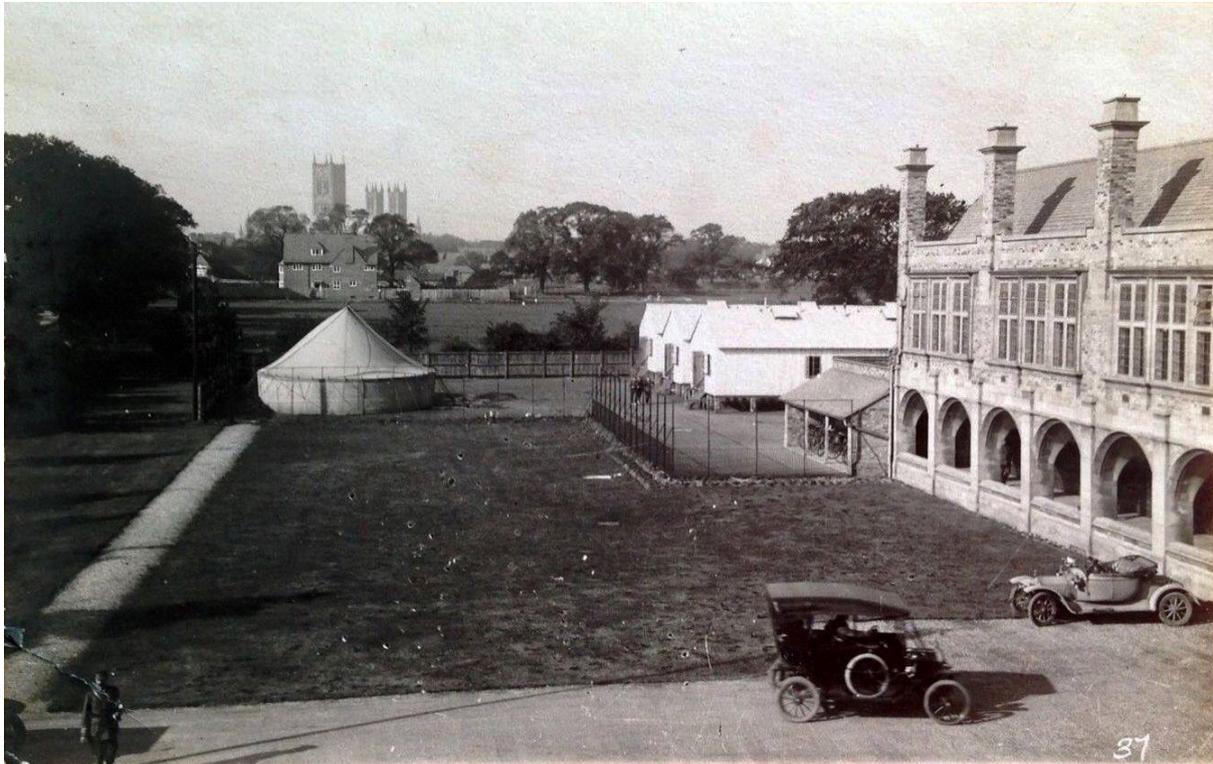


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My thanks to John Colam (Lincoln School pupil from 1958-62) for sending me this fascinating and evocative photograph. We do have the photo in our own collection, and it has been used in passing as an illustration in an earlier article, but it's certainly worth further detailed attention.

It will have been taken at the time when Lincoln School was requisitioned by the 4th Northern General Hospital in 1914, only seven years after the School moved to the Wragby Road site from its previous position on Upper Lindum Street.

The west end of the School at that time had not been completed, and it was not until 1935 that the geography room, sixth form room, and art room were built, when the hall was also added. Hitherto, what became the woodwork room, and is now part of the geography department at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School, was used as an assembly hall and gymnasium.

The three white huts in the centre left were used as temporary hospital wards for wounded German prisoners of war, and were built on stilts to deter the inmates from attempting to escape through tunnels. There were some twenty similar huts erected on the school field (there was no second field at that time), which were used to

accommodate many of the 45,000+ patients who passed through the temporary military hospital between 1914 and 1920. Between the cloisters and the huts can be seen a 'lean-to' shed, which was the original school cycle shed. The Fives Court, which was located to the west of the cloisters, was converted into a storage facility during the hospital occupation as you can see in the picture at the foot of this article.

In the centre of the first picture the fence that delineates the cinder path can be seen, beyond which was a large field which historic maps show to have been a cricket field. Beyond that is the one single house on what became Lee Road. Egerton Road was built several years later, as was the ribbon development along the north side of Wragby Road.

During my more poetic moods I like to imagine that the distant majestic cathedral resembles some benevolent uncle watching over the site.

Regular readers of articles from the Garton Archive may recall that Lincoln School moved at that time for six years to temporary accommodation at the junction of Sewell Road and St Ann's Road, opposite the north entrance to the Arboretum. It is now used as a car park for the County Hospital.



NB Note the line of huts on the school field beyond the hall/gymnasium that became the woodwork room. The converted Fives Court is centre left.

Peter Harrod
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