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### CENTURIONS' LIST LONGER

Eight added in Bradford event.

Eight of the 23 starters in the 24-hour walk at Horsfall Playing Fields, Bradford, became centurions on Saturday, making the total 152.

Ten competitors retired before completing 100 miles, three already Centurions exceeded this figure, and only two other walkers failed to reach the desired mark in this event organised by Yorkshire Walking Club.

Tom W. Richardson (Centurions and Woodford Green A.C.), 39-year-old Euston railway clerk and record establisher on the same track 13 years ago, was again the first to complete 100 miles.

He retired an hour before the finish, having walked  $116\frac{3}{4}$  miles, gaining the Hammond Memorial Trophy and first prizes for the longest distance walked and the first to complete 100 miles.

### WONDERFUL VETERAN

One of the three Yorkshire Walking Club new Centurions, E. Blakemore, walked with a special boot following a war wound.

Refusing to retire, 65-year-old R.D. Beattie, of Dewsbury, plugged gamely away to the end, when he was within 10 miles of his objective.

Other prizewinners were: W.F. Watson (Lozells Harriers), second longest distance; N. Smith (Centurions and Y.W.C.), third longest distance; P. Lambert (Metropolitan W.C.), fourth longest distance; J. Perkins (Y.W.C.), special prize for first member of Y.W.C. to complete 100 miles. The prizes were presented by Mr. J. Russell Rose (referee).

NEW CENTURIONS: W.F. Watson (Lozells Harriers) 112 miles, 23hr. 22min. 52sec.; J. Perkins (Yorkshire W.C.),  $104\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 21hr. 21min. 11sec.; G. Roylo (Lancs. W.C.), 101 miles, 21hr. 54min.; P. Lambert (Metropolitan W.C.),  $105\frac{3}{4}$  miles, 24hr.; S.G. Willots (Godiva Harriers),  $100\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 22hr. 48min. 31sec.; F.J. Plumb (Sussex W.C.),  $104\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 24hr.; E. Blakemore (Yorkshire W.C.),  $100\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 23hr. 54min. 38sec.; H. Angel (Yorkshire W.C.),  $101\frac{3}{4}$  miles, 24hr.

ALSO COMPLETED 100 MILES: T.W. Richardson (Centurions and Woodford Green A.C.),  $116\frac{3}{4}$  miles, 23hr. 3min. 19sec.; N. Smith (Centurions and Y.W.C.),  $106\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 24hr.; S. Reed (Centurions and Y.W.C.),  $100\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 23hr. 36min. 12sec.;

COMPLETED 24 HOURS: H. Barraclough (Centurions and Wibsey Park Harriers), 98 miles, 24hr.; R.D. Beattie (Y.W.C.), 90 miles, 24hr.

FAILED TO FINISH: F.S. Herring (Belgrave Harriers),  $77\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 17hr. 30min. 43sec.; E. Ludlam (Y.W.C.),  $67\frac{3}{4}$  miles, 16hr. 36min. 35sec.; C.A. Harris (Leicester W.C. and Lancashire E.C.),  $64\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 14hr. 32min. 23sec.; J. O'Neil (Centurions and Lancashire W.C.),  $71\frac{3}{4}$  miles, 15hr. 44min. 10sec.; J.K. Chalk (Centurions), 56 miles, 12hr. 54min. 45sec.; J.F. Sheppard (Surrey W.C.), 40 miles, 9hr. 10min. 6sec.; A.L. Heath (Leicester W.C. and Lancashire W.C.),  $54\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 11hr. 58min. 49sec.; J. Stangeway (Lancashire W.C.),  $50\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 11hr. 53min. 10sec.; T.H. Andrews (Bradford),  $82\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 20hr. 23min. 46sec.; H. Speight (Leicester),  $66\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 15hr. 55min.