First World War Service Record of Guy Bayford Bell

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Lieut.

Guy Bayford

5th Bn. Lancs. Fuers.

(B) F.C.Bell, 9 Clifford Rd., Bond St., London, W.

K. in A. 28th April 1917. C.1197. d. 15.5.17.

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WAR OFFICE.

LONDON, S.W.1,

8th May, 1919.

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I am commanded by the Army Council to imform 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 ach the next-of-kin of the late Lieut !

Suy Bayford Bell. Lancashire Fueiliers. ment of the name and address of the late Officer's nearest relative now living, in the following order of relationship:

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

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

1 am, Sir,

our obedient Servant,

Instructions for Acquaint, overleaf.

Action to be taken, if any.

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Register No. 9/20/1276 (Acots 4)

Extract from

Letters of Administration (Will annexed). Live 4 sinor war work MINISTER BESTEROOM

Dated 12th March 1919

Granted at The Principal Probate Registry.

Guy Bayford Bell of Mount Floasant Drake in New South Wale

formerly of & Broadhurst Gardens Hampetead in the County o

Middlesex Lieutenant 5th Battalion Lancashire Pusiliers

of Death

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died on the 28th day of April 1917 in France on active not possessed of real estate made and duly executed his last Will and Testament and did there name Arthur Swayne Underwood sole Executor and Residuary Legatee in trust who died in his lifetim that Aelfrida Teresa Bell spinster Sister of decease, the Contingent Residuary Legatee for life has renounced Letters of Administration (with Will) of estate of the said Deceased.

Biith Imraret Underwood Widow Sister of deceased one of the desiduary Legatees named in the said Will

- 5. Gross Value £ 887. 18. 0.
- 6. Disposal of Medals as under intestacy

Pennington & Son.

nington a S.
Solicitors.
64 Lincolns Inn Fields,
London,
W.C. 2.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTALENT of me GUY BAYFORD BELL of Drake near Tenterfield in the State of New South Wales Assayer and Selector I DECLARE that this my Will shall effect only my property in the Commonwealth of Australia I AFPOINT arthur Samuel Avery Smith of Drake aforesaid Grazier Trustee and Executor of this my Will (hereinafter called "my Executor") I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH to Frances Allison Osbiston of Drake aforesaid Spinster and at present a minor my Conditionally Purchased and Conditionally Leased lands comprising in all One thousand two hundred and eighty acres or thereabouts in the Parish of Jenny Lind County of Buller Land District of Casino and improvements and properties thereon or thereto appertaining and belonging to me at the time of my death for her own use and benefit absolutely AND I DIRECT my Executor during the minority of the said Francis Allison Osbiston to manage and conduct the said lands on her behalf in such manner as he shall think fit with power to spend moneys in the improvement thereof and otherwise as he shall in his absolute discretion think fit THIS DEVISE and bequest is subject to the payment to the said Arthur Samuel Avery Smith of all moneys due to him by me under mortgage or otherwise over the said lands and without prejuduce in any way to his powers rights and remedies as Mortgagee AS WITNESS my hand at Tenterfield this third day of December one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

GUY B BELL

SIGNED by the said Guy Bayford Bell as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request in his sight and presence and in the sight and presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. As witness our hands at Tenterfield this 19th day of June A.D.1916.

J. Fras. Thomas
Solr. Tenterfield
Owen J. Thomas

We the undersigned de hereby certify that the above writing contains a true copy of the original Will of Guy Bayford Bell the same having been examined and compared by us therewith and found to be correct. As witness our hands at Tenterfield this 19th day of June A, D. 1918

J. Fras Thomas,

L Dawson Thomas

Sol Tenterfield

Clerk to

J.F. Thomas.

CHRISTIED, copy of a copy

Or the Assistant Financial Secretary.

ar Office, S.W.

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TELEPHONE 11666 CENTRAL TELEGRAMS. ENFRANCHISE HOLB LONDON

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2nd. February 1919.

Sir,

Lieut. G.B.Bell 5th. Battn. Lancashire Fusiliers 9/20/1276.

We have to-day heard from the deceased's sister, Mrs. Underwood, that she has just learnt that the deceased left a later Will in Australia than that of which we had knowledge here, and under this Will the deceased apparently bequeathed everything he possessed to a Miss Frances Osbiston as a security for a Mortgage debt on his property in Australia which had been advanced by Miss Osbiston's step-father.

We have no further knowledge of the state of affairs in Australia, as apparently none of our letters asking for information have ever reached the recipients or had not done so at the date the latter recently received was written

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Tunington 4 Son

The Secretar fice, erial Institute

Signature of the Applicant.

reby certify that the above Statement made by Edith Margaret Minderwood

d at I'Merlin Vicarrage this 30 th day of Fecumber

GUY BAYFORD BELL at present residing at No 6 Broadhurst Gardens Hampstead in the County of London I appoint my brother in law Arthur Swayne Underwood of Number 26 Winpole Street in the said County of London ETECUTOR and TRUSTEE of this my Will And I bequeath to him a legacy of Twenty pounds for his trouble in acting as such Executor and Trustee I bequeath unto each of my brothers John Clement ami Otto Joseph Bell and to each of my Sisters Edith Margaret Underwood, Rosalind Bessie Larkworthy Cecilia Florence Osmond and Aelfrida Teresa Bell the sum of Forty pounds I devise and bequeath all the real and personal Estate to which at my death I shall be beneficially entitled or of which I shall have power to dispose beneficially by Will for any purpose I may think proper unto the said Arthur Swayne Underwood (hereinafter called my said Trustee) Upon trust to sell call in and convert into money such part thereof as shall not consist of money with power to postpone such sale and conversion for such period as he may think proper And I direct my said Trustee out of the moneys to arise from such sale and conversion and out of my ready money to pay my funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and the legacies bequeathed hereby or by any Codicil hereto and stand possessed of the residue of the said money Upon trust to invest the same in his name and at his absolute discretion with power at the

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ENFRANCHISE HOLB LONDON

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Sir,

9/20/1276 (Accounts 4).

Mrs. E. M. Underwood has forwarded us your letter of October last informing her that the amount due to the Estate of the late Lieut. G. B. Bell, 5th Battn. Lanc. Pusiliers amounts to £82. 4. 0.

By his Will, which was made many years ago, Mr. Bell pointed his brother in law, the late Mr. A. S. Underwood, as Sole Executor, and Mr. Underwood, who died in December 1916, appointed his wife, Mrs. E. M. Underwood and his con, Mr. A.B.S. Underwood, his Executors.

Mr. A. B. G. Underwood is now in the Navy, and it is therefore proposed that if representation to the Estate of Mr. Mr. Underwood
Guy Bell is necessary, and should obtain Letters of Liministration with a copy of the Will annexed in her capacity as a sister of the deceased Officer.

We should however, be glad to avoid the trouble and expense of taking out Letters of Administration, as Mr. Bell had no estated in this country apart from a share in the rents of certain undivided property of small value and one or two debts. Would it be possible therefore in the circumstances for the sum due to Mr. Bell's Estate from Army funds to be paid to Mrs. Underwood with the consent of the other maxt of kin

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We have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Servants.

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Captain, D.A.A.

r ... de Standing Committee of Adjustment.

without obtaining Letters of Administration.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

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The Secretary,
War Office,
Imperial Institute,
S. Kensington, S.W.7.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMIT OF 'ADJUSTMENT.

(AFFAIRS OF DECEASED OFFICERS.)

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR (through the Command Paymaster, Base).

We have the honour to submit the following report with regard to the affairs of the late :-Lieut. G.B. BELL, 35th company, Machine Gun Corps.

So far as can be ascertained the preferential charges or local debts were :-

- The amount of cash received was :- £7.2.4.

The preferential charges or local debts paid were :- (1) (2) & (3) (3) being paid by 0.0. Unit out of money belonging to deces

Those left unpaid were :-NIL

A balance of £4.0.0

is now in the hands of the Paymaster.

Small articles of specially sentimental or intrinsic value belonging I To have ID I Small articles of specially sentimental or intrinsic value belonging record of this the deceased and received by us have been transmitted to Messrs. Cox's officer's Shipping Agency, Ltd. recovered.

We have ascertained that articles of personal property (other than articles of specially sentimental or intrinsic value) have been sent to Messrs. Cox's Shipping Agency, also.

Your Obedient Servants,

Cas Steet cha a

Captain, D.A.A.G.

For the Standing Committee of Adjustment.

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SECTION.

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.

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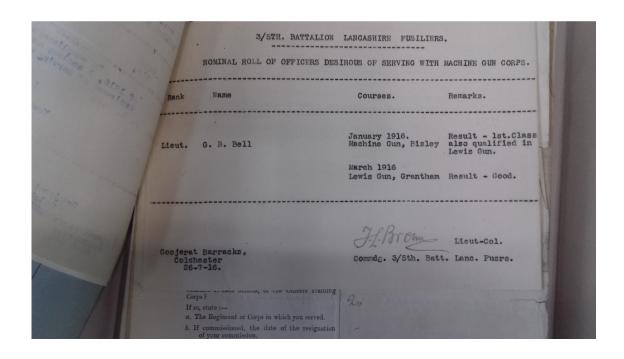
All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

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.

Officer i/o Machine Gun Corps Section 3rd Schelon, G.H.Q.

Station and Date Rouen. 11/5/17.



from 9/ apph/581.

Army Form E. 586.

JESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO A

COMMISSION IN THE TERRITORIAL FORCE.

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 attacked.)
- 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?
- 10. 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 Militin, 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

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 mah service.
- 13. Have you been nominated for any other Regiment or Corps?

I certify the above answers to be correct.

Usual Signature of Candidate

3. Australian

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yes.
Bell Bayford
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Date

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

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

Signature

Date

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

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38, HARLEY STREET, 17./Vne. 1915 certify to the moral character Guy Bayfors Bell whom I Lave Known all his life -AMmis. Under wood MRCSI Late Chairman Jth Board of Examiner in Deutal Surgery Royal College of Surgeons Eng 14 ser Honorary Trutal Surgeon to King George Hospital -1 2 D

3rd. I have never suffered from "fits stated below.*

6319 etified Copy of an Entry in a Register of Births (6 & 7 Wm. IV., cap. 86). Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFIC SOMERSET HOUSE, REGISTRATION DISTRICT HAMPSTEAD 1874 in the Count y of Hampstead Middlesex Fifth November 1874 Bayford House Rosslyn Park Alfred Bell Father Bayford House Rosslyn Park Hampstead Jane Bell formerly Burlison Guy Bayford Artist in Glass Pifteenth December 1874 Willm. Paxon Registrar CERTIFIED to be a true Copy of an Entry in the Certified Copy of a Register of Birtles in the District above mentioned. x under the Seal of the said Office, the 18th day of



TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3669 Name Bell Corps 3/28th Battn. London Regimer								
Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.								
1. What is your Name and Address? 1. Gry Bayfor & Bell Lo Rejents Pk Bd								
2. Are you willing to be attested for service in the Territorial Force for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for the County of*								
3. Have you received a notice stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting, and do you understand them?								
4. D) you now belong to, or have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Veomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and, if discharged, cause of discharge								
Under the provisions of Sections 13 and 99 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper, he renders himself liable to punishment.								
J. Gry Bayfn d Bell 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. SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.								
J. Lannord Signature of Wilness.								
OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION. I,								
Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.								
CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.								
I Justin power Blomfull do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions were								
put to the Reeriit, above named, that the Auswers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration, and taken the oath was READ, ELECTION FRAD, W. 6. on this 16 th day o								
Opril 1018. [Marle] Bloufild (Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, for other person authorized to attest Recruits.								
If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 80 (6), Army Act.								

* Here insert County.

† Here insert Corps