SELECTED SOURCES FOR HISTORY 4575
Military History Research Seminar: The First World War
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ENCYCLOPEDIAS


International Encyclopedia of World War I. Publicly available encyclopedia produced with international participation and based at Freie Universität in Berlin.


LIBRARY CATALOGS

OSU Library Catalog http://library.osu.state.edu/search/ Find all formats of information provided by OSU Libraries
OhioLINK http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search/ (Collected catalogs from academic libraries in Ohio, including OSU)

Order items in the catalog from other university libraries in Ohio if the item is not at OSU or is checked out from OSU.

Check OSU catalog and OhioLink for Books, Films, bibliographies and other cataloged items:

Sample subject headings:
World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- Arab countries World War, 1914-1918 -- Belgium
World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- Eastern Front World War, 1914-1918 -- Causes
World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial Operations World War, 1914-1918 -- Women -- France
World War, 1914-1918 -- Atrocities Verdun, Battle of, Verdun, France, 1916
World War, 1914-1918 -- Psychological Aspects Wilson, Woodrow

Keyword searches: (use * for word variations) strateg* and verdun World War, 1914-1918 and public opinion* and Britain
military and innovat* and World War, 1914-1918 First World War and artist*

Find books published during the war: use advanced search to limit to range of years; or sort your search by years.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOKS

Historical Abstracts. 1955-
Indexes scholarly journals, books, and dissertations in world history (1450 - present).
Oxford Bibliographies
Books and Articles selected by scholars. Search for example “world war i” and innovation in the search box or use the advanced search to limit a search by topical areas.

Periodicals Archive Online. 1800 - 2000s
An archive of hundreds of digitized journals published in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Includes journals in English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Italian.

Academic Search Complete
A comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database

Social Science & Humanities Retrospective 1907-1983
Multi-disciplinary database to scholarly periodicals from the period

Reader's Guide Retrospective 1890-1983
Indexes mostly popular literature on the period.

FINDING PRIMARY SOURCES

OSU Library Catalog/OhioLink
Check the catalog for primary sources on specific subjects:

Sample subject headings: World War, 1914-1918 -- Causes -- Sources
Keyword searches: Russia* and World War, 1914-1918 and personal narrative*
(* finds word variations)
Author search: Foch, Ferdinand
Pershing, John J.

Also, you may limit a keyword search to the following: archives, correspondence, diaries, personal narratives. Also do a keyword search with memoir*. Another possible approach using OSCAR is to do a subject or keyword search and limit to MIC (microforms room) as the location.

NEWSPAPERS

Many newspapers are available in the Microforms, Thompson 2nd floor and in the Depository. Check the OSU Libraries catalog for holdings or ask at Microforms Desk.

Newsvault (17th century – 20th century)
Search multiple British newspapers and selected magazines or select the titles you want to search.

Times Digital Archive (Online: 1785-1985) Search full text of the Times of London and view facsimile image of the newspaper articles. Also see Sunday Times Digital Archive 1822-2006

Proquest Historical Newspapers
Search all or select titles: Find articles in selected Jewish and African-American newspapers and also The Atlanta Constitution (1868 - 1984), The Boston Globe (1872 - 1984); Chicago Tribune (1849-1987); Los Angeles Times (1881-1987); The New York Times (1851-present [not latest 3 years]); Norfolk Journal and Guide (1916 - 2003); Philadelphia Tribune (1912 - 2001); San Francisco Chronicle (1865 - 1922); The Times of India (1838-2001); The
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**America's Historical Newspapers** (1690-20\textsuperscript{th} century)
Search and read the full facsimile text of a growing database of newspapers, mainly before 1922. [Includes the Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1845-1991; You may restrict to this title or other Ohio newspapers] Also includes selected African American newspapers.

**Chronicling America**
Digitized and searchable selected American newspapers provided by the Library of Congress

**SELECTED DOCUMENT COLLECTIONS**

**First World War** [database purchased by OSU Libraries]
Searchable database of original documents and images related to the war. The three available modules are Personal Experiences, Propaganda and Recruitment, and Visual Perspectives and Narratives.

**Trench Journals and Unit Magazines of the First World War**
These journals were “written and illustrated by service personnel from a huge variety of units: the infantry, artillery, air force, naval, supply and transport units, military hospitals and training depots of all combatant nations including America, Britain, Germany, Canada, France, Australia and New Zealand. Although the majority of journals that have survived originate from units based on the Western Front in France and Belgium, there are also magazines from units serving on the Eastern Front, in Gallipoli, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India, Britain and America.”

**World War I Document Archive** Links to sites, documents, images. *See the link to “Official Documents”*

**Women, War and Society, 1914-1918.**
Provides an online “collection of primary source materials brought together in the Imperial War Museum, London. These unique documents - charity and international relief reports, pamphlets, photographs, press cuttings, magazines, posters, correspondence, minutes, records, diaries, memoranda, statistics, circulars, regulations and invitations.”

**Industrial Mobilization in Britain and the Ministry of Munitions, 1915-1918**
Provides a digitized “standard reference source on the unprecedented industrial mobilization of an entire economy to fight the war of 1914-1918.” This collection was originally published in 12 volumes. “It is essential for anyone who wants to study the economics behind World War I, the career of David Lloyd George and the process of state intervention in industry.”

**The First World War, a Documentary Record. Series one, European War, 1914-1919,** the War Reserve Collection (WRA-WRE) from Cambridge University Library. pt. 2. Trench journals, personal narratives, and reminiscences, 20 reels microfilm. *Browse or consult the guide first.* [D505 .F57 1991] in Microforms, 2\textsuperscript{nd} floor, Thompson Library

**Foreign Relations of the United States.** GPO, 1864- [JX233A3 in Thompson Bound 2\textsuperscript{nd} Floor] Official document source for US foreign relations includes many documents from the period of WW I. Volumes are arranged chronologically and by region and subject. Volumes are available on the web. See: 1861-1976-- [http://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments] [see “search within the volumes”] or browse pre-Truman volumes.
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Proquest Congressional (US Congressional documents) (1789-present) Find the full text of Congressional reports and documents and full text for many documents, bills, public laws and hearing testimony from 1789 to the present. Includes bills, laws, legislative histories, committee prints, House and Senate documents and reports; info on members of Congress; federal regulations

Parliamentary Papers (and debates, bills, acts, journals+, British House of Commons) The Parliamentary Papers (Sessional Papers) are reports and documents on all aspects of British politics, society, economy, health, technology, foreign affairs, and affairs of the British Empire. Dates vary for resources. Find parliamentary activities and initiatives related to the First World War.

British Cabinet Papers, 1916-1986 http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/cabinetpapers/ Search full text and retrieve pdf of documents produced or provided to the British Cabinet. At this time the documents include "Conclusions" for cabinet discussions and agreed action points; "Memoranda" for policy proposals and positions taken by ministers or government departments; "Notebooks" for transcripts of cabinet discussions revealing a minister's stance before consensus; "Precedent" books for policy on how the Cabinet works.

GRAPHIC MATERIAL

Find publications with or about wartime photographs and propaganda posters using the OSU Library catalog. See also Document databases and Newspapers above.

Sample subject heading: World War 1914 – 1918 – pictorial works
World War 1914 – 1918 – posters

Examples: War Posters Issued by Belligerent and Neutral Nations 1914-1919 (1920) Link print and digital
The Pictorial Record of the 27th Division (1919) Link to print and digital
Der Krieg in Wort und Bild (1914-1917) Link to print; Digital

OSU Libraries Digital Collections – First World War

MANUSCRIPTS IN OSU LIBRARIES SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Myrtle Davis Collection of World War I Letters, 1917-1918. 3 boxes. Request these original letters in the Libraries Special Collections reading room, Room 119A Thompson Library. The link will lead to a description of the collection and a link to the collection guide.

Letters home to Ironton: from the war front to the home front, letters from three generations of Mayne servicemen. [compiled by Connie Dziagwa] This is a collection of letters that “represent three generations of Maynes [family] who served our country during three historic military conflicts spanning a half-century, from 1898 to 1945” including letters from World War I France. Request this collection in the Libraries Special Collections reading room, Room 119A Thompson Library.

Emil M. Taussig World War I Papers.
The Emil M. Taussig World War I Papers contain Taussig’s diary and a photo album he created with pictures from Camp Sherman in Ohio and overseas in France. The Emil M. Taussig World War I Papers also include a banner celebrating Taussig's discharge from service that states both when he joined the 331st Infantry and when he was discharged.

Additional manuscript collections on World War I in OSU Libraries Special Collections
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Documents on British Policy Overseas.
A “collection of primary source documents from Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, on diplomatic activities prior to and after WW I. Based on three distinct print series which form a record of British peacetime diplomacy since the end of the nineteenth century: British Documents on the Origins of the War 1898-1914, Documents on British Foreign Policy 1918-1939 and Documents on British Policy Overseas.”