

# From the Newspaper Archives

## West Cumberland at War

August 1918



### PRIVATE T. H. WALKER DIES OF WOUNDS.

Official intimation has been received at his home that Pte. T. H. Walker, 1/5 Devon Regiment, the only son of the late J. B. Walker, of Whitehaven, and of Mrs. Walker, 57, Duckworth Street, Darwen, died in France of wounds, on July 23rd. He enlisted in January, 1917; went to Egypt in November; took part in the Palestine Campaign, and was transferred to France in May.

15 August 1918. Image from Count Annual 1919

### WHITEHAVEN MAN WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Word has been received from the War Office by Mrs. Lucas, 34, South Row, Kells, Whitehaven, that her son, Sergeant Frank Lucas, of the Machine Gun Corps, had been wounded and missing from the 27th of May last. Before going to France he worked for the Whitehaven Colliery Company at Ladysmith Pit. He won the Belgian Croix de Guerre, in recognition of which he received a gold watch and chain and medal and a sum of money from the Cumberland Miners' Union.

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The Second Battle of the Somme saw fighting at Albert, Arras and Mont Saint-Quentin. The Battle of Amiens began early in the month and was part of the offensive which ultimately led to the end of the First World War.

### MUNCASTER SOLDIER, KILLED.

Mrs. Edward Wardle, Brankinwall, Muncaster, has received the sad intelligence that her husband, Gunner E. Wardle, R.F.A., has been killed in France. Previous to joining up in the Derby group Gunner Wardle was head-gamekeeper on the Muncaster Castle Estate, and was expected home on leave shortly, having for a second time been out in France over a year, but a letter written by a comrade to his wife has been forwarded to Mrs. Wardle stating that Gunner Wardle was killed by an enemy shell. No official intimation has been received. Gunner Wardle during his period of service at Muncaster had made many friends, and was well respected in the district. He leaves a widow and five children.

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*"As the food,  
so the strength."*

**B**IRD'S Custard greatly helps up the standard of nourishment at mealtimes.

Milk is universally known to be the most nutritious of natural foods. The important fact for Mothers to grasp in these days of rationed foods is that Bird's Custard makes an addition of 25% to the nutritive value of milk.

Nature's great teaching is that "as the food, so the strength."—Plenty of Bird's Custard is necessary for the children who play hard, and for grown-ups who work hard.

Bird's Custard is a fine fragrant powder which, when combined with milk, transforms it from a thin fluid to a creamy satisfying dish. This golden Custard is welcomed always by hungry children or tired workers.

# Bird's

## Nutritious Custard

has maintained its peerless quality in war time.  
To-day it is still as dainty and delicious as of old!

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**FILL UP  
THIS FORM  
AND POST  
IT TODAY**



To the Recruiting Controller, Q.M.A.A.C.,  
18, Long Millgate,  
Manchester.

Please send me full particulars and form of application  
for enrolment in Q.M.A.A.C.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Five Questions

TO WOMEN OF TO-DAY.

Can you do Clerical Work?  
Can you Cook?  
Can you wait at Table?  
Can you do Domestic Work?  
If not, are you willing to try?

These are the questions

# QUEEN MARY'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS

is asking to-day.

Their requirements are

## 30,000 Women

to join the Colours immediately.

You will be well housed,  
Well fed, well clothed,  
Well paid, and have  
time for recreation.

T. D'O'VLY SNOW,  
Lieut-General, Commanding-in-Chief  
Western Command.

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## MILITARY CROSS FOR LIEUT. LOWERY, WHITEHAVEN.

The name of Lieut. H. F. S. Lowery, son of Mr. John Lowery, 61, Church Street, Whitehaven, and of the Royal Scots, appears as the winner of the Military Cross in Army Orders by General Sir Herbert Plumer, commanding the Second Army in France; and he received on the 7th August, inst., the usual congratulations of the General:—"I congratulate you on the gallant action by which you have won the Military Cross. Lieut. Lowery was formerly a pupil teacher at St. James's School, Whitehaven; and was at St. Paul's College, Cheltenham, when the war broke out and he volunteered for service in the Army in September, 1914. He was wounded in 1915 and again in 1917. Returning from service in South Africa last year, the vessel in which he was returning to Europe was torpedoed, and he lost everything he had except his life. This is rather exceptional experience of the various risks of the war, and his friends in Whitehaven are delighted to hear of the honour he has won.

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## MUNCASTER CASUALTY.

Private William F. Caddy, 1-6 Gordon Highlanders, second son of Mr. Walter Caddy, The Dyke, Muncaster, was seriously wounded in France on July 23rd, resulting in the loss of his right arm.

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## AN EGREMONT SOLDIER PRESUMED KILLED

Mr and Mrs Cartner of North Road, Egremont, have received official information that their son, Ernest Cartner, is presumed killed. Pte Cartner joined the Loyal North Lancs when he was 18 years of age. After only three months' training he was drafted to France, being not then 19 years of age. During one of the engagements he was slightly wounded. After the great battle on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1917, he was reported missing, but his parents and friends lived in hope that he was a prisoner. From that time no word has been received until last Friday when his parents received the official news as above. Pt Cartner was only 20 years of age, and was very popular in Egremont and district where he was well known. After completing his schooling at Bookwell Schools he was employed by his uncle. Mr Robert Cartner, butcher, and being of a cheery disposition and willing to oblige he soon became a favourite with all he come in contact with.

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**THE NAVY KNOWS**  
the sustaining value of  
**Mackintosh's**  
**Toffee de Luxe**  
—the food sweetmeat.



It feeds and  
satisfies — and  
thus saves other  
foods.

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### BECKERMET SOLDIER KILLED IN FRANCE.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffat, Croft End, Beckermat, will deeply sympathise with them and their family, in the loss of their second son, Private Stanley Moffat, of whose death they have just received notification. The news was conveyed by letters from his Captain and the Wesleyan chaplain of his battalion.

Pte. Stanley Moffat was educated at Beckermat School, and until he left home was a member of the Church choir, and was also a member of the Egremont Harmonic Class. On completing his apprenticeship with the Egremont Co-operative Society he went to Burnley, where he was for three years, afterwards to Chester, and on the outbreak of war joined the Denbighshire Hussars. For some time he was engaged in the Home Defence Army, but was transferred to France early in 1917. He formed one of the contingent sent to Italy in October of that year, and his letters home were most interestingly descriptive of both people and country. Transferred to the 15th Hants, he was returned to France, in March of this year, to share in the Titanic struggle there. The letters show how well he bore his part. He now sleeps with the brave.

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# ANNIVERSARY FETE

OF THE  
**WHITEHAVEN  
MILITARY HOSPITAL,**  
**MORESBY HOUSE,**  
**TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),**  
**16TH AUGUST, 1918,**

IN AID OF THE  
**MORESBY HOSPITAL**  
AND  
**“OUR DAY”**  
**RED CROSS FUNDS**

ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS: ONE SHILLING.

Soldiers in Uniform Free.

THE FETE will be OPENED at Three p.m., in  
**MORESBY HOUSE PARK**

(Kindly Lent by Wm. Burnyeat, Esq., D.L., J.P.,  
of Millgrove).

The PROGRAMME will Consist of Various  
**SPORTS, DANCING,**  
**SIDE SHOWS, &c.**

**TEA AND REFRESHMENTS**

To be had on the Grounds.

GIFTS of VEGETABLES, FRUIT and FANCY  
WORK will be acceptable, and may be sent to the  
Hospital before Noon on Friday, 16th August, or  
left at Bell's Garage, Tangier Street, Whitehaven.

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## A WOODEND SOLDIER KILLED IN FRANCE.

On Saturday morning last Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, of Woodend Station, Big-rigg, received the sad news that one of their sons, Pte. John Nelson Robinson, 31st Canadian Battalion, had been killed in the recent big advance which has just taken place. This makes the blow a sad one for Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, as it is the second soldier son which they have lost in the short space of one week. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have two other sons in the war. One of them is in the firing line and the other a prisoner of war in Germany.

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## A WHITEHAVEN SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION.

Mr. F. J. Dillon, of the Guinea House, Whitehaven, has received official intimation from the Record Office that his son, Sergt.-Major J. Dillon, K.O.S.B., was killed in action on July 23rd. He was a soldier serving in India when war broke out. He came home with his regiment, took part in the landing at Gallipoli on April 25th, 1915, was twice wounded there, went to France and was three times wounded there, and finally met his death as stated above.

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### MINISTRY OF FOOD.

## GOVERNMENT AUTHORISED SLAUGHTER-HOUSES. SLAUGHTER OF FAT LAMBS.

**T**HE FARMERS and DEALERS sending LAMBS for SLAUGHTER under Special Permit or otherwise, are Reminded that all Lambs are subject to Inspection, and that any considered more suitable for Further Keep will be Rejected.

E. G. THORNE,  
Area Supervisor of Slaughtering,  
Bishop Yard, Penrith.

August 28th, 1918.

### THE NATIONAL HOMING UNION.

**CARRIER or HOMING PIGEONS  
SHOOTING, TRAPPING, DETAINING,  
NOT DELIVERING DEAD BODIES to POLICE  
ARE OFFENCES.**

**PENALTIES: SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT  
£100 FINE.**

### £5 REWARD

Will be Paid by the National Homing Union for Information Securing Conviction for SHOOTING PIGEONS, the Property of its Members.

Information should be given to the Police, Military Post, or to the Secretary,

O. C. PLACKETT, 14, East Parade, Leeds,

By whom the above Reward will be Paid. (ib)

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## HARRINGTONIAN KILLED.

Pvte. M. Waton (18), North Lancashires, whose home was at Mid Town, High Harrington, and who, before he enlisted was employed in Hunter's Stores, Workington, was killed on July 7th by a shell.

1 August 1918

**PVT. JAMES BANKS, HENSINGHAM, A  
PRISONER OF WAR.**—Mrs. Banks, Ribton Moor Side, Hensingham, received the glad news on Tuesday night, that her son, Pvt. James Banks, of the 1-5th Lancashire Fus., was a prisoner of war. He was taken prisoner on the 25th March last. He has had as his pal a young man from Cleator Moor—Pvt. Mandale. He is quite well, and in Stammlage Parchew Camp. The card was written on the 10th April, and just landed on the 6th August. His friends have had no word since 25th March.

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## DEATH OF CALDERBRIDGE SOLDIER FROM WOUNDS.

The sad news has been received by Mrs. Gunson, of Mill House, Calderbridge, of the death of her son, Corpl. Mossop Gunson, Army Service Corps, from wounds in France on August 10th. Sister Katherine Reed, of the 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, writing August 11th, in a sympathetic letter, says: "He came into this Station very badly wounded in the head on August 8th. He was operated on at once and lived till 4-40 p.m., August 10th, but never regained consciousness." Corpl. Gunson, who was 33 years of age, was the second son of the late Mr. D. H. Gunson and Mrs. Gunson, and previous to enlistment was employed with his father in the joinery business at the Saw-mill, Calderbridge. He joined the Army in April, 1916, and sailed for France in September of that year, where he has been ever since, and had been expecting to obtain leave to visit home shortly. Corpl. Gunson was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, always cheerful and willing to oblige and was deservedly popular with all who knew him. Before joining up he had spent all his life in the village, was educated at the village school, and he was a member of the Calderbridge Cricket Club. His death will be much regretted by a large circle of friends, and much sympathy felt with Mrs. Gunson and family in their great loss.

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