

## **List of Members of Parliament holding military or naval rank during the Great War**

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Compiled from War Office files collated at the request of Josiah Wedgwood MP and held by the History of Parliament Trust, from entries in Stenton and Lees, *Who's who of British Members of Parliament*, and from War Office lists published during the Great War in *The Times* and other newspapers.

This list includes MPs who sat in the House of Commons between 1914 and 1918, some of whom were elected to Parliament during the fighting. There were many ex-servicemen elected to the House of Commons after the war who are not included here. This list also does not include a number of former MPs no longer sitting in the Commons by August 1914 who fought in the war (some of whom were killed and are listed on Parliament's war memorials)

The list includes sitting MPs who held military rank *in some capacity*. Several of these (indicated where identification is possible) appear to have held an 'honorary' military rank, but not to have been embodied for active service during the war.

The number of MPs engaged in active service varied over the course of the war. In January 1916 the War Office published a list of 164 MPs serving with the forces at that time. Of these men, 114 were regimental officers in fighting formations; six were staff officers; four were with the Army Service Corps; and another twenty-six were employed in military training, administration, supply, or recruiting. A further ten MPs were employed in Intelligence work or on 'Special Service'; two were serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps; one was a pilot in the RFC; and another MP, Dr. Charles Leach, was listed as a Chaplain to the Forces, 4<sup>th</sup> Class.<sup>1</sup>

Party affiliation here is taken from Stenton and Lees. Some MPs (indicated in footnotes) were associated with the 'National Party' which broke away from the official Unionist Party during these years.

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<sup>1</sup> *Hansard*, 1916, lxxvii, 1118-24.

**Name:****Party affiliation during the war:**

Acland, Rt Hon. F. D	Liberal	
Agar-Robartes, Hon. T. C. R.	Liberal	
Aitken, William Max (Beaverbrook)		Unionist
Allen, Right Hon. C. P.	Liberal	
Allen, Sir William James		Unionist
Amery, Mr L. C. M. S.		Unionist
Anstruther-Gray, W.		Unionist
Archer-Shee, Sir M.		Unionist
Ashley, W. W.,		Unionist
Astor, Hon. Waldorf		Unionist
Baird, J. L.		Unionist
Baker, Rt. Hon. H. T.	Liberal	
Baker, Sir R. L.		Unionist
Baring, Hon. Guy Victor		Unionist
Barnett, R. W.		Unionist
Barnston, H.		Unionist
Bathurst, Hon. A. B.		Unionist
Bathurst, C.		Unionist
Beck, A. C. T.	Liberal	
Beckett, Hon. William Gervase		Unionist
Benn, Mr I. H.		Unionist
Benn, Mr. W. Wedgwood	Liberal	
Bennett-Goldney, F.		Unionist
Blair, R		Unionist
Blake, Sir Francis Douglas	Liberal	
Boles, D. F.		Unionist
Bowden, Major G. H.		Unionist
Brassey, H. L. C.		Unionist
Bull, Rt. Hon. Sir W.J.		Unionist
Burgoyne, Alan H.		Unionist <sup>2</sup>
Burn, Colonel C. R.		Unionist
Campbell, Duncan Frederick		Unionist
Campion, W. R.		Unionist
Carlile, Sir E. H. <sup>3</sup>		Unionist
Carnegie, Hon. Douglas George		Unionist <sup>4</sup>
Carr-Gomm, H. W.	Liberal	
Cassel, F., K.C.		Unionist
Castlereagh, Viscount		Unionist
Cavendish-Bentinck, Lord H. C.		Unionist
Cawley, Mr H. T.	Liberal	
Cawley, O.	Liberal	
Cecil, Lord Hugh R. H.		Unionist
Chaloner, R.G.W.		Unionist

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<sup>2</sup> Associated with the National Party.

<sup>3</sup> Appears not to have been embodied for active service during the war.

<sup>4</sup> Associated with the National Party.

Chapple, W. A.	Liberal	
Cheyne, William		Unionist
Churchill, Rt. Hon. W.L.S.	Liberal	
Clive, Percy Archer		Unionist
Collins, G. P.	Liberal	
Colvin, Sir Richard Beale		Unionist
Coote, Colin Reith	Liberal	
Courthope, Col. Rt. Hon. Sir G. L.		Unionist
Craig, Mr C. C.		Unionist
Craig, James		Unionist
Craig, Herbert James	Liberal	
Craig, Norman Carlyle		Unionist
Crichton-Stuart, Lord N.		Unionist
Croft, Henry Page		Unionist <sup>5</sup>
Dalrymple, Major Viscount (John James)		Unionist
Davidson, Sir John Humphrey		Unionist
Davies, David	Liberal	
Dawes, James Arthur	Liberal	
De Forest, Baron M. A.	Liberal	
Denison-Pender, John Cuthbert		Unionist
Denman, Hon Richard Douglas	Liberal	
De Rothschild, Lionel Nathan		Unionist
Du Cros, Sir Arthur Phillip		Unionist
Du Pre, W. B.		Unionist
Edge, William	Liberal	
Esmonde, John Joseph	Irish Nationalist	
Esmonde, John Lymbrick	Irish Nationalist	
Eyres-Monsell, B. M.		Unionist
Faber, Major W. V.		Unionist
Falle, B. G.		Unionist
Fiennes, Hon. E. E.	Liberal	
Fitzroy, Hon. Edward Algernon		Unionist <sup>6</sup>
Fleming, Valentine		Unionist
Foxcroft, Charles Talbot		Unionist
France, Gerald Ahsburner	Liberal	
Ganzoni, F. J. C.		Unionist
Geddes, Sir Auckland Campbell		Unionist
Geddes, Rt. Hon. Sir Eric Campbell		Unionist
Gibbs, Lieut.-Col. G. A.		Unionist
Gilmor, Major J.		Unionist
Gladstone, W. G. C.	Liberal	
Glazebrook, Mr. P. K.		Unionist
Goldman, Mr C. S.		Unionist
Goldsmith, Frank		Unionist
Goldstone, Frank Walter	Labour	
Grant, James Augustus		Unionist
Greene, Walter Raymond		Unionist

<sup>5</sup> Associated with the National Party.

<sup>6</sup> Apparently considered joining the National Party, but ultimately remained a Tory.

Greenwood, Hamar	Liberal	
Greig, Col. J. W.	Liberal	
Gretton, John		Unionist
Griffith-Boscawen, A. S. T.		Unionist
Griffiths, Sir John Norton		Unionist
Guest, Major Hon. C. H. C.	Liberal	
Guest, Capt. Hon. F. E.	Liberal	
Guinness, Rupert, Edward Cecil Lee		Unionist
Guinness, Hon. Walter Edward		Unionist
Gwynn, Stephen Lucius	Irish Nationalist	
Haddock, George Bahr		Unionist
Hall, Douglas Bernard		Unionist
Hall, Sir Frederick		Unionist
Hambro, Angus Valdemar		Unionist
Hamersley, Alfred St George		Unionist
Hamilton, C. G. C.		Unionist
Hamilton, Lord (Claud John) <sup>7</sup>		Unionist
Hanson, Charles Augustin		Unionist
Harcourt, Robert Vernon	Liberal	
Harris, Rt. Hon. F. L. <sup>8</sup>		Unionist
Havelock-Allan, Sir H.	Liberal	
Hayward, Evan	Liberal	
Heathcote-Drummond-Willoughby, Claud		Unionist
Helmsley, Viscount		Unionist
Henderson, H. G.		Unionist
Herbert, Aubrey Nigel Henry Molyneux		Unionist
Herbert, Sir Ivor John Caradoc <sup>9</sup>	Liberal	
Hickman, Colonel T. E.		Unionist
Hicks-Beach, Hon. M. H.		Unionist
Hills, John Waller		Unionist
Hill-Wood, Samuel		Unionist
Hoare, Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel John Gurney		Unionist
Hobhouse, Rt. Hon. C. E. H. <sup>10</sup>	Liberal	
Hope, John Augustus		Unionist
Hopkinson, Austin	Independent	
Houghton-Gastrell, Sir William Henry		Unionist
Houston, Sir Robert Paterson		Unionist
Howard, G. W. A.	Liberal	
Hunt, Rowland		Unionist <sup>11</sup>
Hunter, Sir Charles Roderick		Unionist
Hunter-Weston, Sir Aylmer Gould		Unionist
Jackson, Francis Stanley		Unionist
Jessel, Sir Herbert Merton		Unionist
Kerr-Smiley, Mr P.		Unionist

<sup>7</sup> Appears not to have been embodied for active service during the war.

<sup>8</sup> Listed as 'Honorary Commander', RNVR. Appears not to have been embodied for active service during the war.

<sup>9</sup> Appears not to have been embodied for active service during the war.

<sup>10</sup> Appears not to have been embodied for active service during the war.

<sup>11</sup> Associated with the National Party.

Kerry, the Earl of		Unionist
Keswick, Henry		Unionist
Knight, Major E. A.		Unionist
Kyffin-Taylor, Colonel G.		Unionist
Lane-Fox, Mr G. R.		Unionist
Lawson, Harry Lawson Webster		Unionist
Leach, Revd. Charles	Liberal	
Lee, Arthur Hamilton		Unionist
Lees-Smith, Hastings Bertrand	Liberal	
Lewisham, Viscount		Unionist
Lloyd, George Ambrose		Unionist
Locker-Lampson, Mr G. L.		Unionist
Locker-Lampson, Oliver		Unionist
Lockwood, Rt. Hon. Amelius Mark		Unionist
Lowther, Claude William Henry		Unionist
Lowther, Sir Henry Cecil		Unionist
Lowther, James William <sup>12</sup>		Unionist
Lyell, Charles Henry	Liberal	
Lynch, Arthur Alfred	Irish Nationalist	
Lyttleton, Hon. J. C. <sup>13</sup>		Unionist
Macpherson, Rt. Hon. Sir James Ian	Liberal	
M <sup>c</sup> Calmont, Major R. C. A.		Unionist
McLaren, Hon. F. W. S.	Liberal	
McMicking, Major G.	Liberal	
Mason, James Francis		Unionist
Meux, Sir Hedworth		Unionist
Meysey-Thompson, Ernest Claude		Unionist
Mildmay, Mr. F. B.		Unionist
Mills, Arthur Robert		Unionist
Mills, Hon. C. T.		Unionist
Mitchell-Thomson, William		Unionist
Money, Sir L.G.C.	Liberal	
Moore, Maj-Gen. Sir Newton James		Unionist
Morrison-Bell, Major A. C.		Unionist
Morrison-Bell, Capt. E. F.		Unionist
Murray, Capt. Hon. A. C.	Liberal	
Newdigate-Newdegate, F. A.		Unionist
Newton, Harry Kottingham		Unionist
Norman, Sir Henry	Liberal	
O'Grady, Sir James	Labour	
O'Neill, Hon. Arthur Edward Bruce		Unionist
O'Neill, Hon. Robert William Hugh		Unionist
Orde-Powlett, Hon. William George Algar		Unionist
Ormsby-Gore, Hon. W. G. A.		Unionist
Palmer, Godfrey Mark	Liberal	
Parker, Horatio Gilbert George <sup>14</sup>		Unionist

<sup>12</sup> Appointed to a commission as Honorary Lt-Col, 4<sup>th</sup> Batt, Suffolk Volunteer Regiment, 20 March 1918

<sup>13</sup> Resigned parliamentary seat to devote attention to military duties. *Times*, 23 Feb 1916

<sup>14</sup> Appears not to have been embodied for active service during the war.

Parry, Thomas Henry	Liberal	
Pearson, Weetman Harold Miller	Liberal	
Peel, Arthur George Villiers	Liberal	
Peel, Lieut-Col Robert Francis		Unionist
Pemberton-Billing, Noel	Independent	
Peto, Mr Basil E.		Unionist
Philipps, Ivor	Liberal	
Pirie, Mr D. V.	Liberal	
Pole-Carew, Sir Reginald		Unionist
Ponsonby, Vere Brabazon [Vs. Duncannon]		Unionist <sup>15</sup>
Pretyman, Rt. Hon. Ernest George <sup>16</sup>		Unionist
Pretyman-Newman, John Robert		Unionist
Primrose, Hon. Neil	Liberal	
Pryce-Jones, Colonel E. <sup>17</sup>		Unionist
Quilter, Sir W. E. C.		Unionist
Rankin, James Stuart		Unionist
Raphael, Herbert Henry	Liberal	
Ratcliff, Major R. F.		Unionist
Rawson, Richard Hamilton		Unionist <sup>18</sup>
Redmond, William Archer	Irish Nationalist	
Redmond, William Hoey Kearney	Irish Nationalist	
Remnant, Sir James Farquharson		Unionist
Ronaldshay, the Earl of		Unionist
Royds, Edmund		Unionist
Sanders, Mr R. A.		Unionist
Sandys, Mr G. J.		Unionist
Sassoon, Sir Philip		Unionist
Scott, Sir Samuel E.		Unionist
Seely, Sir Charles Hilton	Liberal	
Seely, Col. Right Hon. J. E. B.	Liberal	
Sharman-Crawford, Robert Gordon		Unionist
Shaw, Hon. Alexander	Liberal	
Sheehan, Daniel Desmond	Irish Nationalist	
Simon, Sir John	Liberal	
Smith, Albert	Labour	
Smith, Rt Hon. F. E.		Unionist
Smith, Harold <sup>19</sup>		Unionist
Spender-Clay, Herbert Henry		Unionist
Stanier, Sir Beville		Unionist
Stanley, Rt. Hon Albert Henry <sup>20</sup>		Unionist
Stanley, Lord (Edward Montagu Cavendish)		Unionist
Stanley, Major Hon. G. F.		Unionist
Starkey, John Ralph		Unionist
Staveley-Hill, Mr H. S.		Unionist

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<sup>19</sup> Honorary lieutenant in RNVR 1914 – not clear if ever embodied for active service during the war.

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Stirling, Archibald		Unionist
Sykes, Allan John		Unionist
Sykes, Sir Tatton Benvenute Mark		Unionist
Terrell, Henry		Unionist
Thorne, William James	Labour	
Thynne, Lord Alexander		Unionist
Tryon, Capt. G. C.		Unionist
Tullibardine, Marquess of		Unionist
Valentia, Viscount		Unionist
Verney, Sir Harry Calvert Williams	Liberal	
Walker, William Hall		Unionist
Walrond, Hon. William Lionel Charles		Unionist
Ward, Arnold Sandwith		Unionist
Ward, John	Lib-Lab	
Ward, William Dudley	Liberal	
Warde, Sir Charles Edward		Unionist
Waring, Walter	Liberal	
Watson, John Bertrand	Liberal	
Webb, Sir Henry	Liberal	
Wedgwood, J. C.	Liberal	
Weigall, Capt. W. E. G. A.		Unionist
Weston, Sir John Wakefield		Unionist
Wheler, Granville Charles Hastings		Unionist
White, Godfrey Dalrymple-		Unionist
Whyte, Alexander Frederick	Liberal	
Williams Penry	Liberal	
Williams, Sir Rhys	Liberal	
Williams, Sir Robert <sup>21</sup>		Unionist
Wills, Sir Gilbert		Unionist
Wilson, Arthur Stanley		Unionist
Wilson, Hon. Guy Greville	Liberal	
Wilson, Rt. Hon. Leslie Orme		Unionist
Wilson, Sir Matthew Richard Henry		Unionist
Winterton, Earl		Unionist
Wolmer, Viscount		Unionist
Wood, Hon. Edward Frederick Lindley		Unionist
Wood, Sir John		Unionist
Worthington-Evans, Sir Laming		Unionist
Wright, Henry Fitzherbert.		Unionist
Young, Edward Hilton	Liberal	

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