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Fred^K James

FOSTER



ARMY RESERVE. (SPECIAL RESERVIST)

6 YEARS' SERVICE.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5913 Name Frederick James Forster Corps NOS Bns SR

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? Frederick James Forster
 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?
In the Parish of Woburn in or near the Town of Bedford in the County of Buckingham
 3. Are you a British Subject?
 4. What is your Age?
 5. What is your Trade or Calling?
 6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where?
Yes
- You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to imprisonment with hard labour.
7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period expire?
No
 8. Are you Married?
No
 9. Have you ever been sentenced to Penal Servitude or Imprisonment by the Civil Power?
 10. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps?
 - *11. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which and cause of discharge.....
No
 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service?
 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds?
 14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?
 15. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Scottish Borders for a period of 6 years provided His Majesty should so long require your services?
 16. Did you receive a notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?
 - 17 (a). Are you aware that you are liable to be called out, or detained whilst called up for training, in case of imminent national danger, or great emergency on permanent service in the United Kingdom or elsewhere until otherwise ordered?
 - (b). Are you aware that if so called out you will be liable to be detained in Army Service for the unexpired portion of your term of service in the Army Reserve and for a further period not exceeding 12 months if so directed by the competent Military Authority?
 - (c). Are you aware that you will not be permitted, while serving in the Special Reserve of the Army Service Corps or Royal Army Medical Corps to join the Regular Army, or to transfer to any other branch of the Special Reserve?

I, Frederick James Forster do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Frederick James Forster SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
J. Ross Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Frederick James Forster do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, 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 Jarrow on this 7 day of March 1908
J. Ross Signature of the Justice

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 80 (6), Army Act.
The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 59a.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former Service, and to produce, if possible, if possible, his Parchment Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him consequently endorsed on the (Date) on the (Date)
† Here insert Corps.

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No. *5913* Name *Fredrick James Foster*
MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Service at Home and Abroad.

COUNTRY	FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS	N.B.—The Country only to be shown—it is not necessary to show separately the service in the different stations of same country. England, Scotland and Ireland to be shown under the general term "Home." For mode of computing Service Abroad, see King's Regulations.
<i>Home</i>	<i>3-10</i>	<i>29-8-14</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>176</i>	
<i>Exp. Force France</i>	<i>30-8-14</i>	<i>23-10-14</i>		<i>55</i>	
<i>Home</i>	<i>24-10-14</i>	<i>20-2-16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>120</i>	
<i>Home</i>	<i>21-2-16</i>	<i>14-12-18</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>165</i>	
			<i>8</i>	<i>283</i>	

2. Certificates of education ...

3. Passed classes of Instruction †
† This includes any authorized class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, chiropody, &c.

4. Campaigns (including Actions) ... *Expeditionary Force, France from 30-8-14 to 23-10-14*
Expeditionary Force, France 21-2-16

5. Wounded ... *Wounded in action 9-6-16*
wounded in action 21-7-17
Wounded in action 21-8-18
" " " 31-7-18

6. Effects of wounds

7. Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches ...

8. Medals, decorations and annuities ...
 Name of Medal. *1914 Star*
British War Medal
Victory Medal
 Clasp.

9. Injuries in or by the Service ...

10. Name and Address of next of kin ...
Mother, Jane Foster 41 Newway St
West Cork Quay

11. 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	Date of being placed on Married Roll	Initials of Officer
<i>Mary Armitson (Spinster)</i>	<i>Horton Collier 8-6-1911</i>	<i>Rev. J. Robson</i>
		<i>W. Foster</i> <i>J. A. Berry</i>

12. Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	Where registered	Date and Place of Baptism, and Name of officiating Minister
<i>Thomas William</i>	<i>19-6-11</i>	<i>S. Shields</i>	
<i>Fredrick James</i>	<i>18-4-13</i>	<i>Do</i>	
<i>Edna May</i>	<i>14-2-18</i>	<i>Collier Collier</i>	

Note.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and initialled by the Officer making the entry.

Description of Frederick James Borders on Enlistment.

On Enlistment.		Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease. (Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the approving Officer.) <i>Birthmark on chest - Scar over left eye</i>	
Height	5 ft. 7 ins.		
Weight	112 lbs.		
Chest measure - (Girth when fully expanded.....)	34 ins.		
(Range of expansion)	2 ins.	Pulse 74	
Eyes	<i>Brown</i>		
Hair	<i>Brn Brown</i>		
Religious denomination	Church of England		<i>Yes</i>
	Presbyterian		
	Wesleyan		
	Baptist or Congregationalist		
	Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated.)		
Roman Catholic			
Jewish			

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.
 He can see at the required distance with either eye: his heart and lungs are healthy: he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him * *fit* for the Army Reserve.

Date 8.3.1910 *D. J. [Signature]* **MAJOR**
 Place Sunderland **R.M.O.**
 * Insert here "fit" or "unfit." Medical Officer.

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

Fit I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him *fit* for service in the 10th Scottish Borders and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 8.3.1910 *[Signature]*
 Place Sunderland **RECRUITING OFFICER** Recruiting Officer.
 * Insert here "fit" or "unfit." † Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

** Certificate of Approving Officer.*

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 10th Scottish Borders
 If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 10.3.1910 *[Signature]* **MAJOR**
 Place Sunderland **RECRUITING OFFICER** 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 enlisted.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 5913

Name *Frederick James [unclear]*

Corps	Regt. or Depôt	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank	Dates	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
Service towards engagement reckons from				4. 3. 10			<i>Edward [unclear]</i> <i>Major [unclear]</i> <i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
Joined at <i>Burwell on Tweed</i>				on 10. 3. 10			
<i>Hussars</i>	<i>3rd</i>	Special course of training. <i>Posted Recruits Musketry</i>	<i>Sc</i>	4. 3. 10	<i>7-3-10</i>	<i>6-8-10</i>	<i>Major [unclear]</i> <i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
		Annual Training.					
		PRESENT		1912			<i>LT Caird [unclear]</i> <i>Major [unclear]</i>
		Absent		1913			
		Rejoined		30. 7. 13			<i>Major [unclear]</i> <i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
		PRESENT		1913			
		Temporarily absent					<i>Major [unclear]</i> <i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
		Mobilized		8-8-14	<i>H-134</i>		
		Posted		30-8-14			<i>Capt. [unclear]</i> <i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
	<i>1st</i>	do		24-10-14			
	<i>3rd</i>	do		2-2-15			<i>Capt. [unclear]</i> <i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
		Declared Deserter		15-3-15			
		from		8-5-15			<i>Capt. [unclear]</i>
		In hd detn. No 19 trail		14-5-15			
		Trails controlled by R. Ch					<i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
		Reserving to return					
		Permanent Service.		7-7-16			<i>Capt. [unclear]</i>
	<i>7th</i>	Posted		21-2-16			
	<i>8th</i>	POSTED		30-5-16			<i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
		Appointed		3-10-16			
		Promoted		10-10-16			<i>LT Caird [unclear]</i>
		Continued in the Service under the Military Service Act of 1916		7-3-17			

Total service towards engagement in Army Reserve to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days.

Discharged in consequence of _____

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby approved.

Station _____ Signature _____

Date _____ 190 .

K. O. S. B's

K. O. S. B's

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Army Form W. 3664.

WILL.

Name L. J. Forster
Regtl. No. 5913 Rank _____
Regiment K. O. S. B's

Date of:—

Receipt	1. 12. 16
Transfer	
Final disposal and to whom sent ...	

IV.

Army Form W. 3458.

To the Officer of Records,

No 2 District

Please note the following on the original attestation of the man named and return counterfoil to me:—

No. 5913 Rank Cpl. Name F. J. Forster H.B.

Unit 7/8 N.S.B.

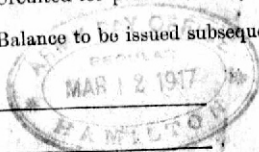
Bounty allowed under Army Order 209 of 1916 (*excluding £15 if already allowed under Army Order 86 of 1916)... .. £ 15

Credited for present issue (Nil if above £15 already allowed) £ 5

Balance to be issued subsequently, as laid down in the Army Order £ 10

Station _____

Date _____



F. J. Forster
Regimental Paymaster.

* To be struck out if inapplicable.

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Form 76.

Certificates in accordance with
Memorandum G. 58/Gen. O. 5773
dated 10th Sept. 1930. (C.I. 10)

No. *5913 Cpl. Fowler*

Certified that British war tax
of the above named was dispatched

Motor No.

Expend
Voucher

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No.

Lieut
Lieut. Colonel,
tr. 1st Bn. C.I. Co.

L/CN.
1/1/1.

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POLICE STATION,
BOLDON COLLIERY.
24 JAN 1916

Sir

With reference to your telegram and
5413 Private Forster of 32 East New, Boldon
Colliery I beg leave to inform you that
the above mentioned soldier is not at

the above mentioned address. Herewith
I enclose the address for the present
and may be able to assist you in your
search.

I am,

Sir,

Yours obedient servant
W. J. ...

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Week ending 1. 1. 19

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS
THE ROYAL HOSPITAL,
CHELSEA, S.W. 3.

Sir,
I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you of the undermentioned decision in the case of a man whose discharge documents have been recently received with the view to having his claim to pension considered.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

To the Officer Commanding

MATTHEW NATHAN,
Secretary.

Kings Own Scots Regiment.

Rank and Regimental Number Pt 5913.

Name Foster, Frederick James

Regiment or Corps 4th Res Bde 22.

Date of discharge trans to Cl P Area 6. 12. 18

Address on discharge

Weekly Pension 5/- from 7. 12. 18

To be reviewed in 52 who cond. t.

Disability

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W FORM NO 10000 USE R.A.K.

NEXT OF KIN.

Army Form W. 3011

Relation	Name	Address
Wife	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
	32 East View, Bolder, Co.	
		OK
14 Furlough 5-9-15 to 11-9-15 1890 V	Recharged surplus to mil requirements Para 392 XV. 45.	

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C.O.S. BORDERS

INFANTRY RECORD OFFICE,
HAMILTON.

13 OCT 1920

The accompanying War Badge and Certificate No. 499722 are
herewith forwarded to And Foster in respect of his
service in 5913 King's Own Scottish Borders.

The badge will be worn on the right breast or on the right lapel
of the jacket, but not in naval or military uniform.

Duplicates of the badge and certificate cannot be issued under
any circumstances.

Receipt of same should be acknowledged hereon

F. Foster
25th Oct 1920
ADDRESS 37 East View
Boldon Colliery England
Co. Durham

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Army Form W. 3412.

...ing to Divisional H.Q.
...ng to Army H.Q. (Intelligence).
... H.G.H.Q.

SECRET.

TRANSLATION OF GERMAN CONVERSATIONS	ACTION TAKEN	REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF LISTENER

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Only for use with Men returned from an Expeditionary Force from Garrisoned Abroad. Army Form W. 3016. (In Books of 200.)

No. 486/96 Date 3-9-18

(1) To the Officer i/c Records, Adm 58-18 (Station).

(2) The Officer Commanding, Tuxford (Station).

(3) The Paymaster, 53913 (Station).

Regimental No. 53913

Rank and Name Cpl 7th

Regiment or Corps 7th K O

has been granted a furlough from 5-9-18 to 7-18

His address while on leave will be: 32 East Boldon Collyer St Durham

I consider he is fit for: i. Duty. ii. Command Depot. iii. Employment.

Officer in charge [Signature] Hospital, [Signature] (Station).

Four copies to be made, and one copy sent to each Officer mentioned above and one copy filed in the office. In the case of men of the Royal Flying Corps, Royal Engineers and Army Ordnance Corps two copies of Form W. 3016 will be sent to the Officer in charge Records concerned and one to the Paymaster, instead of one to the Officer i/c Records, the Paymaster, and O.C. shown in the Schedule.

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Form 11

Cent. 228 1/1110

Officer in Charge

Section

No. 5291

The above named presently resides at:

HAMILTON.
1/2/21.

H. W. C. Major.
1/6 Medal Branch,
Infantry Record Office.

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_____ 1919.

The accompanying King's Certificate, on his discharge,

(No. _____), is forwarded herewith to

M^{rs} Fred Forster

in respect of his service as No. 303 Rank Cpl

Name Fred Forster Corps 103B

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received With thanks

Signature F J Forster

Date 4 Jan. 1921

Address 32 East View

D P I

[P.T.O.]

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Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

GALE & POLDEN, LTD. PRINTERS, ALDERSHOT.
(80,207), Wt. 1,235-4,172, 300,999, 709, W. 21.

Form B. 121.

(Printed in 1900.)

Number of Sheet 50

Regiment of 21st Coy. Infantry Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

Regimental Number and Name 21st Coy. Infantry Enlistment 4.3.10 Trade None Good Conduct Pay, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay Com 13 29/10/10

No. 5913 Rudolph W. J. [unclear] Age 20 years 0 months 0 days

Joined 10.3.10 Date 10.3.10 Religion None

Period of 6 years 0 months 0 days with Reserve

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>Camp [unclear] 14th July</u>	<u>14.7.10</u>	<u>PR.</u>		<u>When called out for Annual training absented himself without leave.</u>	<u>Capt. Lawrence 1st Lt. P. [unclear] Documentary</u>	<u>8 days cc.</u>	<u>14.7.10</u>	<u>1st Lt. C. [unclear] - [unclear]</u>	<u>cc. [unclear]</u>

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

Brought forward

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A. E. 4. 22060/207 110510
Army Form W. 5003B.

Notification by O.C. Discharge Centre of Approval of a Soldier's Transfer to the Reserve in Substitution or otherwise.

NOTE - Army Forms W. 5003a, b and c are bound in sets of three and so arranged that they can be completed at the same time by the O.C. Discharge Centre with the use of carbon paper. The book containing Army Forms W. 5003a, b and c is to be used in cases of transfer to Class P, or P.(T.), of the Reserve only. Army Forms W. 5003b and c are also similarly bound in sets of two for use in cases of transfer to Class W, or W.(T.) of the Reserve only, as Army Form W. 503a is not required in such cases. The Army Forms to be used in either case are to be completed and despatched on the day on which the transfer is approved.

To the Officer i/c Records
(For transmission to O.C. unit.)

The soldier named below has appeared before a Civilian Medical Board at this Station, and his transfer to Class * P of the Reserve has this day been approved.

The transfer will take effect as under:-
(a) In the case of transfer to Class W, or W.(T.), of the Reserve, 7 days after the date on this notification, except in cases of substitution, when it will be 14 days.
(b) In the case of transfer to Class P, or P.(T.), of the Reserve, from the date on this notification.

No. 5913 Rank 4/L
Name Forster Frederick James
(Surname) (Christian names)

Unit and Corps 4th Para Bn K. U. S. B.

His home address † on transfer will be 111 Norway St
Hebburn Quay B. Durham

In the event of the soldier not being able to give a home address, he has been instructed to notify you on A. F. W. 3456 his address, when known, pending receipt of which his transfer documents and pay will be sent to him c/o his employer.

The address of the employer is Wallend + Hebburn Brick Coy
Hebburn Billy

He has been enrolled as a not W.W.V. or A.R.M.W. Strike out which ever not applicable.
Authority W. O. T 5273 (A.S. 11/11/18) B. Durham

(In cases of substitution, A.C.I. 300 of 1918 is to be quoted as the authority.)
Army Forms W. 5003c, D. 400, B. 179a and b, B. 103, B. 178, B. 120 and B. 122 for the above-named soldier are forwarded herewith.

Station ETTINGBURN
Date 6-12-18 1918 O.C. Discharge Centre.
(Approving Officer.)

of the above soldier to Class * P of the Reserve has been for 6-12-1918 publication in Part II. Orders.

1918 Officer i/c Records
W. W.(T), P., or P.(T.)

Note to Officer i/c Records.
If the soldier wishes his pay and transfer documents sent, he must not always be able to give a home address, on leaving he has been instructed to notify you as soon as possible on A. F. W. 3456, on receipt of which you are to not forward the documents in cases of transfer to Class P, or P.(T.) of the Reserve.

(V.M)

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To/ Officer i/c.,
Infantry Record Office,
Hamilton.

Necessary entry inserted in Part.
11 Orders.

A.B. Davidson
Lieut. & A/Adjutant,
for O.C., 4th. Res. Bn. K.O.S. Borderers.

DUNFERMLINE,
11/12/18.
JMB



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4th 91. 2016.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet _____

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Form B. 121. 39.

Regiment of *Infantry*

Signature of O. C. Company _____

Regimental Number and Name No. <i>5913 De J. Gordon</i>		Enlistment Age on _____ years _____ months		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
Place and Date of Enlistment		Religion		Place of Birth	
Joined _____ Date _____	Period of { with Colours _____ years		Place of Birth		
Joined _____ Date _____	{ with Reserve _____ years				

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of release (if necessary with trial)	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<i>Bewick</i>	<i>23-1</i>	<i>Plt</i>		<i>absent off Furlough till 10.30pm 25-1-15</i>	<i>Sgt. Bayden C.S.M.</i>	<i>admonished</i>	<i>26-1 1916</i>	<i>Plt. Brown</i>	<i>Forfeits 1 day pay</i>
<i>Dundee</i>	<i>22/16</i>	<i>Plt</i>		<i>When on active service absent from latter till Headman called in to Civil Police at Borden Collyer 17 Feb. 1916 (When under orders to join the Force)</i>	<i>C.S.M. Bayden</i>	<i>21 days F.P. No. 2</i>	<i>4/2/16</i>	<i>Plt. Brown</i>	<i>Forfeits 1 day pay by R.N. AC</i>

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

Brought forward

Sqn., Batty., or Company	Corps	Date of enlistment	G.C. / Badges	Service or Proficiency Pay	
Rank	Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra fine	Sheet No.	Signature O.C. Company, etc.	Character	
Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Remarks
Had who joined a Dept. now in the on active	Documetaries Sgt Johnston	Reprimand	19.4.18	Maj Jax	...
			10 OCT 1918		
Absent off Embarkation train from 1200 8.11.18 to 3200 12.11.18 (5 hrs)	A. A. Rathford	Reprimand	14.11.18	Lt Col. Murray	...
	Certified				

CERTIFIED CORRECT
CAPT.
OFFICER COMMANDING "B" COMPANY
SCOTTISH COMMAND DEPOT.

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