

Pte. H. Kendrick
1st Leicestershire Regiment
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All the harm, that I wish the
owner of this book, is the harm
that I wish myself.

“The Housemaid”

1st December 1914
Wounded in the head
by German Bullet
Oct 25th about 4.30 P.M.

[Lance Corporal Harry Kendrick died of wounds in Belgium on 30th June 1915]

Edith Bonham is your name,
Single is your station.
Happy will be the little man,
That makes the alteration

G.H. Peck
Eaton Socon
23.06.09

This is my Album
But learn ere you look,
That all are expected to add to my book
You are welcome to quiz it
But the penalty is
That you add your own Auto
For others to quiz.

Eddie M. Bonham

Red Cross Hospital
Eaton Socon 6/10/15

Dear Nurse Bonham

May the Happiest day of your Past
Be the Saddest day of your Future

Yours Sincerely

2367 – Lc Cpl Billington F
6th Batt Sherwood Foresters

B E F

With kind regards to Percy

Leap Year

A Lady of sagacity, but terrible audacity - once had the pertinacity to ask me at her door,

If I can find a Minister - not overbold nor sinister - why should I stay a spinister or you a bachelor?

It was no time for muttering - or stammering or stuttering – and so I hastened, uttering, as fast as I could speak.

“Had I a home Colonial – with furnishings baronial, I might feel matrimonial – but not on two a week”

She laughed and said quite cynical “I think that your the pinnacle, of everything that’s finical” – but I said nothing more.

And thus we found no Minister and I went off to Finisterre & she is still a spinister and I’M
A BACHELOR

J R H Bedford

14th March 16

11275. Pioneer Sgt. W Pearson
3.12.1914 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers

You ask me if this thirst of mine,
Was born with me or not,
This thirst I had when quite a boy,
That thirst I still have got.
But thirst is such a wondrous thing,
To be for ever dry.
But even the trees, the plants & flowers,
Have thirst and so have I.
You ask me if I ever work,
Tis but a name to me,
From birth I'm told that I've been tired,
So tired I'll ever be,
Some people work, get hot, perspire,
It makes them look absurd,
Why I get quite exhausted,
When I hear the beastly word.
You asked me in your book to write,
But what to say I didn't know quite,
So I have done my best you see,
But a poet I shall never be.
But as I sit and write these lines,
The thought occurs to me,
There's someone watching and waiting,
In a cottage near the sea.
So my thoughts begin to wander,
To that little place called home,
The name of it is Dover,
Where of yore I used to roam.

Yours respectfully

W Pearson

3.12.1914

Pte J W Jarvis
Royal Warwick Regt

I joined the regiment the 5th day of August. We went from Southampton and from there to a place named Zebrugge encamping at Ost Camp. We then marched to Ostend 31 miles by road and then by train to Ghent on our way to help the Antwerp Garrison. From here we retired back again to Ghent taking up a position which we held for two days. We then retired by night march about 28 miles to a place named Scheldt covering the distance of 48 mile in 24 hours with the enemy close on our heels. After a rest of two hours we went from Scheldt to Rouliers and thence to Ypres. We then engaged the Germans the 13th of October at Mennines [Menin]. The enemy being too strong we had to retire to Zonebeque [Zonnebeke]. This was the start of the battle of Flanders. I was wounded in the hand between Ypres and Zonebeque.

J W Jarvis
34 Bramble St
Coventry

Driver John J Hoare
37th Battery
R.F.A.

The English soldier has shown the German that he has to be reckoned with before he is beaten. The following shows how we help one another. At Mons when our waggon line was shelled for a mile and half along the road and we halted, the Capt said the guns were to be saved at all costs. The teams rode back under a heavy fire and was cheered by some Infantry soldiers saying good the Gunners save the guns and cheering for all the were worth. It gave us great heart and out the guns did come, the germans only 100 yds away.

Driver John J Hoare
37 Batty. RFA

Entry unnamed –

1st December 1914

I will now endeavour to relate one or two of my little experiences, whilst serving my King and Country at the Front.

Before I continue my short story, I must ask you to please excuse any mistakes that may occur, because not being a scholar, I am not acquainted with punctuations etc.(Query)

I will begin by stating that the train rides that Tommy gets in France are grand. We got removed from the “Aisne” after a period of 21 days in the trenches (and it was a grand relief). We went by small marches until we came to a railway station by name of “Fismes”. Here we entrained, but our destination was unknown to us, well we got to a place called “Cassel” and after a short rest we started off again and when night time came we were told to dig for our lives as the enemy were in front. Well after being all night in the rain and having entrenched ourselves in, morning came, and what a sight, the enemy were entrenched about 200 yds away, so of course we knew we were in for rather a rough time. Well to make a long story short, we held these trenches until they were completely blown in by the shells from the enemy’s big guns then we retired roughly about 250 yds and dug ourselves in again, but I cannot say that we had done the digging anything like we ought to have done, because we were attacked before we had completed our task and what a time we had, we lost 400 Killed & Wounded and I was one of the lucky ones only Wounded (What Oh).

I must now close, thanking you for your kindness to me during my short stay.

The train rides “Oh” 45 of us with rifles & equipment in one horse box made to hold 8 horses & 2 attendants.

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Willie Kelly
78574 RHA
No Depot
R FA
Leeds

Dear Freind,

I will give you a few of my experiences whilst I have been what people call a soldier. I enlisted at a place called Bradford in Yorkshire. I went from there to Newcastle. I was there about a weeks time to learnt riding. I left there for Ireland. I stayed there a fortnight and then we left for Salsbury Plain were we moberlised for the Front. But insted of that we went to Leeds. Well we stayed a few weeks and then the Kitchener's army releved us so we went to Hursley Park in Winchester. We stayed there 20 days then our Horrid day came when we moved off for the front. We got a very good send off by the English people but we got a better landing at Le Harve. We stayed there about two days and then we went to Dixemude [Diksmuide] in Belgium and we did wonders for about 2 weeks and then the third week luck seemed to be against us so we had to retire to France. We went to PLa Bassee. We passed some places which I will now state if there is any mistakes I hope you will exuse me as I have never had any French.

3 days 3 nights march to Rouen. Entrained at Rouen and rode in a cattle truck for 98 hours to a place called Levouse [??] and marched to Strazed [Strazeele]. Stayed here two days. Then we marched for a whole week to another place called Leandleeure [??]. Then we had a days march to merville [Merville] we billited here about two days. Well we all laid down for sleep on the second night when heard the whistle blow so we got up and in less than an hours we were on the march for the firing line. We went into action at a place called La Bassee. I have seen some terrible sights while I was with the battery. Then my night came. It was Sunday night the 6th of December. I was put on Guard in the centre of a wood close to Armantierrs [Armentieres]. I was stood still when I heard the sound of someone breaking wood under their feet. I knew some of our men had gone out as snipers so I shouted halt to see if they would answer. If they had done I wold have know them. There came no answer so I fired. He fired back and wounded me in my ankle so I laid there till the ambulance took me away to a place called Estaires then from there to Merville. I stayed about two days and then they took me to Boulonge [Boulogne]. I stayed here a fortnight where I was twice operated on and then they sent me to Cambridge where the sisters looked after me well. They then sent me as a converlesant to Mrs F N Butler where they looked after me well thanks to Mrs Butler and all the sisters for the kindness they showed to me while I was here. I shall always remember Eaton Socon.

Home address
Willie Kelly
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West Bowling
Bradford
Yorkshire

Yours respectfully
Driver Willie Kelly
78574 R H A

2nd Battalion Suffolk Regt

Mobilized at Bury St Edmunds on 5th Aug 1914, all the Army Reserves belonging to the regiment reported there. Section A & B proceeded to the Curraugh in Ireland on the 6th & 7th Aug. Section D to which I belonged proceeded to Felixstowe on Sunday 9th Aug. Whilst there we dug trenches & made fortifications. Left Felixstowe at the end of Aug for France. We disembarked at St Nazaire where we stayed for a few days before we joined the Battalion which we found in a very sorry state having lost 23 officers & over 900 men at Mons. Had some heavy marching & fighting till we were withdrawn from the firing line on account of having very few officers. Went to Abbeville on General French's Staff for 3 days & then on to St Omar when fresh officers & men joined us. From St Omar we went back to the firing line at Ypres where we saw some very heavy fighting. Had the pleasure of going within 1½ miles of the firing line on the London Motor Buses. It was fine, quite a contrast though to riding on buses to what we experienced a very few hours afterwards when we came under heavy artillery fire from the enemy. Whilst at St Omar I saw a very fine piece of work done by one of the French airmen. A German was seen up very high over St Omar but a few minutes afterwards we saw the Frenchman start after him going at a tremendous pace through the air. He succeeded in getting above the German. We couldn't see the finish of it but we learnt a few hours afterwards that the Frenchman put a shot through the German's petrol tank & smashed him down. I was wounded at Ypres on 30th Oct & on the 1st Nov I was on the Red Cross train which was filled with wounded when the Germans started shelling the station our train was in. I don't think anyone was hurt but it was far from being pleasant.

Yours respectfully

Home Address W. M. Tuck
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Brandon
Norfolk

Sergt	Pearson	R I F	Shock to Nerves etc.
Pte	Hoare	R F A 37 Batt	Crushed by Horse Internal Injuries
Corpl	Sutcliffe	2 nd K O Yorks L Infantry	Shrap W R Arm
Pte	Major	1 st Gloucs Reg	2 B W in R Hand
Pte	Tuck	2 nd Batt Suf	B W in Toes
Pte	Belcher	1 st Royal Berks	Shrap W in Neck
Pte	Gammon	1 st Irish Guards	Shrap W in R Leg
Pte	Kendrick	1 st Leicesters	B W in the Head
Pte	Golding	Coldstream Guards	B W in both arms
Rifleman	Cullen	Kings Royal Rifles	B W in Back and L Arm
Pte	Sollitt	1 st Royal Dragoons	B W in through the R thigh
Gunner	Stickley, A	Royal Garrison Art	Deafness, Giddiness etc.
Pte	Atkins	3 rd Batt Worcesters	Dum Dum B in R Thigh
Pte	White, M	1 st Devons	Shrap W in L Leg
Pte	Warren	2 nd Worcesters	Shell W in R Leg
Corpl	Fuller, T	1 st Beds	Bullet W in R Shoulder
Pte	Brotherwood, W	Queens Own Roy West Kent	Shell wound in L Leg & Ankle, Gastritis
Pte	Doherty, Brotherwood	3 rd Batt Kings O S B	B W Right Hand & A helpless
Pte	Jarvis	Royal Warwicks Mac Guns	W L H & Finger
Pte	Philpot	2 nd Royal Sussex	Shrap W L Eye & Jaw (Blind)
Pte	Easterby	3 rd Rifle B D Comp	Rupture in Groin
Cpl	Young	Scots Guards	B W in Shoulder
Lce Cpl	Inglis	2 nd Batt Roy Scots	Dum Dum Bullet Wound in Back
Dr	Kelly	Royal Horse Art	B Wound in L Ankle
Pte	Norris	2 nd Gren Guards	Dum Dum W in L Arm, Septic Finger and Burns
Bomb	Harwood	Royal Garr Art	Frost Bite in Big Toe
Lce Cpl	Lovitt	2 nd Batt Middlesex	Frost Bite in Big Toe
Pte	Gilmore	2 nd Scottish Rifles	Frost Bite in both feet
Lce Cpl	Hand	1 st South Staffords	Fractured Radius by Dum Dum B
Pte	Smith	2 nd Leicesters	Bullet Wound in R Thigh
Pte	Hardman	Royal Scots Fus	Bayonet Wound in L Side
Pte	De La Cour, Ed	10 th Battalion 1 st Can Division	Fractured Hip
Pte	Byrnes, J	1 st Loyal North Lancs	Amputated Leg
Dr	Plowman, W A	47 th Div Arm Col R F A	Influenza
Cyclist	Emms	1/25 London Cyclists	Internal disease
	Webb, Leonard James	Army Cyclist Corps 2 nd London Division	Appendicitis
Lce Cpl	Brown	1 st Manchester Reg	B W causing finger to be amputated

Pte	Austin	2 nd Royal Scots	Gunshot W in the back
Cpl	Booker	Welsh Horse	Pneumonia
Rifleman	Marshall	4 th Kings Royal Rifles	Septic Wound of R Hand
Piper	Wilder	Glasgow Highlander	Heart Case
Pte	Fitzgerald	2 nd Royal Munster Fusiliers	Frost bite in both legs and feet
Pte	John	Pembroke Yeomanry	Lumbago
Cpl	Ballinger	1 st Gloucesters	B W in L Arm. Hand helpless
Lce Cpl	Kelly	1 st Leinsters	Frost Bite in both feet
Lce Cpl	Crossley	1 st Royal Scots Fusiliers	Frost Bite in both feet
Driver	Tyler	Army Service Corps	Fractured Ankle
Pte	Barrand	Lincs Yeomanry	Blood Poisoning in R Arm
Pte	Walden	Monmouths Y	Growth removed from R Hand
Pte	France	Shropshire Yeomanry	Boils on both Hands
Pte	Butler	2 nd Devons	Frost Bite in both feet
Pte	Fenton	North Lancs Reg	Shrapnel W in Leg
Pte	Hunt, L H	5 th D Guards	Hernia
Pte	Bellamy	1 st Royal West Kents	Septic W on instep caused by boot
Pte	Wood	1 st Kings Shropshire L Infantry	Fractured R arm
Pte	Sweeney	1 st Leicesters	Shrapnel wounds through jaw & cheek
Gunner	Ruddick	R F Artillery	Shrapnel wounds in L Arm
Pte	Jones	5 th Royal Welsh Fusiliers	Tonsillitis
Pte	Appleton	1 st Royal North Lancs	Shrapnel wound in L arm
Pte	Turner	11 th Suffolks	Operation for Appendicitis
Pte	Warrington	2 nd Border Reg	Acute Rheumatism
Pte	Rogers	1 st Wiltshires	Bullet Wound in L Leg
Pte	Davies	Shropshire Yeomanry	Synonitis in L Knee
Pte	Lomas	1 st Kings Own Royal Lancs	Shell wound in R Hip
Pte	Hughes	2 nd Welsh Reg	Gunshot wound in Chest & Arm
Pte	Orton	2 nd 5 th Leicesters	Hammer toe (tendons cut & splint etc.
Pte	Propert	3 rd Welsh Field Ambulance	Abscess on R Leg
Rifleman	Burford	6 Batt Rifle Brigade	Wound through Chest (Pneumonia)
Pte	Scanlan	2 nd East Kent (Bufs)	Frost Bite in both feet
Pte	Webb	Welsh Horse Y	Fractured L Arm
Pte	Grabey	1 st Kings Royal Rifles	Gunshot W in the Head
Pte	Smith	3 rd Royal Fusiliers	Frost Bite in both feet
Pte	Woodford	4 th Northants Y	Hammer Toes. Toe on each foot amputated
Pte	Sharman	2 nd East Surreys	Shrapnel Wound in L Cheek
Pte	Howarth	1 st Cheshires	Frostbite in both feet
Pte	Leeper	R A M C	Ear trouble giddiness etc

Pte	May	1 st Northumberland Fusiliers	Epilepsy
Lce Cpl	Wilson	3 rd Beds	Bullet Wound R Arm
Driver	Willis	R Field Artillery Y	St Vitus Dance (Corea)
Pte	Rose	4 th Seaforth Highlanders	Shrapnel W in the Head
Pte	Hughes	7 th Welsh Fusiliers	Pleurisy
Pte	Kirkwood	2 nd Gordon Highlanders	B Wound in R Hand
Pte	Daniel	1 st Kings Own Yorkshire L I	B Wound in R Shoulder
Pte	Coughlin	1 st Welsh Reg	Caries of Teeth
Pte	Harrop	6 th Cheshires Y	Rheumatism
Pte	Clark	5 th S Staffs Y	Duodenal Ulcer
Pte	Hart	2/1 st Monmouths	Concussion of Brain
Pte	Black	1 st East Lancs Y	Bronchitis
Pte	Worboise	11 th Suffolks Y	Tonsilitis. Vaccination
Pte	Petty	2 nd Yorks & Lancs	Defective Teeth
Pte	Hogger	2 nd Suffolks	Rheumatism
Cpl	Walwyn	1 st Herefords	Pleurisy
Pte	Chaplin	Black Watch	B Wound in R Foot
Pte	Healey	Sherwood Foresters	B Wound in L Forearm
Pte	Foster	2 nd Rifle Brigade	Shrapnel W in L arm
Cpl	Johnson	2 nd East Yorks	Wound in R Knee
Pte	Taylor	1 st Bedfords	Wound in L Shoulder
Pte	Marshall	3 rd R Fusiliers	Hemorrhoids
Pte	Binks	2 nd Duke of Wellingtons	Shrap W in Neck
Pte	Davie	2 nd K O S Borderers	Gunshot W in L Shoulder
Pte	Manning	2/6 Essex	Varicocle
Pte	Martin	1 st Bedfords	Gunshot W in R Wrist
Pte	Francis	R W Surreys	Pneumonia
Pte	Crawford	3 rd Brigd Canadian F A	Shrapnel W in L Arm. Synonitis
Pte	Morrin	Royal Irish Reg	Gun S in L Foot
Pte	Smith	2 nd Kings Shropshire L Infantry	G S Wound in L Shoulder
Pte	Henderson	2 nd Black Watch	Gunshot W in Shoulder
Pte	Goone	2/1 Rifle Brigade	Injury to Back
Rifleman	Perkins	21 st C of London	G Shot W in R Arm
Pte	Hubbard	2 nd Buffs	G S Wound in Back
Pte	Coones	13 th Canadian Blk Watch	G S W in Back. Effects of Gas also
Cpl	Foss	7 th Warwicks	Fractured Tibia (Plaster of Paris)
Pioneer	Steer	2/1 R Engineer E Anglia	Varicocle
Rifleman	Temple	1 st Rifle Brigade	G S W on wrist (6 wounds Back, Leg, Head)
Pte	Chesterman	2 nd Oxford & Bucks	G S W in L arm
Pte	Lloyd	2 nd Gloucester Reg	Paralysed Knee from kick of horse
Pte	Field	2 nd West Surreys	G S W in L Arm & L Leg and

			Toes
Pte	Boyling	7 th Durham L I	Nervous breakdown
Pte	Moon	2/24 Queens West Surreys T F	Gastritis
Pte	Powell	2/22 Queens West Surreys T F	Myalgia
Cpl	Schofield	2/9 City of London	Synonitis
Pte	Stevenson	5 th Border Reg	2 fingers on R hand amputated
Rfle	Temple	1 st Rifle Brigade	
Pte	Delacore	10 th Canadians	G S W in L Thigh
Pte	Smith	2/22 London	Myalgia & weak heart