## August 1914

### IMPORTANT WAR EVENTS

1 August: War begins when Germany declares war on Russia.

3 August: Germany declares war on France.

4 August: Britain declares war on Germany after Germany invades Belgium.

6 August: Serbia declares war on Germany. Austria Hungary declares war on Russia.

7 August: The first British troops arrive in France.

8 August: The Defence of the Realm Act (DORA) is enacted, extending the powers of the British government.

22 August 1914: 27,000 French soldiers die fighting in the Ardennes, and at Charleroi.

23 August: The Battle of Mons between Britain and Germany. Japan declares war on Germany.

26-30 August: The Battle of Tannenberg

### STOCKTON'S SERVICEMEN

1,245 servicemen from Stockton died during 'the Great War', and are listed on the Stockton War Memorial. In each newsletter the men who died during that month/period will be recorded, along with any information gathered about their lives.

**Private John Joseph Hardy:**

**Regiment: 2nd Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) Fusiliers.**

**Date of Death: 7 August 1914.**

**Age: 28 years**

**Place of Burial: Weston Mill Cemetery, Plymouth**

Private Hardy was born in West Hartlepool, and joined the army in 1905 at the age of 19. Although Private Hardy did not die whilst fighting in the 'great war', he had been fighting for his country for nearly ten years, and had served abroad, including India. Private Hardy was on his way to the front with his battalion, when he collapsed on 7th August 1914 with severe abdominal pains. Hardy's condition rapidly deteriorated, and doctors concluded it was impossible to operate. Private Hardy died at 9:30 that evening. Private Hardy left a widow, Frances Elizabeth Hardy, who remarried in 1919 to Michael McNarra/McNamara.

**Private James William Ingledew:**

**Regiment: 18th Battalion (Queen Mary's Own Royal) Hussars, Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry and Imperial Camel Corps).**

**Date of Death: 24 August 1914.**

**Age: 22 years.**

**Place of Burial: Elouges Communal Cemetery, Belgium**.

Ingledew left England for the last time, on 16 August 1914, departing from Southampton. He arrived with his battalion in Boulogne the following day. Private Ingledew died whilst fighting in the action of Elouges on 24 August, when British forces were retreating, following their defeat at Mons.

*'...At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.'*

### AN AUGUST 1914 RECIPE

Concerns over rising food prices, and food shortages were rife from the beginning of the war. Simple recipes, such as this one taken from the Evening Gazette, were promoted to encourage people to make the most of their finite supplies.
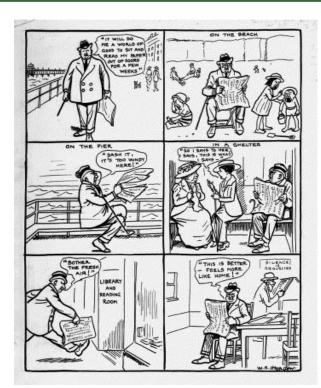
## Butter Tarts:

### Ingredients
One egg
One cup of granulated sugar
Butter the size of an egg
One-fourth cup of milk
One cup of currants

### Method
Put all ingredients together and boil until like soft custard; flavour and cook.
When cool put in tart shells and serve.



**Daily Mirror, 5 August 1914: 'Trials of the middle aged man at the seaside'**



Mr. and Mrs. James Edon (Hutton Rudby), who recently celebrated their golden wedding. They are both old-age pensioners.

### HOME FRONT NEWS

➢ 'There is the possibility of the Manchester City Football Club's ground being utilised for the accommodation of 500 horses in readiness for war office work.' North Eastern Daily Gazette, 5 August 1914.

➢ "SPIES IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT': A warning has been issued to Isle of Wight residents not to loiter near defences or military posts, as by doing so they will run the danger of being shot. "It is known that there are spies in the island," runs the notice.' North Eastern Daily Gazette, 6 August 1914.

➢ 'The infliction of "war" names on innocent babies has begun. "Albert Leman Liege" Smith and "Marie Alsace- Lorraine" Lecomte were registered in London yesterday.' North Eastern Daily Gazette, 12 August 1914.

➢ 'There was no further rise in flour yesterday. From the way it has been going on lately one would take it for self- raising flour.' North Eastern Daily Gazette 14 August 1914.