

## **First World War Service Record of Cuthbert Patrick Bell**

The following is from the National Archives Ref: WO 339/21254

Lieutenant C.P. Bell,  
9th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. ✓

"DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION"  
23rd February, 1918. ✓

*Date of Wound not stated*

Next of Kin :-

Mrs. P. Bell, (Mother)  
Ladies Army & Navy Club,  
Burlington Gardens,  
W.

*M. n.  
not of Death*

*H. Woodhouse  
H*

M.S.3. (Cas:)  
2.3.18.

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To

By

(Signature)

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO {

Mr. Percy Bell.

Ladies Army & Navy Club, Burlington House  
 deeply regret to inform you Lieutenant C. F.  
 Bell 9th Devonshire Regt. died of wounds  
 February twenty third. The Army Council  
 express their sympathy.

**SECRETARY WAR OFFICE**

FROM {



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WO 339/41254

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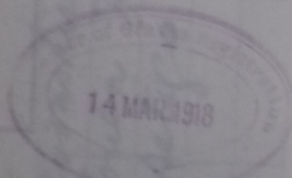
The Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries,

WAR OFFICE,

Winchester House,

St. James's Square,

LONDON, S.W.1.



1918

Madam,

I am directed to inform you that a report has been received

which states that the late **Lieutenant C.P. Bell,**

**9th Devonshire Regiment** is buried in **Istrans British Cemetery, Italy.**

The grave has been registered in this office, and is marked  
by a durable wooden cross with an inscription bearing full  
particulars.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) Stopford,

Mrs Bell,  
Ladies Army & Navy Club,  
Burlington Gardens,  
W.

Captain,

Staff-Captain for Brigadier-General,

Director, Graves Registration and Enquiries.



Effects.

Issue Form.

No.

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per: 109092

Record No. 35580

Year of Effects: 1917-18

1918-1915

Rank and Name } P. C. R. Bell.

Regiment

Devonshire

Whether a Will exists

✓

Domicile

Whether born in wedlock

Whether ever married

Action.

AMOUNTS OF PRESENT CREDITS, £ 152. 18. 0

Whether Pay Bk. received

7. 17. 7

1. 10. 5.

2. 8. 4

5. 16. 11

135. 4. 0.

Date of death 23. 2. 187

182 152. 18. 0

Claims, if any:— nil. CA.

## SHARES ISSUABLE:—

Amount	Relationship	Names in full	Addresses	Remarks
152. 18. 0	Widow	Mrs. Diana Bell	34 46 San Roque Gate South Kensington S.W. 7	Pay by Dray

## SHARES RETAINED:—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom

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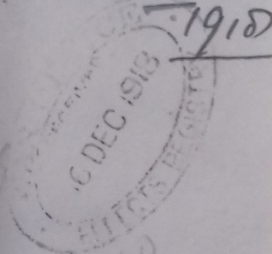
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37 Stanhope Gardens  
S. Kensington

S. W. 7

18.12.18  
23-2-18  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1918

to the Financial Secretary  
War Office  
Imperial Institute



Issue 10/12

Dear Sir  
Your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup>  
December reached me, telling  
me I should shortly hear  
re the estate of my late son  
Lt C. P. Bell of the 9<sup>th</sup> Batt.  
Devonshire Regt & returning me  
the Somerset House papers.  
I have not heard, however,

6. Disposal of Medals :-

" Decorations :-

now write to inform you, I  
have left No 46 & come to  
No 1, I will be greatly obliged  
if you will kindly address  
to me, at this changed  
number.

What is causing the delay in  
paying over the sum that  
is owing to me, I understood  
it would be <sup>paid</sup> as soon as I  
had completed the letters of  
Administration. Hoping you will  
see your way to settling the matter  
at your earliest convenience,  
Dear Sir — I remain

Yrs Truly Drainabree

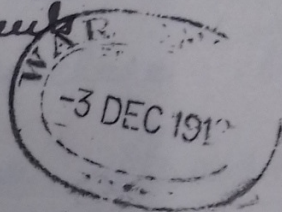
09092 46 Stanhope Gardens  
South Kensington  
S.W. 7

Nov 30<sup>th</sup>  
1918

The Secretary

Effects Department

War Office



Dear Sir

The War Office have  
notified me they have a  
sum of £152.18.0 to pay  
me, & giving me certain  
instructions to enable me  
to claim the same.

I have carried out all in-  
structions, regarding taking  
out letters of Administration

6. Disposal of Medals :-

" Decorations :-

my late son Lt Cuthbert  
Beck Bell of the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
Devonshire Regiment, killed in  
Italy the 23<sup>rd</sup> of last February.  
I now beg to enclose this  
Grant sent me from  
Somerset House. -

May I ask if the money  
can be paid to me as soon  
as possible? it would be a  
most kind consideration,  
as I am in rather straitened  
circumstances, & quite alone  
with no outside help now.  
Trusting dear Sir you will  
see your way to doing this  
I remain  
Yrs truly Diana Bell

6. Disposal of Medals :-

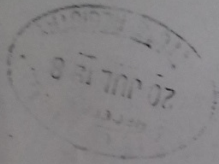
" Decorations :-

Enc.

THE SNOW & CO.  
1, SNOW,  
4, KINDER,  
AND LONDON,  
NEW T. STURMERS.  
MESS FOR TELEGRAMS,  
207A, HOLB. LONDON.  
PHONE NO. 1031, HOLBORN.

25, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS,

LONDON, 19th July, 1918.  
W.C.2.



Sir,

Re Lt. Cuthbert Patrick Bell, 9th Devon Regiment.

In a letter which I wrote to you from my private address on the 20th March last I asked on behalf of Mrs. Bell (Widow) the mother of the above named deceased Officer what arrears of allowances and any gratuity which may be admissible would be due to his Estate. Can you not now give me this information and state when the gratuity will be paid? I understand from information which Mrs. Bell obtained from Messrs. Cox & Co. that £120 should be claimed. Do you confirm this.

Lieut. Bell died on the 23rd February last of wounds received the previous day. I enclose the official telegram which Mrs. Bell received from the War Office as I understand you require to see this. I may mention that Lieut. Bell was Mrs. Bell's only child and that he left no other near relation, and that Messrs. Cox & Co. have paid over to her the amount standing to her son's credit without requiring her to take out letters of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

*Harry Snow*

The Secretary,  
War Office,  
(The Officers Effects Department.)  
Imperial Institute,  
South Kensington.

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,

General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, British Armies in France.

MESSRS. COX & CO.'S SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.,

16, Charing Cross, London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late :-

Lieut. C.P.BELL, 9th Bn. Devonshire Rgt.

forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

- 1 Bundle Letters
- 1 Wrist Watch
- 1 Cigarette Case
- 1 Pocket Wallet
- Photographs
- Visiting Cards
- 1 Red Identity Disc
- 1 Field Almanac
- 1 Driver's Licence
- 1 Identity Card
- 1 Set Tunic Buttons (9)
- 1 Advance Book

*No P-68588/600*

*2/28694*

4/3/18.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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FORMS B. 12520

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased ( ) wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the ( ) soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge  
of Section Adjutant-General's  
Office at the Base.

*K Z Filgate*  
Officer i/c Infantry Sec

*ly*

*Duplicate to A.D.A.S. - Plymouth - 20.8.17.*  
*Duplicate to G.B. 3rd Devon. Plymouth - 20.8.17.*

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9092 PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

Assembled at *1st House Section 16th Southern Gen. Hptl.* on *20.5.17.*

by order of *A. G. 9 423 of 1917*

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of

(Rank and Name) *2nd Lieut. R. Bell* (Corps) *9th Devon Regt.*

Age *20 3/4* Service *2 3/4* Disability *Bronchitis, impetigo*

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability *not on leave*

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability *not placed on half pay*

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

*he has quite recovered of Bronchitis and Impetigo.*

*to report 3rd Devon Regt. Devonport*

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PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

Assembled at *MILITARY HOSPITAL DEVONPORT* on *22nd June 1917*

by order of *A. G. 8 423 of 1917*

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of

health of (Rank & Name) *2nd Lieut. R. Bell* (Corps) *9th Devon*

(Age) *20 3/4* (Service) *2 3/4* (Disability) *Bronchitis, impetigo*

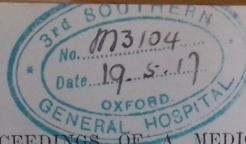
Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability.

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability.

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form proceed to examine the above-named Officer and find that

*1. He has recovered.*  
*2. He has recovered but requires leave.*

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*Original*  
*Duplicate to O.C. 3rd Southern General Hospital*  
Army Form A. G.  
*19th Plymouth*

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD  
3rd Southern General Hospital Oxford  
assembled at ..... on May 18th 1917  
by order of War Office Letter 111/ Gen. No. 1067 A.G. 4a dated 23/9/14  
for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of  
2nd Lieut: P. Bell 9th Devon Rgt  
(Rank and Name) (Corps)  
British Expeditionary Force France  
Age 20 Service 1 1/2 Disability *Muscle & Impulse*  
Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability Jan 16 '17  
Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

*He has suffered from Muscle & Impulse*  
*He is now Convalescent from Impulse*  
*He is fit for light duty*  
*He has further leave is required here*  
*He is recommended for 3 weeks leave*

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 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) 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.	Bell
	Christian names.	Alfred - Patrick
Date of birth.		March 17 <sup>th</sup> 1897
Whether married.		No
Whether of pure European descent.		Yes
Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.		Yes
Permanent address.		6 St Pauls Rd, Preston W Rington, Devon
Present address for correspondence.		The same as above
Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.		No
Whether able to ride.		Yes
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 ... ..		Malvern Contingent
(b) Date of appointment ... ..		Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1912
(c) Rank ... ..		Pte
(d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ... ..		July 24 <sup>th</sup> 1914 Aug 11
(e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ... ..		Leaving School.

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

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

~~Artillery~~ or Infantry  
R.F.A. in Devon

12. 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 the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date April 20<sup>th</sup> 1915

C. P. Bell

Usual Signature of Candidate

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

Diana Bell

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at school, 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 (such as a 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 C. P. Bell

for the last three years

Signature

S. R. James

†Rank, office or occupation

(late) Headmaster, Malvern College

Date

24.4.1915

Address

Bembridge, I. W.

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

I hereby certify to the good moral character of C. P. Bell

from Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1911

to

July 29<sup>th</sup> 1912 (end of Service)

Signature

Geoffrey G. T. Gilbert

†Rank, office or occupation

Headmaster of Preparatory School

Date

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1915

Address

Park House, Paignton, S. Devon

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 a secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that

C. P. Bell

has attained

good standard of education.

S. R. James

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

(late) Headmaster, Malvern College

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

Original Proceedings

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Army Form A. 45.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at Mont Dore Institute Bournemouth on July 28<sup>th</sup> 1916  
by order of C.R.S.C. no. 132183 (M) of July 17<sup>th</sup> 1916  
for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of  
(Rank and Name) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. C. P. Beale (Corps) 3<sup>rd</sup> Devon Regt.  
Age 20 Service 1<sup>st</sup> 12 Disability D.C.T. of Two (secondary)  
Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability June 29<sup>th</sup> 1916  
Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability \_\_\_\_\_

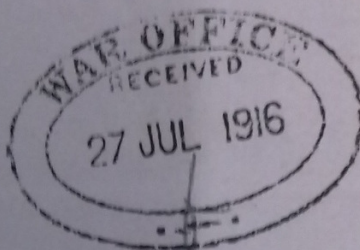
The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions  
on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

he is now recovered.

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Hendon Rd. M.D. 1st 22/7  
Bairnemaith 24/7.  
18/7/16

From: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. G. P. B. R. 1111  
8<sup>th</sup> Devons

To: The Secretary  
09092 War. Office



Sir.

I have the honor to inform  
you that the sick leave granted  
me on 29/6/16 expires on 29/7/16.

Could you inform me as to  
where my next medical board  
will be held.

109092

Something of me  
I have only been  
for two months,  
and so I have

My previous board took  
place at Mont. Dore ~~in~~  
Hospital Bournemouth.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

C. P. Bell <sup>2nd</sup> Lieut

11<sup>th</sup> Devon  
attached 8<sup>th</sup>

edings of

his last

ment Boards



PP  
H(K)

From: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt C. P. Bell  
11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Devon Regt. attached 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt.

To: The Secretary  
War Office London

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Sir

I have the honor to inform you  
regarding herewith I am anxious to proceed  
to the front overseas.

Enclosure

10959

I have been commissioned  
nearly eighteen months & know  
something of the duties of an Officer.  
I have only been with my regiment  
for two months during the last year  
and so I have been left out of  
drafts for the front.

Could you see your way  
clear to my being sent out as soon  
as convenient.

Awaiting your early reply to the  
address as per margin

I am Sir

Yours obedient servant-

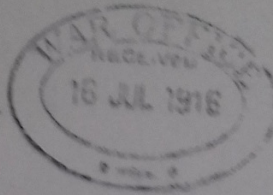
Enclosure

C. P. Bell

20/7/16

132183

(A.S.)



The Secretary,

War Office, London, S.W.

Headquarters,

Salisbury.

.....15th July.....1916.

With reference to the proceedings of the Medical Board on  
2nd Lt. C.P. Bell, 3rd Devons.

held at Mont Dore Hospital on 29-6-16

I have the honour to report that the leave recommended therein has been  
granted this Officer from 29-6-16

to 28-7-16.

Salisbury.

*E. B. Carter*  
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,  
Southern Command.

To—O.C.,

Authority for leave herewith.

Your attention is directed to para. 1293 King's Regulations in  
regard to this Officer.

Salisbury.

Colonel, A.A.G.,  
Southern Command

I have the honour to

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Original

Army Form A. 45.

## PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

published at West Springfield Hotel on 29. 6. 16

order of W. O. McE. McPherson dated 24/9/1911.

(Rank and Name) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. E. P. Bell. (Corps) 3<sup>rd</sup> Dragoon.

Age 20 Service 1712 Disability Inflammation Connective Tissue

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability \_\_\_\_\_

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

from pressure of a boot and a local infection he developed the above condition. There was considerable oedema of toe and adjacent dorsum of foot. This has now gone down and his foot and toe are doing well. He is fit to leave hospital.

Address Meyrick Marsins.  
Hinton Road  
Barnemonth.

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:—

- (1.) a. Is the officer fit for "General Service"? no.  
b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit? one month
- (2.) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for service at home? no  
b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for service at home? one month  
c. If unfit for General Service at home, is he fit for light duty at home? no  
d. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for light duty at home? one month
- (3.) Was the disability contracted in the service? no.
- (4.) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had  
no control? no.
- (5.) Was it caused by military service? no.
- (6.) If caused by military service,  
to what specific conditions  
is it attributed? -
- (7.) If the disability was not caused by military  
service, was it aggravated by it? no.

### Signatures

Präsident

## Members

