

August 1914 - The First Men Called to the Front (v2 1 Feb 2019)

In mid-late August 1914 a list of the names of the men who had been called to the Front was put together, probably by the village War Emergency Committee. It lists the Regulars, Reservists, Territorials and Yeomanry who had been immediately mobilised at the outbreak of the war.

M.G.Co Men on this sheet

RESERVISTS, TERRITORIAL, & YEOMANRY &c.
CALLED OUT TO THE FRONT.

Name	Rank	Married or Single	No of children under age	Employed by	Remarks
H. Baum	Territorial	Married	3	M.G.Co.	
G. Palmer	do	do	7	do	
G. Neal	do	do	1	do	
H. J. Ward	do	do	4	do	
E. Boyer	do	do	2	do	
E. Clowes	do	do	1	do	
S. Wainwright	do	do	2	do	
C. Bates	do	do	1	do	
E. Taylor	do	do	1	do	
H. Pannell	Reservist	do	-	do	
Jos. Gilbert	do	do	2	do	
T. Gilbert	do	do	2	do	
G. Wheeldon	do	do	-	do	
W. Wright	do	do	2	do	
J. King	do	do	3	do	
E. Glover	do	do	1	do	
W. Perkins	R.A.M.C.	do	2	do	
F. Darby	do	do	2	do	
R. Perkins	Yeomanry	do	2	do	Barrow
W. Wilders	Reservist	Single	-	do	Quorn
G. Atkins ✓	Territorial	do	-	do	Woodhouse
A. Sharman ^{ex T.}	do	do	-	do	
J. Hall ✓	do	do	-	do	
W. Hall ✓	do	do	-	do	
H. Holmes	Yeomanry	do	-	do	
G. Kirckin	Reservist	do	-	do	
James Smith	do	do	-	do	
A. Smith	do	do	-	do	
A. Newbold	do	do	-	do	
T. Pannell	R.A.M.C.	do	-	do	

An extract from the original list

Transcription and Identification of those listed

Reservists, Territorials & Yeomanry Called out to the Front (Transcript)

Research Comments

Name

Rank

**Married
or
Single**

**No of
children
under
age**

Employed by
• See
Notes
below

Remarks

Names are listed as they appear in the original document

W H Baum

Territorial

Married

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MGCo

Sgt William Henry Baum, longstanding member of F Company 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He lived at Hawcliffe Rd., and worked as a Locomotive Guard with Mountsorrel Granite Company. Initially mobilised but deferred as he was judged to old – he was born in 1877 at Port Nant, Caernarvon. He served as an instructor with 4th Reserve Battalion until 1916 when the need for quarrymen in France saw him conscripted to serve with the Royal Engineers.

G Palmer

Territorial

Married

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MGCo

Sgt George Palmer - longstanding member of F Company 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Born in Wisbech, he lived at 30 Quorn Rd., and worked as an Engine fitter with Mountsorrel Granite Company. He served in France with 1/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment and was wounded in action at Ypres in 1915. He later served with the Royal Engineers Quarry Maintenance Section in France.

G Neal

Territorial

Married

1

MGCo

George Neal born in Laughton and resident at Hawcliffe Rd, worked for the Mountsorrel Granite Company. A member of the Territorials since 1908 he served in France with both, 1/5th and 1/4th Battalions Leicestershire Regiment.

R J Ward

Territorial

Married

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MGCo

Joseph Ward a Quarryman working for the Mountsorrel Granite Company. Born in Sileby but living at 6 Quorn Rd Mountsorrel. He served as 6754 Private Leicestershire Regiment and later Private 88118 Royal Defence Corps.

E Boyer	Territorial	Married	3	MGCo		<i>Elon Boyer of Hawcliffe Rd, a stone mason working for the Mountsorrel Granite Company. Formerly served with P Company 1st Volunteer Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment and later 5th Battalion. Time expired from the Territorials when war was declared but immediately volunteered and served in France. Subsequently served with 13th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment as 265806 Private. Address on demobilisation given as 7 Watling St.</i>
E Clowes	Territorial	Married	1	MGCo		<i>Ernest Clowes, an engine cleaner working for the Mountsorrel Granite Company. A Territorial serving with F Company 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment he served in France with 1/5th Battalion. He was transferred to 329 Quarry Company Royal Engineers in 1917 serving as a Sergeant.</i>
S Wainwright	Territorial	Married	2	MGCo		<i>Samuel Wainwright a driller with Mountsorrel Granite Company resident on The Green. Born 1872 at Ilkeston he was a former Regular Soldier having served with both 1st and 2nd Battalions Leicestershire Regiment. During the Great War he served first with 5th Battalion and later 7th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment</i>
C Bates	Territorial	Married	1	MGCo		<i>Charles Bates, a former regular soldier with the Leicestershire Regiment, serving in the Boer Wars, holder of the Queen's and the King's South African Medals. Joined 5th Battalion on 8th August 1914 aged 47 as 2051 Private. Promoted Corporal April 1915 and appointed local Sergeant May 1915. Formally promoted Sergeant February 1917. Subsequently served in the Labour Corps, He lived at Aqua Pura Villa, Rothley Rd. His son Bertie was killed in action serving with the London Regiment.</i>
E Taylor	Territorial	Married	1	MGCo		<i>Ernest Arthur Taylor a Quarryman-Mill Hand, born 1881 in Seagrave. A Territorial with F Company 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment he served in France.</i>

H Pannell	Reservist	Married		MGCo		<i>Harry Pannell born 1886 in Mountsorrel a Quarryman with Mountsorrel Granite Company resident in Hawcliffe Rd. A Regular Army Reservist having served with 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment to whom he returned on mobilisation. Taken Prisoner of War at Lagnicourt in 1918 he continued to serve until discharged in 1920</i>
Jos Gilbert	Territorial	Married	2	MGCo		<i>Joseph Gilbert, born 1878 in Leicester. A Regular Army Reservist working as a Quarryman with Mountsorrel Granite Company and resident on Main St. Mobilised to his former unit, the Coldstream Guards, he was later transferred to a Royal Engineer Road Construction Company.</i>
T Gilbert	Territorial	Married	2	MGCo		<i>Tom Gilbert a Regular Army Reservist, he worked as a Quarryman – Truckfiller for the Mountsorrel Granite Company. Mobilised and posted back to 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment he was killed in action on 29th November.</i>
G Wheeldon	Territorial	Married		MGCo		<i>George Wheeldon, a Regular Army Reservist born in Cromwell, Nottinghamshire. He worked as a Quarryman for Mountsorrel Granite Company. On mobilisation he returned to 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Wounded twice and gassed he was eventually evacuated to Reading War Hospital and then posted 26th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers whilst he recovered and completed his war service.</i>
W Wright	Territorial	Married	2	MGCo		<i>William Wright born 1886 who worked as a loader for the Mountsorrel Granite Company. No details of his military service can be located.</i>
J King	Territorial	Married	3	MGCo		<i>John King, a Regular Army Reservist who had served with 2nd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment and later as a Shoeing Smith with the Army Service Corps between 1900 and 1908. Mobilised and arrived in France 20 Aug 1914 where he served throughout the war. Demobilised in 1919 and then resident at 13 The</i>

						<i>Green.</i>
E Glover	Territorial	Married	1	MGCo		<i>Edward Glover, born in Sileby and moved to Mountsorrel on his marriage to Elizabeth Broad. A pre-war Territorial he served with 1/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment before transferring to the Northumberland Fusiliers.</i>
W Perkins	RAMC	Married	2	MGCo		<i>Walter Perkins a Quarry foreman of 36 Quorn Rd., served as a Royal Army Medical Corps Territorial soldier prior to the war. Mobilised he served in France with the RAMC</i>
F Darby	Territorial	Married	2	MGCo		<i>Richard Frederick John "Fred" Darby a pre-war Territorial. Wounded in action fighting with the Seaforth Highlanders he was awarded the Military Medal</i>
R Perkins	Yeomanry	Married	2	MGCo	Barrow	<i>Robert Perkins Born 1874 at Barrow on Soar and later resident on The Green. A former Regular Soldier he served in C Squadron, Leicestershire Yeomanry and was wounded in action at the Battle of Frezenberg in 1915</i>
W Wilders	Reservist	Single		MGCo	Quorn	<i>Probably William Wilders, born 1881 in Quorn, resident of Castledine St., Quorn. A Quarryman</i>
G Atkins	Territorial	Single		MGCo	Woodhouse	<i>Not identified</i>
A Sharman	Territorial	Single		MGCo		<i>Archibald Sharman a farm labourer of Ashley Terrace. Served with 1/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Wounded in action in 1915 he was transferred to the Sherwood Foresters after his recovery.</i>
J Hall	Territorial	Single		MGCo		<i>John "Johnny" Hall a Quarryman with Mountsorrel Granite Company. He was killed in action on 13th October 1915 whilst serving with 1/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Born in Mountsorrel 1898 and lived at Chestnut Cottage.</i>
W Hall	Territorial	Single		MGCo		<i>William Hall worked as a blacksmith's labourer for the Mountsorrel Granite Company. Killed in action on 25th September 1915 serving with 1/5th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment</i>
H Holmes	Yeomanry	Single		MGCo		<i>Bertie Holmes of Rothley Lane, born in Porthgain, Pembrokeshire. Served with Leicestershire Yeomanry prior</i>

						<i>to the war and with the regiment in France.</i>
G Kirckin	Reservist	Single		MGCo		<i>George Kirchin, a Regular Army Reservist. He was mobilised and severed with 7th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He was gassed in 1916 but survived and emigrated to Australia but died there in 1943 of heart disease and Myocardial Asthma resulting from being gassed.</i>
James Smith	Reservist	Single		MGCo		<i>Possibly John Smith a general labourer of Hillside and a Regular Army Reservist. Mobilised he served with 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment and was killed In Action on night 22/23rd October 1914.</i>
A Smith	Reservist	Single		MGCo		<i>Arthur Smith. A Regular Army Reservist was mobilised and served with the Royal Field Artillery until transferred to the Labour Corps due to ill health.</i>
A Newbold	Reservist	Single		MGCo		<i>Arthur Newbold, born 1872 a Regular Army Reservist working as a Quarryman with Mountsorrel Granite Co.</i>
T Pannell	RAMC	Single		MGCo		<i>Thomas Pannell, a Quarryman working for the Mountsorrel Granite resident at 25 Hawcliffe Rd. Served at 5th Northern General Hospital (Leicester) throughout the war. He was prevented from service overseas due to bad feet.</i>
W Sturgess	RAMC	Single		MGCo		<i>Benjamin William Sturgess of the Green, a Blacksmith's striker for the Mountsorrel Granite Co. He served in France with the Leicestershire Yeomanry and died following the Battle of Amiens in 1918.</i>
W F Thornton	Territorial	Single		MGCo	Quorn	<i>Probably William Frederick Thornton born 1885 in Quorn, a clerk, resident in Barrow Lane, Quorn</i>
H J Preston	Territorial	Married		School Authority		<i>Colour Sergeant Henry James Preston born in Sileby and resident on Rothley Rd. A high school teacher and long term member of the Territorials. Mobilised in 1914 he was judged to be to old for service at the Front but served as trainer until his retirement in 1916.</i>

A Liggins	Reservist	Married				<i>Arthur William Liggins, a Building labourer and Regular Army Reservist. Born in Shearsby and resident on Watling St. Mobilised in 1914 he served with the Coldstream Guards. Badly injured in October 1917 which resulted in the amputation of his right leg.</i>
J T Bentley	Reservist	Married		Spurway, Rothley		<i>John Thomas Bentley served with 1/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment throughout the war.</i>
A Middleton	Reservist	Married		N Q Co		<i>unidentified</i>
C Pope	Regular	Married		Govt		<i>Clement Pope a former Regular Soldier, he volunteered for service at the outbreak of war and served with 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Hospitalised in France in 1916 he was evacuated and on recovery transferred to the Labour Corps.</i>
J Burnham	Territorial	Single		E Webster		<i>John Burnham a Joiner and long term Territorial with 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He was killed in action on 25th September 1915.</i>
E Woolston	Territorial	Single				<i>Ernest Woolston, brother of Alfred. He lived on the Green and was a boot trade worker. A long term Territorial with 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment he served in France until his engagement period was completed. Returning home he then volunteered for the Royal Navy Reserve and served in the trawler section carrying out minesweeping.</i>
A Woolston	Territorial	Single				<i>Alfred Woolston, brother of Ernest. He worked in the Boot trade. A long term Territorial with 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment he served in France and was killed in action on 21st September 1915.</i>
L Smith	Territorial	Single		J H Goodwin		<i>Leonard Smith lived on the Green and worked as an apprentice butcher. He served as a Territorial with 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Severely wounded February 1915 he was discharged the service.</i>
A Chapman	Territorial	Single				<i>Albert Chapman, stepson of Fred Bignall of New Post Office Yard. No details of military service have been found.</i>

F Hardy	Territorial	Single				<i>Fred Hardy, a shoehand living on Hillside. No details of military service have been found.</i>
W A White	Territorial	Single				<i>William Alfred White (Jnr) worked in the boot trade and was a pre-war member of 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment.</i>
T White	Territorial	Single				<i>Thomas White born 1872 in Quorn, resident at Club Ground, Quorn. A Quarryman working for Mountsorrel Granite Co., no details of his military service have been found</i>
G Bampton	Territorial	Single				<i>Gerald Bampton worked in the boot trade and was a member of 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He died of pneumonia on 8th February 1915 whilst the Battalion was still in training at Sawbridgeworth prior to moving to France.</i>
J Lindsey	Territorial	Single		Empress Works Loughborough		<i>John Lindsey worked for Morris Cranes of Loughborough and served as a Territorial with 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Severely wounded on 27th August 1915. He was invalided home and discharged subsequently dying of his wounds in March 1917</i>
T H Dodge	Territorial	Single				<i>Thomas Henry Dodge, a general labourer resident on Hillside. A pre-war Territorial with 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment he was later transferred to 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment and died of wounds on 5th May 1917 whilst serving with them.</i>
G Whittle	Territorial	Single		W Whittle		<i>George Ferdinand Whittle, a market gardener lived with his parents at The Lindens. A pre-war Territorial he was killed in action on 8th June 1917 whilst serving in France with 1/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment.</i>
G Lovett	Territorial	Single				<i>George Lovett a Quarryman working for Mountsorrel Granite Company and Territorial with 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He served in France with the Battalion and following recovery from being wounded was transferred to 7th Battalion with whom he was killed in action on 7th March 1917.</i>

A Smith	Yeomanry	Single				<i>Arthur Smith, a Farm Labourer, was killed in action on 13th May 1915 serving with the Leicestershire Yeomanry at the Battle of Frezenberg.</i>
W Whittle	Yeomanry	Single				<i>William Alfred Whittle brother of George Ferdinand. He served in France with the Leicestershire Yeomanry.</i>
A Neal	Yeomanry	Single		A Wilson		<i>Andrew Neal a quarryman born in Mountsorrel and resident at Weighing Machine Cottage. He is believed to have been a former Regular Soldier. He served at first in France with 2nd Battlion Leicestershire Regiment but was laer transferred to 176 Tunnelling Company Royal Engineers.</i>
E Johnson	Reservist	Single		Govt		<i>Unidentified</i>
F Mee	Reservist	Single		Govt		<i>Frank Mee a former Regular Soldier having served with the York & Lancaster Regiment. Mobilised in 1914 he was transferred to 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment with whom he served throughout the war. Captured at Lagnicourt in March 1918 he was held at the Parchim Prisoner of War Camp until the Armistice.</i>
J Darling	Reservist	Single		Police		<i>John Alexander Darling was the village Police Constable until the outbreak of war. He served with the Grenadier Guards in France until discharged in 1915 due to deafness.</i>
W Broad	Regular	Single		Govt		<i>Walter Broad, a Regular Army Reservist, he was mobilised in August 1914 returning to 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards and was killed in action on 16th September 1914</i>
G Broad	Regular	Single		Govt		<i>George Broad a Regular Army Soldier whose parents lived on Union Lane. He served with 1st Battalion Royal Scots and was commissioned in the field during the war.</i>
J Sharman	Regular	Single		Govt		<i>John William Sharman, a Regular Army Reservist having served with the King's Royal Rifle Corps prior to the war. On mobilisation he returned to his former battalion and served in France until later transferred to the</i>

						<i>Labour Corps</i>
W Moore	Regular	Single		Govt		<i>William Albert Moore a Regular Army soldier whose parents lived at Ashley Terrace. He served in France with 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters and was killed in action fighting with them on 19th September 1917.</i>
P Betts	Regular	Single		Govt		<i>Percy Betts a Regular Army Soldier whose widowed mother remarried to Alfred Chapman and lived on Main st. He served with 2nd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment and was wounded in action during the Mesopotamian Campaign</i>
Seaton	Regular	Single		Govt		<i>Unidentified</i>
S. Inst. Templer	Regular	Single		Govt		<i>Shirley Bradshaw Templer a Regular Army Soldier who was serving as the Senior Regular Army Instructor with 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment based in Mountsorrel at the outbreak of war. During his army career he served with every Regular and Territorial battalion of the Regiment.</i>
Clif. Ball	Navy	Single		Govt		<i>Clifton Ball son of the cashier for the Mountsorrel Granite Company. After working a carpenter he joined the Royal Navy prior to the outbreak of war</i>
Carl. Ball	Navy	Single		Govt		<i>Carlton Ball, brother of Clifton, he also joined the Royal Navy prior to the war and served as an engineer with the Royal Naval Air Service prior to being transferred to the Royal Air Force on its formation in 1918.</i>
W Broad	Navy	Single		Govt		<i>Unidentified</i>

Employers:

MGCo – Mountsorrel Granite Company

Spurway of Rothley – The Spurway family farmed and owned a carpet business in Leicester

NQ Co - unidentified

E Webster – Edward Webster, Joiner

JH Goodwin – John Henry Goodwin, Butcher

Empress Works, Loughborough – Morris Cranes

W Whittle – Market Gardner

A Wilson - Farmer