

## **First World War Service Record of John Leslie Wellesley-Miller**

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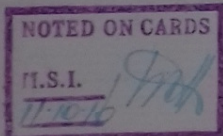
2nd Lieutenant J.L.Wellesley-Miller,  
1st Battalion, East Kent Regiment.

"Killed in action 15th September, 1916".

Next of Kin:-

Mrs E.Wellesley-Miller, (Mother)  
Prince of Wales Hotel,  
De Vere Gardens,  
Kensington, W.

M.S.3. Cas.  
6.10.16.



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## FIRST APPOINTMENTS.

FORM to be filled up by successful Candidates for appointment to Commissions in the Army. Candidates are warned to consult their parents or guardians before stating their wishes, as changes cannot be made when once an officer has been gazetted.

Name in full John Leslie Wellerley-Miller.

1. Regiments for which I desire to express a preference.

Officers wishing for Scottish, Irish, or Welsh Regiments should state their connection, if any, with the country in question.

(Not more than three Regiments should be specified. Family or Territorial claims should be fully stated.)

(1) East Kent  
(Buff)

attached to Motor  
Machine Guns

(2) Royal West Surrey  
(Queens)

attached to Motor  
Machine Guns

(3) Hampshires

attached to Motor  
Machine Guns

Family or Territorial Claims (if any), to be fully stated.

*Many relations have been in Buffs (among them Brig-gen. Bertram Pittford, late Col. Valbert, A. Cox, C.B. & others). Many of my relations live in Kent & have lived there myself*

*lived in Hampshire for 3 years.*

In the event of a vacancy not being available in these Regiments, state whether it is desired to wait under the terms of the annexed Memorandum. Candidates will only be allowed to wait when they are considered to have special claims.

2. Failing the above, is a Regiment stationed at Home, India, or Colonies preferred?

3. The Indian Army authorities anticipate that the number of officers appointed to the Unattached List from Sandhurst and from Universities will in ordinary circumstances be sufficient to fill all, or nearly all the vacancies in the Indian Army as they occur, but if any officers are required from time to time to supplement this direct supply such appointments will be open to officers of units of the Cavalry and Infantry of the Line and the Royal Artillery serving in India who possess the necessary qualifications. If a candidate desires to be posted to a Unit serving in India, with a view to becoming a candidate for the Indian Army, he would be well advised to state the following words on this Form, "Any Regiment which has a Battalion serving in India," in place of specifying any particular Regiments. At the same time it is pointed out that though every endeavour will be made to meet the candidate's wishes, it may prevent disappointment if he will bear in mind that the request can only be complied with if there is an available vacancy in the Indian Battalion of the Regiment to which he has been gazetted, taken in conjunction with the claims of other candidates who have passed senior to him. As a very large number of those entering the Service wish to go to India, it must be understood that it is quite impossible to accede to the request of all applicants owing to the small number of vacancies which occur from time to time in Battalions stationed in that Country.

Signature

J. L. Wellerley-Miller. G.C.  
F. Company.

Address to which notification of appointment should be sent. Any change should be at once notified to the War Office (to be written clearly).

Royal Military College.  
Camberley.

Date 4<sup>th</sup> October 1915

NOTE.—This Form must be filled up and forwarded to "THE SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE, WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.," through the Commandant of the Royal Military College.



Births within the District of the British Vice Consulate at Mentone FRANCE.

No.	When and Where Born.	Name.	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.
26	1897 December Eighteenth Mentone FRANCE.	John Leslie Wellesley MILLER.	M.	Arthur Wellesley MILLER.	Edith Maude HAMILTON.	Chartered Accountant. EDINBURGH.	A.W.Miller. Chartered Accountant. Hotel Prince de Galles.MENTONE.	April Twelfth 1898.

I, James Loftis Churchman, Her Britannic Majesty's Pro Consul at Mentone do hereby certify, That this is a the Entry of the Birth of JOHN LESLIE WELLESLEY MILLER, No 26 in the Register Book of Births kept at this

Witness my Hand and Seal, this 28th day of December 1914.

Signed J.L.CHURCHMAN.

British Pro-Consul,

MENTONE.

FEBRUARY, 1915

FORM OF PARTICULARS.

11 JAN 1915

N.B.—Candidates must fill up this form carefully and send it to the SECRETARY, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, for transmission, in the case of successful Candidates, to the War Office.

Examination for Admission to the Royal Military Academy, or the Royal Military College.

1. Name of Candidate in full ..... John Leslie Wellesley-Miller
2. Date and place of Birth ..... Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1897 Mentone, France  
(A Certificate of Birth to be attached. If one has been previously forwarded, state on what occasion and where sent.) (Copy of birth certificate enclosed)
3. Whether of pure European descent ..... Yes.
4. Permanent Address ..... Gladstone House, Clarence Parade, Southsea
5. (a) Name of Father in full ..... Arthur Wellesley-Miller.  
(b) Position in Life ..... gentleman (deceased.)  
(c) Whether of English, Scottish, or Irish family... Scottish
6. Is the Candidate in the Special Reserve, Militia or Territorial Force? If so, state Regiment ... no.  
(Recommendation to be forwarded from the Officer Commanding the unit.)
7. Is the Candidate, or has he been, a member of the Officers' Training Corps? If so, state:—  
(a) Contingent ..... Malvern College O.T.C. Malvern Worce  
(b) Rank ..... private  
(c) If left, date of leaving ..... Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1914.  
(d) Whether in possession of Certificate A ... no. (no exam<sup>n</sup>. held at college) East
8. Has the Candidate been in any other branch of the Public Service? ..... no.
9. Has the Candidate attended any previous examination for admission to the Royal Military Academy or Royal Military College, or for appointment to a Commission in the Army? If so, state the date or dates ..... no.

School, College, or other place of education of Candidate.	The columns to be filled in for the four years preceding the date of applying for examination.	
	From	To
1) Temple Grove (Rev. H. W. Waterfield M.A. head master)	1905	1912
2) East Shore (H. Eastbourne)	Sept 1912	dec 1914
3) Malvern College	Sept 1912	dec 1914
(also Army Tutor)		

J. L. Wellesley-Miller  
Signature of Candidate.

Edith Wellesley-Miller  
Signature of Parent or Guardian  
(except in the case of Candidates over 21 years of age).

Date January 10<sup>th</sup> 1915.

FRANCE.

EAST KENT. 1.

MILLER, J.L.Wellesley. 2/Lt.

M/15th. September 1916.

He was my platoon commander; Pte. Edwards in No. 5 platoon told me that he saw Mr. Miller fall close to him just in front of Loos Wood about 6.30 a.m. on the 15th. September. I was Prisoners Guard at the time, but made particular enquiries about Mr. Miller as we were all very fond of him. There seems no doubt that he was killed.

Reference: Cpl. Tritton, A. 5823., B. Coy.,  
No. 20 General,  
Etaples. 27.9.16.

G.S.F.

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POST OFFICE

Sept. 28th 1916

EAST KENT REGIMENT 1.

MILLER 2nd Lt. J.L.W.  
Smith 2nd Lt. Geoff. H.  
Hills 2nd Lt. M.A.

M. 15.9.16.

They all three went over the top and got outside the quadrilateral Wood about 6.45 a.m. The Germans were bombing the wounded and our heavy artillery also started shelling. I saw Lt. Hills fall. I do not think they could have been taken P/W. There was very heavy shell fire; at dusk the stretcher bearers went out but no trace could be found of any of these officers. The piece of ground in which these officers fell was No Man's Land.

Informant G. Howland 10597

1st East Kent

D Co.

H.S. Panama  
R.B.S.



20/9/16

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

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Prefix Code

(Inland Official)

Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Words.

Sent

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

At .M.

To

By

(Signature)

Dated Stamp.

TO

Mrs Wellesley - Miller  
 Prince of Wales Hotel De Vere Gardens Kensington  
 Regret to inform you that 2/Lieut. J. L. Wellesley - Miller, East Kent Regt is reported missing Sep 15. This does not necessarily mean killed or wounded. Further news sent if when received.

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.

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TO

Mrs Wellesley - Miller  
 Prince of Wales Hotel  
 De Vere Gardens Kensington W.8  
 Deeply regret to inform you that Lt. J. L. Wellesley - Miller, East Kent Regt previously reported missing 15 September is now reported killed in action on that date the army council express the ~~army~~ sympathy

FROM

SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

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26-4-16  
680 WESTINGHOUSE  
TELEPHONE

RECEIVED  
26 JAN 1917  
STATION WARRIOR SQUARE.  
POSTS REGISTER

Accounts  
114433/3  
ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA.

ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL,  
ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA.

January 25-17  
Lis. Room 2.

Wine 4/1

I received a letter &  
document for signing  
from Joe & on Dec 6 13th/16.  
Addressed to Prince of Wales Hotel  
de Vere & Co. "Re" Army funds  
due to my son the late Lt  
Lieut J. S. Kellery-Miller  
1st Buffs - I replied to that  
letter on Dec 27th & returned  
the document filled up  
& signed - & then again

checked =

relation-  
ship.

x W



pauline

I wrote to Joe about it on Aug  
7th - but I have had no  
reply to either of my letters.  
be kind enough to let me  
know if Joe has received  
them - or not. I am here  
for the present.

I am his  
Yours faithfully  
Catherine Wesley Miller -

I, Edith Helen Miller  
 declare that I am the Mother of the late  
 of 2nd Lieut J. L. Wellesley-Miller 1st Buffs  
 who died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1916

If no Will was left  
 insert "no" before  
 "Will," and strike out  
 the words in brackets.  
 Any Will which it is  
 not intended to prove  
 should be forwarded  
 for inspection.

left No Will [~~which it is not intended to prove~~], and that Letters of  
 Administration of this Estate or Confirmation have not been, and are not  
 intended to be, taken out.

The only near relations left by the said

were as follows:—

Relationship	Names in full	Addresses in full
<u>Widow</u>		
<u>Children</u>		Age
Other relations	<u>J. Broad Wellesley</u> <u>Aunts</u> <u>Uncles =</u>	<u>82 Marina</u> <u>St. Leonards on Sea</u> <u>"</u> <u>Serving at the time</u>

The said 2nd Lieut J. L. Wellesley-Miller  
 was born at Meutonic S. France Decr 18<sup>th</sup> 1897—  
Edith Wellesley-Miller Signature of the Applicant.

#### CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that the above Statement made by Edith Wellesley Miller  
 signed in my presence is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated at 82 Marina this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1916

Signature of Minister } John Webster Qualification Retd S. Demands  
 or Magistrate }

Address The Rectory

St Leonards on Sea



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WAR OFFICE  
11 OCT 1916

FIELD SERVICE.

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A. G.'s  
OFFICE AT THE BASE.  
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7/10/16  
REGULAR INFANTRY  
SECTION No. 5.

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.

REGIMENT or CORPS } 1st. Battn. The Buffs. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } -----

Rank 2nd. Lieutenant.

Name WELLESBY-MILLER. J.

DIED { By whom reported Officer Commanding 1st. Bn. The Buffs.  
Date of Death 15.9.16.  
Place or Hospital In the Field. France.  
Cause of Death Killed in Action.  
Place of Burial Not known.

State whether he leaves a will or not. } do.

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. H. N. Scott  
Capt. f  
Officer i/c Regular Infantry Section. No. 5

Station and Date G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon. 7th. Oct. 1916.

