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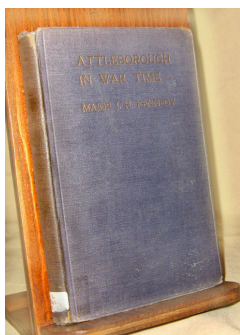
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- 1919

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About this CD.

Written by Major J. H. Kennedy and published privately in 1919 this book provides a record of the contribution the little town of Attleborough made to the allied victory in the Great War of 1914 - 1918, both at the front and within its own environs.

Situated in the county of Norfolk, on the road from Cambridge to Norwich, about 23 km. before you actually arrive in the city. Besides the cider factory, Attleborough's main claim to fame seems to be that in 1549 it was the centre of the "Enclosures" rebellion when the locals tore down the fences the landowners were constructing to enclose what had previously been common land. And yet in this later time of national crisis, out of a total population of 2,500 souls, 550 of the town's men served in the armed forces.

The book keeps alive the memory of these brave souls by recording the names and service records of each one as well as separately listing the Roll of Honor of those who gave their lives in the conflict. Not that the remaining inhabitants stood idly by. A good part of the book records the happenings in Attleborough in support of the war effort, the raising of funds, the establishment of hospitals and the special contributions by both individuals and local companies, all ably set, by the author, against the larger background of the progress of the fighting.

This is a "golden" resource for anyone researching ancestors with connections to this otherwise ordinary little town in rural Norfolk. The text of the book is fully computer searchable and search speed is enhanced by our FastFind technology.

About this book and its Author

We count ourselves fortunate indeed to have been approached by our good friend Caroline K Herbert to make a digital reproduction of this very rare book. We have searched in the National collections of Great Britain, the USA and Canada without finding any trace of either this book or of its author. Caroline also considers herself fortunate to have heard that the book was listed for discard by the Attleborough local library and that she managed to arrange for it to be held by a friend's mother in England until he could collect it from her and deliver it into Caroline's safekeeping. We believe there are less than five surviving paper copies of this book, and all of those are now in private hands.

The book is specially important to Caroline because Major John Henry Kennedy, the author, is her great uncle on her mother's side. For her, this book is a very special link to her ancestry, not only for the obvious link but because her grandfather, Admiral Francis William Kennedy, John Henry's younger brother, was Captain of HMS Indomitable during the Battle of Jutland and on page 41 he is noted as having given a first hand account of the famous battle to the town's Red Cross Hospital and to the local Boy Scouts.

Please join with us in thanking Caroline for being so generous as to allow us to make this digital edition available to you and for being able to place a copy of the CD in the archives of the Library of Canada.

ATTLEBOROUGH IN WAR TIME

WITH
SHORT CONCURRENT HISTORY OF
THE GREAT WAR

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IN HONOURED MEMORY OF THE
ATTLEBOROUGH LADS WHO DIED, AND IN
GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO SERVED AND
SURVIVED, THIS SHORT RECORD OF THE
TOWN'S WORK DURING THE GREAT WAR
IS RESPECTFULLY

Dedicated

TO THE

MOTHERS AND WIVES
AND OTHER RELATIVES

OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR
KING AND COUNTRY DURING THE

GREAT WAR OF 1914-19

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“FOR ENGLAND”

Our Roll of Honour

“Their Glory shall not be blotted out.”—Eccles. xlv. 13

BARBER, R. W.
BARNARD, BERTIE.
BECKETT, LEONARD.
BISHOP, ROBERT SIDNEY.
BLAXALL, ERNEST WILLIAM.
BRIGGS, ELIJAH SAMUEL.
BRIGGS, PERCY WILLIAM.
BRITNELL, WILLIAM EDWARD.
BUTCHER, WILLIAM CLARENCE.

CHANDLER, HERBERT.
CHAPLIN, CHARLES.
CHAPMAN, BERTIE R. W.
CHAPMAN, GEORGE HENRY.
CLARKE, ALFRED BRUCE.
CODLING, SIDNEY F. W.
COE, CORNELIUS ROBERT.
CRUMMETT, FREDERICK E.
CUBITT, TERENCE ALGERNON KILBEE.

DAYNES, ALBERT.
DAYNES, FREDERICK JOHN. Missing—presumed
killed.
DUNNETT, PERCY A. Missing—presumed killed.
DYE, JOHN WILLIAM.

INTRODUCTION

IN giving to the town of Attleborough a short account of its doings during the great war, and including with it a chronicle of the more important events that were taking place concurrently abroad, the author has had two objects in view.

In the first place he desires to place on record the fact that from our town of some 2,500 inhabitants, including women and children, no fewer than 550 men actually served in the armed forces of the Crown, surely something in itself to be proud of. Nearly £100,000 has been forthcoming for war securities, while the town not only financed its hospital without drawing on Red Cross funds, but also subscribed considerable sums for war charities.

And in the second place the author wishes to provide for those who come after, a short account of the life of the place during the different phases of the war.

Before the war, there were many who thought that the old spirit of patriotism, which had made England great in the past, no longer survived. Those who read these pages in the future, will perhaps realize how quickly and how thoroughly the war proved that the England of 1914 was just as patriotic as the old England of our forefathers that we read of in history ; how from the very first days of doubt and difficulty and sorrow, our little town, typical of the whole county and country, spoke as "one man." Church and Chapel, Radical and Tory, Rich and Poor, had one object in common, to crush militarism and brute force and uphold liberty. Is it

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not possible to maintain, at least in some measure, that unity of thought, and continue that splendid spirit, in the difficult days that are before us ?

At least let us all individually endeavour to foster that spirit of toleration and self-sacrifice, that distinguished us so greatly during the war.

The author desires to thank most heartily those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted him in compiling the record of the men who served.

The cost of the publication of this book is heavy. The author hopes that by its sale at least some portion of the expense may be recovered. Should there be any profit, that profit will be handed over to the Attleborough Branch of the Comrades of the Great War, to be used by them in such manner as they may determine. The Committee of the Comrades shall audit the accounts. If there be a loss, that loss will fall on the author. It is perhaps as well to mention these points, in case anybody should imagine or suggest that the author is making any profit by his labours.

ATTLEBOROUGH.

Christmas, 1919.

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voluntarily, and no other country in the world can say so much.

On May 31st was fought the one great sea fight of the war, the battle of Jutland, when Admirals Jellicoe and Beatty inflicted a serious blow upon the Germans, though they did not succeed in utterly destroying their fleet. About ten days later, Rear-Admiral F. W. Kennedy, who was present in the fight as Captain of H.M.S. *Indomitable*, gave a capital account of the battle to our Red Cross Hospital and to the Boy Scouts.

Immediately following the Battle of Jutland, a real loss fell on our Empire, when Lord Kitchener, to whom we owed so much, and who undoubtedly was the foremost Englishman of the day, lost his life in the sinking of H.M.S. *Hampshire* off the Orkney Islands on the night of June 5th. It seems; he was on his way to Russia, to discuss the future with our allies, with a view to finding out how best we could help them in the offensive, which Generals Brussilov and Kalledin commenced on June 4 under the supreme Generalship of General Alexieff. We may wonder now whether, if Lord Kitchener's life had been spared, all her later troubles would have befallen Russia. Certain it is that a thrill of horror—but not of despair—passed through our minds when Lord Kitchener died. His was a name to conjure with, his strong, silent personality appealing to all of us.

Italy had now come into the war on our side. The German submarine menace was not meeting with the success, that had been so confidently promised, and things were not going any too well for the Hun. Lord Kitchener's death had come as a regular Godsend to the Germans, and a pæan of joy went up in their press, just as it did on a former occasion, when the *Lusitania* was sunk by a German submarine with 1000 innocent passengers on board. It was on occasions such as these, that we learnt the true soul of the Hun. We saw his temper again in July, when Capt. Fryatt, the captain

ATTLEBOROUGH AUXILIARY RED CROSS HOSPITAL

KINDLY CONTRIBUTED BY DR. G. S. KEELING

IN 1911, application was made to the War Office, by the Guiltcross and Shropham Division of the Norfolk Branch of the British Red Cross Society, for the registration of a Women's Voluntary Aid Detachment, composed of ladies in the Attleborough district, who held certificates in First Aid and Home Nursing, and others willing to serve as cooks. The necessary numbers being forthcoming, this application was granted, and the Detachment received recognition from the War Office, being registered under the title, V.A.D. Norfolk, 22.

Since 1911, this detachment worked steadily and continuously, progressing in efficiency and numbers, with the idea of being ready should any emergency arise.

On the outbreak of war, August 4th, 1914, application was at once made to the directors of the Town Hall Company, for the purpose of acquiring that building to be used as a hospital, and on the following day the directors most kindly handed over the building to the Detachment for that purpose. With all speed, and with the generous help of the residents and tradespeople of the town, the Hall was fitted up as a hospital with sixteen beds. A suitable kitchen was furnished, and gas cookers laid on; the water and sanitary arrangements were improved; a dispensary was stocked; a day room for patients, and a nurses' room were prepared.

Donations in money and in kind, for equipment, made the officers' work easy, and much local enthusiasm was displayed. A fully qualified matron was found to take the head of the hospital, in the person of Miss Tattam,

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEN WHO SERVED

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Regiment or Service.</i>	<i>Date of Enlistment.</i>	<i>Where Served.</i>	<i>Dischg'd or Demob.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Ainger, E.					
Algate, Horace, Pte.	R.A.S.C., M.T.	20- 6-17	France.		Left Attleborough.
Allen, George Wm.	Pte., R.A.S.C., M.T. Cadet. R.A.F.	6-10-15	France	26- 3-19	
Allen, Sidney Clifford,	Pte., 2/4th Norf. Regt.	3- 9-14	France, Italy.	28- 3-19	
Allen, William Robert, Pte.	L.-Cpl. 1/7th R. Wrks. R.A.S.C., M.T.	5- 7-17		1- 1-18	Left Attleborough.
Amis, Walter John, Pte.	4th Norfolk Regt.	6- 9-14	Gallipoli, Palestine, Egypt.	20- 7-19	
Andrews, Arthur Salter, Air Craftsman.	Royal Air Force.	1- 3-16	France.	7- 6-19	
Armstrong, Oliver Charles	2/4th Norf. Regt.	21-10-14		22- 5-15	
Armstrong, Percy Charles, Sergt.	2/4th Norf. Regt. 1/7th Lancs. Fus.	10- 9-14	France	7- 1-19	
Ayton, Harry, Pte.	9th Norfolk Regt. R.A.S.C.	27- 4-16	Home		
Ayton, Mathew, Pte.	6th Norf. Cyclists Northants Regt.	8-10-14	France	21- 4-17	Wounded, left leg amputated
Bailey, J., Pte.	4th Norfolk Regt.				
Baker, Harry					