

# ENFIELD AT WAR: 1914-1918

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For the first time the people of Enfield in common with the rest of the country were directly affected by a major war, which would change society in ways no-one could have imagined in 1914.

Many thousands of young men went of to fight and thousands more returned wounded to the local hospitals, including Edmonton and Broomfield, for treatment. Their jobs were increasingly filled by women, especially in the huge munitions works like the Royal Small Arms Factory and the Ponders End Shell Works. For the first time, civilians, men women and children, found themselves in the Front Line after air raids brought a new terror. As the war dragged on, shortages, rationing, conscription and the blackout affected people's lives. Thousands of families like the Sims of Ponders End and the Tuthills of Lancaster Road lost men and women to war, accident and disease while others suffered permanent disability.

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