



## NORTHANTS YEOMANRY WHIST DRIVE.

10 A whist drive organised by the Northants Yeomanry for Thursday most opportunely coincided with what transpired was the eve of their departure from Knaresborough, and it was doubtless this fact, coupled with the beneficent object intended to support, which aroused increased interest in a function of this nature, and attracted a record attendance for a whist drive in Knaresborough. There would not be less than a hundred and sixty patrons assembled, whose pleasure was enhanced with a number of selections, all of which were commendably given by the Yeomanry Orchestra, under Bandmaster Harris who accompanied at the piano. A cornet solo, "The Rosary," by Trooper F. Miller, was brilliantly executed and encored, and he responded with "Alice, where art thou." Songs were well rendered by Sergeant Major Tinsley and Mr E. Longden.

Miss Houfe (one of the nursing staff at the Auxiliary Hospital), after graciously presenting the prizes, said she much regretted the absence of Lady Evelyn Collins, who was suffering from a cold. They were all very sorry the Yeomanry were leaving Knaresborough, and on behalf of the Commandant and nurses she wished officers and men good luck. (Applause).

**31.01.1917**

20 At the West Riding Appeal Tribunal, the appeal of a Harrogate man, who said that his wife had had a stroke as the result of a Zeppelin raid, was disallowed.

The Leeds West Riding Magistrates have taken a serious view of smoking in a shell foundry, and sent a girl to prison for 14 days with hard labour.

A warrant for arrest was ordered to be issued in the case of a Knaresborough man, also employed in the factory, who had been summoned, and did not appear, for having been found in possession of seven cigarettes whilst on duty.

**07.02.1917**

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During the weekend the keenest frosts this winter have been experienced. Harrogate and Knaresborough skaters have had a pleasurable time at Appleby Carr, a popular rendezvous for the pastime on the Scriven estate, and there has been a numerous company of officers and men in khaki, whilst it was interesting to observe a sprinkling of wounded heroes actively participating in the sport. During Saturday night the Nidd at Knaresborough received its first coating in the past five years, and this was further strengthened by an addition of several degrees of frost on Sunday.

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## **KNARESBOROUGH PETTY SESSIONS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1917**

### **BRIGHT LIGHTS**

#### **ANOTHER WARNING FROM THE BENCH.**

Another batch of offenders was summoned for breaches of the Lighting Order, viz: Florence Elders, housemaid, Old Scriven; Priscilla Blenkhorn, (married), Knaresborough; Thos. Wilson, threshing machine proprietor, Flaxby; and Sarah Kendall, widow, Whixley.

10 It was pointed out by Inspector Jackson that in the first case oil lamps were used, and in that case there would be no means of warning the defendants in case of an air raid.

A fine of 10s., including costs, was imposed.

Each of the other defendants were also fined 10s., including costs.

The Chairman said warnings had frequently been given from the Bench, and the penalty would have to be increased if the offences continued.

**14.02.1917**

## **SKATERS' CARNIVAL ON THE NIDD.**

20 The river Nidd with its icy coating, together with several hundreds of skaters and sliders, presented a picturesque and carnival-like scene during the weekend, old and young alike taking advantage of King Frost's temporary reign, and apparently deriving the greatest enjoyment from the winter pastime. On Saturday afternoon a number of soldiers billeted in the town played hockey with great zest between the viaduct and the mill weir, and to the evident pleasure of onlookers from the riverside.

The ice was in good condition, and with the exception of the town side of High Bridge was safe for the whole length from the mill to the rapids at Foolish Wood.

Appleby Carr despite the counter attraction of the river, was also well patronised.

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**28.02.1917**

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## TRIBUTES TO KNARESBOROUGH FALLEN HEROES.

Though painfully reminiscent of peaceful and happier times, there was a sympathetic grandeur allied with the ceremony which took place at the ancient borough on Thursday, when all classes, combined in a public recognition of the heroic sacrifice made by three score and one of Knaresborough's sons who have fallen in battle, died of wounds or from disease. Initial steps for holding a memorial service had been taken by the Urban District Council, and the Vicar of Knaresborough Rev. Canon Hancock gladly acquiesced. The outcome was a gathering thoroughly representative of the town and the various religious denominations, whilst the proceedings also took a military aspect, the troops billeted in the district parading for the occasion. The general assembly took place in the Castle Grounds, where brief speeches were made. Rev. Canon Hancock presided, and was supported by Rev. Prior Cummins, Colonel Burrell of the Essex. Regt., Mr C. E. Chamberworth, J.P., Mr T. Stead, J.P., Rev. F. E. Crankshaw (vicar of Holy Trinity), Rev. R. Breadon Whittington (Army Chaplain), Rev. R. Fuller Appelbe and Rev. J. A. Yorks (Wesleyan Circuit ministers), Rev. A. Goodacre (Primitive Methodist), Councillors H. Eddy, J. Barkers, W. Casselle, W. Dockett, H. Hewson, H. Horspool, B. Brown, S. K. Pickering, W. Swires, Mr T. Maipman and Mr T. Prest (clerk and surveyor to the U.D.C.), Capt. Tyrell, Mr Chamberlin, Mr T. Lund, Mr D. Kitching, Mr J. Barrick, and other residents. Drawn up in company formation was the East Anglian Cyclist Company, under Capt. R. O. Sanders, the Knaresborough Company W. R. Volunteers, under Captain J. W. Watkin, and a posse of police under Superintendent Fearnside.

Rev. Canon Hancock struck a sympathetic yet hopeful chord in his remarks. He had been asked, he said, by the members of the Urban Council and others interested in military matters to say a few words before proceeding to church. He need hardly say it was a great pleasure to be present on that occasion, and look on the gallant array of men before him. When they thought of the doughty deeds of our Army in France, in Flanders, and other parts of the world, it inspired them with a feeling of confidence and hopefulness to see such a body of men prepared to follow up their achievements and to emulate their bravery. It made them all feel proud of the men who had fought and of the women, too, who were helping in no small degree to supply their needs in munitions and in many other ways. They had met that afternoon for a very definite purpose, namely to commemorate the heroism of their fellow comrades who in a time of stress had loyally responded to the call, and gone forth to battle for King and country, and who had made a shield of their bodies between us and the enemy for the protection of all they held most dear. They had made the greatest sacrifice that any human being could offer. They had given their lives for us, and the men he saw before him would, he was confident, do the same if called on for that purpose. It was to show our appreciation of the sixty odd men who had died in their country's cause, and who would never return to us again, that they were gathered that day. It was also to show our sympathy with their parents and relatives. He could not but thank all present, and thank them heartily, for coming in such numbers to take part in the memorial service which was going to follow for the larking lads as they had known them to be. The question was frequently heard, "Has Christianity failed?" His answer to that was no; it is man's appreciation and understanding of Christianity that had failed, or there would never have been this war. Their comfort was in the thought that the lives given were appreciated by Him who was their Creator; that their sacrifice was accepted by Him, and that they had entered into His kingdom. They had passed into another state, which was higher, nobler, and

grander than this, and he trusted they would all join those smiling lads in that better land where God had provided such things as passed all human understanding.

Rev. Prior Cummins said they had met that day, as Canon Hancock had expressed it, for a very solemn purpose, to honour the memory of those gallant lads who had gone from that town and made the great sacrifice. It was but right we should remember and include in our prayers and gratitude the names of all other soldiers and sailors who were fighting in our country's cause, and not least those who had been maimed. He also felt it was right and fitting an occasion of that kind should be hallowed by religion in the revered Parish Church. Patriotism was one of the noblest instincts in our nature, and it only produced the finest fruits  
10 when sanctified by religion. It was again very fitting the temporary tablet which had been erected to the memory of the fallen should bear the sign of the Saviour's Cross. The lives given had been proffered from a sense of duty to God. May the names of all inscribed thereon be held in great veneration and respect amongst us. Other names might and probably would have to be added – God grant they may be few; but when that day of triumphant victory dawned, and peace reigned over the stricken land, he hoped to see a memorial as durable and as lasting as the character of those brave soldiers who had given their all. Let their names be written in letters of gold, and handed down to their children's children. Let us remember that we would ever be their debtors, and that it was our duty to pray for those who mourned that they might be comforted and strengthened in their trial.

20 Mr C. E. Charlesworth said it afforded him very great pleasure to attend that befitting gathering, and to join with all those present in showing appreciation of what the Knaresborough men had done in this big war. He, too, hoped, that when it was all over the temporary shrine to the memory of those heroic men would be replaced with a handsome memorial and encircled with guns taken from the enemy. We could not help realising that it was through them and them alone we were enjoying our liberty and the comfort of our homes today; but the cost of it all was affliction, and there was scarcely a house without the sombre shadows from the losses of those near and dear. He was confident the sacrifices that had been made would not be in vain.

30 Councillor Eddy, in moving a vote of thanks to the speakers, said the intention of that meeting and service was to show to the relatives and friends of the fallen that the sympathy of the inhabitants was with them in their bereavement. Sympathy in itself might be very little to offer, but it had its consoling and healing power. The men they were honouring had been paving the way for the peace which would follow, and which they all hoped would be a lasting peace. He trusted that one result of the conflict would be the settling of differences between nations by conference.

A procession was next formed, and led by the Essex drum and fife band marched to the Parish Church, which was quickly crowded to its utmost holding capacity, scores being content to stand. The opening was marked by a fanfare by the buglers of the  
40 Knaresborough Volunteer Band, which sent a thrill through the congregation. As the choir and clergy filed into the Church and proceeded up the nave to the chancel, the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung with much fervour. A few sentences of the Burial Service were read by the Vicar, followed with the chanting of Psalms 23 and 90 by the combined choirs of the Parish and Holy Trinity Churches. The lessons were voiced by Rev. A. J. Yorks and Rev. A. Goodacre, and the prayers intoned by Rev. F. E. Crankshaw.

Subsequent hymns included "Lord in this Thy mercy's day," "Ten thousand times ten thousand," and "For all the saints."

Rev. J. A. Hubbard (curate) next read the names of all those who have fallen, as follows:-

- R. Asdale, West Yorks.  
T. Birnie, Northumberland Fus.  
A. Bramley, West Yorks.  
Corporal G. Broadbelt, W. Yorks.  
Lance Corporal Caygill, Grenadier Guards.  
T. Coleman, West Yorks.  
Joseph Croft, Gordon Highlanders.  
D. H. Dempsey, H.M.S. Tipperary.
- 10 Sergeant G. H. Dienmook, E. Yorks.  
Lance Corporal B. Dobson, W. Yorks.  
J. Dobson, West Yorks.  
Lance Corporal S. Drury, W. Yorks.  
T. Gains, King's Royal Rifles.  
Sergeant Gibbs, Royal Lancers.  
W. Goodyear, Canadian Army Service Corps.  
G. Hall, West Yorks.  
K. Hall, Grenadier Guards.  
J. Holdsworth, West Yorks.
- 20 H. D. Holdsworth, Canadian Mounted Rifles.  
A. Hood, Northumberland Fusiliers.  
T. Howard, West Yorks.  
C. Ireman, West Yorks.  
Corporal D. Johnson, King's-Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.  
H. Kirk, West Yorks.  
Sergeant-Major Lund, D.C.M., West Yorks.  
R. A. Lund, Royal Field Artillery.  
Lance Corporal W. Lund, W. Yorks.  
W. Malthouse, West Yorks.
- 30 W. McGuire, West Yorks.  
E. Midgley, Royal Scottish Fusiliers.  
H. Morrell, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.  
J. Morrell, West Yorks.  
F. Morrell, West Yorks.  
Sergeant W. Neden, Royal Canadian Dragoons.  
G. Nelms, Royal Army Medical Corps.  
Sergeant Major O'Brien, W. Yorks.  
Lieutenant G. Newbiggin, Royal Engineers.  
Lieut. K. C. North, 4<sup>th</sup> Hussars.
- 40 A. Parkinson, West Yorks.  
F. Peacock, West Yorks.  
A. Peacock, West Yorks.  
W. Peacock, Yorkshire Hussars.  
H. Powell, Durham Light infantry.  
H. Hagan, Canadian M. T. Army Service Corps.  
J. Ribonson, M.T., Army Service Corps.  
G. B. Robinson, 5<sup>th</sup> Yorks.  
Jas. Robinson, Canadian Infantry.

T. Ramfritt, West Yorks.  
E. Russell, West Yorks.  
H. Sykes, West Riding National Reserve.  
H. Taylor, West Yorks.  
Sergeant F. Thickett, West Riding Regiment.  
**Midshipman J. Slingsby, H.M.S. Formidable.**  
P. Thompson, West Yorks.  
Captain Thompson, Connaught Rang.  
Sergeant A. Warrilow, West Yorks.  
10 G. Wheelhouse, Duke of Wellington's Regiment.  
L. Whitaker, King's Royal Rifles  
W. H. Wilford, West Yorks.  
N. Wilson, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.  
A. Wood, Durham Light Infantry.  
W. Woodward, West Yorks.  
A. Younger, West Yorks.  
Lance Corporal E. Drury, West Yorks.

20 Chopin's March Funebre was impressively executed on the organ by Mr. Wm. Elborne, the drum accompaniment being strikingly effective. A memorable service concluded with "The Last Post" sounded by Bandmaster R. Cosgrove with rare clarity and the singing of the National Anthem .

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### THANKS FOR KNARESBOROUGH LADIES

F. Steel writes from France:-

30 Dear Mr Breare, - Just a line to thank you for the "Boro' Post," which arrives quite regular. May I take the opportunity of thanking the ladies of the 'Boro' for the parcel they sent me. It arrived two nights ago, so, better late than never. The parcel was in good condition, and I was, so I enjoyed it very much. A nice change from our everyday fare. The weather is still keeping cold, but it's a change from the sludge, and better for us to get about. Well, I have no more news just now, hoping this finds you all in good health, as it leaves me at present. Thanking you once again.

04.04.1917

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Major Hardcastle. I.M., Hilcot, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, has received intimation that his son, Lieut. Bevorde Vick Harcastle (London Regt), was wounded in the heck by shrapnel on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and is in hospital. Two other sons of Major Hardcastle are Commanders in the Royal Navy, and a fourth is with the Canadians.

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## **KNARESBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

### **GRANT OF £200 TO THE VOLUNTEERS**

10 Mr W. Atkinson presided at a special meeting of the above Council on Wednesday, when there were also present Rev. D. M. Alexander, Messrs. J. Barkers, A. B. Cooper, J. Geldart, F. Addyman, W. Topham, T. Smith, and R. Smith.

Captain Goodrick, of the 15<sup>th</sup> Batt. West Riding Volunteers, appeared before the Council to explain the application he made in writing for a grant towards the cost of the corps at the previous meeting, which was adjourned for him to meet the Council.

The Clerk said a request was made that they should contribute towards the cost of training the local Volunteers, and Captain Goodrick wished to tell them what had been done in other districts. Harrogate and several other District Councils had subscribed.

20 Captain Goodrick said he appeared before them as their Clerk had said, to ask for a contribution to the 16<sup>th</sup> Batt. West Riding Volunteers. They had been applying to private individuals since the war commenced, and had continually had to do so for the funds they required before the Volunteers were recognised. They considered now that the general public should bear the cost, and they had made application to the various Town Councils and Urban and Rural Councils, to see what grants they could get from the public purse. As they knew, the Volunteers really originated from the Harrogate Rifle Club. He had been interested in that for about 25 years, and thought it was a hobby and would come to nothing. The second day after the war he called the committee together, and they formed a Defence League. Of course, the War Office did not see their way to recognise the Defence Leagues, National Guards, etc., until it was brought home to them that they wanted more men. They then acknowledged the Defence League, and it was called the National Volunteers. They  
30 were men who would give their services, and were classed A, B, C. Class A men were over military age, but still able to do good service at home, and released for duty younger men. Only a week last Sunday he (Captain Goodrick) received a call for outpost duty. The military gave them three hours to do the work, and it was done in one and a half. Class B men were those exempted by tribunals, as they would be of more use on munitions or farms, but who would quite likely be wanted before the war was finished. They only seemed to be getting to the beginning of the end, and no doubt as many men as could possibly be got would have to be sent out, and a great many in the end would have to go. They trained them and that saved a lot of expense to the country and the War Office. Class C men were those who  
40 could not sign on for the full amount of drills. Class A and B men received a grant of £2 when efficient. Captain Goodrick pointed out that if the Germans landed 200,000 men on their coast, two months of their devilry would be quite sufficient payment for them losing the lot, supposing none returned. They were training their men and making them capable of

bearing arms, so that the younger men could go to the Front, and the elder men be left to defend their shores in case of raids. A tremendous number of men would be wanted. Malton, he said, had laid a 1d rate, which would produce £190 odd; Easingwold had contributed over £200, Harrogate £250, Pateley Bridge £50; Ripon had helped to clothe their men. A fully equipped man cost about £5. There were 200 men in the Knaresborough Rural District, leaving out Knaresborough Urban, Harrogate, and Starbeck.

10 The Chairman said he thought the Council would approve of the remarks just made, and he maintained it was their duty as a Council to do what they could to support Captain Goodrick's application. They would do that with a great deal more pleasure if they remembered what the consequences would be if the Kaiser's horde were to succeed and get into England. What would be the result? An enormous indemnity, and life would not be worth living. They heard that Easingwold and Pateley Bridge had subscribed liberally. Compared with their arms, Pateley was much smaller. Captain Goodrick told them that every trained man might be wanted. They hoped they would not, but what good were they in they were not trained? They did not know what the future might be; at the same time let them do their utmost to convince the public that they were interested in that scheme. He maintained it was the duty of each member of the Council to support what Captain Goodrick was applying for that day.

20 Rev. D. M Alexander thought individuals had done as much as they could, and that the cost should fall upon the general public. The best way to secure peace was to be ready for war. They must have cash to carry on. If Pateley Bridge could be liberal, surely they could. He thought it was their duty to subscribe when they were sending men everywhere to be trained, and it was not fair that that should be done at the expense of private individuals.

Mr Cooper considered that what was for the public benefit should be paid for by the public. He had pleasure in supporting a contribution.

The Clerk said that 1d in the £ rate would produce £75.

The Chairman proposed that a grant of £100 be made.

Mr Barker seconded.

Mr Geldart moved an amendment that the amount be £75, but the motion was carried.

30 Captain Goodrick thanked the Council for the grant on behalf of the officers and men. He was sure all the men did their duty, and he hoped that no one who subscribed to the fund would have cause to rue it.

**11.04.1917**

**MOTORS IN COLLISION AT  
KNARESBOROUGH.**

10 On Sunday afternoon a serious motor accident occurred on the Boroughbridge Road, near Knaresborough. It appears a motor car owned by Mr J. Connor, of Wellfield Lodge, Pannal Ash, in which were Mr Connor and his family, was being driven in the direction of Boroughbridge, when Mr Haughton Robinson, a cadet, who resides at New Scriven, was coming out of Park Grove on a motor cycle, and was turning round the corner towards Knaresborough, the accident resulting almost before either was aware of the other's approach. The cyclist was knocked off his machine, which was completely wrecked, and he sustained a fractured rib and a punctured lung. He was attended to by Dr Forbes, and conveyed to a residence near by. The steering gear of the motor car was damaged, and also a lamp, whilst the occupants were unharmed.

**18.04.1917**

## **KNARESBOROUGH MEN WITH THE COLOURS**

Photograph

**LANCE CORPORAL C. W. COLLINS**

**W. Y. Transport, of Scriven.**

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**02.05.1917**

### **KNARESBOROUGH WAR SAVINGS.**

Progress of a very gratifying nature is being made through the aegis of the Knaresborough War Savings Committee in inculcating national thrift. A few details will not be out of place as indicating what has already been accomplished.

30 The number of associations formed in Knaresborough up to date is eight, with a total number of members 387. Amounts subscribed in the first three months of this year is £1,450.13s. 2d., and total from initiation last December £1,607.11s.2d. The small sum of £1. 6s. 9d, has been withdrawn. The number of certificates purchased January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> through the associations is 1,780, and total from initiation 1,980. Those results are quite 50% beyond the committee's most sanguine hopes. The auditors have just reported a great improvement in the sheets and books submitted. The committee feel greatly indebted to the British Women's Temperance Association for their unremitting efforts in propaganda and routine work.

**16.05.1917**

Pte. Thomas Gill (West Yorks), of Scriven, has been wounded in the right arm. He was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Stead and Bob, butchers.

**23.05.1917**

**WOUNDED**

Photograph

**SERGEANT MAJOR PULLAN**

W. Y., of 8 Church Square, Harrogate, has been seriously wounded in the left arm, leg and side.

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**APPOINTMENT**

Photograph

**SIR ERIC GEDDES**

Of Scriven Hall, Knaresborough, has been appointed Controller of the Navy

**30.05.1917**

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**MILITARY FUNERAL AT KNARESBOROUGH.**

20 Full military honours were accorded at the interment, which took place at the Knaresborough Cemetery on Saturday, of Pte. Tom Stott (West Yorks), son of Mr and Mrs Stott, Victoria Avenue, New Scriven, whose death occurred as the result of wounds sustained on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The coffin was enveloped in a Union Jack and conveyed on a gun carriage from the residence to the Cemetery, a guard of honour and firing party being furnished from the Royal Field Artillery. The obsequies, which were of an impressive nature, were conducted by Rev. J. A. Hubbard, and concluded with three volleys being fired over the grave.

The inscription on the coffin was as follows:-

Private T. Stott,

Died May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1917;

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Aged 21 years.

The chief mourners were: Mr and Mrs Stott (father and mother), Pte, George and Miss Eva Stott (brother and sister), Miss Alice Stott and Master Geoffrey Stott (sister and brother), Mrs

George Stott (sister-in-law), Miss M. Dewes (Ferrensby), Mr and Mrs Atkinson (uncle and aunt), Masters A. E. And E. Atkinson (cousins), Miss Eva Johnson (Spofforth), (aunt), Mr and Mrs Abrahams (Harrogate) (uncle and aunt), Mr and Miss Hargrave (Wakefield) (uncle and cousin), Mr J. Johnson (Harrogate), Mrs and Miss Wright (aunt and cousin), Mr and Miss Fawcett (Felliscliffe) (cousins), Mrs A. Barker (cousin), Mrs T. Sowerby (Staveley) (cousin), Mr and Mrs Johnston (uncle and aunt).

Members of the West Riding Volunteers also attended with Capt. Watkins and Lieut. Shaun. Amongst a number of friends were the following: Mr and Mrs Pawson, Mrs Dewes (Ferrensby), Miss Dougan (Harrogate), Mrs Richmond (Pateley Bridge), Mrs Richmond (Pateley Bridge), Mrs Marshall (Arkendale), Mrs Pickard, Mrs Clayton, Mrs and Miss Hogg, Mr Livingstone, Mrs Morrell (Harrogate), Mrs Sawersby (Harrogate), Mrs Watson (New Park), Miss Watson (New Park), Mrs Clapham, Mr Harry Herrington, Mrs Dimmock, Mrs Bretherick (Arkendale), Miss Sarah Ann Herrington (Ferrensby), Mrs Williams, Mrs Harrison and Mrs C. Harrison (Ribston), Mr and Mrs Longfellow.

Floral tributes included the following: "Only those who have lost can understand the hope when days and years are past, we all shall meet in heaven," to our loving son Tom, from his father and mother; "With love from his little brother Jeff;" from his loving brother Harry; "With deepest sympathy," from Arthur; "Love never dies – we shall meet again," from his loved one, Mary; "With deepest sympathy," from Aunt Martha and family; "With sincere sympathy," from Aunt Jane and family; "Gone but not forgotten," with love from Cousin Ellen; "With loving remembrance," from Uncle Harry; "With sincere sympathy," from Mrs Pickard; "With deepest sympathy," from Mr and Mrs Masters and Mrs Worrall; "With deepest sympathy," from Pte. and Mrs Blades; "With Miss Simpson's deepest sympathy," "With deepest sympathy," from Mr E. Rennison; "With deepest sympathy," from C Company, West Riding Volunteers, Knaresborough.

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Pte. P. Fryer, son of Mrs Fryer, Old Scriven, Knaresborough, who is in the Princess of Wales Own Yorks. Regt., has been wounded and is in hospital.

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# OUR PHOTOGRAPHS

## WOUNDED

### PTE. P. FRYER

Princes of Wales' Own Yorks. Regiment,  
Of Old Scriven, Knaresboro', has been wounded.

Photograph

**DIED OF WOUNDS.**

Photograph

**PTE. TOM STOTT, W.Y.,**

Son of Mr and Mrs Stott, Victoria Avenue, Knaresborough, died of wounds sustained on the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**KNARESBOROUGH SCHOLARS AS FOOD PRODUCERS.**

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2 photographs

The teaching staffs of the Knaresborough schools are keenly alive to the necessity of increased food production, and are taking an active interest in the allotment questions, as will be seen in the photo reproduced, showing the pupils at work.

**06.06.1917**

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Mrs Walker, Old Scriven, Knaresborough, has been informed by the War Office of the death of Gunner T. Fred Plaskett, Royal Field Artillery, who was killed in action on May 34rd. Plaskett, whose parents are dead, made his home with Mrs Walker. He had been in the Army about a year and was previously in the employ of Mr Marchant, Cattal Grange, as horseman.

**13.06.1917**

**KILLED IN ACTION**

GUNNER T. F. PLASKETT

R.F.A., of Old Scriven

Knaresborough

Photograph

**20.06.1917**

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The West Riding War Agricultural Executive Committee have received a telegraph from the Board of Agriculture saying that it has now been decided that, as from the 14<sup>th</sup> June, no man certified by the County Agricultural Executive Committee to be already engaged whole time

on farm work of national importance is to be posted for service with the colours or to be called up for medical examination or re-examination. If any such men are called up for service with the colours or for medical examination, the farmer or the men should give information immediately to the Secretary of the committee.

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10 The many rumours respecting the air raid of early Sunday morning created needless anxiety in the town and district. If my readers could only school themselves to reject all rumours that are not confirmed by telegrams to the "Herald" Office window, much distress of mind might be prevented. False tales find easy circulation everywhere. The mischief is when friends at a distance accept them and send telegrams to the people in Harrogate giving credence to them. Two such wires mentioned casualties amounting to two thousand. The "Herald" gets the earliest intimation, and our readers should reject rumours in the absence of official news in our windows or elsewhere.

3.

20 Quite a number of householders, I see, are growing potatoes in their front gardens and so helping to increase the vegetable crop. Well, every little effort helps, and the labour it entails is also likely to prove beneficial. These and the allotment crops should make potatoes more plentiful, and I trust cheaper for everybody.

By the way, local allotment holders, I hear, are having serious trouble with their cabbages and similar vegetables through the root fly pest. Many have put in their plants and, as they thought, seen them well on their way to maturity, when one day, to their surprise, they find the vegetables dropping here and there in an unaccountable manner. On digging them up they find the roots a mass of small maggots. An amateur gardener tells me he has tried soot, lime and salt water, but with no good result. A gardening expert in a contemporary, I see, states there is no remedy, and advises those who are troubled in this way to pull up the plants and substitute kidney beans, which are immune from the plague.

30 4.

Even the pains and penalties of the Defence of the Realms Act appear to have no terrors for the garden pilferer, for I hear of a raid on one of the allotment plots close to where one of these notices is exhibited. I might just repeat that the penalty for these marauders, if caught, is the severe one of £100 fine or six months' imprisonment. They may take it from me, too, that on the necessary information being forthcoming the thieves will, to quote the legal phrase, be prosecuted "with the utmost rigour of the law."

**25.07.1017**

The girls in a munitions factory not far away are very enthusiastic in providing comforts for our wounded soldiers. Every week they collect in their various blocks. The following

hospitals have benefited thereby: York, Killingbeck, Swillington House. This week the collection falls to Harrogate and amounts to the sum of 25s. The girls give most willingly, and every thanks are due to Maggie Fleming (danger girl on C block) for her untiring efforts and introduction of the scheme. The above sum is to be devoted to the Wounded Soldiers' Tobacco Fund.

**08.08.1917**

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10 Pte. Richard Herrington (West Yorks, son of Mr and Mrs R. Herrington, Old Scriven, Knaresborough, was wounded on June 16<sup>th</sup> and is in hospital.

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### **HOSPITAL SUNDAY AT KNARESBOROUGH**

20 Sunday was recognised as Hospital Day at Knaresborough, when an admirably organised effort was made by the local Amalgamated Friendly Societies' Council on behalf of that beneficent institution at Harrogate, the Infirmary. A procession was formed in the Market Place, and led by the Boroughbridge Brass Band went by way of Cheapside, Gracious Street, High Street, New Scriven, and Bondend, to the Catholic Church, where the service was conducted by the Rev. Father Herbert Bryan, O.S.B., B.A., of Ampleforth. Besides the representatives of the various Friendly Societies, the procession included the members of the Urban District Council and a Leeds troop of Boy Scouts, who were camping in the neighbourhood over the weekend.

A house to house and sheet collection was made en route to the church, and this, together with the offertories at one or two other places of worship in the town. It is anticipated, will reach a total of well over £50.

**22.08.1917**

30 Lieut. Frank Adams, Royal Fusiliers, son of Mr and Mrs Adams, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, is in hospital dangerously wounded. Lieut. Adams had previously been wounded and recovered.

**29.08.1917**

# **KILLED IN ACTION**

Photograph

**PTE. THOMAS MOODY,**

**W.Y.,**

Of Knaresborough, is reported killed in action on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**12.09.1917**

10 A good many Knaresborough residents will be interested to learn that the improved wheel ambulance they subscribed to some time ago is being utilised behind Ypres. Pte. Ben Thorpe, on being sent down to hospital, was observing the novel contrivance, when he saw some lettering on it, and on closer inspection read: "Presented by the townspeople of Knaresborough."

**26 September 1917**

**PRESUMED KILLED**

Photo

**PTE. J. STEEL.**

20 East Yorks, of Knaresborough, previously reported missing, now officially presumed killed in action. September 18<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Gunner R. M. Morgan, R.F.A., son of Mr G. E. Morgan, auctioneer, of Harrogate, and Mrs Morgan, was seriously wounded in two places in France on August 31<sup>st</sup>. He has undergone two operations, and is now at a general military hospital in London. He had been previously wounded.

**10.10.1917**

**IN HOSPITAL**

Photograph

**PTE. THOS. F. TURNER**

10 (R.F.) son of Mrs Turner of Victoria Avenue, Scriven, Knaresborough, is in hospital with trench fever.

**07.11.1917**

Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, achieved a great success in his final statement in Parliament and maiden speech on Thursday night. Sir Eric's home is Scriven Hall, Knaresborough

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**12.12.1917**

Part of letter:

30 . . . That entertainment I told you about, organised by the old girls of the Knaresborough Grammar School, came off with flying colours in more senses than one. The Town |Hall was so crowded that many had to stand. I am given to understand it is likely to be repeated, because on the same evening there was a whist drive at Knaresborough and the Women's Sewing League at Harrogate which claimed many people who desired to attend the old girls' entertainment. The object was and is comforts for Knaresborough boys at Front. By the way, "old girls" is a funny title, isn't it? These, however, were all pretty and young. . . .