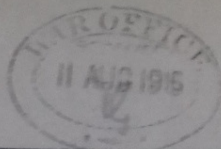


First World War Service Record of John Charles Gardom

The following is from the National Archives WO 339/19869

Register No.



Minute Sheet No.

LIEUT. J.C. GARDOM,

12th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

.1850.

dria.

"Missing, believed killed 6th August, 1915."

Next of kin:-

C.H. Gardom,
Hillcrest,
Tadworth, SURREY.

RD3.

M.S.3. Cas.,

11th August, 1915.

Stuart Gannon

No further information than that given in
him 1. Write as drafted.

*B.T.
Czab.
29/9*

*Effects at home
1263.*

*Send 126 ³126 ^B to Mr Gardom
W.S.P.*

*Authorise despatch of effects
and acquaint.*

W.S.P.

K.B. 7/10

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Form ^{M.T.} 393

This Form is to be used for a 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) or University candidate.

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.

1. Name in full	Surname. Christian names.	Gardom. John Charles	✓
2. Date of birth		7 th April 1884 at Hill Crest Theydon Bois	✓
3. Whether married		No	✓
4. Whether of pure European descent		Yes	✓
5. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject		British born	✓
6. Permanent address		Hill Crest Tadworth Surrey	✓
7. Present address for correspondence		Hill Crest Tadworth Surrey	✓
8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars		No. Stock Exchange	✓
9. Whether able to ride		Yes	✓

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

ATTESTATION OF

1151 Name

Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- What is your Name? Jack Charles Gordon (John Charles)
1. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Tarbooth
near the Town of Lune
in the County of Lune
2. Are you a British Subject? Yes
3. What is your Age? 30 Years 3 Months
4. What is your Trade or Calling? Stock Exchange
5. In whose employ are you? Stock Exchange
6. Where do you now reside? 11, Great Taborville
7. Are you now an Apprentice? If so, please state particulars No
8. Are you married? No
9. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps? No (was a Regular Soldier)
10. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, please state Corps and cause of discharge No
11. Do you belong, or have you belonged, to any Cadet Unit? No
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
13. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning? Yes
14. Are you willing to be attested for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for service in the Territorial Force of the County of Lune to serve in the 1st Lune Regiment of the County of Lune Yes
15. Do you understand that during the first year of your original enlistment you will be

Amendment for question 16.—Army Forms E. 501 and E. 501A (9) (London County/525).

16. Do you understand—
- (a) That during the first year of your original enlistment you will be required to attend the number of drills and fulfill the other conditions prescribed for a recruit of the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join?
- (b) That you will be required to complete such preliminary training by the 31st October next following your original enlistment, unless before that date you obtain permission from your Commanding Officer to complete it afterwards, but that in any case you must complete it within 12 months of your original enlistment?
- (c) That in addition to such preliminary training you will be liable to attend the number of drills and fulfill the other conditions relating to training prescribed for the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join, and be liable to be trained for not less than 12 or more than 15 days altogether, in every year, or, if belonging to a mounted branch for not less than 8, or more than 12 days altogether, in every year, as may be prescribed, and may for that purpose be called out, once or oftener, in every year.
- (d) That if you, without leave or reasonable excuse, fail to attend the number of drills required to fulfill the conditions relating to preliminary or annual training prescribed for your arm or branch of the service, you render yourself liable to be deemed to be absent from the service.
- (e) That when a proclamation has been issued, in case of imminent national danger or great emergency, calling out the first-class Army Reserve, you will become liable to be embodied?
- (f) That, if your term of 4 years' service expires when a proclamation ordering the Army Reserve to be called out on permanent service is in force, you may be required to serve in any place in the United Kingdom without further agreement, but not in any place outside the United Kingdom unless you voluntarily undertake to do so?
- (g) That you will be required to deliver up in good order, fair wear and tear only excepted, at such time and place as may be ordered by the Commanding Officer, all arms, clothing and appointments issued to you, being public property (including the property of the County Association)?

Under the provisions of Section 59 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.

I, John Charles Gordon 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

Signature of Witness

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, John Charles Gordon do make Oath, 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, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

I, Lawrence Wright do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit, above named, that the Answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration, and taken the oath at Armoury House, Finsbury, E.C. on this 6 day of August 1914.

Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorized to attest Recruits

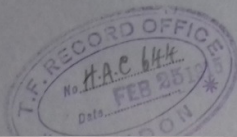
If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 59 (3) of the Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 501A.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Hon: Art: Coy Infantry
 Regimental No. 1151 Rank Pte Name Gardom J. G.
 Enlisted (a) 6.8.14 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to } _____ Date of appointment } _____ Numerical position on }
 present rank } _____ to lance rank } _____ roll of N.C.Os. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
9.12.14	9 th Field Amb.	Embarked	Southampton	17.9.14	
30.12.14	O.C. Unit	Exhaustion	Loire	6.12.14	A 36 9771
10.1.15	O.C. Unit	Returned to Duty		9.12.14	B. 213 No 10738
		Appointed temporary 2 nd Lieut. on probation			
		left Battalion for England		9.1.15	B. 213
9.4.9.	3 rd Battalion				



J. C. [Signature] Lt. Col.
 Officer in Charge Infantry Records

The Entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur

No. 1151 Name J. Gardom

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Service.

Place	From	To	Years
Home	6 th Augt 1914	16 th Sept 1914	-
Expeditionary Force	17 th Sept 1914	5. Jan'y 1915	-
Home	6 th Jan'y 1915	15 Jan'y 1915	-

2. Passed classes of Instruction
 † This includes any authorized class of instruction

12-18. C. H. Gardom
 Address
 Disposal of
 Enroll - to file

Change of address
formerly - Aunt
Miss Jane

Jamesworth
Punery

Longfield Cottage
Jamesworth
Punery
July 23rd 1916

Res. To the Secretary - War Office -

I have received four telegrams
telling me the report of my son
Lieutenant J. C. Gardom 1st Essex Regiment
reported "Missing believed Killed"
in Gallipoli on Aug. 6th last, is now
Reported "Killed in action" on Aug. 6th
I shall be grateful if you will let me
know what fresh news you have
received to cause this alteration
in report - & if it is official

Sincerely
Charles H. Gardom

The Committee having assembled pursuant to order, presented
no ~~effect~~ separate effects of the
document have been received
kil - as per attached list - was

GARDOM, J.C. Lieut.

4th. Essex Regt. W.Co.

Witness states that Lieut. Gardom was wounded in the face and shoulder on August 6th, during a charge, but he still went on with four of his men into the Turkish trench H.12, at the foot of Achi Baba-, the four men managed to get back but Lieut. Gardom was left behind. It is just possible he was taken prisoner but witness fears he was killed.

Ref:- Pte. L. Street. 7415

Essex. Regiment. W.Coy.
Citadel Hospital.

10.10.15

M.M. 1915.

CAIRO.

Inquiries 1. Charles H. Gardom Esq
2. E. Warr Esq

Gardom, J.C. 2nd Lieut.

1 Essex.

(Missing August 6)

Lieut. Gardom was witness' platoon officer. Witness was with the machine gun section and therefore did not himself see what happened but he had it direct from eyewitnesses that Lieut. Gardom was last seen jumping into a Turkish trench. It was impossible to say whether he was killed or captured.

Reference, L/Cpl Hamer, 9539, 1 Essex. W Coy,
Greek Hospital, Alexandria.

W.H.V. Reade,
Oct. 8 1915.

Med. M B D

1st. Batt: Essex Regt.

Gardom, Lieut. J.C.

M. Aug: 6th.

Informant states that Lieut. Gardom was killed. "I was beside him (he says) when killed. Before the charge, a shell knocked the sandbags on to the top of him. He got up and said it was his duty to go over the trench into the charge. He then jumped over the trench into the Turkish trenches and was bayoneted. I saw it. I moved up alone our trench so as to get in to it."

Reference:-- Fred John Mann, 2108, Clapton.
1st. Batt: Essex. M. G. S. W. IV.
St. Thomas Hospital, (A)

Home address:--
5, Sundown Cottages,
Ilford.

London,
November 27th 1915.
A. Wedderburn.

E. Ware Esq.

M B D

1st Essex Regiment,
Gardom Lt. J.C.,
I Co.

(M. Aug. 6th 1915, bel.K.)

Informant states that on Aug. 6th near Achi Baba he saw Lt. Gardom lying dead in a trench. Killed by a bullet.

Reference: G. Whent, 9323,
1st Essex Regt., W. II.,
City of London Hospital, Clapton.

Home address:
Elmstead Market,
near Colchester.

London,
Nov. 26th 1915.
A. Wedderburn.

E. Ware Esq.

Lt. J.C. Gardom, 1st Essex, W. Coy

(M. Aug. 6th)

"Mr. Gardom was in charge of my platoon on the 6th Aug. We were ordered to take a T.T. at No Man's Land in front of H. 12 Achi Baba. I saw Mr. Gardom jump into the T.T. with three men. Only one of the four returned and he told me that the other two men and Mr. Gardom were killed, Mr. Gardom being shot in the arm and mouth and again just as he was actually jumping into the trench. We held the trench all night and were relieved next morning. I heard nothing further of Mr. Gardom".

Ref: 9864, Pte Cpl W. Challis (same Coy)
15th Stationary Hosp. Madros.

P.B.G. 13th Novr.

E. Ware Esq.

Inquirer
C H Gardom (Father) E.F.

Lt. J.C. Gardom.

1 Essex

(Missing Aug. 6.)

Lieut Gardom was witness to Platoon officer, and witness saw him lying dead on the ground directly after the charge on August 6. It was still daylight when witness saw Lieut. Gardom's dead body.

Reference Pte S. Collins 16907 1 Essex W Coy,
Deaconesses Annexe Hospital Alexandria.

D.A. Winstanley
Nov. 25 1915.

Inquirer
C H Gardom (Father) E.F.

22.1.16

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Ao
Prefix Code (Inland Official Telegrams only.) No. of Telegram

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent

O. H. M. S.

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

At .M.
To
By (Signature) *W. B. R. H. T.*

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

TO { *C. A. Gardom Hill Crest Tadworth Surrey*

<i>Bag to</i>	<i>inform</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>Lieut J.C. Gardom</i>
<i>Essex</i>	<i>Regt</i>	<i>previously</i>	<i>reported Missing</i>
<i>believed</i>	<i>killed</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>now reported</i>
<i>Killed</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>6th August</i>

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.

Reference No. 744.

Kil-
DECEASED OFFICERS ~~REPORTS~~

OFFICE AT THE BARR
J. A. FOWLER M. E. F.
11 MAR. 1916
CENTRAL REGISTRY
No. M. E. C.

Name.	Packages.	Inventory.
<u>1st. Essex Regt.</u>		
Lieut. Gardom J.C. (Wounded and Missing)	1.	1 Valise contg:- Breeches. Hair Brush. Sweater. 3 leather Pads. Shirts. Singlet. Drawers. Handkerchiefs. Ties. Socks. Puttees. Electric Lamp. 4 Batteries. Holdall. Cheque Book. S.D. Cap. Shoes. Boots. Slippers. xxxx Air Pillow. Flask. Sleeping Suit. Shorts. Khaki Jacket. Body Belt. Pillow. Blanket. British Warm. Waterproof Sheet.

ARMY PAY OFFICE
1916

Register No. 38499/3

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

Dated 15th March 1916 Granted at Principal Probate Registry.

1. Estate of John Charles Gardom of Longfield Cottage
Tadworth in the County of Surrey
Lieut. 12th Bn. (attached 1st Bn.) Essex Regt.
2. Date and Place of Death 6th August 1915, The Gallipoli Peninsula
killed in action.

3. Grantees Charles Henry Gardom, Father of deceased
the sole executor — named in the said
will, —

4. Gross value, £ 1166 — 5 — 2.

{ Extracted }
Produced by }

Hammond Clark & Co. Solrs.
44 Gt. St. Helens,
Bishopsgate.

London, E.C.

Formal will dated 11th May 1915
Residing to Father
By Registered post.

to whom returned

x 7/10/13

Messrs. G. father

38499

1-8 x 312.

38499/3.

Army Form B. 2090 A.

FIELD SERVICE.

Note: 11/2.

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.

Attached to 1ST BATTALION THE ESSEX REGIMENT
Unit from 18TH BATTALION THE ESSEX REGIMENT.

Rank Lieutenant

Name GARDOM J.C.

By whom reported O.C. 1st Bn: The Essex Regiment.

Date of Death 6th August 1915.

Died Place or Hospital Gallipoli (In the field)

Cause of Death Killed in action.

Place of Burial Not reported

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.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section)
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base.

Officer i/c Infty: Records, 8 & 9 Dists:
3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. M.E.F.

Station and date Alexandria 19/1/16.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Lieut. Cardon. J.C.
(Wounded & Missing)
REFERENCE No.744.

1

D.1263

1 Valise containing:- breeches, hair
brush, sweater, 3 leather pads, shirts,
singlet, drawers, handkerchiefs, ties,
socks, putties, electric lamp, 4 batteries
holdall, cheque book, S.D.Cap, shoes, boot
clippers, air pillow, flask, sleeping suit
shorts, khaki jacket, body belt, pillow,
blanket, british warm, waterproof sheet.