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### A WHITEHAVEN SOLDIER PRESUMED DEAD.

Official news has been received by Mrs. Sarah Ann Irving, of 2, Nicholson Lane, Whitehaven, from the Record Office at Preston, informing her that her husband, Private George Irving, a bomber in the Border Regiment, who has been missing since 23/4/17, must be presumed to be dead, and that his death took place on that date. Private Irving, who volunteered for service at the beginning of the war, left Whitehaven on the 3rd September, 1914, prior to which he worked as a coalminer at William Pit, Whitehaven. He has been twice wounded, and had taken part in many engagements during the progress of the war. He has left a widow and three children. Private Irving's brother is now serving in the Royal Engineers.

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### WHITEHAVEN MAN'S "TUSCANIA" EXPERIENCE.

Among the survivors in the torpedoed American transport, "Tuscania," was mercantile marine officer, Mr. I. H. Collins, Willow Dene, Earl's Road, Bransty, Whitehaven, who reached home on Friday. He had been waiting in America for a ship, and he and nine others were returning as passengers on the "Tuscania." When the vessel was struck he was asleep in his berth, but quickly made his way on to deck, where the troops were lining up for the boats. The ship's lights were out for some time, but there was no panic, he said, and considering the difficulties arising through darkness and other circumstances, the saving of such a large proportion of the troops and others on board was a wonderful achievement. Mr. Collins lowered himself by a life line, and dropped into a boat, and in doing so had his legs badly bruised and skinned. The boat, constantly driven by the sea against the ship, became practically waterlogged, and the occupants were up to their waist in the very cold water for about two hours, the air compartments of the boat keeping it afloat. Mr. Collins had a flash light which he used both as a means of attracting attention, and of helping anyone who might be in the water, and a destroyer saw the light and picked them up. Three of Mr. Collins' nine companions were among the missing. This is the second time he has been on a ship that was torpedoed, and that he has lost all except the clothes he was wearing.

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Operation Faustschlag, the last offensive on the Eastern Front is launched by German and Austro-Hungarian forces against Russian forces affected by the turmoil of the Russian Revolution, and unable to put up any serious resistance.

### LAMPLUGH SOLDIER MISSING.

Private Ernest Gibson Wood, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Henry Wood, of Whinnah, Lamplugh, has been missing since December 2nd, 1917, and his family are awaiting further news with intense anxiety. Private Wood joined up in August, 1916, and left for the Front in December, 1916. Previous to enlistment he was employed as a clerk at the Cleator Moor branch of the Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Company.

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### KELLS SOLDIER WINS THE BELGIAN HONOUR.

News has been received this week that Sergt. Frank Lucas, son of the late Jos. Lucas, South Row, Kells, Whitehaven, has won the Croix de Guerre, a Belgian decoration. Sergt. Lucas, who is in the 5th Border Machine Gun Section, was a Territorial, and has been in France over three years, and has had the honour of being twice mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches, so more may be heard of him. Sergt. Lucas was home on leave about ten months ago, and has another brother serving in France, Private Procter Lucas, and has had one brother killed.

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## TREAT TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT WHITEHAVEN.

On Tuesday night 47 soldiers from the Moresby Hospital were entertained by the church-workers of Christ Church, Whitehaven, at the Masonic Hall. The guests arrived at seven o'clock, and after a welcome by the Vicar, a whist drive was begun, under the management of Mr W. M. Casson. Everyone was pleased when the result showed that the three chief prizes had been won by the soldiers. After the whist drive supper was served, and then the guests had to leave, each and all declaring that a most enjoyable evening had been spent. A dance followed, Mr I. Tyson acting as M.C., and the party broke up at midnight.

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## WHITEHAVEN SOLDIER'S TREATMENT IN GERMANY.

In a communication to his friends, which was received on Wednesday, a Whitehaven soldier who has been a prisoner in Germany for nearly two years, says that he is well, but has been experiencing rough treatment. A sentry had been knocking him about a bit with his bayonet, striking him about ten times with it across the head and shoulders, and also striking him several times in the face with his hand, after which he locked him up in a cold wet cellar all day without anything to eat. "But we will get our own back," adds the writer. The postcard, upon which the communication is written, has, strange to say, got through uncensored.

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## A WHITEHAVEN MAN IN PALESTINE.

Sergeant-Major O'Neill, whose home is at 57, Strand-street, Whitehaven, and who was for many years a well-known member of the Whitehaven Artillery, has been with the 52nd Lowland Division for the past three years, and is looking forward anxiously to a well-earned leave. Up to the time of mobilising Sergeant-Major O'Neill was in the employ of Messrs. Pattinson and Son, Ltd., at the Beacon Mills, Whitehaven. As far as he knows he is the only Whitehaven man in this well-known Division, and he has sent home to his wife the address issued by Major-General John Hill commending the Division on their good work, in the course of which he says:—

In the attack on Gaza on the 1st November, the one Brigade, the 156th, representing the Division, was the only Brigade who took all its objectives. During the whole of our long advance through Palestine you have never failed me, you went from trench warfare to open warfare and again to hill warfare, always cheerful, always victorious; no matter how difficult was the operation I called upon you to carry out, you carried it out with your usual dash and Scottish determination. The whole of these operations ended in the forcing of the passage of the River Auja, which was the hardest operation I have called upon you to undertake.

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The Representation of the People Act extends the right to vote to almost all British men and women over 30.

## The LAMENT of the LENTIL.

Undoubtedly meat is and for some time will be very scarce. Few people know that there is more **FLESH-FORMING MATTER IN LENTILS** than there is in Beef, and so far the general Public have **NOT RECOGNISED THEIR VALUE AS A FOOD**. They can be prepared in a variety of appetizing ways, and should now be largely used. Other Pulse Foods are also very valuable.

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**JOHN DAVIS.**

**TEAMAN, WHITEHAVEN.**

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## A ST. BEES WOUNDED SOLDIER.

News to hand that Gunner Thos. Shackley, R.F.A., has been wounded in the left elbow on February 11th, and is now in hospital at Birmingham. This is the second time wounded. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Shackley, York Place, St. Bees, and was before joining up employed by Messrs. Adair at Wyndham Pit. Having been in the army two and a half years, he has seen some very heavy fighting. He is very well known in St. Bees, and one of the most prominent of the football club members. Boys home from the front are numerous at present in St. Bees in the following:—Pvts. Jim McKay, Wm. McNeil, J. Middleton, A. Stafford, also P. Sherwen, F. Mawson, Geo. Barbour, and Jos. Hartley, from somewhere in England.

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**LIEUT. JACKSON VISITS MILLOM.**—Amongst soldiers home on leave at present is Lieut. F. Jackson, son of Mrs. Jackson, Mainsgate Road, Millom. He has recently obtained his Commission in the Machine Gun Corps.

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