

Devon Heritage Services

WORLD WAR ONE SOURCES



National Archives website
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National Archives website

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/militaryhistory/

includes the following:

Research Guides on:

- British Army: Officer records – First World War
- British Army: Useful sources for tracing soldiers
- Royal Air Force, RFC and RNAS service records: First World War
- Royal Navy: Officers' service records

Listen to talks from their military history experts on-line:

- Tracing World War One ancestors
- Sources for First World War army ancestry

Downloading documents on-line:

- Medal rolls, World War One Army (including Royal Flying Corps)
- World War One Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) service records
- World War One soldier records - visit the Ancestry websites to search and download **service records** (A-H) and **pension records** scanned from the original records held in the National Archives

Ancestry websites

Ancestry Library Edition, Ancestry.com and Ancestry.co.uk
UK Military records on-line are:

- British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920
- British Army WWI Pension Records 1914-1920

- British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920

The Great War Archive

A major project run by the University of Oxford. The aim of this initiative was to collect together material related to the First World War held by members of the public to help keep the memory alive of the sacrifices made during World War One. The final collection was made available free of charge via the internet on 11th November 2008, the 90th anniversary of the Armistice.

www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/gwa



BBC website

1918-2008 – Ninety years of remembrance webpages

www.bbc.co.uk/remembrance/

Devon Local History webpages

www.bbc.co.uk/devon/history/local_history/

Commonwealth War Graves Commission website

Their on-line database lists the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died during the two world wars and the 23,000 cemeteries, memorials and other locations worldwide where they are commemorated.

www.cwgc.org/

Regiments website

www.regiments.org

Imperial War Museum

The Imperial War Museum archives offer a wealth of material for the family history researcher. This includes more than 10 million photographs, negatives and transparencies, over 15,000 collections of unpublished diaries, letters, memoirs and other papers, and 270,000 library items, including books, maps and ephemera.

www.iwm.org.uk/

UK National Inventory of War Memorials

Available on-line through the Imperial War Museum Collections webpage. Search the records of war memorials commemorating all wars located throughout the United Kingdom.

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