



Home Front - The War Effort at home, playscript \\continued

James Cox: When we was at school, what they done, they arranged that we should do a bit of gardening. So they had half an acre of land at Mr Wylie's field, up the Bradwell road. And all those whose parents - their fathers - were at war, we used to dig it, you see? Well, my mother was a widow, so I qualified and we grew potatoes, you see? And then they were distributed to each family.

Wolverton Lady: The Wolverton Wesleyan Work Party, registered number 1905, for supplying garments for the wounded, formed on June 24th 1915 - an urgent appeal having been received from the St. John Ambulance Association for garments for wounded soldiers and sailors. It was recommended that a Red Cross Work Party be formed. It was decided to order 50 yards of flannelette from London, according to the pattern sent by the Association. Also to order from Mr Sharp, 2 dozen yards of red flannel, 6 reels of cotton, 9 reels of silks, pins and needles, 1 lb. of wool and ¼ lb. of knitting cotton. On September 21st, the first parcel containing the following articles was sent off. 12 pillowcases, 8 bed-jackets, 6 flannel nightshirts, 7 flannel day shirts, 2 suits of pyjamas, 5 pairs of day socks, 4 pairs of bed socks and 5 calico nightshirts. A total of 45 articles.

Mary Brooks: We had knitting parties and used to raise money with concerts. There was quite a good concert party run in connection with the Congregational Church and it used to go round the district giving concerts and raising money.