

## For further help...

If you can't get to the library, we can do a limited amount of research for you. We charge £5.25 per 30 minutes if you live in Leeds, rising to £10.50 for customers outside Leeds. Copies of documents are charged at the usual rate. Write or email your request to the contact details below. (Prices correct at time of printing.)

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# Local and Family History Military Resources

This short leaflet details some of the resources, both printed and online that can help when researching ancestors who were in the military.

## Online Resources:

### Ancestry.co.uk (Free to use in all Leeds libraries)

Ancestry has dozens of military databases that can help when researching family history. WWI is covered by the following databases: **Army Service records 1914-1920**, **Army Medal Index cards 1914-1920** and **Army Pension Records 1914-1920**. Later records are likely to still be kept at the Ministry of Defence but are available to next of kin.

Ancestry also has Army Rolls of Honour for WWI and WWII. Databases covering other conflicts prior to WWI include: **Casualties of the Boer War 1899-1902**, **Waterloo Medal Roll 1815** and **Military Campaign medal and Award Rolls 1793-1949**.

### Other Useful Websites:

**The Commonwealth War Graves Commission** – Search by name or cemetery for WWI and WWII dead. Also includes civilians killed in WWII: [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

**Army Museums Ogilby Trust** – Search for regimental museums and archives which may be able to assist with further research: [www.armymuseums.org.uk](http://www.armymuseums.org.uk)

**The National Directory for UK War Memorials** – can be searched by place or conflict: [www.ukniwm.org.uk](http://www.ukniwm.org.uk)

**The War Graves Photographic Project** – Search graves by name. Over 1.7million names indexed so far: <http://www.twgpp.org>

**The Veterans Association** – Help and advice for claiming Armed Forces badges and medals: [www.veterans-uk.info](http://www.veterans-uk.info)

**The National Archives** – The main UK depository for archives has numerous military records, some of which can be downloaded for a small fee. Many indexes are searchable online and it has excellent research guides on the armed forces: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

- Also includes a dedicated **WWI website**: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war)

**The Imperial War Museum**: [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk) – Coverage from WWI to present day conflicts. Includes pages to commemorate individual WWI soldiers: <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org>

**The Great War Forum** – Post queries to experts willing to help for free at [www.greatwarforum.org](http://www.greatwarforum.org)

**The Western Front Association** – Dedicated to further interest in the First World War: [www.westernfrontassociation.com](http://www.westernfrontassociation.com)

**Other sites pertaining specifically to the First World War:**

[www.ww1battlefields.co.uk](http://www.ww1battlefields.co.uk) – Famous **battlegrounds**.

[www.gov.uk/probate-search](http://www.gov.uk/probate-search) – Soldiers' **wills**.

<https://vad.redcross.org.uk/> - British Red Cross **Volunteers** in First World War.

<https://grandeguerre.icrc.org/> - **Prisoners** of the First World War

## Printed and Fiche Resources:

**The Leeds Absent Voters List** lists those **armed forces personnel** who were entitled to vote in the 1918 General Election. Search by surname to view rank, regiment and army number as well as address. For the absent voters list for **Wakefield**, visit: [www.wakefieldfhd.org.uk](http://www.wakefieldfhd.org.uk)

**WWI Newscuttings** – A 15 volume set relating to WWI from Leeds newspapers, largely indexed at: [www.leedslocalindex.net](http://www.leedslocalindex.net)

- Also search the **19th Century Newspapers** website for conflicts, including the *Leeds Mercury*: [www.leeds.gov.uk/onlineresources](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/onlineresources)

### Birth, Marriage and Death Indices (microfiche)

As well as the BMD indices for England and Wales, the library also has some specialist Army, Navy, RAF and Marines indices including **Army birth, marriage and death indices 1796-1965**, **WWII deaths Indian Services 1939-1948**, **Naval deaths for WWI and WWII** and **Marine birth and death indices 1837-1965**.