

From the Newspaper Archives West Cumberland at War

August 1915



PVT. THOMAS GRAVES,
2ND BORDER REGIMENT
(EGREMONT).

12 August 1915



LANCE-CORPL. W. DODGSON,
6TH BATT. BORDER REGIMENT
(BECKERMET).

12 August 1915

Fighting continued in the Dardanelles. The Battle of Sari Bair, also known as the August offensive took place.

This was the final attempt by the British to seize control of the Gallipoli peninsula.

Meanwhile the war came to the west Cumberland coast. See inside.

THREE SOLDIER BROTHERS.

Mrs. White, of Lonadale Terrace, Millom, who has five sons, and a son-in-law on active service, has received intelligence that her son, Sergeant Barker Clarke, who won the silver cup as being the best all-round soldier in the Millom and Broughton (Territorial) Detachment of the King's Own R.L. Regiment, is now a prisoner of war in Germany. His brother, Sergt. Ernest Clarke, of the same regiment, is in hospital suffering from blood-poisoning, while yet another brother, Private Edwin George Clarke, of the 1st Border Regiment, has been wounded, and was at the time of writing in a military hospital in Alexandria, Egypt.

26 August 1915

BROUGHTON MAN KILLED

The sad intelligence reached Mr and Mrs Jas. Irving, Broughton Moor, on Wednesday week that their eldest son, Private Joseph Irving, had been killed in France. Private Irving, who was married only twelve months ago, is the first Broughton man to fall in the war.

A letter addressed to Mrs Irving by Sergeant-Major R Haysome, 5th Border Regiment, says:—"Dear Madam, - It is with great regret that I have to inform you of the death of your husband, No. 1434 Private Joseph Irving. He died of wounds received in action about four o'clock today, Aug. 8th. He lived about three hours after being wounded. He was buried this evening in a French cemetery behind the firing line, and a wooden cross has been put up over his grave. We all sympathise with you in your great loss: he died a brave soldier."

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THE CUMBERLAND COAST HAS BEEN SHELLED BY THE GERMANS.

What is our reply to this latest insult of our brutal enemy?

When the Germans attacked the East Coast by sea and air, the reply was swift and effective.

Thousands of sturdy Britons, to whom the call had become a real one, rose and volunteered to avenge the enemy's foul deeds.

AND THE CALL IS NOW BEING BROUGHT HOME,
THE CALL IS BEING MADE TO ALL.

The Tyneside Irish Brigade Needs More Men.

HERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

Come and Defend the Honour, the Freedom and the Glory of Ireland, beside our gallant Allies who are fighting for the Dear and Sacred Cause of Liberty.

All that you have to do is to fill in the attached form and post it to the Secretaries.

TYNESIDE IRISH BRIGADE.

I desire to join the Tyneside Irish Brigade. Please have my name placed on the list, and I agree to be attested in due course when called upon to do so.

Signed, Full Name _____

Address _____

Age _____

Height _____

Chest Measurement _____

Married or Single _____

Date _____

This Form to be returned to the SECRETARIES, TYNESIDE IRISH BRIGADE,
23, DEAN STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

An Article dealing with the Tyneside Irish Brigade appears in another column of this issue. (See Page 7.)

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THE WAR

CUMBERLAND COAST BOMBARDED

OFFICIAL REPORT

Press Bureau, 16th August, 1915, 8.35 pm

A German submarine fired several shells at Parton, Harrington and Whitehaven, between 4.30 a.m. and 5.20 a.m. to-day, but no material damage was caused. A few shells hit the railway embankment north of Parton, but the train service was only slightly delayed.

Fires were caused at Whitehaven and at Harrington, which were soon extinguished. No casualties have been reported.

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NETHERWASDALE NEWS

THE SOUND OF THE GUNS—For the first time on record the sound of an enemy's guns has been heard in Wasdale: if the booming of Paul Jones was heard so far, no account has been left of it. Between 4.30 and 5.30 on Monday morning several persons here heard sounds of explosion at too regular intervals for thunder, and difficult to account for as gun-practice or blasting. Although flashes of lightning and burning heather have been taken for German signals, and the flight of an owl for that of an enemy aeroplane, and harmless tramps for German spies, no one thought of connecting those distant rumblings with a bombardment of the neighbouring coast.

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THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE CUMBRIAN COAST.

FURTHER DETAILS—"MADE IN GERMANY."

The German and Austrian newspapers are at pains to state that the bombardment of the coast of Cumberland took place because "Whitehaven is a fortified port and possesses a lighthouse."

The Hamburg "Nachrichten's" special correspondent in Berlin states that "Parton and Harrington have signal stations and coastguards." The Hamburg Journal declares that this is the first time that a submarine has attacked fortifications on land, and contends that the attack on the "above-mentioned towns" testifies to the extraordinary boldness of the commander and crew of the German submarine.

The semi-official Munich "Neueste Nachrichten" says:- "Whereas the Eastern coasts of England and their fortifications have often been the aim of attacks by the German airships and cruisers, the Western coast has hitherto felt safe from German shells. Although the military effect of the bombardment of the Cumberland coast was not very considerable, its significance as a feature of the Anglo-German naval war is great. The extreme importance of this bombardment lies in the fact that it proves that the British Fleet is not able even to protect the coasts of the Irish Sea, which can almost be described as a 'mare clausum' from attack by German warships."

26 August 1915

WORKINGTON SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION.

CHILD BORN ON THE DAY OF HIS DEATH.

The news has been received by Mrs. Douglas, Gladstone-street, Workington, from Private Richardson, of the 1st Border Regiment, informing her that her husband, Private Tom Douglas, of the same regiment, had been killed in action at the Dardanelles on the 6th ult. It is a curious coincidence that on the day Douglas was killed a son was born to him at his home.

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TO NEWSAGENTS

Newsagents will render an important service by Revising their Orders for the supply of our Papers and Restricting the Number as Closely as Possible to Actual Requirements, in Order to Prevent Any Avoidable Wastage of Paper, as it is necessary to make the most careful use of the supplies now available.

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PT. J. HETHERINGTON (WHITEHAVEN), WOUNDED.

PRIVATE JOHN HETHERINGTON, King's Royal Rifles, is the son of Mrs. Hetherington, Rosemary-lane, Whitehaven, and has been wounded. He has to undergo an operation, but expects to be able to join his mates soon.

19 August 1915

G. R.
5TH BATTALION THE BORDER REGIMENT
RECRUITS WANTED
FOR THE
THIRD LINE BATTALION.

(COMMANDING OFFICER: MAJOR A. C. SCOLAR.)

They will be Trained at once for Service in France, and are shortly to be moved to Workington.

**JOIN THE FIFTH AND
FIGHT WITH LOCAL LADS**

Apply to JOIN the 5TH BORDER REGIMENT at any RECRUITING OFFICE, or at the
DEPOT, CATHERINE STREET, WHITEHAVEN.

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19 August 1915



PRIVATE F. THOMAS
(WHITEHAVEN), 1ST BORDER,
KILLED IN ACTION, 28TH JUNE
1915, AT DARDANELLES.

19 August 1915

**CLEATOR MOOR MAN
INJURED.**

News was received on Saturday morning by his parents that Mr. Tommy Jewel, of Queen Street, Cleator Moor, had been injured whilst fighting in the Dardanelles. No particulars as to the nature of his injuries have arrived and his parents are anxiously awaiting news.

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**ANOTHER WOUNDED
MILLOMITE PASSES AWAY**

Private Wm. Harrison, Beck Bank, Thwaite, who was wounded some time ago, died on July 7th in Germany, he having been taken a prisoner when wounded. The deceased was only twenty years of age and enlisted in the Royal Lancaster Regiment last October.

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