
The Suffolk Regiment Archive

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT

The regiment was raised in 1685 by Henry, Duke of Norfolk and was known in its early years by the name of its current Colonel. In 1751, when regiments were given numbers to mark their seniority, it was designated the 12th Regiment of Foot. It became the 12th, or East Suffolk Regiment in 1781 and the Suffolk Regiment in 1881. Except for two brief periods the regiment had one battalion until 1842, when a Reserve Battalion was created, which became the 2nd Battalion in 1858. There were two Territorial battalions - the 4th (1908-1961) and 5th (1908-1921, 1939-1945) - and during the two World Wars further 'Service' battalions were created.

In 1947 the 2nd Battalion was disbanded and in 1959 the remaining Regular battalion, the 1st, was amalgamated with the Royal Norfolk Regiment to form the 1st East Anglian Regiment; this in turn merged with other regiments in 1964 to form the Royal Anglian Regiment.

PRINTED HISTORIES

The Suffolk Regiment by G Moir (1969) is a brief single-volume history while *The Old Dozen: A Century of Photographs* (2002) relates the history of the regiment since the 1860s through photographs. However the four official histories provide the best general overview of the regiment's activities. These books should be the starting-point for any research into the regiment's history or the background of any individual soldier's service.

History of the 12th (The Suffolk) Regiment 1685-1913 by Lieut-Col EAH Webb (1914) (Reprint, Naval and Military Press, 2001)

The History of the Suffolk Regiment 1914-1927 by Lieut-Col CCR Murphy (1928) (Reprint, Naval and Military Press, 2002)

The Suffolk Regiment 1928-1946 by Col WN Nicholson (1948) (Reprint, Naval and Military Press, 2002)

The History of the Suffolk Regiment 1946-1959 by Maj FA Godfrey (1988)

There is a detailed history of the 5th Battalion in the Great War: *The History of the 1/5th Battalion, The Suffolk Regiment* by Capt A Fair and Capt ED Wolton. The collection includes a number of accounts of particular actions, mainly from the 1939-1945 War.

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

Another important printed source for the history of the regiment is the regimental journal. The *Gazette* was published between February 1890 and July 1959 except for October 1914-December 1915 and January 1917-June 1920. Publication varied from monthly to three issues a year.

Regular features include photographs (from November 1897); births, marriages and deaths (mainly officers after 1939); detailed lists of appointments, promotions, awards of certificates (all ranks, but officers only from 1945); sporting and social events; articles about the regiment's history and traditions. Before the Great War short stories were included. After 1945 much greater emphasis was placed on the activities of the various branches of the Old Comrades Association.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE CATALOGUE

The structure of the catalogue reflects the organisation of the regiment and consists of sections A: general regimental; B-T: individual battalions; U-X: regimental institutions; Y: individual soldiers; Z: miscellaneous. In more detail, the sections are:

- A All records of the 12th Foot before 1842; after 1842, any records relating to the regiment as a whole, or to more than one battalion
- B 1st Battalion (1842-1959)
- C 2nd Battalion (1842-1947)
- D The Depot. Created as a Brigade Depot in 1873; the Gibraltar Barracks in Bury St Edmunds were built in 1878
- E Militia/3rd Battalion. The Militia records start in 1681. The West Suffolk Militia was designated the 3rd Battalion the Suffolk Regiment in 1881
- F Volunteer units, up to the creation of the Territorial Force (later Territorial Army) in 1908
- G 4th (TA) Battalion, from 1908 to 1961 (when it merged with the Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA))
- H 5th (TA) Battalion from 1908 to 1921 and again from 1939 to 1945
- I 6th (Cyclist) Battalion (1908-1918)
- J 7th Battalion (First and Second World Wars)
- K 8th Battalion (First and Second World Wars)
- L 9th Battalion (First World War)
- M 10th Battalion (First World War)
- N 11th Battalion (First World War)
- O 12th Battalion (First World War)
- P 14th Battalion (First World War)
- Q The Suffolk Yeomanry (15th Battalion the Suffolk Regiment 1917-1918)
- R Second Line battalions, 1939-1945
- S The Suffolk Volunteer Regiment (the Great War equivalent of the Home Guard)
- T Suffolk Home Guard. This was organised in 11 battalions and affiliated to the Suffolk Regiment
- U The Suffolk Regiment Association, which co-ordinated regimental activities
- V The Old Comrades Association: formed in 1908 to maintain the spirit of comradeship and to help members below commissioned rank who were in need

- W *The Suffolk Regimental Gazette*
- X The regimental museum, founded in 1935
- Y Records of individual soldiers: items written by, relating to or collected by officers and men, listed in alphabetical order of soldier
- Z Miscellaneous material, including printed books, papers relating to war memorials and war graves, the 1st East Anglian and Royal Anglian Regiments

TRACING INDIVIDUAL SERVICE CAREERS

The regimental archives contain no muster rolls of the whole regiment and there are few of a whole battalion. The printed histories do contain many names but these tend to be of officers or senior NCOs, and are selective rather than comprehensive.

There are however a number of sources in the collection which can be used to research the career of an officer or soldier in the regiment.

The Regimental Gazette

The issues of the *Gazette* contain thousands of names and should certainly be consulted for the period when an individual was serving in the regiment. They are less useful for the two World Wars owing either to non-publication or conditions imposed by censorship.

The Army List

Officers' careers can be traced through successive issues of the *Army List* (A11). There are complete issues for the whole Army for 1733-1743 (Y1/93a), 1830 (Z1/2), 1914 (Z1/5) and 1939 (Z1/8) and the Suffolk Regiment sections only for 1685-1707, 1751, 1790, 1848, 1861 and most years from 1868 to 1950. The *Volunteer Force List*, January 1918 (Y1/72c) is the equivalent to the *Army List* for officers in the home defence Volunteer movement.

Printed lists of officers and men killed in action

- List of graves in the Transvaal*, 1902 (A14/8)
- List of graves in the Orange River Colony*, 1902 (A14/9)
- Regimental Roll of Honour, 1914-1919 (A9/1)
- Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919: Part 17, The Suffolk Regiment*, 1921 (A9/3)
- Officers Died in the Great War 1914-1919*, 1919 (A9/2)
- Regimental Roll of Honour, 1939-1945 (A9/4)

Lists of honours and awards

- Officers and men awarded the New Zealand War Medal (1st Battalion), 1860-1866 (B5/1)
- Medal roll, Afghan campaign (1st Battalion), 1880 (B5/2)
- Officers and men entitled to the India General Service Medal with Hazara clasp (1st Battalion), 1890 (B5/2)
- Citations for the DCM (1914-1918) (A8/1)
- Some recipients of the MM (1914-1918) (A8/2)
- Members of the 2nd Battalion eligible for the 1914 Star (Y1/168q)
- Awards, 2nd Battalion, 1914-1918 (C1/5)
- Recommendations for gallantry, 'X' Company, 2nd Battalion, 1918-1919 (Y1/168b)
- Honours and awards, 4th and 5th Battalions, 1914-1918 (G1/1)

Honours and awards, 8th Battalion, 1915-1918 (K1/1)
Honours and awards, 7th Battalion, 1939-1945 (J3/1)
Recipients of the French Croix de Guerre (1st Battalion), 1945 (A8/4)
Recipients of the Belgian *Croix de Guerre* 1946 (A8/3)
Photocopies of recommendations and citations for gallantry awards, 1940-1958 (A8/7)

Other lists of names (see also **PRISONERS OF WAR**)

Pre-1914 (in chronological order)

Monthly returns of officers, and changes in rank and file, 1798-1810 (A16/5)
Men of the Reserve Battalion who sailed on the 'Birkenhead', 1852 (Y1/303(j))
'E' Company, Reserve Battalion, 1852 (A16/3)
Soldiers of the 12th Foot involved at the Eureka Stockade, Ballarat, 1854 (B13/1)
All ranks, 2nd Battalion, July 1864 (W/2)
All ranks, 2nd Battalion, 17 December 1889 (W/2)
Officers, WOs and NCOs, 1st Battalion, September 1890 (W/2)
Census entry for Depot (3rd Battalion), 1891 (E9/1)
3 and 4 Sections, 'D' Company, 1st Battalion, 1893 (Y1/35h)
All ranks, 1st Battalion, 1897 (B4/2)
Casualties at Rensburg, South Africa, 1st Battalion, January 1900 (W/13)
All ranks, 2nd Battalion, 31 May 1900 (W/13)
Men of 1st Volunteer Company who served in South Africa, 1900 (F4/4)

All ranks, 2nd Battalion, 25 January 1906 (W/18)
All ranks, 1st Battalion, 21 November 1907 (W/19)

1914-1919 (Whole regiment, followed by individual battalions)

Men who had served in the Great War and re-enlisted are included in the first three volumes of 'Army Book 358' (A16/52/1-3)
Members of 'A' Company, 2nd Battalion after the Battle of Le Cateau, 26 August 1914 (C3/1)
All ranks of the BEF reported killed, wounded or missing, 31 October 1914 (C10/11A)
No.10 Platoon, 'Y' Company, 2nd Battalion, 1916 (Y1/320)
Officers' servants, 2nd Battalion, c1918 (C3/2)
Nominal rolls and other lists, 'X' Company, 2nd Battalion, 1918-1919 (Y1/168b, c, u, v, w,)
4th Battalion, 8 November 1914 (G4/1) and 1 January 1915 (G2/1)
4th Battalion officers' casualty list, 1914-1917 (G4/2)
NCOs and men killed, died or missing, 4th Battalion, 1915-1917 (G4/3)
Service histories of c 4,800 NCOs and men, 4th Battalion, 1916-1919 (G4/4-6)
Casualties and other lists, all ranks, 5th Battalion, 1915-1918 (H2/1)
'B' Company, 5th Battalion, 1915-1919 (Y1/165(p))
'B' Company, 7th Battalion, NCOs and men, 9 March 1918 (J2/1)
'D' Company 7th Battalion, partial roll of casualties, 26/27 March 1918 (J2/2-3)
'D' Company, 7th Battalion: transfers to other units, April 1918 (J2/3)
8th Battalion: partial roll (surnames A-F) (1914-1918) (K3/2)
'C' Company, 8th Battalion, 1917 CK3/1)
'C' Company, No.9 Platoon, 9th Battalion, c1915 (Y1/292)
'A' Company, 1st Battalion Suffolk Volunteers: members and ex-members, 13 June 1918 (Y1/78b)

1920-1959 (Whole regiment, followed by individual battalions)

Registers of men joining the regiment ('Army Book 358'), 1920-1949

Discharge books (annual volumes), 1921-1959 (A16/51/1-37)

Pioneer Platoon, 'S' Company, 1st Battalion, [post October 1942] (B4/1)

WOs and Sergeants, 1st Battalion, 1955-1959 (W/51)

2nd Battalion on embarkation at Shanghai for India, 1929 (C3/3a)

4th Battalion, 1942-1945 (G4/7-8,10)

5th Battalion, 1942-1945 (H2/2-4)

7th Battalion, January 1945 (J2/4)

7th Battalion wounded to 1944, Y1/433(i)

8th Battalion, 1940-1946 (K3/3)

7th Suffolk Battalion, Home Guard, 'A', 'F' and 'G' Companies, 1943-1944 (T2/1-4)

Miscellaneous

OCA membership registers, 1908-1955 (V1/1-2)

OCA registers of loans to members, 1926-1960 (V3/2-3)

There are databases available in the searchroom of all names in the 1914-1918 War Diaries of the 1st Battalion (856 entries) and 2nd Battalion (c600 entries)

PRISONERS OF WAR

Scattered throughout the collection are lists of POWs (not readily available elsewhere) and papers which throw light on the experience of being a POW. (See also **DIARIES** and **BIOGRAPHIES, AUTOBIOGRAPHIES AND REMINISCENCES**)

Boer War

Letter, 1900 (Y1/17)

Letters, 1900 (Y1/35(u), (v), (bb))

POW magazines, c1900, c1901 (Y1/35(i),(j))

1914-1918 War

Lists of NCOs and men, 1916 (W/24)

Papers re escape from Freiburg, 1918 (Y1/29)

The Queue (magazine of Mainz officers' camp), 1918 (Y1/20)

Papers, Graudenz, including list of British officers, 1916-1919 (Y1/28b, Z2/2, 10)

Photograph album, Magdeburg, Switzerland and the Netherlands, 1915-1918 (Y1/192)

Postcards from Doberitz, 1916 (Y1/231g)

Letter from Weilburg, 1916 (Y1/53)

Postcards home, 1915-1918 (Y1/254)

Papers re Springhirsch Camp, 1918 (Y2/1d)

Vistula Daily Bulletin (Graudenz), 1918 (Z2/2)

Papers, 1914-1919 (Y1/270b)

List of officers taken prisoner in the Great War, 1919 (A16/40)

Pte C Hitchcock: photographs (Karlsruhe) and talk on POW experience (Y1/443)

1939-1945 War: Germany

Lists of Other Ranks POWs, 1941 (W/43)

Prisoner of War, May, June 1944; letters and photographs; map of POW camps in Germany (Y1/235)

Photograph of POWs in Stalag 344, 1944 (Y1/167)

1939-1945 War: Japan

History of 4th Battalion HQ during captivity, c1945 (G2/2)

Lists of officers and men (Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiments), 1943-1945 (W/44)

Notebook with testimonials made to various officers, Camp Hakodate, August/September 1945 (Y1/4)

POW's sketch-book, 1942-1945 (Y1/266)

List of NCOs and men of 5th Battalion in Japanese hands, 1945 (Y1/348d)

Letters, papers and photographs, 1942-1945 (Y1/460, Y1/261, Y1/410, Y1/460, Y1/551, Y1/564, Y1/582)

DIARIES

These are sometimes the original manuscript, sometimes written or typed-up copies. They are listed in chronological order, with an indication of where the diarist was serving.

18th-19th century

A Journal of the Siege of Gibraltar 1779-1783 by Captain Spilisbury, 12th Regiment, ed BHT Frere (1908) (A4/2)

Col R Bayly: India 1796-1830 (Y1/21) (Published as *Diary of Colonel Bayly, 12th Regiment* (1896))

Lieut-Col JM Perceval: Ireland, Belgium, France 1833-1837 (Y1/200a)

Maj JW Espinasse, Reserve/2nd Battalion: voyages on active service 1842-1858 (Y1/103)

Pte T Scott, Reserve Battalion: South Africa, Scotland 1851-1859 (Y1/232) (Partly published in PB Boyden, 'The British Army in Cape Colony', Society for Army Historical Research, 2001)

Lieut-Col JM Perceval: South Africa 1853-1855 (Y1/200b)

Lieut CAH Brett, 1st Battalion: Yorkshire (assisting civil power with industrial disturbance) 1893 (Y1/35h)

Boer War

Lieut CAH Brett, 1st Battalion: 1899-1900 (Y1/35gg, hh, ii, jj)

Maj FTD Wilson, 1st Battalion: 1900 (Y1/270a)

Pte CW Baskett, Volunteer Company: 1900-1902 (Y1/19)

2nd Lieut AG Taylor, 1st Battalion: 1900-1901 (Y1/251a)

Sgt E O'Neill, 1st Battalion: 1899-1902 (Y1/190d,e)

Early 20th century

Sgt BOG Haylock, 1st Battalion: Egypt 1911-1913 (Y1/395a)

1914-1918 War

Unidentified soldier, 2nd Battalion: France 1914 (Y3/7)

Sgt AB Bridges, 4th Battalion: France 1914-1915 (Y1/398a)
 L/Cpl GL Raphael, 1/4th Battalion, France 1914-1915 (Y1/217)
 Pte C Allman, 4th Battalion: France 1914-1915 (Y1/2b)
 Lieut-Col FW Turner, 4th Battalion: France 1914-1916 (Y1/263)
 Lieut HM Brown, 4th Battalion: France 1914-1917 (Y1/42b)
 Lieut-Col AG Taylor, 4th Battalion: France 1915-1919 (Y1/251b, c)
 Maj ER Cooper, 3rd Volunteer Battalion: home 1915-1920 (Y1/72a, b)
 Capt J Burton, 7th Battalion, North Staffordshire Regt: Gallipoli, Suez 1916 (Y1/48b)
 Lieut RF Barton, 2nd Battalion: France 1916 (Y1/18d)
 Lieut CJ Hupfield, 2nd Battalion (attached Machine Gun Corps): France 1916-1917 (Y1/147)
 L/Cpl S Bamford, 1st Battalion: Salonika 1916-1917 (Y1/15)
 CQMS GE Lee, 5th Battalion: Egypt 1916-1918 (Y1/165j)
 Pte AW Fenn, 2nd Battalion: France 1917 (Y1/109)
 Pte WJ Strange, 25th Battalion, London Regt: Waziristan 1917 (Y1/381)
 2nd Lieut JA Blanch, 2nd Battalion: Germany (POW) 1918 (Y1/28)
 Lt CG Gardner, Queen's Westminster Rifles and 9th Battalion: 1914-1916 (Y1/466)
 Sgt H Wroughton, Suffolk Yeomanry: Egypt 1916-1917 (Y1/509)
 CQMS AW low, 7th Battalion: France 1915 (Y1/513)
 Lieut AA de Jongh, 7th Battalion: France 1914-1919 (Y1/577)
 Pte FC Lambert, 4th Battalion: France 1918 (Y1/583)
 L/Cpl W Bantick, 5th Battalion: Gallipoli, Egypt 1914-1918 (Y1/588)
 Pte FH Hornsey, 11th Battalion: France 1918 (Y1/578c)

Between the Wars

Unidentified soldier, 2nd Battalion: India 1930 (Y3/11)

1939-1945 War and later

Pte FE Hammond, 5th Battalion: Japanese POW 1941-1943 (Y1/134)
 Capt PDA Clarke, 5th Battalion: Japanese POW 1941-1945 (Y1/65)
 2nd Lieut MCM. Arrindell, 4th Battalion: Singapore 1942 (Y1/5)
 Col PSW Dean, 4th Battalion: Japanese POW 1941-1945 (Y1/512)
 Cpl R Boyd, 1st battalion: Malaya 1952 (Y1/585)

BIOGRAPHIES, AUTOBIOGRAPHIES AND REMINISCENCES

Printed, manuscript and recorded biographies, autobiographies and reminiscences provide personal insights into life in the regiment. (The period covered is given in brackets). Most of the printed books without a reference number are available in the Bury Record Office searchroom.

18th-19th century

Account of the service of Grenadier Stutter, by his niece (1751-1763) (Y1/149)
Memoirs of George Elers, Captain in the 12th Regiment of Foot ed Lord Monson and G Leveson Gower (1903) (India 1779-1842)
Life in the XIIIth Regiment: fifty-six years personal reminiscences by Lieut-Col WJ Boyes (1907/8, reprinted from the *Gazette*) (Victorian period) (Y1/32)
 Pte E McComish, 1st Battalion: biographical account of service (1853-1865) (Y1/493)
 Sgt WH Crane, 2nd Battalion: biographical account of service (1881-1909) (Y1/492)
 Pte WW Bell, 2nd Battalion: biography (1893-1905) (Y1/515)

1914-1918 War

A Rendezvous with Death, ed AJ Peacock (1986)
CSM C Smith, Suffolk Yeomanry: reminiscences (Y1/380)
Cpl RE Lovegrove, 6th and 12th Battalions: typescript autobiography (Y1/383)
Capt HCN Trollope: memoirs (Y1/429b)
L/Cpl JF Bunn, 2nd and 12th Battalions: autobiography (Y1/435)
Charles Hamilton Sorley, by JM Wilson (1985)
Journey to the Trenches: the life of Isaac Rosenberg by J Cohen (1992)
Peter Clement Layard: extracts from his letters (1919)
In memory of Osbert Harold Brown (nd) (Y1/349)
From the Somme to the Armistice: The Memoirs of Captain Stormont Gibbs MC, ed. R Devonald-Lewis (1986) (typescript at Y1/124(a))
One Man's Tide by Brig. EM Ransford (Y1/216)
Pte J Elwell, 7th Battalion: *Thank God I trying to do am my little bit* (ed K Wayman, 2008)
The Goodchilds of Grundisburgh, (H Finch, 2008) (biography of three brothers, 7th and 9th Battalions) (Y1/567)
Capt ED Wolton, 5th Battalion: taped reminiscences of service in Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine (1915-1918) (Y1/275d)
Through Dust to Conflict – memories of the Great War by A Bantick (1980) (Y1/510)
Pte FH Hornsey, 11th Battalion: *Hell on Earth* (1930; reprint 2008) (Y1/578c)
Letters from the Front to Lavenham 1915-1918 from Capt H C Wolton MC, 1/5th Suffolk Regt (2003)
'Ungathered Moss' by Brig. JG Frere (Y1/119)
Jack Hind and Frederick Castle: video recordings of reminiscences (A16/39)
Interviews with veterans of World War 1 and 2 (1985) (A16/44)

Between the Wars

The Khyber Connection by A Cooper (1985) (India)
Saga of a Suffolk Soldier by AC Boreham (1990) (Shanghai; India)
Topees and Red Berets by WS Bevan (1995) (India)

1939-1945 War

Called Up: A Tribute to the Conscript Soldier during World War II by GJ Scriven (1975) (Y1/128c)
Regimental Stretcher Bearers in Action! by GJ Scriven (1952)
Pte SMJ Dulling: typescript autobiography (Y1/430)
Tamajao 241 by E Warwick (1987) (Japanese POW)
2nd Lieut PR Peachey: *Jeweller's Rouge – Survival by the River Kwai* (2002) (Y1/438) (Japanese POW)
Pte DG Few, 5th Battalion: *A Helping Hand* (2000) (Y1/582a) (Japanese POW)
Maj CA Boycott, 1st Battalion: account of pre-D Day training and Normandy landing (Y1/389)
A Suffolk Lad Goes to War by R Gray (1995) (Japanese POW)
More Memories of Working on the Thai-Burma Railway of Death by FR Smith (2002) (Japanese POW)
D Harvey: taped reminiscences of time as Japanese POW (Y1/456)
Pte CE Manning, 5th Battalion: reminiscences of time as Japanese POW (Y1/478)
Interviews with veterans of World War 1 and 2 (1985) (A16/44)

Since 1945

Brig WC Deller: taped reminiscences of service in Palestine (1947-1948) (Y1/407)

Jungle Green by A Campbell (1953) (Malaya)
Pte RA Bostick: reminiscences (Malaya) (Y1/463)
Soldier On! The Testament of a Tom by J Starling (1982) (post World War II)
The Suffolks in Malaya by L Spicer (1998)
Pte KV Perryman: reminiscences of National Service, (1954) (Y1/452)
2nd Lieut RC Farmer: 'Memoirs of a National Service subaltern' (Malaya 1951-1953) (Y1/107c)
Pte AJ Coote: reminiscences of service in Malaya 1951-1953 (Y1/436)

PHOTOGRAPHS

The collection includes over 22,000 photographs, loose, in albums, on CDs or DVDs, illustrating the life of the regiment from 1862 to 1959: active service (from Afghanistan in 1880 onwards), peacetime activities at home and abroad, sporting and social events, individual soldiers and groups. There are also many photographs of the areas overseas in which the regiment served, particularly Egypt, India, Malta, Shanghai, South Africa, Palestine, France and Flanders.

Most of the photographs are at A15 (general), B12 (1st Battalion), C9 (2nd Battalion), D3 (Depot), E8 (3rd Battalion) and G6 (4th Battalion) but there are many at Y1 (individual soldiers' records): these are cross-referenced at the appropriate points in the catalogue. When individuals on a photograph are named, this fact is noted in the catalogue.

There is also a database available in the searchroom which lists the officers and men on every photograph in which individuals are named; it currently contains over 13,000 entries relating to c4,200 soldiers.

MAPS AND PLANS

There are many maps (manuscript and printed and at a variety of scales), mostly of the areas in which the regiment served from the mid-19th century. Of particular note are:

Trench maps, Western Front (A13/5-7; C2/2; C7/3; Y1/36b, 116, 164a, r, 168a, 212g, 244c, 323p, q)
Printed maps of the Western Front (A13/1-4; Y1/212e)
Gaza (H3/2) Gallipoli (H3/1; Y1/165l, m; Y1/187b, c)
Germany (B11/4, 8-10) Malaya (B11/5-7)
India (A12/12, 15; B13/5; Y1/35c-f, 179cc-ff, mm, nn) Burma (A13/15; C7/5)
South Africa (A14/14-16) Egypt and the Sudan (B11/1-2)

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT

The Cambridgeshire Regiment was a Territorial regiment which had close links with the Suffolk Regiment, although it fought under its own name in the two World Wars. Its Great War history is told in *The Cambridgeshires 1914 to 1919* by E Riddell and MC Clayton; for the period 1920-1961 see the Suffolk Regiment histories by Nicholson and Godfrey; *Battalion at War - Singapore 1942* by M Moore (1988); *Line of Lost Lives* by JS Cosford (1988), *Unbelievable but True* by SR Lockwood (2006) and the *Gazette* (1920-1939). The regimental archives are at the Cambridgeshire Record Office, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP. (www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/archives)

OTHER SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL SOURCES

Suffolk Record Office, Bury St Edmunds

2nd Suffolk Battalion Home Guard, nominal rolls (acc 598)
Company Commander's papers, 2nd Suffolk Battalion, Home Guard (HD 1340/1-62)

Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich

Records of the Suffolk Territorial and Auxiliary Force Association, 1907-1968 (IA 2)
Nominal rolls, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th and 11th Suffolk Battalions, Home Guard (IA 1)

Suffolk Library Service

The county collection of Oral History recordings (available for loan through the library service) contains 14 tapes which include reminiscences of life in the regiment, and a further 18 relating to Home Guard activities. For details see *The Past Remembered: A Catalogue of Oral History Tapes* (3rd ed 1995) and the on-line library catalogue at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/LeisureAndCulture/Libraries/SuffolkLibrariesDirect/>

USEFUL ADDRESSES AND ON-LINE RESOURCES

The **Suffolk Regiment Museum** The Keep, Out Risbygate, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3RN (01284 752394) tells the story of the Regiment through medals, uniforms, photographs, weapons, equipment and personal memorabilia (www.suffolkregimentmuseum.co.uk)

Army Personnel Centre, HQ Secretariat, Historical Disclosures, Mail Point 400, Kentigern House, 65 Brown St, Glasgow G2 8EX (Information on soldiers whose regular or reserve service ended between 1921 and 1997; an application form (£30 charge) can be downloaded from www.army.mod.uk/6980.aspx)

The whole Suffolk Regiment archive catalogue is accessible on the **Access to Archives** (A2A) web site, at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a> The site contains over 10.3 million entries from archive catalogues in 418 English record repositories and will therefore reveal references to the regiment in collections outside Suffolk.

The **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** free searchable database covers deaths on active service of UK, Australian, Canadian, Indian, New Zealand and South African forces and UK civilians in WWI and WWII. (www.cwgc.org/cwgcinternet/search.aspx)

Children & Families of the Far East Prisoners of War (COFEPOW) is a charity dedicated to perpetuating the memory of the FEPOWs and assisting with research into their experiences in Japanese hands. (www.cofepow.org.uk)

The National Archives (TNA) holds all surviving soldiers' papers up to 1920; war diaries from both World Wars; Muster Rolls and Pay Lists up to around 1890; most Medal Rolls up to 1948 (no Rolls were kept for 1939-1945 Stars and Medals)
Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU; 0208876 3444 www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The **11th (Service) Battalion The Suffolk Regiment** – the Cambridgeshire Suffolks – has a dedicated web site – www.curme.co.uk/102.htm

FURTHER READING

Tracing your First World War Ancestors by Simon Fowler (2003) (9781846741302)
Tracing your Second World War Ancestors by Simon Fowler (2006) (9781853069369)
Medals: The Researcher's Guide by William Spencer (2006) (9781903365632)
Tracing your Family History – Army (Imperial War Museum, 1999) (9781904897248)
More Sources of World War I Army Ancestry by Norman Holding (3rd ed 1998) (1860060838)
First World War Army Service Records by William Spencer (2008) (9781905615261)

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Suffolk Heritage Direct website: <http://www.suffolkheritagedirect.org.uk>