

Service Record George Marriott

Unusually, Household Cavalry records were retained by the regimental archive and thus escaped the German bombs that destroyed most WW1 records during WW2. The images below are scans of the paper copies supplied by the Household Cavalry Archive. However the National Archive has supplied us with many more documents.

Images 1, 2 and 3 Attestation and description

George enlisted as a volunteer on 1st December 1911 in Nottingham. He signed up for 8 years in the colours and a further four in the reserve, so would have been due for discharge in 1923. We have not found him in 1911 census records. He gave his birthplace as Cropwell Butler. His trade was agricultural labourer. He answered "no" to the question "have you resided outside your father's house for three years continuously in the same place.

His description (Image 2) was:

Age 22 years 1 month

Height 5ft 11½ inches, weight 164 pounds, chest fully expanded 40 inches, range of expansion 2 inches.

He had a fresh complexion with brown eyes and brown hair. The positions of several moles were carefully recorded.

His certificate of acceptance was signed on 6th December 1911 at Windsor.

Image 3 is a handwritten note repeating the details above and adding the following remarks:

"Typical Bumpkin.

Slow mentally, physically will probably make a hard working though not smart soldier".

The note was initialled JHP – JH Porter, Surgeon Major Life Guards (see [medical history](#))

Image 2 Military History Sheet

He is shown as serving at Home from 1/12/1911 until 16/10/1915. He then served in the Expeditionary Force from 17/10/1915 until 15/08/1917. He completed 5 years and 258 days.

The only other record is "Killed in Action 15/8/17"

His next of kin were given as:

Father Samuel and Mother Susan of the Triangle, Cropwell Butler. His brothers Frederick and Samuel were noted as serving with Royal Field Artillery.

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Army Form B. 258.

SHORT SERVICE. (Household Cavalry.)

(8 years with the Colours and 4 years in the Reserve.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2808 Name George William Marriott Corps Household Cavalry Regiment selected 2nd Life Guards

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your Name? George William Marriott
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Propriety Street, Nottingham
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 22 Years
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Agricultural Labourer (Farm Servant)
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years... No
7. Are you or have you been an Apprentice? No
8. Are you Married? No
9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? No
10. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia... No
11. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia... No
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? No
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
15. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted... The Household Cavalry
16. Do you understand that, although every endeavour will be made to post you to the Regiment which you have selected... Yes
17. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning... Yes
18. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? (a) For the term of 12 years... (b) If at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service a state of War exists... (c) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service, you are so required by a Proclamation from His Majesty... (d) If the above-mentioned term of 12 years expires while you are on service with the Regular Forces... Yes

I, George William Marriott 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.

G.W. Marriott SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT. G.W. Marriott Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION. I, George William Marriott 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 NOTTINGHAM on this 1st day of December 1911

Signature of the Justice [Signature] NOTTINGHAM

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former Service, and to produce, if possible, his Discharge Certificate and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink as follows, viz.—Name, No., and Regiment. † If the Recruit expresses no preference for a particular Regiment this question will be erased.

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make 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. 258.

Description of George William Marriott on Enlistment.

Apparent Age <u>22</u> years <u>1</u> months. (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)		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.)
Height <u>5 ft. 11 1/2</u> ins.	Weight <u>164</u> lbs.	
Chest measurement	(Girth when fully expanded.....) <u>40</u> ins.	Mole left upper arm Mole left breast 3 moles left abdomen Mole left cheek
	(Range of expansion) <u>2</u> ins.	
Complexion <u>Fresh</u>	Eyes <u>Brown</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	Religious denomination	
Church of England <u>Yes</u>	Presbyterian	
Wesleyan	Baptist or Congregationalist	
Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated)	Roman Catholic	
Jewish	(Empty)	

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 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.

Date 1. 12. 1911. W. Charlesworth
 Place Nottingham Colonel R. G. P. P.
 * 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.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him * fit for service in the † Corps of Household Cavalry and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 1 - 12 - 1911. H. M. Quire Captain } Recruiting Officer.
 Place NOTTINGHAM. NOTTINGHAM.
 * 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 † Corps of Household Cavalry (2nd Life Gds.)

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

Date 6 - 12 - 1911. A. H. Johnson Lt. Colonel } Approving Officer.
 Place Windsor 2nd Life Gds.

* 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.

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Image 3

Desert
Age 22½
Height 5½ inches
Weight 164 lbs
Chest 38½ inches
Sight N } R Eye 4/4
 } L Eye 4/4

George William Marriott.

Remarks:— Typical bumpkin.
Slow mentally & physically.
Will probably make a hard
working though not smart
soldier.

6/12/11

J.H.P.

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 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.
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	12. 10. 17.	15. 8. 17.	1	303	
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<p>2. Whether educated at (Applies only to Boys) * Name of School to be stated.</p> <p>3. Army School and other certificates of education ..</p> <p>4. Passed classes of Instruction .. <small>This includes any authorised class of instruction, e.g. in swimming, chiropody, &c.</small></p> <p>5. Campaigns (including Actions) ..</p> <p>6. Wounded ..</p>	<p>Duke of York's Royal Military School Royal Hibernian Military School Queen Victoria School Industrial School under Home Office } or Local Government Board }</p>	<p>Initials of Officer making the entry</p>
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<p>9. Medals and decorations</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Medal</th> <th>Claspe</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1914-15 STAR.</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Medal	Claspe	1914-15 STAR.		
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<p>10. Injuries in or by the Service ..</p> <p>11. Name and Address of next of kin ..</p>	<p><i>Father Samuel. Yvange Croftwell Beller Nottingham</i> <i>Mother Susan. (Y) Frederick Samuel</i> <i>Brother (Y) Frederick Samuel</i> <i>Serving in R.F.C. Artillery.</i></p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>				

<p>Initials as to marriage</p>	<p>(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.</p>	<p>Date of being placed on Married Roll</p>	<p>Initials of Officer</p>
	<p>(a) (b) (c) (d)</p>		