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ATHLESTAN ARGYLE

Christian Names.

A. A. H.

Initials.

(Title, if any).

(1.)

WHERE
EDUCATED(a) Schools. *Eton.*Date of Birth. *9.3.1894.*

NATIONALITY

Officer. *British.*(b) University *Cambridge.*Place of Birth. *Melbourne,
Australia.*

OF

Officer's Father. *British.*

or Technical College.

Religious Denomination *[REDACTED]*Mother. *British.*

(2.)

Name and Address of Next-of-kin or Guardian, other than Wife
(for reference in case of emergency)

Relationship

Name and Address of Officer's Bankers or Agents

Mrs. T.S. Hall,
42, Berkeley Sqr.,
London, W.1.

Mother.

Smith and Williamson,
38, Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.

(3.)

If Married, Name of Wife

Date of Marriage

Names of Children living

Date of Birth

Sex

Nancy Armitage.

April, 1928.

Thomas Armitage.

13.4.1929.

Male.

(4.)

Schools and Courses of Instruction

Place

From

To

Result

Authority

(5.) Examinations for Promotion

Date

Result

Whether gained
Special CertificateVarious Signal Courses
during the War 1914 - 1919.*Pre-arranged Preliminary +
Preliminary Course**University
College Southampton 1914-1919**April 29/28. 11. 1919.*

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20. 4. 34

passed 1915.

Granted Engr pay - £/356

T.A. CAMP ATTENDANCES.

UNIT

(6.)

(a) Foreign Languages

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

(b) Knowledge of Foreign Countries

Travelled in - France, Germany, Belgium, Austria,
Italy, Spain, N.America, Canada,
Argentina, Chile, Central Africa,
S.Africa, Egypt and Australia.

(c) Business Qualifications

(d) Legal Qualifications (giving par-
ticulars)Was studying Engineering at
Cambridge but was interrupted
by War 1914-1919.

1914-1915
Preliminary Course
1915
university
College Southampton 6¹²/₇

PHIL 29/28 11 111

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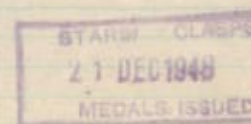
(c) Business Qualifications

(d) Legal Qualifications (giving particulars)

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

Member of Royal Institution.

(7.)	Campaigns	Period		(9.)	Honours and Rewards, including Mentions in Despatches	Date of Gazette or other Authority
		From	To			
	Gallipoli. German East Africa. France.	1915 Aug. 1916 June 1918	1915. Dec. 1917. Feb. 1919.		DEFENCE MEDAL WAR MEDAL 1939-45	
(8.)	Wounds and Nature	Place and Date	Pension or Gratuity			



Des Smith
S/CNPI
A.B. (MEDALS)
20 DEC 1948



Joined Western Army Troops Signal Co. R.E.T. 2nd Lieut.

Liverpool. ~~About~~
18.8.14.

Portion of W.A.T.S. Co. transferred to Haynes Park, Bedfordshire.

About end
of 1914.

Transferred to Wireless Signal Co. headquarters. Promoted 1st Lieut. about
this time.

Worcester. ~~Beginning~~
~~Jan~~ of 1915.

Sent to Gallipoli and attached Signal Officer, Anzac Cove.

Gallipoli. About Aug.
1915.

Evacuated sick.

" About Sept.
1915.

Rejoined after sick leave, Wireless Signal Co.

Worcester.

Sent to German East Africa.

G.E.A. Aug. 15th,
1916.

Evacuated sick, G.E.A.

About Nov.
1917.

Rejoined after sick leave, Fenny Stratford Signal Depot.

Fenny About Jan.
Stratford. 1918.

Sent to Signal Co. Cavalry Corps, France.

France. About June
1918.

Demobilized (Lieut) Relinquishes his temporary commission with 14.2.19 (L.G. 3.2.33)

About Feb.
1919.

Rejoined Territorial Army. Lieut.

Weymouth. Feb. 1933.

Dorset (Fortress) R.E.

" 4.2.33. L.G. 3.2.33.

From Dorset (7) R.E.T.A. to be Lieut. T.A. Rec: Genl List
Appointed to a Commission in R.E.T.A. as Lt p.m. T.A.R.D. for List
Posted to Eastern Comm. Sig Coy for Employment List 17.1.39/11.228
Posted from Eastern Comm to Radio Sec. Sec. M.I.8. No 2.
14519

23.5.35 19 24/5/35
24.11.39 19 12.12.39
24.11.39 19 57.59/5

Act. Capt (Unpaid) act. Capt (Paid)
1/1934

5.1.40

Joined Radio Sec. Sect for duty. Appntd Acting Captain
Act. T/Capt.

15.11.39 19 0.07/40
15.2.40 19 0.07/40

Designation of unit changed to Special Communication Unit N.3.

15.11.39 19 0.07/40
15.2.40 19 0.07/40

Posted from S.C.U. 703. To 1st S.T.C. (Sec) whilst attending No 5 Pre-Preliminary course university college Southampton

16.8.41 19 05.11/25.4.41

Relieved to unemployment under A.C.1. 422/42. w.e.f. (P. 45/42)

6.12.41 19 12/5/1919

Having exceeded the age limit. To Relinquish Commission and to retain Rank of Lieut (28.2.48) 28.2.48 19 24.2.48

22.8.42 19 11.40/42

(11.)

Country

From

To

Period

Home

Abroad

Years

Days

Years

Days

(12.)

Promotions

Rank

Date

Authority

R.E. T.A.

Lieutenant.

4.2.33.

L.G. 3.2.33.

Joined from
T.A.R.D. for List RE
1/1934

24.11.39

19 12.12.39

Act. Capt (Paid)

15.11.39

W.O. 27/1940

1918.
About Feb.
1919.

Weymouth. Feb. 1933.

С. II

"	4.2.33. L.G.3.2.33.
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14 514

5.1.40

15.11.39 W.O.O 27/40
4.2.40

15.11.39 } P/- 17
15.2.40

16 8 41 WE VIII/254/1

6.12.41 112/Sigs/1919

22 5 42 95 40/42

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Application for Appointment to a Commission in the Territorial Army.

(Including those for appointment to the General List for Service with the Officers Training Corps.)

I.

The candidate will carefully complete the following particulars, obtain the certificates on pages 3 and 4, and then forward the application (through the Officer Commanding his unit if a member of the Territorial Army or Supplementary Reserve, the Adjutant of his contingent if a member of the Senior Division, or the Officer Commanding his contingent if a member of the Junior Division, Officers Training Corps), to the Officer Commanding the unit he wishes to join.

1. Unit or Corps to which desirous of being appointed ...
(In the case of appointment to the General List for duty with a contingent of the O.T.C., state whether Section "A" "B" or "C.")
2. *Name in full { Surname ...
Christian Names ...
3. Date and place of birth ...
(A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached.)
4. Address { (a) Permanent ...
(b) Present, for correspondence if different from (a) ...
5. †Whether a British subject by birth or naturalization
(State which and, if by naturalization, attach a certificate from the Home Office.)
6. †Nationality of parents at their birth :—
(a) Father. (If naturalized, state date) ...
(b) Mother. (If naturalized, state date) ...
7. †Whether of pure European descent ...
8. School or College at which educated ...
9. (i) †Whether the candidate has :—
(a) Competed at an Army Entrance Examination
(State date of examination and result) ...
(b) Passed the matriculation examination of a university, or a test accepted in lieu thereof.
(Certificate to be attached) ...
(c) Obtained a First-Class Army Educational Certificate. (State date of examination) ...
(ii) Failing one of the above a statement from the headmaster of a secondary school, or other competent educational authority, as to his educational attainments must be attached ...
10. Profession or occupation in civil life ...
11. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or Royal Air Force. If so, state :—
(a) Regiment or corps, etc. ...
(b) Date of appointment ...
(c) Rank on retirement ...
(d) If not commissioned, whether served for not less than six months in the ranks ...
(e) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ...
(f) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ...
(A candidate who has served in the ranks should attach his discharge certificate.)
(g) Whether in receipt of any disability retired pay or pension...

ROYAL ENGINEERS. DORSET (F). T.A.

HALL

ATHELSTAN, ARGYLE

March 9th 1894 Melbourne, Australia

Westport, Cricket St Thomas
Chard, Somerset

Birth

British

British

yes

Eton, Cambridge.

Passed entrance to Cambridge

Gentleman

R.E. Signals

about Aug 4th 1914
Lieut.

About Feb 1919

Demobilized

no

* The names should correspond with those given on the birth or baptismal certificate. Where they differ, the names given in the certificate will be used for official record, unless satisfactory evidence as to change of name is produced.

† A candidate must be a British subject, the son of British parents and of pure European descent, vide para. 51, T. A. Regns., 1929.

‡ Candidates for Commissions in the R.A.M.C. need not answer this question.

12. Whether served in any Expeditionary Force ...
If so, insert particulars.

Gallipoli
German East Africa
France

13. Whether ~~now~~, or previously, a member of the Officers Training Corps or a Territorial Cadet Unit.
If so, state :—

yes

- (a) Contingent or unit ...
(b) Rank now held or, if left, on leaving ...
(c) If left, date of leaving ...
(d) Whether qualified for Certificate "A"*
(Arm of Service to be stated.)
(e) Whether qualified for Certificate "B"*
(Arm of Service to be stated.)

Etan College O.T.C
Sergeant
1912

Cambridge U.O.T.C
Private
1914

* Not necessary to attach certificate.

14. Whether now serving or previously served in any Government Department. (Home, Indian, Dominion or Colonial.) If so, give particulars, and if still serving, state whether the consent of the Department has been obtained ...

no

15. Whether able to ride (certificate, if any, to be attached)
16. Whether a candidate for a commission in the Regular Army ...

yes

no

For Royal Engineers.

17. †(a) What technical education the applicant has had...
†(b) What technical experience the applicant has had...

Was taking Engineering at Cambridge when war broke out.

For Royal Corps of Signals.

18. †State wireless and electrical training and experience...

For the Royal Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps or R.A.V.C.

19. (a) Qualifications ...
(b) Academic and other distinctions ...
(c) Appointments held since qualification ...
(d) If not yet professionally qualified, the probable date of the candidate's "final" examination and also the date of his registration as a medical or dental student should be stated (R.A.M.C. and Army Dental Corps only). ...

For Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

20. †(a) State technical qualifications and experience in civil life ...
(The candidate should state whether he has served an apprenticeship with a mechanical or electrical engineering firm, giving the period served and the name of the firm.)
‡(b) (i) Whether passed examination for Associate Membership of any of the following Institutions, and, if so, which :—
Institution of Civil Engineers,
Institution of Mechanical Engineers,
Institution of Electrical Engineers.
(ii) Or, if not, whether any diploma or certificate has been obtained from any recognised technical body, specifying nature ...
‡(c) If a university candidate, state whether a degree in engineering has been obtained ...

I CERTIFY the above answers to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to the

DORSET (F) ROYAL ENGINEERS TA.

A. A. Hall

Usual Signature of Candidate.

Date 14th Oct 1932

Signature of parent or guardian if the candidate is under 21 years of age.

† The fullest detail possible should be given, attaching a separate statement when necessary.

‡ Applicable only to candidates for appointment to the Mechanical Engineering Staff of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

II.

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at school, college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (not a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, a senior officer of the Royal Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force 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.

(NOTE.—This certificate is not required in the case of an ex-officer put forward for re-appointment to a commission.)

I CERTIFY to the good moral character of.....

for the last.....

Signature

*Rank, office, or occupation.....

Address

Date.....

I CERTIFY to the good moral character of.....

from.....

to.....

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

Signature

*Rank, office, or occupation.....

Address

Date.....

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

III.

I,

Alfred Stanbury Hall.....

(name),

hereby agree that, in the event of an Act of Parliament being passed, after the embodiment of the Territorial Army, authorizing the despatch of the Force or any part of it outside the United Kingdom, I may be required to serve outside the United Kingdom.

Station.....

Signature of Candidate.

Date.....

Signature of Witness.

IV.

The candidate will fill in and sign the following declaration before presenting himself for medical examination.

I DECLARE upon my honour that :—

1st—I have never suffered from any serious illness or injury, *except as stated below.**

2nd—I am not, as far as I know, at present suffering from any mental or bodily infirmity, or physical imperfection or disability, *except as stated below.**

3rd—I have never suffered from "fits" of any description, *except as stated below.**

4th—My vision for both near and distant objects is good with either eye without the aid of glasses, *except as stated below.**

5th—I have fully revealed all circumstances within my knowledge that concern my health.

* The words in italics should be struck out in case there is no exception to record.

Date 17th Oct 1932

Candidate's signature *Ben Hall*

N.B.—A candidate who wears glasses should bring them with him when he attends for medical examination.

An officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps (Regular, Territorial Army or Supplementary Reserve) will, after reading Appendix I., and the foregoing declaration and examining the candidate, complete the following certificate :—

I CERTIFY that I have examined *Ben Hall*
in accordance with the instructions for the physical and medical examination of candidates for commissions in the Regular Army,* &c., and find that he is in good mental and bodily health, free from any organic disease or physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of military duty and.....† for a commission in the Territorial Army.

Height *5' 9"* Weight *10 1/2 st 7 lb* Chest measurement—Max *34 1/2* Min *31*

His acuteness of vision is as follows :—V.R. = *6* ; with glasses = *0.6*
V.L. = *6* ; with glasses = *0.6*

Station *Weymouth*

Signature *Ben Hall*

Date 17th Oct 1932

Rank *Capt. R.M.C. (T)*

* The general conditions as to height, chest-girth, eyesight, &c., are given in Appendix I. of this form (see page 6).
† Insert "fit" or "unfit" (If unfit state cause of unfitness.)

V.

The officer qualified in accordance with the instructions given below will, after ascertaining that pages 1, 2 and 3 have been properly filled in and the required certificates furnished, complete the following certificate.

To be completed in the case of a candidate qualified under Section 1, paragraphs 11 (d) or 13, by the Commanding Officer of the unit in which he last served.** If still serving, to be completed by his present Commanding Officer.

(Note :—This certificate is not required in the case of an ex-Officer put forward for re-appointment to a commission, nor for a candidate who served in the ranks during the war 1914-1918.)

I CERTIFY that.....served with credit in the

†.....
and I recommend him as a fit and proper person for appointment to a commission in the

†.....

Station.....

Signature

Date

Commanding

** If no such officer is available, the reason should be given and the certificate completed, if possible, by some senior officer under whom the candidate has served.
† Here insert unit.

VI.

The candidate will then apply for an interview to the Officer Commanding the unit* which he wishes to join. If found suitable the Officer Commanding the unit will complete the following certificate and forward the application to the Secretary of the Territorial Army Association for subsequent transmission through the usual military channels to the Headquarters of the Command.† (In the case of a candidate for the Royal Army Medical Corps, this certificate should be completed by an Administrative Medical Officer of the Territorial Army or a regular Royal Army Medical Corps Officer of field rank.) (In the case of a candidate for the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, this certificate should be completed by an Administrative Veterinary Officer of a Command.)

(NOTE.—If the application is for appointment for service with a contingent of the Officers Training Corps it should not be forwarded through a Territorial Army Association.)

I CERTIFY that I have seen Athelstan Argyle Hall

and can recommend him as a suitable candidate for appointment to a commission in the Donet

Fortress Royal Engineers in the rank of Lieutenant.

Station Weymouth.

Date 19th Dec 1932.

Commanding Donet (Fortress) Royal Engineers.

* Where the distance of the place of residence of the candidate from the headquarters of the unit is such as to make this procedure impracticable, the Officer Commanding the unit will arrange for the candidate to be seen by the Officer Commanding a unit of the same Arm stationed near the candidate's place of residence, and will attach the certificate of that Officer Commanding when received.

† In the case of a university candidate for appointment to a commission on the General List, Territorial Army, for the purpose of undergoing attachment to a regular unit with a view to subsequent nomination for appointment to a commission in the Regular Army, the application should be forwarded by the University authorities direct to the War Office.

‡ Insert unit or branch of service.

VII.

§ Nomination of a candidate for a commission in the lowest rank in a Unit of the Territorial Army.

Athelstan Argyle Hall is nominated for a commission in the
rank of Lieutenant in the Donet (Fortress) Royal Engineers of the Territorial Army.

J. H. H. H. H. Secretary.

Shapton President.

Date 3rd November, 1932.

Donet Territorial Army Association.

In the case of appointment to a commission, other than in the lowest rank, an expression of the views of the County Association should be appended.

§ This portion is not applicable in the case of a candidate for appointment to a commission on the General List, Territorial Army, for service with a contingent of the Officers Training Corps.

|| Insert name of unit.

VIII.

RECOMMENDED.

Station Salisbury.

Date 14.12.32.

J. J. Collier (Brigade or Group Commander.)

Chief Engineer South Coast

IX.

RECOMMENDED.

Station Devonport.

Date 16th December, 1932.

W.D. No. 61/333 (A).

W. A. D. H. H. Captain,
Staff Captain, for
Major-General,
Commander,

43rd (Wessex) Division, etc.