

HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from February 1916

Conscription to be Introduced.

Due to the need of more men fighting at the front it has been necessary for the Government to introduce compulsory conscription. This will apply to all single men aged between 18 and 41 that live within the Parish. Those who are medically unfit, clergymen, teachers and certain classes of industrial workers will be exempt. To apply for an exemption it will be necessary to attend a Tribunal for the panel to decide if the exemption applies and for how long. Following a special meeting of the Rural Council, the following individuals have been appointed to the panel: The Rev J. R. Leigh, Messrs. G. E. Champion, J. Hammer, H. Wilson Smith, J. Wood, W.S. Austen, W. W. Hubble, G. Manwaring and V. Biscoe Tritton.

Rural Village Ambulance a Step Nearer

The Hospital Committee has submitted a report to the Rural Council recommending the purchase of a motor ambulance. It had been noted the difficulty of getting horse hire, and this was accentuated by complaints of patients going to hospital and returning back in public conveyances. Messrs. Haynes Bros. had tendered for the supply of the ambulance at a cost of £159 15s with the addition of a stretcher at £4, a

speedometer at £4 and detachable wheels at £9 15s 6d. The hospital committee also requested that they be allowed to advertise for and appoint a driver for the ambulance at 25s a week plus house and ton of coal per year. It is hoped that a discharged Army man is appointed to drive the motor and also act as caretaker at the hospital.



Commission for Harold Tupper

Mr. and Mrs Tupper, Licensees of the Roebuck Public House have received news that their only son Harold Tupper has received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant. He has transferred to the 16th Royal Fusiliers and will continue training at Bedford. He has already completed one tour in France with the 20th City of London Regiment since joining on the 5th August 1914. Harold Tupper has spent 9 months in France from March to December 1915 with many days in the Trenches under fire.