




**REEPHAM
VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT
AUXILIARY HOSPITAL**



THE HOSPITAL WAS OPENED IN 1914 WITH 12 BEDS THIS ROSE TO 40 BEDS.
THE HOSPITAL WARD WAS IN THE PRESENT TOWN HALL.



DURING
THE GREAT WAR
OF 1914-1918 THIS BUILDING WAS
ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED
AS A HOSPITAL FOR BRITISH
SOLDIERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE
ARMY COUNCIL IN THE NAME OF THE
NATION. THANKS TO THE WIVES AND
FRIENDS OF THE SOLDIERS WHO
RANDED TO IT THIS VALUABLE
AND PATRIOTIC ASSISTANCE IN
THE HOUR OF ITS EMERGENCY
AND THEY WERE ALSO TO EXPRESS
THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE
WHOLE HEARTED ATTENTION
WHICH THE STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL
GAVE TO THE PATIENTS WHO WERE
ENTERED THERE. THE WAR HAS
FINISHED AND THE BUILDING IS
NOW USED AS A SCHOOL. THE
REPRESENTATIVE AND MEMBERS
OF THE NATION WILL REMEMBER
WITH GRATITUDE AND GRATITUDE
THEir VALUABLE AND
INESTIMABLE SERVICE.

THERE WERE
54 AUXILIARY HOSPITALS
IN NORFOLK



STAFF NURSE BLANCHE DEWING
DAUGHTER OF MARTIN DEWING THE MOOR REEPHAM




AN UNKNOWN NURSE PHOTOGRAPHED BY
F. GIBBS PHOTOGRAPHER AND WATCHMAKER REEPHAM



EVELYN GIBBS
DAUGHTER OF EDWARD GIBBS
THE MARKET PLACE REEPHAM



THIS EMBROIDERED BADGE WAS WORKED BY
ONE OF THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND GIVEN
TO MISS EVELYN GIBBS
THE ASSISTANT COMMANDANT



HACKFORD HOUSE, THE PRESENT BIRCHAM CENTRE, WAS USED AS A NURSES HOME AND AS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE CONVALESCENT SOLDIERS



LADY GRACE BERRY - COMMANDANT
 DR. E.V. PERRY - MEDICAL OFFICER
 TEMPLE OWEN - FINANCIAL SECRETARY
 SISTER STELLING - SISTER IN CHARGE
 SISTER KEELLY - NIGHT SISTER
 NURSE DEWING, NURSE MADISON AND NURSE MORTLOCK
 PERMANENT V.A.D. STAFF NURSES ASSISTED BY 12 MEMBERS
 OF V.A.D.52.
 MISS HOLLY - QUARTERMASTER
 NURSE LANGTON - ATTENDED DAILY TO GIVE MASSAGE TREATMENT



CONVALESCENT SOLDIERS
 WORE A SPECIAL UNIFORM
 KNOWN AS "HOSPITAL BLUES".

A COMPANY OF THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY ARRIVED IN
 REEPHAM IN LATE 1915 AND LEFT IN THE SPRING OF 1916.
 THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY WERE TERRITORIAL SOLDIERS
 CALLED UP AT THE OUTBREAK OF WAR. THEIR RANKS WERE DRAWN FROM ALL
 QUARTERS OF CITY LIFE IN LONDON, STOCKBROKERS, SOLICITORS, ACTORS AND MUSICIANS



December 31st 1915
 "It was New Years Eve. Nearing midnight
 everyone came out of their houses and a huge
 ring was formed entirely around the market
 place.
 Soldiers and civilians linked up in rather a
 merry mood and we all sang Auld Lang Syne
 and Home Sweet Home."
 From "I Remember" by Marjorie Gibbs



A SMALL GROUP IN 'HOSPITAL BLUES' LISTENING TO THE MUSIC
 THE LADY WITH THE CAMERA IS MARJORIE GIBBS



THE OLLANDS WAS THE H.A.C. OFFICERS MESS



SOLDIERS WERE BILLETED IN THE TOWN THROUGHOUT THE WAR



THE MARKET PLACE WAS USED AS A PARADE
 GROUND FOR ASSEMBLING THE TROOPS



A PLASTER MODEL OF THE WHITEHALL CENTRAPH
 WITH IVORY PLAQUE
 TO THE
 HONOUR AND LOVING MEMORY
 OF
 CAPT ROBERT HALL
 CTSTPION MESSOPOTAMIA
 DEC 14th 1915
 Found at Boston,
 Chesterton is in present day Iraq

