



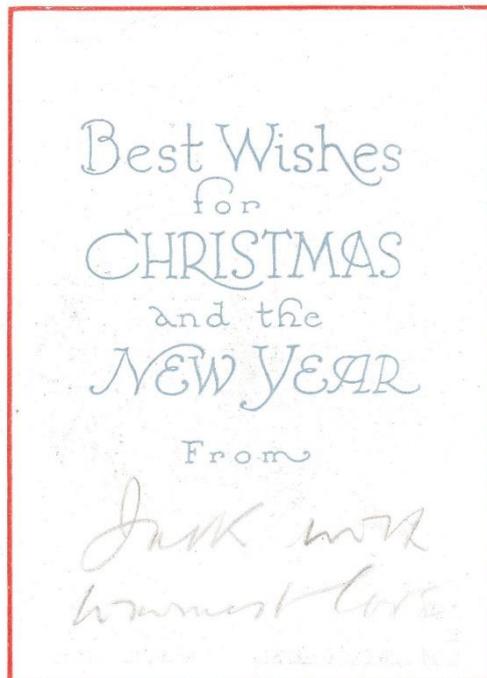
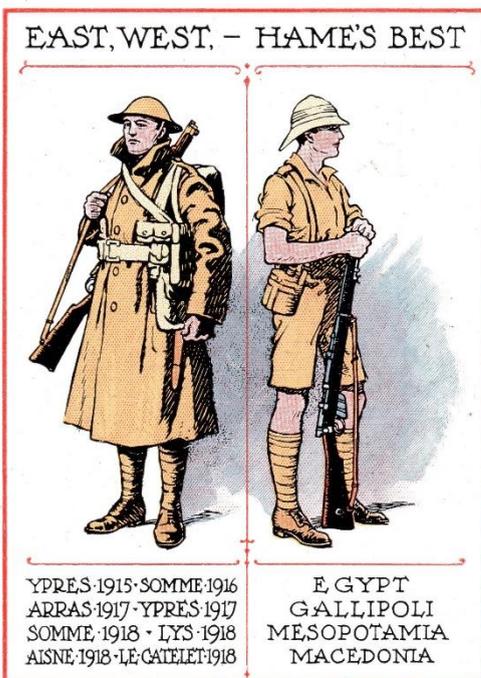
Friends of The
FUSILIERS MUSEUM
 OF
NORTHUMBERLAND

Christmas 2018

Thank you to all
 our supporters



Trustees and staff wish you all a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Christmas Card 1918 sent home by Jack Bentham of the 50th (Northumbrian Division)

Staff and Volunteers

The Trustees would like to pass on their thanks to all staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work this year.

Our volunteers have contributed 1,290 hours of their time. They have taken the museum into the community, helping schools and groups to commemorate the anniversary of the First World War.

And let's not forget those volunteers who work behind the scenes doing valuable work such as answering research enquiries, cataloguing and working with the collection.



'There but not there' installation outside the Fusiliers Museum during Alnwick Castle's Great War Week, July 2018



Chris and Sam
 (Outreach Officer) at the British Museum

In September, it was announced that our volunteers, Chris, David and Steve had won the regional prize (£500) at the Marsh Christian Trust Award, in association with the British Museum, for Learning Volunteers – congratulations!

2018 visitor numbers

- This year the museum has welcomed **84,216 visitors**
- **39 Schools and groups** have visited the Fusiliers Museum

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The Museum at Remembrance events



Clockwise:

- 'Blyth Goes to War' Blyth Battery
- 'Weardale at War' Weardale Festival'
- WW1 Remembrance Event, Glanton War Memorial Hall
- Alnwick Flower Festival, St Paul's Church, Alnwick
- Bearpark Community Centre visit the museum

From the archive

On 27th May 1918, during a heavy engagement on the River Aisne, France, Private Jack Wilson of the 13th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers received a bullet wound in his left thigh. The following day, he and 15 wounded comrades were surrounded by Germans and taken prisoner. After a short stay in hospital they were transported to Sprottau Internment Camp, Poland. Jack kept a diary of daily events. He was soon put to work on a smallholding. Jack writes about hard work, death, illness and lice infestations but there were some high points ...

22nd Attended the funeral of two Royal Scots Fusiliers at Sprottau POW cemetery.
 24th Each English POW in Sprottau given a food parcel for Christmas Day.
 Christmas Day 1918
 Rose at 7. made porridge & tea fried bacon & bread, snow fell all the forenoon for dinner we had vegetable ration, sausage, & pudding.
 at 2 PM Grand International Football Match England & Scotland, grand game, result:
 England - 4 goals
 Scotland " 2 "
 26th Snow fell, afternoon another football match

Extract from Pte Jack Wilson's personal diary

Museum Trail

Ann Lyon, Ex-signals Platoon 6th Battalion, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, cycled 750 miles visiting all four Fusilier museums to raise funds for the Army Benevolent Fund and the Fusiliers Aid Society.

Starting from the Fusiliers Museum, Warwick, and cycling via Bury, Lancashire, and Alnwick, she completed her challenge at the Tower of London after 10 days. Congratulations!

