

Charles George William Field

by

Simon Todd



Individual Report for Charles George William Field

Individual Summary: Charles George William Field

Sex: Male

Father: Charles Field

Mother: Elizabeth Batchelor



Individual Facts:

Birth: 19 Sep 1870 in Bromley, Kent, England

Christening: 09 Oct 1870 in Bromley, Kent, England

Residence: 1871 in Bromley, Kent, England

Residence: 1901 in Bromley, Kent, England

Occupation: shoe maker

Military Service: Bet. 1914–1918 in Jhansi

Death: 1955 in Bromley, Kent, England

Shared Facts: Ada Sales

Marriage: 13 Sep 1897 in Bromley, Kent, England

Children: George Henry Field

Amy Dorathy Field

Walter Field

Notes:

Person Notes: According to family rumour, as a child, he used to be taken to school by H.G.Wells who lived above the shop (Meddins, a Habberdashers) down the road from his father's Shoe Makers shop. Although I am not sure of H G Wells details, I am convinced that the rumour is based on facts.

To examine this rumour for a moment, Herbert George Wells lived at 47 (now 172), High Street, Bromley in 1871 and by 1881 was a boarder with the headmaster of a local Grammer School Horace Byatt in Midhurst. He was born in September 1866, four years older than Charles. Charles lived with his family at Perseverance Cottages, which is part of Mason's Hill. What is of note is H G Wells' fathers hobby and job as a cricketer and a gardener, an area shared by Henry Sales, Charles' grandfather. This could mean that they knew each other through family interests.

He was turned out of every Sunday School but one, and they had heard of him.

Charles was a quartermaster sergent in the army in India during the first world war, particularly Jhansi, which is mentioned on photos from the time. At around the time of his daughter's birth or when she was a baby, his eldest child, a boy, died. According to Mum, the baby boy was having coughing fits and his pregnant wife could not get to him in time. He treated his daughter roughly, like a son, but was loving.

On leaving the Army he returned to the family profession as a Shoe Maker. He didn't like being called a cobbler, "I never cobbled anything in my life!" This he did till his death. He made shoes for important stores in London. He walked 3 miles each morning up Swan Hill, Bromley to a shoe shop called Ginns in the High Street, he had special customers he called "Toffs". (These were Lords and Ladies, he was a great craftsman) from London. He would return a black sack of finished shoes and pick up a sack of those that needed repairing. Everything was done by hand in the shed in his garden at 3, Martins Lane, Shortlands.

My mum remembers him as a tease. His nickname was 'Andant'. (Aunty Joyce's early attempt at naming him.) He was a large man who never lost

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his hair, he would use many Indian words , he called my Mum "Gillolipa" and loved Humbugs. Ada made lovely cakes. Charles, if offered some would say, "I better eat this today or I' d get it tomorra'!"

Charles was cremated and in Umbie's absense (she didn't want to attend his funeral) relatives had to decide whether to sprinkle his ashes on the lawn or the rose bed of the local church. They chose the rose bed. Later when Umbie found out she was a bit upset as the week before the ashes of a man (Charly Buss) that Charles didn't get on with at all was sprinkled in the same place.

He claimed to be an atheist but he called on God when he died. Mum (his Grand daughter) sent him money when he was dieing for some sweets, which he loved, but he never parted with the money.

Notes on rear of photo. Quarter Master Sergeant Field, No68. R.W. Kent regiment. taken Jhanse India 1915

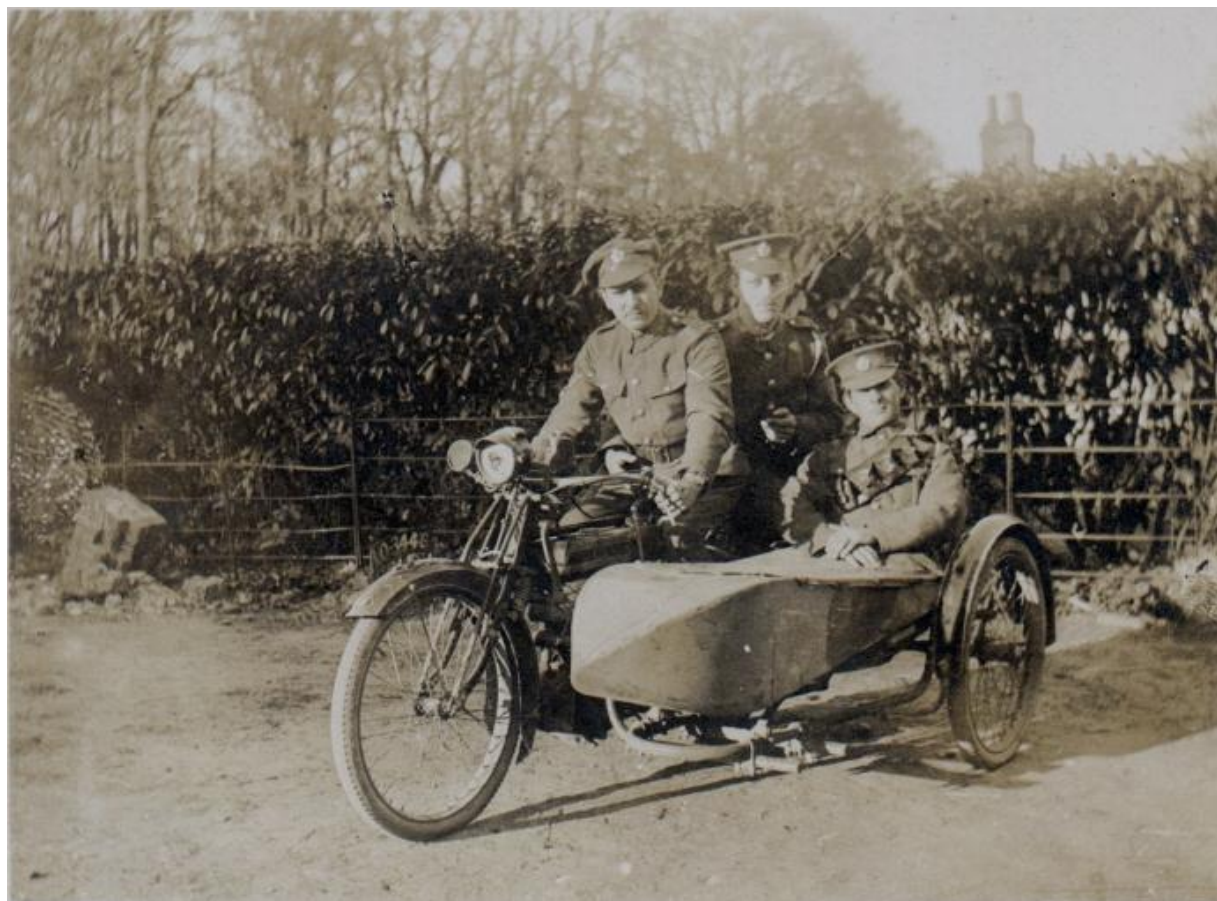
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The Parish of Bromley near the town of Bromley in the county of Kent

Yes

COMPLETED

Boot shoe maker

3 Martins Road Shortlands

Yes

Yes

No

No

Yes

Yes 4

Yes

Charles George William Field do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are true and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Charles George William Field
Signature of Volunteer

Thomas Bernard
Signature of Witness

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY VOLUNTEER ON ATTESTATION.

Charles George William Field do swear Oath that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, His Heirs, and Successors and 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 any service.

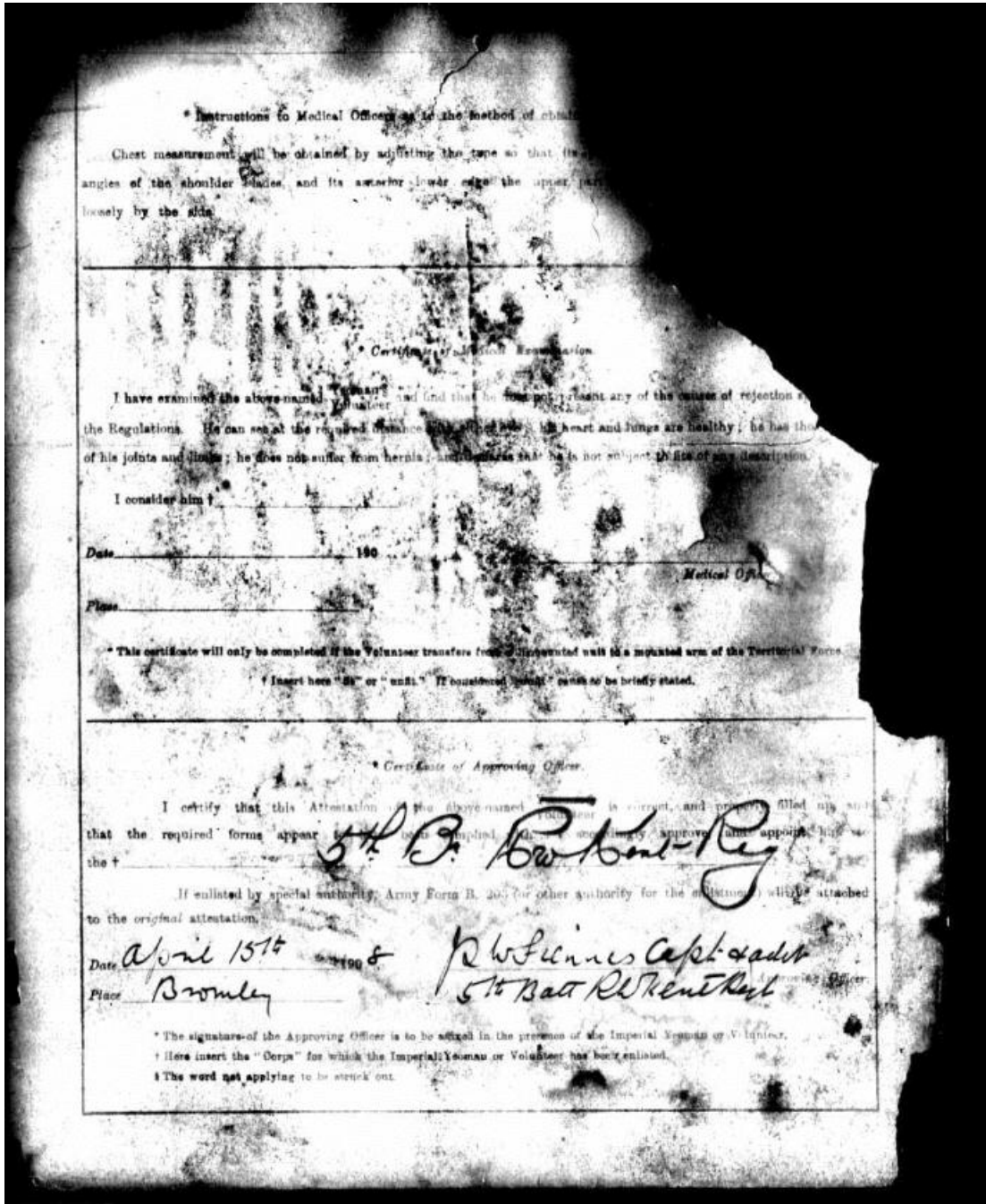
CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

Charles Douglas Clark do hereby certify that in my presence all the foregoing questions were asked of the Volunteer and the answers written opposite them are these which he gave to me, and that he has signed the Declaration, and taken the oath.

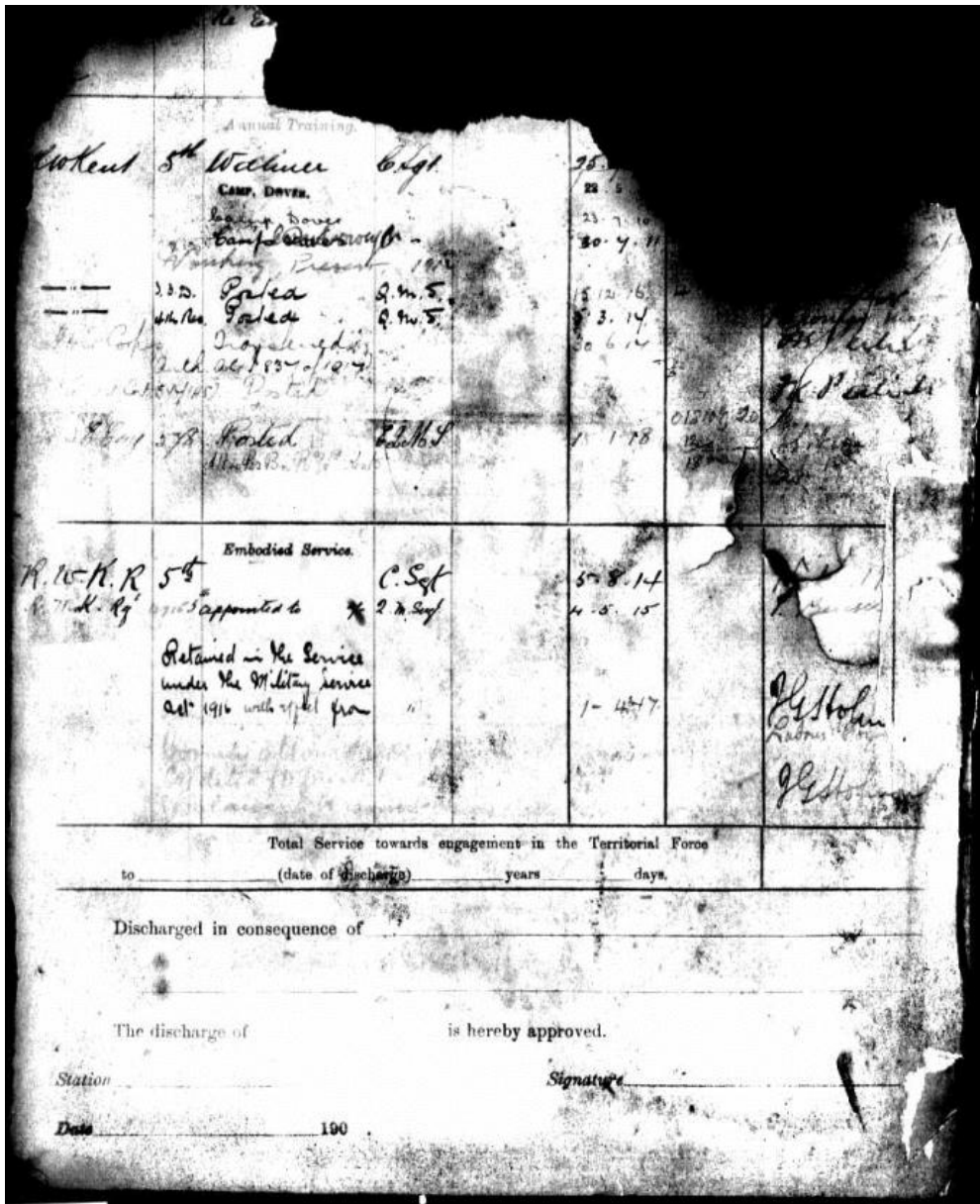
Charles Douglas Clark
Signature of Magistrate or Attesting Officer

Stamped Discharge Completed.
 Address: The Parish of Bromley near the town of Bromley in the county of Kent
 37
 Boot shoe maker
 3 Martins Road Shortlands
 Yes 2nd V 1320 R W Kent Regt
 never been rejected for military service
 willing to be attested for the term of 4 years for service in the Territorial Force.

Signed Charles George William Field



Certificate of Approving Officer for 5th Bat R W Kent Reg
date April 15th 1908 in Bromley



R W Kent 5th	Walmer	C Sgt	22.05
	Camp Dover		23.07.1910
	Camp Dover	C Sgt	30.07.1911
	Camp dover	C Sgt	1912
	Worthing present		1912
	I.O.W. posted	Q.M.sgt	15.12.1915
	4th Reg posted	Q.M.sgt	05..03.1917
	illegible		30.06.1917
R W Kent	posted	C Q M S	15.01.1918

Embodied Service (called up for potential active service)

R W K R 5th
R W K Rg

appointed to

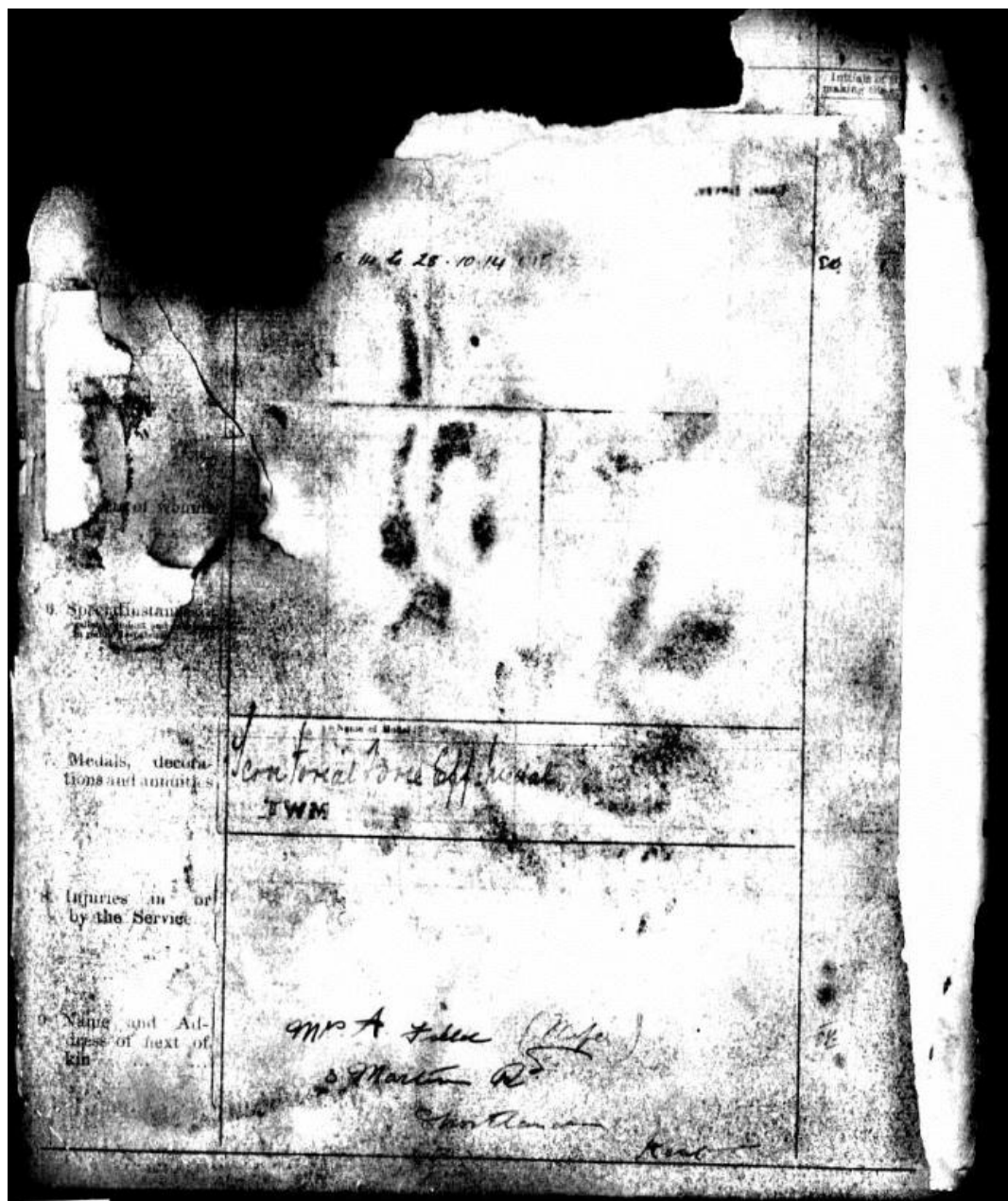
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Q M Sergt

05.08.1914
04.05.1915

Retained in the service, under military service act 1916 effect from 01.04.1917

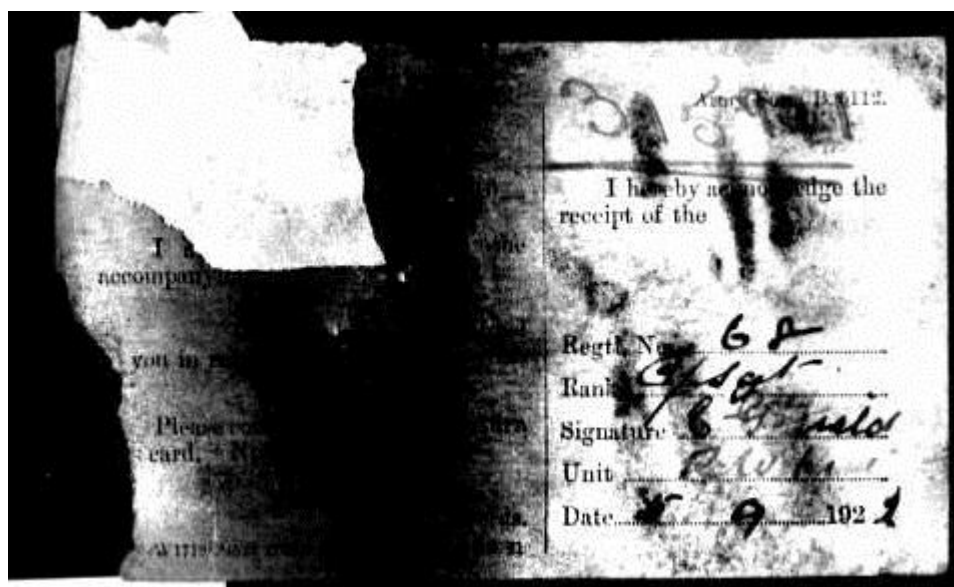
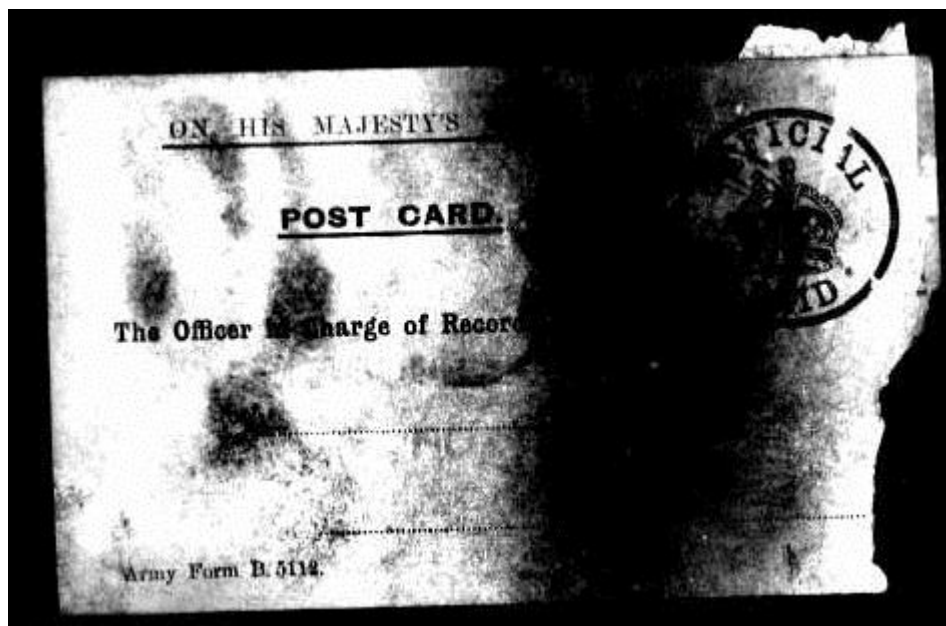




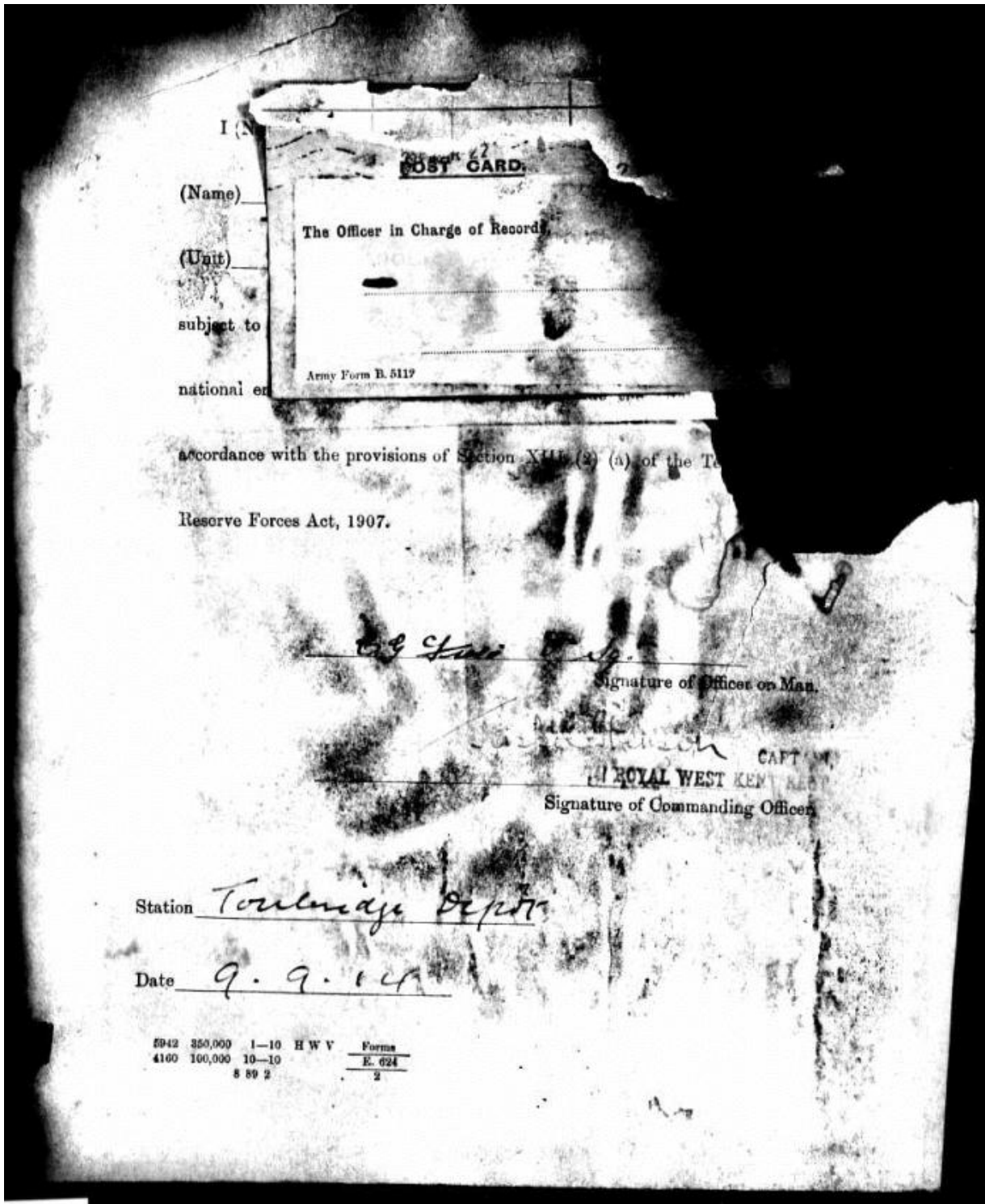


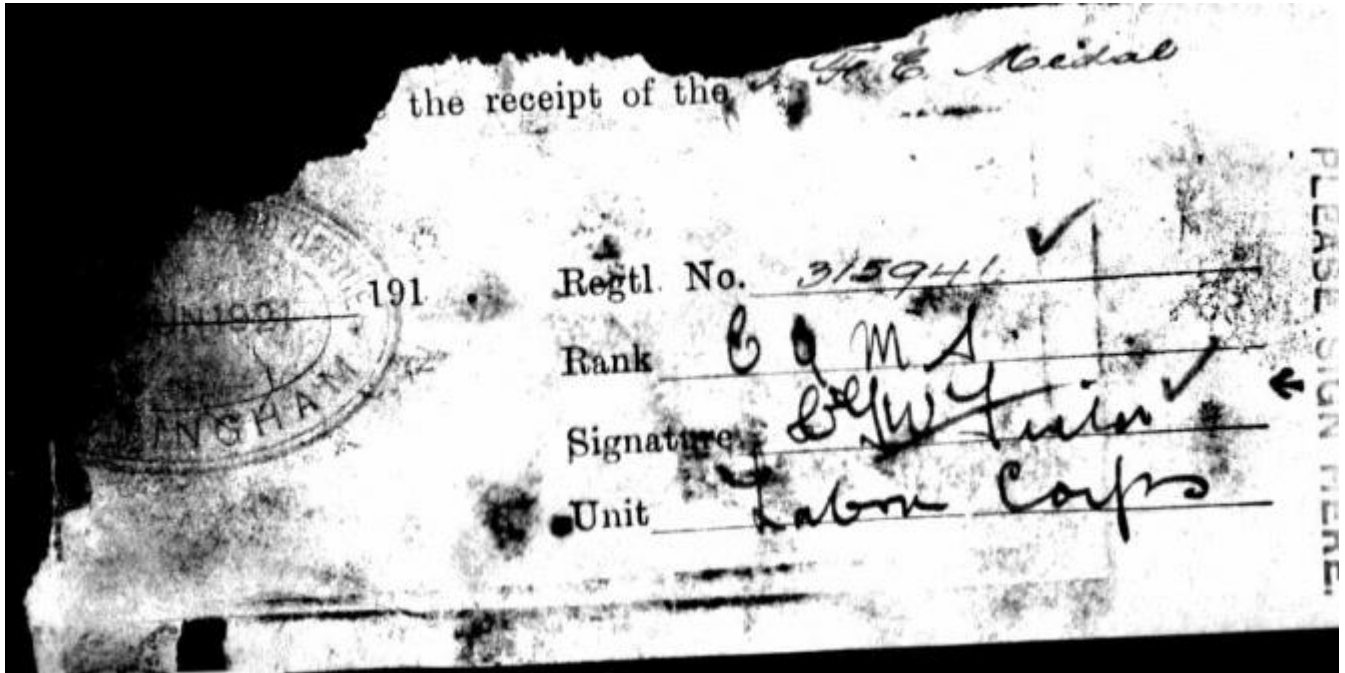
medal, decorations: Continual (?) force Epp medal
TWM

next of kin Mrs A Field (wife)
3 Martins Road, Shortlands Kent

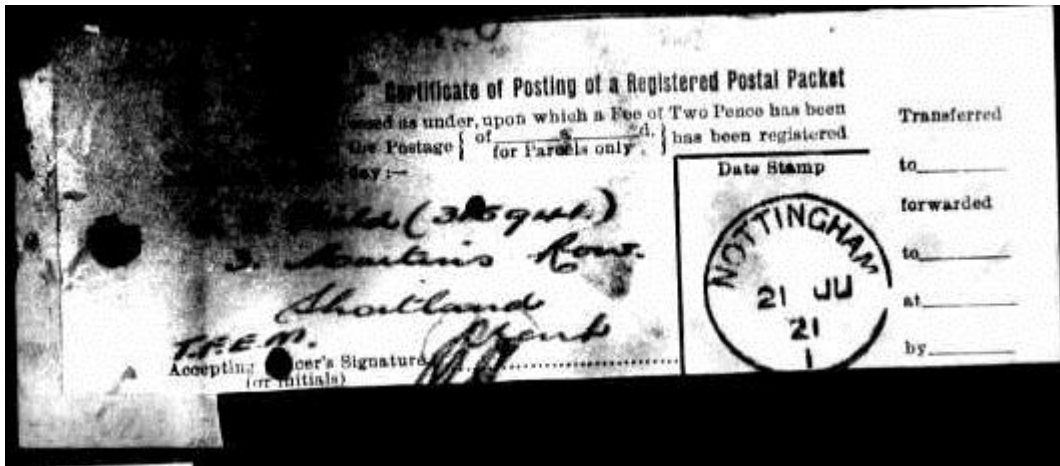


Regt No. 68
Rank Q M Sgnt
Unit: R W Kent
date: 05.09.1922





Regtl No. 315941
Rank: C Q M S
UNit: Labour Corps



DISPERSAL UNIT

30 MAY 1919

CRYSTAL PALACE

Regtl. No. 31594 Rank C.A.M.S. Record Office Nottingham

Unit 578th Coy Regt. or Corps Salvage Coy Pay Office —

I have received an advance of £2. Address for Pay 3 Martins Rd

(Signature of Soldier) [Signature] Brooklands Kent.

The above-named soldier is granted 28 days furlough from the date stamped hereon pending* 1 (as far as can be ascertained) which will date from the last day of furlough after which date uniform will not be worn except upon occasions authorised by Army Orders.

* If for Final Demobilisation insert 1.
Disembodiment insert 2.
Transfer to Reserve insert 3.

† As this is the address to which pay and discharge documents will be sent unless further notification is received, any change of address must be reported at once to the Record Office and the Pay Office as noted above, otherwise delay in settlement will occur.

The above soldier is granted leave under A.C. 1 251/18 from 30-5-19 to 26-7-19 after which date uniform will not be worn.

Theatre of War or Command Eastern

Born in the Year 1870

Medical Category B II

Place of rejoining in case of emergency Sutton

Specialist Military Qualification —

This Certificate must be produced when applying for an Unemployed Sailor's and Soldier's Donation Policy or, if demanded, whenever applying for Unemployment benefit.

Date 30 MAY 1919 Policy issued No 25073371

DISPERSAL UNIT

30 MAY 1919

CRYSTAL PALACE

4/13/19 3/19 (3)

Dispersion Unit 30th May 1919 Crystal Palace

Theatre of War: eastern
Born 1870

Medical category B II (Able to walk 5 miles, see and hear sufficiently for ordinary purposes)

Place of joining in case of emergency: Sutton

The above soldier is granted leave under A.C.1 851/18 from 30th May 1919 to 25th July 1919 after which dress uniform will not be worn.

Green A. B. P.
 MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,
 BURTON COURT,
 KING'S ROAD,
 LONDON, S. E. 1

Reference No.

SIR,
 I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you of the undermentioned decision in the case of a man whose discharge documents have been recently received with the view to having the claim to pension considered.

I am, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 W. H. C. Plummet
 Director,
 Soldiers' Awards Branch.

To the Officer Commanding
 Regiment.

Rank (for pension)..... C. 2. M. S. Regimental No. 315941
 Name (Surname first)..... FIELD, Charles George William
 Regiment or Corps..... Lake Coy. 578 Coy (Lake R. W. Heuts)
 Date of Discharge..... 27.6.19 Age on Discharge..... 48 Marital Status..... M.
 Address on Discharge..... 3. Marlins Rd. Stotlands Kent
 Disabilities { 1..... Neurasthenia State whether 1.....
 2..... aggravated, or 2.....
 3..... non- 3.....
 attributable.
 Degree of Disablement..... 20% (Pension)
 Weekly Pension..... 7/- from 28.6.19 to be reviewed in 26 weeks. Nature of Award..... Concl.
 Allowances for..... children
 19
 A. -
 2

(38780) Wt. 9/22/2217 5000 pads 4-19 W B & L (Sp. 180)

Disability mentioned: neurasthenia attack with a 20% degree of disablement

The history of neurasthenia traces back before World War I to a scientist by the name of George A. Beard. Beard coined the actual term "neurasthenia" which means nerve weakness (Marlowe). Neurasthenia was attributed rather vaguely to the stress of everyday life, or, for soldiers, the stress of the trenches. Many also felt it was a disease primarily of the upper class, which means it would apply more often to officers in the army than regular men.

Bounty Section.

Labour Corps Record Office.
32 Carrington Street.

TO... *C. G. W. Field*...
... *H. H. Holt* ...
... *H. H. Holt* ...

Bounty

C. G. W. Field, E. J. H.

A.F.W.3458 (Claim for Bounty) in respect of the above mentioned man was returned to you on... *8.7.18*... as he was not then entitled to Bounty under Army Order 209/16, being overage.

Claim may now be resubmitted under Amendment to the above Army Order, dated 8th July 1918.

LR/422 29/13/18

J. Holman

Captain.
for Colonel i/c Labour Corps Records.

Nottingham.
13/7/1918.

W8635—GD1759 500,000 1/19 HWV(P1145/2)
9966—P2992 500,000 3/19

T174131F

Army Form Z. 69.

**Form of Receipt to accompany Documents and Statement
as to Disability (Army Form Z. 22).**

Z. Labou 89/609

(See para. 3024 Demobilization Regulations.)

Received from Officer i/c Records

Nottingham

the documents of Regtl. No. 315941

Rank C. 2-M. S.

Names in full F. C. W.

(Surname first)

Unit and Corps 848915 Coy



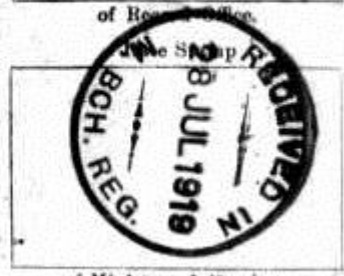
Temporary Army Form B. 103 only forwarded.

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NOTES.

1. The Officer i/c Records will complete the above particulars, and will stamp the form with the Record Office date stamp with the date on which the documents were despatched. This stamp will take the place of any signature.

2. The Ministry of Pensions will affix the date stamp of that Ministry as a receipt for the documents, and return the form to Officer i/c Records.



of Ministry of Pensions.

Wt. W6087, M 67. 40,000 pads. 9/16. J. T. & S., Ltd. *91/3832* Army Form. 0348 (Pads).

LABOUR CORPS RECORDS
3 AUG 1917

MEMORANDUM.

OFFICE
31 JUL 1917

*Hounslow
31st July 1917*

From I/o T.F. Records. Col.

To *labour Corps Hants*

*no 240011 C.M. & Field Co.
1st Rec Bn Kent Regt.*

Herewith attention &
as to the above mentioned
labour Corps & position
577 H. P. & employment Aug 30 6 17

Please complete as 1
1917 and return

.....Col.
I/o T.F. Records.

Hounslow 31st July 1911

herewith alteration and for the above mentionto labour corps and posting
.....Employment30.06.17 Please complete as I.....and mention

IV *Bounty* Army Form W. 3458.

To the Officer of Records *Hatfield*

Please note the following on the original attestation of the man named and return counterfoil to me :—

No. *3504* Rank *Cond.* Name *Field C.W.*

Unit *578th S. Employ Coy*

Bounty allowed under Army Order 209 of 1916 (*excluding £15 if already allowed under Army Order 86 of 1916) £

Credited for present issue (Nil if above £15 already allowed) £

Balance to be issued subsequently, as laid down in the Army Order £

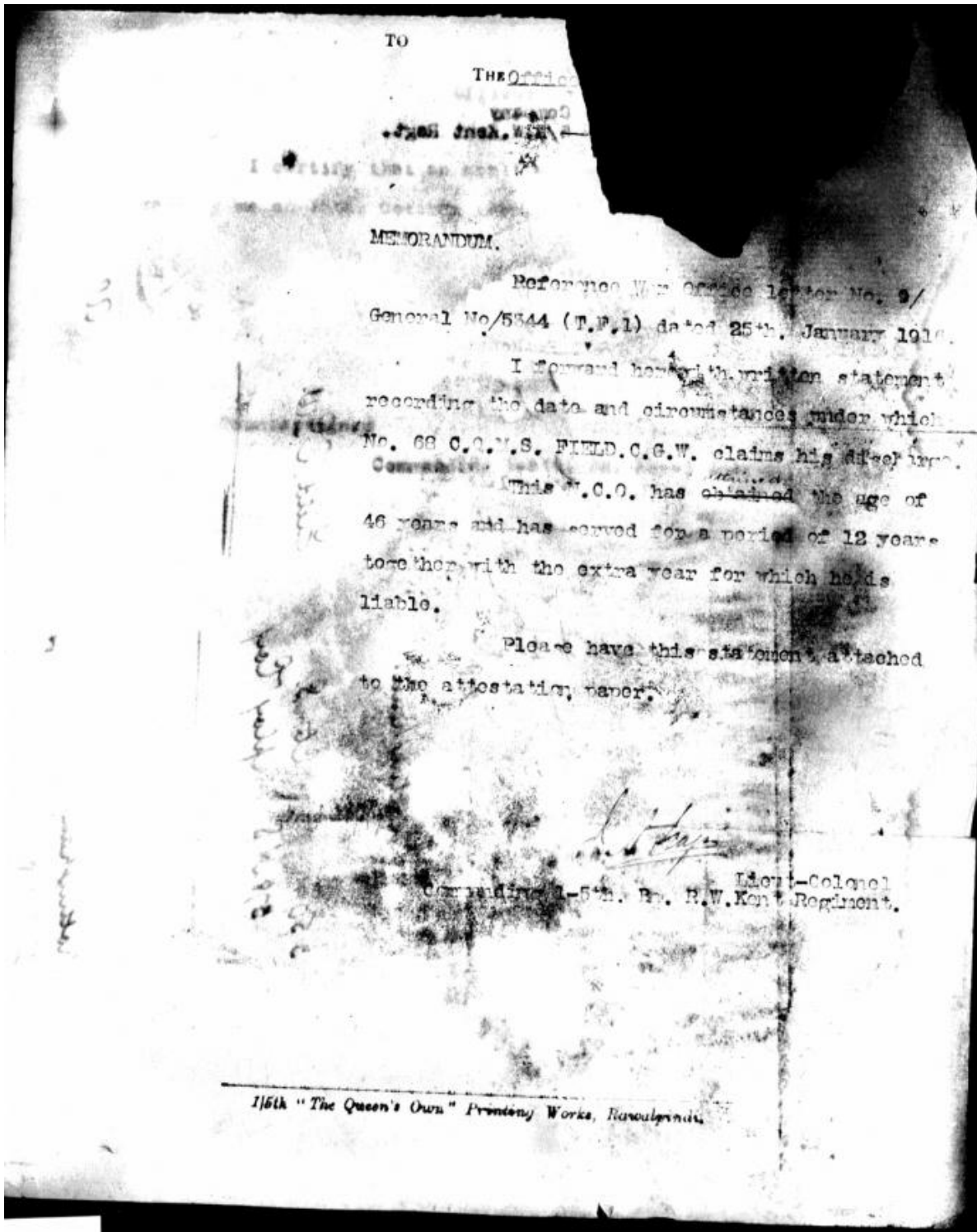
Station *Hatfield*

Date *28/8* *20/102229/B.M./18* *Regimental Paymaster.*

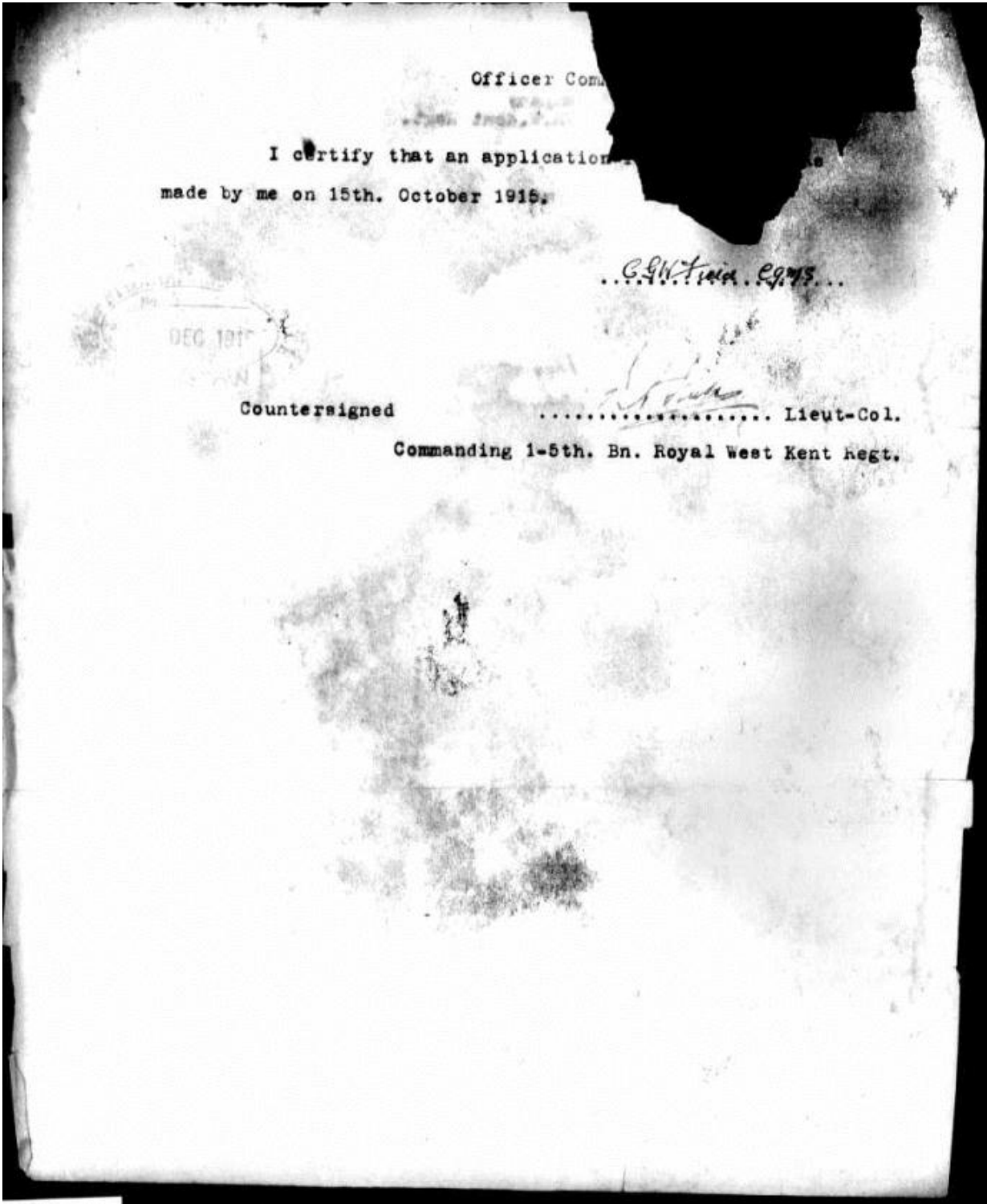
Regimental Paymaster.

28 JUL 18

* To be struck out if inapplicable



Charles Field has reached his 46th year and served for 12 years



Photographs of Charles state he is in Jhansi in 1915. This is the location of the 1st/5th Battalion of the Royal west Kent.

1/5th Battalion

August 1914 : in Bromley. Part of Kent Brigade in the Home Counties Division.

30 October 1914 : moved to India, remaining there throughout the war. The Division was broken up on arrival in Bombay and the battalion transferred to the Jhansi Brigade in the 5th (Mhow) Division of the Indian Army. Transferred in March 1916 to 4th Rawalpindi Brigade in 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division. Returned to 5th (Mhow) Division in March 1917 and into Jubbulpore Brigade. In December 1917, moved to Mesopotamia and joined 54th Brigade in 18th (Indian) Division.

<http://www.1914-1918.net/rwk.htm>



Charles Field in later life. Left to right Reg Warner, Ada Field (nee Sales) Robert Warner and Charles Field. Ada and Charles were known as Umbie and Andant or Andy

