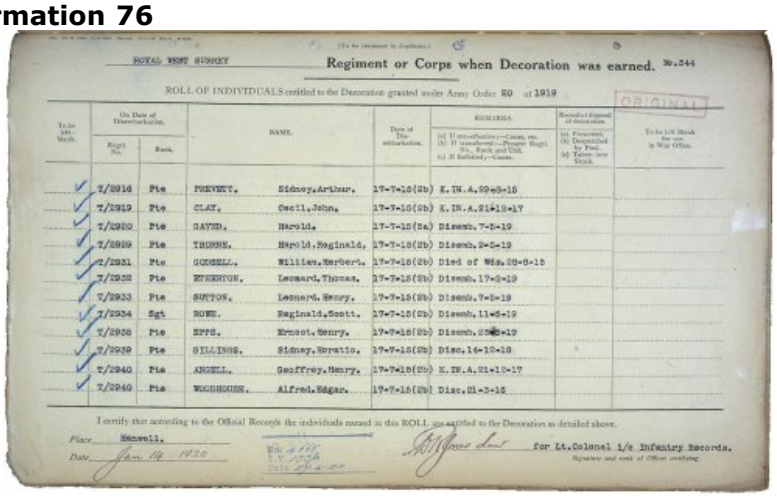
British Armed Services: Campaign Medals, and other Service Medals

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Regiment or Corps when Decoration was earned.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Decoration granted under Army Order 20 of 1919

ORIGINAL

	On Date of Disembarkation. Regt. No.	Rank.	NAME.	Date of Dis-embarkation.	REMARKS.	Received disposal of decoration.	To be left blank for use in War Office.
✓	7/2916	Pte	PREVETT,	Sidney,Arthur.	17-7-15(2b)	K.IN.A.29-8-15	
✓	7/2919	Pte	CLAY,	Cecil,John.	17-7-15(2b)	K.IN.A.21-12-17	
✓	7/2920	Pte	DAVID,	Harold.	17-7-15(2a)	Disemb.7-5-19	
✓	7/2929	Pte	THORNE,	Harold,Reginald.	17-7-15(2b)	Disemb.2-5-19	
✓	7/2931	Pte	GODSELL,	William,Herbert.	17-7-15(2b)	Died of Wds.28-8-15	
✓	7/2932	Pte	EVERETON,	Leonard,Thomas.	17-7-15(2b)	Disemb.17-5-19	
✓	7/2933	Pte	SUTTON,	Leonard,Henry.	17-7-15(2b)	Disemb.7-5-19	
✓	7/2934	Sgt	ROWE.	Reginald,Scott.	17-7-15(2b)	Disemb.11-5-19	
✓	7/2938	Pte	EFFS.	Ernest,Henry.	17-7-15(2b)	Disemb.23-5-19	
✓	7/2939	Pte	GILLINGS.	Sidney,Horatio.	17-7-15(2b)	Disc.14-12-18	
✓	7/2940	Pte	ANGELL.	Geoffrey,Henry.	17-7-15(2b)	K.IN.A.21-12-17	
✓	7/2940	Pte	WOODHOUSE.	Alfred,Edgar.	17-7-15(2b)	Disc.21-3-16	

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Decoration as detailed above.

Place Hounslow.

Date Jan 14 1920

for Lt.Colonel I/c Infantry Records.

WO 329/2614, World War One Campaign Medal Roll

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1. Campaign Medals

Campaign or War Medals were awarded to members of the armed services, for taking part in a campaign or for service in time of war. Medals or Stars were awarded for a campaign or war (e.g. the Crimean War). Clasps were often added to the medal for taking part in particular battles within that campaign or war (e.g. Balaklava).

Information about the award of campaign medals is recorded on medal rolls. These are usually arranged by regiment/battalion (for the Army) or by ship (for the Royal Navy), then by rank, then name. Medal rolls do not give detailed information about individuals: they record the recipients' regimental/service number, and a note of the clasps to which he or she was entitled.

a) Before 1914

Before 1914, there are no indexes, so details about an individual can be difficult to find unless you know quite a lot about his service already.

- Army, 1793-1902: see WO 100
- Royal Navy and Royal Marines, 1793-1902: see ADM 171

b) First World War, 1914-1918

All servicemen of all services, some women, and some civilians, were eligible for one or more campaign medals if they served abroad. These records are the nearest we have to a full "roll-call" for the First World War. For more information, consult E Joslin, A Litherland and B Simpkin, *British Battles and Medals* (1988).

Medal	Awarded for
1914 Star	For service under fire in France and Belgium, 5 August-22 November 1914. Includes sailors serving ashore.
1914-1915 Star	For service in all other theatres of war, 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915; and for service in France and Belgium, 23 November 1914-31 December 1915
British War Medal	For service abroad (including India) 5 August 1914 - 11 November 1918, or 1919-1920 in Russia.
Silver War Badge	For retirement, or discharge due to sickness or wounds caused by war service, at home or abroad, after 4 August 1914
Victory Medal	For military and civilian personnel who served in a theatre of war.
Territorial Force War Medal	To members of the Territorial Forces who joined before 30 September 1914 and served in a theatre of war between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1918.

The medal rolls are variously arranged and accessed for each service. Search for and download First World War medal cards from DocumentsOnline. Access is free onsite at The National Archives.

i) Army and Royal Flying Corps

The Army Medal Office card index is in WO 372 . A card gives the soldier's name, corps (regiment), rank, regimental number, perhaps the first theatre of war served in, and date of entry therein, as well as other remarks, and of course the medals awarded. It also gives an original reference to the formal medal rolls in WO 329 . Advice on how to turn this into a modern reference is available at The National Archives.

The medal rolls in WO 329 give only one more piece of information than the card index - the battalion number. This can be important if you want to find the battalion war diary: see British Army War Diaries: First World War, 1914-1918.

ii) Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Naval Air Service

The medal rolls are in several sequences. Entries in the medal rolls are in alphabetical order, so there is no need for an index.

Royal Navy: Officers	ADM 171/89 , ADM 171/90 and ADM 171/91
Royal Navy: Ratings	ADM 171/94-119
Royal Marines: Officers	ADM 171/92 and ADM 171/93
Royal Marines: NCOs and Men	ADM 171/167
Royal Naval Reserve: Officers	ADM 171/92 and ADM 171/93
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve: Ratings	ADM 171/125
Mercantile Marine Reserve: Ratings	ADM 171/130
Miscellaneous: e.g. WRNS, canteen staff	ADM 171/133

iii) Royal Air Force

There are no medal rolls in The National Archives for men who joined after the formation of the RAF in April 1918, although they did receive the relevant medals. See W Spencer, *Air Force Records for Family Historians* (Public Record Office, 2000), Chapter 10.

iv) Abbreviations found in ADM 171

Interpretation of the abbreviations used in some of the medal rolls:

1914 ST. or 14 ST. = 1914 Star

1914 ST. C. = 1914 Star and Clasp

ST. = 1914-1915 Star

B. = British War Medal

V. = Victory Medal

Comments and remarks:

R. = Run (See F. below)

D. = Discharged with Disgrace

DUPS. = Duplicates issued

I.C.1000/1914, etc. = Refers to relevant N.L. (Wills paper)

Issued details:

S.	= Self
FR.	= Father
MR.	= Mother
SR.	= Sister
BR.	= Brother
W.	= Wife
WW.	= Widow
DR.	= Daughter
GODMR.	= Godmother
GODFR.	= Godfather
GRDMR.	= Grandmother
GRDFR.	= Grandfather
UNIV. LEG.	= Universal Legatee
RES.LEG.	= Residual Legatee
LEG.REP.	= Legal Representative
EXECR.	= Executor
EXECX.	= Executrix
ADMINR.	= Administrator
ADMINX	= Administratix

A.M.	= Issued to Air Ministry for disposal to man
W.O.	= Issued to War Office for disposal to man
B.o.T.	= Issued to Board of Trade for disposal to man
By A.M.	= Issued by Air Ministry (for service in RAF)
By W.O.	= Issued by War Office (for service in Army)
By B.o.T.	= Issued by Board of Trade (for service in the Merchant Service)
F.	= Forfeited ("R"(Run) or "D"(Discharged with Disgrace) normally a code or reason is given
C. of P.	= Commissioner of Police
N.O.....	= Navy Office Wellington etc.
D.N.D. Ottawa	= Dept.of National Defence Ottawa
Nav.Rep.	= Naval Representation, Commonwealth of Australia
B.N.M. Athens	= British Naval Mission to Greece
D.R.I.M.	= Director Royal Indian Marine
3920000 etc.	= Refers to relevant Medal issue paper

c) Inter-war period, 1920-1939

Royal Naval and Royal Air Force campaign medal rolls are not in The National Archives. Write to the relevant Medal Offices: the addresses are given below. A number of campaign medal rolls for the army up to 1939 are included in WO 100 , pieces 398 to 410; these include service medal rolls for operations

in Iraq, Africa and India. Microfilms of the original lists of campaign medals and award rolls submitted by regiments and units of officers and men for the interwar period 1919-1938 have recently been made available on the Catalogue under the reference WO 100/411-493 and are accessible in the Microfilm Reading Room. They include the General Service Medal and India General Service Medal.

d) Second World War, 1939-1945, and later

Campaign medal rolls are not in The National Archives. Write to the Armed Services Medal Office at the address given below.

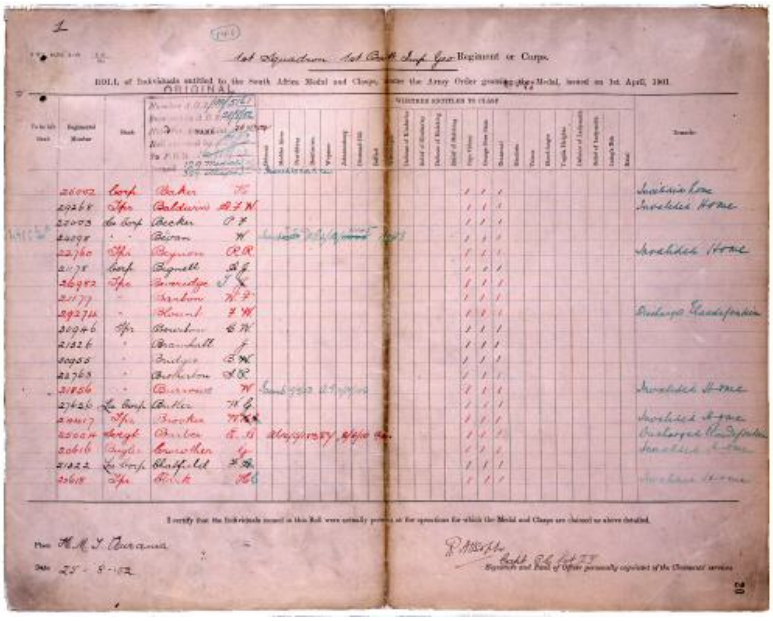
2. Long Service and Good Conduct Medals

These medals were awarded to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and other ranks. They were not dependent on having seen action.

- Army: see WO 101 and WO 102 ; and also WO 32 code 50.
- Royal Navy and Royal Marines: see ADM 171 ; and also ADM 1 and ADM 201 .
- RAF Long Sevice and Good Conduct Medal, George V, in Air Ministry Orders AIR 72

3. Commemorative Medals

For recipients of the Jubilee Medal 1897; the Royal Victorian Medal 1901 (for taking part in Queen Victoria's funeral); the Coronation Medals 1901 and 1911, and the Delhi Durbar Medals 1903 and 1911, see WO 100 , WO 330 and ADM 171 . Rolls for the 1935 Jubilee, 1937 Coronation, 1953 Coronation and 1977 Jubilee, are available in The National Archives' Library.



WO 100/120, War Office Campaign Medal Roll, 1793-1949

Medals have been awarded for service in the Arctic between 1818 and 1855 and 1875 and 1876. Service between these dates included the search for the North West Passage and the searches for Sir John Franklin. The Polar Medal was introduced for Arctic and Antarctic exploration from 1904.

The National Archives' Library has a copy of The Polar Medal Roll (1902-1999), which includes alphabetical and chronological lists of awards, with National Archives references to the main sources in ADM 1 , ADM 171 and the *London Gazette* (ZJ 1).

4. Replacing and Claiming Medals

- It is no longer possible to replace campaign medals issued for service before 1920.
- Replacement of medals issued for service after 1920 is still possible.
- Write to the relevant address, as given below.

5. Armed Services Medal Office

Contact:

- Ministry of Defence Medal Office, AFPAA (JPAC), Building 250, RAF Innsworth, Gloucester, GL3 1HW (telephone: 0800 085 3600).

6. Bibliography

The following recommended publications are available in the The National Archives' Library. The National Archives' Library also holds medal rolls for all major wars.

- *A handbook of British and Foreign Orders, War Medals and Decoration awarded to the Army and Navy: chiefly described from those in the collection of A. A. Payne, l.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. of which there are some 2,500* (Polstead, 1981)
- W H Fevyer and J W Wilson, *The 1914 Star to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines* (London,1995)
- Lawrence L Gordon, *British battles and medals: a description of every campaign medal and bar awarded since the Armada, with the historical reasons for their award and the names of all the ships, regiments and squadrons of the Royal Air Force whose personnel are entitled to them* (nd)
- E C Joslin, A R Litherland and B T Simpkin, *British battles and medals*, (London, 1988)
- William Spencer, *Medals: the researcher's guide* (Kew, 2006)

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