

FOREWORD



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I am honoured to have been invited to write the foreword to this work commemorating service personnel from Huddersfield who gave their lives during the First World War.

As Patron of the University of Huddersfield, this book provides a fitting tribute at the beginning of the four years in which we commemorate the First World War. The University is now a major part of the town and I am proud that it has made the publication of this work possible.

3,439 people are listed in the book of which 1,304 are men who died fighting with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. This is particularly important as 'The Dukes' are one of the antecedent regiments of the Yorkshire Regiment for whom I am Colonel-in-Chief.

This publication represents the lifetime work of Margaret Stansfield, who sadly passed away at the end of 2012. Margaret spent thirty years compiling the 3,439 biographical entries giving a poignant insight into the background, working lives and families of those who selflessly left Huddersfield to fight for their country, never to return. In some cases they lie in marked graves in their field of conflict, in some they are remembered only on memorials in the theatre where they fell. Now these brave souls will be remembered in the pages of this book researched, published and printed in the town they loved so dearly.

I commend this book to you, not only as an important historical resource but also as a constant reminder of the ultimate price paid by so many a century ago.

HRH The Duke of York KG