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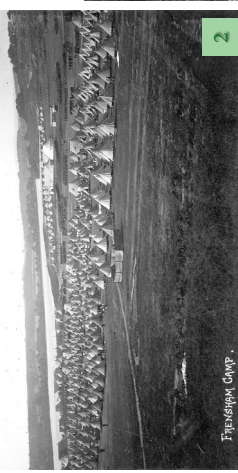
# Wartime Farnham



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1 11th Hussars parading past pub in Upper Hale in 1913 at the funeral for William Ellis, last survivor of the 'Charge of the Light Brigade' © Peeps into the Past

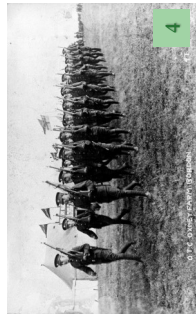


2 Uninterrupted heathland available for military use between Farnham's Great and Little Ponds was quickly converted from an annual training camp for Aldershot units to a permanent year-round fixture (taken from Kings Ridge, September 1914) © Peeps

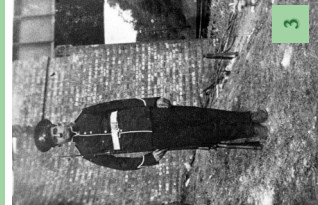
3 Edward Turk from Bentley Mill guarding the railway bridge c.1915, one of many sentries posted along the railway between Aldershot and Bordon as soon as war first broke out to ensure no sabotage from German spies © Peeps

## The Great War

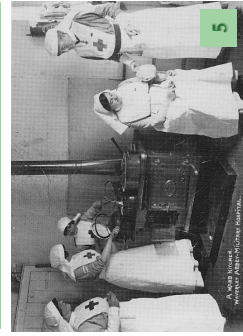
Farnham's position in between the two military camps at Aldershot and Bordon helped contribute to its bustling activity when war broke out in August 1914, and within just four weeks, 328 men had registered for service at the recruiting office at the Corn Exchange. By September, the wounded began to return to local army hospitals – such as Waverley – in addition to the list of casualties which quickly began to fill the pages of the *Farnham Herald*.



4 Officer training camp (OTC) at Oxney Farm, Bordon © Peeps



5 Ward kitchen at Waverley Abbey House, which was converted into a military hospital as an annexe to the Cambridge site in Aldershot, and had its first wounded officers within a month of the war's start © Peeps



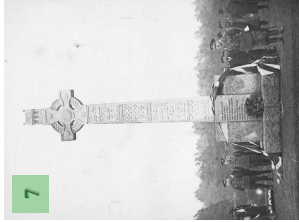
## In memoriam

Even before the war's end, Farnham would make history as the origin for a key event in commemorating the war dead: the first ever Two-Minute Silence to take place, which was incorporated into a fundraising fair along Castle Street for the Red Cross. After the advent of the memorial cross in 1919, memorial monuments for each village began to be erected, naming all those whose lives had been sacrificed.

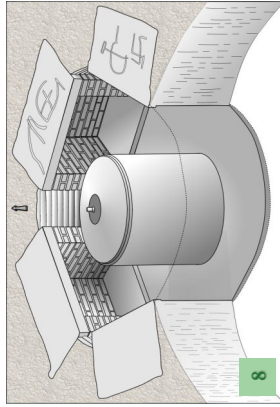
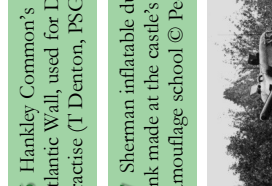
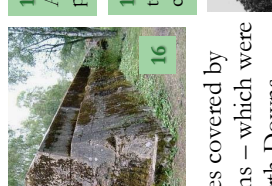
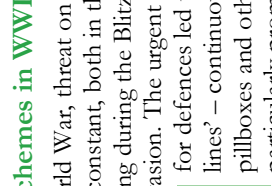
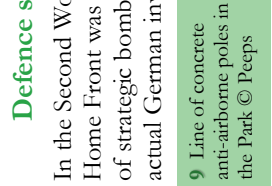
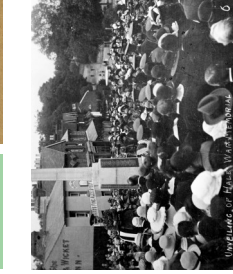


6 First 'two-minute silence' in May 1916 at the bottom of Castle Street © Museum of Farnham

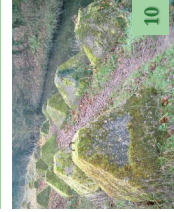
7 1921 war memorial dedication at Frensham, Hale and Scale © Peeps



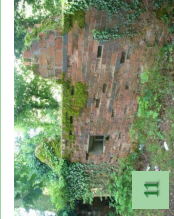
8 Peace pageantry celebrations of the war's end in 1919 © Peeps



8 Home Guard spigot mortar excavated in 1998 in the Park, possibly positioned to have the junction of South St and the Borough in its line of fire, with an associated 'Molotov cocktail' found by an ammunition locker (Photos by D Graham and drawing by A Graham)



10 Anti-tank dragon's teeth along the River Wey at Waverley Abbey (Photo T Denton, Pillbox Study Group)



11 Waverley Abbey pillbox, positioned close by to one at Waverley Mill Bridge



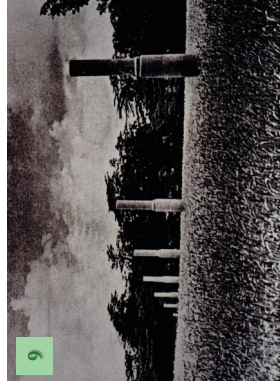
12 Anti-tank gun emplacement at Moor Park (Photo by C Shephard)



14 Anderson air raid shelter discovered on Shortheath in 2018 (Photo by C Shephard)



13 Anti-tank ditch c.1940, possibly located at Waverley or Runfold © Imperial War Museums



13 Air raid shelter recently discovered on Cobbett's Way (Photo by L Moran)

