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					Wm Edwards Marshall	Son in Law	M	28	Railway Clerk	Worker		Wm	Beeson	✓
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FORM  
NO. 1

Army Form B, 2506

**Exeter**

**SHORT SERVICE**

(For The Duration of the War.)

**DUPLICATE.**

**ATTESTATION OF OFFICE**

No. 66-6 Name William Edward Thornhill Corp R. A. M. C.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your Name ?	.....	1. <u>William Edward Thornhill</u>
2. What is your full Address ?	.....	2. <u>Bark Road</u> <u>Traleigh Devon</u>
3. Are you a British Subject?	.....	3. <u>yes</u>
4. What is your Age ?	.....	4. <u>39 years 350 days</u>
5. What is your Trade or Calling ?	.....	5. <u>accountant</u>
6. Are you Married? .....	.....	6. <u>yes</u>
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Foreign, naval or military, if so, which?	.....	7. <u>no</u>
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ...	.....	8. <u>yes</u>
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ...	.....	9. <u>yes</u>
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand it?	.....	10. <u>yes</u> Name <u>Wm. E. D. Thornhill</u> <u>Corp.</u>
11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?	.....	11. <u>yes</u>

For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed, I employed with pleasure the deponent of Mounted Units and the Crown you may be required after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall be in no case exceed six months.

I, William Edward Thornhill, 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.

Wm Thornhill SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
E. J. Smith, Rector Regt Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, William Edward Thornhill swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will in as duty bound, honesty and loyalty 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. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as perjury in the law.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I certified by word that he understood each question, and that his answer to each question has been voluntarily as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at

on this 26th day of September 1915

Signature of the Justice, J. J. [unclear] Colton

Certificate of Attesting Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled in, and that the required forms appear to have been completed with, I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Rifles.

I certified by special authority, Army Form B, 2506, other authority for the statement will be attached to the original attestation.

Date September 27 1915

Wm. E. D. Thornhill  
CORPORAL R. A. M. C. Attesting Officer.

Place Stony, Salisbury

† The signature of the Approving Officer will be at the bottom of the Receipt. † The Recruit must insert the "Circus" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.



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			Emma	Do	Wife	36		Do	Chilwell
			Joseph	Do	Son	14	Domestic Serv	Do	Do
			Elizabeth	Do	Daughter	10	Scholar	Do	Do
			Edward	Do	Son	8	Do	Do	Beeston
			Mary Ann	Do	Daughter	6	Do	Do	Do
			Henry A	Do	Son	4	Do	Do	Do
			Frederick	Do	Do	2	Do	Do	Do
			Fanny	Do	Daughter	5mo	Do	Do	Do
			Ramiah Chapman	Widow	Wid	58	Winder Cotton	Do	Do

Census William St, Beeston 1881

18	19	Do	1	Emily Evans	Head	18	Housekeeper	Do	Beeston
				Emily C. Evans	Daughter	14	Do	Do	Do
				Robert Evans	Son	10	Do	Do	Do
				John Evans	Son	8	Do	Do	Do
				Charles Evans	Son	6	Do	Do	Do
				Alfred Evans	Son	4	Do	Do	Do
				Henry Evans	Son	2	Do	Do	Do
				Michael Campbell	Son	14	Do	Do	Do

Census 1891 Emily Evans, widow & 2 children

CIVIL PARISH		ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE		HOUSES		NAME and Surname of each Person		RELATION to Head of Family		CON-DITION as to Marriage		AGE last Birthday of		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION		WHERE BORN		(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Imbecile or Idiot	
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27	2 Church Cottages Church Street	1			James Alan Reynolds	Son				Rowley, Derby									
					Frances Elvane Reynolds	daughter				Rowley, Derby									
					Annice Elliott	Head	Widow			Licholover, Derby									
					Ellen Elliott	Stepdaughter	S			Rowley, Derby									
					Fred Elliott	Stepson				Rowley, Derby									
					Charlotte Annice Elliott	daughter				Rowley, Derby									
					47 St. Hill	Widow	S			Rowley, Derby									
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Census 1891 Great Rowsley

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Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form-Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Bn. The Buffs

Regimental No. 1656 Rank Private Name James Elliott

Enlisted (a) 18/4/15 Terms of Service (a) 5 years Service reckons from (a) 18/4/15

Date of promotion to present rank 1/12/15 Date of appointment to lance rank 1/12/15 Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s 10

Extended 1/12/15 Re-engaged 1/12/15 Qualification (b) 10

Report Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during entire service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 86, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 86, or other official documents.
24.11.15	D.A.G. Base.	Embarked	Shampton	12.11.15	With unit,
		Disembarked	Havre.	13.11.15	99 Fld.Amb.
7/12/15	Office	Reported dead with pay		3/12/15	anthy
24/12/15	Office	Reverted to ordinary duty		22.7.16	and to 0. 1st Coy. 6. (F.2) 4/1/16
26/12/15	Office	Promoted Corporal.		14/9/16	No 31/16
28/12/15	Office	Reversion to 1st Coy. 6.		5/1/16	

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

(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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Casualty Form



# Casualty Form

Army Form B. 103. Regimental Number 1000

## Casualty Form—Active Service.

Rank Sgt Surname William Hill Christian Name William  
 Religion Anglican Age on Enlistment 39 years 10 months  
 Enlisted (a) 18-9-15 Terms of Service (a) 5 years Service reckons from 18-9-15  
 Date of promotion to present rank 24-1-18 Date of appointment to lance rank 18-9-15  
 Extended ( ) Re-engaged ( ) Qualification (b) Private  
 Occupation Coach 34 or Corps Trade and Rate Private  
 Signature of Officer. [Signature]

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
	<u>R.A.M.C.</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>18-9-15</u>	
	<u>X Coy</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>23-9-15</u>	
	<u>14 F.A.</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>20-10-15</u>	
	<u>99 F.A.</u>	<u>Proceeded with 99 F.A. to B.S.T.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>15-11-15</u>	
	<u>"</u>	<u>Appointed with pay 1/4 p.p.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>3-12-15</u>	
	<u>"</u>	<u>Promoted to Lance</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>14-3-16</u>	
	<u>"</u>	<u>Appointed with pay 1/4 p.p.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>15-11-15</u>	
	<u>"</u>	<u>Promoted to Sergeant</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>14-1-16</u>	

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in, Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Sholing-Smith, &c.

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# Record on death

1914-15 Star		British War Medal		Victory Medal	
<u>R.A.M.C.</u>	<u>99 F.A.</u>	<u>Died of Heart Disease 21. 1. 1919</u>			
<u>Myhrick and Synneph at 101 Park Road, Hawtish; killed in action from B.S.T. France</u>					
<u>Home</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>58</u>	
<u>R.S.T. F.</u>	<u>18-9-15</u>	<u>14-11-15</u>			
<u>Home on leave</u>	<u>15-11-15</u>	<u>21-1-16</u>			
	<u>21-1-16</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>120</u>		
Total Service forfeited as above ...					
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>21. 1. 19</u> (date of discharge) <u>death</u> years <u>4</u> days <u>58</u>					
" " " Pension <u>21. 1. 19</u> " ) years <u>4</u> days <u>58</u>					

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## SELF-SACRIFICE.

### DAWLISH MAN'S RECORD.

Sergt. W. E. Thornhill, R.A.M.C., died at his residence, Park-road, Dawlish, on Tuesday evening. In September, 1915, when the need for men was particularly pressing, he offered himself, although his age was 47, and was accepted. After a lengthy period of service in France he returned home on leave just before last Christmas, completely broken down in health. In civil life he was an accountant, and up to the time of joining the Army acted as secretary to the Dawlish Gas Company. He leaves a widow and three young children, with whom much sympathy is expressed. Yesterday morning it was officially announced that the Meritorious Service Medal had been conferred upon Sergt. Thornhill for valuable services rendered with the Army in France and Flanders.

Devon & Exeter Gazette 23 January 1919

### Funeral of Sergeant Thornhill R.A.M.C. at Dawlish

The funeral of Sergt. Thornhill, R.A.M.C., late Secretary to the Dawlish Gas Company, who returned from France on leave just before last Christmas completely broken in health, took place at Dawlish on Thursday. The body was enclosed in a polished elm coffin. The inscription read:—"Sergt. Wm. E. Thornhill, M.S.M., died January 21st, 1919, aged 46 years." The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: The widow, Masters Harry and Percy Thornhill (sons), Mrs. Evans (mother-in-law), Mrs. Bowden, Mr. R. Wood, and Pte. Satchell, R.A.M.C. Others who attended were: Messrs. Jas. Gamlin, A. Yelland, H. Versey, E. H. Sagar, F. West, W. H. Walling, H. L. Loram, and F. Friend. In addition to floral tokens from members of the family, wreaths, etc., were sent by: Mr. and Mrs. Bowden; Mr. and Mrs. Versey; Directors of the Dawlish Gas Company; Mr. P. F. G. Creaghe; Mr. S. Burch; and Pte. Satchell, R.A.M.C.

Western Times 25 January 1919

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

**MEDICAL HISTORY OF**  
Surname Thornhill Christian Name William Edward

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE

Birthplace .. Parish Burton County Devon

Examined .. on 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1915  
at Exeter

Declared Age .. 39 years 166 days

Trade or Occupation .. Accountant

Height .. 5 feet 7 inches

Weight .. 136 lbs.

Chest Measurement .. 35 inches

Physical Development ..

Vaccination Marks ..

When Vaccinated ..

Vision .. (R.E.—V=4)  
(L.E.—V=5)

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

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection .. Slight byphasia, slight stammer in speech

Approved by .. (Signature) [Signature]  
(Rank) [Rank] Medical Officer

Enlisted .. at Exeter on 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept 1915

Joined on Enlistment ..

Transferred to ..

Became non-effective by Death from acute nephritis & Syncope at 10 Park Road, Dawlish; on 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1919.

(Signature) [Signature]  
(Rank) [Rank]

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Medical report on enlisting 18 September 1915 at Exeter, giving declared age 39 years and 350 days. Born 3 October 1872 ? Occupation: accountant height 5' 7", weight 136 lbs

'Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection' - slight byphasia (?) and slight stammer in speech

Death by acute nephritis and Syncope at 10 Park Road, Dawlish whilst on leave from France.

Syncope: Partial or complete loss of consciousness with interruption of awareness of oneself and ones surroundings. When the loss of consciousness is temporary and there is

spontaneous recovery, it is referred to as syncope or, in nonmedical quarters, fainting.

Nephritis is a general term used to describe a group of diseases that cause swelling or inflammation of the glomerulus. This inflammation reduces the kidney's ability to filter waste from the blood.