



WW1 & WW2 Archive Resources & Book List

Gloucestershire Archives holds a considerable amount of archive material relating to World War 1 and World War 2. The easiest way to search the archive holdings for these subject areas is to consult the **Sources for Military History held at Gloucestershire Archives**. This is available to view online via Gloucestershire Archives website

http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/utilities/action/act_download.cfm?mediaid=11841)

This comprehensive guide covers the records of Gloucestershire's regular, militia, volunteer and Territorial Army units and the records held at Gloucestershire Archives relating to the Royal Navy, Merchant Navy and Royal Air Force. It also includes the military experiences of individuals, various European and non-European conflicts from the late 15th century onwards, as well as civil defence and military buildings - whether or not these records relate specifically to the county. There are dedicated chapters for WW1 and WW2 in the 'Conflicts' section of this guide, as well as sections listing useful websites and other repositories.

From an educational viewpoint the guide is especially useful in identifying material relating to the WW2 'Home Front', such as Air Raid Precautions (ARP), Home Guard and parish invasion committees, etc. To help teachers with this popular National Curriculum subject area, Gloucestershire Archives has produced a document pack for schools entitled *'Life on the Home Front - Gloucestershire in the Second World War.'* This pack contains copies of a selection of archive documents that illustrate topics as evacuation, bombing, agriculture, propaganda and rationing. This pack is available on CD-ROM or as hard-copy for a small charge - please contact the Learning & Outreach Officer at Gloucestershire Archives for information on how to obtain a copy.





Book list

In addition to the archive sources, Gloucestershire Archives holds a wide range of published material, much of which is available on the open shelves of the Gloucestershire Archives Searchroom. The following is a short list of some of the more useful books.

WW1

The First World War: Essential Guide to sources in the UK National Archives (Beckett, I., 2002, Public Record Office).

Soldiers Who Died in the Great War, 1914-1919 Part 33: The Gloucestershire Regiment

Gallantry Awards to the Gloucestershire Regiment 1914-1918 (Littlewood, P. R., 2005, Spink)

The Gloucestershire Regiment in the war 1914-1918 (Wyrall, E., 1931, Methuen)

Gloucestershire and North Bristol Soldiers on the Somme (Thornicroft, N., 2007, Tempus Publishing Ltd)

Bringing Uncle Albert Home (Whithorn, D., 2003, Sutton Publishing)

Have many gone from here? Pauntley's First World War Memorial (2011, Reardon Publishing)

Redmarley War Memorial: Eighty four years on, 1920 - 2004 (2005, Redmarley Parish Council)

National Filling Factory No 5, Quedgeley (Edwards, B., 1994 in Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology Journal 1994)





WW2

Action Stations 5: Military airfields of the South-West (Ashworth, C., 1982 Patrick Stephens)

Action Stations 6: Military airfields of the Cotswolds and the Central Midlands (Bowyer, M., 1990 Patrick Stephens)

Gloucestershire Airfields in the Second World War (Berryman, D., 2005, Countryside Books)

Operation Bolero: the Americans in Bristol and the West Country, 1942-45 (Wakefield, K., 1994, Crecy)

Wings over Gloucestershire (Rennison, J., 2000, Aspect Publishing)

Second World War: A Guide to Documents in the Public Record Office (Cantwell, J., 1998, Public Record Office)

Cotswolds at War (Lewis, J., 1992, Alan Sutton)

Women's Land Army 1939-1950 (Powell, B., 1997, Sutton Publishing Ltd)

North Gloucestershire at War (Gill, P., 1995 Alan Sutton)

South Gloucestershire at War (Gill, P., 1995 Alan Sutton)

City of Gloucester Civil Defence (Larcombe, H., 1946, Gloucester Borough Council)

Wartime Newspapers

Gloucestershire Archives holds microfilm copies of the wartime issues of *The Citizen* and *Gloucester Journal* plus many other local newspapers. *The Echo* is held only at Cheltenham Library.

