

First World War Service Record of Edward Dannett Asbury

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SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War.)

ATTESTATION OF

 No. 85242 Name Edward Dammatt Asbury 6.2 Corps ROYAL FLYING CORPS

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ... Edward Dammatt Asbury
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... In the Parish of St. Dunstons, in or near the Town of London
3. What is your full Address? ... 17, Grosvenor Place, Piccadilly, London
4. Are you a British Subject? ... Yes
5. What is your Age? ... 20 Years ... 0 Months
6. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Private
7. Are you Married? ... No
8. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military? If so*, state particulars (i.e. if you have served in any of the Military Forces your regimental number, regiment, date, and cause of discharge) ... No
9. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
10. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... Yes
11. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... Yes
12. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... Yes (Name Mr. H. J. ...)
13. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?
For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., 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. ... Yes

I, Edward Dammatt Asbury, 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.

Edward Dammatt Asbury SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

W. H. ... Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Edward Dammatt Asbury, 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

on this 20 day of June 1914 S.P.O.
Signature of the Justice

† 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 †

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

Date 25 JUN 1917 19 17 J. McDonald Head
Pls South Farnborough ROYAL FLYING CORPS 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.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.-(Name) _____ on the (Date) _____

Application for Admission to an Officer Cadet Unit with a view to
 appointment to a Temporary Commission in the Regular Army for the
 period of the War, to a Commission in the Special Reserve of Officers
 or to a Commission in the Territorial Force.

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

1. Name in full { Surname. Christian names.	Ashbury. Edward Dannett.	
2. State whether desirous of appointment to— (i) A temporary commission in the Regular Army. (ii) A commission in the Special Reserve of Officers. (iii) A commission in the Territorial Force.	Temporary commission Regular Army.	
3. State in order of preference the branch of the Service in which desirous of serving, e.g., Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, Army Service Corps, etc. Note.—Unless otherwise stated it will be assumed that a candidate is prepared to accept a commission in any branch of the Service.	R.F.C.	
4. Unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed. (If for the Army Service Corps state whether for Motor Transport, Horse Transport, or Supply.) Note.—No guarantee can be given for appointment to a particular unit.		
5. Date and place of birth.	June 9 th 1899. 33. Deronda Road.	
6. Whether married.	No.	
7. Whether of pure European descent.	Yes.	
8. Whether a British subject by birth or naturalization. (State which, and if by naturalization attach a certificate from the Home Office.)	British Subject by birth.	
9. Nationality by birth of father (if naturalized, state date.)	British.	
10. Occupation of father.	Capt. P.O.	
11. Permanent address of candidate.	"Merivale" Chase Rickling, 90. Enfield.	
12. Present address for correspondence.	80 Overland Mansions. Battersea 11.	
13. Schools or Colleges at which educated.	Mafvean.	
14. Occupation or employment in civil life.		
15. Whether able to ride.	No.	
16. 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 first appointment ... (c) If serving in the ranks state whether on an ordinary peace engagement or for the period of the war only ... (d) Rank and Regimental Number ... (e) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (f) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (g) Whether in possession of Certificate A. ... (h) Whether in possession of Certificate B. ...	Mafvean O.T.C. 1944. 1914. Aug 9 th 1918. Left. No.	

17. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars, and attach official permission from the Head of the Department to make this application.

18. Whether an application for a commission has been previously made; if so, on what date and for what branch of the service.

(i.) I certify that the above particulars are correct and complete. I request that I may be admitted to an Officer Cadet Unit with a view to being appointed to a commission as stated in (2) above.

I understand that I shall be held liable for service in the ranks if I fail to qualify for a recommendation for a commission.

Edward D. Ashby

Usual Signature of Candidate.

Date April 1917

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

I. S. Ashby

(ii.) 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 (not a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, 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

E. D. Ashby

for the last period between Sep 1913 & Sep 1916

Signature

Frank S. Heslin

Rank, office or occupation

Headmaster of Malvern

Date April 27.17

Address

School House, Malvern College

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

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

Edward D. Ashby

from

(I have known him personally all his life)

to

Signature

P. J. Piffitts

Rank, office or occupation

Engineer Commander R.N.

Date 14th May 1917

Address

H. M. S. "Centaur"

(iii.) Evidence that the candidate has attained a standard of education suitable for commissioned rank. 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 E. D. Ashby has attained a standard of education suitable for commissioned rank.

has attained

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

R. A. Thomas M.A. (Oxon.)

Engineering Tutor

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

2126030

73. Teyham Gardens.

Oct. 19th 18.

S. Kensington.

M
Recd 24/10

(11/10/18) I have heard from

Messrs Cox & Co that I

must apply to you in
order to obtain possession

of the packages Ref: 3313. &

Air. 1765, returned from the

Expeditionary force in the

name of Capt. S. W. Ashmore,

49 Squadron Royal Air

Force. I shall be obliged

If you will kindly

send ~~me~~ two orders

Yours truly

L.S. Adams.

