

ILKLEY GAZETTE AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR

A diary listing by each week and month

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FOREWORD

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THE ROLE OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IN WARTIME

When one studies local history and has the privilege of looking at paper copies of one's own local newspaper, one can easily get carried away with a whole series of 'ed' words. One has explored, discovered, found, connected, engaged, unearthed, imagined, created, unlocked, opened, revealed and celebrated – in this case the history of an iconic town solely from the pages of the Ilkley Gazette since 1868. The paper actually appeared initially in May 1861, but the first 8 ½ years of the paper are for some reason lost or unavailable.

Wood pulp came into Great Britain from Norway until 9th April, 1940. Paper was rationed from September 1939 and newspapers limited to the amount they could use. By 1945 newspapers were limited to 25% of the pre-War consumption. The 'Control of Paper Order' came in to affect in 1940 after Norway was seized by the Nazis. Importation of newsprint and wood pulp had been stopped. A drastic reduction in the number of pages per issue was inevitable and reports were definitely limited in length.

In spite of economics borne out of necessity, local newspaper editors continued to present fairly and accurately items of local news. It was likely these would appear in summarised form and items of minor importance eliminated, or if any other changes would have to be made as a result of the Order or the paper would ask for the indulgence of the readers.

One can read about war's impact on the Home Front, the people amused themselves in the face of adversity and the way in which public morale was kept high through a mixture of propaganda and judicious reporting. The papers showed hopes and fears of the British people at large, air raids, black outs, the destruction of property, evacuation of children, the loss or absence of loved ones, rationing and conception all became facts of life.

People had an appetite for local as well as national news. Both types of papers carried out the wishes of government in controlling morale. They were limited in size in 1940 because of the nature of newsprint and circulation numbers were restricted to the then prevailing level for the duration of the war. The UK had been economically and emotionally drained by the war both at national, regional and local level. Local papers as well showed how news of world events could be mirrored and expressed to the people.

People lived with the constant threat of attack and families often became divided as a result of the fighting. Thousands worked very long hours, often volunteering their free time to help the war effort, as well as keeping normal jobs but there was a worry that people on the Home Front might grow disillusioned with war and this could lead to defeat. Local officials used censorship and propaganda to maintain morale of citizens during the war. It was felt that

keeping secret certain details which might cause people to lose hope would be best for morale of the country.

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From the Ilkley Gazette issued Fridays – cost just one penny!

7 August Great Britain Military Forces – Regular Army 162,000. Total war strength, including reserves and territorials, 724,000.

Germany Mobilised field army 2,750,000.

Russia Mobilised field army, probably about 3,000,000.

Austria Mobilised field army 1,300,000.

23 July Austro-Hungarian note to Serbia.

24 July Russian cabinet held. Austro-Hungarian commands are considered an indirect challenge to Russia.

25 July Serbian answer was considered unsatisfactory by Austria-Hungary. The Austro-Hungarian minister with legation staff leaves Belgrade.

27 July Sir Edward Grey announces in the Commons his proposals for a conference of Germany, France, Italy and Great Britain. Acceptance of proposals by France and Italy.

28 July War declared by Austria-Hungary.

30 July Partial mobilisation of Russian Army. War Council in Berlin.

31 July General mobilisation in Russia. State of war declared in Germany.

1 August War declared upon Russia by Germany. Germany invades Luxembourg.

2 August French territory entered and Russian forces cross German frontier.

3 August Skirmishes on Russo-German frontier. British fleet mobilised and German ultimatum to Belgium.

Ilkley Gazette 1914

February

13 February Ilkley branch of Independent Labour Party heard lecture by Captain Mercer, West Riding Organiser of National Service League, give a lecture on 'National Defence and

Compulsory National Military Service'. In the end, it was the workers who paid and suffered the cost of war and armaments.

Modern wars invariably had a capital basis and the workers, because they were workers, had to do the fighting and either died or came home maimed, to be a burden upon the relatives or the poor law.

March

6 March Ilkley Urban District Council appoint Kings Hall manager.

Electric lighting cables to be laid.

13 March Army Biplane Disaster on 10 March – death of Captain Cyril Downer, son of Reverend A.C. Downer of Petworth, Sussex and formerly Vicar of Ilkley, in the biplane at Central Flying School Upavon, Wiltshire. He was killed by a fall from 2,000 ft whilst practising.

27 March Inquiry into Middleton sewerage scheme – an expensive undertaking and some explanatory evidence needed.

27 March Sudden death of Mrs Hore in Liskeard Cornwall, formerly of Ilkley, having just seen her only son leave England for a job with the Straits Settlements (a British crown colony of South East Asia that included Singapore, Penang, Malacca and Labuan).

April

10 April Wharfedale St John Voluntary Aided Detachment and members of Women's Provisional Detachment demonstration of work they would be called upon to do in removal and treatment of wounded should the country be invaded and overrun by an enemy.

May

29 May Matthew Tales of Ash Grove, was returning home from Canada on "Express of Ireland " when it sank in St Lawrence River after after colliding with a German steamer.

June

5 June Ilkley Urban District Council improved sanitation, Municipal Orchard deficiency, options to licensing a motor char-a-banc. Pleasure fair – noise nuisance.

12 June Lieutenant R.R. Lansdale promoted to a company command in 5th Battalion Prince of Wales Own West Yorkshire Regiment (York and Harrogate).

12 June First aeroplane over Ilkley – Mr Harold Blackburn of Leeds piloted it to Harrogate from the Lancashire coast and flew over Wharfedale – Silsden, Addingham, Askwith and Stainburn - in sight for 10 minutes circa 60 mph. It was like a huge bird with an engine. Local people were very excited over this event!

19 June Vivid lightning and heavy thunder in storm over Ilkley.

26 June Local non-militant gathering of suffragettes at Ben Rhydding.

26 June 11th Ilkley Battery Territorials will camp at Weston Park about 3 July.

26 June Hastings Duncan MP for Otley becomes a Knight. MP since 1900.

July

10 July Fines for exceeding 10mph speed limit in Ilkley for people driving at 20 to 22½ mph!!

17 July A plane flew low over Ilkley – hovered over West View Park and then over Cow and Calf. It was the second aeroplane over Ilkley at flew at a height of 4,000 feet.

Saxon Crosses and Swastika Emblem – a mark or sign of good luck. (Article by Sir Roy Lancaster in Daily Telegraph on 28 July 1914.)

August

7 August On 4 August, an ultimatum was sent to Germany demanding an assurance that the neutrality of Belgium should be respected.

Railways: Government controls railways to meet military emergencies. Mr J.A.F. Aspinall controls Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company.

Holidays: Owing to curtailed excursion service and the war crisis, the holidays have not been so much to Ilkley's advantage as usual. A record entry for the tennis tournament provided the hydros and lodging houses with a large number of visitors. Trippers on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd August were fairly numerous but on Tuesday 4th August the town was comparatively quiet.

Picture House: A thrilling three reel drama 'Bride of Mystery' was the chief picture shown on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and an exciting detective drama 'The Vanishing Coachman' with several good comics including 'Cutey's Vacation'.

Ilkley Lady in Germany Miss Ida Bellerby, a well-known Ilkley musician studying at Leipzig Conservatoire of Music caught the last train out of Leipzig for Holland (Flushing) via Hanover. Eventually she arrived in Southend. She thinks the Germans are fine people and wanted anything but war. Indeed, there are riots in Leipzig against the War. Local territorials mobilised. Members of the 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade, Royal Field Artillery left their headquarters in Ilkley and elsewhere for summer camps in South Wales but after being away just one night were recalled to Ilkley to await orders.

7 August *Sport* Ilkley beat Otley at cricket by 39 runs.

14 August *Finance* War Relief Fund for relief of Wives and Dependents of Reservists, Territorials and Volunteers from the district engaged on military service about to be opened.

Soldiers/Sailors Wesleyan Guild Ilkley - all willing to help in making garments for soldiers, sailors and territorials to call at St Margaret's Hall.

Ilkley Rifle Club – anyone wishing to learn to shoot may use the Easby Drive Range free of charge.

Letter to Yorkshire Post From Mr Henry R. Procter of Ben Rhydding. Our quarrel is not with the German people but with the military and autocratic clique who for their own ends have disturbed the peace of Europe and have committed the greatest and most wanton crime of our time. But as Englishmen we must be prepared to ensure success in the terrible struggle which has been forced upon us.

Ilkley Lady in France Miss Georgina Horsfall of St James Road had an ordeal to go through to reach home from St Dieux in France near the German frontier. She was studying Modern Languages at Newnham College, Cambridge University and her custom was to spend a long vacation in France and Germany, being due in Leipzig on 11 August. She travelled from Nancy to Luneville where she tried to get the train to Lille but only military ones were running, and then to Paris. She queued 24 hours for a ticket. She had to spend a night in Paris and then she went on to Dieppe to catch a boat train to Newhaven. She was subject to four hours questioning in Newhaven before going home to Ilkley. It took six days in total to travel from Saint -Die to Ilkley.

14 August Diplomatic situation:

Great Britain at war with Germany.

Germany at war with Great Britain, France, Russia and Belgium.

Austria at War with Russia, Serbia, Montenegro and France.

France at war with Germany and Austria.

Russia at war with Germany and Austria.

Belgium at war with Germany.

Serbia at war with Austria.

Montenegro at war with Austria.

Cost of food Official prices for the week. A list of maximum retail prices for cash agreed upon by Advisory Committee of retail traders at meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday:

Granulated sugar 3¾d

Brown sugar 4¼d

Butter (imported) 1s 6d

(other qualities in proportion)

Cheese (colonial) 9½d

Lard (American) 8d

Margarine 10d

Bacon (by the side) – colonial or continental 1s 2d; British 1s 3d

Later in the week due to temporary difficulties regarding supplies:

Granulated sugar 4½d per lb
Lump sugar 5d per lb

21 August Bradford man killed in an accident on his motorcycle near Ben Rhydding sewage works.

Bradford holiday week: due to the War many people are staying at home – not going to Blackpool, Morecambe etc but taking day trips to Ilkley and Bolton Abbey.

Ilkley and nation's call to service. Everything was being done to provide accommodation for the wounded. Ladies providing for men's comfort. Voluntary Aid Detachment of St John's Ambulance called upon for duties in transporting and nursing the sick and wounded.

21 August Lighting up time in Ilkley district this weekend is 8.25pm.

An aeroplane passed over Ilkley in a southerly direction about 6.30pm on Monday evening.

Extending the Ilkley season due to the fact that seaside resort restrictions are being reinforced.

Professor Ramsay Muir of Manchester University has had to seek the use of Ilkley Public Library owing to the loss of his books. He was studying in Germany just before the war and had to leave behind many of his belongings

21 August It is hard to get football teams as members have joined up.

28 August Kings Hall attractions: 'The Girl in the Train'; 'The Bargain'; 'The Little Damsel'; 'Count Luxembourg'.

Mr Robert Haxby cycled 171½ miles inside 12 hours to get the standard gold medal of Yorkshire Road Club.

War pictures shown at Kings Hall.

War and rate payments – receipts are a good deal below normal.

Ilkley man in fighting line – Barnes, Britton, McCrink in Army; C. Hobbs, Gunner E. Wilson and Able Seaman C.J. Heyworth in the Navy.

Cricket – Yeadon beat Ilkley by 10 wickets.

September

4 September 'Shuttleworth's Guide to Ilkley and Bolton Abbey' price 6d; with district map and town plan 1s.

4 September Artificial potash manure comes almost entirely from Germany and existing stock is small with little importation.

4 September Advert 'Soldiers and Sailors comforts': Paton's Knitting Wools. Special Discount on all Wools used for this purpose. Misses A. and L. Brownhill, The Grove, Ilkley.

4 September British Women's Temperance Association – urging people to demonstrate kindly feelings to service men in some other way than by offering alcoholic drink. Even the Kaiser has given orders that under no extent whatsoever except medical purposes is anyone to offer a German soldier intoxicants.

4 September Recruiting at Ilkley – crowded and enthusiastic meeting in Kings Hall presided over by Councillor W. Dobson, Chairman of Ilkley Urban District Council and supported by other councillors and prominent Ilkley people. Aim to destroy tyranny and England remained steadfast and determined to go forward. Great contempt for 'shirkers'.

There was great absence of better class boys and games, i.e. means to an end (and other things to do in life).

A company of fine recruits had been secured and it showed Ilkley's splendid response.

4 September Robert Firth of Bolling Road went on a two weeks trip to Lugano, Switzerland on 27 July 1914 with the Free Church Touring Guild. At the end of the first week, war was declared and after a delay of three weeks, his journey home took three days via Geneva, Lyon, Paris and Dieppe.

11 September Mr W. Cowborough of Parish Ghyll Drive converted his Talbot motor car into a Motor Field Ambulance Wagon for the use of Wharfedale St John Voluntary Aided Detachment as long as the war lasts with the use of metal runners, canvas awning and electric light interior.

Exercise on the Moor near Backstone Beck when 'enemy engagement' – rendered First Aid to the wounded and then conveyed to a clearing hospital at the side of the bridge at the top of Cowpasture Road.

Two companies were raised in Ilkley and sworn in, each with women, and the recruits left on 7 September 1914, proceeding to Keighley and then to Halifax on the next day for clothing and equipment.

11 September Ilkley recruits church parade and service at Ilkley Parish Church. Church vicar spoke of great task and sacrifice.

11 September Bostock and Wombwell's gigantic combined shows Menagerie: jungle and trained animals' exhibition at Brook Street Fair Ground included the only hippopotamus ever seen travelling and the greatest elephantine contrast on record – Jenny (ten feet high), Gambo (six feet high) and Baby Tiny (three feet high).

11 September Private Fred Charles Squibb (East Surrey Regiment) and an Ilkley reservist reported among the wounded admitted to a London hospital – graphic account of Mons fighting and fleeing German forces. All complained of brutality by the Germans, who at Mons even stripped some of the British dead and wounded and put on their khaki uniforms to deceive the Allies.

11 September Advert for shipping to Australia: hands and lads from 16 to 20 years old can get to Australia for £2. Domestic servants from £1 . Apply to Chapman, authorised government agent for Ilkley. Weekend cases and cabin trunks stocked.

18 September 'The Mad Hatters' at the Kings Hall.

Many Wharfedale recruits at Wool in Dorset (a village of 800 people). Up to 250 are from Ilkley, Burley, Addingham and Otley.

Reverend William Mulholland, chaplain at Farnley Ironworks in Leeds, has accepted the living of Ben Rhydding.

25 September Arrival of the sheep fair behind the Town Hall on 23 September, and though there are not as many sheep on offer as last year, a good trade was done at the following prices: shearlings 45s to 55s; lonk ewes 35s; twice crossed lambs 35s to 40s.

Ilkley Moor Golf Club – extended course 18 holes. 33 cards taken out and entry fees go to the War Relief Fund.

Private John Green from Denton injured at Mons – his horse was shot under him.

October

2 October 46 Belgian refugees arrive in Ilkley – age range 6 weeks to 57 years (5 men, 8 women and children).

2 October War maps etc. – produced by Shuttleworth's (opposite Crescent Hotel).

Advert: Misses E. and A. Phillips & Co, 14 Wells Road, Ilkley – much pleasure to inform all customers and friends who intend to purchase clothing for themselves and for those at the Front that from 2 October 1914 to 1 April 1915 a discount of 2s in the pound on all goods marked in plain figure and hope by this offer to secure your orders, and to keep workpeople employed. All blankets for our soldiers at cost prices.

2 October Men at the Wool camp – rise at 6am, tent flaps are up, blankets shaken and put out to air. Parade is from 7am to 8am; breakfast from 8am to 9am; parade 9am to 12 noon; dinner 12 noon to 2pm; and parade 2pm to 4pm. The day is then over except on special occasions like last Monday when on picket from 8am and not back until 11pm.

Ilkley Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Group – talk by Reverend W.B. Lowther, a Wesleyan minister in Ilkley ,on 'What Are We Fighting For?', a righteous war against a mailed fist.

9 October Sale of Dogcart etc by Dacre's on 10 October.

Four brothers – Ellis – all Old Ghyll Roydians.

Private J. Middlebrook soon to bring home a bayonet he took from the first German he shot. He is a fitter in the Army Service Corps of British Expeditionary Force (BEF).

Nurse M. Parker of 11 Alexandra Crescent and a member of the British Red Cross Society is proceeding to France to assist the nurses of the French Red Cross Society.

Belgian refugees (a photo of them at Ilkley PSA Hall) – a second batch of two men, four women and three children arrived by train, a better class than those at the PSA Hall. They are new arrivals to Wortley House in Tivoli Place.

Ilkley Trades People Association agrees to early closing of shops during winter forthwith. They will now close at 7pm or 7.30pm except on Saturdays.

16 October Letters: Sergeant Hudson in Jamaica – talks in a letter to his sister in Ilkley of the seizure of a German auxiliary cruiser 'Bathunia'; Corporal Barnes – a letter about life in the trenches; Corporal Dobson – a letter about a move from Bovington Camp to Aldershot for special training.

Ten more Belgian refugees arrived on 9 October and go to Wortley House.

Father Frances Faes, a Belgian priest from Malines, arrived in Ilkley to attend to the spiritual needs of the refugees.

'Yorkshire Observer' on 14 October contained a reference to Dr Collyer's bequest of Yorkshire books which are all now in Ilkley library. This gift makes Ilkley library one of the richest in the county among those belonging to urban district councils. Many books are especially interesting since many bear evidence of Collyer handling them. Their margins bear annotations and comments which throw sidelights on the character of the writer and in many Dr Collyer has inserted extra illustrations.

23 October Ilkley Parish Church men's service to be held 25 October. Reverend W.F. James MA (Vicar of Ilkley) will give the address 'The Ethics of War'.

23 October Belgian Hospitality Committee Meeting. A meeting in Ilkley agreed that Belgian males could be employed through a medium of local labour exchange, but all wages earned be paid direct to the Committee.

23 October Advert for Barker Bros Drapers and Outfitters: Business as Usual – strongly recommended to prevent unemployment during the present crisis.

23 October Ilkley Picture House 'The Crucible of Fate' and 'With the French Troops'.

23 October Private W. Lee wounded on 26 October – a Prisoner of War in Düsseldorf. He is in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and a nephew of Mrs Harry Sargeant.

23 October Captain Lansdale is promoted to Major in Liverpool Brigade Company.

Army Service Corps recruits leave Ilkley.

Frank Beaumont escaped from Antwerp through German lines. Both his brothers are in Belgium – Cecil in the Navy and Bert an interpreter attached to the Belgian Army.

23 October Photos of Bombardier G.M. Smith and Driver A. Smith both of 4th West Riding Howitzer Royal Field Artillery and Belgian wounded soldiers at an Ilkley hospital.

23 October The Germans have every inch of Belgium mapped out – ruined forts, cities, towns and villages tell this story but by and by Allies get their own back and get it back with vengeance.

30 October Ilkley Brass Band Concert (£4 to Belgian Relief Fund).

Lord Bishop of North West Australia preaches at St Margaret's Church.

Lecture at Ilkley Grammar School on 6 November 1914 on the subject of 'Belgium and the German Peril' by F.J. Collinson.

30 October Ilkley Picture House. Those responsible for producing some of the cinema war pictures must be running terrible risks, judging from the character of the pictures this week presented at Ilkley Picture House which not only illustrate the movement of troops but even phases of various engagements between the Allies and Germans.

30 October Ilkley Clerk of Works, Geo Wilkinson, wounded.

Belgian guests – half of the 62 Belgian wounded soldiers located at the Ilkley hospital are now practically fit to return to fighting (an example to our thousands of able-bodied young slackers). The Belgians have a fine patriotic/brave spirit – singularly optimistic and wish to see the Kaiser hanged or shot in Berlin.

30 October Kings Hall: 'Charley's Aunt' shown for the first time.

Adverts: 'Men Making History' – showing fine portraits of Kitchener, Jellicoe and French . Produced by a new process giving a very fine rich tone and price of 1s each is exceedingly reasonable.

Orders from Shuttleworth's, Great Fancy Repository in Broad Street.

November

6 November Pictures at Kings Hall – 'Billy Boy' (war cartoons) and 'In the Wake of the Huns'.

Letter from Elsa M. Sallitt of Middleton, Ilkley wondering whether children of Ilkley care to send a good many parcels from Ilkley to the soldiers for Christmas (as happened in the Boer War). Sallitt got her idea from Lady French's letter to The Times requesting such measures nationally.

6 November Meeting in Kings Hall to try to form an Athletes Volunteer Corps in Ilkley having as its primary objective the training of those eligible for service in HM Forces in the rudiments of drill and rifle shooting. The meeting was chaired by Councillor W. Dobson (Chairman of Ilkley Urban District Council) as was seen as a smack to the slackers but there was no official sanction to the movement.

Captain Mercer remarked that England had at last awoke to the necessity of national military training although Lord Roberts with his advocacy of this had been looked upon as an old fool. This volunteer force was a scheme of home defence. Four halls secured drill purposes and that those joining would drill in a hall nearest their residence if accommodation allowed.

Instruction would also be given in Swedish exercises. 150 men had joined by 13 November 1914.

6 November Ilkley has the honour of being represented by twelve men in the first Territorial Medical Unit to go to the Front. Belongs to West Riding Division Clearing Hospital and left Leeds on 30 October to sail from Southampton in the evening. Their duties in following the moving army are to take the wounded from the field ambulance, treat such cases as can be sent back to the Front in a day or two and remove the remainder to base. The hospital has 200 beds.

6 November Local men with the Canadian contingent include Regimental Sergeant Major David Philpot.

13 November Lecture at Ilkley Grammar School on Belgian and German peril by Mr P.J. Collinson FRGS.

13 November Ilkley Grammar School 'Old Boy' Colonial Charles Hargreaves is on the way to England as a member of the Army Service Corps attached to the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force. Another Ilkley Grammar School 'Old Boy' Mr J.A. Holroyd is in India and is returning to Britain to fight.

Pictures: Nurse M. Parker; Belgian baby; Ilkley men at Wool.

13 November Adverts: 'Union Jacks and other flags suitable for cars and bicycles'; 'War time is the time to insist on Balloon Yeast – it's British, stronger than ordinary yeasts and is more economical'.

At Otley, Johnson Percy aged 10, an Ilkley schoolboy, was summoned for damaging a wall belonging to Ilkley Urban District Council.

13 November Ilkley men at Wool in Dorset training for instructors.

Ilkley man Yeoman Signaller R. Durrance of monitor 'HMS Mersey' shelling German positions near the Belgian coast.

13 November Brothers Sergeant E. Barnes shot dead and Corporal F. Barnes wounded – both from the 18th Hussars and sons of Jasper Barnes, Ash Grove, Ilkley.

20 November Ilkley Grammar School Head Mr Atkinson says already over 100 Old Boys are on the Roll of Honour at Ilkley Grammar School.

20 November Girl (a domestic servant) in Ben Rhydding ran away from her employer Mrs Greaves who was claiming for damages in respect of the railway fare advanced and breach of contract. Defendant said that Mrs Greaves had only advanced 7s 6d train fare and not 8s as stated and she was willing to repay it at 1s a month. Also, Mrs Greaves had kept some of her clothes and everything out of the dining room was very cold and very often not plenty of it. The only real cause of complaint was cold food and the plaintiff received judgement of 35s.

20 November A young German escaped from three week German imprisonment in Antwerp and fled to England to join his mother and sister in Ilkley.

20 November Budget: ½d on ½ pint. 3d on ten cigarettes. Income tax doubled.

20 November Private A. Holmes of Royal Irish Fusiliers had 16 days face to face fighting.

Wheeler Corporal Sheard had a narrow escape from being shot. He was knocked down by a bursting German shell but only suffered a damaged finger.

Private J. Clarkson of Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment was wounded at the Front.

Pictures: Camp pals at Wool; and Corporal F. Barnes & Sergeant E. Barnes.

20 November Weekly pay of a private is 7s less 3½d laundry = 6s 8½d and this is the average paid each week. This was in a letter signed by 28 Ilkley soldiers which encouraged others to join. A copy of the letter was sent to F.S. Eckersley, the Town Clerk. According to circumstances, men are paid 6s to 7s 6d each Friday and the only men who receive less are those who voluntarily allot a certain proportion for maintenance of dependents in which case the Government makes a further allowance.

27 November Gifts of Red Cross and unbleached calico, butter, muslin, old linen always most acceptable. Ilkley Women's Suffrage Society intends to open in a week or so a Hospital needs' workroom to help supply Women's hospitals with bandages etc.

27 November New Vicar at Ben Rhydding is Rev W. Mulholland.

Mr Beaumont, a teacher of languages in Ghent escaped from the Belgian city to Holland,. Warning from Germans that they would imprison English nationals.

27 November RSPCA are assisting with the care of the sick and wounded British horses at the Front and funds are urgently needed. Some 23,000 horses have been treated and a large number rendered fit for further service.

Picture: Wheeler Corporal Sheard plus the Tent Camp at Bovington Camp, Wool.

December

4 December Clothing Committee of Soldiers' and Sailors' Needlework Guild - Belgians and civilians have received kind gifts of clothing from many Ilkley people. They are especially keen for children's clothing.

Picture showing at Kings Hall: 'The Lady of the Island'.

Allowances to soldier's dependents – complaints such allowances in the Ilkley area being not the same as in some places and local men in Kitchener's army not receiving the amount of pay to which they are entitled. Soldier's pay is not dealt with locally, and different scales are in operation. Ilkley's allowance is strictly in accordance with the scale adopted by the Central Committee National Relief Fund and the Ilkley Committee is simply carrying out the instructions of the West Riding Distress Committee.

4 December Three little girls in Ben Rhydding collected 500 pennies to provide Christmas presents for Ilkley soldiers at Bovington Camp and in the territorials.

A.C. Beaumont of Ilkley who teaches languages in Ghent escaped into Holland as Germans were rounding up English people in Belgium and Germany.

4 December Letter from Herbert Glennie rallying support for 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's recruitment arm.

Ilkley camp pals at Wool, Dorset – a picture.

11 December Pictures – showing at Kings Hall: 'Greater Motive' and 'The Hand of Fate'. Comics include 'The Crash' and 'Marvellous Powder'.

11 December Christmas treats for Belgians.

December Massive response to an appeal for Christmas gifts for servicemen on the Front line.

11 December Private Illingworth reported dead.

Captain C.S. Reeve on way to the Front.

Seven more Belgian refugees arrive in Ilkley.

11 December Sergeant H. Holt (18th Hussars) scalped by a piece of shrapnel and lived !.

11 December Local motor cyclists for the Front as Sergeant Artificers in Royal Horse Artilleries.

11 December Belgian refugee writes an open letter of his family's gratitude to be in Ilkley.

Picture: Four sons of Mrs Vallender, a widow at the Front.

18 December Reference in detail to the bombardment of Whitby Scarborough and Hartlepool by German warships on 16 December 1914.

18 December Grand variety entertainment in relation to 'Lady Jellicoe's Sailor's Fund' on 21 December in Ilkley at Kings Hall.

18 December 34 parcels from Ilkley children for soldiers on the Front line.

Christmas treat to Belgian children – concert, tea, a Christmas tree and a present.

Ilkley Picture House: 'Adventures of Miss Tomboy'.

More clothing from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Needlework Guild.

18 December Private A. Holmes of Royal Irish Fusiliers and dangerous work in the trenches – a stark account of life there.

Picture: Charlie and Frank Chantry and a local man with York Hussars.

18 December Due to the War, the annual New Year's Day children's treat was cancelled but due to pleas, it was decided to try and keep it going. Provision was to be made for teas and entertainment for 900 children and further pleas for helpers and cash!!

25 December Plea to help Ilkley Tradesmen affected by the war - keep full employment and to meet financial engagements.

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January

1 January Motor Ambulance Driver Austin Harrison (Royal Army Medical Corps) of 'Marshfield' Ilkley : graphic account of removing the wounded from the firing line.

All Ilkley men in the Army and Navy received ¼lb tin of tobacco and a parcel of 50 cigarettes as a result of subscription by a number of Ilkley gentlemen for this purpose.

Ilkley Athletes Volunteer Force marched to Burley and back via Burley Woodhead.

Captain H. S. Johnson 3rd Battalion Yorkshire and Lancaster Regiment from Southampton for the war zone in France and Belgium to take up a Warrant Officer appointment. He is the son of Captain Johnson of Brook Street.

More wounded men in Ilkley from different parts of the country.

Christmas treat to 45 wounded soldiers at the Red Cross Hospital in Denton Park.

8 January Private Sidney Kellett – a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Private Pinkney of Newcastle died of a chill during active service with the 5th Yorkshires. His younger brother, a Sergeant, lives in Lister Street.

Corporal T.H. Newton of Nelson Road, Ilkley rejoined the Army Service Corps with which he was connected 16 years ago.

Picture of Corporal Dickinson (Distinguished Conduct Medal).

Picture of Gunner Hobbs – not on *HMS Formidable* as feared.

15 January Unsatisfactory telephone service in Ilkley due to buzzing on the line.

Patriotic meeting for Women and Girls in connection with the League of Honour.

Belgian Hospitality Committee – should the Ilkley Committee accept as refugees some of the wounded Belgian soldiers who had been staying at hospital in Ilkley – agreed 'yes', but depended on men finding employment and also financial implications.

15 January No Boat Race this year due to call to arms for potential rowers.

22 January Nightly picture shows commenced at Kings Hall: 'Love and Flames' and also a drama 'The Soul of a Man'.

22 January League of Honour – a women's organisation that the war has brought into existence – an appeal to the women and girls. It was the women's work to make all capable men feel that their only place at present was in ranks and over and above to teach them self-control.

22 January Council advert: Needs provision of entertainment and recreation for Leeds Bantams Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment which is to be based in Ilkley and needs offers of accommodation.

22 January How Corporal Dickinson won the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

An Ilkley man Mr Frank Beaumont witnessed bomb dropping on Dunkirk and the killing/wounding of 70 women and children.

22 January Article on The Ilkley Floods of 1866,1883,1897 and 1915 – the worst was 1883.

29 January Girls from Ilkley C of E Girls' School sent 6 stones of potatoes last week to the Belgians in Ilkley.

Special letter from M.H. Locking of 10 West View, Ilkley to send comforts to our troops in the Shetland Islands – papers, magazines and gramophones.

29 January League of Honour active in Ilkley – over 600 members shortly to be told of useful work to be done by them.

29 January Ilkley men at Wimborne – 9th Battalion, Duke of Wellington West Riding Regiment of which one company is entirely men from Ilkley and District.

Driver J.J. Pollard 24th Battalion Royal Field Artillery (111th Battalion) from Denton says troops still in Germany.

Sergeant McCrink and his wife – a photo.

Cartoon recruitment poster: 'Lend a Hand, Play a Man's Part and Enlist Today'.

February

5 February In spite of the war, the Wesleyan Foreign Mission's total amount sent to their headquarters from the Ilkley Circuit was £30 in advance of 1914.

5 February H.A. Harris, Royal Navy was on HMS Princess Royal which sank the German armoured cruiser SMS Blücher in a North Sea fight. Son of Arthur Harris of The Ghyll, Ilkley.

5 February Local war funds. Out of £400 received by the Distress Centre, only £2 15s was paid out in industrial relief. Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association have disbursed £200 3s 4d. Soldiers' and Sailors' Needlework Guild made locally 978 shirts, 1968 pairs of socks, 762 scarves, 519 body belts, 652 pairs of mittens, 28 night shirts, 200 helmets, and oddments 5606! Ilkley Belgian Relief Fund received £1369 5s 10d - roughly about 100 refugees are in Ilkley, a number of these being kept by private individuals and church organisations.

5 February Cartoon recruitment: 'Do you feel happy? As you walk along the streets and see other men wearing the King's uniform? If not, why don't you enlist today and do your share?

12 February Beer tax reduction in consumption:

1912: 8,709,000 barrels

1913: 9,085,000 barrels

1914: 8,858,000 barrels.

12 February Photo: The Bantam Mascot: John Henry Barraclough, aged 4. Now staying with Mr and Mrs J. Raynor Leeds Road, Ilkley. Postcard groups of The Bantams at 2d each from Mssrs Shuttleworths on Brook Street.

12 February The Bantams arrived 8 February 1915 in Ilkley for training purposes.

Photos: Lieutenant Colonel W. Pollard, Bantam's first arrivals in Brook Street and Private C. Leighton.

12 February Ilkley Brass Band Concert in aid of Ilkley Red Cross Hospital Children's Operetta 'Red Riding Hood's Rescue' in Kings Hall. Also in aid of Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital.

19 February Captain Sims Reeve, 2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment, formerly of Ben Rhydding, killed in action.

19 February Charles Wolstenholme with Canadians and formerly of Ilkley – in training with West Riding Howitzer Brigade.

19 February Sister Katie Scott left for hospital work in France, daughter of Mr Scott (photographer of Ilkley) – photo on following page.

19 February Photo of headquarters Bantams Battalion.

19 February Cartoon recruitment: 'To shopkeepers of England! Have you any young men serving at your counter who ought to be serving your country?'

26 February Two men from the White Star Restaurant Camp, Halifax charged with stealing spice cake meat for the Bantams based at Troutbeck Hydro.

26 February Captain S.B. Maufe to temporary Major.

26 February Alan Moisley who went out to Canada in 1912 has joined the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles.

26 February Captain W. Ellison 17th Division Cyclists Company and formerly joined 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment – promoted to Sergeant.

26 February Miss G. Horsfall, daughter of Mr Horsfall of St James Road, Ilkley, and studying at Newnham College Cambridge, was on a long vacation at St Die in France near the German frontier and experienced considerable difficulty in accomplishing her homeward

journey. Her luggage was sent separately through an agency via Switzerland and this has just been delivered to Ilkley.

Photo – Private J.H. Peacock.

March

5 March Ilkley Workers' Educational Association – lecture 'The Causes of the War' - the economic ravages of the War.

5 March The Bantams are doing French and German classes and also the basics of map reading.

Corporals Dobson and Bradley are promoted to Sergeant.

5 March Mr W. Thompson's otter hounds – annual puppy show held on Saturday at Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.

5 March Mr C.C. Wilson of Craiglands, Ilkley is going to the Front as a chauffeur for the Red Cross Motor Ambulance Corps.

5 March John Buck with the 2nd Canadian Contingent (30th Battalion) is on duty in France.

5 March Private N. Dobson killed in action with 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Sergeant N. Longfield, Ilkley Motor Cycling Club, wounded in the leg and face.

12 March Ilkley Urban District Council Electricity Department – public supply electricity available to consumers by the end of May 1916. Charges for current 5d per Board of Trade unit of energy (B.O.T.Unit) for lighting and 2d per B.O.T.Unit for heating and cooking.

12 March P.C. Hensby at the Front (Bombardier Hensby) of 44th Brigade Ammunition Column.

12 March Annual General Meeting of Ilkley Tradespeople's Association – it behoved everyone to be as careful as possible about their resources. It was hard to get supplies to shops from wholesale warehouses especially boot and clothing trades who requested to place the whole of their output at the service of the nation.

Photos – Private N. Dobson; Bantams at rail station and the Bantams leaving an unknown destination.

Captain Sparrow killed at Neuve Chapelle – his nephew lives at West View, Ilkley.

G.L. Barker of Royal Marines is a band member at present serving on HMS Shannon.

Lieutenant J.H. Tristram killed in action 14 March 1915. Born in Ilkley 16 July 1892.

Private S. Kellett, Private G. Duell: photos and reports about both men.

19 March Sergeant J. McCrink in the thick of it taking a trench.

Two Companies Royal Engineers to be known as 210th and 211th Field Companies raised in Leeds and to be billeted and trained in Ilkley.

19 March New penny weekly 'The Passing Show' published every Tuesday – many humorous and chatty stories and much matter relating to the war with satires in pictures, verse and prose, and cartoons here, there and everywhere.

19 March Lecture by Reverend J. Dawson, formerly Superintendent of Ilkley Wesleyan Circuit, on 'The Great War – Its Inspirational Issues.' He commented on the German spirit but hatred of England; the integrity of the Empire; the War's inspirations; patriotism of our overseas dominions; no middle course and the back of war must be broken.

Photo of Sergeant Drummer Harry Blackie – a well-known Yorkshire musician. He has been appointed bugle instructor to the 17th Service Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment undergoing training in Ilkley. He was Bugle Major for the Leeds Corps National Reservists.

19 March Revival of Ilkley Swimming Club to help with demand for soldier's baths.

26 March Showing at Kings Hall: 'Detective Burton's Triumph'.

Ben Rhydding Wesleyan Church Sunday School – institute opened here for use by soldiers as well as Ben Rhydding's Men's Club. New billiard and bagatelle tables, games, all kinds of writing rooms and materials, refreshments at fixed prices.

Photo – Reginald Vickers, 2nd Contingent, Virden, Manitoba, Canada.

26 March Ben Rhydding Men's Club opened to all service personnel free of charge.

April

2 April Joseph Paley conductor Ilkley Brass Band and an excellent cornet player died on Friday aged 62.

Ilkley Public Library books issued in March: 75% fiction; 12% juvenile; 3.4% literature (essays, drama, poetry and philology) and 1.9% miscellaneous and reference.

2 April Royal Engineers parade on Regent Road after arrival – photo.

Driver Hubert McCauley, Royal Engineers – photo.

9 April Ilkley Auxiliary Military Hospital gives thanks for gifts of clothes etc.

9 April Record Easter Monday crowd in Ilkley – many took the tram to Guiseley and walked over the moors to Ilkley. There was also a continuous stream of people from Bradford and Keighley.

9 April Bradford Volunteer Force marched to Ilkley.

9 April Lance Corporal Emmott of Addingham killed in action 20 March 1915 (2nd Battalion West Riding Regiment).

9 April Quartermaster T.W. Parratt long service record – had business in 1888 in Ilkley and had attained the rank of Sergeant.

9 April Bantams at Front Line already blowing up German trenches.

9 April Ilkley Volunteer Force near Ben Rhydding Bridge on Easter Monday – a photo.

Ilkley workshops offered for production of munitions of war. In Ilkley and district there are several wheelwright, joiner and blacksmith shops and foundries. Reply from Director of Artillery says Army Council will be in touch if they need to use the facilities.

16 April Showing at Kings Hall 'Twixt Joy and Sorrow' and 'From Woodland to Sea'.

16 April Ilkley Grammar School proposal for junior Officers' Training Corps.

16 April 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Yorkshire Regiment held regimental sports Monday and the events were witnessed by a large crowd.

Lieutenant Corporal F. Robinson (Royal Army Medical Corps) writes to friend regarding the Neuve Chapelle fighting.

16 April Council meeting heard that Rate Collector and Assistant Overseer Mr Arthur Whitaker from Burnley on a £120 a year salary was having life made unpleasant for him by some councillors who accused him of being a blackleg and that his term of office should be terminated as soon as possible as he had pushed another man out of a job. Council said that he got the job on merit and the new Overseer must be supported.

16 April 'C' Company 17th West Yorkshire Regiment gave a concert in Kings Hall in aid of Ilkley Coronation and Red Cross Hospitals.

Lieutenant Ideson and Private Lacey in Neuve Chapelle – a photo.

Sergeant Spencer Army Veterinary Corps – a photo.

Quartermaster Sergeant English and Captain Clarkson 'B' Company 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment – a photo.

17th West Yorkshire Regiment playing hockey – a photo.

17th West Yorkshire Battalion to leave Ilkley for Farnley Park or Colsterdale very soon.

'A' Company 22 mile return march to Skipton from Ilkley.

Sergeant Major Brown 4th West Riding Regiment Howitzer Brigade now within the sound of guns in France only a week after leaving Yorkshire.

30 April Two Leeds lads are sent to Industrial School and bound over to keep the peace after stealing a horse and cart and riding to Ilkley via Shipley where they stole two lambs.

Ladies thanked regularly for donating hens eggs for the wounded.

Gunner John Fox (Leeds Road Ilkley) Motor Machine Gun service – one of the heroes engaged in fighting for Hill 60. A story of great British pluck among the slaughter.

30 April Ilkley Women's Suffrage Society – hospital and other war work. Meeting Ilkley men in France , from Wharfedale Howitzers Corporal W. Dawson (Ben Rhydding) met Alf Richardson (4th West Yorkshire Division, Ammunition Column).

Photos – Royal Engineers and road making Middleton; local Yorkshire Hussars in France and Motor Machine Gunner Fox.

May

7 May Captain H.S. Johnson – a photo.

7 May Collapse of Brook Street culvert at 4pm on 7 May.

War Service for Women – clerkesses to replace males in courts, railways, banks, commercial offices and business schools.

Private Mewburn (Ilkley Canadians) wounded.

Corporal Robins (Royal Field Artillery) died.

Captain Johnson returns to the Front (Yorkshire/Lancashire Regiment).

7 May Lieutenant Laycock says French cigarettes are distasteful.

Sergeant Newton ASC (Corps) Army Service Corps with Ammunition Column Medical Expedition Force.

Wharfedale Howitzers and letters from the Front – 4th West Riding Brigade Royal Field Artillery.

Lieutenant J.C. Scott 11th (Ilkley) Battery also written from the Front and Corporal W. Dawson; Gunner J. Britton; Bombardier A.G. Richardson all written from the Front.

Four members of the 17th West Yorkshire Regiment stationed at Ilkley charged at Otley Police Court of being absentees without leave (William Thorpe, James Fitzpatrick, James Walker and James Wood). All men were remanded to await an escort.

7 May Yorkshire Hussars – an awful experience. Corporal G.H. Swales and Trooper Hampshire had a nerve-racking baptism and Trooper W.M. Raynor also writes about conditions .

Major L.B. Willoughby 17th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment – a photo.

Life in the trenches by Rifleman A.E. Beaumont (formerly an interpreter in Ghent).

Girl Guides Company formed in Ilkley.

Worry about Ilkley's Old Bridge and Motor Traffic – becoming a death trap.

14 May Sergeant P. Greenwood 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, formerly a Ben Rhydding postman, seriously wounded – now going on okay.

Wharfedale Howitzers – letters from Sergeant A.E. Gee.

14 May Gunner Tennant 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade slightly wounded.

Gunner W. Frankland 11th Battery 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade – can't possibly understand in Ilkley what the war is like. It is awful to see the damage that has been done.

17th West Yorkshire presentation to Mr and Mrs H. Illingworth at Netherwood.

Colonel W. Pollard 17th West Yorkshire farewell on departure for France and base depot Northumbrian Division in France.

Photos – Colonel Pollard leaving Ilkley, and a close-up of the Pollards.

14 May Mr and Mrs Norman Stones on RMS Lusitania when it was torpedoed off the Irish coast. Their daughter Mrs Joy, sister of the late William Brumfitt and George Brumfitt, well-known Ilkley resident. The Stones both saw the torpedo 300 yards out and then it struck between the funnels. There was just a slight tremor then the ship keeled over starboard. No panic, no excitement, but a complete lack of system in launching lifeboats. Both jumped into the sea as the ship sank and both were sucked down by the vortex but Mr Stone came to the surface twice but there was no sign of his wife. The last thing his wife did was to take her purse containing banknotes from her handbag and give it to her husband to put in his pocket.

21 May Gunner Vallender struck with a splinter – Ilkley Battery 4th West Riding Howitzers.

Ilkley Swimming Club – took over the control of Victoria Baths for use of soldiers billeted in Ilkley and with aid subscriptions repaired baths and met other expenses. Now, heavy expenditure for water, heating and caretaker so have to charge 1d for those in uniform to use baths and various arrangements for ladies, school children and the general public to use the baths.

21 May Sergeant D. Philpot 7th Battalion Canadian Expedition Force given commission for service on the field.

Private Albert Lewis 'gassed' by Germans.

Sergeant H. Holt (18th Hussars) was called up on the outbreak of war and has now been killed.

21 May Driver J. Pollard 111th Battery Royal Field Artillery from Denton annoyed to read about the army of shirkers and strikers; while at the Front men were dying for them.

Captain R.R. Lansdale 5th West Yorkshire Regiment wounded.

17th West Yorkshire Regiment – under training at Ilkley since 8 February 1915 will move to Skipton on 25 May to take the place of 1st Bradford 'Pals' who left Skipton by road 20 May for the Ripon camp.

21 May Whitsuntide holidays – little in the way of special attractions provided. Ilkley premises were exceptionally busy with athletic sports, cricket and tea/refreshments on the sports field.

Photos – wounded at Ilkley Military Hospital, Captain R.R. Lansdale and Motor Transport Claude Scott.

21 May Ilkley Trades people to close shops for one hour at dinner time.

21 May Zeppelins with fog bombs – new inventions for London raids. Causes concern that this bomb could be used on raids anywhere in England.

28 May More Royal Engineers expected in Leeds as recruiting apace for 223rd Field Company and 31st Division Signal Company.

Lord Harewood inspected Bradford City and West Riding Volunteer Corps in Peel Park – members of Ilkley Corps attended and Ilkley officers in uniform.

Ilkley Gazette now read in France, Belgium, Egypt and the Dardanelles.

Sergeant Houston (Horsforth) attached to the 7th Battalion Leeds Rifles killed in action. He had lived in Ilkley for eight years.

Lieutenant J.R. Wilkinson, son of the former Clerk of Works in Ilkley during the laying of cables for the electric lighting scheme prepared by his father for Ilkley Urban District Council – a prisoner in Germany. He was wounded at Cambrai and as he was put on the train was greeted in English by German ‘Tommy’ who before the war was a member of Harrogate German Band (conducted by Otto Schwarz).

Lighting up time in Ilkley 9.19pm.

Mr Robert Metcalfe of Langbar, a farmer, was 97 years old on 4 May 1915.

Ilkley men at Wool in Dorset are not allowed a home visit prior to going to the Front due to military exigencies.

28 May Ilkley Grammar School Empire Day coincided with the Whitsuntide holidays this year – patriotic hymns and songs and the school roll of honour containing 156 names, 80 of which were currently at the Front.

June

4 June ‘The Boat Race Mystery’ play at Ilkley Picture House.

Due to suspension of summer train services, letter boxes will be cleared until further notice at the times given for winter services.

Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Needlework Guild – available for all cases of distress due to the War including Belgians.

4 June Trooper Ellis of Cragg House Farm, Addingham Moorside, killed.

Letter from Local Government Board to Ilkley Council urging the Council to provide facilities for persons in their employ of military age, either joining army or undertaking work necessary in connection with the war.

4 June 'A Tribute to Empire' sermon by Reverend Joseph Dawson at Ilkley Wesleyan Church which was also interpreted as a word to the 'slackers, and those people, allegedly not contributing to the war effort.

Sergeant Barnes and Sergeant McCrink gassed.

Sergeant Harry Holt 18th Hussars killed. He worked as a slater for his uncle Mr T.L. Nelson, Ilkley.

Private H. Shackleton, formerly an Ellis Beanlands employee – 'an ammunition cart midnight experience'.

'Harvest of War' - Rifleman A. Beaumont's letter to brother Frank Beaumont of Nelson Road, Ilkley.

Photos – Ellis, Holt, McCrink and Barnes.

11 June Royal Engineers received an ambulance demonstration by Ilkley's Voluntary Aid Detachment.

11 June Sergeant M. Dacre promoted to Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant.

11 June Soldier's letters- complaints that many are sent but few are published, but Ilkley Gazette states all letters even though censored before transmission have to go to Press Bureau before publication. Sometimes the censors use blue pencil to redact.

11 June Photos - Quarter Master Sergeant Clarkson; Ilkley boys home on furlough.

11 June Mrs T. Harrison, member of old Ilkley family resident at Valletta, Malta in a letter to her Ilkley friends speaks of the hospital work in Malta.

11 June Forcing the Dardanelles – local men on Gallipoli peninsula and former Craiglands employee who lived in Ilkley and emigrated to Australia now with Australian forces in Gallipoli and in the thick of fighting.

11 June Treat of Ilkley Auxiliary Hospital wounded soldiers at Lecture Hall last evening.

11 June Gunner George Tennant – hoping to be back for Ilkley Feast.

11 June Ilkley Boys in 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Yorkshire Regiment) located at Winchester now home in batches for a few days prior to proceeding to Dardanelles, France or Flanders.

18 June Photos - Dacre brothers (Lieutenant Brian and Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant Maurice Dacre; Lieutenant Walter Bradley; 2nd and 4th West Yorkshire Howitzer Brigade Royal Field Artillery now training at Welbeck Abbey.

Marlborough House Hydro requisitioned for refugees.

Corporal Joseph Holland who formerly worked at Hemsley & Co. Printers Ilkley is now a Prisoner of War in Germany.

18 June Sergeant J.H. Mawson given commission as a Lieutenant in Engineer Unit, Royal Navy Division.

Former Ilkley Roller Skate Instructor wins Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Sergeant W.R. Bradley, Crescent Terrace, Ilkley is promoted from the ranks.

18 June Men of military age – a census to be taken in Ilkley and District. First step towards conscription.

18 June 7th hole Ilkley Moor Golf Club – a hole in one over the ravine.

210th and 211th Royal Engineers move to Ripon Camp on Monday next.

18 June Near brick kiln on Zillebeke Road, north of Ypres, lies the remains of one of the first Ilkley dead, Private Norman Dobson, 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Yorkshire Regiment killed in action 24 February 1915.

Ilkley Volunteer Training Corps march to Steeton.

Ilkley League of Honour social in Congregational Lecture Hall in connection with troops billeted in Ilkley, e.g. mending depot in Leeds Road where the garments of soldiers are repaired free of cost and successful concerts provided.

25 June Private W.M. Cooper, an Ilkley man with Royal Army Medical Corps was at Neuve Chapelle.

Denton man in hospital – 'gassed' and wounded at Ypres (gunner J. Pollard, Royal Artillery) has links with Ilkley.

Cricket match: ladies 82, wounded soldiers 145.

Edgar Lyman, a Private in the Royal Engineers and billeted in Ilkley, charged with stealing three macintoshes value 25s and 27s 6d from a charabanc in Ilkley. Drunk – bound over under the First Offenders Act.

Lady 'postman' Amy Jayes at Ben Rhydding to replace George Pearce who has joined the Royal Artillery.

Forcing Dardanelles – interesting letters from Lieutenant J.H. Mawson, Jack Ingham and Sergeant T.H. Newton (all of Ilkley).

25 June Sergeant H. Newton and Lieutenant J.H. Mawson – a photo.

Aaron Waugh, builder and contractor, passed away suddenly in Ilkley. He had lived in the town since 1893.

25 June Death of Mr Aaron Waugh's dog. The late Mr Waugh possessed a brown spaniel dog which was much attached to him, and after his death it refused food, wandering in and

out of the room where his body lay at every possible opportunity. Yesterday just before the hour of the funeral, the dog died.

July

2 July Belgian soldier writes to Ilkley from the Front thanking the people for looking after him at Ilkley Auxiliary Military Hospital.

2 July Sergeant Spencer Royal Army Veterinary Corps in Egypt met David Morton, son of an Ilkley coal merchant.

Lieutenant D. Philpot 7th Battalion Canadian Expedition Force – flying visit to Ilkley and Quarter Master Sergeant Rickwood home briefly having emigrated to Canada. Gunner Ness 19th Brigade Royal Field Artillery picked up ‘Windsor Mag’ in France and saw a photo of Trooper J.A. King Yorkshire Hussars shown on horseback and fully equipped for fighting.

2 July Ilkley Volunteer Training Corps, and the Voluntary Aided Detachment of St Johns Ambulance Association service at Ben Rhydding.

William Ellum has three sons: James, Richard and George, who are now in training at Welbeck Abbey.

Late Lieutenant Roscoe taking leave of Colonel Pollard at Ilkley Rail Station.

9 July Belgian Hospitality Committee – arrangements for receiving 65 more refugees.

John Bullman, old Ilkley bandsman, resided in Ilkley for over 40 years and latterly a lamplighter for Ilkley Urban District Council.

Corporal Vinson – former stowaway to soldier with 7th Battalion Canadian Expedition Force! He was in the Boer War from Australia. Served under Sergeant Major D. Philpot.

9 July Corporal George H. Swales – Yorkshire Hussars now in France.

On furlough – Corporal Dickinson DCM; Private J.C. Clayton (Royal Army Medical Corps); Shoeing Smith G. Topham.

16 July Two Belgian soldiers spent their week’s furlough in Ilkley from the Front as they had relatives here as refugees.

16 July Workers' Educational Association (WEA) Yorkshire members in Ilkley for talks on ‘Nationality and Personality’; ‘Literature and Life at the Front’; ‘What England Stands For’.

Private F. Hardaker Royal Army Medical Corps on furlough.

16 July Ilkley and the War – as health resort, it is better than those on the East Coast as no air raids. It has a steady flow of visitors increased rates and a higher cost of living.

16 July Book ‘Windyridge’ by Mr W. Riley: a story of the Moors.

Photos of Bolton Abbey; Bolton Woods; Private Hardaker and Sergeant Greenwood.

23 July Ilkley Municipal Band: Professor Phipps fails to fulfil agreement and Mr Henri Jaxon comes to the rescue. Twelve players to be engaged by him.

23 July Mrs Vardon and children on their way to join golf professional husband in the United States were on a vessel chased by a German submarine and only escaped a torpedo by the Captain changing course/

Photo: wounded soldiers at Ilkley Auxiliary Military Hospital.

Private H. Shackleton ruptured in accident in the trenches and now on furlough in Ilkley after an operation in Dover.

30 July Ilkley Urban District Council meeting – arrangements made for national registration and what is being done in Ilkley.

Lieutenant Corporal J.A. Dean 5th West Yorkshire Regiment wounded in leg at Flanders.

Local West Ridings – unexpected meetings between Ilkley men in various regiments.

Corporal H. Clarkson (photo) - racy narratives of Ilkley man with ammunition column.

Lieutenant E.F. Wilkinson (8th West Yorkshire Regiment) and Lieutenant Captain A. Dean (5th West Yorkshire Regiment) wounded.

August

6 August Ilkley branch of League of Honour – Garden Fete to be opened by Countess of Harewood.

Ilkley Picture House – ‘Underneath the Paint’ and ‘Dare Devil Circus Queen’.

Sports at Welbeck Abbey – held by Artillery (2nd- 4th West Riding Howitzers Brigade). Mile Flat Race: Driver Johnson, Gunner Smailes; despatch riding bareback: Bombardier Stead; 100 yards Flat Race: Gunner Marshall. Officers VC Race: Lieutenant Dewhirst; Officers Jumping Competition: Lieutenant Dewhirst.

6 August Library to be created for use by Belgians in Ilkley.

Ilkley Grammar School 170 Old Boys in Army and Navy of whom around 100 are in fighting areas. Norman Tennant; Lieutenant J.H. Mawson; 2nd Lieutenant D.F. Royd; C. Hobbs; Sergeant A.E. Gee, I.F. Burns; Trooper W. Raynor; Sergeant G.E. Dove; Private H. Wilkinson, Lieutenant E.F. Wilkinson and Trooper N.R. Barr.

6 August Kings Hall – musical play ‘The Pearl Girl’: three act comedy; ‘Poor Silk Stockings’; variety artistes, ‘The Follies’ and Henry Irving’s ‘The Searchlights’ which had a successful run at The Savoy.

Missing Ilkley Nurse aged 55 (Nurse Fletcher) found exhausted on Ilkley Moor – been without food for days.

Private Alan Moisley – Ilkley man with Canadians now with Canadians on furlough.

A number of Ilkley ladies are selling flowers in the streets to provide baths for Ilkley lads at the Front. In sets of five with heating apparatus for each – cost each set of apparatus £10. Raised £40 to provide for four sets or twenty baths. Garden fete at Warlbeck (home of Mr and Mrs F.B. Maufe) was opened in the rain by the Countess of Harewood with most events being held indoors.

13 August Electricity works opening ceremony.

National registration going smoothly and well in Ilkley district.

20 August Photos – Private L.Lacey (wounded) and Sergeant A. Dobson (wounded).

Advert: 'Dinsdales Invalid Port: 2s a bottle'.

Sergeant Giles home on furlough and a talk at the Front. Lieutenant E. Wilkinson in hospital. Accidentally wounded when his leg got impaled on bayonet whilst climbing over parapet.

20 August Captain C.Walker (Ben Rhydding) bullet in elbow; Lieutenant F.W.B Maufe – wounded in thigh.

Lieutenant J. Ambler (14th Hussars Royal Flying Corps) wounded in landing his plane through a vast mass of cloud.

20 August Roy Cowling killed in action.

20 August Photos – 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment marching to recruiting meeting in Addingham 5 September 1914; Major Statham Maufe; Lieutenant F.W.B. Maufe and Armour Sergeant Norman Longfield.

27 August False alarm to a fire in Brook Street – some youths trying to take a wasps' nest out of a gorse bush near the Band Stand and it caught fire. The flames were beaten out by passers by before any serious damage could be done.

2nd Lieutenant E.F. Wilkinson (an Ilkley Grammar School Master) awarded a Military Cross for carrying a wounded soldier 120 yards into cover near St. Julien on 15 July 1915.

2nd Lieutenant P.S. Snell, presently staying in Ilkley, killed in Dardanelles.

Lieutenant S. Bellhouse wounded in head and back.

Private G.C. Green killed in action at Ypres on 17 June 1915.

Two Ilkley privates wounded in Dardanelles: Private Alf Collyer, Mornington Road; Private Bear Lambert, Wellington Road.

Mrs Mary Clegg aged 90 knitting home comforts for soldiers – a photo.

2nd Lieutenant E.F. Wilkinson: Military Cross awarded – a photo.

Private J.E. Ingham: how 'Triumph' went down.

Olicana Bulldogs (1st Olicana Troop Boy Scouts) concluded annual camp at Morecambe.

September

3 September Private J.W. Smith wounded – a photo.

Death of Mr John Hardesty aged 89 – born at Wheatley Old Hall and worked for over 40 years at Wells House Hydro.

Distinguished Service in Field for Lieutenant J.H. Eddison and Bombardier Percy King.

‘Yorkshire Observer’ – article on Yorkshire Spas saying how busy hydros and places of entertainment have been.

3 September Acting Sergeant B.M. Fenwick killed in Gallipoli while serving with the Australian Force – son of Mr C.R. Fenwick of Ben Rhydding.

Private J.W. Smith, Yew Bank Terrace, wounded in Dardanelles.

2nd Lieutenant D.F. Boyd, Ben Rhydding, attached to Lahore Division Indian Sub-Continent, is home on leave.

Sum of £11 raised by six Ilkley girls collecting pennies for Ilkley men at the Front.

3 September Local man in Royal Engineers Signal Service home on furlough from Dardanelles – not wish to make personal matters and strongly opposed to his name appearing in print, and the wonder is that he is living after all he has gone through.

3 September Bradford Antiquaries on the Moors - members of Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society studying some of the antiquities scattered there.

Ilkley Orchestra concluding concert of the season – the season was extended over a period of five weeks and brought to a close on Friday with the customary weekly concert in Kings Hall.

3 September ‘Charley’s Aunt’ at Kings Hall. A Napiers War Office Transport lorry has been in active service from the commencement of the War. It took part in the retreat from Mons and was christened ‘Charley’s Aunt’ with the name being on the side of the bonnet. Initially lorries could be christened but this practice has now been discontinued.

10 September Poem written by Lieutenant E.F. Wilkinson (1st to 8th West Yorkshire Regiment) – a man who was with him when he won his Military Cross, Private J. Clough has now been awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal.

10 September Trooper Arthur M. Hartley (Yorkshire Hussars) – home on furlough from France where he was in the trenches and on escort duty. He has brought home souvenirs – a key belonging to Ypres Cathedral which was in the lock of a door blown off its hinges from the only chapel now remaining ; two bits from a German Taube plane; a French Prayer Manual belonging to a dead Belgian soldier; the safety cap of a French shell, and shrapnel.

Lighting up time in Ilkley: 7.50pm.

10 September ‘The Evil Men Do’ showing at Ilkley Picture House.

10 September Reverend E. Middleton Weaver; newly appointed Superintendent for the Ilkley Wesleyan Circuit.

Private G.E. Boden wounded in Dardanelles.

Private H. Eaton wounded in Dardanelles and in hospital.

Lance Sergeant Crabtree enlisted on outbreak of war – has died in Dardanelles. His father lives at 'Hathaway', Ben Rhydding.

17 September Advert: 'How to reduce your milk bill. Make nutritious and delicious puddings with apples, dates, figs, golden syrup, jam etc and shredded Atora Beef Suet'.

Gunner Swales very grateful for gramophone records.

17 September Ilkley men at the Front subjected to heavy shelling but at the same time preparing for a long winter campaign – enemy and allies so strongly entrenched.

Blinded by a bomb: Lieutenant Corporal Arthur Holmes, 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was a porter at Ilkley rail station and was blinded by bomb fragments and seriously wounded. He is engaged to Olive Wilson, niece of Mr and Mrs Arthur Myers of East Parade, and banns have already been read.(see entry for 31 March 1916)

17 September £11 raised in a collection in Brook Street to send to men at the Front.

17 September Private Weedon of 5 Hawkesworth Street home on furlough from Dardanelles having been wounded there.

Kings Hall pictures 'The Middleman'.

Trackless trams – why not link up Otley and Guiseley with Ilkley?. Leeds Corporation wish to include Ilkley but get no encouragement from Ilkley Council.

Photos – Lieutenant Corporal Hudson (wounded); Private Goulding (killed); Private Weedon (wounded).

17 September The War and an increase in the rates led to problems in retaining the orchestra, but instead of relying on the rates, a voluntary arrangement has been reached where the Town Hall management and the

Band Committee accept all financial responsibility. A special concert would easily provide what is needed to make the accounts square.

24 September Death of William Snowden – one of the eight wardens of Ilkley Parish Church – an expert campanologist and President of the Yorkshire Bellringers Association.

Ilkley man dies of nephritis in Boulogne Hospital –William Arthur Nunns.

Private Harry Myers 1st Canadian Division – wounded but now convalescing.

24 September Sydney Redshaw, Low Austby, Middleton – emigrated to Australia in 1900 and is now fighting. Everything is in our favour in Gallipoli.

24 September 'Roll of Dishonour – Are we at war? One would hardly think so considering how sport and leisure is being indulged in by people who ought to be serving the country in one capacity or another. Often young ladies have proved a stumbling block to recruiting by encouragement given to the young fellows of their acquaintance to stay at home'.

24 September Flying recruiting column in Ilkley to strains of a bugle band. Residents and visitors in large numbers but audience not one to be attracted to military service as very few men eligible for military service were to be met with. From field kitchens came the pleasant saviour of boiling stew.

24 September Corporal W.A. Nunns – photo.

Lieutenant J.H. Eddison – talk about Ilkley Howitzers of which he is attached to 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery.

October

1 October Concert being arranged at Kings Hall to provide 1,000 pairs of socks and other comforts for the men of Bantams Battalion. If one wants to knit, one can obtain wool from the Congregational Lecture Hall.

2nd Lieutenant Wilf Fawcett 4th Battalion South Staffs.

1 October Ilkley toffee in the trenches- while digging between enemy trenches nearly every man had saved his toffee.

1 October King George V in Yorkshire on night visits to Bolton Abbey slept on the train on a railway siding by the down line to Leeds to avoid King stepping on the tracks. Seen and cheered by Ilkley residents – passed through Ilkley at 4am on Monday morning after he spent the night in the sidings. He had been visiting industrial centres where war work was occurring and wounded soldiers were in hospital.

1 October Playing member of Ilkley Cricket Club Sergeant Giles 1st/8th West Yorkshire Regiment sends regular letters from the Front.

Ilkley University Extension Society – lecture on Russian life and literature.

1 October Kings Hall Pictures 'Brother Officers'.

Sailors Day at Ilkley and Ben Rhydding was marked by an effort to raise £250 for Missions to Seamen.

8 October For Christmas, Ilkley proposes to give a pair of socks to every member of the Bantams serving overseas.

8 October Private Thomas Dudley Walker, eldest son of Mr J.W. Walker and former Ilkley Grammar School serving 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment wounded by shrapnel.

8 October Bombardier Jubb, Royal Field Artillery, a police constable in Ilkley is home on Wednesday – letter from the Front.

Photo - Private Thomas Dudley Walker (wounded)

In Dardanelles is an Ilkley hairdresser's assistant who is a stretcher bearer: Acting Sergeant T. Burkhill.

15 October Craigland's visitors entertain wounded soldiers from Ilkley Auxiliary Military Hospital.

15 October 'Siren of Corsica' – capital drama shown during the week.

15 October Addingham man's poetry from the trenches.

'Belgium in Peace and War' – lantern lecture by J.J. Hatch, Ilkley Branch of British Women's Temperance Association.

15 October Youth in Ben Rhydding lost control of his bicycle and catapulted through a shop window escaped with cuts and bruises. He went through the window with such force that he cracked the windows in the upper storey.

Private Pool killed in action 15 October.

15 October Reverend Arthur Higson is new Vicar of Ilkley and comes from Stowmarket.

22 October Farmers protest in Wharfedale against proposals for extra taxation on agriculturists.

Ilkley Orphanage Annual General Meeting and Pound Day.

22 October Talk by Mr Ruston (Leeds University Science Tutor) at Ilkley Grammar School on 'A Modern University in Wartime'.

22 October Leeds University and War Work – students unostentatiously done war work, e.g. in Department of Agriculture, they trained women to be war farmers. Remarkable discoveries in chemical laboratories and methods for manufacture of drugs including local anaesthetics discovered with far reaching effects. Tetanus wiped out (practically) and gaseous gangrene tackled with antiseptic made at Leeds University.

22 October Over 500 names handed in for the Roll of Honour of Ilkley. Men serving in colours to be officially unveiled at Soldiers' Christmas Box concert in Kings Hall on 1 December 1915.

22 October Wounded J.T.E. Roberts (Bolton Abbey); J.D Walker (Ilkley).

22 October Lord Derby's recruiting scheme under way – everywhere preparations for canvas are in progress. Local canvassing schemes first in the cities and urban areas, then in smaller more scattered areas.

22 October Hill 60 – Private Lewis 2nd Battalion West Riding Regiment – a photo.

Private J.W. Smith – Ilkley man's experience in Gallipoli. He was wounded and in a London hospital, now he is on ten days' leave at home and now is going to write about his experiences. He was hit by three bullets while getting water.

Turks employ women for sniping – one woman captured had 30 identity discs of men that she had killed from the British forces.

29 October H.F. Moore from Royal Flying Corps suffering strain and shell shock. A bullet in his helmet grazed his head.

Lieutenant P.J.C. Simpson missing (Yorkshire Light Infantry).

Company Quartermaster Sergeant Faulds home from France to find that his mother had become delirious and had died.

Sergeant Dove 4th North Riding Howitzers home on furlough.

Private H. Firth Royal Army Medical Corps home.

Captain Horace S. Johnson 3rd Yorkshire/Lancashire (Ypres/Hooge fights) Captain Prince of Wales Own West Yorkshire Regiment.

29 October Recruiting canvas (similar to a Parliamentary election canvas) starting in Ilkley to provide through the Registration Act every volunteer through military service that they could lay their hands on.

29 October Whole page on Roll of Honour and Ilkley men in colours. Serbian Flag Day in Ilkley and collections on behalf of four hospitals for wounded soldiers. staffed by British women , doctors and nurses. £103 raised.

Ilkley Ladies Belgian Hospitality Committee – bars of soap donated by many people

Three fine dramas at Ilkley Picture House: 'The Torrent'; Spirit of Uplift' and 'The Broken Train'.

November

5 November Sergeant Giles, Ilkley Cricket Club, wounded.

Wilfred Gill is joining Australian Imperial Forces and now is in training at Hobart,Tasmania. He is only 18 and left Ilkley some years ago.

5 November Roll of Honour additions and corrections.

Trooper E.H. Roberts Yorkshire Hussars visiting home in Ilkley this week.

5 November Quartermaster Sergeant Rickwood (Canadians) and Private W. Gill (Australians).

5 November 'Oh! I say!' a classic farce, produced at Kings Hall.

5 November Ilkley Urban District Council asked by Lord Derby recruiting scheme to appoint a sub-committee to act as a tribunal in the case of 'starred' and 'indispensable' men. The committee was to consist of five members and be men of impartiality and well-balanced judgement.

Bonfire Night celebrations muted because of the War – fires few and far between and were small affairs. Youngsters set off crackers and squibs.

12 November Death of William Dean of Oak Ridge House, Ilkley aged 73, formerly of Nesfield and a stone mason. He later became the registrar of births/deaths 1893 to 1910 and Collector of Income Tax for 20 years.

12 November Christmas gifts for Ilkley men through a concert held at Listers Arms.

12 November Ilkley Volunteer Training Corps – lecture on Astronomy.

12 November Corporal S.G. Reed (Army Service Corps) of Brook Street – a capital pianist and vocalist, and much in request to sing songs in the Aldershot camp.

19 November Lieutenant Duke 11th Battalion Essex Regiment – grandson of Mrs Cooke, 'Summerfield', Ilkley – a Prisoner of War in Germany.

19 November Death of Ilkley's oldest inhabitant Miss Sarah Ann Wilkins, Belle Vue, Ilkley. She reached the age of 93 years.

19 November Ilkley branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association heard disturbing news at a meeting that all allowances to dependents of soldiers, other than wives, were to be discontinued except in very exceptional circumstances. In Ilkley there are circa 30 cases where in addition to an allowance received from the Government, the Association makes weekly allowances towards the payment of rent. These could now cease.

19 November Private Edward Hodgson, 9th Battalion West Riding Regiment killed in Flanders. He had joined the Dukes after a memorable recruiting meeting at Ilkley in the early days of the War. He was hit by a stray bullet.

19 November Ilkley Volunteer Training Corps – route march over Askwith Moor to Timble and Blubberhouses in Washburn Valley.

19 November Mr A.H. Illingworth of Denton Hall took seat as M.P. for Heywood in the House of Commons.

26 November Corporal Sylvester Selby(Duke of Wellington's Regt.) known in Addingham and Ilkley – letter from the Front.

Talk by Reverend Joseph Dawson at Wesleyan Assembly Hall on 'How to Grow Old with a Smile'.

26 November John Hornby gave a lecture to Ilkley Volunteer Training Corps on Map Reading.

26 November Mr F.C. Milner,,from Halifax, nephew of Misses Milner, St James Road, was a young gentleman who was an English master when war broke out, is at present interned in a camp at Ruhleben, Germany.

26 November Reverend W.F. James, Vicar of St Stephen's, South Dulwich, who recently resigned his vicariate of Ilkley after two years' service, was the recipient of a cheque for £51 4s 9d on Wednesday evening – a gift from his late Ilkley parishioners.

26 November Photos - Private J.M. Healey (9th Battalion West Riding Regiment); Motor Dispatch Rider Austin Harrison who writes a thrilling story of ambulance work at the Front.

26 November Ilkley man survives the blowing up of Hospital Ship 'Anglia'. Private F. Lawrence 9th Battalion West Riding Regiment of Railway Road, Ilkley was on the ship when it struck a mine and sank. Of 13 Officers and 372 other ranks on board, 300 were saved.

December

3 December Publican of the Rose and Crown Hotel Robinson Whitehead became unconscious while visiting a brewery and died.

3 December Three photos – Sergeant Alfred Middlebrook 24th Sportsman's Battalion Royal Fusiliers and Private Joseph Middlebrook (Merchant Transport Army Service Corps).

10 December Sergeant T. Burkhill 9th Battalion West Riding Regiment of Wells Road Ilkley recommended for the French Military Cross.

Advert: 'Please donate old gloves, long or short to make into waistcoat linings for our Fighting Men or a donation to help the Workers – Mrs Downer,' The Briery,' Ilkley'.

Three children's concerts for fighting men in Ilkley raised £125.

10 December £5,083 profit for Craiglands Hydro.

10 December Ilkley Picture House – two excellent dramas 'The Canker of Jealousy' and 'The Wealth of the Poor'.

10 December Ilkley Grammar School headmaster seriously ill with pneumonia.

10 December Recruiting at Ilkley – attestation facilities provided. All men of military age must join Army Reserve in respective groups.

10 December Starred or badged men and those in reserved occupations in munitions works are required to enrol, although they are provisionally exempt from military service unless later decided that in national interest they shall no longer be retained in civil employment.

10 December Photo - Gunner J.G. Dinsdale (3rd/4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade), son of Councillor J. Dinsdale, The Grove, Ilkley.

17 December Obituary of Mr Atkinson, headmaster of Ilkley Grammar School who died on 11 December 1915.

17 December Photo – Lieutenant E.H.E. Douglas 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade.

17 December 'Poetry in Wartime' – special article by Mr W. Wardman of Ilkley.

17 December RSPCA Annual Meeting of the Ilkley Branch highlighted the Society's Army work.

24 December Due to the exigencies of war the pigeon, poultry and dog shows in Ilkley did not take place, as members of Ilkley and District Fanciers Society were doing their bit for the country.

24 December Captain Lansdale wounded again (5th Battalion Prince of Wales Own West Yorkshire Regiment). He had only been back at the Front for three weeks.

24 December Ilkley Vocal Society stage a performance of Handel's 'Messiah' .

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January

7 January Letter from Private J. Ingham serving with Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

7 January Local men mentioned in dispatches: Major P. Petrie; Lieutenant J.H. Eddison; Lieutenant Colonel H.E. Aykroyd; 2nd Lieutenant E.F. Wilkinson; Captain A.T. Bates; Bombardier J.R. Rhodes; Bombardier P. King.

7 January 2nd Lieutenant J.H. Armistead wounded and left hospital.

Big blaze in Ben Rhydding in outbuildings belonging to Mr W. Hoffman Wood, The Drive, Ben Rhydding.

7 January Level crossing footpath at Ben Rhydding to be superseded by a footbridge at Ben Rhydding Station.

7 January Mr Thomas Gill Ilkley Moor Bailiff dies. As moor bailiff and gamekeeper, he served from 1893 to 1916 since the Moor and Manorial rights were purchased by Ilkley local Board from the late C.M. Middleton in 1893.

He was responsible for discovering several 'cup and ring' marked rocks scattered over the Moor and would have it that these had no religious significance but were simply some kind of boundary or 'guide posts'.

He was well versed in all aspects of the Moor – in its history from the Ice Age downwards and he spoke of a time when it was part of a forest and peopled by the Brigantes, picking up many of the flints these primitive people used as knives, scrapers and arrow heads.

Photo of men mentioned in dispatches – Aykroyd; Petrie; Bates; Eddison; Wilkinson; Whitaker; Rhodes.

14 January Returns for Ilkley recruiting scheme (Lord Derby). Unstarred 753 with 88 being ineligible and 219 refused or medically unfit leaving 446 available for enlistment. Of this

number, 54 single men and 15 married men enlisted for immediate service and 79 single men and 166 married men under respective groups. Total enlistments numbered 314, leaving 39 single men and 93 married men unattested. Of these, only 17 single men and 20 married men are 30 years old or under.

14 January Dodging shells – letter from A.J.H. Thistlethwaite at the Front.

14 January Thanks for the Christmas parcels.

14 January Home on furlough 2nd Lieutenant B. Dacre.

14 January Lieutenant L. Holroyd, 7th East Yorkshire Regiment, home from the trenches for a few days – photo included.

Lieutenant J. Eddison (awarded Military Cross); 2nd Lieutenant V. Whitaker (awarded Military Cross) and Colonel E. Chapman (died from wounds) – more photos.

14 January Death of Mr William Whitaker JP, aged 61, a prominent churchman and Conservative of 'Fellstow', Clifton Road Ilkley. He was one of the men responsible for Ilkley Constitutional Club and he was interested in campanology. He was a Justice of the Peace for the West Riding since 1898. He worked for Messrs Brigg, Newman and Co., stuff merchants in Bradford.

14 January Corporal Chapman (former Ilkley rail station) killed by a bomb dropped from a German plane.

21 January Longevity in Ilkley – of 65 interments in Ilkley during the year 1915 at which the clergy of the Parish Church officiated there were 37 over the age of 60 years.

21 January Trooper William Stones (10th Hussars) saved by a body shield that an Ilkley lady had sent him. A piece of shrapnel struck him in the back, cut through his clothing including a leather waistcoat, but failed to pierce the body shield.

Donations of footballs to men of the 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington Regiment stored in barns a considerable distance from the Front Line.

21 January Interesting article on Famous Yorkshire Regiments in 'Yorkshire Observer' and recently on Duke of Wellingtons in which many Ilkley men are serving.

21 January Death of Mr Henry Ellis, former County Councillor for the Ilkley division. Very much associated with the town in its early days of greatest development. He lived in Queens Road and was a wool flock merchant in Leeds. He resided in Ilkley for over 40 years and died at the age of 72.

Mr Ellis purchased on his own account an estate between Ilkley and Ben Rhydding and in so doing constructed Bolling Road – a big advantage to both Ilkley and Ben Rhydding. He had already formed Wharfedale Estate Company which purchased from Mr Middleton 500 acres

of land on the Middleton side of the river for residential purposes and also constructed the new Brook Street Bridge to give direct access to the estate.

Member Ilkley Local Board in 1891 and was connected for many years with this body and its offspring, Ilkley Urban District Council, being the chairman 1899 and 1900. He was a member of Ilkley Local Board at the time Ilkley Gas Works, Ilkley Moor and manorial rights were purchased. This was in 1893 and the cost of the gas undertaking was £55,000 and £13,500 the cost for the moor and manorial rights. Initially, there was concern that the Local Board were hanging a millstone around the necks of the taxpayer but this has since been proved wrong.

Photos – Mr Ellis; Trooper William Stones and Private Ronald Harvey. Private Hartley is in France with 9th West Riding Regiment as a stretcher bearer. During a German gas attack on 30 December 1915 he brought 30 to 50 men off field and bandaged their wounds.

28 January A wasp found on The Grove – one of many evidences of exceedingly mild weather for this time of year.

Retail price of milk rises to 1/6d per gallon from 1 February 1916.

28 January Recruiting special appeal to single men in Ilkley. Drill Hall will be open for this purpose.

28 January Lighting up time in Ilkley District is 5.40pm.

28 January Mentioned in dispatches: Bombardier J.R. Rhodes (Distinguished Conduct Medal); Gunner Norman Tennant (Distinguished Conduct Medal) and Corporal A. Clarkson.

February

4 February A collection of books for camp libraries is being made in response to a Board of Education request and starting in Ben Rhydding. Preference to 7d reprints; fiction; poetry; science; text-books and essays. Paper backed books are not required.

4 February £7-10s raised at whist drive and musical entertainment in aid of fund for amelioration of soldiers and sailors who lost their sight in the discharge of duties for King and Country.

4 February 144 eggs sent away for the wounded (a regular feature).

4 February Historic Grassington lead mines to be reopened at a cost of £30 per ton.

4 February Story in Ilkley Gazette (a regular feature) 'The Maze of Destiny' by John Blair (author of 'Jean' and 'Jake').

4 February Robinson and Co. Tailors and Outfitters of Leeds Road, Ilkley – 'whether to hold a Sale this year owing to a rapid rise in prices of everything we stock, but many of our customers have asked for it and despite bargains not being so plentiful we are going ahead with the sale: men's overcoats from 19/6; youth's overcoats from 14/6; men's pants and vests: 2/4, 2/9, 3/8 and 4/9.'

4 February Late Rate Collector in Divorce Court; wife petitions for restitution of conjugal rights.

11 February Rapid promotion for former Ilkley resident – Captain John Taylor Bain (Army Service Corps) joined as a lieutenant and within eight months made adjutant, captain and major. Partner in A.W. Bain & Sons Insurance brokers.

11 February Mr Norman Frazer from Batley Grammar School appointed the new head of Ilkley Grammar School aged 42.

Letter to the Editor explaining 'rapid training course for women for commercial positions during the war'. Mrs Reith of London drew attention to this need (wife of Lord Reith, first Director General of the BBC?).

18 February Private Edward C. Wintle (Leeds 'Pals' 15th West Yorkshire Regiment) accidentally killed in Egypt – photo included.

Driver Fred Cooper 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade suffered gas poisoning and is back in Ilkley.

Motor Dispatch Rider Austin Harrison home on leave. 2nd Lieutenant W.H. Colbeck, West Yorkshire Regiment, promoted to Lieutenant and home on leave.

25 February Lieutenant J.H. Mawson Royal Marines home on one month's sick leave and then will go back to the Front. He was injured on Gallipoli Peninsula.

Mr Douglas Gordon Harris aged 32 is to be Under Secretary to the Government of India's Public Works Department .He was educated at Bradford Grammar School and Rugby and gained a Diploma in Engineering in Zurich. He has worked in the Public Works Department in India since 1907 and Under Secretary for irrigation to the United Provinces in 1915.

Ilkley tin foil collection for the wounded – 1 cwt, 2 qrs, 25lbs and 9½oz.

25 February Military Service Act cases before Ilkley tribunal for exemption. Appeal for a brother; a conscientious objector; District Council employees; joining RFC; case of a farm hand; sole support widowed mothers and some unfit for service. Applications not granted.

25 February Lecture by Mr W.H. Ibberson: 'The War Note in Music' to members of the Ilkley Congregational Literary Society.

Lecture on 'Bismarck' to Ilkley University Extension Society by Mr A.J. Grant, Professor of History at Leeds University.

25 February Private James Lund (17th Division Cycling Company) died of wounds after being wounded by a trench mortar shell. From Mount Stead, he was the first Ben Rhydding man to be killed in the War.

March

3 March 2nd Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant) B.C. Lupton 1st/7th West Riding Regiment appointed as an adjutant.

Poem 'Landing at Suvla Bay' written by Private Alf Collier (8th Duke of Wellington Regiment) of Mornington Road, Ilkley.

3 March Private Tom Cunnington wounded in head and shoulder - he joined 'Ilkley Pals'.

10 March The presence of Zeppelins on the East Coast led to gas being extinguished and a blackout in the Ilkley area and most of Yorkshire.

10 March The Ilkley Gazette reported as its main heading Valour and Glory – desperate fighting and many casualties.

Ilkley lads in German trenches.

Private Cunnington; Private Robinson; Private Pease; Private Dutton; Lieutenant Corporal Lomas; Private A. Dean; Private Peacock; Private Lambert; Private W. Chambers; Private Allerton and Private Barnes all wounded.

Attack on International Trench (so called because it changed hands regularly). Attacked again near Ypres and 180 prisoners including four officers taken.

10 March Death of William Arthur Dawson, former Champion Sprinter of England and Yorkshire.

Footballer dies aged 66. Mark Dawson, a worsted spinner from Bradford, scored at a Yorkshire Harris match in 1873, one of the finest goals ever seen. At Trinity College, Cambridge. He took great interest in the formation of the Bradford ground at Park Avenue.

10 March Possible Zeppelin raids. Opposition to the buzzers being sounded, but happy for the gas pressure to be reduced for a warning of Zeppelins then raised again!

17 March Tennant and Rhodes – awards for conspicuous gallantry in continually repairing telephone wires under heavy shell fire.

17 March Mr H.A.L. Fisher, Vice Chancellor, Sheffield University lectured at the Congregational Lecture Hall on 'The Balkans'.

17 March 9th West Ridings Private Dixon (killed); F. Barnes, A. Dean, F. Pease, T. Allerton; and G. Peacock (all wounded).

24 March Ilkley servant's child (waitress at Crescent Hotel) died from inattention at birth.

24 March Ilkley Overseers agreed that the poor rate for the ensuing year should be the same as 1915, namely 3s 8d in the pound.

24 March Herbert G. Ponting (F.R.G.S.) – his parents for some years lived in Ilkley and many friends in Ilkley district. He accompanied Scott on the ill-fated historic expedition to the South Pole as photographer in charge of the photographic record of the journey. He has written in the Weekly Dispatch regarding Shackleton's expedition across the whole breadth of the Southern Polar continent.

Ponting has visited Ilkley this month to present a moving picture lecture 'With Captain Scott in the Antarctic', a vivid and realistic impression of the adventures and hardships faced by Scott and his party. Ponting believed that Shackleton reached the South Pole on Christmas Day and now will be in the winter quarters on Ross Island.

24 March Another batch of indispensables appeared before Ilkley Military Service Tribunal including two schoolmasters both connected with private schools.

31 March Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) for Private A.R. Dean of Craig End Lodge, Ilkley and also for Sergeant Raithby, son of the gardener for Mr Cooke, 'Ploverfield,' Ben Rhydding.

31 March Blind soldier Captain A. Holmes married Miss Olive Wilson at Ilkley Congregational Church.(see entry for 17 September 1915)

31 March Amadine Wood, waitress at Crescent Hotel since August 1915 charged with concealment of birth. She gave birth at the Hotel late February 1916. The baby died soon after and was put in a suitcase and hidden in a drawer in one of the bedrooms. The Doctor said that the child had separate existence and had died from inattention at birth.

31 March Private Scott dies (wounds) and Private Dean with his DCM –photos.

April

7 April Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – only applications for postponement granted.

7 April Private J. Galer wounded.

7 April Ilkley man F.H. Humphris J.P. (Grove Mount) stranded by the snow for 12 hours near Mount Harborough.

14 April The first confirmation service took place in Ben Rhydding Church on 11 April 1916 (57 candidates).

Advert for tea: 'Wartime Economy. Use Indian Tea. It is rich, fragrant and economical – in a small spoonful goes as far as a large spoonful of other teas.'

Advert: 'Save money and buy chequered bonds and help British War expenses'.

14 April Addingham farmer knocked down and killed on the line between Bolton Abbey and Addingham. He was going to get water for his sheep.

21 April Exhibition of Serbian national costumes in St Margaret's Hall.

21 April Easter holiday bookings well above average and many hydros are full.

21 April Collection in Ilkley for reed instruments for 17th West Yorkshire Leeds Bantams. The Battalion has been training for some time in Ilkley.

24 April Vicar of Weston has done the first photographic proof of the reality of clairvoyance – an apparition of a little old man seen by his wife in one of the rooms of Weston Vicarage.

28 April Cold weather at Easter.

28 April Easter communicants a record.

28 April For the Orphan Fund connected with the National Union of Railwaymen, a very successful tea and social took place and raised £14 2s and 1d.

28 April Rescue at Stepping Stones in Ben Rhydding of two women who fell in. They were rescued by a visitor from Leeds, one being unconscious when brought to the bank of the river.

May

5 May Kings Hall: 'Heart of Midlothian'.

5 May Ilkley Military Service Tribunal exemption cases. Further exemption cases refused but there was an appeal by Ilkley decorators and estate agents who argued that a medically unfit father could not run the business despite the Tribunal saying he could.

Home on furlough: Gunner Frankland; Sergeant Emmott; Driver Stead; Trooper Rayner.

5 May Motor van and trap in collision near the Star Hotel. The trap was damaged but no one was injured.

Ilkley Urban District Council made an application to Carnegie UK Trust for a grant towards clearing indebtedness on the Public Library amounting to £357.

5 May Reverend W.D. Geare curate at St Margaret's joined the Forces as an Army chaplain and is presently stationed in the Ripon Camp.

Ilkley Urban District Council infringing minutes regarding the accounts clerk Mr H. Sykes. he attested and has been rejected, and still in spite of this attested again, although his position with that authority made him exempt from military service. Being no charge against him as he was a good servant it was seen as unjustified to put a black mark against his name that might be reopened against him at a later time.

5 May Bradford electrician summoned for fraudulently diverting electricity at Ilkley on 10 February 2012. Defendant merely acted as he did in Bradford and the case was dismissed.

Air Raid Precautions (ARP) at Ilkley. Owing to the presence of Zeppelins, in Yorkshire on Tuesday night, precautionary measures taken in Ilkley: Special Constables; Ambulance Corps; and Fire Brigade were in readiness for duty throughout the night and electric light and gas practically shut off. A number of unexplained explosions were heard by many residents.

Flag Day for RSPCA Fund for Sick and Wounded Horses employed in the War.

5 May Ilkley Scouts Ambulance Entertainment. 1st Olicana (Ilkley) Troop Boy Scouts set out to raise funds for providing a motor ambulance for work at the Front and following on from a Flag Day by which a considerable sum was raised an entertainment took place in Kings Hall and the net proceeds were £43-14s-6d.

Mr Robert Metcalfe, Dean Head Farm, Langbar celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday. He came from a long lived family. His father was 86; mother 82 and granddad 99 years and 62 days when they died.

12 May New novel by Victoria Cross: 'A Night's Adventure'.

Home on furlough Nursing Sister Katie Scott; Machine Gunner Dixon; Machine Gunner Cunningham and Private Lacey.

Ilkley Picture House: 'The Pine's Revenge'.

Tin foil collection for the wounded: 4 cwt; 22 lbs and 7oz.

Fuel economy: public attention brought to special need for economy in the use of fuel. A reduction of 10% in household consumption would result in some three million tons per year being available for other purposes.

Entertainments Tax starts 15 May 1916 – chargeable on payments for admission as spectators or members of an audience to all entertainments such as theatres, music halls, cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions, shows, races, football and other matches.

12 May In connection with Ilkley Companion Court of Independent Order of Foresters, a very successful Whist Drive, social and dance took place in Winter Gardens for Ilkley Wounded Soldiers' Rest Room.

Organisation 'United Workers' meeting arranged – an address given on behalf of the National War Savings Committee.

19 May Editorial on plea for volunteers from Ilkley/Bradford district (coincides with rise in appeals against military service).

19 May Solitude on the Moors – friend returned from a cycling trip over the Moors on Pennine Chain near the Lancashire border gained an impression of solitude and depression – an impression which Wharfedale and North Yorkshire Moors never make! Winter is never solitary on the Yorkshire Moors and there is a comforting roundness and benignity of aspect in the Yorkshire Moors. Same between the Welsh (stern and rugged) and Cumbrian Hills (benign despite their grandeur).

19 May Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – a big batch of applicants (30) and sitting is adjourned for a week after the Government announced that a circular letter is to be issued to all local tribunals giving instructions with regard to consideration of 'one man business claims' and also in respect to a scheme of relief which the Government is formulating.

19 May In aid of work the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies is doing for Refugees in Russia an 'At Home' took place and a meeting addressed by Miss Geraldine Cooke saying what the Union was doing in hospitals in Serbia and in Russia. Despite difficulties for a long time with Russia, British help could now lead to a lasting peace. Collections and donations totalled £102.

19 May No swimming lessons for the rest of the year in Ilkley schools.

26 May Lord John Sanger's Royal Circus and Menagerie at Leeds Road, Ilkley on 17 June features the important and exclusive engagement of The Great Russian Cossack Troupe, and pure white twin horses and wonderful performing sea lions.

Miss Eliza Jowett died aged 60 – headmistress of Girls' Department of Ilkley C of E Schools.

Empire Day at Ilkley Grammar School. Patriotic songs sung and an address given by Mr J. Dover Wilson (HM Inspector of Technical Schools under the Board of Education). The responsibility of the Empire is enormous.

26 May Wharfedale Volunteers – night operations on Hawksworth Moor.

Ilkley Cricket Club – no ordinary cricket as players cannot afford to pay subscriptions sufficient to keep the Club going.

26 May Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – 30 applications and temporary exceptions granted in most cases.

June

2 June Prize winning sheep at Otley Show killed two days later on a farm at Middleton by lightning – a prize shearling gimmer.

Ilkley council decided a year ago to reduce the amount of street watering in the interests of the economy. It has given rise to a number of complaints, but have to be tolerant.

2 June 'Where War Comes Not!' In Upper Wharfedale confirmed by Ilkley gentleman's talk to a farmer in Washburn Valley. A little wide of Malham, a farmer had little or no knowledge of what was happening outside his own district and no desire to know anything either.

As far as the War is concerned, on the verge of big things.

A letter received by the Ilkley Gazette editor – why married men continue to be called up when so many single young fellows of fine physique are still hanging about and doing nothing for their country or anyone else in particular.

2 June Ilkley Rifle Club . Agreement for Midland Rail Company to take over the tenancy of the range as soon as tenancy of 4th West Riding Howitzers Brigade terminates.

9 June Letter to the Ilkley Gazette editor – unfortunate that education authorities in the West Riding have not seen fit to comply with the request of the Government that Whitsuntide holidays be cancelled and work progress as normal.

9 June Military awards – Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for Major K. Duncan; Military Cross (MC) for Major Paul Petrie; Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) for Sergeant Major G.P. Bennett and Sergeant H.G. England and Military Medal (MM) for Corporal R. Hartley.

Catholic Church of Sacred Heart – letter from the Bishop of Leeds: poverty and ignorance are the two obstacles to religion.

Bradford Whit Walk – over 50 competitors. Start at Tyrrel Street, Bradford 12.15pm so as to allow the winner to reach Peel Park Gala at 6.30pm. Usual course of 31½ miles around Shipley, Burley, Ilkley, Denton Park, Otley and Yeadon Moor.

9 June Photos – Major Petrie (MC); Corporal Hartley (MM); and Private Dean (DCM).

Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – under new regulations 17 cases dealt with.

9 June Ilkley Distress Committee: grants to soldiers' and sailors' dependents.

16 June Poem: Early Summer in Ilkley and Whitsuntide at Ilkley.

Ilkley Municipal Orchestra – new band season and a problem due to War and enlistment. Fifteen men are in the band and Henri Jaxon at the close of the ten week Ilkley season goes to London to take up the post of musical advisor to a leading firm of publishers.

Photos – Major Statham Maufe and Private Reg Vickers.

16 June Knighthood for Mr G.H. West for his work as Deputy Director General of Munitions Supply (son of the late Mr T.A. West of The Grove). He spent his boyhood in Ilkley.

16 June Bronte Society centenary service at Haworth Parish Church on 17 June to commemorate Charlotte Bronte born in 1816.

23 June Major C.F. Potter awarded Distinguished Service Order.

23 June Walter Howard's Lyceum success 'The Midnight Wedding' shown at Ilkley Picture House.

23 June War Savings – meeting in Ilkley to try to set up in the town a War Savings Committee. This was agreed and the first meeting held. Resolved to apply for affiliation under a scheme including investing in Exchequer Bonds and 15/6 War Savings Certificates.

23 June Seaman Gunner Charles Edward Bedford A.B. nephew of Mr & Mrs Chas. Bedford, New Wellington Road, Ilkley took part in Battle of Jutland on *HMS Warrior*. The ship was badly damaged and subjected to an inferno of fire. Out of a crew of 700, 66 were killed and 43 injured. The engine room was full of water, and the steering had gone. It was taken in tow and the crew had to take to boats after which the Warrior slowly sank and the crew were picked up by a passing Cunard ship.

30 June Words of wisdom from de Maistre.

Flag Day in aid of Serbian Relief Fund and £67-16s-6d raised.

Tin foil collection for the Wounded – 5 cwt, 3qrs, 18lb and 7½ oz.

Wounded soldiers – a large number from Leeds visited Bolton Abbey on Saturday and on Tuesday, also a batch from Bradford, the latter spending some time in Ilkley.

30 June Duke of Devonshire to become Governor General and Commander in Chief of Dominion of Canada.

Girl guides display at Heathfield, Ilkley.

30 June Value of soldiers' limbs – new figures: loss of leg to hip 16s; loss of leg to thigh 14s; loss of leg above knee 12s 6d. Arms lost from shoulder: right arm 16s; left arm 15s.

30 June Library re opened. Borrowers totalled over 2000 and the number of issues since the library re-opened have reached 370,000.

Ilkley wounded soldiers outing to Boston Spa.

Proposed road widening at Middleton.

Corporal Billersby wounded; Sapper Lawson REwounded; 2nd Lieutenant Longfield wounded; Lieutenant E.F. Wilkinson was wounded in the back (Ilkley Grammar School Master). 2nd Lieutenant W.E. Smeeth wounded. Dr Stirling Crawford, Royal Army Military Corps Lieutenant, wounded in a German air raid.

July

7 July Concerns that roads, walks and out of way corners and streets are not being cleaned and watered as they should be, yet Ilkley Board repainting bandstand and putting on a concert. Surely sanitation when there is a whooping cough epidemic is more relevant.

14 July Ilkley Stepping Stones rescue: Mr Kelly of Leeds awarded Humane Societies vellum) for rescuing Miss Ethel Irwin and Miss Nellie Higgins of Armley from the water. One of the girls was unconscious but kept her head above water until help arrived.

14 July Lieutenant J.H. Ideson wounded at Fricourt.

Private H. Noble wounded in France; Corporal Harry Lambert killed; Lieutenant McCall wounded a second time (son of archaeologist); Major S.B. Maufe died of wounds; Colonel Royston-Piggott DSO killed (nephew of Mr W. Mitton, Beddington, Ilkley); Lieutenant Corporal G.G. Hudson, Ilkley 'Pals' Company, West Riding Regiment, died of wounds; Lieutenant A.B. Lee (formerly of Ghyll Royd and Ilkley Grammar School) killed by revolver fired by a German officer; Private Norman Barwick – leg amputated.

14 July Ilkley Military Service Tribunal. More men for volunteers. Conscientious objector – if work he was now engaged in was not considered to be of national importance, he was quite prepared to do any other work providing it did not affect his conscience.

Ladies of Ilkley busy making thousands of anti-verminous shirts for the men at the Front.

Photos – Major Maufe; Lieutenant B. Dacre; Lieutenant Corporal Hudson; Lieutenant N. Longfield; Lieutenant H. Ideson.

21 July West Riding Volunteers (20th Wharfedale Battalion) Arms Fund: £385 raised.

C.W. Atkinson Memorial Fund (former/late headmaster Ilkley Grammar School): £114 raised.

21 July Theatrical companies at Kings Hall during July, August and September so no pictures.

Private P. Iredale wounded; Private C.N. Dalton wounded and Private Leighton wounded. Lieutenant Mallinson killed.

21 July Corporal H. Lambert died a hero's death.

Lieutenant E.B.R. Scott killed in action 10 July.

Lieutenant Corporal J.H. Turner killed in his sleep.

21 July Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – an Ilkley Milk Dealers 'Season'. Why a temporary exemption asked for. A farmer and his two sons: 'One shall be taken and the other left'.

21 July Belated Christmas parcel one of 700 sent out just reached Private Sidney Kellett, one of the first Prisoners of War in Germany in July 1915.

Ilkley lady complains about the inartistic character of hospital dress worn by wounded soldiers - a blue flannel jacket with big flaring red tie and sometimes the trousers too long. The dress is nevertheless hygienic! Fire feathers – fine birds but not for our wounded Tommies, for however dressed they are still Britain's heroes and survivors.

War Savings Week – if the 6d of the poor man is of value to the country more so must be the sovereign of the rich. The value of saving not spending is vital.

Private A.R. Dean Distinguished Conduct Medal – how he won the honour in the trenches.

A Denton man Henry Burton, charged with failing to respond when his group was called up, gave 39 as his age on the National Register. He admitted making a registration error – he had been to join the Army but didn't know to ten years what it was, yet he had a son aged 30 so he had to be way past 39!

21 July Weekly drive for wounded soldiers was to Grassington and drive this week is to Harrogate and Blubberhouses.

28 July A rabbit pie supper and smoking concert was held at the Rose and Crown hotel for the benefit of Ilkley Coronation Hospital.

Miss Violet Vanburgh – flying visit to Kings Hall to take part in dramatic/musical items.

28 July Appeal for safety razors for Prisoners of War.

Corporal Ingham: gas poisoning; Private R. Dean: wounded; Private L. Smith: wounded; Private H. Noble: progressing.

Gunner H.R. Hornby, Ilkley Battery, West Riding Howitzers badly wounded.

2nd Lieutenant J.H. Armistead West Yorkshire Regiment wounded.

Captain B.L. Wilcher – wounded and his fellow officer Lieutenant W.H. Colbeck wounded in his arm.

Ilkley cricketers not played this season – the cricket ground has lain fallow and a good crop of hay is the result. This has been got in, thanks to the efforts of all members.

Artificial marguerites sold, made by cripples for the benefit of the War Orphans' Fund of the Waifs and Strays Society.

Ilkley Grammar School Annual Speech Day: Sir John McClure Headmaster of Mill Hill School spoke on mental and moral discipline.

28 July Balance in hand £70 on Flag Days. Instead of another Flag Day, clean socks and cigarettes are vital comforts, so send them now! So says a letter to the Ilkley Gazette.

August

4 August Arrandale, Ilkley. Miss May wishes to contradict any rumours prevalent as to the removal of her School to Burley. It will be conducted in Ilkley as usual under her own management and that of a stronger staff, and with increased numbers.

4 August Private Ian Smith: left arm amputated.

Private F. Dickinson (Ilkley Canadians) wounded in face.

Lieutenant J.H. Armistead struck on the head by shrapnel and more serious injury was prevented by his steel helmet.

4 August Private A.J.H. Thistlethwaite, in hospital with shell shock after bombardment, rejoined his unit in time for the big push on 1 July. The whole place was seemingly on fire, and there was a lark above them singing as if nothing was happening.

Lieutenant Mallinson killed on 17 July 1916 was in command of Ilkley 'Pals' Company West Yorkshire Regiment.

Local Prohibition Canvass by British Women's Temperance Association. 1,507 signatures were obtained in Ilkley and 169 in Addingham.

4 August Wayside Calvary – suggested that one should be erected in Ilkley to the memory of local men fallen in the War, as mentioned also in Yorkshire Observer. At a time when religion is struggling to find expression, the Wayside Calvary should meet ready acceptance by men of all the churches and of none.

Letter criticising the comment on 25 July saying that the £70 Flag Day surplus should be used for cigarettes and socks! Do not touch this money now, as we have a future to face. We need to have a good fund for those who unfortunately can't help themselves.

Joseph Dawson writes – money expended on a band and other hundred forms of entertainment. It is inconsistent with the tremendous crisis through which we are passing.

4 August Ilkley Urban District Council letter on the second anniversary of the War to all who have so far served their countries – very deep appreciation of all sacrifices made. Painful endurance has been observed through a long and painful struggle. Gallantly acquitted themselves in the face of the enemy.

11 August Registration of aliens – two Ilkley ladies summoned for failing to keep a register of aliens lodging with them. Two Russians and a Norwegian had been staying. Neglect at filling in forms. Each let off on the payment of costs.

11 August 30 wounded soldiers at Ilkley Auxiliary Military Hospital entertained by visitors at Stoney Lea Hydro.

West Riding Volunteers Arms Fund - total £425.

Sergeant J.W. Fisher wounded and sent back to base.

11 August Ilkley Company West Riding Volunteers met at open air meeting at the top of Brook Street. Britain had inflexible determination, and war to be waged to a victorious end. It only will have a peace worth having when the back of German militarism is completely broken.

11 August Cadet Harold Gooch from Bulwell, Nottinghamshire drowned – a sad tragedy at Ilkley OTC (Officer Training Corps) Camp. He struck a rock when diving.

Looping the loop at Ilkley – an airman has twice flown over Ilkley lately and in a meadow on Addingham Moorside has alighted his machine just as it seemed to be skimming house tops.

11 August Facsimile of Lord Kitchener's letter published for Lord Kitchener's War Memorial Fund and British Red Cross Fund. It is a memorable appeal instrumental in creating an army of five million men by voluntary enlistment – an achievement unprecedented in the history of the world.

18 August Bradford and District Tin Foil Collection - £6-13s given to Ilkley, Ben Rhydding and Addingham for Ilkley Military Hospital.

18 August Lieutenant T.D. Eddison formerly of Ben Rhydding killed in action.

Sergeant H. Farrar and Private F. Hudson both wounded and Lieutenant Corporal G.C. Brough killed.

18 August A writer in one of the London newspapers has made a serious attack upon the patriotism and fighting spirit of Yorkshire dalesmen and 'classes' those belonging to Wharfedale amongst the army of shirkers.

Farm labourers have to go, but farmers' sons get exemptions. Ilkley Gazette believes a farmer naturally would dispense with the services of an employee rather than his own son, and particularly under the present circumstances.

18 August Sir J. Oddy to reside at Ilkley Hall after its renovation. He was concerned with both commercial and political life in Bradford and was the M.P. for Pudsey 1908-10.

Letter from Lieutenant Corporal E.I. Clarkson in German East Africa.

25 August 'The Emigrant's Peril' – a stirring drama at Ilkley Picture House.

25 August Land for Allotment Gardens wanted by Ilkley working men for cottage gardens. 16 men have signified intentions to take up allotments.

Poem - Woods near Hebers Ghyll.

25 August Albert Illingworth M.P. lives at Denton Hall and is the chairman of the Central Advisory Committee East and West Constituency by the War Office to advise the War Department on matters arising out of the purchase and distribution of English wool.

25 August Gunner Smith (Royal Field Artillery) – a promising footballer killed in action.

Private Hand wounded in a German trench which the Allies had taken. When they retreated the trench was retaken by the Germans. Hand was wounded and taken as a Prisoner of War.

25 August Acting Sergeant C. Gravell killed in action in Salonica. He had been employed by Beanland's grocery shop.

Lieutenant Corporal John Whiteley, Ilkley 'Pal,' wounded.

25 August Colonel Hayden's letter to Lieutenant Corporal G.G. Hudson's mother regarding her son who died on 6 July 1916.

25 August Corporal Sylvester Selby says the system of government in the British Empire is based on justice, freedom and liberty.

September

1 September Char-a-banc outings popular in the war due to the war and abandonment of all excursion trains.

1 September Fine representation of Allen Raine's famous novel 'A Welsh Singer'. Two dramas shown last evening, 'Discontented' and 'All for Love'.

Farewell concert of Ilkley Municipal Orchestra after Henri Jaxon's final conducting session.

1 September Lieutenant Harry Lever Royal Scots in Ilkley after being wounded and in hospital. Formerly an Ilkley resident at the Second Battle of Ypres in early 1915.

1 September Lance Corporal Reynard from Langbar wounded.

Gunner Wharton from Ilkley wounded.

Lieutenant W.W. Stead who was in Leeds Bantams when training in Ilkley has been killed in action.

1 September Sergeant Clarence Atkinson, a former Ilkley P.C., also killed in action.

Sig. Sergeant J.H. Vowles, Rifle Brigade, killed. He was a postman.

'Ilkley Rest Room at Work – Our Wounded Soldiers' in Congregational Lecture Hall premises. Upstairs recreation and reading room, comfortably furnished and provided with a

piano, magazines, books and newspapers and a writing room. On the ground floor a billiard room, refreshment room and kitchen where the ladies of the League of Honour do their work. Open 10am to 8pm 'Dear Little Rest Room'.

'The Land of Promise' showing at Kings Hall.

'Somme Battle' film 5,000 feet in length to be shown in Kings Hall 14 to 16 September.

8 September Madame Geare of Brook Street stocking the latest novelty: the new lace front gaiter. Colours: tan, grey, navy and black.

8 September Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – case of an Ilkley joiner. Military authorities tightening up on rejection certificates.

Captain Lister Holroyd of Hangingstone, Ben Rhydding, a Yorkshire rugby player, badly wounded at Fricourt .

8 September Lance Corporal J. King international soccer player missing since the 9 August. 2nd Lieutenant J.E. Whitaker (former Ilkley resident) killed.

8 September Private G. Duell, Northumbrian Fusiliers missing since 14 August.

8 September 2nd Lieutenant M.Y. Gray, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry – Leeds Officer Training Corps June 1915 of 'Hollingley', Ilkley killed in action; Lieutenant K.M. Priestman Royal Engineers, former Ghyll Royd, Bootham School and Leeds University killed in action.

Captain J.L. Oddy (parents live at Ilkley Hall) wounded twice then killed in action.

Ilkley Urban District Council purchase of Parish Ghyll Wood for £55 a year over 21 years. The Council have immediate possession and the land is conveyed on the last payment. The land covers six acres and street making expenses which the vendors have paid in respect to the roads adjoining amount to £500. The present capital value of the purchase price is £750. The amount required is equal to a rate of $\frac{1}{5}$ th of a penny in the £1 which is not much as the financial position is very materially improved.

Photo – Lieutenant K.M. Priestman.

Sapellnikoff, the great Prussian pianist, plays at Kings Hall.

8 September Bolton Abbey Garden Party to raise comforts for men at the Front – organised by the Devonshires.

8 September The National Mission – visit of Archbishop's Messengers to Wharfedale to help awaken the spirit expectancy before the climax of the mission arrives. Need to rally Britain spiritually. Patriotically vital to all of Britain that God's opportunity is not lost sight of.

15 September Corporal John McLellan West Riding Regiment wins Military Medal for gallantry in the field.

Evening classes restart – last year 242 students, and 171 in 1914.

Fairfax of Denton, Middletons of Middleton and Vavasours of Weston each had possessions in the Ainsty of York.

15 September Lieutenant H. Harrison killed; Private Sam Lupton wounded; Lieutenant John Burrows wounded; Captain Lister Holroyd dies of wounds.

15 September Ilkley Military Service Tribunal members Dr Bates presided – Councillor Prest, J.P., Councillor W. Dobson, Mr T.A. Carpenter, Mr A. Powell and Mrs A. Ploys with Mr. F.S. Eckersley (clerk) and Major Welch (military representative).

15 September Article on Parish Ghyll.

Two Bradford men badly injured in a car smash in Leeds Road, Ilkley.

Photo – Private Duell (missing) and Captain L. Holroyd (died from wounds).

Ilkley residents witness shooting down of a Zeppelin at Cuffley (Herts): Mr and Mrs J.D. Smith of Middleton Road. Mrs Smith and her daughter visited London to see son Ian (whose arm was amputated) in military hospital and to visit friends. They arrived at the friends' house just as the Zeppelin was being attacked.

15 September Letter to the Editor – keep Parish Ghyll as clear of litter as Hebers Ghyll. Bring in stricter penalties to stop any desecration of these Ghylls and the Moor too for that matter.

15 September 'Battle of the Somme' official war film shown in Ilkley. Four viewings and full on each occasion. Nothing like it has ever been seen before.

22 September An enlarged rainbow noticed at 9am on 15 September by visitor at The Royal Hotel.

22 September National Mission Laymen's Retreat in Ilkley.

20th Battalion 'attack' on Askwith camp as part of training at Ilkley Feast. Due to the War, Feast Week events have been held on land behind the Wheatsheaf Hotel in Brook Street. The Fair Ground where there are normally various attractions now has none.

'Mystery of Mary' interesting story at Ilkley Picture House.

Lieutenant G.G. Averdieck of Harrogate died of wounds. He married Mabel of Wells House, Ilkley in June 1915.

Private A. Collyer dangerously wounded; Private A. Thistlethwaite slightly wounded; Captain B.S. Lupton wounded and in London hospital; Captain Geoffrey Fison of Ilkley wounded; 2nd Lieutenant D.S.C. Macaskie Royal Flying Corps a wounded Prisoner of War.

Private M. Ideson of Ilkley killed – he was with the Australian Imperial Forces.

22 September Mands Fraser from Addingham was living the life of a hermit whilst an army. He was arrested and is awaiting military escort.

Mr Ridsdale Park – emigrated to Australia in July 1910 and is farming in New South Wales. He likes it very much and believes that ‘every Britisher is expected to enlist.’

Poem – view from Otley Chevin.

22 September Two days holidays for shop assistants (letter to Ilkley Gazette Editor (for two Bank Holiday Mondays). Shop assistants worked so that munitions’ workers should not feel that they alone were working. As holidays now arranged for munitions’ workers, it is only fair that shop assistants should have the holidays.

29 September Inspector Robert Foulkes who has been in Ilkley six years and five months and previously a sergeant in Goole has been transferred to Shipley as an inspector and Sergeant G. Bell of Sheffield is promoted to inspector to take Inspector Foulkes’ place in Ilkley.

29 September Theosophy lecture by Miss Pattinson of Bradford: ‘Fire: The Altar of the Hearth’ has to be considered in trying to trace out the origins of the Universe.

29 September 86 wounded soldiers from Ilkley Military Hospital on an outing to Grassington.

Six fortnightly evening lectures on ‘History of France’ by Mr A.J. Grant M.A. (Professor of History at Leeds University) have started at the Congregational Hall.

Sphagnum Moss – 50 volunteers collected moss for use in Leeds and Bradford Military Hospitals: 11 sacks filled in one hour.

29 September Lieutenant Colin Gubbins Royal Artillery awarded Military Cross.

Stretcher Bearer T. Burkhill West Riding Regiment who worked in Ilkley as a hairdresser’s assistant – home on leave after very difficult work with the wounded in the trenches.

Private A. Thistlethwaite wounded but now at Le Havre base camp.

Corporal J. Scaife wounded.

2nd Lieutenant A. Field of Ilkley and Bridlington killed in action.

29 September Driver A. Moorhouse Royal Field Artillery in hospital wounded.

Letter to the Editor – Complaint from Leeds Special Constable regarding Ilkley Specials: they create more panic than reassurance with pounding on door with knobkerry and a stentorian voice saying just ‘that light out’. A gentle tap at the window and a polite reminder to ‘douse the glim’ would have been more useful. We fell into the same error in Leeds, but I see on my stay in Ilkley that specials here also need to learn a lesson.

29 September Due to lighting restrictions, Ilkley shopkeepers decided to close earlier.

Lieutenant S.H. Bill Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve wounded by shrapnel.

Private Dalton wounded and is a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Private J. Coldwell wounded.

Arthur Hatch on HMS Warspite training – has now passed into Royal Naval Reserve.

October

6 October Letter to the Editor – whitewash the kerbstones in view of the long dark nights and darkened streets.

6 October Ilkley University Extension Society – lecture on 'Contemporary France'.

6 October by T.S. Eliot M.A. (Harvard University, USA) on 'Romanticism'.

Wounded soldiers' outing to Harrogate and district. Due to censorship reasons could not say why journey was via Harewood, Wetherby and Spofforth (presumably Zeppelin raids?).

6 October Last Zeppelin raid – Major and Mrs L.H. Ingham were in London during the last Zeppelin raid. Also witnessed by Mr Harold Graham, The Grove, Ilkley who is a clerk in one of the Government offices in London.

6 October Darkened Paper Blinds – all sizes and prices from Shuttleworth's in Brook Street.

45 Blackpool residents currently staying at Craiglands Hotel.

13 October In some places a disc of luminous paint 4" in diameter is being put on lamp posts and tramway pillars. This phosphorescent light is not sufficient to afford assistance to hostile aircraft, but is a splendid means of preventing people from running their heads against lamp posts. Luminous buttons when worn by pedestrians are held to be of great assistance in preventing collisions. Current practice of painting a white band around lamp posts is a very ineffective means of preventing street accidents.

13 October Scottish nurse from Selkirk charged with alleged thefts at Crescent Hotel.

13 October Ilkley Hospital Workroom and Rummage Sale in aid of the Workroom at St Margaret's Hall.

Flag Day on behalf of brave sailors of our Navy.

Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage – a pound day and annual meeting.

13 October Ilkley School of Embroidery, 11 Alexandra Crescent: all kinds of embroidery taught privately in pupils' homes or at other schools.

13 October Private H. Snowden wounded.

Private Gilbert Fletcher wounded in France – his brother was killed in Dardanelles.

Driver Abbott wounded – in 11th Battalion 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade.

Private Willie Allen Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry injured.

Private G.L. Renton, New Zealand Expedition Force originally from Ilkley, killed in action.

Private R. Spence from Denton slightly wounded.

13 October Ilkley War Savings Association – total amount received is £400 and 511 certificates have been purchased from the Government. Returns are for 11 weeks from the formation of the association to 30 September.

13 October Gunner T.W. Saunders, Heavy Section Motor Machine Gun Corps on leave in Ilkley.

13 October Driver Alfred Moorhouse Royal Field Artillery, 11th Battalion 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade, awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal.

13 October Lloyd George in House of Commons speech said that the country needs all its resources in men as well as material and money if victory worth the name is to come the way of the Allies.

13 October Military Service - a case of financial hardship expected after Lloyd George's speech regarding decisions to be taken by military tribunals, yet the largest number of applicants at Ilkley Tribunal so far in the ward have been refused a further period of exemption. Yet what is financial hardship and sacrifice compared with self sacrifice our fighting men have shown.

13 October Lights at Middleton Sanatorium – residents in Ilkley complained to about chinks of light in blinds – the Sanatorium lights were widely seen. Apparently there are special arrangements with the police for the notification of danger and lights are then extinguished..

13 October 25 out of 30 patients recently discharged from the Sanatorium had had their health restored.

20 October Four Ilkley residents appeared before Otley court for not subduing their lights in their dwelling houses. They were fined from 2/- up to 10/-.

Private A. Milburn in West Riding Regiment.

Private T. Emmott died of wounds.

Lance Corporal W. Waggitt, killed in action.

Private R. Smith – killed in action.

Lieutenant E.C. Lansdale Royal Flying Corps missing (worked in Denmark for Kush and Peake).

Lieutenant A.A. France killed. He had emigrated to France where he was an estate agent and architect.

Ilkley Orphanage Pound Day and AGM.

Awards: Kitchen Work and Bread making; Housework, Sewing and Darning; Good Conduct and Good Temper; Thoroughness and Doing Kind Actions; Kindness to Little Ones; Needlework; Kitchen Work and Knitting.

Ilkley Men Active Service – more Christmas gifts to be sent.

20 October Ilkley District Education Sub Committee:

A change in school hours due to bad weather 8.45am to 11.45am and 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

Bonuses for all teachers: £5 from October until three months after the termination of the War for the Head, supplementary and certified teachers. One member did not approve of teachers of military age getting the bonus, as they were safe from war duties and making money at the expense of those who had gone.

Attendance Returns Timers	Number on register	Average attendance	%
Ben Rhydding Primary (Mixed)	149	131 -	87.91
Ilkley National School (Boys)	167	146	87.42
Ilkley National School (Girls)	172	149	86.42
Ilkley National School (Infants)	222	188	84.68
Ilkley Roman Catholic (Mixed)	89	77 -	86.51

27 October Advert: 'Zag-Zaws just received for coming winter season – Royal Picture Puzzle – Most Fascinating Recreation used by Royalty Society and Great Public. From 1/- to 15/- and the finest Wharfedale selection from Shuttleworth's in Brook Street.

Pure Clean Milk from John Wood at Castle Dairy.

27 October Private T. Woodhead, a Ben Rhydding Man in Royal Army Medical Corps , gives a very interesting account of his journey to Mesopotamia and life there in a letter to a friend.

Ilkley farmer fined 12/- for not having his horse under control.

27 October Huge donation of towels, linen and ticking to Ilkley Auxiliary Military Hospital.

27 October Kings Hall pictures: 'Jack Tar' – a naval story of the most boisterous patriotic type.

27 October Letter to the Editor – milk dealers at a meeting had decided to raise the price of milk to 5d a quart. This greed should be stopped. Neighbouring townships supplied at 3d and 3½d a quart.

Blinded through shell shock: Private C. McCarthy, Dublin Fusiliers. He recovered his sight after three days.

Private Sidney Kellett (2nd West Yorkshire Regiment) helped to nurse the fever of stricken fellow prisoners in a German Prisoner of War camp.

November

3 November Lecture on 'Modern Russian Literature' given to Ilkley Congregational Literary Society.

Corporal J.F. Pell from Matlock, grandson of Mrs Pell of Ilkley, awarded Distinguished Conduct Certificate for repairing guns under fire near Ypres in September 1915. He has now been awarded a Military Medal.

Lieutenant Norman Middlebrook Royal Flying Corps is now a Prisoner of War.

Corporal J. Dunning Suffolk Regiment (brother of an Ilkley man) is missing.

Sergeant C. Bennett (West Yorkshire Regiment) is suffering from trench fever in a Southport hospital. He is married to an Ilkley lady.

3 November Private C.H. Fry (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), a booking clerk in Ilkley, badly wounded and one of his legs amputated.

Two Pontings killed – one in Liverpool Regiment. Both were educated at Ilkley Grammar School. Private Geoff Ponting and Private Harold Ponting (both killed in 1916).

Private E.G. Maufe, Royal West Kent Regiment, killed in action on 6 October.

Ilkley Old Bridge – Ilkley Urban District Council believed it best to frame bye-laws to deal with the danger that existed without actually closing the Bridge to motor traffic.

3 November At a meeting of Ilkley Military Service Tribunal, members had been criticised for granting exemption to men in the employ of the council, simply because they were so employed.

10 November Ilkley Ear Savings – over £650 received for investment with the Government up to the end of October.

Ilkley Library is proving to be like any other public aided library, a poor man's university. Despite the War, the library has increased in its general efficiency and continues to fill its function in supplying the wants of residents in education, recreative and general literature. In common with many libraries in the country, a decrease in issues, locally a slight one, and this is explainable by the number of men on active service or engaged on war work rather than to any diminution in the reading habits of the community. 11,049 books are in stock at the Library.

Some people in the reading room have behaved in an indecent way by cutting out photos from some of the illustrated papers ('Illustrated London News', 'Graphic' and 'Sketch') and these have now been removed from the bottom of the room to a position more under the supervision of Library staff.

10 November Due to the War there is a great scarcity of vegetables, therefore those with a surplus of vegetables in their garden should collect it up to give to families of forces' personnel. Prevention of waste calls for serious consideration.

10 November Christmas gifts for Soldiers and Sailors of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding – addresses still wanted for members of forces families.

17 November Sergeant Leonard Clarke, Dean Street, Ilkley in Durham Regiment – an absentee without leave in 3rd Durham Light Infantry.

Ilkley Grammar School facilities for medical study: Royal College Physicians and Royal College Surgeons have added Ilkley Grammar School to the list of institutions recognised by the conjoint Medical Board for preliminary instruction of medical students in chemistry and physics, therefore for boys desirous of becoming doctors will be saved, in some cases a whole year in their professional training.

Captain Lupton's gallantry Military Cross for commanding and rallying detachment with great gallantry under very heavy fire and being wounded in process.

Gunner Arthur Driver 11th Battery 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade awarded Military Medal.

A record year for Ilkley Book Club – total books purchased and paid for 429: 83% novels. Issues for year total 6,263 volumes an increase of 1,198 on the previous year. 91% of issue was fiction.

17 November How Corporal L.S. Parks died.

Poetry: 'Boy O' Mine' and 'Overcoming'.

Last Dates for Christmas Post:

B.E.F. France	Letters: 16 December; Parcels:	11 December.
Egypt Expedition	Letters: 2 December; Parcels:	25 November.
Salonika	Letters: 2 December; Parcels:	25 November.

24 November Flag Day in connection with Lord Kitchener Memorial Fund.

Private J. Clarkson again wounded; also Private L. Lacey wounded.

Corporal W. Dawson wounded in leg.

Private E. Harrington (Ilkley) Middlesex Regiment killed.

1 December Coronation Cottage Hospital appeal to raise extra £300 – even annual subscriptions would not cover this amount.

Norman Frazer Headteacher of Ilkley Grammar School fined 14/- and 6/- costs for not obscuring his lights at Ilkley on 16 November and 19 November.

Major J. Muller MC (formerly of Ben Rhydding) promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Henry Fulford (golf professional) promoted to Pay Sergeant and Company Quarter Master Sgt.

1 December Lieutenant L.R. Armitage died from wounds – he formerly worked at Barclays.

Private C.N. Dalton now a Prisoner of War in German hands.

Ilkley Congregational Literary Society lecture 'Yorkshire Potholes'.

'Hard Lines of Communication' – a poem written in the trenches. Signaller C. Smith rhyming in trenches.

December

1 December Private Alf Lambert loses a foot in the big push (East Yorkshire Regiment). He worked at Ilkley Brewery.

8 December Ilkley Urban District Council purchase of Parish Ghyll Wood is off.

8 December Ilkley Picture House: 'Adventures of Pig O' the Ring'.

Another trench rhyming from Signaller Smith.

Mr Robert Metcalfe died aged 99 (04/05/1817 to 04/12/1916).

He was one of sixteen children and his wife bore him thirteen children. He mowed two acres of grass a day for 7d and he knew many of the Waterloo veterans.

Lieutenant E.C. Lansdale died.

Church Mission Society sale of work at Ilkley Parish Church.

15 December Grand Christmas Concert in Kings Hall in aid of Belgian Soldiers' Christmas Fund.

Poem – 'Reminiscence'.

Private W.L. Bradfield killed.

West Riding Volunteers 20th Battalion 'A' Company orders.

From Petrograd to Bucharest – an article by Mr G. Muwes Daily Mirror office staff photographer with Russian and Roumanian armies. A 1,100 mile motor journey through the East War zone. He is married to an Ilkley girl. He received the Order of St George from General Brusilov for aiding the wounded under heavy fire.

15 December For stealing a purse containing 13/- 6d a Ben Rhydding boy aged 15 was fined 20/- with the fine money to be paid out of his wages.

Ilkley Vocal Society- Mendelssohn's 'Hymn of Praise'.

22 December Kings Hall cinematograph review Britain prepared: 'Naval and Military Forces' and 'Great European War'.

Some rest for Ilkley lads from West Riding Regiment behind the lines, but on 25 December they are back to trenches for over Christmas and the New Year.

22 December Belgian concert in Kings Hall to provide Christmas gifts for Belgian soldiers.

22 December Private V.M. Owston (Australian Forces) formerly in employ in Ilkley – killed in action.

Private W.G. Vint (West Riding Regiment) killed in action on 8 December. He was at Ghyll Royd School, then Shrewsbury School followed by Merton College, University of Oxford.

Sergeant H.E. Leyland (West Riding Regiment) formerly Ilkley teacher – suffering from appendicitis.

22 December – Garden allotments – formation of association at Ilkley.

Poetry: 'Consolation', 'Unity' and 'My Day is Done'.

29 December Poem: 'The Diners'.

Able Seaman Featherstone Royal Navy killed in action on 13 November.

Ilkley Military Hospital wounded soldiers Christmas treat – they went to Denton Hall, home of Albert Illingworth, Postmaster General in Lloyd George's Government, and spent all Christmas Day at the Hall where the King's Message was read to them:

'At this Christmastide, the Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear sufferings, speedy restoration to health and a peaceful Christmas, and many happier years to come'

George R.I.

'Peace' poem.

29 December Local Howitzers and boils and other eruptive ailments due to the water – not necessarily wounded. No distinction in hospital between a sick man and a wounded man. Some fell sick on furlough and granted extension of leave until they were better.

Surely the men of Howitzers and 9th Dukes who have been at the Front for well on two years would now be entitled to change places with some of those who have been training at home for this period and even longer.

29 December Albert Illingworth, Postmaster General and his wife who live at Denton Hall have provided a treat each Christmas for Ilkley's wounded soldiers: a feast, Whist Drive and Legion of Honour entertainment.

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January

5 January Captain T.E. Armistead awarded Military Cross.

'Scales of Justice' being shown at Ilkley Picture House.

Mrs Barker died 1 January 1917 aged 83. She spent 81 years in Ilkley and only lived in two houses. She was born in Old Castle Yard and lived in Weston Road after her marriage..

5 January Coronation Hospital – return for quarter ended 31 December 1916. Admitted males 17, females 30; total 47. Discharged: cured 39; relieved 3; died 1. Remaining in hospital: 4. Total: 47. Signed John E. Crowther Honorary Secretary.

5 January Poetry: 'Old Year and New' and 'New Year'.

12 January Advert: 'National Motor Volunteers Wharfedale Squadron – no Wharfedale Motor Car or Motor Lorry should be without this badge'.

12 January Letter from Private C.N. Dalton –whilst a Prisoner of War near Nurnberg, doing a bit of threshing for 3d per day and lives' with a farmer's family who all eat out of one pot.'

Lieutenant R. Thorpe Royal Field Artillery awarded Military Cross – an Edinburgh qualified doctor, earlier educated at Ilkley Grammar School and Bradford Grammar School.

12 January Ilkley Military Service Tribunal - doctor obtains exemption for his chauffeur; and another doing voluntary work at two Military Hospitals.

New Year gathering for wounded soldiers from Ilkley Auxiliary Military Hospital in Congregational Lecture Hall.

'Our Boys' Christmas parcels – letters of thanks and appreciation.

Wounded soldiers Billiards Competition.

Private Gilbert Flesher wounded.

19 January Marquis of Hartington engaged to Lady Mary Cecil.

19 January Ilkley Schools Summer Holidays 26 July to 20 August 1917.

26 January Captain L.E.L. Rabagliati Royal Flying Corps to be Brevet Major Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was awarded the Military Cross in September 1915 for aerial reconnaissance over Douai and Valenciennes under heavy fire and in thick cloud.

26 January Death of Mr S.P. Myers aged 86 – he died of an heart attack in his Bradford office. He was a senior magistrate in Bradford and owned a stuff manufacturing mill in Bradford. At 9am every Friday morning he saw off from Ilkley station a train load of batches of Ilkley soldiers (recovered from wounds) returning to the Front. Mr Myers was a staunch Liberal and a member of the Wesleyan Church.

Poetry: 'Childer' and 'Reveille'.

Ilkley Congregational Literature Society lecture: 'Here and There in Yorkshire'.

Wharfedale complains of shortage of labour on farms.

February

2 February Advert: '20th Battalion 'A' Company (Ilkley) – Wanted 20 youths between 16 and 18 to join this company to be trained as Signallers. Apply at the Drill Hall 8-9pm any Monday Wednesday or Thursday'.

Lieutenant Colonel P.R. Simner, West Yorkshire Regiment and West Riding Regiment – captain of Ilkley 'Pals' of West Riding Regiment – Distinguished Service Order.

West Riding Regiment soldier writes home to say he 'had seen trussed frogs for sale.'

From mud to frost to snow in Somme: a common theme in letters from the Front at this time.

Major Aykroyd relinquished the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on alteration in posting in Royal Field Artillery. After the formation of a Territorial Force, he got the command of Howitzer Battery, Royal Field Artillery Ilkley.

Poem: 'Memory'.

2 February An Ilkley man serving in France saw a frog dressed, cooked, and made ready for the table. 'I saw a girl eat one of the legs but did she enjoy it?'

9 February Picture House: 'The Marriage of Kitty' and 'Bullets and Brown Eyes'.

Private H. Crawley died of wounds and shell shock.

Lieutenant L. Calvert (Royal Engineers) grandson of Mr Johnson, Brook Street Ilkley – killed in action.

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Municipal pig keeping – Ilkley Council's experiment to increase the food supply. It made a start with 17 pigs and these increased as more and more food collected.

9 February Waterproof brown paper for sending parcels abroad can be bought at Shuttleworth's Stationery Repository.

9 February Mr F.S. Eckersley and barrister at law (and clerk to Ilkley Urban District Council) recently had the offer of a legal appointment in one of the Colonies. The post was worth £1,000 per year but Eckersley declined the offer and will remain in his present position so long as the war lasts. The Council are very relieved not to have to advertise his position.

Ilkley's potato bill – Editorial says that the population of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding is 8,000. How much the potato bill of this 8,000 amounts to – not many? Suppose we reckon that each one of 8,000 (taking men, women and children) eat on average 3lbs potatoes a week. Not an excessive amount and may even be a ration allowance unless one wakes up. In Ilkley and Ben Rhydding, not less than 550 tons of potatoes are consumed each year. How much are produced locally? Not more than 100 tons, therefore you are dependent on someone else supplying you, and they have to produce 450 tons. This means that other people have to plough, plant and gather for you. Perhaps grow some crop yourself even though you may have never done so before!

'Cinderella' pantomime at Kings Hall.

16 February Old Ilkley tradesman Mr George Clarkson dies aged 76 – a painter and decorator of long standing.

Lieutenant E.H. Shaw killed in action (Cheshire).

2nd Lieutenant J.N. Longfield again wounded.

Lieutenant Corporal A. Clemons dies of wounds 16 February 1917.

Corporal Harold Ingle, King's Royal Rifles, has written a letter dated Salonika Forces 13 January 1917 to Mr Eckersley giving thanks for Christmas parcels.

16 February Church of England Men's Society in St Margaret's Church – talk on Unity Effort and Personal Touch in the War.

16 February Poetry: 'At School' and 'The Tarn'.

Gardening notes: to increase our potato crop, we must treat Mother Earth in a decent sort of way.

23 February N.L. Frazer – 'Values of Essays in School Examinations'; also read a paper on 'Examinations in English' before members of the English Associations (Yorkshire Branch).

23 February Ilkley Congregational Literary Society lecture: 'The Homes and Haunts of Wordsworth'.

Ilkley Development Association – raised issues of concern over the curtailment of North East train service, particularly the 9am business train out of Ilkley. The Ilkley Development Association also made a plea for the retention of a seasonal band in Ilkley – every health resort of any note had a band.

23 February Wounded soldiers entertained at child's tea party.

Poetry: 'Acrostic', 'Ilkley Moor' and 'Beauty'.

March

2 March Private J.C. Bowker killed.

Private F.W. Schultz (East Yorkshire Regiment) wounded.

Private H. Lister of Nesfield killed in action.

Corporal Redshaw of Low Austby Farm, Nesfield tells of fighting the Turks.

2 March Food production – over 100 men have turned their hand to the cultivation of soil by taking up allotments – so says Ilkley Urban District Council.

Theosophical Society – lecture by Miss Pattinson of Bradford on 'The Land of Dream and the Power of Prayer Before Sleep'.

2 March Ilkley Parish Church Men's Service - address by Reverend Dr Muntz on a broken Treaty by Germany in 1914 and a regenerated England.

9 March Advert: 'To obtain absolute exemption from indigestion and its kindred ailments during the War take Beecham's Pills'.

9 March Officials not to enrol for national service.

Ilkley lady Mrs Graham killed in a shocking road accident near Adel Church and her husband seriously injured when car skidded.

9 March Lance Corporal G.A. Lupton killed in action; also Lieutenant J.W. Snowden killed in action.

Poetry: Work.

Advert: 'Health Exercise for Boys and Girls – skipping Ropes, wood & iron hoops, battledores and shuttlecocks, whip tops, marbles and golf clubs'.

16 March Corporal S. Harris, nephew of Nesfield man, is in Brighton ill and with a shrapnel wound.

Private Ernest Featherstone dies of natural causes in Salonika.

Lieutenant J.H. Ideson accidentally killed flying in England.

2nd Lieutenant Eric Senior-Smith missing in action.

16 March An aviator passing over Ilkley on 9 March was obliged to descend above Middleton village as parts of his engine had become frozen owing to the extreme cold. The wings of the plane became detached and were taken away on Tuesday by road traction. The plane was an object of great interest to the many who had never seen one at such close quarters before.

16 March Nephew of Mr A Thistlethwaite of Ben Rhydding with Mediterranean Expedition Force gives a written description of his journey up the River Tigris in Mesopotamia.

Wounded soldiers at Ilkley Military Hospital entertained in the Wesleyan Assembly Hall - taken by Mr and Mrs F. Sugden and afterwards provided with entertainment at the hospital.

Poetry: 'Promised Land'.

23 March Pictures at Kings Hall: 'Battle of Ancre' and 'Advance of the Tanks'.

Corporal Herbert Hardisty – Military Medal. Brother of Private R. Hardisty West Riding Regiment and Private L. Hardisty West Riding Regiment.

Gunner Lister of the Royal Field Artillery wounded in the hand by splinters.

Private A. Moss West Yorkshire Regiment killed – formerly an Ilkley resident.

Private H.H. Chapman in Mesopotamia – thanks for Christmas present.

Poetry: 'A Music Lesson' and 'Patience'.

30 March Bishop of Knaresborough at Ilkley Parish Church confirmation.

Bishop of Leeds, as part of a triennial visitation, called at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ilkley.

Ilkley Parish Church Men's Service – address by the Vicar of Shipley on 'Brotherhood'.

April

6 April Poem: 'A Blackbird's Song in Snow'.

Ilkley electrician's downfall – sold over £100 of cable belonging to the Council. Promising career ruined. In the Navy and Royal Field Artillery earlier in the War. Instead of the maximum six months in jail, he got just two months.

Children's Holiday Home in Ilkley – letters of thanks from parents. They expressed thanks for the good these children had obtained. They had put on a better weight with a credible attempt at character building. Their stay in the home proved a background of their lives.

2nd Lieutenant Senior-Smith – a Prisoner of War in German hospital.

Sergeant F. Robinson – leg amputated in France.

Sergeant J. Ellwood – sick after wounding.

Gunner Harry Hartley badly burnt.

Lieutenant E.B. Hastings wounded.

13 April Lieutenant N. Denison Royal Flying Corps reported missing.

Young Ilkley man accidentally suffocated in a fit.

13 April April 1917 – 'Arctic' style weather.

Letter on 'True Patriotism' to the Editor of Ilkley Gazette:

'True patriotism is the sum and expression of the noblest instincts that the human being is capable of. It includes love of home, of parent, wife and child, but even if they are gone – all – all gone – it still remains and cannot die. True patriotism will carry us through the saddest and darkest that can come'.

20 April Dr Barnado's Homes - a Flag Day. Over 8,000 Barnado's boys joined the Army, Navy and Mercantile Marine.

Barnado's Homes are the salvation of thousands of little ones.

20 April Private Nathan Graneson reported missing 1 July 1916 – now killed on that date.

Private G. Duell Northumbrian Regiment officially reported killed.

Private Willoughby West Yorkshire Regiment wounded in the leg.

Sergeant J.E. Ingham Australian Imperial Force wounded a third time.

Gunner N. Glover Royal Field Artillery wounded and burnt. He later died.

Captain E. Millson killed aged 25 in Royal Fusiliers.

Private C. Hedley, gardener to Mr Ellis, 'Linburn', Ilkley – received bullet in knee but okay.

2nd Lieutenant H.E. Sharp (King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry), educated at Ghyll Royd and Uppingham – severe gunshot wound and in hospital.

Sergeant F. Robinson Royal Army Medical Corps – amputation of left leg.

20 April Ilkley Guild of Play in Wesleyan Sunday School – undenominational in character, as has its object as the amusement of children on the lines best calculated to develop intelligence, conduct and manners, and to improve physique to say nothing of mothers doing household duties against the incessant wants of little children.

20 April Letter to Editor from Private F. Twigg, Army Service Corps – a motor transport driver somewhere in Macedonia.

27 April Ilkley Women's Suffrage Society AGM – visit of Mrs Henry Fawcett LLD, well known in suffragette circles.

27 April 'Wanted – a strong girl or a soldier's wife for a few hours daily' – Mrs G. Smith, Kings Road, Ilkley.

Ilkley Special Constable saves child's life from drowning. Edward Howitt fell into the river on 20 April at the corner above the old Ilkley Bridge on the Middleton side. The child was dragged from the river in an unconscious state and artificial movements caused the child to regain consciousness.

Belgian Artistes Concert in aid of Belgian Children's' Health Fund.

27 April Sub Lieutenant A.M. Coleman (Royal Navy) mentioned in dispatches.

Lieutenant W. Barber (Seaforth Highlanders) of Ben Rhydding promoted to Captain – also mentioned in dispatches.

Nephew of Postmaster General Captain H.G.H. Illingworth, Prisoner of War in Germany, has lost right eye, otherwise is wounded and doing well.

Lieutenant Corporal E. Clarkson – British East Africa (in cold and bush) – letter to F.F. Eckersley, Honorary Secretary of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding Soldiers' Gift Committee.

27 April Gunner N. Glover burnt to death by German shell setting fire to charges in trench.

Private A. Moisley killed in action.

Gunner J.H. Bryant – death from wounds.

Lieutenant A.G. Titley (West Yorkshire Regiment) killed in action.

Private Silverwood (Durham Light Infantry) – four bullet wounds in the left arm.

Former Ilkley Grammar School master Lieutenant H. Coward killed in action.

Lieutenant Corporal J.H. King from Ben Rhydding (King's Liverpool Regiment) killed in action.

May

4 May Lieutenant W.S. Broadbent (Casterton) brother of Mrs Hedley Crabtree, Fairmount, Queens Drive Ilkley, killed in action.

Driver Topham (Royal Engineers) wounded.

Corporal T. Cunnington wounded.

Major A. Dawson, younger son of Reverend Joseph Dawson (Wesleyan Circuit), in hospital wounded.

Corporal J. Chadwick, a former Ilkley man, with Heavy Branch Machine Gun Corps (Tanks) killed in action.

Gunner J.H Bryant (Royal Field Artillery) – a report on how he met his death.

4 May Controversy in two letters to the Ilkley Gazette over the feeding of dogs in wartime. For economy in food to which everyone is now subjected brings to the front the feeding of animals and the reduction of food wastage could be effected by the destruction of ill-bred animals and redundancy where two or more dogs are kept in one household. A quadruple tax for one dog and double the amount for each further dog kept suggested. Letter against says dogs are man's great friends – no matter how low the ration he would receive, you get the same tail wag of thanks and affection and comradeship.

11 May Former Ilkley man's spine injured in Canada while trying to stop a runaway horse – Norman Houldsworth.

Private Thomas Allerton of Ben Rhydding killed in action.

Lieutenant T.E. Armistead (West Yorkshire Regiment) missing.

Captain John McLellan (West Yorkshire Regiment) Military Medal – wounded.

Lieutenant Corporal E.G. Graham, an Ilkley cab driver, dies of wounds.

11 May Voluntary Food Rationing Scheme of Ilkley Urban District Council – a scheme for systematic rationing of the inhabitants of the district. Sooner or later, compulsory rationing will come about and a hint has been given that those districts where it can be shown that an efficient system of voluntary rationing is in operation will be excluded from the compulsory system. They are endeavouring to evolve a scheme of voluntary rationing for the Ilkley district.

Ilkley Urban District Council Food Economy Committee have prepared a declaration to be signed by ratepayers desirous of helping their country by voluntary rationing in respect of bread (3½lbs) and meat (2lbs) and sugar (½lb a week).

11 May Wharfedale Chamber of Agriculture regarding increase in food production – might have to plough up golf links and land used entirely for pleasure.

11 May Ilkley Urban District Council workmen in the highways and sanitary departments demand an increase in wages of 1d per hour and as only 2s war bonus per week was granted, they have gone out on strike. The war bonus was increased from 4s to 6s a week, equivalent approximately to ½d per hour. What wages are they getting now? Minimum wage 23s 9d a week to which is added a bonus of 6s a week. Average amount paid to men in these two departments is £1 11s 4d per week including bonus.

Highways Department men in Ilkley get from £1 10s 9d to £1 13s 10d a week; Bradford £1 16s 11d; Leeds £1 12s 10d and Skipton £1- 5s to £1- 9s.

a) Rate of wages is same as at present – time and a quarter allowed for overtime for all work done outside working hours.

b) War bonus 1s per day for each of working six days. Full war bonus paid to those who work a full week. Men get a concession of time and a quarter for overtime instead of being paid ordinary rate wages as at present.

11 May Advert: 'Voluntary rationing much more preferable than compulsory rationing'.

11 May Motor mechanic T. Saunders missing.

Brevet Major C.E.C. Rabagliati promoted to Wing Commander and Temporary Lieutenant Colonel.

11 May Ilkley Military Service Tribunal : Man lands himself in an Unfortunate Position. Bakery proprietor applied for exemption for his baker. In his application the baker said that he was not himself a practical baker and in fact took little part in the business. The clerk pointed out that the employer had himself obtained a certificate of exemption on the grounds that he was employed in the certain occupation of baker. Now he has stated that he is not a baker and was in fact applying for exemption for another man who was doing the work in respect of which he had obtained exemption. It was decided to adjourn until the man had been before a Medical Board and obtained medical classification.

18 May Trackless cars are not running to Ilkley yet, but have reached Burley in Wharfedale.

18 May Lieutenant N. Denison – a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Lieutenant H.M. Dalton organist and choirmaster at St Margaret's Church killed in action. He worked is Dresden at the UK Episcopal Church before the War then at the beginning of 1916 joined the Yorkshire Regiment and then commissioned in East Yorkshire Regiment.

Private R. Cundall wounded (North Staffs Regiment).

Private F. Wray (Cameronians) wounded.

Driver W. Topham (Royal Engineers) dead.

2nd Lieutenant B. Tempest (Manchester Regiment) death from wounds he received in action on 25 April.

Driver W. Cook (Royal Field Artillery) formerly of Ben Rhydding killed.

Pioneer S. Hartley wounded.

Private Nelson of Beamsley wounded.

Private E.M. Ingle – letter from Baghdad.

18 May Private Thistlethwaite wounded a third time. He is from Ben Rhydding and serving in London Scottish Regiment. He met up with another Ilkley man, Private G.W. Elliott (Royal Army Medical Corps), in the cookhouse.

18 May Whitsuntide walk's 32¼ miles Bradford-Ilkley-Bradford. Held for 65 years (since 1852) and over seventy thousand pounds raised for charitable purposes.

25 May Ilkley woman aged 60 suffering from nervous depression tries to kill herself with poison by drinking a quantity of ammonia.

Corporal Beanlands killed in action 28 April – he joined the West Riding Regiment and then moved to Northumbrian Fusiliers.

Private J. Holden (West Yorkshire Regiment) missing since 3 May.

Sergeant Ellwood – awarded French Military Medal.

Captain J.V. Dawson (Hussars) – leg amputated below the knee.

Private C. Robinson (West Riding Regiment) missing.

Private F. Barwick West Yorkshire Regiment (Leeds Rifles) wounded.

Sapper Hudson (Royal Engineers) wounded.

Private R. Broadhead (Leeds 'Pals'), formerly worked Ilkley Library, wounded in action.

Private J.I. Green – a Prisoner of War.

2nd Lieutenant A.D. Gledhill Royal Flying Corps - one of the survivors of HMS Arcadian which was torpedoed and sunk in the East Mediterranean on 15 April 1917.

25 May Gardening notes promoting value of vegetable marrow.

More wounded than ever in Ilkley and a second hospital opened at Ilkley Wesleyan Assembly Hall (Ilkley No. 2). 50 beds and Congregational Lecture Hall 50 beds. 64 wounded including 12 stretcher cases arrived.

25 May Food economy – open-air meeting in Brook Street. Communal kitchen for Ilkley.

Advert: 'An army of officials to enforce compulsory rationing is being organised with expedition and thoroughness, and the machinery of this organisation will be put in motion if the necessity arises. It rests entirely with the public as to whether that army of officials will be called into active service. Think of the difficulties of fair and equal distribution among such classes of workers as a) agricultural labourers; b) manual workers such as engineers, dockers, railwaymen and labourers and c) sedentary workers such as clerks.

June

1 June Private B. Mortimer of Devon Labour Company – is assisting the armies' advance by road repairing in France. An interesting letter from him.

Whitsuntide glorious weather and visitors in abundance. Many had to walk home to Leeds and Bradford at the end due to a shortage of transport. The weary searched for rooms – some spent the night in the open on the Moors.

1 June Ilkley woman committed suicide by poisoning herself with ammonia.

1 June Mentioned in Dispatches: Sergeant W. Keighley.

Driver W. Topham – how he died.

Motor Mechanic T.W. Saunders who was a Prisoner of War at the hands of the Turks – how he died.

Gardening notes – slugs: natural enemies and prevention.

Wharfedale and corn production – due to the War 300 additional acres being ploughed.

8 June Donation Day for Wool for Sailors' and Soldiers 'socks etc – will be held in the Wool Room.

Mr Julian Clifford who conducted the London Symphony Orchestra in London gave a Piano Recital at Kings Hall on Saturday 5 June 1917.

Mr Forbes Ashurst, well-known authority on Ruskin, is to give a recital of selections from Ruskin's works in Grove School, on Tuesday at 8pm.

Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – many pleas of medical unfitness.

Explosion in a gun pit – Ilkley man Gunner G. Bucknall among those killed.

Temporary Lieutenant Colonel C.F. Potter promoted to Brevet Lieutenant Colonel.

Captain Amos Clarkson Trench Mortar Battery awarded Military Cross.

Former Ilkley postman, Private J.C. Holden, is now a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Private H. Clarkson, Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment killed by shell concussion.

8 June 'What Nature Hides'. An Ilkley soldier who is at present on a particular sector on the Western Front which for some time has not been subject to the attentions of the German artillery but where battle and bombardment raged has now in large measure mercifully hid beneath a thick carpet of greensward, flowers and quick-growing shrubs. Even shell holes have been robbed of suggestiveness of carnage and slaughter by a covering of grass and herbage generally and stumps of trees in many instances broken and torn by shell fire have come to life again and set forth new leaves and branches. Walls of ruined houses, churches and other buildings alone remain to tell the sad story of what tragedy has been enacted here.

Food control – save bread. Every slice consumed beyond what is actually required is wasted. Don't Waste Any.

15 June Belgian Store Room – Ilkley people thanked for many gifts.

Ardenlea Railwaymen's Convalescent Home presented with a set of bowls.

Driver G. Dickinson, a well-known Ilkley tradesman, wounded.

Private F. Heap, a former Ilkley resident and with the Australian Imperial Force, in hospital in England wounded.

Lieutenant G.E. Rhodes mentioned in Douglas Haig's dispatches now promoted to Captain in the Royal Engineers.

Captain Cecil Stansfield died from illness contracted on military service at the Front. He was aged 23 and was educated at Ghyll Road and Exeter College, Oxford.

Private C. Robinson is a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Corporal Dixon killed in action. He was an architect by profession.

15 June Ilkley communal kitchen. All over the country communal kitchens are being opened – a wartime production to save food and fuel, and also to effect some saving in cost and labour.

Local ladies have set up the Ilkley one at the Church Institute on Leeds Road. On opening day, 141 portions of food were sold. On 13 June, a typical menu was split pea soup (1d); Irish Stew (3d); lemon and sago mould (1d and 2d); raspberry mould (1d and 2d) and rice pudding (1d and 2d). On 14 June, cabbage soup (1d); brisket of beef (3d); rice and onions (4d); shepherd's pie (3d); date pudding and custard (1d and 2d) and rice pudding (1d and 2d). The menu for 15 June: French soup (1d); minced beef and rice (3d); rhubarb mould (1d and 2d); and milk pudding (1d and 2d).

15 June Kings Hall, Ilkley 'Flames of Vengeance', a fine three reel drama.

22 June Ilkley strike – council workmen want better pay and the work in the highways and sanitary departments is at a standstill. Nearly all the men employed in the highways, sanitary and parks departments of Ilkley Urban District Council went out on strike on 16 June and stokers at the Gas Works handed in a week's notice expiring today. The men are strongly

determined to gain the purpose if at all possible and with no gas available they will have a very powerful weapon indeed to assist them.

2nd Lieutenant W.G. Kemp awarded the Military Cross.

22 June Advert: 'Voluntary Workers needed to assist the Council to maintain the town's Gas Supply during the present labour dispute. Stokers at the Gas Works are joining the strikers not because of any complaint they have made, but merely 'out of sympathy' with the men who are now on strike and the gas supply will have to be cut off on 24 June unless the Council receive voluntary offers of labour to enable them 'to carry on'. All consumers are urgently requested to reduce their consumption of gas as much as possible during this emergency. The gas supply will be turned off between 7pm and 7am'.

29 June Donation Day in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' Rest Room.

29 June Ilkley strike progress and settlement – it lasted only a little over a week. The strikers will be granted 6d a day in addition to the bonus of 2s a week. The Council believe it was unfortunate that the men resorted to threaten to 'strike again' unless the gas stokers pay is increased too. The sub-committee do not wish to believe that their recommendation made a result of a threat therefore there could be hesitation in agreeing an increase.

Captain Gerald Tetley – leg amputated below knee.

Tank Driver T.W. Saunders – wounded when taken prisoner by the Turks, and the Turks dropped a note over the Allied lines to this effect.

July

6 July Gaunt-Brodie. On 6th July at the Congregational Church Ilkley, Edward L. Gaunt (a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps), son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Gaunt, Briar Garth, Ilkley, married Gertrude I. Brodie, the only daughter of the late W.L. Brodie and Mrs Brodie, Meadow Bank, Ilkley.

6 July Private C.E. Layfield, Denton killed in action.

Private D. Smith (West Yorkshire Regiment) died of wounds on the same day he was wounded.

6 July Ilkley Military Service Tribunal: applications of men discharged, rejected and previously unfit. Sufferers from chronic asthma and other ailments.

13 July Representation of the People Act – Redistribution of Seats.

Otley division – Rural District of Wharfedale, the Municipal Borough of Pudsey and Urban Districts of Burley in West Calverley, Farsley, Horsforth, Ilkley, Otley and Rawdon.

Ilkley Picture House: film version of Arthur Pinero's well-known play 'The Second Mrs Tanqueray'.

Municipal Orchestra Band Season in full swing and a large number of visitors and residents gathering in the bandstand and listening to music.

13 July Charles Wray died, Conservative Agent Otley Division.

James Spencer former coal merchant died.

13 July Major K.M. Potter killed – told on day of his death that he had won Distinguished Service Order.

Lieutenant Corporal Harold Stott wounded.

2nd Lieutenant A.R. Dean DCM killed in action.

Ilkley Communal Kitchen open for inspection by any interested parties 11am to 1pm on Wednesday and yesterday.

Fine performance of military comedy 'The Second in Command' at Kings Hall.

13 July Band's bizarre behaviour – strange to see the orchestra members after rendering one or two selections calmly and without any evidence of blush lay aside different instruments and go for a stroll around. Surely they can't have a 'tired feeling' so soon.

20 July Sergeant Priestley on Hill 60 near Ypres awarded Military Medal.

Corporal E.W. Knowles died of wounds at a casualty clearing station at Ilkley Grammar School.

20 July Council considered a possible formation of a ratepayers' association.

Midshipman Chris Arthur Gresham Cooke accidentally killed in an explosion on the 'Vanguard' battleship. He was the grandson of Mrs Cook, Summerfield, Ilkley.

2nd Lieutenant W.S. Smeeth (Royal Irish Rifles) died of injuries accidentally received.. He was educated at Ilkley Grammar School and Loretto. His parents lived at 'The Sycamores', Ben Rhydding.

2nd Lieutenant L.C. Blencowe (King's Liverpool Regiment) believed killed.

Lieutenant Corporal H. Stones, Eaton Road, Ilkley (Duke of Wellington Regiment) died in hospital.

20 July Please would residents and holidaymakers refrain from dropping lighted matches on the Moor! (letter to Ilkley Gazette editor).

Ilkley Brotherhood Address by Sir Hastings Duncan on 'The Length of Life'.

27 July Private A. Sykes gassed.

Private H.A. Stones killed.

Ilkley Motor Transport Driver Sergeant A. Dickinson wounded.

Funeral of 2nd Lieutenant W.S. Smeeth at Bolton Abbey Church.

'Vimy Ridge' poem and 'The Fish's Heaven' poem.

2nd Lieutenant T.H.B. Maufe awarded Victoria Cross. He faced death in a blazing shell dump. He was in Royal Field Artillery, and under intense artillery fire this officer on his own initiative repaired unaided the telephone line between forward and rear positions, thereby enabling his battery to immediately open fire on the enemy. He saved what might have been a most disastrous occurrence by extinguishing a fire in an advanced ammunition dump, caused by a heavy explosion; regardless of risk, he ran from the effects of the gas shells which he knew were in the dump. By his great promptitude, resource and entire disregard of own safety, he set an exceptionally fine example to all ranks. 2nd Lieutenant T.H.B. Maufe was educated at Ghyll Royd and Uppingham and was a non commissioned officer in the battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery. The younger son of F.B. Maufe, Warlbeck, Ilkley, he is aged only 19.

August

3 August Canadian soldier fatal sleepiness at Ilkley found dead in Hebers Ghyll. Driver John George Waggott was on his way to his father's farm on Addingham Moorside.

3 August Poem – 'Jacob'.

Ilkley Grammar School Speech Day in Kings Hall. Mr E. Fletcher E.C. (Chairman of the Governors) presided over the prize-giving ceremony and he was supported by Alderman J.P. Hinchliffe (chairman West Riding County Council) who distributed the prizes.

3 August Local Moorlands Rights of Way. Interesting summary of investigations. A report to the Rural Council has called for the removal of several wire fences and trespass boards which now obstruct a number of paths and also if possible fix a few direction posts.

Private V. Woodhouse, Northumberland Fusiliers wounded in the thigh by shrapnel.

One of the wounded soldiers at Ilkley No. 2 Military Hospital is Private B.A. Warrell of the Warwickshire Regiment. In May 1915 on a bombing raid from the trenches, he was taken as a Prisoner of War for 42 days. One night, four Prisoners of War were sent to German trenches to build a barricade and decided to escape. Warrell hit the sentry with a shovel and the four men darted off; however, three were killed and Warrell only got away by swimming a canal. He was wounded whilst climbing a bank but then he was safe in Allied hands.

3 August Ilkley Urban District Council and grant to volunteers. Kings Hall Management and Board.

Each week in the Gazette, a dozen pleasant walks are written by 'J.N.S' of the Ilkley Footpaths Preservation Society.

10 August Editorial: Lieutenant T.H.B. Maufe VC will be on leave soon and welcome news that a subscription list is to be opened for funds to support the public welcome which the Council has agreed to offer. Pay subscriptions to the Chairman or Clerk to the Council, and London City Midland Bank.

Desirability of a Ratepayer's Defence Association.

With no cheap excursions still in operation to the seaside and other distant places, pleasure resorts like Ilkley adjacent to large towns and manufacturing centres were besieged by visitors for the weekend and Ilkley has certainly had a large number for this period.

10 August Another large audience for the Municipal Orchestra concert at Kings Hall.

Former Ilkley Vicar A.C. Downer DD (now Rector of Selham, near Petworth). In a letter to the Gazette he said "I have just seen off to France my youngest son born in Ilkley, a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marines and hearty congratulations to Ilkley on its Victoria Cross".

10 August Private L. Clarke, Dean Street, Ilkley killed in action on 31 July. He was in the Durham Light Infantry and was shot through the head returning from a 'No Man's Land' patrol.

Reverend W.D. Geare killed in action on 31 July, Chaplain to the Forces and Assistant Curate at St Margaret's Church Ilkley.

Temporary Captain A.W. L'Estrange Fawcett awarded the Military Cross. Son of Canon Fawcett who was in charge of the Ilkley Parish for some months pending the appointment of a new Vicar and succeeding Reverend Higson as Vicar of Stowmarket upon Mr Higson coming to Ilkley.

10 August Colonel J.H. Hastings awarded Distinguished Service Order. He resides at Middleton, Ilkley.

2nd Lieutenant W.H. Porritt, West Yorkshire Regiment, suffered gas poisoning. He has been on active service since June 1916 and was wounded on The Somme.

Sergeant T. Walker aged 27, a former chauffeur in Ilkley, is now a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Details of how 'The Ilkley Hero' (T.H.B. Maufe) won his medal, the Victoria Cross

10 August Desirability of the formation of a Ratepayer's Defence Organisation – a public meeting in Ilkley to discuss this.

10 August Ilkley Food Control Committee already at work. The Food Controller's Scheme for the more systematic control of some of the foodstuffs of the country was considered.

Ernest Edmund Fido, Smallbank Farm, Addingham was arrested on a Surrey farm and charged with failing to report for military service. The defendant was fined £10 and handed over to the military authorities. Fido was under the impression that he was just over the military age, so therefore did not report for service.

10 August Third Anniversary of the Declaration of War. Meeting at the top of Brook Street. Residents and visitors alike witnessed the following resolution being submitted and unanimously carried:

'That on this, the third anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war this meeting of the citizens of Ilkley records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the

struggle in the maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies’.

17 August Ilkley and visitors – increase in popularity, increase in visitors. Despite weather conditions, crowds have enjoyed themselves away from the ‘persistent grind of daily round and common task’. Rain in abundance has brought to our notice the need for a large shelter or place of recreation. Regret that a large light iron structure available for all and sundry was not erected in West View Park or elsewhere in place of the present Winter Garden or Kings Hall Annexe which apart from lavatory accommodation is money wasted!

17 August Gunner Roland Sheard Royal Field Artillery killed instantly by a shell hit.

2nd Lieutenant Walter Kemp, West Yorkshire Regiment, awarded Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in bringing back the wounded at the conclusion of a raid on enemy lines.

Captain Ed Patey of Ben Rhydding (a master at Clevedon House School) killed in action 31 July.

Private G. Peacock, West Yorkshire Regiment, gassed – previously wounded and suffered trench foot.

Private W. Darnborough, Sherwood Foresters, wounded in a recent advance. He is from Ilkley.

Private F. Fairburn wounded.

Gunner Bartholomew wounded.

Funeral of Reverend W.D. Geare at St Margaret’s Church. He was instantly killed by a shell on 31 July ministering to the wounded at one of the Regimental Aid Posts.

24 August Excessive profit which it is suggested that the Food Controller should allow a baker on the 9d loaf has aroused considerable interest in milling and corn exchange circles all over the country.

24 August Mark Hambourg, famous Russian pianist appeared at Kings Hall on Friday evening in association with Ilkley Municipal Orchestra and Mrs Dorothea Ivy Loseby (Cellist). Ilkley Council tragic death of Mr Thomas Hebden, surveyor under Ilkley District Council. He was found drowned on the Moor – verdict of accidental death.

24 August 2nd Lieutenant T.H.B. Maufe home from the Front on a few days furlough. He arrived home on 23 August to a quiet reception (as Council members were at the funeral of their surveyor) but at a civic reception in the town on 25 August a public presentation will be made to him. (See entry for 31 August .)

24 August Weary and heavy laden from the Front – an Ilkley man in one of the Infantry Regiments at home on a few days furlough with all the paraphernalia of war on him – mud

and boots, clothes and back pack and haversack and gas bag, steel helmet, gun, bayonet, trench tools and other things beside.

Seeing this poor fellow trudging on under such a burden, a question forced itself – surely some place could have been found at the port of embarkation where all this stuff could be left and called for on return?

Private W. Hall from Ilkley wounded 31 July. He is in the King's Liverpool Regiment.

4 August Private H. Pearson (West Yorkshire Regiment) in hospital wounded.

Private G. Hirst – wounded in right shoulder.

Private G. Fletcher (gardener at Ilkley Grammar School) in hospital in Halifax – he was wounded in the thigh by shrapnel. He is in the West Riding Regiment.

Gunner H.L. Woodrup wounded.

24 August Lower Barden Reservoir – if three or four fields near the reservoir can be reclaimed from heather moorland to increased cultivation for food production, why not 300 or 400 more? A startling reply: 'If the farmer ploughs out the land and cultivates it, the landlord comes down on him for more rent'.

31 August The Army council has released for civilian use a quantity of sole leather previously held for military purposes.

Tea. By the order of the Food Controller, persons engaged in the purchase, sale or distribution of tea are required on or before September 10th to make a return of tea in their possession or under their control on September 3rd, whether in bonds or not.

31 August Ilkley War Savings Association – the sum of £2,383 has been invested through them up to the end of August. 562 members and certificates taken up: a total of £3,070. Investments from Ilkley Grammar School alone amount to £700-12s.

Ilkley Victoria Cross – a civic reception and public presentation on 25 August for 2nd Lieutenant T.H.B. Maufe. A 'Red Letter Day' in the town's history. A big crowd gathered and there was great enthusiasm for Maufe and his Victoria Cross. A note of sadness – Major Statham Maufe, brother of the Victoria Cross winner – died recently.

Mrs Prest, wife of Councillor W. Prest J.P. chairman of Ilkley Urban District Council, presented the Victoria Cross recipient with a silver casket which bore on its lid the inscription: 'Presented to 2nd Lieutenant T.H.B. Maufe VC, R.F.A. by the citizens of Ilkley to mark their appreciation of the act of bravery of Lieutenant Maufe somewhere in France during the Great European War 1914-19. Ilkley August 1917.'

He was also presented with and a huge bunch of flowers for his mother. In London on 29 August, Maufe received his Victoria Cross from King George V at Buckingham Palace.

31 August Despite repeated warnings, lodging house keepers and others in Craven district and elsewhere are continually offending against the Aliens Restriction Order . Thomas Thompson of Addingham for example was fined 20s.

31 August Story in the Gazette. Fate's Finger Post by Ralph Rodd.

Ilkley Victoria Cross civic reception in Kings Hall - a photo.

Address to the Ilkley Brotherhood was presided over by F.S. Eckersley of Ilkley District Council. Congratulations to Captain Maufe VC. A new Ilkley arising – very favourable circumstances and very beautifully situated. It was not the class of houses but the class of tenants that would make the new Ilkley. Any model village only remained a model village so long as the tenants were model villagers..

No injustice done by capital to labour and no injustice by labour to capital. We had not alone to do with our own interests, but also with the interests of others.

September

7 September Authorities in Ilkley at considerable expense granted the use of the Annexe (formerly a public shelter) for our wounded soldiers.

Great need for additional shelters for the general public (admitting that the Annexe is one). Perhaps make a kind of kiosk at the top of Brook Street where there is now a half circle of seating accommodation.

Private R. Hardisty aged 37, West Riding Regiment, died of wounds in France.

Gunner G. Vallender Royal Field Artillery – severe burns caused by shell fire.

7 September 2nd Lieutenant the Hon F.M. Rabagliatti M.P. killed in a Scottish plane crash.

14 September Sergeant A.E. Gee Royal Field Artillery awarded the Military Medal. He was educated at Ilkley Grammar School and before the War he was an assistant clerk at Ilkley Urban District Council.

Lieutenant A.D. Woodcock, West Yorkshire Regiment, missing since 6 August – he is probably a Prisoner of War in German hands.

14 September Religion after the War would have to be more positive, so said the Reverend Joseph Dawson in a lecture.

14 September Mr Lloyd Junker (an eccentric two step or march) composed by Walter Harrison and obtainable from Shuttleworth's music stores.

14 September In the Children's Corner of last Saturday's 'Newcastle Weekly Chronicle' appeared a letter from little Barbara Page of Gosforth who went with two older people to stay with their friends in Ilkley – picnics, Bolton Abbey, on the Moors, Doubler Stones and Cow & Calf Rocks under the title 'Interesting Birds Stories'.

14 September Distinguished Belgian, Count Goblet d'Alviella, Vice President of the Belgian Senate and a Belgian Minister, came to Ilkley on 13 September 1917 to meet Belgian communities and thank host towns for their role. He stayed at Denton Hall.

14 September Lecture on Theosophy: 'The Adam and Eve Myth' – a sacred story with a divine meaning. Look upon Adam and Eve not as flesh and blood, man and woman, but as external principles in the soul of each one of us, then will gain a far fuller clearer understanding of the old Scripture story.

Generally in the Gazette a section on American humour.

Poem: 'The Comforters'.

21 September 'The Snowbird' showing at Ilkley Picture House.

Private W. Darnborough killed 3 August. He was in the Sherwood Foresters.

Lieutenant Corporal J.W. Smith of Yew Bank Cottages wounded.

Captain F.H. Humphris, whose father lives at Grove Mount, Ilkley has been brought to the attention of the Health Secretary as head of the Electro-Therapeutic Department at 3rd West London Base Hospital. He has done similar work in India.

21 September Captain G.C. Turner (West Yorkshire Regiment) killed by a shell during hand to hand fighting. He was educated at Ilkley Grammar School, Sedbergh and Leeds University.

Private C. Hudson (Northumberland Fusiliers) died of wounds. He was a watchmaker and jeweller.

Reverend J.R. Wilkinson, former bank clerk (West Yorkshire Bank in Ilkley) and who lived in Ben Rhydding, is now an Army Chaplain.

Lieutenant Corporal J.W. Smith (West Yorkshire Regiment) again wounded, first in Dardanelles and now in France.

21 September Letter to the Editor to buy a Park in Ilkley. Middleton Estate sale next week included 20 acres of land in lots 51,52 and 53 which are eminently suited for this purpose as they border the river and have a good stream passing through for ornamental purposes.

21 September Latest food prices fixed by Lord Rhondda. Bread (4lb loaf) 9d; cheese 1s 4d; chocolate 3d per oz; flour 2½d per lb; jam 9d to 1s; lentils 8d per lb; milk 8d; oatmeal and oats 5d per lb; tea 2s 4d to 3s; sweetmeats (other than chocolate) 2d per lb.

21 September The value of taking the waters at Ilkley Spa.

28 September 'Profit and Loss', a drama by F.H. Maltby showing at Ilkley Picture House.

Major R.C. Illingworth (Sherwood Foresters) of Bradford and Ilkley awarded a bar to his Military Cross.

Captain Amos Clarkson MC wounded in the thigh by shrapnel on 20 September.

28 September Private R. Hardisty wounded badly by a bomb dropped from a plane on to the house where he was billeted. He was employed at Royal Engineers HQ and died of his injuries.

28 September Middleton Estate sale at Middleton Hotel by Heppers: 1,500 acres in total. There was a large attendance but only six of the lots sold publically. It contained freehold farms, residential sites, woodlands and ghylls. Dean Foot Farm, Nesfield sold for £2,250; a cottage garden and orchard abutting Hunger Hill £240; a building site in Middleton and two cottages and outbuildings bought for £550 and two cottages were also bought in Middleton village for £390.

October

5 October Colonel Hastings gains special appointment in Regular Army and graded as staff captain.

Poetry: 'Roll Call' by M.L. McC. (*many poems just had initials of the local person who compiled the words*)

12 October Home Hints - a regular feature:

A boiled egg if not required can be boiled up again and will not become hard in the process.

Bermuda pudding – one pint of milk, the peel of a small lemon, 2oz sugar, 1 tablespoon cornflour and 4 spoonfuls custard powder. Peel the lemon and put the peel and sugar into the milk and let it boil. Mix the cornflour and custard powder into the basin with a little cold milk. When the milk boils, add the ingredients and let it simmer for eight minutes. Pour into a mould and stand in a cool place.

12 October Gunner T. Leighton Royal Field Artillery wounded.

Lieutenant Corporal S. Dean (West Riding Regiment) wounded in the eye and shoulder by shrapnel.

Ilkley's young humorist Claude R. Daniel giving a Grand Concert in St Margaret's Hall on 7 November in aid of the Soldiers' Rest Room.

12 October William Le Queux lectured on 'German Spy Peril' to a large audience at the Town Hall.

12 October The Right Reverend Dr Herbert Bury, Bishop of North and Central Europe addressed a large gathering in St Mary's Hall on his experiences at the Ruhleben internment camp and officers camp. He proved to the Germans that German prisoners in England were receiving good treatment. He travelled from London to Berlin and back with a British passport. The Prisoners of War in Germany could not survive without the British Red Cross parcels. Food for ordinary Germans was very poor, and they must be very near breaking point. It was only the Government and the people's patriotism that held them together.

12 October Middleton Sanatorium. For treatment of tuberculosis more accommodation is needed. An additional 100 beds are now at the disposal of the Committee. In addition to 237

patients under treatment at various centres there is a waiting list of 302, consisting of 194 men and 108 women. Of 127 beds provided for men, 56 are occupied by discharged soldiers.

Poem: 'Song of the Wharfe' – in Bolton Woods by Dorothea Gilson.

19 October Home Hints – stale cheese is never palatable. Try the remedy of wrapping it up in a cloth soaked in vinegar for a couple of hours or so.

Body of G.F. Braithwaite found in the pond in the grounds of Ben Rhydding Hydro. He was 44 years old, unmarried and suffered severe nervous depression. He had been in the Ilkley Company of the West Riding Volunteers.

19 October Prices of Meat, Milk and Coal – meeting held between the Food Control Committee and local butchers with a view to fixing a schedule of maximum prices for meat. Conference also between milk producers and milk retailers to settle winter milk prices. Prices for coal now fixed after consultation with local coal dealers.

19 October Mr T.A. Carpenter managing director of Messrs J. Buckton and Co Ltd Machine Tool Makers, Leeds, committed suicide by cutting his throat in the toilet of his own home. He suffered from depression and insomnia.

19 October Death of Canon A.J. Beanlands, a native of Ilkley district.

Letter to the Editor: more street lights needed. Ilkley can't be considered in the danger zone or surely the bright lights at the Sanatorium would not be allowed.

19 October Captain E.F. Wilkinson (West Yorkshire Regiment), one of the masters at Ilkley Grammar School, awarded the Military Cross and twice mentioned in dispatches. He was wounded on four occasions. He recently published a volume of verse written at the Front.

Gunner T. Leighton Royal Field Artillery severely wounded.

Private J.H. Coultas (Yorkshire/Lancashire Regiment) wounded.

Bombardier Percy Dutton Royal Field Artillery – awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Lieutenant Corporal J.L. Petty West Riding Regiment who resides at Throstle Nest, Ben Rhydding killed in action.

Private Vickers wounded serving in the Coldstream Guards.

19 October Wharfedale St John Voluntary Aid detachment AGM – over the past year 642 wounded soldiers passed through their hands of which 121 were stretcher cases. Just in the last three months, 330 attendances have been put in and there were three air raid calls which were attended.

Lieutenant H.A.E. Milnes, Auckland Battalion Australia and New Zealand Forces killed. He married an Ilkley girl who died four years ago.

19 October Ilkley Development Association – is keen obviously on advertising Ilkley as a health and pleasure resort and certainly a better opportunity is never afforded than that which the present war conditions, travelling restrictions and 50% increase in railway fares provides.

19 October Advertised nice dishes – sheep's head broth; rabbit hot pot and golden pudding.

19 October Ilkley Shopkeepers and early closing in winter. Shops are closed in the evening at 6.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and not later than 8.30pm on Saturday. Dinner hour is 1pm to 2pm daily. The days and times apply until 23 March 1918 apart from the week before Christmas.

19 October Ilkley Council discussed lighting. Ilkley is one of the darkest places midway between the East and West coasts and as safe from air raids as any place in the area can be. The electric light at Middleton Sanatorium is a good guide for any Zeppelin but the Council was told that special arrangements have been made with the military authorities so far as Middleton Sanatorium was concerned, yet even at Middleton Sanatorium someone is by the telephone each night and as soon as hostile planes are notified on the coast, a message is sent to Middleton Sanatorium and all lights are extinguished

26 October J.W. Amos killed 20 September. He joined the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment while in Ilkley September 1914 and went to France in June 1915. He was attached to the Royal Engineers.

Private F.N. Wood killed. He was in the Gloucester Regiment.

Private A. Barwick King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry has been wounded by a bomb in the right foot.

Mr William Mitton, a well known banker in the area, dies.

Ilkley Council's new surveyor: out of 123 applications, Mr G.A. Waite aged 34 (a military reject on medical grounds) was chosen. He has been a surveyor and water works engineer at Portland, Dorset.

26 October Ilkley Brotherhood. The Churches faced with 'After War' problems and the need for a social revolution – anti slums, anti hovels, anti starvation and wages paid to many. People want more than mere existence, and have to live under better and healthier conditions than ever before.

26 October Serbian Relief Fund meeting held in Ilkley. It was addressed by distinguished Serbians who were touring the UK appealing for funds. A nation's heroism contributed to a sacrifice for a noble cause. £164-1s-6d was raised for Serbia.

November

2 November Home Hints: Chopping Fish. Fresh fish – red gills, flesh firm and elastic. Eyes should not be sunken or the fish is stale.

Useful recipes for pease pudding and haricot soup.

2 November Wounded Soldiers Outing Fund £182-18s.

Gunner Clifford Gordon Cheesman, 2nd Canadian British Expeditionary Force, died of wounds. His sister Dorothy lives in Ilkley.

Corporal Joseph Smith (West Yorkshire Regiment) killed in action. He was in the front line trenches when an enemy shell burst and killed him and two comrades.

Private W. Green (West Yorkshire Regiment) is in hospital in France dangerously wounded.

Home Hints to Save Candles. Candles will last double the usual time if you take each candle by the wick and give it a good coating with white varnish. Put the candles away for a day or two to let them harden. The varnish prevents the grease from running down and so prolongs the life of the candle.

9 November Knitting socks for Ilkley Boys' Christmas parcels – all socks to be at the Wool Room by 21 November as they have to be at the Town Hall by 22 November.

Poem: 'The Valiant Dead' by J.H. Walker.

Death of Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Maurice Dacre.

Lieutenant A.D. Woodcock killed in action. He was in the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Ilkley Moor Shooting Lease – an offer by Mrs J.J. Hemingway to renew the lease of shooting for a further 5 years at the rent of £300 a year, subject to butts on the east and west side of Keighley Road being removed further back from the road which would be advantageous to the public. A hut to be erected by Keighley Gate in which to put the game, but not until after the War.

16 November Captain Joseph Tolson (Sherwood Foresters) wounded on 19 October. He died of his wounds on 28 October at the Casualty Clearing Station, France. He was a partner of Tolson and Chisnall, Manchester.

16 November Lieutenant Commander A.G. Harris awarded the Croix de Guerre. He was one of the officers on HMS Princess Royal.

Captain C.N. Smith 2nd West Riding Field Ambulance awarded Military Cross.

Private L. Taylor, Artists Rifles, aged 18 died from pneumonia while under training.

16 November Mr Charles F. Forshaw, a well known Yorkshire poet, died in Bradford aged 54. He was a great lover of Wharfedale and contributed poetic effusions to the Ilkley Gazette. He wrote sonnets in praise of the Strid, Bolton Abbey, Ilkley Moor etc.

16 November Parcels for Prisoners of War are sent quarterly, packed and despatched through the GPO by friends of Prisoners of War. A coupon is affixed to each parcel and only the specified articles according to the list furnished to the care committee may be sent.

23 November Concert to raise funds for Ilkley Soldiers' Rest Room.

23 November 9th Dukes – story of their gallant work is told in the Halifax Guardian by J.J. Fisher, a military correspondent.

23 November Lance Sergeant Wallace Chambers West Riding Regiment – awarded a certificate under the signature of Major General P. Robinson (one of the Division's Commanders on the Western Front) in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in September 1917.

23 November Private A. Barwick wounded. Private J. Jagger (King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry) killed.

A list of Ilkley Valiant Dead is printed in the Ilkley Gazette.

Ilkley worker in Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Miss Isabel Jardine, home from France. Soldiers were helped in France when they were arriving in or leaving the country, from and to the front and from and to Britain. Men in tents learnt how to salute, how to cover kit and provide entertainments. All in khaki and subject to military discipline.

23 November Poem from the trenches.

'War Illustrated' made reference to queer refrains, songs and chants sung by soldiers at the Front line. 'On Ilkla Moor Bah'tat' sung by Yorkshire regiments to the tune of 'Cranford'.

23 November Earlier shopping to respect the work hours of shop workers: close 6.30pm week days and 8.30pm Saturdays – economy food, coal, light and transport.

Scissorettes for sale this winter at Shuttleworth's Fancy Goods Emporium.

Trooper Harry Hampshire in the Yorkshire Hussars suffered a compound fracture to his right leg.

Private A.E. Milburn is in hospital in Britain after suffering bullet wounds to his right shoulder and leg.

30 November Blinded and Disabled Soldiers. A permanent retreat is to be opened in Ilkley – seven acres by Crossbeck/Cowpasture Road junction.

December

7 December 2nd Lieutenant C.H. Scott (the son-in-law of an Ilkley man) awarded Military Cross.

Lieutenant A. Cooper (Machine Gun Corps) severely wounded.

Private A. Harrison (South Staffordshire) gassed.

Private F. Hawkins (West Yorkshire Regiment) killed in action.

Captain B.S. Mann killed in action when leading his company (Duke Wellington Regiment).

Sergeant S. Graines awarded the Military Medal.

Corporal A.S. Redshaw poisoned by gas. He was originally from Nesfield and in the Australian Field Artillery.

Captain F.W.B. Maufe seriously wounded. His older brother died in the war, and his younger one was given the Victoria Cross.

14 December Thanks for the Christmas parcels from many quarters.

Lieutenant Corporal C. Cryer missing.

2nd Lieutenant Middlebrook severely wounded.

Private A. Harrison died of wounds.

Sergeant W. Gill died. His father is a moor bailiff.

Showing at Ilkley Hall: 'The Cobweb'.

21 December Private E. Thwaites (West Riding Regiment) killed in action.

21 December Private William Boynton (Bantams VC) visits Ilkley.

Author's note: *Copies of Ilkley Gazette for 14th, 21st and 28th December barely legible and many pages missing.*

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January

4 January New Year very damp and mild weather. Drizzly rain during the day. No bells rung and no music of any kind.

Advert: 'Pure Clean Milk from John Wood, Castle Dairy'.

Poem: 'We're Coming'.

4 January Wounded Soldiers Party – concert at the Hospital by combined efforts of the Wesleyan Choir and Mr Hitt's party.

Gunner Harry Hartley missing 30 November 1917.

4 January Sergeant E.O. Lister died in his sleep in the barracks in France. He had been in the Regular Army (Royal Engineers) for seven years and was the first member of Ilkley Company Royal Engineers Volunteers.

Private E. Forrest dies of wounds. He was in the Royal Fusiliers.

War honours: Miss Mather, matron at Ilkley Military Hospital, awarded the Order of the Royal Red Cross (1st Class), and Sisters W.A.P. Rabagliatti and S. Burnley 'mentioned' for their valuable hospital services.

List of Our Valiant Dead.

Major Francis Arnold – Forster Royal Field Artillery awarded Distinguished Service Award.

Major P. Cochran, Royal Engineers, awarded Military Cross. He was an assistant master for six years at Mr Godby's School, Ghyll Royd, Ilkley.

Captain F.B. Smith Royal Army Medical Corps (Manchester Regiment) of Hebers Mount Ilkley awarded Military Cross.

Ilkley Urban District Council – application for further increase of wages.

Repair of Silverwell Cottage – 17 more allotments provided.

4 January Concerts by the Cheero Boys to raise money for new X-Ray apparatus initially for a Leeds Hospital but Ilkley Coronation Hospital to benefit.

4 January Many gifts at Christmas and New Year for Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage and Children's Home.

11 January Church of England Men's Society: An address 'Religion in the Trenches'.

Ilkley Picture House: 'The Heir to the Hoorah'.

Flag Day in aid of the Blinded Soldiers Children's Fund realised £48-16s-2d.

11 January Poetry: 'When a Letter Comes Home from the Boy'.

Captain Ewen Millson (Royal Fusiliers) killed in action 9 April 1917 – mentioned in dispatches.

Major Robert L. Illingworth MC (Notts/Derby Regiment) received a bar to his Military Cross.

Gunner Harry Hartley – now a Prisoner of War in Germany.

11 January Mr Alex Campbell awarded an O.B.E. He is a Leeds engineer and chairman of Hunslet Engine Co. Ltd and lives in Wilton Road, Ilkley. An O.B.E. was also awarded to Mr Henry W.L. Pell, an engineer who is currently chief assistant engineer for Ministry of Munitions No. 3 area (Yorkshire), for service to shell making and general components to munitions of war. He is the third son of Mr and Mrs Pell of Brook Street, Ilkley.

Day of National Prayer (6 January 1918) in accordance with the King's Proclamation – a day of national prayer and thanksgiving throughout the Empire with services of a special character with sermons and addresses suitable to the occasion.

11 January King's Hall Service – a united meeting for prayer and thanksgiving on Sunday evening, a gathering undoubtedly unique in the history of the town and which fulfilled its purpose most admirably. The hall was crowded, the Annexe utilised and the platform and corridors fully occupied. Many were unable to obtain admission, and large numbers were standing during the service.

The King's Proclamation was read by Mr F.H. Humphris J.P. and the National Anthem sung afterwards. Well known hymns sung were led by a massed choir. A Roll of Honour (containing the names of over 130 men belonging to Ilkley, Ben Rhydding and Denton parishes who had given their lives for the country) was read by Major S.M. Mercer.

The address was given by Reverend William Bradfield B.A., the warden of Wesley Deaconess College, Ilkley; the theme 'Drawing Nearer to God'.

Private G. Stevenson (West Yorkshire Regiment) was reported missing but has now rejoined the Regiment and is okay.

11 January Home Hints – When peeling onions begin at the root end and peel upwards. the onion will then scarcely affect the eyes at all. Vinegar will prevent old potatoes from going black when boiled if a teaspoonful is added to the water.

11 January Some useful recipes – Cheap Cake – rub six ounces of dripping into one pound of self raising flour, to which a pinch of salt and teaspoonful of egg is added. Add four ounces of brown sugar and three ounces of currants. Rub all well together and mix with sour milk if you have it, or water. Turn into a greased tin and bake in a moderate oven for 1½ hours. This makes a large cake and a good one.

18 January Home Hints – Use the white of an egg for repairing torn books; for glueing on small pieces of wood; to clean a black straw hat; for mixing a mustard plaster; for a scald or burn and to cure a boil.

18 January Ilkley Cricket Club is appealing for the sum of £100 to pay off £90+ of debt. The Public really need to keep the Club going while most playing members are engaged on military service. Cricket was entirely suspended two years ago and no revenue has been received from ordinary sources.

18 January Ilkley Brotherhood held a discussion on 'Social Problems and How to Meet Them'.

18 January On the 14 January, skating was possible again on The Tarn and has been continued throughout the week. The ice is in splendid condition and many found pleasure in the exhilarating exercise this pastime affords!

18 January Private G. Green died after a short illness in Hounslow Military Hospital. He was in the Army Service Corps for three months.

Former Ilkley man, now with South Africans, Private W. Brogden reported wounded.

Lieutenant Frank Hartley severely wounded in both thighs and is in hospital in France.

Corporal Jasper Scaife died of wounds on 13 January.

Captain P.B. Denison of Ilkley awarded the Military Cross.

18 January The Food Problem. A Conference of Wharfedale Authorities within the area of Wharfedale Union was held at Otley to discuss the proposal for a combination scheme among different food control committees in the Union.

Mr Eckersley (Clerk to Ilkley Urban District Council) did not see that the combination would do much good as there seemed to be a shortage in all districts. He suggested an inspector might be appointed to look after the whole of the Wharfedale area.

18 January Mr Dobson, an Ilkley foreman of a jury at West Riding Quarter Sessions ,made a protest against jurymen having to pay their own travelling expenses and wrote in this regard to the Home Secretary.

25 January Two flying officers, one of whom resides in Ilkley, landed on 'The Holmes', a field near Crum Wheel corner about noon on 21 January. They lunched at the officer's home and departed 2pm. They landed at Ilkley in consequence of engine trouble. Very large numbers of people congregated around the machine and watched it take off.

25 January Home Hints: Coloured clothes which usually fade when washed will not lose their colour if washed in bran water.

Independent Labour Party Whist Drive – in connection with the Ilkley branch a whist drive will be held at the New Brook Street Cafe on Wednesday evening.

2nd Lieutenant C.H. Scott awarded the Military Cross.

Captain F.W.B. Maufe, third son of Mr F.B. Maufe, 'Warlbeck', Ilkley has been awarded the Military Cross and bar – a double distinction said to be the reward of two separate acts of gallantry closely following each other.

A rumour that Sir Glynn Hamilton West's release from his position on the Munitions Council was owing to disagreement with the Minister of Munitions has, with its contradiction, brought Sir Glynn prominently before the public, and the Ilkley people are interested to learn that he is the son of the late Mr T.A. West of Ilkley.

25 January The Marriage Question – Reverend H.J. Glennie is opposed to the Parliamentary Bill, the scope of which will be to smash up our English home life, to quit husbands and wives of their marriage vows after three years and leave poor children as good as orphans.

Surely, surely it is a time to strengthen up and tighten instead of loosening ties and vows and bonds which the strain of long absence and separation has tried to the uppermost! Of course such a Bill will never be passed. But there must be something radically wrong with our social life and our national Christianity that it could ever be seriously proposed.

25 January Private W. Vaughan dies of wounds. He belonged to one of the labour battalions and lived at Ash Croft, Ilkley.

Lieutenant Corporal L. Woodrup in one of the transport Sections wounded.

Gunner J.W. Travis Royal Field Artillery killed in action 12 January 1913.

'A mistake somewhere' – a wounded soldier in Ilkley Military Hospital received a notice under the Military Service requesting him to present himself for a medical on 1 February 1918. Yet he had been in the Army for six years and went through the Mons and Marne battles!

25 January Advert: With one voice, Ilkley people agree on an all-important point, earnestly and plainly that Doan Backache and Kidney pills allow people to mend quickly and filter poisonous waste and surplus water out of their blood.

February

1 February Christmas presents fund for Ilkley and Ben Rhydding soldiers and sailors raised £704-5s-11d at 1917 festive season.

1 February Notable medical man, Dr Andrew Davison dies aged 81 at Grove Lodge Ilkley, only two weeks after his wife also died. At one time President in Madagascar and court physician to Radama II, later a Mauritius Government appointment, then lecturer of tropical diseases at Edinburgh University and medical advisor to the Crown for Colonial Office for Scotland. A noted linguist who wrote several scientific/medical books.

1 February Local soldier says 'Ilkla Moor Baht'at is a very popular refrain among the West Riding lads.

Sergeant F. Gaines Royal Field Artillery is awarded Military Medal.

1 February: Poem: 'A January Moon'.

8 February Charge of food hoarding in Ilkley. Mr G.A. Hufnager, Holme Lea, Queens Road and Miss F. Abeel his housekeeper summoned for contravention of the Food Hoarding Order 1917. Examination of the defendant's premises disclosed 30½lbs of sugar, 5½ stones of flour, 16¾ lbs of bacon, 11lbs of lard, 26lb of jam, 9lbs of honey and 5¾ lbs of tea. Rationing of sugar is ½ lb per head per week and there were only two people in the house yet there were five months supply of sugar and an equal supply of tea. Miss Abeel admitted the purchase of 37 lb of sugar within November and December and now she could only purchase ½ lb per week. She also admitted purchasing a large quantity of bacon. Case was dismissed as there was no hoarding.

8 February Municipal workers strike over shortage of coal and gas.(The strike ended 8 March 1918.)

8 February Destruction of foxes, otters and herons – anglers have complained of the destruction of fish in the Wharfe by others and herons, and now foxes, numerous in all parts of Craven, have played havoc amongst feathered stock.

8 February Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – no cases of importance.

Less drunkenness in the Otley Division which covers Ilkley was mentioned in the annual report to licensing magistrates.

15 February Yorkshire Electric Power Company Bill – opposition by West Riding local authorities who met to consider the Bill. The Company could extend their powers of supplying electric energy. One of the proposals was to make it obligatory on those authorities who have not obtained powers of supply to take their supply of energy from the Company. Local authorities felt the Bill prejudiced their rights and Ilkley voted against it. Costs incurred in opposition should be paid by the opposing authorities on the basis of assessable value.

15 February At Middleton, the Corporation Gas Engineer was fined for having in his possession a ham weighing 26lbs, and the ham was confiscated.

15 February Ilkley Congregational Literary Society. Professor F.W. Moorman gave a talk on 'Yorkshire Dialect'.

15 February Lieutenant Corporal William Chapman, formerly of Kimberley Street, Ilkley, has been in Canada for some years and is now with the Canadians in France. He has been three times over the top and has not received a scratch. (Written in The King's County Record, Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada'.)

15 February The Wharfe in Flood – an amusing incident. On 18 February, the motor bus conveying munitions girls belonging to Ilkley to and from Payne's engineering works in Otley stuck fast in the flooded part of the road at Esscroft. The girls were got out of the bus in a farmer's cart but owing to the horse taking fright, several were thrown into the water and suffered a good deal of discomfort as a consequence.

22 February Wharfedale Advisory Committee – a conference of club delegates on the issue of increased food production. Golf clubs in Otley, Ilkley, Bradford, Headingley, Horsforth and Rawdon were represented. Ilkley's representative Mr. J. Waterson stated that on the links of his club they had grazed between 300 and 350 sheep. Ilkley golfers though generally objected to cattle grazing on their links.

22 February British Women's Temperance Association (Ilkley Branch) at their meeting touched upon the seriousness of the evil drink, not only in respect to soldiers, but young girls as well.

22 February Private A.E. Wright (Sherwood Foresters) awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre. It was won in October 1917 in Flanders when he was employed as a messenger, and notwithstanding very heavy artillery fire, got through an important message even after being wounded.

22 February The strike of Municipal workers still continues and no sign soon of any settlement.

22 February Some of the striking men have found other employment locally. A restricted gas supply is still being maintained principally by voluntary workers, and the two women continue to wash on the roads. One or two strikers have interfered with coke leading from the Gasworks and have assumed a threatening attitude towards the women. On Tuesday 19 February, there was a great commotion in Brook Street as a result of one of the strikers overturning a small cart the women use for conveying road sweepings to the Council's

depot. His interference with the women was strongly resented by one or two wounded soldiers and the police were sent for, with the result that summonses for this and other offences have been issued. Fines 10/- to 20/- have been levied on Ilkley strikers for assault, violent conduct and obstructing the highway.

22 February Kings Hall Pictures: 'The Slave Market'.

March

1 March Poems: 'Cheero!' and 'A Cur(e)rious Case'.

1 March One of the oldest Ilkley residents Mr Chris Hudson, a boot and shoe maker, has died aged 91.

1 March Ilkley Picture House: 'The Mother of Dartmoor'.

1 March a) Strike resolved. The Council offer –(to pay the average rate wages paid to municipal employees in Harrogate, Keighley, Otley and Skipton – remains open.)

b) If the average of a larger number of towns than the five named above is desired, the Council will agree to pay the average rates of wages paid by local authorities of sixteen districts comprised in the list prepared last month by the neighbouring urban district council.

c) That if none of the above proposals meet with the men's approval, the Council are agreeable to refer the question of wages to an Arbitrator to be agreed by both parties. Failing agreement, the Arbitrator is to be appointed by the President of the Local Government.

1 March Corporal T.P. Newton Royal Field Artillery awarded the Military Medal.

Sergeant F. Woodhall 3rd (King's Own) Hussars of North Parade, Ilkley received a letter from the Commander of his Regiment regarding his especially good work in late tour duty in the trenches.

1 March Sergeant C.F. Mercer, 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, taken Prisoner of War in Autumn 1914 and held up to January 1918 at Doeberitz is now interned in Holland. He was one of the prisoners who received parcels from Ilkley ladies and he has written a thank you letter to Mrs Scott of West View, Ilkley and other ladies saying how inhumane in the extreme was Germany's treatment of British prisoners.

8 March Wharfedale and Business Men's Week –the names of a number of Ilkley residents are included amongst those who have contributed varying amounts of cash .

8 March Ilkley Municipal Strike ends and the men are to resume work straightaway. The question of wages to be referred to an Arbitrator or Arbitrators that employment can be ended by one week's notice.

8 March Captain A.H. Rabagliati is mentioned in dispatches for his services in the South African Force in East Africa. He is presently in Nyasaland.

2nd Lieutenant W.A. Stowe (Devonshire Regiment) died in Devonport Military Hospital from injuries he received by falling over a cliff there.

He had previously been wounded at Mametz.

Private G. Peacock (West Riding Regiment) died of wounds in Flanders.

8 March Ilkley Women's Suffrage Society agree with their National President Mrs Henry Fawcett LLD regarding the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases. They have got improvements in the Navy and Army since their repeal. They recommended free treatment and teaching the young to lead a chaste life (the only certain way to avoid infection. Evil is immoral and physical and must be fought with both word and physical weapons.

8 March Ilkley Urban District Council: need to cater for visitors. Additional food supplies for Easter. Council to invest £1,000 in War Bonds.

15 March Ministry of Food. Extra supplies of meat and other foodstuffs to holiday resorts at Easter.

15 March Mr W.H. Cook Ilkley Postmaster is appointed to a similar position at Colwyn Bay.

A new private hotel. A handsome and finely situated residence in Wells Road, Ilkley known as 'Annandale'. It has been taken over by Mr H.R. Briggs, late of the Royal Hotel Ilkley, and has been transformed into a first class private hotel.

Blind Musician's Concert Party to raise funds in aid of St Dunstan's Hostel.

Battery Sergeant Major Ed Dwyer died in hospital in France: an Artillery Volunteer who had received the Military Medal and Belgian Croix de Guerre.

15 March Ilkley Brotherhood talk 'The Curse of the Age'. This was the indifference to many curses – intemperance, immorality, gambling, swearing and materialism.

15 March Allotment's Association. The District Council are accused of apathy they were said to have shown in the matter of providing allotments. Yet 192 allotments have been provided by the District Council and about a further 40 have been provided by private enterprise. They are about to complete negotiations to secure two extra plots of land near the centre of town.

22 March Wharfedale Farmers' Trading Association Ltd: turnover for 1917 was £22,641 with a profit of £324. The Association did not work on a profit making basis, instead obtaining benefits by making purchase at less than market rates.

22 March Ilkley Tradespeople Association plea for closer cooperation in view of the difficult times.

22 March Address to new Women Voters in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding is now definitely arranged and speakers include Mrs H.A.L. Fisher (wife of the Minister of Education). Subjects discussed will be the Vote, Women as Citizens in Local Government, in Industry and the Drink Problem. It will be non party but of very great importance to women in view of the new powers.

22 March Ilkley Council, to whom belongs the credit of being the first local authority in Britain to establish a municipal piggery, have now adopted a scheme for encouraging pig keeping by private individuals.

Harold J. Ingle in the Forces in Salonika writes to Ilkley District Council (Mr Eckersley) regarding grateful thanks for his Christmas parcel.

Allotment gardening: several new holders had the satisfaction of seeing the preliminary work of digging accomplished due to the fine and warm weather, and one or two were noticed sowing early peas, radishes and broad beans.

29 March 2nd Lieutenant Stanley Witting Royal Marine Light Infantry killed in action. He was aged 20.

Private J.L. Hawkins writes from Salonika with thanks for Ilkley's Christmas Gift Committee parcel.

29 March Ilkley Brotherhood – address by Reverend R. Evans on patriotism.

Dr Keeble, Director General of the Food Production Department, on his visit to Ilkley said he wishes to make the district self supporting in the way of growing vegetables and feeding pigs, geese and rabbits. Keeble thinks that, as a result of what has so far been accomplished, Ilkley could serve as a model for the whole country. There should be 600 allotments in an area with 1,000 pigs fattened in a year and the same number of geese and rabbits.

29 March Ilkley Hospital and Convalescent Home AGM. Debt has been wiped out and close to £1,000 has been invested to give the total amount of invested funds to be £7,000 – ideal for when its duty as a military hospital ends and it can be handed over for ordinary work in a good condition.

29 March Story abridged for paper: 'His Dearest Irish Girl' by Madge Barlow.

29 March Food production: more allotments urgently needed.

29 March Ilkley Urban District Council: District rate increased by 6d in the pound and gas increased by 6d per thousand cubic feet. Total estimates: £21,700. Reason for the increase in rate given as increased cost of materials and labour. It is hoped that there is no need to increase the rates further. To be quite frank, it is not anticipating in increasing the rates further.

April

5 April Useful recipes include sausage fritters and pickled sprats. Glass cutting – when cutting glass, always keep the diamond and the same angle and draw the arm forward beyond the body, never raising or lowering the hand as this will change the cut of the diamond.

5 April Private A. Sykes wounded in the labour Battalion.

Private B. Lupton serving in Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire Regiment suffered gas poisoning.

Trooper Lawrence in the Royal Hussars wounded in head and shoulder.

Lieutenant Corporal McEvoy serving in Yorkshire/Lancashire Regiment wounded.

Corporal Steve Arnott from Yorkshire Regiment wounded.

Gunner W.A. Wood Royal Garrison Artillery wounded.

5 April Private A.J. Jackson wounded by shrapnel.

2nd Lieutenant D.O. Maggs serving in King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry missing. He was educated at Ghyll Royd, Giggleswick and Leeds University.

Flight Sub Lieutenant Mallard Royal Naval Air Service drowned accidentally.

Sergeant Major McRink commissioned Royal Flying Corps.

5 April Ilkley Urban District Council and Food Production – opposition to Marshfield Pig Styes.

5 April No season band to be provided.

12 April Ilkley Labour Party and a Labour candidate for the new Division. A meeting of Ilkley Trades and Labour Council held in the Station Hotel on Sunday evening decided to form a local Labour Party to assist in contesting the Pudsey and Otley Parliamentary Division in the interest of labour.

Mr F. Roberts, secretary to the Trades and Labour Council, was appointed Secretary pro tem..

12 April Address to women voters by Mrs H.A.L. Foster, wife of minister of Education, on 'The Vote: What It Means'. Women's help will be vital in the reconstruction.

12 April Ilkley Whist Club handed over £18-4s to the Rest Room Committee.

History of the West Riding Regiment written covering the history of the Duke of Wellington's (The Iron Duke's Own) during the first three years of the war August 1914 to December 1915: cost 2s 6d.

12 April Lieutenant W. Thackray (Lancers) wounded and missing.

Motor Ambulance Driver T. Winder, son-in-law of Mr J. Rayner, Leeds Road, Ilkley in hospital in France with a broken thigh.

Private T. Wells, who has a business in Ilkley, wounded in the hand.

Captain F.E. Steinthal badly wounded in the head. He is serving with the Royal Fusiliers and is from Ben Rhydding.

12 April Private J. Haigh West Riding Regiment killed in action.

Private E. Waugh serving in the Machine Gun Section of West Riding Regiment killed in action.

Motor Machine Gunner John Fox wounded and missing.

12 April Wharfedale Coal Distribution Scheme. Otley District Council have been asked to take the initiative in the formation of a sub committee representing the urban districts of Otley, Ilkley and Burley in Wharfedale and in the Wharfedale rural area in connection with the coal distribution scheme.

19 April Private J.D. Beanlands (Northumberland Fusiliers) wounded.

Sergeant C. Smith writes to say a fellow of the 9th Duke's is okay.

Private W. Mennell is awarded the Military Medal for bringing in the wounded under heavy shell fire.

Captain W.G. Kemp MC (West Yorkshire Regiment) is in hospital in Stockport with a severe wound received in action on Easter Day.

Gunner A. Vertigan Royal Field Artillery dead. He was from Denton.

Private F. Chapman wounded in the right shoulder.

Dr Walford Davies, organist at the City Temple Church, joined the Royal Air Service. In the past, he has been an Adjudicator at the Wharfedale Music Festival.

Reverend F.H. Cooke of Ben Rhydding involved in a railway accident. He was one of the passengers on the North East Express from Northallerton to Leeds which left the lines near Newby Wiske. Nobody was hurt or killed.

New Divisional Liberal Association for Pudsey and Otley Division - a new constitution to be drawn up.

19 April Sale of work and Café Chantant reconstruction for blinded and disabled soldiers.

26 April Useful recipes. War-time rissoles. Equal quantities of haricot beans, parsnips, carrots and swede mixed with a small amount of boiled rice, two fried onions and chopped parsley.

Ilkley gentleman Mr D. Fraser Douglas gave two great volumes of Boydell's famous Shakespeare Gallery 1803 collection of prints to the Red Cross Society for sale at Christie's.

26 April Captain Alfred Hoult (Royal Field Artillery) wounded - a former employee at Ben Rhydding Hydro.

Motor Machine Gunner J. Fox is a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Private J.J. Mitchell of the West Yorkshire Regiment is missing.

Private Fred Plows of the Machine Gun Section Durham Light Infantry is missing.

26 April Ilkley Theosophical Lodge lecture on 'Reincarnation: Why are We Here?'

May

3 May War play 'Out of Hell' at Kings Hall.

3 May Some useful recipes: vegetable brawn.

Captain H.T. Bates promoted to Major for special war service in France.

Private W. Brogden serving with South African Rifles and grandson of Mr R. Brogden of Ilkley is wounded for a second time.

Lieutenant Corporal E. Bradley of the West Yorkshire Regiment is now a Prisoner of War.

Private W. Parling wounded.

Captain J.C. Burrows (King's Own Light Infantry Regiment), grandson of Mr J.S. Cooke of Ben Rhydding.

Stoker James Cook of Ben Rhydding in the Royal Navy patrolling the far distant trade route – thanks for parcel.

3 May Ilkley War Savings Week: a splendid contribution with investments totalling over £46,000.

Captain Phil Thompson missing in France. He was killed fighting with his plane at 12,000 feet. His father is well known in Ilkley as he unsuccessfully contested the Otley Division in the Unionist interest.

Ilkley Urban District Council – engagement of a small orchestra.

Major K. Duncan awarded a Bar to his Distinguished Service Order.

Lieutenant F.W.B. Maufe awarded a Military Cross and a Bar to it.

10 May Dr Walford Davies lectured on 'Pace in Church Music' at Wharfedale Music Festival.

Private C.H. Whitehead (Northumberland Fusiliers) died of wounds. He was from Ben Rhydding.

10 May The West Riding Regiment (Duke of Wellington's) was mentioned by Sir Douglas Haig. It is the only regiment named after a subject not of Royal blood and is the Corps in which the Iron Duke learnt the art of war. A company of the 9th Battalion. It was recruited in Ilkley during the first weeks of the War and has since taken part in severe fighting on the Western front.

10 May Latest meeting of Ilkley Military Service Tribunal – four certificates of exemption withdrawn and nine cases adjourned for medical re-examination.

Wharfedale protest against milk prices only 1s per gallon was given to producers in Ilkley. An arbitrary line has appeared to have been drawn at Leeds boundary, as on one side a farmer receives 1s 6d a gallon for his milk while a farmer on the other side only gets 1s per gallon.

17 May Ilkley Picture House showing 'The Neglected Wife' film.

Children's Holiday Home – A.A. Matthews and F.A. Maufe each given £5 towards the deficiency of over £56 on last season's expenditure account. 26 Bradford children are now in the home.

17 May Engine off the line. A North East goods engine jumped the metals on Tuesday afternoon opposite Ilkley Railway Goods Office. Fortunately it was off the main line and no delay to the train service resulted, but the engine was an object of interest to the crowds of people during the process of returning it to the rail track!

17 May Bombardier N. Tennant wounded. He suffered shrapnel wounds to the face.

Private Roy Smith (Royal Field Artillery) is lying dangerously wounded at the casualty clearing station.

Lieutenant S.S. Brown MC (London Regiment of Durban) formerly of Ilkley and aged 27 killed. His Commanding Officer heard that Brown was awarded a bar to his Military Cross on the day Brown was killed.

Corporal William Hall (King's Liverpool Regiment) now reported dead.

17 May Bombardier G.H. Earnshaw died from wounds.

Private E.M. Ingle, Field Bakery Army Service Corps Mesopotamia, sends thanks for his Christmas parcel.

17 May Wharfedale Rural Food Control Committee reported that 640 applications were received for sugar for preserving fruit and these had all been granted.

24 May Keighley by-election: Coalition 4,873; Peace by Negotiation 2,349. Coalition majority 2,524.

24 May Sale of Rockwood Hydro knocked down to Mr J.T. Jackson of Elmleigh, Ilkley for £900 for the purpose of a gift to the National Children's Home and Orphanage.

24 May Empire Day (24 May) as usual will be celebrated at Ilkley Grammar School by rendering of patriotic songs and an address suitable for the occasion 'Ideals of Empire' by Mr R.S. Dower M.A. of Ilkley, an Economics Lecturer at Leeds University.

24 May Whitsun – charming weather and a big crowd.

24 May Lieutenant Corporal Sylvester Selby, an Ilkley man who in 1914 resided in Addingham, has sent a letter to the Honorary Secretary of the Addingham Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Fund saying that there is 'no such thing as defeat – our Tommies are confident'.

24 May Corporal A. Wallender (Royal Field Artillery) wounded in France.

Private H. Ball (South Staffordshire Regiment) suffered shrapnel wounds in head and arms.

Private J.S. Gell is now a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Staff Captain H.S. Johnson (West Yorkshire Regiment) appointed a Brigade Major.

Lieutenant Philipp F. Dale (Essex Regiment) of Essex and a grandson of Mr Cooke, Summerfield, Ilkley has just reached his home having escaped from Ludwigshafen in Germany where he was a Prisoner of War for two years and seven months. He was captured at Loos on 26 April 1915.

Private H. Billerby (Machine Gun Corps) of Ilkley believed killed – missing since 21 March. His Mum, whose photo and name and address were in the son's possession, received a letter from a young lady in Leicester whose young man is a Prisoner of War in Germany. This man was a stretcher bearer and just before he became a Prisoner of War, a shell burst in a trench killing four men and wounding three. In the pocket of one of the dead men, the photo was found.

24 May Parts of an aeroplane: nails 4,326; screws 3,377; steel stampings 92; forgings 798; turnbuckles 276; wire 3,262 ft and aluminium 65 lb. Various kinds of wooden material: spruce 244 ft; pine 58 ft; ash 31 ft and hickory 1½ ft. Other necessary material: veneer 57 sq. ft; varnish 11 gallons; dope 59 gallons; rubber 34 ft and linen 201 sq. yards. This mass of material is exclusive of everything necessary for the engine.

31 May Captain R.G. Fell and Lieutenant C.G. Maufe were officers 'mentioned' in Sir Douglas Haig's latest despatch.

Private Fred Bott (West Yorkshire Regiment) killed in action 18 May.

Appeal to Volunteers – it is officially stated with reference to the appeal to Volunteers to undertake special service that the appeal will be made to all Volunteers from 35 years of age and upwards who are Grade II men and who are efficient.

31 May Editorial notice: owing to a depleted staff the Gazette is being produced under great difficulties. It would present much of the rush of 'going to press' if many of the adverts now reaching us on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning were sent earlier in the week. We shall be thankful for reports and paragraphs of events we are unable to personally cover.

31 May Poem: 'The War's Recompense'.

A milk producer's conference, convened by the Yorkshire Farmers' Union in Leeds, led to a demand for a flat rate for the summer price of milk for the producer.

Meeting at the Town Hall for the purpose of forming a poultry club for Ilkley and District.

31 May Former Ilkley visitor who knew Charlotte Bronte, Mrs Ann Slade of Hastings, celebrated her 95th birthday and for her great age she retains all her faculties – she reads, sews and writes. She was born in Upper Wortley Leeds on 11 April 1823 and at the age of

10 was sent to a boarding school at Westfield House, Rawdon. Whilst there, she made the acquaintance of Charlotte Bronte who was a governess to the children of Mr White, Acacia Lodge, Rawdon.

June

7 June Discussion to withdraw certificates at Ilkley Military Service Tribunal meeting.

7 June Spectacles, eye glasses 2s6d to 3s6d per pair.

Ilkley Carters and Motormen: at an Ilkley meeting statements were made in respect to the recent strike. The award of £1 per week on pre-War rates was dated back to 19th December. However, the National Transport Federation had under consideration the application for an advance of 12½% on the National award of £1 per week on pre-War rates.

Ilkley Urban District Council decided to hold a meeting of the General Purposes Committee to consider the question of providing houses for the working class as requested by the Local Government Board.

7 June A petition being signed by season ticket holders for a returning of the Midland trains from Leeds and Bradford to Ilkley and intermediate stations. The object is for a more suitable distribution of trains in order to give the maximum travelling facilities with the minimum of trains.

Ilkley Food Control Committee – all persons (including children) must be registered with a retailer for tea. Also, applications for ration bonds to be sent to the executive officer at the Town Hall not later than 13 June instant. Regarding tea, the Food Controller had not yet decided whether tea shall be rationed throughout the country.

7 June Private R. Bucknall (Durham Light Infantry) is suffering from gas poisoning.

The Ilkley Military Medallist awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal: Lance Sergeant Ronald Hartley in Ilkley 'Pals' Company, West Yorkshire Regiment.

14 June Second master at Ilkley Grammar School, Mr Walter Robinson, has been appointed head of a new secondary school in Otley from September 1918.

14 June Private John Botterill, West Riding Regiment, gassed.

Sergeant W. Ellison, Army Cyclist Corps, suffered wound and gas poisoning.

Private Walter Atkinson, Army Service Corps, wounded by a bursting shell in the road.

Captain W.B. Gordon, Royal Army Medical Corps, wounded and is in a London hospital.

2nd Lieutenant John Middlebrook (Rifle Brigade) went to France in 1915 and has been awarded the Military Cross in the King's Birthday Honours. He is a veteran of Cambrai.

Captain J.H. Mawson (Royal Engineers) M.C. served in Gallipoli, France and Flanders.

14 June Owing to the Women's War Services Exhibition in Kings Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be no pictures until Thursday 13 June.

21 June Lieutenant Corporal Ed Wharton (Royal Engineers) in hospital with a severe gunshot wound in his right knee.

Lieutenant Colonel John Crump awarded Distinguished Service Order. He is serving in the Royal North Lancashire Regiment and is from Arncliffe, formerly of Ilkley.

Hospitality is needed for American officers and men when on leave from France. Any assistance is most welcome – send names and addresses to Major Walsh, Drill Hall, Otley.

21 June First meeting of Ilkley Women Citizens' Association was held at St Margaret's Hall on Monday last. The Association lays stress on importance in educating women voters, parliamentary and municipal, in their new responsibilities. There needed to be a common platform and strictly non-party.

28 June Wounded soldiers guests of Ilkley Golf Club.

28 June Private J.J. Mitchell of the West Yorkshire Regiment is a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Private Fred Barwick is missing. He serves with the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Home Hints – a great secret of tea economy is to add only a small quantity of boiling water at first and allow it to 'draw' before adding the rest. Tea so made is much better and stronger than when all the water is added at once.

July

5 July Bombardier J.G. Dinsdale (Royal Field Artillery) 'gassed' and in a French hospital. Bombardier R.A. Walters (Headquarters Infantry Brigade) has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre.

Private J. Wright (Durham Light Infantry) reported missing since 27 June.

Mrs Rabagliatti to get a Belgian honour Medaille de la Reine Elizabeth for help and assistance personally given to Belgian refugees and Belgian soldiers in the War.

Belgian Regimental Band to visit Ilkley.

5 July 5/- a week pay increase to all Carters in the Council's employ.

12 July YWCA Flag Day raised £53-19s-4d.

12 July The Labour Party in the new Pudsey and Otley Division are intending to run a candidate at the next General Election and commenced their campaign with an open air meeting.

Alderman Alf Pickles, a native of Pudsey and for some years a resident of Ilkley, is strong and fearless in his convictions and a good speaker, but his attitudes to the War wouldn't find favour with many. He is a conscientious objector and is appealing from military service at the Military Service Tribunal. He has been opposed to war and militarism for 21 years and would refuse to take up arms whatever the consequences. He further stated that he was not

prepared to take up work of national importance if it meant pushing another man into doing something that he refused to do himself. The Tribunal referred him to the Pelham Committee, the body charged with trying to find suitable occupations for conscientious objectors during the War.

Gunner E.R. Learoyd (Royal Field Artillery) suffered wounds to wrist and fingers.

Lieutenant W.R. Bradley (Royal Air Force) died of malaria in Salonika on 29 March.

19 July Ilkley coal case. At Otley Police Court on Friday, Mrs Spencer of Miss J. Spencer and Son Coal Merchants was summoned for selling coal over the controlled price at Ilkley on 7 June and James Arthur Dean in her employ was summoned for aiding and abetting. The maximum price was 34s2d per ton whereas the price charged was 36s. The business was really managed by Mr Dean and it was thought that the higher price was justified due to the special nature of coal. Spencer was ordered to pay costs and Dean was fined £2 and £1-1s costs.

Sheep wounded by dog. Edward Wall, a farmer of Low Hall, Middleton brought the action against Mrs Edith M. Glynde, Riverdale, Ilkley for the sum of £20 being the amount for healing the alleged wounds done to the sheep. The Judge believed Wall and fined Glynde £12 plus costs.

Ilkley Picture Hall: 'The Little Brother'.

19 July An Ilkley poster artist's claim for £20- 10s lent by him to Mrs Violet Mason in Otley - after hearing the evidence, the Judge decided that Mason had received the money and Tennant had not made her an alleged gift of £9-10s. He gave the verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed plus costs.

19 July Exemption and part-time employment on work of national importance considered by the Ilkley Military Service Tribunal.

19 July Mr Alfred Campbell in Ilkley received an interesting letter from his son Sergeant Major R.J. Campbell in Nairobi in British E. Africa who is second in charge under Colonel Adderley over a large fever hospital and three convalescent hospitals, some 2,000 ft higher up country. 'When the Colonel is away, I have under me 150 natives, 90 Indians (a lazy lot!), 30 Royal Army Medical Corps and 30 nurses. Plenty of Europeans too including doctors and nurses from Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield and Wakefield'.

Lieutenant Clarence Boothman (Royal Flying Corps) from Beamsley is missing. He was in Ilkley 'Pals' before the Royal Flying Corps.

Gunner W.H. Gill (Trench Mortar Battery) is a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Private Ideson from Barden is a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Ilkley Rugby Club lost a Skipton man: 2nd Lieutenant C.F. Butler (Royal Field Artillery) killed in action.

19 July W.H. Barber of Ben Rhydding, head of Leeds Boys Modern School, has organised a school boy camp in the Penrith area where boys are staying to assist farmers with harvest work.

Mr Edward Compton, a well known actor, died in London aged 64. He frequently visited Ilkley and several times appeared with his company at Kings Hall.

26 July Private Joseph Bull, an Addingham man with the Lancashire Fusiliers, is a Prisoner of War in Germany. He was a painter and decorator in Ilkley.

Ministry of Food advises visitors to holiday resorts who do not stay at hotels and boarding houses to procure their supplies of teas from retailers.

26 July Letter from a ratepayer to the Gazette in support of the Council's views on White Wells. The local Council has given the tenant at Wells House notice to quit on the expiry of six months. It presents a favourable opportunity for the Council to make White Wells much more attractive than they have been hitherto to visitors. A useful idea might be an addition behind the present building which would not interfere with the old whitewashed front.

August

2 August Mr Cliff who resides in Ben Rhydding and is general manager of the 'Leeds Mercury' was presented with a silver tea service by the staff in recognition of completing 50 years service with the newspaper.

2 August Ilkley Grammar School Speech Day. Prizes distributed by Professor A.J. Grant M.A., Professor of History at Leeds University.

Private J.R. Wright (Durham Light Infantry) was missing and is now a Prisoner of War in Germany.

2nd Lieutenant W.H.E. Labatt Royal Air Force reported missing.

Captain A.L. Illingworth awarded Distinguished Service Order in addition to his Military Cross. He is now an Acting Major in the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire Regiment.

2 August Ilkley – an anonymous visitor's impressions:

'A perfection of scenery: moors, hills, near and distant. The town, a holiday resort in appearance, is compact in its business quarters and spreads widely along the side of the Moor. The climate seems genial. A quiet place and there is unfortunately no outdoor music and there is no rendezvous, so is attractive to invalids and elderly folk'.

4th Volunteer Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment 'A' Company. Supplementary Orders for 9.50am departure by train for Settle in full dress and complete equipment. A strict code of discipline must be maintained. 20 officers and 150 men in the Company over Bank Holiday weekend.

Drum head service conducted by the Vicar of Settle raised £10 for war charities. Work included company and battalion drill, route marches, musketry drill and night marches by compass.

Concerts by Keighley War Hospital Patients' Band at the Bandstand, West View Park.

United civic service at St Margaret's Church to remember the fourth anniversary of the start of the War. Congregation included some nurses and wounded soldiers from Ilkley Military Hospitals, blinded soldiers from St. Dunstan's Home in Crossbeck Road and members of the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers.

Bank Holiday weekend – rain on Saturday and Tuesday. Sunday and Monday weather was fine and pleasant. Town full of visitors.

9 August Prime Minister's message. With a view to securing the greatest publicity possible, the Prime Minister's message to the Nation was read in every place of entertainment throughout the country on Monday and generally punctuated with outbursts of applause and followed by singing the National Anthem.

9 August Kings Hall Orchestra Sunday evening concert: National Anthems of France, America and Britain as well as general patriotic and light classical music.

Ilkley Urban District Council – workmen want more wages and asked for increased war bonus, but the application was refused. The last increase had involved an expenditure of £1700 to £1800 and the present application if granted would amount to nearly £500 per annum which was equivalent to a further increased rate of 2d in the pound.

9 August Advert 'The German Women have given their gold to be melted down. Will you look up all your waste paper etc of any description and sell it to help win the war?' A local receiving depot set up at 34 Leeds Road Ilkley.

16 August Household Fuel and Lighting Order 19 August:

1. Economy in consumption of fuel is imperative.
2. Fuel allowance is based on the number of rooms your house contains.
3. For every 'ton of fuel' allowed you can instead of coal take 15,000 cubic feet of gas or 800 BOT units of electricity or 1½ tons of coke for cooking, heating.
4. An allowance of say eight tons of fuel may be taken in any of the following ways:
8 tons of coal; 6 tons of coal and 3 tons of coke; 4 tons of coal, 3 tons of coke and 30,000 cubic feet of gas; 4 tons of coal and 60,000 cubic feet of gas; 5 tons of coal and 45,000 cubic feet of gas and so on in other variations similarly calculated.
The allowance of gas (or electricity) for lighting is additional in every case.

If requirements do not exceed minimum allowance, one must register with your usual coal dealer.

If requirements are in excess, fill in form FH/F2 and send to your coal dealer.

Waste paper, every description and in any quantity, may be sold for spot cash.

16 August Lieutenant W.H.E. Labatt, a Prisoner of War in Germany was shot down over German lines.

Lieutenant J.P. Whiteley in the Royal Horse Artillery wounded in Amiens offensive. He is the son of Mr Frank Whiteley (CMG) of Ilkley.

16 August 20 German prisoners transferred to Otley district from Harewood district to work on farms. Labour has to be paid at 6d per hour with 7/- per day of 10 hours during harvest time, but only 1d per hour goes to the men. They are ferried to and from the workhouse and given a mid-day meal. As the offer of 30 trained women belonging to the Women's Land Army at 7/- per week and their keep had been previously refused, it would appear that the only labour some of the farmers want is that given gratuitously in spirit of patriotism such as many had received from members of the Volunteer Corps, Grammar School boys and others similarly inspired.

Poem: 'Ilkley Revisited'.

23 August Fine crop of oats at Denton Hall.

First visit of an esteemed young English actress Miss Irene Vanbrugh to Ilkley Kings Hall and will present 'Severe Women' and 'The Twelve Pound Lock' by Sir James Barrie. The Twelve Pound Lock was written for Miss Vanbrugh by Sir James Barrie. Miss Vanbrugh has just finished a successful London season and Ellen Terry's mantle is said to have fallen on Irene Vanbrugh's shoulders.

2nd Lieutenant Eric Hampshire severely wounded. He is in the Royal Field Artillery.

Corporal J.W. Smith (Northumberland Fusiliers) has suffered gas poisoning.

23 August Lance Corporal Bradley West Riding Regiment is a Prisoner of War in Germany. He has lost his little finger and part of this thumb of his right hand while working in coal fields in Germany.

23 August Private W. Durie (West Kent Regiment) was wounded in the legs 30 July.

Private A. Hodgson (West Yorkshire Regiment) killed in action.

Private F. Dickinson (Canadian Infantry) received a bullet in the left hand which fractured his thumb and severed arteries.

30 August Ilkley Military Service Tribunal: treatment of older men. Periods of exemption granted.

30 August Advert. 'The German women have given their gold to be melted down. Will you look up all your Waste Paper etc of any description and sell it to help to win the War? A local receiving depot has opened at 34 Leeds Road, Ilkley.

Lieutenant Donald Boyd awarded the Military Cross. He is in the Royal Field Artillery and lives in Ben Rhydding. He is on the staff of 'Leeds Mercury'.

30 August Secondary School Teachers' Course in Latin held for English teachers over two weeks at Ilkley Grammar School. A 'holiday course' in Latin run at the behest of the Board of Education.

September

6 September Ilkley and amusements: a season band and shelter.

6 September S.E. Major, a pupil at Ilkley Grammar School, has passed 24th into the Royal Navy (special entry). 115 candidates qualified and 80 are being taken.

Lecture to Ilkley Labour Party by Mr W. McLane of Salford: 'The Importance of the Workers'.

6 September Major A.R. Carter, younger son of Dr Carter of Sheffield and formerly Ilkley, was killed in action on 28 August when he was struck by a shell.

Captain G. Skirrow, West Yorkshire Regiment (attached to King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry), killed in action on 27 August. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre early in 1917.

Corporal F. Dickinson (Canadian Infantry) wounded for a second time.

Private T.M. Horner (West Riding Regiment) awarded the Military Medal.

Sergeant H. McGowan (Royal Field Artillery) awarded the Military Medal.

6 September Private F. Hudson (Ilkley 'Pals') died of wounds at the casualty clearing station.

Private B. Robinson formerly of Ilkley and now Guiseley and served in the West Riding Regiment died of wounds.

13 September 'Most Reliable Firm in the District for All Food Supplies – Walmsley's Stores, 16 & 18 Leeds Road. Licensed Distributors of all Government Foods and most reliable firm in the district for all rationed food supplies'.

Kings Hall – one of Somerset Maugham's plays 'Love in a Cottage'.

13 September Temporary use of Menston Asylum for wounded American soldiers.

Private F. Barwick is a Prisoner of War.

Former Ilkley man killed in action: Private J. Storey (King Edward's Horse) went to live in the United States some years ago.

Private H. Farrer killed in action – he was in the Ilkley 'Pals' Company.

Signaller Arthur Richardson (Royal Garrison Artillery) 'gassed' in France.

People in the area under the Defence of Realm Act (D.O.R.A.) are committing pilfering from allotments. Trespassers have stolen growing produce. In one case a vegetable marrow weighing 10 or 12 pounds was taken.

13 September Too early closing of Ilkley libraries at 8pm due to slow railway travelling nowadays. It is very hard when many do not arrive home from the office until 7pm.

20 September Captain B.C. Lupton M.C. wounded a second time.

'Charley's Aunt' by Brandon Thomas is being staged again in the Kings Hall next week.

Poem: 'Path of Duty'.

Branch of National provincial and Union Bank of England will open in Ilkley as soon as War conditions allow.

27 September 'The USA as a World Power' lecture by J.A.R. Marriot MP at Kings Hall.

27 September Ilkley Trees – a letter to the Editor. 'They are nice but overplanting can occur – some need lopping and weeding out. Cutting out every superfluous and ill shaped tree or bush in both private and public grounds would provide a comforting store of fuel as well as increasing our scanty ration of sunshine'.

27 September Death of Mr D'Arcy Wyvill, former M.P. for the Otley division.

Private Ed Debenham (Grenadier Guards) suffering from gas poisoning.

100 wounded soldiers entertained to tea at Leeds Philosophical Hall on Friday by Miss Wood of Ben Rhydding.

October

4 October First meeting of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers Joint Sub Committee took place at Otley Employment Exchange. The work requires sympathy and tact to be successful.

Ilkley Tradespeople Association Lighting and Fuel Order 1918. In order to help in the economy of lighting and fuel, an agreement was reached that hours of closing Monday to Friday will be 6pm, and Saturday at 8pm. The public are asked to help the tradespeople carry out the above times.

Bombardier Tom Leighton Royal Field Artillery has been wounded a third time – this time in his right thigh and chin.

Two sons of the late John Mitchell and Mrs Mitchell of Strid Cottage, Bolton Abbey have been killed. William aged 30 of the Scots Guards died from wounds on 20 September, and their eldest son aged 36 serving with the West Riding Regiment was killed by a sniper on 21 September.

Shoeing Smith C.A. Thornton Royal Field Artillery was killed on 3 September. He was the third son of Mr and Mrs M. Thornton of Leeds Road, Ilkley.

Private Reg Hodgson of Nelson Road, Ilkley and Lieutenant Corporal W. Hart of Weston Road, Ilkley, both of whom joined Ilkley 'Pals' in 1914, have been wounded and are in hospital near Birmingham.

Ilkley Picture House: 'Better 'Ole' shown at the beginning of the week – an interesting and amusing screen representation of the play by Captain Bruce Bairnsfather and Arthur Elliott.

4 October Ilkley Urban District Council fuel and rationing order.

4 October Ilkley Urban District Council 'cup' and 'ring' marked stones. An effective means is to be adopted to protect and preserve the 'cup' and 'ring' mark on the stones near St Margaret's Church and at Swastika Stone. It was resolved that the shelter near Wells Terrace be repaired and that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare a scheme for improving the amenities of White Wells. All the Council agreed that every effort should be made to protect them. Many were suffering from 'weathering'. Best means possible to protect the stones.

4 October Hay and Straw Regulations. Farmers after 1 October are not allowed to use hay and straw for their own cattle unless they had a consumer's licence. Some farmers are unaware of this regulation and it is feared many prosecutions might result.

The Sub Depot for German prisoners at Burley Woodhead – who would be available for work on the land in Burley, Menston and Hawkesworth.

4 October Kings Hall. Public attention to the terrible ravages of venereal disease with 'Damaged Goods' – a lecture play dealing with the scourge written by Eugene Breiux, a member of the French Academy, and produced by James B. Fagan's London Company.

Coal Rationing Order: on the whole the people of Ilkley, having realised the necessity for economy in coal consumption had manifested a desire to observe the principle of the Order. 95% requisitions were issued up to the end of last week. There are still 120 applications to be dealt with, but these have been held over owing to the want of Requisition Forms

11 October Regular advert for Beecham's Pills 'The Soldier's Friend'. 'A man must be fit in order to be a good fighter. The hardships that are inseparable from a soldier's life can only be withstood by men who are experiencing good health. Moreover, such soldierly qualities as alertness, vim, resource and optimism are greatly dependent upon physical efficiency. Consequently because of valuable health-promoting properties, Beecham's Pills are assuredly the Soldier's Friend They keep him in the pink of condition. The handiest aid to health any man can carry. No kit is complete without a box of Beecham's Pills.'

11 October Private B. Boddy with the West Yorkshire Regiment killed in action on 24 September.

Lieutenant W.D. Gray with West Yorkshire Regiment and of Hollingley, Ilkley, severely wounded.

Private Austen Parkes, Lancashire Fusiliers, wounded. He had been under training for some time with the Ilkley 'Pals' Company.

11 October Death of Reverend Sinker, former Vicar of Ilkley 1908-1913 died at his new parish in Burton-in-Kendal from heart failure due to pneumonia.

11 October Gunner William Kendall killed in action on 29 September. He was in the Royal Garrison Artillery.

Captain S. McKnight, Royal Scots, married to an Ilkley girl.

Lieutenant H. W. Beevers, 'Deerstones', Bolton Abbey, has been wounded in the chest by shrapnel. He is serving in the Eastern Mediterranean theatre.

Lecture by J.A.R. Marriott M.A. on 'The United States as a World Power' to Ilkley University Extension Society.

11 October Ilkley Waste Paper Collecting Depot is now under the direct supervision of the County Manager.

18 October A French lady, Mademoiselle Monton of 5 Springs Terrace, a certified teacher, has vacancies. Day and Evening Classes for Commercial French.

The remains of Executive Engineer Ernest George Mercer, aged 39, with the Public Works Department, Lagos, Nigeria, eldest son of Major S.M. Mercer A.S.C. of Leeds and Ilkley, whose body was recovered from the wreck of *SS Burutu* on 9 October, were interred at Ilkley Cemetery on 13 September.

18 October 2nd Lieutenant Harry Tomalin, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, grandson of Mr A. Tomalin of Denton Road, Ilkley, awarded the Military Cross.

Driver Douglas Sinclair, Royal Field Artillery, of Cowpasture Road, Ilkley reported wounded. He joined the Army in December 1914.

Letter from an angry resident who was run into from behind on Wells Road, Ilkley – 'no front light; no warning and riding at great speed down a steep hill. A pedestrian has every right to use the road in preference to the footpath on a dark night. I have now found that I am badly shaken and considerably bruised and may eventually require medical attention to my right arm. He was guilty of criminal folly in taking the risks he did. I enclose my card to pass on to the cyclist should he desire to see it'.

25 October 'My Four Years in Germany' – a genuine and accurate exposure of the plotters of Potsdam. Showing at the Picture House in Ilkley next week.

25 October Air Mechanic H. Hirst died in Italy from pneumonia. He was from Easby Drive, Ilkley and was educated at Ilkley Grammar School. He was in the French Red Cross and served in France and Italy.

25 October Ilkley Family Nationality: eleven summonses were heard at Lancaster Crown Court under the Defence of Realm Act (D.O.R.A.) against Mr John Ingram Craven, a dyer and chemist of Hebers Ghyll Drive and his wife Mrs Elma Craven and elder daughter Miss Irma Craven. They were charged with giving false information to the bookkeeper at the Elms Hotel, Morecambe; failing to notify a change of residence; failing to furnish particulars as aliens and entering the 'prohibited' area of Morecambe without permission. A verdict of not guilty – Mr Craven had a sound, patriotic and public background and no mala fides on the part of the defendants. The case was dropped on payment of costs only.

November

1 November Formation of Co-operative Men's Guild in Ilkley, a very broad platform where any conceivable subject could be dealt with and discussed at the meetings. Besides the educational work, the organisation had a social and recreatory side.

1 November Lieutenant Boyd awarded Military Cross. He is from Ben Rhydding.

Death of Private A. Robinson from pneumonia, son of Mrs A. Robinson of Guiseley and until recently of Leeds Road, Ilkley.

8 November Christmas gifts for the soldiers and sailors of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding – amount already acknowledged £78-19s, and total amount £175-8s-6d.

Ilkley Picture House – a fine photo version of 'The Touch of a Child' presented at the fore part of the week, a free adapted representation of the play by Tom Gallon and Leon M. Lion.

8 November Detail of funeral of 2nd Lieutenant G.M. Smith (Royal Field Artillery) of Kings Road, Ilkley who died on 28 October from wounds received on 13 October. He was interred with military honours at Ilkley Cemetery.

Ex Lieutenant L.P. Sutcliffe died of influenza in British Columbia. He was invalided out of the Army with dysentery and wounds and had moved to Canada for health reasons.

Private G. Hirst, West Riding Regiment, in hospital after being 'badly gassed'. He was blinded for several days and has recovered his sight.

8 November Corporal Shoeing Smith James Blogg (Royal Canadian Horse Artillery) died from wounds. His parents used to live on Middleton Road, Ilkley.

Death of Captain Amos Clarkson M.C. who was with the West Yorkshire Regiment. His mother lives on Parish Ghyll Road. He was educated at Ilkley Grammar School, and joined the Ilkley 'Pals' West Riding Regiment. He won his Military Cross when he was attached to the trench mortar battery and was later mentioned in dispatches. News of his death came in a telegram from the Keeper of the Privy Seal.

15 November Advert: 'Clarke's Blood Mixture – take it. Your blood is calling for help and the mixture is everybody's blood purifier'.

15 November In order to celebrate the end of the War, the visitors at Craiglands invited all wounded soldiers in hospitals and at St Dunstan's to an entertainment and tea at the hydro. 125 soldiers arrived at 2.30pm, the badly wounded cases being brought in cabs, and the proceedings were commenced by a march round of soldiers to the tune 'See, the Conquering Hero Comes'.

15 November Ilkley War Savings Association have received £6,652-8s-0d for investment up to the end of October. Peace has been signed but must not be thought that there is no further need for saving. Must still save – there is much to be done for which money is most urgently needed.

15 November THE WAR OVER. Great rejoicing in Ilkley. At 5am on Monday morning the curtain rung down on the greatest and most terrible war in the world's history. Glad tidings hailed by the Allies with greatest enthusiasm. Some rejoiced in a boisterous and hilarious fashion and others in a much deeper and more sober thankfulness

15 November Great rejoicing at the Armistice.

The first that Ilkley knew about the Armistice was when Mr W.A. Dobson displayed the news on a blackboard in front of his shop in Brook Street with the addendum official. In a very short time, flags were everywhere and the streets became very lively. One flag bore the large letters 'Welcome Home'.

Wounded soldiers from Ilkley Military Hospital purloined a tradesmen's dray and rode around the town. Later, a much bigger batch of soldiers and sailors broke into the Volunteers Bugle Bandroom to secure drums and bugles to march around the town. Business was suspended at midday, shops were closed and Parish Church bells were rung. The Volunteer Bugle Band played into the evening. Huge number of fireworks set off: crackers, rockets, maroons and Roman candles.

15 November Children had the time of their lives – National Schools opened in the afternoon but there were many absentees.

Fireworks were let off in all parts of the town. Pyrotechnic display in Brook Street – squibs, rockets, crackers, maroons and Roman candles mingled in blazes of light.

Thanksgiving services at the Parish Church and St Margaret's Church.

Private Witting killed in action on 14 October. He was with the Durham Light Infantry.

Private J.W. Wright killed in action on 1 November. He was with the West Riding Regiment.

22 November Home Hints: apply a thin coat of varnish on floor mattings and yearly after that. They will last longer and be kept clean.

Sprinkle tea leaves on carpets before sweeping.

Private Gell home in Ilkley from his time as a Prisoner of War.

Private Kendall, London Regiment (Royal Engineers), gassed and also wounded by shrapnel.

Ilkley Royal Army Medical Corps man hit with shrapnel – Private Burton, a stretcher bearer.

Private Baden S. Lambert (East Yorkshire Regiment) died in hospital in Hull from pneumonia following influenza. He was interred at Ilkley Cemetery.

Private J. Clarkson (West Yorkshire Regiment) died in Colchester from illness resulting from wounds and shell shock. He was interred at Ilkley Cemetery.

2nd Lieutenant Herbert Lansdale (Royal Air Force) reported missing since 30 October. When last seen, his machine was engaged with enemy planes.

Lieutenant W. Hepton, formerly of Ilkley and now of Harrogate, died of wounds following influenza on 19 November. He had left a bed of sickness in response to an order to go forward.

22 November Thanksgiving Sunday 17 November – services at Ilkley churches. There was a United Service at St Margaret's Church and 1300 attended. The sermon included words from an Old Greek tragedy: 'sin has brought its own punishment; lust has created its own Hell. Morality is the nature of things and that to insult God is to woo destruction.'

29 November Returned POW speakers Privates Mitchell and Gell speak of appalling treatment in their seven months as prisoners in Germany. They were beaten and starved.

29 November Alfred Brunskill, 2½ years old, died in a trough on the roadside in Denton village. A verdict of 'accidentally drowned' was given. He was playing with other children at the trough.

29 November 2nd Lieutenant Lansdale now reported wounded and in hospital in Germany.

Ilkley Allotment Gardens Association: Regulations altered to allow allotment occupiers to utilise not more than a quarter of the allotment for fruit growing.

Eggs now needed for wounded and repatriated soldiers.

29 November Editorial partly on war memorials. May the soldiers memorial, whatever is decided upon, whatever its nature, be worthy of the town and worthy of the cause and thoroughly representative of every 'heart throb' of the people.

December

6 December Private J.R. Wright (Durham Light Infantry) returned home after being a Prisoner of War since 27 May 1918.

Ilkley Picture House: 'The Secret of the Storm Country'.

6 December Ilkley and the War Memorial -a Council meeting to discuss the matter. The Chairman hoped that some fitting and suitable memorial would be erected not only to the memory of the men who had fallen, but also as a reward and appreciation of the efforts and sacrifices of men who were spared to return home. He believed that the consensus at the meeting was for something useful as well as ornamental, and people thought the soldiers themselves would prefer something of this character.

6 December General Election 1918 (December) – women voting for the first time. Candidates Mr Barrand (Coalition) and Mr Carter (Labour).

13 December Christmas gifts for soldiers and sailors in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding: £582-7s-6d raised.

National Committee for Relief in Belgium Donation Day raised £49-13s-9d.

Bombardier J. Fox M.M. arrives home after being a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Sub-Lieutenant Blake Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

13 December Talk to Ilkley Gazette by Private Wright regarding his experiences as a Prisoner of War. He was captured on 27 May and the guards at the camp were very severe and often beat the men. He was on the way to Germany when 11 November arrived.

Private W. Mennell (West Riding Regiment) was taken as a Prisoner of War on 13 April when he was moving the German wounded. He was in the Arsenal at Lille and then spent time in the Black Hole of Lille (Fort Macdonald). It was the survival of the strongest and he almost starved to death. He was sent to work on ammunition dumps and was later employed to break up very fine machinery in mills in Lille. He then drag transports from Lille to Brussels, and when he was near the city 11 November arrived and he was set free. He was looked after by a gentleman who re-clothed and washed him.

20 December Ilkley Picture House: 'The Land of Promise' – a fine play by W. Somerset Maugham.

Sunday Pictorial – a signed article by Alexander Campbell on 'My Talk with Little Willie' Alexander Campbell is one of the editors of the Gazette. He was educated in Ilkley, and was trained in journalism at the Ilkley Gazette. He was a war correspondent and had various journalistic missions in France, Norway and other countries. He interviewed the Ex-Crown Prince of Germany at his island home of exile in Zuider Zee and he posed as a much maligned, innocent and wronged man stating he had nothing whatever to do with the making of the War, and he did not want war.

27 December After Boxing Day snowstorm and frost, a rapid thaw and flood followed.

Belgian refugees gratitude: a memorial tablet with gilt letters inscription fixed on a wall in a vestibule at the Town Hall. 'Great War 1914-1918. In grateful acknowledgement of the kindness of the Belgian Committee and the people of Ilkley. Ben Rhydding and Addingham. From the Belgian refugees.'

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January

3 January Private Barwick, a Prisoner of War since 27 May, arrived home on 1 January 1919.

3 January Ilkley Sergeant decorated in Germany: One of the British Generals with the Army of Occupation in Germany held public investiture of war honours in a German city park and gave Sergeant A.W. Butcher (Royal Field Artillery) the Military Medal. It was awarded for gallantry while getting guns into action under shell fire at Neuf Misnil. Many troops and indeed many German citizens assembled for the ceremony.

3 January Poem: 'New Year and a New World'.

3 January A lady wrote to the Ilkley Gazette to suggest a YMCA type hut as a suitable memorial to be used for youths in their spare time, with recreation such as billiards, a teetotal canteen all run on attractive lines. Why not provide an attractive recreation room, as lads are being tempted daily to play billiards at the public houses. It is up to us to see that the budding manhood of this place is kept pure and made worthy of the blood shed for them.

3 January Account of a Zeppelin's visit to Wharfedale, where bombs were dropped on 25 September 1916. Seven Zeppelins flew over the North Sea on a still and dark night – one reached a Sheffield neighbourhood and another nearly got to Leeds. Bombs were being dropped plentifully at Harewood and Collingham. It is thought that the pilot mistook the River Wharfe for the River Aire and really had Leeds or even Sheffield as his objective. A Zeppelin flew over Ripon but missed the big military camp and dropped five bombs close to the village of Wormald Green, all in open fields. It hovered over Harrogate in pitch darkness, then glided to Harewood, dropping a bomb in an open field at Weeton. It reached Harewood Park and incendiaries were dropped in quick succession, though no harm was done, although Harewood House, being used as a Red Cross Hospital, was nearly blown to pieces.

One bomb dropped near the entrance gates of the Park and another fell on the corner of a cottage roof into a water cistern, doing no damage beyond crashing through the roof and flooding the bedroom with water. A high explosive missile left a big hole in a turnip field and another incendiary bomb dropped into an empty hen house.

The Zeppelin then fired on an anti-aircraft station between Harewood and Collingham after being spotted by a searchlight. Bombs were dropped on the anti-aircraft station but landed in fields. The Zeppelin then made off with all speed. No-one was killed or injured in the Wharfedale District.

10 January Captain Johnson (West Yorkshire Regiment) made an OBE for war service. He already has an MBE.

Captain R.C. Illingworth DSO mentioned in Douglas Haig's dispatch.

Lieutenant Colonel C.F. Potter DSO is made a CMG.

10 January Low barometer reading on 5 January 1919. In Ilkley, with brilliant sunshine and clear frosty atmosphere, the glass was as low as 28.7!

10 January Zeppelin visit to Wharfedale: a bomb is said to have been dropped at Bolton Abbey. All the lights were extinguished in Ilkley and explosions rattled the windows at many Ilkley houses. A bomb dropped in a meadow at Bolton Abbey failed to explode. The bomb was found by two men and afterwards was taken charge of by the village policeman and sent away. The sound of Zeppelin engines were heard in Ilkley and Addingham. On the occasion of another Yorkshire raid, an airship was brought down in flames on Durham coast near Hartlepool, and could be seen descending to its doom from the railway footbridge between Railway Road and Springs Lane.

10 January Sapper W.C. Habishaw, Royal Engineers, found dead in a lorry at Treviso in Italy on 29 December 1918. He died of natural causes. He had been in the mountains

repairing electrical communications. He was buried and a military funeral was held at Lancenigo, three miles north of Treviso.

10 January Private Fred Barwick's story of cruelty as a German Prisoner of War. Starvation rations (cabbage and carrot water, bread and coffee ersatz). He was employed on the railways and was for three months in Camp Lamsdorf. The Brits were treated more cruelly than the French, Russians, Roumanians and Portuguese. The Prussian guards were cruel. He saw many Prisoners of War shot down or bayoneted to death and exhausted by the lack of food. He was in hospital twice because of the poor food and weakness. He received shirts, socks and soap from the Red Cross. He returned home via Wilhelmshaven and Denmark to Scotland.

10 January Private S. Kellett was taken a Prisoner of War on 11 November 1914 and put in Gardelegen camp. There was typhus fever in the camp and he volunteered as a hospital orderly. He went to Parey on the Elbe to help build a canal, and then on to a sulphur factory where it was very bad, followed by a stone quarry for 18 months, and then back to the sulphur quarry as an interpreter, where he got the prisoners their wooden shoes and parcels. Even after the Armistice, prisoners were not fed at Gardelegen and not released until 25 November, then home via Stettin, Copenhagen and Leith.

At Parey on the Elbe he had to live in a piggery. A German officer admitted that there was little food in the country.

The Germans were in a bad way, with boots being made of wood and paper and shirts made of paper.

10 January Lieutenant Dawson (Royal Air Force) back in England. He had been a Prisoner of War at Strohen and Bad Colberg since April 1917.

10 January Private C. Wolstenholme, an Ilkley man in the Canadian infantry was a Prisoner of War for three years and eight months. He fared quite well and got a fair number of parcels through the Red Cross, sent by two Ilkley ladies.

17 January Military intelligence Lieutenant (acting Captain) F.W.B. Maufe MC gazetted as Captain.

17 January 'The Vengeance of Paula' and 'Beauty and the Rogue' – two films showing at Kings Hall.

Henry Fulford, golf pro at Bradford Golf Club. He lived in Ilkley and became a golf pro at Le Touquet Club near Boulogne.

17 January 2nd Lieutenant H.H. Tomalin (Yorkshire Regiment) awarded the Military Cross.

Captain F.W. Musgrove (West Yorkshire Regiment) awarded the Military Cross.

Fancy Dress Ball and Whist Drive at the Ilkley Branch of the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers at Kings Hall. 500 attended including 300 dancers, 88 whist players and 100 spectators.

24 January Private C.N. Dalton (West Riding Regiment) is home from Germany where he has been a Prisoner of War since 3 September 1916. He was a farm worker and the food was scarce, but he was not unkindly treated.

Lieutenant G.C. Calvert (Yorkshire Light Infantry) died from typhoid and pneumonia.

Ilkley Public Library: 5,043 books borrowed in December 1918, including 3,746 fiction.

24 January Site secured and paid for (£300) for a parochial hall at Ben Rhydding.

Ilkley Auxiliary Military Hospital to close at the end of January 1919. The first wounded arrived there on 14 December 1914 and up to date 3,200 wounded men have been dealt with, including those with shell shock, gas poisoning, accidents and various illnesses.

24 January Toy making, a new Ilkley industry started by an Ilkley cabinet maker Mr J.H. Cooper in 1917, has now moved from Regents Road to buildings in Springs Lane which were occupied for a long time by Ilkley Rifle Club. It is a large building with proper toy making machinery. Mr Cooper has provided as much employment as possible for wounded soldiers.

24 January Gell and Mennell's experience in the 'Black Hole of Lille' has appeared as a picture in one of the illustrated papers.

War record Leeds Bantams 'The Little Men with Stout Hearts' just been published (17th West Yorkshire Regiment).

31 January Local M.P. Mr A.R. Barrand addressed Ilkley Liberal Associations. Ilkley Labour Party in connection with Ilkley Trades Council held a Whist drive and ball.

Ilkley War Savings Committee £7,358-9s-6d for investing in war certificates up to the end of January.

31 January Theft of jewellery from Ben Rhydding Hydro and a quantity of jewellery valued at £350, the property of Blanche White of Wakefield, was taken by a man of no fixed address, James Robertson (aged 76).

Private W. Myers spoke in Manningham regarding his experiences as a Prisoner of War in Germany – starvation rations, and tree felling and quarrying.

February

7 February 'Little Terror': week of the drama of circus life at Kings Hall Pictures.

7 February Sergeant Arthur Steel of Leeds and formerly of Ilkley is with the Army of Occupation near Cologne and has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

7 February Captain P.H. Walker awarded Military Cross and a bar (Wharfedale Howitzers).

Belgian Refugees Farewell Party at Kings Hall on 4 February. Most left Ilkley by train for Antwerp via Leeds and Hull on 5 February 1919. 48 left after 4½ years in Ilkley. There was a feeling of sadness as not many knew in what state they would find their own country.

7 February Ilkley Urban District Council and incorporation proposal for Ilkley to receive a charter like Fleetwood, Dartford, Tipton and Oswaldtwistle. None have had to pay for the added dignity and increased powers by increased rates. Soon ratepayers can voice their opinions at a public meeting.

7 February Flying age and flying craze. Aeroplanes which have done duty as war planes are now offered for sale at a low figure and new ones cost little more than the cost of a good motor car.

7 February Commercial uses of flying machines are attracting attention. 'The Stray' at Harrogate has been suggested as a good place for passenger lanes between there and the East Coast. It has been considered as possibly being extended to Ilkley but there is no grass like 'The Stray' in Ilkley.

The Moor has been spoken of for trial flights between here and Beamsley Beacon.

14 February Gas explosion in an unoccupied shop in 'The Arcade' but no-one was injured. The gas accumulated through a leakage in the next door furniture shop.

Lieutenant S. Bellhouse, Leeds Howitzers, awarded Croix de Guerre (with palm) for gallantry in Rheims Wood on 3 July 1918. He lives in Ben Rhydding.

14 February Gunner T.W. Saunders died in a Nazareth Hospital circa September 1917. His tank was blown up by the Turks at Gaza in Palestine on 19 April 1917. The information came from a man who had survived in Saunder's tank :Lieutenant Corporal Featherstone of Brooklands, Leeds a recent Prisoner of War of the Turks.

21 February 'What Gratitude?' Men who have fought and lost their jobs was raised at a meeting of Ilkley and District Soldiers and Sailors Christmas Gifts Committee. Councillor W.R. Dobson said apprentices who had joined up at 18 were coming back as men of 22 to find themselves stranded because they were too old to continue their apprenticeships.

21 February Article on White Wells – a little of their history and the Council's improvement Scheme.

Proposal for redevelopment: the site selected is 60 yards to the south east of White Wells, just under the hill on which trees stand so conspicuously.

A room 24ft by 18ft will provide tea, accommodation for about 60 people with a small kitchen attached and a veranda surrounding the building. It will be 6ft wide so that shelter accommodation will be considerable. Building estimated to cost about £575.

21 February Returned PoWs entertained to a supper by the council and a whist drive in Ilkley.

21 February Ilkley has already enjoyed Royal favour so far as in the granting of a Charter, for in 1252 Henry III raised Ilkley to the dignity of a market town by Royal Charter. Peter de Percy and his heirs may forever have a market on Wednesday weekly at his manor of Illeclay in the county of York, and a fair every year for eight days unless such an event be to

the hurt of neighbouring markets and fairs. This situation is bound to help if equal royal favour is bestowed by King George V and his Privy Council.

28 February Presentation to Father Faes, a Belgian priest refugee of Ilkley, who helped Father Galli at the Presbytery and ministered as a general worker, spiritual comforter, adviser and friend of his own compatriots. Ilkley Urban District Council gave him a silver chalice and purse of money to return with him to his parish at Malines in Belgium.

28 February Competitive schemes suggested for Ilkley War Memorial Sub Committee. Sites:

1. Brook Street top
2. Corner of The Grove and Bolton Bridge Road as contiguous with Spence's Garden
3. Top of West View on the verge of the Moors.

Three designs have been submitted: an Athenian temple; a Winged Victory and a Memorial Cross.

If Brook Street is chosen, something needs to be done about the appearance of the railway bridge. Land at the end of the Grove could be bought for £1250 and the late Miss Lucy Lund left £200 on the condition that this plot would be an appreciated asset in 50 years' time. It was agreed to adopt this site and advertise for competitive designs for the memorial.

28 February Private Haywood and Sergeant Earnshaw died from pneumonia.

28 February On Peace Night, bonfires are to be lit on all the high hills possible, the same as for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and Edward VII's Coronation.

Address on 'Causes of Industrial Unrest' given to Ilkley Women Liberals. One of the greatest causes was one man, one job all the time. Long hours and monotony of labour had a deleterious effect upon character.

March

7 March Ilkley Food Control Committee agreed to fix the price of milk in the district at 9d per quart.

Kings Hall Pictures: 'The Wooing of Princess Tonia'.

National Association of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors. Great sacrifices were made by many of the men who had served for King and Country and a promise had been made in 1914 that no man, woman or child should suffer through services rendered.

7 March County Council Election for West Riding for Ilkley Division. Mr Lionel Cresswell (Conservative) elected 1,091 votes. Mrs Lucy Reith (Independent) 507 votes. Mr Cresswell's majority was 581.

7 March Ilkley gentleman commits suicide on Middleton Moor sheepfold by a bullet through the head.

40 German Prisoners of War at Skipton Camp have died of influenza.

7 March Late trains to Ilkley – complaints by passengers being help up in Burley for one or one and a half hours in a cold room or ‘shed’ with no information as to why provided. It is a scandalous shame that with fares at the present figure passengers are treated like this. No wonder influenza and kindred elements are rife when people have to wait in such cold and cheerless conditions.

7 March Returning Belgians complain of high prices. A Belgian lady who has been resident at Ilkley has returned to Antwerp and writes to say the price of food is three times as much as it is in England. Perhaps not three times as much, but the quality is such as to show the difference. Butcher’s meat is 18s per pound and boots are £2-10s to £3 a pair.

14 March Shoemsmith Walter Thirkell interred with military honours at Ilkley Cemetery. He died from pneumonia following influenza while on leave from Belgium.

No cheap trains for Easter break to health and pleasure resorts, but perhaps can run at Whitsuntide.

14 March John Thomas Barber died in Leeds aged 74, a well known writer and bookman. The author of one of the most popular Yorkshire dialect rhymes ever written ‘Bramla Band’ recited at innumerable festive gatherings in Ilkley by the late Abraham Riley.

14 March Amounts of labour provided by Ilkley District Council during the next twelve months: an inquiry led by the Engineering Inspector under the Local Government Board.

For maintenance of the district’s roads, it is estimated that the sum of £1,700 would have to be expended and that the work would employ 20 men for 22 weeks. On the main roads the estimated sum was £1,840 providing work for 20 men for 27 weeks.

14 March Domestic servant problem – a conference of Wharfedale ladies held in Otley regarding re-organisation of the terms of domestic service. Regarding wages, it was resolved to fix a weekly minimum of 8s 6d with higher wages to be paid according to ability. No decision was made regarding working hours.

21 March Unthreshed corn in Wharfedale partly due to the sale of horses and agricultural implements to take place shortly by order of the West Riding Executive Committee. Farmers had had to plough up good meadow land to produce this corn and now they were unable to get machinery to thresh the crops.

21 March Advert: ‘Owing to the demobilisation of men, Dean’s at 13 Leeds Road Ilkley can now undertake boot repairs quickly’.

21 March ‘Welcome Home from the War’ social held in the Assembly Room, Wells Road Ilkley to welcome demobilised men. In connection with the Wesleyan Church and Sunday School.

21 March ‘Ghosts of Yesterday’: a fine play showing at Yorkshire Picture House.

Advert: ‘A.J. Robinson, boot maker and repairer, Little Lane, Ilkley – business will re-open 24 March for normal business. I shall be pleased to receive favours from old and new customers’.

Incorporation Proposals. More information is needed about a Charter of Incorporation for the town. Government by municipal corporation is the highest form of self government in existence.

21 March Mr William Thompson's Otter Hounds will recommence hunting on the Wharfe this season as soon as the water and weather permit. No meets have been held since 1915.

The 9th Duke's: Thrilling Story of Heroism. The Ordeal of Delville Wood in which many Ilkley men took part – at the Wood half of the men were killed by shell fire during the eight days they held the Wood, with four days relief at the end of the first four.

When they finally came out, only 78 men were left in the battalion.

28 March Letter to the Ilkley Gazette regarding incorporation. Ilkley possesses all the requisites necessary to make up a compact and self contained borough. Unlike many other newly incorporated towns, Ilkley would not have to go to the expense of building municipal offices, having already very fine buildings for this purpose. Further, the town owns its own gas and electricity works, slaughter houses etc. In the 90 cases of incorporation, in no single case has an increase in rates occurred through incorporation and no town which has received incorporation in recent years has any desire to revert to its original status.

28 March 32 further Belgian refugees left by train to return home.

Recent Local Government Board inquiry says there is no need for a housing scheme in Ilkley. There is a scarcity of properties but it is no worse or as bad as in industrial areas, and with no steps to bring the housing scheme to maturity. Already plans have been prepared for the erection of 90 houses on a plot of 11 acres near Grange Estate. There is a keen demand for houses up to £40 in rental. The only houses to let there are between £100 and £200 rental.

28 March Lady Nott-Bower gave an address on women police to members of the Ilkley Women Citizens Association. They would care and protect children and young girls; supervising places of amusement; be useful in patrolling parks and in checking for concealment of birth. Many blamed the parents for them running about in the streets at night, but this was hardly surprising as they had been closed up all day in a factory or workshop.

28 March Ilkley Urban District Council District rate increased from 4s8d to 5s6d. The cost of the advance of wages to working people following upon arbitration proceedings would amount to at least £5,000 a year which was equal to a $\frac{1}{9}$ of the rate and represented 100% and in some cases 120% increase over the pre-War rate of wages. This meant an increased cost to the town of £6,700 a year which was equal to a 3d rate. This represented a percentage of increases over pre-War salaries of 33% which was a considerable increase in expenditure amounting to something like £4,600 more than in the year just ended.

28 March Ilkley War Memorial: a monument to the Fallen and help for their dependents. After a detailed discussion, the following resolution was passed by a large majority:

'That a memorial be erected and that public subscriptions be invited. The funds to be applied in the first place in the erection of a memorial to the men who have fallen, on a site to be

hereafter decided upon, and secondly to be applied for the benefit of the widows, children and dependents of the men who had fallen.'

The land for the War Memorial was the property of Mrs Cooke of Summerfield, Ilkley and could be purchased for £1,250 (a reasonable price). The Monument would probably cost from £2,000 to £3,000, so the whole scheme would cost about £3,500 altogether.

Competitive designs are sought for the design of the monument.

Reverend H.J. Glennie said it should be a purely unselfish memorial and he was inclined to favour something symbolic, but they ought to be put out of mind entirely what benefit was going to be got out of the memorial.

28 March Advert for Deans and Mennell: 'With both our principals having been serving with the Colours, our business had to be closed down, and we are glad to be able to inform you that having now been demobilised, we are resuming active operations'.

April

4 April Ilkley Grammar School Old Boys' Association – a meeting to be held on 12 April to resuscitate the Old Boys' Association and to consider the raising of a war memorial to the fifty old boys who have fallen in the War.

4 April Ilkley Rugby Club and the First World War. Playing members serving 98; killed 18; died 3; wounded 30. Honours: 1 Distinguished Service Order; 3 Military Crosses and bar; 6 Military Crosses; 2 Distinguished Conduct Medals; 2 Military Medals and 6 mentioned in dispatches.

Non-playing members serving 20; killed 4; died 2; wounded 5. Honours: 1 Distinguished Service Order and 1 mentioned in dispatches.

4 April Deputy Registration Officer held a court for revision of the voters' lists at the Town Hall yesterday.

4 April There will be a Wild West Exhibition and Mammoth Circus at Binn's Field off Leeds Road on 12 April. Action to include the world champion lasso thrower and the Royal Tokiwa, a family of genuine Japanese artistes who are without doubt Japan's greatest entertainers.

11 April 'Spinner O' Dreams, an entrancing romance set in Old Lancashire, produced at the Kings Hall.

War Memorial – Joseph Cooper of Norwood House, Ilkley offered to purchase land at the corner of the Grove and Bolton Bridge Road and steps are being taken to convey the land to Ilkley District Council.

11 April James Cook, a stoker on HMS Suffolk, has just received his Christmas parcel while in port in Hong Kong. The parcel followed him to Vladivostok, Yokohama, Singapore and Hong Kong – only the cake was inedible!

11 April Man allegedly stole £350 from a Wakefield lady staying at Ben Rhydding Hydro.

18 April Children's Holiday Home opened for the season yesterday when 26 children arrived from Leeds.

Roads cost more to upkeep. Pre-War limestone was 4s 5d per ton – now it is 7s per ton and still increasing. Tar 4d a gallon is now 6d a gallon. Roadmen's wages were 22s a week, are now 46s 6d a week and an application for an increase of 10s has been received. Team labour was 10½d per hour and is now 2s per hour.

18 April War Agricultural Executive Committee did not intend to secure any further increase for this year's harvest – existing arable area to stay the same. However, it was desired that the arable area should be maintained unless restoration to grass was sanctioned by the Executive Committee.

18 April Mr Maurice Gaunt is elected first president of the reorganised Ilkley Grammar School Old Boys.

25 April Madame Lydia Kyasat, famous danseuse of the Imperial Russian Ballet, appeared at a matinee performance at Kings Hall.

25 April Very busy Easter holiday with glorious weather.

May

2 May Marriage of Lady Blanche Cavendish, second daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, on Wednesday at the Guard's Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London to Captain Evan Cobbold of the Scots Guards, son of Mr and Mrs Lady Evelyn Cobbold of Ipswich. The Duke of Devonshire was detained in Canada by his duties as Governor General.

2 May Ilkley branch of National Union of Equal Citizenship discussed Pensions for Civilian Widows – formerly the National Union of Women's Suffragette Societies.

2 May Welcome Home Dance in St Margaret's Hall for members of the Parish serving in the Army and Navy in the War and either demobbed or home on furlough.

A gathering of former members of the 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment held at Listers Arms Hotel on Saturday with the object of considering some means of keeping alive the comradeship of war.

2 May Mr R. Peel, the old Yorkshire County cricketer, has taken up his duties as cricket coach and groundsman at Ilkley Grammar School.

9 May Ilkley Holiday Home for Children held an AGM at the Town Hall. The annual report showed that last year 237 children were cared for at the home between 18 April and 23 October 1918. Of these, 123 were from Leeds and gained 493½ lbs in weight, and 97 were from Bradford and gained 279 lbs.

9 May Captain T.H.B. Maufe celebrated his 21st birthday on 6 May. Church bells rang at the Parish Church in the evening and Bradford Chamber of Commerce formally sent him congratulations.

9 May Supplement of pleasant walks in Ilkley area and maintaining purity of water supply.

Olicana – excavations on the site of the Roman Fort. Preliminary examination of the remains is presently in progress. The object of the trench presently being dug is to locate the work of the two periods and to ascertain the amount and depth of the debris of the Roman period so that an accurate idea can be arrived at of the cost of completely excavating the site.

National Chamber of Trade annual conference held in Ilkley. It was originally due for Bradford but the Government still had requisition for some of the best hotels in Bradford and therefore Ilkley filled the gap. Church Parade and Annual Meeting: the meeting was addressed by Mr G.H. Wardle MP; Parliamentary Secretary to Ministry of Labour.

George V sent a telegram conveying his appreciation of the local assurances of the conference. 500 delegates and friends attended the civic reception at Cartwright Hall, Bradford, then there was a motor tour to Harrogate and Knaresborough. Some delegates visited some of Bradford's textile works.

9 May Although there are busts of Carnegie and Collyer at the entrance to the library, no-one knows who they were, or are confused by them, so brass tablets placed on busts so people know who they really were.

16 May The Duchess of Devonshire with her daughter Lady Dorothy and son Lord Hartington is on her way to Canada to rejoin her husband, the Governor General.

16 May Several people complained about the dust in the streets and the absence of the water cart.

16 May Middleton Sanatorium to be further enlarged. Huts are to be built for 50 additional patients and necessary staff.

£10,000 is provided for the adaptation and equipment for Farnley Park camp to be allocated for the provision of additional accommodation for the treatment of tuberculosis patients.

16 May Public viewing allowed of the excavations of the Roam site: masonry, a portion of the outer wall of the fort, foundations of the rampart, paving, a stone drain and pieces of pottery.

16 May Ex-Service Men's Club – opening of new premises at Tower Buildings away from the Arcade. It cost £100 to furnish the new rooms – billiard room and table. There is the possibility of another room and billiard table, a canteen and a reading and card room.

23 May At the exhibition in the Winter Gardens of Ilkley Arts Club, Mr Leonard Wood gave a lecture after opening the show, 'Art in Peace and War'.

23 May The Council agreed to take a poll on the question of incorporation: a ballot paper 'in favour of' or 'against'. Opposition possibly from three sources:

1. Possible opposition of Railway Companies as they will be liable to pay an increased proportion of local rates in the event of incorporation.

2. Link with West Riding County Council because of the possibility of the Council of the new formed Borough becoming an L.E.A.
3. It is stated that working men would be debarred from becoming candidates for election to the Borough Council, by reason of the fact that they 'would not have the necessary qualification as ratepayers or property owners'. This is misleading, as the possession of property or a railway qualification is NOT necessary.

The improvement of the condition of the roads, whilst important, does not affect the question of Incorporation.

30 May Ilkley soldier's death in Germany on 21 May in Cologne: Private Bernard Pickard of the 23rd Northumberland Fusiliers. He was in the Army of Occupation in Germany and based in Cologne. There are no details of his illness.

30 May Ilkley, a bracing and popular health resort, but suffering from a considerable drawback of an inadequate and inconvenient train service.

30 May Royal Oak Day: 'Royal Oak Day 29th May, if you don't give a holiday, we will all run away'. Yesterday, most Ilkley youngsters going to school were noticed to be either wearing or carrying sprigs of oak and the above 'quatrain' was repeated over and over again. After the Battle of Worcester in 1651 when Cromwell's army inflicted a crushing defeat on the Royalists, Charles II succeeded in evading capture by climbing into thick foliaged oak trees in woods at Boscobel in Staffordshire.

June

6 June Ilkley Trades Council and Labour Party opposed to Incorporation.

6 June Moor Shelter Tea Room – after detailed discussion, it was decided to consider tenders for the erection of a public shelter and refreshment room near White Wells.

6 June Lieutenant Colonel Hayden DSO has been made an OBE. He was a Commanding Officer in the 9th West Riding Regiment in which many Ilkley men served.

Lieutenant Colonel John Henry Hastings Duncan receives an OBE. He lies in Middleton, Ilkley. Major R. Dobson of Rombald House also received an OBE. He was with the Royal Army Medical Corps and was a Royal Air Force Medical Officer.

Captain R.C. Dobson of Ilkley (Royal Garrison Artillery) is awarded the Military Cross.

Lieutenant (Acting Captain) G.B. Yoxall 6th West Yorkshire (T.F.) is awarded the Military Cross. He is from Parish Ghyll Road, Ilkley.

Sergeant R. Powell, Division 245 West Riding Brigade, is awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Ilkley Battery Wharfedale Howitzer is awarded a distinction on the Western Front.

13 June Mr F.S. Eckersley, Clerk to Ilkley District Council, is awarded the Order of St Sava, V Class (Chevalier) by Serbia for calling attention to the needs of the Serbian people. A handsome sum was raised in Ilkley for the Serbian people.

Captain (Acting Major) H.T. Bates (Royal Army Medical Corps) (T.F.) is made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services in France – doing surgery at the casualty clearing stations. He is the eldest son of Dr W.R. Bates of Ilkley.

Glorious weather at Whitsuntide (as at Easter), delightful conditions and big crowds.

13 June Magistrates warned of the dangerous nature of Ilkley Road where it passes through Addingham and later on discussed additional expenditure on this scheme.

20 June Coming Peace Celebrations meeting to discuss tea for children which Mr Sidney Kellett J.P. of Middleton Lodge has offered to provide.

Extension alterations to Passenger Train Service came into operation on 1st July 1919.

20 June Flag Day in aid of the French Red Cross raised £63-6s-2d and one for the Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers Association raised £32- 3s.

Dr A.J. Fleure, University of Wales, gave a speech in Ilkley: 'Given a reasonable population, incorporation would surely mean increased power to protect the district's amenities from the dangers of industrial individualism'.

20 June Problem with sewage smells at Crum Wheel corner on the Middleton side of the river.

20 June News that Germans are prepared to sign the Peace Treaty received in Ilkley very quietly; soon enough to shout when the Treaty is actually signed.

27 June Announcement made on screen at Kings Hall Picture Show: some cheering but no demonstration in streets. United Service procession to the top of Brook Street where the National Anthem is sung; sports and games at East Holmes Field and brass band and Ilkley Municipal Orchestra.

No fireworks due to light evenings and the idea of a bonfire on the Moor abandoned owing to potential damage.

27 June Vote for Incorporation on 21 June 1919: 489 persons against the Proposal. Out of the 3,112 electors entitled to vote 1,067 recorded their votes and of that number 773 voted against incorporation and 284 voted in favour – a majority against of 489.

27 June War Memorial: Walter H. Brierley FSA, FRIBA acting as the assessor of competitive designs for the memorial which a limited number of leading architects were invited to send in.

Memorial comprises laying out and planting of the site of the public garden and erection of a monument to perpetuate the memory of the men of Ilkley who lost their lives in the War. The cost is not to exceed £3,500.

Sale of Denton Park Estate. A portion which belonged to the late M. D'Arcy Wyvill, the central portion, has been sold privately to the Rt. Hon. A.H. Illingworth the Postmaster General who lives there. The eastern part was sold to Mr Hunter, a Bradford solicitor, for a client for £14,000.

July

4 July Field Day festivities on behalf of the Labour Party took place on Holmes Field – sports, brass band and dancing.

Ilkley Peace Celebrations – all men who served with the Forces are invited to Tea in Kings Hall accompanied by wives or mothers. Tea, Dance and Whist Drive, and the Municipal Orchestra will be playing.

4 July Peace Treaty signed (very quiet in Ilkley) and the announcement was placed on the board outside the newsagent's shop. Flags were hoisted from the Town Hall and other buildings and a few private residents displayed flags and streamers, but no enthusiasm manifested not even by youngsters. The Parish Church bells rang and there was a special thanksgiving service at St Margaret's Church.

4 July A vivacious young lady dressed in breeches, puttees, regimental cap and leather driving coat and gloves was summoned to court on 20 April for driving a motor cycle in a dangerous manner in Ilkley and failing to produce a driving licence. The speed was 30 mph. She had been driving with the forces in France. She was fined £1-19s with 1s costs for dangerous driving and 5s 6d with 1s costs for a second offence. Total cost: £2-6s-6d.

11 July Ilkley Grammar School boy J.E. Barrett of Otley dies from over-exertion in the swimming pool. This led to the Old Ilkley Grammar School reunion cricket match and swimming races being abandoned. Two golf matches on the Moor Links went ahead as planned.

11 July Sunday Evening Concerts at Kings Hall. Difficulty dealing with crowded audiences – seats reserved during the week.

11 July Further excavations at the Roman Fort.

11 July Sergeant A. Brown awarded Meritorious Service Medal.

18 July Tea at Kings Hall.

Children's Sunday Schools.

Mass meeting at the top of Brook Street.

3pm: Procession of Ilkley Brass Band: Brook Street, Church Street, Bolton Bridge Road, The Grove.

Disperse for tea.

4pm: Aged folks tea: Winter Gardens and Town Hall.

5pm: Sports and games in East Holmes Field.

7pm: Cinema Exhibition at Kings Hall.

Children each receive a medal and the day finishes with a fireworks display.

Stoney Lea Hydro Peace Celebrations.

Peace Thanksgiving Services ordered by Royal Proclamation.

18 July North Eastern rail strike has now affected trains on the Ilkley line.

18 July Ilkley Pavilion: 'The Planets' – a variety company in the charge of Mr Graham Roberts who have proved very successful during the present week at the Pavilion.

Beacon fires on Ilkley Moor.

Memorial to former Ilkley bell ringer and Vicar of Ilkley William Snowden, and dedication of his memorial tablet.

25 July Ilkley Roman Fort – story of the excavations and editorial.

Purchase of Ben Rhydding Bridge. Ilkley Urban District Council are seeking the cooperation of West Riding County Council and Wharfedale Rural District Council with a view to purchasing Ben Rhydding Bridge from the toll. It can be purchased for £1,000 and Ilkley Council are preparing to pay £600 towards this sum.

The unfinished composition by the late Sergeant Edgar Earnshaw, the first movement of a string quartet, was performed at the Municipal Band Concert in Kings Hall. He was a wonderfully gifted pianist and composer and his untimely death at 25 followed years of hard fighting in the trenches.

25 July Lieutenant Colonel Rabagliati MC who represented the Royal Air Force on Armistice Commission at the Spa has been awarded the decoration Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur by the French President.

Poem: 'March Past of Our Heroes'.

25 July Miss D.S. Brierley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brierley of Heber Cottage is one of the nurses mentioned by Sir D. Haig in his last dispatch. She spent 3½ years as a Voluntary Aid Detachment Nurse in France. Amongst others mentioned are Lieutenant Colonel J.H. Hastings DSO, OBE of the 6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment and Lieutenant C.G. Maufe 1st /6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment.

25 July Peace celebrations in Ilkley and District amidst great rejoicings on 18 and 19 July 1919. Many buildings were covered in streamers (brightly coloured) and flags big and little were everywhere.

25 July Ex-servicemen entertained. Municipal Orchestra played at a United Service at the Parish Church. Mass gatherings and a procession at the top of Brook Street. School banners pretty but only one bore an inscription appropriate to the occasion. Singing of English,

American and French national airs at the top of Brook Street and the National Anthem. Tea for children and aged folks. Sports: children and adults races and tug of war; Morris dancing; climbing a greasy pole; and fire balloons of ordinary and Zeppelin shape got well away. Many fireworks. Beautiful crown figured in electric light. Beacon fires in other districts could be widely seen despite the rain setting in. Jazz band at Wharfedale School, Ben Rhydding; muddy reel arch at Burley and Ministry tea for old folks and returning ex-service personnel.

Professor F.J.C. Hearnshaw M.A. LLD, Chairman of Medieval History at London University and author of 'England in the Making,' has a long connection with Ilkley. His father was in the Wesleyan ministry and retired to Ilkley and his sister was the wife to Mr R.S. Dower.

August

1 August Members of the National Association of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors held the first annual sports and boxing tournament on Holmes Field. Ilkley Brass Band played various selections.

1 August Mark Hamburg, one of the most brilliant pianists of the day gave a recital at Kings Hall.

Ilkley Urban District Council special meeting to consider the advisability of raising the price of gas consequent upon the increased price of coal. The Council recommended that the cost of gas be increased from 4s3d per 1,000 cubic feet to 5s3d per 1,000 cubic feet, an increase of 9d. Coke would be increased in price from 30s to 36s per ton. These changes will be operative from 1 July 1919. For those using slot meters, the price would be 1d for every 16 feet or 5s 2d per 1,000 cubic feet.

On the housing question, the Council recommended to proceed with the erection of 28 houses fronting and abutting Leeds Road as soon as possible.

8 August Local Food Control – worry over rising milk prices and cases of over-charging for food. There were concerns about profiteering amongst us and meat that went rotten in transit.

As the King has expressed a wish that schools should be given an extra holiday to commemorate the signing of the Peace, Ilkley Grammar School will reopen on 24 September instead of 18 September 1919.

8 August Desecration of Calvary at Middleton Lodge where people had carved their name.

A need for public conveniences in Ilkley for visitors and the public generally.

War honours – how Captain Lupton won his Military Cross and bar, and how Major Petrie won his Distinguished Service Order, and the story of Lieutenant Ambler's Military Cross.

15 August Death of John Henry Dawson, Chairman of the directors of Wilkinson & Dawson Ltd, Builders, Joiners and Undertakers of Bradford and Ben Rhydding.

15 August A gentleman from Leeds staying in Ilkley remarked on the large number of Jews in the town. He had hoped coming to Ilkley would have got them out of sight and mind for a time.

15 August Grouse shooting on Ilkley Moor, brace of 140 on 12 August and 73 on 13 August. On Middleton Moor, brace of 131 on 12 August.

15 August Letter to the Editor: 'holding a limited competition among a small number of architects selected by an outside assessor, however eminent, is most unjust. I could understand limiting a competition to local men and understand that holding one can open competition. Whether the Committee like it or not, their action has deliberately debarred from submitting designs a number of local ex-servicemen who have the best right of all to compete.'

22 August War memorial assessor W.B. Brierley of York attended the Town Hall to examine designs.

Holidays on the Moor – the summer joys of an inland resort. Daily Mail special correspondent says four to five thousand visitors are here in the holiday period. Ilkley has never been so full. Londoners and Northumbrians are especially fond of the Wharfe Valley.

22 August A neglected Roman altar in the garden of an unoccupied house at the corner of West View and Crossbeck Road. The altar had been flung down and is lying on its side. Surely Ilkley Museum should secure its possession and put it on show.

22 August Kings Hall manager to be appointed.

29 August Interesting lecture by 'Windyridge' author W. Riley on 'The Moors and Moorland Folk'.

James Dickinson aged 84 was knocked down by a motor car opposite Listers Arms Hotel and died on the way to the hospital.

Plays 'John Glayde's Honour' and 'Freedom of the Sea' put on at Kings Hall by Mr Leonard Lawrence's company.

29 August War Memorial: Mr Brierley has approved a design by Mr J.J. Joass of London showing a monument plain but dignified and of graceful and impressive proportions, surmounted by a very appropriate memorial urn. It will be a four-sided stone column with the names of the fallen on bronze panels. The total cost will be £3,500, £775 of which is absorbed by the monument, £300 by the bronze panels and £150 by the gates.

29 August Ilkley Monkey Rack Club – here 'old codgers' and young ones sit and discuss public matters. Someone poking fun and asking people to attend the meeting of the Monkey Rack Club at Monkey Rack Club on Monkey Rack. Those who qualify for membership include retired tradesmen, insurance agents etc, and the Club's objectives are:

1. To pull from together the Council.
2. To criticise persons passing the Monkey Rack.
3. Any gossip which can suitably be dealt with by washerwomen.

September

5 September Brevet: Major Rabagliati resigns his commission. He joined the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 7½ years ago, was awarded a Military Cross in the Royal Flying Corps, and the French Chevalier d'Honneur. He is the great nephew of the late John Bright, his mother being a niece of the great statesman and reformer.

Seven designs for the War Memorial are now on view in Kings Hall Annexe. The Ilkley Gazette prefers the Statue of Victory.

5 September Ilkley District Council letter from Colonel Huntriss with reference to the presentation to Ilkley of war trophies captured from German armies by the 9th Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The Chairman of the Council is to see Colonel Huntriss on this matter.

12 September Play 'The Marriage of Kitty' produced at Kings Hall.

New rationing scheme – if his or her grey reference booklet is not handed in, it should be left at the Food Office at the Town Hall on 13 September. He must fill in the necessary details and take it to the grocer or butcher between 22 September and 27 September. From his retailer he will receive his shopping card.

12 September Professor Moorman, Chairman of English Language and Literature at Leeds University, drowned in the River Wharfe at Hawskwick, Upper Wharfedale, while on holiday with his wife and children. At the time, he was teaching his young daughter to swim. His daughter was in difficulties in the water and the Professor who had a weak heart tried to rescue her but died of heart failure caused by exertion and low temperature. Professor Moorman was a well known dialect researcher.

19 September Food shortages are worse in the agricultural districts than in Ilkley. Price of milk there is 6½d to 7½d per quart but in an agricultural district it is 11d a quart.

Poem: 'Ilkley'.

October

3 October 'Fatal Orchid' principal film at Kings Hall.

Leeds Workpeople's Hospital Fund agreed to purchase Crossbeck (Ilkley) Convalescent Home for £2,750.

Ilkley District Council: captured German guns for Ilkley from certain members are being sent to the West Riding. One councillor believed that Ilkley should have two guns – an extra one because Ilkley possessed a Victoria Cross.

3 October Railway strike caused problems: people getting to work and disorganisation of the Postal Service. A motor charabanc service started to operate between Ilkley and Guiseley and Bradford.

The strike led to the Ministry of Food reducing allowances per head of various foodstuffs. New allowances: sugar 6oz; butter 1oz; margarine 4oz; lard 2oz; bacon and ham 6oz; cheese 2oz; jam, jelly, marmalade 4oz; tea 2oz; meat 1/- 8d worth. Retail price of milk now 8d per quart and it is calculated that 600 quarts per day would be needed for children. Price of rabbits 9½d per lb raised to 10½d per lb. 15 head of cattle and 50 sheep had been obtained.

10 October Rail strike ended 5 October 1919 – started 26 September 1919. Railwaymen promised a minimum wage of 40/- which is equal in value to £1 in 1914, rail clerks £200 to £350 a year and station masters £350 plus.

10 October One of Yorkshire's leading Concert Parties 'The Tykes' appearing at Ilkley Pavilion.

10 October Professor Grant, Head of History at Leeds University, gave a lecture on 'Athens' to members of Ilkley University Extension Society.

10 October Suburban business has benefited by increased railway fares.

17 October French honour for Colonel J.H. Hastings DSO, OBE. He is to be an Officer of the French Legion of Honour.

Judge Romer Macklin ceasing to be County Court Judge in parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire. He is moving to a similar position in the Home Counties.

24 October Branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives formed in Ilkley.

High Court of Yorkshire of Independent Order of Foresters meets in Ilkley for the first time since 1911.

31 October Six hundred German officers and men held for so long in captivity at Raikeswood Camp near Skipton left on 27 October 1919 to return home. They left via Hull for Germany. Glad to see them go as British manufacturers and the working man did not want their connection in trade and labour in the UK as in pre-war days.

Serbian War Honours – presentation of Red Cross Decoration to F.S. Eckersley, Mrs Illingworth, Mrs Smith and Mrs Armstrong. The presentation was made in Ilkley Council chambers to the Serbian Consul for Yorkshire .

November

7 November Bonfire night in Ilkley nothing like its pre-War attractiveness. Not many bonfires in Ilkley and intermittent letting off of fireworks.

7 November Ilkley Congregational Literary Society lecture on 'Wages Problem' – economic pull on society of certain classes of labour was today forcing up prices.

14 November Solemn Requiem Mass at St Margaret's Church for 'The Valiant Dead'.

21 November Appeal launched by Ilkley War Memorial Committee for a sum of not less than £6,000 to carry out War Memorial scheme decided upon.

28 November Coal price to be reduced by 10/- a ton. Ilkley Urban District Council have reserve stocks amounting to over 200 tons accumulated since 6/- per ton import came into operation.

28 November Ilkley man fined £2 with £1 costs for driving a motor car in a dangerous manner in the centre of Bradford. He was driving at 20 mph and collided with a horse wagon in Kirkgate.

December

5 December A scheme to be established by the Board of Education to run Ilkley Grammar School from February 1920.

5 December Ilkley District Council acquired a yearly tenancy of Holmes Allotments at the rental of £10 per annum and fixed rent of each of allotment occupiers to be 6/- per annum, more than double what they are at present paying.

Ilkley District Council agreed to hand over £200 left by Miss Lucy Lund to the War Memorial Committee, as the land for the Memorial had been purchased and handed over to the Council by Mr Joseph Cooper of Norwood House.

12 December With the Royal Army Medical Corps at the Front – an interesting address by Dr Crawford.

12 December Letter to Leeds Mercury to say that West End near Ilkley is a village of empty houses.

19 December Ilkley Branch of the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers has received notification that £1.5 million is to be given to the ex-servicemen of Yorkshire and to be known as the 'United Services Fund'.

Ilkley District Education Sub-Committee is very pro the idea for a proposed girls secondary school in Ilkley. Around 60 girls leave the town by train to go to schools in the local area.

24 December Ilkley Howitzers 11th West Riding Battery – reunion dinner in the town.