

Military/ War

“Merthyr Express” 2 September 1893

Gelligaer School Board: The Military at Fochriw The Clerk reported that Mr. E. P. Martin, Dowlais, had applied to him to obtain permission to station a detachment of troops in the school at Fochriw during the strike crisis. Capt. G. Hamilton, 14th Hussars, had also written to the chairman or vice-chairman asking to use the school for a short time. Permission was given by the vice-chairman and the Clerk had written to the Education Department, who stated that as this was an exceptional case, it would be taken into account at the examination. They also required to know of the captain the exact amount of time the school would be wanted. At the next meeting, Rev. J. P. Williams was to be asked to explain why he had given permission.

“Merthyr Express” 15 March 1902

Soldiers Return: (Recorded under Dowlais) Local members of the 3rd Militia Battalion of the Welch Regiment have returned home.

“Merthyr Express” 29 March 1902

Soldiers Return from the South African War: (Recorded under Rhymney)

“Merthyr Express” 7 June 1902

End of Boer War Peace was declared at 11.15p.m. Peace was declared in Pretoria at 10.15 on 31st May. The news became known on Sunday afternoon.

Wales and the Boer War Of 300,000 British Soldiers, there were five battalions of Welsh regiments of the line, namely: the Royal Welch Fusiliers; the 1st Welsh Regiment; the 2nd South Wales Borderers; the 3rd Welsh (Militia); the 3rd South Wales Borderers (Militia). In addition there were several Volunteer Service Companies and Yeomen Detachments.

29 August 1914 Women and War On Thursday, 20th August, a meeting of the women of Fochriw was held at the Ambulance Hall to discuss the best methods of assisting the present war. Dr. Davies presided. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Lucas, superintendent secretary of the Ambulance Brigade, and Mrs. Jenkins, The Hafod, Dowlais. Mrs. Davies, Ifor House, was elected president, and Mrs. Captain Edwards, secretary. It was decided that articles suitable for soldiers should be made as quickly as possible, and parcels forwarded to the Central Depot, Cardiff.

31 October 1914 The Children’s Part Two little girls, Elires Phillips and Lettie May Jones, undertook to collect in the village by means of a nigger money-box, in aid of the soldiers’ fund. It resulted in sufficient funds to buy nineteen pairs of socks. These will now be handed over to the Sewing Guild under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Corps at Fochriw. Great praise is due to the little girls for their effort.

7 November 1914 Needlework Class Under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the needlework class held a grand concert at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening, October 29th, with a view to obtaining funds to supply clothing to the wounded soldiers and sailors, and those who are on the battlefield. The Apollo Glee Singers, Bargoed, under the conductorship of Mr. Terry Williams, assisted by special artistes, provided the programme of choruses, recitations and solos.

21 November 1914 Recruiting Meeting A public meeting took place at St. Mary’s Institute on Monday last, under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Recruiting Committee. The speaker was Alderman Morgan Thomas, J.P., Cardiff, ex-Lord Mayor. He fully explained the causes of the war, and stated that every able-bodied, healthy young man, about the age of nineteen, should feel it his bounden duty to join the forces of his country, and should be ashamed to be seen idling about the streets and attending football matches. He also said that we ought to realise, and be thankful, for the great work that was being done by the British Navy. The seas were kept open, and the merchant ships were bringing in our weekly supplies of food. The Hall was nearly full, a great number of young men being present. Mr. George Thomas presided. Mr. Herbert Edgar was organist, and carried out the arrangements for the meeting.

9 January 1915 Intercession It all the churches and chapels of Fochriw and Pentwyn on Sunday, large congregations assembled, and took part in services of prayer, intercession and thanksgiving, for the remembrance of those who have fallen in our country’s cause. A special

form of service, issued under the authority of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York was observed in the Church of England, and the form of service was feelingly and devoutly followed.

20 March 1915 Concert A concert was given at St Mary's Hall on Thursday last by the scholars of the Fochriw Mixed School. The programme consisted of plays, songs, recitations, etc. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, Fochriw. The following pieces were performed: "Owain Glyndwr;" "William Tell;" "Pont Orewyn;" "Buttonhook" (by the 10 girls). National Anthems and a few glees were sung; soloists - D. J. Rees, Ruth Griffiths, Phyllis Williams; duets were given by Elizabeth Ann Jones and Elizabeth Ann Angel, and Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard; recitations - Dan Davies, Ceinwen Ballard, Ernest White. The singing and acting was all that could be desired, and reflects great credit upon the Headmaster and staff, who must have laboured very hard. The scenes, dresses, and arms were all prepared by the scholars, and tickets were also sold by the scholars of the upper classes. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Sewing Class.

1 May 1915 Recruiting Meeting On Friday last a recruiting meeting was held at St Mary's Hall, Fochriw. The band of the 3rd Welsh, Cardiff, came up for the event. Before promenading the village, they were entertained to tea at the Fochriw Schools, the tables being prepared by Mesdames Dr. Davies, John Morgan, M. E. Morgan, J. Davies, James Williams, H. Bates, and Mrs. Roderick, and Misses E. G. Williams, M. A. Lewis, M. Parry, M. Cole, and E. M. Thomas. These ladies, with other members of the Sewing Class, had busied themselves for some little time previously, in preparing seven hampers and a huge parcel of shirts, blankets and socks, for the St. John's Ambulance Association, Cardiff. 453 articles were sent. A further hamper is being prepared. After the tea, the Band, headed by the regimental goat, P.S. Williams, P. C. Perrott, and others, paraded the village. Private John Price of the Welsh Regiment, who has been through several engagements and is now home wounded, was also in the procession. After parading the streets of the village, the Band returned to St. Mary's Hall, where the recruiting meeting was held. The meeting was presided over by Dr. E. Davies, J.P., who gave a very spirited speech. He spoke of the good work done at Fochriw by the ladies of the Sewing Class in providing clothing, etc, for the comfort of the soldiers who had joined. The object of the meeting was to rouse them up and do better. The Rev. James Evans, Cardiff, spoke in Welsh, appealing for recruits. Private Derry of the Welsh Regiment, made an earnest appeal from men to join, and so relieve some of his comrades in the trenches. He gave a thrilling account of the German atrocities he had himself seen. Colonel Marwood Elton gave an account of what had been done by the 3rd Welsh in supplying drafts to fill up the gaps caused by the wastages of war, and appealed to the young men to come forward and offer themselves for recruitment. Major Russell, in a fine speech, made a pressing appeal for recruits. Councillor B. Hughes, Pontlottyn, also spoke in the same strain. A very enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close with the band playing the National Anthem. At the close, a number of recruits offered themselves for recruitment.

26 June 1915 Fochriw "Slackers:" Vicar's Indictment An extraordinary passage appears in the Pontlottyn Church Magazine for this month, from the pen of Rev. G. A. Williams, vicar. It reads as follows: "During the concert held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Fochriw, the performers did their parts right well, when the behaviour of not a few is taken into consideration. They were not aided by the patriotic enthusiasm which characterised the Pontlottyn concerts. This is not to be wondered at, for, if report be true, there are more "slackers" in Fochriw than in any other village in the parish of Pontlottyn, yea, in the civil parish of the Gellygaer. Methinks that twelve months in khaki would tend to civilise not a few who are over-endowed with animals spirits." Similar remarks were also passed at a recent Gellygaer Council meeting by the Rev. Canon T. J. Jones, and of Mr. W. Hammond, Tirphil, about the 'slackers' at Fochriw.

3 July 1915 On Leave Driver Ernest Chaffey, A.S.C., is home for a few days holiday. He is looking in the best of health after his long stay in France. It is interesting to note that since the commencement of war, over 100 have joined His Majesty's forces from the Fochriw district.

2 October 1915 Home From The Front Driver D. J. Price, Army Service Corps, is home from the front for a few days leave to see his father, who has been seriously ill. Mr. Price,

who has been in France since April, looked very fit and smart. He returned to duty on Saturday.

2 October 1915 Missing Official information has now been received by Mrs. W. Edwards, Pit-row, that her husband, Private W. Edwards (13428), 1st Welsh Regiment, is reported missing after an engagement on May 25th in France. Official information has also been received by Mr. John Jones, Pit-row, that his son, Private David Jones (27247), 8th Battalion Welsh Regiment, Pioneers, Mediterranean Force, is also missing after an engagement on August 8th at the Dardanelles.

27 February 1915 Wedding: Edwards-Evans A pretty wedding was solemnised at St Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn, on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Pte. Wyndham R. Edwards, 3rd Welsh (Deri), and Miss Margaret H. Evans, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. William Evans, Pit-row, looked pretty in a rose-coloured dress with cream hat. She was attended by Mrs. Edmund Thomas, sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. W. J. Payne, sister of the bride. Messrs. W. J. Payne and Edmund Thomas were also present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

2 October 1915 Carnival A highly successful Carnival was held on Thursday last week under the auspices of the Fochriw Sewing Class, in aid of wounded soldiers. The carnival was chiefly composed of the children of the Fochriw and Penybank schools, and their teachers. The Fochriw Ambulance Brigade was present. The procession was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band under Mr. W. J. Powell, and prominent also was the banner carried in front of some ladies displaying the motto "Votes For Women." The dresses of the children represented the different dress of the Allies. Parents spared no trouble and expense to make the carnival the success it was. Lieutenant George, home wounded from the Dardanelles, was also in the procession. Dr. Davies had placed his motor-car at his disposal. After the parade, the procession returned to St. Mary's Hall, where an excellent concert was held. The chair was occupied by Mr. George Thomas. The National Anthem was sung by the children, Mr. T. Jones, Pontlottyn, conducting.

30 October 1915 Military Jottings The numerous friends of Corporal George Everett, Welsh Guards, will regret to hear that he is now lying wounded in the hospital at Oxford. He was wounded in the back, arms, and thigh, at the great fight in which the Welsh Guards took part at Hill 70. Corporal Everett is an old soldier, having served through the Boer War with the Queen's Medal with five bars, also of the King's Medal with two bars. He rejoined when the Welsh Guards were formed, and he was made corporal. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

30 October 1915 Sewing Guild It is gratifying to know that the carnival, held by the St. John Ambulance Sewing Guild in aid of wounded soldiers, proved a success. In spite of a rather inclement weather, the procession was large and pretty, including Boy Scouts, Red Cross nurses, the Brass Band, and the Ambulance Brigade. The receipts were £13-8-6, and the expenses £1-7-11, leaving a profit of £12-0-7. The proceeds were spent in sending four dozen shirts, five dozen pairs of stockings, and 19 scarves to our wounded heroes, through Mr. Herbert Lewis, honorary secretary of the R.A.M.C. Association, Cardiff. The members of the committee wish to thank all who helped with the carnival, the concert and refreshments, also the ladies who washed the garments before they were sent away.

13 November 1915 Russian Flag Day A Russian flags day was held at Fochriw on Saturday, the sellers being very busy. A very large number of flags were disposed of.

20 November 1915 War Wounded Private Benjamin James, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. James, 14, Martin-street, 8th Welsh Regiment, took part in the landing at Sulva Bay. He was slightly wounded and is at present at Lord Derby's Hospital, Warrington, where he is convalescing.

27 November 1915 Home From The Front The numerous friends of Driver J. Morris, R.F.A., were pleased to see him home from France this week for a short holiday. He was looking in the best of health. Driver Morris was called up in August, 1914, this being his first visit home for 15 months. He returned yesterday, Friday. Private T. James is also home from

France, where he has been for many months. He too was looking well. Also, Rifleman Addis is home wounded from the Front.

27 November 1915 Concert A successful concert was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday week, organised by the ladies of Fochriw Sewing Class, the object being to provide comforts for the Fochriw soldiers and sailors relief fund. The chapel was crowded, the chair being occupied by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins. The programme was provided by the Apollo Glee Party from Bargoed, who gave a real musical treat.

4 December 1915 Home From The Front We were pleased to see Private J. Way, Welsh Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Way, Aelybryn, home from the front for a short stay after being wounded. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

4 December 1915 Jottings The following members of the Cardiff City Battalion were home on short leave last Friday, looking in the pink of condition - Privates Rees Jenkins, Evan Evans, William Rees, Benjamin Shankland, and Francis Jones. They returned again on Saturday with the best wishes of their many friends.

4 December 1915 Advertisement: Rats in the Trenches We read the other day in a published letter from a soldier at the Front, that our men in Flanders amuse themselves, when they have nothing else to do, by testing their skill with the gun and bayonet at killing rats. We did not realise how numerous in the trenches these rats are until we received a letter, the other day, from a Mr. Thomas Hardy of Perth, the manufacturer of "Rodine." The letter was sent him by a R.F.A. sergeant, dated November 1st, in which he says that rats are a plague on the battlefield, and that during the recent cold weather, they have all flocked to the dug-outs, making matters very uncomfortable for Tommy. Thanks to "Rodine" the whole lot have been cleared away. Another present for Tommy - "Rodine." From the "Chemist and Druggist," November 20th, 1915.

11 December 1915 Military Jottings We notice the following home this week: C. Edwards, Royal Naval Division, who is invalided home with dysentery; Gunner T. Wellings, R.F.A.; Private Joseph H. Evans, D.C.L.I.

25 December 1915 Postcard Day Saturday last was Picture Postcard Day in aid of the National Fund For Welsh Troop. It was observed at Fochriw, when a number of ladies were busy throughout the day selling postcards. Thanks to their untiring efforts, a large number were disposed of.

8 January, 1916 Apollo Glee Singers, Bargoed A concert, given by the above singers in aid of the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, proved a musical treat and a financial success. The proceeds amounted to £16-7-8, the expenses were £3-17-0, giving a profit of £12-10-8. At the general committee held at the Ambulance Hall, it was decided to send a parcel valued at three shillings and sixpence to each local lad. 65 parcels were packed and forwarded, containing socks, handkerchiefs, scarves, etc. Great praise is due to the ladies and gentlemen who worked so well for the concert, in obtaining the address of each soldier and sailor, and in packing the parcels. Praise is also due to the members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who so kindly rendered their assistance to make the concert to success. The treasurer of the fund is Mrs. Cole Jones, and the secretary Mr. J. Edwards.

22 January, 1916 Welcome Home An enthusiastic welcome was accorded Pte. John Williams, R.E., Plantation-street, who returned home from France on Friday week. This is Pte. Williams's first visit home since December 1914. The greater part of this time was spent in the trenches. Pte. Williams was met at the station by the Fochriw Brass Band, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, who played appropriate music. They struck up "Men of Harlech," as the train arrived at the station, followed by "Rule Britannia" and the "Marsellaise." The band accompanied Pte. Williams to his home playing en route. Private Williams enlisted in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry along with many other Fochriw boys just after the commencement of the war, being drafted out to France in May. He has been in several engagements, having been gassed and wounded at Ypres, and consequently, confined to hospital for six weeks. He has lately been transferred to the Royal Engineers. He leaves again for the Front this weekend.

15 January, 1916 Home From The Front We notice the following home on short leave this week, looking in the best of health: Stoker David J. Shankland, and Gunner David Davies of the Royal Naval Volunteer Service.

29 January, 1916 Concert A very pleasant musical evening was spent at the Workmen's Institute on Friday week, when a large number assembled to bid farewell to Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, who was about to leave once again for the Front, and also to Mr. J. T. O. Keffi, who has joined the Army. The room was suitably decorated. During the evening, Sapper John Williams was made the recipient of a beautiful cigarette case, the presentation being made by Mr. William Evans. Mr. Keffi was also presented with a cigarette case this time by Mr. W. S. Williams. The following contributed to the programme: overture on the piano – Mr. R. E. Jones; songs – Messrs. H. Turner, Morgan Jones, H. Wilcox, Tom Jones, D. H. Evans, I. Martin, William Evans. A hearty vote of thanks to all the artistes and to the steward and stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. S. Phillips, brought the evening to a close.

29 January, 1916 Smoker A very successful smoking Concert was held at their The Rising Sun Inn, on Wednesday week, in order to bid farewell to Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, Plantation-terrace, before his return to France. The room was decorated with flags of the Allies and a crowded audience assembled, showing the respect in which the young soldier was held. Mr. Tom Jones was appointed chairman. In his opening remarks, he said that Sapper Williams had been at the front for nine months, and during that time had received severe shrapnel wounds in the leg, and had been badly gassed. He was not allowed to return to England but had to go into hospital at Rouen, afterwards returning to the trenches. He was sure that his friends would wish him a less unfortunate time during his next sojourn at the Front. Songs were rendered by Mr. James Evans, Rhymney; Mr. Howell Thomas, Fochriw; Mr. Morgan Jones, Treharris; Mr. Charles Hamblett, Fochriw; Corporal David Griffiths, St. Fagans, and Mr. William Wilcox, Dowlais. Sapper Williams, in a neat speech, thanked all his friends for the reception given him, and Private Cornelius Edwards, who was invalided home from the Dardanelles, also added appropriate words. Mr. Evans, Rhymney, ably presided at the piano.

5 February, 1916 Welcome Home On Thursday evening week, an enthusiastic welcome home had been prepared for Corporal George Everett, 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, who was returning home from Oxford, where he had been in hospital after being severely wounded at the battle of Loos. The Fochriw Brass Band met the train, and the village was gaily decorated with bunting, but Corporal Everett did not arrive until the later train that evening. Corporal Everett is an old soldier, having served through the South African war with the Essex Regiment. He also served through the East African Expedition. He joined the Welsh Guards just after its formation, and was made Corporal. He fought through the battle of Loos up to Hill 70, with the Welsh Guards, and had retired to a reserve trench for a short rest. Corporal Everett and four others occupied a cellar, but they were no sooner settled than a highly explosive shell burst, completely demolishing the building, and burying the five men. Corporal Everett was the only man to be extricated alive, though he was suffering severe injuries to arm, ribs and other body parts, and was unconscious for some time afterwards. He has had to undergo five operations at Boulogne and Oxford hospitals. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

12 February, 1916 From The Front In a letter from the Front, Sapper J. Williams, Royal Engineers, wishes to thank all his friends for their kindness to him during his short furlough home.

19 February, 1916 On Furlough Private John Thomas, Brynteg-terrace, arrived home from France for a few days furlough last Sunday. Private Thomas is now doing military police duty, and has been in France for the last 18 months. He is an old soldier, having served through the South African War. He returned again on Thursday.

26 February, 1916 Addresses To Workers A large gathering of workmen assembled at the Fochriw Colliery yard on Monday afternoon, when excellent addresses were delivered by Mr. H. E. Pratten, from Sydney, Australia, and Mr. Robert Tootill, Member of Parliament for Bolton. The chairman was Mr. William Jones, checkweigher. Mr. Pratten spoke of the noble sacrifices they were making in Australia to help the motherland bring this war to a successful

issue, saying they had given men in thousands and there were still thousands more anxious to give of their best. He urged the workmen to attend readily to their work so that they may turn out a plentiful supply of coal for the Navy to command the seas. Mr. Robert Tootill, thanked the men on behalf of their gallant countrymen and Mr. Lloyd George, for the work they were doing in producing the coal so essential in winning the war. He said they were doing their bit working underground, just as the soldiers were doing so in the trenches and other places. He begged them to continue in that work, to sink all differences, and to have one object only - the winning of the war. He spoke of his visit to France, where he had seen the sacrifices our soldiers were making, and he dwelt on the atrocities committed by the Germans upon their entry into Belgium. A vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

11 March 1916 Home From The Front Private David Lewis, D.C.L.I. is home on short leave, looking in the pink of condition.

10 June 1916 Flags Day Flag Day was observed at the village last Saturday in aid of the Welsh Hospital at Netley. Several ladies were busy throughout today disposing of flags.

24 June 1916 Military Jottings We were pleased to see Fred Wright, R.E., and Driver Lewis Evans, R.F.A., home on short leave.

15 July 1916 Home From The Front We are pleased to see the following home on short leave: Private Gwilym Evans, a Fochriw boy who joined the forces out in Australia, and returned to this country a few weeks ago; Sergeant J. Francis of the London Fusiliers; Llewlyn Jones of the Royal Garrison Artillery.

22 July 1916 In Mesopotamia Mr. George Jones' eldest son, Daniel, is serving with the Colours in Mesopotamia. Before enlisting, he was a student at Exeter College, from which he joined the 4th Devons at the outbreak of war.

22 July 1916 Military Jottings Information has been received by Mrs. M. H. Edwards, Pitrow, that her husband, Private Wyndham Edwards, 1st Welsh, has fallen in action. He joined the Welsh Regiment just after the outbreak of hostilities. He returned home on short leave to get married on the 19th February, 1915, and then proceeded to France with his regiment. He took part in a few engagements, and was reported missing after the engagement on May 25th, 1915. No information could be obtained of his whereabouts until the present news.

22 July 1916 Fochriw Men Wounded News has been received by Mr. J. Williams, Brynawel, that his son, Private Fred Williams, has been wounded. He joined R.W.F. (Public Schools Battalion) in April, 1915, and has been in the trenches since November last. Before the war, he was employed as a clerk at Messrs. G.K.N., Offices, Fochriw. Mr. George Jones, Station-terrace, has been informed that his son, Private Howell Jones of the R.W.F., has been wounded, and is now in hospital at Camberwell, London. Private Howell Jones joined the army in January last, and left for France in June. He was previously a student at Aberystwyth University College.

29 July 1916 Jack's Day Jack's Day was observed at Fochriw last Saturday, when a large number of ladies were very busy disposing of flags, flowers, etc., in aid of our brave sailor lads.

12 August 1916 Fallen In Action Information has been received by Mrs. Williams, Penybank, that her husband Private W. J. Williams, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, has fallen in action. A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's Church next Sunday evening.

19 August 1916 Memorial Service A memorial service in memory of the late Private W. J. Williams, Penybank, was held last Sunday evening, the service being very impressive. Mr. D. Greening, licensed lay reader, preached a powerful sermon, which was well received. Appropriate hymns were sung under the conductor, Mr. B. Angell, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ. The "Dead March" was played at the end of the service.

19 August 1916 Parade: Prisoners of War Fund Under the auspices of the Cwlwm y Brodorfaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B., a parade took place on Monday evening, a collection being made en route in aid of the Prisoners Of War Fund. The procession was large, and was headed by a banner bearing the inscription: "Collection in aid of the prisoners of war in Germany. Help the "B-boys." The procession was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, followed by members of the R.A.O.B., the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, the Fochriw Fire Brigade, and the Pontllytyn Fire Brigade. A total of £5-12-0 was collected.

2 September 1916 Military Information has been received by Mr. Henry Evans, Martin-street, that his son, Private J. Evans, D.C.L.I., has been wounded in action in the thigh and hands. Private D. Lewis, D.C.L.I., son of Mrs. Williams, Railway-terrace, has been wounded in the right shoulder and leg, and is now at Torbay Hospital, Torquay. Private William Robert, R.W.F., has been wounded and is now in hospital at Whitchurch, near Cardiff.

2 September 1916 St. John Ambulance A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening last, when Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Lewis delivered a very interesting address on the work already done by the Order of the St. John Ambulance throughout the country for wounded soldiers and sailors. He also pointed out the immediate needs of the Order in order to carry out the work in future. The task of succouring the wounded was very great. 38,000 beds were at present being occupied by wounded soldiers throughout the country. Mr. Evan Evans, sub-agent, presided. The Fochriw Lodge of Miners voted 3d. a week for 16 weeks after hearing the case put by Mr. H. Lewis.

16 September 1916 Military Mrs. Evan Evans, Brook-row, has received information that her husband, Private Evan Evans, Cardiff City Battalion, is lying dangerously ill in hospital in France. The following are home on short leave, looking in the best of health: D. J. Shankland, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankland, Aelybryn, and Seaman-Gunner David Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, Guest-street.

16 September 1916 Died of Wounds Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Martin-street, have received information that their son, Private J. H. Evans, D.C.L.I., died of wounds on August 29th, 1916. Before enlisting, two years ago, he was employed as engine driver at the Fochriw colliery. He was only 21 years of age. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

23 September 1916 Military Information has been received by Mrs. Evan Evans, Brook-row, that her husband Private Evan Evans has died in hospital in France, on September 10th., from wounds received in action. Before enlisting he had been a collier at the Fochriw collieries. He has been in France for 11 months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, Aelybryn. He was 25 years of age. He leaves a widow and three little children.

30 September 1916 Killed in Action Information has been received by Mrs. Margaret Jones, Pit-row, that her husband Private Richard Jones, Welsh Regiment, has been killed in action on September 8th, in France. Before enlisting, he was employed at the Fochriw collieries as a haulier. He leaves a widow and seven children, to whom great sympathy is extended. This is the third Fochriw boy who has given his life for King and country during the last few weeks.

7 October 1916 Wounded The many friends of Private David Lewis, D.C.L.I., will be glad to know that he is home for a few days from hospital after being wounded in France. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

28 October 1916 Wounded Private Howell Jones, R.W.F., arrived home this weekend from a London hospital where he has been for the last few months, suffering from wounds received in action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace. Before joining the Colours, he was a student at Aberystwyth University.

18 November 1916 Military Jottings We will all glad to see Private Fred Williams, Royal Welch Fusiliers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel, home from hospital for a few days. He was severely wounded in Mametz Wood, after which he was brought to a hospital at Stratford-upon-Avon, and later another hospital in Warwickshire, before coming home. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Private A. F. Gwynne, R.A.M.C., is home on short leave. He has been in France for nearly 20 months. Information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Pit-row, that their son Private David Jones, Welsh Regiment, has been killed in action. Before enlisting at the outbreak of war, he was employed as a haulier at the Fochriw colliery. Great sympathy is felt for the family.

25 November 1916 Military We are glad to see Edward Thomas, Royal Engineers, Aelybryn, home on short leave from France. He was accorded an enthusiastic welcome home, the Fochriw Brass Band playing appropriate music as the train arrived at the station. The

streets were gaily decorated with flags. Private David Lewis, D.C.L.I., is home on short leave looking in the best of health.

16 December 1916 On Leave We were pleased to see Private Caradoc Ballard, R.A.M.C. and Pte. George Smith, A.S.C., home on short leave from France, both looking well.

16 December 1916 Smoker A very pleasant evening was spent at the Workmen's Club on Saturday last, when the first of the series of concerts was held, and a welcome home accorded to Lance-Corporal David Lloyd. There was a large number present, the chairman being Mr. Harry Wilcox.

23 December 1916 On Leave Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, Plantation-street, is home on short leave from France, and is looking in the best of health.

23 December 1916 Gellygaer Tribunal: Is Fochriw Unpatriotic? A meeting of the Gellygaer Military Tribunal was held at Hengoed on Thursday. Mr. Ben Hughes was in the chair, pending the arrival of Mr. E. Richards, J.P.. Present: Councillor Jenkins Edwards, Councillor Edmund Jones, Councillor W. J. Giles, and later, Mr. E. Richards, when he took the chair; Mr. Rowland Thomas, military representative, and Mr. C. J. Samuel, clerk, and Mr. Goshen Evans, assistant military representative.

J.B.B. (41), auctioneer, of B., produced his birth certificate, showing that he had passed his 41st year. Applicant said that if he had to go to the Army, his business would have to close. Granted six months exemption.

A.E.G., grocer, of P., whose case had been adjourned for him to go before the Medical Board, stated that he had passed in Class A. He said that his application for exemption was based upon a Government circular urging Tribunals to give careful consideration to all one-man businesses. An exemption to the end of December only was granted.

L.M.J. of R., in charge of the inn kept by his father, said that his elder brother had gone to the Army, and another who was due to go. Councillor Jenkins Edwards said that two men had already gone to the army, and the applicant would make the third. He then said, there were many homes in Fochriw from which four sons were available, and he regarded Fochriw as the most unpatriotic district in the parish. Chairman: We have had more conscientious objectors from Bedlinog. Mr. J. Edwards: We have had one from Fochriw too. Exemption to December 31st was granted.

F.J., a foreman carpenter of G. was appealed for by his employer, who said it was impossible to get men to do the work and complete the contracts in hand. Three months exemption was granted.

J.P.J. of G., a grocer's haulier. This case had been previously dealt with, and conditional exemption was granted, and the Military Representative now asked that the decision should be reviewed. Mr. Trevor Griffiths appeared for the applicant, and admitted that in February the retail trade was a certified occupation, but this had been amended. Two months exemption was granted, and J. P. J. was told to go before the Medical Board in that time. It was said that the applicant was the only one left to do the general haulage

H.J.P., fish merchant of P., who would have been 41 years of age in May next year, was granted three months exemption.

D.J.P., assistant grocer, of Y.M., produced a certificate showing him to have passed his 41st year, and that he considered his work as a foreman carpenter at the colliery to be of national importance. Applicant, who was passed as Class L, was granted three months exemption.

T.E.W., 30 years of age, insurance agent, of B., said he had been engaged in a colliery previous to being an insurance agent. Mr. J. Evans appeared for the applicant. This was the third exemption applied for in five months. Business and domestic reasons were advanced as the cause, and he expressed his willingness to go back to work underground. The application was refused.

J.P., boot-shop manager, of B. Applicant had been before the Medical Board, and placed in class C III. Exempted for three months.

O.W., aged 28, single, colliery surface man, of B. The grounds of the application were that he was serving his country better in his own employment, and also that he had to undergo an operation. Applicant read the circumstances of his case, and stated that he was the only son of aged parents, his father being a cripple. He had offered himself three times and been rejected.

Applicant described the nature of the operation, and said that his physical history had been left at the Bargoed Recruiting Office at the time. The case was adjourned for the applicant to go before the Medical Board.

T.R., coal merchant, aged 29, married, of Y.M., was granted three months exemption with the right to appeal again.

30 December 1916 On Leave Private Stephen Ballard is home on short leave from France.

13 January, 1917 On Leave Bombardier E. Williams, R.F.A., is home on leave. He has been in France for 12 months.

20 January, 1917 Drama in Aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund Another excellent performance of the Welsh drama "Ar y Groesfordd" was given at the Council School by the Carmel Dramatic Company last Saturday evening to a large audience. The members of the company gave their services free to assist in raising a fund to provide comforts and gifts for soldiers and sailors. One hundred lads have gone from the Fochriw district. About nine have made the supreme sacrifice. The committee and people of the village feel a deep sense of gratitude to the society for their charitable action. Councillor John Jones said a fund had been registered, known as the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, with the Reverend D. Hughes Jones as chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne as treasurer, Miss H. Evans as secretary, and Mr. James Williams as auditor, to whom the proceeds of this performance were handed.

27 January, 1917 On Leave Private George Price, Welsh Regiment, Aelybryn, and is home on short leave after a long stay in France, looking in the pink of condition.

3 March 1917 Welsh Flag-Day A flag day was held at Fochriw on Saturday, in aid of the National Fund For Welsh Troops. A large number of ladies were busily engaged throughout today disposing of flags with much success.

24 March 1917 National Service A National Service meeting was held on Monday evening at the Old School, and was well attended. The chairman was Mr. E. M. Davies, who addressed the meeting. Speeches were also made by Councillor John Jones, Messrs. James Williams, and Daniel Rowlands.

24 March 1917 Welcome Home An enthusiastic welcome home was accorded Private J. Sullivan, South Wales Borderers, Penybank, on Friday evening last at St. Mary Hall, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers and Sailors Fund. Private Sullivan, who is an old soldier, having served fifteen and a half years in the army, saw service in the Boer War, and for the last 16 months has been in France, from where he is home on leave. Councillor John Jones presided and gave Pte. Sullivan a hearty welcome. The Reverend John Francis gave a fine address, after which Mrs. Roderick presented Private Sullivan with a cheque on behalf the Fund. Private Sullivan heartily thanked all for their kindness, not only on his behalf, but for all those in the trenches. Others who also spoke were Rev. Isaac Roderick, Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Mrs. Charles Payne, W. J. Payne, D. M. Davis, D. Thomas and H. Edgar. Solos were sung by Messrs. Charles Payne and W. J. Payne. The evening closed with singing of the National Anthem.

31 March 1917 Home From France Private Kinsey Llewellyn, R. W. F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, is home on sick leave from France, suffering from trench fever. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery. Private William Roberts, R.W.F., Brynteg, is home on short leave after being confined to hospital for some time, suffering from wounds received in action in France.

7 April 1917 Competitive Concert A successful competitive concert in aid over the Fochriw Soldiers' And Sailors' Fund was held at Carmel Chapel last Saturday evening. The president was the Rev. J. Francis, vicar; conductor, Mr. David Thomas; adjudicator, Mr. John Price; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters. The President explained the object of the meeting. Awards: female novice solo, Miss Hilda Davies; male novice solo, Mr. Evans, Penywern; female champion solo, Mrs. Tom Davies, Fochriw; male champion solo, Mr. T. R. Jones, Dowlais. Votes of thanks for the use of the chapel etc were made by the President and Mr. Charles Payne. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss Hannah Evans, Aelybryn. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

7 April 1917 Reception Meeting Under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' And Sailors' Fund, a pleasant evening was spent at Noddfa vestry on Thursday evening week, to welcome Private Kinsey Llewellyn, R.W.F., who is home on short leave suffering from trench fever. Also present was Private Willie Roberts, R.W. F., who has arrived home for a few days after being in hospital for some months suffering from wounds received in action. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, who gave a fine opening address. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Miss Hilda Davies, Miss Doris Davies, Mr. James Williams, Pontlottyn, Mr. James J. Lewis, Dowlais, Mr. Howell Thomas; recitation, Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn; addresses, Messrs. G. Sibley and J. M. Jones; duet, Messrs. J. J. Lewis and J. Williams. Mr. Charles Payne presented Private Llewellyn with a cheque on behalf of the Fund, as per rule. The chairman thanked the artistes, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. Messrs. H. Hughes and J. Evans were the accompanists.

5 May 1917 Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund A meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel, kindly lent, on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the above Fund, when the usual cheques, in connection with the Fund, were presented on behalf of twelve of our gallant boys, five of whom were present - Lieutenant Howell Jones, and Privates Fred Williams, Ernest Chaffey, John Price, Francis Lloyd Jones, all of whom have been on active service. The other seven have made the supreme sacrifice, all having fallen at the post of duty on foreign soil, they being represented by their widows or mothers. The names of the fallen are: Privates John Williams, Joseph Henry Evans, Evan Evans, Wyndham Rees Edwards, Richard Jones, David Jones, and Charlie Greenman. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to each of these families. An earnest appeal is made to all the inhabitants of the place to contribute to this noble cause to enable the Committee to carry on the good work. The chairman was the Rev. John Francis, vicar. The following contributed to an excellent programme: solos, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Miss Hilda Davies, Messrs. W. Edgar, James Williams, Pontlottyn, and James John Lewis, Dowlais. Mr. Charles Payne presented the cheques as a small token of appreciation for their gallant services and noble sacrifices, to which the recipients very freely responded, thanking them for the kindness shown by the good people of Fochriw and district. Private Willie Roberts, Welsh Regiment, has also received his cheque from the fund. The following gave the second part of the programme: solos, Miss Doris Davies; recitation, Miss Jenkins, Pontlottyn; duet, Messrs. Williams and Lewis; song, Mr. Lewis. Councillor John Jones then addressed the meeting, appealing for support to carry on the good work.

19 May 1917 On Leave We are pleased to see Stoker David J. Shankland the home on short leave. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankland, Aelybryn, and looks in the best of health.

26 May 1917 Welcome Home An enthusiastic welcome was accorded Gunner. D J. Shankland, of the Navy, at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening week, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Committee. The chairman was Councillor John Jones who gave an able address. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Enid Evans, Messrs. Hywel Thomas, James Jones; addresses, Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Messrs. J. M. Jones and E. M. Davies. The presentation was made by Mr. Charles Payne on behalf of the Fund. Gunner Shankland feelingly responded, thanking the people of Fochriw for their great kindness to him. The accompanists were Messrs. H. Hughes and W. Davies.

2 June 1917 Soldiers and Sailors Fund An enthusiastic welcome home meeting was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday last, when Private Tom Jones, R.N.D., Private Willie White, R.N.D., and Sapper Fred Wright, Royal Engineers, were accorded a hearty welcome home on a few days leave after being on active service in France and the Dardanelles for over two years. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, who gave a capital address. Songs were rendered by Miss K. Morgan, Rhymney, Mr.. J. James, Pontlottyn, and Mr. J. Jones, Pontlottyn, delighted the audience with a recitation. Mr. W. J. Payne, the treasurer of the fund, presented the gallant boys with a cheque each on behalf of the fund, and made an earnest appeal for all present to contribute to this

excellent fund, so that all the brave boys were given a hearty welcome home. The recipients suitably acknowledged the kindness shown them. Master Francis Wilton gave a selection on the violin, accompanied by Master Aneurin Thomas. The accompanist for the evening was Miss Hilda Phillips.

30 June 1917 Concert An open air concert was given by the Fochriw Brass Band under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, when an excellent programme of music was greatly appreciated by the large number present. During the evening, a collection was made on behalf of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, and a goodly sum was realised.

28 July 1917 Presentation Meeting A very pleasant meeting was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday to present Sapper William Thomas, Royal Engineers, with a beautiful set of military brushes in a case, and a pocket wallet, subscribed for by his friends of the "Empire's Honour Co," of which he had been an active member. The Reverend John Francis presided, and spoke very highly of Mr. Thomas's good qualities. Speeches were also made by Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Morgan and others. Mrs. Francis, in a neat speech, presented Mr. Thomas with the presents. Sapper Thomas feelingly responded. The musical part of the programme was contributed to by the following: Mrs. Morgan, Miss Nan Prosser, Misses Blodwen Watkins and Mildred Hughes.

28 July 1917 Welcome Home Meeting A very enthusiastic welcome home meeting, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, was held at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday to welcome home four brave Fochriw boys, in the persons of Lance-Corporal Benjamin Shankland, Cardiff City Welsh Regiment; Lance-Corporal Rees Jenkins, Cardiff City Welsh Regiment, (both of whom are home on short leave after doing about 20 months in France); Sergeant John Francis, Royal Fusiliers, and Private John Stedman, Royal Engineers, who have also done service in France. Councillor John Jones, who presided, gave a hearty welcome home to the gallant boys. Speeches were given by Messrs. James Williams, Moses Williams, P. S. Williams, and Rev. Rhys Jenkins. Mr. W. J. Payne presented each of the men with the cheque on behalf of the Fund. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solos, Master A. Thomas; solos, Mrs. H. Davies, Miss Doris Davies, Messrs. James J. Lewis and S. Davies; piano and violin selection, Masters A. Thomas and F. Wilton. The Rev. John Francis proposed a vote of thanks to all who had taken part.

4 August 1917 Home from the Front We were pleased to see Private Anthony Davies, Welsh Regiment, Pentwyn, and Corporal David Cheeke, D.C.L.L., Plantation-terrace, home on short leave from France, where they have been for nearly two years.

11 August 1917 Welcome Home A very interesting welcome home concert was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, last Friday, when Corporal David Cheeke and Private Anthony Davies were invited. The concert was presided over by a Mr. S. E. Phillips.

18 August 1917 Home on Leave Trumpeter Gilbert Harris, A.S.C., is home on short leave from France. His father, Sergeant Tom Harris, Rifle Brigade, is also with the forces in Salonika, but has been confined to hospital for some time due to sickness.

25 August 1917 Home on Leave Private Llewellyn Small, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Small, Penybank, is home on short leave from France.

8 September 1917 On Leave Private W. D. Jones, R.F.A., and Private Wm. Griffiths, R.F.A., and now home after a long absence in France. The Welcome Home Fund will present a pound note to each of them before they return to their regiments.

8 September 1917 Soldiers 'and Sailors' Welcome Home Fund A public meeting under the auspices of the Welcome Home Fund was held on Friday evening at Nazareth Chapel, to present Private Gordon Way with a small donation upon his return home from the trenches. A hearty welcome was given to the young hero, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. E. M. Davies presided, and the following friends took part: soloists, Miss Doris Davies, Mr. Willie Edgar, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Miss Enid Evans; recitation, Mr. James Williams. Mr. Charles Payne presented Private Way with a £1 note. Afterwards, Dr. Phillips addressed the meeting. This was Dr. Phillips' first public address

at Fochriw, but it is hoped that it will not be his last. The Misses Phillips, H. Evans, and Mr. John Evans did their parts well as accompanists. A hearty vote at thanks was accorded to all who took part on the motion of Mr. George Thomas, seconded by Mr. William Ballard.

15 September 1917 Smoker An interesting smoker was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Friday evening, at which Gunner W. D. Jones, R.F.A., and Gunner William Griffiths, R.F.A., were present.

29 September 1917 Flag Day Flag Day was observed on Saturday last, when in number of ladies were busily engaged in disposing of flags in aid of our noble ally, Romania.

29 September 1917 Smoker A smoker in honour of Private W. Rees was held at the Workmen's Club on Thursday evening, and was presided over by Mr. W. Evans. The following contributed to the programme: songs, Messrs. H. Wilcox, Tom Jones, T. Rees, P. Edwards, B. Cheggwidden. There was club swinging by Mr. W. S. Williams. The accompanists work Mr. D. C. Jones.

29 September 1917 Welcome Home A welcome home concert under the auspices of the the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund was held at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday last, in honour of Private William Rees, Welsh Regiment, son of Mr' and Mrs' Rees, Guest-street, who is home on short leave from France, after about two years absence. The concert was presided over by Councillor John Jones, who gave an encouraging address. Interesting speeches were also given by Messrs' E. M. Davis, James Williams, George Sibley, and Charles Payne, who presented a cheque on behalf of the Fund. The musical part of the programme was contributed to by Mrs' H. Davies, Miss Mattie Jones, Mr' James Jones; recitation, Mr' James Williams; pianoforte selection, Master A. Thomas; violin selections, Master Francis Wilton. The accompanists were Miss Hannah Evans and Mr' Willie Davies. The Rev. John Francis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes for their kindness. This was seconded by Mr. George Thomas.

6 October 1917 Private A. Jones, D.C.L.I. Private Albion Jones, who is serving with the Salonika forces, has been recently mentioned in a dispatch from Lieutenant-General G. F. Milne C.B., D.S.O., containing a list of names of officers, N.C.O.'s and men whose services he wishes to notice for distinguished service during the past six months. Private Jones worked as a miner at the Fochriw Colliery before enlisting.

13 October 1917 Welcome Home A welcome home meeting under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund was held at Carmel Vestry on Friday evening last to welcome home Private Arthur Adams, A.S.C. Remounts, and Lance-Corporal Lewis Richards, Welsh Regiment, both of whom are home on leave after a long absence in France. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. John Francis.

20 October 1917 Smoker A pleasant evening was spent at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Friday in honour of Gunner Llewellyn Jones, G. A., and Private Thomas Jones, A. S. C. The place was well filled. The chairman was Mr. W. Price with Mr. S. E. Phillips vice-chairman. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Messrs. W. H. Davies, Howell Thomas, T. Rees, P. Vines, Tom Jones, H. Wilcox, W. Davies, W. S. Williams; recitations, Messrs. James Williams and M. Thomas; quartette, Messrs. A. Mantle, H. Thomas, J. Walters, T. Rees. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. H. C. Seaborne, seconded by Mr. W. Evans. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The accompanist was Mr. D. C. Jones.

20 October 1917 Welcome Home A welcome home meeting was held at St. Mary Hall on Monday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund to welcome home on short leave from France Gunner Llewellyn Jones, Private Thomas Jones, and Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, and to present them with the usual cheques from the fund. There was a large attendance. The Rev. John Francis presided and gave an able address. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Mr. W. Jenkins, Dowlais, Mr. John Williams, Miss Enid Evans; duet, Messrs. W. Jenkins and John Williams; recitation, Mr. M. Thomas; addresses, Messrs. J. M. Jones and William

Ballard. The presentation was made by Mr. David Thomas on behalf of the Fund. The accompanist was Mr. Harry Hughes.

27 October 1917 Military Jottings Both the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, are in hospital. Lieutenant Howell Jones, Yorks. and Lancs. Regiment, was wounded in the last big push, and is now in hospital in Winchester. The other son, Private Dan B. Jones, the Devons, is in hospital with malaria at Secunderabad, India, where he has been for over three years. Another son, Thomas John Jones, is in training at Aberystwyth College with the O.T.C. Before the war, Lieutenant Jones was a student at Aberystwyth College, and Private Dan Jones a student at Exeter College. Fred Wright, Royal Engineers, has also been wounded and is now in hospital at Sheffield. Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, returned to France for the third time this week after a short leave. Sapper Williams has seen much fighting, and took part in the Battle of Hill 60, Ypres, the Somme, and Vimy Ridge. Mr. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, has three sons with the Colours. Two are in hospital suffering from wounds in action. Private Lewis Jones, Private Tom Jones and Gunner L. D. Jones returned to duty recently.

3 November 1917 Concert A concert was held at Carmel Chapel (kindly lent for the occasion) on Thursday, in the aid of the Fochriw Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, who gave an able speech. The following took part: soprano, Madam Sarah Thomas Johns, Merthyr; contralto, Madame H. C. Davies, Fochriw; tenor, Mr. James John Lewis, Dowlais; bass, Mr. James Williams, Pontlottyn; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., Fochriw. During the evening, Lance-Corporal Lewis Evans, R.F.A., was presented with the cheque from the fund. The treasurer, Mr. W. J. Payne, remarked in his speech, that this was the 41st cheque presented by the fund. The Rev. John Francis gave a fine address, in which he urged the necessity of prayer as a mighty weapon in the winning of this war. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the deacons by Mr. Charles Payne for the loan of the chapel; also to the artistes and all who helped to make the concert such a success. This was seconded by Mr. James Williams.

10 November 1917 Home from Hospital Lieut. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, is making satisfactory progress, and was home on short leave from hospital this week.

10 November 1917 War Aims A public meeting in connection with the National War Aims Campaign was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, when able addresses were delivered by Mr. J. White, Kingston on Thames; Mr. S. Hague, Manchester; and Mr. John Littlejohns, Pontypridd. The chair was occupied by Dr. J. W. D. Phillips. The speakers had a good hearing, and their able addresses were well received.

10 November 1917 Welcome Home A welcome home concert was held at Nazareth chapel on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Sailors' And Soldiers' Fund, in honour of Private Lewis Jones, Welsh Regiment, son of Mr. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, who is home on short leave from hospital after being wounded in France. He is one of three brothers now serving with the Colours. The following assisted in the vocal programme: Miss Mattie Jones, Mrs. Ruth Griffiths, Mr. James Williams, Miss Edna Burrows, Miss Elvis Phillips, Miss Enid Evans, Ben Davies, Thomas Lewis, Edmund Davies, Ivor Phillips and Aneurin Thomas. The accompanists were: Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Willie Davies. The Reverend John Francis presided. Private Jones was presented with a cheque from the fund.

10 November 1917 Russians All the parties of Russians who left this country between 23rd September and 15th October are reported to have arrived safely.

17 November 1917 Home from Hospital The numerous friends of Private Stephen Barnard, R.A.M.C., were glad to see him home for a few days from hospital, where he has been for a long time since suffering from trench fever.

17 November 1917 Smoker A pleasant evening was spent at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Friday, in honour of Private Lewis Jones, who is home on short leave from hospital. The chair was occupied Mr. S. E. Phillips. The following contributed to the musical

programme: Messrs. J. Martin, H. Thomas, W. S. Williams, Gomer Rees, Owen Morris, William Evans, J. Donovan, Mr. Francis, Mr. Archer, Private Davies. There was also a band quartette of Messrs. W. H. Davies, John Walters, Howell Thomas, and Emrys Lewis. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. C. Seaborne, seconded by Mr. W Price.

24 November 1917 Military The friends of Gunner Ted Wellings, and Private A. Gwynne, R.A.M.C., were pleased to see them home on short leave from France.

1 December 1917 Concert A welcome home concert was held at Noddfa Vestry on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' And Sailors' Fund, to welcome home Corporal George Everett, Welsh Guards, Private Archie Gwynne, R.A.M.C., and Gunner Wellings, R.F.A., all of whom have been on active service in France. The building was packed. The programme for the evening was supported by the highly successful Fochriw Children's Choir, under their conductor Miss M. Davies. The singing of the different choruses won rounds of applause. The chairman was the Rev. John Francis, who gave a hearty welcome home to the gallant boys and complimented them on their fine appearance. Programme: chorus by choir, "The Flag of Britain"; solo, Miss Elvis Phillips; recitation, Master Edmund Davies; chorus of by the choir; duet, the Misses Ballard. Mr. W. J. Payne then presented the soldiers with the usual cheque. Corporal Everett thanked the Committee on behalf of all the men. The choir then sang "I Sing Because I Love To Sing" which was encored; solo, Miss Enid Evans; chorus by the choir; duett, Miss Elvis Phillips and Miss Enid Evans; solo, Miss Ruth Griffiths, "When You Come Home"; chorus by the choir. Mr. George Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to all helpers, seconded by Mr. Moses Williams. The accompanists were Miss Maggie Davies and Miss Hilda Phillips.

8 December 1917 Welcome Home A welcome home concert was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, to welcome home A.B. Cornelius Edwards, R.N.D., and Private David J. Thomas, Welsh Regiment, both of whom have been on active service. The building was packed. The chairman was Mr. Charles Payne who gave a hearty welcome to the boys. The programme was as follows: solos, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Mr. T. Jenkins, Miss Phyllis Williams; recitation, Master Lewis Angell; chorus by school children. Mr. W. J. Payne presented each of the boys with the usual cheque from the fund, and remarked that this was the 50th cheque presented since the raising of the fund. Mr. George Sibley proposed a vote of thanks to all. The accompanist was Miss Hannah Evans.

15 December 1917 Fell at Bourlon Wood News has been received that Private George W. Thomas, of the Hamshires, has fallen in the fight around Bourlon Wood. Private Thomas was well known in Fochriw as a fine footballer, having played for the Old Alex's Rugby team. His brother also fell at Loos. Private Thomas leaves a widow with two children. They live at Tylorstown. His sister, Mrs. Jane Morgan, resides at Stoney Houses, Penybank.

22 December 1917 Military Jottings The numerous friends Private James Heeney, Royal Munster Fusiliers, were pleased to see him home on short leave from hospital after being wounded at Ypres. He also served throughout the Dardanelles campaign, in which he was also wounded. Private Heeney received the usual cheque from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

29 December 1917 Band The Fochriw Prize Brass Band played appropriate Christmas music throughout the village on Christmas Day, the playing being greatly admired. The sum of £2-8-0 was handed to the treasurer of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Welcome Home Fund.

29 December 1917 Military The numerous friends of Private Caradoc Ballard, R.A.M.C., are pleased to see him home on short leave from France, looking well. He has been on active service for the last few years. Private Ballard is one of three brothers serving with the Colours. One has now been discharged.

12 January 1918 Smoker A successful smoker was held at the Mount Pleasant Church on Friday evening in honour of Corporal George Everett, Private Tom Jones, R.N.D., and Private W. Rees, Welsh Regiment. They were all home on leave. The chair

was occupied by Mr. W. S. Williams. The programme was contributed to by Messrs. Tom Rees, Tom Jones, W. J. Angell, W. M. Davies, I. Martin, and B. Taylor. A quartet was given by Messrs. A. Mantle, J. Walters, W. J. Angell, and D. J. Davies.

12 January 1918 Welcome Home A welcome home concert was held at St Mary's Hall on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, to welcome home Private Caradoc Ballard, R.A.M.C., who is home on leave from France. The meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who gave an able address. Miss Elvis Phillips gave the fine solo, followed by contributions from Miss Ruth Griffiths, Miss Enid Evans, and Mr. James Williams, who recited. A musical quartet was given by Mr. John Walters, A. Mantle, W. J. Angell and Mr. D. J. Davies. The treasurer of the fund, Mr. W. J. Payne, presented Private Ballard with the usual cheque. Private Ballard thanked the people of Fochriw for their kindness towards him, and gave a descriptive account of some of his experiences in France, and the excellent work of the R.A.M.C.. Miss Enid Evans then sang, to be followed by further contributions from the artistes already named, and from Mr. Edmund Davies. Speeches were given by Mr. M. Williams and Mr. J. M. Jones. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips. Master Aneurin Thomas gave a selection on the organ and Master Francis Wilton a violin selection.

26 January 1918 On Service Military Foot Police John Thomas was home on short leave from France recently.

26 January 1918 Promotions The numerous friends of the Private Olwen Williams, W.A.A.C., Devon Regiment, Salisbury, will be pleased to hear of her recent promotion to assistant forewomen at the Rollerston Camp, Salisbury.

26 January 1918 Presentation A pleasant evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening, when Private T. H. Jones, South Lancasters, was the recipient of a wristlet watch from his football friends. The Vicar presided, and gave a fine address on sport in its highest form. Afterwards, he presented Private Jones with the watch, and spoke some encouraging words. Private Jones feelingly acknowledged the kind gift. He said he was now playing a greater game. He had many happy recollections of the games he had played with them, and hoped soon to be back amongst them. Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Brinley Sibley, Mr. Lewis Jones, and Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins also spoke.

9 February 1918 On Leave Driver D. J. Price, A.S.C., Martin-street, is home on short leave from France.

23 February 1918 War Savings The Fochriw Mixed School Association has been at work exactly a year, and during that time 163 certificates (averaging one per child) have been sold. It is to be hoped that by the end of the second year every child in School will be able to say that they have tried to their very best to make the Association a success, by keeping up their own payments, and inducing others to join in.

23 February 1918 Welcome Home Sergeant T. R. Harris, the Rifle Brigade, has been discharged from the Army after a severe attack of malaria. He was called up with the National Reserve at the outbreak of war in August 1914, joining the Wessex and Welsh Rifle Brigade in 1915. He went abroad to Egypt, and afterwards saw service at Cyprus, Mudros and Salonika. His eldest son, Gilbert, has been in France for nearly three years with the A.S.C. Sergeant Harris was the recipient of the usual cheque from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

9 March 1918 Welsh Troops The Flag Day in aid of the Welsh Troops was held at Fochriw on Saturday. Thanks to the organising abilities of Mrs. J. Francis and Mrs. E. Cole Jones, and their gallant band of lady sellers, the sum of about £8 was realised.

16 March 1918 Personal It was very pleasing to see both sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Aelybryn, home on short leave recently, both looking well. Lance-Corporal B. Shankland (Welsh) is serving in France, and Gunner D. J. Shankland, of H.M.S., is serving somewhere in the North Sea. Both have been with the Colours since the early part of the war.

27 April 1918 For Their Country A large number of young men left the district during last week to join the Colours. Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed at the station each day.

11 May 1918 Killed in Action Pioneer Austin Price, Royal Engineers, formerly of 4, New Street, Aberaman, was killed on April 11th in action in France by a shell, in the first line of trenches. Some time ago, he had worked at the Fochriw Colliery, and had lived at Fochriw for a number of years. He was the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel. He was 31 years of age.

25 May 1918 Wounded Information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, that their son Second Lieutenant Howell Jones, Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment, has been wounded for the third time in France.

22 June 1918 Flag Day Flag Day was observed at Fochriw on Saturday last in aid of the Salvation Army Red Cross Fund. Thanks to the organising abilities of Mrs. M. Bevan, Martin-street, and a willing band of sellers, the sum of £6-4-1 was realised.

22 June 1918 On Leave Then numerous friends of Private George Smith, A.S.C., were pleased to see him home from Italy for a short leave.

29 June 1918 The Tank A meeting in connection with a visit of the Tank to Pontlottyn was held at the Church hall on Thursday, presided over by Councillor John Jones. Before the meeting the Band played appropriate music.

6 July 1918 Welcome Home Fund The Treasurer of the Welcome Home Fund received the sum of the £18 12s 10d from the secretary of the Football Tournament, as a result of their efforts; also the sum of £16 12s 9d as the proceeds of the cantata "Surprise Land." Since the Fund has started, 66 have received a cheque for £1 on their return from active service.

6 July 1918 Tank Visit On Monday, the children of Fochriw Mixed School, of which Mr. F. J. Wooten is headmaster, visited Pontlottyn to place their money in the tank. The children formed up at school, and headed by the Fochriw Band under Mr. W. J. Powell, marched to Pontlottyn. Songs were also rendered by the children, conducted by Miss Hannah Evans. The number of children attending school is 200, and the amount placed in the tank was £952 3s, or an average per head of £4 5s, which is excellent. Credit is due to the staff in general, and to Miss Sibley, secretary, and Miss Hilda Phillips, treasurer, for their untiring efforts.

13 July 1918 The Tank The total contribution of the Fochriw school children to the tank at Pontlottyn was £1,236, which is a fine record, as the number of child is only 200.

27 July 1918 Home on Leave Private Arthur Way, Welsh Regiment, son of Mrs. Susannah Way, and the late Mr. Samuel Way, Aelybryn, was home last week, after an absence of nearly four years, during which time he has seen much active service in France, Salonika, and in Egypt. He has been wounded twice, and also had a severe attack of malaria, from which he is now suffering. He is one of three brothers serving with the Colours.

3 August 1918 In Hospital The numerous friends of Rifleman D. J. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Price, Martin-street, will regret to hear that he is in hospital at Bristol suffering from trench fever. Rifleman Price joined the Colours just after the commencement of the war, and has celebrated four birthdays in France. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

3 August 1918 Fete A fete organised in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund took place at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday. The parade, headed by the Brass Band, was a pleasing sight. The various costumes and dresses and different characters were well represented. After the parade, a musical programme was given. At the various stalls, a willing band of workers did all they could to make it a success.

10 August 1918 Home on Leave The numerous friends of Private John Edwards, Welsh Regiment, were pleased to see him home on leave from hospital where he has been suffering from being gassed in France. Private Edwards has served 24 years with the Colours, and he has been in service in India, Egypt and China, and holds several medals. He was an old Reserve when war broke out, and rejoined on August 10th, 1914, afterwards going to France where he was wounded and gassed. He was recipient of the usual donation from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

24 August 1918 Home on Leave Evan Henry Lewis, Walters Jenkins, David Lewis Evans, Edgar Cooke, Jenkins Williams, Willie Phillips, Henry Thomas, Aneurin Evans, Willie Edwards, and George Davies, are all home on leave.

31 August 1918 On Leave The following Fochriw boys are home on leave: Pte. Trevor Lewis, Pte. Gomer Williams, Pte. Edward Thomas, Pte. Edward Puddle, Pte. Johnny Williams, Pte. Willie Morris, and Pte. Evan Williams.

31 August 1918 Killed in Action Information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Way, Glen-view, Pentwyn, that their son Private Gordon Way, Welsh Regiment, has died in hospital in France. Private Way joined the Colours just after the outbreak of war when he was 17 years of age. He has seen much fighting for nearly four years. He has two brothers in the Colours, one in France, the other in Egypt. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening in memory of the young hero. The service was conducted by the Reverend John Francis, who preached from Revelations 21, 7: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." At the close of the service, the organist played the "Dead March."

7 September 1918 Recovering The numerous friends of Lieut. Howell Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, Station-terrace, are glad to see him home from hospital recovering from wounds received the second time in France.

14 September 1918 Garden Fete A grand garden fete was held by Noddfa Baptist Church on July 25th in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund, and realised £22. A receipt for the sum has been received by the secretary, Mrs. T. Matthews, Llwynhelig House, from of the "Evening Express" Starving Prisoners of War Fund.

14 September 1918 Home on Leave Private Johnny Lewis, Welsh Regiment, 4, Aelybryn, and Private Willie Davies, R.F.A., Plantation-terrace, have been home on leave.

21 September 1918 On Leave The following soldiers have been home on leave: Sapper William Thomas, Royal Engineers; Private F. Price, Welsh Regiment; George Davies, R.F.A.; Willie Davies, Welsh Regiment, and Private Tom I. Evans, Welsh Guards.

21 September 1918 Sports An excellent programme of sports took place at the Primrose Field on Saturday in aid of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Welcome Home Fund. The Fochriw Brass Band played throughout the evening. The events were as follows: 80 yards handicap - 1. Ernest Prosser, 2. W. Pellard, 3. D. Jones; 220 yards handicap - 1. Ernest Prosser, 2. W. J. Thomas, 3. Lewis Jones; wheelbarrow race - 1. Fred Prosser and D W Morris; tug-of-war - the Deri team.

28 September 1918 Heroes Honoured On Friday, the large gathering of friends assembled at Carmel Vestry, under the auspices of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, to welcome home and present with the usual cheques Sapper W. Thomas, R.E., Pte. Tommy Price, Welsh Regiment, (home from France), Pte. Albion Jones, D.C.L.I., (from Salonika, after an absence of three years). The Vicar presided, and gave a very encouraging welcome to the boys. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte selection, Master W. Lawrence; solos, Master Stanley Lewis and Miss Ruth Griffiths; duets, Mr. Albert Mantle and Mr. Tom Powell; quartet, Mr. Albert Mantle, Mr. W. H. Davies, Mr. John Walters, and Mr. Howell Thomas. The presentation of cheques was made by the treasurer of the fund, Mr. W. J. Payne, who gave an able address, and also outlined what the Welcome Home Fund had accomplished. The 77th cheque was being given out this evening. He urged the people to continue giving to the Fund, saying that when the war was over they would have something to distribute amongst the lads for what they had done. The Vicar then, on behalf of the band members, presented Sapper W. Thomas with a fountain pen, in recognition of his services to the band. In so doing, he gave an inspiring address, hoping that the recipients would soon be back amongst their old friends again. The soldiers feelingly responded. Speeches were also given by Mr. James Williams and Mr. M. Williams. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

12 October 1918 Killed in Action News has been received by Mrs. (Captain) Edwards, The Anchorage, of the death of her son, Pte. Willie Edwards, South Wales Borderers, who was killed in action on September 18th in France. He joined the Colours on April 19th, 1918, and had only been in France a fortnight. He was home on leave about a month ago. In civil life, he was an engine driver at Fochriw Colliery. Great sympathy is felt for the mother and family at the sad loss of such a brave son. He will be greatly missed.

imprisonment.

19 October 1918 Vegetable Show As a result of the recent vegetable show held by the Fochriw Allotment Society, the sum of £18 18s 7d has been handed over to the Treasurer of the Fochriw Sailors' and Soldiers' Welcome Home Fund.

19 October 1918 Death in Action We have to record the death in action of another Fochriw soldier, Private Johnny Williams, Welsh Regiment. The sad news was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watkin Williams, Hill-row, Pentwyn, on Tuesday morning, in a letter from his commanding officer, stating that their son had been killed in action in France on October 8th. He was only 19 years of age, and had been in France for about one month. Before enlisting he was employed at the Fochriw Colliery.

9 November 1918 Wounded Information has been received that Private Gomer William, Welsh Regiment, son of a Police Sergeant & Mrs. Williams, Guest-street, has been wounded in action in France, and is now in hospital in London. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

9 November 1918 Welcome Home A very enthusiastic welcome home concert, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, was held at Noddfa vestry on Monday, to welcome home on leave from France Air Mechanic Daniel Jenkins, Private Sidney Phillips, and Private D. J. Williams. The chairman was Rev. John Francis, who gave a very able address, and a hearty welcome to the brave boys. A first-class programme was provided, encores being the order of the evening. The following artistes took part: Mr. James John Lewis, Madame H. Cole Davies, Miss Enid Evans, Miss Elvis Phillips; violin selections by Miss Miriam Thomas, accompanied Master Aneurin Thomas. Mr. W. J. Payne, treasurer of the Fund, on presenting the boys with the usual cheques, gave a brief outline of what the fund had accomplished. Tonight the 90th cheque was being presented. He appealed for further support, and said that they should not be satisfied with giving only a £1 cheque to the boys who had done so much. Let us build up our fund, so that when peace was proclaimed they will have something substantial to divide amongst them. A vote of condolence was passed with the bereaved families of the five brave boys Fochriw boys who had laid down their lives for King and country in France during the last month, namely, Private Willie Edwards, Private Willie J. Phillips, Private Willie Thomas, Private Johnny Williams, and Private Johnny Small. The Vicar asked the large audience to stand in silence. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams then gave an address in Welsh. The soldiers expressed their desire for peace, and to be home with them again.

23 November 1918 Peace A Thanksgiving Service was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday last to commemorate the signing of the Armistice. The Vicar preached a very powerful sermon. After the service, the National Anthem was sung. The choir was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell and the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The Fochriw Brass Band paraded the streets of the village playing lively music, to the delight of all. Flags and bunting were displayed from every window.

7 December 1918 Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund A public meeting in connection with the Fund was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, Councillor John Jones presiding. It was decided to erect a suitable memorial to those who had fallen in the war.

1 March 1919 Welcome Home Concert A welcome home concert was held at Nazareth Chapel on Wednesday evening last to welcome home several of our boys, under the auspices of the other Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund. The following soldiers were present: Private Theophilus Shankland, Private Willie Slimmons, and Private William

Davies. They were presented with the usual cheque. The chair was occupied by the Reverend John Francis. The following contributed to a musical programme: Messrs. James J Lewis, Theophilus Shankland, Masters Stanley Lewis, Mervyn Francis, and Latimer Evans, Misses Lizzie Mary Davies, and Mary J. Cole.

5 April 1919 "Moabites" Two grand performances of the operetta were performed by the Fochriw Operatic Society, under their conductor Mr. Thomas Walters, on Friday and Saturday last at Carmel Church. Councillor John Jones presided on Friday and the Reverend John Francis on Saturday. The accompanists were Miss Hannah Evans and Mr. David Thomas. The performances were given in full character. The building was overcrowded on each evening, and the singing, which was all that could be desired, reflected great credit on the conductor. The different characters were efficiently taken as follows: Naomi, Mrs. H. C. Jones; Ruth, Mrs. C. T. Walters; Boaz, Mr. James Jones; First Reaper, Miss Hilda Davies; Israelite woman and Jewish maiden, Miss Mattie Jones; Assistant Reapers, Mr. Howell Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Howell Thomas. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

24 May 1919 Peace Celebrations in Gellygaer: Committees in Conference Fochriw: A representative from Fochriw stated that the committee there had chosen collectors to go from house to house, but no work in that way had yet been commenced. Deri reported that they had raised £30 from their house to house collection.

31 May 1919 Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund: "The Moabites" As a result of the performances of the cantata by the Fochriw Operatic Society, the Welcome Home Fund will benefit to the extent of £21-14-6, for which the committee wish to thank all concerned for their kind efforts .

19 July 1919 Peace Celebrations A monster programme has been prepared for Saturday next. The Brass Band will head the parade and will comprise the school children, discharged soldiers and sailors, ambulance men etc. The children will be entertained to tea at St. Mary's Hall and sports will follow. The secretary is Mr. William Evans, Aelybryn.

26 July 1919 Peace Celebrations Peace was celebrated in grand style at Fochriw. The chief item was a procession through the village, and it was reputed to be by far the largest and most representative ever witnessed at Fochriw. The streets had been beautifully decorated. The children, and those who took part in the carnival, formed up by the school, and, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell, paraded in the following order: Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, Ambulance Brigade, Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, public bodies, school children and the general public. Afterwards the children were entertained to tea at St. Mary's Hall, where an excellent treat was served. Sports were held on the mountain side, the Band playing appropriate music throughout the evening. At night, there was a fine display of fireworks to delight the large crowds, and the memorable day was brought to a close by the lighting of a monster bonfire by Mrs. John Bevan. A great attraction was the "Baby Show" held at the Ambulance Hall. The adjudicators were Dr. J. Stenner Evans and Nurse Thomas. The sports continued on Monday evening. A list of the winners at the carnival and sports will appear shortly. The highest praise is due to the committee and all concerned for the excellent arrangements, everything passing off without a hitch.

2 August 1919 Fochriw Peace Day Celebrations: Carnival The results of the Peace Carnival was as follows: Charlie Chaplin: 1. Dan Davies; 2. Christmas Thomas; Allied Nations: 1. Mrs W J. Payne; Costume on Horseback: Idris Llewellyn; Male or Female: Wyndham Hughes; Welsh Costume (children): Glenys Jones; Collier (boys under 14): 1. Robert E. Jones; 2. William L. Jones; Comic: Tom Jenkins and party; Comic Band: Richard Evans and party, David Thomas and party; Soldier (children): Gerwin Thomas; Soldier (adult): Mrs. Chaffey and Miss M. Lawrence; Aged Couple: E. Williams and T. Davies; Red Cross nurse (children): 1. Lynda Roberts; 2. Phyllis P. Evans; Red Cross nurse (outdoor): Maggie Ballard and Phyllis Evans; Red Cross nurse (adults): Mrs. M. Matthews; Policeman: Sydney Way; Gipsy: Madge Lewis, M. C. Jones; Daily Paper: Elvis Phillips; Little Red Indian: Hetty Williams; Spanish peasants: Irene Phillips, Mary

Rees; Red Riding Hood: Dilys Evans; Italian peasants (children): 1. F. Cole; 2. Doris Thomas; 3. M. Ballard; Italian peasants (adults): Miss E. Davis, and Miss E. A. Williams; Japanese: L. M. Davies, Cresley Davies; Scouts: Gwynfor Davies, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, Bryn Jones, Enock Lewis, Elwyn Lewis; Fisher Lad and Maiden: Miss M. Jones, Miss H. Evans; Flower Girl: Mrs; Wootten; Any Trade: Mrs. M. Thomas; Smartest Man: Mrs. White.

Sports Results Open cycle handicap: 1. E. Puddle; 2. S. Llewellyn; 3. Emrys Lewis; 100 yards open handicap: 1. C. Edwards; 2. E. J. Williams; Marathon: Tom I. Evans; Tug-of-War (open): Miss M. Cole & Co.; Mrs. W. J. Payne & Co.; Mrs. Jones & Co.; Mrs. Cole & Co.; 50 yards race (girls under six): 1. Glenys Edwards; 2. M.C. Jones; 3. Winnie Baldwin; 80 yards race (boys under 10): 1. D. E. Lewis; 2. R. Jones; 3. W. Evans; 50 yards race (boys under six): 1. John Mantle; 2. Gomer Davies; 3. Edward G. Price; 80 yards race (girls under 15): 1. M. H. Cook; 2. Ivy Curtiss; 3. Milly Hughes; 80 yards race (boys under 15): 1. David Thomas; 2. W. Hughes; 3. T. C. Davies & P. Griffiths.

Tug-of-War: H. Evans & Co.; 50 yards race (girls 10 and under): 1. Edna Edwards; 2. A. Lawrence; 3. Lena Way; Boys long jump: Wyndham Lawrence; Mens long jump: Bert Thomas.

The following are Monday's results: 80 yards handicap (discharged Soldiers): 1. W. A. Jones; 2. John Lewis; 3. Gilbert Harris; High jump: 1. Arthur Way; 2. E. Prosser; Waltzing competition: 1. Johnny Lewis & Co.; Girls race, age 6 to 8: 1. Doreen Griffiths; 2. Olive May Payne; 3. May Morgan; Boys race age 6 to 8: 1. Horace Phillips; 2. J. Mantle; 3. C. Hughes; Girls race 10 to 12: 1. Elsie Edgar; 2. Miriam Thomas; Boys race 10 to 12: 1. Iorwerth Evans; 2. Willie Roberts; Skipping race: Mary Jones, L. Jenkins, L. R. Davies, E. Lewis; Three-legged race: 1. T. Roberts & B. Davies; 2. I. Evans & D. Thomas; 3. W. Hughes & W. Lawrence; Barrow race (discharged soldiers): K. Llewellyn; Sack race: Emrys Evans; Egg and Spoon race: 1. Mrs. R. Thomas; 2. Mrs. M. Williams; Football kicking: Morgan Davies; Tug-of-War men: D. Harris and Co.; Tug-of-War, discharged soldiers: D. Lewis and Co.. Great praise is due to all, and especially to the energetic secretary, Mr. W. Evans, Aelybryn.

6 September 1919 Great War Commemoration All of the children in the village were presented this weekend with a mug in commemoration of the Great War.

10 January 1920 Social and Dance These were held at St. Mary Hall on Friday evening in aid of Private E. H. Lewis, who is still in hospital suffering from wounds received on active service in France. The arrangements were carried out in a very able manner by the Church people of St. Mary's. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Fred Puddle, with Mr. Octavius Richards as the pianist. At the close of the evening, Mr. W. J. Payne, in a very encouraging address, presented Private Lewis with £20, the result of the evening's takings.

10 January 1920 Fochriw Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund A very pleasant evening was spent at Noddfa on Monday evening last under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, when close on 200 ex-servicemen were presented with walking sticks as a souvenir of the Great War. Photo-frames were also presented to some of the children in memory of their fallen fathers. Suitable souvenirs will also be made to the widowers and mothers of the fallen. During the evening, Mr. Charles Payne presented Miss Hannah Evans, secretary of the fund, with a very suitable present for services rendered. He spoke very highly of Miss Evans' qualities as secretary. Mr. Kinsey Llewellyn then presented her with a suitable present on behalf of the ex-servicemen, and in a neat little speech thanked her for the good services she had rendered. Miss Evans suitably replied. Mr. George Sibley then presented Mr. W. J. Payne, treasurer of the fund, with a presentation on behalf of the fund for his untiring efforts. Mr. Payne thanked them for their kindness. During the evening a musical programme was contributed to by the following artistes: Mrs. H. C. Davies, Miss Enid Evans, Miss Addie Lawrence, Mr. David Griffiths. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips. A hearty vote of thanks to all was carried unanimously. Mr. John Jones presided.

13 March 1920 Distinguished Services The numerous friends of Mr. Albion Jones, son-in-law of Mr and Mrs. W. S. Roberts, 4, Glyn-terrace, will be pleased to hear of his gallant and distinguished services in the field. He joined up at the commencement of the war, with the D.C.L.I., and saw a great deal of active service abroad at Salonika and other places. This week he received the following certificate from the Secretary of State for War with the following: "The war of 1914-18, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, No. 15930, Pte. A. Jones was mentioned in a Dispatch from Lieutenant General G. F. Milne, C.B., D.S.O., dated 29th March, 1917, for gallant and distinguished services in the Fields. I have it on command from the King to record his Majesty's high appreciation of the services rendered. Secretary of State for War."

8 January 1921 Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, organised by the Fochriw Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, in aid of the widows and orphans of soldiers that made the supreme sacrifice. Refreshments were provided by some of the members of St. Mary's Mothers' Union under Mrs. Samuel Evans. There were games and dancing. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded the vicar and Church people for their kindness in lending the hall and giving their services so freely. It was proposed by Mr. Thomas H. Jones and seconded by Mr. Kinsey Llewelyn. The M.C. scene for the evening was as Mr. T. Puddle, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano, and Master Francis Wilton on the violin. The duties of secretary were carried out by Mr. John Francis.

5 November 1921 St. Mary's: Proposed Roll of Honour and Memorial On Monday evening, the Eve of All Saints, a well-attended service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the vicar, who preached an appropriate sermon. The choir gave a fine rendering of Sir John Stainer's anthem, "What are these that are arrayed in White Robes?" Mr. Berkley Angell conducted, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ. Services were continued on Tuesday, All Saints Day, with the celebration of Holy Communion at 11:00a.m., and an evening service at 6:00p.m., the Rev. David Davies, vicar of Bedlinog, preaching a very powerful sermon. The offertories throughout the service will be devoted to a proposed Roll of Honour and Memorial to be placed in St. Mary's Church, in memory of the fallen of the village during the war. Services were also continued on Wednesday, All Souls Day, with a celebration at 8a.m., and evensong at 6p.m.

12 November 1921 Poppy Day Friday, November 11th, will be observed in the village as Poppy Day, when the sellers will be busy disposing of poppies. It is hoped that everyone will respond when approached in honour of the brave boys who sacrificed so much for us.

19 November 1921 Poppy Day This was celebrated at Fochriw on Friday last, and proved a decided success thanks to the organising ability of Mrs. John Bevan and her noble band of lady helpers. The sum of £14 10s. was realised. After the sale of poppies, the sellers were entertained to an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Bevan. Armistice Day was observed at St. Mary Church with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00a.m. The solemn silence was also observed at 11 o'clock in memory of the noble heroes who made the supreme sacrifice.

18 March 1922 British Legion Ex-Servicemen will be glad to know that a branch of the British Legion has been established in the village. The meetings are arranged on Saturday evenings at the White Horse Inn. Periodical Press announcements will appear with reference to the branch.

17 November 1923 Poppy Day The day was observed at the village last Friday when a number of ladies were busy selling Flanders Poppies. The event had been carefully arranged under the direction of Mrs. J. Bevan, with a band of willing sellers, who were untiring in their efforts. The sellers were: Mrs. J. Bevan, Nurse Jones, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. R. Hughes, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. D. J. Williams, Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jones, Miss R. Gregory, Miss P. Cole, Miss E. Griffiths and Miss F. Cole. The sum realised was £12-10s-6d.

29 March 1924 British Legion A well-attended meeting was held at the White Horse, Pentwyn on Saturday evening last, with a view to forming a branch of the Legion at Fochriw.

5 April 1924 British Legion Meeting A meeting of the Fochriw Branch was held at the White Horse on Saturday last. It was decided to ask Capt. Edwards, organising secretary of the Welsh British Legion, to address the meeting on Saturday next. Several local artists has also agreed to attend, All servicemen in Fochriw and district were to be asked to rally round on Saturday and join the last line of defence.

12 July 1924 British Legion A meeting was held on Saturday evening at the White Horse. The vicar, Rev. S. Evans was present for an address given by Capt. H. Glyn Edwards. Musical contributions were given by G. Bartlett, W. Davies, Charles Tyler and J. Allen.

15 November 1924 Poppy Day On Friday, ladies were busily engaged throughout the day disposing of Flanders' Poppies. They were well received and a goodly sum was realised. The effort was successfully organised by Mrs. J. Bevan, Hill House, assisted by Mrs. W.J. Payne, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Misses Elsie Griffiths, Mary Jones, Jessie Thomas, Margery Lewis, Elizabeth A. Jenkins, Rachel Gregory, Phoebe Cole, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. T. Jones and Mr. C. Ballard.

15 November 1924 St. Mary's Profound reverence marked the observation of the "two minutes' silence" at St. Mary's Church. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans. The hymn, "Jesu, Lover of My Soul," was very feelingly sung, and as the appointed hour drew near, the bell sounded its solemn toll, and there reigned supreme silence. At the close, the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." was sung.

21 November 1925 St. Mary's Church A very solemn service was held at St. Mary's on Armistice Day. the Vicar gave a most effective address and the two minutes silence was observed.

21 November 1925 Poppy Day Several ladies were busy on Saturday selling Flanders' Poppies to which there was a loyal response. They were Mesdames J. Bevan, W. J. Payne, S. Jones, T. Jones, Misses R. Davies, F. M. Jones, M. Jones, E. Lawrence, D. Lewis, M. J. Cole, M. Lewis, E. A. Jenkins, D. Ballard, Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Crad Ballard.

28 November 1925 Poppy Day The Poppy Day efforts realised the sum of £4-1-3 which has been handed over to Mr. Crad Ballard the organising secretary.

20 November 1926 Fochriw Memorial: Unveiling of Stained Glass Window:

Impressive Ceremony Services of an impressive character were held at St. Mary's

Church on Thursday last (Armistice Day). The Church was filled to capacity with people who had assembled to do honour to those brave sons who had died leaving behind precious and fragrant memories. The window had been erected by members of the St.

Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union, of which Mrs. S. Evans is the enrolling member.

The window is a magnificent work of art, erected in the west end near the font, and was the admiration of all. It is a striking figure of the Blessed Virgin and Infant Child,

surrounded by the Angels, with a brass tablet underneath with the following inscription:

"To the Glory of God and in sweet memory of the sons of our mothers. This window was

erected by the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union." The service commenced with the

singing of the hymn, "Gracious Saviour, Who didst honour." The vicar, the Rev. Samuel

Evans, then took the service, after which Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, read a portion

of Scripture from Ecclesiastes. Then the procession to the west end of the Church took

place for the unveiling. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. J. Jones, Merthyr Tydfil,

in the following words: "To the glory of God and to the memory of the sons of our

mothers, we unveil this window in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Ghost, Amen." The Rev. R. L. Rhys, Llanishen, Rural Dean, delivered a stirring

sermon, taking his text from Deuteronomy, "Thou shalt remember." Amongst the

representative gathering was a large number of the Pontlottyn Branch of the Mothers'

Union; the Deri Branch of the British Legion, and several from the outlying districts.

After the service, tea was provided in the Church Hall.

19 November 1927 Poppy Day A number of ladies were busy disposing of poppies last Friday. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Guardian Mrs. Bevan, Hill House, and a goodly sum was realised.

19 November 1927 Armistice Service At St. Mary Church on Friday morning, a short service and the great two minutes silence was conducted by the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar. On Friday evening, the services were continued, when representatives from various bodies were present - ex-Servicemen, the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, etc. A most inspiring service was conducted by the Vicar. The Rev. W. S. Pontin, Rhymney, preached, choosing as his text "Thou shalt remember."

3 March 1928 Whist Drive On Thursday, under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion, a whist drive was held at the Old Library. The M.C. was Mr. Ted Puddle. The donors of the prizes were Messrs. Childs and Price, Pontlottyn, Mrs. J. Bevan, Mrs. D. Jones and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss T. Cumpstone, 2. Mrs. Howells; Gents: 1. Mr. Stewart Jones, 2. Mr. Haydn Davies.

3 March 1928 British Legion The Fochriw branch is making rapid strides. The membership is nearly 100, and is increasing every week. The weekly meetings are held every Monday evening at 6:00p.m. at the Old Library, and a hearty invitation is extended to all ex-servicemen. The branch has already been successful in obtaining some very excellent grants. At a special meeting last week, Mr. Grad Jenkins, Pontlottyn, secretary of the Benevolent Committee, gave a very instructive address. The officers of the branch are: president, the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar; chairman, Mr. Ted Puddle; treasurer, Mr. David Shankland; secretary, Mr. Raymond Clark. At the Mount Pleasant Hotel on Saturday night, a very enjoyable concert was held and a musical programme was contributed to by Mr. Tom Lewis's party of for the Tirphil British Legion Branch. Mr. Percy Mantle presided. The party was in excellent fettle and delighted the audience.

17 March 1928 Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion. The M.C. was Mr. Ted Puddle. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. W. Thomas, 2. W. M. Davies; Gents: 1. G. Davies, 2. T. Jones.

24 March 1928 British Legion The weekly meeting was held at the Library on Monday evening, when a full agenda of important business was gone through. Mr. Ted Puddle presided. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mr. D. J. Shankland gave able reports of the Area Council, which were well received. On Saturday evening, at the Royal Arms Hotel, Pantywaun, the Fochriw branch organised a first class concert, presided over by Mr. Puddle. The following artistes contributed to the programme: Messrs. D. D. Thomas, Fred Dummett, D. J. and Haydn Davies, Aneurin Jenkins, Charlie Tyler and Marshall. The accompanist was Mr. Gilbert Harris, and an address was given by Mr. Eben Thomas. The energetic secretary is Mr. Raymond Clark. On Saturday next, at the Church Hall, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Ivor Lewis (Nelson) will address the meeting on the benevolent work of the Legion.

13 October 1928 British Legion An ordinary branch meeting was held on Friday evening, when Comrade Ted Puddle presided. The attendance improves each week, and the "hail-fellow-well-met" spirit prevails. The secretary reported that about 50 members are on the unemployed list, and that the branch committee was arranging interviews with the employers of the district with a view to getting the men absorbed. The branch contemplates holding weekly whist drives, and the first will take place on October 19th. It is now almost a years since the branch was recognised, and despite the depression in the district, the organisation has been very successful. Comrade Ray Clark is to be complemented for his good work on behalf of the ex-servicemen. The villagers will soon be called upon to purchase poppies, and it is hoped that this year sales will excel all previous efforts. The activity of the branch is extended to Pantywaun, and includes Pentwyn and Penybanc. In the area, there are at least 200 ex-soldiers, and they are appealed to enrol under the Legion banner. Someday, the branch may boast its own "lath and plaster" headquarters.

27 October 1928 Whist Drive On Friday evening, at the library, the Fochriw branch of the British Legion held a very successful whist drive which was well attended. Mr. William Howells was M.C. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. W. Jones, 2. Mrs. R Lewis; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Sullivan, 2. Mr. D. Morris.

10 November 1928 Poppy Day Poppy Day will be observed in the village on Friday and Saturday. A United service of remembrance will be held at the Parish Church at 3p.m. on Armistice Day.

24 November 1928 In Remembrance Flanders Poppies were disposed of in the district. Despite the acute industrial depression, the sum of £4 4s was realised. The organisers were Mrs. S. J. Jones and Mr. Ray Clarke. The following were the sellers: Misses Frances M. Jones, Maggie Thomas, Mary L. Thomas, Magdalen Pugh, Mary Morgan, Ceinwen Cole, Helena Rees, Minnie Price, Doreen Weeks, and Gwenda Thomas.

24 November 1928 Old Library A whist drive was held at the Old Library under the auspices of the British Legion. Mr. S. Ballard was of the M.C. The prize winners were: 1. Miss Evans; 2. Mr. Sullivan, 3. Mr. David Thomas.

8 December 1928 British Legion At a meeting of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion held at the Rising Sun Inn on Friday, it was decided to elect Dr. T. Stenner Evans, president of the branch, in succession to the Rev. Samuel Evans who has left the district. A grant has been sent from headquarters for unemployed ex-servicemen, and any unemployed ex-servicemen wishing to make an application for a grant, should apply to the secretary of the branch, Mr. Clark.

27 April 1929 British Legion At the headquarters, the Rising Sun Inn, a concert and presentation took place last Wednesday to mark the occasion of the departure of Mr. David Lewis for Canada. Mr. C. Jenkins, Pontlottyn, presided. A fine programme of music was given. The presentation consisted of a wallet and money, and was made by Mr. Ted Puddle, chairman of the branch.

11 May 1929 British Legion A well-attended meeting of the Fochriw Branch was held at the Rising Sun Inn on May 3rd. The chair was occupied by Comrade T. Puddle. Comrade C. Jenkins, Pontlottyn, who is secretary of the Benevolent Committee addressed the meeting. The meeting moved that Comrade Bryn Price should take over the duties of secretary owing to Comrade R. Clark leaving the district. The branch also decided to open a fund for the purpose of taking the members families to the seaside during the summer.

16 November 1929 Armistice Day The solemn service was conducted by the vicar at the Parish Church, and two minutes' silence was observed. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. L. Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. Various organisations were present.

23 November 1929 Poppy Day The sale of poppies was supervised by Mrs. S. J. Jones. A band of willing workers were busy selling, and a good sum was realised. The sellers were Misses Rosie Davies, Maggie Thomas, Mary Morgan, Gladys Lewis, Iris Edwards, Lilian Way, Nesta Evans, and Jessie Thomas.

11 January 1930 British Legion The annual meeting of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion was held on Friday, and was presided over by Mr. Puddle. The following officers were elected for the year: the chairman, Mr T. Puddle; vice-chairman, Mr. D. J. Shankland; treasurer, Mr. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. R. Clark. The secretary gave the financial position for the year, and stated there was a good balance in the bank. Messrs. Clark and Shankland were elected to represent the branch on the area committee. The auditors were: Messrs. T. Shankland and D. J. Shankland.

9 August 1930 British Legion On Monday at the Old Library, a meeting of the local branch was held, presided over by Mr. Ted Puddle. A report of the area council was given by the representative, Mr. John Lloyd Jones. The distribution of unemployment grants was made. The secretary is Mr. D. J. Shankland.

11 October 1930 British Legion Concert Noddfa Vestry was crowded on Monday evening, when a first class concert was given by the "Gallant Twelve," in aid of the funds of the local branch. The "Gallant Twelve," who are a body of voices drawn from the

Male Voice Party, excelled themselves under the capable coaching of their musical director, Mr. David John Davies, with Mr. Tom Walters as accompanist, and one of the artistes. Mr. John Lloyd Jones occupied the chair. The party were introduced individually by the musical director in their stage names, and escorted to the places of honour by two burly policeman who were dressed in flowing robes and painted features. Some of the solos were real side-splitters. The singing of the choruses showed careful training - a beautiful blend of voices that would do credit to any stage. The closing item "How can I bear to leave thee?" brought forth rounds of applause, as did "Pull the damper down," and "Dai Bach." The chairman appealed to all ex-Servicemen to join the Legion, giving instances of the benefits accruing from being a member. The energetic secretary is Mr. D. J. Shankland.

25 October 1930 British Legion The meeting of the Fochriw Branch was held at the Old Reading Room on Monday, when Comrade Henry Thomas presided. It was reported that the finances of the branch had been considerably augmented, due to the splendid efforts of the "Gallant Twelve." Arrangements for Remembrance Day were left in the hands of the secretary to complete, and they include a parade and service at St. Mary's Church, and the co-operation of the organisations in the village will be sought. The selling of poppies will take place on the November 7th & 8th.

25 October 1930 Poppy Day In conjunction with the local branch of the British Legion, a meeting was held at the Old Library on Monday. Mrs. S. J. Jones presided. In connection with the selling of poppies for Remembrance Day, Mrs. W. Howells consented to act as treasurer, and Miss Rosie Davies took on the secretarial duties. Mr. D. J. Shankland stated that he had already ordered the necessary poppies, and would be pleased to receive orders for wreaths and sprays which are some of the products made by our disabled ex-servicemen at the poppy factory.

8 November 1930 British Legion The local branch has organised a parade and special Armistice Service at St. Mary's Church at 3p.m. on Sunday, when the vicar will address the various bodies present.

15 November 1930 Poppy Day A number of lady sellers were busy on Friday and Saturday disposing of poppies, and splendid results were obtained. To augment funds, the various churches were appealed to for a collection, and each responded. The following were the sellers: Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. T. Jones, Misses R. Davies, N. Evans, Jessie Thomas, Iris Edwards, Annie Mills, M. Thomas. Including the sale of poppies, wreaths and Church collections, the sum of £8 15s 3d was realised.

15 November 1930 Remembrance The Festival of Remembrance was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday. A parade had been organised by the local branch of the British Legion. The various bodies in the parade were: Police, British Legion, Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, the Fire Brigade, Ambulance Brigade, Cadets, the Fochriw Male Voice Party, the general public. The service opened with the singing of the National Anthem. The lesson was read by Mr. W. J. Payne, and this was followed by two minutes silence. The Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, and accompanied by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, sang "Sleep Thy Last Sleep," in memory of the departed. The Vicar then gave a most appropriate address. Wreaths were then placed at the foot of the memorial window in memory of the Glorious Dead, by relatives and friends. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the British Legion by Mr. John Lloyd Jones and Mrs. S. J. Jones; for the Mothers' Union, by Mrs. Way; by Mr. John Phillips, in memory of his son; by Mrs. F. Way, in memory of her son; by Miss Wynda Edwards, in memory of her father; by Mrs. Edwards, in memory of her son; by Miss M. Pritchard, in memory of her cousin; by Master Douglas Small, in memory of his father; by Miss N. Evans, in memory of her father; by Mr. O. Richards, in memory of his father. Buglar Bob Rees sounded "The Last Post." The choir was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist.

14 February 1931 British Legion The usual meeting of the Fochriw Branch was held on Monday, when Mr. Stephen Ballard presided. Matters dealing with the forthcoming

area conference at Rhyl were discussed, and Mr. James Lloyd Jones was elected to represent the branch. Before hearing the report of the delegate to the district meeting, the members were informed that the suggested Benevolent Committee for Fochriw and Deri had now been authorised to function, and that a substantial grant had been made from the Poppy Fund to start off with. This grant is to be distributed to the unemployed ex-servicemen in the ward. The past president of the branch, Rev. Samuel Evans, and the past chairman, Mr. Ted Puddle, will soon be the recipients of official certificates, as a tribute to their great service to the cause.

14 February 1931 Benevolent Committee Under the authority of the British Legion and United Services Fund- Benevolent Department (Wales area), a committee has been set up to administer to the needs of ex-servicemen and their dependants in the Fochriw and Deri district. Members of the committee comprise: Messrs. D. J. Shankland, George Price, E. Watkins, W. A. Thomas, E. Puddle, S. Ballard, & J. Lloyd Jones - representing the British Legion; the Rev. J. C. Payne, Mrs. S. J. Jones, Miss Rose Davies, Messrs. A. Evans (Deri) and Mr. W. H. Stevens (Deri) - representing the general public. The officers appointed are: Mrs. S. J. Jones, 3, Brynteg-terrace, Fochriw, chairman; Mr. Edward Puddle, 7, Railway-terrace, Fochriw, vice-chairman; Mr. Stephen Ballard, 18, Aelybryn, Fochriw, treasurer; Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, Supply Stores, Fochriw, secretary. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones is also the local representative of the United Services Fund.

11 July 1931 Church Parade On Sunday afternoon last, the members of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion attended at the Parish Church for a Service of Thanksgiving for the ten years of beneficent work of the British Legion. A very fine address was given by the Rev. A. W. Smith of Maesteg. At the close of the service, Bugler Bob Rees sounded the Last Post.

15 August 1931 British Legion Members of the Branch assembled on Monday evening. A report on the Aberdare, Merthyr Borough and North East Glamorgan District Committee meetings was given by Mr. James Lloyd Jones. Mr. Stephen Ballard presided, and informed the meeting that Mr. D. J. Shankland had tendered his resignation as branch secretary. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones was then unanimously appointed to the position. The branch selected the new vicar as chaplain, in succession to Rev. Payne. Much satisfaction is felt now that the ex-Servicemen in Deri have reorganised, and are again established as a unit under the Legion banner.

5 September 1931 British Legion Mr. Stephen Ballard presided at the branch meeting on Monday night. An unemployment committee is to be set up, and it is suggested that the Deri branch should co-operate in the important work. The nomination of officers for next year took place as follows: Mr. D. Hughes, M.E., Trelewis, president; Dr. Williams, Fochriw, vice-president; Dr. S. W. McCarthy, Deri, vice-president; Mr. F. C. Miller, Dowlais, chairman; Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, Fochriw, vice-chairman; Mr. Ivor Lewis, secretary; Mr. R. Ellis, treasurer. A letter from the Pontlottyn branch dealing with the formation of a joint committee to operate for Pontlottyn, Rhymney, Fochriw and Abertysswg was discussed, but no action was taken. The branch selected the secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, to attend the district meeting at Trelewis on the second inst..

12 September 1931 British Legion Under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Thomas much business was discussed at the branch on Monday. The report on the district meeting was given by the secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. The members were pleased to learn that Mr. A. Bates (Deri) had been accepted as a member of the local Benevolent Committee. Members received very useful information when the circular was read from the Employment Officer (Wales area), who is doing his utmost to place unemployed Legionites in sound jobs. Sympathy was expressed with Miss Nesta Evans in her recent sad bereavement, and also the hope was expressed that her grandparent, Mr. David Evans, would soon recover from his illness.

26 September 1931 British Legion Fochriw ex-servicemen are glad to learn that the Ministry of Pensions have again approved of Mrs. H. Beynon Davies, Pontlottyn as a member of the Glamorgan War Pensions Committee. Mr. Ted Puddle has returned after a

stay of two weeks at the Ashcotte Convalescing Homes looking much improved in health.

17 October 1931 British Legion An ordinary meeting of the Fochriw branch was held on Wednesday, when Mr. Stephen Ballard presided. It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Monday next, 19th October. The Secretary announced he had received a further grant from the British Legion relief fund. The branch plans a parade on Remembrance Sunday, when the services of the Fochriw Band will be sought. Mrs. S. J. Jones has been appointed organiser of the Poppy Day work.

31 October 1931 British Legion: Annual Meeting The meeting was held at the Library on Monday, when Mr. Stephen Ballard presided over a large gathering. The usual silent tribute to the fallen was observed, and the chairman's report was read. There had been a 300 per cent increase in membership. The sum of £5 11s 8d had been paid to branch members from branch funds - £2 9s in unemployment grants, and £3 2s 8d to members proceeding to convalescent homes and to hospital. The sum of approximately £80 had been distributed to ex-Servicemen from the poppy fund. Five have proceeded to Bournemouth for periods of convalescence, and one ex-serviceman's wife was admitted to Southerndown Rest for a fortnight's change of air. Sick ex-servicemen, wives and children had secured substantial assistance from the United Services Fund, the total from this source being over £50. Also, five children attending the secondary schools had been looked after and provided with mid-day meals and clothing. Two ex-servicemen had received treatment at the Royal Mineral Water Hospital, Bath. The chairman appealed for all ex-servicemen to enrol under the Legion banner, and thanks were accorded to all for their loyalty during the year. The secretary reported a favourable balance in hand, and also dealt with the importance of the employment bureau, which had been set up in the many areas administered by the Legion. Speeches were made by the Rev J. L. White, Mr. Tom Jones, and Mr. S. J. Jones. The election of officers for the coming year was as follows: chairman, Mr. S. Ballard; vice chairman, Mr. H. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mr. J. Bevan, M.E., was added to the list of vice-presidents. The following constitute the branch executive committee: Messrs. W. A. Thomas, E. Puddle, S. Phillips, E. Davis, E. Watkins, W. D. Davies, J. Lewis, and W. J. Griffiths. Emphasis was made during the meeting, on promoting a fund under which children could be taken for a day to the seaside, and a tribute was also paid to the editor of the Merthyr Express, who very kindly published branch reports from time to time.

31 October 1931 British Legion: Branch Meeting Mr. S. Ballard presided. Arrangements are well in hand for the Parade and Service on Remembrance Sunday. All ex-servicemen are asked to assemble at the branch headquarters at 4p.m. on that day. The band has been engaged, and the following bodies have been asked to co-operate: Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, Male Voice Party, Friendly Societies. The parade will be marshalled by Sergeant Howells and P.C. Sansom. The secretary reported applying on behalf of four members for temporary positions during the General Election, and he was pleased to say that three out of the four had been fixed up. The committee, considering applications for assistance from the British Legion Relief Fund, dispersed £10 during the evening.

14 November 1931 "Lest We Forget" Impressive scenes marked the Remembrance Sunday service at the Parish Church which was conducted by the Vicar. Before the service, a parade was organised, and was headed for the Fochriw Brass Band. The parade consisted of members of the British Legion, St. John Ambulance, Fire Brigade, R.A.O.B., Male Voice Party, and the Cadets.

28 November 1931 British Legion Mr. E. Puddle presided over an ordinary meeting on Monday. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones was chosen to represent the branch at the district meeting of the N.E.G. Merthyr and Aberdare Council. The sum of £8 16s 4d was collected in the area on Poppy Day.

28 November 1931 Poppy Day The committee set up in Fochriw to arrange for Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal, feel proud of the effort made. The officers were: Mrs. S. J. Jones, organiser; Mrs. J. L. White, chairman; Mrs. Gwena Jones, treasurer; Miss Rosie

Davies, record secretary. The following acted as sellers: Upper Fochriw: Miss Annie Mills and Miss Esther Thomas; Brynteg: Mrs. T. Oliver Davies and Mrs. W. Angell Thomas; Lower Fochriw: Mrs. W. Adams Jones and Mrs. Evan Davies; Brook-row, etc: Miss Jessie Thomas and Miss Margaret Cumpstone; Pentwyn and Penybank: Miss M. Thomas and Miss R. Davies; Pantywaun: Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. James. The committee wish to thank the various religious causes whose total donation amounted to £2 8s 10d out of the £8 16s 4d total.

12 December 1931 British Legion An interesting meeting was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Comrade S. Phillips. The delegates who attended the district meeting and annual supper gave splendid reports. Correspondence of an important nature was dealt with, and unemployed, disabled ex-servicemen now have cause to rejoice as special attention will be given to them under the Unemployment Insurance Transitional Payments Means Test. It was announced at the close of the meeting that the Benevolent Committee would soon meet to consider applications for relief.

23 January 1932 British Legion Under the chairmanship of Comrade H. Thomas, the usual meeting of the branch was held on Monday. It was decided to send a protest to the P.A.C., who had disqualified one of the members from unemployment insurance benefit. At the close of the meeting, new members were accepted.

6 February 1932 Fochriw British Legion A welcome visitor to the Fochriw branch on Monday evening was the Rev. J. C. Payne, formerly Vicar of Fochriw and Deri, who was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation as a token of gratitude for all the work he had accomplished on behalf of the Legion over many years. An excellent musical programme followed the presentation, which included contributions from the Fochriw Brass Band.

30 April 1932 Presentation The Old Library was the scene of an enjoyable function on Monday, the occasion being a presentation to Mr. John Lloyd Jones, Supply Stores, in recognition of his great services as secretary of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, and also, secretary of the Benevolent Committee, U.S.F. A capital musical programme was provided by Miss Mary Morgan (violin), Mr. W. A. Davies (tenor), Mr. Tom Lewis (baritone), Mr. Tom Walters (elocutionist). The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Mr. Jones was presented with a writing bureau suitably inscribed.

3 September 1932 British Legion A meeting of the branch was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Mr. Hy. Thomas. The secretary, Mr. James Lloyd Jones, spoke about the result of the recent appeal on behalf of the Children's Welfare Fund. To administer the Welfare Fund, a committee has been appointed, and the following have been co-opted to act in conjunction with the branch in the work: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. J. Phillips, Mrs. S. J. Jones and Miss R. J. Davies. An interesting report on the proposed drum-head service at Pontlottyn on September 25th was given by the delegates. Messrs. E. Puddle and J. Symmonds are to be congratulated on a good effort in this direction. It was decided to send a protest to the Glamorgan P. A. committee against the operation of the means test, which had seriously affected some of the unemployed ex-servicemen. Gifts had been sent to several members who were patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Relief was also afforded to many from the B.L.R.F. (Poppy Fund). Several children had received grants under the educational scheme of the United Services Fund.

10 September 1932 British Legion A large number of ex-servicemen assembled at the branch headquarters on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henry Thomas. Reports were given by Mr. Puddle on the Drum-head Service Committee at Tirphil, and by the Secretary on the recent meeting of the Children's Welfare Fund Committee. It is proposed to give the children an outing to Barry Island on Saturday, 17th September.

24 September 1932 Outing On Saturday, about 100 children of members of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, accompanied by a number of adults, journeyed to Barry Island. This was at the first outing organised by the Legion Welfare Fund, and was a decided success. The committee wish to thank all for their splendid help and donations.

22 October 1932 British Legion Under the chairmanship of Mr. Evan Davies, the annual meeting of the Fochriw branch was held at the Old Reading Rooms on Monday.

A report of the year's work was given by the Secretary, Mr. J. L. Jones. Relief afforded to ex-servicemen and their dependants in the area amounted to approximately £140. Patients in hospital had been provided with clothing, and many children attending secondary schools, had been successful in obtaining grants under the educational scheme of the United Services Fund. Grants received during the year from the Poppy Fund totalled £48, and this had been distributed to unemployed servicemen. The area special relief fund had sanctioned a total of £15 19s, whilst from the United Services Fund the figure was £42 3s 6d. From regimental funds and other sources, a sum of £22 6s 8d had come in. Also, £5 10s had been granted to one member in order to purchase dentures. Dealing with the work of the children's welfare committee, he was proud to say that all that had been aimed for had been accomplished. The following were elected as officers for the year: president, Dr. D. W. Monelly; vice-presidents - Mrs. S. J. Jones, Mr. T. J. Jones (headmaster), Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. J. Bevan, M.E., Mr. T. Lloyd Jones, Councillor A. T. Minhinnick, M.E.; chairman - Mr. Sydney Phillips; vice chairman - Mr. J. Lewis; treasurer - Mr. E. Williams; secretary - Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary - Mr. W. T. Pegg.

5 November 1932 British Legion Mr. Sid Phillips presided at a branch meeting on Monday. It was decided to hold the annual remembrance parade and service on Sunday next, November 6, when the Rector of Bedwellty will officiate, assisted by the branch chaplain, Rev. J. L. White, Vicar. The co-operation of all organised bodies and friendly societies is sought. Mrs. S. J. Jones was appointed Poppy Day organiser. The Secretary had communicated with the urban authority on the matter of bus services to Fochriw, also drawing their attention to the state of the roads in the locality. At the request of the Pantywaun ex-servicemen, he had also appealed for the installation of electricity at that hamlet. The branch was pleased to know that Mr. F. C. Miller had been selected by the District Committee, as a member of the Welsh Area Council for 1933.

12 November 1932 Remembrance Sunday This was observed on Sunday, when a parade of ex-servicemen was organised by the local branch of the British Legion, headed by the the Fochriw Silver Band (Bandmaster Albert Mantle). Ex-servicemen, members of the recently formed Women's Section of the Legion, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Fire Brigade, Cadets and other bodies, marched to the Parish Church. The Vicar conducted the service and the address was given by Rev. Rees Davis, Bedwellty. Poppies and flowers were laid at the foot of the memorial window, as the organist, Mr. Octavius Richards, played the Dead March. Mrs. S. J. Jones laid a wreath on behalf of the British Legion branch, Mrs. Lewis on behalf of the women section, Mrs. Morgan on behalf of the Mother's Union, Mrs. Edwards in memory of her son, Mrs. F. Way in memory of her son, Miss Wynda Edwards in memory of her father, Mrs. N. Slimmon in memory of her father, Mr. O. Richards in memory of his father. The shrill notes of the "The Last Post" were sounded by Bugler Bob Rees. The procession then re-formed and marched to the Legion headquarters for dismissal.

19 November 1932 Poppy Day A number of sellers were busy on Friday disposing of poppies. They were: Mrs. G. Jones, Mrs. S. Slimmons, Mrs. L. Slimmons, Mrs. G. Edwards, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. C. Way, Mrs. R. Wood, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. Williams, Miss Rosie Davis, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. T. Idris Evans, Mrs. D. Thomas.

26 November 1932 British Legion A very happy time was enjoyed by the newly-formed Women's Section of the Legion at the headquarters last week, when the members sat down to an excellent meal. There are about 50 members at present. Amongst the company was the president, Mrs. Jones, Supply Stores, Mrs. S. J. Jones, chairman, Mrs. R. Slimmon, treasurer, and Mrs. Jones, Glenview, secretary.

26 November 1932 Poppy Day Poppy Day was organised again this year by Mrs. S. J. Jones, and the following ladies disposed of poppies: Mrs. G. Jones and Mrs. S. Davies; Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Mitchell; Mrs. Tom Jones and Mrs. S. Davies; Mrs. G. Jones and Mrs. S. Lee; Mrs. Lewis and Miss Rosie Davies; Mrs. G. Edwards and Mrs. L. Slimmon; Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. T. I. Evans; Miss C. Way and Mrs. R. Wood; Mrs. S. Jones and

Mrs. H. A. Williams. The sum of £8 4s. 7d. was realised. Collections at churches - £1 11s 9d. Sale of wreaths - £1 9s. 6d.

17 December 1932 British Legion A special meeting of both sections of the British Legion took place on Thursday, when Mr. W. G. Davies, Administrative Agent, Benevolent Department, Wales Area, Cardiff, gave a splendid address. Prior to his arrival, Councillor Minhinnick spoke on the subjects that had been raised by the branches and the Gellygaer urban District Council respecting roads, buses and electric light. On Monday, the usual meeting of the local branch was presided over by Mr. J. Lewis. The branch unanimously agreed to co-operate in a joint social with the Women's Section which is expected to be held on Monday, 9th January. It was announced that another grant was available from the Poppy Fund, and this would be distributed in the course of the week.

24 December 1932 British Legion At the weekly meeting of the Women's Section, held at the Library, Mrs. Johnson of Newport delivered an address. Mrs. S. Jones presided.

31 December 1932 British Legion Quite a red letter day in connection with the Fochriw branch of the British Legion took place at the Old Library on Thursday evening, when both the women's and men's sections provided the children with a treat. The room had been gaily decorated, and a huge Christmas tree was laden with presents. About 200 children sat down to a sumptuous tea. After tea, Santa Claus visited the building, the role being played by Mr. W. J. Payne, who presented a gift to every child. Splendid arrangements had been made by the joint secretaries, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. S. Jones, the chairmen, Mrs. S. J. Jones and Mr. Sydney Phillips, with plenty of willing workers from both sections.

21 January 1933 British Legion: Supper The Women's Section held a very successful supper at the Library on Monday evening, when a large number sat down to an excellent meal. The tray holders were members of the branch. The remainder of the evening was given over to games. The energetic secretary is Mrs. S. Jones.

11 February 1933 British Legion Under the chairmanship of Mr. Syd Phillips, a meeting of the Fochriw branch was held on Monday. A lucid report of the district meeting was given by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mr. Evan Davies was unanimously elected a delegate to the Welsh Area Conference at Newport on February 11. Messages of condolence were sent to the family of Mr. Henry Thomas, past vice-chairman of the branch; to Mr. W. H. Way and family; and to Mr. J. Bevan, M.E. The branch expressed its appreciation of the services of the Fochriw Silver Band at the recent funeral of Mr. H. Thomas. The secretary was authorised to endeavour to obtain a concession from the colliery companies in the price of coal to unemployed members. It was announced that County Councillor Hancock would attend the next meeting to give an account of the work schemes, etc.

18 February 1933 British Legion The principal speaker at the branch meeting on Monday was County Councillor W. Hancock, J.P., Pontlottyn, who gave an interesting report of the work being accomplished by the various committees. Mr. T. J. Jones welcomed the speaker. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, announced that the Dowlais Collieries Ltd, Port Talbot, had sent a handsome donation for the purpose of assisting the unemployed and distressed members in the matter of obtaining coal.

25 February 1933 British Legion On Monday, Mr. Evan Davies, who was the delegate to the area conference at Newport on the 11th, gave an interesting account of the proceedings. The chairman, Mr. S. Phillips, stated that he had received a letter from Colonel John Brown, National Headquarters, stressing the advantages of the Legionnaires contributing towards the Legion Journal. The secretary and treasurer, in co-operation with the Mrs. S. J. Jones, and Mr. T. J. Jones, will administer relief to the unemployed and distressed members in the course of the week, and another amount has been authorised under the B.L.R.F. The branch resolved to protest once again to the P.A.C. on the means test as affecting ex-servicemen.

1 April 1933 British Legion A meeting of the local branch was held on Monday, and was well attended. Arrangements were made to make a suitable presentation to Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Steps are being taken to ensure that the children of members have a trip to the seaside.

22 April 1933 Services Recognised At the Old Library on Monday, a social gathering, under the auspices of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, took place. The occasion was the presentation of a silver-mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., in appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered the Legion as accompanist. The chairman was Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster, and the presentation was made by the chairman of the branch, Mr. S. Phillips. The following took part in the musical programme: Madam H. C. Davies, Mr. J. J. Lewis, Nurse Ballard Davies, Mrs. Jones, Miss Mary Lewis, Master W. J. Jones, Tom Smith and Cyril Lewis.

29 April 1933 British Legion On Tuesday, a large number of the women's section attended at Aberdare on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duchess of York.

20 May 1933 British Legion The recent whist drive held in aid of the Children's Fresh Air Fund passed off successfully. The prize-winners were Mr. W. A. Thomas, Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. R. Morgan and Mr. H. Ballard. The M.Cs were Mrs. Stanley Jones and Mr. S. Phillips. Mr. W. T. Pegg carried out the secretarial duties. Thanks were accorded to the library committee that the use of the tables, and to Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, grocer, who denominated a surprise packet. On Wednesday, the women's section social was held. Mrs. Stanley Jones is to be congratulated upon her untiring energy. Mr. E. J. Williams presided at a meeting on Monday, when arrangements were made to parade the village on Sunday, 21st May, in conjunction with the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. E. Puddle was appointed delegate to attend the next meeting of the Rhymney Valley drumhead service committee.

24 June 1933 British Legion Mr. S. Phillips presided over the local branch meeting on Monday. The assembly listened to reports from the annual conference, the North East Glamorgan District Committee, and the drum-head Service Committee, which were given by the respective delegates, Messrs. Puddle, Symen and Jones. In conjunction with the Women's Section, funds are being steadily raised for the Children's Welfare Fund, and an outing will soon be arranged. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Stephen Ballard, a past chairman of the branch, who has suffered bereavement. The secretary is in possession of another grant from the B.L.R.F. (Poppy Fund) and this will soon be distributed to the needy.

24 June 1933 Concert A concert was given at Siloh Chapel, Penybank, on Sunday, under the auspices of the Women's Section of the British Legion in aid of the Children's Welfare Fund. The chairman was Councillor Minhinnick. The programme was opened with an overture on the piano by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, followed by solos - Miss Mary Lewis; duets, Mesdames H. C. Davies and Sarah Millward; solos - Master W. J. Jones; violin selection - Master David Small; choruses by the Children's Choir, conductor Mr. D. J. Davies. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Mrs. Lloyd Jones and Mr. Sydney Phillips proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to all for their support. The concert was organised by the energetic secretary, Mrs. S. Jones.

15 July 1933 British Legion The meeting of the Fochriw branch was held on Monday, when Mr. Sydney Phillips presided. The report of the district committee meeting held on the 5th at Trelewis was given by Mr. E. Puddle, the secretary, Mr. J. L. Jones, adding comments. Grants were made from the B.L.R.F. to the unemployed. Whilst these were being distributed, Messrs. Williams and Pegg were kept busy recording contributions.

9 September 1933 British Legion The weekly meeting of the local branch was held on Monday, Mr. S. Phillips presiding. A surprise packet given by Comrade T. Idris Evans was won by Mr. W. J. Davies. Messrs. T. H. and W. A. Jones were appointed to audit the branch accounts. It is of interest to note that the branch is in negotiations with the Imperial War Graves Commission on the matter of erecting the regulation type of headstone on the graves of ex-servicemen who lie buried at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the branch chaplain, Rev J. L. White, is closely identified with this work. A meeting of

the local Benevolent Committee was held at the library on Monday. Mrs. Stan Jones presided. Several children have benefited under the educational scheme of the U.S.F., and it was also reported that a former member of the W.A.A.C.'s has been assisted. A grant under the B.L.R.F. was disposed of, and about 50 unemployed ex-servicemen were the beneficiaries. The committee confirmed the resolution that in future a separate Benevolent Committee should be set up at Deri. The secretary's report on work done during the year is eagerly looked forward to.

9 September 1933 British Legion The second annual outing of the children of the members of the Fochriw British Legion took place on Thursday at Barry Island. The following acted as stewards: Mr. G. F. Cooksey Mr. W. D. Davies, Mr. A. H. Plaine, and Mesdames E. Thomas, T. Jones and Lewis. Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones (president of the Fochriw British Legion, Women's Section), Mrs. S. J. Jones (chairman of the Women's Section), Mrs. R. Wood (vice chairman), and Mrs. Stan Jones, secretary, was also present. Confections had been kindly given by Messrs. William Harris (Merthyr) Ltd, Mr. Bray (Merthyr) and Mr. Stephen Evans (Pontllytyn). The Children's Welfare Fund Committee desire to thank the following for cash gifts: Messrs. Dowlais Collieries Ltd, £5; Messrs. Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co. Ltd, £2 2s; Messrs. Prudential Assurance Co, £1 1s; Mr. G. W. Davies, Bargoed Emporium, 10s 6d; Mr. F. C. Childs, Pontllytyn, 10s 6d; Dr. W. Monnelly, £1 1s; Mrs. S. A. Phillips (Barry Island), 10s; Mr. J. Bevan, M.E., 5s; Mr. B. Freedman, Dowlais, 5s; Mr. G. A. Swallow, Merthyr, 2s 6d; Mr. R. Jones, Deri, 2s 6d; Mr. W. J. Giles, J.P., Deri, 2s 6d; Anonymous, 1s; Mr. Edward Branch, 3s; donations per Fochriw Branch B.L., £5 11s 8d; donations from the Women's Section, £4 0s 6d. The committee and coach drivers are grateful to P.C. Sansome for his services. The committee works under the supervision of the following officers: chairman, Mrs. S. J. Jones; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

16 September 1933 British Legion At the meeting of the branch on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mr. Sydney Phillips, sympathetic references were made concerning the deaths of Mr. T. Martin Davies and Mr. Frank Potter. The former had served in the Welsh Guards during the war, whilst the latter was the son of a deceased comrade killed in action. The report on the monthly meeting of the Aberdare, Merthyr Borough and North East Glamorgan District Committee was given by Mr. E. Puddle, and the work of this committee was favourably commented upon by the chairman. The secretary gave an encouraging report of several outstanding cases in connection with the benevolent committee.

23 September 1933 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the branch meeting on Monday, supported by Mr. W. T. Pegg (assistant secretary), Mr. E. J. Williams (treasurer), and Mr. J. A. Lewis (vice-chairman). The B.L. and U.S.F. Benevolent Committee met on Monday under the chairmanship of Mrs. Stanley Jones. Deri was represented by Mr. Rees Jenkins and Mrs. Orum. A review of the committee's files took place, and the secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, had much to report. The next meeting will be held at Deri on Monday, 9th October. It is anticipated that the Benevolent Committee for Deri will be an accomplished fact by then.

23 September 1933 Anniversary Supper Under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion (Women's Section), a splendid supper was held on Saturday at the headquarters of the branch. The guest of the evening was Mrs. Essie Harris, OBE, JP, Swansea, the national vice chairman, British Legion Women's Section. The chairman of the branch, Mrs. S. J. Jones, welcomed Mrs. Harris and the other guests, and stated that whilst they were celebrating the first birthday of the branch, they hoped, at the same time, that the supper would be a financial success. She was pleased at the response of the other branches, and noted that there were representatives from Dowlais, Rhymney, Pontllytyn, Abertyswg, Deri, and Ystrad Mynach. Mrs. Harris gave a synopsis of the work and policy of the women's section. An eloquent appeal impressed the audience on the significance of Poppy Day, and touching references were made to the plight of badly disabled ex-soldiers in the various institutions in the country. The President of the branch, Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, then spoke, and in praising the officers and members for

their enthusiasm, congratulated them on the object they had in view. The musical arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., who together with the artistes, Mr. Jenkins (Deri), and Miss Mary Lewis, gave of their best.

7 October 1933 British Legion The local Branch concluded the eighth year of its activities on Monday. Mr. Sid Phillips presided, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Comrade D. H. Williams, who has been seriously ill, was congratulated on his recovery, and he now awaits admission to a convalescent home under the U.S. Fund. Mr. T. Puddle was elected delegate to the District Committee annual meeting at Trelewis on the 14th. The chairman expressed pleasure at the number of members who paraded on Sunday, when the Pontllynn War Memorial was unveiled. Ex-Sergeant Lewis Jones, M.M., acted as marshal. The annual meeting will be held on Monday 9th October. All members are requested to attend.

21 October 1933 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at a branch meeting held on Monday. Mr. Puddle gave a report on the activities of the district committee. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, was congratulated on being elected again to office on the District Committee. The branch decided to augment the fund now being raised by the women's section to procure standards for both units. The "Merthyr Express" was thanked for the publicity given to the work of the Legion, also the local correspondent for his interest in the work of ex-servicemen.

21 October 1933 Legion Affairs The annual meeting of the Fochriw branch of the women's section of the British Legion was held on Wednesday. The election of officers for the coming year was as follows: president, Mrs. Lloyd Jones; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. J. Payne and Nurse Ballard Davies; chairman, Mrs. S. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mrs. G. Woods; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Jones; secretary, Mrs. S. Jones; delegates on the Benevolent Committee, Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. G. Woods. The auditor's report was given by Mrs. H. Jones. The President spoke very highly of the work that has been accomplished during the year. Mrs. S. J. Jones said that the financial position of the branch was excellent, considering the hard times members were experiencing, and encouraged them to go on with the good work.

28 October 1933 British Legion The members of the Fochriw branch were agreeably surprised to receive a visit from Mr. Ivor Lewis, the district representative on the North East Glamorgan War Pensions Committee, and also secretary of the North East Glamorgan District Committee of the British Legion. Mr. Lewis gave an interesting discourse on the work of the British Legion since 1922, dealing minutely with pensions, employment and general organisation work. Again, he impressed on members the necessity of ensuring 100% support for the petition asking for the extension of the Prolongation Act under the National Health Insurance Act, 1933. It was of vital importance that the unemployed ex-servicemen should not lose his eligibility to the benefits of National Health Insurance. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, seconded by Mr. J. Lewis. The report of the special meeting of the District Committee held at Treharris on the 18th was accepted. Seven members have been enrolled since October 1st. A further sum has been authorised under the British Legion Relief Fund and the distribution will take place next week.

4 November 1933 British Legion Mr. S. Phillips presided at the meeting held on Monday, and expressed delight at the progress of the petition which is being drawn up as a protest against the pending legislation concerning the operation of the National Health Insurance Act, 1933, which will affect all unemployed. Arrangements were completed for the parade and service on Remembrance Day, and it is hoped that there will be a record muster of ex-servicemen. Comrade E. Puddle was again elected delegate to attend the district meeting on 1st November. A meeting of the Benevolent Committee was held at Deri Institute on Monday, when Mr. A. Bate presided. The agenda included the disposal of a sum authorised under the relief fund. 50 applications were considered and dealt with. Since 19th September 1932, over £100 has been distributed by the committee to needy ex-servicemen from the poppy fund. Five men have been afforded assistance towards dentures, and this involved a sum of £23. Applications submitted to regimental

funds had brought in £12 17s. To help ex-servicemen and their families in distress due to sickness, the United Services Fund had contributed £98 15s 6d. Under the educational scheme of the U.S.F., a number of children attending the secondary schools had been assisted by grants of clothing and mid-day meals, while two post-secondary grants had been obtained. Five persons had been sent for convalescent treatment – one to Bournemouth and four to Porthcawl. Patients at Merthyr and Gellygaer hospitals had been issued with suitable hospital clothing. The committee are indebted to the Welsh National War Memorial Fund, Cardiff, in assisting several war orphans. Negotiations had been conducted on behalf of men with their Approval Societies, and success had been met with in cases connected with the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association. This committee will operate until approval has been given for a separate Benevolent Committee to function at Deri.

11 November 1933 British Legion The meeting on Monday was well attended, and a hearty welcome was accorded Comrade W. Sullivan, who has been in ill-health for a long period. The parade and service at the Parish Church on Sunday passed off very successfully, and the Rev. E. B. Fry, Bedwelty, who officiated, gave an inspiring and instructive address. Ex-Sergeant Lewis Jones, M.M., marshalled the contingents. Thanks are extended to the following organisations for co-operating: Fochriw Silver Band, the Fochriw and Pontlottyn sections of the Gellygaer Urban District Council Fire Brigade, the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, members of the British Legion Women's Section. A detailed report of the district committee was given by the Mr. E. Puddle, and arising from this report, it was decided to invite the employment officer of the Wales area to address the branch at an early date. Contributions and donations to the branch standard fund were recorded. A surprise packet given by Mr. Evan Davies was won by Mr. A. Plaine. The following have been appointed officers of the Benevolent Committee: chairman, Mrs. Stanley Jones; treasurer, Mr. S. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mrs. R. G. Wood; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Other members of the committee are: Mr. E. Davies, Mr. R. G. Wood, Mr. W. Sullivan, Mr. S. Ballard, Mr. E. J. Williams, the Rev. J. L. White, Mr. T. I. Evans, Mr. W. H. Way. Confirmation of the appointments is awaited from the British Legion and United Services Fund Benevolent Department, London, when the committee will be empowered to takeover the administration of Fochriw, Penybank, Pentwyn and Pantywaun. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones has again been nominated as the local representative on the United Services Fund. Relief cases from Deri will be dealt with by Mr. Jones until the Deri Benevolent Committee has been approved.

18 November 1933 Lest We Forget Armistice Day was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday morning last when the service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, and the two minute silence was observed with due solemnity.

18 November 1933 British Legion Women To commence the winter session, a supper was taken by the members. Praise is due to Mrs. Lloyd Jones (president), for her kindness to the branch. Mrs. C. Jones, Mrs. L. Jones and Mrs. L. Thomas were the helpers.

18 November 1933 Poppy Day Local ladies were busy disposing of poppies during the weekend, and a goodly sum was realised. The organiser was Mrs. S. J. Jones, whose untiring efforts were well rewarded with the aid of the following: Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. L. Thomas, Mrs. R. Wood, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. C. Ballard, Mrs. W. Thomas, Mrs. Stanley Jones, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Pullen, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. Lee, and Miss Dwynwen Ballard.

18 November 1933 British Legion The usual meeting of the branch was held on Monday, Mr. S. Phillips presiding. It was announced that a donation towards the branch standards had been received from the Hon. Walter Lindsay, Holland Park, London. The sum was due to the interest shown by Mrs. R. G. Wood, who communicated on the matter. Again, it was pleasing to note that Comrade G. F. Cooksey had been successful in gaining admission to Papworth Village Settlement, Cambridge. A surprise packet given by Mr. Harry Jones was won by ex-Sergeant L. Jones. An invitation is to be extended to the ward councillors to address the branch on local topics.

13 January 1934 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the weekly meeting of the branch on Monday. Arising from the report of the district committee, which was given by a Mr. J. Lloyd, the agenda for the forthcoming Wales' area conference was reviewed. Gratification was expressed when it became known as that Mr. F. C. Miller (Dowlais) and Mr. Crad Jenkins (Pontlottyn) were again being nominated for a seat on the Wales Area Council. A "surprise packet" given by Mr. J. Prowse was won by Mr. W. Sullivan, who handed it back for the future benefit of branch funds. All members were agreeably surprised at the success of the treat given to the children during the festive season. The officers of the branch and members of the women's section laboured very hard. At the conclusion of the event, the branch treasurer gave each child pocket money.

20 January 1934 British Legion A supper was held on Wednesday at the Old Library by the women's section. There was a good attendance of members, including Mrs. Lloyd Jones (President) and Mrs. W. J. Payne, one of the branch vice presidents.

3 February 1934 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the weekly meeting of the Fochriw branch on Monday. It was announced that another sum had been received from the Relief Fund, and that the Benevolent Committee would be duly convened to deal with applications for assistance therefrom.

24 March 1934 British Legion Mr. L. Phillips presided at a meeting of the branch on Monday. A report was given by Mr. E. Puddle. It was announced that clothing had been received from the Headquarters of the Women's Section, and a further sum had been authorised under the Relief Fund. A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Lewis, Guest-street. It was decided to ask Mr. Morgan Jones, MP, to urge that the "cuts" be restored to the unemployed from the anticipated surplus in the National Budget.

5 May 1934 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the branch meeting on Monday. A letter from the women's section was read concerning the summer outing for the children, and it was agreed to co-operate in the work. An invitation was extended to the Employment Officer and Pensions Officer, Wales Area, to visit the branch. The chairman made reference to the sad passing of Comrade J. M. Thomas, Penybank. Mr. E. Puddle will act as delegate to the District Committee meeting at Treharris on the 2nd May. Mrs. S. Jones presided over the half-yearly meeting of the Benevolent Committee. The disposal of an award from the Relief Fund was proceeded with, and relief afforded to 33 cases. The Secretary (Mr. J. Lloyd Jones) stated that since 1st October, 1933, a large number of men, women and children suffering ill-health had been assisted by the United Services Fund, resulting in expenditure of £60. From the area special relief fund and regimental associations £16 had come in. Grants from the poppy fund totalled £40. In a number of cases, useful hospital and other clothing had been supplied, while several children attending the secondary schools were provided with clothes and mid-day meals. Mrs. S. Jones congratulated the secretary on his work, and this was supported by Messrs. R. C. Wood and W. Sullivan. The committee were pleased to know that Mr. G. F. Cooksey, Deri, was making wonderful progress at Papworth Village Settlement, Cambridge.

12 May 1934 British Legion A meeting of the branch was held at the Library on Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. Mr. E. Puddle gave a report of the district committee meeting. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones will represent the branch at the National Conference at the Weston at Whitsuntide. An invitation has been extended to the local members on the North East Glamorgan War Pensions Committee to visit the branch. The chairman stated that on July 4th, a number of area officials would visit Fochriw. A "surprise packet" donated by Mr. W. H. Thomas, was won by Mr. T. Beale. The proceeds will augment the children's outing fund.

19 May 1934 British Legion A branch general meeting was held on Monday, the branch President, Mr. I. J. Jones, in the chair. A survey of the activity in of the branch was made. The vice-chairman, Mr. R. G. Wood, and Mr. W. Sullivan were deputed to control membership and propaganda work, and also to collaborate in the work of

registering unemployed ex-servicemen in the area administered by the branch. The committee approved of Mr. A. Morris as a new member, and also accepted Mr. W. J. Payne as an honorary member. The President gave an outline of the work done by the footwear committee under the auspices of the Glamorgan Education Authority. It was gratifying to know that all applications from necessitous persons had been met. The Branch will be allowed two representatives on this committee.

26 May 1934 British Legion Mr. John Lloyd Jones, secretary of the Fochriw branch, represented the branch at the National Conference at Weston-super-Mare.

2 June 1934 Benevolent Committee The committee met on Monday under the chairmanship of Mrs. A. H. Jones. Forty one cases were considered under the B.L. Relief Fund, and awards were made in all necessitous cases.

2 June 1934 British Legion Mr. R. G. Wood presided over the branch meeting on Monday. The proposed changes in the methods of the administration of the funds that are at the disposal of the British Legion was made known. A hearty welcome was accorded Comrade Crad Ballard, who is making good progress after a very serious illness.

9 June 1934 British Legion Members of the women's section attended the Fochriw branch on Monday, when Mr. J. Melville Davies, Cardiff, the employment officer for the Merthyr area, gave an address. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided. Votes of condolence were passed with the relatives of Mrs. Slimmon and Mrs. E. A. Evans, both of whom were associated with the work of the Legion.

30 June 1934 British Legion Councillor A. T. Minhinnick, M.E., addressed the Fochriw branch on Wednesday. Mr. Syd Phillips presided. The branch committee met on Monday, when the secretary gave a report on the Legion's activities locally.

7 July 1934 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Monday. The Secretary concluded his report of the proceedings at the National Conference. Comrade Caradoc Barnard, who is a patient at the British Legion Convalescent Home, Wenvoe, sent thanks for the help given him. The branch appointed Mr. Evan Davies as delegate to the District conference. The meeting concluded with a discussion of the advisability of establishing a British Legion Club in the village.

21 July 1934 British Legion A meeting of the Fochriw branch was held on Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. Mr. Evan Davies gave a report of the district meeting. Mr. E. Puddle was deputed to canvass those who desired the establishment of a British Legion Club in the village. The branch committee reported on co-operating with the women's section in furthering in Children's Welfare Fund. The report was confirmed. A vote of condolence was passed with Comrade Games whose child passed away recently.

28 July 1934 British Legion's Protest The executive of the Fochriw Branch met on Monday, Mr. T. Phillips presiding. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, stated he had attended the official opening of the new offices of the Welsh Area at Cardiff on Saturday. Alarm was felt when it was further announced that headquarters proposed that as and from October 1st next, the Benevolent Department of the British Legion (Wales Area), and the administration of the United Services Fund, was to be removed to Bristol. An effective resolution is being framed for submission to the Wales Area Council, calling them to do all in their power to prevent such a move. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. John Phillips whose wife has passed away. Members of the women's section were then received, and further progress made in the matter of the children outing fund.

4 August 1934 Benevolent Committee The committee met under the presidency of Mrs. Jones, Glenview. A grant under the B.L. Relief Fund was dispersed. The Secretary reported on assistance rendered since their last meeting.

4 August 1934 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at Monday's meeting of the Fochriw branch. The main item was a report on the District Committee (General Purposes Committee) meeting that was held at Treharris. This was given by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, who commented on the energetic way all the branches had responded to the call for action against the proposed move of the Benevolent Dept. from Cardiff to Bristol. It was reassuring to know that the contemplated move had been frustrated as the chairman

of the British Legion, Major Featherston-Godley, aware of the prevailing antagonisms in the matter, had decided to forego the action. The branch general committee minutes when then read, and the recommendation to form a Savings' Association was adopted. To augment the Children's Welfare Fund the Women's Sections were holding a tea party. At the close of the meeting, a grant under the B.L.R.F. was distributed to unemployed members.

11 August 1934 British Legion A tea was held at the Old Library on Thursday in connection with the women's section of the Legion, with the object of augmenting the Children's Welfare Fund. The tray holders were members of the branch. The secretary is Mrs. S. Jones, with Mrs. Tom Jones as treasurer.

25 August 1934 British Legion The general committee of the branch met on Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. Progress was reported on the Children's Welfare Fund, and a donation recorded from the Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co.Ltd. The branch Savings Association was dealt with, and the following appointed as officers: chairman, Mr. G. Wood; secretary, J. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. S. Phillips. All those intending to be members should speak with one of these three.

1 September 1934 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Monday. The secretary reported on actions regarding outstanding pension cases. Several members enrolled with the branch Savings Association. A surprise packet, donated by Mr. R. G. Wood, was won by Mr. A. H. Plaine, and the proceeds therefrom were devoted to the Children's Fund.

8 September 1934 British Legion A joint meeting of the Fochriw branch committee and the women's section committee was held on Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, gave his report on the position of Children's Welfare Fund. Sir Robert J. Webber, Cardiff, had sent a donation, and Mr. H. Smith, public works contractor, Newport, had sent a cheque. It was agreed to take the children to Abergavenny on September 15th. A delegate was appointed to attend the meeting of the District Committee at Treharris.

15 September 1934 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the meeting on Monday. The Secretary announced the arrangements for the trip to Abergavenny, when approximately 180 children will be catered for. He was pleased to acknowledge a donation of £5 from the Dowlais Collieries Ltd. A surprise packet won by Comrade E. Puddle was donated by Messrs. W. H. Way and W. Jones. Branch correspondence included an important circular dealing war orphans over the age of 21 who were permanently incapacitated, and great progress was being made on their behalf as a result of the negotiations between the British Legion and the Ministry of Pensions.

22 September 1934 British Legion Outing On Saturday, an outing was organised by the Children's Welfare Fund Committee when 159 children accompanied by adults, journeyed to Abergavenny. The children were afterwards treated to a matinee performance at the Colosseum Cinema, where Mr. Walters, the manager, had arranged a special programme. Mr. Graham, secretary of the Abergavenny Branch of the British Legion, said that fruit would be distributed to the youngsters. Games were afterwards played at the Castle grounds. The transport arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Red and White Services Ltd, Chepstow. Mr. Sydney Phillips, branch chairman, accompanied the party, and was supported by Mrs. Wood, vice-chairman women's section, Mrs. M. H. Jones, treasurer, and several members of the branch committee. The stewards were: Mr. A. H Plaine, Pantywaun; Messrs. Phillips and Prowse, Pentwyn and Penybank; Messrs. J. Lloyd Jones and E. J. Williams, Fochriw. Messrs. R. G. Wood, E. Davies and W. T. Pegg rendered valuable service in marshalling the children. The Welfare Committee wish to express their appreciation to all subscribers - a sum of £18 19s 11d was collected. Mr. B. Freedman, Dowlais, sent a cheering message to the party, and also a donation.

29 September 1934 British Legion On Wednesday, a meeting of the Branch and Section Committees took place. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided. Tributes were paid to all who assisted in making the children's outing to Abergavenny a success. A gift of sweets

from Messrs. Glenross, Rhymney, was accepted with thanks. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mr. A. Adams, whose son has died, and Mrs. S. J. Jones, whose husband is in ill-health. The committee concluded by discussing the promotion of a drama and decided to seek the advice of Mr. W. J. Payne. At the meeting of the branch on Monday, the Secretary gave a report on the proceedings of the district committee. Mr. T. Puddle was elected delegate to the annual meeting of the district committee. The chairman referred to the disaster at Gresford Colliery, and it was decided to send a message of sympathy to the Gresford Branch of the British Legion.

27 October 1934 British Legion The following have been elected to represent the Fochriw Bradshaw of the British Legion and the United Services Fund Benevolent Committee for 1934-1935: Messrs. E. J. Williams, T. J. Evans, R. G. Wood, W. Sullivan, W. H. Way, S. Ballard, and Evan Davies. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Monday. Votes of condolence were passed with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Cooksey, Deri, and with the relatives of the Private R. Price, who died at Catterisk Camp. Mr. E. Puddle gave a report of the district committee, and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones was congratulated on again being selected to this committee. The members discussed the question of acquiring their own premises as headquarters, and it was suggested to inaugurate a building fund.

3 November 1934 British Legion The Women's Section held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening last, Mrs. S. J. Jones presiding. The balance sheet, audited by Mrs. Sam Lewis and Miss Rosie Davies, was adopted, and the auditors thanked for their services. The secretary, Mrs. S. Jones, gave a report of the work achieved during the last 12 months. The following were elected officers and committee: president, Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. (Sergeant) Jones; chairman, Mrs. S. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mrs. G. Wood and Mrs. L. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Jones; secretary, Mrs. S. Jones; committee: Mesdames T. I. Evans, S. Haines, D. Lewis, D. Williams, W. Mills, J. Morgan, W. Way, Small; members of the Benevolent Committee: Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. R. Wood, Mrs. M. H. Jones.

17 November 1934 Poppy Day The following sold poppies on Friday and Saturday: Mesdames Lewis, Morgan, Pullen, Small, Wood, Lee, Williams, Evans, Sullivan, Davies, Mills, Fred May, and the Misses Wynda and Iris Edwards. An amount of £7 17s 8d was realised

17 November 1934 Armistice Parade On Sunday, a Remembrance Service was held at the Parish Church, the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar of Ystradowen and Welsh St. Donat's officiating. The parade formed at the Legion Headquarters and it was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle. The procession included members of the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion, St. John Ambulance, Cadets, etc. After the parade, a most impressive service was held in the Church. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial Window by the the British Legion Men's and Women's Sections, St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union, and relatives of the fallen. The Last Post was sounded and the organist played "The Dead March" in "Saul." The two minute silence was observed at the Parish Church of Sunday morning, when the vicar officiated.

1 December 1934 Legion Women's Supper At the annual supper on 24th November at the New Hall, Mrs. S. J. Jones presiding, the guest of the evening was Mrs. Essie Harris, Swansea, national vice-chairman. Mrs. Harris was supported by Mrs. Lloyd Jones, president of the branch, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. J. Bevan, Mrs. A. Jones (vice-presidents), Mr. F. C. Miller (Dowlais), Mr. John Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, Mr. Lloyd Jones and Mr. Sydney Phillips (secretary and chairman of the local branch), Mrs. S. Jones (secretary), Mrs. M. H. Jones (treasurer). Solos were rendered by Mr. J. Jenkins, Bargoed, the accompanists being Mr. Tom Walters and Mr. Herbert, Deri. Much assistance was rendered by Mrs. G. Woods, Mrs. L. Thomas and the band of helpers. Mrs. L. Thomas proposed and Mrs. G. Wood seconded a vote of thanks to Mrs. Harris and the guests. The sealed packet winner was Mrs. Jenkins, Pontlottyn.

5 January 1935 British Legion On Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding, the local branch passed a vote of condolence with Mr. R. G. Wood, the vice-chairman, whose

brother passed away in London. It was decided to draft suggestions for the consideration of the Commissioner appointed by the Government to alleviate distressed areas. The provisional agenda for the Wales Area Conference was also reviewed. A contribution was made to the Harry Calderwood Testimonial Fund.

9 March 1935 British Legion Members of the Fochriw branch have been informed that their resolution asking that disability pensions be entirely disregarded under the means test found favour at the recent Wales Area conference held at Tenby. The branch was represented by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. A satisfactory report was given of the conference of the Benevolent Sub-Committees, held at Treharris on the 25th February, and tribute was paid to the zeal of the area organising secretary, Mr. A. Kennedy Hunt, M. M. It was proposed to organise a whist drive and dance during the jubilee week celebrations. The branch benevolent committee has recently distributed clothing to the needy, and a further award under the Relief Fund has been distributed to the unemployed and sick. Mr. E. Puddle, who acts as delegate to the District Committee, gave an excellent report of its last meeting. A vote of sympathy with the family of Mr. D. Williams was recorded.

11 May 1935 Legion Supper To mark the Jubilee, the members of the Women's Section held a supper at the Old Library. Members of the section attended the tables. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs. Stanley Jones, with Mrs. Tom Jones as treasurer.

6 July 1935 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the local branch meeting on Tuesday and made reference to the loss sustained by the branch president (Mr. T. J. Jones) whose mother has died. It was announced that the standard had arrived, and that a dedication service would soon be arranged. The women's section had also received their standard. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, gave a report of the annual conference held at London, and was thanked on the proposition of Mr. E. Puddle. Matters concerning the children's outing were discussed. The branch expressed sympathy with Mr. W. Sullivan, whose wife is seriously ill.

24 August 1935 British Legion Members of the local branch anticipate a big gathering on the occasion of the dedication of their standard at the parish Church on Thursday next. The Women's Section is also having their standard dedicated at the same time. The official standard bearers appointed are Mr. J. Prowse and Mrs. R. G. Wood. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting held on Tuesday. A report on the district committee meeting was given by Comrade E. Puddle. The Childrens' Welfare Committee is endeavouring to provide the children with a day at the seaside and await the usual generous subscriptions. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Evan Davies in his recent bereavement. It was reported that Mr. R. G. Wood, vice-chairman, had now recovered after a long illness.

24 August 1935 Personal Mr. W. H. Williams of the Welsh Guards was home on short leave this weekend. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams, The Villas.

7 September 1935 Fochriw Legion: Dedication of Standards: Eighteen Branches Parade A service was conducted at the Parish Church on Thursday last, when the standards of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion were dedicated by the branch chaplain, Rev. J. L. White, was assisted by the Rev. George White, owing to the indisposition of the Rev. Richard Evans, Deri. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and Mr. R. Reece sounded the "Last Post." The sacred edifice was well-filled with Legionaries from Fochriw and the surrounding valleys. To many of them, it was a unique event, and left them with the impression that the dedication of the Legion standard is the most solemn and significant event in the life of a British Legion branch. The Legionaries were appealed to to carry out the principles of their great organisation. Standards from 26 branches escorted the Fochriw standards to the Church. The Fochriw standard-bearers were Mr. J. Prowse and Mrs. G. Wood, having in support, Mr. James Symons and Mr. William Sullivan, and Mrs. M. H. Jones and Mrs. A. Jones. Prior to the service, a paraded, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, marched through the village streets. Mr. F. C. Miller (Dowlais), with Mr. J. H. Jones, D.C.M., secretary of the Dowlais branch, were the marshals. Contingents from the following branches are assembled: Deri, Dowlais,

Nelson, Trethomas, Bedwas, Merthyr Vale, Penybryn, Gellygaer, Troedyrhiw, Abercynon, Ystrad Mynach, Bargoed, Rhymney, Pontlottyn, Abertysswg, Treharris, Brithdir, Senghenydd and Bedlinog. Apologies for absence were received from Aberaman and Mountain Ash. The Brynderwen and Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodges of the R.A.O.B. were also present. The Band Committee were represented by Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Price, J. J. Lewis and D. Griffiths. Councillor Sam Lewis also attended. At a conclusion of the service, refreshments were served in the Church Hall (kindly loaned). The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mrs. S. J. Jones thanked the visitors for attending.

14 September 1935 Legion Benevolent Committee The local B. L. and U. S. F. Committee met on Monday under the chairmanship of Mrs. G. Wood. The secretary announced that the R.N.B. Trust were defraying the cost of a fortnight's stay at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home, Lowestoft, for Mr. D. Davies, Penydarren Pits, who was been indisposed for a long period. Several applications arising from distress due to unemployment and sickness were dealt with.

14 September 1935 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Tuesday. Mr. E. Puddle gave a report committee.

5 October 1935 British Legion The local branch of the British Legion has decided to celebrate Remembrance Day by a parade and service on Sunday, 10th November, at St. Mary's Church. At the meeting on Tuesday, Mr. S. Phillips (chairman) made reference to the demise of Mr. Benjamin Jones, Dynevor-street, and also to the tragic fate of David Gittens, Guest-street. Sympathetic messages were sent to the bereaved families. A report of the Children's Welfare Fund was given by the Secretary, who stated that he had received the following donations: Mr. G. Davies, 5/-; Mr. A. Sherman, 5/-; Mr. H. Smith, 10/6; Prudential Assurance Co., 21/-; Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co. Ltd., 42/-; Dowlais Collieries Lts., 100/-; Fochriw Women's Section, 68/-; Fochriw Branch, 21/-. After paying the expenses of the children to Porthcawl, there was still a small sum in hand. Ninetyfour children travelled, and each was given 1/3 pocket money. The secretary was thanked for his report. Mrs. S. J. Jones was elected Poppy Day organiser.

19 October 1935 British Legion The annual meeting took place on Tuesday, when the following were appointed officers: President, Mr. J. Jones, Pontlottyn; chairman, Mr. S. Phillips; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. E. Puddle; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White, and Rev. R. Evans; standard-bearer, Mr. J. W. Prowse; delegates to the District Committee, Messrs. Puddle and Phillips; delegate to area and national conferences, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; auditors, Messrs. J. H. and D. I. Evans.

2 November 1935 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Tuesday. A report of the district committee was given by Mr. E. Puddle. Messrs. L. D. and L. Jones, Mount Pleasant, were elected vice-presidents. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Arthur Adams, and also sympathy was extended to Comrades J. Sullivan and Eddie Thomas, who had suffered family bereavements. The annual meeting of the Women's Section took place on Wednesday, Mrs. S. J. Jones presiding. A review of the year's work was given by the chairman and by the secretary. The financial report showed a balance on the right side. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. M. L. Jones, vice-presidents, Mesdames J. Bevan, W. J. Payne, Monnelly, S. J. Jones and E. H. Lewis; chairman, Mrs. H. Thomas; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. T. Jones; secretary, Mrs. Stanley Jones.

9 November 1935 British Legion Women A supper was held on Wednesday at the Old Library to welcome the two new officers and committee. Mrs. T. I. Evans and Mrs. L. Thomas were responsible for the programme. Mrs. W. Davies and Mrs. S. Jones were the winners of the sealed packets. The name of Mrs. W. Lewis, Penybank, who was elected standard-bearer, was inadvertently omitted from our report last week.

16 November 1935 Legion Parade The parade, organised by the Fochriw Branch on Sunday, was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. The parade was marshalled by Mr. James Symons. At the Church, a service was conducted by

the Rev W. S. Pontin (Cardiff) and the Rev J. L. White (vicar). Wreaths were placed on the memorial window by representatives of the British Legion, Mothers' Union and relatives of the fallen. The parade of was organised by the secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

16 November 1935 Poppy Day The following sold poppies on Saturday: Mesdames T. & S. Jones, H. Thomas, W. Davies, Pullen, Way, Lewis, Morgan, Misses W. Edwards & N. Davies, Messrs. Pegg and Puddle. Mrs. S. J. Jones was the organiser.

30 November 1935 British Legion A bachelors' tea under the auspices of the Mens's Section was held at the Old Library on Wednesday, when the tray holders were Messrs. T. I. Evans, T. Jones, J. Lloyd Jones, Stanley Jones, Sydney Phillips, Janes Prowse, W. D. Davies, Jenkin Williams, A. Puddle and Pegg. A miscellaneous entertainment was given by Messrs. E. Thomas and J. Prowse, J. Lloyd Jones and Sydney Phillips. Mr. James Harding was the accompanist.

14 December 1935 British Legion £7 14s. 1d. was realised on Poppy Day. The appeals department at London complemented the local organiser, Mrs. S. J. Jones, on this result. The branch has tabled a resolution for discussion at the forthcoming area conference on the question of pension matters being handled at the Area Office, Cardiff, and not at Legion Headquarters, London. The Fochriw branch has nominated Mr. F. C. Miller, Dowlais, for the position of treasurer to the Wales Area Council, and also as a representative on the National Executive Council. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, reported on the activities of the various committees.

18 January 1936 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at a meeting on Tuesday, and announced that under the Legion Children's Welfare Fund, members children had each been given 3p as a New Year's gift. Those present had a surprise invitation to supper from the local Unemployed Social Centre (women's section). Grace was said by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and the chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the branch members.

25 January 1936 Annual Supper The annual supper of the Women's Section of the British Legion took place at the New Hall on Saturday. The tray holders were: Mesdames W. D. Davies, L. Thomas, Lewis, Morgan, T. I. Evans, L. Evans, Edwards, Barlow, Miss Phyllis Barlow, assisted by Mesdames W. Price, T. and S. Jones and H. Thomas. After supper, addresses were given by Mrs. Johnstone, Cowbridge, Wales Area Headquarters; Mrs. Yorke, Abertysswg, member, Area Council, Women's Section; Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, president of the Women's Section; Mrs. S. J. Jones, vice-president; Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary of the Men's Section. Mrs. Ethel Lewis was the accompanist.

14 March 1936 British Legion The members of the local branch celebrated St. David's Day at the White Horse Inn, and a repast was served by the hostess, Mrs. Davies. A silent tribute to the fallen was observed. 'Our Patron Saint' was proposed by Mr. E. Puddle and responded to by Mr. W. Sullivan. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones gave "The British Legion," and outlined the work of the Legion in the district. "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. A. H. Plaine, and was responded to by Mr. H. C. Seaborne. Items were contributed by Messrs. E. Thomas, D. J. Thomas, D. Wheeler, Percy Gwynne, W. A. Thomas, Jack Davies, J. Symons, W. D. Davies, F. Way, Billie Mills, R. Moore, T. Watkins. Mr. A. Sherman, Merthyr, was among those present.

16 May 1936 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips announced at a meeting of the Fochriw branch that progress was being made in the matter of augmenting the Children's Welfare Fund. The Branch selected Mr. J. Lloyd Jones as delegate to the national conference at Buxton.

30 May 1936 British Legion Concert A concert in aid of Children's Welfare Fund was held at the New Hall on Thursday, when the Aged Comrades' Party, Dowlais, gave a high-class programme. Mr. T. J. Jones presided. The event was organised by the women's section. The party were entertained to a repast. It is anticipated that the fund will be considerably augmented as a result of the concert.

11 July 1936 Legion Meeting Mr. Syd Phillips presided at the lat meeting of the branch, when Mr. J. Lloyd Jones gave a report of the national conference held at Buxton. Members of the women's section were also present, and the officials of the Benevolent

Committee. Mr. Lloyd Jones was thanked for his address. It is contemplated that the children's outing will be to Porthcawl on Saturday, August 8th.

22 August 1936 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at a meeting on Tuesday. Matters discussed included the Children's Welfare Fund and the report of the last district meeting. Councillor Sam Lewis was welcomed, and his survey of the Urban District Council work was much appreciated. He was thanked by Comrade Puddle and Comrade Prowle. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones referred to the visit of Captain Duncan Arthur and Mr. Hake from the South Western Area of the British Legion. It is felt that as a result of the visit, branches in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset will do more in their effort to assist the Welsh branches undergoing the difficulties associated with a distressed area.

12 September 1936 British Legion Under the auspices of the Children's Welfare Fund, a party of 200 children and adults proceeded to Porthcawl on Saturday. Mr. E. J. Williams and Mr. W. T. Pegg ably supervised the transport. Donations to the fund were as follows: Messrs. Dowlais Collieries Ltd. £5; Powell Duffryn Steam coal Co. Ltd. £2 2s; Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. £1 1s; Mr. Hy. Smith, Newport, 10s. 6d; Mr. A. Sherman, Merthyr, £1 1s; Mr. Monnelly and Mr. J. Bevan, 10s each; Women's Section, £6 10s 6d; Mr. Lewis, A1 Restaurant, Bargoed, 2s 6d. Each child received pocket money on arrival at Porthcawl.

24 October 1936 British Legion The annual meeting was held on Tuesday when the following were elected officers: President, Mr. T. J. Jones, Pontlottyn; vice-president, Messrs. J. Lloyd Jones and D. J. Davies; chairman, Mr. Sydney Phillips; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Symons; treasurer, Mr. D. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. E. Puddle; assistant secretary, Mr. W. T. Pegg; standard bearer, Mr. J. W. Prowse; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White and Rev. R. Evans; committee: Messrs. J. Lewis, W. D. Davies, W. Morris, T. Beale, C. Thomas, R. Moore, T. Jones and J. W. Prowse. The auditors, Messrs. E. Pritchard and D. J. Davies, gave an excellent report, and the chairman also gave a resume of the year's work. The resignation of Mr. J. L. Lloyd Jones as secretary came as a surprise, but the members were assured of his continued support. Mrs. S. J. Jones was again asked to organise the sale of poppies, a task she has efficiently performed for many years.

14 November 1936 Poppy Day Appeal Several women were busy selling Flanders Poppies on Friday. The weather was very bad, but the sum realised was as £4 12s 6d. The organiser was Mrs. S. J. Jones, and the boxes were opened and counted by Mr. W. J. Payne in the organiser's room in the presence of the sellers. The sellers were: Fochriw, Mrs. W. D. Davies, S. Phillips, T. and S. Jones, E. Thomas, Adams, Miss W. Edwards and Miss M. Williams; Penybank, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. W. Jones; Pantywaun, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. C. Thomas; Pentwyn, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Way.

28 November 1936 British Legion Representatives of both the men's and women's sections attended with their standards at the war memorial unveiling at Brithdir on Saturday.

13 February 1937 British Legion The following represented the Fochriw sections at the special conference at Cardiff on Saturday: Mrs. S. J. Jones (chairman, Benevolent Committee), Mr. J. Lloyd Jones (secretary of the same), Mr. Edward Puddle (secretary, men's section).

13 February 1937 Annual Supper The members of the Women's Section of the British Legion held their annual supper at the New Hall on Thursday, when over 100 guests attended, which included representatives from all over Wales. Addresses were given by the Councillor Lewis, Mr. Edward Puddle, Mr. J. L. Jones, Mr. S. Phillips and Mrs. S. J. Jones. A concert followed when the artistes who took part were: Mrs. I. Thomas, Mrs. Sheen, Mrs. T. I. Evans, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. S. Phillips. Choruses were sung by the Women's Legion Choir, conducted by the Mrs. M. H. Jones, and accompanied by Mrs. Phillips. The sealed packet given by Mr. J. L. Jones was won by Mr. R. Kinsey.

20 February 1937 Air-Raid Precautions At Fochriw school library on the Thursday, the first of a series of six lectures on air-raid precautions was given to the Fochriw

Ambulance Brigade by Ambulance Officer Edgar Davies, Bedlinog. Mr. Davies is the qualified lecturer for the division.

20 February 1937 British Legion A meeting of the branch was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. A report of the district meeting was given by Mr. Edward Puddle. Councillor Sam Lewis gave an address. Mr. Puddle, secretary of the men's branch, and Mrs. A. Jones, secretary of the women's branch, will represent Fochriw at the conference at Llandudno on Saturday. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones will be the representative of the North East Glamorgan District. Among the tray holders at the annual supper held recently were Mrs. D. Williams and Mrs. G. Edwards.

13 March 1937 British Legion Mr. Edward Puddle, delegate to the Wales area conference at Llandudno, gave a report to the branch meeting on Tuesday. The resolutions Fochriw supported had all met with the approval of the conference. It was reported that a headstone is to be erected on the grave of the late Tom Harris, Aelybryn. Tribute must be paid to Mr. J. Lloyd Jones who approached the Imperial War Graves Commissioners.

13 March 1937 British Legion: Former Secretary Honoured Mr. John Lloyd Jones, former secretary of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, was honoured at a meeting at the headquarters on Tuesday. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided. Others present were: Rev J. L. White, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mrs. Richard Evans (deputising for her husband). The women's section was strongly represented in the persons of Mrs. S. J. Jones (vice-president), Mrs. M. Phillips (chairman) Mrs. S. Jones (secretary). Deri branch was represented by Mr. Rees Jenkins. During the luncheon, Mr. James Symons, Deri, an Old Contemptible, and staunch member of the Fochriw branch, made the presentation to Mr. Jones of a life member's certificate, subscribed for by members of the branch. Mr. Jones expressed delight with the honour conferred upon him. He trusted he would fulfil all the obligations attached to a life member, and stressed the important work the Legion carried out. He referred to the sudden death of two of their comrades: David Richard Thomas and Alfred McCarthy. Mr. Jones also paid tribute to the toleration he had received and which enabled him to devote such a lot of time on behalf of his fellow ex servicemen. Tributes were paid by the Rev. J. L. White, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. S. J. Jones, Mrs. M. Phillips, Mr. E. Puddle. Later the chairman recited impromptu verse. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Mr. J. J. Lewis (district secretary), Councillor Lewis, Mr. W. J. Payne, and Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones (women section president).

13 March 1937 Legion Women At a meeting of the women's section on Wednesday, Mrs. A. Jones gave a report of the Wales Area Conference at Llandudno, for which she was heartily thanked. Satisfaction was expressed that as a result of one of the resolutions dealing with the restrictions imposed by headquarters in assisting unemployed ex-serviceman being adopted, headquarters were now considering modification of the rules

20 March 1937 British Legion A meeting was held at the library on Tuesday. Mr. Edward Puddle dealt with correspondence. Discussion took place regarding employment in the area, and it was decided to take the matter up with Mr. Melville Davies, employment officer.

1 May 1937 Legion Supper A supper was held at the Library on Wednesday evening by the Women's Section.

8 May 1937 British Legion Members of the men's and women's sections, with their standards, attended at Deri on Monday, and took part in the parade and dedication of standards of the Deri branch at St. Peter's Church.

22 May 1937 British Legion Mr. J. Lloyd Jones represented the branch at the London conference during the week.

29 May 1937 Children's Welfare Concert A concert was held the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the fund under the auspices of the women's section of the British Legion. The Aged Comrades Party, Dowlais, gave the concert. Mr. Thomas Ballard presided.

12 June 1937 British Legion Mr. Ivor Lewis, general secretary, North East Glamorgan District Committee, was the speaker at the Fochriw branch meeting on Tuesday. He dealt

with all aspects of British Legion work, including pension matters. The branch vice-President, Mr. J. Ll. Davies also gave an address.

3 July 1937 British Legion The Fochriw branch was represented at the Royal Review on Sunday last by Mr. John Lloyd Jones, secretary for the Benevolent Committee, who carried the standard of the branch.

17 July 1937 British Legion Mr. John Lloyd Jones represented the branch at Newcastle-Emlyn on Sunday last at the dedication of the memorial to the late Colonel Fitzwilliam by the Bishop of St. David's.

17 July 1937 Royal Visit Both of the Women's and Men's Section of the British Legion were represented at Cardiff on Wednesday during the royal visit. The standard-bearer of the women's section was Mrs. Lewis, and of the men's section, Mr. Symons. The Cadet Section of the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, under the command of Cadet Officer Mr. Tom Powell, was also present.

14 August 1937 Congratulations At a recent meeting of the British Legion and U.S.F. Benevolent Committee, the chairman, Mrs. S. J. Jones, was congratulated on her recent appointment as chairman of the Gellygaer County School Governors. She has been on the board since 1925.

18 September 1937 British Legion Under the auspices of the women's section, a farewell supper was held at the New Hall on Wednesday for two faithful members, Mrs. Frank Way and Mrs. F. Adams, who are leaving the district. The tray holders and helpers were: Mesdames W. D. Davies, Lewis, L. Thomas, Phillips, G. Williams, C. Shankland, Morgan, T. Jones, S. Jones, Wright, Mills, W. D. Davies. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mr. S. Phillips spoke. The secretary was Mrs. S. Jones, with Mrs. T. Jones as treasurer.

16 October 1937 Legion Presentation On her departure to join her husband, Mr. Frank Way, who is employed at Sealand, the women's section of the British Legion presented Miss Irene Way with a handbag at a concert at the New Hall. The presentation was made by Mrs. Tom Jones, Pentwyn. The chairman was Mrs. S Phillips.

6 November 1937 British Legion Women The annual meeting of the Women's Section took place at the New Hall last week, and was presided over by the chairman Mrs. S. Phillips. The auditors, Mrs. S. Lewis and Miss Rosie Davies, presented a report which revealed a very satisfactory years working. Mrs. S. Jones, secretary, gave a report of the Wales Area Conference at Cardiff, and the other delegates who attended were Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. T. Jones. The reports were accepted. The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. Lloyd Jones; vice-president, Mesdames S. J. Jones, Bevan, Mourton; chairman, Mrs. Phillips; vice chairman, Mrs. L. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Jones; secretary, Mrs. A. Jones; standard bearer, Mrs. Lewis; auditors, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Rosie Davies.

6 November 1937 British Legion The annual meeting of the branch took place on Tuesday when the following were appointed officers for the coming year: President, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-presidents, Mr. I. E. Cumpstone, and Mr. J. L. Jones; chairman, Mr. Sydney Phillips; vice-chairman, Mr. J Symons; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Pegg; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. Edward Puddle; standard bearer, Mr. James Symons; chaplains, Rev J. L. White and the Rev R. Evans; Committee, Messrs. W. D. Davies, T. Jones, J. W. Davies, R. T. Kinsey, W. H. Conway, D. Thomas, J. Sullivan and W. A. Thomas. Mr. Sydney Phillips announced that the arrangements for the Remembrance Day service were now complete. Members are asked to attend at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 7th November, at 3pm. Invitations were being sent to other organisations to co-operate in the service. The following were elected to the B.L. and U.S.F. Benevolent Committee: Messrs. I. E. Cumpstone, T. J. Jones, T. Jones, S. Jones, W. H. Way, T. I. Evans, W. A. Thomas.

13 November 1937 British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at a meeting on Tuesday. The offer of Mr. A. Morris to give a concert in aid of the Children's Welfare Fund was accepted, and arrangements were made to hold the event on Thursday, 2nd December. A report on the recent meeting of the North East Glamorgan District

Committee was given by the Mr. Puddle. The chairman thanked members for their attendance at the service at St. Mary's on Sunday.

11 December 1937 British Legion Mr. S. Phillips presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mr. J. L. Jones reported on the work of the Benevolent Committee. The chairman welcomed Mr. W. J. Payne, the new chairman of the Benevolent Committee.

18 December 1937 British Legion A meeting of the Benevolent Committee was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. A number of cases were considered, and several grants were made to needy cases.

20 November 1937 Poppy Day Poppy day at Fochriw has organised by the Mrs. S. J. Jones and the sellers were: Brynteg, Misses Eirwen Thomas and Beryl Morris; Upper Fochriw, Mrs. L. Thomas and Mrs. E. Sullivan; Aelybryn, Mrs. Catherine Way and Mrs. Crad Shankland; Brook-row and Council Houses, Mrs. Blodwen Evans and Mrs. Gomer Williams; Penybanc and Pentwyn, Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. D. Lewis. The amount realised was £4 17s 10d. The sale of wreaths and a collection on Remembrance Sunday totalled £1 18s 11d.

27 November 1937 Personal Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, president of the Women's Section of the British Legion, who has been ill for a long time, and has been recuperating at her daughter's home at Bargoed, has now returned home much improved in health.

4 December 1937 Benevolent Committee At a meeting on Tuesday, the following were appointed officers for the year: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; treasurer Mrs. M. H. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mr. Lloyd Jones, as local United Services Fund representative, thanked the retiring committee for their loyal co-operation. Mr. Payne thanked the members for their confidence. Mrs. S. J. Jones, the retiring chairman also spoke. The committee comprises Messrs. T. J. Jones, W. A. Thomas, T. Jones, W. H. Way, S. Jones, T. L. M. Evans, I. E. Cumpstone, representing Fochriw B. L. Branch; Mesdames A. Jones and M. H. Jones representing the Women's Section; Mrs. S. J. Jones, Poppy Day workers; Rev. J. L. White, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Several sick cases were assisted and provision made for many unemployed ex-Servicemen.

11 December 1937 Welfare Fund Concert A concert was held at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the British Legion Children's Welfare Fund. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The concert was given by the Pontllynn Melody Makers. Mr. S. Phillips, chairman of the Fochriw British Legion, thanked the company.

25 December 1937 British Legion The children's welfare fund committee met on Wednesday. The chairman is Mrs. L. Thomas. Arrangements were made for the kiddies treat at the pantomime in Cardiff in January. The officers of the fund are: Mrs. L. Thomas, chairman; Mr. W. T. Pegg, treasurer; Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary; and the members are Messrs. T. Jones, S. Phillips, E. I. Cumpstone, Sam Lewis, Mesdames A. Jones, M. E. Phillips, M. H. Jones.

8 January 1938 British Legion Under the auspices of the Children's Welfare Fund, a party of 75 ex-servicemen's children were taken to see the pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" at the New Theatre Cardiff, on Monday. Mrs. L. Thomas, Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. and Mr. S. Phillips, together with a number of adults, accompanied the children. Each child was given 6d. to spend.

15 January 1938 British Legion The benevolent committee met at the New Hall on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding.

29 January 1938 British Legion The branch meeting was held on Tuesday. Mrs. S. J. Jones gave a report of Poppy Day activities, and a resume of benevolent work since 1928. She was thanked by Mr. Sydney Phillips and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mr. Edward Puddle gave a report on the district committee meeting. Mr. Phillips has been elected to represent the branch at the forthcoming Wales area conference Abergavenny.

26 February 1938 British Legion: Annual Conference The Fochriw branch was represented by Mr. Sydney Phillips, branch chairman, at the 17th annual conference at Abergavenny on Saturday. Mrs. A. Jones attended the conference of the women's section that took place on Friday. A joint meeting of the branch and section was held on Tuesday

22nd February, when the discussion centred on membership. As a result, it is hoped that efforts were be made to recruit new members, and bring in many who have fallen into arrears. Tribute was paid to the library committee for the help it has given the branch and the section. The Welfare Fund continues its activities, and under the chairmanship of Mr. W. J. Payne, varied assistance is given to all necessitous cases. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones attended the conference of the North East Glamorgan District Committee.

5 March 1938 Home From India Private Joshua Jones, son of Mrs. Margaret Jones, Pit-row, an the late Mr. Richard Jones, arrived home from India last week looking in the pink of condition after having served seven years in India with the Welch Regiment.

5 March 1938 Midshipman's Success It is with great pleasure that we mention yet another success of Midshipman T. J. Smith, son of Mrs. L. A. Smith, and the late Mr. George Smith, 17 Guest-street. Since September 1937, he has made two voyages on board MV "MacGregor Laird" to West Africa. During these voyages he excelled in his seafaring, with the result that he has completed his first year's apprenticeship within seven months. On Saturday last, he set sail on board MV "Dagomba" to Africa and India.

12 March 1938 British Legion The Benevolent sub-Committee met on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Mr. W. J. Payne, and supported but Mr. T. J. Jones and Mrs. M. H. Jones. A sum authorised by the Central Relief Committee, London, was disposed of, and applications from sick and unemployed ex-servicemen were considered. The secretary replied to many questions. A joint Committee consisting of representatives of the Women's Section and the Fochriw branch was presided over by Mrs. L. Thomas. A surplus remained in the Children's Welfare Fund, and this was disposed of, assistance being given to children who were unable to attend the pantomime at Cardiff.

23 April 1938 British Legion The local branch held a bachelors' Supper at the New Hall on Tuesday. Supper was served by Messrs. Syd Phillips, Tom Jones, Idris Cumpstone and D. Wheeler, assisted by Messrs. Gomer Williams, W. J. Davies, J. W. Davies, and W. D. Davies. The chairman welcomed Messrs. W. Sullivan, W. Jones and T. Sullivan, and paid tribute to the women's section for their support.

4 June 1938 British Legion A meeting was held on Tuesday at the New Hall, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. The branch elected Mr. J. Lloyd Jones to represent them at the annual conference to be held at Newcastle upon Tyne on July 5, 6 and 7. Matters relating to benevolent work were disclosed, and the Secretary stated that several cases had been successfully pressed.

11 June 1938 British Legion Mr. J Lloyd Jones represented the branch at the annual conference at Newcastle upon Tyne.

11 June 1938 Benevolent Committee Mrs. A. Jones presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. A number of cases were dealt with and grants were made.

30 July 1938 British Legion A meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, supported by Mr. T. J. Jones (vice-chairman) and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones (secretary). A number of cases were dealt with and grants made.

13 August 1938 British Legion A meeting of the branch was held on Tuesday, Mr. Phillips presiding. A report of the district committee meeting was submitted by Mr. Edward Puddle. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, stated he had successfully pressed some very difficult cases. The position of the Children's Welfare Fund had been strengthened by members' donations, and it was anticipated a trip will be arranged to the seaside. Regret was expressed at the death of Capt. E. H. Musgrove, Dowlais, who was so interested in Legion activity. The branch committee appealed to past members to rejoin, and in cases of hardship, offered to consider foregoing any arrears.

20 August 1938 British Legion A meeting him was held at the New Hall under the auspices of the Women's Section. The secretary, Mrs. S. Jones, explained that the object of the meeting was to choose three boys for a fortnight's holiday under the Holiday scheme at Brixham, Devon.

27 August 1938 British Legion Under the auspices of the children's holiday scheme, four children left for a fortnight's holiday in Devonshire. The joint consultative committee of the branch met on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Mrs. L. Thomas, and

progress was made in regard to the Children's Welfare Fund. An outing to Porthcawl on September 3rd is planned. The invitation from Bargoed to send representatives to the official opening of their new headquarters was accepted, and the following represented the branch and section: Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, and Mr. James Symon and Mrs. Lewis, standard bearers.

10 September 1938 Children's Welfare Fund Under the auspices of the British Legion, a party of 200 travelled to Porthcawl on Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. L. Thomas (chairman), and Mr. W. T. Pegg (treasurer). The branch was represented by Mr. Sydney Phillips (chairman), and the section representatives were Mrs. M. E. Phillips (chairman), Mrs. Avonwy Jones (secretary) and Mrs. M. H. Jones (treasurer). On arrival at Porthcawl, the children were given coppers to spend. The secretary of the fund wishes to record thanks to the following for their donations: Powell Duffryn Associated Collieries Ltd.; the Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd.; Mr. H. Smith, Newport; Mr. T. J. Jones (branch president); the Rev J. L. White (vicar); Mr. W. J. Payne; the Fochriw British Legion and Women's Section.

24 September 1938 British Legion Visitors to the Fochriw branch on Tuesday were Mr. T. I. Lloyd, Cardiff, vice-chairman of the Wales Area Council, British Legion, and Mr. Ivor Lewis, Trelewis, district secretary. Both speakers dealt with administrative work and expressed appreciation of the work done locally. The secretary reminded the branch of the dedication ceremony to be held at Merthyr on October 2nd, and it was decided to send a standard party. Mr. Sydney Phillips thanked Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Lewis.

8 October 1938 Air Raid Precaution Lecture An address on A.R.P. work was given at the Council School on Friday by Coun. Sam Lewis. Mr. John Morgan presided. As a result of the talk, several offers of assistance were received.

29 October 1938 British Legion A meeting of the benevolent committee was held at the New Hall on Monday, when Mr. W. J. Payne presided. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones reported on a number of cases, and said that he had been successful in most cases in obtaining substantial benefits. Good wishes were passed to two members, Mr. D. Wheeler and Mr. D. C. Bowen, who are in hospital.

29 October 1938 Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The following were elected officers called President, Mr. T. J. Jones (Pontlottyn); vice-president, Mr. D. Sullivan (Pontlottyn); chairman, Mr. J. E. Cumpstone; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Jones; secretary, Mr. W. T. Pegg; assistant secretary, Mr. E. Puddle; standard bearer, Mr. J. Symons; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White and Rev. R. Evans; Branch Committee: Messrs. D. D. Davies, W. D. Thomas, J. W. Davies, W. J. Davies, E. Thomas, W. A. Thomas, W. Way and S. Phillips. delegates: District Committee - Messrs. Phillips and Puddle; Area Conference - Mr. E. Puddle; National Conference - Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; representatives on the local Benevolent Committee - Messrs. T. & S. Jones, W. A. Thomas, W. Sullivan, J. E. Cumpstone, T. J. Jones, W. H. Way. Thanks were accorded the outgoing officers, and tributes were paid Mr. S. S. Phillips, the retiring chairman, for his many years of service as chairman. The auditors' Messrs. E. Pritchard and Emlyn Jones were duly thanked. Again appreciation was accorded the Merthyr Express for publicity given to the activities of the branch. It was agreed to commence a membership campaign when the services of the area organiser will be obtained, and ex-servicemen urged to join the Legion. It was announced that a donation of £5 had been received from Messrs. Dowlais Collieries Ltd, towards the Children's Welfare Fund, and a supply of clothing had also been sent by an anonymous donor. A letter from Mrs. S. J. Jones (Poppy Day organiser) intimated that as she left the district to reside at Harrow, it would be advisable to appoint a successor, and Mrs. M. E. Phillips was elected.

5 November 1938 British Legion The committee met on Tuesday, Mr. E. Cumpstone presiding. Arrangements were made to commence a membership campaign, and a meeting of ex-servicemen is to be held on Tuesday, November 29th at the New Hall, when Mr. Kennedy Hunt, the area organising secretary, will speak. A Remembrance Day

service will be held on November at St. Mary's. A report from the Poppy Day organiser was given by Mr. Sydney Phillips.

12 November 1938 British Legion The general meeting of the branch was held on Tuesday, Mr. Cumpstone presiding. The report on the district committee meeting was given by Mr. Edward Puddle. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, the branch chaplains, and of the Ambulance Corps, for their assistance on Remembrance Sunday. A goodwill message was sent to Mr. T. Jones, vice-chairman, who is a patient at Merthyr hospital.

12 November 1938 Remembrance Service A remembrance service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, attended by the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion, members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Cadets, and other bodies. The service was conducted by the Vicar with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. Wreaths in memory of the fallen were laid at the foot of the memorial window.

19 November 1938 British Legion The annual meeting of the Women's Section was held on Wednesday at the New Hall, presided over by Mrs. S Phillips. The auditors, Mrs. S. Lewis and Miss R. Davies gave their report. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. M. L. Jones; vice-president, Mrs. W. Price, Mrs. W. D. Davies, Mrs. J. Davies; chairman, Mrs. S. Phillips; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Thomas; secretary, Mrs. S. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Jones; standard-bearer, Mrs. Lewis; representatives on the benevolent committee, Mrs. M. H. Jones and Mrs. S. Jones; the general and consultative committees were re-elected. It was decided to hold the annual supper on 9th December. The treasurer stated there was a small balance in hand. Members of the branch sold poppies on Armistice Day. Mrs. S. Phillips was the organiser. The sellers were: Mesdames W. D. Davies, T. Sullivan, B. Evans, G. Williams, S. Phillips, Lewis, Misses Sybil Jones, Jenny Morgan, Joan Phillips, Ray Farley. The organisers wished to thank the public for their support.

26 November 1938 Poppy Sale Result As a result of the Earl Haig British Poppy Day appeal which took place on November 11th, the amount collected was £7 13s. Mr. David Thomas was responsible for the Pantywaun area.

3 December 1938 British Legion Both sections of the Fochriw branch met at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mr. Idris Cumpstone, chairman of the men section, presided. The speakers were Mr. A K Kennedy Hunt (the area organising secretary), and Mr. F C Miller, Dowlais, and Mr. Ivor Lewis (chairman and secretary of the North East Glamorgan area).

17 December 1938 British Legion The annual supper of the women's section was held on Wednesday in the Lesser Hall. Among the guests were Mrs. J. Davies and W. Davies (vice-presidents), and members and officers of the Pontllynn branch. The tray holders were: Mesdames J. Davies, W. Davies, J. Pullen, W. Mills, L. Thomas, T. S. Evans, W. Way, B. Evans, J. Morgan, G. Williams, C. Shankland, D. Wheeler, D. Thomas, G. Edwards, T. Sullivan, C. Jones, I. Cumpstone. Others who assisted were Messrs. W. T. Pegg, J. Prowse and W. Davies. The sealed packet, given by Mr. Morley Davies, Dowlais, was won by Miss Enid Cumpstone.

7 January 1939 British Legion At the annual meeting of the Fochriw British Legion and the United Services Fund Benevolent Committee, the following were appointed officers for 1939: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Sullivan; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Assistance was rendered to sick cases and applications for dentures approved. The branch general meeting was held on Tuesday, when Mr. E. J. Cumpstone presided. The reconstruction proposals have been put into effect, and in future, membership subscriptions will be 4 shillings per annum, and the general meetings will be held quarterly. The Milford-on-Sea (Hampshire) branch of the Women's Section, sent along at grant, and this will only be distributed to cheer someone in need. A discussion took place on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming area conference to be held at the Brecon in February, and the branch resolutions have been duly tabled. It was resolved to support the candidature of Mr. F. C. Miller for the position of area vice-chairman. All ex-servicemen in the Fochriw area are invited to join the branch, and the secretary will give any information and advice.

4 February 1939 British Legion Optimism prevails as to the future of the Fochriw British Legion branch for many new developments have been made. The agenda for the area conference contains three resolutions from the branch. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, represented the branch at the official opening of the Ystrad Mynach headquarters.

11 February 1939 British Legion: Response to Appeal to Ex-servicemen Invitations to ex-servicemen to attend a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the future of the local branch, met with a favourable response, and the organising secretary, Mr. A. Kennedy Hunt, as well as Mr. F. C. Miller & Mr. Ivor Lewis (chairman and secretary of the North East Glamorgan Committee), were delighted with the enthusiasm of a large attendance. Mr. E. I. Cumpstone presided, and was supported by Mr. T. J. Jones (branch president), Mr. W. J. Payne (chairman, Benevolent Committee), Mr. J. Lloyd Jones (branch secretary), and Mr. W. T. Pegg (treasurer). The paying membership of the branch has steadily increased, and it was gratifying to know considerable progress had been made as a result of the modification of the branch subscriptions. There now appeared to be no reason why 100 per cent membership could not be obtained. The organising secretary outlined the work of the British Legion, and stressed the importance of solidarity. He said that the success of appeals to the various government departments depended on the organised percentage. It would be safe to presume the ex-service population at five millions. While the Legion was the largest organised ex-service movement, progress depended on its membership strength. Without involving itself politically, the Legion had the right to demand recognition at the present time, when the Empire seemed confronted with apprehension at world affairs. Regarding the plight of prematurely aged ex-servicemen, satisfactory negotiations were going on between H.M. Government and the British Legion. Mr. F. C. Miller spoke on area and branch activities, while Mr. Ivor Lewis, the representative on the North East Glamorgan War Pensions Committee, described the efforts put forward by the Legion to safeguard war disabled ex-servicemen. Votes of thanks to the speakers were accorded on the motion of Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. Edward Puddle. The branch committee will continue its activities with more vigour than ever, as the meeting displayed all that was necessary to establish a branch that will maintain the confidence of the Area and National Headquarters. Councillor Sam Lewis, Mr. D. Jenkins, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. A. Ballard were among those present.

11 February 1939 Air Raid Precaution Lecturer At the recent examination, Mr. Griffiths Thomas, Aelybryn, passed Grade 1 in A.P.R.. This qualifies him to lecture on the subject.

18 February 1939 Women's Section: British Legion The annual dinner was held on Wednesday evening at the White Horse Inn, and was a singularly happy function. Mrs. S. Phillips (chairman) presided, and was supported by Mesdames W. Price, J. Davies, W. Davies (vice-presidents), L. Thomas (vice-chairman), S. Jones (secretary), and J. Davies (treasurer). The President, Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones, was not present owing to ill-health. A telegram of good wishes was received from the British Legion Men's Section. Many happy speeches were made during the evening. The "King and Queen" was given by Mrs. W. Price, who emphasised the interest taken in the work of the Section by the Queen, who was the President of the Women's Section. Mrs. Farley responded to the toast. The "Women's Section" was given by Mrs. W. Davies, and Mrs. J. Davies responded. Thanks was accorded the hostess, Mrs. M. Davies, by Mrs. S. Phillips, and Mrs. S. Jones with musical honours. During the evening, a musical programme was given. The pianists were S. Phillips and L. Thomas.

20 May 1939 Gas Mask Distribution During the end of last week, gas masks were distributed at Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybank by P.C. Wadley, by special constables, air-raid precautions wardens, and members of the school staff, assisted by local residents.

17 June 1939 British Legion The branch general committee meeting was held on Tuesday when Mr. E. I. Cumpstone presided. Financial items were discussed, and Mr. Lloyd Jones touched on matters raised at the recent annual conference. It was noted that a resolution on old age pensions had been carried. Mr. Puddle is to attend the North East Glamorgan committee on the occasion of the visit of N.E.C. members. The chairman

thanked all who had assisted in the comedy "Till Further Orders," and he thanked Noddfa chapel for the lawn of the lighting effects. Mr. W. H. Bradley, Pantywaun, was elected a member of the local benevolent committee.

9 September 1939 Evacuation Meetings Meetings have been held at the New Hall on Thursday and Monday in connection with the receiving of the refugee school children under the Government's evacuation scheme. The meetings have been presided over by Counsellor Sam Lewis, and Sanitary Inspector E. Griffiths, Pontlottyn, has explained the working of the scheme. The meetings have been attended by enthusiastic workers. Billeting officers and reception committees have been appointed, and the village canvassed for the reception, and a splendid response received. The secretary is Mr. N. Thomas, Aelybryn.

4 November 1939 British Legion The annual meeting of the branch was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Officers for the coming year was elected as follows: President, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-presidents, Mr. W. Sullivan, Miss M. E. Thomas; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White, Rev Richard Evans; chairman, Mr. E. I. Cumpstone; vice-chairman, Mr. Tom Jones (Pentwyn); treasurer, Mr. W. T. Pegg; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. Edward Puddle; standard-bearer, Mr. J. Symons; delegates: county committee - Messrs. Cumpstone and Puddle; area conference - Mr. Puddle; National Conference - Mr. J. L. Jones. The branch membership has been maintained with an increase from last year. Mrs. S. Phillips, the Poppy Day organiser, reported satisfactory arrangements with reference to sales. It was agreed to attend and dedication service at St. Mary's on Sunday, November 12th, when all the organisations in the village will be asked to co-operate. Councillor W. J. Payne (chairman of the Benevolent Committee) appealed for 100 per cent membership, stating how encouraging it would be for the officers and Committee who were always steadfast in their work. The financial statement showed a credit balance and was formally accepted.

18 November 1939 British Legion At the annual meeting of the Fochriw Branch, the chaplains appointed were the Rev. J.L. White, L.D., The Vicarage, Fochriw, and Rev. R. Evans, Deri.

18 November 1939 Poppy Day A number of sellers were busy on Friday disposing of poppies. The organiser was Mrs. S. Phillips, chairman of the women's section of the British Legion. A good sum was realised, and the organiser wishes to thank all who assisted and the buyers for their support.

18 November 1939 Memorial Service On Sunday afternoon, officers and members of the British Legion Branch, together with the women's section of the Legion, members of the A.F.S., and representatives of other local bodies, attended a service of remembrance at St. Mary's Parish Church. The service was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. J.L. White, who preached an appropriate sermon. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. The standard bearers were Mrs. Lewis and Mr. J. Symons. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the memorial window by Mr. Idris Cumpstone, chairman of the British Legion; Mrs. L. Thomas, on behalf of the women's section, British Legion; and by Mrs. J.L. White, on behalf of St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union. Other wreaths were also placed in memory of those who were killed in the Great War. Mr. L. Lloyd Jones, secretary of the local Legion branch, also took part in the service, and the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" were sounded by Bugler Glyn Burrows.

25 November 1939 Poppy Day The following ladies with their organiser, Mrs. M. E. Phillips, were responsible for the sale of poppies on Friday and Saturday: Mesdames E. Thomas, D. Wheeler, C. Parker, D. Owen, S. Phillips, S. Jones, Misses E. Thomas, H. Bassett, E. Thomas, M. Morgan. The results were: poppy sales - £6 3s; sale of wreaths - £1 13s; St. Mary's donation - 10s 6d; total - £8 7s 4d.

25 November 1939 British Legion Supper The Women's Section held a supper at the New Hall on Thursday. Included in the company were Councillor W. J. Payne and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, who with the organiser of the Poppy Day appeal, Mrs. M. E. Phillips,

opened the boxes for Poppy Day collections. The following were the tray holders and helpers: Mesdames Phillips, L. Thomas, Pope, Pullen, W. Edwards, Sullivan and Jones.

16 December 1939 British Legion Mrs. S. Phillips presided at the annual meeting of the Women's Section on Wednesday. The annual report and balance sheet were presented by the Secretary in the absence of the auditor. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Lloyd Jones; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. Price, Mrs. M. Davies, Mrs. T. Jones; chairman, Mrs. S. Phillips; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. J. Morgan; secretary, Mrs. S. Jones.

23 December 1939 British Legion Councillor W. J. Payne presided over the meeting of the benevolent committee on Tuesday. The Secretary dealt with the correspondence. Several cases were considered and grants made.

23 December 1939 Mock Air Raid A mock air raid was carried out by the Gellygaer Urban District Council on Sunday. One of the events took place at Aelybryn, when a gas bomb was supposed to have been dropped. The local air-raid wardens gave a splendid account of themselves in dealing with the "bomb."

6 January 1940 Comforts For The Boys A branch of the women's voluntary service scheme has been formed at Fochriw for providing comforts for local boys serving in the Forces. This service has been in operation for the last two months, and the committee, in conjunction with the villagers (including Pentwyn and Penybank), have worked unceasingly, with the result that every local boy, whether at home or abroad, was provided with winter comforts for Christmas. The splendid financial effort of the people also made it possible to present them with cigarettes. It is to be hoped that this scheme will be supported generously the public. Many letters of thanks from the boys have been received showing their appreciation of the effort. The secretary is Mrs. W. A. Davies and the treasurer Mrs. Monnelly, along with a strong working committee.

17 February 1940 British Legion The quarterly meeting was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mr. Idris Cumpstone presided. The officers gave reports of activities since December last.

30 March 1940 British Legion At the general committee meeting held on Tuesday, Mr. I. Cumpstone presided. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones reported on cases assisted, and a resolution concerning non-ex-servicemen employed by the local food executive committees was adopted.

30 March 1940 Evacuated Children Councillor Sam Lewis presided at a meeting of the billeting officers at the New Hall on Thursday. He was supported by Councillor W. J. Payne, Mr. N. Thomas (secretary), and a number of the billeting officers. The chairman outlined the object of the meeting, which was to make preparations to receive 40 Birmingham children in the event of air raids on Birmingham. Arrangements were made to carry out a survey of the village for suitable accommodation. The Gellygaer area would receive 800 children.

30 March 1940 Legion Presentation In recognition of her services, Mrs. L. Thomas, vice-chairman of the Women's Section, was the recipient of a tea service at the meeting of the women's section at the New Hall on Wednesday. Mrs. S. Phillips, chairman, presided. The presentation was made by Mrs. Tom Jones (vice-president). Other speakers were Mrs. S. Jones, secretary, Mrs. A. Morgan, treasurer, and Mrs. Phillips, chairman. Mrs. Thomas suitably responded.

30 March 1940 British Legion Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the benevolent committee at the New Hall on Tuesday. The secretary gave a resume of the work carried out.

13 April 1940 Digging For Victory An allotment association has been formed at Pentwyn, and a field has been secured. The plots have been divided out and several are at work there. Mr. David Tyler is the secretary.

13 April 1940 Evacuation Scheme Councillor Sam Lewis presided at the meeting of the billeting officers at the New Hall on Monday in connection with the scheme for evacuated children. He was supported by Councillor W. J. Payne, Mr. N. D. Thomas (secretary) and Mr. E. Richards, sanitary inspector, Pontlottyn, one of the officers of the

scheme. The chairman said they had completed the survey of people prepared to receive evacuated children, and were glad to say that they had double the number required, but he was disappointed with some of the people whose names were not on the list. In the event of an air-raid, Fochriw would receive 40 children: the number allocated to the Gellygaer area was 800 Birmingham children. Mr. E. Richards gave a resume of the work done to date and answered a number of questions.

27 April 1940 Benevolent Committee A meeting was held at the New Hall on Tuesday when officers were elected as follows: chairman, Councillor W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Sullivan; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

27 April 1940 Old Age Pensioners Councillor W. J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Outing Fund on Tuesday. Mr. D. J. Davies gave the financial report, which showed about £9 in hand.

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. Hugh M. Mantle who was killed on HMS "Hardy." He was 18 years old, and his brother, Edgar is serving in the RAF.

18 May 1940 British Legion Mr. J. Lloyd Jones represented the branch at the annual conference at the Queen's Hall, London.

25 May 1940 Legion Presentation To mark her departure from Fochriw to Wiltshire, the members of the Women's Section of the British Legion and Social Centre presented Mrs. Strang, Pentwyn, with a vase and sandwich set. The presentations were made by Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. Thomas, who wished Mrs. Strang success in her new home.

1 June 1940 Legion Presentation To show their appreciation in a tangible form, the members of the Fochriw branch of the Women's Section met at the Old Library on Wednesday, when a tea and presentation were held on the departure of Mrs. M. H. Jones, who had been treasurer of the Women's Section for eight years, and treasurer of the Benevolent Committee for five years. Mrs. Jones is moving with her family to Kidderminster. Mrs. Jones is also a member of the Parish Church and a member of the Parochial Council. Mrs. S. Phillips presided and the presentation of a lady's handbag was made by the secretary, Mrs. S. Jones, who paid tribute to Mrs. Jones' work, and said they all regretted her departure, and wished her and her family every happiness. Mrs. Jones suitably responded. Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. L. Thomas and Mrs. J. Morgan also spoke.

8 June 1940 War-Time Cookery A demonstration of war-time cookery, organised by the Women's Social Centre, was given at the hall on Thursday by Mrs. Sessions, Cardiff.

8 June 1940 Arrival Of Evacuees About 30 evacuated children with two teachers were received at Fochriw on Sunday from the East Coast. They were received at the hall by Coun. S. Lewis and Mr. N. Thomas (billeting officers) and members of the committee, and later taken to their billets.

15 June 1940 Local Defence Volunteers A meeting was held at the Council School on Monday convened by the sub-section leader Mr. W. Adams Jones.

22 June 1940 Dunkirk Heroes Welcomed Gunner Wally Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Glyn-terrace, and Private Norman Mills, son of Mrs. Mills and the late Mr. Charles Mills, Glenview, two of the heroes of Dunkirk, were welcomed by villagers when they reached their homes last week.

29 June 1940 On Leave Seaman Willie Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams, Martin-street, and Edgar Mantle, RAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mantle, Aelybryn, were home on leave last week.

20 July 1940 Reported Missing Lance Sergeant W. S. (Bill) Roberts, Fochriw, has been reported missing. Official information has been received by his wife. As an athlete in the village school, he showed good promise of developing into a great footballer, and he later played for Tottenham Hotspurs, Bristol City, and Newport County, for whom he played to gain promotion in the 1938-9 season

20 July 1940 Local Defence Volunteers' Inspection The first inspection of the Local Defence Volunteers took place on Sunday. The company marched under the command of their officer, W. Adams Jones, to Pentwyn, where they were inspected by Major Davies, Officer commanding the Rhymney Valley. The men were addressed and complimented on their appearance and bearing.

27 July 1940 Another Spitfire Fochriw's effort for aluminium was a striking success. It was organised by the Fochriw Women's Voluntary Service. Mrs. Lewis, Preswylfa, placed a room at the disposal of the W.V.S, and in a few days a large supply was received. The Secretary was Mrs. S. Jones.

27 July 1940 Cookery Lecture Under the auspices of the Women's Club, a wartime cookery lecture was given at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mrs. Phillips presided and the lecturer was Mrs. Sessions, Cardiff, who was heartily thanked for the lecture and demonstration. The secretary of the Club is Mrs. L. Thomas. The treasurer is Mrs. B Angell.

3 August 1940 Evacuation Councillor Sam Lewis presided over the meeting in connection with the evacuation scheme, and was supported by Mr. N. D. Thomas, secretary, Councillor W. J. Payne, and a number of the billeting officers. The chairman gave a review of the work done and said a canvass of the village would be taken again (apart from evacuees from Birmingham) for additional adult evacuees from other places.

10 August 1940 Lecture Under the auspices of the Gellygaer Urban District Council Air-raid Precautions Committee, a lecture was given at the New Hall on Tuesday evening on A.P.R. The chairman was Councillor W. J. Payne and the lecturer was Mr. S. Hay, Pontypridd, one of the lecturers for Glamorgan County Council, and the area organiser North and South East & Rhymney Valley areas. He was thanked by Councillor Sam Lewis, chief warden of the Fochriw area, and Mr. Edward Lewis, one of the A.P.R wardens.

31 August 1940 Lecture A lecture and demonstration on the uses of milk was given by Miss Bronwen Davies, Milk Publicity Board. Miss Davies was thanked for a very instructive demonstration and will visit Fochriw again.

31 August 1940 Red Cross Fund A fund has been started for the Red Cross at Fochriw by the Women's Club. £1 1s. was given, and altogether, £13 was collected in the Rhymney Valley Women's Clubs. Material was bought and 50 pairs of pyjamas were made in the clubs. They are to be formally presented to Mrs. Whitehead of Abergavenny on September 5th at the Regional Council held at The Settlement, Bargoed.

14 September 1940 Church Parade On Sunday at St. Mary's Church, the National Day of Prayer was observed. At the morning service, a parade of the Home Guard, under the command of Officer W. Adams Jones, was formed, and marched to the Church. Also present were representatives of the A.F.S. and A.R.P. The service was conducted by the Vicar.

21 September 1940 Home Guard On Sunday last, the Fochriw Platoon under the command of Platoon Commander W. Adams Jones, was inspected by the Earl of Plymouth (Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan). He complimented officers and men on their splendid bearing.

28 September 1940 War-time Cookery A wartime cookery demonstration was given at the New Hall on Tuesday by the Miss Olwen Evans, cookery mistress, Pontlottyn.

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9 November 1940 British Legion The annual meeting of the branch was held at the New Hall on Tuesday when the following have been appointed officers for 1940-41; President, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-presidents, Mr. W. Sullivan and Miss M. E. Thomas; chairman, Mr. E. J. Cumpstone; vice-chairman, Mr. Tom Jones; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Pegg; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant sec., Mr. Edward Puddle; standard bearer, Mr. J. Symons; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White and the Rev. Richard Evans; committee: Messrs. S. Phillips, J. Lewis, W. D. Davies, J. W. Davies, D. Wheeler, Ted Lewis, W. J. Davies, D. O. Davies; delegates - to the County Committee: Messrs. Phillips and Puddle; area committee: Mr. Puddle; National Conference: Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. It was decided to hold a Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 10th November, at 3:30pm. Invitations were extended to the Home Guard, Silver Band, A.R.P, Special Constabulary, and to a detachment of the South Wales Borderers. Mrs. M. E. Phillips was again appointed Poppy Day organiser. The secretary reported success in his effort to obtain a dependant's pension for the mother of a deceased ex-service rating. Congratulatory messages were sent to Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. Dan Jenkins on their appointment as head teachers. It is hoped to arrange interesting events this winter.

23 November 1940 Poppy Day Mrs. M. E. Phillips and a band of helpers were busy selling poppies on Friday last, and a satisfactory sum has been realised.

23 November 1940 Comforts For Troops A sewing class known as the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund for the Forces has been formed at Pentwyn, where a room has been kindly placed at their disposal by Mrs. A. Davies, White Horse Hotel. 50 ladies meet every week at the class. The secretary is Mrs. A. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. J. Davies; chairman, Mrs. M. E. Phillips.

23 November 1940 Poppy Sales The annual sales of Flanders Poppies was held in Fochriw and District at the weekend. Mrs. S. Phillips, chairman of the women's section, was the organiser. The amount realised this year surpasses all previous efforts. The collectors were as follows: Fochriw: Mesdames L. Pritchard and E. Williams, G. Mantle and G. Edwards, Misses E. Thomas and A. Thomas, B. Evans and E. Angell - £5 2s 10d; Pentwyn and Penybank: Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. S. Phillips - £1 16s 3d; Pantywaun: Miss G. Thomas and Miss M. Morgan - 9s 8d; donation from St. Mary Church - £1; wreaths - £3 17s 6d; total - £12 6s 3d.

23 November 1940 Remembrance Service A remembrance service was conducted at the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J. L. White, and was attended by members of the Home Guard, a military detachment, members of the British Legion (Men's and Women's sections), Special Constabulary, Ambulance, the A.R.P and A.F.S. The various bodies formed up at Railway-terrace under Lieutenant Giles and paraded to the Parish Church. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial window by Mr. Idris Cumpstone on behalf of the Men's Section, Mrs. A. Morgan for the Women's Section, Mrs. M. Mantle on behalf of the Mothers' Union, Lieutenant Giles on behalf of the Fochriw detachment, Section Commander J. R. White on behalf of the Home Guard. Flowers were laid in memory of Hugh Morris Mantle who died at Narvik; W. R. Edwards and Gordon Way who died in the Great War. Bugler G. Burrows sounded the "Last Post," and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones recited lines from Lawrence Benyon's poem.

30 November 1940 Evacuation A meeting of the evacuation committee was held at the library on Monday evening. Mr. Idris Cumpstone, the billeting officer, reported that instructions had been received to prepare to receive children from the Midlands, and arrangements were made for the reception of the children.

30 November 1940 British Legion Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the benevolent committee at the Old Library on Thursday last. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones reported cases he had dealt with, and which had brought benefit to the people concerned.

Cases of sick persons were dealt with, and grants were made. Several other cases were reviewed and grants made.

7 December 1940 The Earl of Plymouth's Appeal Under the supervision of the Glamorgan County Welfare and Comforts Association, the sale of flags took place on Saturday in Fochriw and District. The organiser was Mrs. S. Phillips, assisted by a willing band of sellers. The fund caters for the welfare of the forces. The sellers were: Miss S. Nell and Miss P. Vines; Miss D. Williams and Miss M. Puddle; Mrs. W. Pope and Mrs. J. Harding; Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. S. Phillips. The total was £2 2s.

14 December 1940 Home Guard Social A social was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday under the auspices of the Fochriw section of the Home Guard in aid of the Comforts Fund. Sergeant W. M. Davies presided, and Mr. Baden Bowen, Deri, was the accompanist.

8 February 1941 A.R.P. Meeting Coun. Sam Lewis presided at a meeting at the headquarters on Thursday. After the ordinary business, he gave a lecture on various gases.

15 February 1941 Army Regulations Officers, men and women in the Army are reminded by the Army Council that they must not disclose facts about their units when staying at hotels. Hotel registers can give away vital information and strict secrecy is enjoined about the name of units and their addresses.

22 February 1941 A.P.R. Lecture On Thursday at the local headquarters, there was a good attendance of air raid wardens and special police at the lecture given by Coun. G. Godfrey of Brithdir. Coun. Sam Lewis presided. The lecture was entitled "War Gases." Questions were answered.

1 March 1941 A.R.P. Councillor Sam Lewis presided at a lecture at the A.R.P. headquarters when Coun. George Godfrey gave an address on respirators. The lecturer was thanked for his address.

29 March 1941 Naval Officer Mr. Tom Smith, son of the late Mr. George Smith, 1, Brynteg-terrace, has gained his second officer's certificate in the Merchant Navy. Mr. Smith studied at the Smith's Nautical School, attached to the Technical College, Cardiff. He has spent three years as apprentice and fourth officer in ships of the Elder Dempster Lines, Liverpool.

29 March 1941 War Weapons Week A meeting was held on Monday to discuss how Fochriw could best assist in the war Weapons Week. Coun. Sam Payne presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. D. Jenkins (Fochriw School), Mr. A. Ballard (Penybank School), members of the schools' staffs, Supt. T. Evans (St. John Ambulance), Mr. Bryn Davies (Home Guard), Miss Katie Davies, Miss S. Jones, Mr. T. Lawrence, Mr. G. Walters and Miss E. Morgan. It was proposed to establish three centres for the sale of certificates & stamps - at schools, post office & old library.

5 April 1941 Home Guard Parade To mark War Weapons Week in the Gellygaer area, the Home Guard paraded on Sunday under the command of their officer, Mr. Wm. M. Davies. They formed up at headquarters and paraded the streets. Afterwards, they went to the Parish Church for a service, where Canon J. Richards Pugh, Merthyr, preached.

19 April 1941 Film Show At the Hall on Tuesday, under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, a sound film show was given. The horrors of war were seen, also the brave spirit of the people rising above them. Films were shown on the effects of fire bombs and the methods of dealing with the same. Mr. D. Jenkins, headmaster, presided, and votes of thanks were accorded by Mr. T. Lawrence (secretary), and Coun. W.J. Payne.

19 April 1941 British Legion A meeting of the Fochriw B.L. and W.S.F. Committee was held at the Old Library on Tuesday. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, gave a review of the cases assisted since the last meeting, revealing that assistance towards aiding men to take employment had been speedily met. Men suffering from chronic illness had also been generously treated. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. E.I. Cumpstone; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

10 May 1941 Gas Lecture On Thursday last at the A.R.P. post, a lecture was given on Gases by Mr. M. Walters. Coun. Sam Lewis presided.

31 May 1941 Home Guard On Sunday last, the members of the Home Guard, under the command of Lieut. Bryn Davies, journeyed to Porthcawl and took part in rifle firing etc. The men looked very smart and fit.

30 August 1941 Flag Day On Friday, the inhabitants will have the opportunity of supporting an effort in aid of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Association when ladies and girls will be busy selling flags in support of the movement.

6 September 1941 Flag Day The flag day in aid of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Association was held on Friday organised by Coun. Payne, The following ladies were busy disposing of flags: R. Fox, G. Williams, A. Jones, A. Morgan, G. Edwards, L. Evans, W.J. Payne, L. Lawrence, E. Rowlands, E. Rees, R. Pittway, O.M. Payne. A total of £5 0s 8d was collected.

6 September 1941 Comforts Fund The members of the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund are giving splendid support to the men and women serving in the Forces from the two villages. They hold their sewing class weekly, a large number of women attending for sewing and knitting. Every member serving has received a parcel and a number of letters of thanks have been received. The secretary is Mrs. A. Jones, Glenview, who is also the representative of the W.V.S., and the treasurer is Mrs. A. Davies, White Horse Inn.

4 October 1941 Now In The Navy Mr. Gethin Jones, son of the late Mr. Evan Jones and Mrs. Esther Jones, Martin-street, has passed his final certificate examination at Carmarthen Trinity College. A good all-round athlete, he is now serving in the Royal Navy. All join in wishing him the best of luck.

1 November 1941 Gallantry in Blitz: Fochriw Man Honoured The many friends of Mr. Howell Thomas (formerly of Fochriw) who has been living and working in Birmingham for the past seven years, will be pleased to learn that he has recently been presented with a gold medal and a certificate of honour, signed by the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, at a public gathering held at Birmingham recently. The presentation was made by Lord Dudley, regional commissioner, who had drawn the attention of Mr. Herbert Morrison (Minister of Home Security) "to an act of bravery performed by Mr. Thomas on the night of Nov. 19 last year, when Birmingham was being heavily bombed," in the Lord Mayor's own words. Mr. Thomas did particularly good service in releasing victims trapped by the explosion of a land mine, in rendering first aid, and later did excellent work by dealing with incendiary bombs. "I must confess to some disappointment that the award did not reach a higher level, but I am sure you had no thought for any reward when you so gallantly set about the rescue of injured persons trapped in debris," declared a high official. At the request of Mr. Herbert Morrison, His Majesty the King graciously gave orders for the publication of Mr. Thomas's name in a list published as a supplement to the "London Gazette" on the evening of March 7 last. Mr. Howell Thomas, who is A.R.P. sector warden at Birmingham, is employed in the making of tanks. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, and son-in-law of Mr. T.D. Morgan, Dowlais Top (secretary of the Dowlais Baptist Churches' Gymanfa Ganu) and Mrs. Thomas.

1 November 1941 A.R.P. Presentations At the wardens' post on Thursday evening, presentations were made to the following wardens: Mr. & Mrs. George Walters to mark the occasion of their recent marriage; Mr. W. Adams Jones who has left to take up the headmastership of Trelewis School; Mr. Iorwerth Evans who has joined the R.A.F.; and Mr. W.A. Thomas who has left for work in Birmingham. Before the presentations, the women wardens provided tea, the tray-holders being Mesdames H. Jones, M. Jones, G. Walters and S. Jones. Mr. Griff Thomas presided afterwards. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas were presented with a cake stand, Coun. Sam Lewis speaking of their splendid services. Mr. W. Adams Jones was the recipient of a gent's companion, the presentation being made by Warden A. Mantle. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was presented with a fountain pen, Warden G. Thomas making the presentation. Mr. W.A. Thomas, who was represented by his wife, also received a gent's companion, Warden S. Jones making the presentation. The recipients thanked the wardens. Recitations were given by Mr. Bob Rees and Mr. George Walters, also some conjuring tricks by Mr. B. Rees. The latter part of the evening was given over to games, all taking part, with Mr. G. Walters as M.C.

15 November 1941 Sale of Poppies On Friday and Saturday last a number of sellers were busy disposing of poppies. The organiser is Mrs. S. Phillips.

15 November 1941 Comforts Fund A social was held at the headquarters of the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund last week. It was attended by members of the sewing class who have been busy providing knitted comforts for members of H.M. Forces. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Price and Mrs. Llewellyn. A concert was later held, all taking part. Mrs. S. Jones is secretary, and Mrs. A. Davies treasurer.

15 November 1941 Parade and Service Remembrance Day was observed in the village on Sunday with a parade and service at the Parish Church. This proved to be one of the largest ever held locally. The parade consisted of members of the British Legion, with Mr. J. Lloyd Jones (secretary) standard bearer; Women's Section, British Legion, Mrs. Lewis, standard bearer; members of the R.A.S.C. under the command of Sergt. Riley; Home Guard under the command of Sergt. W.M. Davies (acting commander); members of the St. John Ambulance under Supt. Tom Evans; Cadets under Cadet Supt. Ivor Morgan; Special Police under P.C. T. Wadley; members of the general public. The service at St. Mary's was conducted by the vicar, Rev. J.L. White. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by officers and men of the R.A.S.C.; officers and men of the Home Guard; by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. S. Phillips on behalf of the British Legion; Mrs. G. Llewellyn on behalf of the Mothers' Union. Flowers were laid in memory of Hugh Mantle who lost his life at Narvik; Wyndham R. Edwards who lost his life in the Great War; and Gordon Way. Bugler Glyn Burrows sounded the "Last Post," and "Reveille."

22 November 1941 Sale of Poppies A sum of £16 1s 6d was realised. This total exceeds all previous records as follows: Fochriw Lower - Mrs. L. Evans & E. Jones - £2 5s 6d; Brynteg district - Mrs. Robson & L.A. Smith - £1 2s 1½d; Upper Fochriw - Mrs. L. Thomas & Miss M. Puddle - £1 16s 8½d; Pentwyn & Penybank - Mrs. Morgan & Phillips - "2 2s 1d; Pantywaun - Misses G. & E. Thomas - 18s 1d; St. Mary's Church donation - £1; wreaths - £6 17s. The organiser, Mrs. S. Phillips, expresses gratitude to the sellers and general public.

29 November 1941 Ark Royal Survivor A.M.E. Gwyn Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Evans, Moore's-row, arrived home on leave on Tuesday. He was on board the "Ark Royal" when she was torpedoed, and when the order was given to abandon ship, he slid down ropes to board a destroyer. Friends join in wishing him a happy time on leave.

20 December 1941 "Prince of Wales" Survivor The many friends of Mr. Willie Roberts, son of Mr. Ted Roberts and the late Mrs. Roberts, now of Port Talbot, and formerly of Brynteg, Fochriw, will be pleased to know that his father has received information that he is among the survivors of the "Prince of Wales."

20 December 1941 Presentation To mark the occasion of his departing to join the R.A.F., Mr. Griff Thomas, who is an active member of the A.R.P., was the recipient of a leather writing case by his co-wardens of the Fochriw post. The presentation was made by the chief warden, Coun. Sam Lewis, who spoke highly of Warden Thomas's faithfulness and wished him well. Other speakers were Messrs. Dan James and G. Walters. The musical programme was contributed to by Mrs. Katie Walters and Messrs. Tom and D.H. Lewis. Tea was provided by the lady members of the warden's post. Mr. Thomas thanked them for their kindness.

27 December 1941 Help for Russia A collection organised by the National Council for Labour in aid of the Help For Russia Fund, took place on Friday. Collectors were members of the W.V.S. and the collections were as follows: Brynteg district - Mrs. E. G. Rees & Mrs. B. Morgan - £2 7s 6d; Caeglas district - Mrs. M. Watkins & Miss C. Sahnkland - £2 5s 6d; Brook-row dsitric - Mrs. P. M. Jones & Mrs. W. K. Evans - £1 13s 6d; Aelybryn district - Mrs. C. Way & Mrs. M. Jones - £1 8s; Pentwyn district - Mrs. A. Jones & Mrs. F. E. Lewis - £1 10s; Penybank - Mrs. A. Morgan - 10s 6d; total £9 15s. The organisers were: Fochriw - Mrs. M. Jenkins; Pentwyn and Penybank - Mrs. A. Jones. They wish to thank all for the splendid response.

18 April 1942 Firewatchers' Meeting A meeting was held at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday, Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., presiding. The Assistant Chief Fireguard, Mr. A.S. Williams, J.P., gave an explanation of the duties if the firewatchers, and answered several questions.

16 May 1942 Airman's Death: Sergt-Pilot Philip D. Seaborne It is with regret that the large circle of friends of Sergt-Pilot Philip D. Seaborne, son of Mr. Harry Seaborne, and the late Mrs. Seaborne, Pentwyn., will know that he was killed in an air accident in Scotland. He had been there for a fortnight after being home on leave.

23 May 1942 A.R.P. Lecture On Tuesday, a lecture was given at the A.R.P. Post was given by Police Sergt. A. Hanney, Pontllynn, on "Gases." He dealt with his subject in an able manner, and the lecture was most instructive.

23 May 1942 Flag Day A flag day in connection with the Sailors, Soldiers' and Airmen's Association was held last Friday organised by Coun. W.J. Payne. The following were the sellers: Mrs. Ruth Fox and Mrs. G. Williams, £1 4s 2½d; Miss Betty Jones and Miss G. Saunders, £1 2s; Mesdames J. Davies and G. Bengough, £1 0s 3½d; Mrs. L. Smith and Miss Margaret Edwards, 10s 6d. The organisers wish to thank the sellers and public for their support.

6 June 1942 A.P.R. Lecture At the warden's post on Tuesday evening a lecture was given by Sergt. Wm. Blackler, chief A.R.P officer of the area, which was interesting and instructive.

13 June 1942 Fochriw Brothers in "Specials" Five brothers from Fochriw are serving as special constables in the Pontllynn division, which is the charge of Inspector Seth. Pugh. They are Nicholas, Bertie, Arthur, Idris and Cadfan Cumpstone. They are motor mechanics and farmers. Two of the brothers served in the last war and one has served in the present war.

13 June 1942 A.R.P. Lecture A lecture was given at the warden's post on Tuesday evening on "Gas Masks," by Sergt. Blacker, chief A.R.P. officer.

20 June 1942 A.R.P. An instructive lecture entitled "Decontamination" was given at the warden's post on Tuesday by Sergt. W. Blacker, chief A.R.P. officer.

4 July 1942 A.R.P. Lecture Another lecture was given at the headquarters on Tuesday evening. P.S. W. Blackler was the lecturer. Also present was the chief warden Coun. R. Williams, Tirphil, who put several questions to the members. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., thanked Sergt. Blackler for his most instructive address, and also Coun. Williams for attending the evening.

4 July 1942 Medical Comforts Depot The committee in charge of the Fochriw Medical Comforts Depot met at Brigade Headquarters on Tuesday to discuss the question of running the depot to the best advantage of the inhabitants of the village. It was decided that in future no article would be given out unless the application is made on the official medical certificate. These may be obtained from any of the following persons: For Fochriw: Dr. W. Monnelly, Ivor House; Nurse Ballard Davies, The Villas; Div. Supt. T. Evans, 3, Moore's-row; Sub-Officer D. James, 14, Aelybryn; M. James, Brynteg-street; Pte. W.H. Parry, Dynevor-street; Cadet Supt. J. Morgan, 3, Railway-terrace. For Pentwyn: Copl. T.J. Powell and Pte. G. Baldwin. It was also decided that every article given out from the depot will be given free for the first four weeks, after which a charge of 3d. per week, or part of a week will be made. This will be collected by members of the brigade each week. It should be borne in mind that should any articles be damaged in any way, the matter will be put before the committee and dealt with accordingly. The committee is composed of the following: Supt. T. Evans; Div. Sec. T. Thomas; Sun-Officer D. James; Cadet Supt. J. Morgan; Sergt. W. Parry; H. Thomas & D. Jenkins.

25 July 1942 A.R.P. Examination Eighteen members of the Fochriw A.R.P. wardens, underwent an examination on Tuesday at the A.R.P. Post. The examiner was Mr. W.J. Skyrme, head warden of the Powell Duffryn Colliery Company. Also present was Coun. R. Williams, head warden of the Gellygaer area.

25 July 1942 H.G. Tests W.M. Davies, the officer commanding D Company, 19th Battalion (Glamorgan) Home Guard (Fochriw), has received the results of the classification tests for signallers held at Caerphilly, and hearty congratulations have been extended to the signallers concerned from the Battalion Signals Officer. The results are: Corporal N.G. Thomas: Passed: buzzer, 100%; lamp, 100%; flag, 100%; passed in pair work and procedure; Private W.E. Jenkins: Passed: buzzer, 100%; lamp, 99%; flag, 100%; passed in pair work

and procedure; Private Alan Davies: Passed: buzzer, 100%; lamp, 100%; flag, 99%; passed in pair work and procedure. In his report, the examiner referred to each of the above as "a capable and keen signaller."

1 August 1942 Fire-Fighting A lecture was given at the A.R.P. post on Tuesday evening by Section-leader Davies of the National Fire Service, Bargoed.

8 August 1942 A.R.P. At the examination held at the warden's post, all members passed. The following were the successful candidates: Messrs. George Walters, Emyln Evans, T. Lawrence, Dan James, D. Lewis, R. Rees, D.T. Davies, R. Thomas, D. Jenkins, Tom Lewis, J.R. Walters, Tom Rowlands, R. Parry, J. Evans; Mesdames L.G. Jones, M. Evans, K. Walters, Miss S. Jones.

8 August 1942 For Good Cause The collections made by the following in aid of the National Air Raid Distress Fund in Fochriw: Collectors: Martin-street, Mrs. B. Harris and Miss E. Evans, 11s 4d; Guest and Dynevor-streets, Mrs. A. Davies and Miss E. Evans, 13s 1d; Lower Fochriw, Mrs. I. Cumpstone and Mrs. M. Jones, £1 4s 7d; Brynteg, Miss S. Jones and Miss E. Morgan: total £3 14s 2d; organiser Mrs. M. Jenkins. Pentwyn and Penybank: Pentwyn, Mrs. A. Jones, £1 2s 6d; Penybank, Mrs. A. Morgan, 7s 11d; total £7 10s 5d; organiser, Mrs. A. Jones. Pantywaun: Misses M. Richards and Gwyneth Thomas, 6s 7d; organiser, Mr. E.D. Jones. The organisers wish to thank all for their splendid cooperation.

15 August 1942 Legion Meetings Meetings of the Fochriw branch have resumed under the chairmanship of Mr. Idris Cumpstone, and members are delighted at the improvements made at their headquarters. The Welfare Committee was congratulated on their splendid work. Important matters are being discussed and it is hoped all ex-servicemen will join the Legion. The secretary is Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

15 August 1942 Benevolent Committee The annual meeting of the British Legion Benevolent Committee took place at the hall on Tuesday. Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The following officers were elected: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice chairman, Mr. W. Sullivan; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. The secretary gave a conference report. The financial statement was accepted. The chairman extended to Mr. Jones and his wife, the best wishes of the Committee on their marriage.

5 September 1942 Fochriw Prisoner of War Mrs. Davies of Pentwyn Farm has received news that her husband, Gunner Ivor Glyn Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. I. Davies, 58, Garden-street, Llanbradach, who was reported missing in the Middle East on June 20, 1942, is now a prisoner of war in Italy. [With photograph]

5 September 1942 Comforts Fund A great effort was made last Friday by members of the W.V.S. in aid of the local Comforts Fund. The women worked hard throughout the day, and the sum of £13 9s was realised. The president was Mrs. (Dr.) Monnelly; chairman, Mrs. M. Jenkins; secretary, Mrs. M. Davies.

3 October 1942 Prisoner of War Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Chapman, Brook-row, have been informed that their son, Gunner W.J. Chapman, R.A., is a prisoner of war in Japan. Before the war, he worked at Groesfaen Colliery.

3 October 1942 Fire-Watchers On Thursday, at the school yard, a lecture and demonstration was given on fire-bombs by Mr. Madley, Bargoed. A demonstration was also given on the putting out of incendiary bombs with stirrup pumps. A number of the audience took part.

10 October 1942 Fire Watchers' Lecture On Thursday evening at the Council Schoolyard, another of the series of lectures and demonstrations was held. The lecturer was Warden Madley, Bargoed. A few incendiary bombs were set alight and dealt with. A demonstration of rescuing an insensible person from a room caused by fire was given by Wardens Dan James and D.T. Davies.

17 October 1942 A.R.P. Lecture A lecture on air raid precaution was given at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday evening last by Mr. W. Madley, Bargoed, and Mr. Lyn Coope, science master, Bargoed. Mr. Coope gave a demonstration of the burning of phosphorous and magnesium bombs. Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided and the lecture was well attended.

17 October 1942 British Legion A meeting of the Fochriw branch was held at the New Hall on Monday when Mr. E.J. Cumpstone presided. A reports of the county committee was

submitted by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones who said vigorous attempts would be made by the Legion to obtain better legislation in the matter of pensions. He prophesied that Welsh branches would be in the forefront of the fight. Men discharged from the forces were not being given a square deal - they were being denied pensions and had no right of appeal. Mothers who had lost sons were subject to a means test, the rigidity of which surpassed anything known even under the Poor Law. There was a great deal of work to accomplish, and the Legion, with its 21 years' experience on all ex-Service problems, placed itself at the disposal of ex-Servicemen and ex-Servicewomen of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The finances of the branch were discussed. It was agreed to hold the annual meeting on Monday, October 16.

31 October 1942 A.R.P. Lecture A lecture on air raid precautions was given at the Council School, Pantywaun, was given by Warden Trevor Lawrence, Fochriw, which dealt with incendiary bombs and first aid work. Warden D.T. Davies gave a demonstration on how to rescue a person from a smoke-filled room. The lecture was well attended.

31 October 1942 Reported Missing Mr. & Mrs. Albert Neade, Hill-row, Pentwyn, have received information that their son, Sergeant Rufus Howard Neade, is missing as a result of air raid operations. Sympathy is extended to the family. Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones, late of 4, Glyn-terrace, now of Kidderminster, have been informed that their son, A.B. W. Jones, is reported missing on war service.

31 October 1942 British Legion The annual meeting of the Fochriw branch was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. Idris Cumpstone presided, and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. T.J. Jones, Pontlottyn; vice-presidents, Mr. W. Sullivan and Miss M.E. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. W. Pegg; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. E. Puddle; standard bearer, Mr. L. Small; chaplains, Rev. J.L. White and Rev. Eurof Jones. Arrangements were made for Remembrance Day service at St. Mary's on November 8.

7 November 1942 Remembrance Day A representative meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mr. E.J. Cumpstone. Arrangements for a parade on November 8 were completed. The parade will assemble at Railway-terrace at 2.15 p.m., and headed by the Fochriw Silver Band will march to St. Mary's Church. The officer commanding the R.A.S.C. depot will act as marshal, and contingents from the R.A.S.C. Home Guard and various other bodies will participate. Mr. L. Small and Mrs. Lewis will act as Legion standard bearers.

14 November 1942 Civil Defence At the New Hall on Monday, a meeting of representatives of the various civil and military organisations was held to consider a parade and service for Civil Defence Day on Sunday, 15 November. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne, and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, British Legion. It was decided that a parade comprising all the organisations, and headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, would start at 2.45 p.m., and head to Carmel Congregational Chapel for a service conducted by Rev. Eurof Jones.

14 November 1942 Remembrance Service The Parish Church was filled to capacity on Sunday afternoon for a service of remembrance conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J.L. White. A procession was formed headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, and comprised a military unit under the command of Lieuts. McKilroy and Davies, the Home Guard under the command of Lieut. W.M. Davies, the British Legion Legion Men's and Women's Sections, St. John Ambulance under the command of Supt. T. Evans, the Police and the A.R.P. Wardens. Wreaths were placed at the memorial window by the following organisations: Military by Lieut. McKilroy; British Legion Men's Section by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; B.L. Women's Section by Mrs. Harding; Mothers' Union by Mrs. Mantle. The "Last Post" was rendered by Bugler Glyn Burrows. The organist for the service was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

21 November 1942 Civil Defence Sunday This was celebrated on Sunday with a parade of the streets of Fochriw, marshalled by Lieut. W.M. Davies, and headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle. In the parade were a strong contingent of Home Guard, the Fochriw Ambulance Corps under Supt. T. Evans, the Special Constables in the charge of P.C. Fox, the Air Raid Wardens, members of the W.V.S., the Women's Section of the British Legion and the National Fire Service. A service followed at Carmel Cong. Chapel, Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. Silence was observed in memory of those who gave

their lives in the German air onslaught in this country in 1940-41, and tribute paid to civil defence workers who had withstood the severe ordeal. An appropriate anthem was sung with Mr. Tom Walters at the organ. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., read a message from the Prime Minister. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, organiser, has sent a cheque to the Lord Mayor's Fund. The amount collected was £4 6s 2d.

21 November 1942 Benevolent Committee The annual meeting of the Fochriw British Legion and United Services Fund was held at Fochriw last week, when the following were appointed officers for 1942-43. Chairman: Coun. W.J. Payne; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. The committee dealt with applications from ex-servicemen and women, and their dependants and administrators, on behalf of the British Legion and United Services' Fund, Central Relief Committee, London, who also act as a channel of communication between other war charities and regional associations. Cases are dealt with expeditiously and over a very wide field.

21 November 1942 British Legion Mr. E.J. Cumpstone presided over a branch meeting on Monday at the New Hall. Several new members were introduced. On dealing with the forthcoming Wales Area Conference of the British Legion to be held in Cardiff, it was decided to promote resolutions on pension (disablement) matters, and to press for the establishment of local appeal tribunals similar to those which operated after the 1914-18 campaign. A report of the benevolent work was given. The branch intends to meet fortnightly at the New Hall, and the next meeting will be held on November 23, when all ex-servicemen and women will be welcomed. Fochriw Poppy Day figures amounted to £16 1s 7d.

21 November 1942 Sale of Poppies In compliance with Earl Haig's British Legion Poppy Day Appeal, the sale of Flanders poppies took place in the village on Friday, and a fine sum of £16 1s 7d was realised, which surpasses all previous records. The amounts were as follows: Pantywaun (Misses C. & M. Thomas) 18s 9 1/2d; Penybank & Pentwyn (Mrs. Morgan & Mrs. Phillips) £2 11s 10d; Upper Fochriw (Mrs. L. Thomas) £2 2s 6 1/2d; Lower Fochriw (Mrs. G. Williams and Miss D. Williams) £2 2s 2d; Brynteg (Mrs. Mantle & Mrs. Evans) £1 8s 3d; donation, St. Mary's Church £1 5s; wreaths £5 12s. Mrs. M.E. Phillips, organiser, expresses sincere gratitude for the co-operation of the sellers, general public, and all who assisted towards such a worthy and noble cause.

5 December 1942 Tea and Presentation At the A.R.P. headquarters on Wednesday evening, a tea and presentation was held to mark the departure of Mr. & Mrs. G. Walters for London. Both are air raid wardens, and have been most active in their duties. Their departure will be regretted. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., presided, and presented cheques on behalf of the wardens, and wished them every success in their new sphere. Mrs. Walters responded on behalf of herself and her husband. Other speakers were Rev. Eurof Jones and Miss Sal Jones who paid tribute to Mr. & Mrs. Jones' splendid qualities. A musical programme was contributed to by Mr. Tom Lewis (bass solo), Mr. Dan Jenkins and Mr. Dan James (recitations). Mrs. G. Jones. Mrs. M. Evans and Miss Sal Jones attended at the tables.

12 December 1942 For Red Cross On Friday, a flag day was held in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War fund, when the sum of £10 12s was realized. The flag sellers were members of the Fochriw W.V.S.

26 December 1942 Exhibition and Sale of Toys At the New Hall on Tuesday, under the auspices of the W.V.S., there was an exhibition of toys made by members. Afterwards, they were sold in aid of the children of Russia and China, and a good sum was realized. Much credit is due to the women.

16 January 1943 Home Guards On Wednesday, Fochriw Platoon (under Lieut. W.M. Davies) went to Bargoed to take part in the battalion rifle shooting competition. Fochriw fired later in the evening and were confronted by a high aggregate set up by Pontllynn. However, they ran out winners with 187 points out of 200. Private Alun Davies was one of two throughout the battalion who scored maximum points. Fochriw were represented by Corporal H. Evans 24; Privates A. Davies 25, E. Jenkins 23, C. Davies 24, David Way 22, T. Kelly 22, D.J. Davies 24, & B. Davies 23. A shield and cheque are to be presented to the platoon in the near future by O.C. Battalion Lt-Col. T.D. Evans.

30 January 1943 Russia and China Funds Members of the Fochriw W.V.S. gratefully acknowledge donations to the funds. As a result of the sale of toys, together with donations, £70 6s. has been forwarded to headquarters. Thanks are accorded to all who contributed to this effort.

20 February 1943 Civil Defence Quiz Much interest was taken in the Inter-Services Quiz at Noddfa Vestry A.P.R. Post on Friday. The following services were represented in the competition: Wardens, Police, Home Guard, Fire Guard, Ambulance, W.V.S. and N.F.S. The questioner was Mr. T. Lawrence (head fire guard), and the umpires were Mr. A. Ballard and Rev. Eurof Jones.

6 February 1943 A.R.P. Quiz A successful quiz was held at the Noddfa Vestry on Friday evening under the auspices of the local organizations. P.C. Walter Cox was question master and all sections of the civil defence were represented. The answers on the whole were satisfactory. The umpires were Mr. A. Ballard, headmaster of Penybank school, and the Rev. E. Jones. Others present were Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., head warden; Coun. W.J. Payne; Supt. Tom Evans, St. John Ambulance; Lieut. W.M. Davies, Home Guard; Mr. T. Lawrence, Fire Brigade; Mrs. M. Jenkins, W.V.S.

27 February 1943 A.R.P. Quiz The third in the series was held at the A.R.P. Post on Friday when the following were represented: Wardens, Home Guard, N.F.S., Police, W.V.S., and Fire Guards. The question master was P.C. Cox and the umpires were Mr. Arthur Ballard and Mr. Dan Jenkins.

27 February 1943 Fire Guard Lectures The first of a series of four lectures to the women fire guards was given at Noddfa Vestry on Monday. The women showed great keenness in their training. The lecturer was Mr. E. Browning, supported by Mr. L. Evans, both of Pontlottyn. Mr. T. Lawrence presided, and was supported by Messrs. J. Evans and D.T. Davies, senior fire guards.

6 March 1943 A.R.P. Quiz An enjoyable time was spent at the New Hall on Friday when the A.R.P. Quiz was held. The opposing teams were Fochriw and Deri, and the final scores were Fochriw 62½ ; Deri 62. The question master was Inspector David Lewis, Bargoed, and the judges were Coun. Richard Williams, Captain W. Barker and Sergeant W. Blackler. Inspector Lewis said it was one of the best competitions he had yet attended and congratulated the teams on their fine work.

20 March 1943 Fire Guard Lecture A lecture was given at Noddfa Vestry on Monday, when Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided. P.S. Reginald Rowlands, Pontlottyn, was the lecturer.

10 April 1943 Flag Day Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Flag Day was held on Friday, when the sellers were: Mesdames Llewellyn & Lewis, Pentwyn, £1 3s 7½d; Mesdames Smith & Lawrence, Brynteg district, £1 2s 7½d; Mesdames Fox & Way, Aelybryn district, £1 2s 6d; Mesdames Rouse & Fisher, 19s 2d; Mesdames Pearce & Thomas, Brook-row district, 15s; Misses E. Morgan & R. Davies, Penybank, 9s; Misses M. Ralph & G. Thomas, Pantywaun, 8s 4d; total £6 1s.

10 April 1943 Aid To China The United Nations' Aid to China Fund Flag Day was organised by members of the W.V.S. The sellers were Mesdames T. Evans & P. Jones, Moore's Row & Pleasant View, £1 8s 6½d; Mesdames D. Jenkins & T. Thomas, Brynteg, £1 7s 4d; Mesdames S. Williams & R. Fox, Guest-street & Dynevor-street, 12s 7½d; Mrs. Harris & Miss Lloyd, Martin-street, 11s 2d; Mesdames Mantle & A.J. Evans, Telybryn, 9s 5½d; Mesdames J. Llewellyn & F. Williams, Pentwyn and Penybank, £1 7s 3½d; Misses M. Richards & Auronwen Thomas, Pantywaun, 7s 2d. The total amounted to £6 3s 7d.

17 April 1943 Comforts Fund When the Comforts Fund Committee met on Friday, Miss A. Evans, secretary, stated that more than £228 had been collected in the village since November 1939. The 78 members of the Forces had received gifts of money and comforts up to date, and each would receive a further gift of 10s. at Easter. It was decided that equivalent sums be sent to the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund on behalf of two local boys who are prisoners. The officers are: Chairman, Mrs. M. Jenkins; vice-chairman, Miss Eunice Morgan; treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Monelly; secretary, Miss A. Evans.

5 June 1943 British Legion The members of the women's section of the local branch journeyed to Brecon on Tuesday for their annual outing. They were accompanied by Mrs. Phillips, chairman, Mrs. Grace Edwards, treasurer, and Mrs. Harding, secretary.

12 June 1943 Welcome Home A great welcome was accorded two of the village boys of H.M. Forces who arrived home on Monday. They were Mr. Wally Jones, who had been three years in Gibraltar, and Mr. Gwilym Davies, who was for some time in the Gold Coast. The streets were gay with bunting.

19 June 1943 Welcome Home Fund A meeting was held at the New Hall last week to discuss the formation of a Welcome Home Fund in the village. The following officers and committee were appointed: Chairman, Mr. H. Wood; secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans; committee members, Messrs. W. Evans, Dan James, Crad Shankland, John Lewis, B. Pollock, Edgar Pritchard, J.E. Edwards and Emrys Lewis. The district collectors are: Aelybryn district, Mesdames G. Williams and Fox; Brynteg, Mesdames Catterson and Perkins; Caeglas, Mesdames Pollock and D. Davies. It is hoped to collect weekly from the public. All money will be devoted to the cause and all services given voluntarily.

19 June 1943 Flag Day During the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Flag Day last week, the following ladies sold flags: Aelybryn, Mesdames Gomer Williams and Ruth Fox, 15s 7d; Martin-street & Williams-row, Mrs. T. Evans & Miss R. Davies, 14s 3d; Brynteg, Mesdames W. Pearce and James Davies, £1 7s; Guest-street and Dynevor-street, Mesdames G. Martin and B. Angell, 17s 3d; Brook-row and Council Houses, Mesdames I. Cumpstone and B. Cumpstone, £1 2s 6d; Pentwyn and Penybank, Mesdames G. Llewellyn and Lewis, £1 12s; total £6 8s 4d. The organiser was Divisional Supt. Tom Evans.

3 July 1943 Welcome Home Fund A general meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday evening last, when P.C. Cox explained that the meeting was held with the view to forming a "Welcome Home" Fund. Coun. W.J. Payne presided. It was explained that the W.V.S. had a comforts fund which had been in existence for three and a half years. The fund was registered under the War Charities Act and had done excellent work in providing comforts for members of H.M. Forces by weekly collections, sewing and knitting classes, organising concerts, etc., under the chairmanship of Mrs. M. Jenkins, with Mrs. T. Evans, secretary, and Mrs. (Dr.) Monelly, treasurer. A statement of accounts was given by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Jenkins, together with the work of the fund since its formation. It was eventually decided that the present Comforts Fund be named the "Welcome Home" Fund, with representatives of various organisations and the churches to be added to it.

11 September 1943 British Legion On Tuesday, the women's section of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion held their annual outing at Swansea.

9 October 1943 Warden's Post A presentation was made at the Wardens' Post last week to Warden Mrs. Eunice Thomas to mark the occasion of her marriage and her departure from the village. She had been a faithful member of the A.R.P. The presentation was made by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P. The following contributed to the programme: Solos by Messrs. D. Jenkins and E. Evans; recitations by E. Evans, D. James, D. Jenkins, D. Lewis and the Rev. Eurof Jones. Speeches were made by the Rev. Eurof Jones, Messrs. D. Lawrence, E. Evans, D. Jenkins, Mesdames L.G. Jones, M. Evans and Miss Sal Jones.

16 October 1943 W.V.S. Comforts A meeting of the Comforts Fund was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Mrs. M. Jenkins, and supported by Mrs. A. Evans, secretary. Several questions were dealt with including future entertainments for raising funds. Mr. A. Ballard, treasurer of the Stay-at-Home entertainments, said the accounts were now ready for audit. Councillors S. Lewis and W.J. Payne were appointed auditors. Mr. Dan James was appointed a member of the committee.

23 October 1943 Air Raid Precaution Meeting A meeting was held at the Wardens' Post on Wednesday when Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., addressed the members. It was decided to recognise the services of Mr. & Mrs. S. Jones, Pentwyn wardens, who have left the district to reside at Bargoed with a gift from the members.

23 October 1943 Home Guard On Thursday, Fochriw Platoon won the Battalion miniature rifle competition at Bargoed. Fochriw Platoon surpassed itself with a score of 199 out of 200. This Platoon will now represent the 19th Battalion in the National Country Life

Competition to be held in December. The team had improved greatly since it gained 50th place out of 3,500 platoons in a similar competition some months ago. Fochriw team: Leader, Lt. W.M. Davies; firers - Ptes. E. Jenkins, A.M. Davies, Des Harding, R. Evans, H.T. Lewis, I. Small, M. Davies, D. Way, C. Davies, Corpl. F. Williams, Sgt. E. Lewis and Lieut. B. Davies.

23 October 1943 British Legion A presentation was made at the New Hall last week to Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones who is leaving with her family to reside at Ystrad Mynach. She has been a faithful member of the Women's Section of the British Legion and leaves with the best wishes of the members. She was presented with an oak tray by Mrs. L. Thomas on behalf of the members. Mrs. Jones suitably responded. Among the visitors was Mrs. M.H. Jones, an old member of the section now residing at Kidderminster. The officers of the Women's Section are: Mrs. Phillips, chairman; Mrs. Harding, secretary; Mrs. G. Harding, treasurer.

30 October 1943 Organist in India Signaller Norman Palmer, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmer, Council Houses, Fochriw, who is serving with the Royal Corps of Signals in India, was the organist at the Cathedral in Calcutta one Sunday recently. Before joining the Army, he was assistant organist at the Parish Church, Fochriw.

13 November 1943 A.R.P. Lecture Sgt. Rowlands, Pontllytyn, gave a lecture at the wardens' post on Monday on A.R.P. work.

13 November 1943 Poppy Day A number of sellers were busy during the weekend selling poppies. The organiser was Mrs. S. Phillips, Pentwyn, assisted by a band of workers and she wishes to thank all who assisted.

13 November 1943 Remembrance Sunday A service of remembrance was held at the Parish Church on Sunday conducted by the Vicar. Prior to the service, a parade was held headed by the Fochriw Silver Band (conductor Mr. A. Mantle). It comprised troops from the R.A.S.C. camp; the Home Guard; the British Legion (men's and women's sections); St. John Ambulance; the Cadets and Special Police. The service was very impressive. Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., was the organist. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by officers and men 219 Patrol Depot, R.A.S.C. Det. 247 Coy P.C., British Legion, Home Guard and Mothers' Union. Flowers were also placed in the church in memory of the fallen by their families.

27 November 1943 Met in Iraq Two school pals met recently in Iraq. They are A.B. Billie Lewis (Royal Navy), son of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Lewis, Pentwyn, and Bill Pullen (R.A.F.), son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pullen, Pentwyn.

1 January 1944 In Jap Hands Mr. & Mrs. W. Chapman, 12, Brook-row, Fochriw, after three years, have now received a card from their son, Gnr. W.J. Chapman (R.A.), who is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands. The card was written by him from No.1 P.O.W. Camp, Thailand. He states he is in excellent health.

15 January 1944 Home On Leave Pte. Joseph Jones, 1st Welch Regiment, arrived home last week after serving throughout the campaign with the Eighth Army. Pte. Jones was wounded in Sicily and arrived home on crutches. Previous to this war, he saw seven years service in India. He had not been home long when he was recalled on the outbreak of war.

5 February 1944 A.R.P. Presentation At the A.R.P. post on Wednesday, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Jones, Pentwyn, were presented with cash by the wardens of the post on their departure to Bargoed. Mr. & Mrs. Jones had served at Pentwyn since the outbreak of war. The presentation was made by Warden S. Jones. Mr. S. Lewis, head warden, and Mr. A. Mantle, also spoke. Items were given by Messrs. S. Lewis and D. Jenkins, and by Rev. Eurof Jones. Mr. & Mrs. Jones responded.

20 May 1944 A.P.R. Lecture At the wardens' post on Tuesday, lectures were given by P.S. Rowlands, Pontllytyn, and P.S. Edwards.

20 May 1944 S.S.A.F.A. Flag Day A flag day on behalf of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association was held on Friday and Saturday last. The sellers were Mesdames P. Lewis, £1 9s 3d; D. Morgan and C. Williams, £1 0s 7 1/2d; A. Palmer and T. Thomas, 17s 7 1/2d; Mrs. Jennie Williams and Miss Nancy Palmer, £1 1s 2d; Misses Kathleen Williams and Margaret Rowlands, £1 1s 5 1/2d; Elsie Davies, 17s 5 1/2d; Mary

Ralpn and Gwyneth Thomas, 6s 5d; total £6 0s 7d. The organiser, Mrs. W.J. Payne, wishes to thank all sellers and the public for their support.

10 June 1944 A.R.P. A lecture was given at the Wardens' Post on Tuesday by P.Sgt. A. Edwards.

24 June 1944 Fochriw Nurse One of First In France A 24 year old Fochriw nurse, Miss Megan Morgan of Aelybryn, was one of the first British women to land in France on D-Day. She was one of forty British nursing officers who embarked on a cruiser at an English port on Thursday week and competed in a race to be first up the Normandy beaches after landing 12 hours later. "I like it a lot. I feel I am doing a real man's job now," Miss Morgan told a newspaperman. "You should have seen the expression on those men's faces as we drove from the beach to the hospital. They rubbed their eyes as if they were seeing things. None of us was sick coming over and we had fun sliding down a canvas chute from the cruiser to the landing craft."

24 June 1944 A.R.P. A lecture was given at the wardens' post on Tuesday by P.S. Edwards.

24 June 1944 Wedding Presentation To mark the occasion of his wedding, a function was held at the wardens' post on Wednesday, when the Rev. Eurof Jones, who is a warden, received a presentation from his fellow wardens. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided, and the presentation was made by Mrs. Mary Evans. Rev. Jones suitably responded. Speeches were made by Messrs. A. Mantle, Dan James and Dan Jenkins, a reading was given by Coun. S. Lewis, and Mr. Tom Jones gave a solo. Tea was provided by Misses G., S., and Edna Jones, and M. Evans.

1 July 1944 A.R.P. Lecture At the Wardens' Post on Tuesday, a lecture was given by P.S. Edwards. A diagram of Fochriw and a demonstration of an incident was carried out by the members of the various services.

8 July 1944 Airman's Thanks L.A.C. William H. Pullen (R.A.F.), son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Pullen, 2, Glen-view, Pentwyn, who has been home on leave for three weeks after three years service abroad, thanks his friends and the neighbourhood for their kind reception. He had now returned to duty.

15 July 1944 In German Hands Mr. & Mrs. G. Vincent, Danybryn, Fochriw, have been officially informed that their son, Reginald V. Smith, is a prisoner in Germany.

15 July 1944 Evacuees Arrive On Sunday, 45 children arrived from the London area. They were received at the New Hall by Mr. I. Cumpstone, billeting officer, and Coun. W.J. Payne, a member of the Evacuation Committee. A number of willing ladies were present to take the children to their homes. Mr. Cumpstone rendered splendid service, and the arrangements were carried out satisfactorily.

22 July 1944 Prisoner of War Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Chapman, 12, Brook-row, have received a card from their son, Gnr. W.J. Chapman, who is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands. His card is from No.4 P.O.W. Thailand. He says he is in excellent health.

5 August 1944 Nurse In Normandy Another Fochriw nurse has landed in Normandy and is doing splendid work. She is Miss Hannah Mantle of the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service. She is the daughter of Mr. A. Mantle, and the late Mrs. M.S. Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn.

23 September 1944 Comforts Fund A meeting of the Fochriw Comforts Fund was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Mrs. M. Jenkins, with the secretary, Mrs. A. Evans. A discussion took place on the winter's programme. It was decided that only one committee - known as the general committee - should carry on. It was also decided to engage a dramatic company to give a drama each month. It was reported that another 10s. had been given to members of H.M. Forces.

14 October 1944 Home From Hospital Commando David Lloyd Jones, son of Mrs. S.A. Jones, and the late Mr. W.H. Jones, Martin-street, Fochriw, is home after being in hospital. He went over to Normandy on D-Day and did much fighting before being wounded. He joined up in January 1940.

21 October 1944 Killed in Action Mr. and Mrs. David Williams of Mount Pleasant-view, Pentwyn, have received official notification that their son Pte. Ellis Williams, has been killed

in action in North West Europe. He joined the South Wales Borderers in the early days of the war. He was 27 years of age and before enlisting was employed on the surface of Ogilvie Colliery, Deri.

4 November 1944 Wounded in Action News has been received that N. Thomas, South Wales Borderers, husband of Mrs. N. Thomas, and son of Mr. G. Thomas and the late Mrs. Thomas, Aelybryn, has been wounded in Holland and is now in hospital in Newport. Before joining up, he was employed by the Gellygaer U.D. Council as meter record clerk.

16 December 1944 Home On Leave The following Fochriw boys returned home this week after active service abroad and were given a splendid reception, flags being displayed from the windows: Gunner J.P. Lewis, R.A., after four and a half years in Norway, Egypt, Palestine and Italy; Wireless Operator John G. Lewis, R.A.F., with three and a half years service in the Middle East; Oriel Jones and Gethin Jones, Royal Navy.

6 January 1945 Killed in Action News has been received by Mr. Ernest Cumpstone of the death over Saipan of his nephew, 2nd/Lieut. Robert L. Cumpstone, P.47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot, son of Mr. H. Cumpstone, late of Fochriw, now of Hamden, Conn., U.S.A. 2nd/Lieut. Cumpstone graduated from Hamden High School in 1942, and while a student there was a member of the baseball and hockey teams. He joined the Army Air Corps in March 1943 and was commissioned last January. He went overseas in February, his first engagement being in Hawaii.

13 January 1945 Poppy Day Result Miss S. Phillips, organiser, thanks all who co-operated in the successful Poppy Day appeal. The amount realised was £28 which has been forwarded to Earl Haig's Fund.

13 January 1945 Home From Abroad Driver Evan M. Lewis, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Lewis, Brynteg-street, returned home on leave from Belgium, where he has been since D.Day. Pte. J. Morgan (Welch Regt.) son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Morgan, Council Houses, has also returned on leave from Burma. Both were given a fine reception.

17 February 1945 Aid For China At Noddfa on Tuesday, a meeting was held, when the Rev. Crwys Williams, Cardiff, gave an address on "United Aid for China." Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided.

17 February 1945 Comforts Fund A meeting of the Fochriw Comforts Fund Committee was held last Friday. A gift of £6 5s. was received from the Empire Club, Pontlottyn. Coun. S. Lewis proposed and Miss R. Davies seconded that a vote of thanks be given to the members of the Empire Club. Mrs. D. Jenkins presided. The secretary is Mrs. A. Evans, and the treasurer, Mrs. Monnelly. The collection for the month was £7 19s 10d.

3 March 1945 British Legion The annual meeting of the British Legion Benevolent Fund was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Coun. Payne presided, supported by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, and Mrs. L. Thomas, treasurer. The chairman, who welcomed Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, stated that they all regretted Mr. Jones's decision to resign as secretary on his removal to Ystrad Mynach, and he paid tribute to Mr. Jones's efforts for the Legion, and said he had always been ready to help any member, and many an ex-serviceman owed him a debt of gratitude. Others who spoke of Mr. Jones's sterling qualities were Mr. Idris Cumpstone, Mrs. L. Thomas, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Mantle and Mr. T. Jones. Mr. Jones responded and said he was sorry to resign, but he would have pleasant recollections of his work with the branch. He appealed to ex-Servicemen to become members of the Legion. It was decided to place on record Mr. Jones's services. Officers elected were: chairman, Mr. W.J. Payne; secretary, Mr. I. Cumpstone; treasurer, Mrs. L. Thomas; committee, Messrs. S. Phillips, C. Cumpstone, W. Sullivan, S. Ballard, E. Puddle, D.O. Davies, Mrs. G. Llewellyn (section representative), Mrs. Mantle (W.V.S.), Mrs. Phillips (poppy organizer), Mrs. M.E. Thomas (branch representative); chaplains, Revs. E. Adams Evans, Eurof Jones and Wm. Thomas.

10 March 1945 Nursing Sister Honoured At the Old Library on Wednesday, a presentation and social took place, when Sister Menneer, the daughter of Mr. A. Mantle, Pentwyn, was presented with an inscribed oak tray, given by the Women's Section of the Fochriw British Legion, for courageous service abroad. Mrs. Phillips presided and the presentation was made by Mrs. Farley, president. Sister Menneer suitably responded. The following also spoke: Rev. Adams Evans, vicar; Mr. Tom Jones, chairman of the men's branch; Mr. Idris Cumpstone,

secretary; Mr. S. Phillips; Mr. C. Cumpstone; Mrs. Harding, secretary of the Women's Branch; L. Thomas, vice chairman. They all paid tribute to Sister Menneer. Mr. A. Mantle, father, and Tom and John, brothers, thanked the section.

24 March 1945 From West Front Sapper G.H. Colbourne of 16, Hill-row, Pentwyn, who was home on leave last week from Belgium where he is serving with the 21st Army, landed in Normandy on D-Day, and was also at Dunkirk. A concert was organised on his behalf at the Mount Pleasant Inn, where many local artistes gave their services. Mr. A. Woods of Fochriw presided. Mrs. Colbourne wishes to thank all for their friendly attitude towards her husband.

24 March 1945 Mentioned In Dispatches Acting-Sergt. Thomas Francis Thomas, R.E.M.E., son of Mrs. Sarah Thomas and the late Mr. Thos. Thomas, Williams-row, has received the following letter from the Admiralty: "I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that they have had before them a report of your good services in connection with the operations for the invasion of Normandy, and I am to say that their lordships have noted with satisfaction the part you played in this great enterprise."

24 March 1945 Home on Leave Pte. Leslie Harris (Armoured Tank Brigade of Signals), son of Mr. & Mrs. David Harris, Martin-street, and husband of Mrs. L. Harris of London, has been home from Holland. Chief Officer Tom Smith (Merchant Navy), son of Mrs. Flewett and the late Mr. G. Smith, Plantation-terrace, is now home for three months to pursue his studies for his master's certificate. C.Q.M.S. Tudor Rowlands, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Rowlands, Glyn-terrace, is home on leave after seeing service in France, Belgium and Holland. He is an old Bargoed Secondary School boy, and afterwards a student at Carmarthen College, from where he joined the Forces.

31 March 1945 Home Guard Honour Further honour has come to a member of the local Home Guard platoon. Sergt. L.D. Mantle has received a certificate of appreciation of his services from the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Command. Sergt. Mantle has contributed greatly to the success of the platoon during its existence.

31 March 1945 Rifle Team's Place The Home Guard rifle team has just been notified of the last national competition, held last December. Of thousands of competitors throughout Britain, the local team was placed 46. Only one Welsh team - Denbigh - was placed higher on the list. Fochriw was represented by Lieut. B. Davies, 2nd-Lieut. E. Lewis, Sergts. Mantle, W.E. Jenkins, F. Williams, and A.M. Davies, Corpls. D. Harding and Roy Evans, Pte. T. Williams.

28 April 1945 Home From Burma Pte. David Davies, S.W.B., Dynevor-street, is home on leave after three years in Burma. He received a splendid reception. A concert was held at the Rising Sun on Friday to mark the occasion. Mr. A.H. Wood presided.

28 April 1945 Legion Delegates Mrs. M. Phillips, Mrs. Harding and Mrs. G. Llewellyn were the delegates representing the British Legion Fochriw Branch (Women's Section) at the London Conference last week. Mrs. Phillips was presented by the Queen with a certificate of merit as Chairman of the Women's Section for ten years.

28 April 1945 British Legion Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting of Service Committee at the New Hall on Monday, supported by Mrs. Phillips (vice-chairman), Mr. Idris Cumpstone (secretary), and Mrs. L. Thomas (treasurer). The secretary dealt with the correspondence, after which the cases of sickness, and other deserving cases, were considered. Grants were made. The chairman appealed for all ex-servicemen and women to join the branch and to attend the branch meetings.

5 May 1945 Home on Leave Gunner E. Ballard, R.A., Guest-street, was home on leave last week after serving in Belgium, Holland, and other theatres of war. He was given a fine reception.

5 May 1945 VE Day A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday presided over by Mrs. M. Jenkins and attended by representatives of the various organizations. It was decided to hold various functions. A sub-committee was formed to make the necessary arrangements. Mr. Bob Davies is the secretary.

12 May 1945 Fochriw Airman's B.E.M. L.A.C. Geraint Davies, R.A.F., attached to the South East Asia Air Forces, son of Mr. & Mrs. D.T. Davies, Guest-street, has been awarded

the British Empire Medal. He became an R.A.F. Commando in combined operations and took part in many landings and for great bravery was awarded the B.E.M. The presentation was made by Lord Louis Mountbatten himself. L.A.C. Davies was wounded but is making satisfactory progress. He hopes to be in the last big "jump" when Singapore is re-taken.

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12 May 1945 Welcome Home A concert was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, to welcome home G. Baker, R.A.F., after serving overseas. Mr. A.H. Wood presided.

12 May 1945 Red Cross Fund During the month of April, the sum of £8 1s 5½d was collected for the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund. The proceeds from the performance given by the Pontllytyn Melody Makers amounted to £22, and a donation of £1 1s. was received from the Fochriw Ambulance Corps. A letter of appreciation has been received from Mrs. Etherington Smith, secretary.

12 May 1945 VE-Day Services Services were held at the Parish Church on VE-day, conducted by the vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist. United services were held at Carmel Chapel and Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided. Those who took part were Revs. E. Jones, T.J. Jones, David Lewis and B. Davies, Miss A. Jones and A. Dummett. During the evening, a singing festival was held at which the Rev. E. Jones presided and the Rev. T.J. Jones led in prayer. Mr. M. Shankland was the conductor and Mr. Thomas Walters the organist.

19 May 1945 Victory Celebrations Fochriw, Penybank and Pentwyn co-operated to celebrate victory last week. On Tuesday, thanksgiving services were held at all churches. In the evening, open-air dancing took place to music played by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, assisted by Mr. Emrys Lewis. After dancing, a procession was formed and marched to the Gwrydd Tip, where a large bonfire was lit and Hitler's effigy was burned. On Wednesday, the children were entertained to dinner and tea. After dinner, the children formed up, and headed by the Silver Band, paraded the village. They were joined by adults, and in the parade were the standards of the British Legion men's and women's sections. The children returned to the New Hall for tea, and later, sports were held until dark, when they returned to the Square for dancing and community singing until midnight. Great praise is due to all who helped, to the band for their services, and to those who donated food etc. The officers were: chairman, Mrs. M. Jenkins; vice chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; treasurer, Mrs. A. Ballard; secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies.

2 June 1945 Forces Flag Day A flag day on behalf of the S.S.A.F.A. was organised on Friday last throughout the village. The collectors were: Mrs. W. Edwards and Mrs J. Harding, £1 4s; Mrs. F. Lewis, 12s 1d; Mrs. Jenny Williams and Mis Margaret Rowlands, 18s 6½d; Mrs. Tom Thomas, 10s 1d; Mrs. L. Thomas, 7s 8d; Misses Jean Slimmon and Betty Fox, 7s 10d; Mrs. Angell, 5s 8½d; Misses M. Ralph and G. Thomas, 7s 1d; total £5 5s 3d. The organizer, Coun. W.J. Payne, wishes to thank all who helped in any way.

16 June 1945 From South Africa Mr. Cyril Perkins, 1, Plantation-street, arrived home on Friday, after three and a half years in South Africa with the A.S.C. Before his discharge from the Army, he spent several months in hospital.

16 June 1945 Welcome Home Concerts Mr. A.H. Wood presided over concerts at the Rising Sun Hotel on Monday and Friday, to welcome home P/O W.W. Grist and R. Machdonald of the Royal Navy. At each concert, a collection was made. Several well known artistes gave their services. A word of praise is due to the host and hostess, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Pritchard, for their great kindness on occasions of this nature.

30 June 1945 Fochriw Comforts Fund To mark the return home of Ex-P.O.W. Pte. W. Grist, S.W.B., of Council Houses, Fochriw, a concert was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, when Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided. The artistes were Nurse Ballard Davies, Dilys Edwards, A. Jones, Tom Lewis, Pat Sullivan and M. Shankland. Selections were given by the Youth Choir conducted by Mr. H.B. Thomas. At the piano were Mr. W.P. Lawrence and Mr. H.B. Thomas. Mrs. M. Jenkins (the president) presented Pte. Grist with £14 from street collections, and Pte. Grist suitably responded. The secretary is Mrs. A. Evans; treasurer, Mrs. Monelly; chairman, Mrs. M. Jenkins.

30 June 1945 Evacuees' Return On Monday, a large number of evacuees returned to London after being at Fochriw for some years. They had become very much attached to the village and people.

30 June 1945 Legion Social The Women's Section of the British Legion held a social at the New Hall on Wednesday. Proceeds amounting to £17 10s. were presented to Private Wm. Grist, ex-prisoner of war, by Mr. Idris Cumpstone. The proceeds of a previous dance run by the section of the British Legion were divided between the Fochriw and Pentwyn Comforts Fund. Mrs. Harding is the secretary of the Fund; Mrs. G. Edwards, treasurer; Mrs. Phillips chairman.

7 July 1945 Benefit Concert Mr. A.H. Wood presided over a concert at the Rising Sun on Monday evening, when some very fine artistes gave their services, with Mr. G. Harris as the pianist. The benefit was for Mr. Cyril Perkins, who has been invalided home from the Army after service abroad.

7 July 1945 Welcome Home Social On Tuesday at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, a social and presentation took place to welcome home Prisoner-of-War Douglas Small, who was presented with a cheque on behalf of the inhabitants of the village. The presentation was made by Mrs. Davies, treasurer of the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund. Mr. Small expressed his gratitude. Mrs. Llewellyn presided and the following officers assisted: Mrs. F. Lewis and Mrs. S. Phillips. The people of the village provided the refreshments.

14 July 1945 Welcome Home Concert At the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, a concert was given to welcome home Private E.M. Lewis, R.A.M.C. from abroad. Mr. A.H. Wood presided and the proceeds of the concert were handed to Pte. Lewis, who thanked them for their kindness. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Lewis of Brynteg.

21 July 1945 Welcome Home Concert A concert was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday to welcome home Geraint Davies, R.A.F., after serving abroad, where he was awarded the B.E.M. Mr. A.H. Wood presided, and a number of artistes contributed to the programme. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. D.T. Davies, Guest-street.

21 July 1945 Cpl. Edward Chapman, V.C. It was with great joy that Fochriw people heard of the award of the V.C. to Cpl. Edward Chapman. The greater part of his schooling was received at Fochriw School.

28 July 1945 V.C. Welcomed Home Hundreds from the village of Fochriw joined in the welcome home to Corporal E.T. Chapman, V.C., at Pontlottyn on Sunday. The procession was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, assisted by Mr. E. Lewis, deputy bandmaster.

28 July 1945 Welcome Home A concert was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday to welcome home Mr. Tudor Davies (R.E.) and Mr. Fred Morgan (R.A.F.) Several artistes took part. Mr. A.H. Wood presided, and the accompanist was Mr. G. Harris. Cheques were presented to the guests by Mr. W. Paynter (miners' agent).

28 July 1945 British Legion Dance A successful dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday, organised by the Women's Section of the British Legion. The proceeds, which amounted to £14, were given to Ex-Serviceman C. Perkins who is in poor health, and was recently invalided out of the Army. The M.Cs. were Messrs. L. Cumpstone and C. Shankland. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. Mrs. Phillips was chairman, and Mrs. G. Edwards treasurer.

4 August 1945 To Honour Heroes A public meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. The object was to recognise in some tangible form the deeds of bravery of Corporal E.T. Chapman, V.C.; Geraint Davies, B.E.M.; and Capt. Catterson, M.B.E. Coun. W.J. Payne was appointed chairman, with Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, Mr. Sam Lewis, treasurer; Mr. Idris Cumpstone, vice-chairman; with a strong committee. Several events were outlined. The first two events were a community singing at Noddfa and a dance at the New Hall.

4 August 1945 M.B.E. Honoured A social gathering was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday in honour of Capt. Catterson, M.B.E. Mr. A.H. Wood presided. A number of first class artistes gave their services. On being handed the proceeds, Capt. Catterson thanked them for their kindness and handed it back with a wish that it should be given to the

childrens' Victory Tea. The amount was then added to by Mr. Stan Williams, and doubled. Corp. E.T. Chapman, V.C. was present. The officers and committee deserve praise for the regular events and large sums handed to members of the Forces returning. No effort is spared by the Host and Hostess, Mr. & Mrs. E.T. Pritchard in the success of these events.

4 August 1945 V.C. Visits Fochriw On Friday, Corp. E.T. Chapman, V.C., Caenewydd, Fochriw-road, Pontlottyn, paid a visit to his old school, Fochriw Council School. He was welcomed by the headmaster, Mr. D. Jenkins and staff. He was accompanied by his wife and child. He recounted some of his experiences, and visited each classroom, where he received a tremendous ovation from the children. They were proud to welcome to their midst an ex-pupil who had brought such honour to their school by earning the greatest of all honours - the Victoria Cross - for an act of great valour and courage on the battlefield. Afterwards, Mr. & Mrs. Chapman had a meal at the school dining hall.

11 August 1945 V.E. Celebrations As a result of a gift of £10 from Capt. Catterson, M.B.E., M.N., Mr. Stan Williams, Mr. E. Pritchard and the Welcome Home Committee, the V.E. Celebrations Committee now have £36 to provide the children of the locality with suitable celebrations to mark the end of the Pacific War. A full committee meeting will be held shortly to discuss means of augmenting this sum.

11 August 1945 V.C.'s Visit On Thursday at the New Hall, Corpl. E.T. Chapman, V.C., was welcomed as a former pupil of the Fochriw Council School, and with Geraint Davies, B.E.M., R.A.F., S.E.A.C., another local boy, and Capt. Catterson, M.B.E., of the Merchant Navy, who has live at Fochriw with his family for many years, were each presneted with a cheque in honour of their was services. The chiarman, Coun, Payne, said they were honouring brave men who had won distinction in this war. On the stage were Corpl. Chapman, his wife and mother; Mr. & Mrs Geraint Davies; and Mr. & Mrs. Catterson. Speeches were made by Coun, W.H. Lee, J.P., chairman of Gellygaer Council; Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., Coun. Geo. Richards, Mr. Idris Cumpstone (chairman of the British Legion), Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, Mr. D.J. Davies and Mr. Stan Williams. Those who presented the cheques were Mrs. Farley (President of the Women's Section, British Legion) to Corpl. Chapman; Mrs. L. Thomas to Capt. Catterson; and Mrs. A. Evans to Geraint Davies. All suitably responded. During the evening a dance was held, the music supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. The M.Cs. were Mr. Idris Cumpstone and Mr. D.J. Davies.

25 August 1945 British Legion A presentation and tea took place at the New Hall on Wednesday, when members of the Women's Section of the Fochiw Branch of the British Legion presented Geraint Davies (R.A.F.) with a set of brushes as a token of appreciation by the Legion at his recent award of the B.E.M. The presentation was made by Mrs. Phillips, chairman. The secretary is Mrs. J. Harding, and the treasurer Mrs. W. Edwards.

25 August 1945 V.C. Honoured At the Rising Sun Inn on Monday evening, a social was held to honour Cpl. Edward T. Chapman, V.C. Mr. A.H. Wood presided, and several artistes took part. Mr. D.J. Davies was the pianist. Capt. Catterson, M.B.E. presented Cpl. Chapman with a cheque, and Cpl. Chapman suitably responded. The host and hostess, Mr. & Mrs. E.T. Pritchard, made all the arrangements.

15 September 1945 Jap Prisoner Safe Mrs. Chapman, Brook-row, has received official information that her son, W.J. Chapman, R.A., is safe in India after having been prisoner in Japanese hands. He is hoping to be home soon.

15 September 1945 Mile of Pennies Organised by the Comforts Fund and Welcome Home Fund, a mile of pennies was held on Friday and a good sum was realised. Mrs. D. Jenkins was chairman, and Mrs. T. Evans the secretary.

6 October 1945 Victory Tea The Womens' Section of the British Legion held a victory tea at the New Hall, when Mrs E. Lewis, Pentwyn, was presented with a shopping bag in appreciation of her 11 years service as standard bearer. The presentation was made by Mrs. Llewellyn. Mrs. Lewis thanked the members for their kindness.

17 November 1945 P.O.W's. Return Gnr. W.J. Chapman, R.A., son of Mrs. Chapman, and the late Mr. Wm. Chapman, Brook-row, returned home on Saturday last after being a prisoner of war in Japanese hands for three and a half years in a Thailand camp. During his

captivity, his father died. Gnr. Chapman is a cousin of Cpl. Chapman, V.C. He joined the army five years ago, and was taken prisoner in Singapore.

17 November 1945 Remembrance Day A service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, the Vicar officiating. Two minutes silence was observed at 11a.m., and a special service was held in the afternoon when members of the various organisations attended. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial Window in memory of the fallen by the Men's and Women's sections of the British Legion, and by the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union. Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist.

24 November 1945 Poppy Dance The Women's Section of the British Legion held a "Poppy Dance" at the New Hall on Thursday. During the interval, Mr. W.J. Chapman, ex-prisoner of war, was presented with a cheque for £23. Mr. Chapman suitably responded. Music was provided by the Fochriw Silver Band, and the M.Cs. were Messrs. I. Cumpstone and C. Shankland. Messrs. T. Jones (pentwyn) and D. Griffiths (Fochriw) were door attendants.

1 December 1945 Sale of Poppies Mrs. S. Phillips (local organiser) thanks all who gave their services, and also the general public for their loyal support, in the sale of Earl Haig poppies. The sum realised this year was £26 14s.

22 December 1945 Comforts' Fund Mrs. M. Jenkins was chairman at a meeting of the Fochriw Comforts' Fund at the New Hall on Thursday, supported by Mrs. A. Evans, secretary, who gave the financial report, showing the splendid work that had been done. It was decided to organize a public function to share out the funds to the servicemen and women after the audit.

26 January 1946 Mentioned in Despatches Sergt. C.H. Perkins, 1, Plantation-terrace, has received an official notification from the Colonel in charge of R.A.S.C. records, which stated that he was mentioned in despatches in supplement to the "London Gazette" dated November 29, 1945. Certificates and emblems awarded in respect of the above publication will be forwarded in due course. The award was won while Sergt. Perkins was with G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, North Africa.

4 May 1946 British Legion A presentation was made by the Women's Section on Wednesday to Mrs. M. Clayton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, Aelybryn, who is shortly sailing for America to join her husband. Mrs. Farley, president, made the presentation of a set of fruit spoons.

18 May 1946 Victory Celebrations Meetings have been held, and a fine programme including sports, fireworks, street teas, carnival, cymanfa ganu for children and adults, has been arranged for June 8. Also, a dance will be held on Friday evening, June 7.

8 June 1946 Flag Day On Friday, a flag day was organised in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors and Airmen's Families Association. The following were the sellers: Mrs. M.H. Morgan and Miss M. Rowlands; Mrs. G. Williams and Mrs. C. Shankland; Mrs. E. Matthews; Miss N. Palmer & Miss V. Pegg; Mrs. Lewis; Misses E. Morgan & E. Davies; Misses Mary & Maureen Ralph. The sum of £4 5s 1d was realised.

22 June 1946 Legion Presentation On Wednesday, a presentation was made by the Fochriw Branch of the Women's Section of the British Legion. Miss P. Cole, Aelybryn, was presented with a double cake-stand by Mrs. Farley, president of the section. Miss Cole, who recently returned home after four years nursing abroad, thanked all members for their kindness. The secretary is Mrs. J. Harding.

20 July 1946 Promoted Lieutenant Mr. Phillip Mantle, youngest son of Mr. Albert Mantle, and the late Mrs. M.S. Mantle, Hill-row, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He is serving in Palestine, and is attached to the 1st Herefordshire Regt. He is 20 years old and an old pupil of Bargoed Secondary School.

7 September 1946 Legion Presentation A presentation tea was given by members of the women's section of the British Legion at the Old Reading Room on Monday, when Mrs. D. Lasalle, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Williams, Aelybryn, was presented with a silver-rimmed salad bowl by Mrs. S. Phillips, chairman. Mrs. Lasalle, a former member of the A.T.S., has now left this country to join her husband in Canada. He served in the Canadian Army in this

country during the war. All members wished Mrs. Lasale every good wish in her new home. The secretary is Mrs. I.J. Harding.

26 October 1946 In Sound Position The annual meeting of the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion was held at the New Hall on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mr. T. Jones, Pentwyn. Also present were Messrs. S. Phillips, president; W.T. Pegg, treasurer; W.I. Cumpstone, secretary; W.H. Way, vice-chairman. The secretary gave the financial report and it showed the branch to be in a good position. Mr. Cumpstone then announced his resignation owing to pressure of business. This was accepted with regret, and appreciation of his services was expressed by the president, the chairman and Mr. Puddle. Officers for 1946-47 are: Messrs. S. Phillips, president; P. Plunt, vice-president; E.I. Cumpstone, chairman; W.H. Way, vice-chairman; W.T. Pegg, treasurer; T.G. Thomas, secretary; C. Cumpstone, standard bearer; delegate to National Conference, E.I. Cumpstone; to Area Conference, T.G. Thomas; to County Committee, E. Puddle; branch committee, Messrs. E. Puddle, H. Evans, C. Cumpstone, D. Griffiths, W.H. Way, P. Mills, T.J. Morgan; Service Committee, Messrs. S. Phillips, C. Cumpstone, T.G. Thomas, H. Tunley, Gwilym Davies, E. Puddle, T.J. Morgan. The Poppy Day organiser, Mrs. S. Phillips, tendered her resignation after ten years service. It was accepted with regret and appreciation was expressed by the chairman and other members. Mrs. Farley, Supply Stores, was nominated to fill the position.

23 August 1947 Legion Women A presentation tea was held on Thursday at the Old Library by the British Legion (Women's Section), at which Mrs. L. Thomas, late vice-president of the section, was presented with a silver brooch by Mrs. F. Lewis, in recognition of services rendered in the past. Mrs. Farley, president, also presented Nurse M. Chapman, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. Chapman, Aelybryn, with a string of pearls. Nurse Chapman has been nursing abroad for some time. Both suitably responded.

18 October 1947 British Legion The annual meeting of the Fochirw Branch was held at the New Hall recently. Mr. E.I. Cumpstone, chairman, presided, assisted by Mr. T.G. Thomas, secretary. The secretary gave the financial report for the year. The following officers were elected: president, Mr. S. Phillips; vice-president, Mr. G. Blunt; chairman, Mr. E.I. Cumpstone; vice-chairman, Mr. W.H. Way; treasurer, Mr. W.T. Pegg; secretary, Mr. T.G. Thomas; standard bearer, Mr. C. Cumpstone; chaplains, Rev. E. Adams Evans, Rev. Eurof Jones; delegate to the national conference, Mr. E.I. Cumpstone; delegate to the area conference, Mr. T.G. Thomas; additional delegate to area conference, Mr. S. Phillips; committee, Messrs. W.H. Way, T.J. Morgan, Dd. Griffiths, T. Jones, G. Mantle, H. Tunley. Arrangements for the Remembrance Day service to be held on Nov. 9 were left to the secretary. It was decided to send representatives to the dedication service at Rhydney on Sunday.

8 January 1949 Legion Social On New Year's Eve, an enjoyable time was spent at the Old Library by the children of the Women's Section members. An excellent meal was provided by the women members. Afterwards games were played.

29 January 1949 Legion Supper The annual supper of the Women's Section was held at the Old Library on Wednesday. Good wishes were passed to Mrs. I.J. Harding, the secretary, who is in Merthyr General Hospital.

26 February 1949 Chairman Honoured At a meeting of the Women's Section of the British Legion on Tuesday, regret was felt at the resignation of Mrs. M. Phillips as chairman of the Section after fourteen years faithful service. To mark her retirement, Mrs. Phillips was presented with a bedroom clock. The presentation was made by Mrs. Mantle. Mrs. Phillips thanked the members for the kindness and respect shown her.

3 November 1951 Annual Supper The Women's Section of the British Legion (Fochriw Branch) held their annual supper at the Old Library on Wednesday. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. G. Williams, and Mrs. I.J. Harding, secretary.

12 April 1952 Civil Defence Mr. Emrys Lewis, 12, Railway-terrace, who attended the Civil Defence general instructors course at New Tredegar Rescue Station, has qualified as a general instructor (green certificate standard). Mr. Lewis is employed at Ogilvie Colliery as fire officer underground.

18 June 1955 British Legion A special British Legion membership campaign was held at the Rising Sun on Saturday, June 11, when the officers of the North East Glamorgan County Committee, and the officers of the Pontllytyn and District branch were present. Mr. H. Ward, County Chairman, spoke of the vast work the British Legion is doing for ex-servicemen and women and their dependents. He also spoke about increasing membership. Others who spoke were Mr. Ron King, county secretary, Coun. Cyril Phillips, vice-chairman, and the county treasurer, Mr. W.T. Christopher. Coun. Hy. James, treasurer of the local branch also spoke, and thanked the N.E.G.C.C. for coming to Fochriw. This was seconded by Mr. R. Surtees. Among others who spoke were Mr. W. Pearce, Fochriw. The next branch meeting will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Pontllytyn, on Friday, 24 June at 7.30 p.m. and all ex-servicemen are requested to make an effort to attend.

2 July 1955 British Legion The local branch of the British Legion held its fortnightly meeting at the Nelson Hotel on Friday last. It was well attended, and the committee and members are now hard at work on the branch and social activities. It is proposed to hold a social evening on Saturday, July 9. The secretary is Mr. C. Gardener, 1, Sunny View, Pontllytyn. Anyone wishing to join can also contact Mr. R. Surtees, 103, Glanynant, Fochriw.

17 November 1956 British Legion At the annual general meeting of the Pontllytyn and Fochriw Branch, the following were elected to office: secretary, Mr. C. Gardener; treasurer, Coun. H. James; chairman, Mr. S. G. Evans; assistant secretary, Mr. M. Williams; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Tuck; assistant treasurer, Mr. D. Middleton; committee, Messrs. R. Surtees, D. Williams, D. Greaney T. J. Price, D. J. Jones, G. Watkins, C. Murphy, D. Walters. On Thursday next, the first meeting of the women's section will be held at Pontllytyn, and members are urged to give the branch greater support by attending meetings. From our heart deep feeling - from our pockets £5 5s to the Hungarian Relief Fund. This was decided at the meeting. Information about matters affecting ex-servicemen may be had from the secretary, 1, Sunny View, Pontllytyn, or from Mr. R. Surtees, 103, Glanynant, Fochriw. Next meeting, Nov. 24.

30 March 1957 British Legion A meeting of the Women's Section was held on Thursday last at the O.P. Welfare Hall, Pontllytyn. The next meeting will be held on Monday next at 7.30 p.m. All ladies of Fochriw are invited to come along. The Branch Executive meeting was held on Friday, when it was decided to hold a meeting at Fochriw on Friday, April 5. Members and ex-Servicemen are invited to attend.

13 April 1957 British Legion A meeting of the Pontllytyn and District Branch was held at the Rising Sun on Friday last. The Silent Tribute was observed, those present standing in respect of Mr. Caradoc Shankland. Those present included Coun. A. Williams, vice-president; Mr. E. G. Evans, chairman; Mr. Tyson Tuck, Benevolent vice-chairman; Mr. R. Surtees, Fochriw representative.

29 June 1957 British Legion The fortnightly meeting was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Pontllytyn. Mr. Desmond Greaney, Dynevor Street, Fochriw, was elected branch assistant secretary. Mr. Greaney will be pleased to give any information to Fochriw ex-Servicemen wishing to join the Legion. The secretary is Mr. C. Gardener, Pontllytyn.

24 August 1957 British Legion At the local branch meeting, the 1939-45 Book of Remembrance was discussed. This book, which is being compiled in Cardiff, records the names of all Welsh men and women who lost their lives while serving with the Armed Forces of the Crown in the 1939-45 War. It is most important that relatives contact the local secretary, Mr. C. Gardener, 1, Sunny View, Pontllytyn, who will give them all information regarding the Book. A similar book was compiled in 1921, and this book is kept in the Crypt of the Temple of Peace in Cardiff, where a page is turned every day at 11 a.m.

8 July 1961 British Legion A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday evening, with the object of re-forming the Fochriw Branch. At one time the branch was a power in the village, with flourishing men's and women's sections. The chairman for the evening was Councillor Harry Jones, county treasurer, Pontllytyn branch, who made an appeal to re-form the branch. Speakers from Fochriw were Coun. W. J. Payne, Rev. Evan Sedgemore, Mr. Frank Jenkins and Mr. Eddie Jones. It was decided to start a sub-branch of Pontllytyn for a six

month period, and then to review the position. An appeal was made to all Ex-Servicemen to join and share the advantages of being a member of the British Legion. Officers elected were: president, Rev. Evan Sedgemore; vice-presidents, Coun. W. J. Payne and Mr. John Lloyd Jones; chairman, Coun. Frank Jenkins; secretary, Mr. Eddie Jones. After the meeting, the ladies of the Pontlottyn section provided a very fine tea for the visitors and others present.

10 March 1962 British Legion The first meeting of the Benevolent Fund took place at the New Hall on Thursday evening, presided over by Mr. Jack Jones. Coun. Harry James and Mr. Dando gave a detailed account of the benefits and work of the Fund, and answered questions. Mr. Eddie Jones, secretary, dealt with the correspondence, and discussion followed. Also present were the President, Rev. Evan Sedgemore, and a number of Legion members.

24 March 1962 British Legion On Thursday last at the Rising Sun Hotel, Mr. R.F. Evans, minute secretary of the local branch of the British Legion, who is leaving for Milford Haven, was presented with a gold watch. The presentation was made by Rev. E. Sedgemore. Others who spoke were Mr. Eddie Jones, secretary, and Mr. J. Jones. Mr. Evans thanked them. The Legion is building up a strong branch in the village, and extends a hearty welcome to ex-servicemen to join.

26 May 1962 British Legion The Fochriw Branch of the British Legion was represented at a standard dedication service and parade at Mountain Ash by Mr. Les Williams and Mr. John Griffith. Also present were two standard escorts: Mr. R.C. Jones (branch sec.), and Mr. G. Blunt (committee man).

14 July 1962 British Legion A well-attended meeting of the Fochriw Branch was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Rev. Evan Sedgemore presided. The secretary, Mr. Eddie Jones, said that club membership was now about 50. The proposed new club premises were discussed.

22 June 1963 Legion A Committee meeting was held in the New Hall on Tuesday. The chairman was Rev. Sedgemore.

31 August 1963 A Slight Mishap Able Seaman Gilmour Fox, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Fox, met with a slight mishap when he fell from the cage whilst painting the side of the ship on which he serves. He received no injury, and swam around the ship to the gang-plank and walked aboard. He has served in the Royal Navy for 13 years, entering as a boy of 15.

5 October 1963 British Legion A general meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday. Rev. Sedgemore presided. The Benevolent Committee also met.

12 October 1963 British Legion Officers At the annual general meeting of the Fochriw Branch, the following officers were elected: president and chairman, Rev. E. Sedgemore; vice-president, Mr. J.P. Llewellyn, J.P.; vice-chairman, Mr. Idris Cumpstone; secretary, Mr. T.L. Williams; treasurer, Mr. N. Withers. Local service committee appointments were: chairman, Mr. Gordon Blunt; vice-chairman, Mr. John W. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Williams; pensions and employment officer, Rev. Sedgemore; committee members, Mr. W.J. Davies, Mr. F. Jenkins, Mrs. E. Shankland, S.J. Pullen, Miss E. Fox.

16 November 1963 British Legion A branch and service committee meeting was held on Friday last. The chairman was Mr. Gordon Blunt. Any ex-Serviceman wishing to join should contact Mr. T.L. Williams, 24, Glanynant.

22 February 1964 British Legion The Branch Committee and the Benevolent Committee met at the New Welfare Hall. The chairman was Mr. Gordon Blunt.

30 May 1964 British Legion A meeting of the Benevolent Committee was held on Monday last, Mr. Gordon Blunt presiding.

4 July 1964 British Legion Rev. Evan Sedgemore attended a service at Llandaff Cathedral at which the new standard of the British Legion was dedicated. The vicar is chaplain of the local branch, and is also the chaplain for North East Glamorgan.

29 August 1964 Promoted Capt. R.C. Pillidge, R.A., was recently promoted to the rank of Major. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. S. Pillidge of Ealing, formerly of Fochriw, and the son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. E.I. Cumpstone, Glyn Terrace. He was trained at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and has seen service in Hong Kong, Germany and Cyprus. For the past two years Major Pillidge has been at Malta.

10 October 1964 In the Navy Naval Recruit Robert Powell, son of Mr. & Mrs. A.T. Powell, 23, Heol Iago, passed his apprentice artificer examination to enter the Royal Naval College, Torpoint, Cornwall. He was placed fifth among 500 entrants, and was awarded top marks in the science examination. Before setting out on his naval career, he hopes to be an electrical engineer. He passed G.C.E. in five subjects at Lewis School, Pengam.

26 September 1964 Legion A British Legion Benevolent Committee meeting was held on Monday last at St. Mary's Church Vestry. The chairman was Mr. Gordon Blunt.

31 October 1964 Legion A meeting of the Benevolent Committee was held last week. The Remembrance Service will take place at St. Mary's on Sunday, November 8th at 11 a.m.