

## INDIA AND SOUTH EAST ASIA MILITARY RESEARCH

Please note – this guide is not intended to be exhaustive but to provide some useful resources to start your research. A larger record of website links can be viewed on the FamilyHistoryWA website's Resources>Links page. **You can filter by 'Region' or 'Subject'.**

### Researching military ancestors who served in India and South East Asia

Links to websites that have online resources for military service in India and South East Asia:

Ancestry - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61468/> UK, Registers of Employees of the East India Company and the India Office, 1746-1939

Ancestry - <https://www.ancestry.com.au/search/collections/31425/> The East India Register & Directory, 1944

FindMyPast - <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/british-india-office-army-and-navy-pensions> Records from 1749 to 1947 from British East India Company and British Indian Army

FindMyPast – <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/world-records/full-list-of-united-kingdom-records/travel-and-migration/east-india-register-and-army-list-1855> East India Register and Army List 1855

GenesReunited – has a Colonial Service category which includes Army and Civil Service Lists  
<https://www.genesreunited.com.au/articles/world-records/full-list-of-united-kingdom-records/travel-and-migration/colonial-service>

Family Search – has many databases to search. Go to 'Catalog' – search by Place – type in India – scroll down to 'India Military' – click on the little triangle on the left of the entry – chose your record of interest. Most of them need to be viewed at FHWA or a LDS centre

National Archives (UK) - War diaries for the many Indian Army Brigades ; WW1 and Army of Occupation afterwards <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/results/r?q=indian&ser=WO%2095&id=C14303>

The British Library – has a South Asia collection that includes the archive of the East India Company and a huge photo collection <https://www.bl.uk/subjects/south-asia>

FIBIS wiki [Families in British India Society] – has a very comprehensive link collection which includes research guides and databases [https://wiki.fibis.org/w/Indian\\_Army](https://wiki.fibis.org/w/Indian_Army)

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Wikipedia - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:British\\_Indian\\_Army\\_infantry\\_regiments](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:British_Indian_Army_infantry_regiments) Lists all 195 infantry regiments of the British Indian Army and links to information about them.

Google Books have free ebooks such as:

The East India Military Calendar 1823

[https://www.google.com.au/books/edition/The\\_East\\_India\\_Military\\_Calendar/-EbRAAAAMAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=india+military&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.com.au/books/edition/The_East_India_Military_Calendar/-EbRAAAAMAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=india+military&printsec=frontcover)

The East India Register and Army List 1845

[https://books.google.com.au/books?id=L3QIAAAAQAAJ&newbks=0&printsec=frontcover&dq=india+military&hl=en&source=newbks\\_fb&redir\\_esc=y#v=onepage&q=india%20military&f=false](https://books.google.com.au/books?id=L3QIAAAAQAAJ&newbks=0&printsec=frontcover&dq=india+military&hl=en&source=newbks_fb&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=india%20military&f=false)

The Monthly Army List for January 1921

<https://books.google.com.au/books?id=e8E5AQAAAMAAJ&pg=PP144#v=onepage&q&f=false>

Land Forces of Britain, the Empire and Commonwealth

<http://web.archive.org/web/20051229200530/http://www.regiments.org/nations/index.htm>

The Surrey History Centre has produced a very comprehensive guide

<https://www.exploringsurreyspast.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Guide-to-tracing-sources-for-the-Indian-Army-FINAL-VERSION-2019-ESP.pdf>

Cyndi's list has links to an impressive number of collections. Just type the name of the country into the search box. [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

WA Military Digital Library [www.wamdl.com.au](http://www.wamdl.com.au)