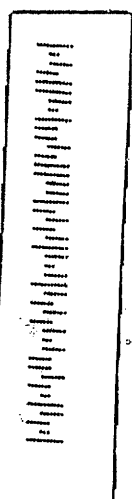


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From The War Office  
on Maurice's inscription -

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September 28th 1948.

49 Waldron Road,  
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Dear Sir,

I write to ask you whether you could send me a letter, required by the Officers' Association, Belgrave Square, showing the reason for my leaving service as a Captain, RA, in December 1945.

My Army number was 265247. I was demobilised in December, 1945, under Class "B" and my age-group was 46. The unit which I left was 71st Field Regt., RA.

I should be very grateful if the letter could reach me by the Friday of this week.

I am, Sir,

Yours Sincerely,

*M.S. Rowdon*

(M.S. Rowdon.)

AG 6,  
War Department,  
Lansdowne House.

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71, Eaton Square,

P/2652,7/1 (Records)

11 October, 1948.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 28th September, 1948, I am commanded by the Army Council to furnish, from the records of the Department, the following particulars of the military service of Lieutenant Maurice Stanbury ROWDON:-

Enlisted into The Queen's Royal Regiment, embodied Territorial Army.....	1. 9.41
Transferred to Class "W"(T) Territorial Army Reserve.....	3. 9.41
Embodied for service.....	14. 8.42
Discharged on appointment to a commission.....	5. 3.43
Appointed to an emergency commission as 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Artillery.....	6. 3.43
Promoted War Substantive Lieutenant.....	6. 9.43
Appointed Acting Captain.....	8. 9.45
Relinquished acting rank of Captain.....	10.10.45
Released under Class "B" with effect from.....	10. 1.46
Served overseas.	

His record and services were satisfactory.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

((Sgd.) L. V. SUMNER

For  
Permanent Under-Secretary of State.

Lieutenant M. S. Rowdon,  
49, Waldron Road,  
EARLSFIELD,  
London, S.W.18.

# OFFICER CADET TRAINING UNIT

## FIRST APPOINTMENTS EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

265247

FORM to to be filled up by successful Candidates for appointment to Emergency Commissions in the Army.

Name in full..... MAURICE STANBURY ROWDON.....

<p>1. Regiments or Corps of the British or Indian Army for which I desire to express a preference.</p> <p>Officers wishing for Scottish, Irish, or Welsh Regiments should state their connection, if any, with the country in question.</p> <p>(Not more than three Regiments or Corps should be specified. Family or Territorial claims should be fully stated.)</p>	(1)	Family or Territorial Claims (if any), to be fully stated
	(2)	
	(3)	
<p>2. (For applicants for Household Cavalry and Foot Guards only) Have you been accepted by the Colonel of the Regiment for which you have applied above? (NOTE. No commissions in Regiments of Household Cavalry or Foot Guards will be granted unless applicants have previously been accepted by the Colonels of the Regiments concerned.)</p>		

Signature..... M.S. Rowdon.....

Address to which notification of appointment should be sent. Any change should be at once notified to the War Office

..... 49, WALDRON ROAD.....  
 ..... EARNSFIELD, LONDON, S.W. 18......

(To be written IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Date..... 31<sup>st</sup> January 1943......

NOTE.—This Form must be filled up and forwarded to "THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, THE WAR OFFICE (M.S. 2.), WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1," through the Officer Commanding, Officer Cadet Training Unit.

RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICER CADET TRAINING UNITS

B

PART I (To be completed by the Candidate.)

- 1. Surname ROWDON
- 2. Army Number \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Christian names MAURICE STANBURY
- 4. Rank Cadet.
- 5. Date of Promotion \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Unit O. U. S. T. C. (Army unit)
- 7. Date of joining present unit 11.10.41
- 8. Date of enlistment 1<sup>st</sup> September 1941
- 9. Date of birth\* September 20<sup>th</sup> 1922
- 11. Civil Identity No. EDTE 173 3X
- 10. Place of birth\* London
- 12. Religion Anglican
- 13. Nationality at birth British  
(If naturalized state date and number of Certificate)
- 14. Name and nationality at birth of father WILLIAM JOHN ROWDON, British  
(If naturalized state date and number of Certificate)
- 15. Name and nationality at birth of mother GENAÏYS BROOKE, British
- 16. Married or single Single
- 17. Nationality at birth of wife \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Next of kin and Permanent Address of next of kin W. J. Rowdon, 49, Waldon Road, Earlsfield, London, S.W.18.
- 20. School or other Educational Establishments (with dates) Waldon Rd. School (1929-1933)  
Emmanuel School, Wandsworth Common, S.W.11. (1933-41)  
Kettle College, Oxford (Oct. 1941 - June 1942)
- 21. Educational certificates (with dates) General School Certificate (1938)  
Higher School Certificate (1940)
- 22. Languages (state if written or spoken) French: written and spoken.  
Latin: written.
- 23. Civil occupation Student
- 24. Name of last employer \_\_\_\_\_

25. Arm or Corps in which a Commission is desired. Three choices to be given in order of priority one to be non-technical.

- (i) Royal Artillery  
(ii) Educational Corps  
(iii) \_\_\_\_\_

26. Technical qualifications, if any, for each of above choices:—

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) \_\_\_\_\_

27. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power or by Court Martial? † No.

If so, state date and circumstances \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. Have you previously been admitted to the R.M.A., R.M.C. or to an Officer Cadet Training Unit?

If so, give particulars \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. Have you at any time held a commission in any branch of H.M. Forces? If so, give full particulars \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. General remarks (including O.T.C. experience; rank in O.T.C.; number of camps attended; certificates obtained).

J.T.C. Emanuel School, Wandsworth Common.

S.T.C. Oxford University. Certificate 'A'.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the above particulars are correct and complete.

Signature V. S. Rendon

Date 19.6.42.

\* This must be supported by a certificate of registration of birth which shows the full names of the parents.

† Commanding Officers will use their discretion in deciding whether a man who appears otherwise suitable should be rejected on account of conviction by the Civil Power or by a Court Martial. For example, no serious notice need be taken of convictions on account of youthful indiscretions or minor motoring offences, but where the cause of conviction indicates a lack of the high moral qualities which are required of an officer, consideration must be given as to whether the facts disclosed point to the total unsuitability of the candidate for commissioned rank. Due regard must however be paid to the fact that bravery and distinguished service in the field may be an overriding consideration in spite of past records.

PART II. Certificate of moral character for the past four years to be pasted in here.

A.F. B2617 (Inset.)

**CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION TO AN OFFICER CADET TRAINING UNIT**  
**CERTIFICATE OF MORAL CHARACTER FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.**

If the candidate has been at a school 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 any responsible person (not a near relative or connection) 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. †

If the candidate has been a regular soldier or an embodied Territorial Army soldier for a part of the four years, a certificate is not needed for that part spent in the Army.

I certify to the good moral character of Maurice Stanley Rowdon  
From Sept. 18th 1933 To July 31<sup>st</sup> /41 for the last 8 years

Signature C. M. Brown M.A. Oxon.

Rank, office or occupation Headmaster

Date June 11, 1942 Address Emmanuel School

now at Charles's College, Mansfield, Notts.

\* I certify to the good moral character of Maurice Stanley Rowdon  
for the last year

Signature G. D. M. Street

Rank, office or occupation Clerk in King's Order

Date 6/7/42 Address Keele College

Oxford

\* To be completed when the first certificate does not cover the whole of the four years.

† The following come under the heading of "Responsible person" :—  
Senior Officers in the Fighting or Civil Services (either serving in or retired and living in Great Britain or Northern Ireland):  
Members of either House of Parliament:  
Members of County, City, Borough or District Councils, or their equivalent in Scotland:  
Holders of Judicial Office, Magistrates, Practising Barristers and Solicitors, Directors, Secretaries, and Departmental Managers of Public Companies, Ministers of Parishes or other local Clergymen, and Registered Medical Practitioners.

This form to be attached to Army Form B2617 at Part III. -

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Date ..... Commanding .....

**PART III.** (To be completed by the candidate's Commanding Officer.)

Military particulars of Candidate: —

- 1. Military character Good
- 2. Training standards attained Good
- 3. Courses attended
- 4. Power of leadership Average
- 5. Medical category

I certify that in my opinion No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Francis Stanley Rowden  
 is suited by personality and intelligence to be trained with a view to being commissioned.

Date 6/7/42 Signature H. J. Sandford Rank COLONEL  
 Commanding Southern COMMANDING

Command in which Unit is stationed: OXFORD UNIVERSITY SENIOR TRAINING CORPS

**PART IV.** (To be completed by Command Interviewing Board)

1. Remarks as to suitability as an officer (NOT from a technical point of view)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Interviewing Board (a) President \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Members \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of President of Board \_\_\_\_\_

**PART V.** (To be completed by a Lieut.-Colonel of the Arm or Corps for which the candidate has expressed first choice, if technical and where this differs from the one in which he is serving)

I certify that No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ was interviewed by me on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_  
 and is, in my opinion, technically suitable for training for a  
 commission in \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commanding \_\_\_\_\_

**PART VI.** (To be completed by a Lieut.-Colonel of the Arm or Corps for which the candidate has expressed second choice, if technical and where this differs from the one in which he is serving, and if he has not been accepted under V. above.)

I certify that No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ was interviewed by me on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_  
 and is, in my opinion, technically suitable for training for a  
 commission in \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commanding \_\_\_\_\_

# CADET RECORD SHEET

123 OCT REGT. R. A.

## Officer Cadet Training Unit

Army No. 6105046

Name ROWDON

Christian Names MAURICE STANBURY

Date of Joining O.C.T.U. 10 SEPTEMBER 1942.

Choice of Regiment (including Indian Army)  
(to agree with A.F. E. 562)

1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

Regiment to which posted.....

## COMPANY COMMANDER'S REPORT

C A Very un distinguished Cadet who appear slow, & lacks drive & initiative.  
 1st Month He must develop all round if he is to make a leader. C. W. K. Fisher

2nd Month Below average. Has got brain, & quite a good physique, but doesn't desire to use either. If he can overcome this failing he has the makings of an officer. Commanding Officer, 123 O.C.T. Regt., R.A. Major, R.A.

2<sup>nd</sup>/~~3rd~~ Month. Dropped one month. Still inclined to be "dopey", but has improved a little. He will have to develop a far more alert & interested manner if he is to become an officer.

4th Month Nothing will ever make this Cadet really wake up. He has got a good brain for some things, but not for the technicalities of Gunnery. Quite a good lecturer.

5th Month Still dull & lethargic, but may have improved slightly in this respect.

Battle Camp. Missed through sickness.

6th Month This Cadet has been below average all through the course. He has got a brain, but will not apply it. He is the right type, however, & has a pleasant manner. His ~~main~~ difficulty <sup>lies</sup> in overcoming <sup>his</sup> acute mental & physical lethargy. He will require to be kept up to the mark, but, with guiding & goading, should develop into a reasonable officer. Thornley

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S REMARKS

Category C.....

*H. A. Younes*  
 ..... COLONEL,  
 COMMANDANT 123RD O.C.T.U. R.A.

Cadet's Initials and date H. S. Rowden 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1943 Date 19. 2. 43

FROM REV. H. J. CARPENTER,  
WARDEN.

KEBLE COLLEGE,  
OXFORD.

June 9. 1942.

M.S. Roston :  
As near I have intelligence, not amounting  
to any reserved, good steady character.

H. J. Carpenter.

EDTE 173/3x  
**SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM**

Army Form B 103-I.

Army No. **6105046**

Signature of Officer

*Blainville Major*  
 for O/C Monthly Medical Report

Forms/B103-1/3.

Nothing to be written in this margin.

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Surname **ROWDEN**  
 Christian Names **Maurice Stanley**  
 Religion **C.P.E.**  
 If married state date .....  
 \*Substantive Rank and Appointment .....  
 \*Acting, Temporary or Local Rank, giving date .....  
 Attestation paper **E 531**  
 (Number of Army Form)  
 If of Alien origin state particulars .....  
 Date of birth as declared on attestation **20-9-22**  
 (a) .....  
 Date of Enlistment **1-9-41**  
 Date Service reckons from **1-9-41**  
 (b) Date called to Colours .....  
 Period of Engagement **DOE**  
 (c) Special conditions (if any) of Enlistment or Rate of Pay }  
 (d) Any subsequent variations of conditions of service }  
 Extension of Service .....  
 (Dates and period to be stated)  
 Date of Re-engagement ..... Period ..... yrs.  
 Trade on Enlistment **Schools**  
 Corps trade and grade .....  
 Qualifications (e) .....  
 Miscellaneous entries (f):—  
 (f) (1) .....  
 (f) (2) .....  
 (f) (3) .....  
 (f) (4) .....

Corps	Unit	
<b>The Queen's Royal Regiment.</b>		
To be completed by O. i/c Records when the Soldier is transferred to or re-engaged in the Army Reserve:—		
(i) Date of transfer to Army Reserve .....		
(ii) Rank on transfer to Army Reserve .....		
(iii) Date of Promotion thereto .....		
(iv) Service in present rank ..... Yrs. .... Days.		
(v) Re-engagement or Re-enlistment for Sec. D Army Reserve Date ..... Period ..... yrs.		
Medical (b)		
Category	Date	Authority
* Full Name and Address of Next of Kin and Relationship.		
<b>Father: William John ROWDEN</b>		
<b>49, WARDEN ROAD</b>		
<b>EARSHFIELD SW 18</b>		
Continued beyond 21 years to ..... (date service expires)		

NOTES.—\*Entries to be made in pencil.  
 (a) Here enter particulars of any subsequent claim as to actual age after verification by birth certificate.  
 (b) Instructions regarding completion of this sub-head will be issued when necessary after mobilization.  
 (c) Whether "for Home Service only," enlisted at special rates of pay, &c.  
 (d) If to be retained on Home Service, period, if specified, to be stated, also authority, and on what grounds.  
 (e) Signaller, Farrier, &c.  
 (f) Instructions regarding allotment of these sub-heads will be made as may be necessary after mobilization.



10. Registration Number **2719228**

1. Surname **ROWDEN**

2. Christian Names **Maurice Stanley**

3. Army Number **6105046**

4. Regiment or Corps **OCTH. 248. QUEENS R. The Queen's Royal Regiment.**

5. Nature of Engagement **T.A. (W)**

6. Date of Joining (Army Class) or Date of Enlistment (Others) **1-9-41**

7. Date of Birth **20-9-22**

8. Nationality or Dual Nationality **E**

9. Religion **C.E.**

10. Industry Group **0**

11. Occupational Classification **0**

12. Cause of becoming Non-effective **DISCHARGED PARA 302 (XVII) 1940**

12 (a) Date **5.3.43**

13. Single or Married **S**

14. Home Town and County (U.K.) or Country (abroad) **LONDON**

15.
 

A. Rank	<b>Pte</b>	Part II Order
B. Service Trade		
C. Medical Category	<b>A1</b>	E.
D.		F.

16.
 

19. Location	<b>H</b>
X Date Rejoined from Reserve	<b>14-8-42</b>

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S/O Strength on Transfer  
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**2.1.43**

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Mrs DHA Rowdon  
44 Brookwood Road  
London  
SW18 5BY

Our reference:  
D/APC/HD/DESK 8/272751

Date: 02/08/2013

Dear Mrs Rowdon

**Maurice Stanbury Rowdon**

I am enclosing copies of the contents of your late husband's service file and I hope you will find these interesting. A list of abbreviations is enclosed to assist you.

You have been provided with all the information that we hold about your late husband and this office is not resourced to carry out additional research. However, you may find the following addresses useful sources of additional general information:

National Archives  
Ruskin Avenue  
Kew  
Richmond  
Surrey TW9 4DU

Imperial War Museum  
Lambeth Road  
London SE1 6HZ

MOD Medal Office  
Building 250  
Imjin Barracks  
Gloucester  
GL3 1HW

Tel: 020 8876 3444

Tel: 020 7416 5000

Tel: 0800 085 3600

Web site  
[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

Web site [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

You can visit the National Archives to do your own research (you will have to provide some form of identification in order to obtain a reader's ticket), or the National Archives will do the research for you for a fee. Alternatively, the website has a list of independent researchers who you can employ.

Information on the regiment itself may be held in the Imperial War Museum. If you wish to view a particular regimental history an appointment is necessary and should be booked at least 24 hours in advance.

Regimental and corps museums can also be a useful source of additional information and the Army Museums Ogilby Trust website at [www.armymuseums.org.uk](http://www.armymuseums.org.uk) provides contact details for them all.

Only the Ministry of Defence Medal Office can verify details concerning entitlement to campaign medals and you should contact them directly if you have any queries.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely



Linda Nelson  
Administrative Officer  
Historical Disclosures

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact Ms B Hutchinson, Disclosures Manager, Army Personnel Centre, Mail Point 527, Kentigern House, 65 Brown Street, Glasgow G2 8 EX in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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## Useful Abbreviations

A	Acting
	Assistant
A.A.	Anti Aircraft
AAC	Army Air Corps
AA COLL	Army Apprentice College
AAHC	Army Auxiliary Horse Company
AAI	Allied Army Italy
A.A.M.C.	Australian Army Medical Corps
AARR	Airborne Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment
AAS	Army Apprentices School
AATDC	Army Airborne Transport Development Centre
AATS	Anti Aircraft Training Centre
A.B.	Army Book
	Airborne
ABC	Armoured Brigade Company (RASC)
ABOD	Advanced Base Ordnance Depot (India)
ABS	Army Board Secretariat
ABSD	Army Blood Supply Depot (RAMC)
AC	Army Contracts
ACC	Army Catering Corps
	Armoured Car Company (RAC)
ACEP	Army Communications Equipment Production
A.C.I.	Army Council Instruction
A.C.D.	Army Chaplain's Department
ACP	Army Composite Platoon (RASC)
A. CPL OF HORSE	Acting Corporal of Horse
A. CYC. CORPS	Army Cyclist Corps
AD	Armoured Division
	Air Despatch
	Assistant Director
ADC	Aide-dé-Camp
A.D.G..M.S.	Assistant Director General of Medical Services
ADMS	Assistant Director Medical Services
ADS	Army Dental Services
ADST	Assistant Director Supply and Transport
ADT	Armoured Division Troops
AE	Army Equipment
AEC	Army Education Corps
	Army Educational Company
AEDN	Army Education
AER	Army Emergency Reserve
A.F.	Army Form
AFD	Airborne Forces Depot
AFPD	Army Forms and Publications Depot
AFS	Air Formation Signals
AFV	Armoured Fighting Vehicle
AFW	Army Field Workshops
AG	Adjutant General
A.G.B.	Adjutant Generals Base
AGDU	Army Guard Dog Unit
AGR	Army General Reserve
A.G.R.A.	Army Group Royal Artillery

A. GYM. ST.	Army Gymnastic Staff
AH	Army Health
A.H.C.	Army Hospital Corps
AIG	Assistant Instructor in Gunnery
AIO	Army Intelligence Officer
AIRLINE COY.	Airline Company (RE Unit specialising in overhead cables)
AKC	Army Kinema Corporation
A/L	Air Landing
A L/CPL.	Acting Lance Corporal
ALFN	Allied Landing Forces Norway
ALS	Army Legal Services
AMC	Army Medical Corps
	Airdrome Maintenance Company (RE)
AM COL	Ammunition Column
AMCU	Anti Malarial Control Unit
A. MULE DEPOT	Army Mule Depot
A.P.C.	Army Pay Corps
A.P.D.	Army Pay Department
A.M.C.	Army Medical Corps
A.M.P.C.	Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps
A.M.O.	Administrative Medical Officer
AMS	Army Medical Services
ANS	Army Nursing Services
A.O.C.	Army Ordnance Corps
A.O.D.	Army Ordnance Department
	Advanced Ordnance Depot
AORE	Army Operational Research Establishment
AOSR	Army Operational Science and Research
A.P.C.	Army Pay Corps
A.P.D.	Army Pay Department
APL	Army Pioneers and Labour
APO	Army Post Office
A.P.S.S.	Army Printing and Stationary Services
A.P.T.C.	Army Physical Training Corps
AR	Army Recruiting
ARMD	Armoured
ARTY	Artillery
A.S.C.	Army Service Corps
	Army Selection Centre
ASCB	Army Sport Control Board
ASD	Army Staff Duties
A. SGT.	Acting Sergeant
A. & S.H.	Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
AS OF FH	Army School of Field Hygiene
A SURG	Army Surgeon
AT	Army Training
ATC	Armoured Training Centre
	Army Troops Company
A.T. COY.	Army Troops Company (RE)
A/Tk	Anti Tank
ATS	Auxiliary Territorial Service
A.V.C.	Army Veterinary Corps
AVRS	Army Veterinary and Remount Services
AW	Artisan Works (RE)
A.W.O.CL.1	Acting Warrant Officer Class 1

AWOL	Absent Without Leave
AWRE	Atomic Weapons Research Establishment
AYR, SEO	Ayrshire Yeomanry
BANU	British Army News Unit
B.A.R.	British Army of the Rhine (post First World War)
B.A.F.S.V.	British Armed Forces Special Vouchers
B.A.O.R.	British Army of the Rhine (post Second World War)
BAPO	British Army Post Office (RE)
BC	Battle Casualty
BC	Battery Commander
BCD	Biological and Chemical Defence
BCOF	British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Japan)
BD	Bomb Disposal
	Base Depot
	Biological Defence
BDC	Bomb Disposal Company
BDE	Brigade
BDR	Bombardier – Royal Artillery rank of Corporal
BDS	Bomb Disposal section (RE)
BDSM	Bandsman
BEDF.R	Bedfordshire Regiment
BEDF. YEO.	Bedfordshire Yeomanry
B.E.F.	British Expeditionary Force
BETFOR	British Element Trieste Force
BFAP	British Forces Aden Protectorate
B.F.B.S.	British Forces Broadcasting Service
B.F.E.S.	British Families Education Service
B.F.N.	British Forces Network
BLA	British Liberation Army
B/M	Bugle Major
BM	Brigade Major
BN.	Battalion
BNAF	British North Africa Force
BOD	Base Ordnance Depot
BORD.R.	Border Regiment
BPTC	Bulk Petrol Transport Company (RASC)
B.Q.M.S.	Battery Quarter Master Sergeant
BRC	Base Reinforcement Camp
B.R.C.S.	British Red Cross Society
BRIG.	Brigadier (post 1922?)
BRIG.GEN.	Brigadier General (pre 1922?)
BSD	Base Supply Depot (RASC)
BSM	Battery Sergeant Major
BTA	British Troops Austria
BTTN.	Battalion
BTU	Blood Transfusion Unit (RAMC)
BTY.	Battery
BUCKS. YEO.	Buckinghamshire Yeomanry
B.W.I.R.	British West Indies Regiment
BR. W.I.R.	British West Indies Regiment
CA	Civil Affairs
C.A.M.C.	Canadian Army Medical Corps
CAMB.R.	Cambridgeshire Regiment

CAMN. HIGHS	Cameron Highlanders
CAPT.	Captain
CAS	Coastal Artillery School
CAV.	Cavalry
CAV.BDE	Cavalry Brigade
CBO	Counter Battery Officer
CCF	Combined Cadet Force
C.C.G. (B.E.)	Control Commission Germany (British Element)
C.C.S.	Casualty Clearing Station
CE	Chief Engineer (RE)
CEPO	Civilian Establishment and Pay Officer
CFA	Cavalry Field Ambulance
CFN	Craftsman (REME rank of Private)
C.F.W.W.	Council of Voluntary War Workers
CG	Chaplain General
C.GDS	Coldstream Guards
CGS	Chief of General Staff
C.-in-C.	Commander in Chief
CHES.R	Cheshire Regiment
CHES. YEO.	Cheshire Yeomanry
CHT.	Corps of Horse Transport (prefix used in ASC)
CIC	Commander in Chief
	Cookery Instruction Centre
	Civilian Internment Camp
CL YEO	City of London Yeomanry
C.M.A.	Corps of Military Accountants
CMF	Central Mediterranean Force
CMP	Corps of Military Police
CMS (AD)	Civilian Medical Services (Army Department)
CMT.	Mechanical Transport – Old Army ASC prefix
C.O.	Commanding Officer
COD	Central Ordnance Depot
COY.	Company
C. OF A.S.	Corps of Army Schoolmasters
C. OF HRS	Corps of Hussars
COL.	Colonel
C. OF LOND. YEO.	City of London Yeomanry
CO OF LOND. YEO.	County of London Yeomanry
C. OF LRS	Corps of Lancers
COMD	Command
	Commander
COMDT	Commandant
COMSEC	Command Secretary
CONN. RANG.	Connaught Rangers
Cpl.	Corporal
C.Q.M.S.	Company Quarter Master Sergeant
CR	Coast Regiment (RA)
C.R.E.	Command Royal Engineer
CRU	Civil Resettlement Unit
CSDIC	Combined Services Detail Interrogation Centre
CSDU	Central Salvage Depot Unit
CSEU	Combined Services Entertainment Unit
C. SGT.	Colour Sergeant
C.S.M.	Company Sergeant Major
CSR(A)	Chief Superintendent of Ranges (Army)

CT	Clothing and Textiles
CTBA	Ceased to be Attached
CTBE	Ceased to be Entitled
CTC	Cavalry Tank Corps
CW	Chemical Warfare
D&D	Devon and Dorset Regiment
D&T	Development and Training
D.A.C.	Divisional Ammunition Column
DADAW	Deputy Assistant Director Army Welfare
D.A.D.M.S.	Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services
DB	Depot Battalion (RE)
	Depot Brigade (RA)
DC	District Commander
DCC	Defence Communications Centre
D.C.L.I.	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
D.C.M.	Distinguished Conduct Medal
D.C.M.	District Court Martial
D.C.S.	District Censorship Station
D.D.M.S.	Deputy Director of Medical Services
DE	Duration of Emergency
	Director of Establishment
DEMS	Defensive Equipped Merchant Ship
DERR	Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment
DENBIGH, YEO.	Denbighshire Yeomanry
DEVON. R.	Devonshire Regiment
D.G. or D. GDS.	Dragoon Guards
DI	Defence Intelligence
DID	Detail Issue Depot (RASC)
DIV.	Division
D.L.I.	Durham Light Infantry
DM.	Driver Mechanical Transport (ASC prefix) – 3
D.M.G.	Deputy Military Governor
DMR.	Drummer
DMS	Driver Mechanic School
DOC	Docks Operating Company (RE)
D OF E	Duration of Engagement
D OF W	Duration of War
DNS.	Dragoons
D. OF CORN.L.I.	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
D. OF LANCS. O.Y.	Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry
DORSET. R.	Dorset Regiment
DORSET. YEO.	Dorset Yeomanry
DPM	Deputy Provost Marshal
DR	Despatch Rider
DSAF	Depot and School Airborne Forces
DSC	Divisional Supply Column
D.S.O.	Distinguished Service Order
DTR	Driver Training Regiment
DURH L.I.	Durham Light Infantry
DVR.	Driver (rank equating to Private)
DW	Duration of war
E&M COY	Electrical and Mechanical Company (RE)
EAC	Equipment Assembly Company (REME)

ECC	Emergency Cooks Course
ECT	Emergency Cookery Training
E.E.F.	Egyptian Expeditionary Force
E.F.C.	Expeditionary Force Canteen (First World War)
EFI	Expeditionary Force Institutes
EME(A)	Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (Army)
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
ENGR	Engineers
ENSA	Entertainment National Service Association
ERE	Extra Regimental Employment
E.R. OF YORK. Y.	East Riding of Yorkshire Yeomanry
ESBD	Electrical Stores Base Depot
	Engineer Store Base Depot
ESD	Engineer Stores Depot
ESE	Engineer Stores Establishment
ESSEX R.	Essex Regiment
ESSEX YEO.	Essex Yeomanry
EST	Establishments
E. SURR. R.	East Surrey Regiment
E. YORK. R.	East Yorkshire Regiment
EX. FCE. CAN.	Expeditionary Force Canteen

FA.	Field Ambulance
F. AMB.	Field Ambulance
F.A.N.Y.	First Aid Nursing Yeomanry
FARELF	Far East Land Force
F. COY	Fortress Company
FDS	Field Dressing Station
	Forward Delivery Squadron (RAC)
FF REGT	Frontier Force Regiment (India)
F.G.C.M.	Field General Court Martial
FH	Field Hospital
FLD. BKY	Field Bakery
FOO	Forward Observation Officer
FOU	Forward Observer Unit (RA)
FPKS	Field Park Squadron (RE)
FPS	Field Park Squadron (RE)
FSS	Field Security Section
FUS	Fusilier (Rank equating to Private)
FVPE	Fighting Vehicle Proving Establishment
FVS	Fighting Vehicle Section
FWN.	Forewoman (QMAAC NCO)

G.C.	George Cross
GC COY	General Construction Company (RE)
G.C.M.	General Court Martial
GCR	Gold Coat Regiment
GDS.	Guards
	General Duties Section
GDSM	Guardsman (Rank equating to Private)
G.GDS	Grenadier Guards
GDS. M.G.R.	Guards Machine Gun Regiment
GEN	General
GH	General Hospital
GLAM. YEO	Glamorgan Yeomanry

GLOUC. R.	Gloucestershire Regiment
G.M.	George Medal
G.M.P.	Garrison Military Police
Gnr.	Gunner (Rank equating to Private in Royal Artillery)
G.O.C.	General Officer Commanding
G.O.C.-in-C	General Officer Commanding-in-Chief
GORD. HIGHS.	Gordon Highlanders
GORDONS	Gordon Highlanders
GP	Group
GRKS.	Gurkhas
G.R.O.	General Routine Order
G.S.	General Service
GSC	General Service Corps
GSO	General Staff Officer
GT COY	General Transport Company
GTTB	General Trades Training Battalions (Royal Signals)
HAA	Heavy Anti Aircraft
H.A.C.	Honourable Artillery Company
H.A.C. ART	Honourable Artillery Company Artillery Section – 3
H.A.C. INF.	Honourable Artillery Company Infantry Section – 3
HAMP. R.	Hampshire Regiment
HAMPS. R.	Hampshire Regiment
HAMPS. YEO.	Hampshire Yeomanry
HAT	Home Ambulance Train (RAMC)
HCBTC	Home Counties Brigade Training Centre
HD	Home Defence
HEREFORD R.	Hereford Regiment
HERT. R.	Hertfordshire Regiment
HERTS. R.	Hertfordshire Regiment
HERTS. YEO.	Hertfordshire Yeomanry
HIGHLAND CYC. BTN.	Highland Cyclist Battalion
HIGH. L.I.	Highland Light Infantry
H.K.S.R.G.A.	Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Garrison Artillery
H.K.V.D.C.	Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps
H.L.I.	Highland Light Infantry
HOUSEHOLD BN.	Household Battalion
HPS	Home Port Security (Intelligence Corps)
HQ SW	Headquarters Static Workshop (REM)
HRS.	Hussars
	Heavy Recovery Section (REME)
HRS(MT)	Heavy Report Shop (Motor Transport) (RAOC)
HS	Holding Strength
	Hospital Ship
HSF	Home Service Force
HTR	Heavy Training Regiment (RAC)
HUNTS. CYCLIST BN.	Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion
I	Intelligence
IACC	Indian Army Corps of Clerks
IAOC	Indian Army Ordnance Corps
I/C	In charge of
ICC	Intelligence Corps Centre
IE	Inspectorate of Establishments

IFCU	Indian Field Censor Unit (Intelligence Corps)
IG	Instructor in Gunnery
I. GDS.	Irish Guards
IJLB	Infantry Junior Leader Battalion
INF.	Infantry
INFY.	Infantry
INT CORPS	Intelligence Corps
IO	Intelligence Officer
IR. GDS.	Irish Guards
ITC	Infantry Training Centre
IUL	Indian Unattached List (Officers)
IWP	Instruments and Weapons Production
I.W.T.	Inland Water Transport
KAR	King's African Rifles
K.E.H.	King Edward's Horse
K.O.S.B.	Kings Own Scottish Borderers
K.O. SCOT. BORD.	Kings Own Scottish Borderers
K.O.Y.L.I.	Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
K.R.R.C.	Kings Royal Rifle Corps
K.R. RF. C.	Kings Royal Rifle Corps
KSG	Korea Services Gratuity
K.S.L.I.	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry
L	Labour
LAA	Light Anti Aircraft
LABOUR C.	Labour Corps
LAC	London Assembly Centre
LAD	Light Aid Detachment
LANARK. YEO.	Lanarkshire Yeomanry
LAN. FUS.	Lanarkshire Fusiliers
L.C.	Labour Corps
L. CPL.	Lance Corporal
L/CPL	Lance Corporal
LCRS	Lancers
LDAC	London District Assembly Centre
LO	Liaison Officer
LORD	London District Reception Depot (RAC)
LDY OP	Laundry Operator (RAOC)
LEIC. R.	Leicestershire Regiment
LEIC. YEO.	Leicestershire Yeomanry
LEINS R.	Leinster Regiment
L.G.	Life Guards
L. GDS.	Life Guards
LIAP	Leave in addition to Python
LIEUT.	Lieutenant
LINC. R.	Lincolnshire Regiment
LINC. YEO.	Lincolnshire Yeomanry
L.I.R.	London Irish Rifles
LMB FA	Lowland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance (RAMC)
L.N. LAN. R.	Loyal North Lancashire Regiment
L OF C	Line of Communication
LONDON. R.	London Regiment
LOTH & BORD. H.	Lothian and Border Horse
LOVATS SCTS.	Lovat's Scouts

L'POOL. R.	Liverpool Regiment
LRDG	Long Range Desert Group
LRS	Lancers
L. SGT.	Lance Sergeant
LSL	Long Service List
LT.	Lieutenant
LT. COL.	Lieutenant Colonel
LTM	Light Trench Mortar
LTR	Long Term Reserve
LWOP	Leave without Pay
MA	Military Adviser Military Assistant Military Attache
MAC	Motor Ambulance Company (RAMC)
M.A.D.	Military Accounts Department
MAJ	Major
MANCH. R.	Manchester Regiment
MB	Mercian Brigade
MBU	Mobile Bath Unit (Pioneer Corps)
M.C.	Military Cross Movement Control Motor Cycle
MCU	Military Collection Unit
MDC	Mobile Defence Company
MD COY	Motor Driver Company (ATS)
ME COY	Mechanical Equipment Company
M.E.F.	Mediterranean Expeditionary Force
MELF	Middle East Land Force
MEP	Mechanical Equipment Park Company (RE)
MET	Meteorological
MEXE	Military Engineering Experimental Establishment
M.F.P.	Military Foot Police
M.G.C.	Machine Gun Corps
M.G. CORPS	Machine Gun Corps
M.G.C. CAV.	Machine Gun Corps Cavalry
MG TC	Machine Gun Training Centre
MGO	Master General of the Ordnance
MIDD'X R.	Middlesex Regiment
M.I.R.S.	Military Intelligence Research Section
MLU	Mobile Laundry Unit (RAOC)
M.M.	Military Medal
MMGC	Motor Machine Gun Corps
M.M.G.S.	Motor Machine Gun Service
M.M.P.	Military Mounted Police
M.O.	Medical Officer Military Operations
MOB	Mobilisation
M.O.D.	Ministry of Defence
MOV	Movement
MP	Manpower
MP&DB	Military Prison and Detention Barracks
MPDB	Military Provost Detention Barracks
M.P.S.C.	Military Provost Staff Corps
MONMOUTH R.	Monmouthshire Regiment

MPFC	Mobile Petrol Filling Company
MPTC	Mobile Petrol Transport Company
M.R.	Mounted Rifles
MRA	Maritime Royal Artillery
MRE	Microbiological Research Establishment
MRS	Medical Reception Station
MS	Mechanical Specials – prefix for Old Army ASC numbers
MSD	Main Supply Depot (RAOC)
MSG	Maintenance Support Group
MT	Mechanical Transport
MT BN.	Motor Training Battalion
MTF	Mauritius Territorial Force
MTO	Mechanical Transport Officer
MTS	Motor Transport Stores
MTTD	Motor Transport Training Depot
MWEE	Mechanical Warfare Experimental Establishment
M1	Prefix for New Army ASC Mechanical Transport numbers
M2	Prefix for ASC Electricians numbers

NAAFI	Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes
NAO	Northern Army Group
N.A.T.O.	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NCC	Non Combatant Corps
N.C.O.	Non-commissioned officer
N.CYC. BN.	Northern Cyclist Battalion
NDC	National Defence Company
NDS	Northumbria District Signals
NEI	Netherlands (Dutch) East Indies
NIB	North Irish Brigade
NID	North Irish Depot
NIM	North Irish Militia
N. IR.H.	North Irish Horse
NO	Nursing Orderly
NORF. R.	Norfolk Regiment
NORF. YEO	Norfolk Yeomanry
NORTH'D. FUS.	Northumberland Fusiliers
NORTH'D YEO.	Northumberland Yeomanry
NORTH'N R.	Northamptonshire Regiment
NORTH'N. YEO.	Northamptonshire Yeomanry
N. SOM. YEO.	North Somerset Yeomanry
NSRW	National Service Reserve Wing
N. STAFF. R.	North Staffordshire Regiment
N.Z.A.M.C.	New Zealand Army Medical Corps

OAC	Ordnance Ammunition Company
O.B.L.I.	Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
O.C.	Officer Commanding
O.C.A.	Old Comrades Association
O.T.C.	Officer Training Corps
OCTU	Officer Cadet Training Unit
OF	Ordnance Factories
OFC	Operator Fire Control (RA)
OFF	Ordnance Field Park
OIC	Officer in Charge
OKM	Operator Keyboard and Line (Royal Signals)

OO	Orderly Officer
OP	Observation Post
OPWC	overseas Prisoner of War Camp
ORD	Ordnance
OWL	Operator Wireless and Line
OX. & BUCKS. L.I.	Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
OXF. YEO.	Oxfordshire Yeomanry
PAIFORCE	Persia and Iraq Force
PARA REGT	Parachute Regiment
PCC	Port Construction Company
	Postal and Courier Communications
PCLU	Pioneer and Civil Labour Unit
PD	Petrol Depot
PEE	Proof and Experimental Establishment
PEMBROKE YEO.	Pembrokeshire Yeomanry
PLK	Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment
P/M	Pipe Major
PM	Provost Marshal
PMR	Paymaster
	Practical Map Reading
PNE	Permanently Non Effective
Pnr.	Pioneer – WWI RE
POC	Port Operating Company
P.O.W.	Prisoner of War
P PARK	Petrol Park
PRRB	Parachute Regiment Reserve Battalion
PSM	Platoon Sergeant Major
PSP	Petrol Stores Platoon
P. & S.S.	Printing and Stationary Service
PTC	Primary Training Corps
Pte.	Private
PTFOC	Petrol Tin Factory Operating Company (RASC)
PTW	Primary Training Wing
P.V.O.	Principal Veterinary Officer
Q	Quartering
Q.A.I.M.N.S.	Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service
Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.)	Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve
QARANC	Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps
Q.M.	Quarter Master
Q.M.A.A.C.	Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps
QMG	Quarter Master General
QMS	Quarter Master Sergeant
Q.O.R. GLASGOW	
YEO.	Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeomanry
QUEENS S.R.	Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment
R	Prefix for Remount Section ASC numbers – 3
R.A.	Royal Artillery
RAC	Royal Armoured Corps
RACHD	Royal Army Chaplains Department
RACR	Royal Armoured Corps Range
RADC	Royal Army Dental Corps
RAEC	Royal Army Education Corps

R.A.M.C.	Royal Army Medical Corps
RAOC	Royal Army Ordnance Corps
R.A.P.C.	Royal Army Pay Corps
R.A.S.C.	Royal Army Service Corps
RATA	Royal Army Temperance Association
RAVC	Royal Army Veterinary Corps
RBC	Reinforcement Base Depot
R. BERKS. R.	Royal Berkshire Regiment
R.C.	Roman Catholic
	Reconnaissance Corps
RC COY	Railway Construction Company (RE)
R.C.M.	Regimental Court Martial
RCT	Regimental Corps of Transport
R.D.C.	Royal Defence Corps
RDD	Reception and Discharge Depot
R. DEVON. YEO.	Royal Devon Yeomanry
R.D. FUS.	Royal Dublin Fusiliers
R. DUB. FUS.	Royal Dublin Fusiliers
R.E.	Royal Engineers
R.E. KENT YEO.	Royal East Kent Yeomanry
REGT.	Regiment
REME	Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
R.F.A.	Royal Field Artillery
R.F.C.	Royal Flying Corps
RFN	Rifleman (Rank equating to Private)
R. FUS.	Royal Fusiliers
R.G.A.	Royal Garrison Artillery
RGBW	Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment
RGH	Royal Gloucestershire Hussars
R. GUERNSEY L.I.	Royal Guernsey Light Infantry
R.H.A.	Royal Horse Artillery
RHE	Return to Home Establishment
RHF	Royal Highland Fusiliers
R.H.GDS.	Royal Horse Guards
R.H.G.	Royal Horse Guards
R. HIGHRS.	Royal Highlanders (Black Watch)
RHU	Reinforcement Holding Unit
RIF	Royal Irish Fusiliers
RIF. BRIG	Rifle Brigade
R.INNIS. FUS.	Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
R.IR.FUS.	Royal Irish Fusiliers
R.IR.REG.	Royal Irish Regiment
R.IR.RIF.	Royal Irish Rifles
R.LANC.R.	Royal Lancaster Regiment
RMAS	Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
RMC	Royal Military College
R.M.O.	Regimental Medical Officer
RMP	Royal Military Police
R.MUNS.FUS.	Royal Munster Fusiliers
RMW	Railway Mobile Workshop
R.N. DEVON YEO.	Royal North Devon Yeomanry
RO	Recruiting Officer
	Retired Officer
ROC	Railway Operating Company
ROD	Railway Operating Division (RE)

ROF	Royal Ordnance Factory
RPC	Royal Pioneer Corps
RQMS	Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant
RRF	Royal Regiment of Fusiliers
R.R. OF CAV	Royal Regiment of Cavalry
RSAF	Royal Small Arms Factory
RSC	Recruit Selection Centre
R. SCOTS	Royal Scots
R. SIGNALS	Royal Signals
R SIGS	Royal Signals
R.S. FUS.	Royal Scots Fusiliers
R.SC. FUS.	Royal Scots Fusiliers
R.S.M.	Regimental Sergeant Major
RSR	Raiding Support Regiment
R. SUSS. R.	Royal Sussex Regiment
R.T.O.	Railway Transporter Office (Officer?)
RTR	Royal Tank Regiment
R.U.R.	Royal Ulster Rifles
R.W. FUS	Royal Welsh Fusiliers
R.W. KENT R.	Royal West Kent Regiment
R. WAR. R.	Royal Warwickshire Regiment
S.	Prefix to ASC numbers denoting Supply
SAAA	School of Anti Aircraft Artillery
SARB	Siege Artillery Reserve Brigade
S. ARMS SCH.	Small Arms School
SAS	Special Air Service or Small Arms School
SASC	Small Arms School Corps
SA SCHOOL	Small Arms School
SCD	Stores and Clothing Department
SCU	Special Communications Unit (Royal Signals)
SDF	Sudan Defence Force
SEAC	South East Asia Command
SEALF	South East Asia Land Force
SEATO	South East Asia Treaty Organisation
SEL	School of Electric Lighting
S. GDS	Scots Guards
SGE	Siege
SGT	Sergeant
SH	Seaforth Highlanders
SHAEF	Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force
SHAPE	Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe
SHER. RANG.	Sherwood Rangers
SHROPS. L.I.	Shropshire Light Infantry
SHROPS. YEO.	Shropshire Yeomanry
SI(A)	Services Intelligence (Army)
SIB	Special Investigations Branch
SIG	Signalman (Rank equating to Private in Royal Signals)
S. IR. H.	South Irish Horse
SIS	Security Identification Section
SL	Searchlight
S. LAN. R.	South Lancashire Regiment
S.L.I.	Somerset Light Infantry
SLT	Searchlight Training
SM	Sergeant Major

SMIG	Sergeant Major Instructor in Gunnery
SME	School of Mechanical Engineers
SNLR	Services No Longer Required
SOE	Special Operations Executive
SofA	School of Artillery
SOS	Struck of Strength
	Static Officers Shop
S. OF M.	School of Musketry
SOM. L.I.	Somerset Light Infantry
S.MJR.	Sergeant Major
Spr.	Sapper (Rank equating to Private in Royal Engineers)
SCO. H.	Scottish Horse
SCO. RIF.	Scottish Rifles (Cameronians)
SEA. HIGHRS.	Seaforth Highlanders
S.O.S.	Struck of Strength
S.R.	Special Reserve
	Supplementary Reserve
SRD	Supply Reserve Depot
SSB	Special Services Brigade
ST	Supply and Transport (RASC)
S. STAFF. R.	South Staffordshire Regiment
STAFF. YEO	Staffordshire Yeomanry
STC	Survey Training Centre
SU	Salvage Unit
SUFF. R.	Suffolk Regiment
SUFF. YEO	Suffolk Yeomanry
SURR. YEO	Surrey Yeomanry
SVC	Shanghai Volunteer Corps
SVY	Survey
SW	Static Workshop (REME)
SWB	Silver War Badge
S WALES BORD	South Wales Borderers
S.W.H.	Scottish Women's Hospitals
T.	Prefix for ASC numbers denoting New Army Horse Transport
T.A.	Territorial Army
T.A.N.S.	Territorial Army Nursing Service
T.A.V.R.	Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve
TB	Training Battalion
	Tank Brigade
	Telegraph Battalion
TCC	Traffic Control Company
T COY	Tunnelling Company
TE	Training Establishment
T.F.	Territorial Force
T.F.N.S.	Territorial Force Nursing Service
TM	Trench Mortar
TN	Transportation
T.O.S.	Taken on Strength
TP CG COY	Troop Carrying Company (RASC)
TPR	Trooper
TRG	Training
T.S.	Prefix for ASC numbers denoting Old Army Specials (pre 1915)?
TSM	Troop Sergeant Major

T.S.R.	Prefix for ASC numbers denoting Special Reserve Horse Transport
T4	Prefix for ASC numbers denoting Auxiliary Horse Transport (331 Coy?)
V.A.D.	Voluntary Aid Detachment
V.C.	Victoria Cross
VCP	Vehicle Collection Point
V.D.	Venereal Disease
VP	Vulnerable Points (CMP)
VPP	Volunerable Points Provost (CMP)
VRD	Vehicle Reserve Depot
W.	Prefix sometimes used in ASC, RA and RE numbers to denote Welshman
	War Substantive
WAAC	Women's Army Auxiliary Corps
WE	War Establishment
WEF	With Effect From
WELSH H.	Welsh Horse
WELSH H.C.	Welsh Hospital Corps
WELSH R.	Welsh Regiment
W. AFR. R.	West African Regiment
WEST & CUMB. Y.	Westmoreland and Cumberland Yeomanry
W. GDS	Welsh Guards
WGNR.	Waggoner – ASC – 3
W.H.C.	Women's Hospital Corps
WI	Wireless Intelligence
WILTS. R.	Wiltshire Regiment
WILTS. YEO.	Wiltshire Yeomanry
W.I.R.	West India Regiment
W. KENT YEO	West Kent Yeomanry
WKR	Worker (grade equating to Private in QMAAC) – 3
W.O.	War Office
	Warrant Officer
W.O. CL. 1	Warrant Officer Class 1 – check numerals
WORC. R.	Worcestershire Regiment
WORC. YEO	Worcestershire Yeomanry
WRAC	Women's Royal Army Corps
W. RID. R.	West Riding Regiment
W/S	War Substantive
W. SOM. YEO.	West Somerset Yeomanry
WT COY	Water Tank Company (RASC)
W. YORK. R.	West Yorkshire Regiment
YEO.	Yeomanry
Y & L.R.	York and Lancaster Regiment
Y.D.	Yorkshire Dragoons
Y.H.	Yorkshire Hussars
YORK. DNS.	Yorkshire Dragoons
YORK. HRS.	Yorkshire Hussars
YORK & LANC. R.	York and Lancaster Regiment
YORK. R.	Yorkshire Regiment
YORKS. L.I.	Yorkshire Light Infantry
Y.S.	Young Soldier

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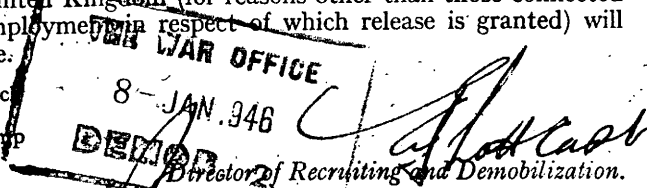
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Class B Release

Regiment or Corps: ROYAL ARTILLERY (FIELD)
Christian Names: MAURICE STANBURY
Surname: ROWDON
Recorded Address: 49 WANDRON RD, LONDON SW 18

WHERE EDUCATED: (a) Schools: EMANUEL SCHOOL, LONDON S.W.17; (b) University: OXFORD
Date of Birth: 20th Sept 1922
Place of Birth: LONDON
NATIONALITY: Officer: English; Officer's Father: English; Mother: English
Religious Denomination: C.M.E.

Table with 4 columns: (2) If Married, Wife's Name and Wartime Address; Date of Marriage; Names of Children Living; Dates of Birth; Sex.

(3) Name and Address of Next-of-kin or Guardian, other than wife (additional to (2) for use in emergency): W.J. ROWDON, 49 WANDRON ROAD, EARNSFIELD, LONDON, S.W.18
Relationship: FATHER
Name and Address of Officer's Bankers or Agents: LLOYD'S BANK (COX'S AND KINGS' BRANCH), 6, PALM MALL, S.W.1

Table with 10 columns: (4) Army Schools and Courses of Instruction; Place; From; To; Result; Authority; (5) Examinations for Promotion; Date; Result; Whether gained Special Certificate. Includes entries for LOs Course, 2nd S.D. RA, G.P.O.s Course, and Army School of Artillery.

(6) SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS
(a) Foreign Languages: English (Good)
(b) Countries: none
(c) Business Communications: none
(f) Any special knowledge or experience not included in (a) to (e): CERT 'A' DEC 1941 OXFORD; CERT 'B' JUNE 1942 OXFORD; Primary Interest: Social History; Research work for British Institute of Public Opinion, Mass Observation, Fabian Research Bureau; No 4 in School first 8 College first 8

LOs Course	HP 53 Div	Hanna Forces	20. 4. 43	27. 4. 43	
2nd. 53 Div. RA	GPOs Course	Hydd Camp	11. 4. 43	17. 4. 43	
Home (M.G.)	GMR AA School	Blacton	2. 5. 43	8. 5. 43	
Course 1945	100 Sch. in B.C.		3. 5. 44	13. 5. 44	B.B.B

AGE & SERVICE GROUP

46c  
H. J. Anderson

REFERRED UNIT & AGREED

Army Number (if commissioned from ranks) 6105046

Regiment or Corps R.A. (Field)

Period of rank service. From 14 Aug '42 To 5 March '43.

If serving on regular attestation No.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

(a) Foreign languages (state dialects where necessary and degree of proficiency, i.e. "fluent," "good," or "fair")

Speak	Read	Write
GOOD	GOOD	GOOD

(f) Any special knowledge or experience not included in (a) to (e)

CERT 'A' DEC. 1941 OXFORD  
CERT 'B' JUNE 1942 OXFORD

(b) Countries ...

none

Primary Interest - Social History  
Research work for British Institute of  
and Public Opinion, Mass Observation  
Fabian Research Bureau.

(c) Business occupations (state nature of business carried on by civilian employers)

No 4 in School first 8 & College first 8.

(d) Special qualifications (giving particulars)

(e) Professional or Artistic qualifications or degrees, or Membership, etc., of Learned Society.

Higher School Certificate  
Modern History - Shortland Honours Course Oxford

(7.) Campaigns	Period		(9.) Honours and Rewards, including Mentions in Despatches	Date of Gazette or other Authority
	From	To		

(8.) Wounds and Nature	Place and Date	Pension or Gratuity
		✓

CERTIFICATE.

I do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements of particulars contained in my record of service are in all respects correct and true.

Place CATTERICK Date 6 Dec 1943 Signature M.S. Rank 2/15

Countersigned by Comdg Officer Unit Date

EDTE/173/3X  
Natl. Registration Identity No.

Authority R14/375. also. E-J/212.

Private  
Army Form E531



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EDTE 173-3A  
TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Duration of the period of embodiment.

No. 6105046 ATTESTATION OF Name ROWDEN Maurice Stanley Corps Q.R. Regt.  
To be filled in by O. 1/c Records.

**PART I. Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.**

1. What is your full name and permanent postal address? 1. Maurice Stanley Rowden (Christian Names)  
(Surname) Rowden  
(Address) 49 Walsley Rd. Walsworth S. 71.18

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of Walsworth  
In or near the Town of  
In the County of Lincoln

3. (a) Are you a British Subject? 3. (a) Yes English English  
(b) Nationality of parents at their birth. (b) (Father) English English  
(Mother) English

4. What is your trade or calling? 4. Student

**YOU ARE HEREBY WARNED THAT IF AFTER ENLISTMENT IT IS FOUND THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN A WILLFULLY FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS YOU WILL BE LIABLE TO PUNISHMENT**

5. (a) What was your age (in years) last birthday? 5. (a) 18  
(b) Day, month and year of birth (b) 9. 1922

6. (a) Are you married? (b) How many children are dependent upon you? 6. (a) No  
(b) Nil

7. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Force (or Army), the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Auxiliary Air Force, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Militia Reserve or any Naval Reserve Force, or any O.T.C. or Cadet Unit? If so state particulars of all engagements. 7. Inverness School  
O.T.C.

8. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 8. Yes

9. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 9. Yes

10. (a) Are you willing to enlist for General Service? 10. (a) Yes  
(b) Are you willing to serve outside the United Kingdom? (b) Yes

11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions until the end of the period of embodiment of the Territorial Army, provided His Majesty should so long require your services, which means that you will be required to serve for so long as His Majesty should require your services in connexion with the present emergency for which you are enlisting, and that if you are still serving at the termination of the period of embodiment you will be discharged as soon as your services can be dispensed with thereafter? 11. Yes

12. Are you in receipt of a disability pension? 12. No

13. Have you received a notice paper stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting and do you understand and are you willing to accept them? 13. Yes Q.R. Train.

I Maurice Stanley Rowden 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; also that I understand that, should my health fail or should I sustain an injury during military service, I shall not be eligible for consideration for pension or gratuity on account of disability unless the disability is directly attributable to the conditions of Military Service.  
Maurice Stanley Rowden SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Sutton Signature of Witness.

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.**  
I Maurice Stanley Rowden swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Sixth, 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.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.**  
I Captain H.A. Lethbridge-Stone 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 Sutton on this 7th day of September 1941.  
H.A. Lethbridge-Stone Captain, Recruiting Officer. Signature of Justice of Peace, Officer, or other person authorised to attest Recruits.

If any alteration is required of the Attestation above, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 80 (6), Army Act. No other manuscript alteration to this Form will be valid, unless authorized by special War Office instructions. The Recruit should receive a Certified copy of his attestation on Army Form E.531A.

PART II.

Description of ROWDEN Maurice Stanley on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 18 years 1 months.  
 (To be determined by examining Medical Officer and based on physical development according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)  
 Height 6 ft. 1 ins.  
 Weight 138 lbs.  
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 ins.  
 Range of expansion 3 ins.  
 Complexion Fresh  
 Eyes Blue  
 Hair Fair  
 Religious Denomination\* CofE  
\*Precise denomination to be entered viz. Church of England, Presbyterian (including Church of Scotland, United Free Church of Scotland, Free Church of Scotland, Presbyterian Church of England, Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and Presbyterian Church of Wales) or the Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales, Roman Catholic, Methodist (including Wesleyan, Primitive Methodist or United Methodist), †Baptist, †Congregationalist, Jewish, or other denomination stated by the recruit.  
 †Comprising the United Army Board.

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

none back

EDUCATIONAL GRADE B

INDUSTRY LETTERS 2. 5.

PART III.

Occupation Student College Occupational Sub-Classification No. Nil

Occupation is not included in Schedule of Reserved Occupations	Occupation is included in List of Service Trades.			Occupation is not included in List of Service trades.	Occupation is included in Schedule of Reserved Occupations and Volunteer is not below reservation point.
	Occupation is included in Schedule of Reserved Occupations and Volunteer is below age reservation point.				
	Royal Navy.	Army.	Royal Air Force.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Signature of Ministry of Labour Officer.	Signature of Ministry of Labour Officer.	Signature of Ministry of Labour Officer.	Signature of Ministry of Labour Officer.	Signature of Ministry of Labour Officer.	Signature of Ministry of Labour Officer.

*E.H. Lewis*

Instructions to Recruiting Officer.

- If the Ministry of Labour and National Service Officer has signed column (1) or column (5) Man may be enlisted in any capacity for which he is suitable.
- (a) If the Ministry of Labour and National Service Officer has signed column (3) and the trade shown is not asterisked Man may be enlisted in the Army only for the service trade shown in Column (3) or for training in that trade. If there is no vacancy in that trade and the Ministry of Labour and National Service Officer has entered a Royal Navy, Royal Marine or Royal Air Force trade in column (2) or column (4) the man should be advised to volunteer for the Royal Navy, Royal Marine or Royal Air Force trade indicated.
- (b) If the Ministry of Labour and National Service Officer has signed column (2) or column (4) (the trade not being asterisked) but not column (3) Man may not be enlisted in the Army. He should be advised to volunteer for the Royal Navy, Royal Marine or Royal Air Force trade shown in column (2) or column (4).
- If the Ministry of Labour and National Service Officer has signed column (2), column (3) or column (4) and the trade is asterisked Man should be enlisted in the Army in his trade if possible; but if there is no vacancy in that trade he may be enlisted in any other capacity.
- If the Ministry of Labour and National Service Officer has signed column (6) Man must not be enlisted. If the word 'seafaring' is entered in column (6), the Attestation Form should be handed back to the Ministry of Labour and National Service Officer for transmission to the Ministry of Shipping.

PART IV.

Certificate of Medical Examination.

\*The Board has I have examined the above named recruit in accordance with instructions and placed him in

\*Grade I, Grade II(a) (Vision), ~~Grade II(a) (Vision and feet)~~, ~~Grade II(a) (Feet)~~, ~~Grade II~~, ~~Grade III~~, Grade IV, Temporarily unfit

Date 1/19/1941 1941. Joseph E. Harvey CDS RD  
 Place Public Survey Chairman of Medical Board or Medical Officer.

Equivalent Army Category R. (L) or A1.

\* Delete whichever is not applicable.  
 † If placed in Grade IV or considered temporarily unfit, the cause of unfitness should be briefly stated.

PART V.

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me and I consider him\* fit for general service and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

SUTTON 1941. Joseph E. Harvey Captain } Recruiting Officer.  
 }  
 } Recruiting Officer

Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

PART VI.

\*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

*Queens Royal Regiment*

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

Date - 1 SEP 1941

Place SUTTON

*John William Stanley* Captain,  
Recruiting Officer

} Approving Officer.

\* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
† Here insert "Corps" to which the Recruit is appointed.

Statement of Services of:—

Army No. 6105046 Name ~~ROWDON.~~ *ROWDON. Maurice Stanley*

No. of Part II Order or other Authority.	Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank.	Dates.	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing rate of pension		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
					Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from - 1 SEP 1941							
Enlisted at SUTTON on - 1 SEP 1941							<i>John William Stanley</i> Captain, Recruiting Officer
<i>Posted</i>	<i>R.R.P. w(1) Army Reserve</i>	<i>Instructions as to Unit &amp; date to follow</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>1 SEP 1941</i>			
CONTINUED IN ARMY FORM B.200.B							
Total							
Total Service towards Engagement to..... (date of discharge)..... Years..... Days.							
" " " Pension to..... " " )..... Years..... Days.							



EDTE 173/3x  
Army Form B200b.

Statement of Services of:—

Army No. 6105046

Christian Names

Maurice Stanley

Surname

ROWDEN  
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Enlisted at Sutton on 1-9-41

Date of Birth As shewn on attestation. 20-9-22  
Age (in years) on Enlistment 18

Particulars of Will

Nature of Engagement (including variations in terms of service after enlistment).	Corps or Regiment.	Service towards limited engagement reckons from	Former service in the
<u>DOE</u>	<u>The Queen's Royal Regiment.</u>	<u>1-9-41</u>	
Allowed to reckon as:—			
"Service."		"Qualifying Service."	
Years	Days	Years	Days

Trade on Enlistment Student  
Education on Enlistment B  
Nationality English  
Religion C.P.E.

Main and Sub-occupational No. 0/

No. of Part II Order or other Authority.	Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, & ARMY FORM	Army Rank.	Dates.	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing rate of pension.	Authenticating Signature or Initials.
		<u>E. 531</u>			Years Days	

Industry Letters. 0 Certificates of Education.

Part II. Order.	Class.	Subjects.	Date of Award.	Authenticating Signature or Initials.

Relegated to Class W(6) R.R. 2-9-41  
Embodied & attached for  
148<sup>th</sup> Tank Bde for O.C.T.U. Training W.O.V.M.  
100/canteen/8469/13/AGIE/1/1/42 Pte. 14/8/42  
H. H. Wilson Captain  
for Colonel

Trade Tests, Classes of Instruction, or Courses of Military Training.

123rd O.C.T.U. Posted to 123rd O.C.T.U.  
Pte etc Infantry Records.  
G. P. Wright Major  
for Colonel  
1/c Infantry Records, Ashford

Particulars.	Classification Awarded.	Period of Course or Date of Test	Part II. Order No.	Authenticating Signature or Initials.

No. AF. B108 issued ✓  
DISCHARGED PARA 390 K.R. (XVII) 1940  
Emergency in the rank  
2/15 R.A. ✓ 5.3.43 ✓  
6.3.43 ✓  
DON-GAZETTE for O. ✓  
6.4.43 ✓  
R.A. RECORDS. ✓  
major

Military History Sheet.

Country.	Service to count as British or Indian.	From	To	Length of Service.	
				Years	Days
HOME.	BRITISH.	1-9-41	2-9-41	—	2
	W.T. Reserve	3/9/41	13/8/42	—	326
	Home British	14/8/42	2/2/43	—	204
				1	186









Embarked: 10/1/42

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE.

(10.) Authority for Posting	Date of Authority	With effect from	UNITS, MOVEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC. (Promotions will be shown in para. (12).)	Station	Other
		15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1941	ENLISTED QUEENS ROYAL REGT. TRANSFERRED TO CLASS (W) T RESERVE.	SUTTON BARRACKS	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1941
		15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1941	OXFORD UNIVERSITY S.T.C.		17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1941
		10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1942	POSTED TO 123 OCTU. R.A. (FIELD)	CATTERICK	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1942
		6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 43	GRANTED WAR EMERGENCY COMMISSION IN THE RANK OF 2/LIEUT.	CATTERICK	
WOOM 112/244/2418 (AG.6P)	2.3.43	6.3.43	Posted to 51 <sup>st</sup> Fd Regt RA	Sutton Valence	9/43
		11.5.43	Admitted to Connaught Mil Hosp, Knap Hill	Sutton Valence	11.5.43
		2.6.43	Discharged from Connaught Mil Hosp, Knap Hill	Sutton Valence	2.6.43
WOOM 112/244/3050 (AG.6P) Policy No 657-74	7.6.43	21.6.43	Posted to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fd Regt	Sutton Valence	21.6.43
		24.6.43	Admitted to Military Convalescent Hospital London W.9	Watford	24.6.43
		1.7.43	Discharged from		1.7.43
WOOM 112/244/2413 (AG.6P)	23 Aug 43	7.8.43	Posted to Depot RA for inclusion in Depot with REF 2W	Watford	7.8.43
			Struck off strength of Depot RA		
					1 AUG 1943
			Disembarked: Posted XIV. HIST. Para. W. R.A.P.T.D. M.P.		25.8.43 1057/43
			Posted to 71 Fld. Coy. S.O.S. x. Lint.		11.9.43 1090/43
			Embarked for M.E.D. TOS B.N.A.F		16.3.44 9110446/44
			Embarked AA1 and TOS MEF (71 Fa Regt)	AA1	16.3.44
			Disembarked MEF	MEF	21.3.44 34/11
			Granted leave		3/6.4.44 458/8
			Embarked for AA1 TOS MEF		26.6.44 628/16
			TOS B.N.A.F Ex MEF with 71 <sup>st</sup> Fd Regt	B.N.A.F	27.6.44 9110446/44
			ceased to be entitled to med. allowance	CMF	20/6/45 1093/45
			Entitled to field allowance @ 2/ per diem		
			Passed tests in vehicle groups 2 & III	CMF	19.10.45 1955/45
			Granted 28 days leave UK & T&E St. Ann's training Milan		24.10.45 1964/45
			Reverts to H.E. whilst on I.M.P. S.O.S. CMF		24.10.45 108/46

OFFICER'S  
RECORD OF SERVICE

ARMY BOOK 439.

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" This book is not to be taken as a proof of the identity of the holder.

## INSTRUCTIONS.

1. *The unit in which the officer is at present serving must not appear anywhere in this book.*

2. This book will be issued to every serving officer.

3. It will be carefully kept by the officer and be produced whenever required by a superior officer under whom he may be serving. It will not be shown to unauthorised persons.

4. Except where specially stated, officers will make entries in the book themselves. The accuracy of entries must be vouched for by an officer's C.O. or his other superior officers. Past entries must be vouched for by the C.O. on the authority of the duplicate copy of Army Form B. 199A.

5. The authority for all promotions must always be stated.

6. The officer will enter his usual signature at the foot of this page.

7. Pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 need not be completed by officers above the permanent rank of lieutenant-colonel.

.....*M. S. Rowden*.....*Signature.*  
*2/11 RA*.....*Rank and Regt. or Corps.*

Date.....

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OFFICER'S RECORD OF SERVICE

*Amellan*  
*Cap 1180*  
*Doj*

Surname of Officer..... POWELL.....  
(Block capitals.)

Christian Names ..... MAURICE STANBURY.....

Personal Number ..... 265247.....

Regiment or Corps..... R.A. (Fd).....

Nature of Commission ..... W.E......  
(e.g., Reg., Reg. Retd., R.A.R.O., S.R., T.A., T.A.R.O., Emergency, Short Service, Temp. and Temp. Short Service, etc.)

Date of Birth..... 20.9.1922.....

\* { Industry Group.....

{ Occupational Classification.....

Full-Name and-Address of Next-of-kin, showing relationship—  
(In pencil).....

W. G. London father  
49 Walden Road,  
Earlsfield,  
London SW18.

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Y 17 33 3141  
1922  
July 42

Note: The above particulars will not be filled in until instructions are issued by the War Office.

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## MEDICAL HISTORY.

(a) Results of Medical Boards or other medical examinations as to fitness for general duty.

Date.	Place where held and Authority.	Medical Category.	Sick Leave recommended		Signature of President or M.O.
			From	To	
1 May 43. 18/12/45.	<del>Sutton</del> Woolwich. A.	A.	3/1/49		<del>Wood</del> Capt. B. Roberts

(b) Wounds and sickness (involving absence from unit for over 21 days).

Disability.	Name of Hospital and Date of admission	Evacuated to, and Date.	Signature of M.O.

# INOCULATION REGISTER.\*

## SMALL-POX VACCINATION.

	Date.	Result.	Signature of M.O.
Primary			
Secondary	19/9/42	S	TBS

### TYPHOID-PARATYPHOID INOCULATION.

	Date.		Signature of M.O.
	1st Dose.	2nd Dose.	
Primary	19.9.42	3.10.42	TBS
Re-inoculation	27/4/44		J. E. L.

### TETANUS-TOXOID INOCULATION.

	Date.	Signature of M.O.
1st Dose	19.9.42	TBS
2nd Dose	27/4/44	J. E. L.
3rd Dose		

### OTHER INOCULATIONS.

Type.	Date.	Signature of M.O.
Diphtheria T	19/5/42	II 28/5/44 III 3/10/44
Diphtheria (R)	30.10.44	J. E. L.
Diphtheria (M)	H. S. H. S.	J. E. L.

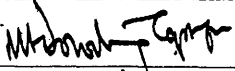
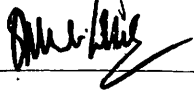
\* The date in each case will be that of the latest vaccination or inoculation.

# PROMOTIONS.

Substantive, Brevet or w/Substantive Rank.	Date and Authority, <i>i.e.</i> , L.G. or W.O.O.	Acting or Temporary Rank.	Inclusive Date.	
			From	To
<i>2/Lieut</i> <i>6th March 43</i> <i>WS/Lt.</i>	<i>W.O.M. 112/271/</i> <i>3418 (AG. 6 P) 6</i> <i>2-3-43</i>  <i>A.C.I. 2076/42</i>  <i>6. SEPT. 1943.</i>			

*wpf.*

# PROMOTIONS.

<b>AUTHORITY.</b> Wherever possible quote W.O., Command or Force Order and not Unit Order.		Signature of C.O. in the case of promotions below Lt.-Col.
For assumption.	For relinquishment (with reason, e.g., wounded, re-posted, unit disbanded, etc.).	
		
		



## COURSES ATTENDED.\*

Details of Course (Name, Date, Place, etc.).	Qualification obtained.	Signature of C.O.
L O <sub>2</sub> Course DW HQ 20. - 27. 4. 43		<i>W. Taylor Lt Col RA.</i>
2nd G P O s Course Hyderabad H-17. 4. 43		<i>W. Taylor Lt Col RA.</i>
Course LMG 7, GHQ, RA Sch. 2-8. 5. 43		<i>W. Taylor Lt Col RA.</i>
<del>Course LMG 7, GHQ, RA Sch. 2-8. 5. 43</del>	<i>pi</i>	
<del>Course LMG 7, GHQ, RA Sch. 2-8. 5. 43</del>		
ORS COURSE 3- M.T.C., P.E.F. 13/3/44		<i>W. Thomas Lt Col.</i>

\* Entries will only be made in the case of Courses at War Office, Army or Command, Corps or Divisional Schools, attended since 1st January, 1936.

# RECORD OF SERVICE (including

UNIT. (N.B.—The unit in which the officer is at present serving must not be shown.)	HOME.	
	From	To
* In the ranks. * W/T Release (A.R.A.)	SEPT. 1. '41	AUG. 10. '42
* 148 TRAINING BDE, RA, FIELD II.	AUG. 10. '42	SEPT. 1. '43
* 123 OCTU, RA.	SEPT. 1. '42	MARCH 5. '43
Commissioned	Nov. 6. 1943.	
81 FI. REGT., R.A.	MAR. 6. '43	JUNE 21. '43
3 <sup>RD</sup> . RESERVE REGT., R.A.	JUNE 21 '43	JULY 21 '43
B.N.A.F.		
C.M.F.		
M.E.F.		
C.M.F.		

\* Enter first any service in the ranks.



FORM OF WILL to be used by an officer desirous of leaving the whole of his Property and Effects to one person.

(See page 14 for FORM OF WILL leaving legacies to more than one person.)

(a) Signature of officer I, (a) .....  
in full. ....

(b) Rank and Personal (b) .....  
Number. ....

(c) Regiment. (c) .....

hereby revoke all Wills heretofore made by me at any time, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

(d) Name and address of I appoint (d) .....  
Executor. ....

to be the Executor of this my Will.

After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses give all my Estate and Effects, and everything that

(e) Insert "Friend," or, can give or dispose of to my (e) .....  
if a relative, in what .....  
degree. ....

(f) Full name and address (f) .....  
of person. ....

(g) Date. Signed this (g) ..... day of ..... 19

(h) Signature of officer. (h) .....

(i) Insert full name of Signed and acknowledged by the said (i).....  
officer making Will. ....

the same having been previously read over to him as and for his last Will, in the presence of us, present at the same time, who, in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.\*

(j) Witnesses to sign here. (j) .....

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(k) Add addresses in full. (k) .....

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(j) .....

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(k) .....

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\* N.B.—Witnesses must NOT be persons intended to benefit under the Will, or husbands or wives of such persons.

FORM OF WILL to be used by an officer desirous of leaving legacies to some one or more persons, and the residue to another or others.

(See page 12 for FORM OF WILL leaving everything to one person.)

(a) Signature of Officer *I*, (a) .....  
in full. ....

(b) Rank and Personal (b) .....  
Number. ....

(c) Regiment. (c) .....

hereby revoke all Wills heretofore made by me at any time, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

(d) Name and address of I appoint (d) .....  
Executor. ....

to be the Executor of this Will.

After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses I

(e) Insert "Friend," or, give to my (e) .....  
if a relative, in what degree. ....

(f) Full name and address (f) .....  
of person. ....

(g) State articles or money (g) .....  
intended to be given. and I give to my (e).....

(f) .....

(g) .....

All the rest of my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can give or dispose of, I give and bequeath absolutely to

my (e).....

(f) .....

(h) Date.

Signed this (h) ..... day of.....19 ..

(i) Signature of officer.

(i) .....

(j) Full name of officer making will.

Signed and acknowledged by the said (j).....

.....  
the same having been previously read over to him as and for his last Will, in the presence of us, present at the same time, who, in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.\*

(k) Witnesses to sign here.

(k) .....

(l) Add addresses in full.

(l) .....

(k) .....

(l) .....

\* See footnote, page 13.

## RECORD OF LEAVE GRANTED, etc.

Date.	Nature and Period of Leave (other than Sick Leave).*	Whether with Free Travelling Warrant or Free Passage.	Authority.
5.3.43	<i>Priv leave</i> 6-12.3.43	Yes	Commandant 123 OCTO
9.6.43	<i>Priv</i> 10-19.6.43	Yes	Recve Marinal H3
7.8.43	<del>23.7.43</del> 7.8.43	Yes	E. M. Baskin H. 3
<i>Granted</i>	<b>GRANTED 8 DAYS LEAVE TO UK</b>		
<i>with</i>	<i>in 2 of 19.10.45.</i>	<i>(travelling time)</i>	<i>R. T. Selby</i> <i>Z. P. R.</i>

\* "Privilege," "Compassionate," etc.

**PERSONAL MEMORANDA.**

(e.g., Prescription for spectacles, etc.)

Military Identity Card No.....

M 349116

Experienced D.M. Gas (date).....

(vide A.C.I. 1673 of 1941)

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Copy of A.C.I. 2082 of 1941.

**Officer's Record of Services Book (Army Book 439).**

1. It has been decided to re-introduce the officer's record of services book (A.B. 439) to meet the need for some readily accessible record of services and qualifications which officers can produce on being posted to a new unit or on the arrival of a new C.O. It will also contain certain medical and other data that it is necessary should readily be available for officers of all ranks when the occasion demands.

2. Every officer, including members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and the T.A.N.S., will be provided with this book which will remain in his possession during his military service. He will be responsible that it is kept up-to-date and that entries are made in accordance with the instructions in the book. It will be produced whenever required by a superior officer under whom he may be serving.

3. It is realized that there will be cases where entries cannot be vouched for by a superior officer from his own knowledge. In these cases reference will be made to the officer's duplicate record of service (A.F. B. 199A) and past entries will be accepted and vouched for on this authority.

4. It is intended that the book shall be a record of services during the war only and casualties which occurred before 24th August, 1939, will not be entered. Exceptions to this will be entries in the inoculation register on page 5, and courses attended on page 9.

5. When an officer ceases to perform military duty and is retired, relegated to the reserve, disembodied, or reverted to unemployment, he will hand his A.B. 439 to his commander, who will send it direct to the War Office for disposal.

Officers released from military service temporarily for stated periods will retain their books.

An initial distribution will be made to commands for issue to lower formations; further supplies will thereafter be indented for on the appropriate Army Forms (see A.C.I. 1203 of 1941).

6. Steps will be taken to ensure that all officers now serving, and those who are commissioned in future, are provided with the book. The book will not be issued to officers of the A.T.S. except when proceeding overseas.

Officers commissioned from O.C.T.U.s. will be issued with the book before leaving their O.C.T.U. Other officers will be issued with the book by their units on joining.

100/Miscellaneous/1015 (A.G. 1A.)

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GRASSCROFT,  
OLDHAM  
12 ALISON ST  
SHAW, OLDHAM

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