



**STAMFORD**

**Stamford's WW1 Centenary  
Commemoration Programme**

**Research Project Findings  
May to Dec 1914**

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Please note that all research is for the period May – Dec 1914 and the date reference is given month first and then the date (for database referencing and sorting purposes).

*Subject headings:*

Advertising	Impact on women
Casualties (general)	Military quartered in Stamford
Civic	National events
Cost of living	Prisoners
Effect on local organisations	Recruiting
Fundraising	Refugees
Health	Individuals
Impact on agriculture	

The complete database of references is available on request.

## **Advertising**

08/19 Town Hall archive

Advert from Chas. Knight & Co Ltd, London advertising forms (Distress that may arise in consequence of war) for sale and office cabinets, filing etc

12/12 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Advert-Recruiting

12/12 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Advert "Don't forget the man behind the gun"

12/19 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Advert for Oats & Musson

Town Hall archive

Civic War Savings Certificates - Adverts

"Go to the Post Office and lend your money to your country"

"Have you put your money into Khaki"

## **Casualties**

08/14-Stamford Mercury

Burghley house as hospital

08/22 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Villa used as hospital

August-MAR-GJTC-Lord & Lady Exeter offered a number of hospital beds at Burghley House.

10/02 Burghley archives

Lady Exeter's diary: "Mr. Wooloson - the County Director - and Dr. H. Reeves came over and approved the Orange Court for 15 beds for convalescents" (the Orange Court is now the Orangery Restaurant)

11/29 Burghley archives

Lady Exeter's diary: "Dr. Audland and 2 others came to inspect the hospital."

11/21 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Wounded - Wothorpe

11/28 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Wounded-Burghley

## **Civic**

08/06 Town Hall archive

Local Government Board. Notice re Provision of employment and extra works to be made available to address unemployment in wartime. Calling on local committees to include women and unionists.

08/08 Town Hall archive

Local Government Board - update notice on employment provision during wartime.

08/14+08/16 Town Hall archive

Letter from Mayor of Stamford to W E Dowding Est, National Relief Fund St James's Palace regarding fund and Belgian refugees, dated 14th and 16th (response) August 1914

08/15 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Town guard proposed

08/17 Town Hall archive

Minute Book-Minute to set up local Committee for 'Relief of Distress caused by War'

08/17 Town Hall archive

Local Government Board - clarification of previous two notices regarding assistance for unemployed due to war, free mobility of labour, feeding of school children and form layout.

08/19 Town Hall archive

Advert from Chas. Knight & Co Ltd, London advertising forms (Distress that may arise in consequence of war) for sale and office cabinets, filing etc

x2 carbon copy sheets of List of names received for Roll of Honour (13 names)

08/21 Town Hall archive

Minute Book-Special Meeting-Formation of local Committee for 'Relief of Distress Caused by War' and members appointed

Memo (carbon copy) names representatives of 3x districts (Linsey, Kesteven & Holland) who will deal with relief applications

08/24 Town Hall archive

Page from The Times page from 24th August 1914 giving various war information

08/25 Town Hall archive

Minute Book for the Committee for the Prevention and Relief of Distress – only first page dated 26 August 1914 completed

08/26 Town Hall archive

Borough of Stamford Provisional Regulations Relating to the Prevention and Relief of Distress During the War – dated 26th August 1914 by Charles Atter (Secretary) Town Clerk

08/26 Town Hall archive

Borough of Stamford, formal Notice of Provisional Regulations Awaiting Final Regulations for relief of distress assistance. Signed by Charles Atter as Secretary to Local Committee (was also Town Clerk)

08/26 Town Hall archive

Public Notice "Prevention and Relief of Distress Notice" for the Borough of Stamford dated 26th August 1914

08/31 Town Hall archive

List of Applicants for Grants out of the National Relief Fund started 31 August 1914 together with Receipt and Payment Book

09/03 Town Hall archive

Letter from C M Baker to Stamford Local Committee for the Prevention and Relief of Distress During War dated 3 Sept 1914 acknowledging relief from War Office and therefore "able to manage without taking from the Relief Fund".

Register of Assistance Given under Committee for the Prevention and Relief of Distress

09/27 Town Hall archive

Carbon copy of letter from National Relief Fund to Charles Atter dated 27th August 1914 acknowledging payment of £20.1.1 from St Martin's Church

09/29 Town Hall archive

Letter from Kesteven County Council dated 29th September 1914 asking Stamford Committee to accept representation from the Trades Unions on the sub-committee. Letter of request attached dated 27th September 1914

Letter of co-operation in war effort from The Domestic Servants Association Employment Bureau

10/10 Town Hall archive

Circular 1(DMT) to local Representative Committees in England and Wales - Government Cttee on Prevention & Relief of Distress (relates to free medical attendance and medicine to dependents of men serving with the colours)

10/03 Town Hall archive

Letter from Kesteven County Council dated 3 October 1914 to Stamford Town Clerk re donation from National Relief Fund

10/20 Town Hall archive

Details of Separation Allowance for Dependents other than wives and children of seamen, marines and reservists borne on the books of HM Ships (Copy of Admiralty Weekly Order)

Hints on the method of dealing with applicants for relief and scale of assistance

10/23 Town Hall archive

Prince of Wales National Relief Fund, dated 23 October 1914 re collection of disused newspapers from around the country to raise funds

10/24 Town Hall archive

Letter from County Police Office requesting Chairman of Local Emergency Committee to meeting.

10/31 Town Hall archive

Letter from County Police with x2 attachment memorandi guidance of local emergency committees (B and C) 'Preparations by Civil Authorities for Action in the Event of a Hostile Landing'

11/17 Town Hall archive

Memorandum 'D' on duties of Central Organization Committees x7 pages

11/28 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Rates protest

12/05 Town Hall archive

Letters x2 from County Police re payment of Special Constables.

12/17 Town Hall archive

Letter (handwritten) from Superintendent's Office to Mayor of Stamford enclosing lists received of working parties 'as per circular of 4 December'. Attached are 10 handwritten pages of 'volunteer squads' with individual members and addresses and occupations broken down into 'squads'

12/18 Town Hall archive

Handwritten letter from General Stiff to Lincs Central Organising Committees (a) forbidding the current situation of the requisitioning of tools from railwaymen which has been occurring and.(b) allowing Special Constables to be part of Volunteer Training Corps.

12/22 Town Hall archive

Memorandum to Lords Lieutenant re out-of-pocket expenses for Emergency Committees

12/31 Town Hall archive

Letter to local Emergency Committees informing them that no arms will be available to men other than military and that there will be no preparation for armed resistance to the enemy other than by military forces.

Undated Town Hall archive

-A5 document "Separation Allowance for Dependents of Unmarried Soldiers (or Widowers ) During the War

Undated Town Hall archive

List of membership of local emergency committee

Undated Town Hall archive

'Appendix A' list of General Lines of Evacuation for Lincolnshire

## **Cost of living**

08/08 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Prices

08/22 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Prices

November Burghley House archive  
Hard copies of various invoices

11/21 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Picturedrome opening

## **Fund raising**

07/05 Markwick  
Fete held in Burghley Park in aid of Red Cross funds

08/14 Stamford Mercury  
Local relief fund opened

08/18-19 Burghley House archive  
Red Cross & St John's - Lady Exeter recorded that she "went round to ask people for subscriptions; the Boy Scouts sold roses for me and made £1.12".

08/22 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
War Relief Fund details

11/14 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Appeal for Christmas puddings

11/21 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Whist drive for the Belgian Fund

## **Health**

08/22 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Hospital at Burghley

08/22 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Hospital at Wothorpe

08/22 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
VILLA AS HOSP

September Town Hall archive  
Leaflet No 29 National Health Insurance "Position of Seamen, Marines and Soldiers, including Reservists, Naval Volunteers and Territorials during Service and after discharge.

October Town Hall archive  
County of Lincs (Kesteven) - List of doctors and chemists available for free health care for dependents of HM Naval and Military Forces - Relief Sub-committee

12/24 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Diphtheria scare

## **Agriculture**

05/29 Stamford Mercury  
Frost

## **Impact on women**

08/14- Stamford Mercury  
Needlework guild

08/14-Stamford Mercury  
2<sup>nd</sup> VAD

10/31 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Women knitting

## **Military billeting**

12/05 Burghley archives

Lady Exeter's diary: "The RAMC arrived in the stables and house, and 2000 troops in Stamford."

12/05 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
2,400 to be billeted in Stamford

12/19 Burghley archives

Lady Exeter's diary: "We had music in the Great Hall, the soldiers sang and then danced.  
'Napoleon' came in later very drunk"

## **National events**

08/07 Stamford Mercury  
War declared

08/07 Stamford Mercury  
Mobilisations

08/08 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
England and Germany at grips

## **Prisoners**

11/14 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Stamford POWs

## **Recruiting**

08/22 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Recruiting

08/29 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Appeal for 50 men

08/29 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Recruiting-numbers

09/05 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Recruiting-numbers

09/12 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Recruiting-details

10/31 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Recruiting-numbers

10/31 Stamford & Rutland Guardian  
Names

11/08 Town Hall archive

A5 recruiting poster (leaflet No.17) dated November 1914 'Young Men, Your Country Needs You!'

## **Refugees**

10/10 Stamford & Rutland Guardian



## REFUGE-GARMENTS

10/03 Burghley House archive

Lady Exeter's diary: "the Comtesse de Villers and her 5 children - refugees from Brussels - arrived to live with us"

10/16 Burghley House archive

Lady Exeter's diary: "Comtesse de Villers and I attended Belgian Refugee Meeting in Stamford - raised nearly £300 in the room."

10/23 Burghley House archive

Lady Exeter's diary: "Comtesse de Villers and I went to visit the Belgian refugees at Eversley School."

10/24 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Belgian Relief Fund

10/31 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

Belgian refugees

11/14 Stamford & Rutland Guardian

REFUGE-EASTON

11/07 Burghley House archive

Lady Exeter's diary: "I drove Comtesse de Villers and Therese and Martin to see refugees in Easton."

11/24 Burghley House archive

Lady Exeter's diary: "14 Belgian wounded arrived from Leicester; nurses arrived just before."

12/04 Burghley House archive

Lady Exeter's diary: "We drove to Stamford to see refugees and a new lot who had arrived in Broad St."

## **Individuals**

11/13 Stamford Mercury

RAWDEN E

11/13 Stamford Mercury

MCCARTNEY T- DUMDUM BULLET

11/27 Stamford Mercury

MORLEY J

11/27 Stamford Mercury

MCCARTNEY C - PROMOTION

11/27 Stamford Mercury

LENTON F J - ENLISTMENT

11/28 Stamford Mercury

EDINBOROUGH H

11/28 Stamford Mercury  
EDINBOROUGH B

11/28 Stamford Mercury  
BEESON H

11/28 Stamford Mercury  
MITCHELL

12/05 Stamford Mercury  
WATSON B

12/11 Stamford Mercury  
OLDHAM W

12/11 Stamford Mercury  
HAGGAR W

12/11 Stamford Mercury  
OLDHAM W

12/11 Stamford Mercury  
HAGGAR W

12/18 Stamford Mercury  
EVANS R G

12/18 Stamford Mercury  
BRANDRETH F H

12/18 Stamford Mercury  
WATSON B C

12/18 Stamford Mercury  
OLDHAMW

12/18 Stamford Mercury  
EDINBOROUGH R

12/18 Stamford Mercury  
CUMMINS J