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USER GUIDE 20

WORLD WAR I

This User Guide outlines many archives associated with the First World War, but is not exhaustive. References to wartime activities and attitudes may also be found in a wide range of general records for 1914-1919. It is also worth checking records for succeeding years to research the long term effects of the conflict eg reparations, 'Homes fit for heroes' and the problems of ex-servicemen.

Local authorities collections are particularly extensive and cover most aspects of the Home Front. Council minutes, committee minutes, reports, files, building control records etc relate to a wide range of public services including public health, wartime adaption of buildings, education and police. The proceedings of the council of Newcastle upon Tyne, for example are particularly useful with indexes covering topics such as enemy aliens, female labour and the local recruiting tribunal.

Similarly the archives of churches, individuals and families, businesses and public utilities contain many references to wartime themes. The records of the North East Coast Engineering Trades Employers Association for example have no specific items with titles related to war issues. However the minute books and circulars contain numerous references to industry adapting to wartime production, including government orders, loss of skilled labour and dilution.

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Civil Defence and the Home Front

Gateshead

Local Emergency Committee Scheme in the event of a landing by the enemy December 1914 **DX20/12**

Newcastle

Gosforth Local Food Control Committee 1917-1919, including Profiteering Committee minutes **UD.GO/14/1-2**

G.H. Gray, Ministry of Food Meat Purchaser's shopping card 1919 **966/61**

Instructions in the event of an emergency raid 1915 **604/86**

Newcastle and Gateshead Butchers Association, minutes re emergency provisions **TU.BA/6**

North Tyneside

Tynemouth CBC: War Damage file 1917-1925 **T15/346**, Billeting of Civilians file **T15/354**

Notice re precautions in case of enemy landing December 1914 **Education Room 321**

Tynemouth Borough Constabulary oath book re special constables appointed during the War 1914-1915 **PA.TY/4/1**

Miscellaneous

Cramlington and Hartlepool, war damage photos **DX28/1-2**

League of National Safety, campaign posters re careful use of food **604/88**

Wor Contemptible British Army and The Big Push, two poems printed in aid of the Nurse Cavell Memorial Fund for Disabled Nurses **DBC 1845/362**

Poem about Kaiser Wilhelm, Is There Anyone I've Forgotten **DF.WF/22/1**

Conscription and Recruitment

Newcastle

John Longstaff, Military Medical Board certificate 1918 **1386/43**

Meeting on work of Royal Flying Corps, Newcastle Town Hall, poster 1917 **748**

Local Recruiting Tribunal (to assess applications for exemption for military service) papers 1916-1918 **297**

Register of Electors 1918, absent voters lists show units of men **601**

Tyneside Irish and Scottish, swearing in of recruits, newspaper cuttings 1914 **1074/554-5**

Sunderland

Michael Betson, papers including certificate of exemption from military service **DX19/2-6**

Miscellaneous

National Service leaflet encouraging enrolment for industrial work c.1916 **Education Room 322**

Economy and Industry

Newcastle

Armstrong Whitworth report to Board re new naval yard at Walker 1910-1912 **1655/1**

Hawthorn Leslie, letter re protection of warships against submarine attacks 1914; Wages, labour force and cash turnover 1914-18 **962/130 & 792**

J.H. Holmes Electrics, William Leech, builder, taped recollections of his apprenticeship days during war **DX31/1**

Merz and McLellan, photographs of War Office transport including mobile power stations **671/496**

Ministry of Munitions reports re 'nitrogen problem' 1917 and internal combustion engines, 1918 **780/1644-5, 1650-55**

The North of England Protecting and Indemnity Association (shipping Insurance) war risks files including agreements with government, statistics and circulars **1841/41-3**

Vickers Armstrong, guides, reports, charts etc. re wartime production, including aircraft, airships and munitions **D.VA**; Elswick Works, plans 1914-1918 **1027/556/1-12**

T.G.Trobe, notebook re pay rates at Elswick munitions works for men, boys and women 1916-1919 **DX822/1**

North Tyneside

Linkleters Patent Ship Fitting Co, claims to German government for loss of work, 1919-22 **694/149**

Smith Dock Co. visit by King, 1917 **DX10/32**

Wallsend Slipway correspondence with Ministry of Munitions and files re dilution, recruitment, protected occupations, trading with the enemy and outputs **DS.WS/17/1-30, DS.WS/18 and 20**

South Tyneside

Jarrow MBC, photos of ships built by Palmers 1914-1918 **T10/308**

Sunderland

William Doxford and Sons, Admiralty correspondence re torpedo boat destroyers and barges 1915-1918 **1811/86/9**

River Wear Commissioners: damage reports of ships 1914-1925; war time posters, restrictions to docks etc. **202/2887 & 3887-3890**

Education

Durham

Durham County Council Education Committee, school circulars contain references to attitudes to the war, Empire Day, rationing etc **T156/359**

Newcastle

Newcastle City Council: Local Education Authority salaries for staff at war **53/2/322-325**; Scheme of Education in the Army 1918; Evening classes for officers at Brighton Grove Hospital, 1918 **486 Box 10605**

North Tyneside

Bewicke First School, Willington: Log book 1872-1922, includes extensive notes on former pupils killed during the war **E.WT1/1/1**

South Tyneside

East Boldon School, log book, death of old boy and aid to refugees 1915 -16 **T118/53**

Whitburn Church of England Mixed School, log book contains extensive references to local and national events 1914-18 **T118/75**

Sunderland

F. Painter, Redby School, Fulwell, certificates in lieu of book prizes during Great War, 1916-1919 **DX653**

Foreign Nationals

Newcastle

Martin Luther German Church, volume of photographs to celebrate reign of Kaiser William II 1913 **C.NC64/3** (See other German community churches **C.SU68** and **C.SS28**)

Gateshead

Belgian Refugee community, Birtley, transcripts of parish records; plans of temporary housing scheme **C.BI3/23-2 & 1603/1-2**

North Tyneside

Wallsend Slipway, papers re employment of aliens 1914-18 **DS.WS/22**;
internment of aliens **T15/264**

South Tyneside

R.W. Hawthorn-Leslie, personnel file re employment of German worker 1914-1918
DS.HL/2/75

South Shields CBC Riot Damages Act, claims including anti-German riots **T95/172**

Medical and Charitable Care

Newcastle

Newcastle City Council: Correspondence re the use of the Richardson Wing of the Home for Incurables as reception unit for wounded soldiers **376/19**

War Relief Fund, Committee on Food Supplies Minutes 1914 **CHX37**

Dunston Hill Hospital (formerly Newcastle War Pensioner Hospital) Admission and Discharge Book, Great War, including name, rank, age, unit, disability etc **HO.DH/7-8**

Gosforth UDC War Relief Fund, August-December 1914 **UD.GO/23**

St John's Ambulance Brigade Auxiliary Hospital, Newcastle 1916-1919 **HO.SJ**

Naval Hostel Committee Minutes 1916-1925 **CHX14/1/1-2**

Poor Law Union: Papers re. military occupation and admission of sick and wounded; Orders for deliveries to Military Hospital 1916-7 **359/520-6,529**

Royal Victoria Infirmary: Military Orthopaedic Centre Committee, minutes 1917-1929 **HO.RVI/35**; Staff of the 1st Northern general Hospital RAMC, photo, October 1916 **HO.RVI/104/13**; What the Royal Victoria Infirmary has done and is doing in war time c.1916 **HO.RVI/189**

Disabled soldiers and sailors – signed reports 1917-1919 **486/10637**

Northumberland War Hospital, sub-committee minutes 1915-1916 **MD.NC/141/4**

Sunderland

Sunderland CBC, Military Hospitals 1914-1918 **209/118**

Sunderland RDC Soldiers and Sailors Family Relief Committee **T12/495**

South Tyneside

South Shields CBC: File re War Charities Act (1916) **T95/116**; National Relief Fund 1914-1919 **T179/470**

Military

Gateshead

Gateshead Borough Constabulary, records of recruits 1906-1968, includes particulars of military service **T144/4**

Gateshead Methodist Circuit, *Badges of the British Army: Twelve Months of War*, June 1 1915 **2095/71**

Newcastle

BBC Radio Newcastle, audio tapes of local history broadcasts e.g. *The Eve of World War I, The DLI and the Great War* **2482** (Book at least one week in advance in writing)

HMS Calliope, records of the Tyne Division RNR, various operational papers and memorabilia **1577/11-13**

Newcastle City Council, Certificate of Service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces of Sgt. Alexander Tait d. 12 Dec. 1915 Gallipoli **T132/76**

Christmas greeting cards from soldiers in France **486 Box 10650**

Poor Law Union: Transfer of institution inmates due to military occupation, papers; Bell family papers re. death of Pte. W.M. Bell, Sherwood Foresters c1918 **359/527/1-9 & 612**

Richardsons Leather Works: Sgt T. Sawyer, photograph, Ypres April 1915; Sgt Johnson, photograph c 1918 **161/76 & 78**

Tyne Pilotage Commission, loss of cutter Protector to mine 1916 and poster re Tyne defences **1060/919, 977 & 1076**

United Methodist Hall, Grantham Road, reports re damage during military occupation **C.NC36/10**

Personal Papers

Joseph Dugdale of the Special Reservists, soldiers small book 1914 **2215/1/3**

Lt W.B. Ellis (Army Service Corps): Royal Flying Corps Officers Certificate, 8 January 1916; RFC badge; letter from POW camp, Holzinden 10 October 1917 **DX618**

Ernest W Greenwood, memoirs 4-9 October 1917, photographs, nd (1914-18) **DX668**

William Falcus, Canadian Expeditionary Force, diary and papers 1915-1919 **DX228**

Liddle family, Benwell, postcards and photographs re. sons in the army **517**

R.E. Lumsden, nurse in Egypt and Salonika, diaries etc 1915-1918 **DX101**

Captain Peacock, medical papers, cartoons, especially re problem of lice, 1915-1918 **DX250**

North Tyneside

North Tyneside CBC file re King Edward School: use by military **T15/329**

E. Sherlock and Tyne Electrical Engineers, photographs **DX16/16/1-5**

South Tyneside

St Bede RC Church, unidentified photos of servicemen **C.SS29/31/96-98**

Sunderland

Barracks, plans 1870-1919 **202/13-54**

Personal Papers

Typescript copy of letter from Lt Mawson describing campaigns in Italy & Turkish attack, 20 May 1915 **1129/99**

Miscellaneous

French picture of the Battle of Yser 1914 **DX704**

William Wightman, 5th Batt, Northumberland Fusiliers, discharge certificate 1917 **DX413/7**

Peace Celebrations and Commemorations

Gateshead

The Illustrated Chronicle, showing portraits of Swalwell men in armed forces 1916 **DX97/1**

Newcastle

American military visit to Newcastle, photographs 1918 **DX763/3**

Easton family papers including victory garden party and 'Welcome Home' dinner 1919 **DX843/3-4**

Hawthorn Leslie, details of Forth Banks employees awarded war decorations **DS.HL/2/74**

Newcastle City Council: Children's Memento of the Signing of the Peace **53/3/149** (also 1692); City War Memorial, Eldon Square, details 1923 **604/814-5**; Edith Cavell Memorial Fund for the Northern Counties of England 1916-1925 **374/10**; Peace celebrations, circulars and brochures **362**; Peace celebrations, correspondence and minutes of the Victory festival Joint Sub-Committee **376/8**; RAF aircraft exhibition 1919, souvenir programme **604/90**; Visit of King George to War Memorial, Barras Bridge 1917 **604/811-2**

Peace celebrations 1919, photo's **2790**

Correspondence, 1919-25, re presentation of freedom of City of Newcastle to Marechal Foch **MF 215**

Photographs of end of war celebrations, Walker c1918 **DX995**

North Tyneside

Tynemouth CBC: Mayors proposed tour of the battlefields **T15/721**

South Tyneside

Peace Celebrations Official Programme 19 July, 1919 **Education Room 324**

Sunderland

Ford war memorial and 'Welcome Home' fund 1921-25 **852**

Post War Planning

North Tyneside

Tynemouth CBC, works after the war **T15/614**

Miscellaneous

After the War, Harold Kerr 1916 **604/1087**

Final report of the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Policy after the War 1918
359/530

Ministry of Reconstruction reports on forestry and agriculture 1918 **780/1650-5**

Lecture notes re the past and future development of electricity and its bearing on world
peace **1101/1217**

Ex-Servicemen

Newcastle

Associated Lead manufactures Ltd, list of male employees receiving war service
disablement pensions 1914-37 **1512/11729-11754**

City Council file re Disabled soldiers and sailors, correspondence with Board of Education
1918-1920 **486 Box 10690**

Newcastle contingent of Jewish ex-servicemen at London parade, photo 1930 **S.JS1/16/1**

Newcastle Tramways Department, investment of funds on behalf of William Webb, son of Septimus Webb, motorman, killed in action 1916 **T202/31**

Poor Law Union: Ex-servicemen in receipt of poor relief 1924; Papers re outdoor relief and disabled ex-servicemen **359/328 & 313**

North Tyneside

Tynemouth CBC files: Naval and Military Pensions Committee (includes Wallsend district); Land settlements of ex soldiers and sailors; Employment of disabled ex-servicemen (Kings roll); Disabled Ex-servicemen's Association **T15/619, 626-626A, 655 & 843,726**

Miscellaneous

Northern Counties Joint Disablement Committee, minutes 1917-1919 **G.NCD/1**

War memorials and Rolls of Honour

Gateshead

War memorial survey carried out by the Association of Northumberland Local History Societies 1992-93 **SX37**

(This survey has been superseded by the North East War Memorials Project and more details can be found on their website <http://www.newmp.org.uk>)

Cutting, programme, photographs and booklet re unveiling of Blaydon War Memorial 1923 **634/D529-532**

Newcastle

Commercial Exchange Co Ltd, roll of members who served 1914-1918 **DT.NCE/12**

Constabulary Roll of Honour of members of police and fire brigade serving in Great War **PA.NC/46**

DLI, 9th Battalion, plans of memorial 1921 **DX730/1/1-4**

Education Committee Employees Roll of Honour 1918 **486 Box 10601**

Gosforth Urban District Council volume re. war memorial 1918-27 **UD.GO/22**

Jesmond United Reformed Church links to 4 Batt. Tyneside Scottish including keeping colours, war memorials, photos of men killed **1931/92-6**

Newcastle City Council, roll of honour (list of members of the council, chief officials, their sons & grandsons, sons-in-law who joined the forces in WWI) 1918 **T237/1**

Newcastle City Council, Museums Dept, Eldon Square War Memorial – correspondence and cuttings re design & fund 1920-21 **T132/52,53**

Ralph Hedley Ltd, artistic and memorial carvers, various memorials and rolls of honour e.g. Tynemouth High School **DT.RH**

War Memorial for Gainford St. Peter's School 1920-3 **359/409**

North Tyneside

Churches: Our Lady and St Columba's RC. Wallsend, War Memorial Committee Minutes, 1920 **C.WA9/1/17**; Whitley Bay Congregational, order of service at unveiling of war memorial **1933/10**; St Columba's Methodist Church, Wideopen, roll of honour, listing church members who served in the war with names of regiment and whether killed in action **C.WD3/7**

Preston Colliery War Memorial, file 1934 **T15/ 950**

Unveiling of St Bartholomew's, Longbenton War Memorial, with roll of honour **1803/1/5**

Unveiling of Tynemouth War Memorial, photo 28 March 1925 **1630**

South Tyneside

Jarrow and Monkton Joint Burial Board Correspondence with the War Graves Commission, including list of graves and details of headstones **BB.HMJ/8/1-12**

South Shields War Memorial Committee, papers re proposed endowment of a children's hospital as an adjunct to Ingham Infirmary, including plans of war memorial cross 1919-26 **HO.ING/41**

Sunderland

Churches: Clockwell St. Methodist Church, Southwick, Sunderland Souvenir of the Great War listing church members served and fallen **C.SU51/19**; St Michael's RC Church, Houghton-le-Spring, list of those who died from the congregation 1914-1945 **C.HS2/42**

Silksworth and Tunstall Joint War Memorial Committee, photographs 1930's **CP.SI/8/1-3**

River Wear Commissioners, programme for the unveiling of the War Memorial by Colonel Vaux 1921 **202/3745**

Hetton-le-Hole UDC, files re War Graves Commission **220/273 and 286**

Sunderland Borough Council, Imperial War Graves Commission **270/File 214**

Newall's Insulation Co Ltd, letter re roll of honour, nd (c 1919) **1759/73**

Bede School, Sunderland: The Bedan (school magazine) 1915-1919, includes roll of honour and mini biographies of the fallen **E.SU3/1/23/10**

General

British Jewry Book of Honour 1922 **SX87/8 [access requires depositor's consent]**

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