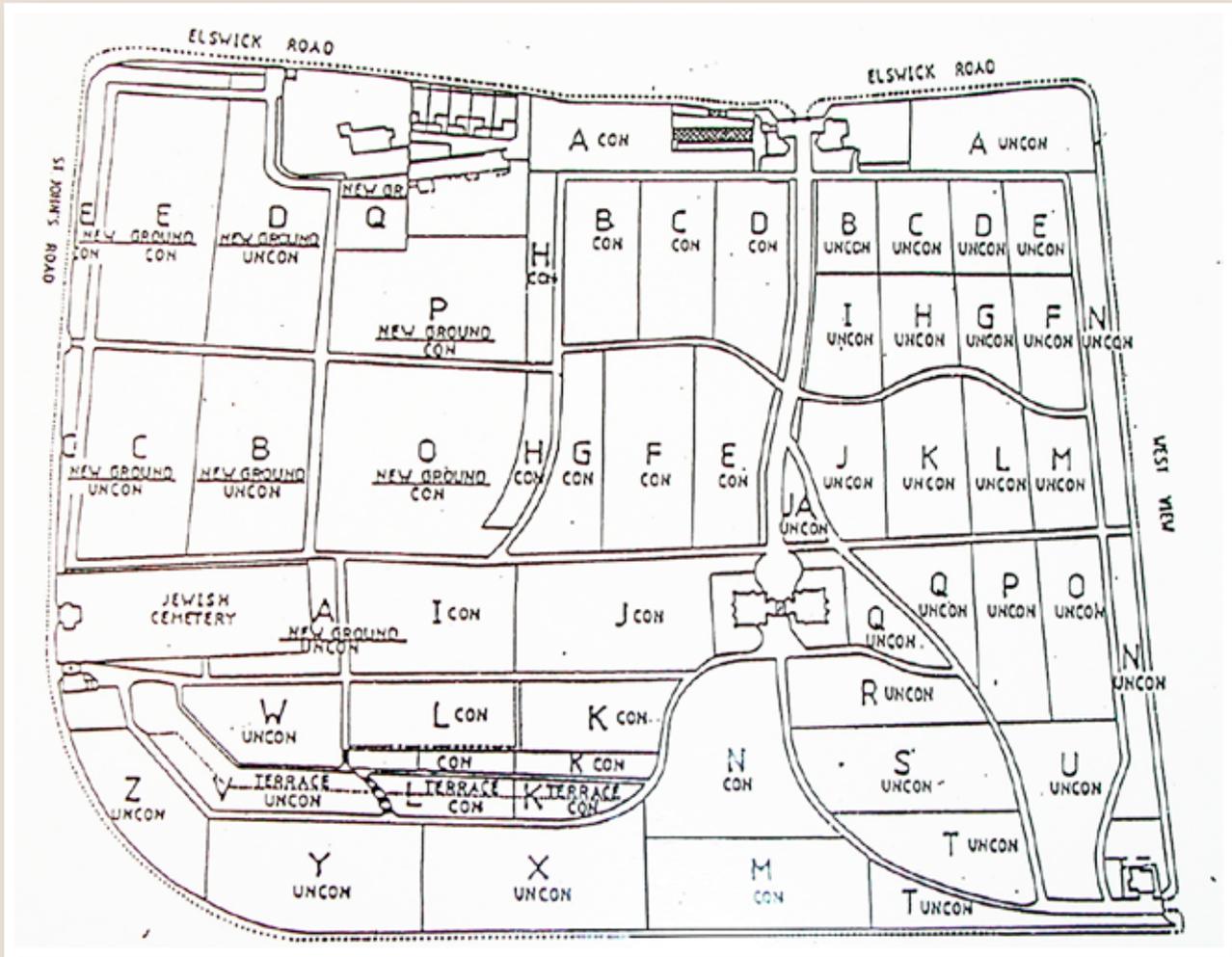


**Lesson Plan: Women at War West Newcastle 1914-1918
Researching First World War CWGC Graves in Elswick Cemetery**

Teacher/s:	Date:
Subject: History/Geography	Year:
Learning Objectives: Develop the use of historical terms related to cemetery research. Use a range of historical information including primary sources. Use site research to inform an historical enquiry.	Success Criteria: The pupils will understand the historical significance of their local cemetery.
Key Questions: What can we find out about the First World War from headstones in Elswick Cemetery? How can we record and display the information collected?	
Starter Activity/Introduction Discuss how the pupils should behave during the cemetery visit and how their behaviour might impact on other people visiting graves. Use the image of Albert Good's grave to practice completing the CWGC site visit record sheet.	Resources Researching First World War Headstones in Elswick Cemetery: Record sheet.
Main Activity Visit to Elswick Cemetery. Remember to notify Newcastle Bereavement Services of the visit and to behave respectfully near other churchyard visitors. Pupils to work in pairs to photograph and record 2/3 WW1 headstones. Remind them they are looking for stones dated 1914-1920, not 1939-45. CWGC allow grave rubbings, provided no marks are left – discuss appropriate media with the class for example soft pencil, but not wax crayons.	Resources Researching First World War Headstones in Elswick Cemetery: Record sheet; ipads/digital cameras, sugar paper, charcoal sticks.
Plenary Organise and evaluate the information collected. Discuss findings: oldest and youngest servicemen; different regiments; local regiments and battalions; years of death; women; inscriptions. Research the servicemen recorded during the cemetery visit on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Site or download and view the CWGC spreadsheet for Elswick Cemetery. Write a report on the cemetery visit. Include a description of the activities undertaken, the condition of the cemetery and how the children felt about being so close to the graves.	Resources CWGC website, completed cemetery record sheets. www.cwgc.org

Researching First World War Headstones in Elswick Cemetery. Record sheet.	
Researchers' Names	
Serviceman's name	
Regiment (or ship)	
Rank	
Number	
Decorations/Medals	
Date of Death	
Age	
Religious symbol (usually a cross)	
Inscription (bottom of the grave)	

ELSWICK CEMETERY



**Lesson Plan: Women at War West Newcastle 1914-1918
Researching Private Thompson**

Teacher/s:	Date:
Subject: Trench Warfare: Research Activities	Year:
<p>Learning Objectives: Develop the use of historical terms related to cemetery research: headstone, roll of honour, regiment, date of death, casualties. Use a range of historical information including primary sources. Understand the methods of historical enquiry.</p>	<p>Success Criteria: The children know what a Roll of Honour is and understand the connection to war memorials and headstones.</p>
<p>Key Questions: How can newspapers help with researching First World War headstones? What kind of information is given in a Roll of Honour? Why was the Roll of Honour in local newspapers so important to families during the First World War? How do we use the CWGC website?</p>	
<p>Starter Activity/Introduction Read the short newspaper column together. Discuss the significance of the term <i>Roll of Honour</i>: sacrifice, remembrance, making the death of a son or husband more acceptable. Identify and read the section on Private Thompson from Benwell.</p>	<p>Resources Researching Private Thompson Activity Sheet.</p>
<p>Main Activity Check Private Thompson's details on the CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) website: http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx Irritatingly too much information such as adding rank, regiment and country often gives no result. Fill in the page as shown on the activity sheet and Private Thompson is one of 8 names shown. Our Benwell man is William Landreth, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). William is killed and buried in France and shows the results of a typical search, rather than burial in a British cemetery.</p>	<p>Resources Researching Private Thompson Activity Sheet. CWGC website.</p>
<p>Plenary Click on William's name and download the Certificate. Discuss the additional information given: date of death, age, father, name of wife.</p>	<p>Resources Researching Private Thompson Activity Sheet.</p>

RESEARCHING PRIVATE THOMPSON

Look at the resource sheets on the following pages.

Using Source 1 answer these questions:	
Where did Private Thompson live?	
What were the initials of his first and middle names?	
What regiment did he serve in?	

Using Source 2 Log on to http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx and fill in the search box just like the one on this sheet. Answer these questions:			
When did Private Thompson die?			
Where is he buried?			
How old was he when he died?			
Who were his wife, mother and father ?	Wife:	Mother	Father:

Source 1

Newcastle Journal 1st May 1916

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

CASUALTIES IN NORTH-COUNTRY REGIMENTS.

The following casualties have been notified:—

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS. KILLED.

Mrs Thomas McKenna, of Esh Winning, has received a letter from Captain J. J. Fleming, announcing with deep regret the death of her husband, Lance-Corpl. McKenna, who was killed in action on April 8. The letter also states that a telegram has been received from Divisional Headquarters announcing that the Military Service Medal had been conferred upon the deceased soldier.

WOUNDED.

Mr and Mrs France, of 57, Henry Street, Newcastle, have received word that their son, Sergt. James France, was wounded in the head and back.

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Private William Daghish, 918, of Gateshead, has been killed in action.

Private John Edward Green, of High Barnston, has been killed in action.

WOUNDED.

Private G. W. Johnson, of Durham, has been wounded.

BENWELL SOLDIER KILLED.

Mrs W. L. Thompson, 180, Canning Street, Benwell, has received word that her husband, Private W. L. Thompson, of the East Kent Regiment, has been killed in action.

SUNDERLAND MAN KILLED.

An intimation has been received in Sunderland of the death of Private George Thompson (29), of the East Yorks Regiment, and youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Thompson.

RESEARCHING PRIVATE THOMPSON

Source 2

Commonwealth War Graves Search box

Surname

Forename / Initials  Initials Forename

Country (commemorated in) 

Cemetery or memorial

War 

Date of death: (starting)    

Date of death: (ending)    

Served with

<input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Forces
<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Forces
<input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> South African Forces
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Commonwealth Nationals	

Searching for individuals from other Commonwealth countries? [Click here](#)

Served in

<input type="checkbox"/> Army	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Civilian War Dead
<input type="checkbox"/> Navy	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous

Unit 

Rank 

Service Number 

Regiment

Secondary Regiment 

Honours and Awards 

Additional Information 