

DEDICATION

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This work is dedicated to the memory of my great-aunt Margaret Louisa Shell OBE.



Margaret Louisa Shell OBE (1886 – 1929), at four-years-of-age.

In 1919 Margaret (then aged 33) was awarded the Order of The British Empire (OBE) for her “*services in connection with the War*”. This was a time when such awards were given for true courage and sacrifice.

It was as result of that war service that Margaret was too ill to receive her medal.

Margaret’s illness continued for a further 10 years – until, in 1929, she died in the arms of her (by then) elderly mother. And it was because of her chronic illnesses that Margaret never married, and therefore is believed not to have had children of her own.