

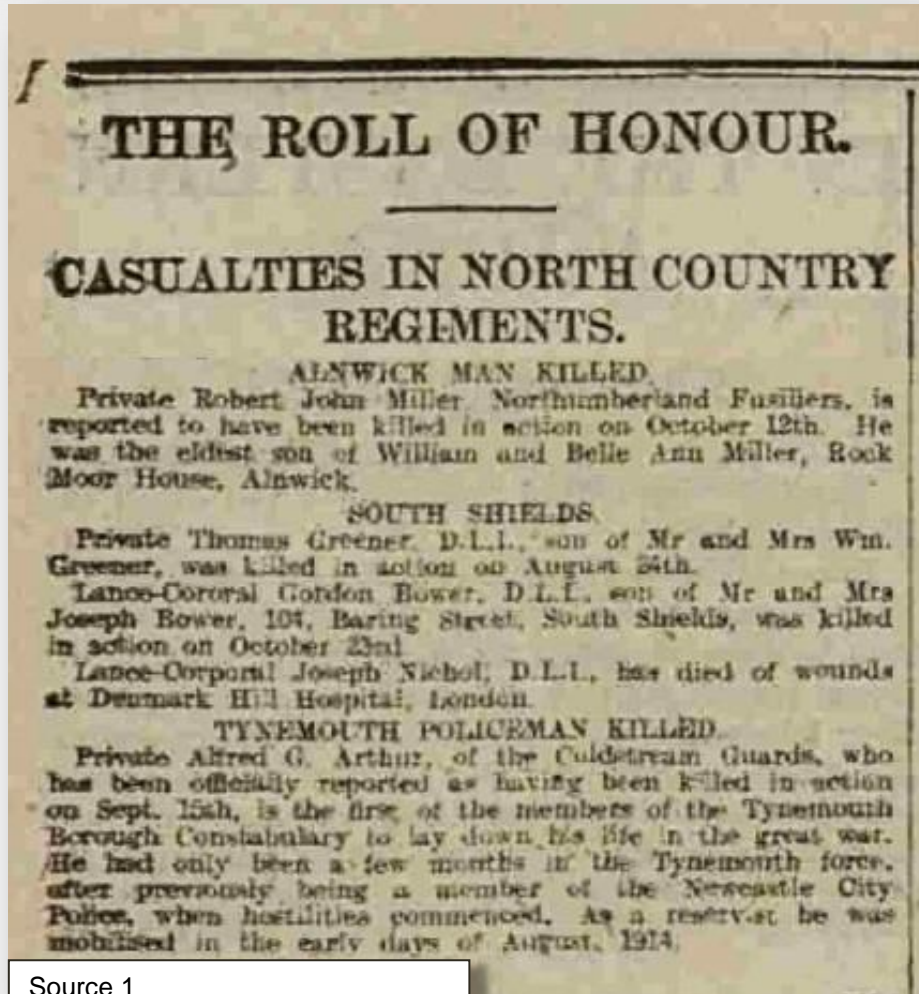


## Protecting the Tyne: Discovering Lance-Corporal Bower

<b>Lesson Plan: Discovering Lance-Corporal Bower</b>	
<b>Teacher/s:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Year:</b>
<b>Learning Objectives:</b> 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.	<b>Success Criteria:</b> The children know what a Roll of Honour is and understand the connection to war memorials and headstones.
<b>Key Questions:</b> 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 papers so important to families during the First World War? How do we use the CWGC website?	
<b>Starter Activity/Introduction</b> Read the short newspaper column together. Discuss the significance of the term Roll of Honour: sacrifice, remembrance, making the death of a son or husband more acceptable. Identify and read the entry on Lance-Corporal Bower.	<b>Resources</b> Researching Lance-Corporal Bower Activity Sheet
<b>Main Activity</b> Check Lance-Corporal Bower's details on the CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) website. 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.	<b>Resources</b> Researching Lance-Corporal Bower Activity Sheet CWGC website <a href="http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx">http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx</a>
<b>Plenary</b> Click on Gordon's name and download the Certificate. Discuss the additional information given: date of death, age, father, name of wife.	<b>Resources</b> Researching Lance-Corporal Bower Activity Sheet CWGC website



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Source 1  
An extract from *The Newcastle Daily Journal* 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1916.

Read the Roll of Honour and answer these questions:	
What rank was Gordon Bower?	
When did he die?	
Where did his parents live?	
What was his regiment?	
Where did Lance-Corporal Nichol die?	
Write down three facts about Private Arthur:	1.  2.  3.



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### Using the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website

Put CWGC into a search engine. Usually the first item in the search list reads: [Find War Dead - Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#).

**Next:** Click on this and fill in the Find War Dead box like the one shown here.

**Next:** Click the red Search button.

**Next:** Gordon's name is shown in red. Click on that.

**Next:** Read the information and/or download the certificate

Find four new facts about Lance Corporal Bower that weren't in the Roll of Honour?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



Source 2 *Find War Dead* Search Box

Surname

Forename / Initials  Initials  Forename

Country (commemorated in)

Cemetery or memorial

War

Date of death: (starting)

Date of death: (ending)

Served with  United Kingdom Forces  Canadian Forces  
 Australian Forces  Indian Forces  
 New Zealand Forces  South African Forces  
 Non-Commonwealth Nationals

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

Served in  Army  Merchant Navy  
 Air Force  Civilian War Dead  
 Navy  Miscellaneous

Unit

Rank

Service Number

Regiment

Secondary Regiment

Honours and Awards

Additional Information

