

First World War Service Record of Norman Henry Aste

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Regiment or Corps ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY  
Rank 2/LIEUT. Name N.H. ASTE.  
Enlistment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, or its other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked at	Southampton	14-9-15	
		Disembarked at	Havre.	15-9-15	
5. 8. 16.	H. G. A.	Died from Wounds.			In the Field 5. 8. 16. A. F. B. 213.
6. 8. 16.	H. G. A.	Received in Action			U. S. Wd. Thigh (Haemorrhage Femoral Artery (Shell. A. 26.
12. 8. 16	Boquer.				Final Lieut P. A. for Colonel P. A. Officer P. P. A. Section. 3rd. Echelon P. C. 4.

R.G.A. (Heavy)

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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 any 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) 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.

1. Name in full	Surname Christian names	Aste Norman Henry
2. Date of birth.		30 May 1889
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.		No 42 Lancaster Gate W
7. Present address for correspondence.		No 42 Lancaster Gate W
8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.		No
9. Whether able to ride.		Yes
10. 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:—		
(a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent	...	...
(b) Date of appointment	...	...
(c) Rank	...	...
(d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge	...	...
(e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge	...	...
		<p>Had Artillery Company (Infantry) Joined 27 Sept 1909 Corporal On active service in France and Belgium from the 11 Sept 1914 to 7 Feb 1915 when I was wounded in the leg.</p>

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list. They may, however, be appointed to any particular unit. *Royal Garrison Artillery*  
11. The Branch of the Service (Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving *Heavy Battery*

12. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to the commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war. *Norman H. Geste*

Usual Signature of Candidate

Date

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

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been in a college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (e.g., a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, or a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate's life during the period.

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a second certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of *Norman Henry Geste*  
for the last

Signature

Rank, office or occupation

Date

Address

To be filled in when the above certificate does not cover four years.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of *Norman Henry Geste*

*in the last ten years to present time*

Signature

Rank, office or occupation

Date *29 March 1915*

Address

Evidence that the candidate has attained a good standard of education.

If the candidate has:-

(a) obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be attached;

(c) passed the matriculation examination of a University, or a test accepted in lieu of the Certificate should be attached.

Failing one of the above, the following certificate must be signed by the Headmaster of the secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that *Norman Henry Geste*  
a good standard of education.

State here educational position, e.g.,  
Head of a College or School, etc.

†Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate



## Casualty Form-Active Service.

Regiment or Corps M.A.C. InfantryRegimental No. 530 Rank Corporal Name Aste N.H.Enlisted (a) 27-9-09 Terms of Service (a) T.F. Service reckons from (a) 27-9-09Date of promotion to 12-9-14 Date of appointment to lance rank Numerical position on 12  
present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

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Date	From whom received				
13-2-15	4th Amb.	Embarked	Southampton	17-9-14	
10-2-15	6th Bty Sqn	Burn shot Wound Right leg	Loire	8-2-15	04989
10-2-15	14th Bn: Hvy	" " "	Bailleul	8-2-15	04500
12-2-15	" " "	" " "	Boulogne	9-2-15	04059
12-2-15	" " "	Go England for St Andrews		11-2-15	04290
H.H.G. 3rd School					Re-engaged Lt. Col.
		4-3-15			Officer i/o Infantry Bn
		3-2-9. 16th Oxford		12-2-15	

Army Form C. 318.

Army Form B. 103.

Edward V. 10/1/15



# TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 530 Name Norman Henry Aste Corps Hon. Artillery Company

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? Norman Henry Aste
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Beckenham in the County of Kent
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 20 Years 4 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Articled Clerk to a Solicitor
6. In whose employ are you? John Camm Holmes & Sons
7. Where do you now reside? Hawthorns - Beckenham
8. Are you now an Apprentice? if so, please state particulars No
9. Are you married? No
10. 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
11. 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
12. Do you belong, or have you belonged, to any Cadet Corps or Battalion? No
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning? Yes
15. 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 CITY OF LONDON Yes
16. (a) Do you understand that during the first year of your original enlistment you will be required to attend the number of drills and fulfil the other conditions prescribed for a recruit of the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join?  
(b) That in addition to such preliminary training you will be liable to attend the number of drills and fulfil 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 8, or more than 15 days altogether, in every year, or, if belonging to a mounted branch for not less than 8, or more than 18 days altogether, in every year, as may be prescribed, and may for that purpose be called out, once or oftener, in every year?  
(c) That if you, without leave or reasonable excuse, fail to attend the number of drills required to fulfil the conditions relating to preliminary or annual training prescribed for your arm or branch of the service, you render yourself liable to a fine not exceeding 25?  
(d) 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?  
(e) 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 prolong your service for a further period not exceeding 12 months?  
(f) That you will be liable 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?  
Yes

\* A further period of preliminary training may be prescribed during the first year of original enlistment by an Order in Council, the number of days being specified, and the period of annual training in any year may be extended by an Order in Council, due notice thereof having been given, and provided that neither House of Parliament has disented, but the whole period of annual training shall not exceed 30 days in any year.  
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, Norman Henry Aste 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.

Norman Aste

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

No. 530 Ed. de la...

Signature of Witness.

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

I, Norman Henry Aste do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, 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 Frank Parnham 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 27 day of Sept 1909 Frank Parnham Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorised 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 (6), Army Act.  
The Recruit should, if he requires it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 501A.

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Ao 8.8.16 (Inland Official) No. of Telegram 704/3

Prefix Code Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words Sent

M.S.3. O.H.M.S. At M. To By (Signature) W D W Best

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

TO: Jax Aste, Mark Lane Station Buildings  
32 Seething Lane F.C.

Deeply regret to inform you 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut J H Aste was killed in action August 4<sup>th</sup>  
The Army Council express their 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.



From, The Standing Committee of Adjustment,  
General Headquarters,  
3rd Echelon,  
British Expeditionary Force.

To, Messrs. Cox & Co's., Shipping Agency, Ltd.,  
16, Charing Cross,  
London, E.C. 4.

The undermentioned effects of the late  
2nd. Lieut. N.H. Aste. 23rd H. Batty. R.G.A.  
are forwarded herewith, per registered post.

- photos*
- Inventory.
  - 1 Leather Case.
  - 1 Sam Browne Belt.
  - 1 Cheque Book.
  - 2 Note Books.
  - 1 Stamp Book. containing 2 (1d) & 6 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ).
  - 1 Wrist Watch & Strap.
  - 1 Whistle & Lanyard.
  - 1 Map.
  - 1 Diary.
  - 1 Gold Finger Ring.
  - 1 Silver Cigarette Case.
  - 1 Damaged Protractor.
  - 1 Officer's Advance Pay Book. — 4211
  - 3 Pencils.
  - 2 Collar Badges.
  - 3 Francs 50 Centimes. (*50 centimes*)

205 Francs & 10/- paid to Base Cashier.

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0  $\frac{2}{a}$  084029  
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10-8-16.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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