Databases, websites, blogs for World War 1

Databases

The First World War: personal experiences
Digitised primary source documents from archives around the world, including diaries, letters, personal narratives, trench journals, scrapbooks, objects, and a wealth of visual sources. This resource provides a rich source of information on personal experiences of war. Supplementing the primary sources is a wealth of secondary resources including interactive maps, 360° panoramas and walk-throughs of the Sanctuary Wood Trench System, the Memory Wall, In Their Own Words feature, scholarly essays, a slideshow gallery, chronology and glossaries.

FindMyPast, free access to certain records available onsite only at SLQ, contains searchable WW1 records for Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Ireland. The records are located under ‘Armed Forces and Conflict’.

Ancestry, free access to certain records available onsite only at the SLQ, holds some searchable WW1 records for USA, UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, among other European records.

Newspaper databases
(Log in from home using your SLQ membership)

Irish Newspaper Archive – A digitised collection of around 40 historical and current newspapers from Ireland dating back to the 18th century.

Times Digital Archives – Complete digital edition of The Times (London), searchable by keyword, and including all articles, advertisements plus illustrations and photos.

19th century British Library newspapers – Searchable full text of full runs of newspapers specially selected by the British Library to best represent nineteenth-century Britain. It includes national and regional newspapers, as well as newspapers from: established country or university towns; the new industrial powerhouses of the manufacturing Midlands; and Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

You may also be able to find stories and/or photos relating to World War 1 and the people who served through the following online resources:

Historic Australian Newspapers, available through the National Library of Australia. It includes publications from all states.

Papers Past, made available through the National Library of New Zealand. It includes publications from all regions of New Zealand.
Websites

51 links for Australian military history and research
Alona Tester collated these sites in December 2011. They cover the Boer War, WW1 and 11. Facebook sites are also included.

Australian ANZACs in the Great War 1914-1918
This database has been created from a variety of publicly available resources, and as such may not be a complete record of all who served.

Australian War Graves Photographic Archive
"The Australian War Graves Photographic Archive is committed to digitally photographing every Australian War Grave and Memorial Commemoration of Australia's Armed Forces." You can Search the Archive for war graves. It is an educational site for people who are interested in material on WWI and WWII.

Australians at war
Australians at war commemorates the service and sacrifice of Australia's veterans over the past one hundred years. The site complements the ABC television series of the same name.

Digger history: an unofficial history of the Australian & New Zealand Armed Services
"This site covers all conflicts with details of Australian and New Zealand soldiers as well as enemy soldiers. It includes information about uniforms, medals, posters and signs, badges, armour, military history, memorials, colours and flags, planes, tanks, weapons, food, nurses, poetry, and humour."

World War I Document Archive
Principally contains copies of documents relating to World War I, such as treaties, conventions and official papers. It also contains a wealth of other war-related material, such as personal memoirs, accounts of the medical service, biographical data, and war images.

Blogs

State Library of Queensland - Queensland’s World War 1 Centenary

Queensland State Archives - First World War blog

Australian War Memorial - Blog

The National Archives (Great Britain) - First World War

The British Library - World War One

University of Oxford - World War I: Continuations and beginnings