

George Norman Tribunal Reports

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From the "Bexhill Chronicle" – 11th March 1916 – Local Tribunal

Religious Scruples.

George Norman (33), formerly a butcher's assistant. of 11, Little Common Road, also conscientiously objected. "God has promised. and he will fulfil His promises." said the applicant in reply to one question and added in response to Councillor Wells' question, "What a man sows, that shall he also reap." There were men and women suffering to-day in the Congo from what the Belgians did.

The Town Clerk: What is England suffering for?

Applicant: Its national sins.

Alderman Paton: Do you really think that women and children have suffered in Belgium for what was done in the Congo? Applicant: What a man sows that shall he also reap.

No exemption was granted.

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From the "Bexhill Observer" – 11th March 1916 – Local Tribunal

WOULD RECALL ARMY AND NAVY

Remarkable answers were given by George Norman, aged 33, formerly a butcher's assistant of 11, Little Common road, also was a conscientious objector

Mr Moysey: If a man were to shoot at you with a revolver do you believe God would deliver you there and then? – God has promised, and He will fulfil His promises.

Mr Wells – What about the people in Belgium? – The Bible says that what a man sows he shall also reap. There are men and women today in the Congo suffering from what the Belgians did.

The Clerk – What is England suffering for? – Its national sin.

Ald Paton – Do you actually think that women and children have suffered in Belgian for what was done in the Congo? – It says that a man shall reap what you sow.

Ald Paton – Sure you don't say that it is due to Divine providence that women and children should suffer because of what was done in the Congo? – The Belgians are nationally responsible.

The Mayor – Would you do away with the Army and Navy? – If the country had faith, it would.

Exemption was refused.