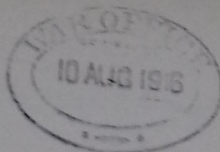


First World War Service Record of Norman Pilkington Blake

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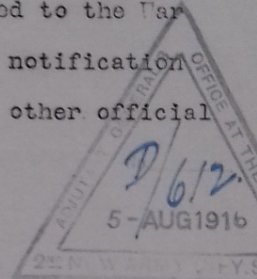
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Army Form B.2090.

FIELD SERVICE.

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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 sources.



Unit. 8th (Service) Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment.

Rank. 2/Lieutenant.

Name. N. R. BLAKE.

) By whom reported. Officer Commanding Battalion.

) Date of death. 14th July, 1916.

) Place or Hospital. In the field, France or Belgium.

) Cause of death. Killed in action.

) Place of burial. Not forthcoming.

State whether he)
leaves a Will)
or not.) Not forthcoming.

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.

AD Clarke

Captain,
Major,

Date. 3. 8. 1916.
General Headquarters,
3rd Echelon.

Officer i/c New Army Infantry Section No.2.
Adjutant General's Office at the Base

Right
2nd Lieutenant N.F. Blake,

8th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment.

3/3. Killed in action - 14th July, 1916.

Next of Kin -

Mrs. Blake, (Mother)

Hillside Cottage,

Steeple Aston,

Oxon.

M.S.3. Cas:

23. 7. 16.

*TEWANA
Capt
Effects at 17614*

sent 126 + 126a to mother

*3/8/16
S.B.*

*Lieut B
5/8*

No. called & left 126A.

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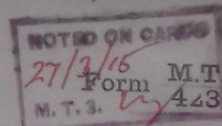
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7/17/8

9th Yorks Regt



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

The information asked for below must be given in full.

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1. Name in full	Surname. Christian names.	Blake Norman Pilkington
2. Date of birth (a birth certificate to be forwarded later).		18 March 1890
3. Whether married.		No.
4. Whether of pure European descent.		yes.
5. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.		British born subject.
6. Permanent address.		c/o. b.2. Parker &
7. Present address for correspondence.		24 Dulwich Wood Park Norwood.
8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.		
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. Is so, state :—		
(a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent ...		* began 18 months rifle corps + machine bulge cadet corps.
(b) Date of appointment ...		* began.
(c) Rank ...		June 1913.
(d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge		Business Reasons.
(e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ...		
11. Whether application for a commission has been previously made. If so, state date and branch of the Service.		

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

by that I may be appointed to the 9th Batt. East Yorkshire Regiment. H. D. Blake
Date 2-3-15
Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age
now stationed at Fulford Barracks, York

Reference No. 108702/2.

Mrs. Blake 82 82

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Madam,

With reference to the information already sent to you regarding the place of burial of Capt. H.P. Blake, 8th East Yorks. Regt., I beg to inform you that it has been found necessary to exhume the bodies buried in this area and to re-inter them, and the body of the above mentioned Officer has been removed and buried in Quarry Cemetery Montauban, East of Albert.

108702/2

The new grave has been duly marked and registered in this office.

The re-burial has been carefully and reverently carried out.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) Stopford,

Mrs. Blake,
Grofton House,
Boxford,
Suffolk.

Major, D.A.A.G.
for Major-General,
D.G.G.R. & F.

Mrs. Blake.
Boxford.
Suffolk.

I am, Madam.

Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

70
Post Office,
Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.

Accounts 4. Plaque & Scroll

List No. 865 1914-15.

31st Jan. 1919.
Madam.

With reference to the late

Captain R. P. Blake.

8th Bn: East Yorkshire Rgt:

and with a view to the issue of the
Plaque & Scroll which are to be sent
to the next-of-kin of those who have
fallen, I am to ask whether you can
inform this Department of the name
and address of the late Officer's
nearest relative now living, in the
following order of relationship:-

Widow	...	...	...
Eldest Son	...	...	...
.. Daughter	...	...	...
Father	...	...	...
Mother	...	...	...
Eldest Brother	...	...	...
.. Sister	...	...	...
.. Half Brother	...	...	...
.. .. Sister	...	...	...

Mr. Blake.
Gorton House.
Boxford
Suffolk

Owing to the great number of
cases to be dealt with it is
impossible to say how soon the
distribution will be effected in any
individual case.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Major

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

Mrs Blake,

~~Willowide Cottage~~.

~~Staple Aston~~.

~~Boxford~~.

Gorton House
Boxford
Suffolk

I am directed to inform you that a renewal
has been received which at

GRAMS, BOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
PARCELS, SUDBURY, G. R. 11.

GROTON HOUSE,
BOXFORD,
SUFFOLK.

Feb. 4.

Dear Sir,

I have filled in the papers enclosed
concerning the Discharge of my
son the late Capt. H. P. Blake
8th East Yorkshires Regt -

Any further communication you
may have to make to me will
you kindly send to the above
address as I have left Melbourn
Cottage -

Yrs Faithfully
H. P. Blake

SHARES RETAINED

Amount

For whom

Instructions

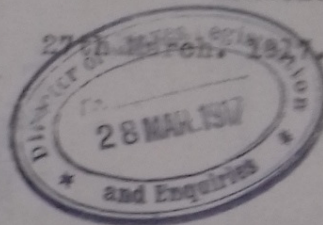
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1916

War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Sq.,
London. S.W.



Dear Madam,

I am directed to inform you that a report has been received which states that the late 2/ Lieutenant N.P. Blake, 8/ East Yorks, is buried about 500 yards S.E. of Bazentin-le-Grand.

The grave has been registered in this office, and is marked by a durable wooden cross with an inscription bearing full particulars,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd,) P.B. Akroyd.

Capt. D.A.A.G.,
for Brig-General.
Director G.R. & E.

Mrs. Blake.
Hillside Cottage.
Steeple Aston.
Oxon.

NO ENQUIRY.

8th. East Yorkshire Regiment.

Blake, Captain.

Informant states that on 14th. July ,
(Friday) he saw Captain Blake killed.

Reference: Herbert Burr, 13523.
8th. East Yorkshire Regiment,
St. Bartholomew's Hospital,

Home Address:

21, Spittle Street,
Jennings Street,
Groves,
Hull.

London,
July 27th., 1916,
J. Rolt.

207

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POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix _____ Code _____

(Inland Official)

Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram 663-3

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words.

Sent

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

O. H. M. S.

M. S. 3
GAS.

At _____ M.

To _____

By _____

(Signature)

Dated Stamp.

TO {

Mr Blake
Hillside Cottage
Steeple Aston
Oxon -

Reply
East Yorks Regt. is reported killed in action
14th July - The Army Council express their
sympathy -

REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT Mr. N.P. Blake

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.

Ao 23/5/16

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix _____ Code _____ (Inland Official Telegrams only.) No. of Telegram 71079

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent

O. H. M. S.

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the 210

By _____ (Signature) Ruth Myers

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

Dated Stamp.

TO { Blake Hillside Cottage, Shipley Aston Oxon

<u>sent on P. Blake East</u>	<u>Yorkshire Regt</u>	<u>discharged</u>	<u>to duty</u>
<u>May 17</u>			

FROM { **SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.**

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Ao 17/5/16

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent

O. H. M. S.

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By _____ (Signature) S. H. T. Hill

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Dated Stamp.

TO { Mr Blake Hillside Cottage Shipley Aston - Oxon

<u>Mr W. P. Blake & East Yorkshire Regt transferred</u>			
<u>to 2 Red Cross Hospital Rouen May 13 suffering</u>			
<u>from influenza</u>			

FROM { **SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.**

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5/3/16

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS

(Inland Official)

Prefix Ao Code No. of Telegram X161

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent.

O. H. M. S. At M.

To

By (Signature) John Threlkeld

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

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Mr Blake
Hillside College
Steeple Aston Oxon

<u>2/4th N. P. Blake S. C. East Yorks Regt Transferred</u>			
<u>to 6 Red Cross Hospital E. of Paris May 1 with disability -</u>			
<u>mild</u>			

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

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8/4/16

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS

(Inland Official)

Prefix Ao Code No. of Telegram 7104

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent.

O. H. M. S. At M.

To

By (Signature) P. H. M. J. S.

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

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Blake
Hillside College. Steeple Aston. Oxon

<u>2/4th N. P. Blake S. C. East Yorks Regt Transferred to</u>			
<u>Midland Convalescent Home Amersham April 3rd</u>			

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

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27.3.16

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O. H. M. S.

Words. _____ Sent. _____
 At _____ M. _____
 To _____
 By _____

No. of Telegram **570**
 I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the _____
 (Signature) *BCI tays*

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

TO { *Mrs Blake - Milton House*
Bognor Regis
Regd to inform you that - 2 LI - R.P. Blake 8th East
Yorks was awarded 23/3 notice today no station
further particulars will be supplied

Dated Stamp. _____

FROM { *S.W.O.*

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.

29.3.16

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. _____
O. H. M. S.

Words. _____ Sent. _____
 At _____ M. _____
 To _____
 By _____

No. of Telegram _____
 I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the _____
 (Signature) *M. Billing*

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

TO { *Mrs Blake*
810 to House. Bognor. Suff.
2 suit M. P. Blake boat Holsham Regt was
admitted 14. General Hospital Bandage 28th Feb
admitted from hospital arrived 1st Mar
sent. Further news will be sent by receipt.

Dated Stamp. _____

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.

136a. Hillside Cottage
Steeple Aston
Ct. Ox.

March 29th

Dear Sir

I have received your telegram
informing me that my son
2nd Lieut. H. P. Blake 8th East Yorks
was wounded on the 23rd Feb.

I am most anxious for further
news & to avoid delay I should
be glad if you will communicate
to me at the above address
(instead of to 32 Old Bond St. Box 44)

Any information you receive
as to his condition & the nature
of his wounds -

Yours faithfully
H. P. Blake

Extract from Letters of Administration.
Probate of Will. Annexed limited

dated 30th Nov 1917. Granted at P.P.R.

1. Estate of Norman Pilkington Blake of 26 Bishopsgate City of London and of Eskdale, Knapdale, Island of Ceylon Capt. 8th Bn. F. Coy

2. Date and Place of Death 14th July 1916 in France or Belgium on active service
and duly executed his last Will & Testament & did therein name his sister Violet Hilda Johnston (wife of Sydney Johnston - formerly Blake spinster) sole executrix who now resides in Ceylon.

3. Grantees Charles Mackintosh lawful Attorney of the said Violet Hilda Johnston for her use and benefit & until she shall apply for & obtain Probate of the said Will.

✓ Formal Will dated 11th March 1912.

4. Gross value. £ 1080 - 4 - 10.

5. Disposal of Medals - To Mrs. Violet Hilda Johnston - sister of deceased.

Produced by

Extracted by

Stephenson Harwood & Co. Solicitors
31 Lombard St.
E.C.3

and to whom returned

by R.P. 10/12/17.

W.S.P. 10/12

ARMWOOD & CO

FOR.

WOOD

SON

BERT C. WITT

LES MACKINTOSH

APPELBE ADAMS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS

"LIMATOR, LONDON"

CODES

E. (5TH ED.) MCNEILL'S & WESTERN UNION

TELEPHONE N°9

2751 AVENUE

2752 AVENUE

St. Lombard Street

London 8th Nov 1917

E.C.3

affection

Sir,

Capt. N.P. Blake dec'

8th Bat: E. Yorks.

108702/2.

Referring to your letter of the 28th Sept
we shall be glad to know whether you
are now able to give us the information
asked for in our letter of 21 Sept last.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants

Lupinus & Howard & Co

The Secy

War Office

Imperial Institute

St. 7.

visitors are pressing for a
statement of the estate.

NSON, HARWOOD & CO
SOLICITORS.

HORACE G HARWOOD,
WALTER S HENDERSON,
ROBERT C WITT,
CHARLES MACKINTOSH,
APPELBE ADAMS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
LIMATOR, LONDON.
CODES:

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TELEPHONE NOS
2751 AVENUE
2752 AVENUE.

22 SEP 1917

21, Lombard Street,

London, 21st September 1917
E.C. 3.

Off. Secy

T W 10/9

Sir,

Captain Norman Pilkington Blake, deceased. 108702/2
8th Service Battalion, East Yorkshire Regt. C.3.A.L.

We wrote you in this matter yesterday, but as we have reason to believe that the letter has miscarried we think it is well to repeat the terms of our letter.

We are acting for the sole Executrix of the Will of the late Captain Blake, who was killed in action either in France or Belgium on the 14th July 1916. The Executrix who resides in Ceylon has now instructed us to apply for Probate in England, and we shall be glad to know what sums, if any, are due to this Officer's estate.

We are Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Stephen Harwood

The Secretary,
War Office,
Park Buildings,
S.W.

Maskeliya,
Ceylon.

10. Sydney Johnstone Esq

FAIRLAWN,

MASKELIYA,

CEYLON.

18th Dec 64

Blake

Dear Sir
Will you please send
me the Death Certificate
of my late son Captain
H.P. Blake 8th East-
Yorkshire Regt as we
can do nothing about
his will or money until
we receive it. So should
be much obliged if
you would kindly send
it as soon as possible -
Yours faithfully
Wm Blake.