Europeana Collections 1914–1918: Remembering the First World War
Digitising masterpieces of Europe’s cultural heritage

Europeana Collections 1914–1918 will create by 2014, the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, a substantial digital collection of First World War items comprising

- books
- newspapers
- trench journals
- maps
- music sheets
- children’s literature
- photographs
- posters
- pamphlets
- propaganda leaflets
- original art
- religious works
- medals and coins

from national libraries and other partners from eight European countries that found themselves on different sides of the historic conflict.
The memory of the war, its events and consequences, its victims and victors, remain very much alive today. It has become part of the individual and collective memory of Europe. The digital collection will reflect the experiences of people on all sides of the conflict, at the front as well as at home.

The three-year project will make over 400,000 WWI sources publicly and freely available online via Europeana for the first time, including content that is often rare and highly fragile because of the deteriorating quality of the paper it was produced on, and generally only hitherto accessible in reading rooms.

As the anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War approaches, the project will be organising a series of conferences, seminars and other events – both physical and virtual – to disseminate.

For more information: www.europeana-collections-1914-1918.eu

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