

WORLD WAR I, 1914 - 1918
BRITISH PRESS PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

An inventory of their photographs

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EUROPEAN WAR 1914-1918
OFFICIAL BRITISH PHOTOGRAPHS

The European War, 1914-1918, British official photograph collection consists of approximately 6000 prints taken by members of the British press during WWI. Most are stamped "Passed for transmission abroad" by either the Ministry of Information, Photographic Section or the Associated Illustration Agencies. In most cases there is a note on the back of the photograph stating " Please acknowledge "British Official" - Crown Copyright Reserved". The specific photographers are not mentioned.

These photographs are the original prints taken during WW I. They were destined for publication and as such, have captions on the back describing the image. About half of the collection is classified. These classifications are numerical and simply an abbreviation of a written heading. These headings can be thought of as series since each of them shows one aspect of warfare. The numerical ordering within the series was only roughly re-established since it has no meaning outside of the issuing agency.

These photographs illustrate every aspect of war.- from cadet training to soldiers' graves. Every theatre of war is represented but the majority of pictures were taken in Europe, particularly on the battlefields of France and Belgium. The war effort in Britain is captured in photographs of Gibson Girls welding ships or carting coal. This is early true-to-life photo-journalism and many pictures show the dead and bloating bodies of man and beast. The less atrocious side of war is presented as well. There are several series with excellent photos of royalty or military commanders. Understandably, the British Royal Family photographs are numerous, but there are also shots of the Greek, Belgian and Japanese aristocracy. The more mundane tasks of warfare"- road-building, cartage, eating and recreation are included. The technology of war is illustrated in the numerous photos of planes, ships, tanks and guns of all kinds. The collection is strong in portraying the average "Tommy" and his role in the war.

All the photographs are black and white, some have faded or curled but their overall condition is good. Most of the collection is 15 x 20 cm. in size although there are some exceptions.

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