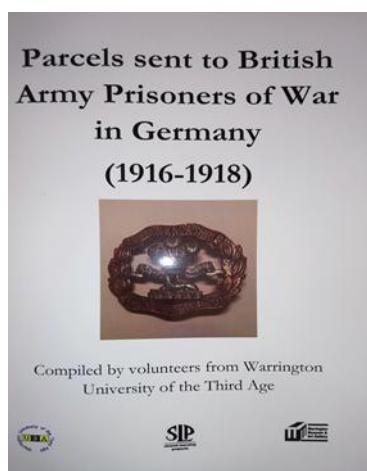


Transcription Project

The Transcription Project is being undertaken by a group of volunteers, mainly from Warrington U3A Family History and Photography Groups, plus one or two associates, who are working with the Archives and Heritage Officer from Culture Warrington Museum to digitise some of their hand-written archive materials.

We concentrate mainly on items which will produce a searchable database, accessible to the public, through which people can find information about their ancestors and further their family history research.

For our first project, we transcribed ledgers containing details of soldiers from the South Lancashire Regiment who became prisoners of war in Germany during the First World War, and who regularly received food and clothing parcels through a Care Committee, funded by sponsors and locally-raised funds.



There was initially so little information to explain the purpose of the ledgers that members undertook separate research, resulting in a presentation to the Family History Group, an article in the Third Age Trust 'Sources' Magazine, a folder of relevant newspaper articles and a booklet containing all the contributions to the presentation.

Following this, a working man's Diary from the late 1800s was transcribed, then a Police Warrants ledger from the early 1900s. In each case further research was undertaken around the subject, and this formed the material for a W U3A Family History Group session. We are now about to move on to a Robberies ledger from a similar time period.

If you would like any further information about the Project, please contact the Family History Group by using 'Click to send a message' on the group's web page.

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