

First World War Service Record of Frank Robson Best

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Secretary,
War Office,
Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.7,
and the following number quoted.

WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1,

30th April 1919.

9/47/3329. Accounts 4. (P. & S.)

Sir

Reply

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you of the wish of H.M. Government that the next-of-kin of all officers and men who have fallen in the defence of their country should receive a plaque and scroll, bearing the name and regiment, as a memorial of their patriotism and sacrifice.

In order to ensure that the plaque and scroll reach the next-of-kin of the late *Lieut F.R.*

Best
Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

I am to enquire whether you can inform this Department of the name and address of the late Officer's nearest relative now living, in the following order of relationship:—

Widow	...	...	...	...
Eldest Son	...	...	...	...
" Daughter	...	...	...	...
Father	...	...	...	...
Mother	...	...	...	...
Eldest Brother	...	...	...	...
" Sister	...	...	...	...
" Half-Brother	...	...	...	...
" " Sister	...	...	...	...

W. G. Best
Altadore
Preston
Lancs.

The Council regret that owing to the great number of these memorials it is not possible to say in any individual case when their receipt may be expected.

I am,
Sir

Your obedient Servant,

W. F. Best Esq
Altadore
Ribbleton
Preston
Lancs.

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The Manager
London County & Westminster Bank
Redhill, Surrey

to whom returned

x 20/10/14

Register No. 9/47/233.

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

Dated 15th February 1916 Granted at District Registry at Lancaster

1. Estate of Frank Robson Best of the Alladon, Ribbleson
Preston in the County of Lancaster, Lieut. in
the 1st Bn. of H. M. Loyal North Lancs. Regt.
2. Date and Place
of Death 2nd January 1916 in France, killed in
action. Intestate a bachelor.

2. Granted William Findlay Best the natural and
lawful father and next of kin of the
said intestate.

4. Gross value, £ 532 - 10 - 7.

Executed by W. Banks & Co. Solicitors, Preston.

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Date 23. 22/2
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Army Form B.2090a.

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.

UNIT. 1/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
RANK. Lieutenant
NAME. Best F.R.

(By whom reported. O.C. Battalion.
(Date of Death. 2/1/16
DIED. (Place or Hospital. In the field (France)
(Cause of Death. Killed in action.
(Place of Burial. Not known.

STATES WHETHER HE LEAVES A) .
WILL OR NOT.) Not known.

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.

Alan Gough Lieut. Colonel.
i/c Terr. Infy. Section.

Adjutant General's Office at the Base.

DATE...18/1/16.....

9/445/1274

2/4TH. BATTALION LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

FRANK ROBSON BEST to be 2nd Lieutenant.

DATED 24th February 1915.

15. MAY 1915

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1. Reserve

9/445/2313

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO A
COMMISSION IN THE TERRITORIAL FORCE.

N.B.—It is of great importance, that the names given in the Birth Certificate should be correctly stated on this form, and it is to be clearly understood that, where they differ, the names and date of Birth given in the Birth or Baptismal Certificate will be accepted for Official record.

Regiment or Corps for which recommended
If more than one Battalion Regt., for which
Battalion recommended
Rank to which to be appointed

1. Are you a British subject by birth or naturalization?
(If by naturalization, a certificate from the Home Office should be attached.)
2. Are you of pure European descent?
3. What is your full Surname?
4. What are your full Christian names? [See "N.B." above.]
- *5. What is the exact date of your birth? [See "N.B." above.]
6. What is your height?
7. Where were you born?
8. At what school or college were you educated?
9. What is your address for correspondence?
10. What is your profession or occupation?
11. Do you now hold a Commission, or are you now serving in any of His Majesty's Regular, Reserve, Territorial, Auxiliary, Indian or Colonial Forces, the Channel Islands Militia, or the Officers Training Corps? If so, state the nature of the commission you hold, or the capacity in which you are serving.
12. Have you held a Commission in or have you served in any of His Majesty's Regular, Reserve, Territorial, Auxiliary, Indian or Colonial Forces, the Channel Islands Militia, or the Officers Training Corps?
If so, state:—
a. The Regiment or Corps in which you served.
b. If commissioned, the date of the resignation of your commission.
c. Your rank on retirement.
d. If not commissioned, the date of your discharge.
e. The circumstances in which you retired, or were discharged; and
f. Whether you have served in any campaign. If you have, attach a statement certified by a Senior Officer who is personally cognizant of such service.
13. Have you been nominated for any other Regiment or Corps?

I certify the above answers to be correct.
Usual Signature of Candidate

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

2nd Lieutenant

By birth.
Yes
Best
Frank Robson
February 26th 1894.
5ft 10 1/2 in
Preston.
Halverm.
Attadune, Preston, Lancs.
Shop Merchant.

No.

3 1/2 years Halverm College O.T.C.

Private Signaling section.

Left school.

No.

Frank R. Best.

Date 19th Feb. 1915.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I certify that Frank Robson Best is fit in health for the discharge of the duties of an Officer of the Territorial Force.

Signature James A. Rigby

Date Feb 18th 1915.

* Does not apply to a candidate who has served as a Commissioned Officer in the Regular Army, the Territorial Force, or the British Auxiliary Forces.

Certificate of Moral Character from the Head of the School, College or other Educational Establishment at which the Candidate has been educated during the past two years. If this certificate does not cover a period of two years, or if the Candidate has not been at School during that period, a certificate signed by the Minister of the Parish or other local clergyman, or a Magistrate, or if the Candidate has served in the Regular Forces, a certificate from his Commanding Officer must be furnished.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Frank A. Best
for the last 18 years

Signature C. Eastwood

† Description Justice of the Peace

Date 18 July 1915

To be filled in
when the first
certificate
does not cover
two years.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

from _____ to _____

Signature _____

† Description _____

Date _____

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

Declaration in the case of a Candidate (other than a Cadet, past or present, of the Officers Training Corps) who has served, or is still serving, in the ranks of a Regular or other unit.

I have interviewed _____

and I am of the opinion that he is in every way eligible and suitable for a

* Here insert
name of unit.

commission in the*

of the Territorial Force.

Station _____

Date _____

Signature.†

† To be signed by an Officer not below the rank of a Brigade Commander.

Extract from a
* BIRTH
or
BAPTISMAL

Certificate kept in the Parish or

District of Prestonin the County of Preston & LancasterYEAR 1894Reference No. 126When and where born Twenty Sixth February 1894 5 Stanley Terrace W.D.Name, in full Frank RobornSex BoyName and Surname of Father William Finlay BentName and Maiden Surname of Mother Ellen Ann Bent formerly WestallRank or Profession, and residence of Father Ship Merchant
5 Stanley Terrace PrestonWhen registered Second April 1894Name of Registrar W. Jolly (Deputy)Baptismal name, if added after
Registration of Birth

I CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of the above-mentioned extract: also that the Certificate and Signature of the Registrar, or other authorised official, were attached thereto, thus identifying the same with the original entry in the Register of Births, or other sub-district or parochial records.

Place Chertsey

James Robertson
Assistant Military Secretary.

Date 29-3-15

Western
Command.

* In the event of a statutory declaration accompanying the certificate, a certified copy should also be attached hereto.

