

Charges

Entrance fee: £10.00 to include 1 return visit within the same 30 days to the Archive and Library

Friends of the Tank Museum:
3 free visits in any one-year.
(Subject to availability of research areas).

Readers Ticket £50.00 for 1 year.

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Colour £1.00

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from:	B&W	£3.85
	Colour	£5.00

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From £5.00

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£1.95 / pack.

These charges are used to finance the future of the collection and to cover production costs.

Reading Room

OPENING HOURS

10am- 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Access to the Reading Room is by appointment only. Please contact the Museum for details.

- Photographs
- Plan Packs
- War Diaries
- Research
- Technical Manuals

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Archive & Reference Library

Family History Research at the Tank Museum



The Archive & Reference Library at the Tank Museum holds resources directly related to the Royal Armoured Corps, especially the Royal Tank Regiment. **We do not keep Service Records of individuals.**

However there are still many sources of information that will help you.



An approved place of deposit for Public Records

Before starting your research here you need to know in which regiment or battalion your relative served. If you do not know this, then you will first need to contact the following:

World War I The National Archives (PRO)
Kew
Richmond
Surrey
TW9 4DU
Tel 020 8876 3444
e-mail: enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk
website: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Unfortunately many of these records were destroyed during World War II, but a third have survived.

World War II and Inter War Years
Army Personnel Centre
Historic Disclosures
Mailpoint 400
Kentigern House
65 Brown Street
Glasgow G2 8EX

Information from the above will only be given to next of kin. A small fee is charged.

The Army Medal Office is a source of information on medals and citations:

Army Medal Office
Government Office Building
Worcester Road
Droitwich
Worcester
WR9 8AU
Tel. 01905 772323

Resources in the Archive & Reference Library

- **World War I & World War II War Diaries**

The War Diaries give a first hand account, of the day-to-day actions of each regiment, written mainly by the adjutant. Individuals are rarely mentioned by name, unless they were killed, wounded or performed an act of gallantry. Officers are quite often named, but it is usually only in the World War II diaries that other ranks are mentioned by name.

- **Tank Corps Book of Honour (World War I)**

Contains full citations of gallantry awards for Officers and Other Ranks, and a Roll of Honour

- **Regimental Histories**

These include many histories of the armoured Cavalry Regiments, Tank Corps Battalions and Royal Tank Regiments, Yeomanry Regiments and Reconnaissance Corps, which in many cases contain lists of men serving during each conflict.

- **Roll of Honour (World War II)**

Lists all Royal Armoured Corps personnel killed during the war and includes date of birth and where they enlisted.

- **Casualty Cards**

The casualty cards are records of everyone in the Royal Armoured Corps who was killed during World War II, with brief information as to when and where; and name of their next of kin.

- **Personal papers**

Personal papers, including postcards and letters, are donated to us by relatives, and we are gradually building up a collection of documents that give a personal perspective of historic events.

Other resources include official papers, effects registers, citation and medal lists, audio recordings, CDs listing soldiers who died in both World Wars and an extensive collection of books.

If you would like to use our resources, then please make an appointment. Alternatively you can write to us or e-mail with your enquiry (Librarian@tankmuseum.co.uk).