

## **First World War Service Record of Hugh Hathorn Nicholson**

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# SHORT SERVICE.

(Three years with the Colours)

## ATTESTATION OF

No \_\_\_\_\_ Name Harry Helstrip Nicholson Corps Royal Fusiliers

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your name ? .....  | 1. <u>Harry Helstrip Nicholson</u>  |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born ? .....   | 2. In the Parish of <u>Bd. Castle</u><br>near the Town of <u>Barnard Castle</u><br>in the County of <u>Durham</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject ? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 4. What is your Age ? .....   | 4. <u>21</u> Years <u>6</u> Months.   |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling ? .....  | 5. ....   |
| 6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where ? ..... | 6. <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>   |

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of 2 years imprisonment with hard labour.

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|---|---|
| 7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice ? If so, where ? to whom ? for what period ? and when did, or will, the period of your Apprenticeship expire ? .....  | 7. <u>No</u>  |
| 8. Are you Married ? .....  | 8. <u>No</u>  |
| 9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power ? .....  | 9. <u>No</u>  |
| 10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force ? If so, to what Unit and Corps ? .....  | 10. <u>Cambridge O.T.C.</u>                         |
| *11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force ? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge. ....   | 11. <u>Yes in the N.E.B.S. and Cambridge O.T.C.</u> |
| 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service ? .....   | 12. <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>                            |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown ? If so, on what grounds ? .....   | 13. <u>No</u>                                       |
| 14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated ? .....   | 14. <u>Yes</u>                                      |
| 15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service ? .....  | 15. <u>Yes</u>                                      |
| 16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you ? .....   | 16. <u>Yes</u>                                      |
| 17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services :—<br>For a term of three years. 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. If, however, this War is over within 3 years, you will be discharged with all convenient speed. .... | 17. <u>Yes</u>                                      |

I, Harry Helstrip Nicholson 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.

H. A. Nicholson SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

R. A. Sudworth Signature of Witness.

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

I, Harry Helstrip Nicholson 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 Durham on this 15th day of Sept 1914.

[Signature] Signature of the Justice

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 8 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he requires it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 2065A.



**SHORT SERVICE.**

(Three years with the Colours.)

**ATTESTATION OF**No. 15059 Name Hugh H. Nicholson Corps K.L. Co.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

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|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>Hugh H. Nicholson</u>   |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? .....   | 2. In the Parish of <u>Spital</u> in or<br>near the Town of <u>Spital</u><br>in the County of <u>Cheshire</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 4. What is your Age? .....   | 4. <u>21</u> Years <u>46</u> Days   |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Letter</u>  |
| 6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? ..... | 6. <u>No</u>  |

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

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|---|--|
| 7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period of your Apprenticeship expire? .....  | 7. <u>No</u>   |
| 8. Are you Married? .....   | 8. <u>No</u>   |
| 9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? .....   | 9. <u>No</u>   |
| 10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? if so to what unit and Corps? .....   | 10. <u>No</u>  |
| 11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge ..... | 11. <u>No</u>  |
| 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? .....  | 12. <u>No</u>  |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? if so, on what grounds? .....   | 13. <u>No</u>  |
| 14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 14. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....   | 15. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? .....  | 16. (Name <u>Sgt. Jones</u> )<br>(Corps <u>4th Bn.</u> ) |
| 17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? .....   | 17. <u>Yes</u>   |

For a term of three years, unless War lasts longer than three years, in which case you will be retained until the War is over. If employed with Hospitals, depôts 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.

I, Hugh H. Nicholson 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.

Hugh H. Nicholson SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

W. C. Stanger Signature of Witness.

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

I, Hugh H. Nicholson 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 Lpool on this 1 day of Sept 1914

A. H. H. H. Signature of the Justice

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 8 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 2065a.

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 Nicholson Christian Name Hugh H

TABLE I. GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish Spital County Ches.

Examined .. .. . { on 1 day of Feb 1914  
 .. .. . { at 1st

Declared Age .. .. . 31 years 46 days.

Trade or Occupation .. Cotton Merchant

Height .. .. . 5 feet, 8 3/4 inches.

Weight .. .. . 123 lbs.

Chest { Girth when fully Expanded 37 inches.  
 Measurement { Range of Expansion 2 inches.

Physical Development .. fair

Vaccination Marks { Arm .. Right Left  
 { Number 1 3

When Vaccinated .. .. .

Vision .. .. . { R.E.—V= 6.6  
 { L.E.—V= 6.6

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

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection .. .. . { (b)  
 .. .. . {  
 .. .. . {

Approved by .. (Signature) J. R. Mead  
 (Rank) .. .. .  
 .. .. . Major  
 .. .. . Medical Officer.

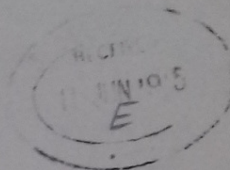
Enlisted .. .. . { at  
 .. .. . { on .. day of .. 191 ..

Joined on Enlistment ..	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to ..		<u>15059</u>

Became non-effective by .. Commission as 2nd Lieut. 3rd (Res) Bn  
Cheshire Regt.  
 on 12th day of October 1915.  
 (Signature) H. Nicholson  
 (Rank) .. .. .



2/LIEUT. H. H. NICHOLSON,  
2nd Cheshire Regiment.



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elon.

"Killed in action 24th May, 1915."

Next of kin:-

H. Nicholson Esq, (Father)  
Sutton Hall,  
Little Sutton,  
CHESHIRE.

43 15/16

M.S.3. Cas.,

10th June, 1915.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*Effect at 11/11/15*

*Send 126 126A to father.*  
*WGL 24/6*

*24/6*

*3*

*Auth. despatch to father 25/6/15*

*25/6*

*25/6*

*4.*

*Fm. 51 to agents & circ. for claims*

*25/6*

*No claims.*

*25/6*

States *14-1074* *14-1174* *Hospital May* Army Form B. 201.  
(Modified for use during Mobilization).

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Candidate will carefully complete the following particulars, obtain the certificates on page 2 and then

- If desirous of appointment to
- A Household Cavalry Regiment
    - The Foot Guards
    - The Irish Horse
    - King Edward's Horse
  - A Cavalry Regiment
  - A reserve unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery
  - A reserve unit of the Royal Engineers (see note (b) on p. 2)
  - A reserve unit of Infantry
    - The Royal Field Artillery
    - The Royal Garrison Artillery, but not to a reserve unit
  - The Royal Engineers, but not to a reserve unit
  - An Infantry Regiment, but not to a reserve unit
    - The Royal Flying Corps
    - The Army Service Corps
    - The Royal Army Medical Corps
    - The Army Veterinary Corps

- Present himself in person to
- The Officer Commanding the Regiment he wishes to join
  - The Officer Commanding a Reserve Regiment of Cavalry, a Cavalry Depot, or the Officer in charge of Cavalry Records, Canterbury
  - The Officer Commanding the Reserve unit he wishes to join
  - The Officer Commanding a Reserve Brigade or Depot.
  - The Lieut.-Colonel, Royal Garrison Artillery, in any Coast Defence, or the Officer Commanding a Depot
  - The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 41, George Street, Westminster, London, S.W. (unless the applicant is a member of the Senior Division of the Officers Training Corps, in which case the application will be forwarded direct to the War Office by the Adjutant of his Contingent.)
  - The Officer Commanding a Regular Battalion or Depot of the Regiment he wishes to join

Forward the application to—The War Office, London, S.W.

1. Unit or branch in which the candidate desires to serve	3 <sup>rd</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> Cheshire Regiment
2. Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ... (See note (a) on page 2) Christian Names...	Nicholson Hugh Nicholson
3. Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached or forwarded later.)	July 16. 1883. <span style="float: right;">15/1</span>
4. Whether married	No.
5. Whether of pure European descent	Yes
6. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject	British born.
7. Whether 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. (Certificate to be attached). (b) Qualified at an Army Entrance Examination. (State date of examination). (c) Passed the matriculation examination of a university, or a test accepted in lieu thereof. (Certificate to be attached). Or failing one of the above:— (d) Can produce a statement from the headmaster of a secondary school, or other competent educational authority, as to his educational attainments. (Statement to be attached).	Statement attached
8. Permanent address	Sutton Hall. Little Sutton. Cheshire
9. Present address for correspondence	3 <sup>rd</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> Cheshire Reg <sup>t</sup> . Laird St. Birkenhead
10. Profession or occupation	Merchant.
11. Schools and Colleges at which educated	Malvern College.
12. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces. If so, state:— (a) Regiment or Corps ... (b) Date of appointment ... (c) Rank ... (d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (A Candidate who has served in the ranks should attach his discharge certificate).	1 <sup>st</sup> City Batt <sup>n</sup> Kings Liverpool Reg <sup>t</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 1914. Private. 12 Oct 1914 Transferred



# Certificate of Birth.

Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1874.

Superintendent Registrar's District of Winal

1883. BIRTH in the Sub-District of Eastham, in the County of chester

Columns.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and Where Born.	Name (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptism if entered in Register.
90	Sixteenth July 1883 Claremont Poulton cum Spital R.S.D.	Hugh Hartorn	Boy	Hugh Nicholson	Margaret Gifford Nicholson formerly Broadfoot	Cotton Broken	Hugh Nicholson Father Claremont Poulton-cum-Spital 1883	Twenty fifth September	H. J. Hawkes Registrar	

I, John E. S. Ollive Superintendent Registrar for the District of Winal in the County of chester do hereby Certify that this is a true Copy of the Entry No. 90 in the Register Book of Births, No. 38 for the Sub-District of Eastham and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

Witness my hand, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1914.



File

Mrs. Cox

SUTTON HALL  
LITTLE SUTTON,  
CHESHIRE

May 30<sup>th</sup> /15

Dear Sir

I duly  
received your  
Telegram of yesterday  
informing that my  
son 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut H.H.  
Nicholson, Cheshire  
Regt, was missing.  
Should you receive  
further news re photo.  
-please will you



Kindly communicate  
with me.

Yours truly  
Hugh Buchanon

To the Secretary  
War Office  
London

Chequre.

28/5/15  
A°

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

(Inland Official)

Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram 23203

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words.

Sent

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the **WAR OFFICE.**

O. H. M. S.

At \_\_\_\_\_ .M.

To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

*B. H. Mair*

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO

*H. Nicholson*  
*Sutton Hall*  
*Little Sutton - Cheshire*

Regret

to

inform

you

that

*2 Lt H. H. Nicholson Cheshire Regt is reported missing on 25th May this does not necessarily mean he is killed or wounded*

FROM

Secretary, War Office.

28/5/15  
A°

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

(Inland Official)

Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram 24777

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words.

Sent

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the **WAR OFFICE.**

O. H. M. S.

At \_\_\_\_\_ .M.

To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

*B. H. Mair*

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO

*H. Nicholson*  
*Sutton Hall*  
*Little Sutton - Cheshire*

*Deeply* Regret

to

inform

you

that

*2 Lt H. H. Nicholson Cheshire Regt previously reported missing is now reported killed in action on 24th May. Lord Kitchener expresses his 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.



Extract from Letters of Administration. (With will annexed)  
~~Probate of Will~~

Dated 20th December, 1915 Granted at The Principal Probate Registry.

1. Estate of Hugh Hathorn Nicholson the younger of Sutton Hall Little Sutton  
in the County of Chester Lieutenant Cheshire Regiment

2. Date and Place of Death Died on the 25th day of May 1915 in Flanders.

3. Grantees Guy Nicholson brother of deceased one of the Residuary Legatees  
named in the said Will.

4. Gross value, £ 1603.11.8.

Extracted by }  
Produced by } Morecroft, Sproat and Killey, Solicitors, Liverpool.

*Military Will undated.  
Brother Guy & Eric residuary legatees*

to whom returned by registered post. S. 1.16.

NICHOLSON & WHOLEY,  
COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDINGS,  
LONDON.  
Cable: NICHOLSON & WHOLEY,  
SHEPPARDSON'S 1881.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"NICHOLSON & WHOLEY,"  
LIVERPOOL.  
TELEPHONE Nos. 100 CENTRAL  
100

Little Sutton  
Little Sutton  
Chester.

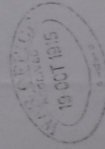
Dear Sir,

In reply to  
your communication  
of 11th Inst. (488/2)  
the money held by your  
Department for the Canteen  
for the late 2nd Lt.  
H. H. Nicholson, 3rd Bn.  
Cheshire Regt. I beg to  
inform you that I have  
handed over same to the  
Executors of his will  
who will communicate

with you in due  
course.

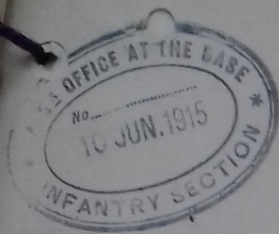
Yours faithfully  
Hugh Nicholson

To the Secretary  
War Office  
London.









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Noted

B.D. 590/1080/aa.

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) 2nd Bn "The Cheshire Regiment"  
Rank) 2nd Lieutenant,  
Name) H.H.Nicholson,

DIED { By whom reported The O.C.2nd Cheshire Regt.  
Date of Death 24-5-15.  
Place or hospital YPRES.  
Cause of death Killed in action.  
Place of burial Not yet known,

State 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.

*M. J. [Signature]* Major for,  
Lieut Colonel  
Officer i/c Infy Sections,  
Adjutant General's Office at the Base.

General Headquarters, 3rd. Echelon.

Date) 9-6-15.



