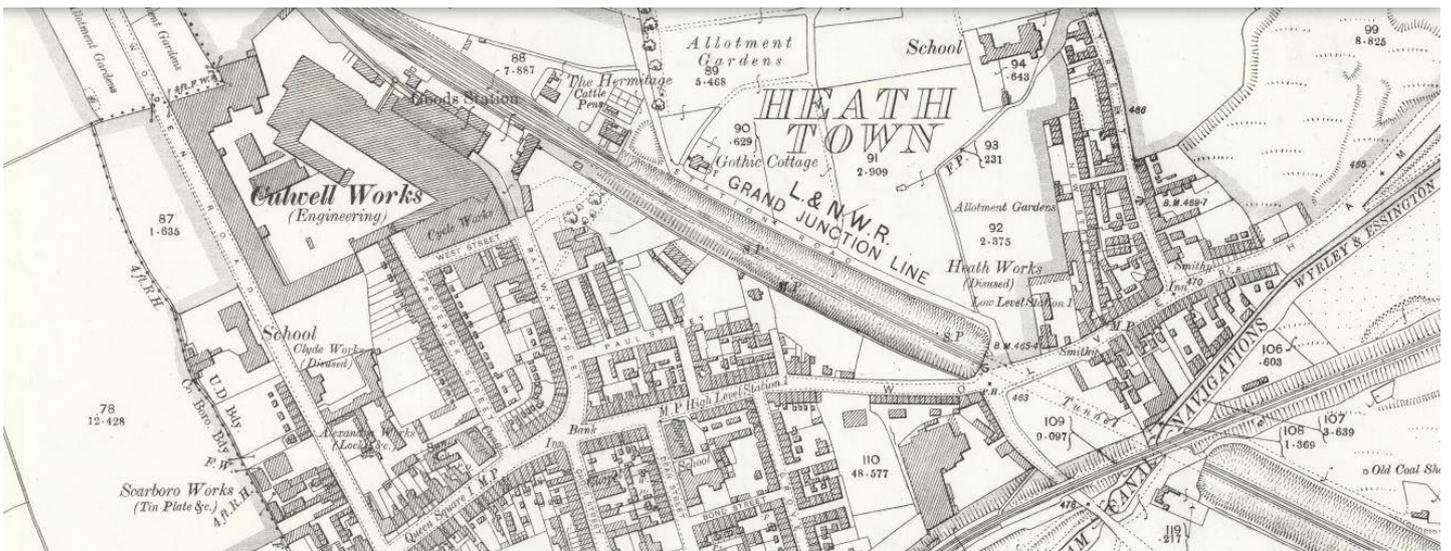
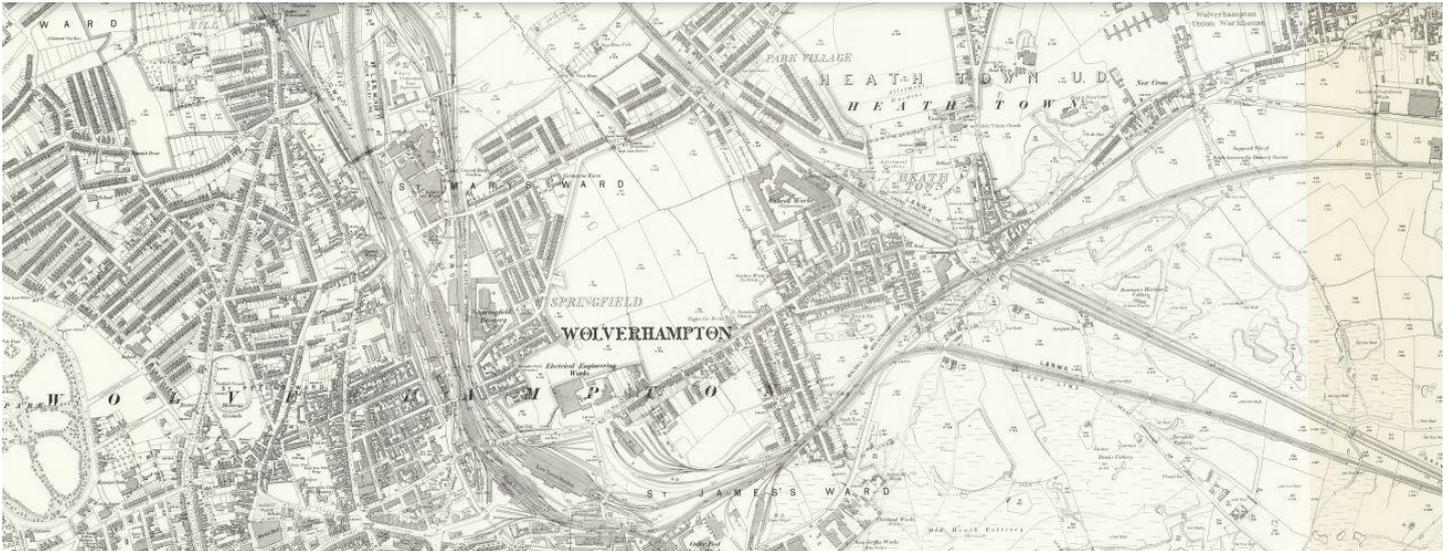
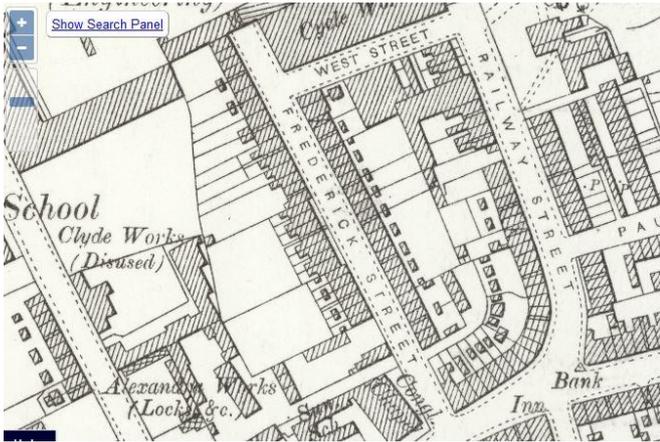


Private 17487 Harry Oakley 8th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment

The Oakley family lived and worked in the Heath Town area near Wolverhampton, having moved there from Sedgley in Staffordshire via short stays in Moxley and West Bromwich. In 1891 they were living in 22 Frederick Street, where the head of the house, James Henry Oakley (b.1858) was working as an engineer/engine driver in the nearby works. They had eleven children, but only six survived childhood; Hannah (b.1880), Eliza (b.1882), Ada (b.1887), Annie (b.1888), Joseph (b.1890), Harry (b.1893).



Both maps c. 1900/1905 when the Oakleys were living there.



The whole area has been completely demolished and replaced with modern development. This includes Frederick Street and the engineering works as shown above (Map of 1905 and modern satellite image).

Administrative County of Stafford The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the Walsingham Parliamentary Borough or Division Walsingham Ecological Parish or District St. John's Page 17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	As built	As built	As built	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Imbecile or Idiot				
106	26 Frederick St.	1	7	James Roberts	Head	Mar.	48	Wagon Roller	Walsingham Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	28		West Bromwich						
				George Evans	Son	Mar.	24	Wagon Maker	Walsingham						
				Thomas Herbert	Son	Mar.	20	Wagon Maker	Staff						
				William	Son	Mar.	17		Staff						
				Richard	Son	Mar.	14		Staff						
				Joseph	Son	Mar.	11		Staff						
				Robert	Son	Mar.	8		Staff						
107	32 Frederick St.	1	4	James Henry Roberts	Head	Mar.	43	Wagon Maker	Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	14		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	11		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	8		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	5		Staff						
108	74 Frederick St.	1	4	Daniel Roberts	Head	Mar.	42	Wagon Maker	Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	14		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	11		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	8		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	5		Staff						
109	26 Frederick St.	1	4	John Harris	Head	Mar.	46	Wagon Maker	Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	14		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	11		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	8		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	5		Staff						
110	28 Frederick St.	1	7	Richard Harris	Head	Mar.	48	Wagon Maker	Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	14		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	11		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	8		Staff						
				John	Son	Mar.	5		Staff						
Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...											5	5	Total of Males and Females... 20 11		

1891 Census

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 7				
Civil Parish of <u>St. Andrew</u>		Ecclesiastical Parish of <u>Holy Trinity</u>		County Borough, Municipal Borough or Urban District of <u>St. Andrew</u>		Ward or Municipal Borough or Urban District of <u>St. Andrew</u>		Rural District of <u>St. Andrew</u>		Parliamentary Borough or Division of <u>West Hampton</u>		Town or Village or Hamlet of <u>St. Andrew</u>				
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No. of House	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES			Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition as to Marriage	Age last Birthday of	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded			
		Inhabited	Uninhabited	Number of Rooms												
35	26 Paul Street	1			James H. Oakley	Head	M	42	Mechanic, Engine Driver	Worker		Staff	Staff			
					Eliza do	Wife	M	43				do	do			
					Eliza do	Daughter	F	15	Handmaid, Tailor's Shop	Worker		do	do			
					James do	Son	M	15	Taker of Coal	Worker		do	do			
					Ada do	Daughter	F	17				do	do			
					Ann do	Daughter	F	13				do	do			
					Joseph do	Son	M	11				do	do			
					Harry do	Son	M	8				do	do			
36	St. Andrew's	1			Thomas Baker	Head	M	40	Engineer	Worker		Staff	Staff			
					Ann do	Wife	M	38				do	do			
					Frank Powell	Apprentice	M	10				do	do			
					Joseph Taylor	Head	M	40	Apprentice	Worker		do	do			
37	do do	1			Albert Orange	Head	M	37	Apprentice	Worker		do	do			
					Mary do	Wife	M	35				do	do			
					Alfred do	Son	M	12				do	do			
					William do	Son	M	10				do	do			
					Alfred do	Son	M	7				do	do			
					John do	Son	M	5				do	do			
					Frank do	Son	M	3				do	do			
					Estimate M do	Daughter	F	8m				do	do			
38	do do	1			John M. Kelly	Head	M	62				do	do			
					Ann do	Wife	M	46				do	do			
					Samuel do	Son	M	25	Book (Clerical)	Worker		do	do			
					Robert do	Son	M	20	Iron Framer	Worker		do	do			
					Joseph do	Son	M	18	Bar	Worker		do	do			
					William do	Son	M	17	Restaurant	Worker		do	do			
Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms		4			Total of Males and of Females			16	11							

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1901 Census

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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—	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children still living.	Children who have died.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.			
James H. Oakley	Head	42	Married	3	3	0	0	610	Staff	Staff	
Eliza Oakley	Wife	43	Married	3	3	0	0	610	Staff	Staff	
Joseph Baker	Son	21	Single	0	0	0	0	610	Staff	Staff	
Harry Baker	Son	28	Single	0	0	0	0	610	Staff	Staff	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—
 (1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper age column.
 (2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have entered their sums 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.

Total: Males 3, Females 1, Persons 4

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

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

Signature: James Henry Oakley
 Postal Address: 41 Dudley Hill, Birmingham

1911 Census

Sometime between 1901 and 1911 the Oakley family moved to Ellesmere Port. This was a growing town with engineering jobs available especially, and hundreds migrated from Wolverhampton after the ironworks relocated in the Port, becoming the Merseyside Iron Works. The adjacent factory, Burnell's, had been there since the late 1800s.

The Oakley family moved into the new housing in 41 Dudley Street in the town, where even the streets were named after areas around Wolverhampton. James and his sons, meanwhile, all found work in the Iron Works.



By 1911, the children were grown up, and only Harry and Joseph remained at home in Dudley Road. In early 1915, Harry married Beatrice Elwell (born 15 July 1894) who lived in nearby 13 Oak Street. (Both families were from the same area near Wolverhampton and probably knew each other before the move to Ellesmere Port). Their daughter Dorothy Oakley was born on 16 September 1914.

The First World War had already commenced by this stage, and Private 17487 Harry Oakley had enlisted with the 8th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment. After training at Codford they spent the winter in billets in Bournemouth from November 1914, when they became Divisional Troops with 25th Division. In March 1915 they transferred to the newly formed 112th Brigade, 37th Division at Ludgershall and proceeded to Boulogne, France on 1 August 1915, concentrating near Tilques. They went into action in The Battle of the Ancre in late 1916 and in 1917 they fought in The First Battle of the Scarpe, including the capture of Monchy-le-Preux, The Second Battle of the Scarpe and The Battle of Arleux.

Battle of Arleux (28–29 April 1917)

The principal objective of the attack was the need to sustain a supporting action tying down German reserves to assist the French offensive against the plateau north of the Aisne traversed by the Chemin des Dames.

At 04:25 on 28 April, British and Canadian troops launched the main attack on a front of about 8 miles north of Monchy-le-Preux. The battle continued for most of 28 and 29 April, with the Germans delivering determined counter-attacks. The British positions at Gavrelle were attacked seven times with strong forces and on each occasion the German thrust was repulsed with great loss by the 63rd Division. The village of Arleux-en-Gohelle was captured by the 1st Canadian Division after hand-to-hand fighting and the 2nd Division, made further progress in the neighbourhood of Oppy, Greenland Hill (37th Division) and between Monchy-le-Preux and the Scarpe (12th Division).

It was during this battle that Harry was killed in action on 28 April 1917. His body was never found, and he is recorded on the Bay 6 panel on the Arras Memorial, France.



**British 18-pounder battery under German fire close to Monchy-le-Preux, 24 April.
In the foreground is an advanced dressing station**

now reported dead

Name Oakley, Harry Regimental No. 17487 Case No. 1453
 Regiment 2ash Lancashire Regt. Rank Plt.
 Form 104-88 received 25.7.17 Date of notification of death 26.5.17 Form 104-76 received 10.8.17
 Date and cause of death 28.4.17 **DEAD** 1930 9/18/12/30
 Widow Beatrice, 13 Oak St. Polesden Date of birth 15.7.94 W 134/1343
 Children:— Port, Chester.

Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks
<u>Jessie Oakley</u>	<u>16.9.14</u>	<u>16.9.30</u>	<u>As shown pd. 5.6.18 MN</u> <u>ref. 23-11-17</u>
			No. for whom S.A. is paid <u>1</u>
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		Oakley Harry	8	28.4.17. Weston											

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Private Harry Oakley's pension card and record

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Name.	Corps.	Rank	Regt. No.
OAKLEY.	8/E. Lan: R.	Pi:	17487.
Harry			

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	H/1/102 ^{B4}	908	Died 21-4-17.
BRITISH	do	do	
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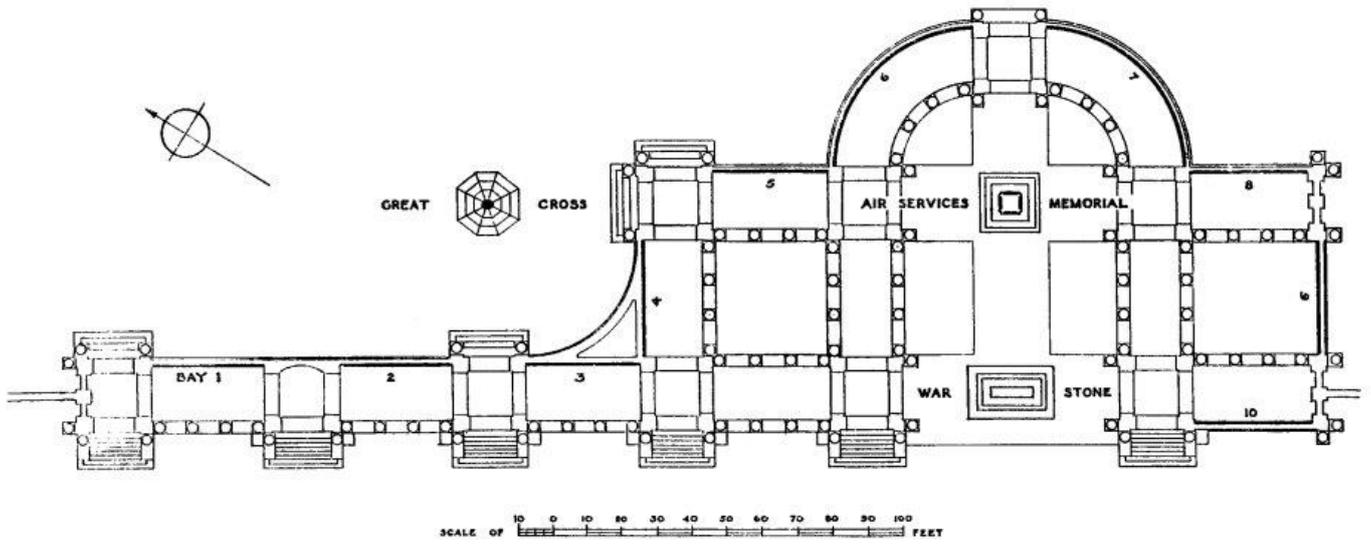
Private Harry Oakley's medal card and service medals awarded

(1915 Star / British Medal / Victory Medal)



ARRAS WAR MEMORIAL





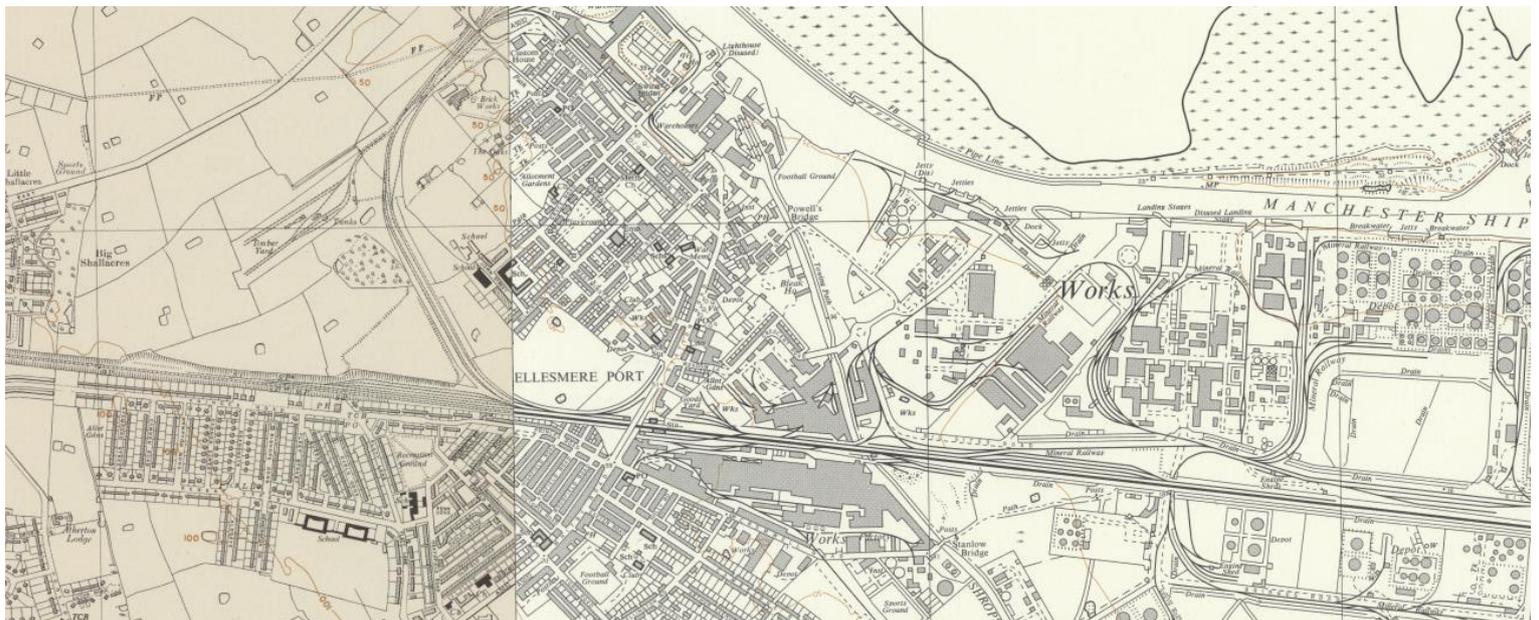
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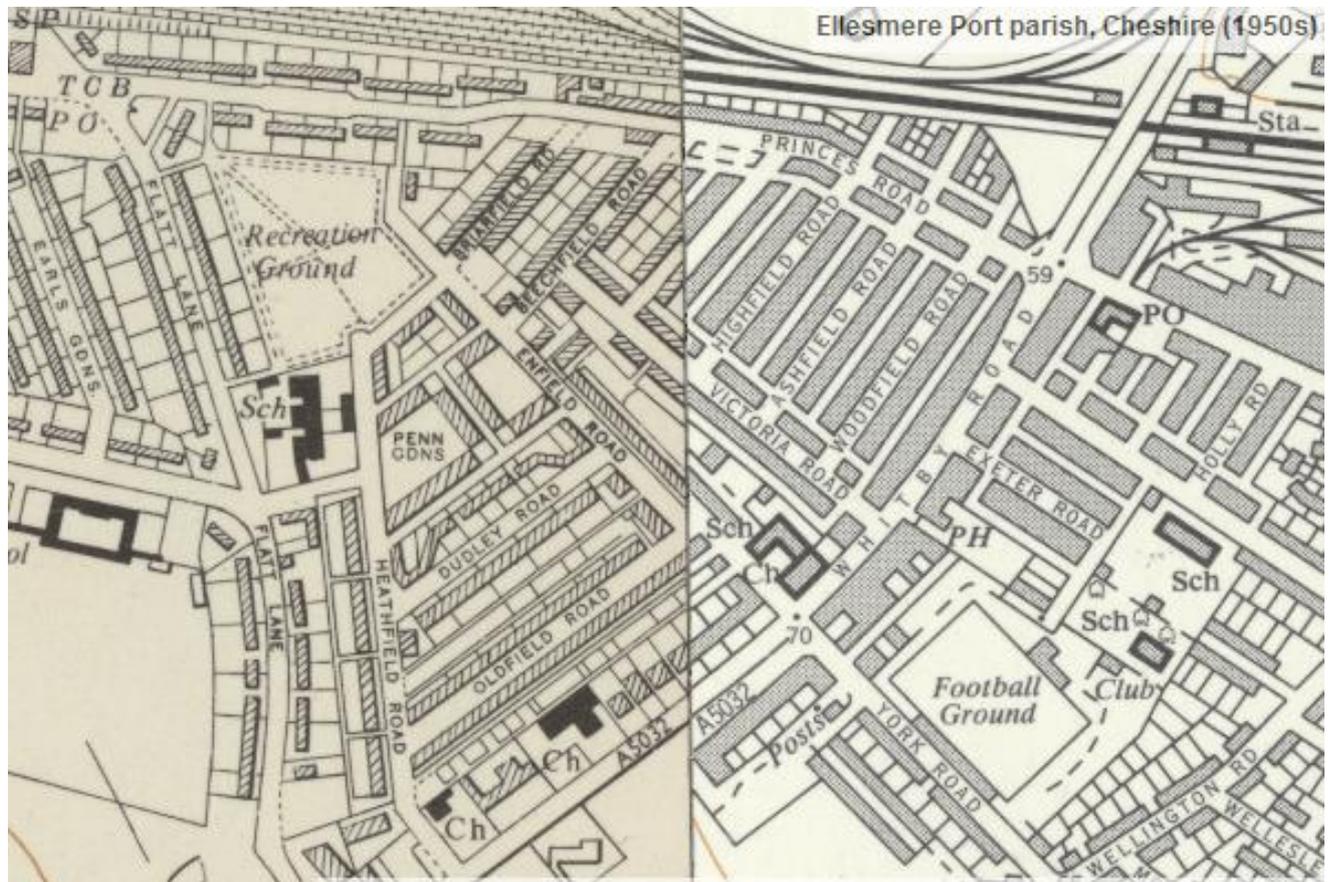


Bay 6, Arras Memorial, visited 2013



**Merseyside Iron Works and Burnell's Iron Works,
either side of the railway, Ellesmere Port**







Station Road



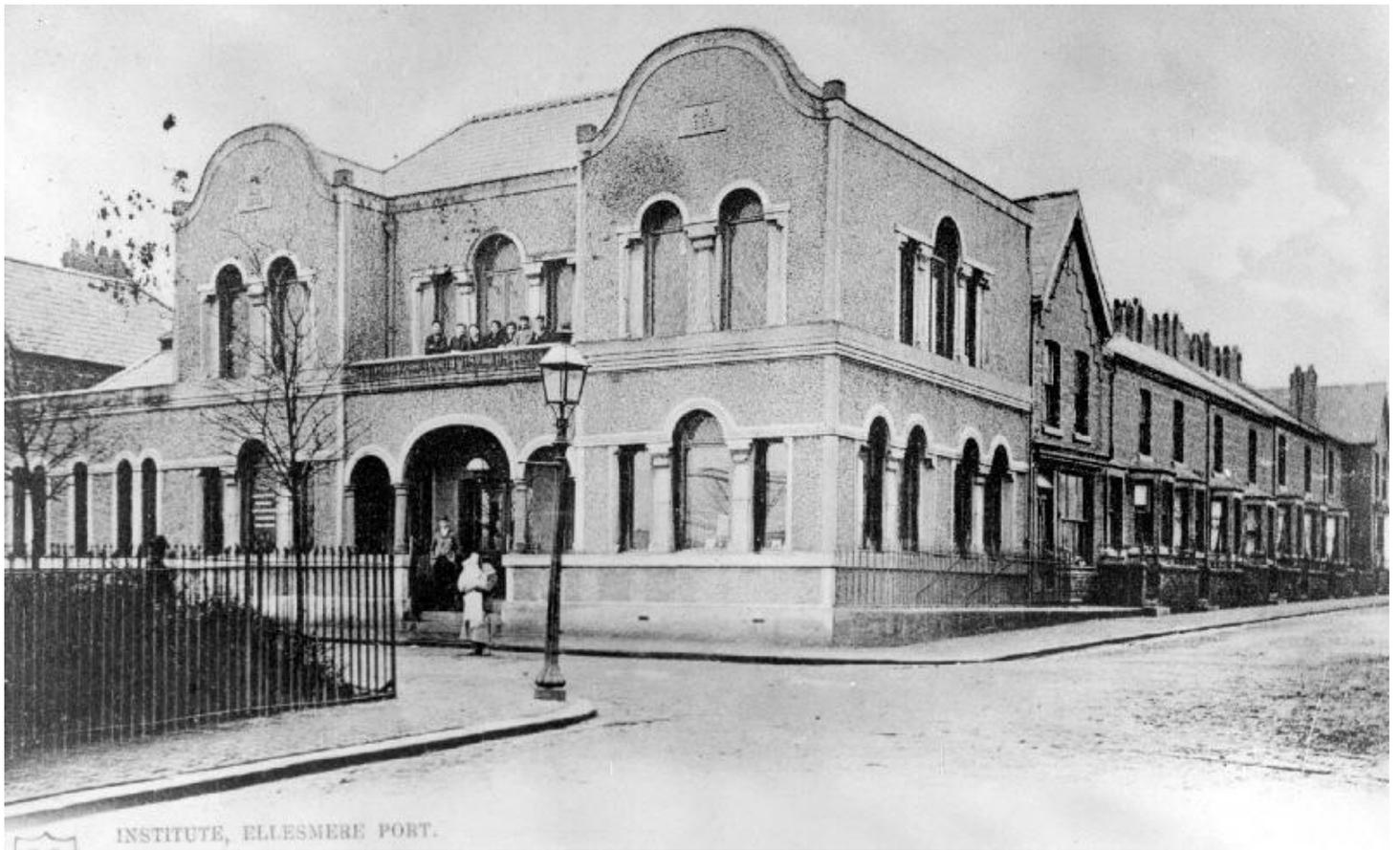
STATION ROAD, ELLESMERE PORT.

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Queen Street





INSTITUTE, ELLESMERE PORT.



DOCK STREET ELLESMERE PORT
PERFECTION SERIES 1184

Driver 851312 Joseph Oakley

Royal Field Artillery

In 1911, Joseph Oakley was still living in the family home in Dudley Road. By then aged 21 (born 16 Feb 1890), he was working as an ironworker with his father and brother Harry in the local Black Steel Mills. On 8 December 1915, he had heeded the call of the WW1 Derby Scheme and registered at Ellesmere Port for the Army Reserve. The family by now had moved a few streets away to 92 Oakfield Road (pictured). On 28 April 1916, he was finally called up and enlisted as a Driver in the Royal Field Artillery. Joseph was now almost 26, and at 5'4", he was just over the original height limit of 5'3", which was dispensed with just after the start of the war with the introduction of the bantam's regiments.



There now followed a period of intensive training, after which he was despatched to Southampton on 22 October 1916 for embarkation for France, docking in Le Havre the following day.

He was posted to C Battery, 242 Brigade, 48th Divisional Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery, who were already in France, having arrived in March 1915 and concentrated near Cassel. In 1916, They were in action in the Battle of the Somme, suffering heavy casualties on 1 July in assaulting the Quadrilateral (Heidenkopf). They were also in action at The Battle of Bazentin Ridge, capturing Ovillers, The Battle of Pozieres Ridge, The Battle of the Ancre Heights and The Battle of the Ancre. By the time Joseph Oakley joined them, it was in the dying weeks of the Somme in Winter 1916. In 1917 the Division occupied Peronne during The German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line and were in action in the Third Battles of Ypres.

On 4 August 1917, Joseph was deprived of seven days' pay for 'not complying with an order on 22 July 1917'. Nothing more is known about the incident, and no further misdemeanours are recorded.

On the 21 November 1917, there was a major relocation when the 48th Divisional Ammunition Column entrained for Italy, where in 1918 they were involved in The fighting on the Asiago Plateau and The Battle of the Vittoria Veneto in the Val d'Assa area.

While in Italy, Joseph endured bouts of sickness, initially being admitted to base hospital on 11 March 1918. By 30 May 1918 he was well enough to return to his unit. However, this was short lived and he became so unwell that he was moved from the camp field hospital to No.38 Stationary Hospital in Genoa, where he was found to be suffering from Influenza. This may have been the more serious strain of the so-called 'Spanish Flu' that was taking so many lives. His stay was relatively short and he was returned to camp on 13 July 1918. However, it must have been clear that he was still unfit for duty as on the following day he was given fifteen days leave to the UK. After a period of recuperation at home, Joseph was back in Italy again on 28 July.

By the time of the Armistice, the Division had withdrawn and was at Granezza. Demobilisation began in early 1919. No doubt desperate to get home, Joseph was finally invalided out four months after the end of the war, following a medical examination on 26 March 1919. He was discharged the following week on 3 April 1919. He had his advance of £2 in his pocket and a certificate of identity, instructing him his uniform was not to be worn again after 28 days had elapsed. There was no doubt he would be glad to get out of it and back into civvies.



Sadly, within months of returning home, Joseph's father James passed away in 1920, leaving just Joseph and his mother Eliza at home in Oldfield Road. Although this time too would be short-lived, as also in 1920, Joseph was married, to Alice Roberts of 22 Westminster Road, the daughter of John Roberts a dock labourer. They set up home in Sunnyside, an isolated row of terraces near the ship canal. Their son, Henry Oakley, was born on 28 June 1921. Unfortunately, the marriage ended in divorce, by which time Joseph, his mother Eliza and son Henry, were living in 'Silverdale', 14 Westminster Grove, closer to the port.



Henry 'Harry' Oakley married Edith Ellen Scattergood (b.1 August 1924) in March 1947 and had two children, Alison born in 1948 and John. Alison married Charles Ellis in 1970 and moved to Wales.

Edith Oakley passed away in 1987 in Ellesmere Port at the age of 63, and Harry on 1 November 1980 aged fifty-nine.

Joseph Oakley, meanwhile, had passed away in 1974 aged eighty-three.

In 2021, Alison remembered her time in Ellesmere Port and of the grandfather she loved dearly,

My grandfather Joseph Oakley fought in the great war as a mule driver, he worked in Burnell's Iron Mills and I know he lost two brothers in the war. He moved to the Port from Wolverhampton before the war. I was born in Westminster Grove in 1948 and can remember it was tree lined and cobbled, very lovely, and still lit by gas lamps. I went to school at the Church School, which was then attached next to the Church itself. There was no bridge over the railway, just gates across for traffic. There were two cinemas The Hippodrome and the one further up, I think it was called the Queens. I went to Brownies at the Institute and dancing classes at the Central Hall. I can remember the Conservative Club as a tin shack which my mum called the glue pot because my grandad was always stuck in there. I left the Port to get married in 1970 and moved to Wales I wish I knew more about my grandad, I loved him very dearly.

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Postscript

Alison has stated that her grandfather spoke of losing two brothers in the war, not just Harry. There is another Oakley on the war memorial, who also moved to the Port from Wolverhampton, but he appears not to be related.

Joseph's parents, James and Eliza, noted on their census of 1911 that they had eleven children, but by that date five had passed away. The five are thought to be Joseph (b.1878), Alice (b.1887), and two unidentified infants. This only leaves James (b.1886) unaccounted for. A James Oakley died in 1907 in Wolverhampton. The family may have moved to the Port after he passed away. Or did he in fact survive, stay behind in Wolverhampton where he was possibly already working, join up in WW1 and lose his life? Numerous leads have already been followed without successful identification.

Research continues, but if anyone has further information it would be gratefully received so we can set the record straight.

Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.
7.	8.	9.
11	6	5
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5 Ditto	13	1	Simkins Charles A	-	M	10 Sept	1897	M	Roller Mills. Iron & Steel Rolling Mills Heavy Worker	
		2	Simkins Emily J.	-	F	18 Nov	94	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		3	Simkins Joseph S.	-	M	6 June	20	S	Breaker Down. Iron & Steel Sheet Rolling Mills. Heavy Worker	

This record is officially closed.

	2		Smith Jessie E.	-	F	8 Dec	10	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties.	
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9 Ditto *	15	1	Tonks William S.	-	M	14 Nov	11	M	Petroleum Spirit Motor Driver.	
		2	Tonks Freda	-	F	7 Nov	11	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties.	

This record is officially closed.

11 Ditto	16	1	Richardson Guy Grace	-	F	25 April	22	S	Union Traffic Clerk. Navigation Factory	
		2	Pear Mary J.	-	F	9 Sept	84	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		3	PEAR Edward B.	-	M	20 April	08	S	Office Manager Laundry	
		4	Rollo George	-	M	25 March	84	S	Fireman. S.S. "Tico" 973947	
"Suffolk House" Ditto	17	1	Smith Bernard R.	-	M	14 May	71	M	Caretaker Cement Works	
		2	Smith Julia	-	F	31 Dec	74	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties.	
		3	TURNER Bruce A.	-	M	26 Aug	09	M	Transport Clerk. Petrol Pool.	
		4	*TURNER Hilda	-	F	18 Aug	09	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	

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"Silverdale" Ditto	18	1	Dakley Joseph	-	M	16 Feb	90	D	Steel Sheet Roller Ironwork Heavy Worker	
		2	Dakley Henry	-	M	28 June	21	S	Joiner Improver Building Trade	
		3	Dakley Eliza	-	F	24 Feb	57	W	Unpaid Domestic Duties (Retired)	
"Silverdale" Ditto	19	1	Hampton Gladys	-	F	1st Oct	01	79	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		2	Hampton Thomas S.	-	M	28 Mar	30	S	At School	
		3	Hampton John A.	-	M	14 March	22	S	At School	

This record is officially closed.

"Glendy" Ditto	20	1	Bragg Robert H.	-	M	20 April	79	M	Coppersmith (Incapacitated)	
		2	Bragg Hannah M.	-	F	6 Dec	79	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		3	Leitchwaite Harrison	-	M	13 April	02	M	Railway Engine Shed. Labourer. Married as Stone Labourer.	
		4	Leitchwaite Elsie	-	F	17 Nov	04	M	Locomotive Shop Assistant	
"Glendale" Ditto	21	1	Roberts Stephen	-	M	21 Nov	59	M	Plumber & General. Cabal Mangle Worker. Mc. Clister Ship Canal	
"Laindon" Ditto	22	1	Thompson Charles	-	M	12 Jan	92	D	Carpenter. Heavy Worker	
		2	Tay Winifred M.	-	F	19 May	81	W	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		3	Tay Arthur	-	M	6 Sept	17	S	General Labourer.	
"See R. 2. 2000"	23	3	Tay Joyce M.	-	F	29 Sept	21	S	Electrical Condenser Maker	

This record is officially closed.

6 Ditto	24	1	Richards Jonathan	-	M	20 Dec	08	M	Metal Steel Sheet Rehearer	
		2	Richards Florence	-	F	12 June	13	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties.	

This record is officially closed.

4 Ditto	25	1	Higgs Albert	-	M	19 Jan	96	M	Dropper Man Newspaper Paper Mill	
		2	Higgs Annie	-	F	26 Dec	90	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	

1939 Census Register

Silverdale, Westminster Grove

War Record of Driver 851312 Joseph Oakley
Royal Field Artillery

(n 5029) W.E. n. 13400-4472 3rd Ed. 1915 H. 1
 Forms B. 2512

Army Form B. 2512.

SHORT SERVICE

(For the Duration of the War, with the Colours and in the Army Reserve).

Card No.

No. 131625 R.F.A. Name Joseph Oakley Corps General Service

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your Name ? | 1. <u>Joseph Oakley</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address ? | 2. <u>92 Oldfield Road</u>
<u>ELLESMERE PORT</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject ? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age ? | 4. <u>25</u> Years <u>3 1/2</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling ? | 5. <u>Ironworker</u> |
| 6. Are you Married ? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's forces, naval or military, if so, which ? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated ? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service ? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you ? | 10. <u>R.F.A. (R.F.)</u> |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services ?
For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. You will be required to serve for one day with the Colours and the remainder of the period in the Army Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 20th Oct., 1915, until such time as you may be called up by order of the Army Council. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, or as a Clerk, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. | 11. <u>Yes</u> |

I, Joseph Oakley 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.

Joseph Oakley SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
J. Nichols Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Joseph Oakley swear by Almighty God, 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 ELLESMERE

on this 5 day of APRIL, 1916.
FROM ARMY RESERVE
CLASS B 20416 Signature of the Justice E. J. Jones

† 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 Field Artillery

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 205 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 28 APR 1916 19 . Commandant, No. 8 T.F. Artillery Lt. Col. R.F.A.
 Place Ballinacorney 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.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name) re-enlisted in the (Regiment) on the (Date)

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)
Applicable to all ranks.

Name Joseph Oakley
 Apparent age 25 years 340 months Height 5 feet 4 inches.
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 34 inches. 35
 Range of expansion 2 inches. 2
 Distinctive marks Nil

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next-of-kin Elizabeth Oakley
92 Oldfield Road, Epsom Relationship Mother

Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow.		(b) Place and date of marriage.	
(c) Present address.		(d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Passed classes of Instruction†		
† This includes any authorised class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, chiropody, &c.		
2. Campaigns ... (including Actions)	<u>Horne 26.4.16 to 28.10.16</u>	
3. Wounded ...	<u>France 23.10.16</u>	
4. Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches		
5. Medals, decorations and annuities	Name of Medal	Clasps
6. Injuries in or by the service ...	<u>Injured 15/11/18</u>	
	<u>Synovitis R knee, 5/3/18</u>	



STATEMENT AS TO DISABILITY.

(This form is not applicable to Officers and Soldiers in Hospital or on leave therefrom who will be brought before a Medical Board).

On Demobilization every Officer and Soldier, whether remaining with the Colours or not, will be given an opportunity of filling in this Form. Should he not wish to put forward any claim in respect of a Disability due to Military Service he must sign the Statement hereunder to this effect, in the presence of an Officer of the Unit with which he is serving, who will witness the Signature. Whether a claim is made or not, this Form will be forwarded by the Unit Commander, in the case of every Officer, direct to the Secretary, War Office; and in the case of every Soldier, to the Record Office of his Unit.

Unit 48th D.A.C. If the Officer or Soldier has previously been discharged from the Army, Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force, he will state:—

Regiment or Corps R.F.A.

Regt. No. 851312 Rank Quartermaster (a) Former Regiments or Corps with Regimental Numbers:—

Surname OAKLEY (Block Letters)

Christian Names in full JOSEPH (b) Dates of discharge _____

Permanent address 92 OLDFIELD RD ELLESMERE PORT CHESHIRE (c) Causes of discharge _____

Age last birthday 29 (d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity received (if any):—

First joined for duty (Date) 12-1915 at (Place) ELLESMERE PORT

Medical Category or Grade in which joined A1

I do not claim to be suffering from a disability due to my military service.

Place of Examination COARNEO Joseph Oakley Signature of Officer or Soldier.

Date 26-3-1919 T. C. ... Signature of Officer witnessing.

Before the claimant answers questions 1-8 the following should be read by, or to, him:—

"Your statement will be checked by Official Records. In answering question 2, any special matters which in your opinion caused or aggravated any unfitness from which you are suffering, must be clearly stated."

The claimant will answer the questions in his own words and after completing the form will sign it. The Officer will witness the signature. If the claimant cannot write, he will affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

THIS PORTION IS NOT TO BE COMPLETED IF A CLAIM IS NOT MADE.

1. (a) In what countries have you served during this war and for what periods?
(b) In what capacity?

2. If you are suffering from any disease, wound or injury, state what it is, the date upon which it started, and what in your opinion was the cause of it.
(If more space is required a sheet of foolscap should be used and attached firmly to this form).

3. Give the names of any Hospitals in which you have been treated for the above disabilities during this war.

4. Did you suffer from the disease or injury mentioned in above answer to Question 2, or anything like it, before joining the Army? If so, give details and dates.

5. Give the names and addresses, (if you know them) of any Hospitals you were in or Doctors who attended you before you joined the Army.

6. Give the name of your National Health Approved Society and, if possible, your membership number.



1917-1918 No. 1751-1103, 2899, 400, 1917 C. & G. Forms B. 103/L.

Army Form E. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 53rd Howitzer Battery R.F.A.

Regimental No. 21625 Rank Driver Name Oakley, Joseph

Enlisted (a) 8/12/15 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 6/4/16

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os.

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) Prisoner

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
4.11.16	2nd Cde	Embarked.	Colchester	22.10.16	
11.11.16	"	Re-embarked. Joined 4th Bty. C. Coy. Poles to 48th B.C.	France	23.10.16	
			In the field	27.10.16	B218.
			"	30.10.16	"
4.9.17	6CHDQC	Injured 7 days pay for not employed with an action 2.7.17	"	29.7.17	B2069
		PROCEED TO ITALY 21 NOV 1917			
16.3.18	"	Admitted Hospital NYD	Italy	11.3.18	B213
30.5.18	6CHDQC	Des to Base	Marselles	8.5.18	HA. 21411
18.6.18	6CHDQC	Admitted Sick	Italy	30.5.18	HA. 21413
28.6.18	38. Sig Hqs	Influenza	"	11.6.18	HA. 25117
10.7.18	6CHDQC	Discharged to Base Anagnini	"	24.6.18	HA. 25567
13.7.18	32. mo. 48 Bty	Posted to X. 48 Bty	"	8.7.18	B. 213
10.8.18	"	Leave to HQ via Havre - 15 days - Reported X. 48 Bty 8.8.18	"	14.7.18 to 28.7.18	"

D. 1-5-19

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. ¹³¹⁶²⁵ Name *W Oakley*

Corps	Battn. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	
General Service		Attested		8.12.15			<i>[Signature]</i>
General Service		To Army Reserve		do			
		Mobilized	<i>Pl</i>	12.4.16			
		Posted		26-4-16			
		<i>No 3 T F Artillery Training School</i>		<i>1/2nd Driver</i>	28 APR 1916		<i>[Signature]</i> COLONEL.
		<i>Appointed</i>		<i>1/3rd Bn.</i>	<i>28 April '16</i>		
	<i>R. & A. 531 Hows Bty.</i>	<i>Posted</i>	<i>1/3rd Bn.</i>	<i>20 July 1916</i>			1/6 R.H. & R.F.A. RECORDS.
		<i>Reverted</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>12.5.16</i>			
TRANSFERRED TO REGULAR							
R. F. A. JAN. 1. 1917							
		<i>Anthony</i>	<i>A.C.I. 2198</i>				
	<i>Base Italy</i>	<i>Posted</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>24.6.18</i>			<i>[Signature]</i>
	<i>48th Div</i>	<i>Posted</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>8-7-18</i>			
<i>Transferred to class 2 Army Reserve.</i>							
<i>Discharged on Demobilization</i>							
Date <i>1.1.19</i>							
Signature <i>[Signature]</i>							
Place <i>Chapton 5.6.7</i>							
Home Address <i>92 Gladfield Rd</i>							
<i>[Signature]</i>							
<i>Discharged on Demobilization</i>							
<i>Para 812</i>							
<i>1/11 K.R.</i>							
<i>1/15</i>							
<i>Officer</i>							
<i>1/6 R.H. & R.F.A. Records</i>							
<i>Woolwich.</i>							
Total Service forfeited as above							
Total Service towards Engagement to (date of discharge) years days							
" " " Pension " (") " "							

Country	From	To	Years	Days
Home.	26. 4. 16	22. 10. 16		
France	23. 10. 16	22. 11. 17	1	31
Italy	23. 11. 17	13. 7. 18		233
On Furlough	14. 7. 18	28. 7. 18		15
Return to Italy	27. 7. 18	26. 3. 19		243
Home.	27. 3. 19			

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REGIMENT OR CORPS.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders 286 and 301.

of 19 No: 48103 Supy.

Regtl. No.	Rank	NAME	In separate Units and Corps previously served with by each individual and Regtl. No. therein: the highest rank, whether substantive, acting or temporary, received as having been held for any period in a theatre of War, unless awarded for misconduct, being shown against the name of the regiment or Corps which is to be inscribed on the medal.	Theatres of war in which served	Clasps awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations			REMARKS
						(a) Presented	(b) Despatched by Post	(c) Taken into Stock	
131625	Driver	OAKLEY, Joseph.	R.F.A. (TF) 5088, Dvr R.F.A. (TF) 851312.						
131631	Gunner	WILLIAMS, James	R.F.A. (TF) 131631. Gnr.						
131632	Driver	FERRY, George Henry.	R.F.A. (TF) 851685. R.F.A. (TF) 851685.						
131640	Driver	HOWLANDS, Richard.	R.F.A. (TF) 1689, Dvr. R.F.A. (TF) 841198.						<i>Best Medal Medal 1884/22/18 of 4. 2. 3. 20/1/14 (1914) Medal 1836/1/14/1</i>
131642	Gunner	WILLIAMS, John David.	R.F.A. (TF) 1576, Gnr. R.F.A. (TF) 841211.						

Place: WOOD WICH.
Date: 28-7-1920.

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.

Signature and rank of Officer certifying.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
OAKLEY	R.F.A.	DVR	(TF) 5088
	-do-		(TF) 851312
	-do-		131625
Joseph			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	RFA/339 B	48103	
BRITISH	-do-	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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