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**THE WAR.**

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**GREAT LOCAL ACTIVITY.**

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**ASSEMBLING OF TROOPS.**

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**DEPARTURE OF RESERVES AND  
TERRITORIALS.**

The South Western portion of Sussex, and Chichester in particular, is taking an active part in the preparations for the terrible war which is waging in many parts of Europe, and the citizens will not forget the scenes which have been witnessed in the old city during the past week.

On Wednesday the Territorials complied with the order to mobilize by assembling at the old Depot in East Row, and at half past three they marched to the railway station, there to entrain for duty at Newhaven. Captain W. H. Kenderdine was in command, and Lieutenant Medlycott also accompanied the men, who marched down East Street and South Street with a fine swing and in good spirits. As they passed North Pailant they were given a farewell cheer by the people who had gathered there, and they were cheered again when the train steamed out of the station just before four o'clock. They went by special train and picked up the remainder of the Battalion, including contingents from Bognor, Eastergate, Arundel and Littlehampton en route. On arrival at Newhaven some of the men were quartered in the work-house.

**The Sussex Reservists.**

All day Wednesday Chichester was the scene of great animation. By every train there arrived in the city parties of Reservists of the Royal Sussex Regiment, and many others came by road. In groups they made their way to the Barracks, and there they received their kit, preparatory to leaving to join the 2nd Battalion at Woking.

It was nearly ten o'clock in the evening when at last they left the Barracks, but large crowds awaited them in North and South Streets, and all the way down they were greeted with cheers. This batch numbered just 400.

Another party of Reservists, who arrived later, left Chichester for Woking on Thursday afternoon shortly after two o'clock.

**Armed Police at the Cross.**

Two members of the West Sussex Constabulary were on duty at the Cross on Thursday, armed with rifles, and during the day they detained two cyclists, who were suspected because they had electrical apparatus on their bicycles. They were accompanied to the police station, but after an examination and inquiries they were able to satisfy the police that they were only tourists, and they were liberated.

**Addresses of Aliens.**

However law abiding they may be it is the duty of all Aliens remaining in England to register their addresses at once, and the police should be notified if it is known that any are residing in this locality, in order that their whereabouts may be officially known.

**An Appeal for Quietness and Sobriety.**

On Wednesday, the Mayor (Councillor S. A. Garland, J.P.) issued the following notice:—

The Mayor appeals to the citizens of Chichester, and to the members of the Licensed Trade in particular, in this eventful time of stress and anxiety, to use to their utmost their influence to preserve a state of quietness and sobriety in the city, and especially so in reference to the Reservists who are on the way to join the colours.

The gratitude of those who must remain is due to these men, and it is obviously the duty of all citizens to abstain from doing anything which may harmfully affect the men's conduct or fitness for service to King and Empire.

**Ambulance Brigade Mobilized.**

Chichester has cause to be proud of its Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, twenty-one of whose members left on Friday afternoon for service at Devonport and the Channel Islands. Only Privates have been called so far, and these 21 left by the 2.35 train with the hearty good wishes of the Mayor (Councillor S. A. Garland, J.P.), the Superintendent of the Division, Admiral Holland, J.P., Sergeant F. J. French, and the other officers, who, with many of the citizens, assembled at the railway station to bid them farewell. Such veterans as Private H. Holder, well known as the "handy man" and Private Cotterell, of Shopwyke, were among the party who answered to their country's call.

**Special Constables for Chichester.**

Some sixty citizens were sworn as special constables for Chichester at a special sitting of the City Bench on Thursday morning.

**Departure of the Cyclists.**

A crowd of several hundred people assembled at the Chichester Cross at mid-night on Friday when the 9th Hants Battalion, cyclists, received a hasty call. During the week they had been at work in the district south of Chichester. On Friday evening they were called away, however, and the military authorities commenced the work of appropriating all available motor traffic. In the course of the evening several large tourist cars from Southsea arrived, and these were soon confiscated, together with private and business cars owned by Cicestrians and others, which were lined up along West Street by the Cathedral railings. In the morning a large motor pantechnicon had arrived from Southampton, and this figured in the procession in the evening, together with a motor wagon belonging to a firm of brewers, Mr. Humphry's (of East Street) motor van, and the new motor delivery van of the Eastgate Hand Laundry. Several private cars, a contingent of Mr. Davies' (of Bognor) spacious "Commer" cars, and a few sidecars, etc. completed the miscellaneous assortment of motor traffic into which cyclists and their machines were hurried. Dozens of the cyclists rode off on their machines. A large crowd numbering between 500 and a thousand assembled, and accorded the men hearty cheers as they went off in a westerly direction. It was understood their destination was Cosham where they expected to entrain for duty elsewhere.