

Civil war reached everyone, everywhere.



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Life for ordinary people was completely disrupted.



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Armies with hundreds of soldiers arrived in villages everywhere.

The villagers were forced to let the soldiers stay in their houses.



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Army horses trampled all over crops.

Soldiers took food and clothes.

Farming the land became impossible because the army took away so many horses and oxen.



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It was dangerous to travel anywhere.

Trade was difficult as goods were often stolen.

Shops were broken into, carts and waggons were taken or damaged and expensive tools were stolen.

Rose Mister of Tysoe, in Warwickshire, wrote that her husband was kidnapped on the way to market to sell corn. He was taken to Warwick castle and she had to pay a ransom to free him!

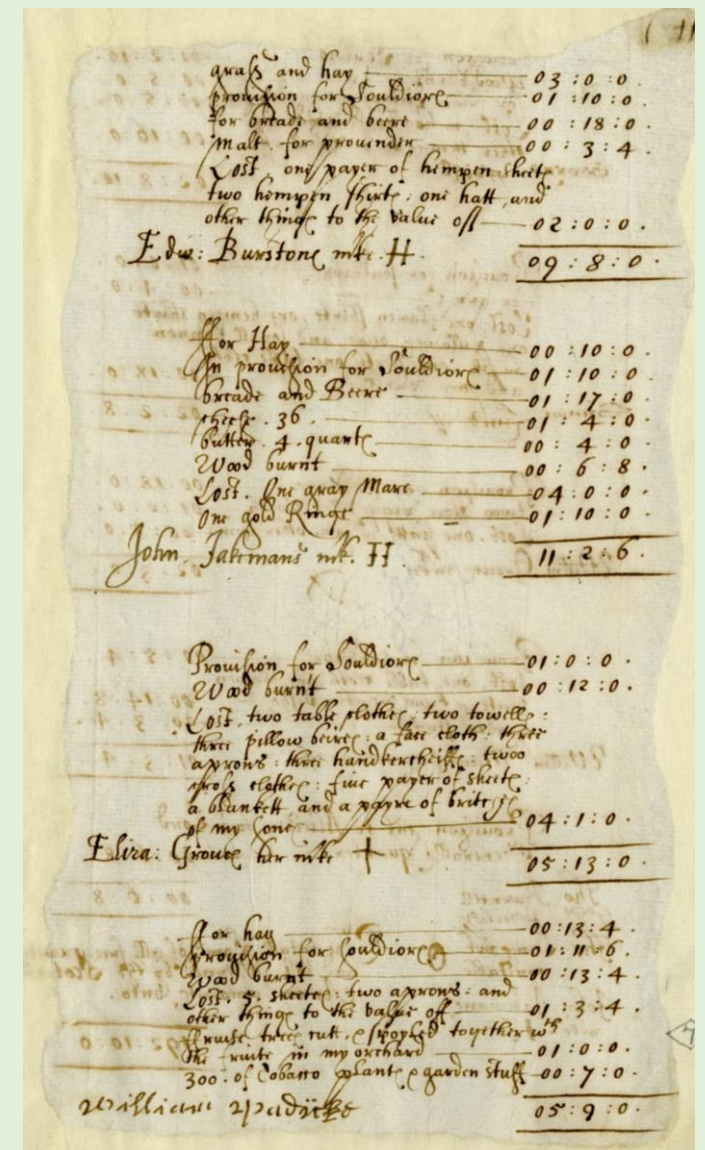


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After the Parliamentarians won the war, they ordered every parish to write a list of everything that had been lost during the war because of the activities of the Parliamentarian army. Of course, in many places the King's armies had taken just as much.

Most ordinary people were not able to write, so these lists were very carefully written in books by local officials and submitted to Parliament.

People were sometimes paid for their losses, but this was very rare.



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These 'loss accounts' show us the devastating effect that civil war had on ordinary people, just as it does today in places all around the world.

They also show us what kinds of things were valuable to people at this time.





Choose a
character.
Click on their
picture to find out
what they lost.

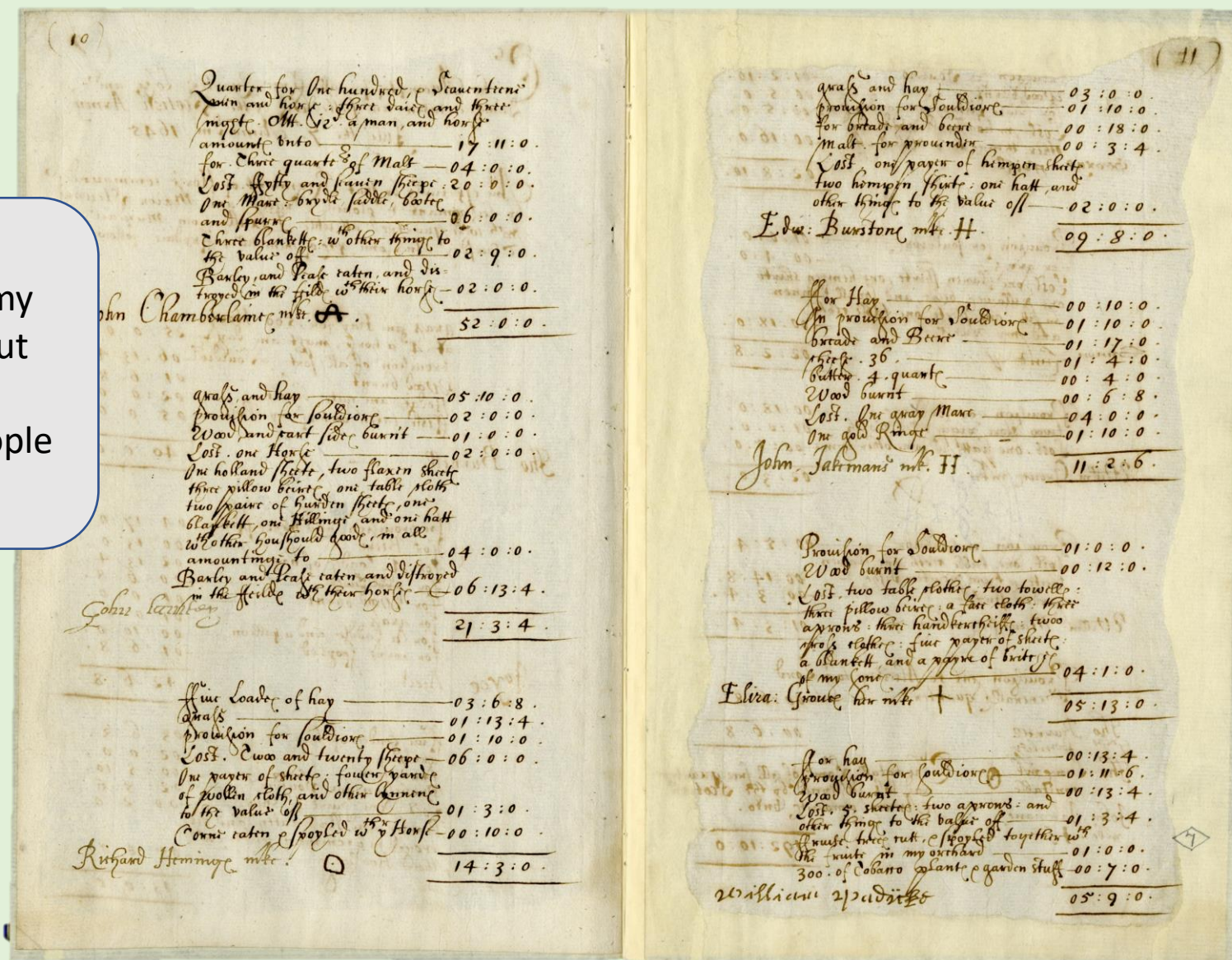


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My name is Elizabeth Groves. You can use my list of losses to find out about how the war affected ordinary people like me.



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We had pounds, shillings and pennies. There were twelve pennies in a shilling and twenty shillings in a pound. A farm labourer's family needed 10 pounds a year to survive.



£	S	d
00	: 10	:
01	: 10	:
01	: 17	:
01	: 4	:
00	: 4	:
00	: 6	:
04	: 0	:
01	: 10	:
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11	: 2	:



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Provision for Soldiers _____ 01:0:0
 Wood burnt _____ 00:12:0
 Lost, two table cloths, two towels:
 three pillow cases: a face cloth: three
 aprons: three handkerchiefs: two
 spools of thread: five yards of sheet:
 a blanket, and a pair of britches
 of my son _____ 04:1:0
 Eliza: Grouse her with _____ 05:13:0

How much money did I have to give the soldiers for their food?



Provision for Soldiers ————— 01:0:0 .



One pound! This was a lot of money! This gold coin is worth one pound.



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Provision for Soldiers _____ 01:0:0
Wood burnt _____ 00:12:

Lost, two table cloths: two towels:
three pillow cases: a face cloth: three
aprons: three handkerchiefs: two
spools of thread: five yards of sheet:
a blanket, and a pair of britches
of my son _____ 04:1:0.

Eliza: Grouse her with _____
_____ 05:13:0

What other valuable things did the soldiers take?



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Sheets, towels and table cloths were very expensive. They were often passed down in wills after people died.



two table cloth, two towells

five payer of sheete.



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Provision for Soldiers ————— 01:0:0 .

Wood burnt ————— 00:12:0 .

Lost two table cloths; two towels:

three pillow cases; a face cloth; three

aprons; three handkerchiefs; two

spools of thread; five yards of sheet;

a blanket, and a pair of britches

of my son ————— 04:1:0 .

Eliza: Grouse her with + up ————— 05:13:0 .



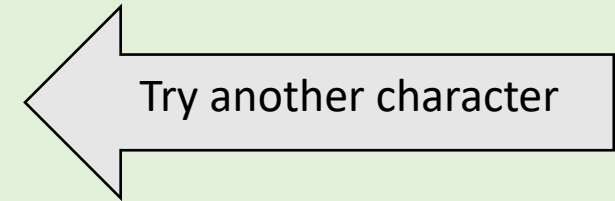
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Provision for soldiers

01 0 0

Wood Burnt

00 12 0



Lost two tablecloths, two towels, three pillow cases, a face cloth, three aprons, three handkerchiefs, two cross cloths, five pair of sheets, a blanket and a pair of britches of my sons

4 1 0

5 13 0

Elizabeth Groves her mark +



Cross Cloth a linen head band worn across the forehead under a coif



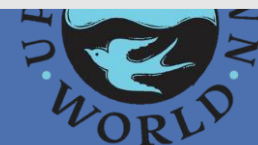
Her mark

Like many women, Elizabeth cannot write her name. She draws a cross to show she has signed this list



Britches

Short Trousers that came to the knee. Little boys wore a dress until they were aged about 4 when they were 'breeched', given trousers



Quarter for one hundred Seauntiens
 upon one horse: three daies and thirtie
 night. At 12. a man and horse
 amount unto 17:11:0.
 for three quant of Malt 04:0:0.
 Lost fifty and thirtie sheep 20:0:0.
 One Mare, bryde saddle, boot
 and spur 06:0:0.
 three blankets: wth other things to
 the value of 02:9:0.
 Barley and Pease eaten and dis-
 trayed in the field wth their horse 02:0:0.
 John Chamberlaine m^r. A. 52:0:0.

qualls and hay 05:10:0.
 provision for souldiers 02:0:0.
 Wood and part side burnt 01:0:0.
 Lost one Horse 02:0:0.
 One holland sheet, two flaxen sheet
 three pillow bunt, one table cloth
 two pair of hunder sheet, one
 blanket, one Halmg, and one hatt
 wth other household good, in all
 amounting to 04:0:0.
 Barley and Pease eaten and destroyed
 in the field wth their horse 06:13:4.
 John Chamberlaine 21:3:4.

five loads of hay 03:6:8.
 qualls 01:13:4.
 provision for souldiers 01:10:0.
 Lost two and twenty sheep 06:0:0.
 One paster of sheet, fouer yards
 of wollen cloth, and other linnen
 to the value of 01:3:0.
 Corn eaten & spoiled wth horse 00:10:0.
 Richard Heminge m^r. D. 14:3:0.

qualls and hay 03:0:0.
 provision for souldiers 01:10:0.
 for ontad and beere 00:18:0.
 malt for pgrounder 00:3:4.
 Lost one paper of hampen sheet
 two hampen sheet, one hatt and
 other thing to the value of 02:0:0.
 E. de. Burstone m^r. H. 09:8:0.

for Hay
 provision for souldiers 01:10:0.
 beere and Beere 01:17:0.
 sheet 36 01:4:0.
 butter 4 quant 00:4:0.
 Wood burnt 00:6:8.
 Lost one quay Mare 04:0:0.
 One gold Ring 01:10:0.
 John Jarmans m^r. H. 11:2:6.

Provision for souldiers 01:0:0.
 Wood burnt 00:12:0.
 Lost two table cloths, two towels,
 three pillow bunt, a face cloth, three
 aprons, three handkerchiefs, two
 shoo's cloth, five paper of sheet,
 a blanket, and a paper of bunt
 of my own 04:1:0.
 E. de. Grouse m^r. H. 05:13:0.

for hay 00:13:4.
 provision for souldiers 01:11:6.
 Wood burnt 00:13:4.
 Lost 2 sheet, two aprons, and
 other thing to the value of 01:3:4.
 Muste here, rick, & spoiled together wth
 the muste in my orchard 01:0:0.
 300. of Cobano plant, & garden stuff 00:7:0.
 William Spadice 05:9:0.

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My name is John Chamberlaine. You can use my list of losses to find out about the war's effect on ordinary people like me.



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Quarter for one hundred, & Seaventie
 Men and horse: three daies and thre
 night. Att. Six. a man, and horse
 amounte unto _____ 17 : 11 : 0 .
 for. Three quart^{rs} of Malt _____ 04 : 0 : 0 .
 Lost. Fifty and seavin sheepe : 20 : 0 : 0 .
 One Mare: bryde saddle, bootte
 and spurre _____ 06 : 0 : 0 .
 Three blanketts: wth other thinge to
 the value of _____ 02 : 9 : 0 .
 Barley, and Pease eaten, and dis-
 troyed in the fild wth their horse _____ 02 : 0 : 0 .

 _____ 52 : 0 : 0 .

John Chamberlaine mst. A.

How many soldiers did I have to help?



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Quarter for one hundred, & Scawentien
 men and horse: three daies and three
 night. At 12d. a man, and horse
 amount unto 17:11:0.

For one quarter of malt — 04:0:0.
 Salt, hay, and fowle feede — 20:0:0.
 For one quarter of fowle feede, salt
 and fowle — 06:0:0.
 Three handes, as other things to
 the value of — 02:9:0.
 Ransome, and horse taken, and in
 England on the 11th of June 1645. — 02:0:0.
 Chamberlaine: Mr. A. 52:0:0.

I gave quarter (that means gave food and shelter) to 117 men and horses for three days and three nights at 12d a man and horse – that added up to £17 11s!!



Quarter for one hundred, & Seventeen
 men and horse: three daies and three
 night. At six a man and horse
 amounte unto 17:11:0.
 for three quartes of Malt 04:0:0.
 Lost fifty and seven sheep: 20:0:0.
 one Mant: brydle saddle, bootes
 and spurre 06:0:0.
 three blanketts: wth other thinge to
 the value of 02:9:0.
 Barley, and Pease eaten, and dis-
 troyed in the field wth their horse 02:0:0.
52:0:0.

John Chamberlaine mst. A.

What crops
did I lose?



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I lost my stored grain (malt) and the barley and peas in my fields. These were eaten by the soldiers or trampled by their horses



Quarter for one hundred, & Seventeen
men, and being affore said, and that
might, etc. 52 a man, and half
amounte unto 17 11:0.
for three quart^{rs} of Malt — 04:0:0.
for three quart^{rs} of Peas — 02:0:0.
for three quart^{rs} of Barley — 02:0:0.
and for
three handfulls of other things to
be used — 02:9:0.
Barley, and Peas eaten, and dis-
trayed in the field wth their horse — 02:0:0.
John Chamblaine, m^o. A. 52:0:0.



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Quarter for one hundred, & Scaventien
win and horse: three daies and three
nights. All. viz. a man, and horse
amounte unto _____ 17 : 11 : 0 .

for. Three quart^{rs} of Malt — 04 : 0 : 0 .

Lost fifty and seven sheep : 20 : 0 : 0 .

One Mare: bryde, saddle, bootes
and spurre _____ 06 : 0 : 0 .

Three blanketts: wth other thinge to
the value of _____ 02 : 9 : 0 .

Barley, and Pease eaten, and dis-
troied in the field wth their horse — 02 : 0 : 0 .

John Chamberlaine wth A .

52 : 0 : 0 .

Did I lose any
of my farm
animals?



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Quarts for one hundred, & Seventeen
 Quarts and being short due and that
 might. All 62 a man and horse
 amount unto 17 11 0.
 for three quarts of Malt 14 0 0.
 Lost Rotten and Raven Sheep 20 0 0.
 for Malt & other things taken
 and spent 06 0 0.
 Three handkerchiefs & other things to
 the value of 02 9 0.
 Rents, and that taken, and in
 regard on the fifth of this month 02 0 0.
 John Chamberlaine, M^r. A. 52 0 0.

57 sheep!



Quarter for one hundred, & Scouteniers
 win and horse: three daies and three
 night. Att. viz. a man, and horse
 amounte unto 17:11:0.
 for. Three quart^{rs} of Malt — 04:0:0.
 Lost. Fifty and seven sheep: 20:0:0.
 One Mare: bryde, saddle, bootes
 and spurre — 06:0:0.
 Three blanketts: wth other thinge to
 the value of — 02:9:0.
 Barley, and Pease eaten, and dis-
 trayed in the field wth their horse — 02:0:0.
 John Chamberlaine wth. **A.** 52:0:0.

Could I write my name?



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No. Like many people, I couldn't write my name. Instead I made a mark to show that I had signed this list



John Chamberlaine m^r A.

Quartern for one hundred of Scotsmen
Down and home three days and three
nights. Old 52 a man and horse
amount unto 17 11 0
for three quarters of Malt 04 0 0
Lett. Hells and faine finge 20 0 0
for Malt by the saddle, Cart
and horse 06 0 0
Three handys, wth other things to
be value of 02 9 0
Risks and Peas taken, and in
02 0 0
52 0 0



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Quarter for one hundred, & Scouteniers
 win and horse: three daies and three
 night. Att. viz. a man, and horse
 amounte unto 17:11:0.
 for. Three quart^{rs} of Malt 04:0:0.
 Lost. Fifty and seven sheep: 20:0:0.
 One Mare: bryde, saddle, bootes
 and spurre 06:0:0.
 Three blanketts: wth other thinge to
 the value of 02:9:0.
 Barley, and Pease eaten, and dis-
 troyed in the field wth their horse 02:0:0.
 John Chamberlaine wth. 52:0:0.

What other things did I lose?



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Quarter for one hundred, & Seaventien
 men and horse: three daies and thre
 night. At. Six. a man, and horse
 amounte unto _____ 17 : 11 : 0 .

for. Three quart^{rs} of Malt — 04 : 0 : 0 .

Lost. Fifty and seven sheepe: 20 : 0 : 0 .

One Mare: bryde, saddle, bootes
 and spurre _____ 06 : 0 : 0 .

Three blanketts: wth other thinge to
 the value of _____ 02 : 9 : 0 .

Barley, and Pease eaten, and dis-
 troyed in the field wth their horse — 02 : 0 : 0 .

John Chamberlaine, mst. **A**.

_____ 52 : 0 : 0 .



Quarter for one hundred and 17 men and horse three days and three nights at 12d a man, and horse amounts unto	17	11	0
For three quarters of Malt	04	0	0
Lost fifty and seven sheepe	20	0	0
One mare: bridle, saddle, boots and spurs	06	0	0
Three blankets with other things to the value of	02	9	0
Barley and Peas eaten and destroyed in the fields with their horses	02	0	0
John Chamberlaine's mark A	52	0	0

Try another character

£52 in food, crops,
livestock and goods!

