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Abbreviations:

FFHS Federation of Family History Societies
GRO General Register Office(s)
HMSO Her Majesty's Stationery Office
IWM Imperial War Museum
LDS Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church)
NZSG New Zealand Society of Genealogists
PRO The National Archives (Public Record Office)
SoG Society of Genealogists
TNA The National Archives of England, Wales and the United Kingdom

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