

First World War Service Record of Richard Gerald Milburn

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Army Form B. 201.

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

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 Junior Division, Officers Training Corps, as follows:—

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

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, 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 of the Regiment he wishes to join

The Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.

Unit or branch in which the candidate desires to serve	4 th Battalion East Surrey Regiment
Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ... (See note (a) on page 2)	Milburn
Christian Names...	Richard Gerald
Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached.)	August 24 th 1893
Whether married	No
Whether of pure European descent	yes
Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject	British born
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). 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>Nil</i> <i>45.</i> I certify that the previous examination has been passed R. G. Milburn P. L. of ...
Permanent address	Stoneswall Park, Edenbridge, Kent
Present address for correspondence	Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W
Profession or occupation	
Schools and Colleges at which educated	Malvern College & Trinity College, Cambridge
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.	

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.

No

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

(a) Contingent

(b) Rank

(c) If left, date of leaving

(d) Whether in possession of Certificate A.

(e) " " " " B.

Previously. Malvern College. O.T.C.
Corporal

August 1912

No

No

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

I wish to be

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

Yes

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

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

20. (a) Weight

(b) No. of R. A. C. Aeroplane Pilot's Certificate, and whether any experience in flying since obtaining the certificate

(c) Whether any experience in mechanical, electrical or motor engineering ...

(d) Whether accustomed to map-reading

(e) Whether desirous of:—

(1) Continuous service

(2) Reserve service

21. (a) Qualifications

(b) Academic and other distinctions ...

(c) Appointments held since qualification

(d) If not yet professionally qualified, the probable date of the candidate's "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 to

4th Battalion East Surrey Regiment

R. Gerald Milburn

(Usual signature of Candidate.)

Date

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

See above, slip attached

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

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

Tynemouth	Dover	Falmouth	Aberdeen
Harwich	Portsmouth	Cardiff	Gourock
Shoeburyness	Weymouth	Pembroke Dock	Londonderry
Sheerness	Plymouth	Leith Fort	Cork

(c) The reserve units of the Royal Engineers are:—Royal Anglesey—Headquarters at Beaumaris.
Royal Monmouthshire—Headquarters at Monmouth.

*Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at school, 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 (not a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in private life during the period.

If the head of an educational establishment, or other responsible person, cannot certify for the whole period, 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 Richard Gerald Miller
for the last two years

Signature R. Vere Lawrence

†Rank, office or occupation Tutor of Trinity Coll., Cambridge

Date Aug. 9. 1914. Address _____

I hereby certify to the good moral character of _____

filled in
the above
date does
not cover four

from _____ to _____

Signature _____

†Rank, office or occupation _____

Date _____ Address _____

If the candidate is a member of the
Malta, Bermuda or Channel Islands Militia, the officer commanding the unit
‡Territorial Force, the officer commanding the unit
Senior Division O.T.C., the adjutant of the contingent
Junior Division O.T.C., the officer commanding the contingent
will, after ascertaining that pages 1 and 2 have been properly filled in and the required
certificates furnished, complete the following certificate, and then forward the application as
specified at the head of page 1.

I certify that I can recommend _____
as a fit and proper person for appointment to a commission in the branch of the Special Reserve
of Officers for which he applies.

He was returned as efficient in the years 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912

He attended camp in the years 1912

Not in W.T.C.

Date Aug. 9. 1914

W. H. Lawrence

*Not applicable to candidates who retire from the Regular Forces expressly for the purpose of serving in the
Special Reserve of Officers.

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

‡In the case of an Officer of the Territorial Force, the Commanding Officer will attach a statement as to whether:—

- (i.) All regimental claims have been paid;
- (ii.) He is aware of any outstanding public claim on account of outfit allowance or other service.

[P.T.O.]

2/2/15

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I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the WAR OFFICE.

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

Dated Stamp.

TO

Mrs Milburn
Stonewall Park
Edenbridge Kent

Deeply Regret

to

inform

you

that

the late 2nd Lt R. G. Milburn 2nd East Surrey Regt
died of wounds received in action on Feb 9th

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 Milburn
Stonewall Park Edenbridge Kent

Deeply Regret

to

inform

you

that

2nd Lieut R. G. Milburn 2nd East Surrey Regt was
killed in action on 9 February - and his
express his 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.

Effects.

Issue Form.

No.

15a

No. of Paper:

34433/2

Record No.

68665

Year of Effects:

1915-16

Rank and
Name

Lieut. R. L. Milburn

Regiment

East Surrey.

Whether a Will
exists

Admon.

Whether Scottish or
English case

English.

Whether born in wedlock

Whether ever married

AMOUNTS OF PRESENT CREDITS, £

Whether Pay Bk. received

£ 45.10.0.

Date of death

1915.

Claims, if any:—

None (best)

SHARES ISSUABLE:—

Amount	Relationship	Names in full	Addresses	Remarks
10.00	Mother & admix	Mrs. Edith Jane Milburn	216 Messrs Rowle, Johnstone St., Solicitor, 1, Bedford Row, W.C.	Pay by draft

SHARES RETAINED:—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom

[For Acquaint, see overleaf.

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

Dated 10th April 1915. Granted at The Principal Probate Registry.

1. Estate of Richard Gerald Milburn of Stonewall Park Edenbridge in the County of Kent, a Lieutenant in H. M. Army.
2. Date and Place of Death Was killed in action on the 9th February 1915 in France, intestate a bachelor without father.
3. Grantees. Edith Jane Milburn, widow, natural and lawful mother and only next of kin. of the said intestate.
4. Gross value, £ 108. 2. 6.

Extracted by } Messrs Rawle Johnstone & Co.,
Produced by } Solicitors,
1, Bedford Row,
W.C.

to whom returned

By registered post.

15/11/15.

STATION, COWDEN.
TELEGRAMS, MARKESECH.
TELEPHONE, PERHURST 24.

March 22. 1915.

STONEWALL PAR
EDENBRIDGE,
KENT.

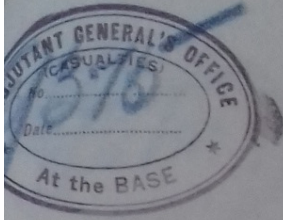
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Sir.

One package
of clothes &c has
been received belonging
to the late Lieut R. G. Milburn
2 Batt East-Surrey Regiment
but several personal

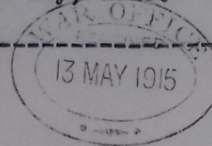
things which we should
value have not
come such as
his signet ring,
Pocket Kodak -
Compass - Knife -
I shall be grateful if
you can have these
things insured about -
Yours faithfully, R. G. Milburn



GENERAL HEAD QUARTERS,
3rd ECHELON.

EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

10th May, 1915.



Sir,

With reference to War Office letter No/34433/2
(Accounts 4) dated 6th April, 1915, regarding the effects
of the late 2nd Lieutenant R.G. Milburn, East Surrey Regiment .
I have the honour to inform you that the Officer Commanding
the Battalion reports that the effects were disposed of as
laid down in General Routine Orders British Army in the Field
No/595.

Neither of the articles mentioned in the letter
quoted above were found either on the body of the late 2nd Lieut
Milburn or in his personal effects -; what was found on him
was forwarded by Registered Post to his next of kin.

It is extremely likely that his signet ring was
buried with him.

No Committee of Adjustment appears to have been held

I have the honour to be,

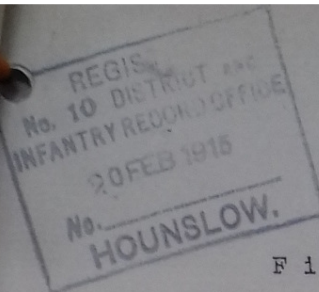
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Major General,

Deputy Adjutant General, 3rd Ech
Expeditionary Force.

The /Secretary,
War Office.



P. Ho. 34433

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Notes.

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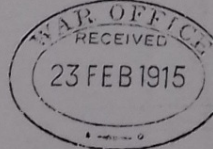
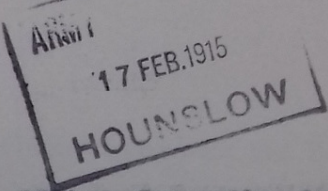
Field Service
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Report of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B.213 or Army Form A.36 or from other official documentary sources.

Unit) 2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Name R. G. MILBURN



DIED { By whom reported Officer Commanding 2nd East Surrey Regiment
{ Date 10th February 1915
{ Place or Hospital Not known
{ Cause of death From wounds received in Action.
{ Place of burial Not known

State whether he (Not known
leaves a will or (
not.

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.

Woodington

Captain for
Lieut Colonel,
1/c Infantry Sections
Adjutant General's Office at the Base

General Headquarters,
3rd. Echelon.

date 14/2/1915

