

## Enlistment records – William Mabbott Widnall

### Image 1 Attestation

Shows he was born in Bingham, was aged 25 years and 1 month and trade was a self-employed "Shoemaker".

He signed up for the 8<sup>th</sup> Notts and Derby Territorial Force and took the oath in Bingham on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1914.

### Image 2 Medical Description

Age given as 25-27 years and 1 month [sic].

Height: 5 feet 6¼ inches (in boots)

Girth: 5 inches, range [unreadable]

Vision: 6/6 both eyes

Physical development: good

Considered fit for Territorial Army

He had a further medical examination (form badly torn and burned) in Chesterfield on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1915. This was for the 6<sup>th</sup> Notts and Debys Regiment. **(Image 3)**

One of these forms was then annotated on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1915: 'became non effective by: "killed in action". **(Image 4)**

### Image 5

William signed a standard agreement to the effect that as a member of the territorial force he agreed to be liable to serve anywhere outside the UK in the event of national Emergency.

### Image 6 Casualty Form

Notes "killed in action 24/5/15"

### Image 7 Military History Sheet

Shows he served "at home" from 10/8/14 until 1/3/15.

He was posted to France on 2/3 15 until 25/5/15 [when he was killed]

Next of kin noted as Mother, Sarah Widnall, Bingham, Notts.

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# TERRITORIAL FORCE

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2096 Name William Mabbott Radnall Corps 8th Bn. The Buffs

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? William Mabbott Radnall
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Bingham Nottingham
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 25 Years 1 Month
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Shoemaker
6. In whose employ are you? Own
7. Where do you now reside? Bingham
8. Are you now an Apprentice? if so, please state particulars No
9. Are you married? No
10. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps? No
11. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, please state Corps and cause of discharge No
12. Do you belong, or have you belonged, to any Cadet Unit? No
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning? Yes
15. Are you willing to be attested for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for service in the Territorial Force of the County of Nottingham to serve in the 8th Bn. The Buffs? Yes
16. Do you understand that during the first year of your original enlistment you will be required to attend the number of drills and fulfil the other conditions of the service which you have elected to join? Yes

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

† A further period of preliminary training may be prescribed during the first year of original enlistment by an Order in Council, the number of days being specified, and the period of annual training in any year may be extended by an Order in Council, due notice thereof having been given, and provided that neither House of Parliament has dissented, but the whole period of annual training shall not exceed 30 days in any year. Under the provisions of Section 99 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper, he renders himself liable to punishment.

I, William Mabbott Radnall 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.

William Mabbott Radnall SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
William Mabbott Radnall Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, William Mabbott Radnall do make Oath, 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, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

I, Geo Brown do hereby certify, that, in any presence, all the foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit, above named, that the Answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration, and taken the oath at Bingham on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1914 Geo Brown Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorised to attest Recruits.

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 (6), Army Act. The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 501A.

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Description of Will Widnall on Enlistment.

**MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT.**  
(Applicable to all ranks.)

Name W. W. Widnall

Apparent age 25-27 years \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Height 5 feet 6 1/4 inches. on books

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 inches.  
Range of expansion \_\_\_\_\_ inches.

Vision 6/6 B.S.

Physical development good

\* Chest measurement will be obtained by adjusting the tape so that its posterior upper edge touches the inferior angles of the shoulder blades, and its anterior lower edge the upper part of the nipples, while the arms hang loosely by the side.

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*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. 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; he does not suffer from hernia; and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him Fit for the Territorial Force.

Date Aug 9 1914 \_\_\_\_\_  
Place Brigham Wells \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Officer.

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

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.

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*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 8th Sherwood Foresters and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 11-8 1914 \_\_\_\_\_  
Place Newark \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit." \_\_\_\_\_  
LIEUT. COLONEL  
8th BATTN. THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS  
DEPT. \* Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

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*\* 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 8th Sherwood Foresters

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

Date 11-8 1914 \_\_\_\_\_  
Place Newark \_\_\_\_\_  
LIEUT. COLONEL  
8th BATTN. THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS  
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.

specified in the regulations. He can see at the reg  
he has the free use of his joints and limbs; he does  
fits of any description.

I consider him fit the  
Date 26 Jan 1914 19  
Place Chesham

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the recruit unfit, he will fill in the forego  
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 6th BATTAL NOTTS & DERBYSHIRE REGT. and that the care has been exercised in  
his enlistment.

Date 30 Jan 1914 19  
Place Chesham } Company } Recruiting Officer.  
\* 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 6th BATTAL NOTTS & DERBYSHIRE REGT.

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

Date 30 Jan 1914 19  
Place Chesham } Company } Approving Officer.  
Major W. J. ... Lt Colonel  
Comdg Lt Col S. ...

\* 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.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Sidwell Christian Name William Mabbott

TABLE F. GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .... Parish Bingham County Notts

Examined .... (on 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1914  
at Bingham Notts)

Declared Age .... 28 years 30 days.

Trade or Occupation .... Shoemaker

Height .... 5 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Weight .... lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 35 inches.

{ Range of Expansion 2 inches.

Physical Development .... Good

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

When Vaccinated ....

Vision ....

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

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ....

Approved by .... Signature) [Signature]

(Rank) [Rank] Medical Officer.

Enlisted .... (at [Place]  
on 8 day of August 1914)

Joined on Enlistment ....  
Transferred to ....  
Became non-effective by ....

Corps	Regt No.
	<u>3016</u>

on 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1915.

(Signature) [Signature] LIEUT. COLONEL,  
(Rank)

Image 5

Army Form E. 624

AGREEMENT to be made by an officer or man of the Territorial Force to subject himself to liability to serve in any place outside the United Kingdom in the event of National Emergency.

I (No.) 2246 (Rank) 06

(Name) W. M. ... of the

(Unit) \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby agree,

subject to the conditions of liability, in the event of a

national emergency.

accordance with the provisions of the

and Reserve Forces Act, 1938.

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Image 6

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25 FEB 1915

Army Form B. 103

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 18<sup>th</sup> L. Kott & Derby Reg<sup>t</sup>

Regimental No. 2096 Rank Private Name Widmally, William Keabott

Enlisted (a) 1/24/15 Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to } \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment } \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on }  
 present rank } \_\_\_\_\_ to lance rank } \_\_\_\_\_ roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Repor.		Record of promotions, reductions, casualties, etc., during active service, reported on Army Form B. A. 36, or in other official documents.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
<u>29.5.15</u>	<u>C. C. Bull</u>			<u>29.5.15</u>	<u>195</u>

*Captain for  
Off. of the Staff*

The Entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur.

No. 2096 Name W. W. Weddall

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Service.

Place	From	To	Years	Days
<u>France</u>	<u>10/8/14</u> <u>2-3-15</u>	<u>1-3-15</u> <u>24-5-15</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>204</u> <u>54</u> <u>258</u>

2. Passed classes of Instruction ...  
 This includes any authorised class of instruction

3. Campaigns (including actions) ...  
HOME, 5-8-14 to 10/1/15. To 1-3-15 Expd France  
France 2-3-15 to 24/5/15

4. Wounded ...

5. Effects of wounds ...

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

7. Medals, decorations and annuities

Victory Medal

British War Medal

8. Injuries in or by the Service ...

Killed in Action

9. Name and address of next of kin ...

Mother Sarah Weddall  
Glenn Bolto