

TYNESIDE SCOTTISH BRIGADE.

Further Recruiting Efforts in North Northumberland.

Since the publication of Lord Derby's personal letter to every eligible man, and of the arrangements for the canvass of these throughout the country, a large number of men have realised their duty, and have applied at various recruiting offices, but still there are many eligible men who have not yet taken notice of the urgency of the call, and so far not come forward. To bring those who are hanging back the Tyneside Scottish Brigade are still holding recruiting meetings in the North, and on Friday evening last their representatives visited Wooler, where a largely attended meeting was held in the Freehold Hall.

Owing to the unavoidable absence through illness of Captain Nicholls, the chair was occupied by Lieut. McLay, Tyneside Scottish, and accompanying him to the platform were:— Captain Gaze, Tyneside Irish, Corporal Dobson, V.C., Private Thomas, D.C.M., M.M., and A.B. King, R.N.D.

The urgent call for reserves for the Tyneside Scottish Brigade was forcibly laid before the meeting by the various speakers. It was high time, they pointed out, that every eligible man came forward to do his bit. It was the duty for every man between 19 and 40 to come forward. Who was to be blamed if Britain lost in this war? The Government could not be blamed; the Navy nor the present Army could be blamed; the ones to be blamed would be the eligible men between 19 and 40 who have refused to do their part.

Although the appeals made were stirring no recruits came forward at the close of the meeting.

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TYNESIDE SCOTTISH BRIGADE.

Final Rally in North Northumberland.

Determined to get recruits for their reserve battalion to enable the completed Brigade to proceed to the front, the recruiting representatives of the Tyneside Scottish Brigade held meetings in North Northumberland during the latter part of last week and over the week-end.

The programme was started at Eshbilton on Friday when a meeting was held in the Crichton Memorial Hall. There was a good attendance, and the speakers were given a good hearing. Lieut. McLay, Tyneside Scottish, presided, and accompanying him to the platform were:— Corp. Dobson, V.C., Coldstream Guards; Priv. Thomas, D.C.M., M.M., Coldstream Guards; and A. B. H. King, Royal Naval Division, who has now transferred to the Tyneside Scottish Brigade.

On Saturday the speakers, accompanied by the Pipe Band, proceeded to Newton-by-the-Sea, where a meeting was held on the Village Green, and following upon this a meeting was held in the Schools at Beadnell.

The company arrived at North Sunderland in the evening, and a meeting presided over by Captain Nicholls, Tyneside Scottish, was held in the Church Institute. The building was filled to overflowing, and many had to be refused admittance. On Sunday morning a Church Parade was held. The company of the Northern Cyclists attended. They formed up at Seahouses and headed by the band marched to North Sunderland Church. There was a large congregation present, to which the Rev. Mr. Stone, Vicar of North Sunderland, preached an eloquent sermon. In the afternoon the band and speakers visited Basburgh, where a short meeting was held on the Green.

The final meeting was held in the evening at Belford, where the West Street Hall was filled by a large audience.

From the week-end campaign a fair number of recruits were obtained. By their eloquent speeches the speakers have pointed out to the young men who hang back where their duty lies, and should they be desirous of joining the Tyneside Brigade after the recruiting sergeants have left the district they can obtain all information from the Tyneside Scottish Recruiting Office, 9 Grainger Street, West, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Tyneside Scottish Brigade.

Recruiting Rally to be Held in Berwick and District.

The interesting heroes from the front who have given so many stirring, interesting and educational speeches during the last few weeks throughout the country are coming to Berwick on Sunday, 24th October, 1915, and so great has been the demand for seats in previous towns that Berwick Picture House, where the meeting is to be held, will be well filled. In addition to the speakers vocalists will render items during the evening, and in contradiction to the usual form no bullying or other methods of speech will be delivered. It is a meeting of men from the front with a message from their comrades in the trenches. The speakers are—Capt. Nicholls, T.S.; Corporal Dalson, V.C.; Private Thomas, D.C.M.; M. M. and A. B. King, R.N.D., etc.

For particulars see advertisement on page two.

It is intended to hold meetings at Wooler, Belford, Banburgh, Seahouses and North Sunderland. Particulars of these meetings will be given in our advertising columns next week.



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According to word which has reached North Shields from Private C. B. Dixon, of the 2nd Coldstream Guards, Corporal F. W. Dobson, V.C., has been wounded.

Writing to his wife, Private Dixon says: "I am sorry to say that Corporal Dobson, V.C., of North Shields, was wounded on Wednesday, so if you see his wife you can tell her that I think it is not very serious. He was hit in the back with a shrapnel bullet."

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