

## You have selected the main file on soldiers in the British army

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### How do you browse through this file?

The file contains 500,000 card files classified by alphabetical order of the soldiers' surnames. The black list on the left of the screen ("tag list") contains some of these card files, to guide you. To find the name you're looking for, you use both scroll bars: the one for the tags (to the right of the black tag list) and the one for the card files (on the right-hand side of the screen). Using this second scroll bar you can scroll down through all the card files between two tags.

### (1) How the card files are classified

The card files are ordered at three levels:

- level 1: in alphabetical (**alphabetical-phonetic-graphic**) order of surnames,

#### ***Please note!***

The surnames are not in strict alphabetical order.

Some have been grouped according to other criteria:

- phonetically: names that sound alike are sometimes grouped together – for example:

*Flewelling and Flewellyn*

*Flood and Flood*

*Florence and Florance*

*Flowers, Flowere and Flower*

*Foal and Foale*

*Fogarty and Fogerty*

*Folley, Foley, Foly and Folly*

- graphically: letters with an upstroke or downstroke, such as 'n' and 'm', are often put together – for example:

*Flynn and Flym are together.*

When there are several card files for the same surname,

- either it is not a common surname (i.e., there are several card files for this surname, but not many), in which case the second classification level is the alphabetical order of

**first names** and the third level is the alphabetical order of **military units**: card files with the same surname and the same first name are classified in sub-groups in alphabetical order of military units

Example: ANDELLOS

- or it is a common surname (i.e., there are a lot of card files for this name, in other words, many people have the same surname), in which case the second classification level is the alphabetical order of **military units** and the third level is the alphabetical order of **first names**

Examples: ANDERSON, FOX

### ***Please note!***

#### **If you're looking for...**

*Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own  
Black Watch Rgt  
Buffs  
Royal Canadians  
Denbighshire Yeomanry  
Duke of Wellington's  
Royal Fusiliers  
Notts and Derby  
Queen Victoria's Rifles  
Queen's Own  
Rangers  
Royal West Kent Rgt  
Royal West Surrey Rgt  
South Yorkshire Rgt  
Trench Mortar Battery*

#### **you should go to...**

*Yorkshire Rgt  
Royal Highlanders  
East Kent Rgt  
Leinster Rgt  
Hussars  
West Riding Rgt  
London Rgt  
Sherwood Foresters  
London Rgt  
Royal West Kent Rgt  
London Rgt  
Queen's Own Royal West Kent Rgt  
Queen's Royal West Surrey Rgt  
King's Own Light Infantry  
Royal Engineers*

## *Tip*

If you can't find the person you're looking for under their first name or regiment, consider looking at the very start of the surname: that's where the International Prisoners-of-War Agency filed a soldier's card when they didn't know his first name or regiment.

*Example: the tag for ANDERSON will give you the group of soldiers called ANDERSON whose regiment was not known.*

## (2) Card files in thumbnails at the right of the screen

When card files appear as thumbnails at the right of the screen it means that they were filed together in the original file, with a paper clip, because they referred to the same person (same surname, same first name and same military unit).

## (3) Soldiers from the British colonies

The file for British army soldiers also includes soldiers from the dominions and colonies.