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## Appendix C — Military Record (Redacted)

This appendix contains a redacted extract from Subject A's military attestation record, completed at the point of enlistment into the British Army in 1939.

This document represents the earliest confirmed use of Surname B in an official capacity and provides key biographical details recorded at the time of joining.

The attestation form includes information relating to Subject A's age, trade, nationality, physical description, and willingness to serve overseas. It also confirms the corps to which he was assigned and the date and place of enlistment. These details contribute to the reconstruction of Subject A's identity at the point of transition from civilian to military life.

All identifying information, including full name, signature, service number, address, next-of-kin details, and officer signatures, has been redacted to protect privacy. The structure and content of the form have otherwise been preserved to demonstrate the type of evidence used in establishing surname usage and verifying key life events.



Figure C1 — Extract from Attestation Form (Army Form E531), 1939

Army Form E531  
ORIGINAL DUPLICATE  
TERRITORIAL ARMY  
ATTESTATION OF  
No. [redacted] Name [redacted] Corp Royal Engineers (Labour)

29 SEP 1939

Registration Number [redacted]

Duration of the period of embodiment.

**PART I. Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.**

1. What is your full name and permanent postal address?  
(Name) [redacted]  
(Address) [redacted]

2. In the Parish of [redacted] In or near the Town of [redacted] In the County of [redacted]

3. (a) Are you a British Subject?  
(b) Nationality of parents at their birth.  
(c) What is your trade or calling?  
[redacted]

4. (a) What was your age (in years) last birthday?  
(b) Day, month and year of birth.  
[redacted]

5. Are you married? (b) How many children are dependent upon you?  
[redacted]

6. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Force (or Army), the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Auxiliary Air Force, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Militia Reserve or any Naval Reserve Force, or any G.I.C. or Cadet Unit? If so state particulars of all engagements.  
[redacted]

7. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?  
[redacted]

8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?  
[redacted]

9. (a) Are you willing to enlist for General Service?  
(b) Are you willing to serve outside the United Kingdom?  
[redacted]

10. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions until the end of the period of embodiment of the Territorial Army, provided His Majesty should so long require your services, which means that you will be required to serve for so long as His Majesty should require your services in connexion with the present emergency for which you are enlisting, and that if you are still serving at the termination of the period of embodiment you will be discharged as soon as your services can be dispensed with thereafter?  
[redacted]

11. Are you in receipt of a disability pension?  
[redacted]

12. Have you received a notice paper stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting and do you understand and are you willing to accept them?  
[redacted]

I, [redacted] 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 also that I understand that, should my health fail or should I sustain an injury during military service, I shall not be eligible for consideration for pension or gratuity or a pension or gratuity unless the disability is directly attributable to the conditions of Military Service.

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT  
[redacted]

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS  
[redacted]

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.**  
I, [redacted] swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Sixth, 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.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.**  
I, [redacted] do hereby certify that, in my presence, all the foregoing questions were put to the Recruit above-named, that the answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration, and taken the oath at [redacted] on this [redacted] day of [redacted] 1939.

PORTSMOUTH  
[redacted]

Signature of Justice of Peace, Officer, or other Person authorized to attest  
[redacted]

It may be shown to the satisfaction of the Attesting Officer, that the Recruit should be exempted from the above questions, where the Recruit is a member of the Territorial Force, or a member of the Royal Air Force, or a member of the Royal Navy, or a member of the Royal Marines, or a member of the Militia, or a member of the Special Reserve, or a member of the Supplementary Reserve, or a member of the Territorial Force (or Army), or a member of the Imperial Yeomanry, or a member of the Volunteers, or a member of the Auxiliary Air Force, or a member of the Army Reserve, or a member of the Air Force Reserve, or a member of the Militia Reserve, or a member of any Naval Reserve Force, or a member of any G.I.C. or Cadet Unit, or a member of any other Force, or a member of any other Service, or a member of any other Force, or a member of any other Service, or a member of any other Force, or a member of any other Service.