

A selection of Second World War material in our Special Collections:

'History of the 9th West Riding Home Guard' (LQ 355.22W52). Includes general history, conference minutes, training programmes and orders.

Air Raid Casualties in Leeds – original handwritten cards giving name, address and next of kin of those killed or injured (L940.53 L517), additionally a name index at LQP940.542ALP

Miscellaneous instructions and maps for the D6 fire patrol (LQ355.45L517)

'Morley Special Savings Committee' - 5 volumes (FLM827 940). Collection of newscuttings, general ephemera, photographs and letters.

'Otley and Wharfedale War Weapons Week' (SRF940.53L516). Collection of photographs, correspondence and ephemera.*

'Leeds Ark Royal Week', compiled by William Lee. Collection consisting mostly of photographs. (SRF940.53/L516)*

Ministry of Information correspondence and ephemera regarding meetings in Leeds (SRF940.53M664)*

Typescript draft and correspondence with local bodies and organisations in compiling the 'Leeds to Victory' booklet. (SRF940.53Y82)*

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Second World War Research Guide

Our Research Guides list some of the most useful, interesting and unique items in at Leeds Central Library. Many others are listed in our online and card catalogues. Items marked * may require 24-hours notice to view.

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General material

Newspapers – Among the newspapers in our collection are the Yorkshire Post and Yorkshire Evening Post; a list of our holdings is available on request.

The remainder of our collection is catalogued in our card catalogue, which can be accessed in the Local & Family History Library reading room. Although we don't have a complete index to our newspapers, we do have a partial index which staff can search.

Photographs – Our collection of Leeds photographs can be viewed online: www.leodis.net. We also have a collection of prints and photographs which can be accessed in the Local and Family History Library, which includes images of bomb damage and rescue works, victory celebrations and various 'weeks'. Search under 'World War Two' in the card catalogue.

Yorkshire and Leeds periodicals – We have a large collection of Leeds and Yorkshire periodicals covering a wide variety of topics.

School magazines – Including during the war, e.g. Leeds Grammar School

General ephemera relating to local cultural, social and political events.

Local government material – Including Annual Reports of the different council committees and the Reports of the Leeds Medical Office of Health.

Trade directories – Lists of individuals, businesses, industries, municipal offices, places of worship, educational establishments, local societies etc.

Lists of names on local war memorials – We have a small collection of lists for a number of war memorials in Leeds, Morley and Pudsey.

Ancestry.com military databases - Free access in all Leeds libraries to Ancestry.com. Databases include UK Prisoners of War 1939-45 and GB Royal AeroClub Aviators Certificates 1910-1950.

Maps – we have a large collection of Leeds and Yorkshire OS maps dating back to 1850s. We also have a selection of German war maps of Leeds (1940) with various targets marked.

Published histories – Local histories covering different areas of Leeds plus histories of local institutions, organisations, industries, transport, entertainment, etc. Additionally we hold personal histories – reminiscences and stories of WWII experiences.

Annual reports – Annual reports belonging to local charitable organisations and institutions in Leeds.

A selection of Second World War material in our general collection:

'City of Leeds Air Raid Precautions' and 'Civil Defence Reports' 1936-1945 (L940.53L517)

Official programmes including Ark Royal Week, Leeds Salute a Soldier Week, Wings for Victory Week, Remembrance Day Services (LP940.53L517)

'Leeds to Victory 1939-1945: Achievements of the People of Leeds' and 'Official Programme of events for Peace Celebrations 1946' (LP940.53L517)

City of Leeds Civil Defence Publications including Food and Rest Centres, Air Raid Precautions for Works and Offices, Billeting for Homeless Persons (LP355.45L517 and LQ355.45L517)

'The Story of the 18th General Hospital 1939-1945', T. D. Pratt and G. A. Bramley (LP940.53L517)

'Aircraft Log Book – Halifax III, LW167' – 1944-45 (L940.544A174L)

Ministry of Information, Leeds Information Committee Information Sheets (L940.53M664)

'Report on the activities of the Anglo-Refugees Centre', Leeds, 1942 (LQP940.53159AN46)

General Register Office death indices for Army, Naval, RAF, Indian Services and Marine deaths (microfiche). Plus General Register Office Consular birth indices covering WWII period as well as Army and Consular marriage indices (microfiche).