

Review of: "The soft power of neutrality Dutch humanitarianism in World War I, 1914-1918"

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Almost all historical research on the First World War concentrates on the activities of and in the belligerent countries. This article provides a valuable study of the contribution of a neutral country, The Netherlands, to both humanitarian relief and the search for peace. As a student and historian of the War I found almost all the detail to be new to me; in particular I was unaware of the care given to German refugees and children. The paper underlines the care taken by the Dutch authorities not to compromise the country's neutral status. It complements the ubiquitous "war study" papers neatly, and should be recommended reading for all students of the war.