

SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War.)
(With the Colours and in the Army Reserve.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3251 Name *Smith, Joseph Bernard*

ORIGINAL

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your Name?	1. <i>Smith, Joseph Bernard</i>
2. What is your full Address?	2. <i>11, St. Andrew's Street, Birmingham</i>
3. Are you a British Subject?	3. <i>Yes</i>
4. What is your Age?	4. <i>23</i> Years <i>3</i> Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	5. <i>Cycle Driveman</i>
6. Are you Married?	6. <i>No</i>
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, great or military, if so, state particulars?	7. <i>No</i>
7A. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	7A. <i>Yes</i>
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	8. <i>Yes</i>
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?	9. <i>Yes</i>
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?	10. <i>Yes</i> Name <i>THE BIRMINGHAM SWIFT & CO. LTD.</i> Company <i>Limited.</i> Corps <i>...</i>
11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?	11. <i>Yes</i>

For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. If employed with Hospitals, depots, or Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. You will be required to serve for one day with the Colours and the remainder of the period in the Army Reserve in accordance with the provisions of the Special Regulations of the Army Act, 1914, and the Army Reserve Regulations, 1914.

I, *Joseph Bernard Smith*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Joseph Bernard Smith SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT
Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

Joseph Bernard Smith swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at *BIRMINGHAM* on this *11th* day of *December*, 191*5*.

Signature of the Officer *J.P. ...*

RECruITING OFFICE NO. 3, SUFFOLK STREET, BIRMINGHAM.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the *...*

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date *26 MAR 1916* 191*6*

Place *WARWICK* Approving Officer *...*

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.

‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been offered.

§ If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge (which should be referred to him completely endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name) ... (Regiment) ... on the (Date) ...)

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Age 34 years 3 months. Height 5 feet 7 inches.
Girth when fully expanded 36 inches.
Range of expansion 2 inches.
Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Blanche Esabella Matthews
101 Herbert Rd. Smallwood | Relationship Wife
Blkman Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spouse or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.
(c) Present address. (d) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.

Blanche Esabella Blum (Spouse)	Smallwood	101 Herbert Rd Smallwood Blk
7-6-11-1915 Blk		

 Verified from certificate

Particulars as to Children.
Christian Names Date and Place of Birth Verified from certificate.

Dorothy Blanche	11-1-1917	Blk
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STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Caps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for rating the rate of Pension years days	Service reserved not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay years days	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
Service towards limited engagement reckons from:							
Joined at <u>Smallwood</u> on <u>9th 11-12-17</u>							
	<u>A. I. B.</u>	<u>discharged</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>12-12-17</u>			
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						
	<u>A. I. B.</u>						

Total Services forfeited as above
towards Engagement to (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days

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Abroad (including former service if possible)

FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS
25 2 1878	30 6 1878		
1 7 1878	18 9 1878	1	10

to be necessary the service stations of the same England, Scotland and to be shown under the term "Home."
For mode of completing Service abroad, see King's Regulations.

- Whether educated at ...
- Army School and other certificates of education ...
- Passed classes of Instruction ...
- Campaigns ...
- Wounded ...
- Effect of wounds ...
- Special instances of gallant conduct & services in public despatches ...
- Medals, decorations and annuities ...
- Character assessed ...
- Injuries in or by the service ...
- Name and Address of next of kin ...

Duke of York's Royal Military School,
Royal Hibernian Military School,
Queen Victoria School,
Industrial School under Home Office
or Local Government Board

Name of Medal **Clays**

O. W. and V. M. G. L.

Initials of Officer making the entry.

Particulars as to Marriage

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow, (b) place and date of marriage, (c) name of officiating Minister or Registrar, and (d) names of two witnesses.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	Date and Place of Baptism, and Name of officiating Minister

to be made from those as they occur, and initialed by the Officer making the entry.

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SERVICES of No. 20427 Name Joseph Bernard

Battalion or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed in reckoning for fixing the rate of Pension years days of
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Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.
 Enlisted for { _____ years' Army Service.
 _____ years' Reserve Service.
 Service towards limited engagement reckons from 19 3 18
 Joined at Woolwich Arsenal on 24 7 18

Transferred to Class "Z"
 After leaving on Demobilization
 Signature: [Signature]
 Place: [Place]
 Home Address: [Address]

Total Service forfeited as above

Time towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days
 " Pension " _____ (") _____ years _____ days

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Form 100

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Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number 201251

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Rank Private Surname Matthews Christian Name Joseph Bernard
 Religion Catholic Age on Enlistment 21 years 3 months
 Enlisted (a) 11-12-18 Terms of Service (a) 4 years Service reckons from (a) 23-13-18
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____
 Occupation Group (Polish) Signature of Officer _____

Blanche J. Matthews
104 Central Ave
Saville Street

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 211, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Signature of Officer
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked ...		
			Disembarked...		
23-3-18	P.C.A. Depot	Posted Summer	Requart...		J.R. Reid Capt R.A. 8 4771
22-4-18	2nd Reg. Bde				for O.C. No. 3 Depot L.C. &c.
	2nd Reg. Bde				
19-7-18	O.C. 1160 5434	Posted disembarked	27-18		
22-10-18	Reg. Post	Posted to 21 Bde R.G.A.		22-9-18	B213
7-2-19	O.C. 1160 5434	(Posted to 21 Bde R.G.A.)		5-3-19	B213
15-3-19	O.C. 1160 5434	Posted to 65 Bty		10/3/19	B213
16-4-19	- do -	Leave to UK from 16.4.19			

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Report		Record of promotion, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. in active service, as reported on Army Form 135, Army Form A.135, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.211, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
30. 5. 14	CC 135 AB	Transferred to 135th Bn.			
26/8/14	CC 135 AB	Count 111 for 27/8/14 to 4/9/14		30	
					CAPT. R.C.A.
					ADJUTANT 31ST ARMY BDE R.C.A.
28/9/14	P.C. 135 AB	to Convent Camp (for dispensation)		30	

*Particulars of marriage: (a) Blanche Isabella Blencat, Spinster to All Saints Church, Small Heath, Bham. 20.11.1915 (b) as above.
Children - Dorothy Blanche Blencat, Bham 11.1918*

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

POST CARD.

The Officer in Charge of Records,



Army Form B. 5112.

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Army Form B. 5112.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the

B. W. and V. MEDAL

I am directed to forward the accompanying

B. W. and V. MEDAL

which has been awarded to you in respect of your services with the

Please complete receipt and return this card. No stamp is required.

Regtl. No.

Rank

Signature

Unit

Date.....192

i/c Records.

to be used for... enlisting into the Regular

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Matthews Christian Name *Joseph Bernard*

TABLE I.—General Table.

204251
 (Parish) *Aston*
 (County) *Warwick*
 Examined (on *24* day of *November* 191*6*)
 (at) *Birmingham*
 Declared Age *29* years *10* days
 Trade or Occupation *Polisher*
 Height *5* feet *7* inches
 Weight *139* lbs.
 Chest { (irth when fully) *36* inches
 Expanded }
 Measurement { Range of Expansion *2* inches
 Physical Development
 Vaccination Marks { (Arm) RIGHT | LEFT
 Number | *3*
 When Vaccinated *12* *14*
 Vision { (R.E.—V) *12*
 (L.E.—V) *12*

TABLE III.—Boards: Courts of Enquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date	Brief details, and Signature
<i>28/7/16</i>	<i>1/7</i>
<i>3/1/16</i>	<i>1/16</i>
<i>8/1/16</i>	<i>1/16</i>

(e) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease—
 (b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection—

Approved by *[Signature]*
 Rank *[Signature]* **M.D.**
 Medical Officer.

Enlisted (at *BHAM/119*)
 (on *11* day of *Dec* 191*6*)

Corps	Regt. No.
	<i>30121</i>

Became non-effective by *24/10/19*
 on *24* day of *191*
 (Signature) *[Signature]*
 (Rank) *[Signature]*

TABLE IV.—Service Table.

Station or Troopship	Date of arrival or embarkation	Date of departure or disembarkation
<i>11th Bn, P.I.</i>	<i>1/16</i>	<i>1/16</i>

THE MEDICAL BOARD
 BIRMINGHAM NO. 3. 28 MAR 1918 [P.T.O.]

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TABLE II.--Only for admissions to Hospital or to the Sick List in case of Warrant Officers treated in

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year			
<i>San Francisco</i>									

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REGIMENTAL CONDUCT SHEET.

Army Form B

Washed 1909, 25th; 1910-2 127 53 Form 122 11

Number of sheets (in words) _____
 Signature of C.O. or Adjutant _____
 Regiment, _____
 Attested _____ 19 _____
 Regimental Number and Name _____
 Place _____
 Date of Offence _____
 Rank _____
 Date of award, or of order dispensing with trial _____
 By whom _____
 Date of Commencement _____
 Date of Expiration _____

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	PUNISHMENT awarded	Date of award, or of order dispensing with trial	By whom	Date of Commencement	Date of Expiration	REMARKS

To be carried over

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Place	Date of Offense	Rank	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	PUNISHMENT awarded	Date of receipt of order depriving of trial	By whom	Date of Commencement	Date of Expiration	REMARKS

Forms/B. 104-53/8

Army Form B. 104-53.

Inside Sheet.

(For Original Attestation.)

No. 304251 Name J. B. M. M. M.

(Rank not to be shown.)

Registry No.	From whom	Purport and Date	Action
	Officer
SP6 H	man

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Registry No.	From whom	Purport and Date	Action

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IF FOUND, please drop this Certificate in a Post Office letter box. Army Form Z. 11.
 NOTICE.—This document is Government property. It is no security whatever for debt, and any Person being in possession of it, either as a pledge or security for debt, or without lawful authority or excuse, is liable under Section 155 (9) of the Army Act to a fine of twenty pounds (£20) or imprisonment for six months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

PROTECTION CERTIFICATE AND CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY
 (SOLDIER NOT REMAINING WITH THE COLOURS).

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Dispersal Unit Stamp and date of dispersal.

Name (in block letters) MATTHEWS 26 SEP

Christian Names Joseph Bernard

Regt. No. 204251 Rank Sgt Record Office Dover

Unit 1350th Coy, M.C.P. Pay Office do

I have received an advance of £2. † Address for Pay 101 Portland Rd

(Signature of Soldier) J.B. Matthews Small Heath, Bham

The above-named soldier is granted 28 days furlough from the date stamped hereon pending () (as far as can be ascertained) which will date from the last day of furlough after which date uniform will not be worn except upon occasions authorized by Army Orders.

Theatre of War or Command Santham

Born in the Year 1887

Medical Category A

Place of rejoining in case of emergency Soerpoore

Specialist Military Qualification

† If for Final Demobilisation insert 1.
 Disengagement insert 2.
 Transfer to Reserve insert 3.

† As this is the address to which pay and discharge documents will be sent unless further notification is received, any change of address must be reported at once to the Record Office and the Pay Office as noted above, otherwise delay in settlement will occur.

1809Z. Wired for R.D. [Signature]

This Certificate must be produced when applying for an unemployed Sailor's and Soldier's Donation Policy or, if demanded, whenever applying for Unemployment benefit.

NO. 1 DISPERSAL UNIT

Date 26 SEP 1919 Office of Issue AT Policy issued No. 27/218713

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MEMORANDUM OF DISABILITY

is not applicable to Officers and Soldiers who will be brought before a Board.
Utilization every Officer and Soldier, whether remaining with the Colours or not, will be given an opportunity of filling in this Form. Should he not do so, he must sign the Statement hereunder to this effect, in the presence of an Officer of the Unit with which he is serving, who will witness the signature. Whether a Claim is made or not, this Form will be forwarded to the Unit Commander, in the case of every Officer, direct to the Secretary, War Office; and in the case of every Soldier, to the Record Office of his Unit.

REGA
204251
MATTHEWS
JOSEPH
BENNARD
101 HERBERT ROAD
SIRALTHEAN
BIRMINGHAM
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3-3-18
WARWICK
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If the Officer or Soldier has previously been discharged from the Army, Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force, he will state:
(a) Former Regiments or Corps with Regimental Numbers
(b) Dates of discharge
(c) Causes of discharge
(d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity received (if any)

I do not claim to be suffering from a disability due to my military service.
Place of Examination
Date
Signature of Officer or Soldier
Signature of Officer witnessing

Before the claimant answers questions 1-8 the following should be read by, or to, him:
Your statement will be checked by Official Records. In answering question 2, any special matters which in your opinion caused or aggravated any disabilities from which you are suffering, must be clearly stated.
The claimant will answer the questions in his own words and after completing the form will sign it. The Officer will witness the signature. If the claimant cannot write, he will affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NOT TO BE COMPLETED IF A CLAIM IS NOT MADE.

- 1. (a) In what countries have you served during this war and for what periods?
(b) In what capacity?
2. If you are suffering from any disease, wound or injury, state what it is, the date upon which it started, and what in your opinion was the cause of it.
3. Give the names of any Hospitals in which you have been treated for the above disabilities during this war.
4. Did you suffer from the disease or injury mentioned in above answer to Question 2, or anything like it before joining the Army? If so, give details and date.
5. Give the names and addresses (if you know them) of any Hospitals you were in or Doctors who attended you before you joined the Army.
6. Give the names of your National or Approved Society and your membership.

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7. What is the name and address of your last employer before joining the Army?

8. What was—
(a) your Industrial Group occupation before joining the Army?
(b) your trade or calling before joining the Army?
(To be checked from A.B. 439, A.B. 64, or A.F.B. 103.)

The above statement has been read over to me, and I agree to it and have nothing to add.

Place of Examination _____ Signed _____
Date _____ Signed _____

OPINION OF THE EXAMINING MEDICAL OFFICER.

(1) Clear and definite answers to the following questions are to be carefully filed in the Examining Medical Officer, as it is essential that the Minister of Pensions should be in possession of most reliable information to enable him to decide upon the applicant's claim to pension.

Expressions such as "may," "might," "possibly," etc., should be avoided.
(ii) The rates of pension vary according to whether the disability is (a) caused or aggravated by service in the present war, (b) due to causes not connected with the present war, (c) previous service, (d) climatic disease in post-war service, (e) ordinary military service before the war, therefore essential when assigning the cause of a disability to differentiate between them.
(iii) When there is more than one disability the replies will distinguish between them.

9. Give Diagnosis and particulars of—

(a) Each disability claimed or discovered.

(b) The present condition thereof.

10. State whether each disability is—

- (a) Service during the present war.
(b) Previous active service.
(c) Climate in post-war service.
(d) Ordinary military service before the war.
(e) Serious negligence or misconduct on the part of the claimant.
Give details:—

(i) Attributable to or (ii) Aggravated

- 11. (a) Is each disability in a final stationary condition?
(b) If not is re-examination before the expiration of the period of twelve months specially advised?

12. (a) What is the degree of disability at which in your opinion he should be assessed at present?
(Degrees of disability should be expressed in words in the following percentages: 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20, or nil.)
(b) In case of aggravation, what in your opinion was the degree of disability which existed before joining the Army?

Examining Medical Officer's Signature _____ Rank _____

Unit to which attached.

Place of Examination _____

THIS PORTION IS NOT TO BE COMPLETED IF A CLAIM IS NOT MADE.

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No. 201251 Name Matthews G. R. Sqn., Batty, or Company) Corps P. C. A. Date of enlistment 11.12.16 G.C. Badges Service or Proficiency Pay) Character Capt P. A. & 1917

Table with 10 columns: Place, Date of offence, Rank, Cause of offence, Offence, Names of Witnesses, Punishment awarded, Date of award or of order dispensing with trial, By whom awarded, Signature. Includes handwritten entries like 'Certificate of Entry - 25/9/19' and 'Certified to Entry 25/9/19'.

Army Form B. 128

W. 15576/M. 217. 8.0000. J. P. & Co., Ltd. (C.1206). Form 518M/4

Place	Date of offence	Rank	Cases of Dishonesty	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Remarks

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**WORLD WAR ONE SOLDIERS' DOCUMENTS
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NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

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SOURCE INFORMATION

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Birth Place: [Blank]
Marriage Date: 30 Nov 1915
Marriage Place: All Saints Ch Small Heath B'ham
Residence: 101 Herbert Road, Small Heath Birmingham
Age: 28
Soldier Gender: Male
Application Year: 1915
Regiment: [Blank]
Regiment Number: 204251
Additional Regiment Number: [Blank]
Document Type: Casualty Form - Active Service
Soldier: Matthews, Joseph Bernard
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