

# Your First World War Memorial Report

A project involving original research – you have to find out everything!

Make a WORD file containing your findings and, eventually, your report on the man you have chosen to investigate. Save your file thus: “War Memorial Research *Pimperne War Memorial and the name of the man you have researched*” (Where *Italics* have been used you will need to fill in the details appropriate to your study!)

Build your report on computer as you go along. In this way you will be able to collect material, from the web resources mentioned below, to illustrate your report. Remember to make clear where all of your material came from. When you write your final report explain how each of the resources helped you to build up a picture of the man you chose to investigate.

Sometimes you will need to think carefully about alternative routes of investigation, especially about the spellings of names.

## Follow this example

**1. Photograph your war memorial and the First World War name panel(s), or, if there are many panels, just the one from which you have chosen a name to research.**





IN  
GRATEFUL MEMORY  
OF  
THE MEN OF  
PIMPERNE  
WHO GAVE  
THEIR LIVES FOR  
ENGLAND'S HONOUR  
1914 - 1918.

E. J.  
WOODHOUSE

F. A. W.  
OLD  
A. M.  
MCKENZIE



**2. Write out the list of those who are listed for the First World War, and highlight the name of the man you intend to investigate, thus:**

**Those from Pimperne who died in the First World War 1914 – 1918:**

C R Barnett  
E W Daniels  
G J Everett  
H J Harding  
A A Hunt  
W J Hunt  
**A M McKenzie**  
F A W Old  
H N T Parmiter  
R I Richards  
A H Trim  
E J Woodhouse

(Some War Memorials helpfully give ranks and units – this will, of course, ease the process of research)

**3. CHOOSE THE INDIVIDUAL(S) TO RESEARCH – choose an unusual name, or one with several initials, as these are usually easier to track through the records. (almost all the material here was found on the web, and what was found on the web was on free-to-access sites)**

**4. COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION WEBSITE:** [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

Name: McKENZIE, ARTHUR MURDO

Initials: A M

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Captain

Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers

Unit Text: 6th Div. Signal Coy.

Age: 28

Date of Death: 08/09/1918

Awards: M C

Additional information: Husband of Elsie G. McKenzie, of Berkeley House, Pimperne, Blandford, Dorset.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: III. C. 38.

Cemetery: [TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE](#)

**5. CEMETERY PHOTO**

**Find the photo on [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) of TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE**

## 6. CEMETERY PLAN

Find the cemetery plan on [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) of **TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE** and put in an arrow to show Arthur Murdo McKenzie's grave

## 7. 1901 CENUS WEBSITE: <http://www.1901censusonline.com/>

Name	Age	Where born	Administrative county	Civil parish	Occupation
Arthur M Mskenzie	10	Dorset Portland	Devonport	Devonport	Juvenile
Roderick D Mckenzie	17	Essex Harwich	Devonport	Devonport	
Mundo Mckenzie	51	Scotland Balallan Isles	Devonport	Devonport	Retired Master Mariner R N
Ada A Mckenzie	19	Chester Rockferry	Devonport	Devonport	Music Teacher
Emma E Mckenzie	49	Cornwall Landrake	Devonport	Devonport	
Emma L Mskenzie	13	Devon Devonport	Devonport	Devonport	Juvenile

**Difficulties were found with the names here as McKenzie has sometimes been wrongly transcribed as MsKenzie. This is a useful lesson in trying variations rather than giving up! You will also notice that his father Murdo's name has been transcribed as Mundo. It's part of what research is about.**

## 8. FREE BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS:

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>

You can also use this to trace Arthur's parents' marriage. Perhaps you can go back still further in his family tree.

Arthur Murdo McKenzie – Birth registered – September quarter of 1890 in Weymouth district

Arthur Murdo McKenzie – Marriage registered – March quarter of 1917 – to Elsie G Old in Blandford district.

## 9. NATIONAL ARCHIVES WEBSITE:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

In the red tool bar at the top of the page go to **SEARCH THE ARCHIVES** and then scroll down to **DOCUMENTSONLINE**. Click here and then look on the right side of the new page for **WW1 CAMPAIGN MEDALS**. Click here and then look for:

### About the World War One Medal Cards

You can now search and download World War One medal index cards. Below are some points to help you understand what the index cards are; you can use the links below to jump to the topics you are interested in.

Click on **SEARCH**, and you will find:

**The Medal Card** of McKenzie, Arthur Murdo. This shows that he was in the Royal Engineers in the ranks of Lieutenant, and later of Captain

## 10. LONDON GAZETTE: <http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk/home.aspx?geotype=London>

(The Gazette is useful if your man was an officer as it can often be used to trace an outline of his career. Also it can be used to find citations for bravery awards. Be careful with the London Gazette searches – if you get no immediate result try alternative spellings, or use initials. For example some of these results came from searching for “M McKenzie”, and one from using “MacKenzie” instead of “McKenzie”. When you cut and paste from the Gazette you will find that because of the quality of the original from which the scans were made there will, sometimes, be some odd spellings and grammar which you will need to correct. Sometimes there are some tricky abbreviations. If in doubt ask your teacher.)

### 12192 THE LONDON GAZETTE, 7 DECEMBER, 1915.

*Royal Naval Division.*

To be temporary Lieutenant R.M.: —

Arthur Murdo McKenzie. Dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1915.

### THE LONDON GAZETTE, 2 FEBRUARY, 1917. 1161

*63rd (R.N.) Divn.*

The tempy. commns. of the undermentioned Officers are terminated, to date 31st Dec.

1916, on transfer to the Army:—

Arthur M. McKenzie, Tempy. Lieut.

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE, 17 JULY, 1917, 7191

CORPS of ROYAL ENGINEERS

The undermentioned temp. Lts., from R. Mar to be temp. Lts. 1st Jan. 1917, with seniority from the dates stated against their names :—

A. M. McKenzie. 25th Nov. 1915.

(Substituted for the notification in the Gazette of 15th Jan. 1917.)

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE, 1 JANUARY, 1918. 41**

*Awarded the Military Cross.*

T /Lt (A /Capt) Arthur Murdo Mackenzie, R.E

**11. SOLDIERS DIED IN THE GREAT WAR (a set of CDs usually available at large libraries – and now also available on Ancestry)**

Information beyond what is given by CWGC is in this case:

(a)Temp Lt/Act Capt

(a)Died

(Note: Categories of demise were: Killed in action, Died of Wounds, and Died. This latter covered all other eventualities – e.g. disease.)

**12. OTHER FREE WEB SOURCES if your man served in the Canadian or Australian forces:**

CANADA: WAR DIARIES:

[http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/020152\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/020152_e.html)

CANADA: ATTESTATION PAPERS:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/cef/001042-100.01-e.php>

AUSTRALIA: PERSONAL SERVICE RECORDS:

<http://naa12.naa.gov.au/NameSearch/Interface/NameSearchForm.aspx>

**13. SUBSCRIPTION WEB SOURCES: ANCESTRY** (you may have this at home, if not ask your teacher if it is available elsewhere – local libraries often have Ancestry available on site at no charge)

VARIOUS RECORDS INCLUDING SOLDIERS' PERSONAL SERVICE RECORDS, MEDAL INDEX CARD and CENSUS RECORDS

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

**14. Write a report summarizing what your original research shows. Include examples of your research in your report.**