

Further Information

It is possible using the Regimental Number & Unit details, to obtain further details of a man's service from the Ministry of Defence, Medal Index cards, these are available at the [Public Record Office](#), London, or from the Ministry of Defence, Bourne Ave, Hayes, Middlesex. Please note that men were not given a unique regimental number until 1920, it is therefore possible to find two men with the same number, but in different regiments.

Shown below is the type of information which may be obtained from the medal index cards, using James Henry Coles details as an example, taken from the Leeds index.

Example

Leeds Library Index

NAME : James Henry Coles

Ref. no.	Surname	Forename	Number	Rank	Unit
1843LW	Coles	James Henry	42281	Spr	RC.CO Royal Engineers

Medal Index Card - as obtained from Public Record Office.

James Henry Coles

West Yorkshire Regiment as a private - Army No 14546
 The Training Reserve Battalion - Army No 20406
 The Labour Corps - Army No 164409
 The Royal Engineers - Army No WR/42281(Roads and Quarries)

Medals Awarded - British War and Victory Medals.

This index does not contain details of men killed or dying of other causes, reference should be made to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission, for these details. The war graves registers are now on the Internet at <http://www.cwgc.org>. Soldiers records have now been transferred from the M.o.D. to the P.R.O. and will gradually be made available. Some of the records which were damaged in the second world war, are known as the " Burnt records" these will not be available until the early part of the next century, after restoration.

Street Index

The reference number before every soldiers name in the voting list, is the means by which the street in which the soldier was registered for voting rights may be found. The area of the city is given after the reference number, (i.e. 1234NE = Leeds North East).

C = Leeds Central
 LN = Leeds North
 NE = Leeds North East
 SE = Leeds South East
 LW = Leeds West
 LS = Leeds South

It was necessary when compiling the street index to put most of the reference numbers in a street into a block as shown below.

1234 LW Benson Gardens
 1235 LW " "
 1236 LW " "
 1237 LW " "
 1238 LW " ") = 1234/1241
 1239 LW " "
 1240 LW " "
 1241 LW " "

All reference numbers shown in Benson Gardens will appear in the block number 1234/1241. The criteria is followed throughout the street index

If you wish to obtain details of the address for a specific entry, contact the Local Studies Library, Central Library, Calverley Street, Leeds LS1 3AB who can check the original Electoral Roll for you. Please note that some men are mentioned twice in the index

at different addresses

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