**ACTIVITY 2:**

These documents deals with David Railton and the rules that he followed during his whole life, especially during the First World War.

David Railton was a Church of England clergyman, a Military chaplain and the originator of the idea of the Tomb of The Unknown Warrior, he was born on 13 November 1884 in London and got educated at Oxford and Liverpool

He became a temporary chaplain to the Forces in 1910. He became a chaplain of the 2nd Battalion of the Hon on the Western Front during the 1914-18.

David Railton is remembered to have received the Military Cross in 1916 for saving an officer and two men under heavy fire. Always in 1916 in France, he found a makeshift grave that bring a particular inscription on a wooden cross: An Unknown British Soldier.

So that Railton had the idea to build a symbolic burial in England to commemorate the men who died in the WWI: they couldn’t have a real funeral because their bodies weren’t always found; to make his project he was able to convince the main authorities of that time.

In 1920 Railton wrote a letter to the Dean of Westminster Ryle and his proposal was accepted with enthusiasm by the first minister. In 1920 king George V, the Parliament and the government approved the idea, so the dream of Railton became real.

He died in 1955 in a military fort.