

Enlistment papers for Charles Robert Penson

Image 1 Attestation

The attestation form was completed in Nottingham but the last part, the certificate of approval to join the Royal Engineers, was completed in Chatham. He was living in Chapel Lane Bingham and working as a carpenter. He was 31 years and 7 months of age.

He declared that he had previous service with the 4th Lincolnshire Territorials.

Images 2 and 3 descriptive report

Height: 5 feet 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches

Girth: 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, expansion 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Next of kin: Ethel Penson of Chapel lane, Bingham

The form records that he married Ethel Machin on 20th October 199 in Lincoln (Methodist Chapel). She was a widow.

Children were listed as: Hilda Ruby Machin, b 27/09/05, London
 Gladys Mabel (Penson), b 03/03/06, Lincoln
 Eric Charles, b 12/08/10, Lincoln
 Lewis George, b 16/10/13, Bingham

In the statement of services table he was declared a proficient carpenter:

Corps	Regt/Depot	Detail	Rank	dates
Joined	Nottingham			19/01/15
Depot	Attested		Sapper	19/01/15
Depot		Carpenter proficient	Sapper	19/01/15
7 th Field Company		Transferred	Sapper	28/01/15
7 th Field Company	Newark No 6 depot Con		Sapper	01/10/15
	Base depot. Transferred to Ex Force France & embarked		Sapper	19/11/15
		Shrapnel wound (Sh W ^d) back and head	Sapper	16/02/16
		Carpenter skilled	Sapper	01/08/16
7 th Field Company		Killed in Action	Sapper	22/04/17
	Buried at London cemetery at Neuville-Vitasse PRH Kep mem vide JWGC FV/5267/18			
Total service towards engagement		2 years 94 days		

(Image 3 is the continuation form which recorded the last three rows for the table)

Image 4 Casualty Form

Casualty forms were also used to record a man's service record. In Penson's case there are inconsistencies between this and the service record on images 2 and 3.

The table below summarises verbatim:

Record of activities	Place	Dates [note dates do not always tally with image 2]
Transf. form from ETC Newark to RE general Base depot	On Service	19/11/15
Joined Unit from Base	On Service	27/11/15
Wounded	On Service	15/02/16
Admitted to 1 st [?] (Gunshot wound head and back	On Service	15/02/16
Admitted to N Mid CCS [casualty clearing station]	On Service	25/01/16
To duty	On Service	04/03/16
Admitted to 5 ... Hospl	On Service	* /06/16
Re-joined unit from hospital	On Service	18/06/16
Raised to skilled rate of EP @1/4d	On Service	01/08/16
Leave to UK	On Service	11 th to 21 st December 1916
Killed	On Service	22/04/17

Image 5 medical history

This reveals he weighed 112 lbs (8 stones or 50.8 kg), his physical development was assessed to be "poor" and he had "bad teeth".

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Army Form B. 2505.

ORIGINAL SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 65092 Name C. R. Penson Corps ROYAL ENGINEERS

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

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| 1. What is your Name? | 1. <u>Charles Robert Penson</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Chapel Lane</u>
<u>Bingham - Notts.</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age? | 4. <u>31</u> Years <u>7</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Carpenter</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>yes</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? | 7. <u>yes 4th Lincolnshire Territorial</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... | 8. <u>yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... | 9. <u>yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? | 10. <u>yes</u> { Name <u>Sgt. Blakely</u>
Corps <u>R.E.</u> |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?
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. | 11. <u>yes</u> |

I, Charles Robert Penson 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.

C. R. Penson SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Alfred Topham Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Charles Robert Penson 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 29th day of January 1915.

J. M. P. Gurney Capt
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 complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the ROYAL ENGINEERS.

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

Date 29 1915
Place NOTHAM

O.O. DEPOT CO'S, R.E. Approving Officer.

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

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

Name Charles Robert Penson
 Apparent age 31 years 7 months. Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches.
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 33 1/2 inches.
 Range of expansion 2 1/2 inches.
 Distinctive marks Nil

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Ethel Penson
Chapel Lane Bingham Notts Relationship wife
 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) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

Ethel (a) Widow (b) Prim Methodist Chapel Newark Road Lincoln (c) Chapel Lane Bingham Notts (d) 20th October 1909 Verified from the certificate

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth
<u>Hilda Ruby Martin</u>	<u>27-9-05 London</u>
<u>Blanche Mabel</u>	<u>3-3-06 Lincoln</u>
<u>Eric Charles</u>	<u>12-8-10 Lincoln</u>
<u>Lewis George</u>	<u>16-10-14 Bingham Notts</u>

Verified from the certificate

STATEMENT OF 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>19. 1. 15</u>					1914-15		Star		Cpt. MAJOR, R.E. D.C. DEPOT CO'S, S.E. T.R. 2233
Joined at <u>Nottingham on 19. 7. 15</u>					British War Medal		Victory Medal		
	DEPOT	ATTESTED							
		<u>Captain</u>		<u>19. 1. 15</u>					
		<u>Professor</u>							
		<u>Transferred</u>		<u>28. 1. 15</u>					
		<u>E. J. Co. Warwick & Co. Dep. Co. S.</u>		<u>2. 10. 15</u>					
		<u>Base Depot. Transferred</u>							
		<u>See Spec. Trans. & Embarked</u>		<u>19. 7. 15</u>					
				<u>24. 4. 15</u>					
		<u>By order of 1914 S.W. B. Co. S.</u>		<u>16. 2. 16</u>					
		<u>7-10-16 so transferred killed</u>		<u>1. 8. 16</u>					
Total Service forfeited as above <u>1/4</u>									
Total Service towards Engagement (date of discharge) _____ years _____									

Image 4

Army Form B. 103.

191 Casualty Form—Active Service.

ARRIVED IN FRANCE

Regiment or Corps 1st Royal Tank Regiment

Regimental No. 507 Rank Sapper Name C. K. Penson

Enlisted (a) 19/1/15 Terms of Service (a) 2 years Service reckons from (a) 19/1/15

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s }

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) Skilled

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
3-12-15	Records	Came from E.T.P. Reports to R.S. General Staff Depot	On Service	19-1-15	General Staff Depot
5-12-15	C.O. 4th Coy	Joined unit from Base		27-11-15	A.S. 2710 (1) G.M.
27.2.16		Wounded		10.2.16	3.213
15.3.16	1st Coy	Went back to 1st Coy (G.S.W. Back)			
11.3.16	Method C.O.S.	Admitted to Method C.O.S. (G.S.W. Back)			
5.6.16	C.O.S.	In duty			
25.6.16	2nd Coy	Admitted to 2nd Coy H.S.		4.3.16	
13.8.16	"	Rejoined unit from Hospital		5.6.16	36-27905 (29)
	"	Promoted to "Skilled" rate of C.P. D/LL		18.6.16	13.213 (29) K
	"	Leave to U.S. 11-21/16		18.6.16	
22.11.17	"	Killed			
				22.11.17	X B213 1/110 No 17. 12.5.17 J.M.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

(b) i.e. Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

P.T.O.

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.
Army Form B. 178^A to be used for Special Reserve recruits
and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of *Robert*

Surname *Tenson* Christian Name *Charles John*

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Parish *Limber* County *Lincolnshire*

Examined ... on *8th* day of *July* 191*5*
at *NOTTINGHAM*

Declared Age ... *31* years *7* days

Trade or Occupation ... *carpenter*

Height ... *5* feet, *5 7/8* inches.

Weight ... *112* lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded *33 1/2* inches.
Range of Expansion *2 1/2* inches.

Physical Development ... *Poor*

Vaccination Marks { Arm ... Right ... Left ...
Number ...

When Vaccinated ...

Vision ... { R.E.—V = *6/6*
L.E.—V = *6/6*

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease ...

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ... (b) *Teeth bad (carpenter's mfr)*

Approved by ... (Signature) *[Signature]*
(Rank) ...
Medical Officer.

Enlisted ... at *NOTTINGHAM*
on *19th* day of *July* 191*5*

Joined on Enlistment

Corps	Regtl. No.
<i>ROYAL ENGINEERS</i>	<i>65092</i>

Transferred to ...
Became non-effective by ...
on ... day of ... 191*5*
(Signature) ...
(Rank) ...