

Starter research guide for WW1

Compiled with help from Sarah Nathaniel from the Commonwealth War Graves commission and Dr Will Butler from National Archives, this guide details websites and organisations that can help you with your Great War Research.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Use the commonwealth war graves commission website and then search on local Roll of Honour for starting points. Particularly useful for locations and specific war memorials.

These guides are a really good resource of other research possibilities specific to categories such as nationality, service or gender. They have links to lots of other sites that can be useful, depending on what you are looking for.

[How to Research guides: First World War \(cwgc.org\)](http://www.cwgc.org)

[Find war dead | War graves search | CWGC](#)

Recommended websites

[Roll of Honour - About us \(roll-of-honour.com\)](http://www.roll-of-honour.com) Although useful, the information is not always accurate. Confirmation of information elsewhere is a good idea.

Ancestry or **Find My Past** are very useful.

Through Find My Past as you can access the British Newspaper Archives:

Other useful sites:

[Find a Grave - Millions of Cemetery Records](#)

[A Street Near You - exploring the local legacy of the First World War](#)

[Lives of the First World War | Lives of the First World War \(iwm.org.uk\)](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

[War Memorials Register | Imperial War Museums \(iwm.org.uk\)](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

[Burial records, cremation records, grave maps, genealogy and ancestry at Deceased Online](#)

[South-East History Boards - Index \(sussexhistoryforum.co.uk\)](http://www.sussexhistoryforum.co.uk) - covers Kent & Sussex

[RAFCommands - The meeting place for RAF researchers](#)

[WRECK WRAK EPAVE WRACK PECIO \(wrecksite.eu\)](http://www.wrecksite.eu) - for researching crew on ships lost

[Royal Navy First World War - Lives At Sea \(rmg.co.uk\)](http://www.rmg.co.uk)

[Tracing your Family History | Imperial War Museums \(iwm.org.uk\)](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

[Welcome to Irish Genealogy - Irish Genealogy](#)

If you know the school they attended, search these - many schools have often done their own research into their Rolls of Honour. Like this one for example:

[Brighton College - Remembering the fallen of Brighton College \(brightoncollegeremembers.com\)](http://www.brightoncollegeremembers.com)

Overseas sites:

[The Canadian Virtual War Memorial \(CVWM\) - Memorials - Remembrance - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Archival records and resources from the First World War - Canada.ca](#)

[Military Records Database | The Rooms - Newfoundland](#)

[WW1 Australian Soldiers & Nurses WHO REST in the united kingdom - Home \(weebly.com\) - THE go to site for Australian casualties.](#)

Other general useful sites for background context and information:

[Welcome - The Long, Long Trail \(longlongtrail.co.uk\)](#)

[Home - Scarlet Finders](#)

The National Archives

Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU.

If a service record still exists, you will hopefully find it here.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Webinars

Webinar on The National Archives First World War Army records,
YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=H2Z0vFH2zMg>.

A more general military records webinar, information about records on the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8ZtThg30Ak>

Direct links to The National Archives Research Guides

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-military-gallantry-medals/>

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-military-campaign-and-service-medals/>

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/officer-royal-flying-corps/>

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-operations-first-world-war/>

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-officers-after-1913/>

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-soldiers-of-the-first-world-war/>