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## FRIZINGTON SOLDIERS WOUNDED AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

Mrs. Kennedy, Yeathouse-road, Frizington, has received a post card from her son, Corpl. Peter Kennedy, — Batt. Yorkshire Regiment, to say that he is wounded and a prisoner in Limburg Camp, Germany. He was posted as missing on the 22nd March last, and it was a great relief to his mother to get a card from him to say he was a prisoner of war. Corpl. Kennedy enlisted in 1914, and has been amongst the heavy fighting, being wounded three times. He is the son of Bridget and the late Peter Kennedy, and previous to enlisting followed the occupation of miner, and was in the employ of the Lonsdale Mining Co., Frizington.

Mrs. Kervin, Yeathouse Hotel, Frizington, has also had word to say that her husband, Private J. Kervin, South African Infantry, is a prisoner of war in German hands. He was reported as missing on the 24th March last.

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## WHITEHAVEN SOLDIER'S DEATH IN INDIA.

Mrs. McGee, of 2, Bardy Lane, West Strand, Whitehaven, has received official intimation of the death, in India, from malaria, of her husband, Pvt. James McGee, Border Regiment, which took place on the 23rd May. Deceased, who had previously been in the Army and discharged, joined up again about eleven months ago. Prior to rejoining he had worked as a shift-hand at Wellington Pit. The news of his death, at the age of 29 years, has been heard of with sincere regret.

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## MILITARY MEDALIST FROM ST. BEES.

On Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Waring, Main Street, St. Bees, received the following letter regarding their second son Lance-Corpl. John Waring, 9th East Surreys Regt.—“Dear Mrs. Waring,—May I most warmly congratulate you on your son Lance-Corpl. J. Waring 35891, being awarded the Military Medal for most gallant conduct, which helped to repel an enemy raid lately. It is most thoroughly deserved, and I know his comrades would wish to join in this message of congratulations. You will be glad to hear he is very fit and well.—Your sincerely,

G. D. B. POOL, Chaplain, 9th E.S.”

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The Canadian Cavalry Brigade forces the German 23<sup>rd</sup> Saxon Division to withdraw from Moreuil Wood, a commanding position on the banks of the Arve River, in France. This defeat contributed to the halt of the German Spring Offensive of 1918.

## LOWCA SOLDIER GAINS MILITARY MEDAL.

The news has come to Lowca that Corpl. Richard Wilkinson, 5th Border Regiment, has gained the Military Medal for bravery and devotion to duty on the battlefield in France. Corpl. Wilkinson, who is now 21 years of age, has been in the army since November, 1914. He was employed as bogie hand at Wellington Pit, Whitehaven, before enlistment. He is a son of the late Joseph and Nellie Wilkinson, and grandson of the late Mrs. Hannah Wilkinson, who for many years owned and carried on the Ship Inn, Lowca. A younger brother, James, is missing.

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## BOROUGH OF WHITEHAVEN. WAR WEAPONS' WEEK JULY 8TH—13TH.

WHITEHAVEN IS EXPECTED TO RAISE  
A MINIMUM OF

£47,500

FOR AEROPLANES,  
TO BE NAMED AFTER THE BOROUGH.

J. R. MUSGRAVE,  
Mayor and Chairman War Savings Committee.

## EGREMONT WAR WEAPONS WEEK. JULY 7TH TO 13TH.

THE WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE ASK FOR THE Support of Every Resident in the Neighbourhood, and Appeal with Confidence feeling that Everybody will Do their Best to Raise the

£15,000 ASKED FOR—  
THE COST OF 6 AEROPLANES.

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## ESKDALE MAN KILLED IN ACTION.

News of the death of a well-known Eskdale man came on Thursday last, when Mrs. Hird, of Stubble Green, Drigg, received a brief note from her son, Corpl. John Hird (written during a transient respite from the trenches), that her eldest son, Lance-Corpl. Joseph Hird, had been killed whilst bringing in a wounded man. The two brothers had been together all their time in France, and up to now had never been harmed. Lance-Corpl. Hird enlisted in the Border Regiment in September, 1914, and after training went to France in September, 1915. He there put in over two years' service, but was home for two or three months during the last winter, and for some weeks worked on the farm of his uncle, Mr. J. E. Hartley, Irton. He had only been back in France six weeks when he met his death. He married the eldest daughter of Mr. Dixon Sharpe, formerly of the Woolpack Inn, Eskdale, and leaves her with three children.

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## CAPTAIN ALAN DICKINSON.

News has been received of the death from wounds on the 1st instant, at the age of 26, of Captain Alan Peile Dickinson, of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dickinson, of Red How, Cumberland. Capt. Dickinson was educated

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## SECOND SON OF WHITEHAVEN FAMILY KILLED.

Private Joseph Coward, younger and last surviving son of Mr. Joseph Coward, joiner, High Church Street, Whitehaven, has died from the effects of wounds received in action in France. Word came last week that he was seriously wounded, and on Sunday morning a telegram was received that he had died from his wounds. The deceased enlisted when he was only 16, on the outbreak of the war, and after six months' training with the artillery, he was detected as under age and sent back home. When he became 18 years of age he was off again to enlist. This time he went with the King's Own Liverpool. Latterly he was a Lewis gunner. The simple narration of these facts tells its own tale. He was an eager soldier, a brave boy, one of those who are protecting the liberties of the future and making history. His elder brother Arthur was killed in service some time ago. He used to be in the office of Messrs. Woolcock and Smith, mining engineers.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### FOOTBALL WANTED.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE WHITEHAVEN NEWS.]

SIR,—Owing to the shortage of sports material, I am writing as a Whitehaven local lad, and as an old reader of your paper, and should be obliged if you could kindly do your best to furnish a few Cumberland boys with a football, as we are out of the line for a rest, and get plenty of chances for a game. I hope you will be able to supply us through your readers.—Yours, &c.,

715369 Gun. W. DOUGLAS, B. Echelon, 7th  
(Ind.) Div., E.E.F., May 24th, 1918.

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### THE APPEAL FOR A FOOTBALL FOR EGYPT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE WHITEHAVEN NEWS.]

SIR,—The appeal for a football in "The News" last week from Gunner W. Douglas, has been responded to by the Whitehaven Ladies' Football Club, who unanimously decided to purchase one, and it is now on its way out.

The committee take it that the appeal was sent by Gunner W. Douglas, an old and at one time prominent player of the Whitehaven Athletic Football Club, and who was well known in local football circles as "Duggie," and who has still many friends in the town and district.

By inserting this letter in your valuable paper you will oblige.—Yours, &c.,

T. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

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### MILITARY MEDAL FOR AN EGREMONT SOLDIER.

Mrs. Foy, of Rafferty Street, Egremont, has received intimation that her third son, Pvt. Wm. Dunn, has been awarded the Military Medal for devotion to duty and bravery in action. Pvt. Dunn joined the Border Regt., but was afterwards drafted to a machine gun section, and has seen some very severe fighting. He enlisted in April, 1915, being only 17 years of age at that time. Prior to his joining the Army he was employed by Mr. Fisher Smith at Hagget End Farm. The intimation that he had received this honour was conveyed in a beautiful worded letter of congratulation, signed by General Rawlinson, Commanding the 4th Army, and needless to add the section is justly proud of such a brave young man. Pvt. Dunn is the youngest of three brothers in the Army, the eldest being a prisoner of war in Germany. Joseph, the second son, was released for munition work, owing to his ill-health. He had been in France for some time, and while performing his duties he was severely gassed, which necessitated his getting removed. The many friends of Pvt. Dunn in Egremont and District congratulate him on the honour conferred upon him.

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The issues of the Whitehaven News covering the time of the Great War have been indexed by volunteers to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of war, and to act as a lasting memorial to all whose lives were touched by the events.