

As the Project builds momentum, the scale of what we aim to achieve continues to grow.

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## MEET THE TEAM

After a rigorous recruitment and induction process over the last 8 weeks, three additional members of staff have been appointed to support the *We Were There Too* Project. We are now fully operational and hard at work, based at JLGB's office in Redbridge, where we recently welcomed a visit from Heritage Lottery Fund personnel and introduced them to the team.

Alan Fell, Project Director,

Paula Kitching, Project Manager,

Alex Joseph, Assistant Project Manager

Rachel Fellman, Youth and Community Engagement Assistant

Maria Monteagudo, Information and Technology Assistant

Mandy King, Communications

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## TESTING, TESTING, TESTING

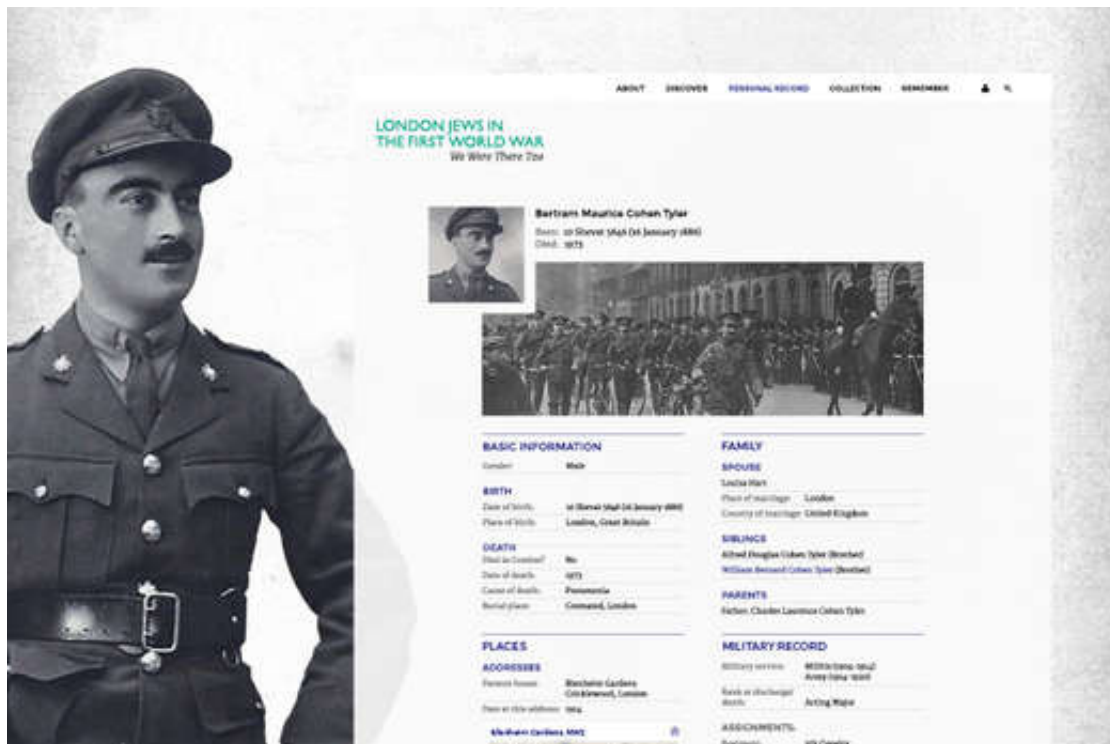
Since the last news update, web builders, Beachshore Design, working closely with our designers, Creative Interpartners, and the *We Were There Too* team, have made

great progress in site construction, population and navigation. Site testing is now under way with a number of different potential User groups and will continue over the next three weeks, prior to launch. We are listening hard to the Users in order to refine and enhance their experience on the site. Effective, productive engagement and interaction with the Community lie at the heart of the Project.

## ACCESSING THE ARCHIVES TO CREATE PERSONAL RECORDS

With over 30 Personal Records already researched and uploaded, more First World War collections, stories and archives are coming to our attention every week. We are delighted that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Bishopsgate Institute, Jewish Chronicle, Ben Uri Gallery, Jewish Museum, Jewish Military Museum and a number of Private Collectors, among others, are allowing us to make their archives accessible to the community through the *We Were There Too* site.

This will become the most comprehensive collection of British, and particularly London, Jewish related First World War material ever brought together in one place.



Bertram Tyler's Personal Record

## ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

The *We Were There Too* website will be opened to the community on 20th June, 2016. All our efforts are now focused on making that date an end and a beginning: the end of Phase 1 – site construction, and the start of Phase 2 – community engagement. Volunteer recruitment and training will begin shortly and plans put in place for a number of open community events in different areas across London, over the next 2 years.

There are so many stories waiting to be uncovered and told.

If you would like to get more involved, please email [contactus@jewsffw.london](mailto:contactus@jewsffw.london)

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