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Details of Gibraltar's Military births, deaths and marriages are now available on-line

A new feature available at Gibraltar's National Archives will allow users to access the birth, marriage and death records of British military personnel who served on the Rock in years gone by.

These records will serve as a tangible link to the past for genealogists and historians and as a reminder of the importance of the way in which Gibraltar's ethos has been shaped by the British presence in Gibraltar since 1704. Like all historical records, they are subject to omissions and transcription errors so users should be aware that they represent the best approximation of knowledge relating to the military presence in Gibraltar from 1869 to 1914.

This new feature offers 9104 records, broken down as follows:

5563 Births
2749 Deaths
792 Marriages

This new data was gathered about 20 years ago with the permission of the Government of Gibraltar's then Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. The data was originally collected to investigate health attributes of both the civilian and military residents of Gibraltar and was part of a large database of information allowing users to compare and contrast the demographic and epidemiological aspects of the population's sub-groups over time. To date, this information has only been used in academic publications. The on-line records go up to 1914, following the 100 year rule to ensure that the personal information of all living individuals is protected.

The work to produce these records on-line was carried out by Professor Larry Sawchuk of the University of Toronto Scarborough in Canada and by Anthony Pitaluga, the Gibraltar Archivist. Support to the project was provided by the University of Toronto Scarborough, the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada and by the Gibraltar Civil Register Office.