

First World War Service Record of John Fraser Hoyland

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The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office,
London, S.W.1.

407/9.

Records.

CONFIDENTIAL.

20. September, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 31st July addressed to the Officer Commanding, Records, The Lancashire Fusiliers, Preston, relative to the late Captain John Fraser Hoyland, I am directed to furnish, from the records in the Department, the following particulars of the Military Service of Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) John Fraser Hoyland who is presumably identical with the subject of your enquiry:-

Appointed to a commission as Second Lieutenant, The 4th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, (Special Reserve)	15.8.1914.
Promoted Lieutenant	21.6.1915.
Appointed Temporary Captain.....	4.10.1915.
Died on or since.....	26.9.1916.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,
Sd: W.C. Sansom

Hoyland, Esq.,
Preston Hall,
Elvington,
York.

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W.O. 94-5AUG
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M.S.35

I agree with the proposals contained in minute 34, but I do not at all agree with the decision contained in minute 18 of 117752/2.

That decision was given in regard to the case of an officer who was gazetted to a permanent commission dated the 4th November, 1915 - he died of wounds on the 30th November 1915. The late M.S. laid down the following dictum - as this officer never did duty in the rank in which he was commissioned I think his commission should be cancelled. I entirely disagree with this decision. The question as to whether or not an officer does duty in the rank in which he is commissioned is in my opinion a consideration which should be dismissed. I am afraid that decision is based on Art. 289, which lays down inter alia that no pay whatever is issuable until an officer either joins for duty at home or embarks to join for duty abroad. I have had occasion to point out in another paper that this Article of the Royal Warrant is obsolete, as of all the thousands of officers commissioned direct in the field not one has joined for duty at home or embarked to join for duty abroad. I should like to place on record that in my opinion the granting of a commission to an officer makes him an officer, and nothing can deprive him of that commission except the sentence of a Court Martial or the action of the Sovereign. There are many important questions of principle which depend upon a decision of this nature and I suggest that the decision be reversed, and it be decided that in the event of an officer holding a temporary commission dying before being gazetted to a permanent commission the gazette notice shall be withheld and he shall be treated under his temporary commission, and that no commissions should be cancelled

unif

under any circumstances because the officer never did
in the rank in which he was commissioned.

Fleer

A. G.

30/5/18.

36

Mr.

I entirely agree with A.G. & think that
should be taken to correct the decision in
para 18 of 112752/2

CHH
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37

Mr. Perhaps you held on the above minutes
before this goes on to A.G. May I also have
your remarks on 37a? W.D. 8/6

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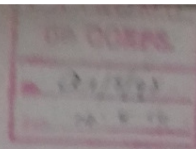
D. F. (A)

I concur with 35 & 36. As regards
A & 37A. I had hitherto been
of the opinion that no rule was

Regiment of Corps *9th Div / Royal Fus.*
 Regimental No. _____ Rank *Capt* Name *Hayland. J. F.*
 Enlisted (a) _____ 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		Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received	
<i>10/15</i>	<i>A.A.G.</i>	<i>Called on Transport Frankonia Devonport 24/9/15. Due Madras 5/10/15.</i>
<i>15-12-15</i>	<i>D.M.G.</i>	<i>To be Captain whilst commanding a Company vice Tempy: Capt R.C. Mastersman (invalided) dated 4th October 1915.</i>
		<i>Authy: G.O.C-in-C., M.E.F., List 59 dated G.H.Q., 5-12-15.</i>
		<i>Embarked H.T. Llandoverly Castle Alexandria 4/7/16.</i>
		<i>Disembarked Marseilles 10/7/16. L.R./8069</i>
	<i>O.C.</i>	<i>Wounded in action</i>
	<i>O.C.</i>	<i>Wounded & missing</i>
		<i>Death accepted as having occurred on or since</i>
		<i>MAJOR</i>
		<i>Officer i/c Regular Infantry Section No. 3</i>
		<i>General Headquarters 3rd Echelon.</i>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged or, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g. Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc. and special qualifications to be entered in these columns.



Form M. 31

PARTICULARS of an Officer of the Special Reserve of Officers, the Malta, Bermuda Channel Islands Militia, or the Territorial Force, or an Officer holding a temporary commission in the Army, who desires to be considered for appointment to a permanent commission in the Regular Army under Army Order of 1915.

The candidate will carefully complete the following particulars and then forward this application to Commanding Officer.

Name of candidate in full	Surname Christian Names
Unit to which he belongs	
Date of birth	
Whether married	
Date of attendance at the competitive examination (if any)	
Name in full and position in life of father, and whether of English, Scotch, or Irish family	
Permanent address of parent or guardian	

For a candidate who desires to be considered under para. 2 of the Army Order.

1. * I qualified (in accordance with paragraph 8 of the Regulations) at the Army Entrance Examination held in to J.H.

2. * I claim exemption from qualifying at an Army Entrance Examination, having attained the required standard at the examination for held in to. (The certificate or document showing that the required standard has been attained to be enclosed.) J.H.

For a candidate who desires to be considered under para. 3 of the Army Order.

3. As evidence that I have attained a fair standard of education, I enclose 2 certificates from my Head Master at National College

4. ~~I enclose an equitation certificate.~~

I certify the above particulars to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to permanent commission in the Regular Army.

Date 15/5/16 Usual Signature of Candidate. J.F. Hayland, Lt & L.

* Strike out 1 or 2.
† This is only required in the case of a candidate for the Royal Field Artillery. The certificate to be signed by a competent judge, and worded as follows:—"I certify that I have seen Lieutenant ride, and am of opinion that he has sufficient confidence and the necessary qualifications to make an efficient horseman after due instruction."

PERMANENT COMMISSIONS IN THE REGULAR ARMY.

(under para. (3) Army Order 335/1915) Branch,

INFANTRY.

M.S. 57.

RANK.	NAME. (Christian and Surnames in full.)	UNIT.	Period of service in M.S.F.	Period of embodied service.	Special reasons in support of the appln.	Remarks.
Lieutenant (Acting Capt)	JOHN FRASER HOYLAND	4 th Att ^{ch} 9 th Linn Fus.	Oct. 1 st 1915 to present date	Aug 12 th /14	Having had a short experience in the Army, I am desirous of continuing therein, at the end of the War. I went straight into the Army on leaving school in 1914, and have learnt no profession other than that of a soldier.	This Officer has commanded a Company at Suva, Ambros and in Egypt, since October 1915, and has held the Temporary Rank of Captain since this date.

N.B. A separate schedule is to be attached to each application.

E. C. D. C. Lt. Col.
Comdg, 9th (S.) Bn Lancashire Fusiliers

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COMMISSION IN THE SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Army Form B. 201.

Candidate will carefully complete the following particulars, obtain the certificates on page 3 and then forward the application to the Officer Commanding his unit if a member of the Militia or Territorial Force, the Adjutant of his Contingent if a member of the Militia, or the Officer Commanding his Contingent if a member of the Junior Division, Officers Training Corps, as follows:—

A Cavalry Regiment	To the Officer Commanding the Regiment he wishes to join
The Foot Guards	
The Irish Horse	
A reserve unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery	To the Officer Commanding the Reserve unit he wishes to join
A reserve unit of the Royal Engineers (see note (d) on p. 2)	
A reserve unit of Infantry	
The Royal Field Artillery	The Officer Commanding the Training Brigade nearest to his place of residence (see note (a) on page 2)
The Royal Garrison Artillery, but not to a reserve unit	The Officer Commanding the Royal Garrison Artillery at the station nearest to his place of residence (see note (c) on page 2)
The Royal Engineers, but not to a reserve unit	The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Gt. George Street, Westminster, London, S.W., (unless the applicant be 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.)
An Infantry Regiment, but not to a reserve unit	The Officer Commanding a Regular battalion of the Regiment he wishes to join
The Army Service Corps	
The Royal Army Medical Corps	
The Army Veterinary Corps	The Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.

1. Unit or branch in which the candidate desires to serve	4 th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers ✓
2. Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ... (See note (h) on page 2) Christian Names...	Hoyland John Fraser ✓
3. Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached.)	X Ap 22 nd 1905-1895 ✓
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).	No No No
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.)	X 9
Permanent address	Stock Park, Ulverston, Lancs
Present address for correspondence	as above.
Profession or occupation	Still at school
Schools and Colleges at which educated	Malvern College
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 ...	No.
A Candidate who has served in the ranks should attach his discharge certificate.	

13. Whether served in any Naval or Military operations. If so, attach a statement of the service, certified by a Senior Officer personally cognizant thereof

No

14. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian or Colonial). If so, give particulars.

15. Whether now, or previously, a member of the Officers Training Corps. If so state:—

(a) Contingent

Malvern College Contingent

(b) Rank

X Lance Corporal

(c) If left, date of leaving

(d) Whether in possession of Certificate A.

No

(e) " " " " B.
(Certificates to be attached.)

No

16. If entitled to have the period of probationary training (for Cavalry, Artillery or Infantry) reduced to 4 months, state whether desirous of performing the training in two parts, giving proposed dates of commencement and duration of each part

No.

17. Whether a candidate for a commission in the Regular Army.

No

18. Whether able to ride (certificate, if any, to be attached)

Yes

19. If passed examination for Associate Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers

No

20. If a university candidate, state whether a degree in engineering has been obtained

21. (a) Qualifications

(b) Academic and other distinctions ...

(c) Appointments held since qualification

(d) If not yet professionally qualified, the probable date of the candidates' "final" examination and also the date of his registration as a Medical Student should be stated (R. A. M. C. only).

I certify the above answers to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed

1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers

J F H
(Usual signature of Candidate)

Date

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age.

C. E. Hayland (parent)

Training Brigades, Royal Field Artillery, are stationed as follows:—

Woolwich

Athlone

Newcastle-on-Tyne

Glasgow

Hilsen

Preston

The names should correspond with those given on the birth or baptismal certificate. When they differ, in the certificate will be used for official record, unless satisfactory evidence as to change of name.

The stations at which an Officer Commanding Royal Garrison Artillery may be addressed, are as follows:

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(Book 9)
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Certificate of Birth.

Pursuant to the Acts Anno Sexto et Septimo Gulielmi IV. Regis.

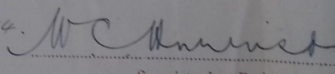
Cap. lxxxvi., et Anno Primo Victoria Reginae cap. xxii.

Registration District—ROTHERHAM.

19 895 Birth in the Sub-District of Maltby in the County of York

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.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
119	Twenty second April 1895 Hawthorn R.D.	John Greene	Boy	Clement Edward Hoyland	Louisa Eddie Hoyland formerly Greene	Engineer	G.B. Hoyland father Ravenfield	Twenty second May 1895	Francis William Thompson Registrar	

I, William Charles Harrison, Superintendent Registrar for the District of Rotherham, in the Counties of Rotherham and York, do hereby Certify that this is a True Copy of the Entry No. 119 in the Register Book of Births No. 9 for the Sub-District of Maltby and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

Witness my hand this 12th day of June 1900. 
Superintendent Registrar.



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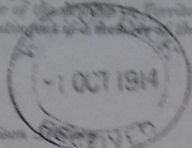
Army Form B. 201.

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- A Cavalry Regiment
- The Foot Guards
- The Irish Horse
- A reserve unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery
- A reserve unit of the Royal Engineers (see note (c) 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

If desirous of appointment to

- To the Officer Commanding the Regiment he wishes to join
- To the Officer Commanding the Reserve unit he wishes to join
- The officer commanding any brigade of Horse or Field Artillery
- The Officer Commanding the Royal Garrison Artillery at the station nearest to his place of residence (see note (b) on page 2)
- The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, St. 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 of the Regiment he wishes to join
- The Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.



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2. Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ... (See note (a) on page 2) Christian Names...	Hoyleland John Fraser
3. Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached.)	April 22 / 1895
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.)	No No No
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.)	
Permanent address	Stork Park, Ullenhurst - Lancashire
Present address for correspondence	Lancashire Fusiliers Barracks - Farnworth
Profession or occupation	Post
Schools and Colleges at which educated	Malvern Coll.
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.)	

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Form B 201

[P.T.O.]

Register No. 52407/5.

Extract from Letters of Administration.
Probate of Will.

Dated 7th March 1918 Granted at P. P. R.

1. Estate of

John Fraser Hoyland of Stock Park - Waverston - Lancs.
Capt. Lancs. Fus.

2. Date and Place
of Death

On or since 26th Sept. 1916 in France
intestate a Bachelor.

3. Grantees

Elemer Edward Hoyland natural & lawful Father
next of kin of said intestate.

4. Gross value, £ 285-12-10.

5. Disposal of Medals :-

Est. & }
Produced by }

Allen Edwards & Co.
16 Eastcheap
E.C.3.

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to whom returned

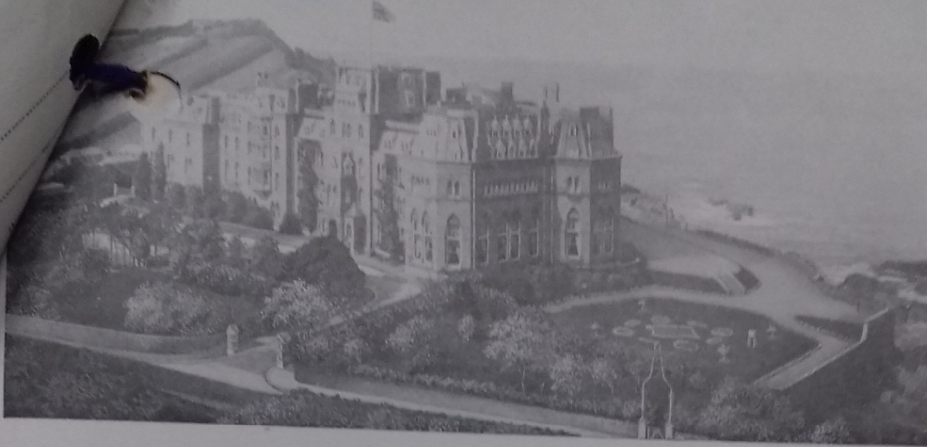
by R.P.

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POST OFFICE		TELEGRAPHS.	
A° 3. 10.16 Prefix Code Office of Origin and Service Instructions. O. H. M. S. M.S.3. CAS.		(Inland Official) (Royal Coat of Arms) Telegrams only.) No. of Telegram 159/4 I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the At M. To By (Signature) B. Hunter	
Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof			Dated Stamp.
TO { Heyland 55th Park Alverstoke Lanes. Report to inform you that Capt J. F. Heyland Lancashire Fusiliers was wounded Sept 25 Army news sent immediately when received. on receipt.			
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.			

POST OFFICE		TELEGRAPHS.	
17/10/16 A° Prefix Code Office of Origin and Service Instructions. O. H. M. S. M.S.3. CAS.		(Inland Official) (Royal Coat of Arms) Telegrams only.) No. of Telegram I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the At M. To By (Signature) B. Hunter	
Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof			Dated Stamp.
TO { Heyland 55th Park Alverstoke Lanes. Report to inform you that as the result of inquiry report has now been received that Capt J. F. Heyland Lancashire Fusiliers was wounded during Sept 21 Army further news will be communicated			
SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE. of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.			

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TELEPHONE No. 20.

OWN GARAGE IN GROUNDS.

H. RUSSELL GROVER,
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

ILFRACOMBE HOTEL,

ILFRACOMBE,

Oct 6th 1916

To The Secretary,

The War Office, London.

Any further information re ^{Capt} J. F. Hayland
of 4th Lancs: Fusiliers attached 9th Lancs Fus.
reported wounded Sept 28th should
be sent to me at the Rougemont Hotel
Exeter for Saturday & Sunday the 7th could
visit. after that all informat^{ess}, Stick Park,
be sent to my home at
Ulverston, Lanc

Yr. faith^{ly}
C. E. Hayland

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The Secretary
The War Office

Oct 20/16.

Re Captain J. J. Hayland 9th Lancs Fusiliers
acting
Wounded 26 Sept. 1916

I have received a letter from the O.C. 9th Lancs Fus dated 15th inst.
that Capt Hayland was wounded thrice, arm & leg, wounds not
considered "very bad" wounds were dressed by servant, he was left
in a shell hole till a stretcher could be procured, when the party
returned to carry him to dressing station he was not found & nothing
has been heard of him since, from hospital or anywhere else.
As I conclude that it is more than possible that he has
been taken prisoner, I shall be glad if you will be good
enough to take immediate steps to find out if he is a

prisoner of war

Yr. faith^{ly}

C. E. Hayland
(Father)