

NORFOLK GOES TO WAR

The Dramatic Story of the County in the First World War

Neil R. Storey

Norfolk Goes to War recounts the dramatic and moving story of life within the county during the First World War, superbly illustrated with 200 unique photographs. Neil Storey gives special emphasis to the lives of ordinary people in the years leading up to the war, the thousands of men who volunteered to fight and the women and children left at home. Also covered in depth are the direct attacks made by Germany on the county by sea and by air, the defensive preparations along the coast and in towns and villages, and how all this changed the face of Norfolk during four long years of conflict and beyond.

The book covers topics often overlooked: the fear and suspicion of foreigners, with stories of spies abounding; the food shortages caused by panic buying and hoarding; small Norfolk communities suddenly coping with the appearance of hundreds of serving men on anti-invasion duties or training. Aircraft, rarely seen in the skies before 1914, now flew noisily from airfields hastily built throughout the county and the makeshift refitting of trawlers saw fishermen patrolling the coast and sweeping for enemy mines.

Women looked to deal with life now that husbands, boyfriends and sons were serving far from home, thousands volunteering as nurses or providing essential services as munitions workers, postwomen, forage corps, and in the Women's Land Army. Boy Scouts acted as runners or bicycle despatch riders and schoolchildren throughout the county helped with fundraising to support the war effort and to provide comforts for the troops at the Front.

Theirs is the remarkable story told in *Norfolk Goes to War*.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

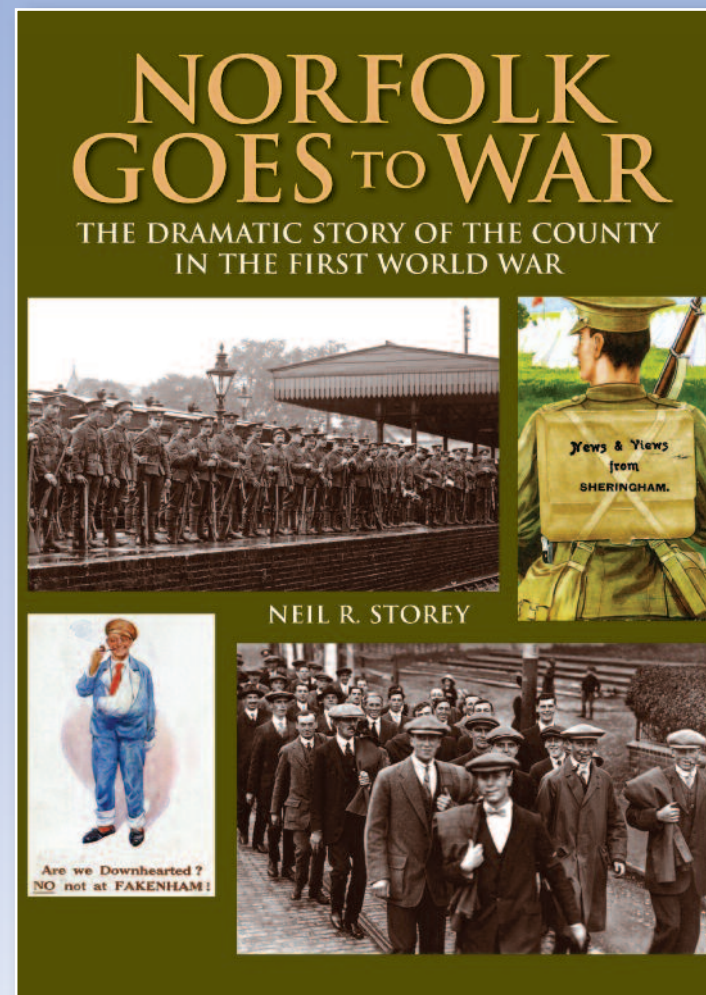
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Warwickshire
Yeomanry carting
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December 1914.



Below: The flooded
Guards camp at
Swaffham, August 1912.

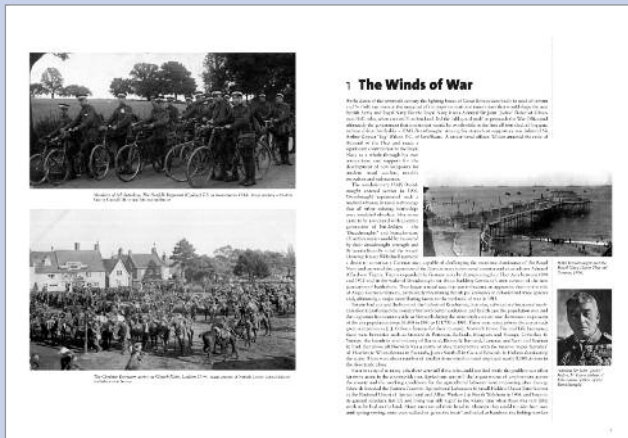


Above: The view down Church Street, East Dereham, the morning after the raid of 8 September 1915. The severely damaged White Lion pub is on the right.

Left: King's Lynn Chief Constable Charles Hunt examining an unexploded Zeppelin bomb.



Below: The people of Downham Market give a fine send off to their local lads of the Downham Section of B Company, 5th Battalion, The Norfolk Regiment, 5 August 1914.



Example of a double-
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