



# SHORT SERVICE.

(One year with the Colours.)

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 24935 Name John William Critchley Corps Imperial Yeomanry

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your Name?.....   | 1. <u>John William Critchley</u>   |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? .....   | 2. In the Parish of <u>Greenest</u> in or near the Town of <u>Greenest</u> in the County of <u>Lancaster</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>  |
| 4. What is your Age? .....   | 4. <u>28</u> Years <u>✓</u> Months.  |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Blacksmith</u>   |
| 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!..... | 6. <u>NO</u>   |

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

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| 7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? and for what period? .....  | 7. <u>H. Helms Nuttall Co. H. Helms</u>                                  |
| 8. Are you Married? .....   | 8. <u>NO</u>   |
| 9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power? .....   | 9. <u>NO</u>   |
| 10. Do you now belong to Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Yeomanry, the Army Reserve, or the Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps? .....   | 10. <u>NO</u>  |
| 11. Have you ever served in Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, or the Royal Navy? If so, state which and cause of discharge .....   | 11. <u>NO</u>  |
| 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? .....  | 12. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? .....   | 13. <u>NO</u>  |
| 14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 14. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 15. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....   | 15. <u>Imperial Yeomanry</u>   |
| 16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? .....  | 16. <u>Yes</u> { Name <u>W. Cook R.S.M.</u><br>Corps <u>Lanc Hussars</u> |
| 17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided Her Majesty should so long require your services!.....  | 17. <u>Yes</u>   |
| (a) For a term of one year, unless the War in South Africa lasts longer than one year, in which case you will be detained until the War is over. If, however, the war is over in less than one year, you may either be discharged at once or remain until you have completed a year's service, at your option ..... |  |

I, John William Critchley 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.

John William Critchley SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
W. Cook R.S.M. Major Lanc Hussars Signature of Witness.

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

I, John William Critchley 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.

### 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 provided in the Army 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 taken the oath before me at L. Helms on this 8th day of February 1901.

John Cotton J.P.  
Signature of the Justice

If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former Service, and to produce, if possible, his Parchment Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed on the (Date) re-enlisted in the (Regiment)

Description of John William Critchley on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 28 years ✓ months.

(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches.

Weight 168 lbs.

Chest measurement: Minimum 38 inches.  
Maximum expansion 40 inches.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue

Hair Light

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

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the approving Officer.)

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 Army.

Date 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1901

Damer Hampton R.C.S.S.

Place Liverpool

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

Medical Officer.

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

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 † Imperial Yeomanry and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1901

James Bol  
Bandy T. H. G. C.

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Officer.

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

† Insert "Regiment" or "Corps."

\* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the † Imperial Yeomanry

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 12-2-01

Place Ashton-in-Makerfield

James Bol  
Bandy T. H. G. C.

Approving Officer.

\* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

5. He is in possession of the following number of G. C. Badges (if the man is a N. C. O. and enlisted prior to 1st July, 1881, the number he would have been entitled to had he not been promoted should be stated.)

Is it probable that he will be entitled to another good conduct badge before the confirmation of these proceedings?

*None*

(No reference to G. C. Badges is to be made on either the discharge or character certificate.)

6. Medals and Decorations .....

*S. a.*

*1901-02*

{ Certificate of Education .....

*W*

(To be entered on the discharge certificate immediately under Medals and Decorations, but non-possession of an Educational Certificate is not to be stated thereon although it is to be recorded here.)

To be copied by the Commanding Officer on to the parchment Discharge Certificate

7.\* His accounts are correctly balanced, and signed by the Officer Commanding his Company, and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me in accordance with Regulations.

(Place) *Aldershot*

*R. C. Larkin Capt*

(Date) *3/9/02*

Commanding *32nd* Battn. *1st* Regiment.

8.\* *Certificate to be signed by the Soldier on Discharge.*

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my Pay, Allowances and Clothing, and all just demands up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the 3rd page.

(Place) *Aldershot*

*J. W. Britchley* (Signature of Soldier.)

(Date) *3/9/02*

*R. D. Thornton* (Signature of Witness.)

(When a Soldier is absent through illness or any other cause, and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned should be attached here.)

9.\* *Additional Certificate in the case of a Soldier who takes his discharge at his own request.*

I hereby declare that I do of my own free will request to be discharged from His Majesty's Service.

(Signature of Soldier.)

10. *Statement of Service.*

Service towards Engagement to *7/9/01* (the date to which the Record of Service is completed) *1* years *207* days.

Further Service " " (the date of confirmation of discharge) " " " " " "

Total .. *1* " *207* "

11. *Confirmation of Discharge.*

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed.

(Place) *Aldershot*

Signature *R. C. Larkin Capt*  
*Antt 32 Coy 2 Bn 1st*

(Date) *3/9/02*

Commanding Officers (or the Paymaster, if at Netley) are to issue to every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, either on account of service or disability, is to be brought under the consideration of the Chelsea Board, a memorandum for his guidance on Army Form D. 401, and will at the same time transmit to the Under Secretary of State for War a Descriptive Return of the Man on Army Form D. 400.

12. Chelsea decision.

# Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation these proceedings should be accompanied by the documents specified on the 4th page.)

No. 24935 Army Rank Lie Srgt

Name Britchley J. W.  
(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)

Corps of Regular Forces 2nd Bn IMPERIAL YEOMANRY

Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. 32nd Coy 2nd Bn I.Y.  
(If attached to Permanent Staff of Militia, Volunteers, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)

Date of Discharge 3/9/02

Place of Discharge Aldershot

1. Description at the time of Discharge.

\*Age 29 years 10 months

\*Height 6 feet — inches

\*Chest Measurement 39 inches

\*Complexion Dark

\*Eyes Grey

\*Hair Black

\*Trade Blacksmith

Intended place of Residence 2 Nuttall St  
(To be given as fully as practicable) St Helens  
Lancs

Descriptive Marks.\*

*M*

A.G. FOR C.A.D.  
4 DEC 1901

(This description should be taken on the day the man leaves his Unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)

2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of

Termination of engagement at his own request.

*M.*

THE TERMINATION OF HIS ENGAGEMENT.

(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the Discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)

3. Conduct and character while with the Colours, have been, according to the records, etc.

Very good -

(This will be assessed, when practicable, by the Commanding Officer, in the presence of the soldier and the Officer Commanding his company. See King's Regulations for terms to be employed. No additional character to be given on discharge from Reserve.)

4. Special qualifications for employment in civil life.

The character will be recorded in all cases, and will be in the handwriting of the Commanding Officer who, in those discharges in which character certificates are given, will himself make identical entries on the certificate of character and initial them. The reasons for recording the character will, however, only be entered on the certificate of character if favourable to the soldier, and no reference will be made in the character certificate to the non-possession of special qualifications for employment in civil life.

(See King's Regulations and "Instructions as to the Civil Employment of Army Reserve Men and Discharged Soldiers.")

If desirous of Post Office employment the Commanding Officer will, provided the man is worthy of it, enclose in these documents a certificate in his own handwriting worded as follows:—  
I believe \_\_\_\_\_ is thoroughly trustworthy and to the best of my belief he has never been under the influence of liquor within the last three years.

\* Not required to be filled in in the case of men discharged from the Army Reserve.

32<sup>nd</sup> Company

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 24935 Name John William Bitchley

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depôt	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay.		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>8-2-01</u>									} <u>W. C. L. Capt</u>
Joined at <u>St Helens</u> on <u>8-2-01</u>									
<u>Attended Private</u> <u>8-2-01</u>									
<u>Appointed S. Smith</u> <u>20.4.01</u>									
<u>- do - up to Sgt</u> <u>1.6.02</u>									
<u>Discharged up to Sgt</u> <u>3.9.02</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above .. ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>3-9-02</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>209</u> days									} <u>W. C. L. Capt</u>
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									

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W. C. L. Capt

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# MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

## 1. Service at Home and Abroad.

COUNTRY	FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS	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 Service Abroad, see Queen's Regulations.
Home	8-2-01	8-3-01		21	
South Africa	2-3-01	27-8-02	1	179	
Home	28-8-02	3-9-02		7	
			1	207	

Initials of Officer making the entry

2. Certificates of education ..

*nil*

3. Passed classes of Instruction †

*nil*

† This includes any authorised class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, chiropody, &c.

4. Campaigns (including Actions) ..

*nil* S. Africa 1899-1902

5. Wounded ..

*nil*

6. Effects of wounds

*nil*

7. Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches ..

*nil*

8. Medals, decorations and annuities ..

Name of Medal	Date of Grant	Date of Forfeiture	Date of Restoration
South Africa 1901 & 2 C.O.S.S. Trans			

9. Injuries in or by the Service

*nil*

10. Name and Address of next of kin ..

(Father) Thomas Critchley (Brother) 2 Nuttall Street S. Africa  
2 Nuttall Street S. Africa

11. Particulars as to Marriage	(a) Christian and Surnames of Woman to whom married and whether spinster or widow, (b) place and date of marriage, (c) name of officiating Minister or Registrar, and (d) names of two witnesses				Date of being placed on Married Roll	Initials of Officer.
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		
	<i>No</i>					

  

12. Particulars as to Children	Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	Date and Place of Baptism, and Name of officiating Minister
		<i>No</i>	

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