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19<sup>th</sup> Royal REG<sup>t</sup>. OF Lancers

Whereof Gen<sup>l</sup> Sir Henry John Gummery Kt's Colonel.

[Place and Date] Maidstone Barracks 26 Feb 1856.

PROCEEDINGS OF A REGIMENTAL BOARD, held this day, in conformity to the Articles of War, for the purpose of verifying and recording the Services, Conduct, Character, and Cause of Discharge of No. 155: Private Augustus Poole of the Regiment above-mentioned.

President

Capt<sup>l</sup> the Hon<sup>ble</sup> G. P. Lewis 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers

Members.

Capt<sup>l</sup> Payne Smith M<sup>ajors</sup> Lieut Harford 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers

THE BOARD having examined and compared the Regimental Records, the Soldier's Book, and such other Documents as appeared to them to be necessary, report that Private Augustus Poole by Trade a Clerk was BORN in the Parish of Canvey Island in or near the Town of Wellingborough in the County of Northampton and was ATTESTED for the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Lancers at Wellingborough in the County of Northampton on the 16 March 1833 at the Age of 18 Years that after making every Deduction required by Her Majesty's Regulations, the SERVICE up to this day, which he is entitled to reckon, amounts to 2 years, 342 days, as shewn by the detailed Statement on the 2nd page; during which period, he served Abroad 2 years, viz.—

at the East Indies 18 years, in the Crimea 9 months years;

and further, that his DISCHARGE is proposed in consequence of being found unfit for further military service.

[In cases of Disability, the Regimental Medical Officer will write his Report on the 3rd page hereof.]

With regard to the CHARACTER AND CONDUCT of Private Augustus Poole the Board have to report, that upon reference to the Defaulter's Book, and by the Parole testimony that has been given, it appears that Mr. Harvill is good and that his service was not entitled him to any good conduct pay.

[Give the particulars required by the Adjutant General's Circular Letter, 29th Sept. 1838.]

Awarded Crimea Medal with clasp "Sevastopol"

H.O. 1505 3  
19/2 January 1868

Chancery

*N. 1355, Private Augustus Poole* being asked to what date he has been paid, and whether he has any claim on the Regiment for Arrears of PAY, ALLOWANCES, or CLOTHING, answered that he has received all just demands from his entry into the Service, except such amount of Pay as may hereafter be found to be due to him from the date when he was last settled with by the Regiment in the Crimea, which he believed to be the *30th June 1855*; to the date when he again commenced receiving Pay on his arrival in England, viz., the *12th October 1855*; and in confirmation thereof affixes his Signature hereto.

I acknowledge this to be true, *A. Poole*  
 Witness *J. B. Poole Capt. R. G. P.*  
 Officer Commanding.

Commanding the Company to which he belongs,  
 THE BOARD have ascertained that *Private Augustus Poole's* Soldier's Book is correctly balanced, and signed by the Officer Commanding his Company, and they declare, that they have impartially inquired into, and faithfully reported upon all the matters brought before them, in accordance with the Regulations and Instructions issued by Her Majesty's Orders.  
 Signed by the Board in accordance with aforesaid Statute: *J. B. Poole Capt. R. G. P.* President.  
*W. H. Poole Capt. R. G. P.* Members.  
*J. H. Poole Capt. R. G. P.*

Detailed Statement of the Services of *Private Augustus Poole*

Regiment	Promotions, Reductions, &c.	Rank	Period of Service in each Rank		Amount of Service	
			From	To	Years	Days
<i>14th Lancers</i>		<i>Private</i>	<i>16th March 1853</i>	<i>20 Feb 1856</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>342</i>

For Soldiers Enlisted previous to the 15th March, 1813.

INDIES	East... West...	From		To		Years	Days	Half period
		From	To	From	To			

\* WATERBURY

Further Service from the *21st Dec 1856* to the *24th April 1856* when finally discharged ... .. *2 342*  
 Total Service allowed to him to the date of his final discharge ... .. *2 69*  
 \* To be entered, when not required, by drawing for the ... .. *23 18*

The foregoing Report is hereby confirmed by me *C. H. Poole Lt. Col.*  
 Commanding Cavalry Regt of 1st Regt. Lancers

being asked to what date he has been paid, answered that his Account is balanced up to the latest period required by the Regulations; and being further asked whether he has any claim on the Regiment for Arrears of PAY, ALLOWANCES, or CLOTHING, answered, that he has received all just demands, from his entry into the Service up to the \_\_\_\_\_ and in confirmation therefore, affixes his signature hereto.

I acknowledge this to be true.

Witness

Commanding the Company to which he belongs.

THE Board have ascertained that Private Augustus Poole's Soldier's Book is correctly balanced, and signed by the Officer Commanding his Company, and they declare, that they have impartially inquired into, and faithfully reported upon all the matters brought before them, in accordance with the Regulations and Instructions issued by Her Majesty's Orders.

Signed by the Board in accordance with circular orders from General Sir J. B. Wolfe as Agents attached to the Service.

W. H. G. G. G. G. President.  
W. H. G. G. G. G. Members.  
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For Soldiers Enlisted previous to the 15th March, 1815.

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		From	To	From	To				
* WARRING									
* Further Service from the <u>21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1856</u> to the <u>24<sup>th</sup> April 1856</u> when finally discharged								<u>2</u>	<u>69</u>
* To be added, when not required, by drawing for the amount of								<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>

The foregoing Report is hereby confirmed by me W. H. G. G. G.  
 Commanding Cavalry Regt of Foot Guards



1 JUN 1905  
ROYAL HOSPITAL  
CHELSEA

27 APR 1905  
ROYAL HOSPITAL  
CHELSEA

3 MAY 1905  
ROYAL HOSPITAL  
CHELSEA

REG. FORM 1

Journal Piece of Residence

Mark or Scar, whether on the Face or other parts of the Body

Temples

Eyes

Hair

Height

Weight

Complexion

Build

Age

When discharged the Service of

of

Final Description

W. O. Form 83.

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 in end of Com's Report  
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 his arms in marching order for active duty in the Cinema and that there  
 has no fault attributable to the man  
 6<sup>o</sup> for 1 year more - bound - 13<sup>o</sup> 24. 3. 57 - No 31  
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 29, 563 for Com - 191  
 6143 - Refusal further service - 13<sup>o</sup> 29. 11. 57 No 22  
 13, 090 8<sup>o</sup> 121 year  
 52, 814 8<sup>o</sup> 121 year

DECLARATION TO BE MADE AND SIGNED WHEN THE SOLDIER RECEIVES  
 HIS DISCHARGE AT HIS OWN REQUEST  
 71, 182 Com  
 At 13 to Chelsea Hospital re M.P.  
 P.C. 1905 not in the Reg. of 13/63

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I do, of my own free will, request my discharge from Her Majesty's Service,  
 and I further declare, that a period of not less than Thirty Days has elapsed since I first made  
 Application for my Discharge; and it has been fully explained to me, and I perfectly understand  
 that in receiving my Discharge at my own request, I entirely relinquish all Claim to Pension,  
 and that, if I should re-enlist, my past Services prior to the Date of my present Discharge,  
 be allowed to be reckoned for the purpose of obtaining any benefit from Chelsea Hospital,  
 the re-enlistment shall take place within Six Calendar Months from this Date, nor unless I de-  
 on re-enlisting, the fact and actual cause of my present Discharge.

205 - 6 one year bound - 13<sup>o</sup> 7. 3. 55 No 55  
 371 - 6 Permanent - 13<sup>o</sup> 10/4/66 No 46

Signed in the presence of the Regimental Board at this  
 day of 4 28 94 2064 S.S. to O. C. Bristol for man to be  
 medically examined 2045 to 40 July 1905  
 Medical Report received  
 13<sup>o</sup> 8 50 to No. for record of medal President 28

**ATTESTATIONS FOR REGIMENTS.**

QUESTIONS <small>To be separately asked by the Magistrate.</small>	ANSWERS <small>To be sworn to by the Recruit.</small>
1. What is your Name? .....	<i>Augustus Poole</i>
2. In what Parish, and in, or near what Town, and in what County were you born? .....	In the Parish of <i>Caynington</i> in or near the Town of <i>Collingham</i> in the County of <i>Huntingham</i>
3. What is your Age? .....	<i>21</i> Years <i>11</i> Months.
4. What is your Trade or Calling? .....	<i>Null</i>
5. Are you an Apprentice? .....	<i>No</i>
6. Are you Married? .....	<i>No</i>
7. Are you Ruptured or Lame: have you ever been subject to Fits; or have you any Disability or Disorder which impedes the free use of your Limbs, or unfits you for ordinary Labour? .....	<i>No</i>
8. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Regiment of <i>20th Regt</i> for the term of <i>twelve</i> Years, provided Her Majesty should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding Two Years, as shall be directed by the Commanding Officer on any Foreign Station? .....	<i>Yes</i>
* This blank to be filled up by the Justices with Ten Years for Infantry, and Twelve Years for Cavalry or Artillery, or other Obedience Corps, if the person enlisted is of the Age of Eighteen Years or upwards; but if under that age, then the difference between his age and Eighteen is to be added to such Ten or Twelve Years, as the case may be.	
9. At what place, on what day, at what hour of the day, and by whom were you enlisted? † .....	At <i>Westminster</i> on the <i>14<sup>th</sup></i> day of <i>March</i> 1853, at <i>10</i> o'clock <i>10</i> M. by <i>John Cooper Esq. 12<sup>th</sup> Street</i>
† The Recruit cannot be attested sooner than Twenty-four Hours, nor later than Four Days after his Enlistment, and every Recruit must be attested by a Justice or other Magistrate residing in the vicinity of the place where such person shall have enlisted, or before any Justice or other Magistrate acting for the Division, District, or place where such Recruit shall have been enlisted, and not being an Officer in the Army.—24th Clause of the Mutiny Act.	
10. For what bounty did you enlist? .....	<i>Three pounds fifteen shillings &amp; sixpence</i>
11. Have you any objection to make to the manner of your Enlistment? .....	<i>No</i>
12. Do you now belong to the Militia? ‡ .....	<i>No</i>
‡ The Magistrate is directed, in putting the 12th Question to the Recruit, and before he receives his Answer, distinctly to apprise the Recruit, that if he belongs to the Militia and denies the fact, he is liable to Six Months' Imprisonment.—37th Clause of the Mutiny Act.	
13. Do you belong to any other Regiment, or to the Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or to the Forces of the East India Company? .....	<i>No</i>
14. Have you ever served in the Army, Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or in the Forces of the East India Company? § .....	<i>No</i>
§ If so, the Recruit is to state the particulars of his former Service, and the cause of his Discharge, and is to produce the Certificate of his Discharge, if he has it with him.	
15. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's Service, or for the Service of the East India Company, upon any prior Enlistment? ¶ .....	<i>No</i>
¶ If a Recruit wilfully conceals his having been discharged upon any prior Enlistment on account of any infirmity, he is liable to punishment as a rogue and vagabond.—57th Clause of the Mutiny Act.	

I *Augustus Poole* do make Oath that the above Questions have been separately put to me; that the Answers thereto have been read over to me; and that they are the same that I gave and are true.

I do also make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity, against all Enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Witness my hand,

Sworn before me at *Westminster* at *10* o'clock, *10* M. this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* *1853* One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty *third*

*Augustus Poole* Signature of the Recruit.  
*John Cooper Esq. 12<sup>th</sup> Street* Witness present.

Signature of the Magistrate *James*

**ARTICLES OF WAR.**

*FORTIETH and FORTY-SIXTH ARTICLES of the SECOND SECTION.*

40th.— Any Officer or Soldier, who shall begin, excite, cause, or join in any Mutiny or Sedition in any of Our Land or Marine Forces, or in any Party, Post, Detachment or Guard, on any pretence whatever; or who being present at any Mutiny or Sedition, shall not use his utmost endeavour to suppress the same; or who coming to the knowledge of any Mutiny or intended Mutiny, shall not, without delay, give information thereof to his Commanding Officer—or,

46th.— Who shall desert from Our Service, (whether or not he shall re-enlist in the same), shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as by a General Court Martial shall be awarded.

*Certificate of Attesting Justice.*

*Widdowes* } I *Thomas James Widdowes* one of Her Majesty's Justices  
To wit, } of the Peace of *Sturton's Bourne*  
do hereby certify, that in my presence all the foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit  
*Augustus Poole* that the Answers written  
opposite to them are those which he gave to me; that the 40th and 46th Articles of the Articles  
of War were read over to him; that he took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity, that he received  
the sum of *Five Shillings and Sixpence* on being attested  
this day; that he was not attested until Twenty-four Hours had elapsed after he had received  
enlisting Money; that *Westminster* the place where he swears that he  
enlisted, is in the vicinity of my residence, or within the division or district or place for which I  
act, and that I am not an Officer of the Army; and that I have given him a Duplicate of this  
Certificate, signed with my name.

*Thomas James Widdowes* } Signature of the  
Magistrate.

*Description of Augustus Poole*

Age, apparently *Eighteen Years*  
Height *5* Feet *6* Inches  
Complexion *Fresh*  
Eyes *Blue*  
Hair *Brown*  
Any distinctive Mark

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.**

*ON ENLISTMENT.*

I have examined the above-named Recruit, and find that he has no Rupture nor Mark of any old Wound or Ulcer adhering to the Bone; he is free from Varicose Veins of the Legs, and has the full Power of Motion of the Joints and Limbs: He is well formed, and has no Scrofulous Affection of the Glands, Scall'd Head, or other inveterate Cutaneous Eruptions; and he is free from any trace of Corporal Punishment, and not marked as a Deserter with the letter D. His Respiration is easy, and his Lungs appear to be sound. He has the perfect use of his Eyes and Ears. His general appearance is healthy, and he possesses Strength sufficient to enable him to undergo the fatigue to which Soldiers are liable. I consider him fit for Her Majesty's Service. He has the following particular Marks or Scars:

Dated at *London* this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 185*2*. Signature of *W. Widdowes*  
Surgeon.

*ON INTERMEDIATE APPROVAL.*

Re-examined by me at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 185*2*, and I consider him \_\_\_\_\_ for Service

*ON FINAL APPROVAL.*

Confirmed, *W. Widdowes* Surgeon to \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment, \_\_\_\_\_

*Certificate of Commanding Officer.*

*Augustus Poole* having been finally approved, I have caused his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed Particular to be recorded in the Regimental Register, with the No. affixed to his Name; and I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation, and that the forms required by the Mutiny Act appear to have been complied with. *W. Widdowes* Surgeon  
Date *13<sup>th</sup> March 1852* Signature of Officer *W. Widdowes* Commanding.

\* The Duplicate given to the Recruit should be an exact counterpart of the Questions, Answers, and Magistrate's Certificate in the Attestation.



Regiment 15<sup>th</sup> Lancs  
Name Augustus "Bob" [unclear]  
Date 16<sup>th</sup> March 1853

I hereby Certify that the above named  
was enlisted at Westminster  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1853  
John Cooper Esq. 15<sup>th</sup> Lancs  
and that he was inspected by me, and I consider him  
in every respect fit for Her Majesty's Service, and that  
I have examined this Attestation and find it properly  
filled up.

J. W. [unclear] Esq.  
Substitution Officer,  
Recruiting Service.  
H. [unclear]  
Intermediately approved at London  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1853

[W. O. Form 39 A.]

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## SOURCE INFORMATION

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**Rank:** Private  
**Regiment:** 12th Royal Regiment of Lancers  
**Regiment Number:** 1355  
**Piece Number:** 1297  
**Series:** WO 97: Royal Hospital Chelsea: Soldiers Service Documents  
**Service Date:** 1853 - 1856  
**Birth Place:** Carrington, Nottingham  
**Birth Date:** [Blank]  
**Age:** 18  
**Conflict Period:** Crimean War  
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**Medium Description:** The Royal Hospital Chelsea was the administrative office for the British army and has been responsible for distributing pension payments to British soldiers since the 1680s. While some pensioners surrendered their pension to the hospital and lived within the premises (in-pensioners), many more lived outside the confines and received their pensions elsewhere (out-pensioners). By 1815, there were already 36,757 out-pensioners and they remained under military discipline to some extent; they formed a reserve pool to be called on in case of wartime emergency or domestic crisis. Documents after 1883 usually contain fuller particulars, such as next of kin and details of marriage and children. The attestation and discharge documents constitute the most detailed record of a soldier's service. These records usually give particulars of age, birthplace, service (including any decorations), information about physical description, previous occupation on enlistment and the reason given for discharge to pension. After 1883, most soldiers will appear in these records if they survived their service.  
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