

## **First World War Service Record of Arthur Leslie Hicks**

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Register No.

Minute Sheet No.

Lieutenant A. L. Hicks.  
11th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment.

C/1535/37

Previously reported Missing 23.3.18

Pm. 487/16.

"DIED" (In German Hands) 4th April, 1918.

Next of Kin :-

A. Hicks, Esq: (Father)  
113, Finchley Road,  
N.W.3.

William Latham

M.S.B. (Cas:)  
28.8.18.

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Please notify Base

William Latham

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# SHORT SERVICE.

(Three Years with the Colours).

## ATTESTATION OF

No. *17269* Name *Arthur Leslie Hicks* Corps *Sherwood Foresters*

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name ?..... *Arthur Leslie Hicks*
  2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born ?..... *In the Parish of... in or near the Town of... in the County of...*
  3. Are you a British Subject ?..... *Yes*
  4. What is your Age ?..... *31* Years *15* Months *7* Days
  5. What is your Trade or Calling ?..... *Civil Service*
  6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where ?..... *(a) Yes. (b) No*
- You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.
7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice ? if so, where ? to whom ? for what period ? and, when did, or will, the period of your apprenticeship expire ?..... *No*
  8. Are you Married ?..... *No*
  9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power ?..... *No*
  10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force ? If so, to what unit and Corps ?..... *No*
  - \*11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force ? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge..... *No*
  12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service ?..... *Yes*
  13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown ? If so, on what grounds ?..... *No*
  14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated ?..... *Yes*
  15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service ?..... *Yes*
  16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you ?..... *Yes* { Name *C. S. G. G. G.* Corps *P. P. P. A.*
  17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services ?..... *Yes*
- (a) For the term of three years, unless War lasts longer than three years, in which case you will be retained until War is over. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, &c., 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. If, however, War is over in less than three years you will be discharged with all convenient speed.

I *Arthur Leslie Hicks* 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.

*Arthur Leslie Hicks* SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
*J. H. H. H.* Signature of Witness.

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

I *Arthur Leslie Hicks* 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 *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept* 1914. *L. R. Swanson*  
Signature of the Justice.

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 3 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 1114.



COMPTE IN WHICH		Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension	Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards "G. O. Pay"	Signature	
						years	days	years	days
Service towards limited engagement reckons from 24.9.14									
Joined at <u>Derby</u> on 28.9.14									
NOTTS & DERBYSHIRE REGT.			Arrived	Pte.	24.9.14				
	20		Posted	"	28.9.14				
	12		Posted	"	1.10.14				
	10		Posted	"	9.2.15				
	10		Appointed	4th Lt	22.4.15				
3	10		Appointed	Pt Lt	9.8.15				
529	20		Posted	"	26.10.15				
597	13		Posted	"	5.12.15				
Discharged									
Having transferred to the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (London) in the New Army.									
Discharged									
31.1.16									

No. 14269 Name

1. What is your Name?
2. In or near what Parish?
3. Are you a British Subject?
4. What is your Age?
5. What is your Trade?
6. Have you resided continuously in the parish of value of £10 or more in either case, if so?
- You are hereby warned following services
7. Are you, or have you been, for whom you are an apprentice?
8. Are you married?
9. Have you ever been in the Civil Power?
10. Do you now belong to the Royal Marine Force, the Army Reserve Force?
11. Have you ever been in the Royal Marine Force, the Army Reserve Force, the Militia, or any other unit?
12. Have you ever been in the Militia, or any other unit?

No. 14269 Name Arthur L. Hicks

Regt. -

NOTTS & DERBYSHIRE REGT.

2nd Lt High - Ann 20th. Camm 23.10.15 H 2628  
 Ann Queen Marys P. N. Hrs Southland 26.10.15 H 2628  
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# MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

Service at Home and Abroad.

COUNTRY	FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS	N.B.—
<i>From</i>	<i>24. 9. 14.</i>	<i>13 7 15</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>293.</i>	to be s
<i>ditionary Force.</i>	<i>4. 14. 7. 15</i>	<i>25. 10 15</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>104</i>	necessary
<i>Home</i>	<i>26. 10. 15</i>	<i>31. 1. 16.</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>98</i>	the servic
		<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>130.</i>	stations of
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2. Army School and  
other certificates  
of education ...

3. Passed classes of  
Instruction† ...

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Form M.T.  
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This Form is to be used for any candidate who is serving in the ranks of the New Armies, Special Reserve, or Territorial Force, and for any other candidate who is neither a cadet or ex-cadet of the Senior Division, Officers Training Corps, nor a member of a University.

Form M.T. 392 should be used for an Officers Training Corps (Senior Division) or University candidate, who is not serving in the ranks.

# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The candidate will complete the following particulars and obtain certificates below as to character and educational qualification.

Name in full { Surname. Christian names.	Hicks Arthur Leslie
2. Date of birth.	19 April 1884
3. Whether married.	Single
4. Whether of pure European descent.	Yes. English
5. Whether a British subject by birth or naturalization. (State which, and if by naturalization attach a certificate from the Home Office.)	by birth
6. Nationality by birth of father (if naturalized, state date).	English
7. Permanent address.	7 Evelyn Mansions Westminster S.W.
8. Present address for correspondence.	ditto
9. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.	Values Land Valuation Dept. Inland Revenue since commencement of department
10. Whether able to ride.	Yes
11. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Officers Training Corps. If so, state:— (a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent ... (b) Date of appointment ... (c) Rank ... (d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge (e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ...	Yes 10th Sherwood Foresters 23 Sept. 1914 Lieut. Col.
Whether an application for a commission has been previously made, if so, on what date and for what branch of the service.	Now at H.M. Queen Mary's Naval Ho Southend-on-Sea — War



Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list. They may, however, state here

13. The Branch of the Service (Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

Infantry

14. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify, upon my honour, that the above particulars as to my qualifications, previous Army for the period of the war.

Date 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 1915

A. L. Hicks

Usual Signature of Candidate

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age }

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at a college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, or a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in private life during the period.

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a second certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Mr. A. Leslie Hicks

for the last 5 years

Signature

Mar Harpsh

†Rank, office or occupation

Chief Valuer, Inland Revenue

Date 11 November 1915 Address

Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.

To be filled in when the above certificate does not cover four years.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

from

to

Signature

†Rank, office or occupation

Date

Address

Evidence that the candidate has attained a good standard of education.

If the candidate has:—

(a) obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912, the Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be stated;

(c) passed the matriculation examination of a University, or a test accepted in lieu thereof, the Certificate should be attached.

Failing one of the above, the following certificate must be signed by the Headmaster of secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that a good standard of education.

A. Leslie Hicks

has attained

(See) John W. Otter (Colonel (Ret. R.E.), K.C.S.I.)

State here educational position, e.g.,  
Head of a College or School, etc.

late President R.I.L. College, Coopers

†Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate, etc.

Edgewood Malvern College

M.S.3.Cas/518.A. (P.M.487).

26th August, 1918.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. Hicks and deeply regrets to inform him that the following information respecting Lieutenant A.L.Hicks, 11th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, appears on an official German List, headed "List of Dead", which has been forwarded to the War Office through the Geneva Red Cross:-

LIST OF DEAD.

Hicks,	Lieut.	Leices.Regt.	Died 4.4.18 in Field
Anthon.			Hospital at Auberchi-
			court Buried Mil.Cem.
			there.
			Grave 371.

The Military Secretary is desired by the Secretary of State for War to express his deepest sympathy with Mr. Hicks in the loss of his gallant son.

A. Hicks Esq.,  
113, Finchley Road,  
N.W.3.

SHARES RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom



3-4-18 POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.  
Prefix Code (Inland Official Telegrams only.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O.H.M. 3.3.

M. 3.3.  
C.A. 3.

Words.

Sent

At

M.

To

By

No. of Telegram

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

(Signature)

Dated Stamp.

TO {

Hicks 133 Finchley Road  
N.W. 3

Report Lt A.L. HICKS. Lieutenant Regt  
Hussar March twenty-first. See  
details known

FROM {

SECRETARY WAR OFFICE

and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.

M.S.3.Cas./518. (A).

16th April, 1918.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. Hicks and begs to inform him that, from information contained in a telegram sent to the Central Prisoners of War Committee, London, by the British Red Cross Society, Copenhagen, and submitted to the War Office for consideration, it appears that Lieutenant A.L.Hicks, Leicestershire Regiment, (previously reported missing 21st March, 1918), is a wounded Prisoner of War in German hands.

The camp in which he is interned is not however known.

It has been accepted for official purposes that Lieutenant Hicks is a Prisoner of War, and a notification to this effect will appear in the casualty lists in due course.

The Military Secretary is desired by the Secretary of State for War to congratulate Mr. Hicks on the safety of his son.

A.Hicks Esq.,  
113, Finchley Road,  
N.W.3.,

SHARES RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom



TELEPHONE  
2204 HAMPSTEAD.

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113, FINCHLEY ROAD,  
N.W.3.

To Mr. S. 3. Cas.

Please make a note of this home  
address of Lieut. A. L. Hicks

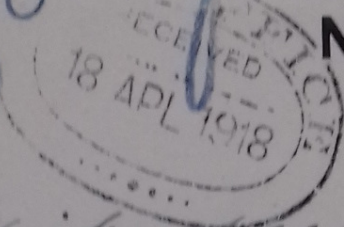
11<sup>th</sup> Leicester Square Regt  
in the event of further information  
about him coming through, as  
the telegram you sent yesterday  
was much delayed by being  
addressed to 133

Yours truly  
C. L. Hicks

4 April

TELEPHONE,  
2204 HAMSTEAD.

*Boys*  
**113, FINCHLEY ROAD,  
N.W.3.**



*Mr. A. Nicks presents  
his compliments to the  
Military Secretary and  
begs to thank him for  
sending the information  
regarding his son,  
Lieut. A. L. Nicks, of the  
Secretariat Regt.*

*17th April 1918.*

The Secretary



Extract from

Letters of Administration (~~Will annexed~~).  
~~Probate of Will.~~  
~~Confirmation.~~

Dated

10th Feb: 1919.

Granted at

The P. P. C.

Resealed

1. Estate of

Arthur Leslie Hicks - of 113 Finchley Rd. -  
Sampstead. - Middlesex. Lt. Leicester Regt.2. Date and Place  
of DeathDied. 4th April 1918 at Aubreghmont. France  
intestate. a Bachelor.

3. Will

4. Grantees

Arthur Hicks. Father of Intestate.

5. Gross Value £

304. 15. 4.

6. Disposal of Medals

Decorations

7. Extracted by

8. Produced by

9. Returned to

Exec. Johnson, Hicks. Sigs  
Q. Suffolk St.Pall Mall. C.

10. Date of Registration

15/2/19

Register No.

Minute Sheet No.

125514

Lieutenant A. L. Hicks,  
11th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment.

"DIED" (In German Hands) 4th April, 1918.

Next of Kin :-

A. Hicks, Esq: (Father)  
113, Finchley Road,  
N.W.3.

*William L. Hicks*

M.S.3. (Cas:)  
28.8.18.

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