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**Pvt. W. MILBURN
(OF EGREMONT),
MISSING IN DARDANELLES.**



**Pvt. TOM MILBURN
(OF EGREMONT),
ON DUTY AT DARDANELLES.**

PRIVATE W. MILBURN, of Egremont, is the son of Mrs. Milburn, Sherwen Terrace, Egremont. He is reported missing at the Dardanelles since August last. His brother, PRIVATE TOM MILBURN, is on active service at the Dardanelles.

BORDER SOLDIER'S HEROISM.

SACRIFICED HIS LIFE FOR HIS COMRADES.

A BOMB SMOTHERED WITH HIS BODY.

Writing in the St. Bees School Magazine, Second-Lieutenant D. Roberts, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, says:—

"Deeds worthy of the highest recognition, though few could receive such, were of daily occurrence (at Gallipoli). One in particular I should like to mention. A bomber in the 1st Border Regiment, when in the act of throwing a time fuse bomb, caught his hand against the back of the trench and dropped it. Realising instantaneously that the fuse was nearly burnt down and that he would not have time to throw it into safety, in order to smother it he deliberately sat on it. By sacrificing his own life he undoubtedly saved the lives of four or five of his comrades who were standing around him."

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The siege of Kut begins in Mesopotamia when Anglo-Indian troops are surrounded by Turkish forces. Sir Douglas Haig takes over from Field Marshal Sir John French as Commander in Chief of the British Expeditionary Force in France and Belgium.

HOLMROOK MAN WOUNDED.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duff, of Holmrook and Millom, have received the news that their eldest son, Private G. Duff, 7th Battalion Border Regiment, is in hospital, "somewhere in France," having been wounded and gassed. The wound is not serious, and is healing all right, but he is feeling much the effects of the poisonous gas. Private Duff has been "out" since August last, serving as despatch rider at headquarters.

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THREE BROTHERS AT THE FRONT.



LANCE-CORPL. ROBLEY STEELE,
SON OF MR. E. STEELE,
CROFT HOUSE, MIDDLETOWN,
WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

LANCE-CORPORAL ROBLEY STEELE, of the 7th Norfolk Regiment, wounded in France, is the son of Mr. E. Steele, Croft House, Middletown. He has two brothers also in the army, LANCE-CORPORAL THOMAS STEELE, Tyneside Scottish, and LANCE-CORPORAL WILLIAM STEELE, 8th Border.



LANCE-CORPL. THOS. STEELE.



LANCE-CORPL. WM. STEELE.

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THE tablet memorial of the late Private Acton, V.C., which is to be erected in the Crosthwaite Memorial School has attracted a great deal of attention and admiration during the time it has been on public exhibition in one of the shop windows of the town. It is a very handsome brass, beautifully engraved. That it should go to the Crosthwaite School, rather than to St. James's, which claimed the deceased with natural parochial pride, is owing to the fact that the idea and the execution of it were that of Lieut.-Colonel Jackson, who is one of the foundation managers of Crosthwaite School. One school is just as good as another for the purpose, from a general point of view; and Lieut.-Colonel Jackson's generous and patriotic purpose is subject to no detraction in that respect.

THE inscription and the quotations in it have particularly received attention, and have excited some literary speculation. There is dignity, nobility, and beauty about them. Whose words are they? The first is—"Let us now praise famous men; their bodies are now buried in peace, but their name liveth for ever more." Eccles. 44, is given as the reference. But that is technically incorrect. It should be Eccles. XLIV. The first is the usual contraction for Ecclesiastes; the second, for Ecclesiasticus. The latter is one of the books of the Apocrypha that are not included in the Canon of the Scriptures, and which not being printed in most Protestant Bibles now in the hands of the people are not generally known. The first 16 verses of Ecclesiasticus XLIV. is the morning lesson in the Calendar for the 16th November. That is the preface of a recital of the deeds of the great men of the Jews, from Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Moses onwards. The words on the brass are compounded of the first and fourteenth verses which are as follows:

"1.—Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us."

"14.—Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore."

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A FORMER WHITEHAVEN MAN KILLED.

Information has been received at Clara Vale, Ryton-on-Tyne, that Seaman Joseph Walker has been killed in action. He was the youngest son of Sam Walker, formerly of Whitehaven.

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NOTICE.

MEN ENLISTING IN CLASS B ARMY RESERVE ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that they will be AFFORDED FACILITIES for Undergoing Preliminary MILITARY TRAINING on APPLICATION to the OFFICER COMMANDING the VOLUNTEER TRAINING CORPS as under :—

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| Carlisle, | New Market, | Tuesdays, 8 p.m. |
| | | Wednesdays, 7-30 p.m. |
| Whitehaven, | Drill Shed, | Tuesdays or Fridays, 7-30 p.m. |
| | Catherine St. | |
| Penrith, | 2, Castlegate, | Any Hour of the Day. |
| Workington, | Drill Hall, | Tuesdays or Thursdays, 7-30 to 8-30 p.m. |
| | Edkin St. | |
| Maryport, | 74, High St. | Any Hour of the Day. |
| Keswick, | 16, Main St. | Any Hour of the Day. |

J. W. FULLER. Major, R.O., 34th R.D., Rectg. Area. [lb

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CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR THE FRONT.

The total proceeds for the recent Whicham patriotic concert amounted to £8 12s. Upwards of twelve substantial parcels have already been dispatched to the sons of parishioners fighting in different war zone spheres, and the balance of the fund will be devoted to the same purpose, for several other soldiers belonging to the parish of Whicham. Each parcel contained Christmas cake, potted meat, oxo, cocoa, Nestle's milk, dates, chocolates, sweets, cigarettes, biscuits, soap, vaseline, ointment, together with socks, khaki handkerchiefs, and tobacco.

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PRIVATE W. H. MOORE,
(HARRINGTON), 2ND BORDER
REGIMENT,
DIED OF WOUNDS.

Information was received on Friday night by wire by Mr. Moore, of 20, Rosehill, Harrington, stating that his son, Private William Hunter Moore (12002), the 2nd Border Regiment, had died from wounds on the 19th November, having been wounded on the 16th inst. Further particulars are anxiously awaited by his parents, who have the sympathy of all who knew him in the loss sustained by them.

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ILLNESS OF MUNCASTER SOLDIER IN EGYPT.

We regret to learn that Private A. E. Birkett, of the 6th Manchesters, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Birkett, Muncaster, is at present in hospital at Alexandria, owing to illness. Great anxiety has been occasioned his parents by the non-arrival of news of him for over six weeks. They, however, received a letter on Sunday morning with the intimation that he is again in hospital.

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SOLDIERS' COMFORTS.

AN AMATEUR DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT will be held at WABERTHWAITE and CORNEY RECREATION ROOM, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1915, at 7-30 o'clock. Doors Open, Seven o'clock.

Children's Play, "DICK WHITTINGTON."
Farce by Three Ladies, "OUR AT'OME DAY,"
and Other Items.

Reserved Seats (Numbered), 2s; Second Seats, 1s;
Third Seats, 6d; Children, Half-price.

A BALL will be held at Conclusion of Concert.
Admission, 1s.

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CORPORAL T. BATEMAN
(CLEATOR MOOR), 6TH BORDERS
STRUCK DUMB IN THE
DARDANELLES.

CORPORAL THOMAS BATEMAN, of the 6th Border Regiment, is the eldest son of Police-Constable Bateman, of Cleator Moor. He joined the Colours immediately on the outbreak of war, at which time he was engaged as a waiter at the Norbreck Hydro, Blackpool, previous to which he held a similar appointment at Scarborough. After a period of training he left for the Dardanelles on the 6th June, and was in the hospital at Alexandria for six or seven weeks. On his

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SEVEN SONS IN THE ARMY.

Mrs. Lavery, of Mill Street, Frizington, who has seven sons in the Army, and all attached to the Border Regiment, has received the following letter:—

"Dear Madam,—I have the honour to inform you that the King has heard with much interest that you have at the present moment seven sons serving in the Army. I am commanded to express to you the King's congratulations, and to assure you that his Majesty much appreciates the spirit of patriotism which prompted this example in one family of loyalty and devotion to their Sovereign and Empire.—I have the honour to be, madam, your obedient servant,

PONSONBY, Keeper of the Privy Purse."

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