

From the Newspaper Archives West Cumberland at War

March 1918

Bolshevik Russian government signs a peace treaty with Germany. Also early in the month Germany launches a strong offensive (second Battle of the Somme) with the British suffering heavy casualties. The first case of what will become known as the Spanish Flu is reported.

HENSINGHAM MAN'S DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT.

PRESENTATION IN CHURCH.

Hensingham Parish Church was crowded on Sunday morning, when after the usual service the Mayor of Whitehaven presented a distinguished Conduct Medal to Corporal W. Garroway, of the Border Regiment. The members of the 2/1st Cumberland Volunteers attended the service, having marched up to the church from the Drill Hall, under the command of Captain J. Bragg, and headed by the Borough Band, under the leadership of Bandmaster McNaughton.

21 March 1918

BOROUGH OF WHITEHAVEN. NATIONAL MEAT RATIONING SCHEME.

APPLICATIONS for MEAT TICKETS have been issued through the Post to All Householders, and Persons are Urgently Requested to

- 1.—Answer All Questions.
- 2.—FILL in AGE IF UNDER 18 Years.
- 3.—WRITE CLEARLY and TO BE SURE to PUT ON THEIR ADDRESS.

ANY HOUSEHOLDER not having received an Application Form BEFORE SATURDAY, the 16th inst., must Apply Personally at the Food Office, Town Hall, AT ONCE.

A. R. KERSHAW-BREARLEY,
Chief Executive Officer.

Town Hall, Whitehaven, March 6th, 1918.

7 March 1918

THE SUCCESS OF THE "BUSINESS MEN'S WEEK."

At the close of Saturday's investments a large and representative gathering of townspeople gathered in the Council Chamber to hear the result of the week's effort. The Mayor (Ald. J. R. Musgrave) had come down from Homewood specially to hear the figures and declare them, and about half-past nine he officially announced that the amount realised by Whitehaven was

£157,280,

an announcement, which was received with much applause. The Mayor then proceeded to thank those who had contributed so largely to the success of their work—the committee and their indefatigable hon. secretary (Mr. T. M. Oldfield) and the Town Clerk (Mr. E. B. Croasdel). He made special reference to the way the bank managers and officials of the banks had laboured, early and late, and was sure the record of the borough was one on which they had all every reason to be proud, and one which testified to the ardent patriotism of the borough.

14 March 1918

'An Army marches on its stomach.'

MACKINTOSH'S Toffee de Luxe

feeds, nourishes and sustains. It satisfies that 'craving' caused by strenuous work.

It is the
British Army's
Toffee Ration.



7 March 1918

**SECOND-LIEUT. COLIN
WINDER WARWICK,
KILLED IN ACTION.**

Yesterday (Wednesday) there was the official intimation received by Mr. John Warwick, Town Clerk of Workington, that his only son, Second-Lieut. Colin Winder Warwick, M.C., was killed in action in France on Friday, the 22nd inst. The news was broken to the Town Clerk by the Mayor (Ald. F. Hall). Throughout the town and district there was the deepest sympathy expressed for Mr. Warwick and his three daughters.

28 March 1918

**BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE
FOR WHITEHAVEN.**

A letter has been received by Mrs. Macaully, of Irish-street, Whitehaven, that her son, Corpl. J. H. Macaully, late of the Coldstream Guards, but now of the Military Police, has been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre. Corpl. Macaully had previously received a medal for being one of the "Contemptibles." He was a member of the Cumberland Police Force at the commencement of hostilities, and has served the full three years. He has been wounded twice. Corpl. Macaully was the only one left of the old Coldstream Guards. He has the heartiest congratulations of his friends and acquaintances in Whitehaven and district on this latest recognition of his bravery and worth as a soldier.

14 March 1918

**CLEATOR MOOR SOLDIER
KILLED.**

The sad intelligence has just been received that Lance-Corporal Thomas Morris, 10th South Wales Borderers, husband of Mrs. M. Morris, New Crown and Star Hotel, Cleator Moor, was killed in action in France on March 13th last.

28 March 1918

**LANCASHIRE WAR AGRICULTURAL
COMMITTEE.**

**ULVERSTON DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE.**

**ORGANISED SHOOT OF WOOD
PIGEONS.**

ORGANISED SHOOTs have been ARRANGED to take place throughout the district on SATURDAYS in MARCH, from Nine to Eleven in the Morning and Three to Five in the Afternoon.

It is desired that Every Farmer should co-operate and all guns should be out punctually in order to substantially diminish the Wood Pigeon Pest.

14 March 1918

**AN ENNERDALIAN IN
MESOPOTAMIA.**

The following extract is from an interesting letter received by the secretary of the Ennerdale and Kinniside War Committee from Corpl. Thos. J. Rawling, now serving with a Motor Machine Gun Battery in Mesopotamia. "I received your letter and P.O. on Xmas Day, and must thank you and the committee most heartily for your kindness. It was peculiar after the letter taking nearly two months that it should arrive here on the exact day. We all had quite a lot of letters that day, so tried to imagine that we were having a real Christmas Day. It took some doing, though, I can tell you. We have just had our first winter rains, and everything is absolutely mud up, worse than Ennerdale roads, even after your worst periods of rain.

—Corpl.

Rawling is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rawling, Hollins, Ennerdale, and was at the time of his enlistment assistant master at Distington Council School.

7 March 1918

**"A LONG WAY TO
TIPPERARY."**

**BUT THE WONDERFUL MERITS OF
BAKER'S BACKACHE PELLETS ARE
KNOWN THERE.**

7 March 1918



Help out the Rations!

BIRD'S Custard and Rhubarb!
— "Great" for health!

Foremost among the foods that 'feed' growing children and make for health and vigour stands Bird's Custard and Rhubarb.

Bird's Custard is of double importance in War-time as it enormously increases the food value of milk.

With stewed Rhubarb it makes a delicious, refreshing, and body-building dish, and aids the system to extract the fullest nourishment from your rations.

Cost counts nowadays, and there is no cheaper dish than Rhubarb and

Bird's
Nutritious Custard.

You can laugh at sugar shortage!

BIRD'S Custard made with two good tablespoonfuls of sugar is sufficient sweetening for Rhubarb.

Sold in Pkts, Boxes and large Tins.

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