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# Roll Up Roll Up – unlocking First World War Army Campaign Medal Rolls in WO 329

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#### **Medal Index Cards**

- 10,000 sheets of microfiche in the series WO 372 each sheet containing 360 separate index cards for 5.5 million soldiers
- Created by the Army Medal Office and arranged by surname
- Available to search and download on Documents Online www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/medals
- 3<sup>rd</sup> most popular download (68,000 hits since January 2009)
- Provide references to medal rolls
- Medal rolls are in the series WO 329 and produced as original documents



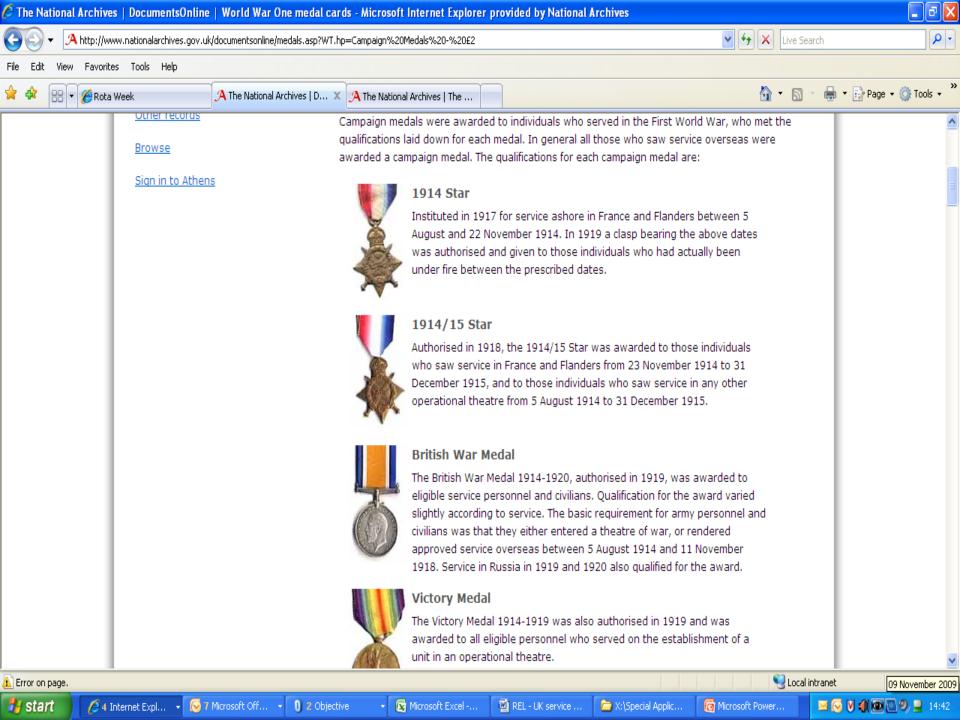
## Medal Index cards typically contain...

- Surname, initial(s) or forename(s)
- Rank(s)
- Regimental Number(s)
- Regiment(s) or Corp(s) served in
- Specific medals to which a man or woman was entitled to
- References to those Medal Rolls and the pages where further details were recorded
- The first theatre of war served in
- The date of entry into that theatre
- Any important remarks eg KIA (Killed in Action)



#### Medal Rolls in WO 329

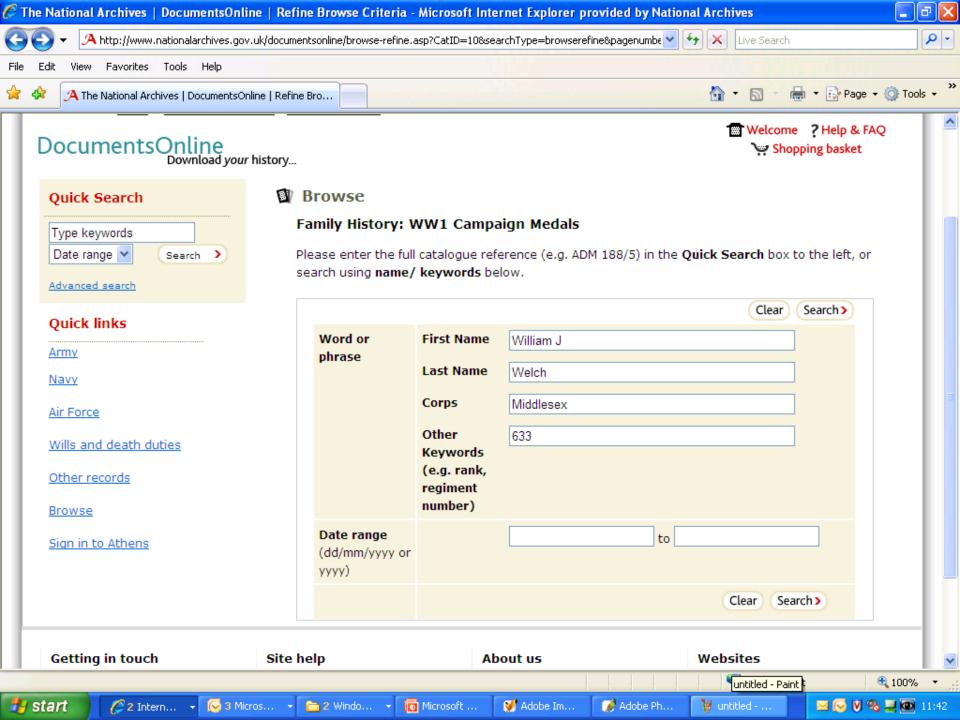
- 3,273 separate Medal Rolls
- These are split into a number of different rolls for different awards —
- British War and Victory Medals
  - 1914 Star
  - 1914/15 Star
  - Territorial Force War Medal
  - Silver War Badge
- They are arranged by regiment; there are separate rolls for Officers and Other Ranks

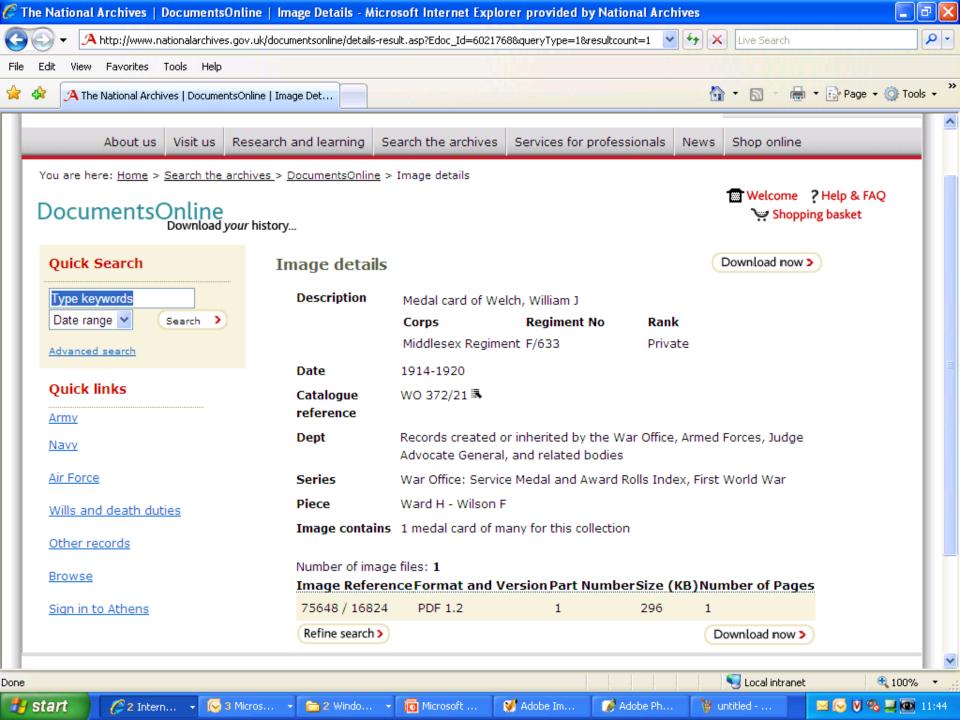


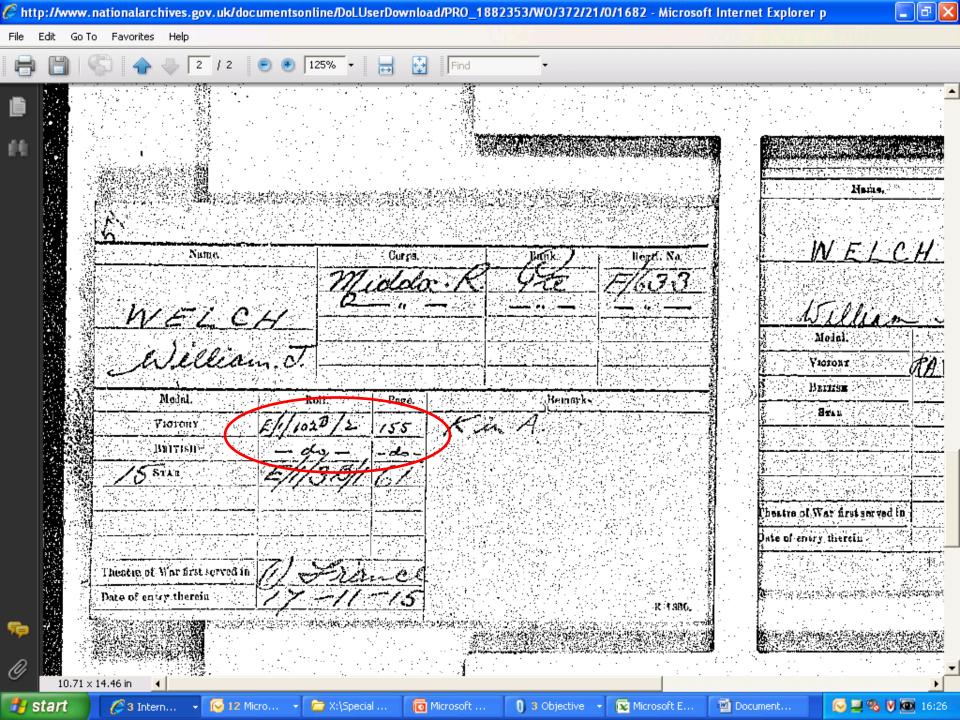


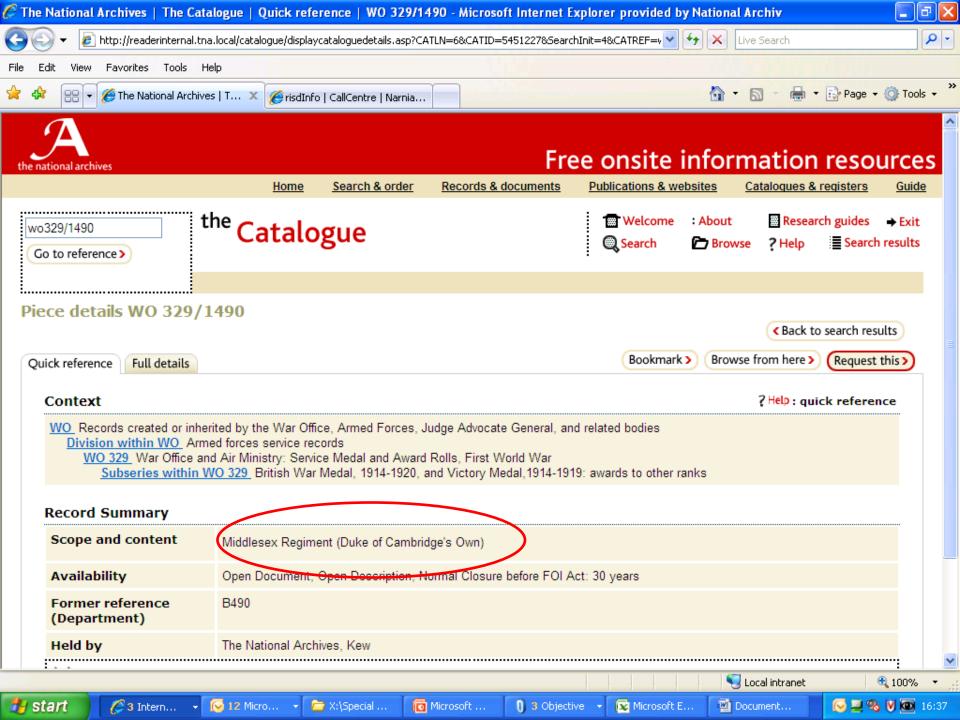
## Medal Rolls may contain.....

- Battalion numbers or unit of regiments served in. This will enable researchers to then track down a specific war diary for that battalion
- Details of who the medals were actually issued to
- Full lists of all men or women serving in a given battalion or unit
- The Silver War Badge lists tell you:
  - When an individual joined the Army
  - When they were discharged
  - Why they were discharged sickness or wounds
  - Ages of individuals



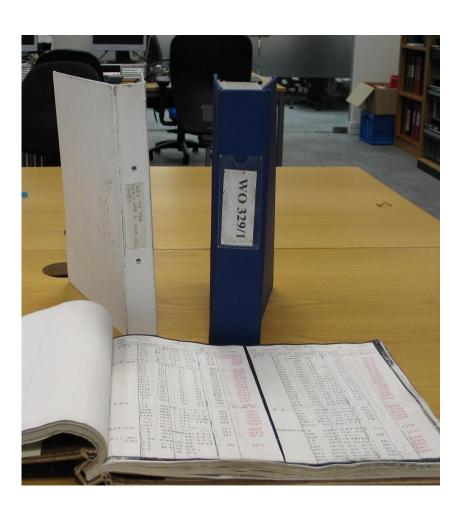








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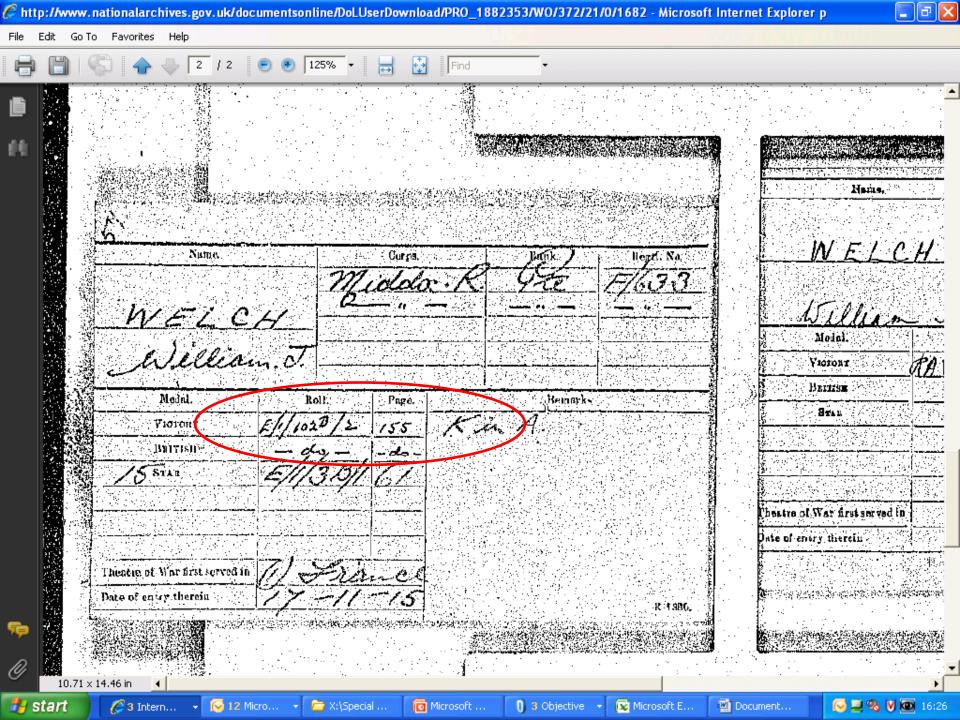
- Not available online
- Only available in the Open Reading Room
- Not easy to use for the first time
- Can delay time for research

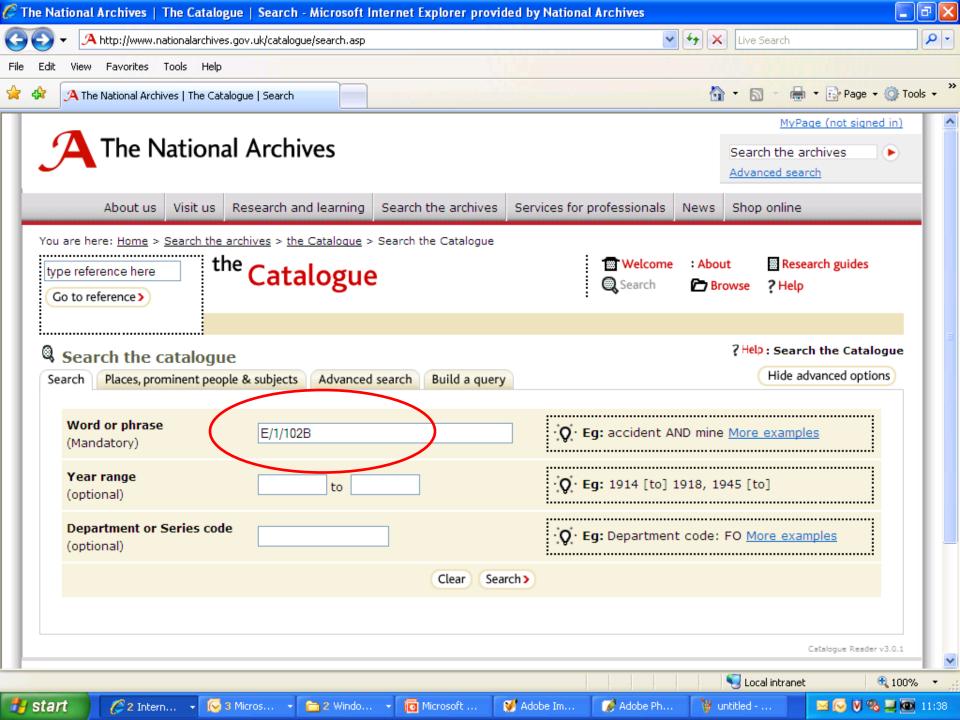


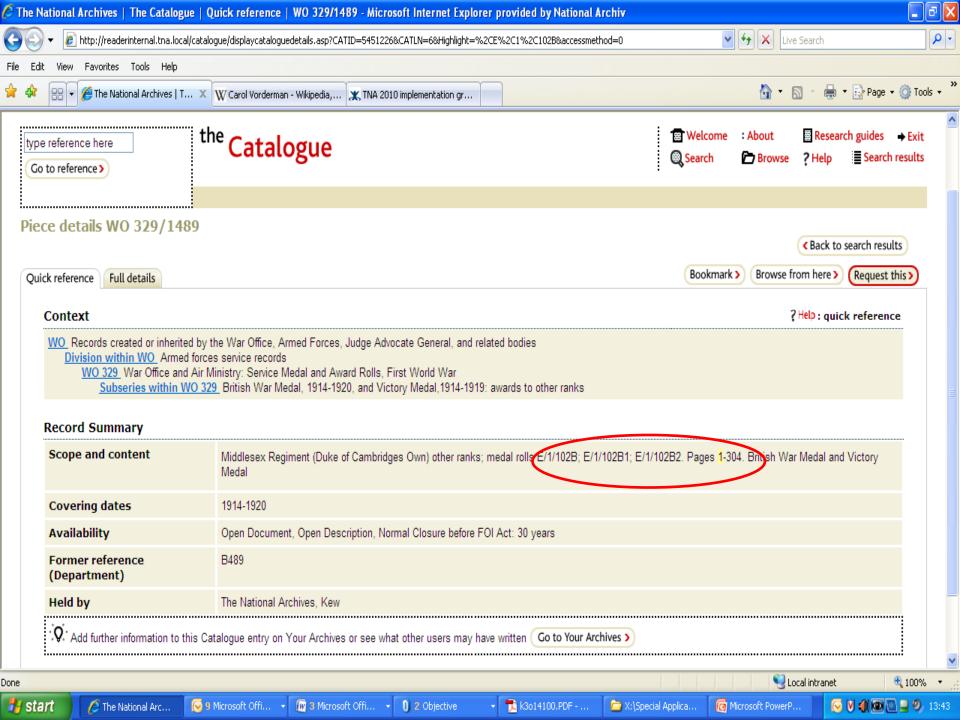
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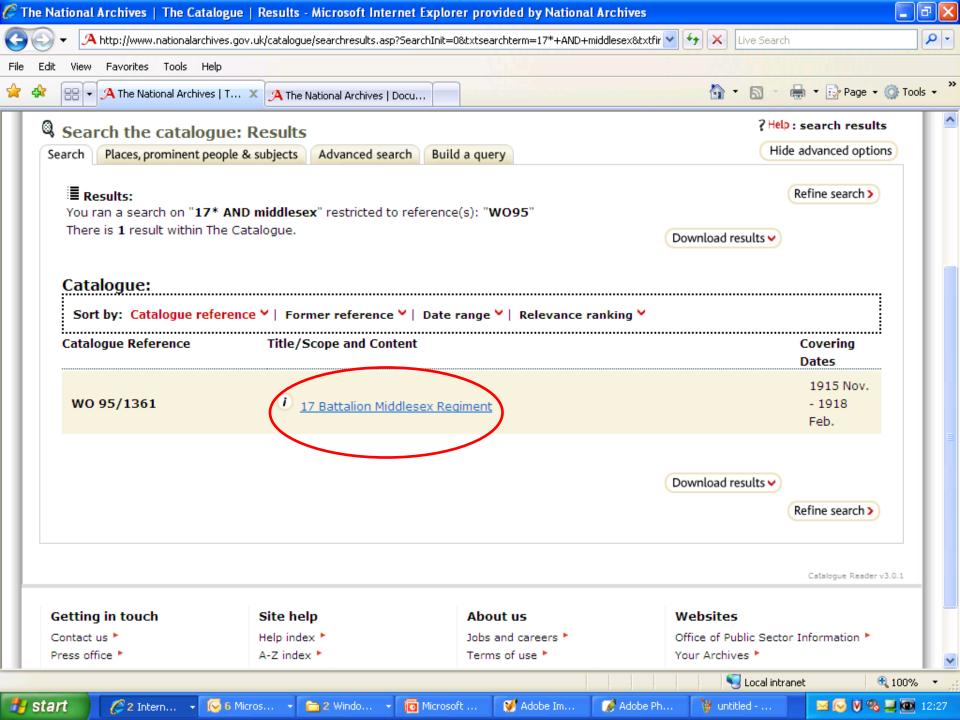




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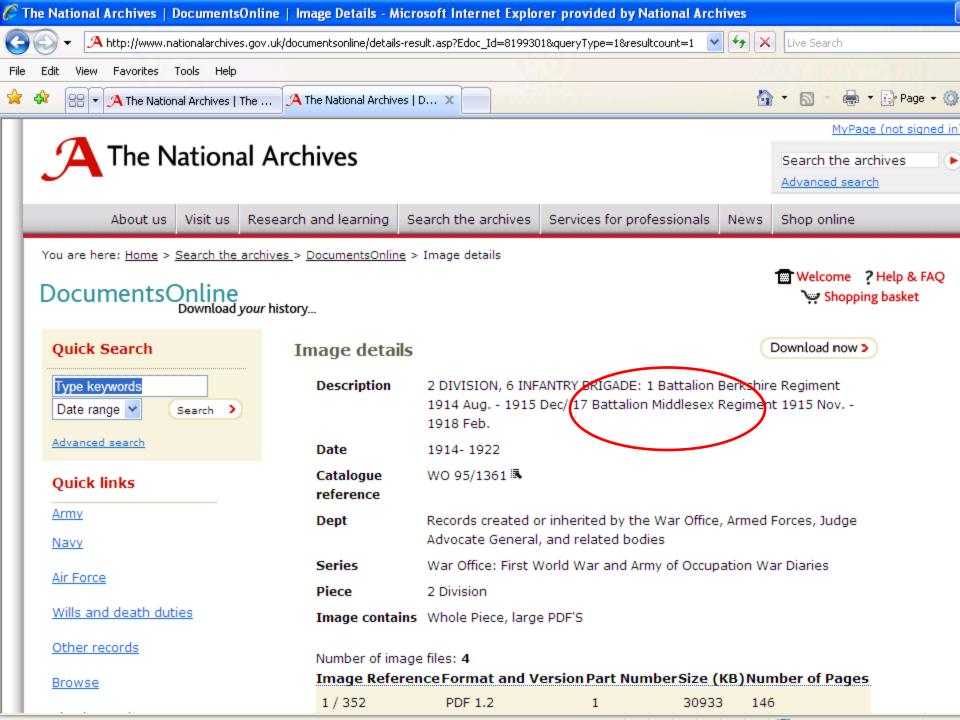
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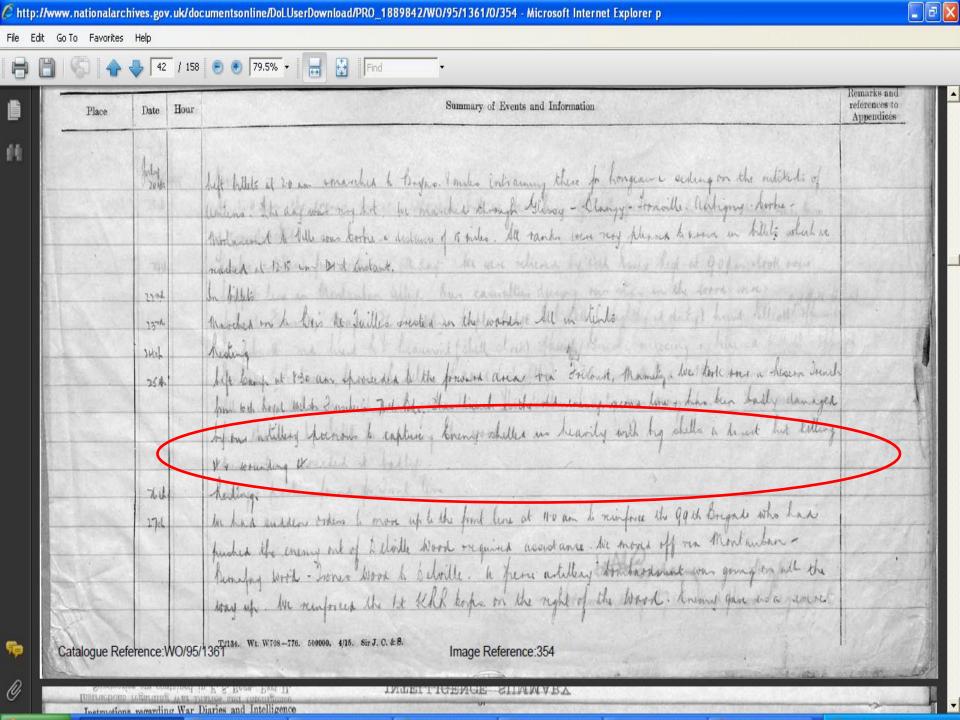
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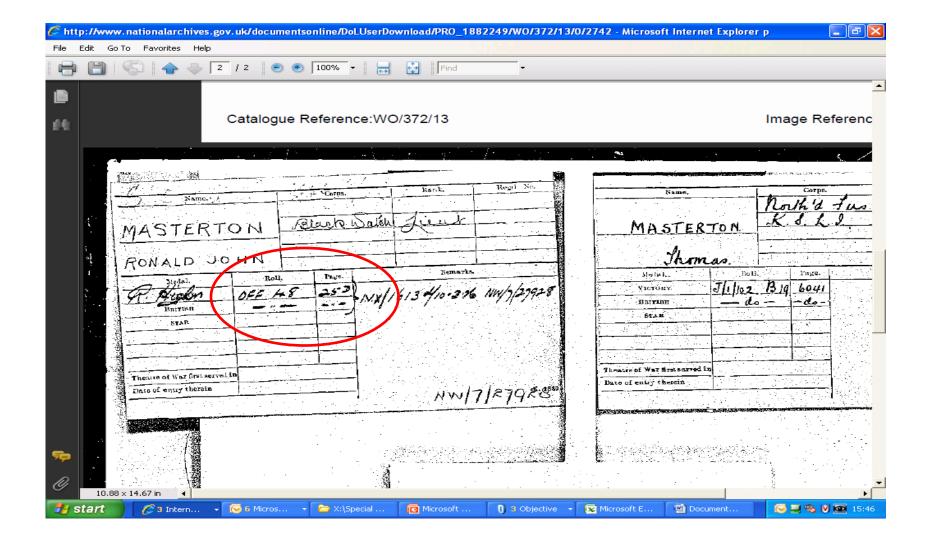


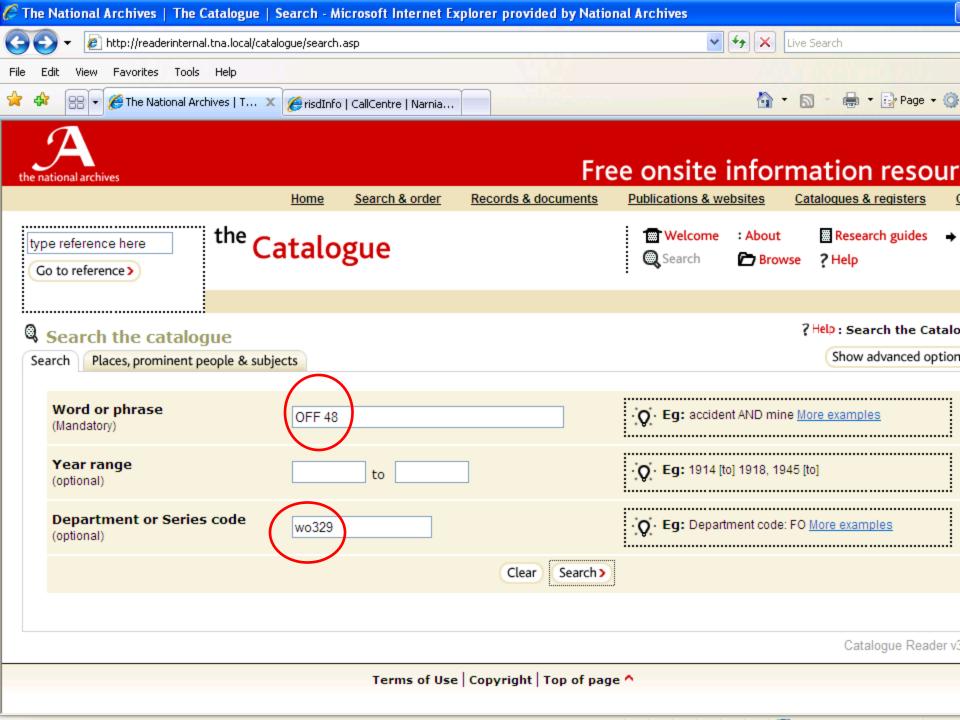
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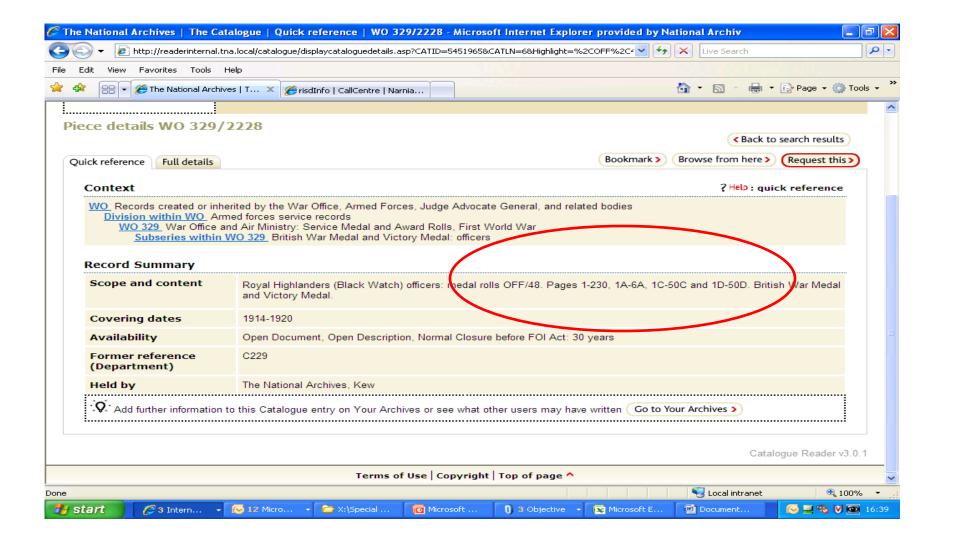














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### How far have we got?

- Searchable now:
  - British War Medal & Victory Medal (Officers) WO 329/2138-2309
  - British War Medal & Victory Medal (Other Ranks) WO 329/2-WO 329/2137
  - 1914 Star (Other Ranks) WO 329/2392-2505
- Searchable by January 2010:
  - 1914 Star (Officers) WO 329/2506-2512
  - 1914-15 Star (Officers & Other Ranks) WO 329/2513-2956
  - Silver War Badge (Officers & Other Ranks) WO 329/2958-3255



## **Questions?**