

A few useful websites with military records:

The National Archives: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Free to view. Pay to download (most) digitised documents. Only a few are free.

Many records now digitised. Otherwise see originals at Kew. View or download free on site'

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission: www.cwgc.org

Has records of [mostly] military deaths from the two world wars. Fairly easy to search. Free.

Ancestry.co.uk: www.ancestry.co.uk

A subscription website. Also hosts subsidiaries - **Fold3** [www.fold3.com] & **Newspapers** at additional cost.

As www.ancestry.com it is a worldwide family history etc website. USA weighted.

Can often see images of original records. Many useful 'military' records are archived on Fold3.

Has occasional 'free' weekends etc. Probably the best overall military/family history website.

Findmypast: www.findmypast.co.uk

A subscription website. Under previous names is possibly the oldest family history site.

Has lots of military records but many are transcriptions. Not the easiest site to navigate.

Has got very good newspaper archives (in conjunction with The British Newspaper Archive).

Naval & Military Archive: www.nmarchive.com

A subscription website. Contains many databases of military records. **Most manually indexed.**

Health warning: Most websites contain tens of millions (some billions) of records.

Most catalogue those records by scanning with computer algorithms to capture names etc.

Most are not that good. They get better but you can still be offered a huge selection to check.