

# **SUNDRY WAR EFFORTS BY SCHOOLS**

See also CHILD LABOUR, COLLECTING HORSE CHESNUTS

All 6 local schools ran War Savings Schemes.

## **WAR SAVINGS MOVEMENT**

- Set up in 1916, Kent played a prominent part.
- Leaflets were distributed in schools explaining the scheme.
- In December 1917 upwards of 750 schools, including Crockenhill, Eynsford and Farningham Schools, had War Savings Schemes.
- £65,282 had been subscribed by 568 of them.
- A sum later increased to £150,000.
- The children felt by investing the money they were serving their country.
- To invest willingly and loyally was deemed to be the first duty of citizenship.
- 26 May 1915, Elsie Clements noted that her sons got certificates from school for money contributed for solders and sailors.

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### **USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES**

Kent Education Committee decided that no charge was to be made for meetings arising out of the War, such as the enrolment of Special Constables, relief of distress or recruitment.

**18 November 1915:** Farningham Church School was occupied by soldiers overnight, and it was with difficulty got ready for morning school.

**February 1916:** Farningham Council School was used for a meeting to discuss War Service for women working on the land.

**4 September 1918:** Lectures on the keeping of poultry were given at Eynsford Council School.

### **AMBULANCE & FIRST AID LESSONS**

At Crockenhill Council School, in 1914 Ambulance Classes for girls and boys aged 7-9 were given. In the evening Ambulance classes were held for men and boys, and Home Nursing and First Aid

### **PATROL OF BOYS PLANNED**

10 August 1914 The vicar visited Farningham Council School to discuss forming a small patrol of boys to help if needed during the period of war. They were not to be absent from school unless upon a requisition for the chief constable.

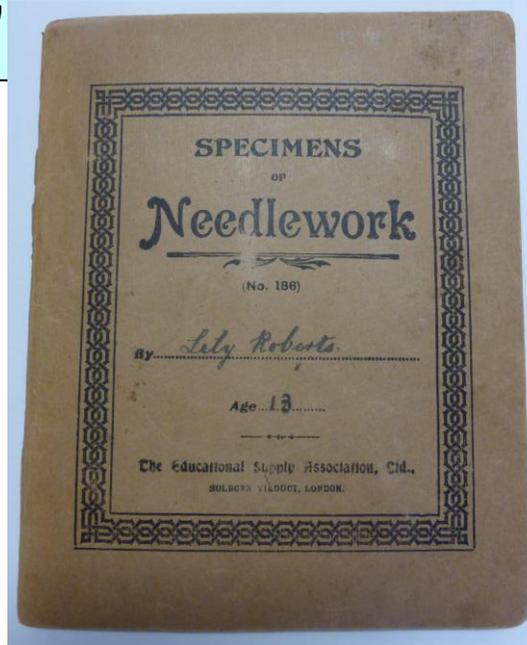
13 August 1914 Managers agreed that older boys could to be released from school if the Chief Constable required them for service on the roads.

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### COMFORTS FOR SOLDIERS

Girls in needlework classes could make garments in connection with the war, as long as it did not involve Kent Education Committee with extra expense.

As early as October 1914 several girls in Crockenhill Council School were knitting socks for soldiers - 'As they seem interested in this work have occasionally let them do a little knitting while other work is proceeding'



### ROLL OF HONOUR

Eynsford Council School set up a roll of honour with the names of old pupils serving in the Armed Forces. Some visited the School.

30 November 1916, former pupil Sergeant Keith Howard of Toronto, Company Quartermaster in Queen's Own Canadian Rifles visited and was warmly applauded by the pupils.

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