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Clarinet
Violin

Name French William. Register No. 376 Division R. Fn. B.

Ch 114525

Date of Birth	6 August 1881
Where Born	Lewisham, London, Kent
Trade	Musician
Religion	Church of England
When enlisted	11 April 1904
Where enlisted	Eastney

When re-engaged ..
Next of Kin and their address: ~~Mother~~ wife Mrs French ~~121 Dolphin Cottages~~ 110 ~~Sydenham~~ Balham Rd Forest Hill

Former Service allowed	In what Regiment.	Period. Years.	Days.	Authority.	Date.	Character.
Pension G.C. Badges	Royal Navy	4	248	D. R. G. 3703/03	9 July 03	
	—	4	54			

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON.	Stature. Feet.	Ins.	Complexion.	Hair.	Eyes.	Marks, Wounds, and Scars.
For Drummers only. On Enlistment as a Boy .. On Attaining the age of 18 ..						
On Enlistment as Private	5	6	Fresh	D. Brown	Brown	
On Re-engagement						
On Final Discharge from the Service				do		

Clarinets 1st 142.
B 315 ~~311~~ 542
C 10 77.

Rank.	Co.	Name of Division or Ship.	No. on Ship's Books.	Date of Entry.	Date of Discharge.	Cause of Discharge from Division or Ship.	Character.	Ability.	Recommended for Medal and Gratuity.	Name of Commanding Officer.
~~Former service in Royal Navy allowed to reckon towards Limited Engagement 4 Years 248 Days~~										
Musician		Firequeen		11 April 04	18 April 04					
		Eastney Ld Dis		19 April 04	29 Aug 04	Embarked				
		H.M.S. Good Hope	11 3/11	30 Aug 04	26 Dec 04	Transferred to 4th Division				
		"	"	27 Dec 04	31 Dec 04		Good	V.G.		Capt. Currey. D.S.O.
		"	"	1 Jan 05	24 Mch 05					
		"	"	28 Mch 05	31 Dec 05		Good	V.G.		G. Hope.
		"	"	1 Jan 06	31 Dec 06		Good	V.G.		G. Hope.
		"	"	1 Jan 07	15 July 07					
		Chatham Div.		16 July 07	8 Sep 07	Embarked				
		Illustrious.	9 5/51	9 Sep 07	31 Dec 07		Good	V.G.		H.H.S. Yothill
		"	"	1 Jan 08	1 June 08					
		London	9 6/13	2 June 08	31 Dec 08		Fair	V.G.		J.B. Ley
		"	"	1 Jan 09	18 Apl 09					
		Ch Div at RN Sch of M.		19 Apl 09	29 May 09	Sch of Music				
		Dominion		30 May 09	5 Aug 09	Embarked				
		do		6 Aug 08	31 Dec 09		Fair	V.G.		Jn. McRoberts
		Ra Sch. of Music		1 Jan 10	29 May 10					
		Cornwall		30 May 10	9 Aug 10	Embarked				
		"		10 Aug 10	31 Dec 10		V.G.	V.G.		James Ley.
		"		1 Jan 11	16 Mch 11					
		R.N. Sch. of Music		17 Mch 11	12 Apl 11	Embarked				
		Britannia	9 6/15	13 Apl 11	26 July 11					
		R.N. Sch. of Music		27 July 11	9 Aug 11	Discharged Limited Engagement	Good	Sup.		F.T. Phillips

ENLISTED FOR 7 YEARS 114 DAYS

Address on Discharge:— 40 Denmark Terrace Lower Sydenham London S.E.

DVB

SERVICES FORFEITED.

Towards Engagement.

Cause.	Date.	Years.	Days.

Towards G. C. Badges.

Cause.	Date.	Years.	Days.
Cells.	15 June 06.		7.
Cells.	26 Feb 06.		14
2nd Class.	20 Feb 06		184
2nd Class.	22 Apl 07.	1	—
2nd Class	12 Sep 08	1	124.
C.	12 Sep 08		14
C.	28 Jan 09		14
C	21 May 10		7
C	26 June 11		10
2nd Class	26 June 11		35

Towards Pension.

Cause.	Date.	Years.	Days.
Cells.	15 June 06		7
Cells.	26 Feb 06.		14
C.	12 Sep 08		14
C.	28 Jan 09		14
C	21 May 10		7
C	26 June 11		10

Services Restored.

Authority.	Date.	Years.	Days.

DATES OF PASSING AND REVISION OF DRILLS.

Infantry.	Musketry. Field Training.	Date last passed and Class obtained.	Where last passed.	Year in which qualified as Marksman.	Gunnery. Land Service. Date last passed.	Land Service. General Proficiency.	Sea Service. Date last passed.	Sea Service. General Proficiency.	Repository. Date last passed.	Repository. General Proficiency.
					EA Good					
Grant of Superiority of Efficiency Allowed E.A. & Musical Proficiency Allowed M.P.A. Awarded E.A. + Oct 04					1 | 7					
Clarinets	3 Aug 09 Good	1 July 10 G.	8 Apl 11 V.G.							

Classification for Conduct.

Class.	Date.
First	On Enlistment
Second	20 Feb 06
First	6 Sep 06
Second	22 Apl 07
First	22 Apl 08
Second	12 Sep 08
First	11 Feb 10
Second	26 June 10

Good Conduct Badges

No. in Possession.	Dates awarded and deprived.
One	On Enlistment
Nil	3 Aug 04
One	3 Feb 05
Nil	15 June 05.

Promotions and Reductions.

Rank.	Co.	Date.

Passed for

	Date.
Bombardier	
Corporal	
Sergeant	
„ Instruc. of Musktry.	
„ „ Gunnery	
„ „ Gymnastics	
Sergeant Cook	
Pioneer Sergeant	
Army Signalling	
Regimental Transport	
Barber	
Butcher	
Lamptrimmer	
Naval Signalling	
First Aid to Injured	6.3.05
Capt. of Gun	
Qualified in Range Finding	
Field Works	
Armourer	

INVALIDED.

Date.	From what Station.	Disease.

WOUNDS AND HURTS.

Date wounded, &c.	Nature of Wound, and Service on which employed.
22 Oct 08	Granted Seat Certificate for Injury to shoulder J.B. Ley

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

Class.	
4th	
3rd	
2nd	
1st	

Recommended for Promotion.

Date.	By whom.

Employment during Service.

From	To	Nature.

Medals, Clasps, &c.

Date received.	Nature of Decoration.

Able to Swim Yes
When tested During
Where former service

When married

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