

First World War Service Record of Robert Percy Nathan

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104144

Captain R.P. Nathan.
Royal Field Artillery (X.36th Trench Mortar Battery.)

"DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION"
22nd March, 1918.

(Wounded 21/3/18).

Next of Kin :-

B.A. Nathan, Esq: (Father)
85, Greencroft Gardens,
N.W.

Shaw Lane
lt.

M.S.3. (Cas:)
25.3.18.

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Pls. H.A.C.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 1219 Name R.P. Latham

Corps Hon. Artillery Company

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? Robert Percy Latham
2. In the Parish of St. James in or near the Town of London in the County of Middlesex
3. Yes
4. 21 Years 11 Months.
5. Shoe & Leather
6. Do
7. 58, Greenwich Gardens, N.W.
8. Do
9. Do
10. Do
11. Do
12. Latham College, B.T.C.
13. Do
14. 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 London to serve in the Hon. Artillery Company?
16. Do you understand that during the first year of your original enlistment you will be

Amendment for question 16.—Army Forms E. 501 and E. 501A (9/London County/323).

16. Do you understand—
 - (a) 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? Yes
 - (b) That you will be required to complete such preliminary training by the 31st October next following your original enlistment, unless before that date you obtain permission from your Commanding Officer to complete it afterwards, but that in any case you must complete it within 12 months of your original enlistment? Yes
 - (c) 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, 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 often, in every year? Yes
 - (d) 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 £5? Yes
 - (e) 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? Yes
 - (f) 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? Yes
 - (g) 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
 - (h) That you will be required to deliver up in good order, full wear and tear only excepted, at such time and place as may be ordered by the Commanding Officer, all arms, clothing and appointments issued to you, being public property (including the property of the County Association)? Yes

Under the provisions of Section 99 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, Robert Percy Latham 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.

R.P. Latham

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT

Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Robert Percy Latham do make Oath, that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

I, Geo. L. Bolea do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions 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. 2 on this 9th day of August 1914.

Geo. L. Bolea (Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorised to attest Recruit)

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 80 (6), Army Act.
The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 501A.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 4th U.S. Infantry

Regimental No. 1219 Rank Plt Name Nathan G

Enlisted (a) 9.8.14 Terms of Service (a) 4 years Service reckons from (a) 9.8.14

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on 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 E. 218, Army Form A. 56, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Remarks taken from Army Form E. 218, Army Form A. 56, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received	Place	Date
		Embkd. Southampton	18-11-15
4-9-15	O.P. Unit	<p>Jonid Battalion</p> <p>20 England for Commission</p>	<p>26-11-15.</p> <p>1-9-15. B 73 ans. F.</p>
		<p>O. W. & F. Smith</p> <p>Major</p> <p>for off. c/p Ten. Inf. Section</p>	

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		250,000	8/14		

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 11th A.C. Inf.

Regimental No. 1219 Rank Plt Name Nathan R. P.

Enlisted (a) 9/8/14 Terms of Service (a) 17 Service reckons from (a) 9/8/14

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. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213 Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	From whom received				
		Embarked	Southampton	18.9.14	
30.12.14	O.C. Hosp:	Bronchial Catarrh: 9 Fld Amb:	Westoutre	29.12.14	A 36 11975 ex
31.12.14	O.C. Hosp:	" " 8 Fld Hosp:	Railhead	29.12.14	A 36 12174 ex
		Debility			
31.12.14	O.C. Hosp: Ship	Ho England per "Danube Castle"		1.1.15	A 36 01238 m
A.H.G. 3rd Echelon					
23.1.15					
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The Entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur.

No. 1219 Name R. J. Nathan

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

Service.

Place	From	To	Years	Days
<u>HOME</u>	<u>9. 8. 14</u>	<u>17. 9. 14</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Exped Force (France)</u>	<u>18. 9. 14</u>	<u>1. 1. 15</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>106</u>
<u>Home</u>	<u>2. 1. 15</u>	<u>5. 9. 15</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>247</u>
			<u>1</u>	<u>28</u>

2. Passed classes of Instruction+
This includes any authorised class of instruction

3. Campaigns (including actions)

HOME
Exped Force (France)
Home
9. 8. 14 to 17. 9. 14
18. 9. 14 to 1. 1. 15
2. 1. 15 to 5. 9. 15

Initials of making the

gla
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4. Wounded

5. Effects of wounds

6. Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches

7. Medals, decorations and annuities

Name of Medal

Clasps

8. Injuries in or by the Service

9. Name and address of next of kin

T. A. Nathan
83 Greencroft Gardens 2nd.

(Nathan)

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M.T.
393 24/8/15

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) or University 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.	Nathan Robert Percy
2. Date of birth.		23 rd March 1893.
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.		83 Greencroft Gardens Finchley Road London N.W.
7. Present address for correspondence.		D ^o or to Private R. P. Nathan 2 nd B (Comp) ^d H. A. C. Infantry British Exped ^t Force. On Active Service.
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:—		Serving in the 1 st Batta H. A. C. Infantry France. since Sept ^r last.
(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 ...		Has been 4 years in the O.T.C. Malvern College.

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list. They may, however, state here—

11. The Branch of the Service (Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

Artillery.

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

154th Brigade R.F.

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 a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date July 15th 1915

Usual Signature of Candidate

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 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 near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, or a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in private 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 R. P. Nathan

for the last seven years

Signature

S R James

Rank, office or occupation late Headmaster, Malvern

Date July 7 1915 Address 2/2nd S. Midland Bde. RFA. (T)

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

from to

Signature

Rank, office or occupation

Date

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 admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912, the Certificate should be attached;

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

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

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

I certify from personal knowledge that R. P. Nathan has attained a good standard of education.

S R James

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

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

Gained Oxford & Cambridge Higher School Certificate
see Published List for 1911. Page 98

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

Cas/518.A.

31st March, 1918.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. Nathan, and begs to inform him that a further report dated 26th instant has just reached the War Office from the Base stating that the place where Captain R.P. Nathan, Royal Field Artillery X/36 Trench Mortar Battery, died of wounds, was No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station.

The Military Secretary is desired by the Secretary of State for War to express his deepest sympathy with Mr. Nathan in the loss of his gallant son.

B.A. Nathan, Esq:
83, Greencroft Gardens,
N.W.

SHARES RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom

Instructions for Acquaint, ove

.3 Cas. 518a.

3rd April, 1918.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. Nathan, and begs to inform him that the report has just been received at the War Office which states that the place where Captain R.P. Nathan, Royal Field Artillery, attached Trench Mortar Battery, died of wounds on March 23rd was No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station, France.

The Military Secretary is desired by the Secretary of State for War to express his deepest sympathy with Mr. Nathan in the loss of his gallant son.

BA Nathan Esq
83 Grosvenor Gardens
NW

P10442

RES RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

A° 23-3-18

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix _____ Code _____

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Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words.

Sent

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

O. H. M. S.

At _____ M.

To _____

By _____

(Signature)

Dated Stamp.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

TO { Nathan
83 Greencroft Gardens N W

Deeply regret to inform you Captain R P
Nathan Field Artillery 436 Trench Mortar Battery
died of wounds March twenty second.
The Army Council expresses 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

Register No. 107114/3

Extract from

Letters of Administration (Will annexed).
~~Probate of Will.~~
~~Confirmation.~~

Dated 7th Oct 1918

Granted at P.P.R.

~~Rescinded~~

1. Estate of

Robert Percy Nathan of 83 Greencroft Gate
60: of Middx East P.R.A.

2. Date and Place
of Death

on 22nd March 1918 in France Will duly
executed in execution named herein.

3. Will

(Soldiers)

Dec: 17th
1918

4. Grantees

That Hugo Russell, Richard Russell, John
Campion Vernon, Harry Beckett, Walter
Rupert Ring & Ronald Charles Dyer (formerly
P.V.O.)

Joseph Nathanael Gates in Will

5. Gross Value £ 1202 = 7 = 1

6. Disposal of Medals

as underintestacy

Decorations

7. Extracted by

Messrs Markby Skewton & Co
Solicitors

8. Produced by

57 Coleman Street
E.C.2

9. Returned to

10. Date of Registration

14/9/18

APR 1918

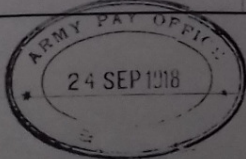
BASE CLAIMS

Vote You.

1918.

certified that no further allowances are due to or from this officer so far as the PMS section is concerned.

RECORDED



BASE.

191_.

for Command Paymaster,

COPY.

83, Greencroft Gardens.
N.W.

December 17th 1915.

This is my last WILL & TESTAMENT, & though not legally in order
I am sure that my wishes will in all respects be carried out.

To my Father £250

To my Mother £250

To my brother Charles £300

To Miss Clara Louise Larché now residing at 30 New
Street, St Johns Wood. £100.

To J.Nathan 1 Osberton Road Lee £30 partly to discharge
my debt with him, & the remainder to be used for the purchase
of a gold cigarette case.

To Miss Ida Norden £20.

The remainder of my property to be equally divided
amongst the following, as a token of my friendship & esteem
Hugo Rosselli, Kitchie Rosselli, J.C.Vernon, H.Beckton, W.R.King
R.C.Oppenheimer to celebrate the termination of the War.

ROBERT PERCY NATHAN.

17th December 1915.

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£100 1/6

WAR OFFICE,

LONDON. S.W.

FIELD SERVICE.

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 } ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY. Squadron, } "A"/36th TRENCH MORTAR
or } (Special Reserve.) Troop, Battery } BATTERY, 36th DIVISION.
CORPS }

Robert.
C.3.(A.L.)

Rank LIEUTENANT (ACTING CAPTAIN)

F.3. ROOM

Name R. P. NATHAN.

By whom reported Officer Commanding, No 61 Casualty Clearing Station.
Date of Death 22.3.1918.
DIED Place or Hospital No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station, FRANCE.
Cause of Death DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION.
Place of Burial -----

State whether he leaves } Enquiries are being made and result will be
a will or not. } communicated to you when received.

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 } *W. B. Burns* Colonel, R.
of Section Adjutant-General's } i/c Royal Artillery Section, 3rd Echelon
Office at the Base.

Station and Date G.H.Q. 9th April, 1918.

