

The Norfolk Regiment

The Norfolk Regiment was an infantry regiment of the British Army formed in 1881. Over 32,000 soldiers from the Regiment took part in the First World War. Many saw service on the Western Front and in the Middle East. Sadly, over 5,000 did not return.

Look in the displays to find answers to the questions. Each item tells a story. Some of them have a name associated with them, others don't. Each one gives some insight into the experiences of those soldiers.

Joining the Norfolk Regiment

Each soldier was given the Regiment badge depicting Britannia
Make a list of 3 other items where you can see the badge



Why do you think the Regiment have a badge and colours?
(clue: think of football team colours)

Write down 3 benefits to 'joining up'

1

2

3



What do you think motivated the soldiers to fight in the First World War ?

What to wear

Compare uniforms, like this one from the First World War, with those worn today
Examples can be seen in the display to the right of the Timothy Gurney Gallery
In what ways has the uniform changed since WW1?



Who are you?

Each soldier was given 3 Identity tags

What was each one for?



Personal things

Why do you think this handkerchief was important to the soldier who owned it?

How might soldiers keep in touch with home today?

Why is this whistle significant?



Killed, Wounded or Saved

How was the soldier saved by his mirror? What was his name?

Pieces of broken metal (called shrapnel) from exploded bombs caused serious injury or death. In what other ways could soldiers be injured or killed?



Medals

Countless acts of bravery were shown by soldiers of the Norfolk Regiment, risking their own lives for the sake of others. Many were awarded medals in recognition of their courage.

In what ways do we still remember the soldiers who fought in this war?

Why do you think it is important to remember them?