

prominent in local and national affairs. Their story is writ large in the country's history. It is a story of great deeds, of self-sacrificing love of country, of noble devotion to King; in fact, a race of illustrious men and good women. Throughout the hundreds of years that have passed since the family went to Scriven father and son have played their part upon the great stage of life. They are now but dust beneath the little church of Knaresborough, but their name is not dead.

10 A passing reference to Red House will not be beyond the scope of this article, for it was for many years the home of the Scrivens. This old house, from which a splendid view of York Minster can be got, although it is seven miles away, saw a good deal of King Charles I. he visited it in 1633, ten years before the great quarrel. Not far away at Marston Moor King Charles sustained the terrible disaster that overtook him, and here also a Slingsby – Charles – the gallant kinsman of Sir Henry gave up his life as he sank beneath a sabre stroke that cleft skull and neck. His name appears in the register of burials in York Minster, but traces of where he was actually laid to rest are wanting. A good many years ago while excavations were being carried out beneath the Zouche Chapel a skull was found with a terrible cut
20 that almost severed it. It was assumed to be the skull of the gallant Charles Slingsby, and the remains were reverently re-buried. On the occasion of the visit already referred to, the King went to York Races, which were then held on Acomb Moor, probably Hob Moor. Sir Henry Slingsby won the Acomb Plate that day.

After Bannockburn William Slingsby of Scriven was chosen by Edward the Third to lead the men from his own district, and took part in the capture of Berwick and in the victory of Halidon Hill. He gained a great renown in that campaign, and it is known that he did valiant service for the King for many a
30 year. He, however, dropped completely out of record and one cannot say with certainty what his end was. William Slingsby was succeeded by his son Gilbert, but the Slingsbys who immediately followed upon this period did not greatly distinguish themselves. One Slingsby – about this period – John – murdered his two young sons in a fit of jealous rage, and almost succeeded in killing his wife. He was tried at York Assizes, and despite his great position and wealth, he was ordered to be pressed to death, and met his fate with great fortitude in York Castle.

40 Sir Francis Slingsby, a son of Thomas Slingsby, deserves some little notice. He married Mary Percy, the sister of the Earl of Northumberland, the most powerful lord in the north. Nine sons and three daughters came from this marriage – the eldest son and heir – Thomas – being drowned in the Nidd in an accident – a melancholy disaster like that to which Sir Charles Slingsby fell a victim a number of years ago.

The above brief summary brings us down to Sir Henry Slingsby – the most gallant member of a gallant race. In 1642 King Charles, who had quarrelled with Parliament, came to York, having determined to unsheathe the sword. On the eve of the great Civil War he called Yorkshiremen to support him.
50 Charles refused the last appeal his Parliament presented to him on Howarth

Moor, and so sides had to be chosen. Sir Henry Slingsby, who loomed so large in the history of the Civil War, more particularly as it affected Yorkshire, was born in 1601, probably at Scriven. He was created a Baronet in 1608, and when the King, as already stated, hurried north to raise troops, Sir Henry was the first to offer his services. Until the day of his death – 16 years later – Sir Henry Slingsby lived for but one object – the restoration of the authority of the King. He was ultimately beheaded for plotting for the overthrow of the Parliamentary party. Sir Henry was succeeded by Sir Thomas, and throughout the 17th and 18th centuries the line continued unbroken: in the last century Scriven was held by Sir Charles Slingsby, as gallant a gentleman as the race produced, who was drowned in a disastrous boat accident on the Ure in February, 1869.

By the unfortunate death of Sir Charles Slingsby the tenantry of Scriven lost a friend, the county a trusted counsellor, the country a noble citizen, and by an appalling sudden accident, which in a moment transformed a gloriously happy hunting morning to a scene of death and terror. On February 4th, 1869, the York and Ainsty hounds met about twenty miles from York. Sir Charles, who was the master, found the fox, one that had baffled him before. Reynard broke cover and made straight for Newby Hall, crossing the river in its course. After the fox in full cry came the field, Sir Charles leading straight for the ferry opposite Newby Park. Here the ferry boat was in readiness, and into it all the members of the Hunt crowded; some still mounted, others standing by their horses. The boat was managed by a cog-wheel which took hold of a chain stretched across the river, and was worked by hand. The chain, which was of some weight, lay at ordinary times at the bottom of the river, and was picked up by the boat as it went along, but when the river was full of water the weight of the chain was off the ground and upon the boat. The chain was on the down-stream side, and the weight of it naturally kept the side of the boat a little down in the water, and when any extra weight, like the weight of a horse was added on that side the upstream side of the boat rose and the stream rushing down underneath it sent it right over on the main side. There was a hurried scrimmage, and Sir Charles Slingsby's horse, Saltfish, an old and very good one, jumped out of the boat, but got entangled in the chain, and adding to the weight of the boat on that side upset it. Sir Charles had the reins twisted round his wrist. At first, he struck out for the boat, and when he saw it was going over he swam away, and was within a stroke or two of the opposite shore, but there was no one to fling him the end of a hunting whip, and he sank. It is thought that he took cramp as his legs were very much drawn up when he was found. Mr Edward Lloyd, Mr Edmund Robinson, Mr William Orvis, the huntsman, Mr Christopher Warriner, and Mr James Warriner, the ferrymen, were also drowned at the same time. Sir Charles was buried in Knaresborough Parish Church, along with his illustrious kindred, and a noble window commemorates the accident, in which perished the last of the Slingsbys.

On Sir Charles Slingsby's death the estate passed to his sister, who married Captain Lister, and again there was no issue. The estate then went to the Rev. C. Atkinson, a cousin of Sir Charles Slingsby, who adopted the family name. The Rev. Charles Slingsby, as he was afterwards known, was one of

the best known members of the York and Ainsty Hunt, and a keen sportsman, and like Sir Charles Slingsby, was killed while out with the York and Ainsty in the neighbourhood of Nether Poppleton on November 15th, 1912, while following a fox from Red House, which has already been referred to in this article, and which was the rev. gentleman's own property. He was thrown from his horse and broke his neck, death being instantaneous.

10 Mr Charles Reynard Slingsby, the deceased's eldest son, succeeded to the estates, but he has resided very little at Scriven. In 1900 he married an American lady, and it is claimed that a son was born. Other members of the family who would become entitled to the property in the absence of an heir on the death of Mr Reynard Slingsby, contend that the child is not the true son of Mr and Mrs Reynard Slingsby, but a substitute, and this is the contention which the Probate and Divorce Court is being asked to uphold. Mr Justice Bargrave Deane has taken time to consider his judgment.

10.02.1915

Harrogate Advertiser

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Editor's Letter W.H. BREARE ' To Our Boys on Service'

The verdict in the Slingsby case was delivered on Wednesday. It was in favour of the child, whose legitimacy is now established, and he now becomes the heir to the Slingsby estate. I am not surprised at the verdict. I expected it. Many people around Knaresborough who knew the family have noticed a likeness to the grandfather's eyes, some of them declare. There must be something in it because, though imagination often plays a strong resemblance, imagination cannot have swayed all those people. If one person says he sees a likeness, the next person is likely to declare that he does not. Where there is unanimity. It may carry conviction. Local opinion has been wonderfully unanimous.

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The case has excited keen interest in the district, especially about Knaresborough. His Lordship commenced to deliver judgement at 10.15 on Wednesday morning. Not long after this we received from the Press Association a wire giving a sentence or two of the Judge's which pointed conclusively a judgement for the child. It was as follows:
The judge said his view was Mrs Slingsby had a child September 1 1910, in McAllister Street, and that that she covered it up by putting forward another child is untrue.
His Lordship gave judgement for the plaintiff (the child).s

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10.03.1915

Harrogate Advertiser

LOCAL BREVITIES

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Mr Charles Henry Reynard Slingsby, of Knaresborough, father of "Teddy Slingsby," and owner of the Scriven estates, has received a commission in His Majesty's Navy, and shortly leaves the town for service. Mr Slingsby was formerly a lieutenant in the Navy.

07.04.1915

Harrogate Advertiser

10 **5 QUESTIONS to
those who employ
male servants.**

1. HAVE you a butler, Groom,
Chauffeur, Gardener, or
Gamekeeper serving you who, at
this moment, should be serving
your King and Country?
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2. Have you a man serving at your
table who should be serving a gun?
3. Have you a man digging your garden
who should be digging trenches?
4. Have you a man driving your car
who should be driving a transport
wagon?
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5. Have you a man preserving your
game who should be helping to
preserve your Country?

**A great responsibility rests on you. Will
you sacrifice your personal convenience for
your Country's need ?**

40 **Ask your men to enlist TO-DAY.**

The address of the nearest Recruiting
Office can be obtained at any Post Office.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

07.04.1915

Harrogate Herald

APPEAL FOR RECRUITS.

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HARROGATE HERALD SERIES REGISTRATION FORM.

I hereby declare that I am of military age (19 to 38) and willing to enlist in His Majesty's New Army when called upon to do so by the Military Authorities.

WRITE
DISTINCTLY

Full Name

Full Address

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This form, when completed, should be returned in stamped envelope, marked "Recruiting," to the Editor, Herald Buildings, Harrogate.

14.04.1915

Harrogate Herald

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1.
Miss Wood, of New Scriven, Knaresborough, has the unique distinction of being the first lady to undertake the duties of postman in the district. She volunteered for service and has undertaken the Arkendale country round.

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2.
Some interesting points in connection with the war were alluded to by Sapper Lupton, a Harrogate man who has just returned from the front, and who was one of the speakers at a recruiting meeting held in Knaresborough Market Place last night. Sapper Lupton said from inquiries he had made there were some 250 single men still left in Knaresborough who were fit and able for service, but who had not yet enlisted. He was afraid they had not realised the situation that if conscription came they would be the first to go. That would mean they might be called up any time to the age of forty-five if the Continental system were adopted. That was the difference between free enlistment and compulsion. He appealed to them to come forward as there was a need for more men, and the more men they got, the shorter would be the war. Alluding to the ticket system in Germany, Lupton said the war bread spirit was wanting in England, as it showed the whole nation was behind the army when they were content to eat war bread without a murmur.

21.04.1915

Harrogate Herald

Mrs Slingsby (widow of the late Rev. C. S. Slingsby, of Scriven Park, has been appointed lady churchwarden for Farnham-with-Scotton.

At a meeting of the Knaresborough Urban Council on Monday it was decided to extinguish all street lamps with the exception of those at dangerous corners.

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05.05.1915

Harrogate Herald

KNARESBOROUGH AMBULANCE

The following is a list of subscriptions to the Knaresborough Ambulance:-

Includes:

Mrs Slingsby 3s.

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16.06.1915

Harrogate Herald

W. H. Breare letter 'To Our Boys on Service'

Of course, just now, boys, there is a great scarcity of agricultural labour. To meet this, soldiers of the new armies and of the Territorial force are to be liberated for work in the hay harvest, as circumstances permit. Furloughs are to be granted to soldiers up to fourteen days, so that they may help the farmer. The soldier will receive four shillings per day if he provides his own board and lodgings. If he is boarded and lodged with the farmer then he receives two shillings and sixpence a day. No charge is made to the farmer for the man's travelling expenses. Only those will be released who have been accustomed to farm work. This arrangement applies to the hay harvest, other arrangements will be made for the corn harvest.

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THE SCARBOROUGH BOMBARDMENT

Photograph

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TROOPER C.C. EASTWOOD, Yorkshire Hussar's (Of Knaresborough)/
The photograph above shows a wrecked building after the bombardment of Scarborough and a detachment of Yorkshire Hussars, who were on guard duty at the time. Trooper Eastwood is stood second from the right.

21.07.1915

Harrogate Herald

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**YOUR COMRADES IN ARMS
ARE COMING**

FOR YOU

**RECRUITS URGENTLY
REQUIRED**

FOR

**5TH BTN. THE PRINCE OF WALES'
OWN
(WEST YORKSHIRE) REGIMENT.**

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A SPECIAL

**RECRUITING
CAMPAIGN**

FROM JULY 17 TO JULY 24

Will take place, and your SOLDIER
COMRADES

will be on duty in this district ready to offer
ALL

20 **INFORMATION and ENROL RECRUITS.**

**THIS IS YOUR BATTALION RECRUITED FROM
MEN IN YOUR OWN DISTRICT.**

RECRUITING OFFICES at

HARROGATE (headquarters)
Albert Street
WETHERBY
TADCASTER

RIPON
KNARESBOROUGH
PATELEY BRIDGE
BOROUGHBRIDGE

2.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN IN HARROGATE

The 2-5th West Yorkshires, which contains so many Harrogate and district men, who have given their services to their country and have been in training in Harrogate during the winter, and since at Thorsby, are devoting a few days leave, which they might have spent in other ways, to a recruiting campaign in Harrogate and the rest of the Ripon Division. Some 600 local West Yorkshires are already at the front, some
10 have fallen, some have been mentioned in despatches, and others are bravely fighting. The local battalion, as it may be termed, want more “pals.” Supports must be found to fill the gaps after those still amongst us in khaki have gone to strengthen the line, and hence the recruiting campaign.

On Saturday evening 100 Harrogate men of the battalion arrived at the direction of Lieut. Col. Bottomley, under the command of Lieut. G. S. Chadwick. The soldiers are billeted at their homes, and during the week will endeavour to bring in their pals to the recruiting office. The campaign opened practically when Lieut. Chadwick addressed the audience assembled in the Opera House on Saturday evening. On Monday
20 morning he addressed a large gathering in James Street, when little Jean Dolfus, a French Boy Scout, drilled and complimented a squad of the recruits. On Monday evening at the Kursaal little Jean Dolfus again drilled a squad on the stage, and Lieut. Chadwick made a further appeal for recruits and the loan of motor care to bring in recruits from the outlying districts, an interesting spectacle which was repeated last night at the Picture House. On Saturday the remainder of the battalion will arrive in Harrogate by special train and will parade on the Stray. Afterwards they will be entertained by the town, through the Major (Alderman J. Sheffield), to dinner at the Grove Road Council School, and will afterwards leave for York, accompanied by the new recruits, who up to last night had turned up in appreciable numbers – 30 in
30 Harrogate alone.

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HARROGATE “PALS” RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

The Harrogate men of the 2-5th West Yorkshire Regiment arrived in Harrogate on Saturday for a week’s recruiting campaign. About eighty attended service at St Peter’s Church on Sunday morning. They will be on duty in the town for the purpose of getting recruits, and offices have been opened in Albert Street, Harrogate and in the following country districts: Wetherby, Tadcaster, Ripon, Pateley Bridge, Boroughbridge, Knaresborough, Green Hammerton, York, and Selby.
40 Twenty motor cars are wanted to bring in recruits from these branches, which will be organised by Mr J. E. A. Titley, James Street, who will be pleased to hear from owners of cars willing to assist.

On July 24th the whole battalion will arrive under Colonel Bottomley, and the Mayor will entertain them to dinner at Grove Road Council School. They will parade on the Stray during the morning, and then go to York by train with the new recruits, where they will probably be inspected by the General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Northern Command.

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During the week end a recruiting campaign has been vigorously pursued at
50 Knaresborough by the local men who are in the 2nd Battalion 5th West Yorks.

Regiment, and up to Monday night eighteen recruits had been enrolled. On Sunday morning there was a church parade for the contingent, and an able discourse was given at the Parish Church by the Rev. R. O Wilson, a former curate. In the afternoon a public meeting was held in the afternoon a public meeting was held in the Market Square, which was addressed by Rev. Can Hancock and Captain A. P. Dale.

28.07.1915

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Harrogate Herald

W. H. Breare Letter "To Our Boys on Service"

You will read elsewhere about the send off of the 2-5th West Yorks. I may tell you the week's recruiting in the Ripon Division, which includes Harrogate, Ripon, Knaresborough, Pateley, and the others you know so well, brought 250 to the colours. We all considered this very good as the district had already done so well. Think of little Knaresborough, 48, Harrogate 60 in a day. We soon shan't have a man to prop a lamp post. I daresay, though, they will stand without. They are not much use,
20 anyway, nowadays. We are on the saving tack. They'll all shine out when you come home for good. May the day be soon. In the meantime we know that you will "stick it," happy and content in the noblest duty of man.

04.08.1915

Harrogate Herald

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1.

OUTINGS FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

The wounded soldiers at the Harrogate hospitals are having some pleasant outings, thanks to various ladies and gentlemen in the town and neighbourhood. On Wednesday last 50 were the guests of Mr and Mrs Jacob Smith, Burton Grange, Helperby, where they had a delightful time. The soldiers were driven in motor cars, organised by Mr Walter Blakey, of Ripon Road, Harrogate, and lent by Mr Blakey, Mr Philip Hale, Mr W. Peacock, Mr W. H. Breare, Mr Squire Spencer, Mr W. Davey, Mr Davey, junr, Mrs Rennie, Miss Chapman, Mr J. Cass, Mr E. P. Exley, and Mr G. K. Dent.

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CYCLE ACCIDENTS AT KNARESBOROUGH

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Two cycling accidents of a more or less serious nature occurred at Knaresborough on Wednesday. Whilst motor cycling down Pump Hill, Mr Lionel Hurwitz, of Westcliffe Road, Harrogate, in trying to avoid a dog which had crossed the road, collided with a motor car coming in the opposite direction and which was being driven by Captain Geddes, of Scriven Hall. The cycle struck the front of the car and Hurwitz was thrown off his machine on to the splashboard. He was attended to by Dr Robinson, and was found to

have sustained injuries to both legs and his face was badly bruised. Subsequently he was conveyed in the car to the Harrogate Infirmary.

08.09.1915

Harrogate Herald

KNARESBOROUGH MEN WITH COLOURS.

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Photograph of soldiers

Private Edwin Walker, of Old Scriven, Knaresborough, Yorks. Hussars

15.09.1915

Harrogate Herald

DOING BROTHER'S WORK WHILE HE SERVES.

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2 photographs

[Photo, Cornan]

GUNNER A. DRAPER

Of Old Scriven, Royal Field Artillery.

[Photo, Mitchell]

MISS H. M. DRAPER

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Of Old Scriven, who is doing the work of her brother, Pte. A. Draper (previously market gardener).

29.09.1915

Harrogate Herald

KNARESBOROUGH MEN WITH THE COLOURS.

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Photograph

Corporal G. R. Blackburn, of Knaresborough, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C.

06.10.1915

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Harrogate Herald

1.

THE R.S.P.C.A. AT THE FRONT

70,000 HORSES RETURNED FIT.

The invaluable work that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is doing among the wounded horses at the Front was interestingly described at a meeting at the Crown Hotel, on Thursday afternoon, by Mr C. G. Fairholme (chief secretary of the society). His Worship the Mayor of Harrogate (Alderman J. Sheffield) presided, and was supported by the Rev. W. Fowell Swann, Dr Williams, Hon. Lady Ingilby, Lady Mowbray and Stourton, lady Lawson Tancred, Mrs Slingsby, Mrs. Wilmot-Smith, Miss Graham (hon secretary of Ripon branch), Mr Maynard, Miss Bain, Mrs Maynard (hon secretary Harrogate brand), etc.

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Mrs Slingsby seconded, and the motion was carried.

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20.10.1915

Harrogate Herald

Lady Mowbray and Stourton, Mrs Slingsby (Farnham), and Mrs Maynard (Langthorpe) presided at the receiving stall for the Navy at Knaresborough market on Wednesday, and were assisted by Mrs I D. Mackay, Miss Altham Carter, Mr Johnson and Mr Coghlan. A gratifying feature of this stall is that the number of gifts received each week shows no sign of diminution, the generosity of residents in the town and district and visitors to the market being again manifested this week in 23 boxes of fruit, vegetables, etc, being despatched to the naval base for the benefit of the fleet. We are asked to state that it would facilitate transit if the gifts were received during the period the stall is open, 10 o'clock to 2.30

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27.10.1915

Harrogate Herald

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

TO MY PEOPLE

At this grave moment in the struggle between my people and a highly organised enemy who has transgressed the Laws of Nations and changed the ordinance that binds civilized Europe together, I appeal to you.

I rejoice in my Empire's effort, and feel pride in the voluntary response from my Subjects all over the world who have sacrificed home, fortune, and life itself, in order that another may not inherit the free Empire which their ancestors and mine have built.

I ask you to make good these sacrifices.

The end is not in sight. One man and yet more are wanted to keep my Armies in the Field, and through them to secure Victory and enduring Peace. In ancient days the darkest moment has ever produced in men of our race the sternest resolve.

I ask you, men of all classes, to come forward voluntarily and take your share in the fight.

In freely responding to my appeal, you will be giving your support to our brothers, who, for long months, have nobly upheld Britain's past traditions, and the glory of her Arms.

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George R

10.11.1915

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Harrogate Herald

1.

LOYAL KNARESBRO' FAMILY

INDIAN MUTINY VETERAN AND SIX SONS DOING THEIR BIT

At the present juncture, when appeals are being made on all hands for recruits for His Majesty's Forces, it is gratifying to be able to place on record the patriotic spirit which permeates a well-known and esteemed Knaresborough family. Major R. Hardcastle, of Hilcot, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough and his six sons are all doing their bit, and the gallant Major and two of his sons have attained a degree of eminence in their profession.

The father, although an octogenarian (84), is commandant of the Knaresborough Volunteer Training Corps. He retired from the Army after 33 years' service. Major Hardcastle is one of the few Indian Mutiny veterans left to relate the strenuous experience of that campaign, which he went through with the Royal Horse Artillery under Lord Clyde. He was in at the fall of Lucknow, and took part in 17 engagements, including the last that was fought on the Nepal frontier. On returning home the veteran was for six years instruction officer at the school of gunnery.

The two elder sons are both in the Navy, Commander Corin Vivian Hardcastle having had 30 years' service as a war staff officer.

Commander Sydney Undercliffe Hardcastle has been in the Navy over 20 years, and has achieved fame through an invention which accelerates the speed of torpedoes, details of which will be found in an article below.

Lieutenant Bevorde Vick Hardcastle is in the 10th London Regiment, whilst Mr Bolton Hardcastle has recently joined the Canadian contingent in British Columbia. Major Hardcastle's two other sons may also be included as in the service of their country, Mr Horace being registrar in the G.P.O., and Mr Digby H. Hardcastle, who is a member of the London Stock Exchange, having undertaken duty as a special constable in the Metropolis.

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“SNATCHING POWER FROM THE AIR.”

COMMANDER HARDCASTLE’S IMPORTANT INVENTION.

The appended article appears on the current number of “My Magazine” relative to an invention of Lieut. (recently promoted Commander) Hardcastle, R>N., son of Major Hardcastle, Hilcot, Knaresborough.

“The purposes of war have called the value of heated air into use in a curious way.

We do not know with whom the idea originated. That wonderful Hero, who was famous at Alexandria a hundred years before the birth of Jesus, was perhaps the first
10 who understood it. He caused the doors of a great temple to open and close by means of hot air. Twenty centuries later Sir John Fowler, the great engineer, declared his intention to run the engines of the first underground railway in London by means of hot air. But neither Hero nor Sir John Fowler, achieved ought of importance with hot air, that remained to Lieut. Hardcastle, of the British Navy, who at a stroke doubled the power of the torpedo by means of hot air.

“The torpedo is really a sort of automobile mine. When launched it is driven forward by its own engine, guided by its own rudder, balanced by its own gyroscope. Now the engine is driven by compressed air, the power which also launches the torpedo from its tube. This air as it is realised rapidly expands and drives a little engine exactly as
20 the vapour of petro driven the engine of a motor car. But, until Lieut. Hardcastle came on the scene the compressed air reached the engine cold, so that not half its power was realised. Heat air and you cause it to expand tremendously. Probably few who read this realise that air helps to drive a motor car. Air sucked into the cylinders with the petrol gas expands enormously under the influence of heat and forms an elastic part of the explosive mixture which kicks the piston down.

“What the engine of a car can do a torpedo’s engine must be made to do, through Lieut. Hardcastle, and so he contrived an apparatus to heat the air as it leaves the chamber in which it is compressed. This we get not only the rapid expansion due to the liberation of the air from compression, but also the great expansion which heat
30 produces upon air. This expansion greatly increases the driving power of the air. The motor is not only caused to work much more rapidly; it is caused to work longer. The result is that a modern British torpedo can travel through water at 45 knots an hour for the first 7,000 yards of its journey, gradually dropping to 20 knots or under for a further 4,000 yards. The apparatus which is still a Government secret, is believed to be quite simple in construction; but there is a splendid idea in it, and when war gives way to peace we may find it widely extended.”

3.

Another lady “postman” is engaged in delivering letters in Harrogate besides Miss
40 Lawton, whom I mentioned last week, Miss E. Spink having also undertaken this work. I understand it is the intention of the Postmaster at Harrogate to employ female labour to the fullest extent to supplement the male labour over and under military age. The women who are really wanted for this work are those between the ages of 23 and 30, strong, able to cycle, and will be paid a fair wage, those between the ages mentioned receiving more than those under 23. The loads will be made suitable for the women workers, no woman carrying more than 20lbs. The women workers wear protective clothing, including waterproof skirts and coats and gaiters, whilst they have a distinguishing armlet. The pouches or delivery bags are carried by a shoulder strap.

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24.11.1915

Harrogate Herald

1.

DEATH OF MR E. D. LUMB, OF KNARESBOROUGH

On Friday the death occurred after a very brief illness of Mr E. Driffield Lumb, of Ryecroft, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresbro', in his thirty-seventh year. The deceased, who had carried on the business of farmer and milk dealer, was well known in the district, and much sympathy is felt for the widow and two children.

10 The interment took place on Monday at Knaresborough Cemetery, and obsequies being of a semi-military nature from the attendance in uniform of the Knaresborough Volunteer Training Corps, of which the late Mr Lumb was a member. The funeral was read by the Rev. R. J. Hewitt (vicar of Cowgill).

The chief mourners were Mrs Lumb (widow), Mr Ashburn Lumb (father), Seacroft, Mr Arthur and Mrs Frank Lumb (brothers), Seacroft; Mrs G. Hardisty, Seacroft, and Mrs Hatfield, Boston Spa (sisters); Mrs A. Lumb (sister-in-law), Mr G. Hardisty (brother-in-law), Mrs Stephenson, Ferrensby; Mrs Crosland, Harrogate; Mr Dunwell S. Tahylor, Ferrensby Lodge; Mr Jos. Thompson, Headingley; Mr T. Buckland and Mrs Livingstone, Scriven. Others at the graveside included Mr J. W. Watkins
20 (Platoon Commander, Volunteer Training Corps), Mr T. L. Shann, Captain Tyrrell, Mr A. A. Gibson, Mr W. Simpson, Councillor J. W. Barton, Mr Stephenson, Mr J. Ellis, Mr J. Carson, Mr D. De Lacy, Mr Maltby, Mr W. B. Wilkinson, Mr A. Smith, Mr Moody, Mr W. Hall, Mr J. F. Holmes, Mr Dinsdale, Mr J. Yates, Mr Parvin, Mr W. Wilkinson, Mr Reaveley, Mr R. Oates, Mr A. Pratt, Mr. S. C. Fairbank, Mr Harold Mainman, Mr J. Bradley, Mr H. Bradley, Mr G. Morwell (Harrogate), Mr T. Collier, Mr G. Pawson, Mr J. Coates.

The coffin, which was of oak, with brass furnishings, bore the inscription: "Edward Driffield Lumb, died November 19th, 1915; aged 37 years."

The floral tributes included the following:

30 -"In loving g memory," from his wife and children; from father and mother, "With deepest sympathy;" from Uncle and Aunt Thompson, "With deepest sympathy;" from Mr and Mrs Buckley; from Arthur and Lilly, "With deepest sympathy;" from Mr and Mrs Hatfield and family; from Frank and Nellie, "With deepest sympathy;" from Annie and William. "With deepest sympathy;" from R. D. Fotherby; from the Knaresborough Volunteer Trainign Corps, "With deepest sympathy."

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Hogg, Park Row, Knaresborough.

2.

**KNARESBOROUGH DOLIDER ON THE MINED HOSPITAL SHIP.
PICKED UP UNCONSCIOUS AFTER HALF AN HOUR IN THE SEA.**

Pte. W. Anderson (5th West Yorks), son of Mr and Mrs T. Anderson, Calcutt, Knaresborough, who was on the mined hospital ship Anglia, which was sunk on Wednesday, had a miraculous escape from drowning.

In a brief letter sent to his parents yesterday from a hospital where he is located at Epsom, Private Anderson states that immediately after the explosion he was immersed along with a large number of the wounded and invalided soldiers, but remembers little beyond striking out, swimming for himself. He was picked up half an hour after the vessel sank in a state of unconsciousness.

Private Anderson, who was formerly captain of Scriven Football Team, was coming home on sick leave and was just recovering from an attack of influenza and rheumatism in his arm, which ha been aggravated from his exposure and the fact that he was hauled into a boat by the affected arm. He states he has lost his money, clothes, and everything he possessed. Anderson's two brothers (one a sergeant) are also in the 5th West Yorks.

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“WANTED! MEN AND PLENTY OF THEM.”

Corporal G. R. Blackburn, writes:-

November 24th, 1915

Being an old Knaresborough and a regular reader of the old paper, I hope you will excuse me taking the liberty of writing to you, and now, as our boys are doing, “getting to business,” I will do likewise. I have seen by the paper which I have sent to me weekly by my wife, that you have been very kind to the local lads by sending various articles out here. Seeing we have formed a football club amongst the many companies around here, I should take it as a great favour if you could supply us with a ball. We have one that has done good service, but have had to pension it off. There are one or two Leeds lads with this company, and others from nearly all over England. I am very pleased to see so many young men from around Harrogate are coming forward, but what is wanted out here are men, and plenty of them. And now, dear Sir, you will no doubt be wondering who and what I am, name, number and company. Corporal G. R. Blackburn (054419), 50th Northumbrian Amm. Sub. Park, 337 Coy. (M.T.) A.S.C., B.E.F. I am sorry to say I haven't run across any of the lads I know, as it isn't often I get away to play football, as I happen to be a “Limb of the Law.” It is rather a slow occupation on this column as we have a decent set of fellows, N.C.O.'s and men, and very good officers too. Sorry there is no news I can tell you, so will dry up. Wishing you and your paper the very best of luck, and thanking you in anticipation.

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RECOGNITION

The Volunteer Training Corps having proved their usefulness already in many ways, has at length received further military recognition. The Central Association of

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Volunteer Training Corps has received an important letter from General Sir H. Sclater, Adjutant-General of the Forces. That letter appears in the correspondence column today, and we commend it to the attention of our male readers. General Sclater, in his first paragraph, says: "I think I can assure you now that we shall be very glad to accept the patriotic offer made by the Central Association to provide through the affiliated corps opportunities of preliminary training for those men who enlist under Lord Derby's scheme for one day with the colours and are passed to the Reserve before being called up." In a further paragraph the General says: "It would no doubt be a great help if your association could inform the local Volunteer Corps that the War Office welcomed the proposal that these recruits should be encouraged to take advantage of the means of obtaining the military training furnished by the Volunteer Training Corps, and I feel sure that the local corps will be of great assistance." Sir Joseph E. Radcliffe, Commandant of the VTC (Ripon Division), appends a notice to General Sclater's letter. The drills are to be held in the Drill hall from 8 to 9pm Tuesdays and Fridays until further arrangements are necessary. The first drill is Tuesday, December 7th. Platoons are to be formed in special sections at Starbeck, Knaresborough, Pannal, and Harrogate. The training already received from the VTC has been of great benefit to many men. The preliminary training gained thereby has resulted in efficiency and early promotion. We trust that the response to this invitation to avail themselves of the preliminary training offered by the VTC will be generally and speedily accepted. A full response will tend to stimulate recruiting and engender a patriotic spirit helpful to the nation's efficiency. Military recognition of the VTC, therefore, must result in immense future usefulness.