The Centenary of The Great War 'Tattenhall Remembers' 1914-1918



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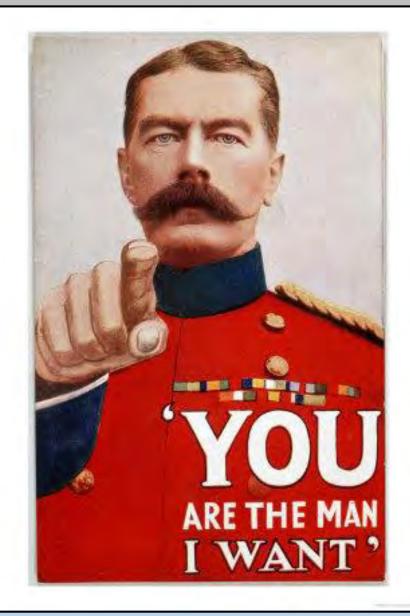
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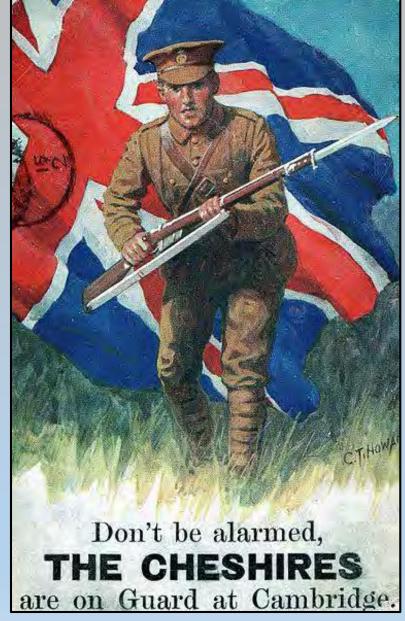
Declaration of War

- War was declared on Germany on 4 August 1914.
- The British Expeditionary Force (BEF) immediately mobilised to Belgium and stopped the Germans fulfilling their 'Schlieffen Plan' (the German War Plan).
- Kitchener recruited a 'Volunteer Army'.
- 'Poster Propaganda' became a feature of War.











Preparation for War

- Men joined the Armed Forces.
- They were sent to various locations to train in preparation for the conflict.
- In these slides we see men of the 'Cheshires', training on the east coast.
- Included in these images is 'Robert Barbour' from the Bolesworth Estate.



Leslie Wilson. Geoffrey Warburton. Pishta Jarmay Hugh aldersey. Vivian Lockett.



Group of officers & sergeants



Horses on the line



Men of B. Syan



Our bivovac at Henham Park. Sam Ashton. Robert Barbour.



Robert Barbour

Marjorie Smyth

- With men at war, many women occupied the jobs that had previously been denied them.
- One such woman was Marjorie Smyth who lived in Tattenhall (she is buried in the Churchyard).
- Marjorie Smyth joined Chester Remount Depot No.
 2 which was a 'convalescent home' where sick or injured army horses were taken.
- The following images show Marjorie, and others, dealing with the horses whilst men were at war.











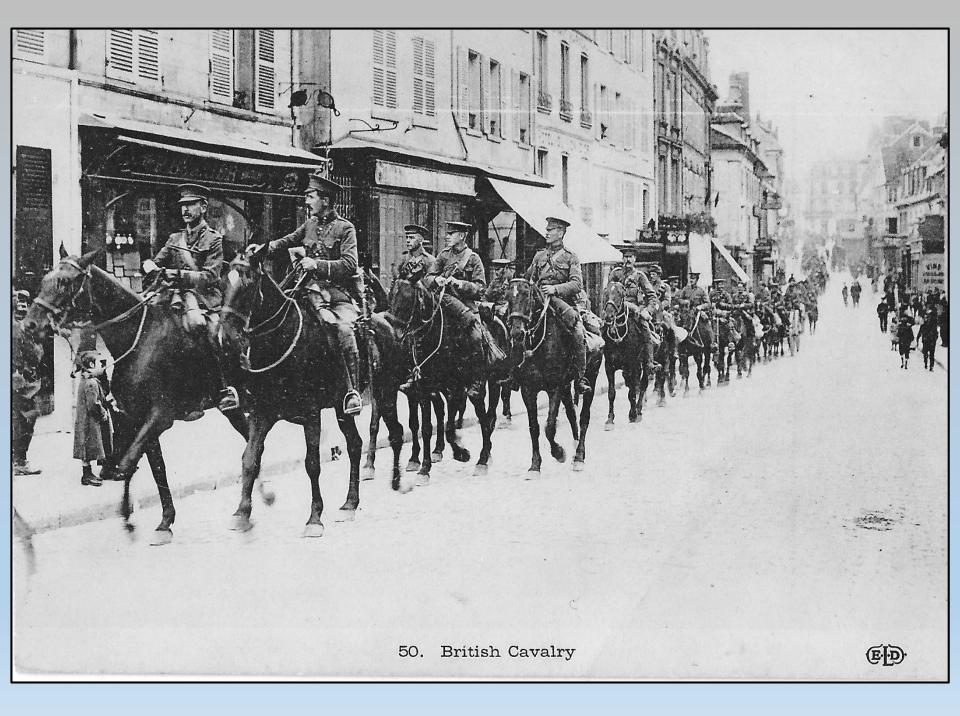
The Exodus to War

- Men set off to war.
- Counties emptied of their horses, including Cheshire.
- Horses were loaded onto ships for transit to Europe.
- Horses became a beast of burden at the outset of the Great War.









War Horse

- In keeping with our commissioned 'Horse of War', the following images illustrate how dreadful the life of the horse became during this conflict.
- Conditions for horses were severe.
- The Royal Army Veterinary Corps and The Blue Cross were active in treating injured horses.









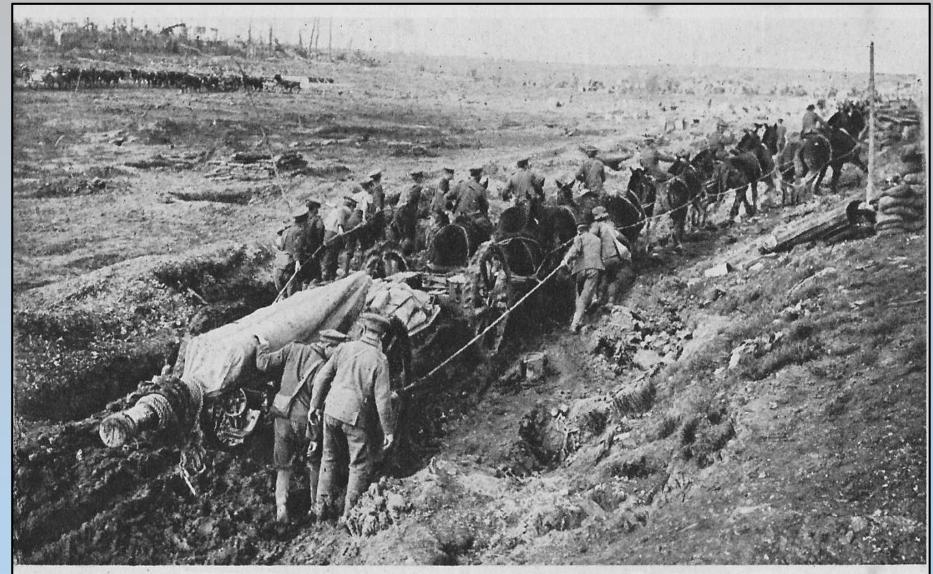
Another transport incident: Digging an artillery horse out of a quagmire.



-Bitter work: Fusing shells in a winter action.



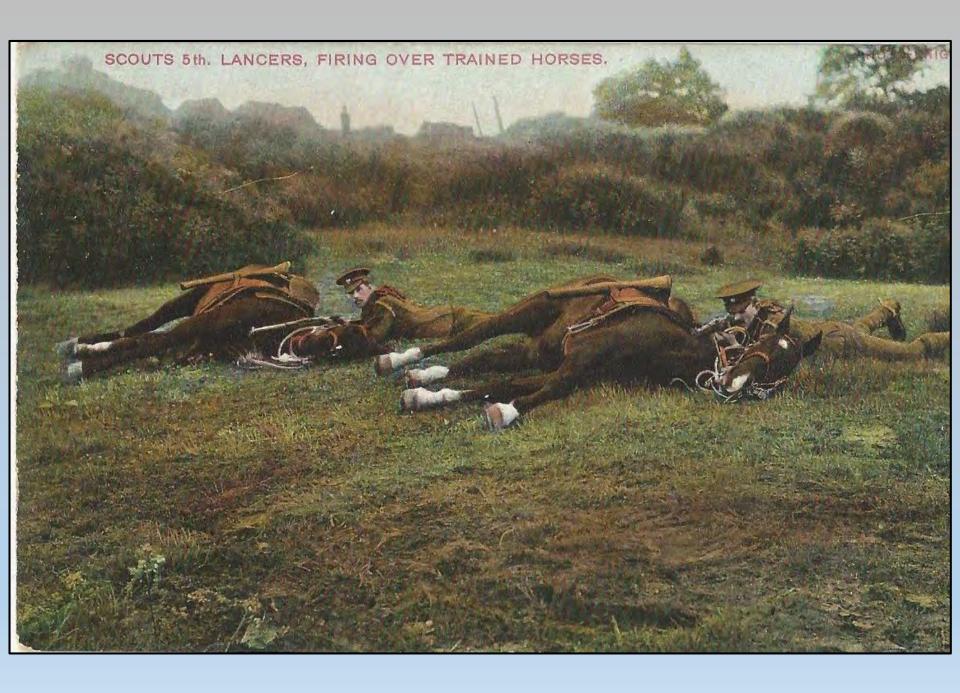
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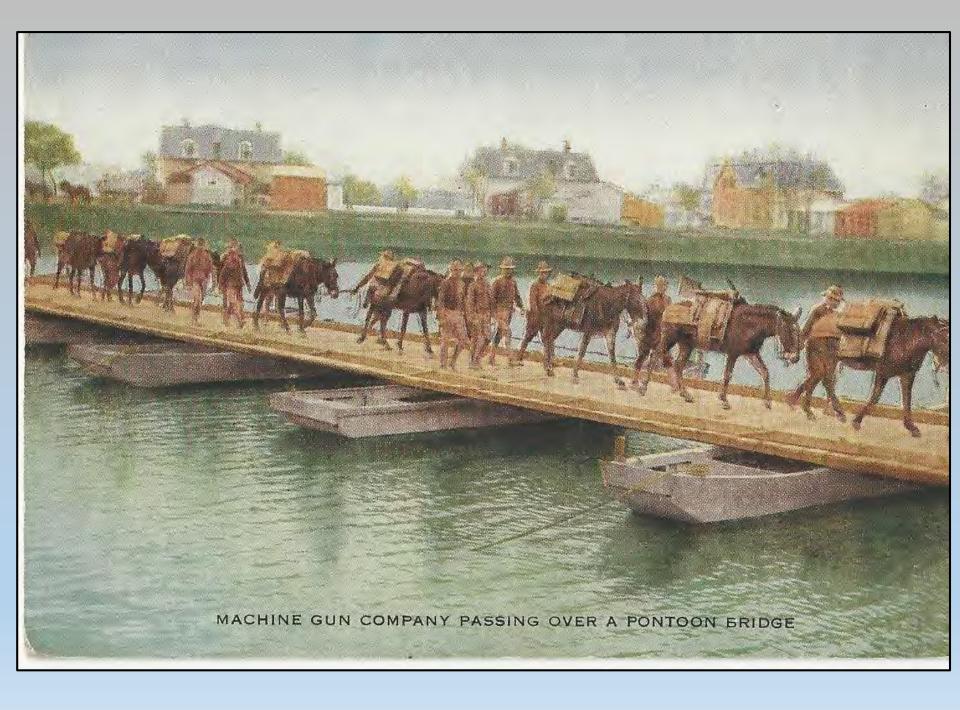


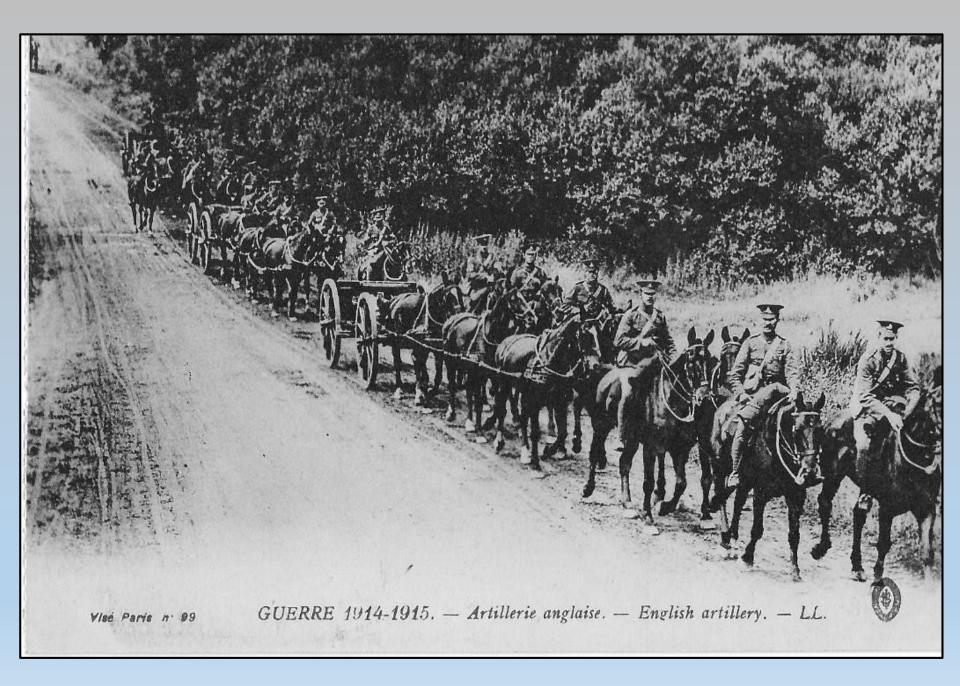
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AN ATTACK: MOVING UP A BIG GUN

"Daily Mail" Official Photograph

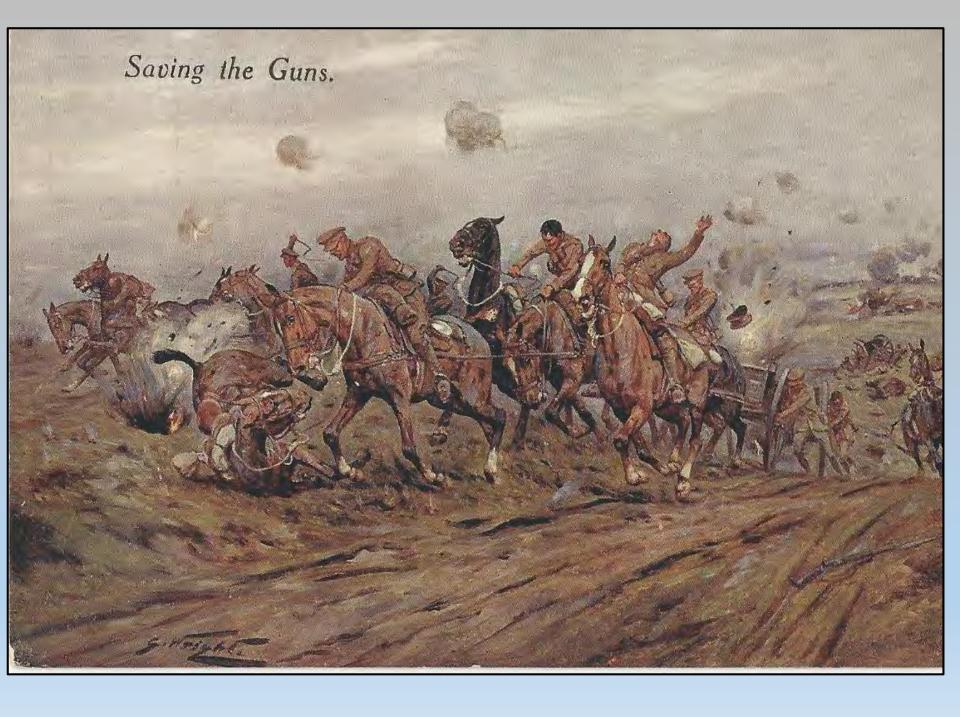








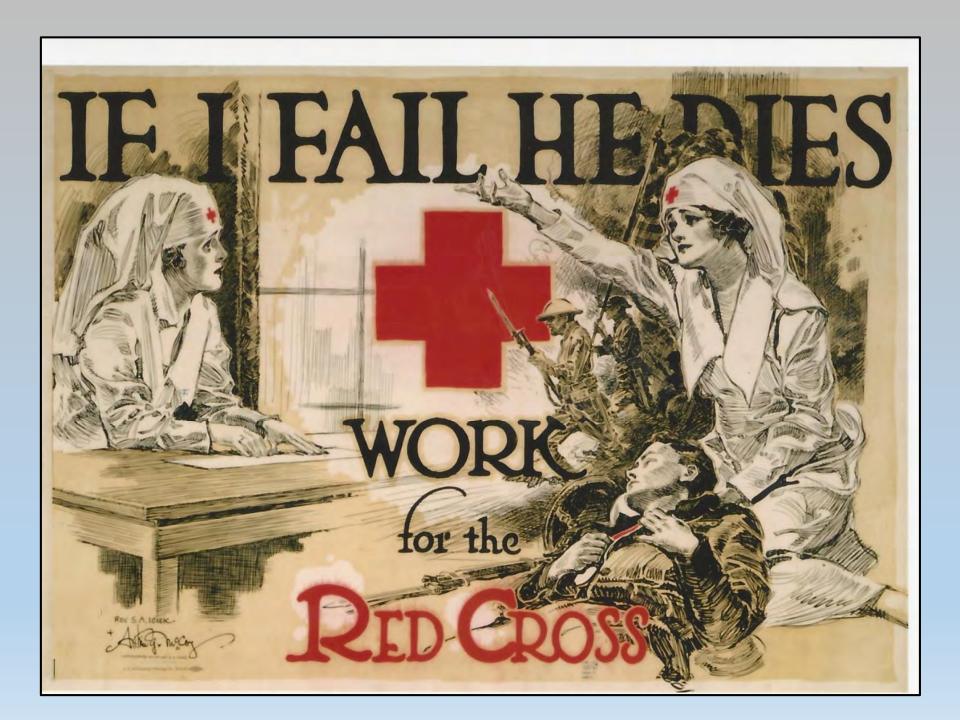




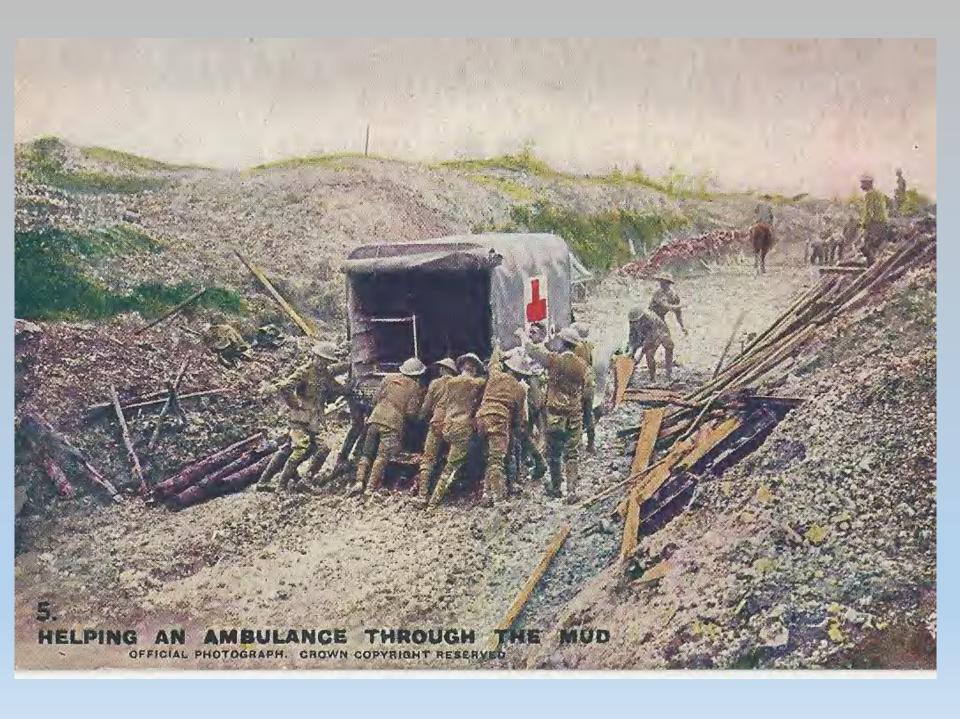
Nurses in The Great War

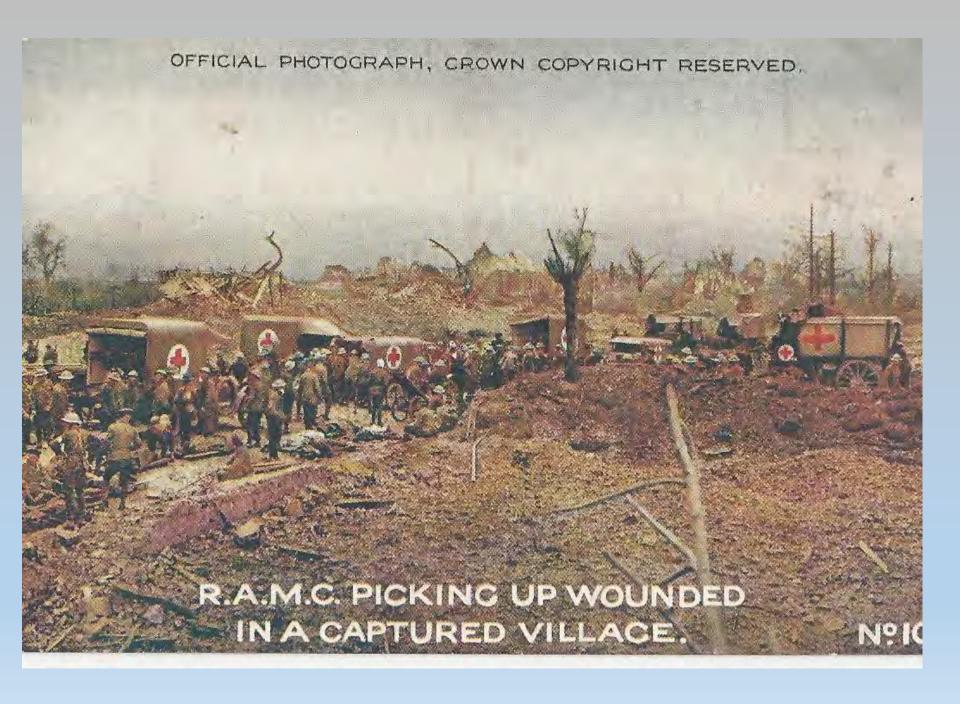
- The 'Barbour Institute' was converted into a Military Hospital in 1915 with 28 beds.
- 'The Rookery' was Tattenhall's second Auxiliary Hospital with 18 beds.
- Edith Marguerite Wignall was the 'Commandant' of both hospitals and was awarded the MBE.
- The following images illustrate the role of nurses in the Great War.

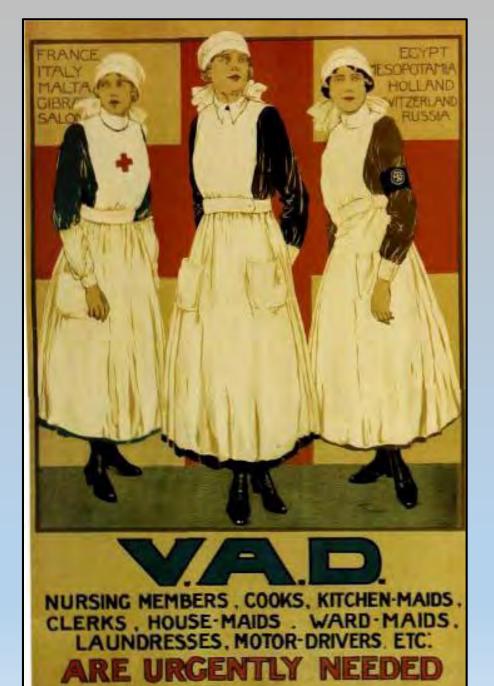














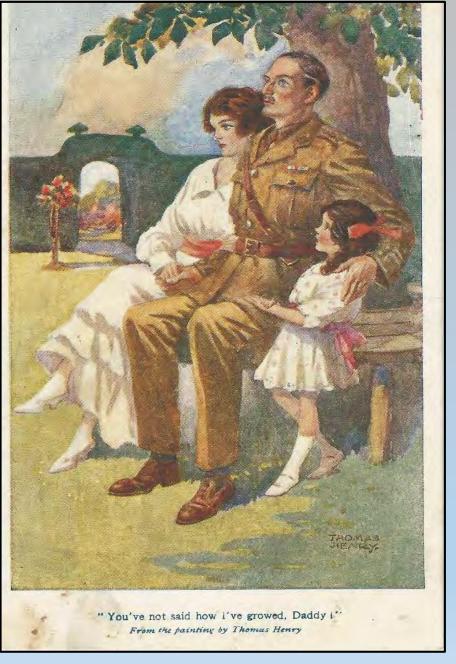
NURSING MEMBERS, COOKS, KITCHEN-MAIDS, CLERKS, HOUSE-MAIDS, WARD-MAIDS, LAUNDRESSES, MOTOR-DRIVERS, ETC.

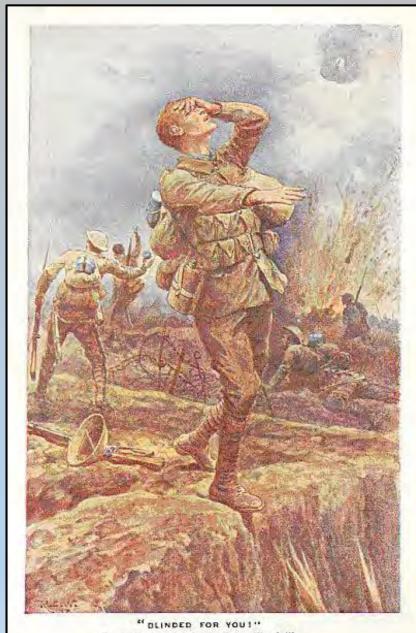
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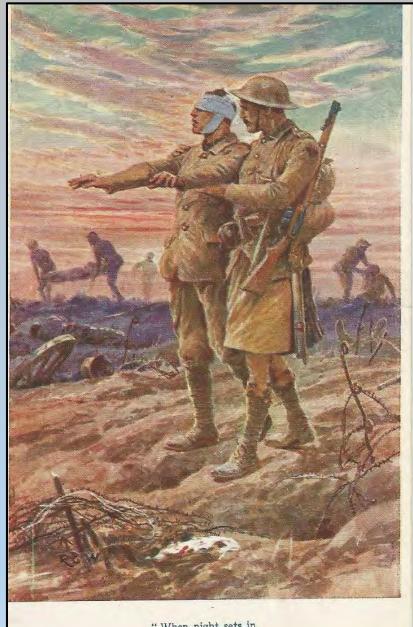








From the painting by R. Caton Woodville



"When night sets in The sun is down."

From the painting by R. Caton Woodville

The Barbour Institute

The following images show:

- The Barbour Institute as a Military Hospital
- Fred Arthur Manley as a convalescent (2nd from right)
- Netley hospital to where Fred Arthur Manley was initially transferred
- Frederick Cayley Robinson's iconic image of the 'Convalescent Blues'
- Local resident Mrs Breen as a VAD (back row)













The Rookery

- Tattenhall's second Military Hospital was 'The Rookery'.
- Edith Marguerite Wignall was 'Commandant'. She is featured in the Imperial War Museum's 'Women at Work Collection'
- She was awarded the MBE.





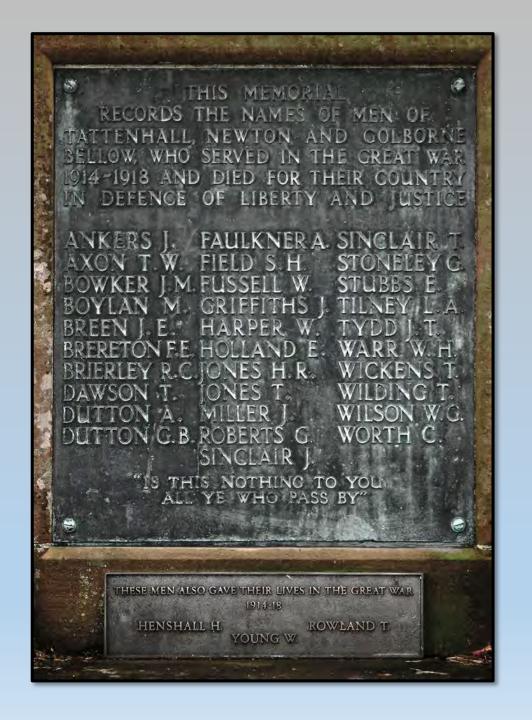
Victims of the Conflict, Tattenhall

- The Tattenhall Local History Website features the detailed stories of many of those listed on the Tattenhall War Memorial.
- Many Tattenhall lads are not remembered on the War Memorial, nor in the Churchyard of St Alban's Church.
- Our work on their stories continues.









Poppies

 The iconic poem of the Great War was written by John McCrae

'... In Flanders Fields, the poppies grow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place ...'.

• As part of 'Tattenhall Remembers', poppies were planted in St Alban's Churchyard.







The Brodbelt Boys – 'Brothers in Arms' Arthur Dell Brodbelt & Guy Brodbelt

- The Brodbelt family lived at Brook Hall
- The three brothers went to war only one returned.
- Arthur Dell Brodbelt & Guy Brodbelt are not listed on the Tattenhall War Memorial. They are remembered on the family grave in the Churchyard.
- As part of the Centenary commemorations, the Brodbelt family have restored the family grave.



We will remember them

- The following slides relate to Tattenhall lads who died in the conflict.
- For further details of these and others, visit the Tattenhall Local History Website

www.tattenhallhistory.co.uk

Private Arthur Dutton

The Cheshire Regiment

Died: 29th October, 1915

Aged 20

Buried at Le Touret Military

Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.







Private John Stoneley

The Cheshire Regiment Died: 6th September 1917 Aged 19

Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

A letter was received on Monday evening by Mrs. M. Stoneley, The Shop, Tattenhall, that her son, Pta George Stoneley, Cheshire Regiment, has died of wounds received in action in the recent heavy fighting. The letter received was as follows:—"Private G. Stoneley was brought in to us this morning. He had received a very bad wound in the abdomen, and had expired before reaching us, probably about 9 a.m. I found your address in a letter in his pocket. He will be buried in the military cemetary at —, and the few things that were in his pocket when he came in (a wrist watch, purse and badge and a few coins) will be forwarded to his Lact-of-kin through the War Office. With deepest sympathy, yours faithfully, G. M. Ambrose, chaplair," The sudden and sad news of this calamity has caused quite a gloom in the village, where Pte. Stoneley was well known and respected by all classes. Pte. Stoneley, who was aged 19, joined on the 10th January, 1917, and went abroad on active service the following April. He was a scholar in the C.E. schools, and was a member of the church choir up to the time of leaving school, when he went as telegraph messenger at the Tattenhall Post Office. Alterwards he was employed as porter at the Tattenhall Station, and for three years up to the time of his joining, under the present Mr. Whittingham, station-macter, where he won the esteem of everyone by his amiable and winning manner. He will be greatly missed in the village. Pte. G. Stoneley had two other brothers, who have also joined, and are on active service at the Front. The deepest sympathy is extended to his widowed mother, who was left with four some of the family, in their great loss.





"If I should die, think only this of me; that there is some corner of a foreign field that is for ever England."

Major Leonard Arthur Tilney MC

The Royal Flying Corps

Died: 9th March 1918

Aged 22

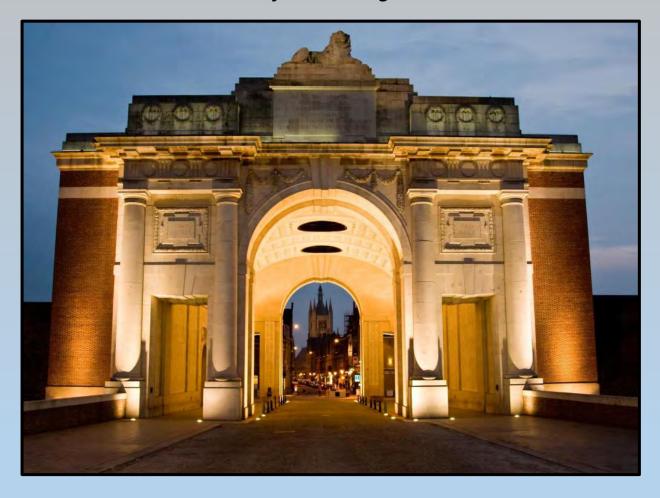
Buried at Cabaret-Rouge Military

Cemetery, Souchez, France.









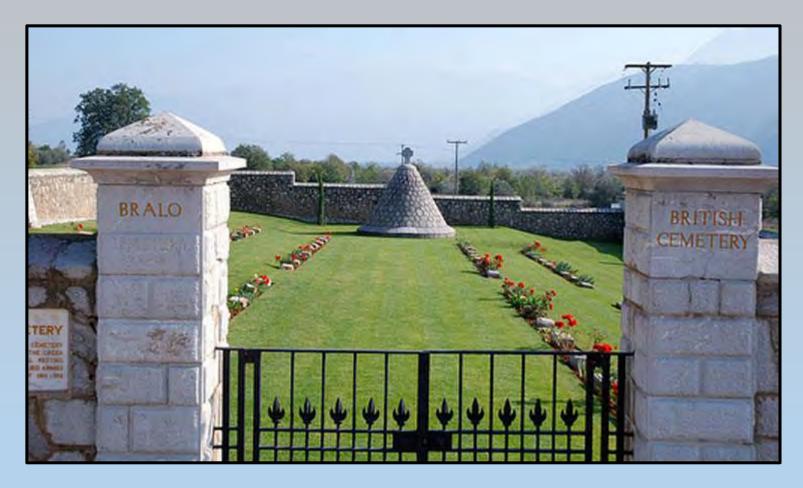
Private Thomas Williams is remembered on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium



Members of the **Cheshire Regiment** remembered on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium



Second Lieutenant Samuel Hatten Field is remembered on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium



Sapper Thomas Wilding is buried in Bralo village which shelters under Mount Parnassus near Delphi in the Southern Peloponnese, Greece



Private Ernest Stubbs is buried in Fillievres British Cemetery, France



Total War

- Langemark German War Cemetery in Flanders.
- The contrast with Commonwealth War Cemeteries is pronounced.







Tattenhall Local History Website

- We hope that you have found this Slide Show of interest.
- We have tried to cover topics with which you may be less familiar and which are in keeping with our Exhibitions.
- For further information, visit:

www.tattenhallhistory.co.uk