

# Clarence Henry Ralph Hancock

## Military Service Timeline

5 August 1914	Enlisted as No. 1107 CHR Hancock, Gunner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Welsh Brigade, Royal Field Artillery Territorial Force (TF)
18 December 1915	Commissioned - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Line 4 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (TF)
24 December 1915	London Gazette Listing of Commission
?? June 1916	Listed as 'un-posted' within 3 <sup>rd</sup> Line 4 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (TF)
12 September 1916	Silver War Badge Introduced under Army Order 316 (AO316)
25 September 1916	Awarded Silver War Badge (SWB) No. 2118*
12 October 1916	List A.25 (Officer List) Shows he was Awarded SWB
21 March 1918	Medal Roll Card - <i>Owner</i> Reports loss of SWB 2118. A replacement sent on 21 March 1918.
3 July 1940	Emergency Commissions (etc.), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant CHR Hancock, No. 131184, Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps (Regular Army)**
6 September 1940	London Gazette (2 <sup>nd</sup> Supplement) Listing of above

\* Ralph was diagnosed with Diabetes and as a consequence was invalided out of the Army.

\*\* Sheila Hancock recalls that Ralph was sent to North Africa, but was again invalided out because of his Diabetes.

**The following pages are Ralph's original Enlistment Attestation papers, his Medal Information Card and the two notices published in the London Gazette of 1915 and 1940.**

Clarence Henry Ralph HANCOCK

Description of Charles Henry Ralph <sup>Hancock</sup> on Enlistment.

# MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT.

(Applicable to all ranks.)

Name C. H. R. Hancock

Apparent age 24 <sup>98</sup> years 1 months.

Height 5 feet 8 inches.

\*Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 33 inches.  
Range of expansion 2 1/2 inches.

Vision Good

Physical development Good

\*Chest measurement will be obtained by adjusting the tape so that its posterior upper edge touches the inferior angles of the shoulder blades, and its anterior lower edge the upper part of the nipples, while the arms hang loosely by the side.

## 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. 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; he does not suffer from hernia; and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Territorial Force.

Date Aug 5 1914

Place Condit

John Boyd

Medical Officer.

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

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 2nd Welsh Brigade R.F.A. (P) and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 5th August 1914

Place Condit

Frank J. Skill

2nd Welsh Brigade R.F.A. (P)

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

Captn } Recruiting Officer.  
\* 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 2nd Welsh Brigade R.F.A. (P)

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

Date 5th August 1914

Place Condit

Frank J. Skill

Captn } Approving Officer.

\* The signature of the Approving Officer must be in ink and in the presence of the recruiting officer.  
† Have inserted the "corps" for which the Recruit has been attested.

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## TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 1107 Name Clarence Henry Ralph Hancock Corps 2nd Welsh Brigade RFA

## Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? Clarence Henry Ralph Hancock
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? near the Town of Cardiff in the County of Glamorgan
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 21 Years 1 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Business Agent
6. In whose employ are you? Clarence Hancock
7. Where do you now reside? 42 Westbourne Rd. Penarth
8. Are you now an Apprentice? if so, please state particulars. No
9. Are you married? No
10. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps? No
- \*11. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, please state Corps and cause of discharge. No
12. Do you belong, or have you belonged, to any Cadet Unit? No
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning? Yes
15. Are you willing to be attested for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for service in the Territorial Force of the County of  Glamorgan  to serve in the  2nd Welsh Brigade RFA ?
16. Do you understand that during the first year of your original enlistment you will be (a) required to attend the number of drills and fulfil the other conditions prescribed for a recruit of the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join? Yes  
(b) That in addition to such preliminary training you will be liable to attend the number of drills and fulfil the other conditions relating to training prescribed for the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join, and be liable to be trained for not less than 8, or more than 15 days altogether, in every year, or, if belonging to a mounted branch for not less than 8, or more than 15 days altogether, in every year, as may be prescribed, and may for that purpose be called out, once or often, in every year?  
(c) That if you, without leave or reasonable excuse, fail to attend the number of drills required to fulfil the conditions relating to preliminary or annual training prescribed for your arm or branch of the service, you render yourself liable to a fine not exceeding £5?  
(d) That when a proclamation has been issued, in case of imminent national danger or great emergency, calling out the first class Army Reserve you will become liable to be embodied?  
(e) That, if your term of 4 years' service expires when a proclamation ordering the Army Reserve to be called out on permanent service is in force, you may be required to prolong your service for a further period not exceeding 12 months?  
(f) That you will be liable to serve in any place in the United Kingdom without further agreement, but not in any place outside the United Kingdom unless you voluntarily undertake to do so?  
(g) That you will be required to deliver up in good order, fair wear and tear only excepted, at such time and place as may be ordered by the Commanding Officer, all arms, clothing and appointments issued to you, being public property (including the property of the County Association)?

\* A further period of preliminary training may be prescribed during the first year of original enlistment by an Order in Council, the number of days being specified, and the period of annual training in any year may be extended by an Order in Council, due notice thereof having been given, and provided that neither House of Parliament has dissented, but the whole period of annual training shall not exceed 30 days in any year.

Under the provisions of Section 93 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper, he renders himself liable to punishment.

I, Clarence Henry Ralph Hancock 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.

Clarence Hancock SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Frank A. Smith Signature of Witness.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Clarence Henry Ralph Hancock 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, according to the conditions of my service.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

Frank A. Smith 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 taken the Declaration, and taken the oath at Cardiff on this 5 day of May 1915.

Frank A. Smith Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorised to attest Recruits.  
I and initials



## Receipt for Attestation.

(FOR INSERTION IN PORTFOLIO).

Number .... 1107

Name .... Cpt C H R Hancock

Corps .... 2nd Welsh Bde R F R

Received from the

O. I. C. of T.F. Records  
Shrewsbury

the Attestation of the above-named man, which is required in consequence of his being

Appointed to a commission in the 3rd Welsh Bde

18.12.15

Signature of Officer  
who calls for the  
Attestation

Name

Rank

Regiment

MAJOR

FOR D. G. T. F.

Station

WAR OFFICE

Date

25 JAN 1916

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NOTE.—The form is to accompany the Attestation as directed in the King's Regulations.

This form is to be placed in the portfolio for Attestations as directed in the Regulations above quoted.

The entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur.  
 STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 1107 Name *Clement Henry Ralph Hancock*  
 Showing preliminary training, other special courses of training, Annual Training,† and when mobilized, etc.

Corps	Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officer certifying correctness of Entry
Service towards engagement reckons from 5.8.14						P.A.
<i>Inf. Wdsn</i> <i>Ad. R. &amp; A.</i>	<i>Asst. Co.</i>	<i>Alfred Howard</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>5.8.14</i>		<i>R. H. Taylor, M.C.</i>
<i>made out in error</i>						
<i>No Record of mans discharge being from H/- of sented at so presumed non-effective on T of E arrived out man became</i>						

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to \_\_\_\_\_ (date of  
 discharge) \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ days.

CHARACTER

Discharged in consequence of \_\_\_\_\_

Charge of the above-named man is hereby approved.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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The Entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur.

No. 1107 Name G. H. R. Hancock

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

Service.

Place	From	To	Years	Days
<u>Honol.</u>	<u>5/8/14</u>			

2. Passed classes of Instruction<sup>†</sup> ...

<sup>†</sup> This includes any authorized class of instruction

3. Campaigns (including actions) ...

4. Wounded ...

5. Effects of wounds

6. Special instances of gallant conduct and actions in public dispatches ...

7. Medals, decorations and annuities

8. Injuries in or by the Service ...

9. Name and address of next of kin ...

G. Hancock  
48 Washington St  
Pennarth



Ralph's **Medal Information Card** giving details of the **Silver War Badge** (No. 2118) which he was awarded On 25 September 1916.

Name	Corps	Reg. No.	Rank	Date of Discharge	Cause of Discharge
Hancock Glenn Henry Ralph	3/4 Welsh Bde R.F.A. (T)		2nd Lieut	Enlistment	

Date of application (a) Badge 25-9-16. (b) Medal  
 No. of File " 9/Qty. / 3213. " L.B. 25/4

Address of applicant:— Breakwood, Westbourne Road, Penarth.

Action taken A. List 25.  
 Owner reports loss of Badge 2118. L.B. 2 sent 21.2.18.

W5658—8793 60,000 8/16 HWV(P1340) - G16/1202

H.S.



The next two pages are taken from the **London Gazette**.

The first, published on 24 December 1915, lists Ralph's promotion from Private to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant (Welsh Brigade) on 19 December 1915.

The second is from the London Gazette, published on 6 September 1940, which lists Ralph's re-activation into the **Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps**, on 3 September 1940, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

Lance-Corporal Frederick Partridge, from The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Dated 5th December, 1915.

#### MEMORANDUM.

The undermentioned to be temporary Second Lieutenants:—

Acting Corporal A. B. Miller, from Motor Machine Gun Service. Dated 3rd November, 1915.

Private J. H. Green, from The London Regiment (Artists Rifles). Dated 7th November, 1915.

Sapper F. P. Holliday, from Canadian Engineers. Dated 28th November, 1915.

Serjeant Frank Martin Ballard, from Royal Flying Corps. Dated 30th November, 1915.

1st Class Air Mechanic J. D. Drysdale, from Royal Flying Corps. Dated 5th December, 1915.

Private Arthur Ernest Wynn, from The Army Service Corps. Dated 7th December, 1915.

*War Office,*

*24th December, 1915.*

#### TERRITORIAL FORCE.

##### YEOMANRY.

###### *Berks (Hungerford).*

Squadron Quartermaster-Serjeant Harold Watts to be Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant. Dated 18th December, 1915.

###### *Derbyshire.*

Captain Francis C. Newton to be temporary Major. Dated 29th November, 1915.

###### *Gloucestershire (Royal Gloucestershire Hussars).*

The undermentioned Serjeants to be Second Lieutenants:—

Edward Gardner Townsend. Dated 18th December, 1915.

Harold Harry Birt. Dated 19th December, 1915.

John Osman Bird. Dated 19th December, 1915.

###### *Lancashire Hussars.*

Martin Wales Robinson Barraclough to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th December, 1915.

###### *County of London (Middlesex, Duke of Cambridge's Hussars).*

Second Lieutenant James C. Dun-Waters is seconded. Dated 9th December, 1915.

##### CYCLIST COMPANIES, DIVISIONAL MOUNTED TROOPS.

###### *West Lancashire.*

Second Lieutenant Samuel E. Bold to be temporary Lieutenant. Dated 1st October, 1915.

##### HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

###### *"B" Battery—*

Corporal Clive Duncan Thompson to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 11th November, 1915.

##### ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY.

###### *Glamorgan.*

Bombardier George Ames, from Essex Royal Horse Artillery, to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 19th December, 1915.

###### *Shropshire.*

Gordon William Graham Tucker to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th December, 1915.

##### ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

###### *East Anglian Brigade.*

George Herbert Caiger to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th December, 1915.

Private Wilfred Ernest Jones, from Herts Yeomanry, to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 19th December, 1915.

###### *Home Counties Brigade.*

Reginald Bartlett to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 1st December, 1915.

Second Lieutenant Thurlow Finn is seconded for duty with a Provisional Battery. Dated 9th September, 1915.

Second Lieutenant Thurlow Finn to be temporary Lieutenant, and to remain seconded. Dated 25th December, 1915.

###### *London Brigade.*

Private Percy Boyden, from County of London Yeomanry, to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 19th December, 1915.

Acting Bombardier Arthur Howard May to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 19th December, 1915.

###### *Lowland Brigade.*

The undermentioned to be Second Lieutenants. Dated 25th December, 1915:—

Private John Archibald Baillie, from a Provisional Battalion.

Cadet Daniel McKenzie Buchanan, from the Glasgow University Contingent, Senior Division, Officers Training Corps.

###### *North Midland Brigade.*

Charles Bannister to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th December, 1915.

###### *Welsh (Howitzer) Brigade.*

Private Stanley Gething, from the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps, to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 19th December, 1915.

The undermentioned Privates, from the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps, to be Second Lieutenants. Dated 19th December, 1915:—

Victor Alexander Colquhoun.

Arthur Brynmor Griffiths.

Humphrey John Ireland.

Private Clarence Henry Ralph Hancock, from Welsh Brigade, to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 19th December, 1915.

Capt. Edward Lawrence TAGGART, M.C. (141028).  
 Lt. Alexander FEORD, M.C. (141009).  
 Lt. John Macdonald HEATH (139775).  
 11th July 1940:—  
 Maj. William Laurence EVANS (80545).  
 Maj. Leonard Edward LITTLEWOOD, M.C. (120536).  
 Abraham Frederic Elsnor STEWART (141583).  
 13th July 1940:—  
 Lt. Charles William Henry VIVIAN (119549).  
 14th July 1940:—  
 Capt. Bernard Hammond RUSSELL (141061).  
 15th July 1940:—  
 Capt. Harry BANHAM (118669).  
 16th July 1940:—  
 Lt.-Col. Henry Knight Eaton OSTLE, M.C., T.D. (16870).  
 Capt. Robert Henderson SMITH (114965).  
 17th July 1940:—  
 Capt. Joseph Arthur SMITHIN, M.C. (118313).  
 Lt. Basil Owen Francis de Coursson FISHER (139353).  
 18th July 1940:—  
 Lt. Edward McCONNELL, M.M. (141907).  
 19th July 1940:—  
 Lt. John WITHNELL (139901).  
 22nd July 1940:—  
 Maj. Leonard Magnus SANDISON (14028).  
 Lt. Peter Philip WHEATON (116009).  
 23rd July 1940:—  
 Capt. Kenneth Ian MACPHERSON (4341).  
 25th July 1940:—  
 Capt. Eric Hugh BRENAN (142551).  
 27th July 1940:—  
 Maj. Robert Aldridge MAGUIRE (118601).  
 7th Aug. 1940:—  
 Maj. Robert BRICKWOOD, D.S.O. (119178).  
 12th Aug. 1940:—  
 Lt. Frank Hugh GODWARD (93476).  
 Lt. Archibald Johnston MICHIE (144027).  
 7th Sept. 1940:—  
 W.O. Cl. II Lionel HURLE (143984), from Dorset R.  
 Pte. Percy Frater MACDONALD (60304).  
 The undermentioned to be 2nd Lts.:—  
 14th June 1940:—  
 Gordon Herbert GRIFFITHS (136314).  
 15th June 1940:—  
 Alfred Dunstan Arthur STEARNS (136742).  
 17th June 1940:—  
 Walter Newton WHITE (135334).  
 24th June 1940:—  
 Bertie Frederick BARNES (135700).  
 Herbert William BOBY (141107).  
 25th June 1940:—  
 Carl CHARLTON (139191).  
 26th June 1940:—  
 Harry Dover FOUNTAIN (136958).  
 29th June 1940:—  
 Thomas Venables SCUDAMORE, V.D. (135726).  
 Lt. Lindsay Vernon SHEPHERD (139286).

1st July 1940:—  
 2nd Lt. John Thomas SPINKS (114876).  
 Richard Auders WOODS, M.M. (139339).  
 3rd July 1940:—  
 2nd Lt. Clarence Henry Ralph HANCOCK (131184).  
 5th July 1940:—  
 James HOWARTH (141053).  
 6th July 1940:—  
 2nd Lt. Louis St. Clair BARTHOLOMEW (139529).  
 Charles Geddes Clarkson HYSLOP (139231).  
 8th July 1940:—  
 2nd Lt. Frank Benjamin WOODING (141037).  
 Victor Edward HOLLOWAY (139631).  
 George TCHAPLINE, D.S.O., D.S.C. (139708).  
 Frederick Bryan WHITTLE (139309).  
 9th July 1940:—  
 Robert James Frederick HAYWOOD (141013).  
 Ernest William NICOL (141022).  
 15th July 1940:—  
 2nd Lt. Frederick Ormsby HAYWARD, D.C.M., M.M. (141012).  
 Arthur Lambert KEMP (135201).  
 16th July 1940:—  
 John Caradoc CHARLESWORTH (141181).  
 17th July 1940:—  
 Capt. Walter Rose Baring BERRY (80485).  
 Lt. Robert Frederic KING (114452).  
 18th July 1940:—  
 2nd Lt. William Leslie NORTH (141191).  
 20th July 1940:—  
 Baden Powell MATHIAS (142906).  
 23rd July 1940:—  
 2nd Lt. Sydney Leslie CHAPMAN (93569).  
 24th July 1940:—  
 Albert Leslie WESLEY (141944).  
 27th July 1940:—  
 Richard William HAYES (142583).  
 The undermentioned to be Lts. (Qr.-Mrs.):—  
 6th June 1940:—  
 R.S.M. Leslie William GOSLING (133856), from Devon R.  
 25th July 1940:—  
 R.Q.M.S. Charles Wynn INGRAM (131813).  
 6th Aug. 1940:—  
 John HEPBURN (143880).  
 2nd Lt. G. W. M. Woods, O.B.E. (93757), is dismissed the Service by sentence of a General Court Martial. 2nd Sept. 1940.

## INTELLIGENCE CORPS.

Lt. (actg. Capt.) E. A. W. Watney, O.B.E. (119493), from Gen. List, to be Lt. (actg. Capt.) 15th July 1940, retaining his present seniority.

The undermentioned, from Gen. List, to be Lts. 15th July, 1940, retaining their present seniority:—

Lt. L. E. Clark, M.B.E. (116490).

Lt. M. R. Dobie (42871).

Lt. A. W. Godfrey (143886).

Lt. H. S. Knowles (122837), without pay and allces.