

Selection of WW1 artefacts pertaining to Stamford

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"YOUR KING AND COUNTRY WANT YOU."

Words and Music by PAUL A. RUBENS.

(A Woman's Recruiting Song.)

1.

We've watched you playing cricket,
And ev'ry sort of game,
At football, golf, and polo
You men have made your name;
But now your Country calls you
To play your part in war,
And no matter what befalls you
We shall love you all the more!
So come and join the Forces,
As your fathers did before.

REFRAIN.

Oh, we don't want to lose you,
But we think you *ought* to go,
For your King and your Country
Both need you so.
We shall want you and miss you,
But with all our might and main
We will thank you, cheer you, kiss you
When you come back again!

2.

We want you from all quarters,
So help us, South and North,
We want you in your thousands,
From Falmouth to the Forth.
You'll never find us fail you
When you are in distress,
So answer when we hail you,
And let your word be "Yes!"
And so your name, in years to come,
Each Mother's Son shall bless!

REFRAIN.

Oh, we don't want to lose you,
(Etc. as before.)

Slow March Time



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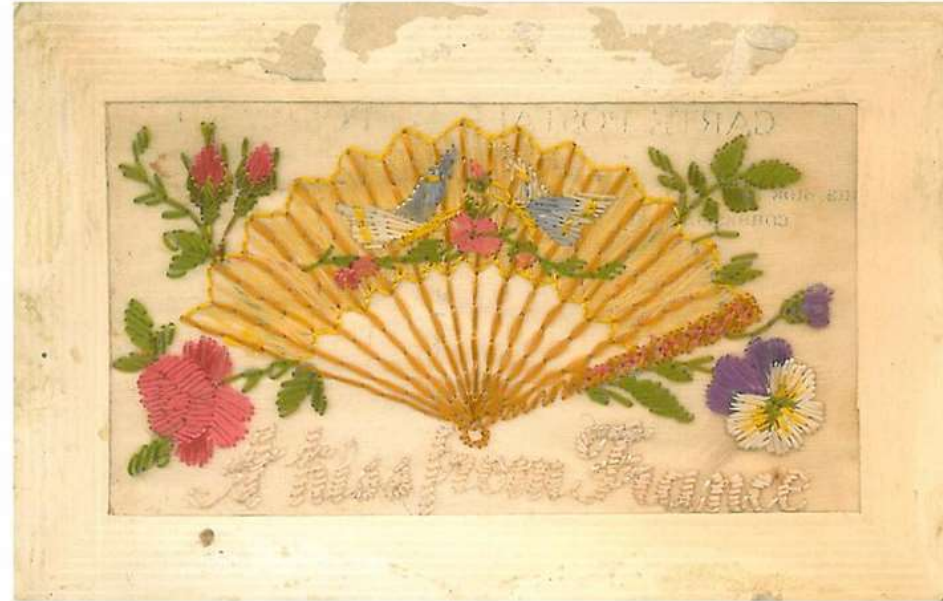
A typical recruiting song of
the pre-War era,
encouraging young men to
enlist. No one realised then
the horror that would await
them in France.





Two Unidentified Soldiers





An embroidered greetings card sent home to a loved one by a soldier in France.





Photograph of two men; the
one in military uniform is
believed to be local man Alex
F Jeeves





Cards like these were being mass-produced and sold near the Front line.

This one was sent from Belgium.





Another greetings card sent home by a serving soldier.





Another example of a greetings card sent from the front line. This card shows the combined flags of the United Kingdom and France.

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I am quite well.

~~*I have been admitted into hospital.*~~

~~*{ sick } and am going on well.*~~

~~*{ wounded } and hope to be discharged soon.*~~

~~*I am being sent down to the base.*~~

I have received your { letter dated Sep 17/14 } telegram „

“ { parcel „

Letter follows at first opportunity.

~~*I have received no letter from you*~~

~~*{ lately.*~~

~~*{ for a long time.*~~

Signature {
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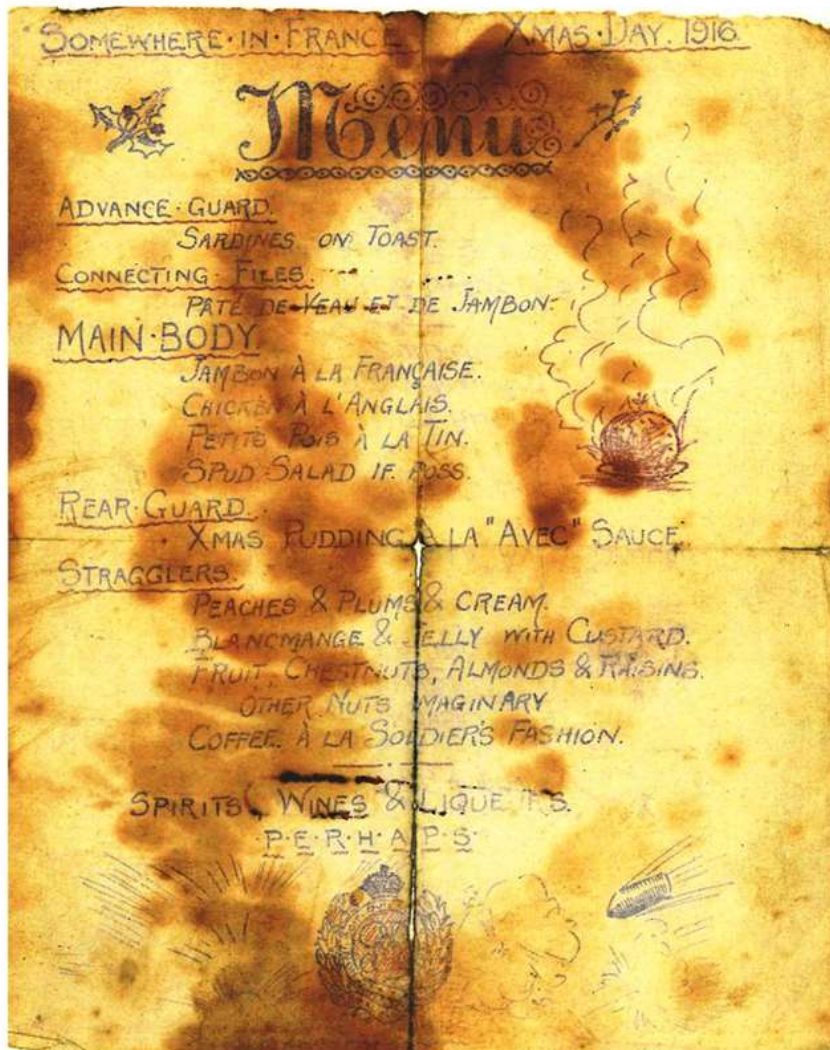
Examples of the meagre official correspondence that soldiers were allowed to send home to their loved ones.





A serving Father's
greeting from the Front
Line to his children
back in England.





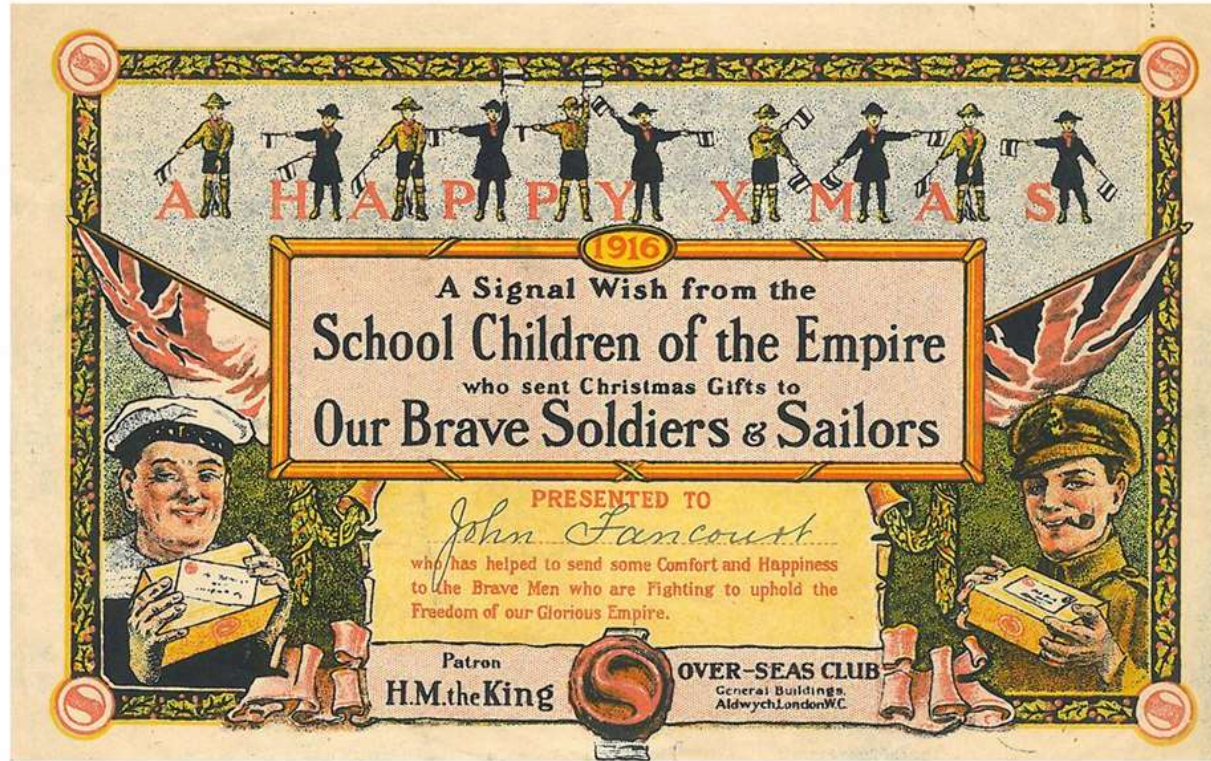
A taste of trench
humour, Christmas
1916





Examples of seasonal greetings sent home from the trenches





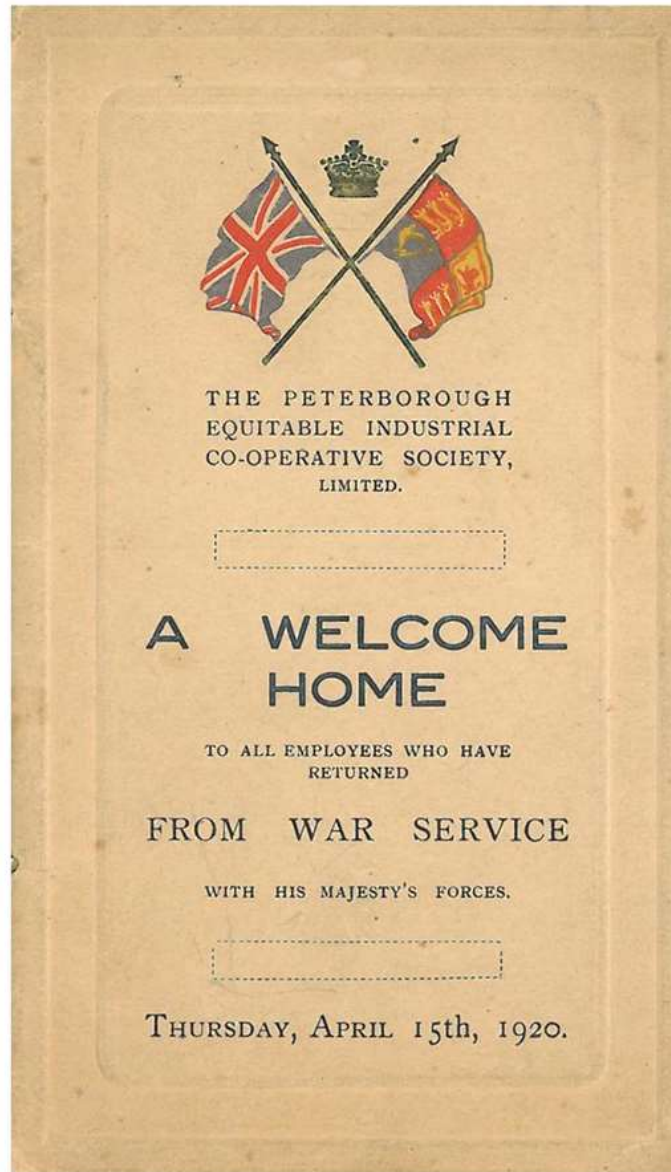
This Christmas wish was presented to local man John Fancourt. Parcels were organised at home and sent to Servicemen overseas at Christmas





Candid portrayal taken from a Christmas card sent home from the Front.





An invitation to a welcome
home party held for
returning employees by the
Peterborough Equitable
Industrial Co-Operative
Society Limited





An example of the certificates presented by the Borough of Stamford to local men who returned from the War





Photograph of the unveiling of Stamford
War memorial in 1919





An example of the
Certificates presented
by the Borough of
Stamford to the families
of those who gave their
lives.

