

## **4659 Frank Harris – service record**

### **Attestation Form - Image 1**

Frank signed up with the Sherwood Foresters on November 12<sup>th</sup> 1913 at Nottingham. BMD shows he was born in the July August September Quarter 1897.

The form records that he was born in Bingham, was 17 years and 127 days old and was a farm labourer. Having been born on 8th August 1897, he was clearly aged only 16 years and 98 days.

The date on the attestation form is indistinct but on the Statement of the Services form it is clearly 1913, with a reckonable service of 1 year and 86 days. (**Image 2**).

### **Description – Image 3**

Frank was 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighed 137 lbs with a chest of 36½ inches. He was passed fit to serve and posted to the Notts and Derbys special reserve 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Military History Sheet – Image 4**

Shows he joined the expeditionary Force in France on 27 December 1914. In January he was treated at No 12 General Hospital for boils. He was killed in action in the following February. His father and mother were named next of kin, of Nottingham Road Bingham. He had a brother in Radcliffe, also named. He was unmarried.

### **Relationships form – Image 5**

This was a form required for establishing to whom to send a dead soldier's medals etc. It was completed by his father on 16<sup>th</sup> march 1919, by now living in Moor Lane. It listed:

Father and Mother

Full blood brother: James Harris, age 28, Radcliffe on Trent

Half-blood brothers: Matthew Wicks, age 25, Nottingham Road Bingham  
Frederick Furnis, aged 39, Newton

Full-blood sisters: Harriet Wicks, age 24 Nottingham Road, Bingham  
Frances Furnis, age 38, Newton

Half-blood sister: Clary Harris, age 32, Radcliffe.

Clearly Mr Harris had misunderstood the term "half-blood" and included Frank's brother- and sisters-in law. George Brown, Justice of the Peace,

who witnessed the signature, clearly did not either (or did not read it properly!).

### **Image 6**

Form with address to which to send effects.

### **Images 7,8 – medal receipts**

Receipts signed by his father for the 1914-15 Star and the British War Medal

### **Image 9**

Form requesting details of to whom the [scroll and plaque](#) should be sent.

### **Image 10**

Note of deposition of Frank's will with the War Office on 21/12/18. There is no image of the will.

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**ARMY RESERVE. (SPECIAL RESERVISTS.)**  
**6 YEARS' SERVICE.**  
**ATTESTATION OF**

No. 1650 Name Frank Harris Corps 10 S

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your Name? .....  | 1. <u>Frank Harris</u>  |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town where you born? .....  | 2. In the Parish of <u>St. Nicholas</u> in or near the Town of <u>Nottingham</u> in the County of <u>Nottingham</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>17</u> Years <u>12</u> Months   |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>None</u>  |
| 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? ..... | 6. <u>No</u>  |
- 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? .....   | 7. <u>No</u>                              |
| 8. Are you Married? .....   | 8. <u>No</u>                              |
| 9. Have you ever been sentenced to Penal Servitude or Imprisonment by the Civil Power? .....  | 9. <u>No</u>                              |
| 10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? Is so, to what Unit and Corps? .....  | 10. <u>No</u>                             |
| 11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge .....   | 11. <u>No</u>                             |
| 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? .....  | 12. <u>Yes</u>                            |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? .....   | 13. <u>No</u>                             |
| 14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 14. <u>Yes</u>                            |
| 15. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the <u>Nottinghamshire</u> for a period of 6 years provided His Majesty should so long require your services? .....  | 15. <u>Yes</u>                            |
| 16. Did you receive a notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you .....   | 16. <u>Yes</u> <u>Mr. H. Hallam, P.P.</u> |
| 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? .....  | 17 (a) <u>Yes</u>                         |
| (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? .....  | (b) <u>Yes</u>                            |
| (c) Are you aware that you will not be permitted, while serving in the Special Reserve, to join the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, nor while serving in the Special Reserve of the Royal Field Artillery, or Army Veterinary Corps, to join the Regular Army, or to transfer to any other branch of the Special Reserve, nor while serving in the Special Reserve of the Army Service Corps, or Royal Army Medical Corps, to transfer to any other branch of the Special Reserve? ..... | (c) <u>Yes</u>                            |

I, Frank Harris 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.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Recruit  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.  
I, Frank Harris 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 Nottingham on this 12 day of November 1911  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Justice

\* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former Service, and to produce, if possible, his Parchment Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him complete on the (Date) re-enlisted in the (Regiment)

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 (c), Army Act.  
The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 59a.

Image 2

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of Frank Martin Name Frank Martin  
 Showing record of service, other special courses of training, Annual Training, and when mobilized, etc.

Corps	Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
		Service towards engagement, reckons from				
		<i>1st Bn Killed in Action</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>6.2.15</i>		<i>R. Kaw-Kee B.</i>

Total service towards engagement in Army Reserve to 6.12.15 (date of discharge) 1 years 96 days.

CHARACTER awarded on discharge.

Discharged in consequence of \_\_\_\_\_

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

Station Lehfield Signature R. Kaw-Kee B. Capt  
 Date 6.2.15 for O/C Records

† In the case of Annual Training it will be sufficient to state if "Present," or "Absent," and the year.

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Image 3

Description of Paul Brown on Enlistment

Height ..... 5' 6 1/4 ins.

Weight ..... 137 lbs.

Chest measurement (Chest when fully expanded) ..... 36 1/2 ins.

Range of expansion ..... 3 1/2 ins.

Eyes .....

Hair .....

Religious denomination

- Church of England
- Presbyterian
- Wesleyan
- Baptist or Congregationalist
- Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated.)
- Roman Catholic
- Jewish

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.)

*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 the Army Medical Service.

He can see at the required distance with either eye: his heart and lungs are healthy; he has no disease 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 10/11/1913 Place Nottingham

*W. M. Beare* Colonel, Royal Army Medical Corps (R) 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.*

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me and I consider him fit for service in the 1st Derbyshire and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 11/11/1913 Place Nottingham

*J. M. Beare* Captain Recruiting Officer.

*\* 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 Notts & Derby Regt. Spec. Regt. & send him to A<sup>th</sup> Batta

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

Date 11/11/1913 Place NOTTINGHAM

*J. M. Beare* CAPTAIN R.O. NOTTINGHAM } 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.

Image 4

No. *1000* Name *James*

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET

1. Service at Home and Abroad.

COUNTRY	FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS
<i>Exp force</i>	<i>27.12.14</i>	<i>26.12.14</i> <i>6.2.15</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>60</i>

N.B.—The Country only to be shown—it is not necessary to show separately the service in the different stations of the same country. England, Scotland and Ireland to be shown under the general term "Home."  
For mode of computing Service Abroad, see King's Regulations.

Initials of Officer making the entry

2. Army School and other certificates of education ...

3. Passed classes of Instruction † ...

† This includes any authorised class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, Chiropody, &c.

4. Campaigns (including Actions) ...

5. Wounded ...

6. Effects of wounds ...

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

*Killed in action 6.2.15*

8. Medals, decorations and annuities ...

Name of Medal

Clasps

*British War Medal  
Victory Medal*

9. Injuries in or by the Service ...

10. Name and Address of next of kin ...

*Father  
Frank Hannah } Nottingham Rd  
Mrs B. James } Bingham, Notts*

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

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names

Date and Place of Birth

Where registered

Date and Place of Baptism, and Name of officiating Minister

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialed by the Officer making the entry.  
† To be ruled through (a) in the case of a soldier, married without Colours, whilst serving with the Colours, who desires the entry to be made, (b) when a soldier is married whilst in the reserve.

ENTRY RECORD  
REC'D 18 APR 1919  
Army Form No. 5080

**NOTTS & DERBYSHIRE REGT**

Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_ deceased \_\_\_\_\_

To be filled in by the \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Records

**STATEMENT of the Names and Addresses of all the Relatives of the above named deceased Soldier in each of the degrees specified below that are now living.**

**NOTE.**—Against those degrees of relationship in which there is no relative now living the word "none" is to be answered. If the answers are not filled in, much correspondence and delay may be occasioned by the neglect.

Degree of relationship	NAME IN FULL of every relative now living in each degree enquired for (see note above).	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving relative opposite her name.	
Widow of the Soldier ...	none	none	
Children of the Soldier and dates of their births...	none	none	
Father of the Soldier ...	Francis Harris	moor Lane Bingham	
Mother of the Soldier ...	Hannah Harris	moor Lane Bingham	
Brothers of the Soldier	Full Blood ...	missing	
	Garner Harris 28	radcliff on trent	
	Half blood ...	Matthew Wicks 25	nottingham road Bingham
Sisters of the Soldier	Full blood ...	Fredrick Furnis 39	newton near Bridgford No
	Harriet Wicks 24	nottingham road Bingham	
	Frances Furnis 38	newton near Bingham	
	Half blood ...	Hannah Harris 21	moor Lane Bingham
	Clary Harris 32	radcliff on trent No	

If no Relatives in the degrees above are now living the following particulars should be given:—

	Names of those now living.	Addresses in full.
Grandparents of the Soldier ...		
Nephews and Nieces of the Soldier ...		
Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Soldier (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage) ...		

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that the above is a true and complete statement of all the Relatives of the late Soldier now living in the degrees enquired for.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Declarant.

Relationship to the Soldier: Father

Address in full: Moor Lane, Bingham, Notts

I hereby certify that the above Statement and Declaration are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated at Bingham this 18 day of April 1919

Signature of Minister or Magistrate: G. P. ... Qualification: ... Address: ...

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(511) W5680/HP1843 60,000 3/18

Effects - Form 118A.

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Officer in charge of \_\_\_\_\_ Records,

WAR OFFICE,

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,

SOUTH KENSINGTON,

LONDON, S.W. 7.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to The Secretary, WAR OFFICE, Imperial Institute, South Kensington, LONDON, S.W. 7. and the following number quoted

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Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late \_\_\_\_\_

could be despatched to: -

\_\_\_\_\_ means granted by the deceased that are in your possession or that may hereafter reach \_\_\_\_\_ and be disposed of to: -

*Harris*

Assistant Financial Secretary.



Image 7

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I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the 7B.225  
British War Medal  
granted in respect of the service of 4659  
Pte Harris J. & DERBYSHIRE REGT.  
Date February 2. 1921.  
Signature Francis Harris

Image 7

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the 7B.264  
1914-15 Star  
granted in respect of the service of 4659  
Pte Harris J. & DERBYSHIRE REGT.  
Date February 1. 1921.  
Signature Francis Harris

Officer in charge Infantry Records  
No. 6 District.

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*To: J. Harris*  
*Arthur Rob*  
*Bingham*  
*Wolfs*

In order that I may be enabled to dispose of the  
plaque and scroll in commemoration of the soldier named  
overleaf in accordance with the wishes of His Majesty the  
King, I have to request that the requisite information  
regarding the soldier's relatives now living may be fur-  
nished on the form overleaf in strict accordance with the  
instructions printed thereon.

The declaration thereon should be signed in your own  
hand and the form should be returned to me when  
certified by a Minister of Magistrate.

Officer in charge Infantry Records,  
Under the Charge of Records,  
No. 6 District.

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To The Officer in Charge of Records

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INSTRUCTIONS.

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To return, fold so that flap marked (3)  
is on top, and then place flap marked (1)  
inside it.



O.H.M.S.

(1)

To: J. Harris  
Arthur Rob  
Bingham

Image 10

Army Form W. 366

**WILL.**

Name .....  
Regtl. No. .... Rank .....  
Regiment NOTTS & DERBYSHIRE .....

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Date of:—

Receipt ...	<i>Not known</i>
Transfer ...	
Final disposal and to whom sent ...	<i>Sent to W.O. 21. 2. 18</i>

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