

AMOS SMITH

B Company
Army Form E. 504.

MILITIA ATTESTATION OF

No. 2249 Name, Amos Smith Corp. 4 Shropshire L.I.

Conditions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? Amos Smith
2. In what Parish, and in or near what Town, and in what County, were you born? Colwall in or near the Town of Colwall in the County of Herefordshire
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. Where do you now reside? Colwall in or near the Town of Colwall in the County of Herefordshire
5. Where have you resided for the last twelvemonth? Colwall in or near the Town of Colwall in the County of Herefordshire
6. What is the Name and Residence of your present (or former) Master? Mr. Richard Jones in or near the Town of Welshpool in the County of Worcestershire
7. What is your age? 19 Years 8 Months
8. What is your Trade or Calling? Labourer
9. (You are warned that you are liable to have Enlistment if you make a false answer to any of the following nine questions.)
10. Are you an Apprentice? No
11. Are you Single, Married, or a Widower? Single
12. If Married, or a Widower, how many Children have you under 14 years of age? No
13. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? No
14. Do you now belong to Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Royal Navy, the Volunteer Force? If so, to what Corps? 4th Shropshire Militia
15. Have you ever served in Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, or the Royal Navy? If so, under what name and under what discharge? No
16. Have you truly stated the whole of any of your previous service? Yes
17. Are you in receipt of a pension for any such Service? No
18. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
19. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
20. Did you receive a Notice and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? Yes (Name of Walter O. Sgt)
21. Are you willing to be attested for the term of 6 years provided Her Majesty should so long require you to serve as a Militiaman for any County, or 12 months to serve in the 1st Shropshire L.I.

I, Amos Smith 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.

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Amos Smith

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES.
Walter O. Sgt

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MILITIA RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Amos Smith do solemnly promise and swear that I will be faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the Militia, until I shall be discharged.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR OF A COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was examined by me that if he made any false answer to any of the foregoing questions he would be liable to be punished.

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 signed and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Colwall on the 2nd day of January 1901.

Signature of Magistrate or Commissioned Officer of Regular Army or Militia.
Walter O. Sgt

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, the Officer who attested the Recruit, or a Justice of the Peace, should be requested. The Recruit should, if he requires it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 507.

Description of Amos Smith on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 19 years 8 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 5 feet 6 inches.

Weight 126 lbs.

Chest measurement (Minimum 33 inches. Maximum expansion 35 inches.)

Complexion Fair

Eyes Dark Brown

Hair Dark Brown

Religious denomination Church of England Yes
Presbyterian
Wesleyan
Other Protestants
Roman Catholic
Jews

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.
Mole on right forearm

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 for Army Medical Services. 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 he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Militia.

Date 2nd January 1901

Place Colwall

Signature of Medical Officer.
Richard W. Jones
Surgeon 2826
Medical Officer.

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 Militia, and that I have examined this Attestation and find it properly filled up.

Date 2nd January 1901

Place Colwall

Signature of Recruiting Officer.
Walter O. Sgt
Recruiting Officer.

* Certificate of Approving 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 Private.

If enlisted by special authority, the Regulation or other authority to be here quoted 1st Shropshire L.I.

Date 11th January 1901

Signature of Approving Officer to be obtained in presence of the Recruit.
Walter O. Sgt
Approving Officer.

* Have insert the "Crown" as defined by Royal Warrant.

Amos Smith was born in Colwall in 1881, one of the four children of Owen Amos and Harriet Smith. He was baptised in a private baptism in St James, West Malvern on 7th August 1883 and his older sister aged 4 was baptised there four days later. Owen Amos Smith was a labourer and at the time of the 1891 census the family was living in The Hill and Amos, one sister and his brother Albert were all living at home. Amos went to work as a labourer for Mr Richard Jones and was a member of the 1st Herefordshire Volunteers. In January 1901 he attested in Shrewsbury and joined the Line of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. In the 1901 census held that year, in April, Amos was recorded as a Private at the barracks in Shrewsbury. In that census his parents and brother were living on Jubilee Drive; Owen was a labourer, Harriet a laundress and Albert a bricklayer's labourer. In 1911 his parents address was down as Welsh View, Jubilee Drive and they had a granddaughter living with them. Owen declared that their four children were still living. However detailed research has not yet revealed Amos' whereabouts after April 1901. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry have no record of him having served with them in the First World War, and the four Amos Smiths who died in the war are not 'our' Colwall Amos Smith. The listings in the Hereford Times of December 1919 do not name Amos, nor is his name recorded on the Oak Framed list in the vestry. The mystery has yet to be solved and anyone able to provide details will be of great help.