

## Willie Cutting – Service record

This page presents a transcript of each document. Putting the various nuggets together for the soldier's page has produced a moving summary of one man's afflictions in the service of his country.

### **Image 1 -Front cover for discharge documents:**

136661

Driver: 71 Field Company.

Class Z – i.e. transfer to reserve

2/10/1919 1 Sharpe Row, Newark, Notts

### **Image 2 Protection certificate**

Address 15 (Coopers or Lipsit)? Yard Millgate, Newark. Difficult to read, may be 1 Sharpes Yard)

Issued 5/9/1919

### **Image 3 Statement of services etc**

Next of kin: Kezia Eldret, mother, ?? Scunthorpe Lincs

Attested 6/10/15

Home address on demob Sharpes Yard, Newark

### **Image 4 Awards Sheet**

Stamped 2 Oct 1919

Date of transfer 2.10.19 cause of discharge Z reserves

Enlisted 30.10.15

Malaria – 20% (disability?)

Pension expires 5-10-20

### **Image 5,6 Statement as to disability (April 1919)**

1 Sharpes Yard Newark

Confirms other inf. – joined for duty at Aldershot (he had attested in Nottingham)

**Countries served in:** Mesopotamia June 1916 to date, Driver

**Wounds, illness:** malaria, first attack June 1916. Due to climatic conditions in locality. Last attack March 1919.

**Hospitals:** Basra

**National Health approved society:** Manchester Unity (no) 100

**Last employer:** D & HP Job, 21 Castlegate Newark (a listed building that used to accommodate a car showroom).

**Industrial group** 39

**Trade:** chauffeur

**Diagnosis:** Malaria, patient normal

MO certified illness due to service.

**Degree (%) of disablement** – less than twenty

**Image 7,8,9 Medical History (stamped Nov 1915)**

**Birthplace:** Grimsby. Lincolnshire

Examined at Newark.

Trade: labourer

Height 5'3¾, weight 112lbs. chest 35½" expansion 2".

Physical peculiarities: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> toes on each foot are widely separated as if accustomed to wearing sandals.

Enlisted Newark 30 October 1915 Joined Royal Engineers

Hospital: Aldershot, Colic, 28/1015 – 1/1/16. Vaguely diffused abdominal pain. Treated by ??.

Discharged to unit.

**Image 10, 11 Casualty form active service**

Usual inf. Enlisted for duration of war.

Left Avonmouth on 8/5/1916 on HMS City of Chester. Disembarked Basra 9/6/16. (took part in Battle of Jutland and severely damaged 31<sup>st</sup> May 1916. on the way)

Invalided to India 9/7/16 per hospital ship. Hospital in Amaria (Uttah Pradesh. (East of Delhi) (Near mountains, possibly thought to be beneficial) suffering from chronic otitis media – chronic inflammation of middle ear.

30/4/17 Embarked on "SS Elephanta", Bombay 7.4.17 arrived Basra 15.4.17. Joined 72st field company Basra 24.5.17. Joined unit on service as reinforcement 20.5.17.

12.6.17 To hospital at Sindu Yeh, Iraq. Discharged from Amarah (had bronchial pneumonia) 19.8.17.

24.8.17 Admitted to Amarah with Sc fever. Re-joined unit in Sindu Yeh 3.10.17

26.10.18 he was admitted to hospital and discharged 2.11.18.

On 7<sup>th</sup> April 1919 embarked on SS Elephanta for passage to United Kingdom. Struck off the strength of the force.

Transferred to reserves Class Z 2-12-19. Home address 1 Sharpes Yard.

**Image 12 Attestation**

**Address:** 5 James Row, Millgate, Newark

**Age** 20 years 161 days

**Occupation:** Labourer

Signed Newark 30<sup>th</sup> October 1915