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(1914-1918)

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This guide is designed to help you discover items on World War I that you can access on site, from your school or home.

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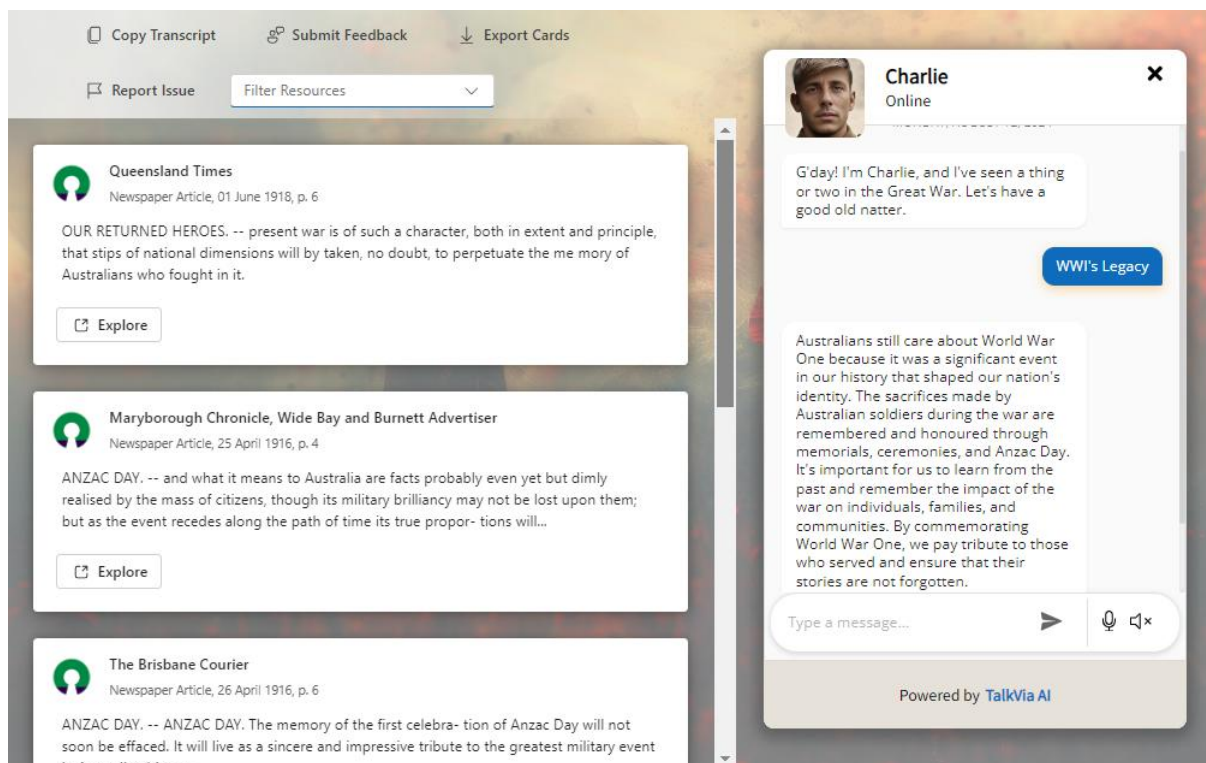
Featured Databases

[The First World War](#) database provides an enormous selection of primary and secondary sources from archives around the world.



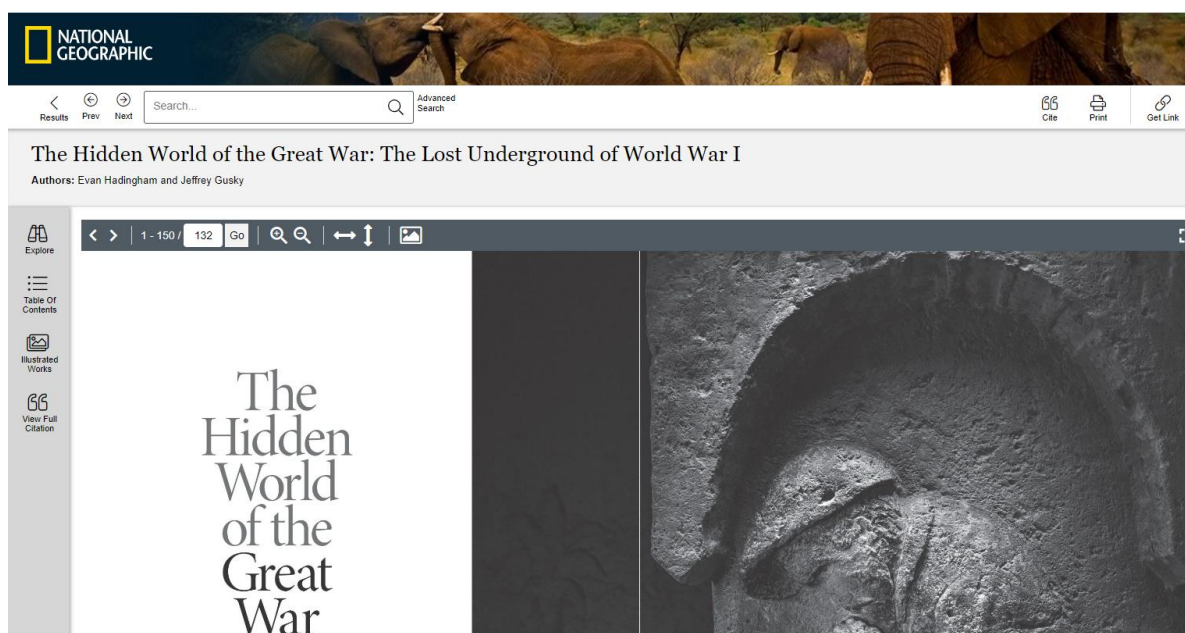
The screenshot shows the homepage of 'THE FIRST WORLD WAR' database. The header includes a search bar, 'MY ARCHIVE - LOGIN - REGISTER', and navigation links: Introduction, Documents, Audio-Visual Sources, Maps, Galleries, Explore, Help, Advanced Search, and Search Directories. A large, colorful, cartoonish map of Europe serves as the background for the main banner. Overlaid on the map is a text box titled 'Mapping the Great War' with the description: 'Explore the extension of the conflict through eye-catching interactive maps, representing many of the key fronts, battles and campaigns of the First World War.' Below the banner is a search bar labeled 'Search First World War...' and a 'GO' button. To the right, there are 'Quick links' for 'Take a Tour', 'Essays', 'Interactive Maps', and 'Case Studies'. The main heading 'Welcome to The First World War' is displayed in a serif font.

[Virtual Veterans](#) is an AI guide to a rich collection of World War I primary sources, including letters and diaries from soldiers and nurses and Queensland newspaper articles published between 1914 and 1918.

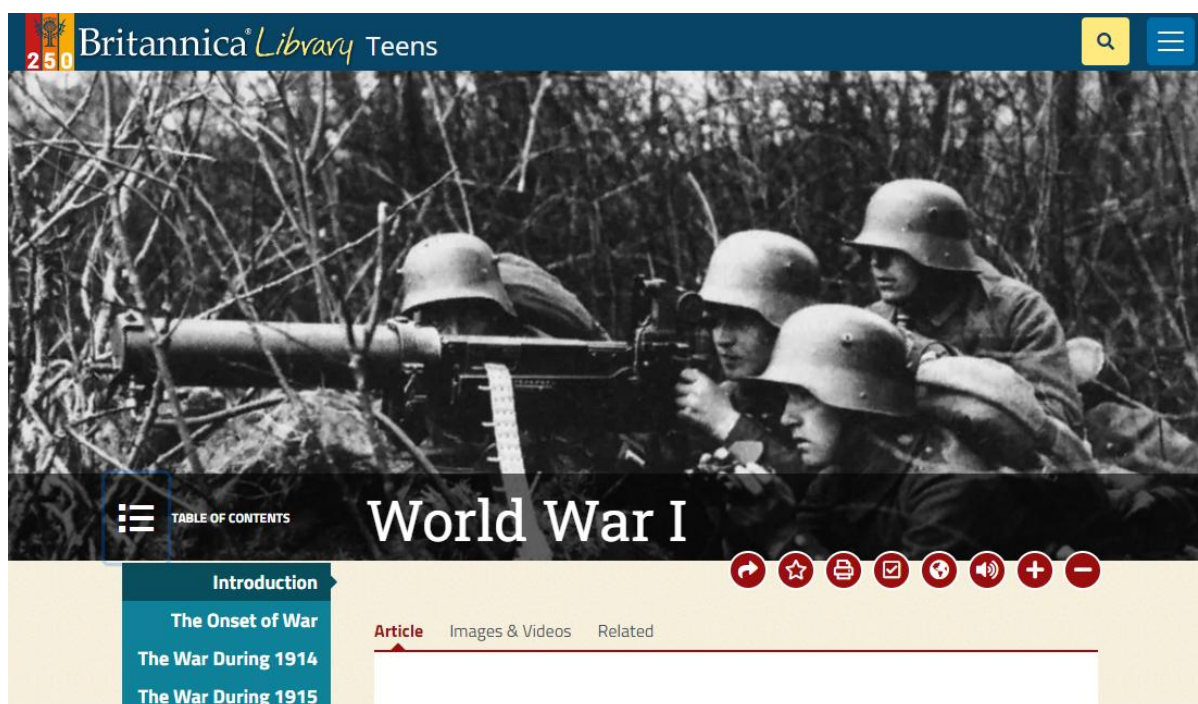


The screenshot displays the 'Virtual Veterans' AI guide interface. On the left, a list of newspaper articles is shown, each with a title, date, and a brief excerpt. The articles are from the 'Queensland Times' (01 June 1918, p. 6), 'Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser' (25 April 1916, p. 4), and 'The Brisbane Courier' (26 April 1916, p. 6). Each article has an 'Explore' button. On the right, a chat window is open with a character named 'Charlie' who is 'Online'. Charlie's message reads: 'G'day! I'm Charlie, and I've seen a thing or two in the Great War. Let's have a good old natter.' Below the chat window is a text input field labeled 'Type a message...' and a 'Send' button. A 'WWI's Legacy' button is also visible. At the bottom right, it says 'Powered by TalkVia AI'.

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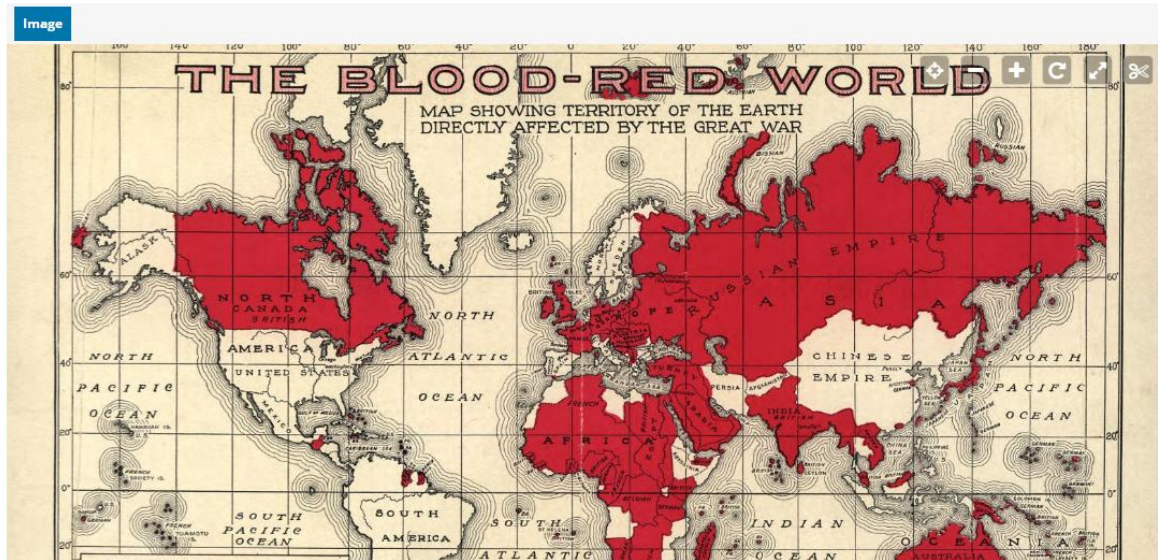
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MAP

The blood-red world : map showing territory of the Earth directly affected by the Great War.

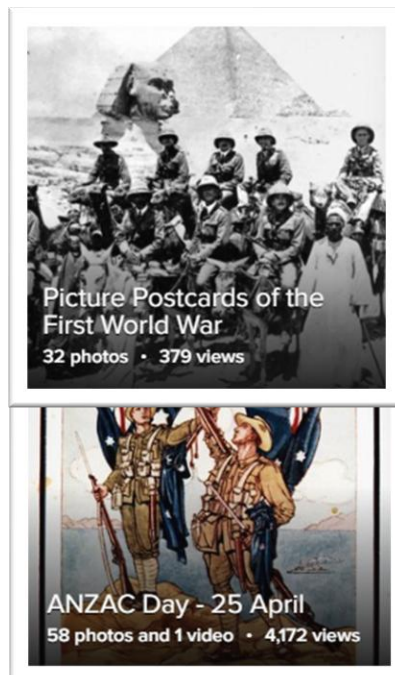
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[Trove Newspapers \(1803-1954\)](#)

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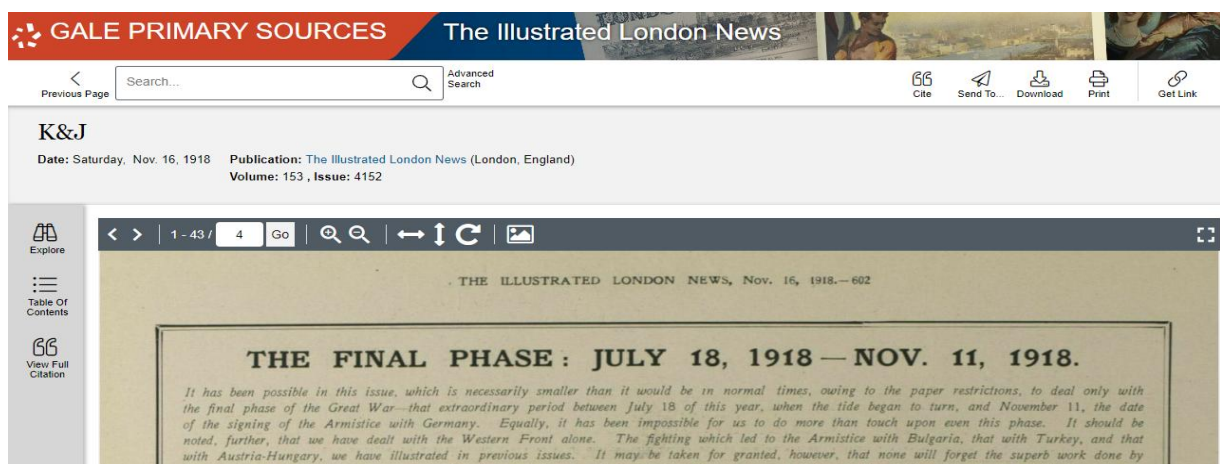
[The Times Digital Archive \(1785-2014\)](#)

[British Library newspapers \(1732-1950\)](#)

[The Illustrated London News Historical Archive, 1842-2003](#)

Featured Articles

The screenshot displays the Trove website interface. At the top, the search bar shows 'AUSTRALIA AT WAR' with a 'Filter' button and 'Advanced Search' link. The Trove logo is prominently displayed. Below the search bar, the breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home / Newspapers & Gazettes / Browse / The Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883-1930) / Sat 15 Aug 1914 / Page 8 / AUSTRALIA AT WAR.' The main content area shows a search result for 'AUSTRALIA AT WAR' in 'The Daily Telegraph'. The text snippet reads: 'This is the first time in its history that Australia has been really at war. On two previous occasions we sent troops to assist the Mother-country, but the reason for doing so in each case was more of a sentimental than a practical nature. Neither in the Sudan war nor in the Boer war was the Empire fighting for its existence, consequently; the fate of Australia was not vitally involved. Nor was there at any time the least doubt of the Mother-country's less Parliament has to say at the juncture the better. The legislation rushed through in war time is usually public legislation that is as likely to do harm as good. The determination of the State Assembly to adjourn for a fortnight after passing a bill to fix prices is therefore commendable. And it would be more so if the adjournment took place before that bill was passed. So if Australia at war has kept a fairly level head which is the first essential of success, it would be regrettable to see any departure from that now when the excuse for it is so greatly diminished.' The search results also show a match for 'AUSTRALIA AT WAR' in the text 'This is the first time in its history that Australia has been really at war. On two previous occasions we sent troops to assist the Mother-country, but the reason for doing so in each case was more of a sentimental than a practical nature. Neither in the Sudan war nor in the Boer war was the Empire fighting for its existence, consequently; the fate of Australia was not vitally involved. Nor was there at any time the least doubt of the Mother-country's less Parliament has to say at the juncture the better. The legislation rushed through in war time is usually public legislation that is as likely to do harm as good. The determination of the State Assembly to adjourn for a fortnight after passing a bill to fix prices is therefore commendable. And it would be more so if the adjournment took place before that bill was passed. So if Australia at war has kept a fairly level head which is the first essential of success, it would be regrettable to see any departure from that now when the excuse for it is so greatly diminished.'



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