

STEP THROUGH THE STORY

REWOVEN FAIRY TALES

WENDY'S HOME FOR LOST BOYS

The Lost Boys Ledger

Can you restore a person behind a casualty record?

The fairy tale was only the beginning.

Your Assignment

Choose one young First World War serviceman from a reliable archive or memorial database. Your goal is not to collect only the facts of death. Your goal is to recover the details that make a person larger than a casualty line.

Name

Where I found him

Archive, memorial, museum, family record, or database.

1. Beyond the Number

Age

Home town

Family

Occupation or school before service

Unit / role

Date and place of death or return

2. The Human Details

Look for details that make the record personal. If the sources do not say, write UNKNOWN rather than inventing.

A photograph or physical description

A hobby, skill, nickname, ambition, or habit

A letter, diary entry, newspaper mention, or family memory

Something he cared about

Something someone remembered about him

3. The Window Home

Who was waiting? Search for parents, siblings, spouse, friends, school, employer, church, club, or neighborhood. What evidence shows the life connected to this person?

People or places connected to him

What happened to them after the war, if known

4. Write the Ledger Entry

Write a short entry that includes both official facts and one or two human details. Mark anything uncertain.

Ledger entry

5. Leave the Window Open

- Save the source links or archive citations with your notes.
- Share the person's name with someone else.
- Visit or virtually explore the memorial where the name appears.
- If you find a photograph, look at it for one full minute before moving on.
- Record one detail you would want remembered if the person were your own family member.

A name is not the end of a story. It is where remembering begins.