



## War Medal Research Activity

Click on this link to see a First World War medal from our collection. Use this medal to practice using these free research resources. <https://www.culturenlmuseums.co.uk/SIModes/Detail/21385/>

This medal has information on it about the person who received it.

1. *What was the name of the person who was awarded this medal?*

To find out more about this medal click here <https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/first-world-war-service-medals>, or look at our Guide to Medals of the First World War information sheet.

2. *What is the name of this medal?*
3. *Why would you be awarded this medal?*
4. *What other information should we find ON this medal?*

Let's see what else we can find out. Visit these websites and use what you have discovered so far to search for the recipient.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead>

5. *What regiment did the recipient belong to?*
6. *What was his date of death?*
7. *What was the name of his wife?*
8. *Which town did he live in?*

<https://www.snwm.org/roll-search/>

9. *What rank did he hold?*

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There will be much more you can find out online about the recipient of a medal, but most other resources will incur a cost.

Try these:

Once you know which regiment the subject of your research served with you can get in touch with the relevant regimental museum. They might have information about your subject, but they will also have document like War Diaries which could help you piece together the story, even if they don't mention your subject by name. A list of regimental museums can be found here

<https://www.armymuseums.org.uk/region/scotland/>

These websites provide access to a variety of records such as censuses, parish records and military records. There is a charge to use them. <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/> <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

The National Archives hold many records relevant to people researching soldiers.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/first-world-war/>

Try your Local Library too – they will have local newspapers which will contain obituaries. Library staff will be able to help you with your research

<https://culturenl.co.uk/museums/archives-and-local-history-museums/airdrie-local-studies/>

<https://culturenl.co.uk/museums/archives-and-local-history-museums/motherwell-local-studies/>

The London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazette publish details of all military promotions and honours awarded. Searching through it can be a bit of a slog, but it is very comprehensive. <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

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