

Cornelius Hancock



Nº19560
13th Pioneer Battalion
Gloucestershire Regiment.

Cornelius Hancock was Born in 1878 in Chesterton Staffordshire to John and Mary Hancock. He was their 2nd of 10 children. His father was a Coal Miner. In 1881 Cornelius is aged 3 and living with 2 siblings and his parents on Heathcote Street Chesterton.

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	Religious Parish or District of		
Chesterton				Chesterton		North Staffordshire	Chesterton		
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (1), or Partly Inhabited (2)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Males Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
231	Heathcote St	1	John Hancock	Head	Mar	X	Coal Miner	Staff Chesterton	
			Mary do	Wife	Mar	23		do do	
			William do	Son		5		do do	
			Cornelius do	Son		3		do do	
			Ann do	Daughter		1		do do	

Cornelius's Father John and Heathcote Street derelict before demolition.



At some point the family made the move north to Durham, possibly for work in the coal mines.

In 1891 Cornelius is aged 13, one of 6 children living at 154 Smokey Row Coxhoe Durham. His father and elder brother are Coal Miners

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By 1901 Cornelius was aged 23 and working as a Coal Miner Hewer. He was one of 5 children in the family home 38 Viceroy Street Seaham Durham. (demolished)

Administrative County <u>Durham</u>				The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 50			
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Mary. Rowland	New Seaham. 13. Nov. 1902.	14 Pines Street Murlon S. O. Lumber Camp	Catfish Lake Newfield N.T.S.

Ida Mary Alice Joseph Emily		27 Feb 1903. Loughran Harbor do do do
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1	Cornelius Hancock Head	32	Married	-	-	-	Newer Coal Mine	150	-	Worker	-	Staffordshire	W. Wylton	-
2	Mary Emily Hancock Wife	32	Married	8	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	Durham	Staffordshire	-
3	Sara Hancock Daughter	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	New Leamham	-
4	Mary Alice Hancock "	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-
5	Joseph Hancock Son	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	Seaham Harbour	-
6	Emily Mary Hancock Daughter	1 1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-

END OF HOUSE OF THE HEADMASTER

I certify that—
 (1) All the names on this Schedule are entered in the parish registers.
 (2) I have examined the names and families in columns 3 and 4 respectively,
 and have ascertained that none was at the time deceased or persons
 who had married before marriage. I have also noted all children
 who in twelve years appeared to be absent from, and were reported
 dead, as appearing on the schedule.

In witness whereof
CS

2 11 6

Write below the Number of Houses in this
 parishes (Urban, Rural, or Agricultural).
 Grant the houses as a room yet do not count
 military, hospitals, army, coast, barracks,
 nor workhouses, alien, shops.

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

Signature Cornelius Hancock

Parish Address 20 Vicaroy St. Seaham A.D.

He was attested into service on the 24th March 1915 and posted to the 13th Pioneer Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment on the 25th March with a service number 19560. He was 36 years 5 months old and 5 foot 7 inches. He gave his wife as his next of kin.

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W 5321-1322-2300 E134 T. & V. L.A.

Army Form B. 2505.

SHORT SERVICE.
(For The Duration of the War.)

ATTESTATION OF THE HONORARY BRIG ADJUTANT GENERAL

No. 19340 Name Cornelius Hancock Corps 1st Co Cavalry

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your Name?	...	1. <u>Cornelius Hancock</u>
2. What is your full Address?	...	{ <u>1st Cavalry Regt, 1st Div,</u> <u>Honolulu, I. O.</u>
3. Are you a British Subject?	...	3. <u>Yes</u>
4. What is your Age?	...	4. <u>24</u> Years <u>5</u> Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	...	5. <u>Soldier</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 what?	...	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 wish to accept it, meaning, and who gave it to you?	...	10. { Name <u>Lieut. J. G. ...</u> Corps <u>...</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 honours and pay, unless you are called up by the Government, and in such case you may be required after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such service shall in no way exceed six months.

I, Cornelius Hancock, Adjutant General, 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.

Cornelius Hancock SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT:
Adjutant General

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Cornelius Hancock, 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 a duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, real or imaginary, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, to the best of my God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The above recruit name was examined by me that he has made my faith answer to any of the above questions which would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The able questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.
He has taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly related as explained to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me as follows:

On this 19 day of June 1917.

Signature of the Officer: Lieut. J. G. ...

Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that This Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and the papers filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been completed fully. I accordingly approve, and assign him to the duties of the position.

It is noted by special authority, Army Form B. 2503 for other authority for the attestation will be attached to the attested document.

Date 1917 Place Honolulu

Approved by LT COL
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CONFIDENCE EXAMINER

1 The signature of the Approving Officer is to be placed in the presence of the Honorary Brig Adjutant General and the Recruit in the "Copy" for which the Recruit has been selected.

* If it is the Recruit to be added the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be entered below on separate sheet to be filed, as follows, viz.—Name, rank, date of discharge, etc., and to be returned to the Registrar.

— on the 13th —

2175
W. H. H. H. H. H.

The Medical Officer, Royal Army Medical Corps, London, E.C.

Army Form B. 175

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Nancock

Christian Name Cornelius

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Wombell County Stafford

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Age of	1911	Age of	1911
Enlisted	22	22	22	22
Declared age	22	22	22	22
Trade or occupation	22	22	22	22
Height	22	22	22	22
Weight	22	22	22	22
Class	22	22	22	22
Remarks	22	22	22	22
Physical development	22	22	22	22
Vaccination marks	22	22	22	22
When vaccinated	22	22	22	22
Vision	22	22	22	22

Right	Left	Right	Left

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.	
Name and Address of next of kin	<u>Mary Hancock</u>
<u>14 Princess St. Merton S. Sunderland</u>	Relationship <u>wife</u>

Service towards limited engagement reckons from		<u>24.3.15</u>
Joined at	<u>Leahurst Station</u>	on <u>24.3.15</u>
<u>134th Sep</u>	<u>Attested</u>	<u>Pte</u>
		<u>24.3.15</u>
	<u>Posted</u>	<u>25.3.15</u>

The job of a Pioneer Unit included digging trenches, wiring and building encampments for other troops, as well as ordinary infantry work. They were paid an extra tuppence a day. The call went out to miners, labourers, transport workers – anyone used to hard manual labour. They would earn two pence a day more than the average infantryman. Miners joined from the North East and South Wales, plus labourers from Birmingham and the 'three counties' of Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire.

The Battalion was at Malvern when Cornelius joined them.

13th Gloucester's at Malvern date unknown.



Cornelius time in service was short lived. He was discharged 29 days after he was mobilised 'unlikely to become an efficient soldier'

The reason for this decision is not noted on his record. his medical shows no ailments that would prevent his progression.

<u>Discharged</u>		
<u>130</u>	<u>Under Prov 377 & 10</u>	
	<u>Temp Regt. as being</u>	<u>Pte</u>
	<u>unfitly to be taken</u>	<u>21.4.15</u>
	<u>an efficient soldier</u>	
	<u>Service from British</u>	
	<u>24.3.15 to 21.4.15</u>	<u>29 days</u>
Total Service forfeited as above		
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>21.4.15</u> (date of discharge)		years <u>29</u> days

Cornelius passed away in January 1963 aged 85