Digital Remembrance: Archives and the 100th Anniversaries of World War I

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This is the end and the beginning of an age. This is something far greater than the French Revolution or the Reformation and we live in it.

H.G. Wells, 1916
First war fought on air, land and sea
First widespread recognition of shell shock
First major use of poison gas
First use of tanks in combat
First established blood bank
First fleets of fighting aircraft
First Aircraft carriers
First guide dogs
First x-ray machines
First dedicated camouflage units
First Presidential trip to Europe
First British women in military service
First compulsory military service in Britain
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First World War Digitization
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The US National Archives’ Remembering WWI Tablet App
To Daddie.
From His little Girl. Alice.

St. James's St.
Manchester 77
Bolton

In the event of my death I leave all to my child Alice aged 2 years.

39, Bradfield St.
Moss Hall 97
Bolton

Ganaster Moor
March 16, 1916

England
Suffragettes arrested for picketing White House: https://catalog.archives.gov/id/455683
Liberty engines manufactured for government use: https://catalog.archives.gov/id/45565084
The US National Archives’ Remembering WWI Tablet App
Providing access to preserved films and photos
Original caption: Women’s Machine Gun Squad Police Reserves, New York City (165-WW-143B-23)
Original caption: Colored Troops Play Ball Against Whites, Hyde Park, London. Colored and white players and umpire before the game (165-WW-127A-20)
Original caption: Soldier with right hand missing writes with attachment to arm. (165-WW-265B-73)
Talking on a trench telephone in Chemical Warfare Training 1917-1918 (111-H-1205)
Japanese actor Sessue Hayakawa promotes war bonds in Liberty Loan Drives (111-H-1133)
The City of Buffalo sent 18,893 to the Great War…
…851 of Which Made the Supreme Sacrifice of Their Lives
Sample Outcomes (changes we want to see):

Museums: Enhanced awareness of newly-digitized NARA WWI moving and still images through collaborative efforts

Outcome: Increase in museums leveraging NARA WWI moving and still images to engage their local communities
Browsing original shot-lists for the WWI films in the Research Room at Archives II in College Park, MD

A closer look at the shotlists at Archives II in College Park, MD
App design workshop for internal staff at Archives II, Washington D.C., 2016
App design workshop in NARA’s Innovation Hub late 2015, Washington D.C.
Scenes from our app teacher workshop in Kansas City in Summer 2016, held at the National WWI Museum
Scenes from our app teacher workshop in Kansas City in Summer 2017, held at the National WWI Museum
Jon Voss from Historypin moderating a panel focusing on institutional partnerships for the app project at DPLA Fest, 2016
Collections within the Remembering WWI app
Red Cross workers serving lunch

Black and white photograph. Signal Corps #10429. Caption inscribed on back of image: "Red Cross workers serving lunch to soldiers." From the Catalogue of Official A.E.F. Photographs taken by the Signal Corps: "Red Cross workers distributing refreshments and tobacco to Fifth Field Artillerymen on way to British-French front, at railroad station, Toul, France. March 7, 1918. First Division."

Note: Exact location unknown. Added to the area around Toul, France.

DATE: 1918 SOURCEN LINK: http://theworldwarpa...

Women Food France Western Front World War 1
Tobacco American Red Cross Red Cross Refreshments
Signal Corps Eating & Drinking War Relief AEF 1st Division
Eating & Drinking Facilities War Relief Organizations
First Expeditionary Division National WWI Museum And Memorial

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Create a collection feature in Remembering WWI app
Salvation Army float in Victory Loan parade (111-h-1133)

Detailed view of film clips within the Remembering WWI app
Edit Collection feature in Remembering WWI app
A segmented 111-H film clip on Historypin
Sounat, France- Shell instruction: watching German airplanes


Clip 7 of 8 of the film MEUSE-ARGONNE OFFENSIVE, SEPTEMBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 11, 1918, 326TH DIVISION

Pinner's note (Historypin): Exact location unknown. Unclear as to the location of "Sounat." Pinned to the center of the Marne department of France.

The Meuse Argonne Offensive was a part of the final Allied offensive of World War I. It was one of the attacks that brought an end to the War and was fought from September 26 – November 11, 1918, when the Armistice was signed.

Same segmented film clip in the Remembering WWI app
The Columbus Museum’s Director of Education using a Remembering WWI collection focusing on camouflage to give further context to works by a camouflage artist in WWI.

A Food in the Trenches collection in the app used at the museum To give context to a WWI mess kit.
Items from the Columbus Museum in Georgia added to Historypin and the Remembering WWI app.
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Download and read more about the app at:
https://www.archives.gov/topics/wwi-app

App discussions and resources:
https://historyhub.archives.gov/groups/remembering-ww1
Questions?