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Letters From The Trenches A Soldier of the Great War

Bill Lamin

Description

Harry Lamin was born in Derbyshire in 1877 and left school at thirteen to work in the lace industry, but by December 1916 he had been conscripted into the 9th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment and sent to war. Harry's letters home to his family describe the conflict with a poignant immediacy, even ninety years on, detailing everything from the action in battle to the often amusing incidents of life amongst his comrades. Throughout the letters, Harry's tone is unwaveringly stoical, uncomplaining and good humoured. *Letters From The Trenches* is a fitting tribute to the unsung heroes of the Great War who fought and endured and returned home, and the one in six who did not. The letters describe the war through the eyes of those who really lived it, bringing the horrors and triumphs to life for the twenty-first-century reader. Edited by Harry's grandson, Bill, *Letters From The Trenches* tells the moving story of a brave, selfless and honourable man who endured everything that the war could throw at him, and still came up smiling.

Sales Points

- A collection of the wonderfully moving and compelling letters of Private Harry Lamin, written home from the front line during the First World War
- The letters were first published on an internet blog, 'WW1: Experiences of an English Soldier', which received 1.5 million hits and thousands of responses from readers all over the world
- Published to mark the centenary of the beginning of the Great War

Reviews

- 'Describes the conflict with poignant immediacy, bringing the horrors and triumph of the trenches to the 21st century reader' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Beautifully and humorously told' - *BBC Country File*

Author Biography

Bill Lamin was educated at Welbeck College, the defence sixth-form establishment, and went on to attend the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, but left to read mechanical engineering at Imperial College, London. After graduating, he became an aerospace engineer before taking up a new career as a teacher in Cornwall, where he now lives. After discovering his grandfather's First World War letters, Bill used them as the basis of his blog 'WW1: Experiences of an English Soldier', based on the letters and set in real time ninety years ago.

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