

First World War Service Record of Walter Fischer Keep

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Minute Sheet No. 1



2nd Lieutenant W.F. Keep,

Hampshire Regiment att'd: 15th Battalion.

"KILLED IN ACTION" 7th June, 1917.

Next of Kin :-

Mrs. W.F. Keep, (Wife)
C/o Capt: E.N. Snowden, R.A.M.C.
21, New Cavendish Street,
W.

M.S.S. (Cas:)
16.6.17.

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Send for circulate

Mr
29/7

~~Send for R.F. Hamilton~~ r 3.124 to Rico:

Send for R.F. Hamilton low bal: of pay due to him etc. He G
was formerly no 3518 Pte. in F. Keep 2/Am. A.C. joined no 10. O.C.
at Gailles on 31/7/16

3.

Credit Cas No. 7.17.7 (L.F. 6/6 for him)

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[P.T. ON]

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

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

Infantry

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

3rd Palsbatt (16th Hants)

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify, upon my honour, that the above particulars as to my qualifications, previous service, &c., are correct and complete. I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date Jan 14th 1916

W. F. Kepp

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 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 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

Walter Kepp

for the last 4 years

Signature

Minister of the Parish

†Rank, office or occupation

Minister of the Parish, V. O.

Date

January 10th 1916

Address

Reverend Father, V. O.

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

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 a secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that a good standard of education.

W. F. Kepp

has attained

Rank S. Palsbatt M. A.

Headmaster of the School

State here educational position, e.g.,

Head of a College or School, etc.]

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



TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3515 Name Walter Fischer Keep, Corps Honourable Artillery Company.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name and Address?
1. W Fischer Keep
North Bank
Bowes Road New Southgate
2. Are you willing to be attested for service in the Territorial Force for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for the County of* London to serve in the Honourable Artillery Company.
2. In the duration of the war
3. Have you received a notice stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting, and do you understand them?
3. Yes
4. Do you now belong to, or 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, if discharged, cause of discharge
4. Malvern College Cadet Corps.

Under the provisions of Sections 13 and 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, Walter Fischer Keep, 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.

W Fischer Keep

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

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Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walter Fischer Keep, 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, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

I, Capt. C. A. J. Whyte, do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions were 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 28 day of May 1915.

Charles A. J. Whyte

Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorized to attest Recruits.

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 89 (6), Army Act.

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

*Here insert County.

†Here insert Corps.

The entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 3515 Name W. J. Keef.

Showing preliminary training, other special courses of training, Annual Training,† and when mobilized, etc.

Name _____

W. J. Keep

Showing preliminary training, other special courses of training, Annual Training,† and when mobilized, etc.

Signature of Officers
certifying correctness
of Entries

Service towards engagement reckons from

17 MAY 1915

NAC 2/8/2 Embodied
Posted
3/1/0 Transferred

Private

17/5/15

19/5/15

30.9.16

21.11.16

C. J. Whipple Capt
for Major - O.O. Donnot, H.A.
C. J. Whipple Capt
for Major - O.O. Donnot, H.A.
Bleachers Mays

CHARACTER

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 21. 11. 16 (date of discharge) one years 189 days.

Discharged in consequence of being appointed to a Commission in the
3rd Bn Hampshire Regiment (Anty) 110 letter 43/4.0/146 M.S.K. (504) 2/11.12.16

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby approved.

Station London.

Signature _____

Date 28 12 1916.

† In the case of Annual Training it will be sufficient to state if "Present," or "Absent" and the year.

Description of Walter Fischer Keep, on Enlistment.

MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT.

(Applicable to all Ranks.)

Name W. F. Keep

Apparent age 13 years 6 months.

Height 5 feet 9 inches.

* Chest measurement

Girth when fully expanded 37½ inches

Range of expansion 3 inches.

Vision R eye 24 L eye 18

Physical development fair

* Chest measurement will be obtained by adjusting the tape so that its posterior upper edge touches the inferior angles of the shoulder blades, and its anterior lower edge the upper part of the nipples, while the arms hang loosely by the side.

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations. He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; he does not suffer from hernia; and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him* Fit for the Territorial Force.

Date 15 April 1915

Place Armoury House, Finsbury, E.C.

J. Keeton M.C.
Medical Officer.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing certificate only in the case of those who have been attested and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness.

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named Recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him* fit for service in the Honourable Artillery Company, and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date May 17th 1915

Place Armoury House, Finsbury, E.C.

W. Evans
Col. } Recruiting Officer.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

† Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the Honourable Artillery Company.

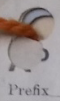
If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 17 MAY 1915 19

Place Armoury House, Finsbury, E.C.

Chas. A. J. Hyde
Maj.-Gen. Comm. F.A.O. } Approving Officer.

* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.



13/6/17

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

1013/5

Prefix

Code

(Inland Official

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.

S.S.S.
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At

M.

To

By

(Signature)

W.O.

Alen

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO {

Mrs. Keck of Capt. E. N. Snowden R.A.M.C.
21 New Casendish St. W.

Deeply regret to inform you 2/11 W. F. Keck
Hampshire Regt. was killed in action June
seventh. The Army Council express 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

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copy.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

of me Walter Fischer Keep

of no present abode - 2nd/Lt. 3rd (S.R.) Battn. Hampshire Regt.

in the County of ----- made this twentieth day

day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and sixteen.

I HEREBY revoke all Wills made by me at any time heretofore. I
appoint Chas. W. Page of 52/3 London Wall, London, E.C. and
W.H. Keep of Craven House Kingsway
to be my Executors, and direct that all my Debts and Funeral Expenses
shall be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my wife Florence Louisa Keep all my
worldly goods & possessions - pictures - photographic apparatus -
negatives &c. - money - jewellery. If I die as a civilian, or in
England as a soldier, it is my wish to be cremated if possible,
provided no serious expense is incurred thereby. No more than is
absolutely necessary is to be spent upon my funeral. My dear wife
knows of a personal wish of mine should I die in action & I ask her
to carry it out if she herself desires it also.

Walter F. Keep

<u>Signed by the said Testator</u>) Helene Keep 67 Tytherton Rd.
<u>Walter F. Keep in the presence of us,</u>) Tufness Park. N.
<u>present at the same time, who at his</u>) <u>u</u>
<u>request, in his presence, and in the</u>) Frieda Snowden
<u>presence of each other, have subscribed</u>) 21 New Cavendish St. W.
<u>our names as witnesses.</u>)

(Words underlined
are in print).

True Copy.

W. H. Keep

12/10/17

15/10/17

Under reply 001101
 Messrs. W. F. Sleep
 Stockleigh Hall
 Regents Park
 N. W. 8.

I am staying here for a week or two. am sorry I have been so long in signing the enclosed, but have been too ill to attend to it.

Yours Respectfully
 F. L. Sleep.

Insert
 "None" if
 that is the
 fact in
 either case.

Children

None

None

Other relations

Give

I, Florence Louisa Sleep
 declare that Walter Fischer Sleep
 of 21 New Broadish St. London. W.
 who died on the 7th day of June 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 a 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>Florence L. Sleep.</u>	<u>21 New Broadish St.</u>
Children	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
Other relations	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

Insert
 None" if
 at is the
 it in
 her case.

Give
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The said Walter Fischer Sleep
 was born at London, Eng. Hansey. W.
Florence Louisa Sleep Signature of the Applicant.

CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that the above Statement made by Florence Louisa Sleep
 signed in my presence is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated at St Mary Abbe this 28th day of September 1917

Signature of Minister } Ernest N. Sharpe Qualification Rector of St Mary Abbe
 or Magistrate } Address 8 Albany Terrace
N.W. 1.

1st
1st
1st

15
17

21 New Covent St
Haley Street
W. 1

Lines

I understand there
is some estate due to
my husband the late
2nd Lt W. F. 7 keeps.

1st Hampshire Regt. killed
7th June last.

Will you kindly send

Accounts 1A.

Accounts 1B.

Accounts 2.

Q. M. G. FA.

Q. M. G. FB.

every thing due to me at
the above address.

I am

Yours Respectfully

Flora L. Sleep
(widow of)

2nd St. W. F. Keep.
15th Hampshire's.

Accounts 1B.

Accounts 2.

Q. M. G. FA.

Q. M. G. FB.

F. 5.

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D.R. No 210.
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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 or CORPS) 15th HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company)
Interd
C.3.(A.L.)

Rank 2nd Lieutenant

Name K E E P, W.F.

DIED { By whom reported O.C. Battn dated 10.6.17.
Date of Death 7.6.17.
Place or Hospital France (In the Field)
Cause of Death Killed in Action.
Place of Burial at present unknown.

State whether he leaves a will or not. ---do---

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 of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. *n Z Filgate* Captain for Officer i/c Regular Infantry Section No

G.H.Qrs, 3rd Echelon. 14.6.17.

Station and Date

From

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,
General Headquarters,
3rd Echelon,
British Expeditionary Force.

To

Messrs. COX & CO'S SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.,
16, Charing Cross,
London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late

2nd Lieut: W.F. Keep. 15th Hampshire Regiment.

are forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

- 1 Advance book — A321526-550
- 1 Cheque book
- 1 Registered envelope

A 722907 25
The sum of Francs ^{60 H)} ~~50~~ .00 has been forwarded to
the Command Cashier.

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From

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,
General Headquarters,
3rd Echelon,
British Expeditionary Force.

To

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16, Charing Cross,
London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late

2nd Lieut: W.F. Keep. 15th Hampshire Regt

are forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

— Letters
— 2 Photo cases
— 1 Pocket Book (Diary)
— Photos
— 1 Blank cheque
— 1 Identity disc
— 1 Pencil

*LC. 1000
D4180*

The sum of Francs 10 .00 has been forwarded to the
Command Cashier.

N.V. 1976