



PROJECT: From left, Rodney Ross, Tereza Ward and Ron Flowers

Research Jewish war heroes

★ **WE Were There Too**, the online portal which commemorates Jewish life in Britain during the First World War and the community's contribution to the war effort, held an event at the Royal Regiment of Fusilier Museum in Bury.

Part of the UK wide roadshow to mark the centenary of the publication of *The British Jewry Book of Honour*, the event allowed visitors to research family history during the war.

WTT project manager **RODNEY ROSS** and researcher **TEREZA WARD**, along with the Fusilier Museum researcher **RON FLOWERS**, were on hand to help visitors search through the book and available records to find more details about family members who might have served in the Armed Forces or nursing services between 1914 and 1918.

Rodney said: "The project has given us all a lot of satisfaction helping people discover little known information about family members who fought or indeed died during the war."

The book, comprising more than 1,000 pages and 50,000 individual records, was the work of **REV MICHAEL ADLER**, the first Jewish Army chaplain to see active service in the field.

The WTT team will be visiting Manchester's Nicky Alliance Centre on January 17 and are inviting members to take along details of family members.

Rodney added: "Three thousand copies of this amazing book were printed and it's been a helpful tool in helping us fill many gaps in our community's history."

"We are also appealing for people who have copies of the original book to let us know as we are trying to see just how many are still in circulation."

"Over the years the book has also been a useful tool in fighting antisemitism in demonstrating the bravery of British Jews."

COLONEL MARTIN NEWMAN, a Fusilier and member of the Museum Collection Trust committee, said: "The Regiment is proud of its association with the Jewish Community. The Royal Fusiliers formed three active Jewish battalions during the First World War, known as the Judeans, and, nearer home, the Lancashire Fusiliers was the regiment of choice for a great number Manchester and Salford Jews during both world wars."