

## **First World War Service Record of Ernest Herbert Simpson**

The following is from the National Archives Ref: WO 339/63830

2nd Lieutenant E.H. Simpson,  
Royal Garrison Artillery.

"DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION"  
2nd October, 1917. ✓

*Cropod*

Next of Kin :-

Mrs. E.H. Simpson, (Wife)  
Northdene,  
Beckenham,  
Kent.

*W. H. Rouse*

M.S.3. (Cas:)  
9.10.17.

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**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps R. G. A. (S.R.)  
 Rank 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Surname SIMPSON. Christian Name E. H.  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { \_\_\_\_\_ } Re-engaged { \_\_\_\_\_ } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 28, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 28, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		with 201 <sup>st</sup> Embarked ... Canteen Disembarked ... aircraft Section	Soton Harre	15.10.16 16.10.16	Landing Return N <sup>o</sup> 6707
31 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	29 aad	joined	Field	27 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	B.213
25 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	do	leave to sick from	21 to 31	3-17	B.213
30 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	-do-	Attached to "9" a.a. Bty	Field	29 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	B.213
29 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	O.C. "4" a.a. Bty	To Hospital wounded in back by bomb from	-do-	29 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	B.213
7 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	O.C. "4" Gen. Hos.	enemy aeroplane DIED OF WOUNDS	-do-	2 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	L. 3034 3420/6

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in ...

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O'Reginal  
Army Form B. 2512.

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Forms  
B. 2512



# SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War, with the Colours and in the Army Reserve.)

Card No.  
107242

## ATTESTATION OF

No. CC60. Name Ernest Herbert Simpson Corps Royal Garrison Artillery

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Ernest Herbert Simpson
2. What is your full Address? ... 2. Thorubury Beckenham Kent.
3. Are you a British Subject? ... 3. Yes.
4. What is your Age? ... 4. 30 Years 11 1/2 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... 5. Stock Exchange
6. Are you Married? ... 6. Yes
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military? If so, which? ... 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... 9. Yes.
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... 10. Yes. { Name Hole C.O.  
Corps
11. 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. You will be required to serve for one day with the Colours and the remainder of the period in the Army Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 20th Oct., 1915, until such time as you may be called up by order of the Army Council. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, or as a Clerk, 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. ... 11. Yes.

I, Ernest Herbert Simpson 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.

E.H. Simpson SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Indratholker Signature of Witness.

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

I, Ernest Herbert Simpson 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 Hole on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1915.

Indratholker  
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 R.A.A.

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

Date 14 June 1916  
Place St John Wood

Edauby Capt  
ADJUTANT "B" RESERVE BRIGADE, R.H.A. } 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) on the (Regiment)

RIGHTON. 45/

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Army Form B. 178.

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.  
Army Form B. 178<sup>A</sup> to be used for Special Reserve recruits  
and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

### MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Simpson Christian Name Ernest Herbert

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Parish Clapton County Middx  
Examined ... { on 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1915  
at Home

Declared Age ... 39 years 354 days.

Trade or Occupation ... Stock Exchange

Height ... 5 feet, 7 1/4 inches.

Weight ... 155 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded, 39 inches.

Range of Expansion 2 1/2 inches.

Physical Development ... Good

Vaccination Marks { Arm ... Right Left  
Number Nil 4

When Vaccinated ... Infant

Vision ... { R.E.—V=  
L.E.—V=  
(a) None

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease ...

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ... Marsenon 12 by

in service in the field at home and abroad

Approved by (Signature) W. H. Shaw  
(Rank) Capt Medical Officer.

Enlisted ... { at Home  
on 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1915

Joined on Enlistment ...	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>Royal Garrison Arty.</u>	<u>C.C. 60.</u>
Transferred to ...		

Became non-effective by discharge to commissioned rank  
on 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1916

(Signature) W. H. Shaw  
(Rank) Capt

RESERVE

138399/1 AA

Form M.T. 393 A

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.	Simpson Ernest Herbert
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
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.G.A. Anti Aircraft
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.	December 17 <sup>th</sup> 1875 Clifton
6. Whether married.	Married
7. Whether of pure European descent.	British
8. Whether a British subject by birth or naturalization. (State which, and if by naturalization attach a certificate from the Home Office.)	British
9. Nationality by birth of father (if naturalized, state date.)	British
10. Occupation of father.	Stock Exchange
11. Permanent address of candidate.	3 Shrubbery Beckenham Kent
12. Present address for correspondence.	3 Shrubbery Beckenham Kent
13. Schools or Colleges at which educated.	Malvern College
14. Occupation or employment in civil life.	Stock Exchange
15. Whether able to ride.	yes
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 appointment ... .. (c) If serving in the ranks state whether on an ordinary peace engagement or for the period of the war only ... .. (d) Rank ... .. (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. ... ..	Lieut. Malvern College Cadet Corps

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

D.W. J

A° 3-10-14  
Prefix Code (Inland Official) No. of Telegram ED 519

Office of Origin and Service Instructions: O. H. M. S. (M.S.3 CAS.)

Words: Sent

At \_\_\_\_\_ M. I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the W.O.

To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) H. Hogarth

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Mrs Simpson Northdene Beckenham Kent

Deeply regret to inform you ~~that~~ No 4 General Hospital Saint Omer reports 2/11 E. H. Simpson R.G.A. attached Anzac Corps died of wounds October second. The Army Council expresses their sympathy.

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

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

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

New

A° 2/9/17  
Prefix Code (Inland Official) No. of Telegram 1124/7-80

Office of Origin and Service Instructions: O. H. M. S. (M.S.3 CAS.)

Words: Sent

At \_\_\_\_\_ M. I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the W.O.

To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) J. W. Scott

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Mrs Simpson Northdene Beckenham Kent

Regret inform you 2/11 E. H. Simpson R.G.A. att'd "C" Bthly Anti Air Corp Anzac Corps wounded September twenty seventh and admitted 7<sup>th</sup> General Hospital St Omer October first with Bomb wound back severe and Hospital reports October second 2/11 Simpson dangerously ill Bomb wound back penetrating chest wall. Regret permission to visit cannot be granted.

FROM {

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

Officer Commanding,  
No. 7 General Hospital.

COPY

27.2.18.  
9-8-118.

The attached copy of War Office enquiry regarding a cigarette case and torch stated to have been in possession of the late 2nd Lieut. E.H. SMITH, Royal Garrison Artillery is passed for your observations please. These articles were not among the effects already received from you. 2nd Lieut. Simpson died in the hospital under your command on 2.10.17.

(Sgd) A.S. Hedderwick.

G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
27th February, 1918.

Captain,  
Staff Captain,

for the Standing Committee of Adjustment.

Standing Committee of Adjustment,  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

There is no trace whatever of the items mentioned having been brought in with this officer. The Sister in charge of the ward states "there is no record of these items having been in possession of Lieut. Simpson". Also there is no mention of these articles on the original list of effects sent from the ward by the Sister in charge to the Store.

With reference to the remark that these articles were "in the pocket" of this officer when he was taken to hospital, I would point out that he was admitted here from No. 4 C.C.S. by Ambulance with no clothing.

(Sgd) A.D. Waring. Lt-Col.R.A.M.C.  
O.C. 7 Gen. Hosp.

3.3.18.

Officer Commanding,  
142nd Field Ambulance.

27.2.18.  
9-8-118.

The attached War Office enquiry regarding a cigarette case and torch stated to have been in the possession of the late 2nd Lieut. E.H. SIMPSON, Royal Garrison Artillery is passed for your observations, please.

This officer was admitted to the Field Ambulance under your command on 27.9.17, and evacuated to Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Would you kindly say to which Casualty Clearing Station he was evacuated.

(Sgd) A.S. Hedderwick.

G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
27th February, 1918.

Captain,  
Staff Captain,

for the Standing Committee of Adjustment.

Staff Captain,  
Standing Committee of Adjustment,  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

According to my records this officer was evacuated to DOMINGHEM C.C.S. i.e. 47 or 61 C.C.S. As he had a Bomb Wound Back (Penetrating), in all probability he would be evacuated direct from one of the Advanced Dressing Stations to C.C.S. and not pass through the 7th Corps Main Dressing Station of which I was in command on the date in question. I have no record of this officer's effects having passed through my packstore.

(Sgd)

Lieut-Colonel.  
Commanding 142nd Field Ambulance.

A.24.  
1.3.18.

Extract from ~~Letters of Administration~~  
Probate of Will.

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> Decr: 1917. Granted at The P. P. R.

- 1. Estate of Ernest Herbert Simpson of Northdene, Beckenham, - Kent.  
2<sup>d</sup> Lieut. R. Q. A. Special Reserve. formerly of Thornbury -  
Beckenham aft<sup>r</sup>
- 2. Date and Place of Death died - 2<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1917, in France.
- 3. Grantees Violet Amy Simpson, Relict of de<sup>d</sup>. sole Executrix.

Will formal. dated - 30<sup>th</sup> April 1913.

4. Gross value, £ 4,452 .. 8 .. 2.

5. Disposal of Medals to G.W. V. A. Simpson Relict of de<sup>d</sup>.

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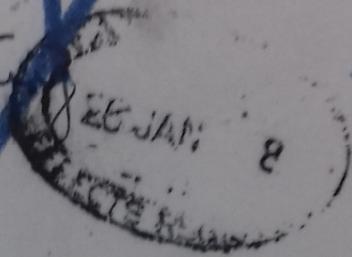
and to whom returned by R. P. 25/2/18.

Pub. June No.  
193 Bromley.

Post 4/2 Jan: 24<sup>th</sup>

North Dene,  
The Park,  
Beckenham.

To the Secretary



Recd. 5/2

Dear Sir -

In reply to your letter  
of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant - the name  
of the soldier who informed  
me that the missing articles  
were in my husband's possession  
when he was taken to  
hospital, is George Ryan (Gunner).  
His number I do not know

Those left unpaid were

but he belongs to the 29<sup>th</sup> A. I  
Section, & was my husband's  
Servant. I should like to  
mention, that everything, that  
it was his business to return  
to me, arrived absolutely  
intact —

For description of the articles  
in question — the cigarette case  
was about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ins big,  
a silver engine-turned one, &  
held a double row of cigarettes.  
It had a monogram in the

centre, on which the word "Only" was written.  
The torch was an ordinary round one - about  
9 ins in length & about 5 ins in circumference.

Yours truly -

Violet A Simpson

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Spec. E. H. Simpson  
R.S.A.

Those left unpaid were :-

£0-17-4

A balance of

Secretary,  
War Office,  
LONDON, S.W.

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### FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT or CORPS } ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } 29th. Anti-Aircraft Section attached to "G" Anti-Aircraft Battery.

Rank Second Lieutenant.

Name E.H. SIMPSON.

*Noted  
C.S. (A.L.)*

By whom reported Officer Commanding, No. 7 General Hospital, France or Belgium  
Date of Death 2nd. October 1917. *25th Oct*  
Place or Hospital No. 7, General Hospital, France or Belgium. **ROOM 353.**  
Cause of Death From wounds received in action.  
Place of Burial -----

State whether he leaves a will or not. No information yet to hand, will be forwarded on receipt

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

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

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

*W. S. Burnett*

Colonel R.A.,  
Officer i/c R.A. Section.

G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon,  
Station and Date 10th. October 1917.

From

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,  
General Headquarters,  
3rd Echelon,  
British Expeditionary Force.

To

Messrs. COX & CO'S SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.,  
16, Charing Cross,  
London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late

Lieut: E.H. Simpson. R.G.A.

are forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

— Photos  
— 1 Pipe  
— 1 Tobacco pouch  
— 1 Pocket knife  
— 1 Box of ear defenders  
— 1 Whistle " cord  
— 1 Wrist watch & strap (glass gone)  
— 1 Pr Scissors  
— 1 Razor sharpener  
— 1 Tooth brush  
— 1 Shaving stick *in case*  
— 1 Safety razor in case  
— 1 Folding mirror  
— 1 Wallet