

FREDERICK YARDE, Gunner (Shoeing Smith) 89967, RFA

Frederick was born on April 23 1882, one of the 11 children of Henry and Jessica Yarde; his father was a roadman and general labourer, as was Frederick himself. He was married on May 22 1905 to Olive Sarah Crandon; in 1911 they were living at Staple Hill, and by 1915 had 6 children.

Frederick's Service Records survive (in a somewhat charred condition), so we have a lot of detail about his army career. He enlisted on April 7 1915 when he was 33, and working as a Carter. He was assigned to the 3rd Somerset Light Infantry, Regt number 17632; the 3rd were a training Battalion for new troops. At this time the family were living at Tanyard, Kingston [St Mary]. Frederick was 5ft 7in, his physical development good; he was classified as A1. At some point in these first weeks Frederick decided he wanted to transfer into the RFA, where his elder brother was serving; this was approved, and he transferred (from Plymouth to Corfe Castle) to the Ammunition Column 79 Bde RFA, Regt No 89967. We can find no elder brother, but his younger brother Albert was serving.

During this time Olive and the children had gone back into Taunton, to Woodford Buildings in the High Street. In his early days in the Army in 1915/16 Frederick seems to have been posted from one Regiment to another – the Wiltshires, the Worcestershires and the Devons, but presumably still attached to the RFA. His RFA Brigade were posted to the Exeter area, and his family came to live in Topsham. It looks as if he didn't get posted overseas to France till 17 May 1918.

In 1916 there's a curious episode where his wife gets in touch with the Army seeking news of her husband '...and kindly help me to get him home..'. Unfortunately these pages are too badly damaged to make out clearly.

On February 20 1919 he was transferred to the Z Reserve, his address given as White Street, Topsham; on March 3 there's a note on his papers saying 'This man proceeded to Fovant Dispersal Centre, & embarked on 22.1.19 per SS Poona'. This seems like a journey in the wrong direction, but maybe the dispersal centre was for men going to Fovant.



SS Poona, troopship

There is a report in *The Courier* for September 1919 of a case brought by the NSPCC against Olive and Frederick (now living with another woman) for child neglect. It makes unpleasant reading.

Frederick's name appears in the 1939 Register for England & Wales; he's in Exeter and working as a Blacksmith. He appears to have acquired a new family, the children born after the war. He died in 1948 aged 66; his first wife, Olive, died in Taunton in 1968 aged 83.

D 418 finally verified
and passed to Paymaster
Date.....

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Army Form B. 2505.

SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War).

ATTESTATION OF

No. 17632 Name Frederick Yard Corps Som L I.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your name?..... 1. Frederick Yard
 2. What is your full Address?..... 2. Parsonage, Kennington, London
 3. Are you a British subject?..... 3. Yes
 4. What is your Age?..... 4. 33 Years..... Months.
 5. What is your Trade or Calling?..... 5. Cartage
 6. Are you Married?..... 6. Yes
 7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which?..... 7. No
 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?..... 8. Yes
 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?..... 9. Yes
 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?..... 10. Yes (Name Capt. Harker Corps.....)
 11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?..... 11. Yes
- For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. 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.

I, Frederick Yard 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.

Frederick Yard SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Wm. B. Smith Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Frederick Yard 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 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 Taunton

on this 7 day of April 1915 Ph. Whaley R.
Signature of the Justice.

† Certificate of Approving Officer. RECRUITING OFFICER, TAUNTON.

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 Som. L. I.

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

Date 7-4-1915 Wm. B. Smith Approving Officer.
Place Taunton Comdg. Depot Som. L. I.

† 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.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name) enlisted in the (Regiment)..... on the (Date)

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name Frederick Gard
 Apparent age 33 years — months. Height 5 feet 7 inches.
 Chest measurement (Girth when fully expanded 36 inches.
 Range of expansion 3 inches.
 Distinctive marks 2 Scars back of head & 1 above R. eye-brow

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Oliver Sarah Gard 21 Woodford Street
Kingston Jamaica | Relationship Wife
 Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.
 (c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a) Oliver Sarah (b) Northbury, The Jamaica (c) Ph. 10
Brandon Spencer May 22 05 Kingston

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth
<u>Albert Henry</u>	<u>9. 3. 06</u> <u>Langport</u>
<u>Arthur Frederick</u>	<u>16. 10. 04</u> <u>do</u>
<u>Jessie</u>	<u>30. 5. 09</u> <u>do</u>
<u>Edith Jane</u>	<u>15. 12. 10</u> <u>do</u>
<u>Oliver</u>	<u>10. 13</u> <u>do</u>
<u>Roland Gilbert</u>	<u>9. 11. 15</u> <u>Jamaica</u>

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed for fixing the rate of pension years days	Service in Re-allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay years days	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>7. 4. 15</u>							<u>McGowan</u>
Joined at <u>Jamaica</u> on <u>7. 4. 15</u>							
<u>1st Lt. 9th Battalion</u> <u>7. 4. 15</u>							
<u>POSTED</u>							
<u>3</u>							
<u>13 APR 1915</u>							
<u>Transferred</u>							
<u>under para. 333</u>							
<u>(IV) R. R.</u>					<u>7. 6. 15</u>		
<u>Post Fed</u>					<u>19. 1. 18</u>		
Total Service forfeited as above							

Total Service towards Engagement to (date of discharge) years days
 " " " Pension " (") " "

Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties &c. 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
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1913	"		27.11.18	32480
1913	To Forward District Centre		22.1.19	DAE CRN 38081/817/A
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		3rd Lt.		for 0% BA Section
		4.2.19		

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Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps.

Surname... *Gard*

Christian Name.....*Frederick*.....

Religion, Church of England

Age on Enlistment.....33.....years.....mo

Enlisted (a)..... 3. 4. 15 Terms of Service (a).

Service reckons from (a).....

Date of promotion to present rank.....19-1-16.....

Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended	Re-engaged
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Qualification (b).....

or Corps Trade and Rate.....

Occupation Grocer (Labourer) m

..Signature

Report

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties &c., 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 of Casualty

Date of Casualty

Date	From whom received
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Embarked

Disembarked..

Occupation. Gard

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13-11-17

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Ported to 3.^a Reserve
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17 MAY. 1918

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(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such engagement or enlistment to be given.

(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

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From Mrs. yard

Hingston

Taunton

Army Form 2, 22.

STATEMENT AS TO DISABILITY.

This form is not applicable to Officers and Soldiers in Hospital or on leave therefrom who will be brought before a Medical Board.)

...mobilization every Officer and Soldier, whether remaining with the Colours or not, shall be given an opportunity of filling in this Form. Should he not forward any claim in respect of a Disability due to Military Service, he must sign the Statement hereunder to this effect, in the presence of the Officer of the Unit with which he is serving, who will witness the same. Whether a Claim is made or not, this Form will be forwarded by the Unit Commander, in the case of every Officer, direct to the Secretary, War Office; and in the case of every Soldier, to the Record Office of his Unit.

Unit.....
 Regiment or Corps..... R.F.A.
 Regt. No. 89964 Rank S/Sgt
 Surname..... YARD
 Christian Names..... FREDERICK
 Permanent address..... White Street
Lopdram Exeter
 Age last birthday..... 37
 First joined } (Date) 7.11.15 at (Place) Tamworth
 for duty }
 Medical Category or Grade in which joined..... 41

If the Officer or Soldier has previously been discharged from the Army, Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force, he will state:—

(a) Former Regiments or Corps with Regimental Numbers—

(b) Dates of discharge.....

(c) Causes of discharge.....

(d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity received (if any).....

TO BE CANCELLED
IF A CLAIM IS MADE.

I do not claim to be suffering from a disability due to my military service.

Place of Examination..... Lopdram

Date..... 20 JAN 1919

Signature of Officer or Soldier.....

Signature of Officer witnessing.....

Before the claimant answers questions 1—8 the following should be read by, or to, him:—

"Your statement will be checked by Official Records. In answering question 2, any special matters which in your opinion caused or aggravated any unfitness from which you are suffering, must be clearly stated."

The claimant will answer the questions in his own words and after completing the form will sign it. The Officer will witness the signature. If the claimant cannot write, he will affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

THIS FORM IS NOT TO BE COMPLETED IF A CLAIM IS NOT MADE.

1. (a) In what countries have you served during this war and for what periods?
 (b) In what capacity?
2. If you are suffering from any disease, wound or injury, state what it is, the date upon which it started, and what in your opinion was the cause of it.
 (If more space is required a sheet of foolscap should be used and attached firmly to this form).
3. Give the names of any Hospitals in which you have been treated for the above disabilities during this war.
4. Did you suffer from the disease or injury mentioned in above answer to Question 2, or anything like it before joining the Army? If so, give details and dates.
5. Give the names and addresses (if you know them) of any Hospitals you were in or

Woolwich.

R. H & R. F. A. RECORDS
WOOLWICH.

NOTE :- THIS MEMO TO BE RETURNED WITH 21.
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TO:-

Mr. F. Yard
White St
Topsham Exeter

NOTE DIS. 1. 11. 16 4582

You are requested to forward A.F.Z 21 (Certificate of transfer to Army Reserve, Class "2") to this office for verification purposes.

Same will be returned to you in the course of a few days.

A free envelope is attached herewith.

Woolwich Dockyard.
27. October 1940.

A. H. H. H.
for Colonel, Capt
1/c R. H & R. F. A. RECORDS.

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Surname... *YARD*

Christian Name... *Fredrick*

Regt. No. *89967*... Rank... *Gnr*

Unit... *Base Depot 124d*

Dispersal Unit Stamp
and Date of Dispersal.

NO2 DISPERSAL UNIT
23 JAN 1919
FOVANT

Record Office... *Woolwich*

Pay Office... *Blackheath*

Address for pay... *White St*

Fops... *Exeter*

Theatre of War or
Command... *France*

Born in the year... *1882*

Medical Category... *A1*

Place of rejoining in case of
emergency... *Amesbury*

Spec. Mil. Qual.

Date *23-1-19*... Office of Issue... *Fovant*

Policy No. *A 19023898*

Army Form B. 200.

NT of the SERVICES of No. 8976 Name

Corps	Battn. or Depôt	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	
Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.							
Enlisted for { _____ years' Army Service. _____ years' Reserve Service.							
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____							
Joined at _____ on _____							
<p>8.7 France</p> <p>1911 1918 4/24/18 1/1/18 15.3.18</p> <p>X/G. 1918 4/21/18 Base 1918 1/1/18 27.11.18</p> <p>15.2.19 Base 1918 1/1/18 23.1.19</p> <p>Transferred to Class 7. Army Reserve 26 July 1919</p> <p>Address White Street, Tottenham, London, N.15</p> <p>Discharged on Demobilization 24.2.20</p> <p>Para 393 (XXVIII) R.R.</p> <p>Signature Officer in R.H. & R.P.A. Records Woolwich.</p>							
Total Service forfeited as above							
Towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days							
" Pension " _____ (") _____ years _____ days							

To Officer in charge.
R. a Section
3rd Echelon.
B. E. F.
France.

7, 702
1815 9 TMB
to Base 27. 11. 18



The attached letter is forwarded
to you, for any action deemed necessary, in this
case.

C. J. Stamp 21
COLONEL,
The R.H. & R.F.A. RECORDS.

Woolwich S. E. 18.
25 February 1918

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Office %

RH & RFA Records.

Woolwich

89967. Gr. Yard F. RFA.

Reference attached.

This man proceeded to Torant
Disposal Centre, & embarked
on 22.1.19. per SS "City of Poon".

AF B103 was forwarded to
Jm on 5.2.19.



3rd Edition

3-19

For O% RA Section

To;-
Officer Commanding,
15th Reserve Battery.R.F.A.
Camp.16.
Larkhill.



No.89967.S.6th.Yard.F.

Herewith Army Forms B.103 and B.178
for the above named.

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.

Topsham Barracks,
Exeter.
28-1-18.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to the Adjutant.

Capt.R.F.A.

Adjutant No.2.RFA.Officers Cadet School.

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H.A.S.

Quote in reply
B.S. $\frac{8}{C}$

Officer in Charge,

R.H.A.S.F.A. Records.

Woolwich, S.E.

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Feb 12.....1913.

Mrs. *Yard*
Tampard
Kington *Taunton*

To enable me to trace your husband's documents, please
 answer the following questions as fully and as carefully as possible.

Your husband's full name *Frederick* *Yard*
 His Regimental Number...*17632*
 Date and place of enlistment...*April 7, 1915 at Taunton*
 His present Regimental Address...*Phoenix, Lincolns. 23. Hvt. B.R.*
L. R.F.A. Topham, Exeter

If he has been transferred from the Royal Field Artillery
 to another regiment, date of transfer should be given.....
 Number of Battery and Brigade in which he is now serving, or (if
 discharged) in which he was last serving, giving date of discharge.

.....
 A free postage envelope is enclosed for your reply, which
 please send without delay.

G. M. M. M.
 2nd. Lieut.
 For Colonel,
 1/c R.H.S. R.F.A. Records.

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Army Form B. 104-53.

Inside Sheet.

(For Original Attestation.)

No. 89967 Name Frederick Yard
(Rank not to be shown.)

Registry No.	From whom	Purport and Date	Action
5899.	OC. 18 Re 25	Requires Drop After 18-1-16	
B5D	RPT	Grwd. Lts 2/12/15	Noted out. to inf. 17/1/16 MF for let. to RPT
N 534	OC. No. 2 R 7d Officer Cadet School for completion (103)	Forwarded A.F.B. 103 and 17/1/16 data want to have done S.S. 17/1/16	
T.V	Mrs. Ward 21 Woodford Building London	Letter from Wife asking for whereabouts.	
T.V.	Wife	asks for release of husband.	
Des. 1.	Officer	Out mailing 721 for registration	
Des 1 9/7/58	Man GPO	returns memo No 8 Known Demobilization	
Des	Originals	A.F. 721 Serial No. 191578 issued 3/1/16 to be P.A. in Dow. File applied for Des. 1. to be notified by	

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R.H. & R.F.A. **CERTIFICATE of** ~~Discharge~~ ~~Transfer to Reserve~~ ~~Disembodiment~~ ~~Demobilization~~ **on Demobilization.** Army Form Z. 21.

Regt. No. 89967 Rank Gunner
 full Ward, Frederick
 (Surname first)
 Unit and Regiment or Corps from which
~~*Discharged~~
 Transferred to Reserve
 Enlisted on the 1st April 1915
 For 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry
 (Here state Regiment or Corps to which first appointed)
 Also served in.....
 Only Regiments or Corps in which the Soldier served since August 4th, 1914, are to be stated.
 If inapplicable, this space is to be ruled through in ink and initialed.
 †Medals and Decorations awarded during present engagement } British War Medal, 1919
Victory Medal, 1919
 *Has }
 Has not } served Overseas on Active Service.
 Place of Rejoining in case of emergency }
 Specialist Military qualifications } Thompson
 Medical Category A1
 Year of birth 1882
 He is * ~~Discharged~~ ~~Transferred to Army Reserve~~ ~~Disembodied~~ ~~Demobilized~~ on 1st April 1919
 in consequence of **Demobilization.**
 Signature and Rank. Woolwich
 (Place).
 * Strike out whichever is inapplicable. † The word "Nil" to be inserted when necessary.

N.B.—Any person finding this Certificate is requested to forward it in an envelope to the Secretary, War Office, London, S.W. 1.

(20996). Wt. W 8211—P.P. 2329. 3,000m. 1/19. D & S. (E 1256.)

WARNING.—If this Certificate is lost a duplicate cannot be issued. You should therefore on no account part with it or forward it by post when applying for a situation.

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To be used (a) for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army, and (b) for men of the Territorial Force when they are admitted to Hospital. Army Form B. 178^A to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY OF

Surname Yardley Christian Name Frederick

TABLE I.—General Table.

Birthplace { Parish ✓
County ✓

Examined { on *7th* day of *April* 1915
at *London*

Declared Age *33* years days.

Trade or Occupation *Carter*

Height *5* feet *7* inches

Weight lbs.

Chest { Girth when fully Expanded *36* inches
Measurement { Range of Expansion *3* inches

Physical Development ✓

Vaccination Marks { Arm RIGHT | LEFT
Number |

When Vaccinated

Vision { R E.—V =
L E.—V =

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease—
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.....

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection—
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Approved by
Rank Medical Officer

TABLE III.—Boards; Courts of Enquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date	Brief Details and Signature
<p>Lockhill</p> <p>2 8 2 18</p>	<p>Spec. 1915</p> <p>TAB</p> <p>2 8 2 18</p>
	<p>W. B. Bennett Wilson Lieut. KAM</p>

TABLE IV.—Service Table.

Enlisted	at.....	on..... day of..... 191	Station or Troopship	Date of arrival or embarkation	Date of departure or disembarkation
	at.....				
Joined on enlistment	Corps	Regtl. No.			
Transferred to					
Became non-effective by					
on..... day of.....	Signature				
(Signature).....	Rank				
(Rank).....					

No; 89967 Rank; S.S. Name; Gard
 Religion; C of E

NAME IN FULL. Oliver Sarah
Gard

NEXT OF KIN.
RELATIONSHIP. Wife

NO. 2 R.F. ADDRESS.
High St
Taunton

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Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet. Army Form B. 121.

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Regiment of R. H. & R. F. A.

Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

Number of Sheet 1

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	
No.	Name	Age on	years	months	Place and Date of Enlistment	Religion
<u>17632</u>	<u>Gard</u>					<u>C of E</u>
Joined	Date	Period of		(with Colours	years	Place of Birth
Joined	Date	(with Reserve		years		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Discharge	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award of badge or certificate	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>Exeter</u>	<u>15.4.17.</u>	<u>Shoring-Sail</u>		<u>Absent without leave from us o.p.</u> <u>15.4.17. to 6.30 a.m. 16.4.17.</u>	<u>Bdr Clarke</u>	<u>3 days c.s.</u>	<u>16.4.17.</u>	<u>Major W. R. C. Tension R.F.A.</u>	<u>Forfeit 1 day's pay by</u> <u>R.U. a.s.o.</u>
				<u>Certified</u> <u>Exeter</u> <u>19.1.18</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>CAPT. R.F.A.</u> <u>ADJUTANT, No. 2, R.F.A.</u> <u>OFFICER CADET SCHOOL.</u>			

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

Army Form B. 200A.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 89967 Name Hard. Fred

Corps	Battn. or Depôt	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	
Age on Enlistment years months.							
Enlisted for { years' Army Service.							
{ years' Reserve Service.							
Service towards limited engagement reckons from							
Joined at on							
Transfer to Class 2 Army							
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Discharged							
R.I. & R.I.A. Records							
Woolwich							
Total Service forfeited as above							
Total Service towards Engagement to (date of discharge) years days							
" " " Pension " () years days							

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Forms.
B. 200A
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INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Olive Sarah Gard, Tanyard
Kingsdon Tawm | Relationship wife

Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.
 (c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a) Olive Sarah (b) Worcester (c) The Tanyard (d) P.H. 10
Brandon com Kingsdon
Spinster May 22 05

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth
<u>Albert Henry</u>	
<u>Arthur Frederick</u>	
<u>Jessica</u>	
<u>Ernest</u>	
<u>Oliver</u>	

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					years days	years days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>7.4.15</u>					<u>from 7.4.15 to 13.6.16</u>		
Joined at <u>Taunton</u> on <u>7.4.15</u>							
<u>1st Bn. 2nd</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>Attached</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>7.4.15</u>			<u>W. H. H. H.</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>Postea</u>		<u>12.4.15</u>			<u>W. H. H. H.</u>
		<u>Hauskins Ammunition</u>					
		<u>Colt M32 R24</u>					
		<u>Unit para 223 (14)</u>					
		<u>King's Regt</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>7.6.15</u>			
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Adjutant,
 12th (2nd) Bn. Worcestershire Regt.
W. H. H. H.

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Q.C. AMN Col
79th Bde R.F.A.

888 SOMERSET L.I.
1 - MAY 1915
Regimental No. A898

Please sign the
attached A.F.B.241 and return.

*This is a regular unit
to the transfer is in
order*

*Will you kindly
transfer your unit to the
territorial unit in the
order the transfer would not
be advisable*

*My kind
Capt.*

A. Sturley Lt-Col
Comdg 3rd Bn Somerset.L.I.
Crownhill
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*Herewith A.F.B.241 duly
completed. Please let me know
when this may will join we are
stationed at 2nd Corner Camp
Winchester*

M. L. King Capt
O.G. AMN: COL: 79th BDE. R.F.A.

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MEMORANDUM.

From O.C. AMN: COL: 79th BDE. R.F.A.

From Office

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To O.C. Company
Somerset R.F.A.

3rd SOMERSET L.I.
 22 MAY 1915 To
 register No.

O.C. AMN:
 79 Bde R.F.A.

ANSWER.

22 May 1915

Crownhill 22-5-15 191 .

With reference to Para 333
 Kings Regulations Herewith
 A. 7 B. 24 for 17632 Pte Gards,
 who is desirous of serving
 with his elder brother in the
 unit under my command. I am
 satisfied that a bonafide
 relationship exists between these
 two men.

Will you kindly say
 whether your Unit is a Regular
 or Territorial Unit. If the
 latter the transfer would not
 be admissible.

A. Stewart

Lt-Colonel

Comdg 3rd Bn Somerset L.I.

Am. L. kids bapt.
 O.C. AMN: COL: 79th BDE. R.F.A.

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Clothing statement
 Incessaries of the undermentioned transferred to 79th Brigade

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P. C. Wright - Lieut
a/c.

Ord

Army Form B. 178.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Gard Christian Name Frederick

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish St. Philip's County Somerset

Examined { on 7th day of April 1915
 at Taunton

Declared Age 33 years — days

Trade or Occupation .. barber

Height 5 feet, 7 inches.

Weight 136 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 36 inches.
 Range of Expansion 3 inches.

Physical Development .. Good

Vaccination Marks { Arm .. Right Left
 Number — 2

When Vaccinated Infancy

Vision { R.E.—V = 6
 L.E.—V = 6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease (a) _____

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection (b) _____

Approved by .. (Signature) Clifford Sturges Major
 (Rank) R.A.M.C.
 Medical Officer.

Enlisted { at Taunton
 on 7th day of April 1915.

Joined on Enlistment ..

Corps.	Regtl. No.
<u>Som. L.I.</u>	<u>17632</u>

Transferred to

Became non-effective by

(Signature) Forw. 503 (R.A.M.C.) R.E.
 on 8 day of Feb. 1915.
 Officer in R.H. & R.F.A. Record

(Rank) _____

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RETURN of a Soldier at present stationed at Plymouth Regiment
being ^{transferred} _{posted} _{attached} from the G Coy Somerset L.I. Regiment
to the C.O. AMN. COY. 73th BDE. R.E.L. Regiment
or Corps at Portsmouth for the purpose of serving with elder brother

Regiment and Battalion 3rd Bn Somerset L.I.
No 17632 Rank and Name Private F. Yarde
Service towards engagement years 54 Days months.
Date of Attestation 7th April 1915.
Period for which attested D-of-W. Colours - Reserve.
Age 33 years 54 days. Height 5 feet 7 inches.
Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 inches.
Range of expansion 3 inches.
Trade or Calling Carter
Where born Tanyard Kingston County Somerset
Married or single, if married, state if with leave Married
Certificate of Education Nil
Character good
Good conduct badges Nil
Musketry qualification and score Nil
Schools or Courses of Instruction at which the soldier has attended and qualified. Nil
Nature of certificates obtained to be stated

To be signed by a Soldier applying to be transferred.
I request to be transferred as above, and I understand that, if transferred, my conditions of service will be modified (if necessary) so as to correspond with the general conditions of service in the corps to which I am transferred, in accordance with Section 83 (3) of the Army Act.
Signature of Soldier F. Yarde Private

To be signed by a Soldier applying to be posted or attached.
I request to be † as above.
Signature of Soldier F. Yarde Private

I have examined the above man and find him medically fit for the branch of the service to which it is proposed transfer post attach him.
Signature of Medical Officer J. Oliver Civil Practitioner

I have no objection to this man being † as above.
Signature of applicant's present Commanding Officer A. Stearns Lt-Colonel
(Station) Crownhill (Date) 18 June 1915
have no objection to this man being † as above.
Signature of Officer Commanding applicant's proposed Regiment, Corps or Battalion Br. L. H. C. Capt.
(Station) Pier Corner Camp (Date) 3.7 June 1915

Signature of competent authority for transfer

Regulations. The words which do not apply to be erased, and in the case of the R.A.M.C., it should also be of the Corps. "transferred," "posted," or "attached" as the case may be.

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POSTAL ADDRESS:- INFANTRY RECORD OFFICE, EXETER.

H.S. 101A.
DEVON REG.

To Mrs O.S. Yard

Tanyard, Kingston Tawton

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Fredk Yard was enlisted on the 7. 4. 15
at Taunton will you, therefore
please fill in the following form, and return it to me, for which
purpose I enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

His name (in full) Fredrick Yard

His Regimental Number (if known) 89967

Regiment he is now serving in
with name of battalion R 2 A

Present Station Topsham

Exeter

J. H. Gooding Major for Colonel,
i/c Records No. 8 District.

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Mr.

TAUNTON

TAUNTON



Herewith returned attached
"Form, duly filled in as
requested."

Yours obediently

W. J. Brown

Deputy Chief Clerk

Major J. Goodwyn.
Infantry Record Office,
Exeter.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

Number of Inhabitants 70
(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to head of Family	AGE last Birthday and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person and on years and upwards				BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person Foreign Country	INFLUENT
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Children born alive to present Marriage (If no children, then also enter "None" in Column 7)	Children born alive to former Marriage (If any, also enter "None" in Column 7)	Children born alive to former Marriage (If any, also enter "None" in Column 7)	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected	Whether "Employer" or "Worker" or "Own Account"	Whether "Working on his own"			
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who													
(1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or													
(2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere.													
No one else must be included.													
(For order of relating names see Examples on back of Schedule.)													
1	Frederick Yarde	Head	28	Married	5	4	4	None	general labour	38	Worker	London, Middlesex	
2	Ellen Yarde	Wife	27	Married								Duckland, Kent	
3	Arthur Yarde	Son	5	Single								Fivehead	
4	Arthur Frederick Yarde	Son	3	Single								Fivehead	
5	Frederick Yarde	Daughter	1	Single								Duckland, Kent	
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(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Frederick Yarde

Printed Address Staple Hill, Duckland, Kent

Post Office Address Staple Hill, Duckland, Kent

1911 CENSUS F YARDE

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
YARD	R.F.A.	Gnt.	89964
Frederick			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
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WEDNESDAY.—Before the Mayor (Alderman H. J. Van Trump), Messrs. F. W. Penny, J. Widin, and H. E. Gibbons.

WRETCHED TAUNTON HOME.

WRETCHED TAUNTON HOME.

FATHER LIVING WITH ANOTHER WOMAN

Unfortunate. Yard, who is employed at a timber sawing camp near Topsham, and Olive Sarah **Yard**, his wife, who resides at Taunton, were summoned at the instance of the N.S.P.C.C., for having neglected their six children, whose ages range from 13 years to three, in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering and injury to health.

Mr. T. Broomhead, hon. secretary of the local branch of the N.R.P.C.C., said the male defendant was engaged as a shoing smith at a timber supply camp near Narroona. His wife and children had been under the Society's observation from February, 1917, and 45 visits had been paid, with a view to bringing about an improvement. Whilst the husband was on service the wife received an allowance of 37s 6d per week, but the children were much neglected and often left alone in the house whilst the mother went to dances and other places. The rooms were undecorated and unfit to live in, they were sparsely furnished, dirty, and stinking. After the man was demobilised he sent his wife 30s per week, but he (Mr. Broomhead) thought the Bench would agree that that was inadequate for the woman and her six children.

Inspector Pearce, N.S.P.C.C., stated that he had known the man since 1917, and had paid over 40 visits. He first of all found that the children had been neglected as regards cleanliness, but after his visits there was a decided improvement until September 10th, 1917, when in consequence of a complaint he saw the children at school. The mother then handed him a letter, and he saw she had reason to be upset, but he warned her and advised her how to proceed with the children, and also get neighbours and the clinic to assist. The mother was in the asylum for a short time, and whilst she was there the children were with a foster mother, and things considerably improved. In January last the husband was disemployed and he allowed his wife 50s per week. Things got worse, and the wife lost control of the children and they were practically pulling the house down. He wrote to the father but he replied that he could not live with his wife any more. The mother went to work and was away from the children for three or four hours at a time, the younger children running about unscared for. He again communicated with the father and later with the Easter branch of the Society. The house was practically destitute of furniture and dishes, and the children had made it dangerous to live in. Since the 6th September the owners had taken steps to repair the house. The children suffered from stench and the presence of vermin, and the condition of the house caused suffering to anyone who entered it.

Dr. F. P. Jocelyne stated that he visited the house on August 25th and examined the children. He handed in his certificate as to the condition of the children, and stated that the house was unfit for human habitation. The condition of the children was likely to cause unnecessary suffering and injury to health.

P.S. Gilre gave evidence as to a visit to the house on September 6th.

Inspector Porter, N.S.P.C.I., Exeter, stated that he saw the main defendant on June 12, 1934, and told him the facts concerning the children and pointed out his responsibility. He said he was earning \$10 per week, out of which he sent home, paid \$8 for his lodgings, and had 2s for himself. His wages had been £45, 50s and 55s per week. He saw the woman whose defendant was living with, and she said they also had a foreman lodging with them.

The male defendant said his wife had always been dirty and he could not live with her, this was the reason he joined the Army. She would sit in a chair all day and not move.

The Mayer pointed out that defendant's wife had had to go to work because he did not allow her sufficient to maintain herself and the children and to this defendant replied that he had allowed her as fair as he could out of his wages.

In reply to a question by the Mayor Mr. Brownhead said there was a reason in the letter referred to which caused the woman to be upset and which temporarily affected her mind. As they had heard the man was living with another woman which accounted for all the trouble. He was keeping a second home going.

The Bench said they considered the case to be a very bad one indeed, and they had decided to commit the male defendant to prison for three months. The case against the wife would be adjourned for a week for her to be medically examined.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE

TWO DEFENDANTS RE-APPEAR.

Sarah Jane Morris, married woman, 41, fifteen, pleaded guilty to having on the 14th

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ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.	
1 <u>Beacon Lane</u>	1	1	<u>Fremlett Alfred T</u>		M	3rd Jan	91	M Postman
		2	<u>Fremlett Emily L</u>		F	24 Mar	92	M Unpaid domestic duties
This record is officially closed.								
3 <u>do</u>	2	1	<u>Yeo Edwin</u>		M	18th Apr	08	M Bus Driver
		2	<u>Gibbs Ellen</u>		F	22nd Sep	09	M Unpaid House duties
This record is officially closed.								
5 <u>do</u>	3	1	<u>Bauer Henry</u>		M	9th Sep	07	M Steam Cleaner & Slaughterer
		2	<u>Bauer Minnie</u>		F	28th Sep	03	M Unpaid domestic duties
This record is officially closed.								
7 <u>do</u>	4	1	<u>Bauer Roy</u>		M	21st Sep	39	S Under School age
		2	<u>Gard Frederick</u>		M	25th Sep	92	M Black Smith
		3	<u>Gard Helen</u>		F	10th Nov	90	M Unpaid domestic duties
		4	<u>Gard Roland</u>		M	4th Nov	15	S Commercial Van driver
		5	<u>Gard William</u>		M	18th Nov	22	S Carpenter - apprentice
		6	<u>Gard Norman</u>		M	11th Dec	24	S Laundry Van boy
		7	<u>Wenthe Sylvia</u>		F	26th Jan	26	S At School
		8	<u>Wenthe Dorothea</u>		F	3rd July	27	S At School
This record is officially closed.								
9 <u>do</u>	5	1	<u>Taylor William</u>		M	21st Sep	75	M Genl. Builders Mason
		2	<u>Taylor Sarah</u>		F	3rd Dec	75	M Unpaid house duties
		3	<u>Payne Kellie M</u>		F	13th Nov	12	S Hotel Receptionist
		4	<u>Payne Bernard</u>		M	7th Dec	30	S At School
11 <u>do</u>	6	1	<u>Holwell Thomas</u>		M	2nd May	89	M Locomotive Boiler washer & Sdly. Heavy worker
This record is officially closed.								
13 <u>do</u>	7	1	<u>MANNING Mrs J</u>		F	2nd Nov	27	S At School
		2	<u>Godden Thomas</u>		M	20th Jan	93	M Fireman Southey Rly.
		3	<u>Godden Edith</u>		F	20th Jan	98	M Unpaid domestic duties
This record is officially closed.								
15 <u>do</u>	8	1	<u>Woodgate Walter</u>		M	9th Sep	95	M Telephonist GPO
		2	<u>Woodgate Minnie</u>		F	11th Sep	01	M Unpaid house duties
		3	<u>Woodgate Dennis</u>		M	10th Nov	25	S At School
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17 <u>do</u>	9	1	<u>Payne Kenneth</u>		M	10th Dec	81	M Waste dealer
		2	<u>Payne Mary</u>		F	20th Mar	87	M Unpaid domestic duties