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A REMARKABLE OFFICER. On Monday morning, about ten o'clock, there passed away at Museum View, Landisford, North Yorkshire, the well-known and respected John Kitching, a retired sergeant of police in the North Riding Constabulary. The deceased gentleman, who was the oldest inhabitant in Startforth, was born in Ravenshoe in 1837, and was a long number of years a sergeant of police in the North Riding, and lived at the Regent's Abbey cottage, afterwards removing to the Abbey Bridge, where he took up the duties of toll-collector. Here he remained for about seven years, and then retired to his home at Museum View, Startforth. But it was in the capacity of water-bailiff to the Tees Fishery Board that he was most widely known. In the discharge of these duties he was most zealous, and was smart as his work. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn his loss. The interment will take place this (Wednesday) afternoon, in Startforth Churchyard, the cortege leaving the residence at 2.30.

The War.

MORE LOCAL SOLDIERS' LETTERS. OUR BRAVE TERRITORIALS. Letter from Sergt. Bert Stoddart. "The Terriers are Made of the Right Stuff." Sergt. B. Stoddart, Divisional Headquarters Staff, 5th (Northhampton) Division, writes to Mr. C. Raine, 5, Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, under date 5th May, 1915, in which he says: "I am still in the land of the living, and am as fit as a fiddle. We have been behind for some days. We got shelled out of our place, and had to come back at last. During the last few days we have been having a fairly decent time. Just as your letter came, however, we were preparing to move and go 'up' again. In about an hour's time we will be off. It is no picnic out here. The enemy may be anywhere. They have been doing very suspicious for a long time, and will take some shelling. The 'Tees-walkers' will have answered their country's call 'At' and they are made of good stuff. It was so to say, and we must, we must have more men and munition. You can't imagine what the artillery fire is like out here. We had a hot time on Wednesday night. Shells were bursting like fury. When you hear the shells whizzing in the air you feel that you have been missed! It is an awful thing. We have respirators to breathe in. It is a fine sight to see men in their gas masks, and their faces are all red, dropping bombs, etc. I hope Lord Nicholson is recovering. He is a good, brave officer. You will know his brother got wounded, and has been in hospital at Manchester. He was very lucky, as a shell burst amongst six of them. Our division has done excellently well here. The 'Terriers' have proved to the world that they are made of the right stuff. Our division was rushed right up straight away, and we were in the front line in a matter of days. This is a nice country, but the sanitary arrangements are bad, and the water is not fit to drink.

DEATH OF MR JOHN E. TILBURN.

Late Secretary to the Barnard Castle Agricultural Society. The death took place at a quarter to ten o'clock on Saturday morning of Mr John Edward Tilburn, at the age of fifty-four years. The deceased gentleman was the eldest son of the late Mr Edward Tilburn, by his second marriage, and he succeeded to the grocery and provision business established by his late father nearly twenty years ago. Mr Edward Tilburn, who was native of Arkenburgh, served his apprenticeship with the late Mr Jonathan Dawson, wine and spirit merchant, in this town. The late Mr John E. Tilburn was a churchman, and at one time filled the office of parishioner warden, and he was recently appointed a select vestryman. Associated with the Town Improvement Committee and the local Cricket Club, he was consistently endeavoured to improve the welfare of his native town. He was a member of the Barnard Castle Agricultural Society, and he was secretary to the same for many years. He was a member of the Barnard Castle Agricultural Society, and he was secretary to the same for many years. He was a member of the Barnard Castle Agricultural Society, and he was secretary to the same for many years.

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A Member of the Old 7th North York Rifles. The death took place on Saturday morning, at King's Cross, Darlington, of Mr Thomas Bell, at the age of 80 years. The deceased gentleman was educated at the Wesleyan Day School in this town, in or about the late Mr Sutherland's time, and afterwards attended the late Mr Hopper's school. He then went to the University of London, and he was a member of the Old 7th North York Rifles. He was a member of the Old 7th North York Rifles, and he was a member of the Old 7th North York Rifles. He was a member of the Old 7th North York Rifles, and he was a member of the Old 7th North York Rifles.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] Amidst every manifestation of the deepest respect the mortal remains of Mr Wm. Walton, of Clifton-road, Middleton, were consigned to the earth on Saturday afternoon. Few persons were better known in Teesdale, and as a naturalist he had not many competitors in the district. Any person who made a discovery of plants, birds, or animal life in the locality, and who was in doubt of the exact species, could always get it tabulated by Mr Walton. He was a free and genial disposition, and always liked to converse on any naturalist subject, encouraging young people to take an active interest in nature studies. He was a taxidermist of no mean order, and many homes in Teesdale are the proud possessors of his handiwork. Not only in Teesdale, but from far and near he had specimens sent to him for preservation. His work was a distinct loss to the locality, and he will be greatly missed. The deceased gentleman, who was 55 years of age, died at Darlington Hospital, where he had undergone an operation for rupture, and, due to protracted nursing, which was the immediate cause of death. The large attendance at the funeral and the numerous floral tributes were testimonies of the high esteem in which he was held, not only by members of the family, but by a large circle of friends. He leaves a widow, son, and daughter, the son being in Kitchener's Army, having joined last September.

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