

## **First World War Service Record of Reginald Paul Thompson**

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Register No. 114992



Minute Sheet No. 1

2nd Lieutenant R.P. Thompson,

3rd att. 1st Somerset Light Infantry.

"Died of wounds 9th August, 1916."

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Next of kin:-

Thompson,  
Raith Lodge,  
Malvern.

M.S.3. (Cas.)

14th August, 1916.

*D. G. S. & Hester Capt*

*Recd  
20/8/16*

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Form 51 to Agents & circulate preliminary  
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# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The candidate will carefully complete the following particulars, obtain the certificates on page 3 and then

NOTED ON CARDS

If desirous of appointment to

A Household Cavalry Regiment  
The Foot Guards  
The Irish Horse  
King Edward's Horse

A Cavalry Regiment

A reserve unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery  
A reserve unit of the Royal Engineers (see note (b) 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

The Officer Commanding the Regiment he wishes to join

The Officer Commanding a Reserve Regiment of Cavalry, a Cavalry Depot, or the Officer in charge of Cavalry Records, Canterbury

The Officer Commanding the Reserve unit he wishes to join

The Officer Commanding a Reserve Brigade or Depot.  
The Lieut.-Colonel, Royal Garrison Artillery, in any Coast Defences, or the Officer Commanding a Depot

The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 61, 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.)

The Officer Commanding a Regular Battalion or Depot of the Regiment he wishes to join

Forward the application to—The War Office, London, S.W.

1. Unit or branch in which the candidate desires to serve	<i>Infantry Somerset Regt</i>
2. Name of Candidate (in full) (See note (a) on page 2)	Surname ... <i>Thompson</i> Christian Names... <i>Reginald Paul</i>
3. Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached or forwarded later.)	<i>12<sup>th</sup> August 1887.</i>
4. Whether married	<i>No.</i>
5. Whether of pure European descent	<i>Yes.</i>
6. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject	<i>British born.</i>
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.) 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.)	<i>London Matriculation 1906</i>
Permanent address	<i>Edith Lodge, 95, Malvern, Worcs.</i>
Present address for correspondence	<i>21<sup>st</sup> (Service) Bde. Royal Fusiliers, Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey.</i>
Profession or occupation	<i>Schoolmaster</i>
Schools and Colleges at which educated	<i>Malvern College.</i>
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).	<i>21<sup>st</sup> (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers 4<sup>th</sup> September 1914 Private.</i>





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## SHORT SERVICE.

(THREE years with the Colours.)

Public Schools

## ATTESTATION OF

No. .... Name. Reginald P. Thompson Corps. University  
Royal Tank Corps

## Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name ? ..... 1. Reginald Paul Thompson
  2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born ? ..... { 2. In the Parish of St. John in or  
near the Town of Cardiff  
in the County of .....
  3. Are you a British Subject ? ..... 3. Yes
  4. What is your Age ? ..... 4. 27 Years. .... Months.
  5. What is your Trade or Calling ? ..... 5. School
  6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where ? ..... 6. Yes
- You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.
7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice ? if so, where ? to whom ? for what period ? and, when did, or will the period of your apprenticeship expire ? ..... 7. No
  8. Are you Married ? ..... 8. No
  9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power ? ..... 9. No
  10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force ? If so, to what unit and Corps ? ..... 10. No
  - \*11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force ? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge ..... 11. No
  12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service ? ..... 12. Yes
  13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown ? If so, on what grounds ? ..... 13. No
  14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated ? ..... 14. Yes
  15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service ? ..... 15. Yes
  16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you ? ..... 16. Yes { Name G.E.O. HALLITT  
Corps A.T. NAT. RES.
  17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services ? ..... 17. Yes
- (a) For a term of three years. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. If, however, the war is over in less than three years, you may be discharged as soon as convenient at your option.....
- (b) To be attached to any arm of the Service should such be required of you.

I, Reginald - Paul. Thompson 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.

Reginald. P. Thompson. SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

John H. Shanks Signature of Witness.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Reginald. Paul Thompson. swear by Almighty God 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, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me

at Cardiff Ham on this 4 day of Sept 1914  
Signature of the Justice D. J. Pawford. Reasure J.P.

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 8 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 2054.



To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only  
 Army Form B. 178A to be used for Special Reserve recruits and  
 Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Thompson Christian Name Reginald Paul

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish Cardiff County Glamorgan

Examined .. .. on 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1914  
 at Cardiff

Declared Age .. .. 27 years

Trade or Occupation .. Solicitor

Height .. .. 5 feet, 10½ inches.

Weight .. .. 10 stone 11½ lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded. 35 inches.

{ Range of Expansion. 2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate } Normal

Vaccination Marks { Arm .. Right ✓ Left ✓  
 Number Several

When Vaccinated .. .. At 9 & 14 years ago.

Vision .. .. { R.E.—V = 6/6  
 { L.E.—V = 6/6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { (a) ✓

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection { (b) Damaged incisor tooth

Approved by .. (Signature) W. B. Crawford Treasurer M.D.  
 (Rank) .. .. Medical Officer.

Enlisted .. .. at Cardiff  
 on 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1914

Joined on Enlistment .. { Corps. 21st SERVICE BATT. ROYAL FUSILIERS. Regtl. No. 3280

Transferred to .. ..

Became non-effective by .. discharge on being appointed to a commission in the Somerset L.I. Authority WO letter 19.5.15 Ref 91 Gen No 2  
 on 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1915

(Signature) W. B. Crawford LIEUT. COLONEL,  
 (Rank) COMMANDING 21st SERVICE BATTN. ROY. FUS.

P.T.O

M.S.3. (Cas.)

30th November, 1916.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mrs. Fowler, and begs to inform her that a further report has just been received which states that 2nd Lieutenant R.P. Thompson, 3rd attached 1st Somerset Light Infantry, died in No. 10 Casualty Clearing Station, from gas poisoning, on the 9th August last.

11/8/16		POST OFFICE		TELEGRAPHS.	
A o		(Inland Official)		Telegrams only.)	
Prefix		Code		No. of Telegram	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Words.		Sent	
M.S.3. O.H.M.S.				At M.	
CAS.				To	
				By	
Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof				Dated Stamp.	
TO Thompson Edith Lodge Malvern					
Deeply					
SECRET TO INFORM YOU THAT 2/Lt R.P. Thompson 3rd					
attached 1st Somerset Light Infantry died on August 9th. The Army					
Council express their sympathy. Please supply War Office M.S. 3					
Casualties with relationship and address of next of kin of this					
Officer					
FROM SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.					



Edith Lodge  
Malvern  
August 16. 1916.

3<sup>rd</sup> attached 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Somerset Light Infantry

I beg to acknowledge your telegram  
of this date conveying the sad intelligence  
of the death of the above officer.

His next of kin is his sister M<sup>rs</sup> Edith  
Forster (formerly Thompson) and her address  
is Edith Lodge, Malvern.

I am his grand mother.

Any further information regarding  
the circumstances of his death will  
be gratefully received.

Yours faithfully

J. J. Richards

The Secretary  
War Office M.S. 3 (Amalgamated)  
London.

Names in full

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

Dated 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1916. Granted at P.P.R.

1. Estate of Reginald Paul Thompson of 98, Queen Street Cardiff, Co. of Glamorgan 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. attached 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Somerset L.I.
2. Date and Place of Death 9<sup>th</sup> August 1916. 10. Casualty Clearing Station in Belgium.

3. Grantees Claude Melford Thompson Uncle of deceased. one of the executors named in the said will. Essex Loftus Digby the other executor named in the said will having renounced probate thereof

4. Gross value, £ 4225. 1. 5.

5. Disposal of Medals To son - Edith Mary Thompson  
E. Honley Esq<sup>r</sup> Solicitor,  
67, Queen Street,  
Cardiff.

Produced by

to whom returned by neg post.

W13604-361 1000 3/15 HMY 3553 H204663  
8275-H2232 5000 10/16

Will dated 7 Sep  
Sister Edith Residuary



C.3.(A.L.)

*notes*

# FIELD SERVICE.

No. 2 REGULAR INFANTRY RECORD SECTION.	
No.	2777
Date.	3/4/16
3rd ECHELON. A.E. OFFICE AT THE BASE.	

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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 documentary sources.

Unit) 1st Battn PRINCE ALBERT'S (Somerset L.Infy).

Rank) 2/Lieutenant.

Name) THOMPSON. R.P.

DIED	By whom reported	O.C. No.10. C.C.S.
	Date of Death	9th August, 1916.
	Place or hospital	10. C.C.S. BELGIUM. <i>noted</i>
	Cause of death	Died from Gas poisoning.
	Place of burial	Not known.

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.

(sd) E.NAPIER. Major for  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Officer i/c Inftry Sections,  
Adjutant General's Office at the Base.

Certified true copy.

General Headquarters, 3rd. Echelon.

Date) 12th August, 1916.

G.H. Orst  
3rd Echelon,  
2.11.1916.

for Officer i/c Regular Infantry Section.

*Rauson*

Capt

The Standing Committee of Adjustment,

General Headquarters,

3rd Echelon,

Irish 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. R.P. Thompson, 1st Somerset Light Infantry,  
are forwarded herewith, per registered post.

Inventory.

- 2. Handkerchiefs.
- 1. Tiepin.
- 1. Gold Ring.
- 1. Clasp Knife.
- 1. Whistle.
- 1. Bunch keys.
- 1. Cigarette Case
- 1. Wrist Identity Disc.
- 1. Wrist Watch and strap.
- 2. Pencils.
- 1. Circular Identity Disc.
- 1. Medicine Case.
- 1. Diary.
- 4. Halfpenny stamps.
- Letter, rubber.
- 1. A.P.153.



