

# Perspectives in Military History

## An American on the Western Front The Letters of Arthur Clifford Kimber

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With the entrance of America into World War I, young Arthur Kimber put down his books at Stanford University and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He boarded a transport in Palo Alto, California, and sailed into history. The remarkable story of Kimber is a microcosm of the patriotism and fervor many young men and women felt when the call was made to serve their country. Kimber, ready to take on any mission to help win the war, started as an ambulance driver, before volunteering to join the French to train as a pilot and take to the sky in the new fighter aircraft swooping above the front line trenches. On Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 7:15 PM, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA will host Mr. Patrick Gregory, as he speaks about Kimber, the subject of his recent book, co-authored by Elizabeth Nurser, *An American on the Western Front*. Mr. Gregory will use the letters Kimber wrote to his mother and brothers to tell the story of the young Soldier, who was among the first American Soldiers to set foot in the front lines of the allied trenches and was one of the last Soldiers to die in combat, just weeks before the armistice in 1918.

Patrick Gregory and Elizabeth Nurser, compiled and edited the letters of American Soldier Arthur Clifford Kimber to tell the story of his experiences, exploits, and the tragedy he saw firsthand on the killing fields of France during World War I. The letters create a stark and detailed story of a young man who finds himself forced into the heroism shown by countless Soldiers across the largest war the world had ever seen. From insight on the war preparation in New York City to personal contact with none other than Theodore Roosevelt himself, Kimber depicts the horror of war mixed with his own integration into the grind of a combat zone.

Mr. Patrick Gregory has spent most of his career in journalism, covering world events for the BBC for over 30 years, before moving on to the job of News Editor and then Managing Editor for the BBC's Political Programmes Department. He also produced several documentaries for the BBC World Service and BBC Radio 4, before authoring *An American on the Western Front*. His co-author, Elizabeth Nurser, is Arthur Kimber's niece. She moved from California, USA, to Cambridge, UK, in the 1950s as a Fulbright Scholar. She worked as a copy editor and editor for Cambridge University Press, Melbourne University Press, and Faber & Faber, before opening her own publishing house.

**DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

**TIME: Doors open at 6:30 PM and the talk begins at 7:15 PM**

**PLACE: USAHEC, Visitor and Education Center, Multipurpose Room**

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