

LOCAL TERRITORIAL CASUALTIES

DETAILS OF LOSSES OF UNITS.

5th WEST YORKSHIRES: 57 KILLED.

A return of the casualties incurred up to April 3d, under the control of the West Riding Territorial Association, has been published this week. The following interesting figures of the losses of local units are given:-

5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment: Officers, 2 killed, 12 wounded, 12 sick; other ranks, 55 killed, 182 wounded, 112 sick.

10 Yorkshire Hussars: Officers, 1 killed, 2 wounded, 3 sick; other ranks, 6 killed, 27 wounded, 53 sick.

Yorkshire Dragoons: Officers, none killed, 1 wounded, 1 sick; other ranks, none killed, none wounded, 33 sick.

The total Yorkshire Territorial casualties are 7,832.

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Harrogate & Claro Times

MEMORIAL TO KNARESBRO' MIDSHIPMAN

MARBLE TABLET ERECTED IN FARNHAM CHURCH

20 Mrs Slingsby, of Farnham Lodge, Knaresborough, has erected in St Oswald's Church, Farnham, a beautiful memorial tablet to her youngest son, Midshipman John Slingsby, who was drowned when H.M.S. "Formidable" was torpedoed on January 1st, 1915.

The tablet is of marble, and is surmounted by the Union Jack, under which is a model in relief of H.M.S. "Formidable." The tablet bears the following inscription:-

"In loving memory of Midshipman John Slingsby, born July 11th, 1898, youngest son of the Rev. Charles and Susan A. Slingsby. He lost his life on H.M.S. Formidable, in the war against Germany, on the 1st January, 1915; also his great friend, Geoffrey Ernest Cadle, born March 17th, 1898. They both went through the rough sea together to another land. Remember O Lord, the souls of the faithful departed.

30 "All that life contains of torture, toil and
treason,
Shame, dishonour, death to them we're
but a name;

Here as boys they dwelt through all the
singing season,
And ere the day of sorry departed
as they came.”

CLARO TIMES

19 May 1916

THE LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

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COL. STANYFORTH'S COMPLAINT.

Wilfred Brook Wilkinson, stationer's manager, Knaresborough; William Fenton Bell, draper, Knaresborough; George Crowden, publican, Knaresborough; and Edmond Wm. Lawrence, chemist, Knaresborough, were summoned for offences against the Lighting Order.

In the first case, it was stated that two lights were allowed to shine from fanlights in the shop in High Street. Defendant said he had always shaded them, but on that occasion the shades must have been taken down by some of his staff. A fine of 10s, including costs, was imposed.

CLARO TIMES

2 June 1916

LOCAL WINNER AT OTLEY SHOW. – Knaresborough exhibitors figure in the lists of awards at the Otley Show, which was held on Friday and Saturday last. Mr William P. Robinson, Farnham, Knaresborough, carried off the first prize in the class for a cow or heifer, any age, with “a deep ribbed, short legged animal of nice type.” In the poultry section class, for Columbian hen (guaranteed) the first prize fell to Mr A. Linden, Knaresborough, whilst Mr S. M. Bryde, Knaresborough, took the third prize in the class for a Rhode Island Red, single comb, cock (guaranteed), Whitaker and Tootill.

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CLARO TIMES

9 June 1916

KNARESBOROUGH GENTLEMAN HONOURED.

KNIGHTHOOD CONFERRED.

Much pleasure will have been occasioned in Knaresborough by the announcement that included in the list of the King’s Birthday Honours was a Knaresborough gentleman, Mr Eric C. Geddes, of Scriven Hall.

Mr Geddes is the deputy general manager of the North Eastern Railway, and was temporarily released by the company from his duties in June of last year to enable him to take up the appointment of Assistant Controller General to the Ministry of Munitions.

20 He was born in Scotland, but when quite young he went with his parents to the United States. Twenty four years ago he started work as a station clerk, switchman, and handyman at a small station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway. Subsequently he became a wagon agent and checker for a Pittsburg lumber company. Then he went out to India to manage a forty miles steam tramway running north from Shahjahanpur, with the additional charge of the development of a large tract of forest and cultivable land through which the tramway is laid.

30 When this Powayan steam tramway was taken over for working by the Lucknow-Bareilly State Railway, Mr Geddes was appointed traffic manager, or superintendent of the Rohilkund and Kumaon Railway system, including the Lucknow-Bareilly State Railway and branches. This post he held until October, 1904, when he came to England and joined the North Eastern Railway as claims agent, and subsequently commercial agent, an embryo office of American origin which he introduced to British railway working. Its duties are the watching of trade movements affecting the interest of railway companies, and suggesting the means of encouraging and developing new sources of traffic, including the location of new works and industries in particular districts served by the railway company. AS a means to this end Mr Geddes secured the co-operation of the Tyne Improvement Committee, the Tees Conservancy Commission, the Darlington Corporation, and other municipal and local bodies in tabulating the advantages offered by available sites in their respective districts to firms moving or establishing new works, and as a result, the industrial prosperity of the North East Coast has been added t by the introduction of several new industries.

In 1906 he was appointed chief goods manager of the North Eastern Railway, and several years later he was promoted to his present post of deputy general manager.

CLARO TIMES

16 June 1916

KNARESBOROUGH PETTY SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY.

Before Ald. J. Chippindale (in the chair), and Mr W. Atkinson.

LIGHTS SEEN QUARTER OF A MILE.

10 Edward Sorrell, greengrocer, New Scriven, was summoned for failing to shade lights.

P;.C. Elvidge stated that on Thursday, the 1st inst., at midnight, he saw bright lights at the defendant's back premises in Scriven. A bedroom gas was on at full, and there was a bright light shining from the kitchen.

When questioned, defendant replied, "I have only just come in and lit the gas. I am sorry." The lights could be seen for a quarter of a mile.

Defendant was fined 10s., including costs.

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16 June 1916

KNARESBOROUGH SAILOR LOST.

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SEAMAN D. H. DEMPSEY

It is feared that Seaman Daniel H. Dempsey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. Dempsey, Victoria Avenue, Scriven, Knaresborough, was lost when H.M.S. "Tipperary" to which ship he belonged, was sunk in the great naval battle of Jutland.

A week after the news of the battle was published, Mr & Mrs Dempsey received an Admiralty communication to the effect that their son was supposed to have been drowned. Later, however, the Germans reported that they had saved seven members of the crew of the destroyer, "Tipperary," and Mr and Mrs Dempsey did not give up hopes. Nothing further has been heard, and it is supposed that Seaman Dempsey went down with his ship.

30 Seaman Dempsey was nineteen years of age, and was educated at the Priory Street School, York, and also privately. When war broke out he was employed in the clerical department of Messrs. Ben Johnson and Co., printers, York, but he resigned and became attached to a military contractor.

In February of this year he passed for the Royal Naval Air Service, and had he lived, would have completed his transfer in a few months. Mr Dempsey, his father, is in the Passenger Manager's office, North Eastern Railway, York.

This will be the family's second loss during the war, for twelve months ago Captain J. Dunbar Pollock, of the 4th Royal Scots brother of Mrs Dempsey), was killed at the Dardanelles.

CLARO TIMES

16 June 1916

A FIELD DAY

10 VOLUNTEERS "IN ACTION" AT KNARESBOROUGH

A field day was held near Knaresborough on Monday by members of the 15th Battalion, Volunteer Training Corps. Contingents from Harrogate, Knaresborough, South Stainley, Boroughbridge, and Green Hammerton took part. Mainly due to the suspension of the Whitsuntide holiday, and, many members being at their employment as a result, the attendance on parade was somewhat small.

The force was divided into two sections – the Brown Force (attackers), commanded by Capt. Elliott and Lt. Dr. Steele; and the White Force (defenders), commanded by Capt. Tennant and Lieut. A. P. Slingsby.

20 The operations took place in the vicinity of Coneythorpe and Flaxby. The objective of the attacking force was to capture these villages. Sir Joseph Radcliffe, the Rev. B. R. K. Moilliet and Dr Benson watched the manoeuvres and umpires.

Commencing at about 11.30am, the operations were suspended at about four o'clock.

It was decided that the White Force had been able to hold their positions, though the attackers captured the village of Coneythorpe. The White Force were materially aided by having a superiority in "machine guns," though being numerically inferior.

At the close of the manoeuvres the combined forces were addressed by Dr. Benson and the Rev. B. R. K. Moilliet, who pointed out their mistakes and criticised their tactics.

CLARO TIMES

23 June 1916

KNARESBOROUGH MILITARY WEDDING.

PTE. J. E. WOOD AND MISS S. M. HARTLEY

The Knaresborough Parish Church was again the scene of a military wedding on Saturday.

The contracting parties were Pte. J. E. Wood, of the 3-5th West Yorkshire Regiment, the only son of Mr and Mrs James E. Wood of "Woodcliffe", Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, and Miss Marian Hartley, of "Wentworth," Park Avenue, Scriven. The Rev. Canon Hancock (vicar and Rural Dean) officiated.

- 10 The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of Tussore silk, and was attended by Miss Alma Hartley (sister of the bride) and Miss L. E. Wood (sister of the bridegroom). The bridesmaids' dresses were of flowered voile, and they also carried bouquets of small double asters.

The best man was Sergeant A. Bell, also of the 3-5th West Yorks.

Amongst those present at the ceremony was Mr Ellis Wood, the bridegroom's grandfather, who being in his 92nd year, is probably Knaresborough's oldest inhabitant. He is the eldest Friendly Society member in the town.

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30 June 1916

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SLINGSBY ESTATE TIMBER FELLER

Application was made by the employers of a timber feller, drainer, and mason's labourer, who worked on the Slingsby estate. He was at present engaged in felling pit prop wood. There were several acres yet to fell, and felling would go on till the end of July. Three fellers were employed. Applicant would be 41 in August.

One month's temporary exemption was granted, leave to appeal again being granted.

CLARO TIMES

4 August 1916

DRIVER H. R. LONGFELLOW.

Mr R. Longfellow, Knaresborough, would welcome any news of his son, Driver, H. R. Longfellow, N.E.R. Pioneer Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, from whom no communications have been received for two months.

Information is also desired by the relatives of Pte. W. Scaife, a report of whose death has been received, and from whom no letters have been received for some weeks.

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4 August 1916

KNARESBOROUGHg

FIVE SOLDIERS KILLED.

Knaresborough soldiers have taken a big part in the offensive movement recently begun in France, and the loss of five more men from the borough is to be recorded.

The names of the dead soldiers are: Company Sergeant Major Luke T. O'Brien; Lance Corporal Ernest Drury; Corporal George Broadbelt; Private Alfred Younger; and Pte. Alec Peacock. All five were in the West Yorkshire Regiment, and were well known in Knaresborough. In addition to these deaths, another Knaresborough soldier, Pte. H. Powell, Durham Light Infantry, is missing. Mr R. Longfellow, Knaresborough, has received no communication from his son (Driver H. Longfellow, N.E.R. Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers), for a period of two months, which has given him cause for anxiety as to his son's safety.

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HARROGATE HERALD

23 August 1916

Private R. Winn, Northumberland Fusiliers, had his right arm blown off in the big advance on July 1st. He formerly worked at Mr Charlton's farm, Docken Bush, near Ripley. In a letter to his cousin, Mrs G. Heward, East View, Brearton, Ripley, he says: I am going on fine. I can get about a bit now my arm is almost healed up. It is off just below the elbow, but never mind, it might have been a lot worse. You are allowed to send anything to the hospital, and it is very good of you to think of me.

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HARROGATE HERALD

30 August 1916

WOUNDED

Photograph

PRIVATE R. WINN

(Northumberland Fusiliers), late of Docken Bush, near Ripley, was wounded on July 1st.