

NORFOLK IN THE GREAT WAR

Neil Storey

Norfolk in the Great War is an evocative portrait of the county during the First World War. It reveals the huge turmoil in the county caused by the war, including the mobilization of troops, the requisitioning of animals, the care of casualties, and the shortages of food. The author also describes how the Home Front also became the front line of enemy air raids – the first use of aerial bombing in a global conflict – and the effect of this on the population. And the book reveals the tragedy of war and the effect on this rural county brought about by huge losses among the flower of its youth.

Themes explored include the road to war in 1914, how the county mobilized, recruitment, zeppelin raiders, spy scares, The Norfolk Regiment, local heroes, life on the Home Front, the War Hospitals that were set up by almost every town and many villages the county, the Armistice and the aftermath of war.

This volume is profusely illustrated with many previously unseen photographs and documents from the nationally respected archive assembled by the author. This book will appeal to anyone with an interest in Norfolk's military past.



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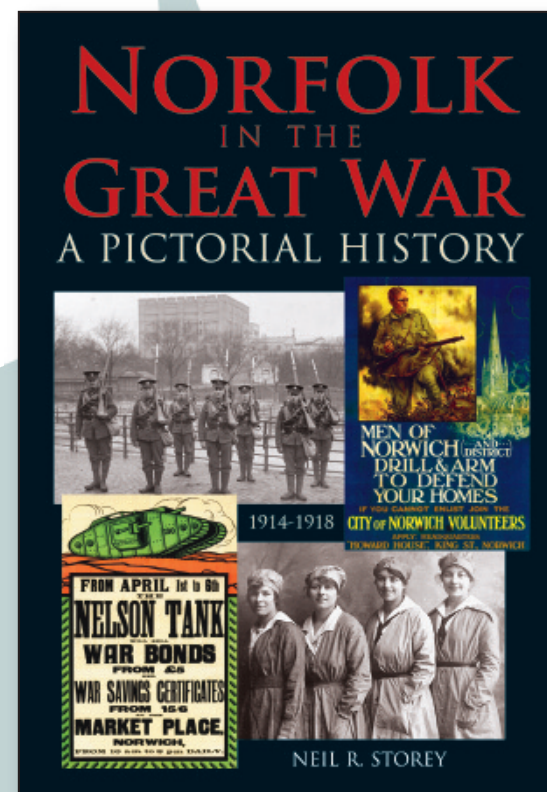
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Above: Troops of the 111st Nottinghamshire Yeomanry beside their old barn billet in the countryside near Weybourne, November 1914.



Kitchener Volunteers marching up Guildhall Hill, Norwich 1914.

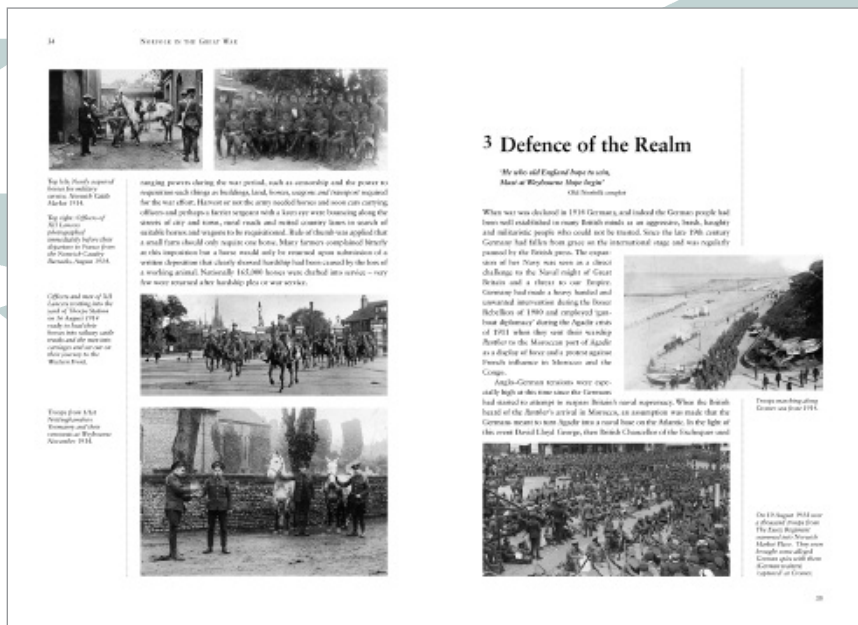


Physical Training for new recruits on Chapel Field Gardens, October 1914.

Right: One of the unexploded bombs, weighing 110lbs with Barbara Gower (3) left and Margaret Kemp (nearly 4) on the right.



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Above left: Nurses assisting on the stalls at the fete to raise money for the Soldier's Comfort Fund and their Auxiliary War Hospital in Harleston.

Above right: 'Keeping the boys amused' at Woodbastwick, May 1915.



Left: The view across Dereham Market Place to the houses near the Corn Hall that received a direct hit and killed a soldier sheltering inside.