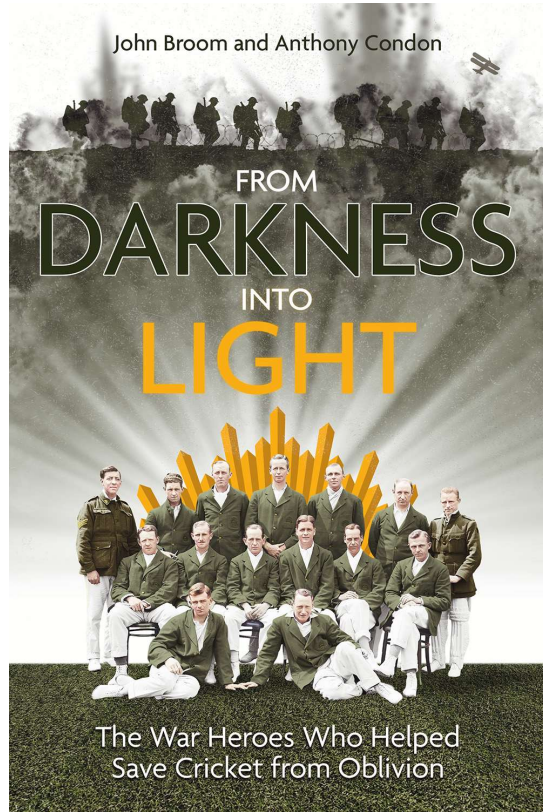




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From Darkness into Light

The War Heroes Who Helped Save Cricket from Oblivion

By Dr John Broom and Dr Anthony Condon

Key features

- A team that was previously a footnote in cricketing history finally gets the recognition it deserves
- Reveals new evidence of controversies surrounding the origins and composition of the AIF XI
- Read how English crowds reacted to the return of colonial cricketers to domestic grounds
- The awkward cricketing summer of 1919 is shown from a fresh perspective
- Based on extensive original research conducted by an Australian and an English historian
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

From Darkness into Light tells the fascinating story of how a handful of intrepid cricketing soldiers helped save the game from oblivion. English cricket emerged from the Great War in a bruised and battered state. A four-year hiatus in the first-class game had left administrators, players and aficionados anxious about whether life on the field could ever be the same again. The state of Test cricket was even worse after the disastrous experiment of the Triangular Series of 1912. Into this maelstrom of uncertainty stepped the Australian Imperial Forces team. Comprised of men waiting for demobilisation, the XI toured England and Scotland in the summer of 1919. They were well received by cricket-hungry crowds and provided a great fillip to ailing county finances. The popularity of international cricket was confirmed, and the tour paved the way for the resumption of Ashes contests the following year. This book traces the origins of the AIF XI and examines the myriad of controversies and confusion that surrounded its inception.

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