

# Local Studies and Archives



## General Military Resources

The local studies and archives centre has many resources to help you research First World War soldiers. We have free access to Ancestry and FindMyPast which contain many service records. If a soldier came from the Tameside area, you can use our collection of local newspapers to search for reports about their service and obituaries for fallen men. We also hold a good selection on reference books for the First World War. Please telephone us on **0161 342 4242** to book a computer or a microfilm reader.

## Manchester Regiment Archives

The Manchester Regiment Archive is one of the largest collections held on deposit at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre. A catalogue of all the records is available online at [localstudies.tameside.gov.uk/calmview/](http://localstudies.tameside.gov.uk/calmview/). Please note that the archive does not contain a complete series of service records for soldiers and officers, nor does it contain a complete series of war diaries. Researchers are advised to use **Ancestry.com** to access service records, and to contact the National Archives for a complete set of war diaries, see [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/war-diaries-ww1.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/war-diaries-ww1.htm). The archive includes a large number of photographs, many of which can be accessed online at [www.manchester-regiment.org.uk](http://www.manchester-regiment.org.uk).

## Family History Using Military Sources

The Military Helpdesk is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month 10am - 12noon. We can help start your research or help with problems such as identifying regiments. Appointments are 30 minutes and booking is essential - telephone us on **0161 342 4242**.

## GM1914

Archive and local studies services across Greater Manchester have been posting stories on a special blog at [gm1914.wordpress.com](http://gm1914.wordpress.com). Stories from Tameside have included the Ashton Munitions Explosion and Elizabeth Hannah Kenyon and the Dukinfield Needlework Guild. Take a look and find out about the First World War in your area.

More information about researching your military family history can be found at [www.tameside.gov.uk/archives/familyhistory/military](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/archives/familyhistory/military)



# National Initiatives

During this commemorative year we will be contributing to the national initiatives for the centenary. Links to the websites are provided below.

## The First World War Centenary Partnership

A network of over 2,000 local, regional, national and international, cultural and educational organisations. Led by the Imperial War Museums (IWM), the partnership will present a vibrant programme which will enable millions of people across the world to discover more about life in the First World War. Provides a wealth of expertise and resources. You will also find many local events promoted through a centenary calendar on [www.1914.org](http://www.1914.org)

## Share your family's First World War legacy

The Lives of the First World War site is an innovative, interactive platform that will bring together material from museums, libraries, archives and families from across the world in one place. You can upload your own family images and mementos to help build a digital memorial showcasing the stories of more than eight million men and women. These will be accessible to everyone and saved for future generations. [www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org](http://www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org)

## 1.5 Million Pages of Unit War Diaries Digitised

The National Archives has made thousands of digitised First World War unit war diaries from France and Flanders available online. They have digitised around 1.5 million pages so far, and will be releasing them throughout the year.



### Diary of Gallipoli: entry for 25th April 1915.

This first batch of unit war diaries reveals the real-time account of the first three cavalry and the first seven infantry divisions which were part of the first wave of British troops deployed in France and Flanders, with just over 300,000 pages in total. [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war)

An online blog on how the First World War changed lives across Britain.



### Back in Britain tumblr

Our Back in Britain Tumblr heavily snapshots of memories, people and events to shine a light on the legacy of the First World War.

These unique stories highlight how the First World War changed the culture of Britain and its legacy today. <http://backinbritainww1.tumblr.com>