

Spalding relic of the First World War

Below is an ex-"war-horse" — a 1917 ex-War Department Douglas motor cycle which can be seen in a shed adjoining the blacksmith's shop in Commercial-road, Spalding. The owner is Mr. Geoffrey B. Dodd, who works in the smithy.

It was given to Mr. Dodd by a friend, Mr. H. Kingston, a Spalding farmer,

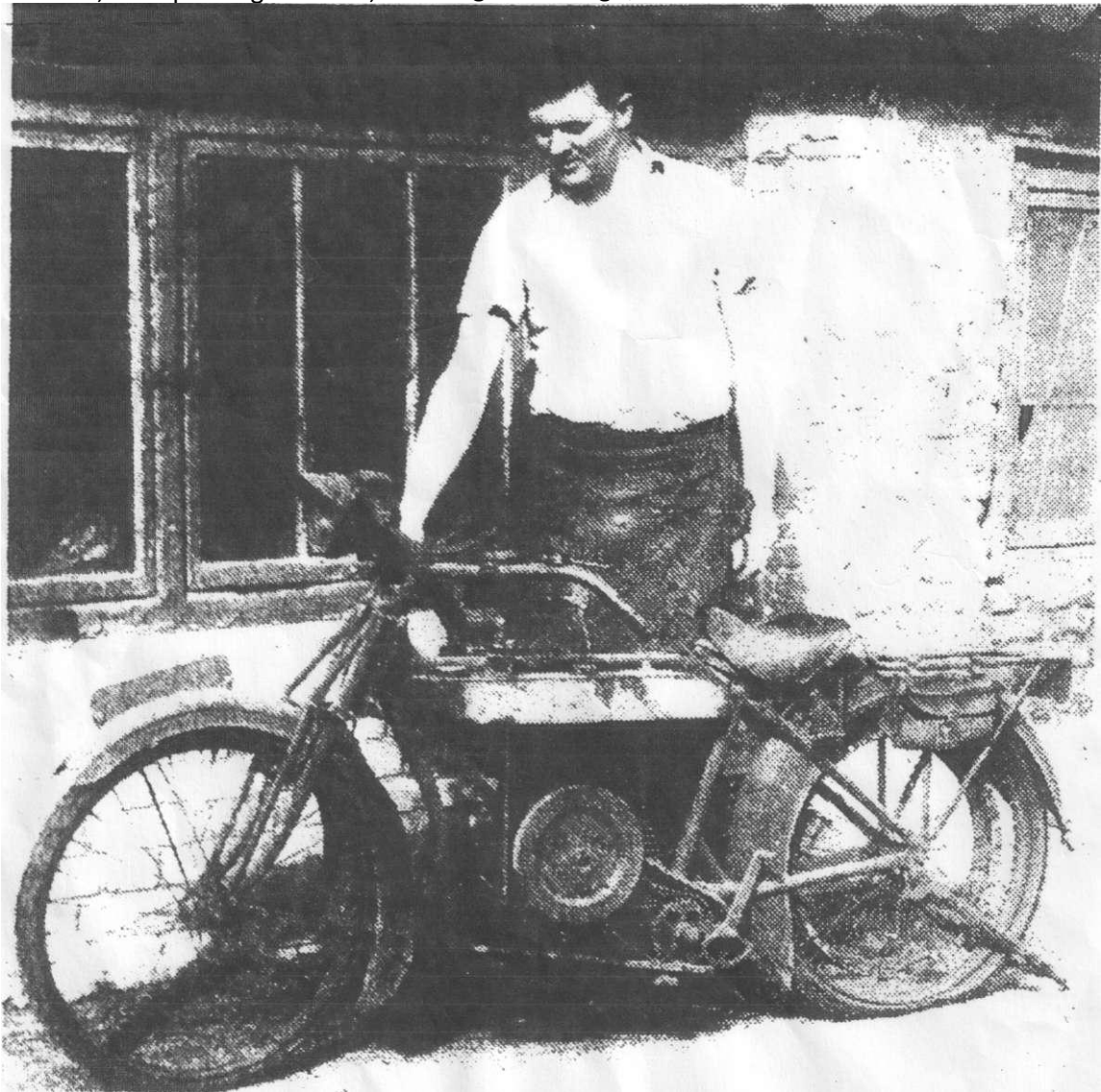
who had kept it in a stable for some time during the course of which it has collected quite a bit of rust.

Apart from that it does not appear to be in too bad a condition,

"It hasn't been run since 1928," explained Mr. Dodd," but I hope to get it going soon. It has got a two-gear change, low and

high, and a kick-starter which motor cycles of that year didn't usually have."

Mr. Dodd, who intends to run the vintage machine for pleasure only, says he thinks it should have quite a good turn of speed.



*Mr. Geoffrey B. Dodd
his "ancient" Douglas motor cycle.*