

# From the Newspaper Archives

## West Cumberland at War

November 1917

The third Battle of Ypres ends.  
The October Revolution begins in  
Russia resulting in the Bolsheviks  
seizing power.

### MILLOM SOLDIER TWICE TORPEDOED.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, Settle Street, Millom, last week, received a wire from their son, Fireman William A. Hall, stating that the transport on which he was engaged had been torpedoed, and he hoped to be home shortly. This is the second occasion on which he has been aboard of a vessel torpedoed by the Germans; his previous experience being on the Franconia. His brother was taken a prisoner by the Germans, and he had to undergo such bad treatment that he died shortly after reaching England.

1 November 1917

### WHITEHAVEN SERGEANT'S DEATH IN ACTION.

#### ON THE DAY OF HIS LEAVE.

Following previous information that her husband, Sergt. Bernard Denvir, of the Royal Field Artillery, was missing, Mrs. Denvir, of 34, New-street, Whitehaven, received a letter on Sunday morning conveying the sad news that he had been killed.

15 November 1917

### CLEATOR MOOR YOUNG MAN DIES FROM WOUNDS.

On Tuesday Mr and Mrs Pearson, Hope Pit Cottage, Cleator Moor, received the sad news by wire that their son, William Patterson Pearson, has died in France from wounds received in action. Deceased was a single young man and aged 31 years, and joined up under the Derby scheme, entering the 5th Borders, ultimately being transferred to the 3rd Borders. Prior to enlisting he was in business for himself as a coal dealer in Sale, Manchester. Although a number of years since he left Cleator Moor he will be well remembered by many as a very promising young man, and highly esteemed by everyone. His younger brother George, who is at present at home on sick leave, has been twice wounded in France, and also the Dardanelles.

8 November 1917

### A MILITARY MEDAL FOR A SANDWITH SOLDIER.

Information has been received at Sandwith that Private Jack Telfer, of the 6th Border Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Telfer, of Sandwith, has been awarded the Military Medal. His eldest brother Edward was killed in action in France last June.

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Women Workers' Series—No. 3

**Tap, tap, tap.**

"THAT'S Mother knocking at the door, and I don't want to get up a bit. But when she brings in a lovely hot cup of Rowntree's Cocoa I soon liven up. Mother makes it *strong* and stirs it well with boiling water. That and a slice of toast sees one through the morning round splendidly. And it's such a cheery drink too, makes you feel you enjoy life. Just try it!"

*a cup of*  
**Rowntree's**  
**Elect Cocoa**  
*makes a biscuit into a meal*

1 November 1917

## KILLED IN ACTION.

### PRIVATE J. A. WENLOCK.

Private John Albert Wenlock, K.S.L.I. (T.F.), has been killed in action on the Western Front. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wenlock, 11, Copthorne Rise, Shrewsbury. Private Wenlock was for two years a footman at Muncaster Castle, joining the Cumberland and Westmorland Police Force about three years ago, serving nearly two years on the Force. Joining up with the Colours he went out to France last July. When at Muncaster Private Wenlock was very highly respected, and deservedly popular, and it was with regret the news was received here by his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Muncaster.

29 November 1917

## BODY WASHED ASHORE AT BOOTLE.

### SUPPOSED VICTIM OF GERMAN SUBMARINE.

An inquest was held at Station Hotel, Bootle, on Monday morning, before Mr. W. T. Lawrence (coroner), and a jury of which Mr. W. Robinson was elected foreman, touching the death of John Henry Pretty, seaman. A representative of the Admiralty was also present.

15 November 1917

## A WHITEHAVEN MUSICAL DIRECTOR WOUNDED.

Mrs. Weir, 30, New Street, Whitehaven, has received official news that her husband, George Weir, has been seriously wounded. This occurred on the 29th October in France. He was a gunner in the R.G.A. Gunner Weir is now at the General Hospital, Stobb Hill, Glasgow. Before joining the colours he was musical director at the Empire Theatre, Whitehaven.

15 November 1917

## WHITEHAVEN SOLDIER'S DEATH FROM WOUNDS.

### "JOINED UP" TWICE.

Messages received by Mrs. Elizabeth McCutcheon, Telfer's Court, Brackenthwaite, Whitehaven, stating that her husband, Private William McCutcheon, of the Seaforth Highlanders, was dangerously ill from wounds received during the fighting in Mesopotamia on November 9th, were followed by a telegram from the Record Office on Monday evening, bearing the sad news that he had succumbed to his wounds on November 15th. Private McCutcheon, who was only 24 years of age, enlisted in the King's Own Royal Lancasters shortly after the outbreak of the war, but at the end of six weeks was discharged owing to the condition of his eyes. He joined up again, however, in 1915, going to the Seaforths. After being in France for 14 months he was wounded and sent to England, and in April this year he was drafted to Mesopotamia. Before joining the Army Private McCutcheon followed the occupation of a coalminer, and worked in Wellington Pit. He leaves a widow and little boy, the latter two years old.

22 November 1917

## LAMPLUGH SOLDIER MISSING.

Mr. Wm. Hunter, Scaresmoor, Lamplugh, has received information from the Record Office, Preston, that his son, Private William Hunter, has been missing since September 20th.

1 November 1917

## ANOTHER WHITEHAVEN SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION.

The sad news was received on Saturday morning last by Mr. and Mrs. George Noble, of Brackenthwaite, of the death in France of their eldest son, Lance-Corpl. George Noble, of the —th Company, of the Machine Gun Corps. He enlisted originally in the R.F.A., and was later on transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers, and subsequently transferred to the —th Company of the Machine Gun Corps.

8 November 1917

## FRIZINGTON SOLDIER WOUNDED IN ACTION.

News has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Massey, Main-street, Frizington, that their son, Private Henry Massey, was wounded in the face on the 7th inst. Private Massey is well-known in Frizington, where he is very popular. This is the second time that Private Massey has been wounded. He enlisted two years ago in the King's Own Royal Lancasters. It is only three weeks since he was at home on furlough. Before the war he was a joiner.

22 November 1917

## MILITARY MEDAL FOR ANOTHER EGREMONT MAN.

Corpl. W. T. Garnett, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Garnett, of Ehen Bank Terrace, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field of battle. Corpl. Garnett enlisted in November of last year, and went to France in March, and since then he has seen a good deal of fighting. It was in the fighting at Pollicappelle, on the 9th of October, when Corpl. Garnett won the Military Medal. He was engaged in a commercial occupation prior to joining the colours, and resided in Manchester. He is a married man, with one daughter.

22 November 1917

## WOMEN AS FARM TRACTOR DRIVERS.

The Mechanical Section of the Food Production Department states that in all probability a large number of women will be required to drive motor tractors in all parts of the country during the coming season. Several centres for training have been established and many more centres will probably be required and arrangements will have to be made for billeting and housing.

22 November 1917



## SERG. T. F. MAYSON, V.C., VISITS SILECROFT AND MILLOM.

Sergt. Tom Fletcher Mayson, V.C., is at present home on 14 days' leave, arriving at Silcroft by the last train on Tuesday night. The committee have made arrangements to present the money collected on his behalf on Saturday afternoon. The proceedings will commence in the Market Square at three o'clock. Later in the evening, probably about 7-30, there will be the presentation of a gold watch and chain to Sergt. Mayson at Silcroft.

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**"HEALO" CURED ME.**

**THE GREAT SPECIFIC**

**FOR WOUNDS, SORES, SCRAPES,**

**ANTISEPTIC. SOOTHING. HEALING.**

If you have Wounds, Eczema, Old Sores, Ringworm, Cuts, Burns, Scurf, or any skin affection, send to **MAURICE SMITH & CO. KIDDERMINSTER** for a FREE SAMPLE OF HEALO Ointment. It costs you nothing. Try it. Allays all irritation, reduces inflammation, prevents festering, soothes and heals. Don't say your case is hopeless without trying HEALO. BOXES 1/6 AND 3/6.

**LOCAL AGENTS:—WANDLESS, Chemist, Whitehaven & Frizington; WRIGHT, Chemist, Egremont; WATSON, Chemist, Cleator Moor. [ed**

1 November 1917

## FRIZINGTON SOLDIER WINS THE MILITARY MEDAL.

News has just come to hand that Sergeant William Lamb, 28th Division, Royal Field Artillery, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery during a battle in France on October 10th. Sergeant Lamb, who was in the reserve, followed the occupation of a coal-miner and was called up at the commencement of the war, and has since served on the Western Front. He was home for leave four months ago, when he married Miss Hawthorn, Frizington Road.

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## PRIVATE BERT EDEN, OF WORKINGTON, AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eden, Workington, have received word from France that their second son, Private Bert Eden, 9th Battalion, Welsh Regiment, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery displayed on Sept. 20th. The recipient is just 19 years of age. Previous to joining the colours in February this year he was apprenticed with Mr. Edmondson, dentist. The first few months of his training was with the Training Reserves at Kinnuel Park, North Wales, after which he was transferred to the Welsh Regiment and sent to Fermoy, Ireland. He completed his training there, leaving on August 24th for France. After a week at the base he was sent up the line, since which he has taken part in severe engagements.

1 November 1917

## PRESENTATION TO MONS HERO AT ELLENBOROUGH.

On Thursday evening Lee, Corporal Walter Reay, R.E., son of Mr and Mrs M. Reay, Netherton, was presented by the Cumberland Coalowners' Association and Cumberland Miners' Association with a gift in recognition of the honour he had gained by having the Military Medal conferred upon him for valour and devotion to duty. The presentation took place in the Reading Room, Ellenborough. Mr. Ceates, manager of the St. Helens Colliery Company, where Driver Reay worked in pre-war days, presided. He was supported on the platform by Lee, Corporal Reay, and Messrs. T. Cape, J. Barker, and J. Cameron, of the Miners' Union.

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The issues of the *Whitehaven News* covering the time of the Great War have been indexed by a group of volunteers in an eighteen-month long project undertaken 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.

## CONCERT TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT MORESBY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

On Friday night Mr. George Humphreys and party gave a good old sing song to the wounded soldiers in the Moresby Military Hospital, by kind permission of the Commandant, Mrs. Desborough Ward. A large and varied programme had been arranged, consisting of well-known and popular songs, recitations, &c., which were well rendered by the various members of the party, the choruses being taken up and sung by the soldiers in a manner which showed how much they were enjoying the show. Private Wrigglesworth, a wounded soldier and a very clever violinist, played his solos beautifully. The soldiers were delighted with the whole show and freely expressed the wish that it would not be long before a return visit was paid.

1 November 1917

## MILLOM AND BOOTLE SOLDIERS KILLED

Two more of St. James' old scholars, Millom, have paid the great sacrifice for King and country in the war-torn land of France.

John McCarton, only son of Mrs. McCarton, and the late Mr. P. McCarton, and the grandson of the late Mr. David Flynn, of Millom, has been killed recently. He married a daughter of Mr. J. Allen, Holborn Hill, who has several sons in the army, and joined up himself at the outbreak of the war as an old Volunteer.

The other old scholar is John Coulter, another family who has given several to the army. It is only a few months ago since his brother, Andrew Coulter, was killed, leaving a widow and young family in Millom.

Captain Robert W. James and Mrs. James, of Brookfield, Bootle, have received the sad news that their only son, Lieut. Robert Francis James, of the Australian Imperial Force, died from wounds received in action in France on October 13th last. He was 28 years of age. Every sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. James in their great bereavement.

1 November 1917

## SOLDIER' WINTER COMFORTS.

A special winter appeal under the title of "Tithe Week" is being made throughout the country between November 23rd and November 30th, on behalf of Queen Alexandra's Field Force Fund. This will not take the form of a street collection, but with kind approval of the Bishops of the various dioceses, appeals will be made in many of the churches on Tithe Week. In addition to this the principal munition factories have generously agreed to make a collection among their workers during the week, while hundreds of cinema theatres are also kindly giving prominence to the appeal by showing a special slide on the screen and taking up a collection among their audiences.

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