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**200 years of migration to England**

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many other men, but the experience of all associated with the work showed that only two-thirds, if as large a proportion, of the actual number of men on service ever became known. All figures, therefore, relative to the number of men in the Army, number of casualties, number of honours and distinctions gained, must be qualified by this knowledge.

The total Jewish population of the United Kingdom is computed at 275,000. To these figures must be added the numbers in the Dominions from which men were recruited, a further 145,000, making in all a rough total of 420,000 for the British Empire, including women and children. Among the male population, a large proportion of Jews of alien birth were not available as soldiers, so that the exact total of acceptable men cannot be accurately ascertained. As far as existing records testify, some 50,000 Jews from the beginning to the end of the war were in some branch of His Majesty's Forces. The manner in which Jewish officers and men were distributed among the thousand and one units of the Forces renders the task of compiling exact records an unusually complicated one. The battalions and divisions recruited from the large centres of Jewish population in the United Kingdom, as London, Manchester, Liverpool, and Leeds, naturally contained the largest number of Jewish representatives, but they were also found scattered by ones and twos in every kind of formation.

**CASUALTIES AND HONOURS.** That men of the Jewish faith played their part in the great war nobly and well is proved by the number of casualties as well as by the many honours and distinctions gained.

The Casualties were as follows:—

Officers fallen in action or died on active service .. .. .	334
Non-commissioned officers and men ditto .. .. .	2,091
Wounded .. .. .	6,500
Total .. .. .	<u>8,925</u>

Detailed lists of the names of those who gave their lives in the great cause are set forth on pages 68 to 126. An examination of this

Roll of Honour to the undying memory of those who have fallen will reveal many interesting features. A glance at the record of dates will show that from the early days in 1914 until the hour of the Armistice in November, 1918, Jews were in the forefront of the fighting, and if the locations had been also indicated where these deaths took place, all of which are known, it would be found that in every area of the conflict, on the sea, on the land and in the air, Jewish men made the supreme sacrifice. It would, moreover, be noted that nearly every unit of H.M. Forces has contributed its quota of Jewish losses and that the men themselves came from all parts of the Empire, as well as from Egypt and Palestine.

The details given of the battalions, etc., to which the men belonged further demonstrate that the large majority of Jews on active service belonged to the fighting units and not to the administrative or departmental corps.

During the months of August, September and October, 1914, when the "Old Contemptibles" stemmed the onrush of the enemy, Jews in the Regular Army laid down their lives in the terrible struggles which first proved the superiority of the British soldier. On August 23rd and 24th, 1914, at the battle of Mons which began the war, Jews in the 4th Middlesex Regiment, the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st Norfolk Regiment, and 1st K.O.R. Lancaster Regiment, fell in action, and at the battles of the Marne in the month of September, Lieut. R. L. Q. Henriques was the first Jewish officer to fall, together with other Jewish soldiers. In the heroic fight of "L" Battery, R.H.A., on August 31st, at Néry,\* where the one remaining gun fought against twelve German guns, a Jewish driver met his end, and similar lists could be compiled of the names of men who fell in the continuous fighting which would fully illustrate the statement that Jews took part in every phase of the War from the beginning to the end.

Our records reveal the fact that London families suffered heavy losses in the deaths of 186 officers and 1,046 N.C.O.'s and men, Manchester men who fell number 12 officers and 173 N.C.O.'s and

\* See Lord E. Hamilton, "The First Seven Divisions," p. 84

men, Liverpool contributed to the sad total 5 officers and 64 N.C.O.'s and men, Birmingham casualties are 9 officers and 37 N.C.O.'s and men, Glasgow mourns 3 officers and 44 N.C.O.'s and men, and Leeds lost 1 officer and 92 N.C.O.'s and men. From the great democracies of the Dominions, the Roll of Casualties is as follows:—Australia and New Zealand 27 officers and 229 N.C.O.'s and men; South Africa 4 officers and 57 N.C.O.'s and men; Canada 7 officers and 89 N.C.O.'s and men.

It is certain that the full roll of Jewish casualties in all parts of the world will never be known, though every effort has been made to ensure a complete record, each name having been officially confirmed. Jewish congregations throughout the Empire have been asked to supply their lists of casualties, schools, clubs and institutions have contributed their Rolls of Honour, mourning parents and relatives have sent full details concerning their lost children or kinsmen, whilst the military authorities have rendered every assistance in this important branch of the work. Photographs of a very large proportion of those whose names appear in our Roll of Honour will be found in the pages of this Book, thus ensuring a lasting record of Anglo-Jewry's young men who came not back from the field of battle. It is nevertheless certain that a small proportion of Jewish casualties is not here included—and it is estimated that at least a further 10 per cent. of names should be added to ensure a complete list. Photographs of War Memorials erected in various places will be found amongst the illustrations.

The decorations and honours awarded for services rendered were as follows:—

Victoria Cross .. .. .	5
Order of St. Michael and St. George .. ..	15
Distinguished Service Order .. .. .	49
Military Crosses .. .. .	263
Distinguished Flying Cross .. .. .	11
Order of the British Empire .. .. .	144
Distinguished Conduct Medals .. .. .	85
Military Medals .. .. .	329