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## Armistice: Lest We Forget

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How are you marking the centenary of the First World War? One option is to explore the online archives of stories and objects shared by thousands of people across the globe. Through these archives, we can take part of the stories of the men and women who lived, and sometimes died, during the conflict. Not only those who fought and fell in the First World War but also those who were part of and affected by the conflict; parents, wives, friends, colleagues, neighbours and children and grand-children for generations to come. The archives contain private letters, pictures, objects and stories, recording small details, personal moments and historical events.

This picture is part of a large collection relating to Jim Cross, despatch rider from Broadway, Worcestershire. It shows a flimsy carried by Sjt. Cross to order the cease fire on November 11 1918 at 11am. Apparently batteries were still firing as Cross arrived, some of them after the Armistice.

The collection of artefacts from Serjeant James Cross' service as a despatch rider contains numerous items, including his memoirs dictated in his 90s. This collection, and much more, can be explored, for free, online through [The Great War Archive, University of Oxford](#).

Other similar archives include the large, international [Europeana 1914-1918](#) archive and '[Lest We Forget](#)', which is still welcoming new contributions. If you have a story, object or memory relating to the First World War, share it at <http://lwf.it.ox.ac.uk/>. The Centenary of the conflict may be coming to an end, but there are still memories to share. Lest we forget. We will remember them.

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