

# SHORT SERVICE.

5336/FW/M

Army Form B. 265.

*Leicestershire Regt.*  
 No. 170 Name Henry Rolfe  
 Corps Leicestershire Regiment  
 Joined at Leicester  
 on 15 August 1881

*at*  
*T. Ellice*



### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ..... Henry Rolfe
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ..... Birmingham in or near the Town of Birmingham in the County of Warwick
3. What is your Age? ..... 19 Years. .... Months.
4. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... Painter
5. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? and for what period? ..... No
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? ..... No
7. Are you Married? ..... No
8. Have you ever been discharged with Ignominy, or as incorrigible and Worthless, from the Regular Forces, or from any portion of the Auxiliary Forces when subject to Military Law, or from the Reserve Forces, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? And you are warned that there is a special provision in the Army Discipline and Regulation Act which renders you liable to Penal Servitude if you make a false answer to this question. .... No
9. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, Her Majesty's Army? ..... No
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Marines? ..... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Militia, or Militia Reserve? ..... No
12. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Royal Navy? ..... No
13. Do you now belong to the Volunteers, or to the Naval Artillery Volunteers? or to the Royal Naval Reserve Force? ..... No
14. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? ..... Yes
15. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's Service? ..... No
16. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... Leicestershire Regiment
17. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning? ..... Yes
18. Who gave you the Notice? ..... Regt. Pinkney Serjt 3<sup>rd</sup> B. R. R.
19. Are you willing to serve for the term of twelve Years, provided Her Majesty should so long require your services, for the first seven years in Army Service, and for the remaining five years in the 1st Class of the Army Reserve, or if, at the termination of such period of Army Service, you are serving beyond the seas, then for the first eight years in Army Service, and for the remaining four years in the 1st Class of the Army Reserve? ..... Yes
20. Are you aware that if, at the expiration of the above-mentioned terms of Army Service, whether of seven or eight years, a state of war exists, you will be liable, if so directed by the competent Military Authority, to serve in Army Service for a further term not exceeding 12 months? ..... Yes
21. Are you aware that if, at the expiration of the above-mentioned terms of Army Service, you are so required by a proclamation from Her Majesty in case of imminent national danger or great emergency, you may be required to serve in Army Service so as to complete your term of 12 years, and for a further period not exceeding 12 months? ..... Yes

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I, Henry Rolfe do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Sd/ Henry Rolfe { Signature of Recruit. } James Randall Serjt 3<sup>rd</sup> B. R. R. { Signature of Witness. }

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Henry Rolfe do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Witness my hand. Signature of Recruit Sd/ Henry Rolfe  
 Signature of Witness Sd/ James Randall Serjt 3<sup>rd</sup> B. R. R.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Discipline and Regulation Act.

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

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and oath before me at Birmingham on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 188 one

Signature of the Justice John D. Melson

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 98.

Description of Henry Rolfe on Enlistment.

Age physically equivalent to † \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 \* Age apparently † 19 years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Height † 5 feet 11 inches. †  
 Weight 133 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement † 311 inches.  
 Complexion † Fair  
 Eyes † Grey  
 Hair † Light  
 Religious denomination no such knowledge  
 † No Standard.

† Distinctive Marks.  
Noles left chest.  
Does not appear to have served.

\* The apparent age only to be stated if the recruit is above the minimum physical equivalent of 19 years.  
 † Civilian Medical Practitioners on making the primary examination of a recruit are to enter the above particulars in pencil only.  
 Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will (unless the man acknowledges to any previous service) make a note to that effect in the column for distinctive marks.

CERTIFICATE OF PRIMARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION—(by a Civilian Medical Practitioner.)

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:—  
 Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hemorrhoids; varicose veins beyond a limited extent; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D., or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see at the required distance with either eye, and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description. I consider him fit for Her Majesty's Service.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_ } Civil Medical Practitioner.

NOTE.—This Certificate should be left blank when the Recruit is examined in the first instance by an Approving Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF FINAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION—(by an Approving Medical Officer.)

Examined by me in accordance with above Certificate, and I consider him\* fit & approve him for the Service.

Date 10<sup>th</sup> August 1881 } Sgt J. Wood M.D.  
Birmingham } Surgeon Major A. M.D. } Surgeon, Approving Medical Officer.

\* Insert here "fit, and approve him," or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Approving Medical Officer consider the recruit unfit, he will state here briefly the cause of unfitness.

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Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him fit for Her Majesty's Service, and that I have examined this Attestation and find it properly filled up.

Date 11<sup>th</sup> August 1881 } Sgt Neville Mansergh Captain  
Warwick } Adj. 3<sup>rd</sup> M<sup>o</sup> Warwick Regt. } Recruiting Officer.

\* NOTE.—Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Certificate of Approving Field Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to Leicestershire Regt.

If enlisted by special authority, number and date to be here quoted

Date 12<sup>th</sup> August 1881  
 Place Warwick } S. L. B. Hole Lt Col  
Command 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. District } Approving Field Officer.

NOTE.—The following Certificate is only to be signed in the case of the Attestation being a Copy.

I certify that I have compared this copy with the original Attestation, and find it correct in all respects.

Date 12<sup>th</sup> August 1881  
 Place Warwick } L. B. Hole Lt Col  
Command 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. District } Approving Field Officer.

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 STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 140 Name *Henry Rolfe*

Corps in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Period of Service in each Rank		Amount of Service towards Lim. Engagt.		Amount of Service towards Pension		Amount of Service towards G. C. Pay	
			From	To	years	days	years	days	years	days
<i>Leic Regt</i>	<i>Appointed Private 10 Aug 87</i>		<i>31 Jan 87</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>1/5</i>		
	<i>Transferred to the Royal Munster Fusiliers</i>									
	<i>31 January 1887</i>				<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>1/5</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Recertify the above to be a correct statement of the service of Henry Rolfe to the 31 January 1887.</i> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Colours Colours 38th Light Infantry 3rd Battalion</i>  <i>Commanding 3rd Staff Battalion 3rd Battalion</i>  <i>14th Regimental District</i> </p>										
<i>R Mues</i>	<i>Transferred Private 11 Feb 82</i>		<i>9 Aug 87</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>190</i>
	<i>Granted 5 Pay at 10 August 1888</i>									
	<i>Granted 5 Pay at 20 August 1887</i>									
<i>Six years from date of attestation</i>					<i>Total</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	
	<i>Continued Private 10 Sept 87</i>		<i>31 Sept 88</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>52</i>
					<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>7</i>
<p><i>J. F. Stokes</i> — Colonel  <i>Adj. Comd. 4th Munster Fus.</i></p> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">DECEASED</p>										
Total Service as above ... ..					<i>7</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>52</i>
<p>I have examined the above details, and find them in every respect correct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>A. Kinast</i>              LIEUT. &amp; Q.M.              ACTING ADJUTANT              INVALID DEPOT         </p>										
Further Service from the <i>16th Mar 88</i> to the <i>12th Mar 89</i> when finally discharged ... ..					<i>-</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>163</i>
Total Service allowed to reckon to the day of final discharge ... ..					<i>7</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>215</i>

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1.—Service at Home and Abroad (including former service of re-enlisted men, when allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay or Pension).

COUNTRY	FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS
Home	10 Sept 1881	20. 4. 82	0	345
Malta	21. 4. 82	3. 3. 84	1	226
East Indies	4. 3. 84	12. 3. 89	5	9

N.B.—The Country only to be shown—it is not necessary to show separately the service in the different stations of same country. England, Scotland, and Ireland to be shown under the general term "Home."  
For mode of computing Foreign Service, see Sec. XIX., para. 142, Queen's Regulations, 1881.

Initials of Officer making the Entry.

2. Next of Kin ... Father William Mother Ellen Brothers William James Samuel Robert Alfred Edwards older sister Sarah Elizabeth Eliza Mary 50 Cato Street Birmingham

3. Campaigns ... Burma 1885-89

4. Wounded ... Yes Gunshot wound left forearm received in action with rebels 5 May 1885

5. Effects of Wounds ... Invalided

6. Special instances of gallant conduct ... none

7. Medals, decorations and annuities ... Medal and Clasp Burma 1885-89

8. Injuries in or by the Service ... vide Detailed Med. His. sheet attached.

9. Married To whom Place and Date ... none

10. Passed Classes of Instruction ... none

11. Certificates of Education ... 3rd Class 25. 9. 82

12. Character on being passed to Reserve ... ✓

13. Character on being Discharged ... Very good

14. Place of Discharge ... Nibley 12. 3. 89.

15. Cause of Discharge ... In consequence of his having been found medically unfit for further service (Gunshot wound left forearm in action)

16. Pension awarded ...

17. Died ...

18. Notes ... 50 Cato Street, North Nechells, Birmingham.

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NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialed by the Officer making the entry.