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ER3/2	Blaenclydach. Boys.	School closed to enable staff to undergo a course of 48 hrs Military Training	18 Sep 1914	88
		Mr J G Davies left at the close of the afternoon session for the Army.	15 Nov 1915	101
		Miss Rogers absent, interviewing the Red Cross Authorities at Cardiff. Permission granted by H.T	24 Nov 1915	102
		Mr S Williams absent. Visited Recruiting Offices. Resumed duties in the afternoon.	29 Nov 1915	102
		Mr S Williams left for active service. Mr S Williams resumed duties in the afternoon.	30 Nov 1915	102
		Instructions from the Director to allow the Senior Assistant to help in filling in the Recruiting Forms at the Tonypandy H E School.	6 Jan 1916	103
		Mr Edmunds left at the close of the afternoon to join the Army.	4 Feb 1916	104
		Mr S Williams left at the close of the afternoon session to undertake Military duties.	14 Feb 1916	104
		Mr Francis absent. Business in connection with War Service	9 Mar 1916	106
		The H T was away from the school from 10.10 to 11.30am making provision for the Belgians who had been rendered homeless by the fire at the New Inn Hotel, Clydach Vale.	14 Apr 1916	106
		Mr T Thomas left for active service	4 May 1916	107
		Mr Hughes absent. Undergoing Army medical Examination. Permission granted by H T.	31 May 1916	108
		Mrs Lewis left at the close of the morning session to undertake duties for a fortnight at the local Red Cross Hospital.	19 Sep 1916	110

		Mrs Evans left at the close of the morning to undertake duties for a week at the local Red Cross Hospital	10 Oct 1916	112
		War Savings Association formed	20 Nov 1916	113
		Mrs Lewis left at the close of the afternoon session to undertake duties at the Red Cross Hospital for a fortnight. Permission granted by Education Authority.	12 Dec 1916	113
		H T absent in the afternoon attending to duties arising from the death of a relative on Active Service.	20 Dec 1916	114
		School reopened after Xmas holidays, Mr Francis not present, having been called up for Military duties.	2 Jan 1917	114
		Miss Evans absent. Undertaking duties at the Red Cross Hospital for one week.	3 Jan 1917	115
		Mr Morgan absent, attending Military Board.	8 Jan 1917	115
		In order to give the scholars an idea of the vast amount subscribed to the War Loan - £700,000.000, the time taken to count this money, £1 every second, was given as a problem to Std's 4, 5 and 6.	20 Feb 1917	116
		Mrs Lewis absent. Acting as Quartermaster for a fortnight at the Red Cross Hospital.	7 Mar 1917	117
		During the week ending on this date, lessons were given on potato growing. Pamphlets bearing on the subject were obtained from the Board of Agriculture and given to the children.	16 Mar 1917	117
		A collection of fruit and eggs was made by the scholars for the wounded soldiers at the local Red	22 Mar 1917	118

		Cross Hospital. The collection consisted of 59 eggs, 143 oranges, 26 apples, 31 bananas, 1 lb of rice, nuts, chocolate and 2/7d in money.		
		School closed. Teachers engaged on 'National Service Work'	26 Mar 1917	118
		Miss Evans absent, acting as nurse for a week at the Red Cross Hospital.	28 Mar 1917	118
		Lessons on Food Economy given throughout the school and pamphlets given to the children to take home.	17 May 1917	120
		Mrs Lewis absent, acting as Red Cross nurse at local hospital	5 Jun 1917	121
		Miss Evans absent on duty at the Red Cross Hospital	20 Jun 1917	121
		Mr J J Baggett resumed duties after an absence of nearly two years on Active Service	2 Jul 1917	122
		Mrs Lewis absent undertaking duties at the Red Cross Hospital.	28 Aug 1917	122
		Miss Evans left for a weeks duties at the local Red Cross Hospital	12 Sep 1917	123
		Mrs Lewis absent undertaking duties at the Red Cross Hospital.	14 Nov 1917	126
		Miss Evans left for a weeks duty at the local Red Cross Hospital	28 Nov 1917	126
		School collection towards the Blinded Soldiers Children Fund amounted to £3.6.71/2d	4 Jan 1918	127
		School closed. Teachers engaged in doing the clerical work in connection with the Rationing Scheme	4 Feb 1918	128
		Leaflets from the Food Economy Department distributed for school children throughout the school area. These leaflets were (1) Thirty four	21 Feb 1918	128

		ways a cooking potato's, (2) Delicious soups, (3) All about stews.		
		Miss Evans absent, Red Cross Duties	27 Feb 1918	129
		Mr Morgan left for Military Service	11 Mar 1918	129
		The registers were not marked, one of the tanks visited the district and the children were taken to see it, after which the school was dismissed for the day.	27 May 1918	131
		Mr Hughes absent. Medical examination by the Military Authorities. Mr Davies absent in the afternoon. Examination by Medical Board	3 Jun 1918	131
		The H T left at 3pm to be medically examined at Cardiff.	8 Oct 1918	134
ER3/3	Blaenclydach. Girls.	So many men are leaving the district to join the new army raised for the War now in progress that attendance is not good.	1 Sep 1914	141
		During needlework lessons we hope to make some garments suitable for distribution during the coming winter among the children of the poorer class whose fathers are now serving with the Colours. At a Committee meeting held at Porth, the Director said that a quantity of material would be supplied for the purpose and all head teachers willingly consented to give their services to assist in the making.	10 Sep 1914	143
		The leaflets re War Savings were distributed today. Every scholar in school received one. In each class the need of savings was explained and the method in connection with the P O was	29 Jun 1916	184

		advised. All scholars were asked to take leaflets home and explain to their parents that they had been strongly advised to save in this way. It was found that some had already done so. Others promised to do so. A number were saving in connection with S S Bank and could not duplicate method of saving.		
		It has been decided to form a War Savings Association in connection with the School. The Staff form the Committee with Mrs S E Jones as Chairman, Miss Hilda Coles as Treasurer, Miss R H Collins as Secretary. It has been affiliated to the National War Savings Committee through the Rhondda Local Central Committee with local Register No 260/3. First payments will be received on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> if literature for distribution arrives in time.	1 Nov 1916	191
		War Savings Bank opened today. First deposits taken. 14 members enrolled. 11/- deposited.	20 Nov 1916	194
		War Savings account audited today by Councillor Lawe and Mrs D Morgan	23 Jan 1917	197
		Miss Coles absent from school in order to do duty at Red Cross Hospital for coming week	5 Sep 1917	208
		Letter received from Office asking that all scholars should be marched down to Tonypany to see Tank which is on a collecting tour – War Bonds and War Certificates sale.	27 May 1918	224
ER5/2	Blaenrhondda. Infants.	A holiday was granted for today to allow the children to visit the Tank that had been sent to Treherbert in connection with the National War Savings Association.	10 Jun 1918	55

		School will be closed this afternoon owing to a fete in aid of Red Cross Funds taking place in the District.	4 Jul 1918	55
ER5/3	Blaenrhondda. Mixed.	Miss M Jones C.T absent this morning – seeing brother going away to the Front.	22 Jan 1918	449
		Visit of Tank “Egbert” to Treherbert. School closed for the day	10 Jun 1918	453
ER6/1	Bleanycywm. Infants.	Miss Abraham is at school today She was absent yesterday, because two soldier brothers were leaving home for the war area.	29 Feb 1916	26
		Miss Abraham is absent, seeing her brother who is home on leave, departing again for the war area.	19 Jan 1917	306
		Miss Abraham left school this afternoon early at 2.30. To see her brother leaving for Military service.	13 Feb 1917	307
		The afternoon session begins at 1 O'clock. Each department leaving correspondingly early. This is done because of the sports to be held at Treherbert. The proceeds from the sale of tickets for the above, goes to fund comforts for the wounded soldiers at the Red Cross Hospital at Ystrad.	21 Jun 1917	312
		A collection of fresh eggs was made this week, for the wounded soldiers, who are at the Red cross Hospital, Llwynypia. 77 eggs were collected also some cigarettes bought. The gift was presented from the school this evening.	5 Jul 1917	313
		The Registers were not marked on this day. As it was ‘Tank Day’ for the ward I, the school children were marched to Treherbert to see the tank and a big effort has been made to invest in War Savings	10 Jun 1918	323

		etc. The Blaenycwm School Association were able to purchase 113 of the 15/6 certificates.		
ER6/2	Blaenycwm. Mixed.	No mention of the war in this log book.		
ER7/6	Bodringallt. Girls.	Miss H.A. White will be absent for a week with the permission of the Director of Education. She is giving her services at the local Red Cross Hospital.	2 Oct 1918	187
ER10/3	Cwmclydach. Boys.	School closed to-day to enable six members of staff to undergo Military Training.	18 Sep 1914	146
		Mr R. J. Whittington absent to assist with the Recruiting Campaign.	4 Jan 1916	159
		Messrs Isaac D. Davies and Dewi Thomas left morning for enlistment in the Army. Mr. Morris Griffiths left this evening for Military Service.	28 Feb 1916	160
		Mr M. Griffiths being medically unfit for military service, resumed duties this morning.	2 Mar 1916	161
		Mr H. J. Evans absent to appeal for exemption from Military service.	20 Mar 1916	161
		Mr. J. Davies absent to be medically Examined for Military service.	12 May 1916	163
		Attendance was low this afternoon as a large number of boys had gone to attend a Military funeral at Tonypandy.	18 May 1916	164
		Mr. H. J. Evans absent in the afternoon to appear before the Rhondda tribunal to appeal for exemption from Military service.	30 Jun 1916	165
		Miss D. Havard absent with permission, to visit her brother who is home on leave from the Front.	25 Sep 1916	167
		D. E. Griffiths absent this afternoon with permission. War Savings Association established in school.	16 Nov 1916	169

		Miss D. Havard absent to-day, having gone home to see her brother, who is home on leave from France.	8 Jan 1917	171
		A potato collection was made in school this afternoon in aid of the Llwynypia, Wounded Soldiers Auxiliary Home Hospital and 1 ½ cwts. were collected.	15 Feb 1917	172
		School closed today to enable the Staff to assist in the distribution and collection of forms for National Service Enrolment.	26 Mar 1917	173
		Mr H.J. Evans has been sent to Pentre recruiting Office to assist with the clerical work.	2 Apr 117	174
		Miss D. Havard absent to-day to go home to see her brother who is home on leave from the Front.	18 Jun 1917	176
		Miss Havard absent to visit her brother who is home on leave from the Front.	22 Oct 1917	181
		The attendance is still poor and a large number of boys are kept home to go to the food queues.	25 Jan 1918	184
		Closed the school for the next week to release the staff to distribute and collect forms around the houses in connection with the Food Rationing Scheme.	1 Feb 1918	184
		School re-opened. Mr H. J. Evans absent to appear before the Medical Board at Cardiff for re-examination under Military Service Act.	11 Feb 1918	184
		Boys are kept home to fetch foodstuffs from the shops.	22 Feb 1918	185
		Miss Havard absent with permission, to go home at Devynock to see her brother on leave from the Front.	4 Mar 1918	185
		Mr. H. J. Evans absent to appear before the medical Board at Cardiff.	19 Mar 1918	185

		Mr. H. J. Evans absent for examination by Medical board.	22 Mar 1918	185
		Mr. H. J. Evans left to join the Army.	8 May 1918	187
		Tank Day. Procession of the scholars formed to march to Tonypany to see the tank. Before going a few words addressed to the Scholars on the tank – (1) What it is, (2) What it has done, (3) Symbolic of crushing tyranny, (4) It is a safe or Bank. (5) A word on thrift.		
		Miss Thomas absent in the afternoon – being called home to see her brother home on leave from the front.	31 May 1918	188
		Messrs D. E. Griffiths and J. Goodwin absent for examination by the Medical board. Miss Thomas absent to-day cousin home on leave.	3 Jun 1918	188
		Mr. J. Goodwin absent to appeal for re-examination by Medical Board.	4 Jun 1918	188
		Miss Havard absent to go home to Devynock to see her brother who is home on leave.	10 Jun 1918	188
		Mr. J. Goodwin absent to appeal at Cardiff for re-examination by Medical board.	20 Jun 1918	189
		Mr M. Griffiths absent for examination by Medical board at Cardiff.	4 Sep 1918	190
		Mr. Edwards left to join the Army.	20 Sep 1918	192
		Mr Hugh J. Evans C.A. has been discharged from the Army and he resumed duties this morning.	18 Nov 1918	194
ER10/5	Cwmclydach. Girls.	Miss Thomas absent today. Gone to visit brother invalided home from the Front.	7 Jul 1916	92
		A War Savings Association established at this school and affiliated to the National War Savings	20 Nov 1916	95

		Association		
		Miss B Davies absent. Brother killed in France.	19 & 20 Jul 1917	99
		Received instructions from Director to close for the day to enable children to inspect the Tank expected in Mid Rhondda. A procession was accordingly formed of all scholars who marched to Tonypandy to inspect same.	27 May 1918	105
ER11/2	Cymmer. Girls.	Owing to the visit of the Tank to Porth, the Council have granted a holiday to allow the children to march to the town to see it.	30 May 1918	336
ER11/5	Cymer. Boys.	Mr White absent for today and tomorrow by permission, to attend Military Drill at Tonypandy	8 Sep 1914	46
		Ernest Sullivan, Certificated Assistant left this day. He is joining the Army Medical Corps for the War.	8 Sep 1914	48
		6 members of the Staff are undergoing 48 hours Military Drill at Tonypandy	18 Sep 1914	48
		Gomer Evans and Arthur Lewis, Certificated Teachers, have intimated their intention of joining the Army. They propose to enlist on Monday. The Director has been informed.	9 Oct 1914	50
		Mr Gomer Evans present. He was rejected by the Military Authorities on account of age. Mr Lewis accepted.	13 Oct 1914	51
		Mr Gomer Evans absent this day to interview the Military Authorities at Wrexham with a view to Enlistment. Message received about 4pm that he had been accepted.	3 Nov 1914	53
		Theophilus Goodwin, U T, allowed to leave school at 3pm. He is on a committee to meet	13 Nov 1914	54

		some Belgian refugees who are expected at Tonypandy today.		
		J Morgan, C T, absent in the afternoon. He has to appear before the Military Authorities, having promised to enlist if called upon to do so.	11 May 1915	72
		J Morgan, C T, present. He has been rejected by the Military Authorities on medical grounds.	12 May 1915	72
		John Morgan, C T, called this morning to say he had joined the R A M C and was accepted yesterday.	8 Oct 1915	87
		Mr Hoosen, H M I, called to seek a volunteer for Registration work. Mr S M Breeze agreed to serve for the next fortnight during school hours.	13 Oct 1915	87
		Mr S M Breeze absent in the afternoon by permission, to visit the Recruiting Office at Cardiff with a view to joining the Inns of Court O.T.C.	1 Dec 1915	92
		The Recruiting Officer asked for one of the teachers to assist this afternoon owing to the rush of recruits. Mr White allowed to go at 2pm.	10 Dec 1915	93
		Mr White, Cert Ass't, absent this week. He has been ordered by the Director to assist in preparing the Recruiting Returns at Porth H E School	20 Dec 1915	93
		Owing to the absences of teachers, the shortage of staff, and the many calls upon the Head Teachers time in organising street collections for Comforts for the Welsh Troops etc, it has been found impossible to complete the terminal exams and issue the reports.	23 Dec 1915	94
		Mr White absent and likely to be for 2 or more weeks. He is working for the Recruiting Authorities by order of the Director.	4 Jan 1916	94

		Mr S M Breeze, Cert Teacher, concluded his services as Assistant in this school today. He has been called up with his Group under Lord Derby's Recruiting Scheme.	4 Feb 1916	98
		During this morning also, a simple ceremony in honour of 'Old Boys' who have fallen in the War took place. Up to date the following are known to have been killed or to have died of wounds or fever:- Thomas Morton, Ernest Hughes, David Lloyd Williams, Joseph Phillips, Henry Arthur Morgan, Lewis Richards and Edwin Marsh.	1 Mar 1916	102
		Stanley Davies, C T, absent today. In a letter received he states he is attending before the Medical Board at Cardiff with a view to enlist.	9 Mar 1916	104
		Head Teacher absent in the afternoon. His son is employed at the Kentish Powder Works (Faversham) where a serious explosion took place last weekend involving 200 casualties. No means of communicating by wire from Porth owing to the lines being down, so had to go to Cardiff for the purpose.	5 Apr 1916	107
		Isaac R Jones, Uncert' Assistant in charge of St 7, leaves today. He has been called upon to join the army on Wednesday next week, April 26 <sup>th</sup> .	20 Apr 1916	109
		The War Savings Association recently formed has taken up some time. The certificates have been purchased during the week.	5 Jan 1917	132
		Mr T Williams, U T, absent in the afternoon. He has to attend before the Local Tribunal in connection with Military matters.	29 Mar 1917	140

		Isaac R Jones, U T, absent all day by permission. He is attending before the military authorities at Cardiff for medical re-examination.	11 Jun 1917	145`
		Military Funeral in the afternoon.	3 Oct 1917	154
		T Williams, U T, absent this morning. He had to do guard duty with the U T C throughout the night at Cardiff.	24 Jan 1918	163
		The Head Teacher left school at 2.15pm to attend at the Local Food Control Office, by order of the Director.	29 Jan 1918	164
		School will be closed next week by order of the Committee, the staff to be engaged in Registration Work in connection with the Rhondda Food Rationing Scheme.	1 Feb 1918	164
		Mrs M A Jones came late, having had to attend some business connected with her soldier son.	29 May 1918	171
		Porth Tank Day. School closed. Children assembled at 10 to march down to the Tank, there to sing 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' and 'God Save the King'. They were then dismissed for the day.	30 May 1918	172
		The Head Teacher left school at 2.40pm to attend the funeral of Ivor Williams, of Aberystwyth College, a former scholar of this school who died of wounds received in France.	17 Jun 1918	173
		All staff present with the exception of Mr White who has been called to the Army.	26 Aug 1918	176
		Mr Thomas Williams terminates his engagement today to join the Army.	30 Aug 1918	177
ER14/3	Dunraven. Girls.	School closed, owing to the visit of the Tank 'Egbert' to Treherbert.	10 Jun 1918	63

ER14/5	Dunraven. Boys.	War declared between Britain and Germany	4 Aug 1914	423
		Mr Jonathan Rees and Mr Isaac Williams of Pentre Council School came to assist here today in place of Mr L R Webb and T R Francis who have gone for 48 hours training under Glam' Nat/ Reserve.	18 Sep 1914	424
		This afternoon I entered the name of one of the Belgian Refugees on the books:- Kornelius Arents. Two big boys over fifteen years of age have been receiving instruction here for some weeks.	13 Jan 1915	428
		The boxes of money collected during Saturday Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> were opened and it was discovered that upwards of £12 had been collected towards Mrs Lloyd Georges Flag Day Scheme to provide the Welsh Regiments with comforts.	2 Mar 1915	430
		Mr Nicholas left today for London to join the Sanitary Corps.	13 Mar 1916	440
		The Red Cross Flag Day was held in this district on this day. The total amount of receipts was £14.10.4d.	10 Nov 1916	450
		There receipts of the Red Cross Flag Day on Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> was £14.10.4d. The Social held at this school on Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> resulted in a sum of 38.18.0d, which sum has been handed over to the Wounded Soldiers Fund at Llwynpia Hospital.	26 Nov 1916	450
		Councillor Dan Davies called in connection with the National Service Campaign.	23 Mar 1918	455
		Materials for Russian Flag Day arrived.	27 Apr 1917	455

		The School Concert in aid of War Charities took place on the 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> June. The concerts were well attended and substantial sums will be realized. The children were granted a holiday on the 15 <sup>th</sup> as a reward for their good work.	14 – 16 Jun 1917	458
		A letter was received from the Netley Hospital Authorities asking us to keep up the 'Dunraven Bed' at Netley for another year.	9 Jul 1917	459
		Mr Nicholas, who has been discharged from the Army commenced duties here on Wednesday Set 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1917.	25 Sep 1917	462
		The total receipts of Saturday's Flag Day for the Red Cross Society came to £12.10s	10 Oct 1917	463
		Received intimation that the school would be closed next week to enable the teachers to distribute and collect the Food Cards for rationing purposes.	1 Feb 1918	471
		Mr Nicholas absent this morning seeing his brother off. His brother was returning to France.	25 Mar 1918	474
		Today was 'Tank Day' at Treherbert. The children were marched down in procession to see the tank. The children of the five schools were massed into one choir and sang National Anthems under the conductorship of the Headmaster of Dunraven School. £719 came through the Dunraven School War Savings Association.	10 Jun 1918	478
		Headmaster late today: came to school at 10 o'clock after having attended the Glam' Vol' Regt's Camp at Porthcawl for the weekend.	17 Jun 1918	478
		Received a letter from the Director intimating that Clause 8 of the Education Act was not to be	18 Sep 1918	481

		enforced until after the War. Boys who are thirteen years old and who have made 350 attendances each year for five years are therefore allowed to leave school if they have obtained permanent employment.		
		On the 11 <sup>th</sup> of the present month the glorious news was received that the Great War had come to an end. Great rejoicings took place in the locality and a general holiday was observed.	11 Nov 1918	483
ER15/1	Dyffryn. Mixed.	Two Certified Teachers have been added to the Staff. Mr D A Phillips (Exeter Coll) is at present performing military duties at Salisbury and Mrs J Evans (Goldsmith Coll) is not able to start until 3 <sup>rd</sup> instant.	1 Sp 1914	203
		Teachers have obtained leave of absence in order to undergo 48 hrs of Military training at the Tonypandy Rink.	18 Sep 1914	204
		Mr Benjamin Williams has been accepted as a recruit in the Cycle Corps of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Welsh and will not resume school duties until the end of the War.	12 Oct 1914	205
		Received from the Educational Publishing Co', a parcel of materials which the school girls are to make up into garments for the children in need whose fathers are on active service.	15 Oct 1914	206
		Owing to the work involved carrying out the provisions of the Registration Act an additional weeks holiday was given to all the schools.	6 Sp 1915	222
		Mr B Williams, discharged from the Cyclists Corps owing to defective eyesight – to resume his position at C T.	12 Oct 1915	225
		Mr S Williams was granted a holiday in the afternoon – an instalment of the fortnight to	2 Dec 1915	229

		which he and Mr Thomas are entitled – they having devoted their Mid Summer holidays to National Registration Work.		
		Mr D S Williams granted a 'Registration' half holiday in the afternoon.	10 Feb 1916	232
		Mr D S Williams absent morning and afternoon. On Thursday next, Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> , he will leave to take up Military Service with the 20 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Regiment.	28 Feb 1916	233
		School reopened. All the staff present with the exception of Mr Rees who joined the Army during the holidays.	29 Aug 1916	241
		Scheme 3 of the War Savings Association was inaugurated this morning when £4.8.3d was contributed by children. Miss Davies and Mr B Williams have been appointed Secretary and Treasurer respectively, the rest of the Staff forming the Committee.	4 Dec 1916	246
		Mr Thomas obtained leave of absence in order to be present at the inspection of the U T C at Cardiff by Lord French.	14 Dec 1916	247
		The sum of 36 was collected by the school children on Xmas Day towards the Belgian Relief Fund.	2 Jan 1917	248
		Instruction in Manual Work at the Hendrefadog has been discontinued – probably until the end of the War – as the teacher has been called up for Military Service.	23 Mar 1917	252
		It has been decided to close the all the schools on Monday next (26 <sup>th</sup> ) as a large number of teachers are taking part in the National Service Campaign	23 Mar 1917	252
		Mr B Williams was unable to attend today as he had to appear before the Medical Board in Cardiff	29 Oct 1917	264

		for re-examination, with the result that he is now placed in Class C1		
		In accordance with instructions received from the Director, the schools will be closed next in order to enable the staff to carry out work connected with the Food Registration	1 Feb 1918	268
		This being Tank Day at Ferndale the schools in the District were closed. The school children were marched to the Darren Field to witness the opening ceremony performed by Councillor Maltby. The W S A of this Department contributed £143.10.6d towards the total of £30,000 collected in the District – Pontygwaith to Maerdy	29 May 1918	275
		Mr Thomas and Mr Williams have been placed in Grade 2 as a result of their Medical Examination at Pontypridd.	10 Jun 1918	276
		Miss Lloyd has obtained leave of absence to-day and tomorrow in order to visit her brother at the Bath Military Hospital.	14 Oct 1918	280
		News was received at 11 this morning of the Signing of the Armistice and the schools under this Authority were closed for the week.	11 Nov 1918	281
ER16/2	Ferndale. Infants.	'Peace' declared. School closed, 12 o' clock	11 Nov 1918	88
ER16/5	Ferndale. Boys.	Mr Leonards last attendance, he has enlisted in the 5 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Battalion at Pontypridd	13 Oct 1914	408
		Handel Gealey, S. T. attended school this morning – absent this afternoon going to Military Service (chemist)	5 Jun 1916	428
		Les Niowas granted permission to go to Cardiff for a Med- exam by the Military Authorities	31 Aug 1916	430

		War savings started.	3 Nov 1916	433
		I was absent today in charge of volunteers at Cardiff. Inspection by Gen. French.	14 Nov 1916	434
		Leave school at 3.30 on Thursday for duty as Volunteer Officer – (consent of Education Committee)	22 Feb 1917	436
		Did not reach school until 10 this morning. Had been on Volunteer work at Cardiff last night & came up by first train.	24 Apr 1917	438
		Mr. H. Evans absent today with permission. At Cardiff for re-examination by the Medical Authorities.	16 May 1917	439
		Mr A. Morgan, who is absent at Cardiff having to appear before the Medical Board.	4 Jun 1917	440
		Ferndale Tank day – children were assembled at school and marched to Darran Field.	29 May 1918	452
		G. Lloyd absent today at Cardiff Medical Board.	29 Aug 1918	455
		School closed for the afternoon and remainder of the week. – Armistice Signed.	11 Nov 1918	458
		Left school at 3.15 to attend Funeral of one of the Belgium refugees.	8 Jan 1919	460
ER16/7	Ferndale. Girls.	Mrs M. A. Jones is absent to meet her husband from France.	26 Feb 1917	11
		Miss Mary A. Davies leaves with permission at 3.p.m. to see friend off to War.	27 Feb 1917	12
		Mrs M. A. Jones ia absent with permission for the afternoon to see her husband off, from Cardiff for France.	5 Mar 1917	12
		Holiday to facilitate collection of papers for National Service (Voluntary)	26 Mar 1917	13

		Mrs Nelmes is absent (husband home on Furlough)	25 Jun 1917	14
		Mrs Nelmes is absent with permission because her husband is home on leave.	18 Sep 1917	16
		Mrs Nelmes arrives at 9.40 a.m. She had been delayed owing to her husband from the army being home.	26 Mar 1918	22
		Mrs Nelmes is absent for the morning (Husband returning from leave)	2 May 1918	22
		School is closed for the afternoon and the remainder of the week because The Armistice is Signed	11 Nov 1918	25
ER17/3	Gelli (Tyisaf). Mixed.	In consequence of three of the staff having volunteered for the 48 hours course of Military Training the school is closed for tomorrow Friday 18 Sept.	17 Sep 1914	318
		Mr T. Llewelyn absent – again appointed to registration Work.	4 Oct 1915	336
		Mr Tom Llewelyn again called for registration work.	12 Nov 1915	339
		Mr L. Hughes absent in the afternoon appearing before the Porth tribunal on his appeal for exemption from Military Service.	20 Mar 1916	344
		Mr. T. Llewelyn absent all day appearing before the Port Tribunal.	22 Mar 1916	344
		Mr. Price H.M.I. visited the school at dismissal time. He brought forward the War savings Scheme.	19 Apr 1916	345
		W. E. Chillington absent all day – appearing before the Medical Board at Cardiff.	18 May 1916	346
		W. E. Chillington absent all day Naval Medical Exam.	3 May 1916	347

		W. E. Chillington absent in the morning – called to Bristol by Naval Authorities.	9 Jun 1916	347
		T. A. Hughes absent all day – appearing before the Medical Board at Cardiff	30 Jun 1916	348
		Mr. W. E. Chillington C.A. left to join the Navy at Portsmouth as School master.	7 Jul 1916	349
		C. Terry absent to-day – appearing before Medical Board at Cardiff.	31 Jul 1916	350
		Received circulars ‘re’ – Exemption, War Savings etc.	3 Nov 1916	354
		Official notice of the Granting of War Bonuses as from Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1916.	5 Dec 1916	355
		A great awakening in the effort for the success of the War Savings Association.	14 Feb 1917	356
		Great success of the war savings Association.	19 Feb 1917	357
		Report of War work	20 Feb 1917	357
		Busy day – War Savings.	11 Jun 1917	363
		List of the most urgent cases of soldier’s children requiring boots forwarded to the Director.	2 May 1918	372
		Mr Tom Llewelyn absent all day – Appearing before the Medical Board at Pontypridd.	3 Jun 1918	373
		Attendance Officer called. “Want of Boots” – a common reason given for absence from school.	20 Sep 1918	376
ER17/4	Gelli (Tyisaf). Girls.	School closed at noon to re-open on the morning of the 13 <sup>th</sup> inst. for the Whitsun Holiday. The regulation Whitsun Holiday has been deferred in consequence of the War.	9 Jun 1916	334
		Mrs Gruar granted permission to absent herself this afternoon to travel to London to meet her	20 Oct 1916	339

		husband –who is a soldier-.		
		Mrs Gruar absents today with permission her husband, a soldier home on leave.	23 Nov 1916	340
		Mrs Gruar granted permission by the Education Committee to absent herself from the 12 – 15 for domestic reasons – her husband’s embarkation leave.	12 Feb 1917	342
		Mrs Gruart allowed leave of absence for this week, - return of her husband from France. – Permission granted by Educ. Com.	1 Oct 1917	347
		Mrs Gruar granted permission to absent herself this morning her husband rejoining his regiment.	11 Oct 1917	348
		School closed for the week, as the teachers have been asked to take up Food Registration.	5 Feb 1918	351
		Mrs Gruar absent today with permission – Visiting her brother at Worcester Military Hospital	24 Apr 1918	352
		Mrs Gruar absent this afternoon with permission-meeting her invalided husband at Cardiff.	17 Oct 1918	355
ER18/1	Graigddu. Girls.	School closed this afternoon owing to a very low percentage. There is a military Funeral in the district	23 Nov 1914	183
		Ten girls (std VI) have been transferred by order of the Council to Craig-yr-Eos Girls school. They have been amalgamated with the Std. 6 of that school for “War Economy”.	11 Oct 1915	199
		Leaflets on War savings have been received from “The National War Savings Committee” The leaflets were distributed among the children.	27 Jun 1916	217
		A letter was received today from the Director of Education, expressing the great appreciation of the committee at the results achieved by the	12 Oct 1916	230

		recent concerts towards War Charities.		
		£1.-1 has been collected by the girls towards the Belgium relief Fund.	8 Jan 1917	238
		A war Savings has been started and already 9 girls have bought 6d stamps and received a card.	18 Jan 1917	239
		27 children have already a card for the War Savings certificate, 4 certificates have been bought.	26 Jan 1917	240
		A collection was made today in school for the purpose of sending cigarettes and tobacco to our soldiers. The amount was Girl's school. Infants dept. 4/-, total 3/-, posted to the Sec. of the Overseas club.	24 May 1917	253
		The sum of £2. 10. 2 has been collected in both departments towards the Blinded Soldiers Children Fund.	8 Jan 1918	271
		School closed to-day by permission of Director, Tank Day in Mid Rhondda.	27 May 1918	275
ER19/4	Hafod. Boys.	Messrs Alwyn Jones & Perry Lewis left school this morning at 10.30am having obtained permission to go to Cardiff for the purpose of enlisting.	26 Nov 1915	320
		Mr Penry Lewis Cert Asssist' in charge of Standard 1, left today to join the Devon Regiment.	14 Dec 1915	321
		Mr Alwyn Jones, Certified Teacher in charge of Standard 2 left this afternoon to join his Group under Lord Derby's Scheme.	21 Jan 1916	323
		Mr Penry Lewis Certified Asssist' Teacher, commenced duties here today, after an absence of nearly four months. He left this school at the commencement of December 1915 and joined	30 Mar 1916	329

		the Devon Reg't, having now been discharged on medical grounds.		
		Mr Emrys Hughes, Certified Assistant, terminated duties here this afternoon, having been called to the Colours under the Military Service Act.	14 Apr 1916	330
		Mr George C Marchant absent today. He had been granted permission to attend before the Military Medical Board at Cardiff	30 May 1916	332
		Permission has been granted Mr Brinley J Williams to be absent from school today, in order to attend before the Military Medical Board at Cardiff.	5 Jun 1916	333
		Mr G C Marchant left today to join the Army	9 Jun 1916	333
		Mr J Charles sent a note this morning to state that he would be unable to come today to school as his remaining son had been called up for Military Service	15 Dec 1916	342
		The following was substituted for ordinary lessons; and the different classes were grouped as follows;- St 1 & 2, St 3 & 4, St 5 & 6, at 10am, (1) Patriotism (especially emphasising the duty of national service), in order to stimulate the children to greater effort, preparing them for greater sacrifices and emphasising the supremacy of deeds over words, the duties of the present over the glories of the faded past.	1 Mar 1917	347
		Mr Charles absent this afternoon. He had written seeking permission to stay at home this afternoon as his eldest boy was returning after his week-end leave from the Army	22 Oct 1917	362
		Mr Williams resumed duties at school today. He	30 Oct 1917	361

		was sent back by the Recruiting Authorities at Cardiff until he receives another calling up notice.		
		Mr Brinley J Williams has been called up to join the Army.	26 Nov 1917	363
		The school was closed this afternoon for a week, to re-open on Monday Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> , in order that all the staff should be released to distribute and collect the Food Rationing Forms and Cards	1 Feb 1918	367
		Mr B J Williams, Cert Teacher, commenced duties this morning after having been discharged from the Army	18 Nov 1918	388
ER20/1	Hendrefadog. Infants.	Head Mistress left school this afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend a meeting called by the Director, Mr Berry, to consider ways and means to relieve distress among those affected by the War.	7 Sep 1914	18
		News of the Signing of the Armistice came about 11.15am. The time table was deviated from for the rest of the morning, and the children marched around the Hall singing Patriotic songs etc. We closed for the afternoon and for Tuesday	11 Nov 1918	58
ER20/3	Hendrefadog. Boys.	Mr Morgan and Mr George are absent today by permission for the purpose of undergoing 48 Hours Military Duty at the Tonypandy Park.	18 Sep 1914	33
		Mr William R Morgan has been enrolled as a Private in the University Unit of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He expects to be called up for service on Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> next.	6 Oct 1914	34
		Mr Gwilym Morris left school this morning at 10.30 to visit the Recruiting Station at Cardiff.	13 Oct 1914	35
		Mr Morris has written to state that he has been enrolled in the 7 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Cyclists Corps, and commences today.	14 Oct 1914	35

		Mr W R Morgan leaves this afternoon to become a Private in the University Unit of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers	15 Oct 1914	36
		Mr Leonard Jones enlisted on Saturday	25 Oct 1915	50
		Mr David George C.T terminated duties this afternoon. He is enlisting tomorrow.	26 Oct 1915	50
		School closed this afternoon by special instruction from the Education Office in order to enable the members of staff to assist with the clerical work at the local Recruiting Stations.	10 Dec 1915	52
		Messrs T B Rees and D Thomas Morris are leaving this afternoon. In accordance with Lord Derby's Scheme they join the Colours tomorrow Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> . This now leaves one class teacher and the Head Teacher out of the seven at the opening of the school three years ago. Five members of the staff will now be serving with the colours. Mr Gorwell, the Manual Instructor, will also be joining the Colours tomorrow.	8 Feb 1916	56
		Mr David Thomas Morris returned to school today. He has been classed as unfit for General Service in the Army, but has been placed in the Army Reserve for Home Service.	10 Feb 1916	56
		Wyndham James absent by permission in order to appear before the Medical Board at Cardiff.	7 Jun 1916	62
		Cpl W R Morgan, who is in the Chemical Section of the Royal Engineers, and who has been in France for about Eight months, is visiting the school this afternoon. He was injured whilst preparing a gas attack and has been in hospital for some weeks. He has given an address to the	29 Jun 1916	64

		pupils of Std 5. They have been very interested in the series of letters they have received from him describing his life since he left England, and they were very pleased with his address.		
		Mrs Rachel A Davies left school at 3 pm by permission for the purpose of visiting the parents of a very intimate friend at Port Talbot. He had been killed in action in France & news of his death arrived this morning.	5 Jul 1916	65
		Mr Gwilym Morris visited the school this morning. He has been stationed at Whitby, on coast duty for a considerable time. He leaves for Flanders in a few weeks and is home on leave for three days. The boys were pleased to see him.	14 Jul 1916	65
		Wydham James, St 1, joined the Royal Naval Reserve on Aug 28 <sup>th</sup> .	29 Aug 1916	66
		During the week special attention has been given to the heroism of Jack Cornwell and a collection has been made towards the Endowment of the memorial ward.	22 Sep 1916	67
		Head Teacher absent today. Called before the Medical Board at Cardiff	27 Nov 1916	71
		Miss H J Griffiths absent this afternoon. Received bad news during the morning concerning her brother at Salonika.	8 Dec 1916	71
		Head Teacher absent today. Before Medical Board at Cardiff	15 Dec 1916	71
		Head Teacher (Mr D T Morris) on Military Service. T Jones in charge.	23 Mar 1917	75
		All staff present with the exception of Mrs R A Davies who has been granted permission to be absent. Her husband is leaving for Egypt.	4 Jun 1917	79

		The woodwork centre is closed once again, the third time. Mr Hughes, the Instructor, was called to the Colours on Monday, July 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	6 Jul 1917	80
		Messrs Hopkins & James, two local gentlemen, audited the War Loans Accounts on Monday July 2 <sup>nd</sup> and found them to be correctly kept.	6 Jul 1917	80
		Mrs Neish, Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Fraser terminate their engagements today. All these ladies left school many years ago, and a great credit is due to them for the manner in which they have helped to "carry on" during the absence of the men with the Colours. They have been industrious and conscientious in the preparation and performance of their duties, and they have exercised a good influence over the boys.	31 Aug 1917	82
		Head Teacher left school today at 10 am and returned at 2pm. Son came home for a weeks leave before proceeding to Palestine, but received orders per wire this morning to return to Headquarters immediately	18 Mar 1918	96
		Mr Martin Davies returned to school this morning. He has been absent for two and a half days in order to attend a Medical Board in London	21 Mar 1918	96
		Mrs Neish absent this morning by permission. Her husband, who is in the Army Reserve Class W, has been re-called for re-examination	17 Apr 1918	97
		School closed on the occasion of the visit of the Tank, Julian Junior, to Ferndale.	29 May 1918	98
		School dismissed immediately this morning. The Education Committee has now decided to close the schools for six weeks until August 26 <sup>th</sup> . The teachers have been asked to render every	11 Jul 1918	99

		possible assistance with the clerical work at the Local Food Office.		
		Miss Wolfe absent by permission. She is an applicant for a commission in the R A F and has been summoned before the Medical Board at Cardiff.	30 Aug 1918	100
		Miss F M Neil absent by permission, important business in connection with her brother who is seriously ill in Military Hospital.	7 Nov 1918	103
		About 10.30 am received news of signing of the Armistice. Time Table suspended for remainder of the morning and time devoted to signing of patriotic songs by the pupils and address by the teachers. Every endeavour was made to ensure the spirit of rejoicing and thankfulness in the pupils. School closed at noon for the remainder of the week.	11 Nov 1918	104
ER21/1	Llwyncelyn. Infants.	This afternoon, immediately after assembly, the children were dismissed as the services of the staff were required for the Clerical work in connection with the Derby Scheme of recruiting.	13 Dec 1915	213
		School closed today as all the teachers were acting as canvassers for National Service	26 Mar 1917	220
		The school will be closed during the coming week, the teachers all be engaged in work connected with the rationing scheme for the Rhondda	1 Feb 1918	224
		School visited by a member of the Rhondda Education Committee and Architect with the view of converting the premises into a Red Cross Hospital	22 Mar 1918	225

		Miss Jones will not be present next week having received permission of the Council to visit a wounded brother in London	4 Apr 1918	225
		Tank Day. Children assembled but register not marked	30 May 1918	226
		The Staff were on duty preparing materials for removal to temporary premises at Llywncelyn Welsh Congregational Hall and Bethany Vestry. The school [remises is being converted into a Convalescent Hospital for Soldiers	26 Aug 1918	227
ER22/2	Llwynypia Colliery. Infants.	In accordance with instructions from the Authority, the school will be closed on Monday in order that the Staff may assist with the work of enrolment for "National Service".	23 Mar 1917	329
		The Staff organised a Flag Day for the Russian wounded soldiers. £15.10.00 has been handed to the Honorary Treasurer as a result of our efforts.	4 May 1917	331
		The Welsh Flag Day in aid of the Welsh Soldiers and Sailors which was held on March 2nd 1918 was a great success. The proceeds from the sales of flags and emblems amount to £14.17.2d. From special donations we had £22.16.0d, making a total of £37.13.2d.	15 Mar 1918	345
ER22/4	Llwynypia. Boys and Mixed.	The School was closed for the day by order of the Director owing to the withdrawal of the following members of staff for the purpose of undergoing 48 hrs Military Training, commencing last night at 6 o'clock and ending on Sat at 6 pm.....	18 Sep 1914	478
		Mr D K Richards left at 4.30 o'clock today, having joined the University Corps for Military Service. He was presented with a small dressing case, a	7 Oct 1914	479

		pound of tobacco and a pound sterling by the teachers.		
		Mr J S Williams left today at 12.15 for Active Service as Drill Instructor.	14 Apr 1915	487
ER22/5	Llwynypia. Mixed.	Mr John Griffiths still absent – being engaged at the “National Registration” work in the Higher Elementary School	20 Sep 1915	1
		At 5.30 o’clock, Mr Pyke (The South Wales Representative of the Army & Navy League) delivered a lecture on “Our Navy – Men, Ships and Guns” to Standards 4 to 7	3 Nov 1915	3
		Mr W O Twiny was granted leave this afternoon to go to Hirwaun to speak to his Mother re “enlisting”, and to go afterwards (if agreed upon) to Aberdare to enlist.	7 Feb 1916	9
		Mr E W Davies went home this morning before the school opened and without consent of the H T – again re “enlistment”	8 Feb 1916	9
		Mr Twiny and Mr Davies went home this afternoon at 1.40 – the former stating he was “bound to go”	9 Feb 1916	9
		Mr Davies stated that he would not resume duties again – so he is considered as having left at <u>noon</u> yesterday	10 Feb 1916	9
		Mr Twiny was absent this morning (by permission of the H Teacher) to appear at Aberdare according to Military Order. He returned in the afternoon having been placed in Class 2 and allowed to return to school.	27 Mar 1916	11
		Mr J W Lewis was granted leave of absence this afternoon to go to be medically examined for Active Service.	4 May 1916	13

		Mr J W Lewis reported that was passed medically fit and placed in Class 1	5 May 1916	13
		Mr J W Lewis was granted permission yesterday afternoon to go to Cardiff re Enlistment in the Army	23 May 1916	14
		Mr J W Lewis went to Cardiff by the first train this morning and his wife afterwards wrote to me stating that he had been placed in the Army Ordnance Corps and had gone by the 10.20am train from Cardiff to Woolwich	24 May 1916	14
		Mrs E M Evans obtained leave of absence (from the Chairman and Director of the L E A) for the remainder of the week. She left at noon today for London to see her brother who is about to depart for France with the Australian Contingent.	18 Oct 1916	20
		A potato collection for the Wounded Soldiers at the Llwynypia Auxiliary Home Hospital was made today among the scholars, and 181 ¼ lbs were received and sent to the hospital. The teachers also sent 30 packets of "Woodbine" cigarettes there (value 3/11/2)	15 Feb 1917	26
		The school was closed today – teachers collecting National Service papers	26 Mar 1917	28
		Miss Evans was granted leave of absence for the day – her brother having returned from France for a few days leave	18 Jun 1917	33
		Mr R Bowen was absent today – having been ordered to appear at Cardiff for a Medical Examination	10 Jul 1917	35
		Mr Evan Davies was absent today – having to appear before the Medical Board at Cardiff	28 Nov 1917	44

		Mrs Evans was granted leave of absence this morning to accompany her husband to Cardiff on his return to France	30 Nov 1917	45
		Having to give a lecture at Mardy this evening on "War in the Air" for the benefit of the National Savings Association, I applied for leave of absence this afternoon to go early to examine the lantern slides.	10 Dec 1917	45
		Mr Evan Davies left this morning – his term of exemption from military service being ended.	11 Jan 1918	47
		Mr R Bowen was granted leave of absence today to go to Cardiff – before the Medical Board for Examination	3 Jun 1918	52
		Mr Bowen reported that as a result of his medical examination he was placed in Grade 2.	4 Jun 1918	52
		Mr Bowen informed me that he had this morning received a Notification calling him to join the Colours on the 13 <sup>th</sup> inst.	6 Jun 1918	52
		Mrs E M Evans was granted leave of absence during the afternoon to go to Cardiff to meet her soldier nephew returning from the Front	10 Jun 1918	52
ER23/2	Mardy. Infants.	The school is closed on Monday to enable teachers to give assistance with the National Service canvass	26 Mar 1917	16
		Head teacher left about 11 o clock on Tuesday to attend a Conference of Head Teachers & Director at Ferndale re Tank Day arrangements.	31 May 1918	33
		School was closed from today to the end of the week in celebration of the Signing of the Armistice Terms.	12 Nov 1918	38
ER23/5	Mardy. Boys.	Permission was granted to Messrs Edwards, Howells and Idwal Evans to leave early this	14 Sep 1914	80

		afternoon to enable them to attend a meeting at Cardiff with a view to enrolment in the proposed University Corps		
		Mr Howells was again called to Cardiff and left early this afternoon	16 Sep 1914	80
		Mr T Idwel Evans leaves this afternoon to join the University Corps at Rhyl	9 Nov 1914	82
		A letter was received from Mr Fred Davies C.A, stating that he had enlisted in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Welsh Regiment Mr James Davies came here this morning but left immediately for Porth where he continues work at the National Register	6 Sep 1915	95
		Mr Thos' Wm James C.A left today to join the Army under Lord Derby's Scheme	4 Feb 1916	102
		Mr William Lewis Howells, C.A left today to join the Colours	8 Feb 1916	103
		The papers today announce the promotion of a former member of our staff, Mr T Idwel Hope-Evans, to the rank of Captain of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Another, Mr John Edwards B.A, has been made Sergeant of 7 <sup>th</sup> Welsh	21 Feb 1916	103
		Mr David Jms Thomas C.A, left today to join the Colours.	28 Feb 1916	104
		Mr Lewis is absent today having been summoned to appear before the Local Tribunal of the Military Services Act.	22 Mar 1916	105
		Mr P D Lewis C.A has left the school today to join the Army under the Military Services Act	11 Apr 1916	106
		The school will be closed today at 12.15 and on Monday next – Whitsun holiday. The usual	9 Jun 1916	109

		holidays of one full week were curtailed by the request of the Board of Education to bring the schools into line with those who are sacrificing their usual holidays for the sake of helping the Empire in the Great War		
		Dan Hayden Davies left school this afternoon to visit the Porth Recruiting Office	21 Jun 1916	109
		Mr Davies was again compelled to leave school to interview the Secretary to the Local Military Tribunal. He seeks exemption from Military Service until the date of his next exam – Matric	22 Jun 1916	110
		A teacher taking physical exercise in the yard sent word to announce an aeroplane flying across his place at about 4.15pm. Three of the classes were out taking drill, so it could be easily arranged to muster the others. The children naturally were very excited and delighted, for very few had seen one previously. There seemed no evidence of fear in any of them, although some of the youngest seemed to think the visitor belonged to the Germans	3 Jul 1916	110
		Mr W J Davies was called before the Military Tribunal this afternoon. He has been granted a months exemption	14 Sep 1916	113
		Mr Dan H Davies has been examined by the Military Medical Board and placed in Class C3	15 Sep 1916	113
		Mr David Thomas C.A returned today after serving in the Army for 227 days. He has been discharged as unfit for service.	18 Sep 1916	113
		The first half hour this morning was devoted to recalling the story of John Travers Cornwell, the hero of the Battle of Jutland	21 Sep 1916	113

		A sale of stamps towards the "Jack Cornwell" wing of the Star and Garter Home resulted in securing £1.6.3d	27 Sep 1916	114
		Mr W J Davies is absent today and appearing before the Military Medical Committee	29 Sep 1916	114
		Mr Cyril Hughes is absent today and appears before the Military Medical Board at Cardiff	17 Oct 1916	115
		A second member of staff has now received a commission in His Majesty's Army. Lieutenant W L Howells, the member referred to, visited the school previous to his departure for France	5 Mar 1917	121
		Mr Vincent Hughes was absent yesterday afternoon and today, visiting the Recruiting Office	6 Mar 1917	121
		Thos Vincent Hughes leaves this afternoon to join the Army	7 Mar 1917	121
		Mr E C R Hughes is absent today, taking his brother Vincent to join his Unit at Cardiff	8 Mar 1917	122
		Another member of our staff has been given a commission in the Army – Lieut A F Phillips	23 Apr 1917	123
		Mr J D Morgan was granted permission to be absent this afternoon and tomorrow morning to go to Cardiff with his V T C (Volunteer Training Company)	9 May 1917	123
		Mr J Jenkins was summoned to Cardiff today to be re-examined by the Military Medical Board. He has again been declared unfit for military service	16 May 1917	124
		Mr W J Davies is absent today having been called for re-examination by the Military Medical Board. He has been classified as B2. Mr Dan Davies has also been placed in the same class	14 Jun 1917	125

		<p>A charity concert, organised chiefly by the teachers, was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at the Workmans Hall, Ferndale, the proceeds being devoted to the St Dunstons Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors. Mardy's contribution towards this was £28.11.0.</p> <p>Other recent "War Activities" in which the teachers were the principle workers, were the YMCA Hut Treck Campaign, held in March, and the Russian Flag Day, held in April. The results were – YMCA £85.4.9d, Russian Flag Day £23.4.7d</p>	20 Jun 1917	125
		Mr E C R Hughes left today to join H M Forces	21 Jun 1917	125
		Mr J D Morgan was called before the Military Medical Board today and placed in Class A	2 Jul 1917	126
		Mr J David Morgan left today to join the Army	13 Jul 1917	126
		<p>News has been received that a former member of staff, Captain Idwal Evans, has been killed in action whilst leading his company in Bourlon Wood. His loss is sincerely mourned by his colleagues here, for he was a young man of excellent qualities. His work was always thoroughly done in a quiet spirit, and he was much admired by the boys for his skill as a footballer. His death occurred on Nov 24.</p>	4 Dec 1917	129
		Griffiths Jones left last Friday – 5 <sup>th</sup> , to join the Royal Air Force. Mr Thos Wm James C.A returned today as a discharged soldier	9 Apr 1918	134
		Llewellyn Jarman has not come to school today, having gone to Cardiff for a medical exam. He will probably "join up" if accepted.	1 May 1918	135

		The school was closed today, but the teachers and scholars formed a procession to visit the "Julian Junior" Tank in Ferndale. The Tank Day was organised for booming the sale of National War Bonds and War Savings Certificates. The days sale amounted to £30,000.	29 May 1918	136
		Mr W J Davies was absent today having been called before the Military Medical Board. He was placed in Grade 2	3 Jun 1918	136
		Mr Dan Davies is being examined by the Military Medical Board today (Grade 3)	10 Jun 1918	136
		There was tremendous excitement in school this morning when the colliery horns were heard signalling the signing of the Armistice Terms by Germany. Without any hint, the classes spontaneously cheered and showed their extreme joy at the probable termination of the Great War. The whole school was assembled in the yard in the afternoon and an few patriotic songs were sung	11 Nov 1918	143
		The school was closed for the remainder of the week for Armistice Celebrations	12 Nov 1918	143
ER23/6	Maerdy. Girls.	School is closed the remainder of the week Armistice Celebration.	12 Nov 1918	464
ER25/1	Pencelli. Infants.	School will be closed this afternoon and all day tomorrow (with directors permission) in order that pupils may take part in a concert in aid f various war charities.	16 Nov 1916	27/28
		Mrs A. Miles absent –(with Head Teacher's permission) visiting a brother who leaves for France tomorrow.	22 Nov 1917	30

		School will be closed on Monday next in order to enable the teachers to help in distributing & collecting Nat. Service Forms.	23 Nov 1917	30
		School will be closed during the week commencing Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> in order that the teachers may help in the Registration for Rationing Purposes.	1 Feb 1918	37
		School was closed for the day to celebrate the visit of the Tank to the district.	28 May 1918	39
ER27/2	Pentre. Boys.	Morgan Samuel P.T.2. enlisted on the 24 <sup>th</sup> inst. In the Naval Division and has been called up. He is absent today – was present yesterday.	27 Jan 1915	24
		Edgar D. Jones terminates his engagement until war is of an end – having joined the Military Forces.	29 Feb 1916	25
		Arthur Hanney absent attending Medical Board at Cardiff. S. W. Davies absent attending Medical board at Cardiff	14 Mar 1916	25
		George Tewkesbury (C) and Arthur Hanney (C T) terminate work in this department until after the War.	29 Mar 1916	25
		Mr Abel Jones informed me that this was his last attendance at school prior to joining His Majesty's Forces.	13 Oct 1916	29
		School closed for the day to enable staff to assist in the collection of the National Service forms throughout the locality.	26 Mar 1917	33
		Mrs Hanney absent in the afternoon by permission – her husband returning to France being the reason.	30 Aug 1917	35
		Jonathan Rees absent (2) attending the Medical Board. Sydney Davies absent (1) attending the	5 Jun 1918	40

		Medical Board.		
		School closed for the day owing to visit of War Tank. Scholars assembled to form procession then returned to school about noon and dismissed for remainder of day.	11 Jun 1918	41
ER27/4	Pentre. Girls.	Att. Officer has left the district – having joined the Colours	14 Jan 1915	54
		Mrs K. Lewis services will be required at the National Registration Office for this week.	6 Sep 1915	65
		Mrs Lewis continues to be engaged in Registration work.	20 Sep 1915	66
		Instructions received from Director to cancel attendances of Scholars this afternoon, so that Teachers may be free to assist in clerical work connected with the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee.	13 Dec 1915	71
		Mrs K. Lewis will be engaged on Registration (National) work during the whole of this week.	20 Dec 1915	72
		Mrs Lewis is still engaged in Registration work.	10 Jan 1916	73
		School will be closed this afternoon & tomorrow in consequence of the United Schools Concert to be held at the Grand Theatre Pentre, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Funds of the Local Auxiliary Hospital.	22 Jun 1916	79/80
		Mrs K. Lewis has left in order to take up Red Cross duties at Dartford Hospital.	26 Jun 1916	80
		Miss Bessie Davies is absent today & will be away for the rest of the week – on Red Cross Duties at Llwynypia Homes, where some	25 Jul 1916	82

		wounded Soldiers are being housed. Miss S. Jones will also be away this afternoon on Red cross Duty.		
		Miss B. Davies is absent on Red Cross Duties at Llwynypia, & will probably be engaged there during the month.	17 Oct 1916	86
		Miss Bessie Davies leaves this morning to take up Red Cross Duties at the Llwynypia Hospital for the ensuing month.	9 Jan 1917	91
		Mrs Daniel also absent owing to her husbands return from the trenches.	19 Jan 1917	92
		Mrs Daniel is absent this afternoon – with H. T.'s permission – visiting her husband who is lying ill at Howard Gardens Military Hospital.	25 Jan 1917	93
		Mrs Daniel absent – with H.T's permission – visiting husband in Military Hospital.	15 Feb 1917	93
		School will be closed on Monday next by order of The Committee in order to enable teachers to assist in canvass for National Service Enrolment.	23 Mar 1917	96
		School will be closed during the whole of next week, to enable teachers to assist in Food Registration.	1 Feb 1918	112
		Children were dismissed for the day in order to enable teachers to complete the Registration.	11 Feb 1918	112
		Miss Davies commenced another term o duty at the Red Cross Hospital this afternoon.	5 Mar 1918	115
		Miss S. Jones has been requested to attend at the Food Control Office in order to assist with the registration work.	14 Mar 1918	115/116
		Mrs Daniel is also absent news having reached her of her brother's death (on active service).	18 Mar 1918	116

		Mrs. K. Lewis resumed duties at this school today, having been away on War Service since June 1916.	25 Mar 1918	117
		Miss B. Davies resumed her duties at the Red Cross Hospital today (p.m.)	28 Mar 1918	120
		Miss Lewis resumed duties School was closed yesterday owing to the visit of the 'Tank'.	12 Jun 1918	121
ÉR28/2	Penygraig. Infants.	School will be closed this afternoon – Military Funeral in the district.	23 Nov 1914	133
		School opened this morning – An extra week having been given to enable some of the teachers to help with the National Registration.	6 Sep 1915	138
		Miss Selwood doing Red Cross work for the week.	13 Sep 1916	145
		Miss Ruby Gould at Red Cross Hospital for a week	29 Nov 1916	147
		Miss Pugsley absent owing to death of a soldier – brother in Hospital.	22 Jan 1917	148
		Miss Jones at Red Cross Hospital.	31 Oct 1917	152
		The children of this school collected £3. 8. 6. Towards the fund – St Dunstan School for Children of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.	23 Jan 1918	157
		According to instructions received from Director school will be closed next week – Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> - Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> . In order to enable the teachers to do the work in connection with the Food Registration.	1 Feb 1918	157
		Since the work has not been completed (Food Registration) school will be closed today and also tomorrow morning. (12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.)	11 Feb 1918	158
		The sum of £11. 11. 4 was collected on Saturday last (March 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) by the staff of the girls and infants	8 Mar 1918	161

		department towards the fund for the Welsh Soldiers and Sailors and their dependants.		
		Miss Jones has returned from the Red Cross Hospital. Miss Selwood is at the Red Cross Hospital.	24 Apr 1918	165
		Miss Selwood has returned from the Red Cross Hospital.	1 May 1918	165
		According to instructions received from the Director this morning school will be closed again today in order to enable the children to see the Tank, being Tank Day in Mid Rhondda.	27 May 1918	166
ER29/1	Penyreglyn. Boys.	School closed on this date, as the majority of the teachers volunteered for 48 hours Military duty.	18 Sep 1914	376
		Mr Cove terminated duties this afternoon to join the RAMC, Welsh Army.	11 Jun 1915	386
		School closed in the afternoon by order of the Committee owing to the Red Cross Garden party at Ystradfichan.	22 Jul 1915	387
		Mr Eyles still absent of Registration.	13 Sep 1915	388
		Mr G. A. Lewis C.T. the senior assistant leaves for the Army this afternoon. He is the 8 <sup>th</sup> of the staff to join the colours.	19 Nov 1915	390
		Mr W. G. Cove (cert, teacher) – discharged from the R.A.M.C. resumed duties this morning and put in charge of Std. V.	22 Nov 1915	390
		Mr T. Rees was absent today – attending the Medical Board at Cardiff.	7 Sep 1916	400
		Mt F. M. Eyles absent all day, appearing before the Medical Board at Cardiff	29 Sep 1916	400
		Mr T.C. Rees joined the Army	13 Oct 1916	400

		Mr Eyles was absent yesterday – before the Medical Board at Cardiff – resumed duties today.	12 Jun 1917	407
		Tank Day at Treorchy – school closed	28 May 1918	417
		Attendance Half Holiday in the afternoon – Tank at Treherbert.	10 Jun 1918	417
		Nelson Day – By instruction from L.E.A., addresses were given on the work of the Navy. The H.T. gave the address to Std's IIIa and IIIb.	21 Oct 1918	421
ER29/2	Penyreglyn. School.	Boys will not be sent for manual instruction today – the Instructor Mr Fielding having gone in for Military training too.	18 Sep 1914	141
		Mr Roy Evans, having joined the Reserves ceased to be a member of the staff this morning. He has been ordered to join his Company tomorrow.	23 Sep 1914	141
		It has been exceedingly difficult to carry on the work of the school to-day. Messrs Ashton and Haydn Evans have been accepted for Military Service, and have not been present.	15 Oct 1914	143
		Mr Thomas Lewis C.T. having volunteered for active service left this morning. The staff has had to be re-arranged in consequence of this.	8 Jul 1915	151
		Mr Nicholas was allowed to leave at 2.35 this afternoon in order to go to Cardiff to offer himself for active service.	15 Feb 1915	155/156
		Mr Nicholas, who has been in charge of Stds V & VI, ceased to be a member of staff on the afternoon of the 18 inst. He has joined H.M. Force for active service. He makes the 5 <sup>th</sup> member of staff who has done this.	22 Feb 1915	156

		Mr W. T. Anthony having offered himself for Active Service, ceased to be a member of the staff.	17 Jun 1915	162
		Mr Gruar was permitted to go to Cardiff yesterday afternoon to meet his brother re-turning from Naval Service.	22 Jun 1915	163
		The school will be closed this afternoon in consequence of the Red Cross fete at Ystradfechan.	22 Jul 1915	165
		Mr Gruar was allowed to absent himself to-day in order to 'send off' his brother to the Front.	22 Nov 1915	173
		John Jas. Davies, a boy who left this school for Bargoed a year ago, was brought here this morning by his soldier father. It appears that he has attended school but a few times since that date, and that he has been in this school district for some months.	4 Jan 1916	176
		Mr Haddock ceased to be a member of the staff yesterday afternoon. He has been called up for Military service under Lord Derby's Scheme. He makes the seventh member of the staff to leave for Active Service.	25 Jan 1916	178
		Mr Haddock resumed duties this morning. He has been medically rejected for service in the Army abroad. He is however liable to be called up for home service.	27 Jan 1916	178
		Mr Leyshon R. Webb ceased to be a member of the staff Friday – having been called up for Military Service.	3 Apr 1916	184
		Mr Webb resumed duties this morning. He has been placed in Class 3 by the Military Authorities and told to return home till he is further	10 Apr 1916	185

		communicated with.		
		Mr Gruar, C.T. the senior assistant of the school, and the last of the school's pre-war staff, has been called up for Active service. The quality of the staff is very materially weakened by his departure. The work of the school was very creditably carried on by him during my recent absence of three weeks. It is very unfortunate that the call his service should occur just now when my health is not very satisfactory.	17 Jul 1916	192
		Albert E. Beach, a St. VI lad, returned to school this afternoon. He received a Certificate to leave last week, but his employer has now been called up for Military Service.	8 Nov 1916	197
		Mr Leyshon Webb has been ordered by the Military Authorities to report himself for re-examination he has gone down to Porth this afternoon for this purpose.	11 Dec 1915	201
		Mr Webb absent today having been ordered to submit himself for re-examination at Cardiff.	18 Dec 1916	201
		School was closed today to enable the teachers to take part in the National Service Canvass.	26 Mar 1917	210
		By request of the Director school was opened and closed 30 mins. Earlier in the afternoon – Red Cross Fete	21 Jun 1917	210/211
		School to assemble at 1 pm. And dismissed at 3.30, to enable children to attend Charity Concert at the Opera House, Treherbert (by permission of the Director)	18 Oct 1917	212
		The Director has informed me that school will be closed next week to enable the staff to assist in	1 Feb 1918	218

		Food Registration work.		
		Miss Brown present this morning – absent due to bereavement – brother killed in France.	11-12 and 15 Apr 1918	224
		I am called up for medical exam. Under Military Service Act. 1918 and have to appear at Pontypridd on Monday morning next – June 3 <sup>rd</sup> . It will probably mean my absence from school the whole day.	31 May 1918	226
		School will be close on Monday next the occasion of the Tank's visit to Treherbert.	7 Jun 1918	227
		We close this afternoon for Red Cross Fete & Carnival.	4 Jul 1918	228
		Mr Webb resumed duties after 1 wk's absent – was called away to London on account of his uncle being seriously wounded in France.	23 Sep 1918	231
		Mr Trevor A. Williams U.A. terminates duties having to 'Join-up' on Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> .	6 Nov 1918	234
		Mr Trevor Williams' 'calling up' papers having been cancelled, he continues duties here as U.A.	18 Nov 1918	235
ER30/1	Pontrhondda. Infants.	Owing to the Exigencies of the War Mrs Lewis has been transferred to Cwmclydach Infants school	7 Feb 1916	284
		Miss Morris was absent from school this morning. She had received news that a relative had been killed in action in France.	9 Oct 1916	289
		School will be closed on Monday next – 26 <sup>th</sup> – in order to enable the teachers to give assistance to the canvass that is being taken in connection with National service.	23 Mar 1917	292
		School will be closed today in connection with the visit of the tank to Mid-Rhondda.	27 May 1918	300

ER30/2	Pontrhondda. Girls.	A Military Funeral on Monday and bad weather during the week affected the attendance considerably.	27 Nov 1914	34
		Miss Royall is absent today, news having been received this morning that her brother has been killed in action.	2 Oct 1916	65
		To enable the teachers to collect the "National Services" forms, the school will be closed on Monday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	23 Mar 1917	70
		School re-opened after Whitsun Holidays. The registers were not marked because the children formed a procession to visit the 'Tank' after which they were dismissed for the day.	27 May 1918	78
ER30/4	Pontrhondda. Boys.	Messrs A L Morgan and T Evans were in training at the Military Camp for 48 hours	8-9 Sep 1914	12
		Both the above have had permission to continue their training for another 48 hrs	10 & 11 Sep 1914	12
		Mr Rees left this evening. He is entering Cheltenham Training College	14 Sep 1914	12
		This school w closed today as six teachers were undergoing <u>Military Duties</u>	18 Sep 1914	12
		The attendance has picked up a bit this week. The weather was much more favourable. There is gross negligence on the part of the mothers of many boys whose fathers are in the Army.	26 Feb 1915	18
		Mr Reginald Hopkins, having been discharged from the Army after seeing service in the Dardanelles, commencing duties today. His appointment dates back to Aug '14	20 Dec 1915	29
		Mr Loving attended the Tribunal this aft'.	22 Mar 1916	33

		B L Evans underwent medical exam' by Military doctors at Cardiff	11 May 1916	36
		Messrs C L Loving & Reg Hopkins were absent today; the former was called up to be medically examined by Med' Board at Cardiff	27 Nov 1916	41
		Holiday - National Service Day when many of my staff were engaged in distributing & collecting the papers.	26 Mar 1917	45
		Rationing Forms & Cards were distributed this week by the <u>Teachers</u> , hence closure of the school	8 Feb 1918	54
		The children were assembled & marched into school & remained there for some time, after which a procession was formed & all wended their way to Tonypany to see the Tank	27 May 1918	57
ER31/1	Pontygwaith. Infants.	Received information at 11, Armistice signed. Dismissed at 11.45 for the day.	11 Nov 1918	339
		School closed for the rest of the week in celebration of the victorious end of the war	12 Nov 1918	339
ER32/4	Porth. Boys.	Mr Goodwin transferred to Cymmer Boys owing to shortage in their staff caused by the War	9 Nov 1914	295
		Received circular concerning this morning suggesting the holding of a Flag Day on St David's Day for the Welsh Troops	22 Feb 1915	296
		Mr Salway and myself have been selected amongst others to act as canvassers during this week in Lord Derby's scheme for recruiting for the Army.	8 Nov 1915	304
		Mr G Jones & Mr Goodwin have both been attested at the Recruiting Office	10 Dec 1915	305
		Mr Gwilym Jones and Mr Goodwin will probably be called up for Military Service on or about the of	15 Feb 1916	306

		April		
		Mr Gwilym Jones and Mr Goodwin, Assistants, have both having attested and passed as medically fit by the Military Doctor will be called up on May 29 <sup>th</sup> inst	9 May 1916	308
		Mr Gwilym Jones absent this week and next taking the holidays due to him for registration work last summer. After which his group together with Mr Goodwin's will be called up	16 May 1916	308
		Mr Goodwin went to Cardiff Infirmary to be medically examined for the Army. He was passed for Home Defence owing to loose knee cap.	18 May 1916	308
		Mr Morris in Cardiff before the medical officer for recruiting today	25 May 1916	309
		Mr Gwilym Jones passed as 1 <sup>st</sup> class before the medical officer for recruiting on Sat last, the 27 <sup>th</sup> inst. Today he received notification from the local recruiting officer that he will be called up June 14 <sup>th</sup> next (Whit week)	30 May 1916	309
		Mr Gwilym Jones has joined the Army	29 Aug 1916	312
		School closed today to enable the teachers to collect National Service Forms by order of the Council.	26 Mar 1917	317
		Mr Pride absent with preparations for Tank Day to be held tomorrow	29 May 1917	326
		Messrs R W Jones & Pride absent today attending the Medical Board at Pontypridd in connection with recruiting for the Army	3 Jun 1917	326

		Mr Pride away this afternoon, appealing at the Tribunal against being placed in Grade 2.	21 Jun 1917	327
		It is with great regret that we learn of the death in action of Lieut Gwilym Jones in France on the 11 <sup>th</sup> inst – late teacher at this school	18 Sep 1917	328
ER33/1	Porth. Higher. Mixed.	Half Holiday today to attend Volunteer Review by Viscount French at Cardiff	14 Dec 1916	112
		Mr D J Evans absent today – attending at the Medical Board, Cardiff	20 Dec 1916	112
		Mr A N Smith absent today – permission to visit his son who is being called up for Military duties	9 Apr 1918	120
ER34/1	Porth Islwyn (Tynewydd). Infants.	Miss E Beynon was absent this morning – brother home from France	29 Jan 1917	138
		Miss E Beynon is absent today. Her brother was leaving for 'Active Service'.	25 Jun 1917	142
		A holiday was granted today – the Tank at Porth	30 May 1918	152
		Miss J M Jones is absent this afternoon. Her brother home on leave.	18 Jun 1918	153
ER35/1	Stanley. Infants.	Miss Price is absent from school today. She asked for permission to go and see her brother off, who will shortly be leaving for the 'Front'.	19 Jan 1915	277
		School is closed for this week to enable all teachers to give their services for the 'Registration of' necessary for the rationing of food.	11 Feb 1918	305
		Peace news was received this morning and school was closed for the afternoon to celebrate the event.	11 Nov 1918	311
ER36/1	Ton. Infants.	Mrs Beatrice Burnett will be absent from today until 12 <sup>th</sup> inst as her husband is home from the	5 Jun 1917	420

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		Mrs Ormond absent today as her husband is home on furlough	18 Jun1917	420
		Mrs Jefferies will be absent the week as her husband is home on furlough	22 Oct 1917	422
		Have given Miss A M Rees permission to be absent this afternoon as her brother in law is home on furlough	25 Oct 1917	422
		Miss E M Ormond will be absent from today until the 18 <sup>th</sup> (incl) having applied for permission as her husband is home on furlough	15 Jan 1918	424
ER36/2	Ton. Boys.	The Staff of these three departments have forwarded a cheque for £3.11.6d to the Secy of the Relief Fund which is raised by the District Council towards the National Fund which is organised by HRH The Prince of Wales. Last month £4.3.6d was contributed	14 Oct 1914	453
		There's a shortage of teachers here – three assistants having left to join Kitcheners new army	22 Oct 1914	454
		Mr J W Williams – cert' assist' – left today for Rhyl, having decided to join the 'Pals' University Corps. He is likely to be absent until the end of the war..	17 Nov 1914	456
		M r J W H Thomas – cert' assist' – left today, and is not likely to return until the close of the war. He has joined the 'Royal Engineers' for 'Active Service'	20 Nov 1914	458
		Mr T Rees absent this week again, being engaged with 'Registration 'work at Porth.	13 – 17 Sep 1915	474
		Mrs Howells (Ex PT) absent today. She is likely to be absent for some time. Her husband is on	16 Sep 1915	474

		'active service' at Bedford. Mrs Howells purposes joining him there.		
		Mr Rees absent today, attending at Porth to take part in the 'Registration' work organised by the Rhondda District Council	5 Oct 1915	475
		A 'Navy League' lecturer addressed the children of the upper standards at the Workmen's Hall today at 4 o'clock on the work of the Navy.	2 Nov 1915	478
		A cheque for £7.10.0d was sent to the Secretary of the Y M C A at Cardiff, this sum having been collected by the boys and girls of Ton Schools towards the erection of a 'Rhondda Hut' for our Soldiers at the Front.	8 Dec 1915	481
		This day was given by our teachers and some scholars to selling 'Picture Post Cards', the proceeds to be devoted to purchasing 'Comforts' for the Welsh Soldiers. The profits amounted to £18. Cheque for this amount was sent to local treasurer, Mrs Nicholas Trealaw.	18 Dec 1915	481
		'Empire Day'. The boys assembled in the play ground and sang several National Anthems – Russian, French, English, Welsh and Belgian, then we had a march past and 'saluting' the flag	24 May 1916	489
		School was closed this afternoon, our boys taking part in a concert in the Grand Theatre, proceeds going towards the auxiliary military hospital at Pontrhodda. The concerts are held under the auspices of the Red Cross Society	22 Jun 1916	492
		We had a visit from an Old Scholar whose name is attached to the entry and signed <b>Pte D T Evans</b> <b>No 15340, 2<sup>ND</sup> Grenadier Guards</b>	2 Nov 1914	165

		by himself. He was present at the battles of Mons and the Aisne, in the great Franco – Belgian – British German war in Oct of this year. The boys and girls were delighted to see an old scholar back safe and sound. He is a fine fellow, 6' 2" high and passed through all the standards in this school. He said he was an abstainer from the tobacco and drink. He went to recover and bandage a German, who in return for his kindness dastardly shot him in the shoulder. He is now in the Exford Constabulary. This is such a rare incident, in fact unique in my experience, that I have made a record of it. There are many others from this school at the Front.		
		Mr Hughes Jones is absent today helping in connection with National Registration	6 Sep 1915	174
		Messrs Hugh Jones & J F Evans, CT's, not in school today. They have gone up to London to be medically examined and attested for the Army	22 Nov 1915	179
		Post Cards Day for the Comforts of the Welsh Troops tomorrow	17 Dec 1915	181
		From the sale of postcards by teachers and pupils a sum of £9.13.6d was realized.	20 Dec 1915	181
		Mr J F Evans left at 9.30 – important business. He returned in a few minutes and was present all day. He leaves this afternoon to join the Army	21 Mar 1916	189
		There will be no school on Monday next in order to enable the teachers to give every assistance to the canvass that is now being taken in connection with National Service.	23 Mar 1917	207
		Mr H Jones absent all day, before Medical Board at Cardiff	11 Jun 1917	211

		Mr Gordon Thomas M.M. an old pupil and Pupil Teacher of this school was present today. He is home from the Front on Furlough. For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty he has been awarded the Military Medal & to show our appreciation of his gallant work under shell fire the pupils and staff presented him with a fountain pen, a razor and strop. Advantage was taken of this opportunity of pointing out to the pupils that we, although far removed from the Front, can do our little bit for our Country. Three rousing cheers were given to him. In response he made a very happy little speech. He is returning tonight with our best wishes.	25 Sep 1917	214
		Instructions received from the Director not to mark the registers for the day. Tonypany being honoured by a visit from the Tank. A procession of scholars was formed to go and see the Tank, after which the children were marched back to school and dismissed for the day. Before going, a few words on the Tank were addressed to the scholars, (1) What it is, (2) What it has done, (3) Symbolic of crushing tyranny, (4) It is a safe or ? (5) A word on Thrift.	27 May 1918	224
		Mr R Price absent today. He is to appear before the Local Tribunal at 2.30 this afternoon.	24 Jun 1918	226
		Mr Price C.T absent in the afternoon by permission – before the Appeal Tribunal.	28 Jun 1918	226
ER41/1	Trealaw. Infants.	Granted permission to Mrs A M Mitchell to be absent yesterday. Her husband had returned home on leave.	7 Jun 1918	422

		Mrs M A Mitchell absent today. She has gone to see her husband who has been wounded	30 Sep 1918	427
ER41/2	Trealaw. Boys.	Received instructions that teachers serving with H M Forces are to be entered on the monthly Salary Sheets with the words 'On Active Service' after the names	26 Oct 1914	242
		Military funeral in district in the afternoon	23 Nov 1914	242
		Potato's brought by each child in 3 departments to assist the Belgian Refugees in Trealaw. F.M C.A collection cards given out to aid War Fund	11 Mar 1915	245
		Mr G T Jones left today with a view of joining the Ariel Corps.	18 Feb 1916	253
		Mr Gomer Evans CA absent on 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> – Cardiff, to interview with Navel Authorities	14 Mar 1916	257
		Mr Joseph Jones absent – Cardiff, to interview with the military Authorities	15 Mar 1916	257
		Mr Gwilym T Jones CA, absent this afternoon, summoned by Military Auth' to appear in Cardiff	22 Mar 1916	257
		Mr Gwilym T Jones left on the 21 <sup>st</sup> (PM) – sent to Rhyl on Home Defence	23 Mar 1916	257
		Mr Rees Evans CA left for Navel Service	31 Mar 1916	258
		Mr Evan Williams left today – Military service	9 Jun 1916	268
		Mr Evan Williams CA has joined the colours	13 Jun 1916	268
		The Education Committee have allowed a collection to be made in school towards the 'Jack Cornwell Memorial', £3 collected in the three departments	26 Sep 1916	273

		In response to an appeal from the children of Belgium for an Xmas offering, eight pounds were sent to Mr A Shirley Benn, Hon Treasurer, Trafalgar House. The result of a collections by means of envelopes	9 Jan 1917	277
		A supply of 7000 'Nations Heroes' received from Lady Mackworth for distribution amongst Middle school children	12 Feb 1917	278
		Sent two sacks of mixed vegetables – potatoes, carrots etc to Llwynypia Homes, the result of a collection amongst the school children. There are at present, about 40 wounded soldiers at the Homes. The collection towards the Y M C A Huts amounted to over £20 – collected by H T Staff & a few helpers.	26 Feb 1917	279
		Mr James B Evans (PC) who was on active service in France for 8 months & partially incapacitated, commenced today. Elbow of right arm injured.	19 Mar 1917	281
		Received a communication from the office inviting all teachers to assist in the National Service Enrolment Scheme by canvassing the District.	20 Mar 1917	281
		Received flags etc for Ward 6 in connection with the Russian Flag Day which is to take place on the 28 <sup>th</sup> inst	23 Apr 1917	283
		Result of Russian Flag Day in the Ward - £28.14.0d. Trealawside £15.10.0d, Tonypandyside £13.4.0d	3 May 1917	284
		The following circular was received this morning re "Blinded Soldiers' Children Fund. (lengthy	9 Nov 1917	294

		explanation of content of circular)		
		Collected in these schools £12.5.0d towards the Blinded Soldiers Children Fund	4 Jan 1918	298
		Received an invitation to organise a Flag Day in Ward 6 on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> March to raise funds for the Welsh National Fund for the Welfare of the Soldiers and Sailors of Wales and their Dependants	13 Feb 1918	299
		The Flag Day Collection amounted to £14.10.71/2d. Collections were made mostly by the staff in school area	1 Mar 1918	301
		Armistice was signed at 5am (European War)	11 Nov 1918	329
ER41/3	Trealaw. Girls.	Received circular from E.C. inviting distribution of envelopes & leaflets before Xmas. The appeal is made on behalf of the children in Belgium among whom tuberculosis & other diseases as a result of underfeeding are now making alarming inroads.	10 Nov 1916	362
		Ellen Gingell U.A. absent, doing Red Cross work at Llwynypia Homes.	21 Feb 1917	364
		Sus. Martin absent from 16 <sup>th</sup> until 23 <sup>rd</sup> doing Red Cross work.	25 May 1917	367
		E. Gingell & Sus. Martin absent doing Red Cross work.	17 Apr 1918	373
ER44/1	Treorchy. Infants.	Miss Tabitha Jones (U.A.) has been transferred to the boys department for the duration of the War.	9 Feb 1916	462
		This department started paying into the War Loan today. We have joined the Treorchy boys school Association.	23 Feb 1917	475
		The School was closed on Monday March 26 <sup>th</sup> , by order of the Council to enable teachers to	26 Mar 1917	476

		collect the papers of the National Service.		
		The school will be closed throughout the next week by order of Council; to enable the teachers to give their services for the purpose of Food Registration.	1 Feb 1918	484
		The registers are not marked this morning, the children are to be taken to see the Julian Junior Tank which is today visiting Treorchy.	28 May 1918	487
ER42/5	Treherbert. Girls.	Mrs Davies & Miss Jones absent from school in the afternoon by permission (doing Canvassing) work for recruiting Committee.	8 Nov 1915	167
		Mr Price H.M.I. paid a visit of inspection – also explained War Saving Scheme.	13 Apr 1916	173
		School closed on this date, by order of Educ. Authority – the whole staff engaged in work connected with National Service Work.	26 Mar 1917	185
		Registers were not marked on this date – it being Tank Day at Treherbert, - instructions were received from Educ. Committee to form a procession of the children to see the tank and then to dismiss for the day. Total Tank takings for the school cert: =3234 = £2506.	10 Jun 1918	198
		School closed for the afternoon - Fete and Carnival held in the district for the benefit of the local Red Cross Detachment. – Competition. Carnival for school, children held. Treherbert won First Prize.	4 Jun 1918	199
ER46/1	Treorchy. Handicraft.	Centre closed on the morning of this date. School War Concert in the afternoon and evening.	17 Nov 1917	6
		Centre closed on this date. All schools closed so that teachers could assist in collecting National	26 Mar 1917	7

		Service Forms.		
		Centre closed on these dates Teachers assisting in delivering cards & forms for the Food Control Committee.	4-5 Feb 1918	8
		Centre closed on the occasion on a visit of a Tank to the neighbourhood. (War Savings)	28 May 1918	9
ER45/1	Treorchy. United Collieries. Boys.	R. H. Lewis left having enlisted for active Service	8 Feb 1914	476
		T. J. Morgan (c) left for Military Service.	30 May 1914	476
		J. Bebb Jones (c) terminated his engagement temporarily, having enlisted in the R.A.M.C.	14 Apr 1915	478
		Headmaster absent assisting in the National Registration Work.	8 Sep 1915	179
		Headmaster absent by permission – Registration Holidays.	30-31 Mar 1916	480
		W. T. Jones absent – appearing before the Medical Board, Cardiff.	18 Dec 1916	484
		John James Evans joined the Army.	5 Dec 1917	488
		Rhondda District Flag Day Certificate No. 21 received by Mr Howell Howells for the sum of £30. (Cert stuck on page.)	18 Jan 1918	489
		School closed – Visit of the War Tank, Johan Junior.	20 May 1918	490
ER44/3	Treorchy. Girls.	Admitted four Belgium scholars this week.	22 Jan 1915	383
		Transferred to Belgium Girls to Tonypandy Higher grade.	29 Jan 1915	383
		No school on Thursday afternoon owing to Red Cross Sports and tea.	23 Jul 1915	393

		Belgium Flag day 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 1915 Certificate showing flags & medallions sold . Total raised £46. 3. 6. ( Cert. Stuck on page 396	27 Nov 1915	396
		On the advice of Mr Price H. M. I. Commenced the War Loan Savings Scheme.	26 May 1916	404
		No school on Tuesday owing to visit of the 'Tank' to Treorchy. The children assembled as usual in the morning and at 11.30 were taken by their teachers to see the Tank, brought back to the school and then dismissed for the day.	31 May 1918	428
		The teachers were requested to remain at home to help the Food Control Officer for the district for the first two weeks if required.	11 Jul 1918	430
ER47/1	Tylorstown. Infants.	Holiday given by the Education Authorities, to enable the teachers to assist in the work of registration for National Service.	26 Mar 1917	335
		School closed for the week to enable the teachers to assist in the work of Registration.	4-8 Feb 1918	338
		A holiday given on the occasion of the 'Tank's visit' to Ferndale.	29 May 1918	339
		Closed the school in the afternoon & for the remainder of the week to celebrate our Great Victory in the European War 1914-1918	11 Nov 1918	341
ER47/2	Tylorstown (Pendyris). Boys.	Mr Alan Roberts (U) was transferred today, by instructions from Director, to Pontygwaith Mixed School. This is a temporary arrangement arising from the departure of teachers from Pontygwaith to join the Army in the present great crisis.	19 Nov 1914	430/431
		Gwilym G Powell (Student Teacher) has I understand joined the Chemical Corps of the Royal Engineers. He has not been in school since Friday.	7 Jun 1916	457

		Mr D Davies (St Teacher) is not here today he informed me last night that he was leaving to join H. M. Forces. (R.E.)	5 Jun 1916	460
		War Savings Association recently formed in the school is making headway among the scholars. The staff today joined in the work & the receipts reached a high level.	12 Feb 1917	469
		The school was closed this day, as so many teachers were involved in the collection of National Service Forms.	26 Mar 1917	472
		Gwilym G. Powell who enlisted June 1916 has been discharged from the Army, and is again appointed to the staff of this school to complete his service as St. Teacher. He commenced this morning.	27 Mar 1917	473
		Mrs Bamford (U) in charge of St. II is not at school today, having received news of the death, in action in Egypt , of a brother who served in the R.A.M.C..	23 Mar 1917	473
		Mr David Evans (C) in charge of VI is absent today, being called up by the Military Authorities for Medical Examination.	26 Jun 1917	476
		Thos Algar Jones (U) terminated his connection with the school this day, being called up for Military Service	19 Oct 1917	484
		This afternoon, three members of the staff with myself will be absent, to attend the funeral of Thos. Algar Jones who left us only, on the 19 <sup>th</sup> alt. The classes affected were massed for the afternoon.	6 Nov 1917	485
ER47/3	Tylorstown. Boys.	Instructions are to hand from the Director – The School will be closed during next week for the	1 Feb 1918	3

		purpose of the work of the 'Food Registration'. All the teachers will be expected to assist and will attend at school as usual to receive instructions.		
		Re-opened School this morning after a week's work for Food Rationing.	11 Feb 1918	3
		I have not discovered any cases of boys attending school without having had food. All of us, in all cases, are at present, alike experiencing a great reduction from pre-war supplies.	19 Feb 1918	4
		The attendance is well maintained in spite of unfavourable War conditions.	25 Feb 1918	4
		The attendance fell considerably during the past 1 week, especially in Std. V. IIIb. Ib. Much of the irregularity arises from a bad practice of 'Trading' on the prevailing system of Food Control.	May 1918	7
		We opened school this morning as usual. News reached the district before noon that terms of Armistice had been accepted and signed by Germany, thus closing The Great War. After the morning session it was not possible to hold school.	11 Nov 1918	15
		Next day (Nov 12) was observed as a general Holiday throughout the district. A further communication from the Director stated that the schools would re-open on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> ( a weeks holiday)	12 Nov 1918	15
ER48/2	Williamstown. Infants.	Mistress absent in the morning. Half holiday in the afternoon, because of a Military Funeral in the neighbourhood.	23 Nov 1914	141
		Two Belgium Refugees admitted Attendance fair throughout the week.	30 Nov 1914	142

		Miss F Owen absent on Friday, having had permission to go and see her brother who was leaving for France	30 Apr 1915	147
		Mrs M G Powell absent, having had permission to go and see a wounded brother.	17 Sep 1917	180
		School closed all the week to enable the teachers to help the Food Control Office in Food Registration.	W/E 8 Feb 1918	185
		School dismissed for the day, by order of Director to enable the children to see the 'Tank' at Tonypany. Three divisions of 1 <sup>st</sup> Class were taken by teachers, but the children were disappointed as the Tank was not a real one.	27 May 1918	189
ER48/4	Williamstown. Girls.	School closed this afternoon by order of the Education authority – the occasion of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Military Funeral in this district.	23 Nov 1914	352
		Head teacher leaving at 3.30 to be present at a Red Cross Demonstration at Treorchy.	22 Jul 1915	361
		The children were asked this week to bring gifts to be sent to the wounded soldiers at the Red Cross Hospital, Llwyn-y-pia	2 Feb 1917	380
		Miss E. L. James (C.T.) commenced duties which were to last a week, as Red Cross Nurse at the Llwynypia Hospital for wounded soldiers	7 Mar 1917	381
		Owing to the canvass for National Service, in which most teachers are engaged, schools closed on Monday the 26 <sup>th</sup> , by order of the Education Committee.	23 Mar 1917	381/382
		Miss James (C.T.) absent from school from today until next Wednesday. – nursing the wounded soldiers at the Red Cross Hospital, Llwynypia.	6 Jun 1917	383

		I beg to inform you that all the schools will be closed during next week for the purpose of the work of Food Registration. As this work is only substitutional for the ordinary school work all the teachers will be expected to attend at their respective schools on Monday morning next, the 4 <sup>th</sup> Proxims, to receive the necessary instructions. I trust that every teacher will take on his or her share in this work, as it is one means of helping on very necessary War work.	1 Feb 1918	390
		Soon after assembling, received a message from Education. Office to the effect that the children were to march to Pandy Square to see the 'Tank'. Then to come back to the school and dismissed for the day. – This was done.	27 May 1918	393
ER47/5	Tylorstown. Girls.	Garments finished and distributed to all necessitous children whose fathers are soldiers. (Material provided by the Council).	26 Mar 1915	10
		Re-opened school on Monday September 6 <sup>th</sup> instead of August 31 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) holidays having been extended on account of National Registration.	10 Sep 1915	16
		Owing the War Conditions and the interests of economy the Committee have agreed to the postponement of the new syllabus until peace times. The next examination will consequently be on the same lines as hitherto.	29 Oct 1915	21
		Formed a War Saving Association	5 Feb 1916	41
		This week proved very successful for the War savings Scheme a sum of £120 having been received. A sack of 200 lbs of potatoes were	23 Feb 1916	42

		brought by scholars towards the wounded soldiers of Llwynypia Hospital. Ten pairs of socks are being knitted this week by the scholars for the Red Cross Society.		
		This week sees the end of the Second Quarter of the War Savings receiving's which is nearing £500. This amount has been saved by this Department since last February.	28 Sep 1917	53
		Ordinary progress throughout War Saving Account audited by Mr J. J. Hopkins Alma House Tylorstown.	2 Nov 1917	55
		Instructions received from Mr Berry Council Offices to close schools for week ending February 8 <sup>th</sup> so as to allow teachers to assist in the 'Registration of Food' (Rationing Scheme).	1 Feb 1918	59
		The attendance is suffering on account of the children being compelled to attend shops to obtain weekly rations.	15 Apr 1918	62
		Closed for the remainder of the week in celebration of signing of the Armistice.	11 Nov 1918	70
ER49/1	Ynyshir. Infants.	No references to the First World War		
ER49/4	Ynyshir. Boys.	This has been done after consultation with Director and facilitate the payments of the Soldiers and Sailors fund by Mr J Thomas Baynawch who is acting on behalf of his sister Mrs R Thomas who is President for No.9 Ward.	12 Mar 1915	35
		The head teacher (being chairman of Ward Committee for Belgium Refugees.) has been asked by Councillor Thomas to come to Pontypridd by 3.45 pm to meet some additional Refugees (9) who will arrive at Pontypridd at 3.45	23 Mar 1915	36

		from London.		
		To suit the convenience of Sir J Thomas so that he may finish the work in connection with the Sailors and Soldiers Funds.	4 Jun 1915	38
		Mr Bruce absent on Sept. 20,21 & 22. Owing to the death of his brother who was killed in France	22 Sep 1916	47
		Mr J. C. Davies away today and Mr Williams was given permission to see his brother on his last leave before going out to France.	19 Jun 1917	51
		Owing to a Military Funeral in the place after consultation with the Head teachers of the Senior & infants Dept. We have decided (assuming official approval) to start school at 1.00 pm. Then the registers will be marked at once. The play time will be suspended and dismissal will take place at 3.5 pm. Some of the boys in the upper classes have joined the Church Lads Brigade and the boy Scouts. This is done to avoid the attendance being lowered by scholars staying o see the funeral.	11 Dec 1917	53/54
		The school is closed for Feb. 4,5,6,7,8 11,12 to enable the staff to do clerical work for Food Ration Tickets.	1 Feb 1918	55
		The attendance is unsatisfactory by owing to children being away shopping and going for Rations and lack of shoes.	15 Mar 1918	55
ER50/1	Ynswen. Infants.	No references to the First World War		
ER50/4	Ynswen. Girls.	Arrangements will be made today for the sale of flags on Sat. Next. Teachers have been suggested to sell – Flag Day for comforts to the Welsh Regiment.	23 Feb 1915	38

		Two hundred penny flags for Flag Day (tomorrow) received from Mr Cusu	26 Feb 1915	38
		The fifth week granted by reason of the Registration Work. Two teachers doing Registration work at Porth.	6 Sep 1915	44
		All attendance half holiday. Children's Concert at the Park & Dare Hall, in aid of Netley Hospital, and local Funds for the wounded soldiers.	13 Apr 1916	52
		A tea given by Sir W. J. Thomas Ynyshir to the children as an acknowledgement of their efforts on behalf of Netley Hospital.	26 May 1916	54
		Several of the scholars are absent owing to paying visits to wounded soldiers, and also deaths in France of relatives.	13 Jul 1916	55/56
		Two days holiday granted by the Council on account of three concerts given by the scholars for the up-keep of the Ynyswen bed at Netley Hospital – (Welsh) on Thursday 2.30 p m and 7 p m and Saturday 7 p.m	19-20 Apr 1917	67
		The attendance seriously affected by the scholars searching for butter at the various shops.	30 Nov 1917	76
		The scholars shopping attendance 81%	12 Dec 1917	77
		Shopping for groceries by the scholars was in evidence this week. Average attendance 209 = 88%	4 Jan 1918	77
		The attendance low owing to the scholars attending the different shops for purchases of food.	25 Jan 1918	78
		School closed for a week by order of the Council – teachers to undertake Registration work. Tea, meat, cheese, jam, butter or margarine cards to	1 Feb 1918	79

		be distributed and collected.		
		Tank day in Treorchy. A holiday granted by the Council	28 May 1918	82
		School visited by J. E. Hooson Esq., H.M.I. re arrangement of premises for the accommodation of the scholars of the Inf. Department. The Inf. School has been taken over by the Red Cross Society for the use of wounded Soldiers.	5 Jun 1918	83
		Tank day at Treherbert, permission given by Mr Berry to close the school at noon.	10 Jun 1918	83