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WARTIME RECOLLECTIONS RANDOM  
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FORMATION OF L.D.V. (LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS) LATER CALLED HOME GUARD. I WAS TOO YOUNG TO JOIN AT THE START BUT WAS ENROLLED AS A FIRE GUARD AND WAS ISSUED WITH TIN HAT STIRRUP PUMP & A BUCKET NONE OF WHICH WERE EVER USED FOR THE PURPOSE THEY WERE INTENDED BUT CAME IN USEFUL FOR WHITE-WASHING FARM BUILDINGS. A FEW OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE HOME GUARD THAT I CAN REMEMBER WERE, MY FATHER. W. M. PERFECT. (FARMER) JIM CACKROD (POST MAN) CHRIS WICKHAM. (GROVER & NEWSAGENT) JOHN HIRSELTINE (BUTCHER) M. F. HODGSON (STATION MASTER). MANY MORE ENROLLED AT A LATER DATE. AT THE START THE ONLY WEAPONS THE HOME GUARD HAD WERE THE SHOTGUNS WHICH THE PERSON CONCERNED OWNED MOST OF WHICH WERE UNPROOFED HAMMER GUNS. BEING ONE OF THE FEW HOUSES IN HORTON (DOUGHYW) WITH THE TELEPHONE WE WERE NOTIFIED BY PHONE OF AN IMPENDING AIR RAID. SO THAT THE HOME GUARD - SPECIAL CONSTABLES, FIRE GUARDS ETC

MORE RE HOME GUARD

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COULD BE MUSTERED TO PERFORM THEIR 2  
VARIOUS TASKS TO DEFEND KING & COUNTRY.

I CAN WELL REMEMBER ONE NIGHT  
I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE ABOUT THE  
TIME OF THE AIRRAIDS ON LIVERPOOL  
COUNTRY ETC. THE PHONE WENT  
MY FATHER GOT US ALL UP I WAS  
JUST GETTING DRESSED WHEN THERE  
WERE THREE BRILLIANT FLASHES FOLLOWED  
BY THREE ENORMOUS EXPLOSIONS. OUR  
FIRST THOUGHTS WERE THAT A BOMB  
HAD DROPPED ON BRACKEN BOTTOM.

WE LEARNED NEXT DAY THAT A GERMAN  
PLANER HAD JETTISONED THREE CAND MINES  
AT NEILS, INQ. THE HOLES THEY BLEW  
OUT ARE THERE TO THIS DAY LOOKING  
MUCH LIKE WELDY PUCKPONDS THAN  
BOMB CRATERS.

MY MEMORIES OF THE EVACUEES FROM  
BRADFORD ARE RATHER VAGUE APART  
FROM THE FACT THAT MY AUNT MISS G.A. KING  
WHO AT THAT TIME LIVED AT THE KNOLL.  
IN THOSE DAYS IT WAS KNOWN AS THE  
COTTAGE AND WAS RUN AS A GUEST HOUSE"  
WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE W.V.S.  
WHO ORGANISED THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
THEM TO THE VARIOUS FAMILIES IN THE  
VILLAGE WHO WOULD ACCEPT THEM.

AFTER PUTTING IN SUCH A LOT OF  
HARD WORK IT WAS A GREAT DISSAPPOINTMENT  
WHEN AFTER ONLY A FEW DAYS SOME

IN FACT AFTER ONLY 24 HOURS WENT <sup>3</sup>  
BACK TO BRADFORD SAYING THEY WOULD  
SOONER RISK BEING BOMBED IN BRADFORD  
THAN THE QUIET ISOLATION OF HORTON.

THERE WERE HOWEVER QUITE A FEW  
WHO STAYED MARRIED LOCALLY AND  
STILL LIVE IN THE AREA. THOSE READILY  
COMING TO MIND ARE BERNARD ROGERS  
CAME TO JACKSONS AT DUBCOTE "NOW AT  
DOUKHYLL" BERNARD MARRIED A LANGCLIFFE  
GIRL AND LIVES IN LANGCLIFFE TO THIS  
DAY. BOBBY HILL LIVES AT STACKHOUSE  
RUNS HIS OWN BUSINESS AS AN AGRICULTURAL  
ENGINEER MARRIED LOCALLY. WORKED FOR  
MR WOOD AT OLD ING. AND MR WOLFIENDEN  
AT CROOKS. WHERE HE FIRST LIVED WHEN  
HE CAME TO HORTON I AM NOT SURE.

WHEN ENFORCED CULTIVATION CAME TO  
POWER AND EVERY FARMER HAD TO PLOUGH  
A PERCENTAGE OF HIS ACREAGE. A COMMITTEE  
WENT AROUND THE FARMS TO STIPULATE WHICH  
FIELDS HAD TO BE PLOUGHED. THREE THAT  
I CAN REMEMBER WERE MY FATHER.

J. W. MORPHET OF SELSIDE. AND MR C  
BARTON WHO WAS LAND AGENT FOR THE  
FARRER ESTATE AT CLAPHAM. THERE WERE  
PROBABLY OTHERS THAT I DID NOT KNOW  
ABOUT. THE FIRST TRACTOR I CAN  
REMEMBER WATCHING PLOUGHED ALAN CARRS  
SEED FIELD OPPOSITE HARLANDS BARN.  
THERE WAS QUITE A GATHERING OF PEOPLE

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WATCHING IT. THE TRACTORS USED WERE  
FORDSONS WITH IRON WHEELS AND SPADE  
LUGS FOR GRIPPING. LARGE WOODEN FRAMES  
BOLTED ONTO THE WHEELS FOR TRAVELLING  
ON THE ROAD. A FORDSON RUBBER TYRED  
TRACTOR NICKNAMED THE FLYER, TRAVELLED  
ROUND THE VARIOUS PLOUGHING GANGS  
SUPPLYING FUEL. PETROL TO START THEM  
WITH. AND WHEN THEY GOT WARMED UP  
TURNED OVER ONTO PARAFFIN. NAMES  
THAT I CAN REMEMBER ARE BILL  
BLANCHARD. (FOREMAN). GEORGE STEELE  
DROVE THE FLYER. AND NORMAN WORSNIP  
MECHANIC. AFTER THE WAR NORMAN  
RAN WHAT IS NOW CAUNCH GATE COTTAGE  
AS A GARAGE. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS,  
CROPS GROWN WERE OATS, WHICH  
WERE NOT REALLY SUCCESSFUL AS THE  
SEASON WAS TOO SHORT FOR THEM TO  
RIPEN. A MIXTURE OF OATS PEAS  
AND VETCHES UNDERSOWN WITH CLOVER  
& RYEGRASS TWO CROPS OF SILC  
WERE TAKEN THE FIRST YEAR LAMBS  
WERE GRAZED ON IT IN WINTER AND  
A CROP OF HAY THE SECOND YEAR.  
KALE AND SWEDS WERE GROWN AND  
ALTHOUGH WERE A LOT OF WORK  
THINKING WREEDING CUTTING AND CARTING  
WERE PROBABLY THE MOST USEFUL CROPS  
GROWN POTATOES WERE GROWN ON A LIMITED  
SCALE MOSTLY FOR HOME USE OR FEEDING

PIGS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION.

A FEW LOCAL LADS JOINED THE TRACOR GANGS SUPPLEMENTED BY LAND GIRLS WHO LIVED IN A HOSTEL AT ~~STAINLEY~~ <sup>SPITBY</sup> STAINLEY. ONE LAD ~~OF THEM~~ DENNIS SMILES WHO LIVED WITH HIS PARENTS AT BREECROFT COTTAGES MARRIED ONE OF THE LAND GIRLS AND WENT TO LIVE IN HUDDERSFIELD WORKING FOR DAVID BROWN TRACTORS. ① INCIDENTALLY MY FATHER EMPLOYED TWO LAND GIRLS (WOMEN'S LAND ARMY OR WLA) BOTH FROM HUDDERSFIELD WHO PROVED QUITE AN ASSET (HICKING CBY HAND NO MACHINES IN THOSE DAYS) FELDING AND CLEANING OUT COWS HENS ETC.

ABOUT THE SAME TIME HORTON'S YOUNG FARMERS CALF CLUB WAS FORMED WHERE EACH MEMBER ADOPTED A CALF ON THE FARM WHERE THEY WORKED COOKED AFTER IT AND SHOWED IT IN THEIR ANNUAL SHOW THE FIRST ONE WAS HELD ONE VERY WET DAY IN THE FIELD BEHIND THE GOLDEN LIONS THIS WAS THE REVIVAL OF HORTON'S SHOW WHICH Lapsed AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR. THIS WAS PROBABLY THE FOUNDATION OF HORTON SHOW AS IT IS TODAY. UNECONOMIC HICK PRODUCTION THE DEPOPULATION OF THE SMALL FARMS AND FINALLY THE BRUCellosis ATTESTED SCHEME FINALLY ENDED THE CATTLE CLASSES AT HORTON SHOW.

OUR TWO LAND GIRLS PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE PART IN THE FORMATION AND

① THE TWO LAND GIRLS EMPLOYED BY MY FATHER HAVE RECENTLY VISITED THE VILLAGE AND MADE REGULAR CONTACT WITH MY SISTER.

RUNNING OF THE CLUB.

HORTON HAD A VERY ACTIVE W.V.S. AMONG THE MEMBERS WERE TWO M<sup>RS</sup> KINGS TWO M<sup>RS</sup> SARGINSONS M<sup>RS</sup> HAXHAM M<sup>RS</sup> J CHAPMAN M<sup>RS</sup> A GREENBANK M<sup>RS</sup> BT HESLECTINE M<sup>RS</sup> TRUSTEE SEVERAL MORE NAMES COME TO MIND BUT AS TO THEIR BEING MEMBERS OF THE W.V.S. I WOULD NOT KNOW.

KNITTING SESSIONS WERE HELD IN DIFFERENT HOUSES EACH WEEK WHEN WOOL WAS DISTRIBUTED AMONG TRADERS AND SUCH THINGS AS BALACLAVA HATS, SCARFS, PULLOVERS & STOCKINGS KNITTED FOR THE TROOPS. SEA BOOT STOCKINGS KNITTED WITH THICK OILY WHITE WOOL WERE MANUFACTURED UNDER GREAT SUFFERANCE. I CAN VIVIDLY REMEMBER ONE SUNNY AFTERNOON AN ANSON TRAINING PLANE CRASH LANDING IN THE MEADOW ABOVE HORTON STATION. A CROWD OF SPECTATORS SOON GATHERED. HORTON W.V.S. NOT MISSING A CHANCE WERE SOON ON THE SCENE WITH COLLECTING BOXES TO RAISE SOME MONY FOR SOME WAR EFFORT. EVERY WEEK THROUGH WINTER EITHER ON A FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHT A DANCE TO RAISE MONY FOR SOME DESERVING CAUSE WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL LONG SINCE GONE AND REPLACED BY THE CAR PARK AND TICKETS. THESE DANCES WERE NEARLY ALWAYS RECORDED BY

A WHISTDRIVE WHICH WE ALWAYS WELL ATTENDED. MUSIC FOR DANCING WAS SUPPLIED BY EITHER WALLBANKS BAND VIOLIN, PIANO, & DRUMS. JOHN & DICK WALLBANK "FOURER FARM." & MR R. LAMBERT LITTLE STAMFORTH. OR COCKERELL'S BAND WHO CAME DOWN FROM HIGH GREENFIELD BY HORSE & TRAP. HAIL RAIN SNOW OR BLOW I DON'T THINK THEY EVER LET US DOWN. MORPHIL'S FROM HIGH BIRKWITH WERE ANOTHER FANCY WHO USED TO COME TO THE DANCERS BY HORSE AND TRAP TYING THE HORSE UP IN THE SMITHY "OPPOSITE HANNAIT COTTAGE".

INCIDENTALLY THE SMITHY WAS RUN BY JACKY HOLDES OF AUSTWICK WHO CAME UP ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS SHORING HORSES WELDING THE OLD BIT OF BROKEN FARM MACHINERY OR SHAFTEING A SHOUL OR MUCK FORK. THE LAST WEEK IN JUNE AND FIRST WEEK IN JULY WERE HECTIC AT THE SMITHY FARMERS BRISKING THEIR HORSES IN FROM THE PASTURES AND GETTING THEM SHOD READY FOR HAYTIME MANY OF THEM NEVER HAVING BEEN SHOD SINCE THE PREVIOUS HAYTIME I HAVE SEEN AS MANY AS FIFTEEN HORSES WAITING THEIR TURN GETTING TO THE SMITHY BY 9.30 AM AND STILL BEING THERE AT 3.30 PM. A LOT OF THEM GOING AWAY FED UP OF WAITING SOME EVEN

RODE DOWN TO JACKIE WILSON'S BLACKSMITH SHOP IN SETTLER WHERE DOUGDACKS METAL WORKSHOP AGAINST THE VICTORIA HALL IS NOW.

FOOD RATIONING NO DOUBT PROVED A WORRY TO THE FEMALE OF THE HOUSE MY SCANT KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH CULINARY MATTERS TELLS ME THAT THE LEAST I SAY ON THE SUBJECT THE BETTER. BRIEFLY OUR RATIONS WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY RABBIT PIE, THE OCCASIONAL WOOD PIGEON YOUNG NETTLES IN A SPRING BOCKER AS A VEGETABLE TASTED RATHER LIKE SPINACH. THE COLOSTROM MILK FROM A NEW CALVED COW BEFORE IT WAS FIT TO GO TO THE DAIRY WAS MADE INTO WHAT WAS CALLED "BEAST MILK PUDDING" A GLORIFIED BAKED CUSTARD WITH NUTMEG SPRIKED ON THE TOP. FIVE C.W.T. DROPS OF MOLASSIS WERE PURCHASED TO MIX WITH WATER AND SPRIKED ONTO THE SIDO JARS OF THESE WERE RUN OFF AND USED AS TREACLE OR MIXED INTO CAKES. USED AS TREACLE ON YOUR MORNING PORRIDGE OWING TO ITS LAXATIVE EFFECT ONE WAS ADVISED TO USE IT SPARINGLY.

AFTER THE FALL OF FRANCE AND THE EVACUATION OF DUNKERK WHEN INVASION WAS A REAL THREAT - A HEN HUT WAS PLACED ON MOORHILL

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ON THE SLEESIDE ROAD. THIS WAS  
HANDLED BY THE HOME GUARD EVERY  
NIGHT FROM DUSK TILL DAWN KEEPING  
A LOOK OUT FOR ENEMY PARACHUTISTS  
QUITE HOW THEY WERE GOING TO SPOT  
PARACHUTISTS DROPPING IN THE DEAD OF  
NIGHT IN THE VASTNESS OF HILLS SURROUNDING  
HORTON WITH NOTHING MORE THAN A TOUCH  
AND HURRICANE CANTEN I DON'T KNOW.

EVEN NOW WITH MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE FIELDS  
AND I SEE A HIKERS OR POTHOLES LIGHT  
IN THE DISTANCE I FIND IT QUITE DIFFICULT  
TO PINPOINT ITS EXACT POSITION.

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT AGE OR WHEN  
I MADE THE BIG STEP FORWARD AND GOT  
PROMOTED FROM A FIRE GUARD TO A HOME GUARD.  
BUT SOME AMUSING<sup>TIPICS</sup> AND SOME NOT QUITE SO  
FUNNY STAYED OUT VIVIDLY IN MY MIND.

IN THE EYES OF OUR SUPERIORS  
RIBBLEHEAD VIADUCT APPEARED TO BE THE  
PRIME TARGET FOR ANY ENEMY ACTIONS  
SO ALL HOME GUARD EXERCISES WERE  
BASED ON THE GUARDING OF SAID VIADUCT  
EVEN IF THIS ENTAILED MANNING A ROAD  
BLOCK AT HELLWITH BRIDGE. !!

ON ONE PARTICULARLY DARK COOL NIGHT  
I ALONG WITH BRUCE THOMPSON (MARKS BROTHER)  
TOM METCALFE (SHIRWOOD HOUSE) AND TED  
CAPSTICK WHO THEN LIVED AT HELLWITH BRIDGE  
WERE DETAINED TO GUARD THE BRIDGE

OVER THE RAILWAY AT HELLWITH BRIDGE  
 INSTRUCTED TO STOP ANY TRAFFIC  
 AND NOT ALLOW THEM OVER THE BRIDGE  
 AT ANY COST. AFTER AN UNKUNTFULL  
 COUPLE OF HOURS A CAR APPROACHED  
 WHICH WAS DULY PULLED UP BY BECK +  
 TED WHO WERE AT THE HELLWITH BRIDGE ROAD  
 END. THE DRIVER PRODUCED HIS CERTIFICATE  
 PROVING HE WAS A HONORABLE RICKSHAW  
 SUPERVISOR THE EXCISE AND WAS ALLOWED  
 TO PROCEED. HE PULLED UP IN THE  
 MIDDLE OF THE BRIDGE PULLED OUT A  
 FIREWORK SAYING THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN  
 BLOWN UP FROM THE AIR YOU ARE DEAD  
 WHERE UPON TOM RECALLED WE RIT HOME  
 THE OTHER THREE OF US REPAIRED TO  
 THE PUB. WE HADN'T BEEN IN VERY  
 LONG WHEN IN CAME AN OFFICER ALL  
 DRAPPED ABOUT WITH RIBBONS AND MEDALS  
 DEMANDING IN A LOUD VOICE WHAT WE  
 WERE DOING IN THERE I WAS TOO SCARED  
 TO SAY ANYTHING WHICH BECK AND TED  
 PROPPED UP THE BAR AS IF NOTHING  
 HAD HAPPENED. AGAIN THE OFFICER  
 DEMANDED WHAT THE HELL WE THOUGHT  
 WE WERE DOING ADDING CAN'T YOU  
 DAMN CHAP'S ~~THE~~ ANSWER MR ARE  
 YOU DEAF OR SOMETHING TO WHICH TED  
 QUIETLY PUT HIS HALF PINT DOWN ON  
 THE BAR AND CAGHY REPLIED HAVE YOU

EVER HEARD A BLOODY DEAD CHAP  
 TACK BEFORE. TO WHICH THE OFFICER  
 TURNED SHARPLY ROUND AND LEFT US  
 TO OUR SOCIALISING. I DISTINCTLY  
 SAID TED PUT HIS FACE PINT DOWN AS  
 BEER WAS IN SHORT SUPPLY AND NO ONE  
 WAS ALLOWED TO HAVE A PINT BUT AS  
 I FOUND OUT YOU COULD HAVE AS MANY  
 HALF PINTS AS YOU WISHED THIS ON  
 OCCASIONS NEARLY PROVED TO BE MY  
 DOWNFALL.

ANOTHER HOME GUARD MANOEUVRE WHICH  
 PROVED RATHER A DISASTER INVOLVED  
 A GROUP OF COMMANDOS STATIONED  
 LOCALLY ON REST AND REHABILITATION.  
 THE POWERS THAT BE DECIDED IT WOULD  
 BE A GOOD IDEA TO WAKEN UP THE  
 HOME GUARD TO THE REALITIES OF WAR  
 BY PRETENDING THE COMANDOS WERE  
 GERMAN PARATROOPERS THAT HAD BEEN  
 DROPPED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SETTLE  
 AND WERE TO MAKE THEIR WAY TO  
 RIBBLEHEAD VIADUCT AND BLOW IT UP  
 AND THE HOME GUARD HAD TO FIND  
 THEM AND STOP THEM BEFORE THEY  
 GOT THERE. THIS WAS A SURPRISE  
 MANOEUVRE SO THE H.G. HAD NO PREVIOUS  
 WARNING. ON THE EVENING IN QUESTION  
 WE WERE DULY MUSTERED IN THE  
 VILLAGE HALL. OUR COMMANDER JIMMY

CALKELD WAS STARTING TO GIVE US  
 OUR ORDERS WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN  
 THERE WAS A HELL OF A CRASH THE  
 DOOR BURST OPEN AND IN RUSHED  
 ABOUT TEN COMMANDOS CAMOUFLAGED  
 FROM HEAD TO TOE. BEFORE WE KNEW  
 WHAT WAS HAPPENING WE WERE ALL  
 STOOD LIKE STATUES WITH OUR HAND  
 UP. THE POWERS THAT BE HAD  
 NOT TOLD THE COMMANDOS THAT THEY  
 WERE PLAYING WITH DADS ARMY AND  
 HAD TAKEN THE WHOLE THING SERIOUSLY  
 SEIZING ANY AVAILABLE VEHICLE  
 TAKING UP THE VALLEY OVERPOWERING  
 LANGCLIFFE, STAINFORTH, AND HORTON  
 H.G. BEFORE WE HAD EVEN GOT OUR  
 ORDERS. THE STORY GOES AND I AM  
 PREPARED TO TAKE IT AS TRUE THAT  
 JACK HARTLEY THE BUTCHER AT  
 LANGCLIFFE WAS WEIGHING OUT HIS  
 MEAT RATIONS IN HIS SHOP READY  
 TO LOAD HIS DELIVERY VAN UP WITHIN  
 ALL AT ONCE HE SAW IT DISAPPEAR  
 FROM THE FRONT OF HIS SHOP LOADED  
 WITH SOLDIERS. HENCE THE SPEEDY  
 DEFEAT OF THE DADS ARMY.

ON ANOTHER OCCASION THE VICAR THE  
 REV. GORDON WERR. HAD A LARGE TREE  
 BOWL IN THE GARDEN TWO MEMBERS OF THE  
 H.G. WHO SHALL BE NAMELESS OFFERED

TO SPLIT IT UP FOR HIM. FOR FERRWOOD  
 THEY NICKED A STICKY BOMB. (A DEVICE  
 LIKE A LARGE FOOTBALL WITH A FUSE WHICH  
 YOU SIMPLY SMASHED ONTO WHAT YOU WANTED  
 TO BLOW UP. IT STUCK THERE OF ITS OWN  
 ACCORD AND AFTER SEVERAL SECONDS (EXPLODED)

THE BOMB WAS STUCK TO THE TREE  
 EVERYONE RAN FOR COVER THERE WAS AN  
 ENORMOUS EXPLOSION ON RETURNING TO  
 THE SCENE VERY LITTLE DAMAGE HAD  
 BEEN DONE TO THE TREE BUT THE BLAST  
 HAD BLOWN EVERY PANE OF GLASS OUT  
 OF THE VICINAGE WINDOWS. THIS TALK  
 I CAN VOUCH FOR "I WAS THERE"

THE H.Q. SPENT TWO EVENINGS A WEEK  
 TRAINING AND SOMETIMES SUNDAY MORNING  
 AS WELL. THESE TRAINING SESSIONS  
 COVERED RIFLE SHOOTING "SOMETIMES ON  
 A SUNDAY MORNING ON THE OLD RIFLE RANGE  
 AT ATTERMERE ABOUT SETTLE" THE USE  
 OF AUTOMATIC STICK GUNS, HAND GRENADES  
 AND OTHER SMALL ANTI-PERSONAL BOMBS.  
 FORTUNATELY THE INVASION NEVER CAME  
 TO PASS IF IT HAD DONE I DOUBT IF WE  
 WOULD EVER HAVE BEEN A FORCE TO DETER  
 THE ADVANCE OF THE MIGHTY GERMAN  
 ARMY.

WITH THE DECLINE OF GARDKEEPERS  
 FOXES BRED UP TO BE QUITE A MENACE  
 IN LANDING TIME. SO STARTED A

PRACTICE OF FOX DRIVING AS MANY FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS SUPPLEMENTED BY QUARRY WORKERS AND RAILWAY MEN TURNED OUT ON A SUNDAY MORNING PERHAPS ABOUT ONCE A MONTH THROUGH SUMMER ALL THOSE WITH GUNS LINING A WALL OR ROW OF SHOOTING BUTTS WHILE THE OTHERS DROVE A LARGE AREA OF GROUND TOWARDS THE WAITING GUNS NEARLY EVERY TIME AT LEAST ONE AND SOMETIMES UP TO THREE OR FOUR FOXES WERE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THIS WAY.

THE PRIME ORGANISER FOR THE DRIVES HELD ON HOUGHTON WAS A MAN CALLED CHARLIE CONSTANTINE, WHO LIVED AT WHARFE. "LATER WHEN HE RETIRED HIM AND HIS WIFE CAME TO LIVE AT BRIDGE COTTAGE HORTON" NOW OCCUPIED BY KEN AND FREDA HINDSON. AFTER A SUCCESSFUL DRIVE CHARLIE HANDED HIS CAP ROUND THE GUNS AND THE RESULTING MONKY COLLECTED WAS DIVIDED OUT BETWEEN THE BEATERS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME AGAIN. THIS WAS THE START OF THE HOUGHTON AND PENYGHENT FOX CLUB WHERE ALL FARMERS IN THE AREA WERE ASKED TO PAY FIVE SHILLINGS (25p) PER HUNDRED SHEEP THAT THEY GRAZED ANY PERSONS CATCHING A FOX AND HANDING IN ITS BRUSH TO MR CONSTANTINE

WERE PAID THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF 7/6 (37½p)  
 FOR AN ADULT FOX AND 2/6 (12½p) FOR  
 A CUB A CUB WAS CLASSIFIED AS ADULT  
 AFTER SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>. OVER THE YEARS  
 THE BOUNTY INCREASED TO £1.50 FOR  
 AN ADULT FOX TO 50p FOR A CUB.

THE CLUB REMAINED IN EXISTENCE UNTIL  
 ABOUT 1969 OR 70 BY WHICH TIME SO  
 MANY SMALL FARMS HAD GONE VERY FEW  
 WORKERS REMAINED ON THE LAND MANY  
 FOX BRUSHES BEING HANDLED IN WORK OF  
 DOUBTFULL ORIGIN. SO THAT IT WAS  
 FELT THE CLUB HAD OUTLIVED ITS  
 USEFUL LIFE AND WAS DISBANDED.

HORTON HAD THREE SHOPS + BUTCHERS AND  
 POST OFFICE ANNIE + JENNY WAYNE  
 SOLD SWEETS TOBACCO + GROCERIES AT  
 WHAT IS NOW POST OFFICE STORES, CHARLIE  
 REED SOLD GROCERIES BACON ETC + DELIVERED  
 TO SELSIDE + STURFOLD + HELWITH BRIDGE  
 BY HORSE AND TRAP, CHRIS WISKEYAK  
 SOLD GROCERIES AND NEWS AGENT AT THE  
 CORNER OF STATION BOTTOM NOW A PRIVATE  
 HOUSE OCCUPIED BY H MILLOY + FAMILY.  
 INCIDENTALLY WHEN CHRIS SOLD OUT IT  
 BECAME A BRANCH OF THE SETTLE CO. OP.  
 CHRIS WAS MORE MODERN THAN CHARLIE  
 REED AND DELIVERED BY CAR.  
 CHARLIE REEDS SHOP WAS WHERE PETER  
 BAYS SHOP IS NOW + PENYGHENT CAFE

WAS THE STABLE & OUTHOUSES.

JOHN HESLECTINE'S BUTCHERS SHOP NOW DEMOLISHED WAS OPPOSITE THE CAR PARK. JOHN KILLED ALL HIS OWN ANIMALS IN THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE ADJOINING THE SHOP BUT WHEN RATIONING CAME INTO FORCE ALL MEAT HAD TO BE SLAUGHTERED AT SKITTLE ABOTON. NOW RUN BY KEITH FAIRHURST. JOHN DELIVERED MEAT OVER A WIDE AREA FROM RIBBLEHEAD & CHAPEL LE DALL TO SHERWOOD HOUSE. TWO OTHER BUTCHERS, JACK TOWLER, FROM CLAPHAM HAD J. HARTLEY LANGCLIFFE ALSO DELIVERED MEAT IN HORTON.

THE POST OFFICE OPPOSITE THE CROWN WAS RUN BY MRS LUVY NELSON (LATER FRANKLAND) POST COMING UP BY TRAIN FROM SKITTLE SORTED AT HORTON P.O. AND DELIVERED BY PUSH BIKE. THE NORTHERN AREA FROM THE CROWN STATION BOTTOM, BEECROFT COTTAGES ALL THE OUTLYING FARMS, SKELSIDR ETC AS FAR AS ASHES FARM, BACK BY LODGE HALL, NETHER LODGE, OLD INS ETC BACK TO NEWHOUSES AND HARBERN FARM BY JIMMY CACKLED. THE SOUTHERN AREA FROM HAMPTON COTTAGE THRU VILLAGR BRACKENBOTTON. NEWLAND HOUSE ETC. STURFOLD HILL WITH BRIDGE FOREDACE COTTAGES & FARM AND BACK BY CRAG HILL. THIS ROUND WAS DONE BY GLADYS



YATES. (NOW LOUIS. LIVING AT SHAP)

Ivy NELSON PROVIDED A REMARKABLE SERVICE. BESIDES SEEING TO LETTERS STAMPS POSTAL ORDERS ETC. TELEPHONE CALLS BEING FEW AND FAR BETWEEN THE RECEIVING AND ARRANGING FOR THE DELIVERY OF TELEGRAMS WAS NO SMALL TASK. WHAT FEW MANCHESTER ANGLERS COULD GET TIME OFF FOR AN HOUR OR TWO FISHING AND NOT WISHING TO TAKE A WASTED JOURNEY BECAUSE THE RIVER WAS EITHER TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW WOULD RING IVY UP WHO WOULD TROT OUT ONTO THE CROWN BRIDGE LOOK AT THE CONDITION OF THE RIVER AND RETURN WITH THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

SHE ALSO RAN THE NATIONAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT AND EVERY SO OFTEN THERE WAS A SPECIAL WEEK SET ASIDE WHEN EACH TOWN OR VILLAGE WAS SET A TARGET OF SO MANY HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS OF POUNDS THEY COULD SAVE UP AND INVEST IN GOVERNMENT SAVING SCHEMES TO ASSIST THE WAR EFFORT. THERE USED TO BE A ROW OF OLD COTTAGES "BETWEEN THE CROWN & COTTAGES OPPOSITE" LONG SINCE DEMOLISHED AND THE AREA USED AS HOTEL CAR PARKING. EVERY TIME ONE OF THESE SAVING DRIVES WAS IN

PROGRESS. "EACH WEEK INCIDENTALLY HAD A NAME LIKE "WAR WEAPONS WEEK" OR "WAR SHIP WEEK" A KIND OF WOODEN THERMOMETER WAS ERRECTED ON THE FRONT OF THE OLD COTTAGE. EVERY EVENING AT A CERTAIN TIME A NOTABLE VICAR OR VICAR PARISH COUNCILLOR OR WHAT EVER CAME ALONG MADE A SPEECH INSTILLING INTO US HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO SAVE.

ON ONE OCCASION THE PERSON INVOLVED WAS NOT VERY ACCUSTOMED TO PUBLIC SPEAKING HE STOOD UP AND IN RATHER A SHAKY VOICE SAID, "IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE AND ALL THIS HERE AND THAT THERE" MARKED THE TARGET. AND SAT DOWN AMIDST LAUGHTER AND APLAUSE.

AMONG OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE VILLAGE WAS BIBBY'S OF AUSTWICK, GREENGROCERS AND FRUITSELLERS WHO CAME ROUND WITH A VAN TWICE A WEEK. MR JONNIE WALKER OF SHREKTON AND WALKERS GROCER AND CHEMISTS WHO ALSO SOLD A FEW UTILITY PRODUCTS OF SETTLE. HE WOULD COME ROUND ONCE A FORTNIGHT ON HIS PUSH BIKE TAKING ORDERS WHICH WERE DELIVERED BY VAN A DAY OR TWO LATER. 'HUGILL'S' OF BURNLEY WHO HAD ~~AN~~ WHAT IN THOSE DAYS SEEMED AN ENORMOUS VAN LOADED TO THE LIMIT WITH ALL

MANNER OF HARDWARE AND IRONWORKS, RANGING FROM HOPS AND BRUSHES TO COW TIES AND HORSE HALTERS, HAYRACKS CANDLES AND PARAFFIN DEPENDING ON THE TIME OF YEAR. I RATHER THINK HE CAME ONCE A MONTH.

"SETTLE AND DISTRICT FARMERS TRADING SOCIETY WHO'S PREMISES WERE WHERE SANDERSONS GROCERS SHOP IS TO-DAY" AND W W THORNBURK AND SONS. OF SETTLE AND DUGDAKES OF CLITHEROE ALL DELIVERED CATTLE FEED. SADLY TO SAY DUGDAKES ARE THE ONLY ONES STILL IN BUSINESS. SETTLE AND DISTRICT FARMERS WERE REPLACED EVENTUALLY BY FRED HATTINSONS LTD.

RABBITS WERE STILL VERY PROFITABLE UP TO THE INTRODUCTION OF HYXANTHOSIS IN 1956-7. AND WERE REGARDED AS A SUPPLEMENTARY INCOME ON MOST HILL FARMS. THREE FIRMS THAT I CAN RECALL VISITED HORTON THREE TIMES A WEEK DURING THE AUTUMN BUYING RABBITS. "GEORGE CROWTHER OF NELSON" JIMMY ASHWORTH ALSO FROM NELSON" AND SMITH SAGGER. FROM BURNLEY.

WE DEALT SOLELY WITH GEORGE CROWTHER IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT WITH THE TIGHTENING UP OF RATIONING AND CONTROLLED PRICES THAT SOONER ON

LATER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CLAP RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREE TRADE IN RABBIT MEAT. WHEN THIS DID HAPPEN AND RABBITS WERE PRICE CONTROLLED AT 4 PENCE (A BIT OVER  $1\frac{1}{2}$  PENCE IN NEW MONKY) PER POUND THE IMMEDIATE RESULT WAS THE CREATION OF A BLACK MARKET AND INFRINGEMENT OF PRICE REGULATIONS. IN FACT I RECALLED ON A FEW RABBITS "SOON IN THE PUB. NO QUESTIONS ASKED" FOR A BIT OF POCKET MONKY. GEORGE CROWTHER GOT ROUND THE REGULATIONS BY INSTALLING A BOILER AND TURNING ALL HIS RABBITS INTO POTTED MEAT. THERE WAS NO PRICE CONTROL OR RATIONING OF COOKED MEAT. WHEN BUYING RABBITS HE HAD A CASH BOOK RECORDING SO MANY COUPLES RABBITS AT 4D PER <sup>2</sup>POUND AND SO MANY COUPLES AT ABOUT A SHILLING (5P) A POUND WHICH WERE PAID FOR OUT OF THE BACK POCKET AND UNRECORDED.

HORSES WERE THE MAIN SOURCE OF POWER ON THE FARM. AND A FEW FARMERS KEPT A BROOD MARE TO BREED A REPLACEMENT OR SELL AS A YEARLING ON TWO YEAR OLD. MICHAEL CROWTHER FROM SETTLE KEPT A STALLION AND TRAVELLED THE DALES WITH IT. THE FEE FOR COVERING A MARE WAS £5 DOWN AND £5 PROFIT BY FOAL. IN OTHER WORDS

YOU PAID £5 ON HAVING YOUR MARE SERVED  
EVEN IF SHE DID NOT HAVE A FOAL YOU  
LOST YOUR MONEY WHEN YOUR MARE  
PROVED TO BE IN FOAL YOU PAID THE  
OTHER £5 WHETHER THE FOAL WAS BORN  
ALIVE OR DEAD. MICHAEL ALSO REPAIRED  
AND SOLD HORSE HARNESS BOUGHT SCRAP  
METAL AND DEAD HORSES. COV. ETC. "NACKER  
TRADE" HIS NEPHEW "BILLY" WHO WAS  
BOUGHT UP BY HIS UNCLE STICK LIURS IN SITTLE.

ANOTHER MAN WHO TRAVELLED A  
STALLION WAS A STEPHEN ROBINSON ~~FARM~~  
WHO FARMED AT STEPHEN PARK AT TOSSIDIE.  
A FARM LONG SINCE SWALLOWED UP BY  
AFFORSTATION. HE USED TO BRING HIS  
STALLION TO SITTLE ON A TUESDAY AND  
FARMERS TOOK THEIR HARKS DOWN AND WOULD  
MEET HIM IN THE YARD AT THE BACK  
OF THE ROYAL OAK. WHILE THE  
NUPTIALS WERE CARRIED OUT. THIS ENTAILLED  
DRINKING LARGE QUANTITIES OF WHISKY.

I REMEMBER ON ONE OCCASION WHEN WE  
HAD DIFFICULTY CATCHING A MARE IN  
SEASON RIDING HER OVER TO TOSSIDIE  
AND TAKING A TRACE HORSE WITH ME  
TO RIDE BACK ON. IT WAS A FULL DAYS  
JOB AND QUOTE AN EXPERIENCE INTO  
AN UNKNOWN LAND.

MOST HOUSEHOLDERS IN THE PARISH GOT  
THEIR COAL FROM DICK DAVIS. OF

HOLME FARM WHO DELIVERED IT BY HORSE AND CART FROM THE SIDINGS AT HORTON STATION. IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS A WEIGH BRIDGE AND CATTLE DOCK NEAR THE SIGNAL BOX BOTH OF WHICH WERE IN REGULAR USE. A FEW FARMERS OURSELVES INCLUDED GOT OUR COAL IN BULK FROM SETTLE, DISTRICT FARMERS ONCE A YEAR. THIS CAME TO HORTON STATION AND WE CARTED IT HOME BY HORSE AND CART OURSELVES.

HORTON STATION AND SIDINGS WERE A SCENE OF ACTIVITY DURING AUTUMN AND EARLY WINTER. NEW CALVED COWS WERE SENT TO HULLFIELD ON THE 8 O'CLOCK TRAIN IN THE MORNING ON A THURSDAY MORNING. OR YOUNG BULL CALVES WERE PUT INTO SACKS WITH THEIR HEADS STICKING OUT, AND WENT TO LONG PRESTON AUCTION. "LONG SINCE CLOSED" ON A FRIDAY TO BE GRADED. PRIOR TO THE WAR THEY WENT BY RAIL TO S. WICKBOOD AND SALES AT LEEDS MARKET. AND ON A THURSDAY I HAVE SEEN AS MANY AS TEN RAILWAY TRUCKS OF LAMBS LOADED TO GO TO CLITHEROR AUCTION ~~ON A FRIDAY~~, READY FOR THE SACK ON THE FRIDAY. SOME LAMBS WENT BY RAIL TO SKIPTON AUCTION ON A WEDNESDAY BUT SOMEHOW NEVER IN THE QUANTITIES THAT WENT TO CLITHEROR.

I HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WALKED  
DRAUGHT EWES FROM HORTON TO BENTHAM.  
WHEELING A PUSH BIKK AND CYCLING  
BACK. BY THE BEGINNING OF THE  
WAR QUITE A LOT OF FARMS HAD GONE FROM  
BUTTER AND CHEESE MAKING TO MILK  
PRODUCING. MANY PRODUCING ONLY ONE  
OR TWO KITS. (10 GALLON PPKIT). A DAY  
THESE WERE COLLECTED BY ~~WAGON~~ ROAD  
WAGON EVERY MORNING AND TAKEN TO  
CRAVEY DAIRIES LTD AT BIRSTWICH ~~AT~~  
NEAR LEEDS. "LESLIE BROWN" SON  
OF POLICE SERGEANT BROWN FROM SKITLIK  
OWNED AND DROVE THE LORRY.

FUNERALS ARE NOT A VERY NICE SUBJECT  
TO CONCLUDE WITH. HOWEVER THEY WERE  
INEVITABLY PART OF THE RURAL SCENE.

MOST OF THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS  
WERE CARRIED OUT BY MR MASON BAINES  
WHO LIVED AT WELTBREIGHT COTTAGE  
AND CARRIED ON HIS BUSINESS AS JOINER  
AND UNDERTAKER IN A WOODEN HUT  
IN BUTTS HILL PASTURE OPPOSITE THE  
VICARAGE. HE LATER MOVED INTO THE  
BUILDING THAT IS NOW SQUIRREL COTTAGE.

A MOTOR HEARSE WAS ONLY USED FOR  
VERY LONG JOURNYS (ANY INFORMATION ON  
THIS COULD BE GOT FROM MR J. W. BRASSINGTON)  
A WHEELIN BEIR WAS USED FOR DISTANCES  
OF A MILE OR MORE FOR SHORTER JOURNYS

THE COFFIN WOULD BE CARRIED SHOULDER HIGH BY SIX BEARERS. I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY CREMATIONS TAKING PLACE THE NEAREST CREMATORIUM WOULD BE LAWNSWOOD AT LEEDS. I DON'T THINK THAT EVEN LANCASTER CREMATORIUM WAS BUILT UNTIL WELL AFTER THE END OF THE WAR.

### AFTERTHOUGHTS

A VISITOR TO HORTON WHO I WAS TALKING TO HAD WITNESSED A VILLAGE WEDDING. AND HAD BEEN RATHER INTRIGUED BY THE CUSTOM OF THE LOCAL CHILDREN TYING THE LYCH GATES AND ONLY LETTING THE NEWLY WEDS OUT AFTER THROWING HANDFULS OF MONEY OUT TO THE WAITING CROWD.

HOW AND WHY THIS STRANGE CUSTOM CAME ABOUT I DON'T KNOW BUT IT APPEARS TO BE UNIQUE TO THE YORKSHIRE DALES. AND COULD BE A SUBJECT WORTH STUDYING AND RECORDING.

PRIOR TO THE WAR FARM LABOURERS WERE HIRED FOR A TERM OF SIX MONTHS THE HIRINGS TAKING PLACE AT THE LOCAL MARKET TOWN. IN MAY AND NOVEMBER. "WHITSUN AND HICKKACHAS HIRINGS." WHEN ALL THE FARM WORKERS GATHERED IN THE MARKET PLACE IN



THE CASE OF HORTON. IT WAS SETTLED ON THE TUESDAY AND ANY FARMER WANTING LABOUR WOULD GO DOWN AND MUCH DEBATING AND HAGGING TOOK PLACE BEFORE A DEAL WAS STRUCK. THE WAR HOWEVER BOUGHT THIS TRADITIONAL FORM OF EMPLOYMENT TO AN END AND THE STRICTER ENFORCEMENT OF WAGE BOARD REGULATIONS. MINIMUM WAGES AND NATIONAL INSURANCE

ALTHOUGH THE HIRING OF IRISH LABOUR FOR HAYTIME CONTINUED THROUGH THE WAR. IT WAS THE START OF THE DECLINE OF THIS PRACTICE THE TRACTOR AND SUBSEQUENT MODERNISATION OF FARM MACHINERY TAKING THEIR PLACE. IT MIGHT BE WORTHY OF NOTE HOWEVER TO RECORD A FEW FACTS ON THE HIRING OF HAYTIME LABOUR. MOST IRISHMEN EMPLOYED AT HORTON WERE HIRED AT SKIPTON ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN JULY. HIRINGS ALSO TOOK PLACE AT BENTHAM AND HAWES. A FEW OF THE OUTLYING FARMS IN THE PARISH POSSIBLY GETTING THEIR MEN FROM THE LATTER TWO PLACES. WAGES VARIED FROM YEAR TO YEAR BUT I THINK I WOULD BE FAIR IF I QUOTED WAGES FOR A GOOD IRISHMAN FOR A MONTH AS £20 - £25 + KEEP. WHILE A REGULAR FARM WORKER WAS

EARNING ABOUT £4. PER WEEK + KILP.  
 FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER  
 IT WAS ALWAYS RECORDED THAT A PAIR  
 OF FELL BOOTS COST A FARM WORKER  
 A WEEKS WAGE. AND BUYING A PAIR  
 OF BOOTS FOR £4 NEARLY BANKRUPT ME.  
 TODAY THE SAME PAIR OF BOOTS  
 COSTS ABOUT £90. SO WAGES AND  
 THE PRICE OF BOOTS ARE STILL ON  
 THE SAME LATITUDE.

UNTIL AFTER THE WAR NOT MANY HOUSES  
 HAD ELECTRICITY. AND WIRELESSES WERE  
 BATTERY OPERATED. EACH WIRELESS HAVING  
 TWO BATTERIES ONE DRY BATTERY A LARGER  
 VERSION OF TODAYS TORCH BATTERIES WHICH  
 REQUIRED RENEWING EVERY 12 MONTHS OR SO  
 AND A WET BATTERY WHICH REQUIRED  
 RE-CHARGING AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

JIMMY CAPSTICK WHO WORKED ON THE RAILWAY  
 AND HAD THE WATHMILL THAT FRANK HAS  
 TODAY, HAD A BATTERY CHARGER AND  
 CARRIED OUT THIS BUSINESS FOR A SMALL FEE.  
 HIS WIFE RUTH HAD A SMALL DRAPERS  
 SHOP IN HER FRONT ROOM. AND SOLD ANY  
 SMALL ITEMS FROM THIMBLES, NEEDLES  
 COTTON, KNITTING PATTERNS ETC TO DRESSES  
 CARDIGANS ETC.

TWO SISTERS CALLED MOLE HAD A  
 SMALL SHOP ON WEST VIEW SELLING  
 SWEETS ETC. AND ON SUMMER DAYS

CAME ROUND THE VILLAGE WITH A CLONIFIED  
 PUSH BIKE WITH A HOMEMADE TRAILER.  
 CONTAINING A COLD UNIT. SELLING HOME  
 MADE ICECREAM. AS I WAS VERY SEEDY  
 AT THAT PART OF HORTON I HAVE NOT  
 MUCH RECOLLECTIONS OF THE SHOP BUT  
 I THINK IT WAS LATER RUN BY THE  
 LATE MR PICK TOWLER. A MARGARET MASON  
 NÉE SARGINSON. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
 CONTACT "MARK & MARY THOMPSON OR MADGE  
 & JIM CAMBERT WHO LIVED AT THAT END  
 OF THE VILLAGE.

LOCAL HAIRDRESSERS. WERE JACK GUY.  
 RETIRED FARMER WHO LIVED IN OVERLANDS  
 WHERE NORMAN EASTWOOD LIVES. GEORGE  
 RICHARDSON. QUARRY WORKER. BEECROFT  
 COTTAGES. AND GEOFF MORPHET. FARMER  
 BLIND BECK.

NOT HAVING A CAR I CAN'T REMEMBER  
 WHERE PETROL WAS AVAILABLE. EXCEPT AT  
 THE CROWN. AND AT WHAT STAGE  
 WALTER POLCARD GOT PUMPS PUT IN AT  
 WASTEGARTH. BUT I DON'T THINK IT WAS  
 UNTIL AFTER THE WAR. NEITHER CAN  
 I REMEMBER WHEN PUMPS WERE INSTALLED  
 AT THE LION GARAGE. (CHURCH GATE)

COTTAGE PIG KEEPING BECAME  
 COMMON PRACTICE TO HELP OUT THE  
 MEAT RATIONS. ANY WASTE KITCHEN  
 SWILL OR GARDEN WASTE BEING

FED. ANY SMALL BUILDING BEING USED. THERE WAS A ROW OF PIG STYLS BESIDE THE GRANITE HOLE AT BRECROFT AND WASTE GROUND BETWEEN THE GRANITE HOLE AND RAILWAY WAS TURNED INTO ALLOTMENTS. ALAN CARR. AT BRACKEN-BOTTOM. "PRESENT AEGANS FATHER" AND BOB JACKSON. FROM DUB COIK. "HARRY'S FATHER" WERE TWO OF THE LOCAL PIG BUTCHERS ALL THE PIGS BEING KILLED WHERE THEY HAD BEEN REARED.

MILK RETAILING IN THE VILLAGE WAS DONE BY OURSELVES "PERFECT" TOWNHEAD FARM. FRANK CAMPBELL ROWE END FARM & NED & ARTHUR GREENIBANK ROWE FARM. WE ALL CARRIED THE MILK OUT IN LARGE CANS AND MEASURED THE MILK OUT WITH PINT & HALF PINT MEASURES INTO JOGS LEFT OUT ON THE DOORSTEP WITH A SAUCER OVER THE TOP TO KEEP THE DIRT OUT.

DICK DAVIS. OF HOLMR FARM ALSO RETAILED MILK BUT ONLY FROM THE HOUSE WHICH HIS CUSTOMERS HAD TO COLLECT.

SOON AFTER THE WAR COMPULSORY BOTTLING OF MILK CAME INTO FORCE AND THIS WITH T. T. ATTESTED HEADS PUT SMALL RETAILERS OUT OF BUSINESS. THE FIRST ATTESTED HEAD OF DAIRY COWS WAS OWNED BY MR ROBERT SWINBANK AT BRECROFT HALL THIS

FARM WAS LATER RUN BY MR JOE BARKER WHO CAME TO BARNETT DURING THE WAR. (REFER TO JACK BARKER HAWES ROAD) MR BARKER BUILT UP A MICKROUND IN HORTON EVENTUALLY SUPPLYING NEARLY ALL THE VILLAGE.

PRIOR TO THE WAR PROFESSIONAL MOLLIC CATCHERS CAME ROUND THE FARMS CHARGING X PENCE PER ACRE. THE ONES I CAN REMEMBER WERE GEORGE & FRANK GRAVISON & "MOWDY" BILLY LUND. THIS PRACTICE SEEMED TO DIE OUT AND FARMERS CAUGHT THEIR OWN. I CAUGHT THEM AT HOME DRYING THE SKINS AND SENDING THEM TO HORACE FRIEND LTD OF WISBECH CAMBRIDGESHIRE WHO ARE STILL IN BUSINESS TODAY!! I WOULD GET.  $\frac{1}{2}$  PENNY FOR A POOR SKIN UP TO 5 PENCE (OLD MONEY) FOR A TOP GRADE SKIN. VERY FEW SKINS HOWEVER GOT INTO THIS CATEGORY. HORACE FRIEND LTD WERE SKIN & FEATHER MERCHANTS I ALSO SENT CROW AND STARLING WINGS. COW AND HORSE HAIR. THE ODD FEW STICKINGS I GOT WERE VERY WELCOME. <sup>HOUSE</sup> LONG TAIL AND MANE HAIR WAS VERY VALUABLE ABOUT 5/1 (25p) PER POUND.

MRS ISAAC SARGINSON (MARY) ACTED AS VILLAGE MIDWIFE AND WOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BIRTH OF MANY LOCALS STILL

ALIVE TODAY. PROBABLY THERE WERE OTHERS WHO ACTED AS MIDWIFE'S THAT I CANNOT RECALL.

GEORGE SUMNER (FRANK METCALFE'S FATHER) WAS A TRAINED ST JOHN ~~AMBULANCE~~ FIRST AID MAN. AT THE QUARRY ACCIDENT CASES BEING CARRIED TO THE STATION AND TAKEN TO LEADS BY TRAIN TO GO TO LEADS INFIRMARY. "FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. DR DAVID HYSLOP, THERE BEING NO NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE MOST FAMILY'S CONTRIBUTED TO PRIVATELY RUN SCHRIBES "LEADS HOSPITAL FUND" ETC. ~~STRETCHERS~~ STRETCHERS WERE KEPT AT HORTON RAILWAY STATION AND HORTON QUARRY FIRST AID POINT.

BANKING. ALTHOUGH I PRESUME MOST OF THE FAMILIES DID THEIR BANKING EITHER AT SETTLER OR HAWES THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS CHEQUE OR DIRECT BANKING OF WAGES TO THE WORKERS ALL WAGES BEING PAID IN CASH. MR ANTHONY GREENBANK WHO LIVED IN BRAMPTON TRAMACE AND WORKED IN THE OFFICES OF SETTLER LINES LTD, RAN A BRANCH OF THE YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK ONE EVENING A WEEK IN HORTON SCHOOL WHEN A STEADY FLOW OF QUARRY AND RAILWAY WORKERS WOULD BE SEEN

WALKING THROUGH THE VILLAGE TO DO BUSINESS WITH HM.

THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS SCHOOL BUSES OR TAXIS. ALL PUPILS WALKING TO EITHER HONCOM, HELWITH BRIDGE OR SKELSIDE SCHOOLS. I DON'T KNOW IF SCHOOL MILK WAS PROVIDED BUT CERTAINLY THERE WAS NO SCHOOL CANTEN. MOST FARMERS KEPT HENS. IF YOU ONLY KEPT A FEW YOU WERE CLASSED A SMALL HOLDER ALLOWED A SMALL AMOUNT OF HEN FOOD TO SUPPLEMENT HOUSEHOLD SCRAPS BUT COULD DO WHAT YOU PLEASSED WITH YOUR EGGS. TO BE IN THIS CLASSIFICATION IT WAS ONLY 10 OR 12 HENS SO YOU HAD NOT MANY EGGS TO GIVE AWAY. OVER THIS AMOUNT OF HENS YOUR EGGS WENT TO THE PACKING STATION AND YOU WERE ALLOCATED HEN FOOD COUPONS ON THE AMOUNT ~~YOU~~ OF EGGS YOU SOLD TO THEM. I CAN REMEMBER WASHING AND STAMPING EGGS WITH A RUBBER STAMP WHAT WAS ON THE STAMP I AM NOT SURE BUT IT WAS INTENDED TO PREVENT EGGS GOING ONTO THE BLACK MARKET AND INSURING YOU GOT YOUR PROPER ALLOWANCE OF FOODSTUFF.