

I Brounwood
22/7/17

Dear Arthur

Just time to convey to you
the sad news to ~~you~~ that we received
official word today over Dick it said
he was killed (on the 9th of Sep or after
so it does not look as if they knew any
proper yet from Dick and as you know
whether it is just three years to day by
the date since I we buried Emma little
did we think that he would be the
next there is only one consolation Arthur
that is he is out of the fighting and
is home I hope keep your heart up
Arthur and try and come back to us
yourself We shall have eleven o'clock mass
said for him on Sunday I will
now close with love from all
at home I remain

Yours Loving
Sister Annie

x x x x x
x x x x

to procure a new
German cap with badge."

FIRST INTO LILLE.

Honour for Bolton Soldiers.

We are informed that a Bolton Battalion was selected by the General of the —Division to form the Guard of Honour at the Mayor's House, Lille, for the visit of the French Premier, M. Clemenceau, last Saturday and Lieut-Col. Hitchens chose "B" Company, under Captain Higginson, who has had 19 years service in the L.N.L., having risen from the ranks, to mount the Guard. Very short notice to prepare for it was given, but the lads rose eagerly to the honour paid their Battalion with the result that it was a very smart Guard indeed that marched into Lille at nine o'clock on the morning of October 19th, with its band of 33 performers leading, the first armed body of British troops to enter the city since it was yielded to the Germans in 1914. It was a beautiful day and the enthusiasm of the people when they saw the Battalion coming in is described as extraordinary. They stuck French flags all over the men and it was very hard to keep the ranks. All along the road both coming and going they greeted them with cheers and threw flowers down from the windows. At the end of the ceremony the Premier departed to the "Marseillaise" played by the band. The Guard was then inspected and warmly complimented by the Corps Commander, who was greatly impressed with their very smart appearance after the hard work they had gone through and expressed his surprise to the Colonel. Altogether it was a memorable day for the men and will forge another link in the chain already connecting Boltonians and Lillois.

Amongst the British subjects, who have regained their freedom consequent upon the capture of Lille, is Mr. W. L. Forrest, assistant manager of the Fine Cotton Spinners' Association, whose mother lives at Inglehurst, Westgate-avenue, Bolton. For 15 days prior to the city falling into German hands Mr. Forrest is said to have hidden in a cellar. Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Bolton, are also mentioned in a list of people who have been released. There are, however, a number of other Bolton people in Lille of whom no news has yet been heard.

TUESDAY, JANUARY

Christmas Day in Arras.

With the 2/5 L.N.L.

This has been a great day. Thanks to all these kind friends in Bolton, all ranks of the 2-5th L.N.L. sat down at four o'clock to a splendid spread of all that was good. It is our last Christmas away from home, our last Christmas in France. It all seemed too good to be true. We were contented with these thoughts, and just right for a Christmas dinner. The menu was as follows:—

XMAS, 1918.

B.E.F., FRANCE.

MENU.

Pies.

Pork and Roast Beef.

Onion Sauce.

Carrots.

Cabbages.

Potatoes.

Plum Pudding.

Mixed Nuts.

Chocolates.

Mixed Sweets.

Crackers.

Beer and Mineral Waters.

Dinner was served at 4 p.m. in that part of the old cloisters belonging to the once beautiful cathedral of Arras, now a roofless and almost wall-less ruin. On these cloisters we had worked for days, covering up roof holes caused by great Boche shells with tarred canvas, and filling glassless window frames with sheeting. Our splendid pioneer section built six large fireplaces for log fires, which all burnt brightly. Tables and forms were made to hold the number dining—620. This place is now our permanent messing centre, while quartered in Arras. The men of the companies beautifully decorated the

terrus, holly, laurel, etc. At 4 p.m., with six acetylene lamps going, hung from the high roofing, and 150 candles on tables laden with the good things provided for the lads by kind friends, the sight was a splendid one. No unit throughout the British Empire could have sat down to a better feast. The dinner started promptly at 4 p.m., the service being carried out by the sergeants and corporals of each company, the officers

carving and otherwise superintending. When the Tom Smith crackers were pulled it was like a barrage starting up. Every man had a cracker in which was a trinket or a cap. At 6 p.m. the sight was very amusing. It was a day to remember; it will be remembered, and our thanks are once more due to those in Bolton who provided for the third time the Christmas dinner for their Bolton Battalion. The corporals having worked strenuously in attending to the wants of the men, sat down in the Recreation Room to their dinner at 7 p.m. All the tables were as nicely laid as the men's, white wall paper being used for tablecloths, and specially provided papier-mache plates for the food. They had a sing song like the men after the dinner. The W.O.'s and Sergeants had their dinner at 6 p.m. on Boxing night in the same place as the corporals. It was a festive evening. The cooks who had done all the hard work in cooking, pasties, beef, pork, plum pudding, etc., had their dinner on Boxing night at 6 p.m., presided over by the Sergeant Master Cook (Sergt. Barton). The C.O. and other officers visited all the various messes, and wished all ranks the best of New Years. Every man whose address was known, and who had served in the Battalion had a Battalion Christmas card sent to him by post, and all men with the Battalion received one as they sat down for their dinner.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

Chief Bids Them Adieu.

LN X 2473

Army Form Z. 21.

CERTIFICATE of*

LNL 32536

~~Discharge~~
~~Transfer to Reserve~~
~~Disembodiment~~
~~Demobilization~~

on Demobilization.

N.B.—Any person finding this Certificate is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Secretary, War Office, London, S.W. 1.

Regtl. No. 242177 Rank Pte.

Names in full

(Surname first)

Unit and Regiment or Corps from which

* ~~Discharged~~ ~~Disembodied~~

~~Transferred to Reserve~~

Enlisted on the

LOYAL NORTH LANCES. REGT.

15th May 1915

LOYAL NORTH LANCES. REGT.

For

(Here state Regiment or Corps to which first appointed)

Also served in

Only Regiments or Corps in which the Soldier served since August 4th, 1914 are to be stated. If inapplicable, this space is to be ruled through in ink and initialled.

Authorized PRIOR TO 11 NOV. 18

† Medals and Decorations awarded during present engagement

* Has

~~Has not~~

served Overseas on Active Service.

Place of Rejoining in case of emergency

Specialist Military qualifications

Press Mess
Signaller

Medical Category

Year of birth

He is*

~~Discharged~~

~~Transferred to Army Reserve~~

~~Disembodied~~

~~Demobilized~~

on

4th April

1919

in consequence of Demobilization.

Rodney Major

Signature and Rank.

for Officer i/c

No. 2 Infy

Records.

Preston

(Place).

* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

† The word "Nil" to be inserted when necessary.

WARNING.—If this Certificate is lost a duplicate cannot be issued. You should therefore on no account part with it or forward it by post when applying for a situation.

INFANTRY
RECORD OFFICE
NO. 2.
11 JULY 1949
SESSON'S PRESTON
H.C.



IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

82, BAKER STREET,

W. 1.

The Secretary of the Imperial War
Graves Commission begs to inform you
that the permanent headstones have now
been erected in ~~Mouyres Com Cem Ext.~~ **Mouyres Com Cem Ext.**

2 JUN 1928

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CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE WAR.

(To be completed for, and handed to, each soldier).

A soldier is advised to send a copy rather than the original when corresponding with a prospective employer.

It is particularly important that an apprentice whose apprenticeship has been interrupted by Military Service should have recorded on this form any employment in a trade similar to his own on which he has been engaged during such Military Service.

Regtl. No. 242177 Rank PTE
Surname TODD
(block letters)
Christian Names in full CHARLES ARTHUR
Regt. Loyal 7th Lancs Unit 2/5 Bn

1. Regimental Employment.

	Nature of.	Period.
(a)	<u>Signaller</u>	From <u>1/4/17</u> To <u>27/2/19</u>
(b)	"	"
(c)	"	"
(d)	"	"

*2. Trade or calling before Enlistment (as shown in A. B. 64).

Group 11 Cloth Looker Code 323

3. Courses of Instruction and Courses in Active Service Army Schools, and certificates, if any.

(a) Signalling
(b) a
(c) ←
(d) ←

* The trade or calling must be filled in by the O.C. Unit from the Appendix to Special Army Order No. 6, of 21st October, 1918 (329 of November, 1918).

[P.T.O.]

4. Military qualifications as shewn in A. B. 64.

Signaller

5. Special Remarks as to qualifications, work done, or skill acquired during service with the Colours. This is required as a help in finding civil employment.

*Has been employed on H.Q. RS.
where he has carried out responsible
duties in a most capable manner.
Hardworking and reliable. Has
done much excellent work during
active operations.*

Soldier's Signature
(For identification purposes).

John C. St.

Signed

W. M. Smith Capt. (Rank)

Commanding

A. 2/5. L. N. L. (Unit)

NOTES.—The object of this certificate is to assist the soldier in obtaining employment on his return to civil life. The form will be completed as soon as possible in accordance with Demobilization Regulations.

As soon as signed and completed it will be given to the soldier concerned and will remain his property. He should receive it as early as is compatible with making the necessary references in order that he can either send it home or keep it in his possession.

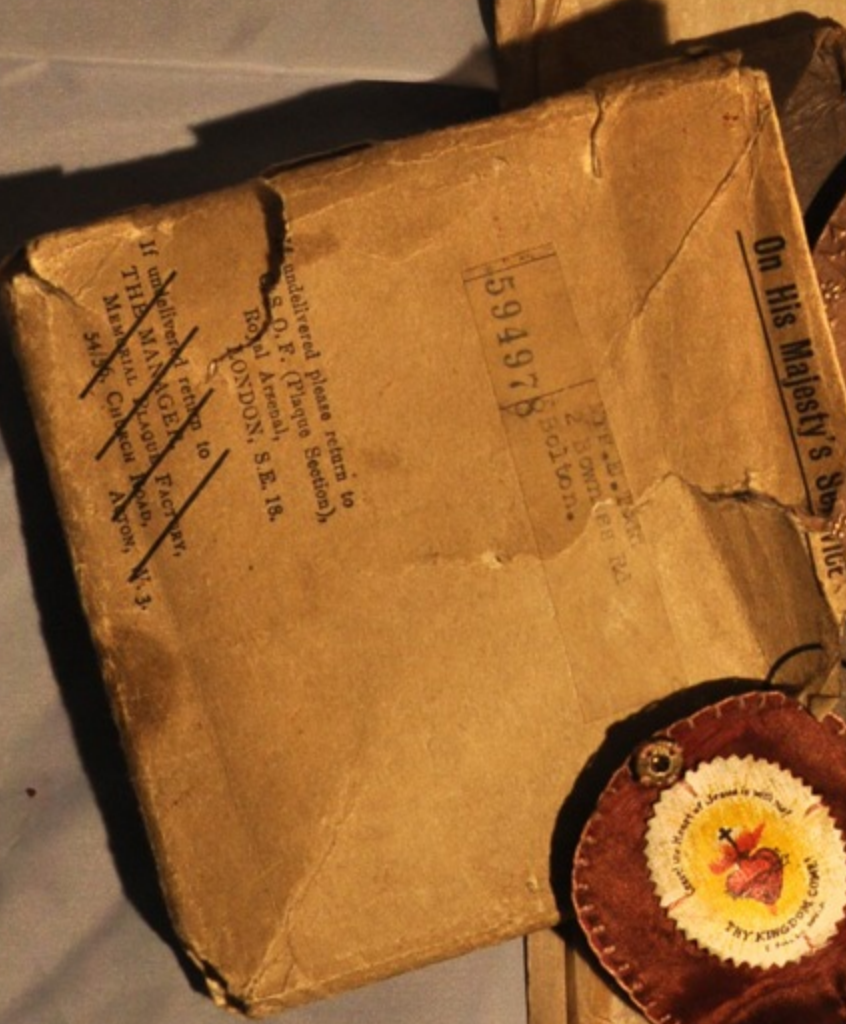
One form will be issued to each man, and no duplicate can ever be issued.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

I join with my grateful people
in sending you this memorial
of a brave life given for others
in the Great War.

George R.I.







A
PORTRAIT
STUDY

CARL CLOUD,
MANCHESTER
& BOLTON.

On His Majesty's Service

PAID

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Mrs. E. Todd
2 Bowness Rd
Bolton.

If undelivered please return to
C. S. O. F. (Plaque Section),
Royal Arsenal,
LONDON, S.E. 18.

~~If undelivered return to
THE MANAGER,
MEMORIAL PLAQUE FACTORY,
54/56, CHURCH ROAD,
ACTON, W. 3.~~





THE DIED FOR FREEDOM

AND HONOUR

RICHARD TODD



1851

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E.C.D.











Act of Contrition

O my God I am
very sorry that I
have sinned against
Thee because Thou
art so good and
I will not sin
again. Amen.



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