



## Rowlands Gill: The Great War and the Great Peace Finding the Bingham Brothers

<b>Lesson Plan: Finding the Bingham Brothers</b>	
<b>Teacher/s:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Year:</b>
<b>Learning Objectives:</b> Develop the use of historical terms linked to researching servicemen and women e.g. war memorial, cenotaph, roll of honour, regiment, date of death, casualties. Use a range of historical information including primary sources. Understand the methods of historical enquiry.	<b>Success Criteria:</b> The children know what a Roll of Honour / Casualty List is and understand the connection to war memorials and headstones.
<b>Key Questions:</b> How can newspapers help with researching First World War servicemen? What kind of information is given in a Roll of Honour? Why was the Roll of Honour in local papers so important to families during the First World War? How do we use the CWGC website?	
<b>Starter Activity/Introduction</b> Read the short newspaper clippings on page 1 together as a class. Discuss the significance of the term Roll of Honour: sacrifice, remembrance, making the death of a son or husband more acceptable. Identify and read the entries on the Bingham brothers. The print is difficult to read because it is enlarged from tiny font in the Newcastle Journal. Answer the questions on page 2. John was killed on the first day of the Somme, when 20,000 soldiers died in <i>the Big Push</i> . It took weeks to identify and report the casualties to families.	<b>Resources</b> Finding The Bingham Brothers Activity Sheet
<b>Main Activity</b> Find the details for John Bingham on the CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) website. Irritatingly too much information such as adding rank, regiment and country often give no result. Fill in the page as shown on the activity sheet and answer the questions. The children won't find William among the <i>War Dead</i> so we can surmise he survived his wounds and the war.	<b>Resources</b> Finding The Bingham Brothers Activity Sheet CWGC website <a href="http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx">http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx</a>
<b>Plenary</b> Download the CWGC Certificates for John and discuss the additional information given: date of death, regiment, battalion, unique number.	<b>Resources</b> Finding The Bingham Brothers Activity Sheet CWGC website



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**THE ROLL OF HONOUR.**  
**ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES AMONG LOCAL MEN.**

The following casualties have been notified:—

**Northumberland Fusiliers.**  
**KILLED.**  
Mr Turner, 22, Glebe Street, Sunderland, has been officially informed that his son, Corporal William P. Turner, N.F., has been killed in action in France.

**5th Northumberland Fusiliers.**  
**KILLED.**  
Drummer Samuel White, 5th N.F., son of Mrs M. White, late of Walker, has been killed.

**Gateshead Rifleman Killed.**  
Rifleman Lewis H. Dodds, 12th King's Royal Rifles, son of Mr and Mrs Dodds, 61, Tennyson Street, Gateshead, has been killed in action.

**Washington Men Wounded.**  
Official intimation has been received that the following have been wounded in France:—Private John Robert Daglish, of 2, Stone Row Cottages, Washington Village, D.L.I.; Bomber Ed. Allsopp, 7th Border Regiment; and Private John White, 7th Yorks.

**Rowlands Gill Man Wounded.**  
Lance-Corpl. William Bingham, son of Mr and Mrs William Bingham, 2, Derwent View, Rowlands Gill, has been admitted into the hospital suffering from a serious shrapnel wound.

**Thornley Man Wounded.**  
Mrs Jordan, of Percy Street, Thornley, has received news that her husband, Private George Jordan, has been wounded.

During the First World War the names of many servicemen who were killed or wounded were recorded in local newspapers. Can you find Lance Corporal William Bingham and Lance Corporal John Bingham in these clippings from the Journal?

Newcastle Journal 7th March 1916

**Missing.**  
**NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.**  
Lance-Corporal J. Angus, 1568 (Sunderland); W. M. Annett, 130 (Newcastle); C. E. Arkle, 1588 (Earsdon); W. Ashworth, 705 (Earsdon); J. E. Atkinson, 369 (Felling); W. Baird, 1542 (Newcastle); A. F. Ball, 159 (Jarrow); Lance-Corporal N. Barnes, 141 (Hartford Colliery); G. Bates, 708 (Ashington); J. A. Bayercraft, 1689 (Newburn); T. C. Bell, 164 (Whelsham); J. E. Bell, 502 (Newcastle); H. J. Bell, 936 (Chopwell); R. H. Bell, 997 (West Allotment); J. L. Benns, 1235 (Ashington); R. Benson, 936 (Bardon Mill); T. B. Bewick, 999 (Newcastle); Lance-Corporal J. Bingham, 143 (Rowlands Gill); T. Blackburn, 162 (Lansington); J. Bolland, 1190 (Cullercoate); W. S. Bolton, 1050 (Alnwick); R. Boston, 1232 (Newcastle); R. S. Bradford, 1545 (Annitsford); Corporal A. Brankston, 1561 (Newcastle); W. Bratch, 1001 (Newcastle); J. Brown, 26 (Newcastle); J. Brown, 1481 (North Shields); Corporal J. Buglass, 1197 (Berwick); T. E. Burton, 1668 (Newcastle).

Newcastle Journal 24th August 1916



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### Read the Journal clipping and answer these questions

Find John and William. What has happened to them?

John :

William:

The report on William is quite detailed. List four facts that are given about him.

1.

2.

3.

4.

The report on John is very short. List two facts that are given about him.

1.

2.

Can you think of any reasons why the information on William is much more detailed than on John? HINT: Something big has happened between March and August 1916.

Look carefully at the Roll of Honour. Have other men who lived near Rowlands Gill been reported as killed, missing or wounded or wounded? List their names and home towns or district they came from.

Name

Town/District

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Why do you think *Rolls of Honour* were given this name?



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Now let's find the Bingham brothers using the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website. Start with John...

Put CWGC into a search engine. Usually the second item shown reads: **Find War Dead**.

**Next:** Click on this and fill in the Find War Dead boxes like those shown here.

**Next:** Click the Green **Search** button at the bottom.

**Next:** John's name is shown in a table. Click on the small dark green arrow on the right.

**Next:** Now read the information and/or download the certificate.

Write down three new facts about John that weren't given in the Missing list.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Now look up William. If you can't find his name what does this tell you? Hint: It's good news.

### FIND WAR DEAD

[How To Search](#)

Last name <sup>?</sup>  Initial(s) <sup>?</sup>  OR First name <sup>?</sup>

Some records do not include a first name so try searching with initials first.

Country (commemorated in) <sup>?</sup>  Cemetery or memorial (commemorated at) <sup>?</sup>

Service number <sup>?</sup>

Regiment <sup>?</sup>  War <sup>?</sup>  First World War  Second World War

Match terms exactly <sup>?</sup>

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