

# New educational platform for Jewish service during WWI

We Were There Too (WWTT), a digital platform which commemorates the UK's Jewish community during the First World War has been working with worldwide production company, Discovery Education to create two short videos aimed respectively at primary and secondary schools

We Were There Too, over the last four years been going into schools in Greater London and across the North West of England engaging with students to enable them to expand their knowledge of life during the First World War. Project manager, Rodney Ross explained: "We normally intensify our educational programme around Remembrance time. This year is very different with the Covid pandemic affecting everybody's lives.

"Working with Discovery Education we have created a 14 minute primary school video presentation and a 16 minute presentation for secondary schools. We have also used in our general community information programme as we feel the content is appropriate for community commemorations. To enhance each presentation we have prepared resources for schools and teachers so they are able to build on the content with pupils. All our resources, which includes a listing of personal records of Jewish servicemen and women and military nurses from across all of the UK. The can be easily



tailored for school assemblies and communities and community groups."

Throughout Britain and the then colonies and Empire, Jews volunteered in highly disproportionate numbers. In the UK alone over 60,000 served out of a total community of some 350,000. This relatively new immigrant population also suffered a disproportionate number of casualties. British Jews also won a disproportionately high number of gallantry awards, including a remarkable five Victoria Crosses.

The assembly and presentation material can be accessed via the website at [www.jewsfww.uk/the-project.php](http://www.jewsfww.uk/the-project.php) and then by clicking on the Poppy. This is a free facility with cost to schools and community groups as the project is fully funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.