	L. O'Brian, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
C. Outhwaite, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	T. Outhwaite, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
E. Page, R.A.	A. Parkinson, W.Y.
R. Pattison, R.F.A.	E. Pattison, K.R.R.
F. W. Peacock, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	Sgt. J. Patrick, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
A. Pilkington, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	H. Parkinson, W.Y.
R. R. Pollard, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	E. Russell, W. Yorks
A. Renton, R.F.A.	R. Richardson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
B. Robinson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	T. Rumfitt, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks



W. Surr, K.O.Y.L.I.	J. W. Surr, W.Y.
H. Surr, W.Y.	G. Scaife, W. Yorks
F. C. Stimson, R.N.	G. G. Smith, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
J. Swales, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	T. Scurrah, W.Y.
E. H. Sutcliffe, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	S. Stancer
W. Sykes, K.O.Y.L.I.	J. W. Taylor, W.Y.
J. Taylor, W.Y.	E. Taylor, W.Y.
H. Taylor, W.Y.	Sgt. F. Thickett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> W.R.R. (unofficially reported killed)
-Tattersfield, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	C Thackray, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Clifford Thackray, R.N.	C. Thorpe, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
B. Thorpe, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	F. Tipling, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
J. Vitty, W.Y.	W. Wrigglesworth, W.Y.
J. E. Wood, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	A. Warilove, L.G.
W. Walsh, W.Y.	Wm, Wrigglesworth, West Yorks
E. Whitaker, K.R.R.	L. Whitaker, K.R.R.
B. Western, Canadian Contingent	G. Wilkinson, R.E.
C. Whiteley, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	W. Whitaker, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
A. Wood, D.L.I.	Sgt. R. G. Walker, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
G. Wood, 7 <sup>th</sup> Hussars	G. Walker, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
R. Wilson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	I. Wills, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
T. H. Wilson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	B. Wheelhouse, R.N.
H. Wright, Yks Hussars	H. A. Wilson, N. Fusiliers
W. Woodall, . Fusiliers	Cpl A. G. Wilson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
E. Wood, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	G. H. Winsor, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks

A further list received late last night will be published next week.

**Claro Times and Knaresborough Guardian**

28 November 1914

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## KNARESBOROUGH

The following is a supplementary list of names to be added to those which we published last week. Altogether there are upwards of 250 Knaresborough officers and men (excluding those from the surrounding villages serving under the colours:-

Sgt. Major A. Ayrton, Scots Greys	Thos. Almond, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
H. Bedford, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	Albert Burns, 11 <sup>th</sup> Hussars
Botton, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	John Brennan, 1 <sup>st</sup> W. Yorks
Cpl. Henry Cliff, R.F.A.	Sec. Lieut D. Chamberlain, R.G.A.
W. D. Clough, Yorks, Hussars	Albert Cosgrove, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Cecil Crow, A.S.C.	Petty Officer Herbert Donley, H.M.S. Coronia
R. A. Day, 10 <sup>th</sup> West Yorks	J. E. Dodson, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Thos. Flatley, N.R., invalided home	F. H. Frankland, West Yorks
G. Frnakland, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	W. Gott, 10 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Cpl. T. G> Harrison, 5 <sup>th</sup> West Yorks	G. Harris, Yorks Hussars
W. Harper, 3 <sup>rd</sup> W. Yorks	Geo Hall, 5th W. Yorks
Charles Hewitt, R.N., H.M.S. Liverpool	Ernest Hewitt, Shropshire Light Infantry
A. Holmes, Canadian A.S.C.	T. Howland, 3 <sup>rd</sup> West Yorks
Harry Holdsworth, R.N., H.M.S. Dreadnought	Fred Hopkinson, 5 <sup>th</sup> West Yorks
J. Holdsworth, 1 <sup>st</sup> W. Yorks	W. Holdsworth, Canadian A.S.C.
-Hudson, R.N.	Cpl H. Ingham, R.A.M.C.
T. Inman, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	Herbert Jackson, Yorks and Lancs
H. Jordan, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	Col. Sgt. Stephen Keane, 5 <sup>th</sup> West Yorks
John Kaye, Durham Light Infantry	Edward Kirby, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Patrick Kilmartin, W. Yorks	W. Lund, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Alan Mainman, 4 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	Patrick Marrie, 1 <sup>st</sup> W. Yorks

Thos Mawson, R.F.A.	W. Maker, Lancs, Fusiliers
J. McCade, 3 <sup>rd</sup> W. Yorks	Fountain, Morrison, R.A.M.C.
P. Narey, W. Yorks	J. Naylor, R.A.M.C.
-Parker, H.M.S. Falmouth	E. J. Parsons, 11 <sup>th</sup> Kent Service Battery R.F.A.
H. Parkinson, W. Yorks	W. Pollard, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Harry Powell, Durham L.I.	F. A. Relf, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Wm Richardson, West Yorks	M. Rooney, W. Yorks
J. Sellers, Coldstream Guards (wounded)	Marmaduke Smith, W. Yorks
J. G. Stephenson, R.A.M.C.	Edwin Tattersfield, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
E. Tremble, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks	A. E. Taylor, Northumberland Hussars
V. H. Taylor, R.A.	C. H. Taylor, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
F. Watson, West Yorks	C. Ward, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
R. W. Wynn (?)	A. Whistlecroft, W. Yorks
John Williams, 20 <sup>th</sup> Hussars	Jas. Woodhouse, 5 <sup>th</sup> W. Yorks
Cpl G. G. Wood, 7 <sup>th</sup> Hussars	F. A. Wood, R.A.M.C.
Walter Whealhouse, 6 <sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards	D. Yates, Yorks Hussars

## CLARO TIMES

19 December 1914

### KNARESBOROUGH MAN'S ESCAPE

Late last night we learned that Saddler Charles Harris, of Knaresborough, stationed at Scarborough with the Yorkshire Hussars, has written to his wife describing the bombardment, and stating that a shell entered his quarters just as he was leaving. A splinter struck him on one foot, which was slightly injured, and broke his spur off.

## CLARO TIMES

19 December 1914

### WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN THE INFIRMARY

10 The Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Board, he wrote a letter to the L.G.B. with reference to the two wards in the Infirmary that were being used for the accommodation of wounded Belgian soldiers, stating that the Red----- had received a further application for accommodation for wounded cases, and as the first cases were now convalescent and might be discharged, the Guardians asked sanction to continue to place the two wards at the disposal of soldiers.

In reply to that letter, the L.G.B. stated that whilst they would be glad to sanction such an action, they were bound to consider the fact that the primary use of the premises was the accommodation of the sick poor. Before considering further the application of the Guardians, the Board wished to be supplied with a statement as to the available accommodation.

The Master had reported that if they utilised the room, the small ward which would accommodate eight beds, and also utilised the room that was set apart for the Nurse's sitting room and the bath room, which are not now used, they would have accommodation for twelve beds. They would then have two wards available for emergency cases.

20 Mr Atkinson: there is not a single man in this room who is not anxious to do what he can to find accommodation.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the L.G.B. stating that there was accommodation for twelve beds without interfering with the sick poor.

After the meeting the annual collection in aid of the inmates Christmas treat was made and the Chairman announced that it had realised the sum of £1. 6s. 6d.



### LIEUT. GILL'S SPLENDID RECORD.

Lieut. R. H. Gill, who formerly was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Riding Regiment, has had considerable military experience abroad, and in various ways attained to a considerable degree of proficiency. He underwent a special course of maxim gunnery at Hythe, for which he holds a certificate; he was awarded a gymnastic and swordsmanship certificate at Poona; musketry certificate at Pachmarhi. He also passed "distinguished" in tactics, military engineering and topography at Ranikhet.

10 He began service in 1893 as a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> V.H. P.W.O. West Yorkshire Regiment. From 1893 to 1900 he served in the same regiment as 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant and lieutenant, and commanded cyclists of West Yorkshire Volunteer Infantry Brigade. He is the author of the "Military Cyclists' Hand Book." In 1900 he went abroad, serving as sergeant in the Volunteer Service Company and the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Yorkshire Regiment in the South African campaign, for which he has the Queen's Medal with four clasps. He did some very useful work and received a Line Commission in the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Riding Regiment, dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 1900. From that year until 1906 he was serving in Burmah and India, and acted in various capacities. At one time he was Company Commander, then Adjutant, a Quartermaster, Station Staff Officer, while he acted as Cantonment Magistrate, and also commanded the Station at Dum Dum for about nine months. In 1906 and 1907 Lieut. Gill served with the West  
20 African Force (Frontier) in Sierra Leone and Northern Liberia. He commanded a company in the Kissi Expedition, and the posts at Kaure, Lahun and Loma. This expedition called for daring and resource, and Lieut. Gill was mentioned in dispatches. He resigned his commission in 1908.

A complete list of the Frontiersmen" appeared in last week's issue of this paper.