

## **Thomas Baggins enlistment forms**

### **Image 1 Attestation Form**

Baggins enlisted on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1914 in Nottingham "for the duration of the war"

The attestation form gave his details as:

Address: Notts County Lunatic Asylum, Nottingham.

His age was 21 years 7 months and his trade was Asylum Attendant.

### **Image 2 Descriptive report**

The descriptive report on enlistment records:

Height 5 feet 8¼ inches, chest expansion 37 inches with range 3 inches,  
He had a scar between his eyebrows and on his inside left wrist.

Next of kin was Mr Thomas James Baggins [note - in census as Buggins],  
gamekeeper, Fosse Road Bingham. Relationship: father. Thomas was unmarried.

The "Statement of the services" section records:

Posted to Royal Garrison Artillery, 22<sup>nd</sup> company as a gunner on 1-1-15. It also  
records his discharge on 16-4-16 as no longer physically fit for active service.

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Image 1

Home Rank 24-11-14 to 2-8-15 } 14 145 days  
 Home Rank 3-8-15 to 20-12-15 }  
 Home Rank 21-12-15 to 16-4-16 }

**DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.**

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)  
 Applicable to all ranks.

Name Thomas Alfred Baggin  
 Apparent age 21 years 7 months. Height 3 feet 8 1/4 inches.  
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 inches.  
 Range of expansion 3 inches.  
 Distinctive marks Scar between eyebrows + inside left wrist

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Name and Address of next of kin Mr. Thomas James Baggin.  
Gameteeser Fosse Rd. Bingham. Relationship Father.  
 Particulars as to Marriage None.

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

**Particulars as to Children.**

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

**STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.**

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>24.11.14</u>									
Joined at <u>NEWHAVEN.</u> on <u>30.11.14</u>									
<u>R. G. A.</u>		<u>DEP. ATTESTED</u>	<u>GNR.</u>	<u>24.11.14</u>					<u>C. A. Vasey</u> R.G.A. <u>Commanding No. 1 Depot</u> R.G.A.
<u>R.G.A. Coy</u>		<u>Posted.</u>	<u>Gunner</u>	<u>1-1-15</u>					<u>for Major</u> R.G.A. <u>Commanding 22 Coy</u> R.G.A.
<u>R.G.A. (Sigs)</u>	<u>26th</u>	<u>Posted.</u>	<u>Gnr.</u>	<u>27.FEB 1915</u>					<u>Major</u> R.G.A. <u>Commanding 22 Coy</u> R.G.A.
		<u>Discharged at Newport the having been found -</u>	<u>Sigs</u>	<u>16-4-16</u>					<u>Mr. Vincent</u> <u>Capt. &amp; Adjt.</u> <u>Depot, R.G.A.</u>
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>16-4-16</u> (date of discharge)					<u>1</u>	<u>145</u>			<u>Mr. Vincent</u> <u>Capt. &amp; Adjt.</u> <u>Depot, R.G.A.</u>
" " " Pension					<u>1</u>	<u>145</u>			

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1 day prior  
Army Form 250

# SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War.)

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 56750. Name Thomas Alfred Baggins Corps R. G. A.

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ... Thomas Alfred Baggins
  2. What is your full Address? ... Notto County Asylum, Nottingham
  3. Are you a British Subject? ... Yes
  4. What is your Age? ... 21 Years 7 Months
  5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Asylum Attendant
  6. Are you Married? ... No
  7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? ... No
  8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... Yes
  9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... Yes
  10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... Yes (Name C. R. M. Swain Corps P.P.R.)
  11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? ... Yes
- For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. If employed with Hospitals, depots of 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.

I, Thomas Alfred Baggins 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.

T. A. Baggins SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
C. R. M. Swain C. R. M. Swain

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Thomas Alfred Baggins 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 NOTTINGHAM on this 24th day of November 1914.

C. R. M. Swain CAPTAIN.  
Signature of the Justice R.O. NOTTINGHAM

### † 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 completed with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the Royal Regt of Artillery (R.G.A.) to enlist by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 24th Nov 1914  
Place NOTTINGHAM

C. R. Swainson CAPTAIN. Approving Officer.  
R.O. NOTTINGHAM

† 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.

\* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ on the (Date) \_\_\_\_\_