

According to War Office statistics, the First World War claimed the lives of over 700,000 British soldiers. 170,000 were captured as prisoners of war and a staggering 1.6 million soldiers were injured. Now with the new collection of Casualty Lists, you can see the names behind the figures!

This unique resource is available as a fully searchable database for the first time.



TheGenealogist is launching at 'WDYTYA Live' a major new military collection to help you find more out about your ancestors that fought in The Great War. The collection is a list of soldiers of all ranks who were reported as injured, missing or prisoners of war by The War Office.

The coverage at launch covers the War Office's 'Weekly Casualty Lists' from 1917-18 and this will be expanded by the daily casualty lists to cover **from September 1914 to the last reports of 1919**, as reports were still being published well after the war had officially ceased.

There are over 600,000 records available at launch which will grow to cover the entirety of World War One. From the first records of British losses through to early 1919, there's more information than ever for family historians to access, to find out what their ancestors did in the Great War. With casualty lists listing all ranks from war office published lists, rolls of honour and other reports of the time, it's all on TheGenealogist.

Using the sophisticated search features, it's now possible to just add the basic details and go straight to a record of your ancestor if they were wounded or classed

as missing in the Great War.

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A further case study is highlighted below. For more information on TheGenealogist, including any hi-resolution images, please contact us.

An insight into the new Casualty Records (including case study)

Nigel Bayley from TheGenealogist takes a look at the new casualty lists to see what can further be discovered about his ancestor who fought in the Great War.

“My grandfather, John William Robson, died during the Second World War, but his presence was still in my grandmother’s house in little ways. The bowling trophy, the remnants of the aerial from his crystal set still attached to the outside wall, a cabinet full of tools and a box of keepsakes.”



Private John Robson, Durham Light Infantry.

A First World War Casualty..

“The keepsakes included a rusty iron ball (that had wounded him on active service) wrapped in an old piece of cotton dressing, a medal box and a Durham Light Infantry cap badge. My gran didn’t talk about my grandfather much, but confirmed he was invalided out of the First World War.”



...the rusty iron ball keepsake.

TheGenealogist takes you further..

"Using the details I had from the medal box, I searched the new casualty database on TheGenealogist and found him with ease."



His wartime medals and records.

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"With just the basic details, I found my Grandfather, Private Robson, in the search results." From here is the option to download a copy of the original war record listing or to view a transcript of his details.

J W	Robson	736	Durham Light Infantry	1917 September 22nd	Wounded	 
J	Robson	844	Machine Gun Corps	1917 August 4th	Wounded	 

The full transcription takes us through to more details on Private Robson and when

he was wounded. The record also gives us his regiment, service number, home town and casualty status. It records he was wounded on the 22nd of September 1917.

Casualty Lists Full Record	
Forename / Initial	J W
Surname	Robson
Casualty Status	Wounded
Service Number	736
Regiment	Durham Light Infantry
Location of Enrolment or Hometown	Sunderland
Date Published	1917 September 22nd
List Number	No. 5371
Part Number	Part 5
Category	Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men

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Adding to what you know about your ancestor..

Nigel concludes: "The extra information I have found can now be added to the medals and photographs I have in my possession from my ancestor. The photo below was dated 21st of September so we can presume the photograph was taken just after his injury."



John Robson in a dated photograph just after being wounded in hospital clothing.

Finding those ancestral records from the wars fought in the twentieth century can

be difficult and time consuming. However, using the unique search technology on TheGenealogist it is now possible to find records quickly and easily and delve even deeper!

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