#### 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  $36\frac{1}{2}$  inches. He was passed fit to serve and posted to the Notts and Derbys special reserve  $4^{th}$  Battalion on the  $14^{th}$  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 tern "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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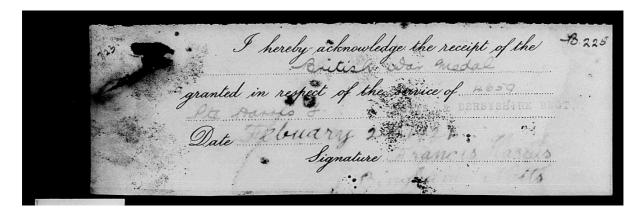
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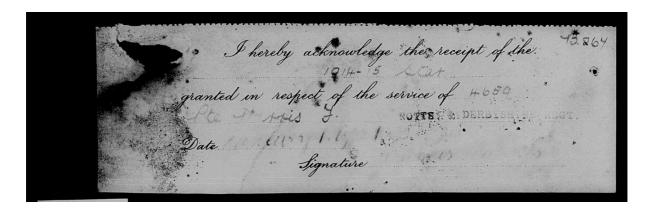
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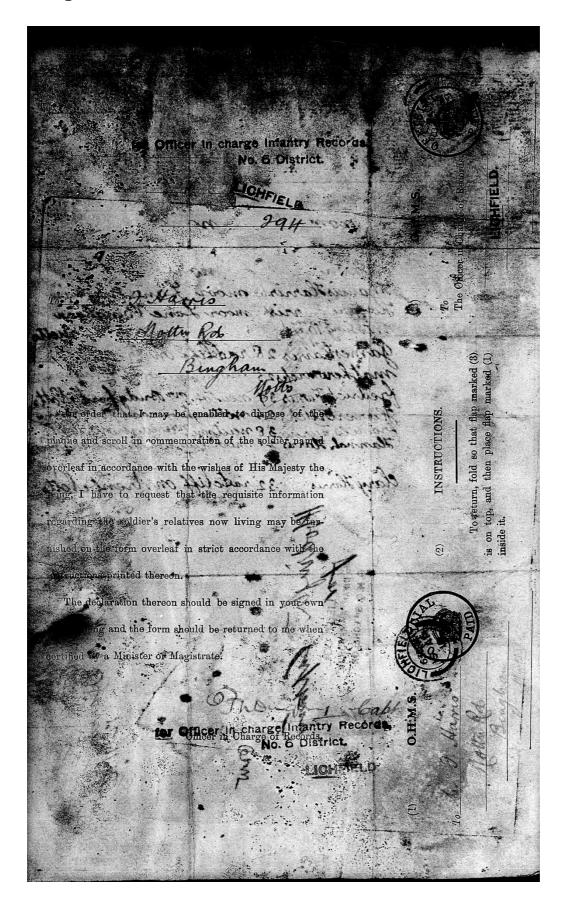
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