



ELLESMERE PORT WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

**Private 17034 George Roxby M.i.D., C de G.
Royal Welsh Fusiliers**

**Corporal 10049 Jonathan Roxby M.M.
Cheshire Regiment**

**Private 12060 David Cadman
Royal Welsh Fusiliers
(*Brother-in-Law to the Roxbys*)**

The Roxby brothers came from a line of iron workers originally from the Black Country. Both saw distinguished service and survived the conflict. They were both hospitalised several times for treatment for wounds, and both were awarded military honours.



It was their grandfather, Jonathan Roxby, who first came to the industrial midlands in the late 1840s from his Norfolk birthplace seeking work, and it must have been quite a culture shock moving to such a busy melting pot from the sleepy rural village of Banham (above). He married soon afterwards to Elizabeth Wilkinson in 1851 and moved into Wattville Road, a couple of streets away from the later site of The Hawthorns, West Bromwich Albion F.C.'s ground.



(left: Wattville Road today, with nothing remaining of 19th century structures).

The family soon began to expand and George (the father of George junior and Jonathan) was born in 1858. By the late 1860s they had moved across town to Great Bridge Street, but in 1871 Jonathon passed away aged only forty-six.

In 1880 his son George married Ann Woodfield who had moved to West Bromwich from Coventry, and their first son James was born later that year, with the family now living in 53 Ryders Green Road, West Bromwich,



(Above: John Street, West Bromwich, showing some of the 19thc residential buildings still standing..)

George Roxby was working as an iron worker in the local works and more additions to the family soon followed, including George junior born in 1889, followed by Jonathan in 1895.

There were further house moves – to John Street, West Bromwich by 1891, then to 84 Alma Street in Wolverhampton, just a couple of streets away from the Jones Brothers Iron Works where George was engaged as a puddler. It was this move that would soon bring George and his family to Ellesmere Port.

Wolverhampton Corrugated Iron Company

The Wolverhampton Corrugated Iron Company was founded in 1857 and specialised in galvanised and black flat or corrugated sheets. In 1905 the company established the Mersey Ironworks in Ellesmere Port on the banks of the Shropshire Union Canal, adjacent to the main railway line.

(Right: The Wolverhampton (Merseyside) Iron and Steel Works, with Burnell's to the extreme left)

Across the line were their main competitors, Burnell's Iron Works, founded in the late nineteenth century, and until then the main employer. Ellesmere Port may have been little



more than a village based around the canal terminus and its small dock complex on the Mersey, but the Jones Brothers who owned the Wolverhampton works, chose Ellesmere Port for its commercially strategic position, with easy access to major ports, served by inland canals and railway, and because land was cheap. The major part of the company's production was exported, and barges were used to carry finished products to ships in Liverpool and Birkenhead. Almost two thousand people would be employed at the new factory, but there were insufficient workers in Ellesmere Port and this was a catalyst for its pre-war expansion as hundreds of workers began to move in. Significantly, many of the workers came from Wolverhampton, Dudley and Bilston. Census records reveal that around 300 families made this migration en masse. Some of them were so poor that they walked along the Shropshire Union Canal towpath with their possessions to get to Ellesmere Port. Well-planned housing estates were built by the factory owners for their workers. The Jones Brothers also hired trains to move others over one weekend to get their business up and running.

The nearby Wolverham housing estate was built to house many of the migrant workers, hence its name - other street names reflected their origins too, such as Wolverham Road, Dudley Road, and Stafford Road. Penn Gardens (another Black Country name), was adjacent to Dudley Road.

(Right: 12 Woodfield Road, Ellesmere Port, blue door.)



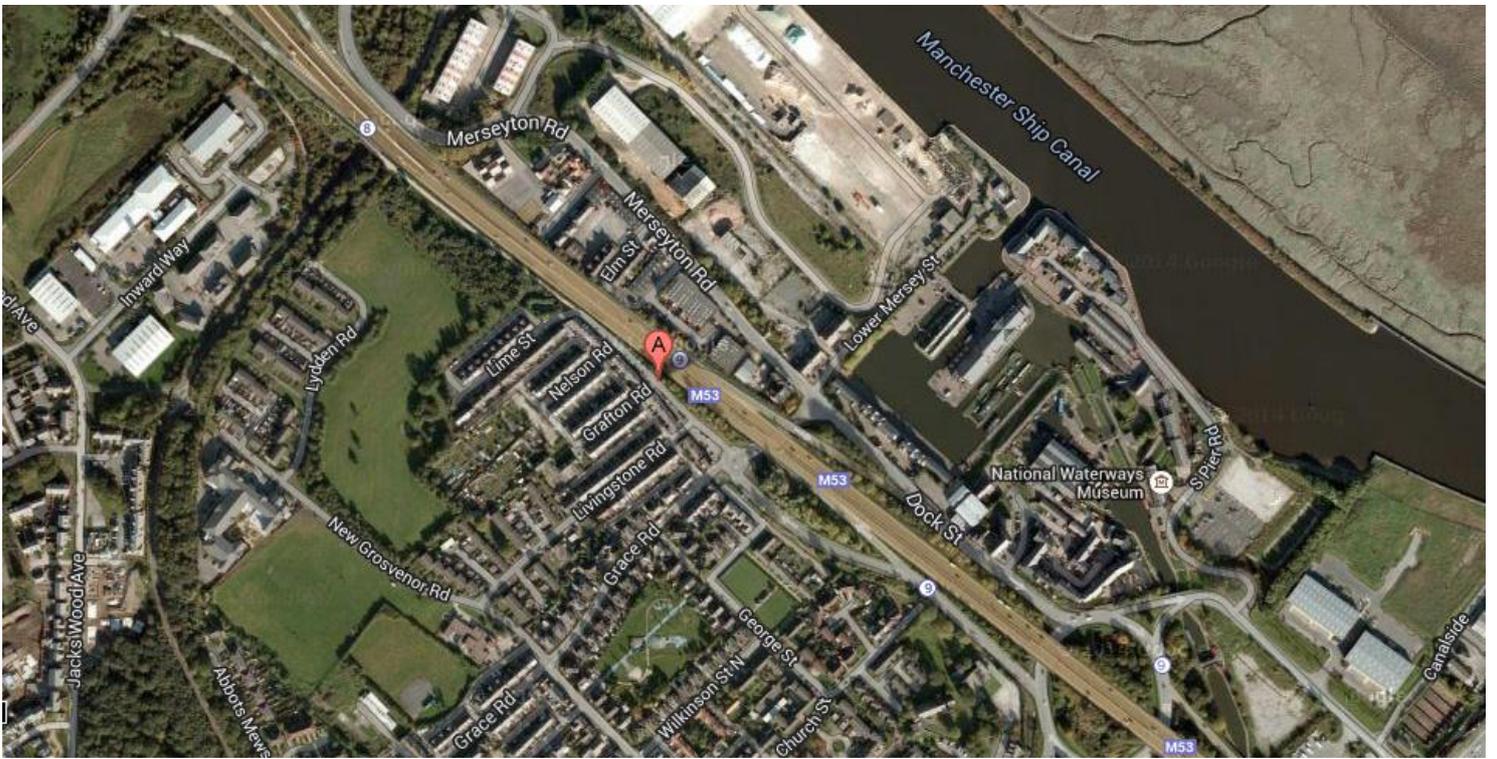
The Roxby family made their move to follow the iron works to Ellesmere Port around 1909, where they moved into a two-up, two-down terrace in 12 Woodfield Road. Before the move George junior married Eliza Steward in 1908, but sadly they lost two children in infancy. However, following the move to Ellesmere Port, where they moved into 47 Stanley Road just behind the hub of the town in Dock Street, adjacent to the canal dock estate, their son George was born in 1910.

(Right: 47 Stanley Road, Ellesmere Port, blue gate.)

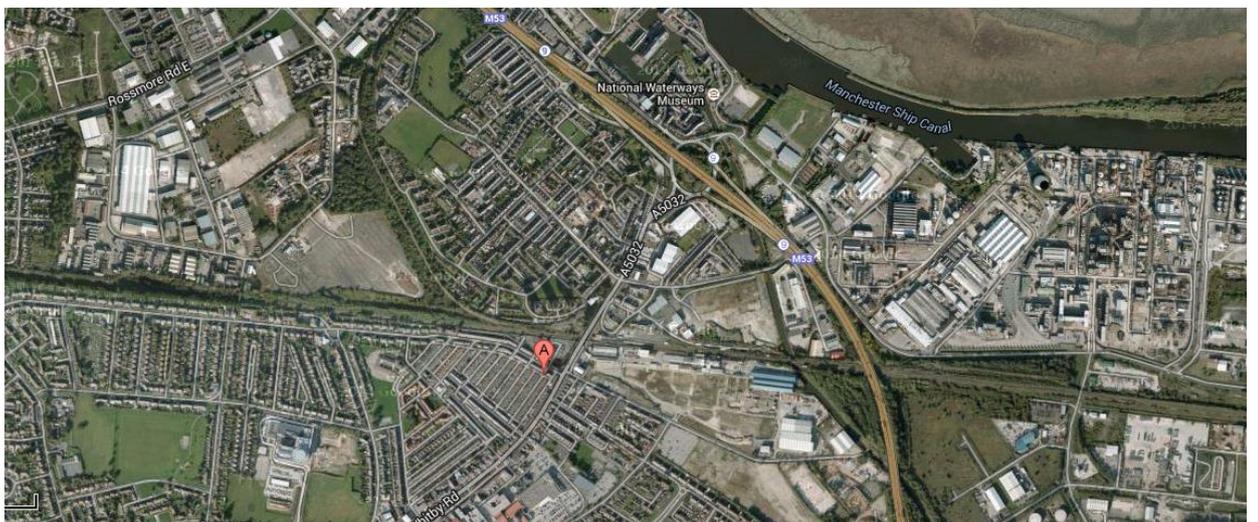


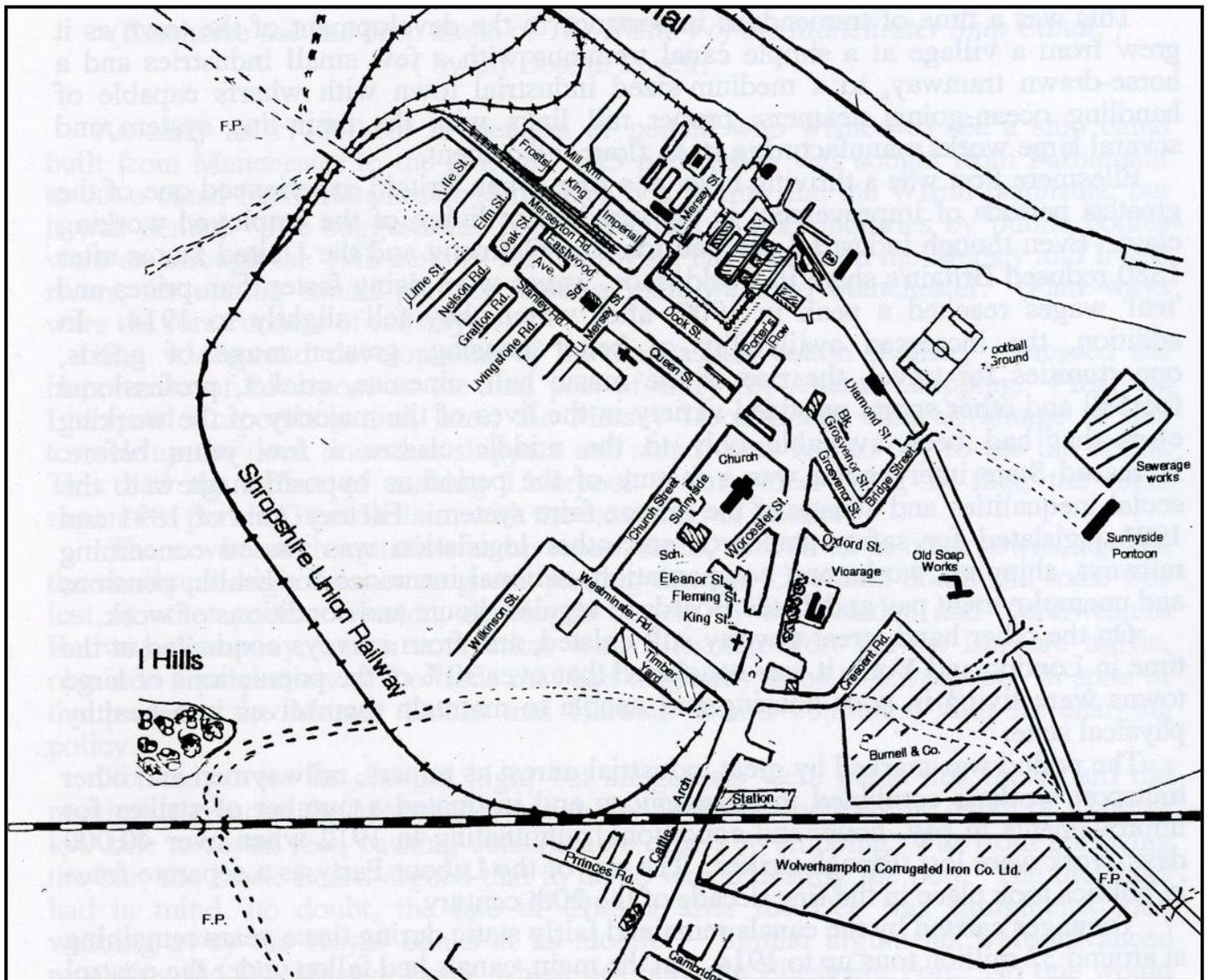
When the war began in August 1914, both George and Jonathan were quick to volunteer, George joining the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and Jonathan the local Cheshire Regiment as early as 7 August, only three days after war was declared. Unfortunately, their war record papers have not survived, and precise detail of their movements no longer exists.

Even the medal cards and silver war badge records that have been recovered do not record their battalions, which makes it impossible to track their postings.



(Top: site of Stanley Road.
Bottom: Woodfield Road to the left and the now brownfield site of the former Mersey Iron Works in the centre)





Above: Ellesmere Port in 1910.

[Although it is still not confirmed what battalion George was in, it is known that he was at The Battle of Loos. Further general detail can be found in Dudley Ward's *Regimental Records of the RWF Vol. 3* (now available in reprint format) which covers all RWF units on the Western Front. Medical officer Dunn's *The War The Infantry Knew 1814-1918*, specifically covers the story of the 2nd Battalion, as does Frank Richards' *Old Soldiers Never Die*, but with a view from the lower-ranks; and of course Robert Graves' *Goodbye To All That* which includes the 2nd Battalion at Loos. The battalion War Diary is also available as a download from TNA].

During their service at the Front, both men were wounded several times, although again their movements are unknown. However, when George was attending the reception and presentation in his honour back home in Ellesmere Port (detailed below), both brothers wore 'hospital blue'. When the wounded soldier arrived back in England, he was sent to a hospital usually specialising in his type of wound, or to one of the numerous convalescent establishments dispersed across the country. There, he was issued with a special hospital uniform consisting of a blue single-breasted jacket with a white lining - worn open at the neck, blue trousers, a white shirt and a red tie. To complete the outfit he wore his own khaki service cap with its regimental badge. The suit was also known as the 'blue invalid uniform', 'hospital suit' or 'hospital blues'.

The painting below is a section detail from 'The Doctor I', one of four haunting murals entitled *Acts of Mercy* by Fredrick Cayley Robinson. Produced for the entrance hall of Middlesex Hospital in London, *Doctor I*, it shows wounded soldiers of World War I waiting at the entrance of the hospital in their 'hospital blue'.



In March 1918 George's wife Eliza received a letter from him in which he mentioned, modestly and without detail, the award of the Belgian Croix-de-Guerre, which she swiftly forwarded with great pride to the Birkenhead News, where it appeared in their pages;

BELGIAN DECORATION ELLESMERE PORT SOLDIER

The Belgian Civic-de-Guerre [*sic*; the Croix-de-Guerre], one of the most difficult decorations to be won by a soldier other than of Belgian nationality, and which is usually the award for officers, has been conferred upon Private George Roxby of Ellesmere Port.

Private Roxby has communicated the joyful tidings to his wife in a letter which is conspicuous for its modesty. He simply mentions the fact and does not go into details. Private Roxby left a good situation at the Mersey Ironworks at the first clarion call, and has many ups and downs in his three years' military experience. He took part in the now famous original charge at Loos, where he received a 'Blighty'.



Indeed Private Roxby has received several 'Blightys'; he has continually crossed the Channel to and from the front, and it was thought that his last wounds would either cause his discharge or at least qualify him for home defence or other light duties only, but the intrepid George recovered and is once again in action. He has been congratulated by the officers of his battalion.

Birkenhead and Cheshire Advertiser and Wallasey Guardian 6 March 1918

After the brothers had returned to England to be treated for wounds, they attended a special evening in October 1918, arranged in honour of George where he was presented with his Belgian Croix-de-Guerre. It was also revealed that he had previously been 'Mentioned in Despatches', while brother Jonathan was an earlier recipient of the Military Medal (*research continues to discover more about their actions leading to these awards*).

The *Birkenhead News* carried a feature about the evening;



ELLESMERE PORT MAN HONOURED PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

With beating ceremony the first public presentation of a war honour won by a local man took place in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Ellesmere Port on Saturday afternoon, the fortunate recipient being Private George Roxby who before he answered the call in the early days of the war, was employed in the rolling mills department of the Mersey Ironworks. Particulars of the exploit which earned for him the Belgian Croix-de-Guerre, have not yet been made known, but Private Roxby must have distinguished himself with an act of great sacrifice to warrant such an exclusive honour. On one occasion, he was mentioned in despatches for bringing in a comrade from No Man's Land under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, the essence of the exploit being that it deprived the enemy of obtaining valuable information of identification.

Private Roxby appeared in the honoured uniform of hospital blue with his head heavily swathed in bandages, and he walked very limp with the aid of a short stick. His brother Jack, also in hospital blue, occupied with him a place of honour on the platform, and the latter wore his Military Medal, which he won twelve months ago. The brothers Roxby are two very well-known local heroes, and

both have seen considerable active service, the older brother, George, having been five times wounded.

During the proceedings the following musical programme was rendered:- Song, 'It will all come right in the end', Miss Hilda Weedall; song, 'God Knows', Mrs Osbourne Williams; song, 'Tilbury Town', Mr Stanley Gibbons; song 'The Deathless Army', Mr T.R. Davies.



Mr A.R. Nurse, manager of the mills department where Roxby was employed, presided over the ceremony, and paid a deserved tribute to Private Roxby, and likened him to the 'stuff' that the boys of the bull dog breed were made of.

EMPLOYER'S WARM TRIBUTE

Mr E.Peter Jones J.P.,C.G. (*left*), Roxby's employer, made the presentation of the Croix-de-Guerre. He said he was honoured in being asked to give the medal to 'one of us' Roxby was well-

known to all of them, and he had shed honour not only on himself and wife, but on his workmates and on the Mersey Ironworks. They felt a little reflected glory, and they felt the name of Ellesmere Port had been lifted and raised by the honour which he had won. Private Roxby joined up nearly four years ago. He had lived a military life for four years, and he (Mr Jones) supposed he wanted to be a soldier all his life (*laughter*). He would not want to leave the Army (*Renewed laughter*). Private Roxby did not have to be fetched but he went, and went early. At that time none of them thought the war would last as long as it had done. He hoped Private Roxby would pass the remainder of his days in peace, and enjoy the peaceful security of Ellesmere Port for many years to come. They would be glad to welcome him back to the mills when he was strong enough to come and work again (Hear hear).

(Right: Two unknown soldiers in their hospital blue)

They would like to see him once more among them doing his bit in peace time as he had done it in war time. The war would be a splendid thing for those who had come through it. Some men would be marred by it, others would be made by it. He often regretted it was not his experience to go through the war, for it was a fine thing to among one's fellow men and do and die for in the greatest cause Englishmen ever fought for. Mr Jones reviewed the war position and after contrasting it with the darks days of March, April, May June and July, said we were now within sight of victory and peace. Some thought it would be months, but he was more confident than that. We set out not to be made slaves to military rule, and we had achieved the purpose. Prussian militarism was broken, and military power was a means of settling the differences between nations was broken, and we could look forward to a different way of composing our differences. The Germans were cured of the will to make war, and desire to strike down the weak when it suited their purpose. The victory had been won by such men as Private Roxby and his comrades of the British Army, by their earnest toil and years of endurance, by their self-sacrifice by opposing danger without flinching. The men of the British Army could not be honoured sufficiently, for they had once again saved the British Empire for its mission upon earth of freedom and good will. This was the most glorious war in the history of England, a war in which future generations would be able to look without doubts or regrets. Many of our wars we had not been quite sure about. Many people thought the Crimean War was not necessary, while the same was said of the South African War, but this war was justified from our point of view, and it would not have done for England to have held aloof. They in Ellesmere Port were not ashamed of their part in the war, for they had borne their burden. No less than 530 men had left the Mersey Ironworks to join the Army, and 55 had given their lives. They honoured their memory, and they must be true to it. They had left a future which was in their hands to make and it was a sacred charge upon them.



The ceremony of pinning on the medal was accompanied by hearty applause. The Chairman replied for Private Roxby, whose strength was unequal to the occasion. Mr F.E. Evans then presented to Private Roxby, on behalf of the employees of the works, a suitably inscribed mahogany timepiece, which recorded the winning of the Croix-de-Guerre.

Votes of thanks having been accorded, the function ended by the audience singing the National Anthem.

Birkenhead and Cheshire Advertiser and Wallasey Guardian, 23 October 1918

Name.		Corps.	Rank	Regt. No.
ROXBY *MM Jonathan.		ables R	Plt * Cpl.	10049
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY *	J/2/101 B3.	882.	Disch. 31/1/19	
BRITISH	do	do		
15 STAR	J/2/132	252		
SWB List		J/1431/2		
Theatre of War first served in		(1) France		
Date of entry therein		18-12-14		

K. 1380.

Name.		Corps.	Rank	Regt. No.
ROXBY George		R. W. Fus	Plt	17034
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	J/2/102 B7	2001	Demob: 21-1-19.	
BRITISH	do	do.		
15 STAR	J/2/2 B4	553		
Theatre of War first served in		(1) France		
Date of entry therein		25-5-15		

K. 1380.

Medal Cards

Medal Cards

Their medal cards detail when their war service was over, George being demobilised on 21 January 1919, and Jonathan discharged due to being no longer physically fit due to his wounds the following week on 31 January 1919. Jonathan's card also records his Military Medal, plus the award of a Silver War Badge, issued to be worn on civilian clothing to show, especially during war time, service given by the soldier – partly to prevent negative attitudes by the public or the presentation of a white feather for not being in khaki while at home.



6 MAR 1919
CHESHIRE REGIMENT (Regulars.)
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the "WAR BADGE."

WAR OFFICE.

Regtl. No.	Rank	Name (in full)	Unit discharged from	No. of Badge and Certificate (To be completed at War Office)	Date of:—		Cause of Discharge (Wounds or Sickness and para. of K.R.)	Whether served Overseas (Yes or No)
					Enlistment	Discharge		
12901.	Pte.	Clarke. William.	Ches. Regs.	B 133128	1/9/14.	30/1/19.	A.O. 29/19.	Age 27. Yes
53460.	Pte.	Miles. David.	: : :	B 133129	7/6/15.	31/1/19.	: : :	Age 22. Yes
10049.	Cpl.	Roxby. Jonathan.	M.M. : :	B 133130	7/8/14.	31/1/19.	: : :	Age 23. Yes
35366.	Pte.	Dalley. Percy.	: : :	B 133131	15/1/16.	31/1/19.	: : :	Age 26. Yes
33389.	Pte.	Booth. John.	: : :	B 133132	11/12/18.	30/1/19.	: : :	Age 24. Yes
40430.	Pte.	Gordon. George.	: : :	B 133133	14/3/17.	31/1/19.	: : :	Age 20. Yes
24073.	Pte.	Thompson. Albert James.	: : :	B 133134	28/12/14.	1/2/19.	: : :	Age 24. Yes
50661.	Pte.	Hillyard. Frederick.	: : :	B 133135	8/3/15.	31/1/19.	: : :	Age 24. Yes
43221.	Pte.	Gordon. James.	: : :	B 133136	17/5/18.	31/1/19.	: : (16) A.	Age 34. Yes
16984.	Pte.	Norbury. Joel.	: : :	B 133137	1/2/19.	: : :	: : K.R.	Age 23. Yes
15937.	Pte.	Wingate. William John.	: : :	B 133138	5/9/14.	31/1/19.	: : :	Age 26. Yes
61809.	Pte.	Boulton. George.	: : :	B 133139	17/8/14.	31/1/19.	: : :	Age 23. Yes

I certify that the particulars furnished hereon are correct.

Place Shrewsbury. Date 5-3-19 13. 2/89 11 MAR 1919 P. W. Hunt Major for Lt. Col.
Signature and Rank of Officer certifying Claimants' service.
Officer i/c No 2. Infantry Records.

I certify that Badges and Certificates, numbered as above, have been issued to the individuals concerned.

Place _____ Date _____
Signature and Rank of Officer certifying issue.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE, 12 JULY, 1918. 8183

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| <p>10000 Lance-Corporal John William Ronald, Machine Gun Corps (Ryhope).</p> <p>3375 Serjeant Stewart Rosbotham, Royal Irish Fusiliers (Belfast).</p> <p>S/7202 Temporary Sub-Conductor Charles Mills Rose, Army Ordnance Corps (Westerham).</p> <p>330029 Company Serjeant-Major (acting Regimental Serjeant-Major) Robert Rowan, Highland Light Infantry (Glasgow).</p> <p>14220 Private Oliver Rowlands, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (Buckley, Flint).</p> <p>201931 Corporal Percy Rowley, North Staffordshire Regiment (Knutton, Staffs.).</p> <p>17034 Private George Roxby, Royal Welsh Fusiliers (Ellesmere Port).</p> <p>17/8852 Serjeant George Royle, Manchester Regiment (Stockport).</p> | <p>M/25710 Private (acting Serjeant) Albert Ormond Sealy, Army Service Corps (Paddington, W.).</p> <p>8190 Serjeant Thomas Selby, East Lancashire Regiment (Bow, London).</p> <p>720224 Serjeant Gilbert Arthur Shadgett, London Regiment (Brixton, S.W.).</p> <p>2265 Kot Dafadar Shahwali Khan, Indian Cav.</p> <p>200435 Serjeant Edward Arthur Shapland, Middlesex Regiment (Tottenham)..</p> <p>9920 Private William Sharrad, Royal West Kent Regiment (Edenbridge).</p> <p>609 Serjeant (acting Staff Serjeant-Major) Arthur Sharp, Military Mounted Police (Fleet, Hants).</p> <p>946 Serjeant John Calvin, Shaw, Royal Irish Rifles (Belfast).</p> <p>200831 Lance-Corporal William Shaw, West</p> |
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Private George Roxby, Mentioned in Despatches, carried by the *London Gazette* 12 July 1918

Census Records

PLACE		HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night		AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.		Where Born	
		Uninhabited	Inhabited			Males	Females			Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in same County, or of Parents, or of Foreign Birth
Church Green				Babala Reeve		18	F	Lab			
				John Bennett		65	M	Lab			
				Elizabeth D.		49	F				
				George D.		32	M	Lab			
				Walter D.		31	M	Lab			
				Anna D.		13	F				
				Thomas D.		11	M				
				Henriett D.		8	F				
				Caroline D.		4	F				
				Henry Bennett		25	M	Lab			
				Elizabeth D.		24	F				
				Mary D.		2	F				
				John Lee		4	M	aplom			
				Henry D.		12	M				
				Thomas Taylor		74	M	Retiree			
				William Beal		10	M				
				William Crookall		10	M	Chamberl			
				Elizabeth D.		10	F				
				John D.		10	M				
				Hannah D.		5	F				
Elizabeth D.		3	F								
Edward Brown		40	M	Green							
Margaret D.		38	F								
Mary Chapman		10	F	F.P.							
Jane Pitter		40	F	Independent							
TOTAL in Page 11		1/13		13		12					

PLACE		HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night		AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.		Where Born	
		Uninhabited	Inhabited			Males	Females			Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in same County, or of Parents, or of Foreign Birth
Hill				Sarah Pitter		20	F	Independent			
				Frederick D.		10	M				
				John D.		5 Months	M				
				Elizabeth Wood		20	F	Lab			
				John Taylor		57	M	Blackstone			
				Sarah D.		45	F				
				Sarah South		17	F	Blackstone			
				Mary Taylor		1	F				
				Susan D.		8	F				
				Robert D.		6	M				
				Anne Maria D.		3	F				
				John Brown		25	M	Blackstone			
				Suey D.		20	F	assistant			
				Charles Packer		15	M	Lab			
				Mary D.		60	F				
				Samuel D.		15	M	F.P.			
				Henry Wilmore		21	M	Blackstone			
				Martha D.		20	F				
				Martha D.		2 Months	F				
				Stephen Kemp		25	M	Publican			
Marion D.		31	F								
Richard D.		1	M								
Milla Jane		11	F	F.P.							
Wm Bennett		30	M	Lab							
Rev J. Tuck		30	M	Minister							
TOTAL in Page 12		5		10		15		106			

Census 1841 above / Census 1861 below

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish [or Township] of		City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of			
Northhampton							St James			
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES (Uninhabited (U.) or Inhabited (H.))	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb	
127	Swan Field	1	Joseph Edwards	Head	Mar	30	Engineer	Staffordshire Walsall		
			Elizabeth do	wife	Mar	25	wife	Staffordshire Walsall		
128		1	John Drington	Head	Mar	30	Black Smith	do Walsall		
			Jane do	wife	Mar	27	wife	do Walsall		
			John do	Son	Un	8		do Walsall		
			Clara do	daugh	Un	4		do do		
			John do	daugh	Un	2		do do		
129	at the end of field	1	John Rodgers	Head	Mar	25	Coal Miner	Staffordshire Walsall		
			Carah do	wife	Mar	23	wife	do Walsall		
			Caroline do	daugh	Un	2		do Walsall		
			Martha do	daugh	Un	6 months		Staffordshire Walsall		
130	Swan Bridge	1	John Thomas	Head	Mar	36	Half Tarr Maker	do do		
			Elizabeth do	wife	Mar	37	wife	do do		
			Thomas do	son	Un	10	Driver at Boat House	Staffordshire Tipton		
			Elizabeth do	daugh	Un	9	Scholar	do do		
			Maryann do	daugh	Un	7	do	do Staffordshire		
			George do	son	Un	5	do	Staffordshire Walsall		
			Julia do	daugh	Un	16 months		do do		
131	Lime Works	1	Orby Marrow	Head	Mar	32	Lime burner	Staffordshire Walsall		
			Mary do	wife	Mar	33	wife	Staffordshire Walsall		
			James do	son	Un	9		Staffordshire Walsall		
			Mary do	daugh	Un	8		do do		
132	Swan Cellage	1	John Marten	Head	Mar	57	Labourer	Staffordshire Tipton		
			Carah do	wife	Mar	50	wife	do do		
6	Total of Houses...	6	Total of Males and Females...		10	14				

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet, &c., of	Local Board, or (Improvement Commissioners' District) of	Eccelesiastical District of			
West Bromwich	West Bromwich		Wednesbury	Millerswood	West Bromwich	St. Peter			
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (1) or Building (2)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Whether (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
35	St George Road	1	Edward Yago Susan Yago Emily Yago Edward Yago Elizabeth Yago Freda Yago Freda Yago	Head Wife Daughter Daughter Daughter Daughter Daughter	Married Single Single Single Single Single Single	24 23 13 11 5 3 2	Coal Miner Scholar Scholar Scholar Scholar Scholar	Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow	
36	do	1	Arthur Wright Elizabeth Wright George Wright John Wright Grace Wright	Head Wife Son Son Daughter	Married Married Single Single Single	46 44 12 11 2	Labourer at 3rd Work out of work 7thd Scholar Cook Brick Maker Scholar	Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow	
37	do	1	George Walker William Walker Sarah Walker George Walker Elizabeth Walker James Walker Samuel Walker William Walker Elizabeth Walker	Head Wife Wife Wife Wife Wife Wife Wife Wife	Married Married Married Married Married Married Married Married Married	54 45 44 10 10 19 15 0 0	Coal Miner Brick Maker Brick Maker Scholar Scholar Scholar Scholar Scholar Scholar	Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow Widow	
38	do	1	Richard Middleton Anna Middleton Susan Middleton Mary Middleton	Head Wife Wife Wife	Married Married Married Married	44 41 12 4	Blacksmith Blacksmith Blacksmith Blacksmith	Widow Widow Widow Widow	
Total of Houses...		4	Total of Males and Females...			12	13		

* Draw the pen through such of the words as are inappropriate.

Census 1871

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Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Eccelesiastical Parish or District of		
West Bromwich	West Bromwich		Wednesbury	Millerswood	West Bromwich		St. Peter		
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28	47 by description		Thomas Hale Mary Fisher John Fisher	Son Daughter Grandson	Unmarried Married Unmarried	19 32 11	Boatman (Staff) Scholar Boatman	West Bromwich do do	
29	49 do	1	Thomas Johnson Shadrach Richard Martha do Jane do Richard do	Head Wife Wife Wife Son	Married Married Married Married Married	58 32 32 7 5	Ironworker Scholar Scholar Scholar Scholar	West Bromwich do do do do	
30	17 do	1	Harry do William Parkes Sarah Parkes	Son Head Wife	Unmarried Married Married	3 34 32	Shopkeeper Shopkeeper Shopkeeper	do do do	
31	53 do	1	George Parkes Marya do James do	Head Wife Wife	Married Married Married	22 24 24	Ironworker Ironworker Ironworker	do do do	
32	55 do	1	John Hale Catherine do John do George do	Head Wife Wife Wife	Married Married Married Married	61 62 25 20	Ironworker Ironworker Boatman Labourer	do do do do	
33	64 do	1	Eliza Lewis Mary A. do Fanny do William do	Head Wife Wife Wife	Married Married Married Married	42 30 17 15	Wheelwright Labourer Labourer Labourer	do do do do	
Total of Houses...		5	Total of Males and Females...			15	8		

NOTE.—Draw the pen through such of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

Census 1881

Administrative County of <u>West Bromwich</u>		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page 27					
Civil Parish of <u>West Bromwich</u>		Municipal Borough of <u>West Bromwich</u>		Municipal Ward of <u>Spasta Green</u>		Urban Sanitary District of <u>West Bromwich</u>		Town or Village or Hamlet of _____		Rural Sanitary District of _____		Parliamentary Borough or Division of <u>West Bromwich</u>		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of <u>S. Andrew's</u>			
Coln. 1	2	HOUSES			6	7	8	9	10	11			12	13	14	15	16
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited	Uninhabited	Number of rooms occupied (a)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON. DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Males/Females	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer	Employed	North of England	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded or Idiot			
119	10 Schar Street	1		2	James Leadbeater	Head	M	37	Iron Dresser		X		Stafford West Bromwich				
	12 do			176	Ann do	Wife	M	35					do do				
160	67 do	1		4	George Rooby	Head	M	32	Milk Turnoutman		X		do do				
					Mary A do	Wife	M	34					do do				
					James do	Son		10	Scholar				do do				
					Julia do	Daughter		9	do				do do				
					Harriet do	do		14	do				do do				
					George do	Son		2	do				do do				
					Sam Thropefield	Widow		74					do do				
161	62 do	1		4	Benjamin Thom	Head	M	39	General Dealer		X		Stafford West Bromwich				
					Sarah do	Wife	M	35					do do				
					Joseph Reginald	Son	S	17	Book Binder		X		do do				
					John do	do		15	do		X		do do				
					Ann do	do		10	Scholar				do do				
					Benjamin Thom	Son		8	do				do do				
					Elizabeth do	Daughter		6	do				do do				
					Levi do	Son		2	do				do do				
					Emma Howley	Widow	S	26					do do				
162	64 do	1		2	John Edwards	Head	M	39	Iron Moulder		X		do Dudley				
					Sophia do	Wife	M	37					do do				
					John do	Son	S	7	Book Binder		X		Stafford Curzon and				
					Thomas do	do		14	Scholar				Stafford Birmingham				
					Mary do	Daughter		11	do				do do				
					George do	Son		7	do				do do				
					William do	do		4	do				do do				
					Agnes do	do		4	do				do do				
163	62 do	1		3	Edward Skitt	Head	M	44	General Laborer		X		Stafford Totonbury				
					Agnes do	Wife	M	43					do Hagley				
					Edward do	Son		11	Scholar				Stafford Liverpool				
					Charles do	do		5	do				do do				
5	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...	5	176	15	Total of Males and Females...			18	12								

NOTE.—Draw the pen through such of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

Census 1891

Administrative County of <u>Stafford</u>		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 27				
Civil Parish of <u>Wolverhampton Ward</u>		Ecclesiastical Parish of <u>St James part 2</u>		County Borough, Municipal Borough or Urban Sanitary District of <u>Wolverhampton part 2</u>		Ward of Municipal Borough of <u>St James part 2</u>		Rural District of _____		Parliamentary Borough or Division of <u>Stafford</u>		Town or Village or Hamlet of _____				
Coln. 1	2	HOUSES			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited	Uninhabited	Number of rooms occupied (a)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON. DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Males/Females	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded			
176	82 Alma Street	1		4	John Hall	Head	M	30	Shoe and Girth Worker	Worker		Staff Wolverhampton				
					Elizabeth do	Wife	M	33				do Westborough				
					Elizabeth do	Daughter	F	12				do Wolverhampton				
					John R. Hall	Son	S	3				do do				
177	83 do	1		4	Ann Edwards	Widow	F	71	Plain Sewing	Worker		Stafford Blueford				
					Edith Taylor	Head	F	26	Widow	do		Staff Wolverhampton				
					Harriet do	Wife	M	21				do do				
					Ann Edwards	Daughter	F	16				do do				
178	84 do	1		4	George Rooby	Head	M	42	Iron Worker (foundry)	Worker		do Westborough				
					Mary do	Wife	M	44				do do				
					James do	Son	S	20	Iron Worker (foundry)	Worker		do do				
					Julia do	Daughter	F	19	Washer	do		do do				
					Harriet do	do	F	14				do do				
					George do	Son	S	12				do do				
					Robert do	Daughter	F	9				do do				
					Sarah do	do	F	8				do do				
					Jonathan do	Son	S	6				do do				
					Robert do	Daughter	F	6				do do				
179	85 (Rev) do	1		4	Henry Quinn	Head	M	46	General Labourer (Coal)	Worker		do Burslem				
					Mary Ann do	Wife	M	46				do do				
					Charles H. do	Son	S	18	Coal Cart Driver	Worker		do do				
					Oliver do	Son	S	9				Staff Burslem				
180	85 do	1		4	Richard Austin	Head	M	56	Beer Retailer	Pub		Staff Burslem				
					Mary do	Wife	M	54				do do				
					Richard do	Son	S	13	General Labourer (Coal)	Worker		do do				
					Joseph do	Son	S	26	Coal Cart Driver	do		do do				
181	86 do	1		4	Joseph B. Brown	Head	M	26	Painter	do		do do				
					Mary do	Wife	M	26				do do				
					Elizabeth do	Daughter	F	17				do do				
182	86 (Rev) do	1		4	Thomas Titchford	Head	M	26	Teacher	Worker		Staff Burslem				
					Mary S. do	Wife	M	28				Staff Burslem				
					Lucy M. do	Daughter	F	3				do do				
7	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...	7		6	Total of Males and of Females...			13	18							

NOTE.—Draw your pen through such words of the headings as are inappropriate.

Census 1901

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 123
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—		Personal Occupation.			Industry or Service with which worker is connected.		Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.			
1 <u>George Roxby</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>33</u>				<u>Galvanised Iron worker</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>Worked</u>	<u>West Bromwich</u>	<u>Engl</u>		
2 <u>Mary Ann</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>				<u>do</u>			
3 <u>Josiah</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Single</u>					<u>Scrap cutter</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>Worked</u>	<u>Wolverhampton</u>	<u>Engl</u>		
4 <u>Elise May</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>10</u>									<u>do</u>			
5 <u>George E. Lavinder</u>	<u>Boarder</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Single</u>					<u>Ironworker (leather)</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>Worked</u>	<u>West Bromwich</u>	<u>Engl</u>		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—
(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
(2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.
(3) After making the necessary corrections I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator GR

Total.		
Males	Females	Persons
3	2	5

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.

3

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature George Roxby
Postal Address 12 Woodfield - Walsall

Census 1911 – Family of George Roxby senior

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 78
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—		Personal Occupation.			Industry or Service with which worker is connected.		Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.			
1 <u>George Roxby</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>Ironworker</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>Worked</u>	<u>Wolverhampton</u>	<u>Engl</u>	<u>British subject</u>	
2 <u>Eliza Roxby</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>24</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>				<u>Wolverhampton</u>			
3 <u>George Roxby</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Single</u>								<u>Wolverhampton</u>			

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—
(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
(2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.
(3) After making the necessary corrections I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator GR

Total.		
Males	Females	Persons
2	1	3

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.

5-2

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature George Roxby
Postal Address 47 Stanley Road

Census 1911 – Family of George Roxby junior

In 1910 George's younger sister Ann married local ironworker David Cadman. He also served in the war, enlisting in Warrington on 17 August 1914, although he was discharged as medically unfit on 15 October 1914 before he saw active service abroad. His war record still exists:

Army Form B. 217.

DISCHARGED SHORT SERVICE.

(3 years with the Colours, and 6 years in the Reserve. If the recruit completes his 9 years' service with the Colours while beyond the sea, he will be sent home, with all convenient speed, for transfer to the Army Reserve.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 12060 Name David Cadman Corps R. Welch Warrington

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? David Cadman
2. In or near what Parish or Township do you live? St. Matthew's in or near the Town of Warrington in the County of Staffs
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 25 Years 65 Days
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Iron Worker
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. 58 Warrington Rd. W. Dineley

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.

7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where? to whom? for what period? and when did, or will, the period expire? No
8. Are you Married? No
9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? No
10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps? No
11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which, and cause of discharge. No
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
15. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? Royal Fusiliers
16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? Yes Name Sp. Kelly Corp. Staffs
17. Do you understand that, notwithstanding you enlist for a dismounted Corps, you are liable to be trained and employed in such mounted duties as may be required? Yes
18. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?
 - (a) For the term of 12 years, for the first three years in Army Service and for the remaining nine years in the First Class of the Army Reserve. If at the termination of such period of Army Service, you are serving beyond the sea, you will be sent home, with all convenient speed, for transfer to the Army Reserve.
 - (b) If at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service a state of War exists, then if so required by the Command Military Authority, to serve in Army Service for a further period not exceeding 12 months.
 - (c) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service, you are so required by a Proclamation from His Majesty in case of imminent national danger, or great emergency, then to serve in Army Service so as to complete your term of 12 years, and for a further period not exceeding 12 months.
 - (d) If the above-mentioned term of 12 years expires while you are on service with the Regular Forces—(i) beyond the sea, or (ii) while a state of war exists with a Foreign Power, or (iii) while Soldiers in the Reserve are required by proclamation to continue in, or re-enter upon Army Service, and you, in accordance with such proclamation, have re-entered upon Army Service, then to serve for a further period not exceeding 12 months.

I, David Cadman 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.

David Cadman SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Sp. Kelly Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, David Cadman do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully 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 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 Warrington on this 17th day of Aug. 1914.

W. S. Kelly
Signature of the Justice

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration.
The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 217a.

Description of David Cadman on Enlistment.

Apparent Age <u>26</u> years _____ months. (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)		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 this effect, for the information of the approving Officer.) <u>Tattoo women</u> <u>Rth forearm</u>
Height	<u>5 ft. 10</u> ins.	
Weight	<u>132</u> lbs.	
Chest measurement	{ Girth when fully expanded..... } <u>36</u> ins.	
	{ Range of expansion } <u>2</u> ins.	
Complexion	<u>fair</u>	
Eyes	<u>Brown</u>	
Hair	<u>Brown</u>	
Religious denomination	Church of England <u>yes</u>	
	Presbyterian _____	
	Wesleyan _____	
	Baptist or Congregationalist _____	
	Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated) _____	
	Roman Catholic _____	
Jewish _____		

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 17 Aug 1914. S. D. Newell R.C.P.S.
 Place Widnes for C. G. Lindsay, Capt R.A.M.C.
 * 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 † Royal Welch Fusiliers and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 17/8/ 1914. W.S.P. } Recruiting Officer.
 Place Warrington }
 * Insert here "fit" or "unfit." † Insert the "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 † Royal Welch Fusiliers

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

Date 17/8/ 1914. W.S.P. } Approving Officer.
 Place Warrington }

* 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.

To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Cadman of Christian Name David

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Wolochampton County Staff

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	on	day of	on	day of
	191		1914	
at			at	
				<u>Widnes</u>
Declared age				<u>25 yrs 68 days</u>
Trade or occupation				<u>Iron worker</u>
Height	feet	inches	feet	inches
			<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
Weight		lbs.		lbs.
			<u>132</u>	
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded		inches	
	Range of expansion ...		inches	
			<u>36</u>	<u>2</u>
Physical development & Pulse rate				
Vaccination marks {	Right	Left	Right	Left
				<u>4</u>
When vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=		R.E.—V=	<u>6/6</u>
	L.E.—V=		L.E.—V=	<u>6/6</u>
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)				<u>S. J. Rene Clement M.C.P.R.S.</u>
(Rank)				<u>C. G. Findlay Capt R.A.M.C.</u>
		Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at		at	
	on	day of	on	day of
	191		191	
Joined on enlistment	Corps	Regtl. No.	Corps	Regtl. No.
			<u>R.W.F.</u>	<u>12060</u>
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				<u>Medically unfit for further service</u>
	on	day of	on	day of
	191		1914	
(Signature)				<u>W. G. ...</u>
(Rank)				<u>Capt. Adj. G. R. W. ...</u>

Researched and written

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