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Easthampton, New York

November 3, 1921

To Whom It May Concern:

I have endeavored to make this History as the part taken in the World War by Easthampton Town as complete as I possibly could in view of the reticence of the boys in telling of their experiences. My wife and I have worked hard for two months in getting this material together.

Most of the data, except the experiences of the boys and girls, was taken from the Easthampton Star and contributed by townspeople who were interested.

If there is anything of great importance that should be added, please notify me before the first of December next.

Town Historian.

East Hampton in World War I

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of Armistice Day, which evolved into Veterans Day. Armistice Day remembered the anniversary of the peace treaty with Germany that ended the First World War on November 11, 1918. It's hard to think of a more appropriate item for this week than J. Calvin Hadder's compilation on East Hampton in World War I.

John Calvin Hadder (1895-1964), usually known as J. Calvin Hadder, came to East Hampton in 1916 with the railroad as a clerk and operator. He was born in Berlin, Maryland, and served as a radio instructor for the Navy in Cambridge, Massachusetts during World War I, after completing training in New York, Pelham Bay, and Hoboken.

With his wife, Ethel Lillian Gates Hadder, J. Calvin Hadder conducted interviews with other veterans and members of the community to create this

volume, which he published on November 3, 1921, almost immediately after the war. In it, Hadder attempted to list all of the Town's veterans, recording even those who served with the Red Cross or local Coast Guard Stations. He also wrote a comprehensive history of the Town's experiences during the war, even including inventories of the number of bandages wrapped by local volunteers.

The volume begins with an "Honor Roll," recognizing those who served, and continues with biographies for veterans like Robert Hudson and Clifford Edwards. These biographical profiles also included women and some summer residents, like Everitt Herter and Arthur Turnbull Hill. Often, letters from commanding officers or direct quotes from the veterans themselves are included in their biographies. However, not everyone who served has a biography, but the comprehensive look this history brings to the Town's experiences during the First World War are very helpful.

Hadder's work was given to the East Hampton Town Clerk's office, which lent the volume to the East Hampton Library's [Long Island Collection](#) for digitization purposes, allowing us to make it keyword searchable online. The image above is the manuscript's cover page. Click the [link](#) to view the entire 185-page volume online.

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