

HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from July 1916

News from the Latest Tribunals

6 Harrietsham men appeared at the latest tribunals held at the Council's offices at Earl Street, Maidstone.

Mr. A J Ellis supported the appeal of Robert Bigg, aged 32, baker whose firm supply 600 customers daily, and have left only appellant (who works eighteen hours a day) to do the baking. He was awarded a further 6 months exemption.

William Roberts, aged 33, newsagent and special constable who lives in West Street, pleaded financial and domestic hardship, sought total exemption, and was given one month. He declined to accept this, and intimated his intention of appealing, whereupon the Tribunal refused his appeal.

E. Hampshire, aged 27, general dealer, Geysers, Harrietsham. Refused exemption. Fred Parsons, aged 36, licensee of the Blacksmith's Arms and coal merchant and contractor. He was awarded two months exemption.

Edward Holtum, single, aged 41, already attested, works as a shepherd and stockman at Lower Dean Farm. He had already obtained a three month exemption and is now over military age but had been called up on Saturday 11th June. The Military Representative said this man would be kept in the Army Reserve, class B, for service in the event of new classification 6 months exemption.

William John Young, small holder, aged 36, married with three children and residing at Brenchley Cottages. Refused exemption.

Alfred Whibley Missing in Action

Edwin and Phillis Whibley of Fairbourne Manor Farm have received news that their son, Alfred Victor Whibley aged 22, has been reported missing on the 30th June. He was serving as a Lance Corporal with the 13th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment in trenches near Richebourg, France and whilst the battalion attacked Boar's Head the superior German forces forced the battalion to withdraw. The battle of the Boar's Head lasted less than five hours with 17 officers and 349 men killed with a further 1000 men wounded, missing or taken prisoner. Due to the horrific casualties suffered by the Sussex Regiment, the 30th June was called "The Day Sussex Died"

Excellent Results at Harrietsham School

Harrietsham School has again done extremely well in this recent exam and has been singled out by the Examiners for special praise. Out of the 15 entries from Harrietsham, 10 were placed in the First Class, 4 in the second and 1 in the Third. Kathleen Young was placed top of the Diocese, gaining a special 1st prize, and Lena Tong was bracketed for the second prize. Ruth Hedges, Cecil Richards and Philip Palmer were awarded the additional half-crown for superior excellence and Sylvia Crump, Victor Young, Matilda Drury, Jessie Collyer and Leslie Russell were also placed in the First Class. Second Class was Albert Bishop, Reginald Payne, Winnie Randall, and Ernest Young. Third Class - Lena Springate