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News from the Front

March – April – May 1918

STOCKTON YOUTH'S GALLANTRY

Mr Morgan Morgan, son of Mrs P. Staples of Oxbridge, Stockton, a seagoing apprentice, served on three different ships which were badly torpedoed before he was drowned with the sinking of the S.S. Ethelinda.

When the S.S. Maplewood was struck some time previously, he displayed conspicuous gallantry, which has been recognised in a letter to his mother from Messrs Joseph Constantine & Sons, Middlesbrough, in which it is stated that her brave son has been awarded by the Shipping Federation the silver medal and diploma.

S&T.H. 13 April 1918

THORNABY MAN'S FOOD HOARD

The story of how an outbreak of fire brought to light the food hoardings of a gardener was told at Thornaby on Monday, when Francis Smith of 4 Stanley Grove, was before the Magistrates on a charge of having in his possession 35lbs of sugar, 15lbs of tea and seven 1½ tins of milk. The prosecution was at the instance of John Dunn, the local food inspector.

Supt. Cook stated that

on the 22nd of last month a fire occurred at defendant's greenhouse at his allotment, and the police, who were called out, discovered a bucket containing the sugar and a box containing the tea and milk.

Mr C.L. Townsend, who appeared for the defendant, pleaded guilty, and said that defendant's household consisted of himself, wife and a son. There was a great difficulty nowadays to tell what was food hoarding and what was not. Mrs Smith had purchased the sugar at the beginning of the war, and when the Food Hoarding Order came out she took what she thought was surplus to her husband's allotment. The quantity of sugar was not a very large one, and the milk was unsweetened.

There were three charges in respect of tea, milk and sugar respectively. In the first case Smith was ordered to pay the costs and was fined 10s 6d in each of the other cases.

S&T.H. 9 March 1918

MILITARY MEDAL

At a meeting of Stockton Town Council, the Mayor (Alderman J. Harrison) formally presented the Military Medal to Sgt. B. Henderson, 14 Waverley Street, for bravery in the field.

S&T.H. 9 March 1918

SEC-LIEUT. E. WALTON, M.M. KILLED

Mrs J. Walton of Lightfoot Grove, Stockton, has received a letter from the

officer commanding the 19th D.L.I. telling of the death in action of her son, Second-Lieut. Ernest Walton in which he says that the deceased officer was killed in action by machine gun fire whilst rallying his men. Lieut. Walton did extremely valuable work in the engagement, and exposed himself fearlessly.

The C.O. goes on further to say that the loss of Second-Lieut. Walton will be keenly felt by officers and men throughout the battalion. Prior to winning a commission Second-Lieut. Walton saw two years' service in France with the East Surreys and was the recipient of the Military Medal for bravery on the field.

S&T.H. 13 April 1918

STOCKTON HERO'S RETURN

Bombardier John Oliver Berne, late of the R.G.A., youngest son of Mr Harry Oliver of Stockton, at present residing with his adopted parents, Mr and Mrs Berne, of Haverton Hill, has been discharged

VENO'S LIGHTNING COUGH CURE

Stops Colds in a Night—Checks Influenza—Overcomes Nasal Catarrh

from H.M. Forces owing to ill health.

The above N.C.O. served a period of two years and ten months with the B.E.F. in France and had previously been stationed for two years in Gibraltar. On his return home he was drafted with the first Expeditionary Force to France.

He has been decorated with the ribbon of the Mons Star whilst in hospital, and had previously received the Military Medal.

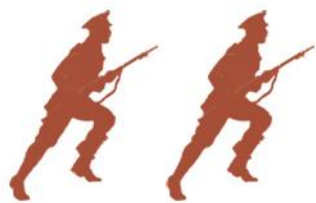
On his return from France to England he received the appointment of interpreter to the Allied Forces in Italy by W.O. authority.

He was married to a French lady whom he met whilst on service with the B.E.F. in the year 1915.

S&T.H. 2 March 1918



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MEDAL FOR Q.M.S. W.A. CHAPMAN

Quarter Master Sergeant W.A. Chapman A.S.C., son of Mr and Mrs Chapman of 9 Eldon Street, Thornaby who for the last two years has been serving in East Africa, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

S&T.H. 30 March 1918

UNWELCOME GUESTS

A singular prosecution under the Army Act was heard at Stockton today, when William Downs, landlord of the Vane Arms, Longnewton, was charged with refusing to provide billets for soldiers. Mr A. Parkin prosecuted, and Mr R. Cohen defended.

Mr Parkin stated that on the 8th inst. Sergt. Armstrong of Longnewton, received orders to find billets for 16 men and 10 women. It was an emergency order, and he asked Downs to provide billets and rations for four men. The men came on the 12th, and only two of them went to the defendant's house, when he refused to take them in, saying that his

mother was ill. Mr Cohen said that this client was ignorant of the Army Act, and through that

he was not bound to billet soldiers. His wife was dead, and his mother was very ill when the soldiers came. He told them that he was the only person in the house, and that he would not be able to make them as comfortable as he liked. He gave them a meal, after which they went away to see if they could find a billet where a woman would look after them.

A fine of £2 was imposed.
N.E.D.G. 20 March 1918

STOCKTON TEACHER KILLED

News has come to hand that Pte. Thos. R. Featherstone, Yorkshire, has been killed in action.

Private Featherstone served his apprenticeship at St. John's Schools, Middlesbrough, and subsequently became an Assistant Master in the Holy Trinity Schools, Stockton, thirteen years ago, joining the Forces two years ago.

He was of a quiet disposition, but took great interest in his profession, and in every educational movement in the town, while he served his colleagues as

hon. Secretary to the local Class Teachers Association.

He will be widely mourned by a large circle of friends, and by the many scholars who have passed through his hands. Much sympathy is felt with his widow in her bereavement.

S&T.H. 4 May 1918

STOCKTON AND ITS' SOLDIERS

When some months ago the Essex Regiment left Stockton the O.C. Colonel Hector Fraser thanked the town through the Mayor for its great kindness to his offers and men.

The troops who have more recently left are evidently quite as appreciative – and so are their parents – of the hospitality which the people of Stockton have extended to them.

Mr John H. Thomas, stationmaster, Bradford, writes to the local Press as follows: -

“On behalf of a number of parents, and myself, who reside in Bradford, I wish through you, to tender our gratitude for the hospitality and many kindnesses shown to our lads who were located in Stockton and transferred to France recently.

The lads were greatly cheered by the hearty send-off and words of cheer, good wishes, and good luck, given them by the townsfolk, and my

own son, writing from France, particularly mentions the kindness of the people of Stockton, saying how his regiment has been encouraged to do its duty. The stay in your town will be often remembered with pleasure.

We as parents, are proud of our brave lads, and have confidence in them fulfilling with credit their duty.

S&T.H. 20 April 1918

THORNABY OFFICER KILLED

Second-Lieutenant W.E. Wood of 19 Cambridge Road, Thornaby who was gassed on the 26 inst., died in France on the following day. He was educated at Middlesbrough High School, and was a graduate at the Nottingham University when war broke out, obtaining his B.Sc. in the latter part of 1915. He received his commission in April of last year, being gazetted to the London Regiment.

S&T.H. 4 May 1918

MILITARY MEDAL

Mrs Johnson of 20 Carlisle Street, Tilery Road, Stockton has received official information that her son, Rifleman T.H. Johnson has been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery on the field.

S&T.H. 16 March 1918

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SOLDIERS FALLEN

March 1918

3rd Engineer Alfred Snowdon – 1/3/1918
Mercantile Marine, S.S. Penvearn (Falmouth)

Private William Sanderson Short – 2/3/1918
5th Bn., (Royal Irish) Lancers

Sergeant Harold Rigby Glover, M.M. – 12/3/1918
13th Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps

Corporal William R. Billing – 15/3/1918
1st/4th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Engine Room Artificer, 4th Class Robert Johnson – 15/3/1918*
Royal Navy, H.M. Submarine D.3

**As given by CWGC. The submarine was sunk on 12/03/2018.*

Private Francis Dinsdale – 20/3/1918
Royal Army Medical Corps. H.M.H.S. St. Patrick

Private Robert Brown – 21/3/1918
2nd Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private John Frost Eggett – 21/3/1918
'D' Coy., 2nd/5th Bn., Manchester Regiment

Private Charles Henry Finnigan – 21/3/1918
2nd/5th Bn., Manchester Regiment

Lance Corporal Robert Benjamin Gaunt – 21/3/1918
2nd Bn., York and Lancashire Regiment

Lance Corporal Walter W. Hall – 21/3/1918
'B' Coy., 15th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private George Frederick Humphreys – 21/3/1918
61st Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Private Wilfred Richmond – 21/3/1918
2nd/7th Bn., Manchester Regiment

Private James John Richmond – 21/3/1918
2nd Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Lance Corporal John William Willey – 21/3/1918
4th Bn., Seaforth Highlanders

Private Arthur John Winspear – 21/3/1918
2nd/4th Bn., East Lancashire Regiment

Sergeant Isaac Arthur Brogden – 22/3/1918
12th Pioneer Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Francis Inwood Dring – 22/3/1918
9th Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Private John Thomas Ellis – 22/3/1918
7th Bn., Leicestershire Regiment

Sergeant Harry Jones – 22/3/1918
2nd Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Frederick Nelson – 22/3/1918
13th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Lance Corporal Arthur Edwin Pearson – 22/3/1918
6th Bn., Leicestershire Regiment

Private John William Poole – 22/3/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Corporal Ralph Tinsley – 22/3/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Wilfred Watkin/s - 22/3/1918
9th (Northumberland Hussars) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Lance Corporal Walter Yarrow - 22/3/1918
10th Bn., The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Lance Corporal Edgar A. Fewster - 23/3/1918
16th (The Queen's) Lancers

Second Lieutenant Robert Roland Kay - 23/3/1918
5th Bn., attd. 20th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private George Marshall Farrow - 24/3/1918
4th Special Reserve Bn., South Staffordshire Regiment

Private Michael Forkin - 24/3/1918
23rd Bn., Middlesex Regiment

Private Bertram Bainbridge - 25/3/1918
25th (Tyneside Irish) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers



Sergeant Edmund Brunskill Bell - 25/3/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Bert Harold Silversides - 25/3/1918
2nd Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Private David Bryan - 26/3/1918
1st/4th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Fred Chapman - 26/3/1918
50th Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Stoker Joseph Forrest - 26/3/1918
Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. Lady Cory Wright

Corporal Robert Edgar Worth - 26/3/1918
22nd Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Company Sergeant Major Martin Hansell, D.C.M. - 27/3/1918
'B' Coy., 1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Arnold Jewitt - 27/3/1918
'X' Coy., 17th Bn., Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment)

Private William Henry Roberts - 27/3/1918
12th (Service) Bn., Highland Light Infantry

Private Harry Sharman - 27/3/1918
2nd Bn., Grenadier Guards

Lance Corporal Herbert Tutin - 27/3/1918
2nd Bn., Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

Second Lieutenant Ernest Walton - 27/3/1918
19th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Robinson Brown - 28/3/1918
2nd Bn., Grenadier Guards

Major Frederick Wilfred Robinson - 28/3/1918
8th Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Corporal George Stanley Wilkinson - 28/3/1918
2nd Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Lance Corporal Alfred Allen - 29/3/1918
18th Bn., Durham Light Infantry



Sergeant Ernest William Cryer - 29/3/1918
12th Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps

Private Joseph Stokes - 29/3/1918
1st Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Gunner Arthur Thorpe - 29/3/1918
'D' Bty., 250th Bde. (Labour Bn.), Royal Field Artillery

Lance Corporal John Henry Blakey – 30/03/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Sapper Robert Hall - 30/3/1918
225th Field Coy., Royal Engineers

Private Robert L. Simpson - 30/3/1918
2nd Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Sergeant William Stephenson - 30/3/1918
225th Field Coy., Royal Engineers

Private John Robert Farrow - 31/3/1918
5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Ernest Howells - 31/3/1918
1st Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Private Alfred Ernest Rymer – 24/03/1918 or 29/03/1918
19th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

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Private Henry Whalley Heslop – 3/4/1918
23rd Bn., Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment)

Private George Robert Alderson – 4/4/1918
7th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry attd. 7th Bn., Rifle Brigade

Gunner Thomas Proud – 4/4/1918
331st Bde. Royal Garrison Artillery

Private Alfred Conquest – 5/4/1918
1st/8th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers

Private Thomas Henry Teasdale – 5/4/1918
1st/8th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers

Private Arthur William Ostle – 7/4/1918
1st Bn., attd. 17th Light Trench Mortar Bty., Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

Private Frederick William Birch – 9/4/1918
1st/6th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Driver Benjamin Danks (M.M.) – 9/4/1918
'D' Bty., 285th Bde., Royal Field Artillery
Lance Corporal Ivor Robins – 9/4/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Edward Wase – 9/4/1918
12th Bn., Suffolk Regiment

Private John H. Bainbridge – 10/4/1918
1st/5th (Territorial) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Lance Corporal Alfred Davies – 10/4/1918
1st/5th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Thomas Roddam Featherstone – 10/4/1918
'A' Coy., 5th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Corporal Robert Evan Richards – 10/4/1918
9th (Northumberland Hussars) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Private William L. Hodgson – 11/4/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Lownsborough King – 11/4/1918
1st/6th Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Private Charles Lowes – 11/4/1918
1st/5th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Edwin/Elwin Marshall – 11/4/1918
5th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Arthur David Richards – 11/4/1918
1st/8th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private/Signaller George Blair Snowden – 11/4/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private William Henry Fish – 12/4/1918
15th/17th Bn., Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Norman Gibbon – 12/4/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Wilfred Hale – 12/4/1918
11th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment

Private Archie Marwood – 12/4/1918
4th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Private George Seaman – 12/4/1918
10th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment

Private William Gillson – 13/4/1918
13th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Private John Thomas Lewis – 13/4/1918
15th/17th Bn., Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

Private John James Murphy – 13/4/1918
12th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Sapper Samuel Maurice White – 13/4/1918
Lines of Communication Signal Coy., Royal Engineers

Private Robert Wright – 13/4/1918
1st/5th (Territorial) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Private Harry/Harrison Peacock – 14/4/1918
1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Private John Thomas Turner – 14/4/1918
9th (Northumberland Hussars) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Private Thomas Alderson - 15/4/1918
1st/4th (Hallamshire) (T.F.) Bn., Yorkshire and Lancaster Regiment

Sergeant John George Hutchinson - 15/4/1918
2nd Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Private Arthur Lancelot Mason - 15/4/1918
4th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Sergeant Evan Henry Evans - 16/4/1918
15th Bn., South Wales Borders

Private Robert Oyston - 16/4/1918
1st Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment

Private Harry Stanley Petty - 16/4/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Gunner Thomas Gallacher - 18/4/1918
'B' Bty., 275th Bde. Royal Field Artillery

Private John W. Walton - 18/4/1918
19th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers

Private Orton Bean - 21/4/1918
6th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Rifleman William Stewart - 22/4/1918
10th Bn., Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

Private William Adams - 23/4/1918
1st/5th Bn., Prince of Wales' Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment)

Second Lieutenant William Little - 24/4/1918
Royal Field Artillery

Lance Corporal Arthur Benson - 25/4/1918
1st/6th Bn., Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

Private William Burgess/Burgess William Bowe - 25/4/1918
1st/7th Bn., Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Thomas William Carter - 25/4/1918
22nd Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private Stanley Inglis - 25/4/1918
5th Bn., Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

Private Felix McWilliams - 25/4/1918
19th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers

Sapper John W. Roe - 25/4/1918
64th Field Coy., Royal Engineers

Lieutenant Robert Clews (M.C.) - 28/4/1918
235th Army Troops Coy., Royal Engineers

Gunner John Henry Mein - 30/4/1918
134th Heavy Bty., Royal Field Artillery

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Sergeant Louis Garbutt – 1/5/1918
Royal Army Service Corps attd. 75th Field Amb. Royal Army Medical Corps

Private George William Bradley – 5/5/1918
51st Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)


Lance Sergeant Harry Dyke – 8/5/1918
13th Bn., Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own)

Private John Thomas Wilton – 11/5/1918
19th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers



Private Richard Haw – 13/5/1918
1st Bn., King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment)

Stoker Tom Robson French – buried 15/5/1918
Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. Diamond



Mate Thomas English – 17/5/1918
Mercantile Marine, S.S. Mavisbrook (Glasgow)

Gunner James Michael Gill – 18/5/1918
Royal Field Artillery


Lieutenant Osmond Cyril Robinson (M.C.) – 24/5/1918
Royal Field Artillery



Private Joseph Beresford Shields – 24/5/1918
7th Bn., Bedfordshire Regiment

Private Robert Dunning – 25/5/1918
12th Bn., Durham Light Infantry


Corporal George Bellas – 27/5/1918
1st/7thBn., Durham Light Infantry



Sergeant Ernest Easley – 27/5/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Captain William Booth Hansell – 27/5/1918
6th Bn., Durham Light Infantry


Private Reginald Jackson – 27/5/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry



Rifleman John Thomas Lloyd – 27/5/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private/Signaller William Matthews – 27/5/1918
18th Bn., Australian Infantry

Private Albert Moss – 27/5/1918
1st/5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry



Private Otto William Henry Phillips – 27/5/1918
8th Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Gunner Harry Rigg – 27/5/1918
North Riding Heavy Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery





Corporal Gilbert Cecil Scott – 27/5/1918

'X' 8th T.M. Bty., Royal Field Artillery

Bombardier Frederick John Thompson – 27/5/1918

Northumbrian (North Riding) Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Sapper William A. Walker - 27/5/1918

490th Field Coy., Royal Engineers

Corporal Matthew Wilson - 27/5/1918

1st/7th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Private John G. Dowie - 28/5/1918

1st/4th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment

Second Lieutenant James Spink Harrison - 28/5/1918

2nd Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Driver Bertie Handley Phillips - 28/5/1918

5 'C' Reserve Bde., Royal Field Artillery

Private Jeremiah Cunningham - 29/5/1918

2nd Bn., Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

Private Alfred Henry Holmes - 29/5/1918

1st Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment

Private William Leeming - 29/5/1918

12th/13th Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Sergeant John Robert Newlove - 31/5/1918

4th Bn., Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

