

First World War Service Record of John Anthony Harris

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Register No.

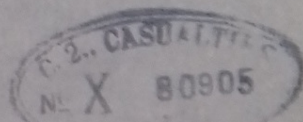
Minute Sheet No

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C.2. CAS. Capt J. A. Harris ^{M.C.} 12th Yorkshire Regt

8/8 missing 26-11-17.

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No further official report has been received. (The attached evidence appears sufficient to definitely prove the death of the above officer. His name is therefore forwarded for presumption of death).

Address of Next of Kin

Mrs J. Harris (mother)

3 Limer Street

Saltburn ^{by} ~~the~~ Sea.

M.S.3 (CAS.)

11-4-18

D. G. Scott-Tucker Capt

Letter to Mrs J. Harris as per copy to
C2 Cas. (Leaflet sent) H.R.G. 12/7/18

NOTED ON CARD
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Form M.T.
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This form is to be used for any candidate who is serving in the ranks of the New Armies, Special Reserve, or Territorial Force, and for other candidate who is neither a cadet or ex-cadet of the Senior Division, Officers Training Corps, nor a member of a University.

Form M.T. 392 should be used for an Officers Training Corps (Senior Division)

University candidate, who is not serving in the ranks.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE
REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The candidate will complete the following particulars and obtain certificates below as to character and educational qualification.

Name in full	Surname. Christian names.	Harris. John Anthony.
Date of birth.		August 24 th , 1890. 24
Whether married.		No.
Whether of pure European descent.		Yes.
Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.		British Born.
Permanent address.		3 Leven St. Saltburn by Sea, Yorkshire
Present address for correspondence.		42 & 43 Bridge St. West: Middlesbrough.
Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.		No.
Whether able to ride.		No.
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:—		No.
(a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent ...		
(b) Date of appointment ...		
(c) Rank ...		
(d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge		No.
(e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ...		

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TO {

Mrs Harris 3. Leven Street. Saltburn by Sea.

Regret to inform you Capt. G. Harris Yorkshire
Regt is reported missing November twenty
seventh. This does not necessarily mean either
killed or wounded. Further news sent
immediately on receipt.

FROM {

SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.

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Register No. 4592

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

Dated 18th November 1918, Granted at P.F.R. ✓
~~Filed~~

1. Estate of

John Anthony Harris of 3 Rivers
St. Saltoun by the Sea Co. of Yorks.
Temp. Cpt Yorks. Regt. M.C.

2. Date and Place
of Death

Died on or since 26th November 1917 in
France or Belgium

3. Will

Soldier, Dated 30th May 1916

4. Grantees

Jane Harris widow mother of deceased
the residue named in said will.

5. Gross Value £ 1108 . 0 . 0

6. Disposal of Medals To the mother.

" Decorations

7. Extracted by

8. Produced by

9. Returned to

Messrs. Bell Cochrane & Co.
Solicitors
23 Wilson St
Middlesbrough

10. Date of Registration

on 10 . 1 . 19

Sep 3rd 1918

3 Leven St
Salisbury - Wilt
Yorkshire

Dear Sir

Can you let me know as soon
as possible what sum is due
to ^{late} Capt J. A. Harris M.C. estate from
Army funds - (12. Batt Yorkshire Regt)

I wrote the other day but fear the
wrong address was given. This is
needed for probate

Yrs truly

Mrs J Harris

Please address to
at 8 Queens Rd

Richmond

Yorkshire
staying for a fortnight

where I am

death, are, as a rule, accepted for Probate and a her

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Serv

2. Lieut. J. A. Harris, Royal Garrison Artillery. B
missing believed killed 30th November 1917 on list No. 2.142
No further information from his home and a vic
lapse of time since he was reported missing. It is with much regret
for Harris, supposed as having occurred on or since 30th Nov

In view of this evidence and the lapse of time since he was reported Missing believed Killed, the death of the above named officer has now been accepted for official purposes as having occurred in action on the 22nd March 1918.

Extract from No. X. 80905.
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Capt. J. A. Harris M.C., 12th Yorkshire Regiment, Reported "Missing 26th November 1917" on list No. C. 1400".

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 26th November 1917.

Extract from No. X. 80912.
144693/2.

2/Lieut. F. G. Bokley, F. Bn. Tank Corps. (late North Somerset) Reported "Wounded and Missing 27th November 1917" on list No. C. 1410.

3 Levens St

Bathbury, Leam
July 4th 1918. Yorkshire

Dear Sir.

I am very anxious to know if you have heard anything more about my son who has been missing since Nov 26th 1917.

The Red Cross do not give me much hope. To begin to be afraid he has been killed -

His name was amongst the New Year honours as having received the M.C. & his Major

up as the real informant
Cheke whose evidence
is his to those

2.
I'm sure, but I
haven't heard nothing, but
just seen his name
in the papers of Jan 7 1918
do you think I may
still hope?

Forgive me for troubling
you - yours truly

Mrs. J. Harris

Capt J A Harris MC
12th Yorks Regt (Pioneers)
BEF France

Charles whose evidence
has been available to those
concerned.

12th Yorks.

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Harris. Capt. J.A.
?Z Coy.

M. Nov. 20/17

"Capt. J.A. Harris was in Z Coy. On Nov. 20/17 he went out reconnoitering for defensive work in front of Bourlon Wood with Major Johnson V.C. of the Royal Engineers and Major Clarke R.E. They were caught by a party of the enemy and fired on. Major Johnson was shot in the throat, Major Clarke escaped and reported the affair saying Major Clarke Johnson and Capt. Harris were dead. Major Johnson was subsequently found by stretcher bearers he was then alive and lived some hours, but was dead when brought to Graincourt. I interviewed some of the bearers afterwards to enquire about Capt. Harris and they told me that I could take it that if it was "One of our officers who had been with Major Johnson he was killed." Capt. Harris was never seen again. I don't know Bearers names but they belonged to No.136 Field Ambulance. Major Clarke might give further particulars."

Eyewitness: No. See above.

Description:

Informant: C.S.M. Wm. Hill. 19978

Home address: 12th Yorks, W Coy.

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L. Camms.

17 Burk St. Middlebrook Mill Road Hospital, Liverpool.