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The popular image of the British soldier in the First World War is of a passive, obedient victim, caught up in events beyond his control, and isolated from civilian society. This book offers a different vision of the soldier's experience of war. Using letters, diaries and official sources relating to Liverpool units, Helen B. McCartney shows how ordinary men were able to retain their civilian outlook through four years of war and use it to influence their experience in the trenches. These citizen soldiers came to rely on local, civilian loyalties and strong links with home to bolster their morale, whilst their civilian backgrounds and beliefs gave them the ability to challenge those in command if they felt they were being treated unfairly. *Citizen Soldiers* examines the British soldier not only in his military context but in terms of his local, social and cultural life. It will appeal to anyone wishing to understand how the British soldier thought and behaved during the First World War.

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Lance Corporal George William Gibson
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Killed in action 24 November 1915
and
Private Wallace Smith
15th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment
Missing in action 19 August 1917

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Abbreviations

Bde	Brigade
CO	Commanding Officer
CQMS	Company Quartermaster Sergeant
CSM	Company Sergeant Major
DRC	Divisional Reinforcement Camp
DSO	Distinguished Service Order
FGCM	Field General Court Martial
GHQ	General Headquarters
GOC	General Officer Commanding
HMSO	His Majesty's Stationery Office
IWM	Imperial War Museum
KRC	King's Regiment Collection
LRO	Liverpool Record Office
LSM	Liverpool Scottish Regimental Museum Trust
MAL	Maritime Archives and Library, Merseyside Maritime Museum
MC	Military Cross
MLHL	Manchester Local History Library
MLL	Museum of Liverpool Life
MM	Military Medal
MRO	Merseyside Record Office
OC	Officer Commanding
OTC	Officer Training Corps
PRO	National Archives, Public Record Office
RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps
RMC	Royal Military College
RQMS	Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major
Sgt	Sergeant
TF	Territorial Force
VC	Victoria Cross