



First World War material available to consult at Leeds Central Library



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General material:

1. **Newspapers** – Among the newspapers in our collection are the Yorkshire Post, Yorkshire Evening Post, Leeds Mercury, Yorkshire Evening News, plus weekly papers covering areas such as Morley, Pudsey, etc.; a list of our main holdings can be found on our website: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/localandfamilyhistory>. The remainder of our collection is catalogued in our card catalogue, which can be accessed in the Local and Family History Library reading room. Although we don't have a complete index to our newspapers, we do have a partial index which is available to search online via <http://www.leedslocalindex.net>
2. **Photographs** – Our collection of Leeds photographs can be viewed online: www.leodis.net.
3. **Census records 1841 – 1911** – These are available to view online via the Ancestry.com website, which is free to access in any Leeds Library, and on microfilm in the Local and Family History Library. The census was taken every ten years and is a 'snapshot' of a household on a particular night. The information recorded includes names, addresses, ages, occupations, birth places and marital status. The census also includes hospitals, prisons, workhouses and ships.
4. **Maps** – We have a large collection of Leeds and Yorkshire Ordnance Survey maps dating back to 1850s. We also have a collection of non - OS map, e.g. Leeds City Council Civic Survey Maps from 1917, which show land and building use in Leeds at the time.
5. **Trade directories** - These list names and addresses of individuals who were in business or had a trade, and the names and addresses of businesses, factories, municipal offices, places of worship, educational

establishments, local societies and organisations, etc. A full list of our collection can be found on our website:

www.leeds.gov.uk/localandfamilyhistory.

6. **Electoral registers** – The Library holds a set of Leeds electoral registers from 1832 to the present day. There were no registers taken during the First or Second World Wars. The electoral registers for other parts of West Yorkshire (1840 – 1962) are now available to search and view online via the Ancestry website. The Ancestry website can be accessed for free in all Leeds Libraries, including the Local and Family History Library, with the use of a library card.
7. **Absent Voters List** - This is a list of all servicemen from Leeds (as per the boundaries of 1918), who were away from their place of residence and who were eligible to vote in the 1918 General Election. The list usually records the man's regiment, service number, rank and the address at which he was registered at the time. The name index is available to search online: www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/Pages/Absent-war-voters.aspx. For further details including the home address and the names of other people registered at the same address, please visit the Local and Family History Library.
8. **Playbills** – The Library holds a large collection of playbills for Leeds theatres, covering the First World War period. These are available to view online: www.leodis.net/playbills.
9. **Cinema Picture bills** – The Library also has a collection of picture bills for films shown at the Assembly Rooms and Leeds Coliseum during the First World War. These are not available to view online but can be consulted in the Local and Family History Library (Classmark: QL7A).
10. **Print collection** – The Library has a small collection of print material from the First World War, e.g. posters advertising public meetings, events and exhibitions. This print collection is catalogued in our card catalogue which can be accessed in the Local and Family History Library reading room.
11. **General ephemera** – relating to Leeds and Yorkshire cultural, social and political events.

12. **School magazines** – The Library holds a collection of school magazines dating back to the 19th century. The collection also covering the war and post-war years, e.g. Leeds Grammar School ('The Leodensian') and Leeds Boys' Modern School ('The Owlet'). These are catalogued on the library's online catalogue and in the card catalogues in the Local & Family History Library.
13. **Parish magazines** – The Library holds a collection of parish magazines, produced by churches/chapels in Leeds, dating back to the 19th century. The collection also covers the First World War period. These magazines are catalogued on the library's online catalogue and in the card catalogues in the Local and Family History Library.
14. **Local government material** – This includes Leeds City Council Annual Accounts; Education Committee proceedings; Council Proceedings (minutes of committee meetings); Annual Reports of the different council committees and the Reports of the Leeds Medical Office of Health (1911 -16 & 1918 onwards).
15. **Annual reports** – Annual reports of local charitable organisations and institutions in Leeds.
16. **Published histories** – Local histories covering different areas of Leeds plus histories of local institutions, organisations, businesses, industries, transport, entertainment, etc.
17. **Regimental histories** – The library holds a collection of published Leeds and Yorkshire regimental histories, such as for the Green Howards, The West Yorkshire Regiment, The Leeds Pals and others. These are catalogued on the library's online catalogue and in the card catalogues in the Local and Family History Library.
18. **First World War service records, pension records and medal cards** – These national records are available to access on the Ancestry.com website. The Ancestry website can be accessed for free in all Leeds Libraries, including the Local and Family History Library, with the use of a library card.
19. **Lists of names on local war memorials** – We have a small collection of lists for a number of war memorials in Leeds, Morley and Pudsey. This collection is regularly added to.

A selection of First World War material available in our general reference collection:

The items listed below are only a small selection of First World War material in our collections. The full collection is catalogued in the card catalogue in the Local and Family History Library and on the main Leeds Library's online catalogue: <http://capitadiscovery.co.uk/leeds/>.

1. Gizzard, Nigel, Leeds Jewry & The Great War, 1914 - 1918 (Leeds, 1981) – Classmark: LP 296 G889.
2. Gummer, R.H., The Story of Barnbow (Leeds, 1919) – Classmark: L623.45 G953.
3. Hagerty, James M., Leeds at War (E.P. Publ. 1981) – Classmark: L940.53 H122.
4. Lamb, T.A., TNT Tales and a few food fancies (Oxford, 1919) – Classmark: 823.91 L16L. Includes descriptions of the work carried out at the Barnbow Shelling Factory.
5. Leeds and the European War News cuttings. This is a 15 volume set of newscuttings taken from Leeds newspapers during the period 1914 – 1921. – Classmark: FL 940.3 LEE. Some of the collection has been indexed – please see our online newspaper index: www.leedslocalindex.net
6. Leeds Flag Day Committee, 1917 – 1920, Report of two years' work, and Final report – Classmark: L369 L517.
7. Leeds Lady Mayoress Committee, Reports, 1915 – 1918 – Classmark: LP 940.3 L517.
8. Leeds Modern School – memorial of Old Boys who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914 – 1918 (pub. 1923) – Classmark: L 940.467 L517.
9. Leeds Territorial Hospital Journal, Feb. – April 1918 – Classmark: L 940 476 L517.
10. Leeds War Hospital Supply Depot, Report and statement of account, 1917 – 1919 – Classmark: LP 361.53 L517.

11. Leeds War Memorial – Classmark: LQP 940.465 L517. A collection of appeals, lists of subscriptions, etc. (1920-21)
12. Leeds War Memorial newscuttings (1918 – 1922) – Classmark: LQ 940.465 L517.
13. Memories of the Great War – collection of newscuttings and ephemera, including material on the Leeds Pals. – Classmark: LF 356.11 W52.
14. Milner, Laurie, Leeds Pals: a history of the 15th (service) Battalion (1st Leeds) the Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment) 1914 – 1918, (Leo Cooper, 1991) – Classmark: LQ 356.11 W52.
15. National Roll of Honour (Section 8, Leeds) (this volume is kept behind the Local and Family History Library enquiry counter, please ask staff).
16. Pearson, A.V., A 'Leeds Pal' looks back: memoirs, (1961) – Classmark LQ B PEA.
The story of the author's experience in the 15th battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment during the First World War.
17. Scott, W.H, Leeds in the Great War 1914 – 18: A book of remembrance, (Leeds: The Libraries and Arts Committee, 1923) – Classmark L 940.3 SCO86.
This book tells the story of Leeds in the Great War and also includes a Roll of Honour for those from Leeds who died in the war. This Roll of Honour was compiled by Leeds City Council.
18. The Shell Magazine: an original souvenir by employees of the National Ordnance Factory, no. 1, Newlay, Leeds (1917) – Classmark: L 623.45 SH43.
19. 'Soldiers died in the Great War' CD Rom (this volume is kept behind the Local and Family History Library enquiry counter, please ask staff).
20. Sterne, Ernest C., Leeds Jewry and the Great War, 1914 – 1918: the Homefront (Leeds, 1982) – Classmark: LP 296 ST45/L296 ST45.
21. West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own), Official war diaries of the 7th, 8th, 15th and 17th Battalions of the West Yorkshire Regiment, 1914 - 1919 - (incomplete) Classmark: MIC 356.11 W52 (microfilm).

22. Willey, A.W., Impressions of a trip to France (1918) – Classmark P 940.481 W66L.

A selection of First World War material held in our Special Collections

To view the following items you will need to bring identification and a separate recent proof of address.

1. Leeds Pals newspaper cuttings – Classmark SRF(Reading Room), 2 volumes.
2. Roll of 15th (Service) Battalion (1st Leeds) Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment) 1915. Listing of all Officers, NCOs and Soldiers in the Battalion, ranks and position held also listed. Classmark: SR 356.11WES.

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3. Archibald, R.H. (compiler), Record of the National Ordnance Factories, Leeds 1915 – 18, (1919) – Classmark SRQ (oversize) 623.4 AR22. This is an account of the Royal Ordnance Factories at Armley, Newlay, Hunslet, and the subsidiary departments/stores at Holbeck, Great Wilson Street, Wellington Road and Marshall Mills on Sweet Street, and the 'Meanwood Gun Proof Range'. Also included is a section on the Women's Labour Department and Welfare Department, which was responsible for the welfare of the women employed in these factories. The volume includes photographs of the factories, some munitions workers and management. These photographs have been indexed on our online index: www.leedslocalindex.net
4. Cliff, Edith M. (Lady Nussey), The Great European War, Gledhow Hall Hospital – Classmark: SRQ (oversize) 940 476 G478. A collection of photographs, newspaper cuttings, soldiers' artwork, and other general material relating to Gledhow Hall VAD Hospital, compiled by Commandant, Edith M. Cliff (Lady Nussey), daughter of William Dewhirst Cliff of Meanwood Towers.

5. Gummer, R.H. (compiler), History & Record of Barnbow Filling Factory, (1919) – Classmark: SRQ (oversize) 623.45 G953.
A short history and record of the war work and service carried out at the No.1 National Filling Factory, Barnbow, Leeds, with an introduction and additional chapters by W. Herbert Scott. Includes photographs.
6. Leeds Pals E. Hill and R. Hill – Classmark SR 940.4 MEM.
A small collection of photographs, a letter and other material related to Private Robert Hill, who served in the Leeds Pals and was killed in action on March 24th 1918. Also includes a memorial pamphlet entitled 'For Remembrance: Souvenir of The Great War, 1914 – 1918'.
7. Leeds Flag Day Committee – Committee matters, 1914 – 1919 (10 vols.) – Classmark: SRQ (oversize) 369 L517.
This is a collection of correspondence and general ephemera relating to the activities of the Leeds Flag Days Committee. The collection also includes soldier's letters and postcards to the Committee. [Details of the contents of each box are available – please ask a member of staff].
8. Material of the 7th and 8th Battalions West Yorkshire Regiment 1914/18 War.
This is a collection of photographs and general ephemera – Classmark: SRQ (oversize) 940.41 MAY.
9. Person, A.V., Summoned by duty: autobiography in verse – Classmark: SR 821.91 P317. Manuscript poem about the author's experience in the 15th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment during the First World War.
10. Pickard, C.R.H. Album of photographs of 2nd Battalion, Leeds Training Corp: Monk Fryston Cam, Whitsuntide, 1915 – Classmark: SRF 940.3 P585.
11. Watts, Elsie Mary, photographic album, etc.– Classmark: SRQ (oversize) 926.158 W349.
This is a collection of photographic albums and other material relating to Elsie Mary Watts' work as a physiotherapist in various Leeds hospitals, mainly during the First World War. Photographs include those taken at the Leeds Territorial Hospital, Beckett's Park.

Please note: Much of the stock belonging to the Leeds Local and Family History Library has not yet been catalogued online and therefore won't appear on Leeds Library's online catalogue. To discover the true breadth of

the Local and Family History Library's stock, it will be necessary to visit the library to browse the card catalogues, which are kept in the reading room on the 2nd floor of Leeds Central Library. If you are unable to visit the library, please contact us at the above address.

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1. Official records

- Acts of Parliament, e.g. The Defence of the Realm Act (DORA), 1914
- Parliamentary Debates - These debates provide a rich source of material on all aspects of daily life on the Home Front, including food rationing and alcohol restrictions, housing, attitudes towards refugees, women workers, conscientious objectors, and much more.
- Great Britain, Committee of Imperial Defence, Historical Section – ‘History of the Great War based on official documents’ - This collection comprises of many volumes on different aspects of the war, e.g. naval, medical, the different campaigns, etc.
- London Gazette - This journal is the official record of the British Government. It includes details of all military awards and medals and promotions of officers. It is available to search and view online (www.london-gazette.co.uk/). Printed copies are available to consult in the Information and Research Library.

2. Newspapers and Journals

- The Sphere: An Illustrated Newspaper for the Home – Classmark: XQ 052 SPH.
- The Times - This is available to search and view online, either in the Library or at home, using a Leeds Library card, via the Library's online resources www.leeds.gov.uk/onlineresources The Library also keeps back copies of the newspaper on microfilm, which are available to consult on request.
- Fabian Tracts (published by the Fabian Society) which include articles on 'War, women and unemployment'. – Classmark: QP 353.14/FAB.

3. Collections of poetry, memoirs, plays, speeches and diaries

- Churchill, Sir Winston, Winston S. Churchill, his complete speeches, 1897-1963, Volume III: 1914-1922 / edited by Robert Rhodes James (New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1974) Classmark - 941.08/CHU.
- Farmborough, Florence, Nurse at the Russian Front: a diary, 1914-18 / with 48 photographs by the author (London: Constable, 1974) – Classmark: 940.476/FAR.
- Laurence Binyon – poetry collections.
- More songs by the fighting men (London: Erskine Macdonald, 1917; Soldier poets: second series) – Classmark: 821 MOR.
- Sassoon, Siegfried, Siegfried's Journey, 1916 – 1920 (London: Faber, 1945)
- Sassoon, Siegfried, Siegfried Sassoon diaries 1915-1918 / edited and introduced by Rupert Hart-Davis (London: Faber, 1983) – Classmark: B SAS.
- Siegfried Sassoon – poetry collections.

4. **Regimental Histories:** the Library holds a collection of regimental history for British and international regiments. For more details, please see the Library's online catalogue:
<http://capitadiscovery.co.uk/leeds/>
- Histories of the First World War
 - The Manchester Guardian History of the Great War (9 vols.) (Manchester: John Heywood Ltd. [no date]) – Classmark: F 940.3/MAN.
 - The Times History of the War (1914-18) (20 vols.) Classmark: Q 940.3/TIM.
 - The War Illustrated: a pictorial record of the conflict of nations (7 vols.) (London: The Amalgamated Press [no date]) – Classmark: Q 940.4 WAR.

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- Queen Mary's Needlework Guild: its work during the Great War (St. James's Palace, 1914 -19) – Classmark: SRF 940.477/QUE.
- French Newspapers & Periodicals on the Occasion of the 1918 Armistice – Classmark: SRF 940.439 F887.
- The Times Armistice Day Section November 11th 1920 – Classmark: SRF (oversize) 940.4393 T482.

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- Copy of a Diary compiled by Lt. H.C. Oldrey, late of the 8th Battalion M.G.C., 8 Division B.E.F. (compiled during the campaign of the summer and autumn of 1918) – Classmark: SRQ 94043 OLD.
- Collection of picture post-cards relating to the First World War (3 Vols) Classmark: SRQ 940.497 C686.

- Editions La-Guerre Europeenne 1914 – 18 (4 vols.) – Classmark: SRQ 940.497 ED48. This is a 4 volume set of French First World war postcards.

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1. Ferguson, John, The arts in Britain in World War 1 (London: Stainer and Bell, 1980) – Classmark: 709.41.
2. Jones, Mark, The Dance of Death: medallic art of the First World War (London: British Museum Publication, 1979) – Classmark: Pamphlet 737.2J (Information and Research Library).
3. Palmer, Kathleen, Women War Artists (London: Tate, 2011) – Classmark: 758.9.
4. Saunders, Nicholas, Trench Art: a brief history guide 1914-1939 (London: Lee Cooper, 2001) – Classmark: 739.
5. Saunders, Nicholas, Trench Art: Materialities and Memories of War (Oxford: Berg, 2003) – Classmark: 739.
6. Sillars, Stuart, Art and survival in First World War Britain (Basingstoke: McMillan, 1987) - Classmark: 709.41.

7. Silver, Kenneth E., *Esprit de corps: the art of the Parisian avant-garde and the First World War 1914-1925* (London: Thames and Hudson, 1989) – Classmark: 709.44.
8. Viney, Nigel, *Images of wartime: British art and artists of World War 1* (Newton Abbot: David & Charles, 1990) – Classmark: ST709.41.

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- Konody, P.G., *Art War: Canadian War Memorials* (London: Published for the Canadian War Records Office, c. 1920) – Classmark: SR704.
- Newton, Eric (ed.), *War through artists' Eyes: Paintings and Drawings by British War Artists* (London: J. Murray, 1945) – Classmark: SR704.
- Raemaekers, Louis, *The Great War Victory Volume* (London: The Fine Art Society Ltd., 1919) – Classmark: SRF (oversize) 940.497 R12 [Available to consult in the Information and Research Library]. Louis Raemaekers (1869 – 1956) was a Dutch printer and cartoonist. His First World War cartoons are noted for their anti-war and pro-allied stance.
- Rothenstein, Sir John, *British Artists and the War* (London: Peter Davies, 1931) – Classmark: SR704.
- *War Drawings by Muirhead Bone* (from the collection presented to the British Museum by His Majesty's Government) - Classmark: SRF (oversize) 940.9 B64 [Available to consult in the Information and Research Library]. Muirhead Bone (1876 – 1953) was a Scottish draughtsman, etcher and war artist.