
Service Records

Records of men and women **who died** as a result of participation in the war are available via the **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** and most are named on **War Memorials**.

There are some records of prisoners of war, **but records of survivors of the war are, in general, not publicly available**.

Therefore there is no access to a formal list of names or numbers of Gatehouse people who served in World War II.

At the **Welcome Home Party** in 1946, it was announced that about 194 men and women from the Gatehouse area had served in the armed forces during the war. About a hundred of these attended the Welcome Home Dinner.

Another source for the names of serving soldiers came at the end of the war when the Galloway News published 2 photographs of wartime babies. These were children born to serving soldiers.

Some survivors told their stories through family members, and some families preferred not to discuss wartime.
