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West Cumberland at War

January 1918



CAPTAIN J. N. FRANKS, AWARDED MILITARY CROSS.

In the New Year's list of officers who have been awarded the Military Cross appears the name of Captain J. Nicholson Franks, Border Regiment, youngest son of Mr. Wilson Franks, chartered accountant, Whitehaven. Capt. Franks, who has been serving since the beginning of the war, has seen considerable fighting and been twice wounded. He was a Territorial officer in the "A" Company at the outbreak of the war. He soon gained promotion from the rank of Second-Lieutenant, and for some time past has filled the position of Acting Captain, but on Wednesday was gazetted Captain (precedence to date from October, 1916). Capt. Franks, who is 23 years of age, was educated at Kent House School and at St. Bees School. Prior to mobilisation Capt. Franks was in his father's business. His honours have given much satisfaction to his own and the family's friends in the town and district.

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THE WHITEHAVEN MILITARY HOSPITAL.

EXTENSION OF THE WORK.

The committee of the Whitehaven Auxiliary Military Hospital at Moresby House has accepted Mrs. Burnyeat's kind offer of Windsor Lodge as an annex to the hospital. This accommodation brings the hospital up to 60 available beds, and at the instigation of the military authorities, it is being equipped with all possible speed.

3 January 1918

A WHITEHAVEN MAN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Word was received last Saturday that Private B. Lees, son of the late Mr. J. K. Lees, Roper-street, Whitehaven, had been dangerously wounded in both legs, through the bursting of a shell while standing at his dug-out. Private Lees has been 2½ years in France. He joined the Border Regiment with the "Pals" in 1914.

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MILITARY MEDAL FOR WORKINGTONIAN.

Sergeant J. O. Nicholson has been awarded the Military Medal. The sergeant has seen considerable service on the Western Front. Before the war he was employed at Lowca Colliery. He is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Nicholson, 3, Fleet Street, Workington, and his wife resides at 68, Devonshire Street, Workington.

24 January 1918

COUNCILLOR DOCKER LOSES A SECOND SON IN THE WAR.

Councillor Docker, Millom, has received word from the Army Authorities that his son Walter has been killed in action in Palestine, on the 27th of December. Private Docker has been in the Welsh Fusiliers, and had only just left hospital to go in the firing line. Prior to joining the Army he assisted his father with the large grocery business carried on in Millom, and was held in the highest esteem in the town, being of a very unassuming disposition, and was liked by everybody. He was 39 years of age. All three sons of Councillor Docker joined the Colours, there being only one of them now left, and he is in the firing line in France. His other son, Fred, was killed a few months ago in action in France.

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MILITARY FUNERAL AT WHITEHAVEN.

Corporal George Pink, of the 7th Border Regiment, who had been temporarily discharged for six months, and who only arrived in Whitehaven on the 22nd December, died on Sunday morning at 105, Middle Row, Newhouses. He had been a soldier since he was 17 years of age. Being connected with the old Cumberland Militia, when the war broke out he volunteered, and altogether was two years and 165 days in France. He was wounded in action at Ypres in December, 1915. Only on Saturday afternoon last he went to the Post Office for the purpose of drawing some money. He died next morning shortly before four o'clock. He was 40 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child. The funeral took place at Whitehaven Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, and was attended by a firing party and bearers from the Castle, Carlisle.

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ANOTHER NATIVE OF MILLOM WINS THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Word has been received that Corpl. Alfred J. Dobell, son of the late Mr. U. Dobell and Mrs. Dobell, Manchester, and nephew of Mrs. Kelly, Hector House, Millom, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the recent fighting at Cambrai. Corpl. Dobell, who is only 21 years of age, was born in Millom, and has been with the colours since the commencement of the war. He belongs to the Royal Field Artillery.

3 January 1918

WHICHAM SOLDIER WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Official information has been received that Private William Lowery, 4th King's Own Royal Lancasters, has been wounded and missing since the 20th of November. He is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. Lowery, Foreslack, Whicham.

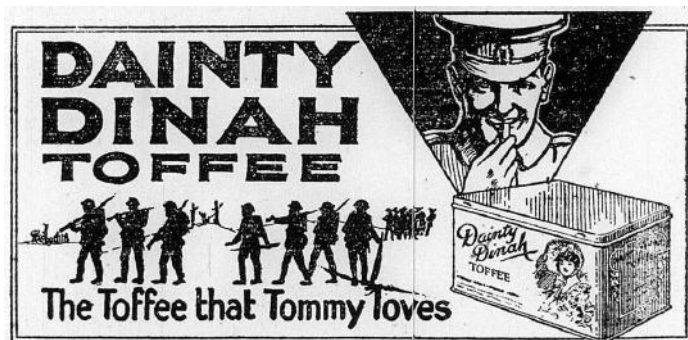
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WHITEHAVEN MAN MISSING.

A HERO'S RECORD.

Information has been received at Whitehaven this week that Private George Irving Graham, of the 1-5th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, is missing, and news concerning him is anxiously awaited. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Graham, of 4, Michael Street, Whitehaven, and is a married man, his wife, formerly Miss Cook, of Whitehaven, and sister of Mrs. George Humphreys, being at present engaged on the motor transport service at Gretna.

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NETHERWASDALE NEWS.

We regret to hear that Private W. Burrow is more seriously disabled than was apparent from the first account of his injury. His spine has been affected by the bullet wound in his neck, and one of his arms has been rendered useless, but there is hope that the disablement may not prove permanent.

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US president Woodrow Wilson issued his principles for an end to the war – the so-called fourteen points.

ARLECDON SOLDIER AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL

Private Tom Stainton has been awarded the Military Medal for carrying in wounded on December 3rd, and also the 6th, under heavy fire from the enemy. Private Tom Stainton, who is in the Canterbury Infantry, New Zealand, is an Arlecdon lad. Seven years ago he emigrated to South Africa, and after staying there three and a half years he went to New Zealand. When he had been there six months war broke out, and he joined up, coming over with the first New Zealand contingent. He was all through the Dardanelles expedition, and was severely wounded in the chest. He also served in Egypt. He was drafted to France, and has had many narrow escapes from death, being twice buried. He was on leave from France last week, and left Arlecdon on Tuesday to spend a couple of days with his sister, who resides at Manchester, before going back to France.

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LIEUT. J. A. GOODALL WOUNDED.

Official notification has been received by Mrs. Goodall, Victoria Road, Whitehaven, that her youngest son, Lieut. J. A. Goodall, had again been wounded. He was wounded six months ago in the head and nose. We trust his recovery may be rapid and complete.

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