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Captain H. N. Appleby

Appleby Hero.

Member, John Pridham writes "Oh dear! Your June issue of The Apple Orchard had references of Appleby's charged with fraud and theft. Lets hear it for the good guys and Heroes." The following is taken from a cutting about John Pridham's great uncle, Herbert N. Appleby.

"On the morning of the Great British victory at Cambrai Captain H. N. Appleby was advancing with his battery into action in column of route near Bournon Wood, when the leading section came under heavy fire. Many horses and men and his two other officers became casualties. Captain Appleby ordered the rear column to withdraw and extricated his wounded under heavy shell fire, got free his wounded horses, and eventually brought his battery into action. His action was inspiring to all the ranks, and it was entirely due to his bravery that his battery was able to fire a barrage in support of advancing infantry" Capt. Appleby was awarded the Military Cross for his action.

"Early in the war, Capt. Appleby joined the 2/4th Welsh Brigade as Second Lieutenant, and for about two years was on active service in France. Apart from minor engagements and trench warfare, he has been through the battles of Passchendaele Ridge, Langemarck, Nieppe Wood, Armentieres, Mont Kemmel, Fleurbaix, Merville, Canbrai, Bournon Wood etc. On the 9th April last, when the German Army opened their northern offensive in France, he was wounded during the retirement from Armentieres, but remained on Duty."

Capt. Appleby (born in 1890) is the only son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Appleby of Lithos Road, Hampstead.

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Abraham Appleby - Shoplifter.

Extract from the Old Bailey Proceedings of 26th February 1724.

“ Abraham Appleby of the Parish of St John Wapping, was indicted for privately stealing goods in the shop of Christopher Ruscum on the 23rd February last. It appear'd by the evidence that a piece of cloth was taken out of the prosecutor's shop window, and was found upon the prisoner immediately. He confess'd the fact before the Justice, which confession was read in court. He called several persons of credit to his reputation, who had never known any ill action by him, and gave him a very good character, as a sober honest person. The Jury found him guilty to the value of ten pence.”

Abraham Appleby was sentenced to transportation, which sentence was amended to “be burned in the hand”

ARO/Doc/587

Australian Servicemen - WW2.

We have received a list of servicemen in the Australian Armed services containing the names of 119 Appleby men and women. We shall be happy to make a look-up for you. Included in the index are a few men born in the United Kingdom. Among these are Christopher Quentin Appleby born 10 May 1917 in London, England; John James Appleby born Durham, England 16 August 1923 and Robert Appleby born 30 April 1903 in Colchester, England.

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South Durham Herald 1877

A news item from the South Durham Herald of 8th December 1877, submitted by Anita Appleby.

"By the arrival of the "*SS Breeze*", owned by Messrs Thos. Appleby, of West Hartlepool we gain intelligence of two disastrous collisions which occurred off the Suffolk coast on Tuesday night last. It appears that whilst on her passage from Antwerp, in ballast, the "*S.S Breeze*" ran into the Galliet *Orient*, of Hanover, laden with potatoes and bound for London, about 7.00pm during the watch of the chief officer. It may be stated that within an hour previous to the collision, the Breeze passed through a large fleet of Yarmouth and Lowestoft fishing boats in perfect safety, but although a good watch was kept, she suddenly ran into the Orient, whose light could not be seen from the deck, and striking her amidships, cut her down to the waters edge, doing such injury that she immediately began to sink. A boat was promptly lowered from the Breeze, and the captain (Walen) and the other two hands composing the crew were taken on board the steamer.

Strange to say, on the same night, about 11.30; the Breeze came into collision with the *SS Seaham*, of Goole, bound with a coal cargo to Antwerp, nearly opposite Hasbro' The Breeze struck her on the starboard quarter, inflicting such injury as caused her rapidly to fill with water. The chief engineer jumped into a boat, which was towing behind the Seaham; and the officers of the Breeze promptly lowered a couple of her boats to the rescue. The first took off ten men from the sinking vessel, and the other, after taking the engineer out of the boat, which had now broken adrift, rescued the remainder, and within half an hour they were

all comfortably quartered on board the Breeze (their total number being 14). We may state that the second collision occurred in the watch of the second mate, who is a careful and steady seaman, holding a chief mat's certificate, the master being below at the time consulting the chart. At their own request, the crew of the Seaham were put on board a tugboat, in passing the mouth of the Humber; and the foreign crew were brought to West Hartlepool, where they were provided for, on landing, by Mr. Otto Trechmann, the Consul of the German Empire. ARO/Doc/601

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## Thomas Appleby.

Thomas Appleby, the ship owner mentioned in the above item was born at Garmondsway, Durham, in 1840, son of John Appleby and Elizabeth Davison of Wingate, Durham. He and his wife Harriet lived at "Ashfield" Greatham, Durham. At the time of this disaster he had four young children living at home. Harriet 7; Maud 6; John Stanley age 3 and Thomas Percy 2.

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Thanks to Nellie Pummell, who has sent us the birth certificate for Henry Appleby born 8 January 1900, son of John Appleby and Jane (Hutchinson) ARO/Doc/599

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From the latest U.K. electoral register there are 7706 people over the age of 18 with the name of Appleby.

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## Frederick William Appleby - Hero.

A memorial stands by the side of the Kimpton Road, Luton, in front of the former works canteen (now demolished) of the Vauxhall Motor Works. Both First and Second World War former employees of Vauxhall Motors are recorded, including two who were killed by enemy action at the works.

We honour Sapper 2002923 Frederick William APPLEBY, 245 Field Company, Royal Engineers who died Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1944. Aged 25. Lived at 109 Cambridge road, Luton. Son of Mr & Mrs R. T. Appleby of Luton, Bedfordshire; husband of F. W. Appleby of Luton. Buried at Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio, Italy.

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## Captain Wilfred Lawson Appleby - Hero.

On the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour we found the records of 14 Appleby's including Captain Wilfred Lawson Appleby the son of Edward and Jane Appleby of Meadowfield, The Mall, South Hurstville, New South Wales.

Captain Appleby of the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion Australian Infantry, enlisted at Keiraville, NSW and was killed in action on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917, aged just 22 years.

Wilfred Lawson Appleby was born in England at Langley Moor, County Durham in 1895.

He was buried at the Belgium 115 Perth Cemetery (China Wall) Zillebeke.

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John S. Appleby FRHistS

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Apple Bites.....



(A) Details of duties, etc. in World War Two, by **Sub. Lieutenant S G J Appleby, RN**, are contained in "The Swordfish Story, by Ray Sturtivant. Arm & Armour Press (ISBN 0 304 35711 1)

He served in 816 and 835 Squadron of the Fleet Air Arm the later of which flew off HMS Nairana on which the writer of these notes served as a Midshipman and Sub Lieutenant.

(B) The barge, "The Effort" registered at Colchester, Essex in 1835, was owned jointly by John Murrell, **Isaac Appleby** and **Mark Appleby**. She was 174 tons. **Charles Appleby** joined the partnership in 1849.

"The Effort" was lost in 1854.

One of the beerhouses on Hythe Quay, Colchester traded under the name of "The Effort" and the Appleby's of Boxted, Essex, (brewers) supplied the beer.

Murrell as well as Appleby is a Boxted, Essex family name.