

First World War Service Record of Sydney Walter Humfrey Welsby

The following is from the National Archives Ref: WO 339/41283

10 MAY 1917

Second Lieutenant S.W.H. Welsby,
14th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

"Killed in Action - 30th April, 1917".

Next-of-Kin:-

W. Welsby Esq., (Father)
Chichester House,
Chester.

M.S.3. (Cas.)

18.5.17.

Send £. $\frac{2}{57}$ and circulate

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26th October, 1926.

Memorandum for -

The Officer-in-Charge,
Supply Company,
Royal Army Service Corps,
CHESTER.

With reference to your memorandum of 18th September, No. 5/404 addressed to the Colonel-in-Charge Records, Shrewsbury, relative to the late Lieutenant S.W.H. Welsby, you are informed that, according to the records in the Department, this officer was serving with the 8th Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment when he was killed in action on 30th April, 1917. There is, however, nothing in the records of the Department to indicate with which Company of the battalion he was serving at the time of his death.

(Sd) C.D. Lewis

GENERAL



SERVICE.

Royal Fusiliers

(Three years with the Colours.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3403 Name Sydney Walter Humphrey Welby Corps General Service

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? Sydney Walter Humphrey Welby
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Holy Trinity
near the Chapel of St. Peter
in the County of Cheshire
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 23 Years 5 Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Wine Merchant
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? No.

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? No.
8. Are you Married? No.
9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power? 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? 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 Five years. Malvern College O.T.C.
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service..... Yes
16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? No
17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? Yes

I, Sydney Walter Humphrey Welby, 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.

Sydney Welby SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Arthur. Birch Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Sydney Walter Humphrey Welby, 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 abovenamed 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 Cheshire on this 3 day of September 1914

Signature of the Justice.. John Owen

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.

It is recommended that if necessary it should be accompanied by a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 111A

109131 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

If desirous of appointment to

- Lt Col TA 661*
- 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 Recruits, Canterbury

The Officer Commanding the Reserve 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, Gt. 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	3 rd Batt. Cheshire Regt.
2. Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ... (See note (a) on page 2) Christian Names...	Welsby Sydney Walter Humphrey
3. Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached or forwarded later.)	April 8 th 1891.
4. Whether married	no.
5. Whether of pure European descent	yes.
6. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject	British born.
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).	B.A. Cambridge. 1913.
8. Permanent address	Christleton House, Chester.
9. Present address for correspondence	4 Coy. 21 st (S) Batt. R.F. Woodcote Camp, Epsom
10. Profession or occupation	wine merchant.
11. Schools and Colleges at which educated	Malvern College & Trinity Hall Cam
12. 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).	21 st (S) Batt. R.F. Sept 3. 1914 Corporal.

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.

Malvern College O.T.C.
 Signaller
 July 1910.

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

yes.

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

yes.

For Royal Engrs. but not to a reserve unit { 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

For the Royal Flying Corps only { 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

For the Royal Army Medical Corps, or Army Veterinary Corps { 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

3rd Bata. Cheshire Regt.

Date April 16th 1915.

Swoboda
 (Usual signature of Candidate.)

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

- (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 reserve units of the Royal Engineers are:—Royal Army Engineers, Headquarters at Baginbun.

This Form is to be used for a 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.

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.	Wellsby Sydney Walker Humphrey
2. Date of birth.		April 8 th 1891.
3. Whether married.		Single
4. Whether of pure European descent.		Yes.
5. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.		British born
6. Permanent address.		Chichester House Chester
7. Present address for correspondence.		Chichester House Chester
Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.		No.
Whether able to ride.		Yes.

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Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

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TO {

W. Welsby

Chichester House

Chichester

Deeply regret to inform you

2nd S. W. H.

Welsby

Cheshire Regt

Tiger's line was

Killed in action April 1918

The Army Council express their sympathy

FROM {

SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

CHICHESTER HOUSE,
CHESTER.

15th Mar. 1917.

Dear Sir -

I thank you for
your letter kindly
informing me that 2nd Lieut
S. H. W. Treleby, Cheshire
Reg^t, was discharged from
hospital at Amara on the
8th inst., which removes
my previous doubts -

Yours faithfully

W. Treleby

The Military Secy -
War Office.

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PHONE No. 512

CHICHESTER HOUSE,
CHESTER.5th March 1917

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your telegram received on Sunday, 4th inst: as follows: -
 "Respect to inform you 23 British General Hospital Amara reports Feby. ~~nineteenth~~ nineteenth 2nd Lieut. S. H. H. Treleby, Cheshire Regt. admitted severely wounded. Will report any further news immediately on receipt."

But I am quite at a loss to understand what has happened & beg you to kindly note the following two telegrams - particularly the dates.

From Sec. War Office, February 20th 1917.

"Respect to inform you 2nd Lt. S. H. H. Treleby
 "Cheshire Regt., Tripoli Line, was wounded
 "Feby. fifteenth. Will report any further news."

{ From Sec. Lieut. S. H. H. Treleby, Amara, 20th Feb.
 "Feeling quite fit again. Returning to
 "Battalion."

Ao 4/3/17

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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(Signature) S. M. Jameson

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TO { Welsby Chichester House Chester

Regret to inform you 2nd British General Hospital
Amara 7th May nineteenth reports 2nd Lt. S. W. H.
Welsby Cheshire Regt Admitted Severely wounded
Will report any further news.

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.

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TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram 9476

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

M.S.3
CAS.

Words. Sent
At _____ M.
To _____
By _____

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W. O.

(Signature) J. P. [unclear]

Dated Stamp.

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TO { Welsby Chichester House Chester

Regret to inform you 2nd Lt. S. W. H. Welsby
Cheshire Regt Tigris line was wounded
2nd May 1917 Will report any further
news

Certificate of Birth.

Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1874.

Superintendent Registrar's District—CHESTER.

County of Chester

1891. BIRTH in the Sub-District of Chester Cathedral, in the County Borough of Chester, and

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	When and Where Born.	Name (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
99	<u>Eighth April 1891</u> <u>2 Stanley Street</u> <u>N. E. D.</u>	<u>Gyaney</u> <u>Walker</u> <u>Humphrey</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>Walker</u> <u>Welsby</u>	<u>Annie</u> <u>Rate</u> <u>Welsby</u> <u>formerly Humphrey</u>	<u>None</u> <u>Murchant</u>	<u>W. Welsby</u> <u>father</u> <u>2 Stanley Street</u> <u>Chester</u>	<u>May 1891</u>	<u>Jas Rogers</u> <u>Registrar</u>	

I, ROWLAND D. NICKLIN, Superintendent Registrar for the District of CHESTER, in the COUNTY BOROUGH OF CHESTER, and in the COUNTY OF CHESTER,

do hereby Certify that this is a true Copy of the Entry No. 299 in the Register Book of Births, No. 69 for the Sub-District of Chester Cathedral

and that the said Register Book is now legally in my custody.

Witness my hand, this 21st day of April 1915.

Rowland D. Nicklin Superintendent Registrar.



I, Walter Welsby
 declare that 2nd Lt. S. H. H. Welsby
 of 14th Bn. Cheshire Regt.

who died on the 30th day of April

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 1917

If no Will was left
 insert "no" before
 "Will," and strike out
 the words in brackets.
 Any Will which it is
 not intended to prove
 should be forwarded
 or inspection.

left No Will [which it is not intended to prove], and that Letters of
 Administration of this Estate or Confirmation have not been, and are not
 intended to be, taken out.

The only near relations left by the said

were as follows:—

Relationship	Names in full	Addresses in full
Widow	<u>None.</u>	
Children	<u>None.</u>	<u>7.1.10. 10.10. 20.10. 20.10.</u>
Other relations	<u>Walter Welsby</u> 62 <u>Auntie Kate Welsby</u> 51 <u>Ruth Humphrey Welsby</u> 38 <u>Andrew Humphrey</u> do 24 <u>Thomas Humphrey</u> do 22 <u>Margaret Humphrey</u> do 21 <u>Judith Humphrey</u> do 12 <u>John Humphrey</u> do 10	<u>Chester House,</u> <u>Chester.</u> <u>18 St. George's Square, S.W.</u> <u>H. M. S. Laurel.</u> <u>Exton College, Cambridge</u> <u>Chester House, Chester</u> <u>Oriel House, Dept. of Law, S. Corp.</u>

The said 2nd Lt. Sydney Walter Humphrey Welsby
 was born at Chester.

W. Welsby Signature of the Applicant.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above Statement made by Walter Welsby
 is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

at Chester this 5th day of October 1917

Signature of Minister of Magistrate F. Copleston Qualification J.P. Chester
 Address Barrel Well House
Chester

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *1st Der, 2nd Cheshire Regt*

Regimental No. _____ Rank _____ Name *Welsby, S. W. A. (14th Chesh)*

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) *Duration of War* Service reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s _____

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.
Date	From whom received				
		<i>Embarked at</i>	<i>Deverport.</i>	<i>22.5.16</i>	
		<i>Disembarked at</i>	<i>Basrah.</i>	<i>13.6.16</i>	
<i>25.6.16</i>	<i>John Bell</i>	<i>To Basrah</i>	<i>Basrah</i>	<i>20.6.16</i>	<i>B. 213.</i>
<i>16.7.16</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>To Basrah (Sea)</i>	<i>Sea</i>	<i>10.7.16</i>	<i>B. 213</i>
<i>22.7.16</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Returned from Basrah</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>17.7.16</i>	<i>B. 213</i>
<i>6.8.16</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>App'd Transport Officer</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>1.8.16</i>	<i>B. 213</i>
<i>27.8.16</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Trans. Officer of 1st Coy</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>20.8.16</i>	<i>do</i>
		<i>Vice Capt Douglas, Basrah</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>24.8.16</i>	
<i>30.9.16</i>	<i>2 R. Ind. B. 8. 36</i>	<i>Admitted to Hospital (Basrah)</i>	<i>Amara.</i>	<i>30.9.16</i>	
<i>3-11-16</i>	<i>1st Co. Depot</i>	<i>Admitted to Office Co. Depot</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>10-10-16</i>	<i>A. 36.</i>
<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>discharged to Duty.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>18-10-16</i>	<i>A. 36.</i>
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Returned Unit from 7th and resumed duties of Transport Officer</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>19-10-16</i>	<i>B. 213</i>
<i>16-2-17</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Wounded in Action</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>28 JAN 1917</i>	

at the case of a man who has been exempted (i.e. or related into Section D, Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.

P.T.O.

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.
Date	From whom received				
<i>12-2-17</i>	<i>16 CC H</i>	<i>Admitted Shell Shock.</i>	<i>Amara.</i>	<i>15-2-17</i>	<i>A 36.</i>
<i>10-3-17</i>	<i>ADMS</i>	<i>Discharged to Duty.</i>	<i>Amara.</i>	<i>8-3-17</i>	<i>Let. S/108.</i>
<i>1-4-17</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Returned</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>26-3-17</i>	<i>B 213</i>
<i>19-4-17</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Relief App of Transport Officer to Hosp.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>17-2-17</i>	<i>B 213</i>
<i>15-4-17</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>App. Acting Sergeant. 1. Capt. 9. Regt Wood. Self Field</i>	<i>Field.</i>	<i>12-4-17</i>	<i>B 213</i>
		<i>Field.</i>	<i>Field.</i>	<i>30-4-17</i>	

List of Casualties from GHQ. Killed in Action

Bertie

Basrah 18/5/17

Col. Allen
13 A R O I

9/16 H
10/16

Secretary
WAR OFFICE
Imperial Institute
South

no following

O. E.