

**DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE FIRST WORLD WAR  
IN THE LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE**

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**From the Front: General**

CC/EXV 2	Plaque and medals concerning Private William Barber of the South Lancashire Regiment
DDB acc. 6685	Copy letters from the Front of ?Reginald B Parker, 1915 (Box 85); account of the war written from letters and diaries by ?Col. J W Parker (Box 85); letters, articles etc. for the <u>Green Howard Gazette</u> , 1914-20 (Boxes 120-121); war papers of Col. John Parker (Box 161)
DDBL accs. 6519, 7725, 9690	Correspondence, diaries of war experiences, photographs, newspapers, signal books, notebooks, plans, secret orders etc. of Captain F N Blundell, cavalry officer, in England, France and Ireland, 1914-16, 1918
DDFL	Diaries, letters etc. of Thomas Hope Floyd (1896-1973) of Chorlton-cum-Hardy and the 2/5 Lancashire Fusiliers, 1916-19, including service on the Western Front <u>See</u> LRO Annual Report 1973
DDO acc. 4220	Letters of Mrs Eileen Beach concerning her husband Major Lionel Beach's war service and wounding in Palestine 1917-18 (Box 11)
DDPK 40/7-8 at Gallipoli,	Scrapbooks of "letters and cuttings collected by Marjorie Pilkington Windle Hall", including letters and copies of letters from family members and friends on active service, and photographs of 1912-19
DDSPB acc. 7786	Papers relating to the military service of John Spiby 1917-18, 1968 and 1974 (Box 5 bdle. 4)

- DDX 2/46-47 Letters to and bills of Lt H Bryce Smith, Loyal North Lancs. Regt., 1915-16
- DDX 152/9 Official diary of "A" Battery, 330th Brigade R.F.A. (T.F.), 25 Feb. 1917 - 27 Sep. 1918
- DDX 153/5/8 Postcard from S G Corlett to C Cole concerning his army training, 1916
- DDX 525/4 Account of the experiences of a Prisoner of War, Mar. - Nov. 1918
- DDX 579/22 Death notices and newspaper obituaries of 2/Lt R W A Usher of Pendleton, killed in France in action with the Lancashire Fusiliers, May 1917
- DDX 872/2/1-2/21 Letters from Signaller Ben Carbis and Corporal Tom Carbis, serving with 1/4th South Lancashire Regiment on the Western Front, 1914-15
- DDX 883/4 Lancashire Daily Post, 25 Oct. 1914, containing war news
- DDX 971 Military papers of Alfred White of Hurst, 1906-15
- DDX 1060/1-2 Papers concerning the war service and demobilisation of James Gradwell of Leigh, 1919-20
- DDX 1141/1/43 Register of members of Nelson and District Association of Warp Dressers on active service, 1914-19 (fully indexed on LANCAT: gives dates of enlistment and discharge plus date of death and some addresses)
- DDX 1193/1/8 Photograph of an invalid soldier, Aug. 1917
- DDX 1237/3-4 War diaries of George Ashworth of Bacup, as sick bay rating, including service at Gallipoli, visit to Egypt 1915-16; in Plymouth area, short visit to Irish rebellion 1916-17; voyage to Far East round Africa to Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong 1917- 18; in Vladivostock with Allied Intervention Forces, visits to China, Japan, Korea etc., return home through Suez Canal 1918-19; with other war records 1916-35
- DDX 1246 Letters of William Rothwell, serving with the Pay Corps in France, to Clara Ainsworth, Cloughfold, Manchester, 1918-19, with photos  
1/1-9, 2/8-10
- DDX 1267/2/3 Letter from Pte. H Baker, 7th Manchester Regt., Khartoum, describing his journey to and impressions of the Sudan and Egypt, 6 Oct. 1914

- DDX 1302 Papers of W H Barnes of Burnley, Secretary of the Burnley branch of the British Legion, including scrapbooks of photographs of soldiers and visits to WW1 battlefields, and letters from the Front of his 5 brothers, serving with the East Lancs. Regiment and the Connaught Rangers, 1914-15
- DDX 1312/1 Diary of J Hanslip of Burnley, gunner on board the tramp steamer SS *Plawsworth*, owned by the DalGLISH Shipping Co, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, describing sailing on her maiden voyage from Falmouth *via* Gibraltar, Malta, North Africa, the Suez Canal, Aden and Colombo [Ceylon] to Rangoon [Burma] with a cargo of coal, returning to London with coconut oil and other cargo, 19 Sep. 1917 -10 Feb. 1918; the writer describes evasive action to dodge submarines and takes an interest in places visited and ships seen, giving weather reports and much information about the convoy system in wartime
- DDX 1614/1 Copy letter book and scrapbook of letters from Chorley soldiers serving on the Western Front, 1914-15, with newscuttings relating to Gallipoli, 1915
- DDX 1824 Letters of John Law, 17th Manchester Regt., killed in action in France, 10 July 1916, 1915-16
- DDX 1862 First World War diaries: 'The Story of a Wasted Life from July 31st to March 6th 1919' by Gunner Robert Chadwick on active service in France and diary of Private Robert Ingham on active service in Greece and Turkey 1916 to 1918 (both were from Accrington)
- DDX 1874 Letters (11) from the Front of Frederick Wilkinson, Royal Naval Division, 1914-1917, talking about his experiences in France as part of the British Expeditionary Force, Verdun, his training, rations, trenches and trenchfoot; ration and registration cards, 1915-17
- DDX 1908 acc. 7048 WW1 correspondence (Box 4)
- DDX 1930/1 Photograph of sailor [at Scapa Flow?]
- DDX 1946/1 Demobilization certificate, 1919
- DDX 1947 acc. 7260 Commission of F E S Satterthwaite as 2/Lt 1915 and Grenade Instructor's certificate 1916

- DDX 2084/1/1      Diary of Cpl Joshua Kelsall, recording his experiences on active service in France with the Rifle Brigade, including trench warfare and the Christmas truce, 1914-15  
**CLOSED [TRANSCRIPT AVAILABLE IN THE SEARCHROOM]**
- DDX 2110/1      Letter lamenting the writer's son's death in action against the Turks, 1919
- DDX 2118/1      WW1 poems by Private D A Vincent, London Regiment, 1917
- DDX 2379/38      Private Harry Bradshaw, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, pay book including his will and loose items including a copy of attestation, notice of his capture and certificate of demobilisation 1915-1926
- DDX 2379/39      Private James Kershaw, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, Soldier's Small Book and loose items including notice of his death in France on 10 July 1916, 1916-1922
- DDX 2463 acc 9664      Illustrated envelopes from letters to his wife from Albert Edward Corbyn box 8 an  
of Lowestoft, from the Front [one of the drawings was later used as an official Christmas card]
- DDX 2256      Diary (with transcript) of an unknown soldier of the 6<sup>th</sup> Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, on active service in Mesopotamia, 1916-18
- SMKE 3/18      Volume of photographs and details of the career of old boys of Kearsley Moor C.E. School and parish in WW1, with roll of honour, 1914-17

### **The Home Front: Hospitals**

- DDTA acc. 5865      Cuerden Auxiliary Hospital records 1915-19  
Box 2
- DDX 153/5/13      Programmes for the dedication of a motor ambulance provided by Newton in Makerfield Teachers' War Aid Association, n.d.
- DDX 637/1      Book of reminiscences of life at the Auxiliary Military Hospital, Moor Park, Preston, 1914-19, by Nurse E F de Trafford
- DDX 706/6/4      Blackpool Military Hospital magazine 1916-19
- DDX 885/1/1-3      Queen Mary's Military Hospital, Whalley, lists of patients and miscellaneous returns, 1915-19

- DDX 885/1/4 VAD discharge certificate, 1920
- DDX 1254/1/34 Plan of Queen Mary's Military Hospital, Whalley, 1915
- DDX 1564 acc. 5451 Papers concerning the use of Cuerden Hall as an auxiliary military  
Box 3 hospital, 1915
- DDX 1904/1 Autograph album, mainly signed by servicemen at Langho Military  
Hospital, Whalley, during WW1
- DDX 2429 acc. 9543 Certificate issued by council of St John VAD Hospital,  
Southport, to Winifred Scholes for services in First World War  
1919
- HRBP 1 acc. 7280 Photograph of convalescent soldiers at Blackpool Victoria Hospital,  
WW1
- HRCX Colne Auxiliary Military Hospitals, Albert Road and West End,  
registers 1915-19
- MBH 3/21 Haslingden M.B.C.: Military Hospital Committee minutes 1917-19
- P 194/1 Photocopy of book of photographs of Queen Mary's Military  
Hospital, Whalley (later Calderstones Hospital), c1916  
*Scenes include interior and exterior views, hospital railway, troops  
arriving from the Somme, wards, cinema and theatre,  
kitchens, sports, Christmas celebrations etc*
- PR 5025/2/3-4, Scarisbrick Voluntary Aid Detachment minutes and annual report  
2/11/1 1914-17

### **The Home Front: General**

NOTE: Most local authority collections include some committee minutes and files relating to wartime activities, eg. Adlington U.D. Food Control Committee minutes, 1917-20 (UDAD 2/1-2); not all such records are listed here.

- CC/CCV 62 Photograph of Lancashire County Council staff in army uniform,  
Dec. 1914
- CC/SF 1 Lancashire and Western Sea Fisheries Joint Committee:  
correspondence file concerning fishing in wartime, 1914-40 (File  
43/1)

CULI/6/57	Young Crescent - magazine issued by Crescent Sunday school to former members serving abroad during the First World War, May 1915 - Apr 1919
DDCL acc. 1325 1)	Bundle of papers, notebooks etc. relating to National Service (Box 1)
DDHH 1/340	Sales particulars for HM Factory, White Lund, Lancaster, 1927
DDPSL 15/4/9	Photograph of women munitions workers, Oldham
DDSP/77/6	Trawden UDC WW1 correspondence – circulars etc relating inter alia to Belgian refugees and war damage 1914-18
DDSM	Sutton Manor Colliery minutes, accounts and papers 1906-50 [include some war damage files – WW2?]
DDTS Box 38	North West Lancashire Volunteer Regiment correspondence files, 1918-19
DDWW 4/5/29	Agreement and correspondence regarding troops' occupation of premises at Home Farm, Scarisbrick, Feb. 1915
DDX 11/1	Minute book of the Preston Volunteer Training Corps, 1 Jul. 1915 – 10 Apr. 1923 <u>See H Cartmell, <i>For Remembrance: an Account of Some Fateful Years</i> (n.d. 1919?), pp. 114-115</u>
DDX 519/21	Photocopy of a printed dialect poem, "A Lancashire Lad's Comments", by William Ellison of Oldham, commenting on the Great War, 1916
DDX 920/4	Notice of hearing at Oldham Local Tribunal, 1918
DDX 978 passim	Recollections (for essay competition) of WW1 service and civilian life, esp. DDX 978/1/3/2, 1/29/10 (false age on enlistment), 1/31/3 (RFC)
DDX 1052/3/1 1914-18	Volume of LNWR staff circulars on pay, enlistment etc., 1914-18
DDX 1059/2	2 service exemption certificates, 1916
DDX 1096/13	Lancashire Constabulary notices concerning evacuations in the event of a "Hostile Raid on West Coast", 30 Jul. 1915
DDX 1101/37/1	Burnley Red Cross League committee minutes 1914-19

- DDX 1101/80 Military Service Act 1916 applications for exemption (Burnley) 1916-18
- DDX 1101/94/1 Royal Patriotic Fund register (Burnley), 1914-18
- DDX 1101/102 SSFA Burnley Branch minutes etc 1914-22
- DDX 1137/3/20, 22, 145-164 Letters to Selina Cooper concerning women's work in the war, conscientious objectors, and her own role on the Local Munitions Tribunal, 1915-18
- DDX 1200 Blackpool Old Contemptibles minutes 1961-74, accounts 1939-76
- DDX 1230/1 Photograph of "The Staff, Army Pay Office No. 2, Preston", October 1917
- DDX 1246/2/8-10 Photographs: Belgian refugees at Rawtenstall, group of soldiers, RFC men, n.d.
- DDX 1252/1 Meat rationing coupons, n.d. [c.1918]
- DDX 1357, Co, DDX 1701 Papers relating to work on munitions during WW1 by S S Stott & iron and brass founders, Haslingden
- DDX 1372/1 Preston Motor Volunteer Corps muster roll, c.1917
- DDX 1795/5/2/4 "War Agricultural Committees, Their Functions and Duties", an article by W Fitzherbert-Brockholes reprinted from the Preston Guardian, 11 Dec. 1915
- DDX 1901 acc. 7026 Lancaster Borough Peace celebration photographs and programme, 1919
- DDX 2061 acc. 7822 Printed history of Preston station servicemen's free buffet during WW1  
See also H Cartmell, For Remembrance: an Account of Some Fateful Years (n.d. 1919?), pp. 182-185
- DDX 2093 Papers relating to a voyage by the Hodkinson family on a troopship to Australia, 1918
- DDX 2379/37 Darwen-related First World War ephemera including National Registration Card; Egg Collection Card; Health Memoranda for programme for the presentation of an ambulance; news cutting  
1915-1918

DDX 2451 acc 9624 Lancaster Detention	Illustrated prize certificate for 'Olympic Games' at Camp 1915
FCPR 4/1 1917	Preston Free Church War Service autumn campaign pamphlet
FRP 18 /8/14-15 circulars and containing details	Preston Monthly Meeting, Society of Friends (Quakers): questionnaire regarding Quaker enlistment, with forms of Preston members' wartime service, 1915-17
LCC	Lancashire County Council: War Agricultural Cttee. minutes 1915- 18 (WAM), War Agricultural Cttee. Executive Sub-Cttee. minutes 1916-19 (WCM), War Agricultural Cttee. Cultivation Sub-Cttee. minutes 1918-19 (WEM), War Pensions Cttee. minutes 1916-21 (WPM 1, WFM 1)
LV/12	Papers concerning "the Lancashire County Organization for Comforts for Soldiers", 1915 (3 items)
MBP 5 acc. 9512	Raikes Parade Methodist Church, Blackpool: Belgium Refugees Fund and British POW Fund minutes 1914-18
MBH  (46/1)	<u>Haslingden M.B.C.:</u> Prince of Wales War National Relief Fund cash book 1914-46  Patriotic Committee minutes 1916-19 (47/1) Correspondence concerning British Prisoners of War in Germany, 1918-19 (47/2)
MBLA acc 8326 Box 126	Lancaster Local Tribunal copy letter book (out letters), May 1917-Aug 1918
MBLA	<u>Lancaster Borough Council</u> Letters from Government departments, 1912-18 (MBLA 3/1-7) Letters from organisations concerned with the war effort, 1914-18 (MBLA 4/5) Sanction under DORA for the widening of Caton Road including a plan in connection with the workings of Caton and National factories (MBLA acc. 4797 Box 55)
PLA acc. 5335 Malines, 1914	Certificate of good character of Belgian refugees from  Diary of a Lancashire Constabulary Superintendent apparently overseeing the internment of enemy aliens, dealing with Belgian refugees, and preparing strategic points for defence from enemy action, 1914-15



PLA acc. 5735	<u>Police Gazette</u> 1916-20 containing national lists of armed services deserters
PR 2908/9/5	<u>What You Can Do For Your Country</u> : an appeal to the boys and girls of Empire by Beatrix Lyall, n.d. [c.1915]
PR 2955/6/2	Royal proclamation urging economy in the use of grain, 1917
PR 3007/2/17	C of E Temperance Society War Pledge signed by residents of Longton, 1915-16
PR 3031/14/11 1919	Proclamation of King George V on the end of the war, Jun. 1919
PR 3042/4/37	List of subscriptions raised at Brindle St James "towards a Hut for our Soldiers at the Front", 22 Jun. 1918
PR 3217/14/3	Papers concerning the transport arrangements for a Chinese Labour contingent, 1917
QEV 18/1-3	Printed notices, including list of Admiralty rewards for information about enemy ships, 1915
RDG 24/12	Letters relating to Belgian refugees, 1914
RDP 20/4	Preston Local Tribunal minute book 1916-18
SMWR 27	Wrea Green War Food League, form of undertaking to cultivate garden, 1918
TA	Appeals Tribunal: forms and memoranda: group and class systems administration, list of tribunal members, circular letters, list and plan of areas, notices to farmers, notes on cases, lists of certified occupations, regulations, conscientious objector applications, Home Office and Board of Trade pamphlets For use of these records, cf. Keith Grieves, "Audenshaw Tribunal in the First World War", <u>Manchester Region History Review</u> III.2 (1989-90)
UDAD/5/4	Adlington U.D. Local Tribunal minutes Nov. 1915 - Nov. 1918
UDBA acc 3274 Boxes 12-13	National Registration forms for all adults in Barrowford, c.1915
UDCL	<u>Clayton-le-Moors U.D.C.</u> : Relief Cttee. minutes 1914-19 (7/7) Volunteer Training Corps papers 1916-19 (7/8)

(53/2) Local tribunal minutes 1915-18 (53/1) and letter book 1916-18

UDFO Formby UDC  
Local Tribunal minutes, 1915 – 1918 (2/22/3)

UDTH Thornton-Cleveleys U.D.C. letter books: War Tribunal 1915-18 and National Service 1917 (3/23), War Relief 1916-18 (3/24)

UDTU 8/1 Turton U.D.C., Church Town & Edgworth War Relief Cttee. minutes 1914-15

UDWE 16/8 Westhoughton Security Appeal Tribunal minutes 1916-18  
**[Transferred to Bolton AS]**

UDWH 8/5 Whitworth UDC, minutes of Relief Committee for the families of enlisted men 1914-15; and (UDWH 33/27) maintenance records of families of enlisted soldiers 1914-18

### **Rolls of honour**

DDX 1237/4/20 Borough of Bacup Roll of Honour, included in Peace Celebrations booklet 1919

DDX 1440/5 Preston and District Boy Scouts' Association Record Book 1913-1934 including a list of 'Scouts who have Fallen', 1919

DDX 2116/9 Colne and District Roll of Honour, 1914-1918

MBMO/HE acc. 6850 Morecambe and Heysham roll of honour 1914-18  
box 2

MPR 23/5 Preston, Ribblesdale Avenue Methodist Church roll of honour 1914-18, compiled 1980

PR 2448/43 Roll of Garstang men serving in the Army and Navy, 1914-19

PR 2941/3/14 Roll of honour, Southport Christ Church

PR 3142/14/13 Roll of parishioners of St Cuthbert's CE Church, Darwen, who served in the First World War

UDCL 31/11-12 Greater Accrington roll of honour with index, 1919

(Microfiche) Burnley and District Roll of Honour, 1914-1918

(Microfiche) Nelson St John's Ambulance Roll of Honour, 1914-1918

## War memorials

- CBP 90/1 Papers mostly regarding the unveiling of the Preston War Memorial, 13 June 1926, including circulars, ceremonial programme with roll of honour; papers regarding the War Memorial Fund; tickets; contact list of dependents of deceased soldiers; papers regarding procedures for ceremony; and photographs of the ceremony.  
Also includes some papers regarding the unveiling of the South African War Memorial, May 1925; and events marking Armistice Day in Nov 1927, including the unveiling of the roll of honour.
- DDX 386/12 Minutes and correspondence concerning Garstang and district war memorial, 1919
- DDX 777/4 Hutton Grammar School, order of service for the dedication of the War Memorial Gates  
See also DDX 777/35, 38/1 and 39
- DDX 864/14-15 Postcards of Oldham Great War Memorial
- MBH 47/3 Photographs of Ecclesfield war memorial, c.1920
- PR 2861/7 Billington War Memorial, schedule of names, 1914-18
- PR 2950/39 Colne war memorial plans, correspondence, accounts, 1919-22
- PR 2973/22/4 Faculty for Preston St Paul war memorial church yard cross, 1920
- PR 2979/8/2 Programme for the unveiling of the war memorial *et al.*, Nateby, 1921-30
- PR 2980/9/1 Faculty for war memorial, Ribby-with-Wrea, 1921
- PR 3014/1/3 Waddington war memorial committee minute book, accounts etc., 1918-22
- PR 3035/5/5 Faculty for a war memorial brass, Slaidburn, 1921
- PR 3284/4/50 Chipping St Bartholomew, minutes and accounts of the committee for erecting a war memorial, 1919-21
- PR 5010/8 Freckleton P.C. War Memorial Cttee. minutes, 1921-24

PR 5025/2/5 & 2/12 Scarisbrick War Memorial Committee minutes and correspondence 1919

UDCH 6/1 Church U.D.C. War Memorial Cttee. minutes

UDCL 31/11-12 Clayton-le-Moors war memorial, including correspondence, lists and particulars of the fallen, commemorative programme, list of decorated servicemen etc., 1917-21

UDGH 15/2 Great Harwood U.D.C.: War Memorial Committee minutes, with plans, photograph and accounts 1919-25

UDLI 6/4 Littleborough U.D.C. War Memorial Fund

UDTR 10/4/1-3 Trawden war memorial

(Microfiche) Colne War Memorial, 1914-1918

(Microfiche) Blacko War Memorial, 1914-1918

DDX 2509 Biographical details of staff listed in Lancashire County Hall War Memorial 1914-1918

DDX 2503 Papers for the Unveiling Ceremony for the First World War Memorial, Belthorn, 1920

### **Selected printed material**

British Red Cross Society, East Lancs. Branch, Illustrated Account of the Work of the Branch During the First Year of the War (1916), including reports, staff lists etc. of Red Cross Hospitals in Greater Manchester and East Lancashire

H P Gray, "Grangethorpe Hospital, Rusholme, 1917-29", TLCAS 78 (1975)

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