

# Our World War

Real lives, real war



Dynamic, gripping, authentic – *Our World War* is a factual drama series that recounts the extraordinary bravery of young soldiers fighting 100 years ago.

Capturing the visceral reality of combat, *Our World War* hurtles straight to the frontline, using immersive camerawork and intimate documentary filming styles to bring the First World War to life in a bold and fresh way. With eye-witness immediacy, this is history as seen through the soldiers' eyes.

Drawing on the first-hand testimonies, interviews, letters and audio recordings of the soldiers themselves, the series of three original dramas reveals their often hidden and disturbing front-line experiences throughout the duration of the war.

Based on the personal accounts of the 4th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers, *The First Day* tells the story of a single company of riflemen and machine gunners as they fought the opening battle of the war against an overwhelming German army. For their courage at the Battle of Mons in August 1914 they were awarded the first Victoria Crosses of World War One.

In *Pals*, a young office-worker volunteers to fight alongside his work-mates and friends in a Pals regiment, in the summer of 1916. To his surprise he finds himself fighting two enemies – the Germans and a system that requires him to kill a friend accused of desertion.

The third and final film, *War Machine*, explores the mechanisation necessary to end the war alongside the overwhelming desire of the soldiers to return home. Set in the Battle of Amiens, August 1918, and based on the personal account of a member of the Tank Regiment, it follows the tank commander and crew as they fight against the odds pounding their way across enemy territory.

Inspired by the Bafta-winning and critically acclaimed *Our War*, this scripted drama series offers the same compelling insight into warfare.

#### Starring

##### Gerard Kearns

*Shameless, Red Riding, The Smoke*

##### Luke Tittensor

*Shameless, Emmerdale*

##### Theo Barklem-Biggs

*Silk, The Fades*

##### Hannah Britland

*Fresh Meat, Skins*

##### Calum Callaghan

*Mr. Selfridge*

##### Jefferson Hall

*Vikings, Emma*

##### Shaun Dooley

*The Game, Misfits, The White Queen*

##### Stuart Graham

*The Fall, The Great Train Robbery*

#### Written by

##### Joe Barton

*Beaver Falls*

#### Directors

##### Bruce Goodison

*Our War, My Murder, Bin Laden: Shoot to Kill*

##### Ben Chanon

*The Plot to Bring Down Britain's Planes, Blackout*

#### Producer

##### Sue Horth

*37 Days, The Man Who Crossed Hitler, The Relief of Belsen*

#### Executive Producer

##### Colin Barr

*Our War, My Murder, Maxwell*

A BBC production

#### History

**HD**

**TX Date** 7 August 2014

**Channel** BBC Three

**Duration** 3 x 50'

**M & E** Available

#### You may also like

##### The World's War

2 x 50'

##### 37 Days

3 x 50'

##### My Great War

1 x 50' or 90'

##### Our War

6 x 50'

##### 10 Days to War

8 x 15' or 1 x 90'