

World War 1 Army Record Information at National Archives

Unburnt series WO 364/2573/2574

Burnt series WO 363/M2152/3

Pension records PIN 26

World War 1 Medal Rolls

WO 372 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal (Pip, Squeak & Wilfred)

WO 329 Silver War Badge

British Army Soldiers' Papers 1914-18

About 6 to 7 million men served as soldiers in the Great War. During the Second World War a large percentage of documents were destroyed by enemy bombing. About 2 million records survived or were reconstructed from pension records. There is about a [40% chance](#) of the service record for an individual surviving to the present day. As an alternative Campaign Medal Rolls may yield basic details on a soldier..

First World War Household Cavalry (including the Life Guards, Royal Horse Guards and Household Battalion) records for both non-commissioned officers and soldiers have survived in their entirety.

Generally the documents that are likely to be found include: attestation papers, discharge papers, medical records and casualty form (active service). To search for WW1 soldiers you need to know the name, rank, number and regiment. If you don't know these then it is possible to examine the medal index cards, which would yield a number of candidates.