



We are fighting for a worthy  
purpose, and we shall not lay  
down our arms until that  
purpose has been fully achieved.



H.M. THE KING.



*With Most Cordial Christmas Greetings  
from the people of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire,  
whose pride in their Soldiers and Sailors is unbounded.*



*"In God's name, cheerly on, courageous friends,  
To reap the harvest of perpetual peace."—*

*Shakespeare (RICH. III).*

CHRISTMAS, 1914.



FROM CITY AND SHIRE.

*HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, K.G., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Notts. and Lord Lieutenant of the County of the City of Nottm. :*  
Men of Nottingham,—Your County greets you with proud and grateful affection, bids you be stout-hearted and fearless, and prays that your hearts may be nerved with indomitable valour, and your arms fortified with invincible might in the gallant struggle you are waging for your King, your Country, and your Country's righteous cause.

*HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF PORTLAND :*  
We wait you greetings of pride and hope.

*THE HIGH SHERIFF OF NOTTS. (E. Kyrle Smith, Esq.) :*  
"This England never did, nor never shall,  
Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror."—*Shakespeare.*

*THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOTTS. COUNTY COUNCIL*  
*(Right Hon. Viscount Galway) :*  
Be of good cheer—faith and courage will see you through.



*THE MAYOR OF NOTTINGHAM (Alderman J. H. Gregg) :*

Bright be the future which lieth before thee,  
Trusted and loved thou goest on thy way;  
God in His mercy watch tenderly o'er thee,  
Guarding thee ever by night and by day.

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*THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM (Councillor J. G. Small) :*

May Providence ever watch over you, guide your aim, strengthen  
your arm, and bring you safe home crowned with the laurels of  
victory and everlasting peace.

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*THE RECORDER OF NOTTINGHAM (Sir W. Ryland D. Adkins, M.P.) :*

To count the life of battle good,  
And dear the land that gave you birth,  
And dearer yet the brotherhood  
That binds the brave of all the earth.



*THE MAYOR OF NEWARK (Councillor J. C. Kew):*

"E'en now their vanguard gathers,  
E'en now we face the fray;  
As Thou didst help our fathers,  
Help Thou our host to-day."—*Kipling.*

Well played, Notts!!

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*THE MAYOR OF RETFORD (Councillor Williamson):*

"Let all good things await him who cares not to be great,  
But as he saves or serves the State;  
Not once or twice in our rough island story,  
The path of duty was the way to glory."—*Lord Tennyson,*  
"Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington."

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*THE MAYOR OF MANSFIELD (Alderman D. H. Maltby):*

"May Freedom,  
Harmony and Love  
Unite you in your great design."—*Burns.*  
Is the warm and sincere wish of the Mayor of Mansfield.



*THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL:*

From every home and parish altar we send greeting on this great Christmas Festival. May all nations in the days to come gather around the Holy Child of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace!

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*BISHOP BRINDLE, D.S.O.:*

Ring out, ye Christmas Bells, ring out,  
Bearing afar, o'er mount, o'er sea,  
The Motherland's unceasing prayer:  
God! send them victory back to me.

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*PRESIDENT OF THE FREE CHURCH COUNCIL (Rev. T. M. Rees):*

"And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."



*J. R. STARKEY, Esq., M.P. for Newark Division :*

Heartfelt greetings to our Soldiers and Sailors, whose strong arms and lion-hearted courage keep us in safety. Rest assured that to loyally support you no sacrifice can be too great for us at home ; and may we all keep the next great Christmas Festival in peace.

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*W. E. HUME-WILLIAMS, K.C., M.P. for Bassettlaw Division :*

Best of good wishes and grateful thanks. May good luck go with you, and may you come back soon. We never forget you, either at Christmas or at any other time.

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*LEIF S. JONES, Esq., M.P. for Rushcliffe Division :*

" And Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,  
From this day to the ending of the world,  
But we in it shall be remembered,  
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers."

*Henry V at Agincourt, Oct. 25th, 1415.  
Shakespeare's "Henry V," Act iv, Sc. 2.*



*SIR J. H. YOXALL, M.P. for West Nottingham :*

The meteor-flag of England  
Shall yet terrific burn,  
Till danger's troubled night depart,  
And the star of peace return.

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*LORD HENRY BENTINCK, M.P. for South Nottingham :*

"You shall hold your cherished places in our Christmas hearts,  
and by our Christmas fires."—*Dickens.*

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*SIR J. D. REES, K.C.I.E., M.P. for East Nottingham :*

Tobacco, though an Indian weed,  
Is now the British Soldier's need;  
But never will his battle stroke,  
Like burnt tobacco, end in smoke.





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