

First World War Service Record of Evan John Richardson

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JUNE—JULY, 1906.



FORM OF PARTICULARS.

N.B.—Candidates must fill up this form carefully and send it to the SECRETARY, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, for transmission, in the case of successful Candidates, to the War Office.

Examination for Admission to the Royal Military Academy, or the Royal Military College.

Name of Candidate in full Ernest John Richardson

Date and place of Birth Jan 9th 1888 Cheltenham
(A Certificate of birth to be attached. If one has been previously forwarded, state on what occasion and where sent.)

Whether of pure European descent Yes

Permanent Address Sneaton Hall
Whitley, Yorkshire

Name in full and position in life of Father, and whether of English, Scottish, or Irish family John Richardson Esquire B. A. English

Is the Candidate in the Militia or Imperial Yeomanry? If so, state Regiment No
(Recommendation to be forwarded from the Officer Commanding the unit.)

Has the Candidate been in any other branch of the Public Service? No

Name and address of the person in the United Kingdom responsible for the Candidate's contribution in the event of his being admitted to the Royal Military Academy, or the Royal Military College John Richardson Esq. Sneaton Hall Whitley

School, College, or other place of education of Candidate.	The columns to be filled in for the four years preceding the date of applying for examination.	
	From	To
Stubbington House Farnham Hants	Easter 1900	Easter 1903
Malvern College Worcestershire	Easter 1903	Easter 1905
J. R. William Esq MA 10 Johnstone St. Bath	1905	present time

E. J. Richardson
Signature of Candidate.

John Richardson
Signature of Parent or Guardian.

Date April 2nd 1906

* * Every question must be answered in words, not by strokes, dots, or other marks.

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TO

J. Richardson
94 Sydney Place, Bath

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TO INFORM YOU THAT

Yorks Rpt - reported wounded & missing
Sept 25-26

Capt E J Richardson

FROM

SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.

94 Sydney Place
Bath

C.2. Casualties. 13046/3

November 13th 1916

Sir

I am writing with reference to your letter of August 16th 1916 in which the Army Council are regretfully constrained to conclude that my son Captain E. J. Richardson The Yorkshire Regiment 2nd Battalion wounded & missing 25th/26th September 1915 is dead. I am now winding up his accounts. He left no will & all he had belongs to me. I have more than a year ago settled every account owing for him. Will you kindly inform me if there is any ~~but~~ sum in your hands due to me and what steps I should take to obtain it also if I am entitled to any medal due to him m 53

To The Secretary

I am Sir

War office

Your obedient servant

London S.W.

John Richards

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Accounts 1A.

Accounts 1B.

Accounts 2.

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Nos. X. 24923, X. 24924.

Extract from No. X.24923

Capt. E.J. Richardson, 2nd Bn., Yorkshire Regt.

This Officer was reported "Wounded and Missing 25/26th September, 1915" on G.H.Q. List No. 390.

No further information has been received, and in view of the lapse of time since he was reported missing, his death has now been accepted for official purposes as having occurred on or since 25th September, 1915.

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2nd YORKSHIRE REGIMENT

Capt. Richardson and Lieutenants Bentley & Brooksbank

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Then we retired into an old empty trench about 20 yards from where we were lying and set to work to deepen it. Then at 1 or 2 o'clock next morning Capt. Richardson told us to fall in and form up ready to march off. He had just given the order to form two deep when he was hit in the back by a bullet and fell forward. There was a clean hole in his coat between the shoulder blades. I and another man - I think it was his servant - turned him over on to his back but he turned himself back on to his face. Then Lieut. Brooksbank told us to carry him into the trench. Lieut. Brooksbank then gave us the order to follow him to the quarry. I should think we were in the quarry for two hours firing our rifles and bombing the Germans but they ended in bombing us out. We lost Lieut. Brooksbank in the quarry - I remember seeing him firing his revolver. I think I heard three shots, and as he fired he cried out "That's one for my brother".

We retired to the trench where we had left Capt. Richardson. I reached it about 100 yards from the point where we had laid the Captain. I did not see him and have not seen him since.

Lieut. Bentley

Havre

28th October 1915

2nd YORKSHIRE REGT.

Capt. Richardson and Lieutenants Bentley & Brooksbank

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Lieut. Bentley was wounded in the leg; I was the next man but one to him. I think this happened about midday. Lieutenant Brooksbank bandaged him with his own field dressing. About 4.30 in the afternoon Lieut. Bentley crawled back into the old empty trench that I have already spoken about. When we came back to this trench an hour or two later he was not there. After we believed that he and a Private had started off helping each other to walk back to the dressing station. This was in the front British line 600 or 700 yards behind the old empty trench. I can say no more about Lieut. Bentley"

Private F. Parkes, No. 7500
2nd Yorkshire Regt, D. Co.
No. 1 General Hospital,
Etretat

WMA.

2nd YORKSHIRE.

5 October. 1915.

Capt. E. J. RICHARDSON. Missing September 25th.

Witness was in D Company which was the Co. commanded by Capt. Richardson. In the early morning on Sunday 27th September, about 3 a.m., the Regiment were being relieved by the S. Staffs. The word had come along the line that the Germans had got through on the left. The Co. were going back to the reserve trenches two deep. Capt. Richardson and Sgt. Major Hayes were leading. Witness himself was only two files behind Capt. Richardson. Capt. Richardson was hit in the stomach and fell. Sgt. Major Hayes bandaged him up and he was left where he fell with the regimental doctor who refused to leave him. In point of fact the Germans had got round on the left and it was necessary for the Regiment to fight their way back. Sgt. Major Hayes told witness that he thought Richardson's wound was a very serious one. Sgt. Major Hayes has since been killed.

Reference: Thomas, 7400, D Co., 13 Platoon.
No. 10 General, ROUEN.

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L. YORKSCapt. E. J. Richardson.

"He was our Co. officer; I last saw him about midnight, Sat. Sept. 25th. near Vermelles. He was leading us on to the crater. Soon after this it was passed down the line that Capt. Richardson had been wounded. The Sgt. Major then took charge of the Co. as all the officers in the Co. had been knocked out. This happened about 30 yards off the village, near the chalk pits." GBL.

Reference: Pte. Hickman. 10347. 2.D.
3 Canadian Hosp.

Staples. 6th. Oct. 1915.

2/19 Yorkshire Regiment,
Richardson, Capt. E. J. D. Company

W. & W. Sept. 25 1915.

Informant states that on Sept. 26th 1915 at Loos, about 2 o'clock a.m., orders were given to fix bayonets, and to proceed down the 1st Quarry from the British Lines at Loos in order to clear them, and whilst in the quarries informant was in close proximity to Capt. Richardson, and heard him fall and make exclamation in agony. Informant reports that Capt. Richardson was shot. The trenches were afterwards retaken by the enemy and Informant saw no more of the body, being injured himself. It was dark at the time, Informant was an eye-witness. After Casualty Had to retire. Visitor's Opinion of Informant. Intelligent, clear and reliable.

Reference: Sergt. I. Sales, 6392,
2/19 Yorks Regt., D. Co.,
London, Home address: Lily Lane Hospital, Manchester.
Oct. 27th, 13 Durant St., Bethnal Green Road, London.
A.L. Dyson.