

WAR AND POLITICS

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Historical maps, statistics and travel writing charting rapid, wide-reaching change across the British landscape and people during the 19th and 20th Centuries.

[British and Irish Legal Information Institute \(BAILII\)](#)

2,000 documents on British and Irish case law and other legal materials and resources, with weekly updates.

[Cabinet Papers 1915 to 1978](#)

A collection exploring Britain's world relations, war and disintegration of empire, economic development and the government's approach to the challenges of society, with interactive maps, photographs, introductory essays and teaching guides.

[Connected Histories](#)

Making new connections between major digital collections of British history from 1500- 1900, covering family and local history, religion, politics, government, and entertainment, with research guides on areas such as 'Crime and Justice'.

[First World War Poetry Digital Archive](#)

Manuscripts and correspondence from British First World War poets, including Vera Brittain; Robert Graves; Wilfred Owen; and Siegfried Sassoon, plus film and other imagery from secondary sources including the Imperial War Museum.

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The lives of soldiers and other war-time records from 1899 to 1944, including the Second Boer War, World War One and World War Two including letters, photos, posters, military booklets and campaign notes.

[Sudan Archive at Durham](#)

Papers from former officials, soldiers, missionaries, businessmen, and individuals who served or lived in the Sudan during the Anglo-Egyptian Condominium period (1899- 1955), including intelligence reports, diaries, letters, photographs, cine films, slides, sound recordings and maps.

[British Film Institute \(BFI\) Player](#)

British history captured through the lens, with over 11,000 non-fiction films and TV clips covering key social, political and economic issues of the 20th century, including rarely seen government films and newsreels digitised and available free online.

[Restricted access collections and archives](#)

[19th Century British Library Newspapers](#)

Two million pages from the British national and provincial press bring 19th Century events to life, including the abolition of slavery and the reign of Queen Victoria.

[British Periodicals](#)

Hundreds of periodicals from the late 17th to early 20th Centuries on subjects including literature, philosophy, history, science, art, music, drama, archaeology, architecture and social sciences.

[British Library Electronic Thesis Online \(ETHOS\) Service](#)

Over 250,000 theses on a wide range of subjects from more than 100 participating UK higher education institutions, plus a tool kit and regular news updates.

[House of Commons Parliamentary Papers](#)

Parliamentary sessions spanning almost 300 years, including bills, house papers and reports of parliamentary committees, revealing government reactions to, and handling of, key events and the testimonies of leading figures.

[John Johnson Collection: archive of printed ephemera](#)

A wide range of materials including posters, press cuttings, cartoons, biographies and images, with a special emphasis on crime, murders and executions, but also featuring subjects including entertainment, the book trade and advertising.

[Oxford Journals Archive](#)

The online journal archive of the Oxford University Press, with over 230 titles dating back more than a century.