Carpentry experience: Charles Penson

Images 1, 2and 3

There are five records pertaining to Charles' carpentry. He had been employed by Mssrs. Walker and Sons of Tythby, agricultural implement manufacturers. The army asked for a reference (inevitably on a form!) which Mr Walker duly completed.

The firm had employed him since February 1913 and at the time of application still employed him. He was "sober and honest". Walker said his character was "alright, have seen nothing contrary to this." He was described as a journeyman, with no reference to having served an apprenticeship. They had "simply heard that he was a reserve man".

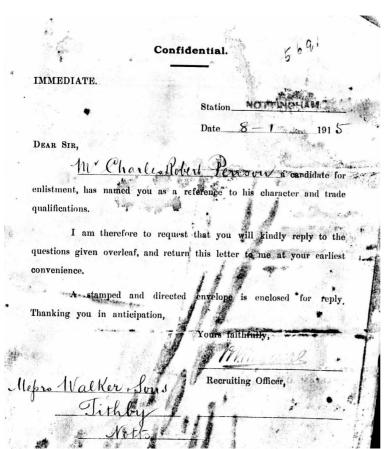
The reference was dated 9th Jan 1915.

Images 4 and 5

Naturally, once enlisted, the army tested his skill level. On 19^{th} January 1915 he was rated as "proficient", qualifying him for pay at the rate of 1/= [per day]. On the 1^{st} August 1916 he was uprated to Skilled and paid 1/8d. Image 4 is the note from his examiner.

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Image 1



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