

West Cumberland at War

September 1914



**MR. STANLEY WILSON,
OF WHITEHAVEN,
WHO HAS MADE A GALLANT
RESCUE FROM DROWNING
AT ALDERSHOT.**

MR. STANLEY WILSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Lowther-street, Whitehaven, was in the motor trade at Coventry, and joined the Royal Field Artillery, at the depot, Cut Camp, Aldershot. He ended his first month's training very auspiciously. While at dinner one day in the barracks, one of a number of children who had been playing by a bathing place in the river close by, came running in and said that his brother was drowning. Stanley, who is a good swimmer, made off to the spot and saw the child lying at the bottom of the water. He dived, and got him in the dive. It took fifteen minutes to bring the child round, but he was restored to his parents. He was a six years old son of one of the sergeants. The Major has recommended the young artilleryman for the R.H.S. medal. A week later Stanley received his first stripe. That is a good beginning.

Early September 1914 saw the Battle of the Marne, when the British supported French forces in their efforts to stop the German advance through northern France.

NEWS OF MISSING CUMBRIANS.

HUTTON CURATE'S RETURN.

The Rev. P. R. Cooper (curate of Hutton-in-the-forest), who was stranded on the continent at the outbreak of the war and unheard of for several weeks, owing to dislocated communication, arrived at Hutton Rectory on Friday. He has since enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, and was to leave Hutton on Monday for his depot.

The Rector of Workington, the Rev. S. P. L. Curwen, is still detained at Parten Kirchem, in Bavaria as a registered alien.

Miss E. M. Webb, language mistress of the Workington Technical College, has written to Dr. Wcollatt, of whose death she is unaware, stating that she is detained at Kaiserslautern in Pfalz, but that she hopes to be sent home shortly with other English women through a neutral state.

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"PAIS" MOVEMENT AT FRIZINGTON.

A public meeting in support of this movement was held in a field at Frizington on Sunday afternoon. Previous to the meeting the Town's Brass Band, preceded by Mr. J. B. Hodgson bearing a Union Jack, paraded the streets.

Mr. H. Murphy presided over the meeting, and was supported by Mr. R. Jefferson, Mr. J. A. Grant, M.P., Mr. T. Gavan Duffy, and Mr. J. B. Hodgson.

The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, and strongly appealed for recruits. There were any number of suitable young men in Frizington, and he hoped they would come forward and join Kitchener's Army.

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CLEATOR MOOR BRANCH OF QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.

The appeal made by the local committee on behalf of the above Guild has met with such a generous response that nearly 300 garments were forwarded to headquarters last week, together with a cheque for £25. The Treasurer has received the following acknowledgment of the same from Lady Lawley, hon. sec.:—"I am commanded by the Queen to thank you for your extremely kind donation of £25. It is very generous of the Cleator Moor Branch to contribute so much, and it will be of the greatest use to the Guild towards buying those things which are most needed at present." The garments were also acknowledged in similar terms. It is intended to send a second supply of useful articles next week.

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MARYPORT CO-OPERATIVE AND THE WAR.

THE COMMANDERING OF ARTILLERY HORSES.

A special meeting of the Maryport Co-operative Society to consider the giving of a grant to the National War Fund, was held in the Co-operative Hall, Maryport, on Saturday evening. Mr. N. Ismay (President) presiding.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, said the Co-operative Societies were responding very liberally to this call upon them. They had had many calls upon them in times of National calamity in the past, and whenever the committee had brought the question before them they had always made a grant. (Cheers.) The position they were in at the present time made them so that they could hardly realize what they would have to go through, and how far they would have to give in regard to what would be needed before the end of the war. His committee had decided to recommend a grant of £50, but it might be that they would have to be called upon in a short time for a second grant.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF WHITEHAVEN.

PRINCE OF WALES' WAR FUND. MAYOR'S APPEAL.

I HAVE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM HIS ROYAL Highness as follows:—

"Earnestly trust that you will assist my National Relief Fund by opening Subscription Lists without delay, and forwarding results to Buckingham Palace. Please do all that lies in your power to interest those among whom your influence extends.

(Signed) EDWARD P."

I beg to ask you to support me readily and generously in carrying out of H.R.H.'s wishes. Let me remind you that Distress has already begun, and there is Urgent Need for Immediate Relief.

With the view of coping with this Distress in the Borough, the Mayoress has called the Ladies together and they have formed themselves into Committees to enquire into and Relieve Necessitous Cases, and to Work for the Alleviation of Suffering, and the Doctors of the Town have Generously Offered their Assistance.

I have already received without Solicitation £208 18s 8d, part of which has been Distributed by the Ladies, and I am very anxious to Remit an Amount to the National Fund worthy of Whitehaven. I am sure that my Appeal to you will not be made in vain.

HERBERT W. WALKER, Mayor.

Town Hall, 19th August, 1914.

MEM.—SUBSCRIPTIONS can be made through the Local Banks, where Lists will be Exhibited; or Direct to me at the Town Hall. (t

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A MILLOM TERRITORIAL KILLED NEAR LONDON.

Yesterday a wire conveyed the information to his parents, who at present reside at Steel Green, Millom, of the death of Private Harry Kendall, son of Mr. Edward Kendall. The deceased only joined the Terriers just before they left Millom. Up to that time he was engaged in farm work, having hired at Mrs Crayston's, Monkfoss, Bootle, for the last term. It appears that he had been set to guard the railway line at Slough Station, and stepped in front of an express. The deceased was very popular, and he belongs to a family that have been for many years connected with the Volunteers and Territorials, some of his relatives now being members of the Millom contingent of the National Reserves.

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WHITEHAVEN'S QUOTA TO THE COUNTRY'S DEFENCE.

WAR FUND AT EGREMONT.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Egremont, on Tuesday evening, presided over by Mr. W. Lowrey, Chairman of the Council.

The Clerk (Mr. Nelson) announced the following donations:—Ulloats Mining Co., £20; Mr. J. A. Grant, M.P., £0; Mr. W. B. Walker, £10 10s; Messrs. S & J. Lindow, £0; Mr. Jefferson, £20.

Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Mr. W. Garnett, Mr. J. J. Wilson, and Mr. Grant, M.P., and it was resolved that a committee be formed for the purpose of collecting subscriptions towards the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, and to assist in the distribution, and that such committee consist of the members of the Urban District Council, representatives from the various religious bodies, friendly societies, employers of labour, and trade unions, with a number of ladies to be nominated by the committee. It was also agreed that a committee, consisting of Messrs. R. Jefferson, W. Garnett, P. Kelly, and S. James, be formed to give immediate assistance in urgent circumstances.

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STIRRING SCENES AT WHITEHAVEN.

The departure of recruits from Whitehaven, which was interrupted last week owing to temporary congestion of accommodation at Carlisle depot, was on Saturday evening resumed. A batch of 65 recruits marched from the Drill Hall to Corkickle Station. A great many people were disappointed, having looked for them going to Bransty as usual. But this lot did not go to Carlisle, but to Lancaster. Yet they had an immense send off. The Borough Band played them off, and there was a big crowd which, with the men themselves, joined in with their voices to swell the popular air the band was playing. The enthusiasm was great.

On Sunday came an unexpected wire from Carlisle for the "Pals" who had enlisted. These had been drilling twice a day on the Playground, and on Saturday afternoon had a march out for some 14 miles, round by Lamplugh, Frizington, Cleator Moor, and Egremont. The call on Sunday came shortly after noon, but so energetic were the steps at once taken to get into touch with the "Pals" that by half-past four 100 of them out of 140, the total of the Whitehaven contingent, had assembled at the Drill Sheds, and 125 other "Pals." from the surrounding district of Lamplugh, Frizington, and Egremont, who came in on waggonettes, &c., assembled later either at the Drill Sheds or at Bransty Station, where there was a special train to convey them to Carlisle. The Borough Band was in attendance; and this large contingent of recruits, many of them



**MRS. BURNS,
OF MILLOM,
HAS FIVE SONS SERVING
IN THE FORCES.**

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so widely well known in the town, attracted an enormous crowd, and the liveliest excitement and enthusiasm. The approaches to Bransty Station were packed with people. Never has there been such a scene since the departure of the Territorials for active service in the Boer War. The crush was so great that the "Pals" could scarcely make their way in to the train, and but for Supt. Hogg and his officers, who kept the crush back until the men got seated in the train, there would have been confusion. Set at liberty, the people rushed on to the platform until it was packed, and others lined the road to William Pit, overlooking the station. There was great cheering as the train moved off amid a discharge of fog-signals. Mr. J. A. Grant, M.P., travelled with the "Pals."

There were upwards of five recruits sent off from Whitehaven to Carlisle on Monday evening, this number including some more of the Whitehaven "Pals"; and a smaller squad left on Tuesday evening.

A MILLOM DOCTOR VOLUNTEERS HIS SERVICES FOR THE WAR.

Dr. Warwick, who until a few months ago, was in partnership with Dr. Huey, Millom, having volunteered his services, left Millom this week for Amlershot. Dr. Warwick was through the War. During his residence in Millom he took active interest in every kind of sport, and was, until his leaving Millom, President of the Northern Union Football Club as well as a county official.

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THE YOUNG MAN'S DUTY.
STIRRING REMARKS BY THE
REV. H. FRY.
AN APPEAL FOR RECRUITS.

WHITEHAVEN MEN IN CANADA: ANXIOUS TO GET INTO ACTIVE SERVICE.

The Canadian papers to hand on Monday contained details of three naval reserve men, W. Milburn, G. W. Taylor, and R. W. Arrowsmith, who received orders at Brandon, where they reside, to proceed at once to Halifax, to join H.M.C.S. Niobe. A small banquet was given to them before they left. Milburn has worked in the C.P.R. freight sheds here for some time and is very much in favour with his fellow employees. He has seen service in almost every part of the globe as a first class naval gunner. Talking with a Sun reporter, he expressed the hope that he would be able to get "right to the very front," for, he declared, it was a British naval man's one longing desire to take part in a good sea battle. Asked on what he thought England's chances at sea were, he smilingly replied, "With a good square fight, Britain can clean up the German Navy, and clean it up well." Arrowsmith was also very eager to get into the thick of the fray. He has been working for a farmer, W. Meadows, six miles from Rapid City. The first troop train passed through Brandon at 1-15 on the day this report was written.

Mr. Wm. Milburn is late of Irish-street, Whitehaven. Mr. Joseph Linton, also of Whitehaven, has also volunteered.

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BUSINESS.

THE WAR.

TO NEWSAGENTS

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RECRUITING MEETING AT
MILLOM.

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