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## Startforth Tribunal.

### ASSISTANCE OF SCHOOL-ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.

A sitting of the Startforth Rural District Tribunal was continued on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr J. Walter, J.P. There were also present: Messrs W. H. R. Binsoo, J. Allison, T. Bayler, R. Raine (Holwick), W. Errington, J. Peacock, W. J. Watson (clerk), S. R. Leeds (assistant-clerk), Major J. W. B. Heslop (recruiting officer), and the Rev. A. L. Manby (military representative).

### Elementary School Teacher Appeals.

A pupil teacher in a district council school appealed, and the Chairman said he wanted putting back in view of the young man's roborative life.—The Military Representative: Have you approached the authorities of your training college to ask whether they will allow for your military service?—Appellant said he had written to the college at the beginning of the war as to what he would do if the authorities had made a proposal to him which he had accepted.—The Recruiting Officer said he had no doubt as to the role in universities, though he was not quite certain as to training colleges.—Mr Robinson said he always thought these vacancies were left open till the return of the soldier, and he knew lots of schools in which this principle was uniformly observed.—Appellant: Under ordinary circumstances I shall be called up on the 15th of August.—The Tribunal made no recommendation.

### Appeals by Farmers.

In an application to release an assistant on a farm of 35 acres, and having 33 cattle, 2 horses and 300 sheep, it was unanimously agreed to allow 14 days.—In the case of a roadman who helped his sister on a farm there was no recommendation.—Absolute exemption was claimed for a son whose parents, according to a medical certificate, were physically unfit to carry on this farm of 90 acres and 75 stints on the moor, with 25 head of stock, 2 horses, 65 breeding sheep and 30 young sheep.—The Tribunal allowed three months.—In the case of a young Teesdale man, who, by alleged postal delay had not received his notice to attend on appeal, the Tribunal granted the young fellow a fair hearing.

### School-Attendance Officers Requisitioned.

The Military Representative handed in a letter from the military authorities pointing to the wide knowledge which school-attendance officers possessed, and expressing the conviction that they would be of the greatest assistance in dealing with claims. A suggestion was embodied in the communication that the municipal authorities be approached in order to ascertain if there was any objection to the service of school-attendance officers being thus requisitioned.—The Chairman: All that I can see they can do is to give you the ages of appellants.—The Recruiting Officer: The military think they would be very useful on the advisory committee.—Mr Manby: They could give information to the military representatives.—Mr Peacock said the Teesdale Guardians appointed the school-attendance officer in the Tribunal area.—The members agreed to meet in future on a Wednesday, at one o'clock, other days being unsuitable.

## Local War News.

### THE LATE SERGEANT W. E. JOHNSON.

#### Letters of Sympathy.

The following sympathetic letters, in respect of the late Sergt. W. E. Johnson, of the 6th Durham Light Infantry, who was recently killed in action, have been received by Mrs E. Johnson, his wife, his step-mother; and by Mrs Gibson, his mother, of Barnard Castle, with whom he resided for a number of years:—

"Barnard Castle Co-operative Society, 6th March, 1916: DEAR MRS JOHNSON,—I am instructed by the committee to write to express our deep sympathy in your bereavement caused by the death of your step-son (Mr W. E. Johnson), who was our secretary. He was held in great regard by the committee, officials and members of the society.—I am, yours truly J. W. WHITE."

"Startforth Villa, Barnard Castle, 7th March, 1916: DEAR MRS JOHNSON,—I wish to express my deepest sympathy with you in your great loss. I feel that you would like to hear from me at this time, because, until very recently, I have had the pleasure to command the company in which your late step-son did, consistently for nine months, excellent work for such an excellent cause. The one consolation I can offer you at this time is that your step-son will, from my own knowledge, his devotion to duty, have fallen bravely fighting for his country. I think you will be glad to know that he showed a splendid spirit of self-sacrifice and bravery during the whole time he was soldiering with me in Flanders.—Believe me, yours sincerely, T. BERNARD HESLOP, Captain, 6th Durham Light Infantry."

"Belgium, 29th February, 1916: DEAR MRS JOHNSON,—It is with very deep regret I write these few lines to tell you of Willie. I got news from the 6th Durham last night that he was killed by a projectile from trench mortar sometime during yesterday. As far as I can gather he was with another company at the time he was hit. I feel his death very keenly, as he and I were good friends, and I know how you will feel. I thought it my duty to let you know as soon as possible. Please excuse the seemingly very blunt way in which I have conveyed the sad news. I know it will be hard for you and yours to bear, but I believe with you I hope that God will help you to bear this terrible blow; also his dear step-mother. One occasion when he loved his mother: he died for his King and country. More I cannot say, only this: I reverence his memory, and shall always remember him as one of my best friends.—Yours in deepest sympathy, JIM STAMBRIDGE."

"Flanders, 1st March, 1916: DEAR MRS JOHNSON,—I scarcely know how to write you in your sorrow, but I have to tell you that your address Willie's personal effects, as they were sent to me last night. Everyone respected Willie, and nobody knew better than myself his fine, upright character, and words cannot tell you how we appreciated him, and how we feel his loss.—With deepest sympathy, J. WALKER."

### Lines by a Barnard Castle Soldier.

I stand on a lonely trench board  
And gaze on the parapet top.  
I picture a band of Turks  
And wonder how they'll stop.  
Though nobody's land divides us  
Still in the trench we remain,  
I'll give all I have in the world, dear,  
If the earth was at peace once again.

GREEN.  
I wonder if they'll hit us sometimes,  
Hit me when the whizz bangs fly.  
I wonder if they'll remember  
Days gone by?  
I wonder if they know we're pining  
To give them a taste of old steel.  
I wonder if they'll be in blissy,  
And I wonder how they'd feel.

I stand once again in the dug-out  
And think of those waiting at home,  
I picture a load of sunshine  
And wonder how long I'll remain.  
The waves of the ocean divide us,  
Still in my dream I can see  
Right to the arms of my loved ones,  
That's where I long to be.

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