

No. 3618982 Name Durston W.R.

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Service.

Place.	From	To	Years.	Days.

2. Passed classes of Instruction ...
This includes any authorized class of instruction.

3. Campaigns (including actions)

4. Wounded ...

5. Effect of wounds

6. Special instances of brilliant conduct and meritorious in Despatches.

7. Medals and Decorations, Clasp, and Annunities

8. Injuries in or by the Service ...

9. Name, Address & Relationship of Next of kin ...
(This entry has no effect as a will).

Initials of Officer making the entry.

Particulars of Woman to whom married —
(a) Christian names. (b) Nationality. (c) Spinster, Widow or Divorced.
(d) Surname.

Date and Place of Marriage.

Signature of Officer (with date).

Particulars of Children.
Sex (M. or F.). Christian Names. (In the case of illegitimate, adopted children, etc., surname, also).

Date and Place of Birth.

Recruit Entry
19-5-39



ORIGINAL
The Attesting Officer will strike out the word "Original" on Duplicate Attestation, and the word "Duplicate" on the Original Attestation.

Army Form E 501.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.
Four years' Service.

Attestation of No. 3618982 Name DURSTON W.R. Corps Royal Engineers.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- What is your full name and permanent postal address?
1. Walter Reginald Durston
(Christian Name)
23, Cumberland St. Swinport
(Address)
Rhondda Valley
(Parish)In or near the Town of Glenmorgan
In the County of Glamorgan.
- In or near what Parish or Town were you born?
2. (A) Are you a British subject?
(B) Nationality of parents at their birth.
(C) What is your trade or calling?
3. (A) Yes
(B) British
(C) Skilled Labourer
- Under the provisions of Sections 10 (1) of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act and 99 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any of the following four questions he renders himself liable to punishment.
5. (A) What was your age (in years) last birthday?
(B) Day, month and year of birth?
6. Are you married, widower or single?
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 Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Force or Army, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Auxiliary Air Force, any Naval Reserve Force, or to any Dominion or Colonial Force? If so, state particulars of all engagements.
8. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?
9. Are you willing to be attested for service in the Territorial Army for the term of four years* (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for the County of Devon and to be posted Devon & Cornwall, Territorial R.E.
10. Have you received a notice paper (Army Form E 501A) stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting, and do you understand and are you willing to accept them?
* A W.O., N.C.O., or man will be discharged on reaching the age laid down for discharge in paragraph 210, Territorial Army Regulations, 1936, unless retention is specially sanctioned.
† Here insert County. ‡ Here insert Corps. § Here insert Unit.

I, Walter Reginald Durston, 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.
Signature of Recruit.
W.R. Durston
Signature of Witness.
Walter Reginald Durston

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
I, Walter Reginald Durston, 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, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.
I, W.R. Durston, do hereby put to the Recruit above-named, that the Answers written by him made and signed the Declaration and taken the Oath on this 18 day of May 1939 at Swansea in the County of Swansea.
Signature of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.
APV002230370
The foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit above-named, that he gave to me, and that on this 18 day of May 1939 at Swansea in the County of Swansea I, the Officer, authorized to attest Recruits, could be requested to make it this Form will be valid unless otherwise stated.

IDENTIFICATION OF Burston W.R. ON ENLISTMENT.

Apparent Age 30 years 7 months
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height ... 5 ft. 8 ins.
Weight ... 156 lbs.
Chest when fully expanded ... 36 ins.
Range of expansion ... 2 ins.

Complexion Dark

Eyes Brown

Hair Black

Religious denomination* B.P.C.

* Prescribed denominations 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 Band.

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.

Certificate of Medical Examination.

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

I consider him* Fit for the Territorial Army.

Date 16. 5. 1939

Place PLYMOUTH

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

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

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

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

Date 16. 5. 1939

Place PLYMOUTH

R.R. J.

Capt., R.A.

Adj., Devon & Cornwall (F) R.E.

Recruiting Officer.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

† Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been compiled with, I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the Royal Engineers.

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 16. 5. 1939

Place PLYMOUTH

ac Rolston LT. COL. R.E. (T)

COMMANDING DEVON & CORNWALL (F) R.E.

Approving Officer.

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

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 3618982 Name Burston W.R.
including Annual Training in Camp,† and when mobilized, etc.

No. of Part II Order or other Authority	Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, Annual Training in Camp, etc.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries.
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Service towards engagement reckons

from (date) 16. 5. 39

Point 1003 C.

Annual Rate of Pay

16. 5. 39

ac Rolston LT. COL. R.E. (T)

COMMANDING DEVON & CORNWALL (F) R.E.

CONTINUED IN ARMY FORM
8. 200

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Army to (date of discharge) years days

CHARACTER

Discharged on (Date) in consequence of:

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed

Station

Signature

(To be completed by Officer competent to confirm discharge).

Date 19

† In the case of Annual Training it will be sufficient to state "Present" or "Absent" and the year.
‡ Insert cause of discharge and Sub-Para of T.A. Regulations (or King's Regulations when applicable) quoting any special authority.

IDENTIFICATION OF Walter Reginald Hurston ON ENLISTMENT.

Apparent Age <u>27</u> years <u>8</u> months (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services)	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.)
Height ... <u>5</u> ft. <u>8</u> ins. Weight ... <u>140</u> lbs. Girth when fully expanded ... <u>35</u> ins. Range of expansion ... <u>2</u> ins.	
Complexion <u>Dark</u> Eyes <u>Brown</u> Hair <u>Black</u>	
Religious denomination <u>Church of England</u>	

Certificate of Medical Examination.

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

I consider him Fit for the Territorial Army.

Date 7/7/36 Place Plymouth

W. R. Hurston Medical Officer.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

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

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named Recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him Fit for service in the 5th (P.O.W.) Bn. Devon Regt and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 7-7-1936 Place Plymouth

W. R. Hurston Recruiting Officer.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit." † Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

*** Certificate of Approving Officer.**

I certify that this attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 5th (P.O.W.) Bn. Devon Regt.

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B303 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 14-7-1936 Place Plymouth

W. R. Hurston Approving Officer.

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



Army Form E501.

ORIGINAL
DUPLICATE

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TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Four years' Service.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5616982 Name DURSTON, WALTER REGINALD Corps Devonshire Regt.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your full name and permanent postal address? Walter Reginald Hurston
(Christian Name)
51, Fore St. Plymouth
(Address)
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Plymouth
In or near the Town of Plymouth
In the County of Devonshire
3. (A) Are you a British subject?
(B) Nationality of parents at their birth.
4. What is the date of your birth? 11/30th Dec. 1908
5. What is your trade or calling? Labourer
6. Are you married, widower or single? Single
7. Are you willing to be attested for service in the Territorial Army for the term of four years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for the County of Devonshire to serve in the 5th Bn. and to be posted to 5th Bn.
8. Have you received a notice paper (Army Form E501A) stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting, and do you understand and are you willing to accept them?
9. 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 (if so, specify class of Army Reserve), the Air Force Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, army or regimental number, and if discharged, cause of discharge; these particulars must be given for the whole of your previous service, i.e., for all engagements on which you have served.
10. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes

Under the provisions of Sections 10 (1) of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act and 99 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper he renders himself liable to punishment.

I, Walter Reginald Hurston, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

W. R. Hurston SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. R. Hurston Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walter Reginald Hurston, EDWARD, by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

I, W. R. Hurston, 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 Plymouth on this 27th day of July 1936.

W. R. Hurston Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorized to attest Recruits.
5th (P.O.W.) Bn. Devon Regt.

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 90 (3), Army Act. No other manuscript alteration to this Form will be valid unless authorized by Special War Office Instructions.

A W.O. N.C.O. or man will be discharged on reaching the age laid down for discharge in paragraph 205, Territorial Army regulations unless retention is specially sanctioned.

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Discharged in consequence of.....

Station Signature

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

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

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2. Passed classes of Instruction ...			
This includes any authorized class of instruction.			

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5. Effect of wounds

6. Special instances of pollutant products and

7. Models and Design

7. Medals and Decorations, Clasps, and Annuities

8. Injuries in or by _____

9. Name, Address & *Arthur G. L. P. Austin Jr.*

Relationship of Next of kin ... *4. Irving P. Cornwell* *Wife*
[This entry has no

Particulars of Woman to whom married :— (a) Christian names. (c) Nationality.		Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature of Officer (with date).
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SPECIALS MARRIAGE	(b) Surname	(a) Spinster, Widow or Divorced.	(c) (Date of birth)
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	(e)		

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In the case of a Widow or a divorcee, Maiden and previous married name to be included.		
Sex. (M. or F.)	Christian Names (In the case of stepchildren, adopted children, etc., give name also.)	Date and Place of Birth.

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Army Form B200a.

Statement of
Services of:—

Army No. 5618982

Christian
Names

Walter Reginald

Surname

DURSTON

Enlisted at

Plymouth

on 9.7.36

Date of Birth
As shown on attestation 30.10.08
Age (in years) on
Enlistment 27.

Particulars of Will

Nature of Engagement
(including variations in terms of
service after enlistment)

SA 4yr

Corps or Regiment.

Devon Regiment.

Service towards limited
engagement reckons from

9.7.36

Former service in the

Trade on Enlistment Labourer

Education on Enlistment

Nationality British

Religion Anglican

Allowed to reckon as:—

"Service"

Years

Days

"Qualifying Service"

Years

Days

No. of Part II
Order or other
Authority.

Unit.

Promotions, Reductions, Casualties,
etc.

Army
Rank.

Dates.

Service not
allowed to
reckon for
fixing rate
of pension.
Years Days

Authenti-
cating
Signature
or Initials.

Certificates of Education.

Part II.
Order.

Class.

Subjects.

Date of
Award.

Authenticating
Signature
or Initials.

25/36

5th

Posted

Plt

9.7.36

Oba

ATTENDED ANNUAL CAMP
for 15 (days) 1936 (year)

ATTENDED ANNUAL CAMP
for 15 (days) 1937 (year)

Absent with Leave from
Annual Training 1936 (year)

DISCHARGED

Para Dow. 6. 1939

Plt

29.12.39

Services being no longer required

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

Particulars.

Classifica-
tion
Awarded.

Period of
Course or
Date of Test

Part II.
Order No.

Authenticating
Signature
or Initials.

Military History Sheet.

Service at Home and Abroad.

Country.

Service to count as
British or Indian.

From

To

Length of
Service.
Years Days

Home

British

9.7.36

29.12.39

2. 295

Total Service towards Engagement to 29.12.39 (date of discharge) 2 Years 295 Days.

Pension

2 Years 2 Days.

N.B.—The Country only to be shown.—It is not necessary to show separately the service in the different stations of the same country. England, Scotland and Ireland to be shown under the general term "Home."
For mode of computing service abroad see King's Regulations.
Note.—Service reckoning as Indian Service to be inserted in Red Ink.

Army No. 5618982 Surname Dunston
Statement of Services—(continued).

Military History Sheet—(continued).

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Number

1. Surname

DURSTON

3. Army

Number

5618982

2. Christian
Names

WALTER.

4. Regiment
or Corps

1138510

REGINALD

R.E. 270 485

5. Nature of
Engagement

T.A.N.

6. Date of Joining (Army Class)

Date of Enlistment (Others)

16. 12. 39

30. 10. 08

7. Date of Birth

8. Nationality or
Dual Nationality

British

Bof E.

9. Religion

10. Industry
Group

Z.H.C

11. Occupational
Classification

012.16

12. Cause of becoming
Non-effective

12 (a) Date

13. Single or Married

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

Plymouth
Devon

A. Rank

B. Service
Trade

P.O. REDE 111

C. Medical
Category

D.

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19. Location

X Date Rejoined
from Reserve

Part II Order 540

35/40 D.C.

110 Aug 1943

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Dates on which Amendment Slips were sent to Central Card Index

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Army Form B200a.

Statement of
Services of:—

Army No. 5618982

Christian Names Walter Reginald

Surname DURSTON

Enlisted at <u>Plymouth</u> on <u>16.4.39</u>		Date of Birth <u>30.10.1908</u>	Particulars of Will
Nature of Engagement (including variations in terms of service after enlistment)	Corps or Regiment. <u>Royal Engineers.</u>	Trade on Enlistment <u>Calver</u>	
T. A. <u>4 yrs.</u>	Service towards limited engagement reckoned from <u>16.4.39.</u>	Education on Enlistment <u>Public</u>	
	Former service in the	Nationality <u>Public</u>	
	Allowed to reckon as:—	Religion <u>Ch.</u>	
	"Service" Years <u>15.4.43</u>	"Qualifying Service" Years <u>012.16</u>	
	Days	Days	

No. of Part II Order or other Authority.	Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank.	Dates.	Service not allowed to reckon for pension.	Authenticating Signature or Initials.	Certificates of Education.				
		Attested.		<u>16.4.39.</u>			Part II Order.	Class.	Subjects.	Date of Award.	Authenticating Signature or Initials.
<u>17/39.</u>	<u>No 36 Coy.</u>	Continued from Army Form B200a.		<u>16.4.39.</u>							
<u>29/39.</u>		Attended Annual Training. For <u>15 Days in 1939.</u>									

Trade Tests, Classes of Instruction, or Courses of Military Training.				
Particulars.	Classification Awarded.	Period of Course or Date of Test.	Part II Order No.	Authenticating Signature or Initials.
<u>T.T. Pioneer RE.</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>1.6.40.</u>	<u>35/40.</u>	<u>JS</u>

Military History Sheet.				
Country.	Service to count as British or Indian.	From	To	Length of Service. Years / Days
<u>Home</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>16.4.39</u>	<u>23.8.39</u>	<u>7</u> / <u>130</u>
<u>India</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>24.8.39</u>	<u>5.9.40</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>10</u>
<u>B. & A.</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>6.9.40</u>	<u>1.10.45</u>	<u>5</u> / <u>26</u>
<u>Home</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>2.10.45</u>	<u>9.12.45</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>69</u>
<u>CHASS 20</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>10.12.45</u>	<u>10.12.45</u>	<u>0</u> / <u>0</u>

Service at Home and Abroad.				
Country.	Service to count as British or Indian.	From	To	Length of Service. Years / Days
<u>Home</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>16.4.39</u>	<u>23.8.39</u>	<u>7</u> / <u>130</u>
<u>India</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>24.8.39</u>	<u>5.9.40</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>10</u>
<u>B. & A.</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>6.9.40</u>	<u>1.10.45</u>	<u>5</u> / <u>26</u>
<u>Home</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>2.10.45</u>	<u>9.12.45</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>69</u>
<u>CHASS 20</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>10.12.45</u>	<u>10.12.45</u>	<u>0</u> / <u>0</u>

Total Service towards Engagement to (date of discharge) Years Days		Total Pension Years Days	

