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## West Cumberland at War

May 1918

### LOST MEMORY REMINDERS.

Private Alexander Middleton (32), Royal Fusiliers, of George-street, Whitehaven, when committed at Manchester on Thursday, to the Assizes, on a charge of bigamy, pleaded: "My memory has been a blank since I came out of hospital." A detective, however, pointed out that he had written to both women, telling them to say he had lost his memory.

2 May 1918

### "DEAD, AND IS ALIVE AGAIN."

On Monday night there was the gladdening news that Second-Lieut. Thomas Nicholson, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Pow-street, Workington, who had been reported killed by the War Office about the 21st of March in France, is a prisoner of war and wounded. The astounding news spread quickly throughout the town, and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson in their joy were heartily congratulated. They had mourned him as gone because the report of the War Office was corroborated by an Army Chaplain.

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### PRIVATE J W HADWIN DIES FROM WOUNDS

Official intimation has been received by Mrs Hadwin, Moor Row, of the death, as the result of wounds, of her husband, Private Jack W Hadwin, Lancashire Fusiliers, which occurred in France on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Pte Hadwin, who was 32 years of age, was a member of a well-known and respected Whitehaven family, being the youngest son of Mrs Hadwin of Wellington Row, and the late Mr Daniel Hadwin, an employee of Messrs. Ainsworth, Cleator.

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### ANOTHER MILLOM MAN KILLED IN ACTION.

Amongst Millomites who have made the great sacrifice in the present world war is Private Stephen Metcalf, son of Mr. William Metcalf, Lapstone Road. Like his brother, Gunner W. Metcalf, now on active service, he commenced work at the Millom Post Office, subsequently joining the firm of Messrs. Aird, and undertook duties for that firm in different parts of the country. The deceased soldier was married to the sister of the present Post-master of Millom, and was 41 years of age.

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The last, but most devastating aeroplane raid on London kills 49 and injures 177. Fighting during the Third Battle of Aisne continues into June. The German advance is halted after initial gains.

### THE VICAR OF CLEATOR CONTINUES WITH THE TROOPS.

The Vicar of Cleator, who has been an Army Chaplain for a year, has received a communication from the War Office asking him to sign on for the period of the war. The matter has been submitted to the Bishop, who replied that subject to the approval of the parish, the Vicar may continue his services with the Army another year. A meeting of the churchwardens, sidesmen, and workers was held on Friday last, the Rural Dean being present. Mr Caine explained that he was quite prepared to return to his parish work so far as personal considerations were concerned. On the other hand if the parish were willing to accept the present diminution of services for the benefit of the victims of war, he would loyally accept his opportunity of continuing his work in the Army. —A resolution was passed confirming the present arrangement, "for the sake of our wounded men."

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## A WHITEHAVEN FAMILY'S RECORD.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dawes of Plumblands-lane, Whitehaven, received word on Tuesday from the War Office that their son, Private William Dawes, of the Border Regiment, had been admitted to the 22nd General Hospital, Dannes, Camiers, France, suffering from severe gunshot wound in the left arm. He is now a patient in an hospital at Nottingham, and is reported to be making progress. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a joiner at Wellington Pit. He is the second son to be wounded in the war. Their son, Tom, has been discharged as the result of wounds. A third son, Fred, is in the Cameron Highlanders, and is in France, whilst a fourth son, Alfred, joined up in Canada. A fifth son, Robert, was also in the fighting in the earlier part of the war, but is now engaged on work of national importance. Mr. and Mrs. Dawes have every reason to be proud of the splendid services their family have rendered to their native land.

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## MILITARY FUNERAL AT FRIZINGTON.

On Tuesday the largest funeral which has been witnessed for some time, took place at Frizington, being that of the late Lance-Corpl. William Williamson, sixth son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Isaac Williamson, Windergate, and husband of Mrs. Minnie Williamson, Mowbray House, which took place at St. Joseph's Church. The deceased was well-known in the district, and held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of friends. A

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## HONOUR FOR A CALDERBRIDGE SOLDIER.

The many friends of 241529 Private William Hail, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hail, Calderbridge, will be pleased to learn that he was recommended during the recent fighting, and has since been awarded the Military Medal. Pvt. Hail commenced his business career with Messrs. Whittle and Son, Ltd., and after nearly twelve years' service with that firm secured a position as manager for Messrs. H. and T. Burns, ironmongers, Tangier Street, which position he retained until joining the colours. He is enjoying good health, and has so far been fortunate to escape injury.

16 May 1918

## MILLOM CASUALTIES.

Mrs Evans, of 161, Albert Street, Millom, has been notified that her husband, Private Evan Evans, of the East Lancs. Regiment, has been reported as missing since the engagement on April 11th. He is the son of Mr and Mrs T. Evans, Borwick Rails, being previous to the war employed as bricklayer at the Millom Ironworks. Private Evans has been in France about three years.

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## D.C.M. FOR NETHERWASDALE MAN.

The many friends of Sergt. Thomas H. Cowman, R.F.A.; will be pleased to learn that his name appears on a list of N.C.O.'s and men whom it has pleased the Commander-in-Chief, under authority of His Majesty the King, to award the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Sergt. Cowman is the eldest son of Mr. Henry Cowman and the late Mrs. H. Cowman, of Coniston, and is a native of Netherwasdale. He enlisted in August, 1914, and has taken part in many engagements in France. He has the congratulations of a wide circle of friends in his native county, accompanied by best wishes and a safe return.

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