



Photograph

**LANCE CORPL. A. D. BARNES,**

Yorks Regt. (Green Howards)

**3 April 1918**

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**KNARESBOROUGH MEN WITH THE COLOURS**

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GUNNER W. G. WILKINSON R.G.N.

CAPTAIN A. J. WILKINSON Canadian Infantry

LANCE CORPL. K. G. WILKINSON, Northumberland Fusiliers

TROOPER B. WILKINSON, Household Batt.

STAFF SERGT. P. J. WILKINSON, A.O.G.

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G. W. WILKINSON Technical Institute, on National Service.

**Harrogate Herald**

**10 April 1918**

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Pte. E. G. Wilkinson (N.F.), son of Mr W. B. Wilkinson, of Scriven, was wounded in the left shoulder on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and is now in hospital at Aberdeen. He joined the Army about two years ago and had been in France 16 months. He was formerly employed at Messrs. W. H. Slater and Sons, West Park, Harrogate.

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Pte. G. Wilkinson, W.Y. (wounded), is another of the seven sons of Mr and Mrs W. B. Wilkinson, of New Scriven, Knaresborough.

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Mr and Mrs Armstrong, Park Avenue, Knaresborough, have received information that their son. Sec. Lieut., T. Rodham Armstrong, was wounded in the head on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and is now in hospital in London.

## Harrogate Herald

24 April 1918

1.

Mrs Britton Wilkinson, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, has received intimation that her husband, Pte. Britton Wilkinson (Coldstream Guards), died of wounds in hospital on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Pte. Wilkinson, who was in his 41<sup>st</sup> year, was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Brooke Wilkinson, Betterton House, Park Grove, Knaresborough, and for some years partner with his father as coal merchants at Ousegate, York. He had been with H. M. Forces eighteen months, and previously was agent for Messrs. Bowers, Allerton Main Collieries. He married a year ago Miss Louie Anderson, of Knaresborough. In civil life he had taken an active part in several organisations, amongst these being secretary for the Wesleyan Sunday School, member of the Knaresborough Water Carnival Committee and the Town and Amateur Cricket Clubs. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Colliery Agents' Association.

In a letter to Mrs B. Wilkinson from the Sister at the hospital, the latter writes: "I am sorry to have to convey very sad news of your husband. He arrived in this hospital today, the 11<sup>th</sup> inst., very seriously wounded, and gave me a letter written the day before to forward on and also requested me to write you. He is, I am afraid, too weak to undergo an operation, but will write you again tomorrow." The next letter sent off on the 14<sup>th</sup> stated: "I am sorry to have to inform you that your husband passed away yesterday."

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### PHOTO

#### DIED OF WOUNDS

PTE. BRITTON WILKINSON, Coldstream Guards, of Knaresboro', died of wounds in hospital on April 13<sup>th</sup>

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Women are urgently needed during April, May and early June for dropping potatoes, docking, and weeding corn. Holiday workers have volunteered well for July and August; but now is the time when work must be done to ensure good harvests later. A call, therefore, is made for volunteers from amongst able bodied young women, who, while obliged to live at home and not able to give full time war service, might be spared for a month or six weeks at this critical juncture. Reduced railway fares are given, free accommodation is provided, and 18s a week wages paid. Application should be made between 10.30am and 4pm at the Women's Land Service Corps, 50 Upper Baker Street, W. Letters to this address will receive prompt attention.

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Harrogate Herald

15 May 1918

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## MILITARY HONOURS

Mentioned in despatches – Major Digby Chamberlain.

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WOMEN'S LAND ARMY.

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# OPEN AIR MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

## THE STRAY

Between West Park and Beech Grove, on

**SATURDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup> 1918,**

At 3pm. If wet, the meeting will be held in the Winter Gardens (Entrance: Parliament Street only). Chairman: Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman, G.C.R., G.C.V.O. Speakers: THE MAJOR OF HARROGATE (Coluncillor F. Gascoigne Johnson), THE LADY MABEL SMITH (Board of Agriculture Inspector), MRS HILL (Pannal Ash College). A procession of Land Army Workers will leave the Station Square at 2.15, headed by the Band of A Company 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion West Riding Volunteer Regiment (by kind permission of Major Sir Joseph Radcliffe, Bart). All women are specially invited to attend and hear about the work of the Women's Land Army. Recruits are urgently required.

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Recruits are wanted for the Women's Land Army, and with this purpose in view an open air meeting will be held on the Stray in West Park on Saturday next at 3pm. If wet, it will be held in the Winter Gardens. Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., will preside, and the meeting will be addressed by the Mayor of Harrogate (Councillor F. Gascoigne Johnson), Lady Mabel Smith (Board of Agriculture Inspector), and Mrs Hill (Pannal Ash College). A procession of Army workers will leave Station Square at 2.15, headed by the Band of 'A' Coy, 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion West Riding Regiment.

**Harrogate Herald**

**22 May 1918**

## **LAND WORKERS' PARADE.**

10 Much interest centred in a demonstration of the Women's Land Army on Saturday, which was preceded by a procession headed by the Band of A Coy, 15<sup>th</sup> West Riding Volunteers, a tractor plough, horse, and carts, agricultural implements, etc. An open air meeting was held on the West Park Stray, over which Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman presided. He said that 30,000 agricultural labourers had to go to the Front and women were asked to come forward in great numbers ,to assist to cultivate the land.

The Mayor (Councillor F. G. Johnson) said they wanted 300 recruits from Harrogate to help in agriculture. The Director of Food Production had told them that it was not at the present moment that difficulty was apprehended, but next winter, if great efforts were not made.

Lady Mabel Smith and Mrs Hill (Pannal Ash College) addressed the gathering, and a number of recruits were obtained.

**Harrogate Herald**

**12 June 1918**

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Mrs Maria Taylor, Woodcliffe, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, wife of Pte. Harold Taylor (West Yorks), who was officially reported as missing on April 25<sup>th</sup>, would be glad of any information that could be given respecting him.

**13 November 1918**

### **KILLED IN ACTION**

**LANCE CORPL. W. P. CLARKE**, Sherwood Foresters, son of Mr and Mrs W. Clarke, Fairfield, Knaresborough, killed in action October 21st

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**4 December 1918**

Pte. Alfred Smith (10<sup>th</sup> West Yorks) is in hospital at Boulogne, having been wounded. He has been in the Army three years. This is the fourth time he has been wounded and once gassed. His brother, Pte. John Smith (M.T., Army Service Corps), is also in hospital in France suffering from dysentery. He, too, has previously been wounded and gassed. He has been with the Colours two and a half years. Both are sons of Mr and Mrs J. Smith, Old Scriven, Knaresborough.

### **THE LATE MR J. B. WILKINSON, OF KNARESBOROUGH**

- 10 The funeral took place at Knaresborough on Saturday, of the late Mr Jonas Brook Wilkinson, colliery agent, of Low Ormega, York, who died at Knaresborough on Tuesday. The officiating clergy were the Rev. R. Fuller Appelbe (circuit superintendent) and the Rev. Albert Yorke (resident minister). The chief mourners were: Mrs Wilkinson (widow), Mr Sydney Wilkinson (son) (Middlesbrough), Pte and Mrs Wilfrid B. Wilkinson (son and daughter in law), Mr George Wilkinson (son), Mr Chas Wilkinson (brother) (York), Mrs G. Morris (sister) (Scarborough), Mr R. Stephenson, Mr Pickering, Mr J. T. Morrell, Mr G. M. Gomersal (representing Messrs Pease and Partners, Ltd, Darlington), Mr Atkinson, Miss Robinson, Mrs Yorke, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Craven, Miss Dowry, Mrs Pickard, Mr and Mrs S. Holmes, Mr J. T. Kenn, Mr J. Clarke Councillor J. W. Burton, Mr J. K. Woodmansey, Mr D. Kitching,
- 20 Mr J. W. Bramley, Miss Gray, Mrs Appelbe, Mrs Lund, Mr W. Holmes, and Mr Edwards.

There were wreathes from the widow and family, Mrs Britton Wilkinson, Messrs. Pease and Partners, Ltd, Miss Dowry, Miss Fearn, and Mr and Mrs Butler (Leeds), and Mr and Mrs Gill Cape, Alf Wilkinson (son) and Staff Q.M.S. Wilkinson (son) were prevented from attending on account of their military duties, and Miss Clare Wilkinson (daughter) was prevented from attending by indisposition.

Prior to the interment a memorial service was held at Park Grove Wesleyan Church, at which the hymn, "Rock of Ages" was sung.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. D. Kitching and Sons, and the mourning equipages supplied by Mr H. Richmond.