



### The Scarborough Home Guard Pigeon Loft.

During WW2 the local Home Guard was stationed at the barracks in St. John's Road. It had a Signals Section. When the soldiers went on manoeuvres they took pigeons with them to send messages back to base, from where they were transmitted to H.Q. by radio (Wireless in those days). The first pigeons were supplied by local fanciers, but once established, the H.G. bred their own.

They joined the local pigeon club and took part in races. The picture shows a visit by "the big brass" who presented the H.G. platoon with two cups which they had won.

Receiving the cup is corporal Arthur Tucker who was I.C. the loft. He was manager of Nesfield's Brewery on King Street. His brother, Fred, is 3rd left. 5th left is Tony Brazier whose father Alf was manager of the Corporation yard on Dean Road, living in the house there and racing pigeons himself to a fine loft. Facing over the handshake is Fred Dunwell, a local fancier and taxi driver. 2nd right is Bernard Jackson, owner of a wireless shop, not a fancier, there for his wireless expertise.

Harry Eade, Moorland Road, Scarborough. 4th February 2007.

Harry would love to know when pigeon racing started in Scarborough as when he was a small boy his father raced to a loft in Prospect Road in the 1920's. There were two very strong clubs in those days. Racing could well have started before 1900 as several towns had clubs then.