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Ontario  
Canada  
N2V 2C4

Our reference:

D/APC/HD/88657

Date: 10/01/2023

Dear Mr Crouch

Arthur Victor Biggs

I am enclosing copies of the contents of the service file of the above named and I hope you will find these interesting. A list of abbreviations is enclosed to assist you and is also available at the following link <https://www.army.mod.uk/people/joining-the-army/army-personnel-centre/>

You have been provided with all the information that we hold about the subject of your enquiry and this office is not resourced to carry out additional research. However, you may find the following addresses useful sources of additional general information:

National Archives  
Ruskin Avenue  
Kew  
Richmond  
Surrey TW9 4DU

Imperial War Museum  
Lambeth Road  
London SE1 6HZ

MOD Medal Office  
Building 250  
Imjin Barracks  
Gloucester  
GL3 1HW

Tel: 020 8876 3444

Tel: 020 7416 5000

Tel: 0800 085 3600

Web site  
[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

Web site [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

Email:  
[dbm-medals@mod.gov.uk](mailto:dbm-medals@mod.gov.uk)

You can visit the National Archives to do your own research (you will have to provide some form of identification in order to obtain a reader's ticket), or the National Archives will do the research for you for a fee. Alternatively, the website has a list of independent researchers who you can employ.

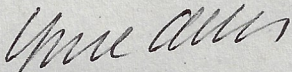
Information on the regiment itself may be held in the Imperial War Museum. If you wish to view a particular regimental history an appointment is necessary and should be booked at least 5 working days in advance.

Regimental and corps museums can also be a useful source of additional information and the Army Museums Ogilby Trust website at [www.armymuseums.org.uk](http://www.armymuseums.org.uk). provides contact details for them all.

Only the Ministry of Defence Medal Office can verify details concerning entitlement to campaign medals and you should contact them directly if you have any queries.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely



Yvonne Allan  
Administrative Officer  
Historical Disclosures

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact Disclosures Manager, Army Personnel Centre, Mail Point 527, Kentigern House, 65 Brown Street, Glasgow G2 8 EX in the first instance.

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Industry Letters. ZE

Army Form B 200d.

Civil  
Registration Number

CEWH99-3 ✓



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# TERRITORIAL ARMY RECORD OF SERVICE PAPER

of a man deemed to have been enlisted into the TERRITORIAL ARMY for the duration of the Emergency under the provisions of the NATIONAL SERVICE (ARMED FORCES) ACT, 1939.

Army Number 6293245

Name BIGGS ALBERT VICTOR

(To be entered in BLOCK CAPITALS, surname first.)

Unit Posted to THE BUFFS 7th

## Questions to be put to the man on joining Unit to which he is posted.

1. What is your full name and permanent postal address?  
1. ALBERT VICTOR  
(Christian Names)  
BIGGS  
(Surname)  
101 Yoxley Drive  
(Address)  
Eastern Ave. Bedford
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
2. In the Parish of ...  
in or near the Town of Wood Green  
in the County of London
3. (a) Are you a British subject? ...  
(b) Nationality of parents at birth ...  
3. (a) YES  
(b) Father English  
Mother English
4. What is the date of your birth? ...  
4. 19.5.20
5. Are you married, widower, or single? ...  
5. Single
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 Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Force or Army, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Auxiliary Air Force, any Naval Reserve Force, or to any Dominion or Colonial Force? If so, \*state particulars of ALL engagements.  
6. NO
7. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Senior Division of the Officers Training Corps? If so, state:—  
(a) Contingent ...  
(b) Arm of the service ...  
(c) Date of joining ...  
(d) Date of leaving ...  
7. (a) Contingent ...  
(b) Arm of the Service ...  
(c) Date of joining ...  
(d) Date of leaving ...
8. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?  
8. YES
9. Are you insured under the National Health Insurance Act? If so, state (a) Name of Society; (b) Branch; (c) Membership No.  
9. (a) Name of Society Prudential  
(b) Branch ...  
(c) Membership No. 9964801
10. Are you insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act?  
10. YES

I, Albert Victor Biggs, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Signature of Man.

Signature of Witness.

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\* If so the man is to be asked the particulars of his former service and to produce, if possible, all certificates issued on Discharge, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.:— (Name) ... deemed to have been enlisted in the Territorial Army, under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, on the (Date) ...  
NOTE.—Royal Naval, Marine or Air Force Certificates are not to be endorsed.



No Will  
7.9.43/Rob

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 6293245 Name BIGGS ALBERT V.

No. of Part II Order or other Authority.	Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties.	Rank.	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries.
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Deemed to have been enlisted 17-7-40.

*Corps* 17-7-40

Post 7th In The Buffs. Lt. 17-7-40. 10-6-41

KILLED IN ACTION (M.E. Sicily) 10-9-43.

Auth 202E/26.268. d/ 31.8.43.

H. J. Anderson Major  
for D. 1/4 Infantry Records, Ashford.

6357

2777315

**IDENTIFICATION OF BIGGS ALBERT V. ON JOINING.**

Height ... .. 5 ft. 9 1/2 ins.  
 Weight ... .. 182 lbs.  
 Eyes..... Grey  
 Hair..... Brown  
 Chest measurement } Girth, when fully expanded .. } 31 ins.  
 } Range of expansion 2 1/2 ins.  
 Religious denomination... C.E.

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.  
*Birth mark inner R Leg*

**MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION ON ENLISTMENT.**

Grade... I Best for Visceri Binocul  
 - II. Viscer.

**TRADE CLASSIFICATION ON ENLISTMENT**  
 as determined by Ministry of Labour

*Blank*

**MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.**

Service at Home and Abroad

Country.	From	To	Years.	Days.
<i>HOME</i>	<i>17-7-40</i>	<i>25-11-42</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>132</i>
<i>BEF. N. Africa</i>	<i>26-11-42</i>	<i>9-8-43</i>		<i>257</i>
			<i>3</i>	<i>24</i>

Initials of Official making the Entry.

Army School and other certificates of education

Passed Classes of Instruction†  
 † This includes any authorised class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, chiropody, &c.

Campaigns (including actions) medals and decorations

**1939-45 STAR**  
**AFRICA STAR** *1st Army Clasp*  
**ITALY STAR**  
**AWARDED WAR MEDAL 1939/45.**

STAR CLASP  
 B. 2 DEC 1949  
 108 ME SSUF

Wounded ... ..

Effects of wounds ... ..

Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches.

Injuries in or by the Service ... ..

0. Registration Number **2777315**

1. Surname **BIGGS**

3. Army Number **6, 293, 245**

2. Christian Names **Albert Victor**

4. Regiment or Corps **THE BUFFS 151**

5. Nature of Engagement **A.C.**

6. Date of Joining (Army Class) or Date of Enlistment (Others) **17-7-40**

7. Date of Birth **19-5-20**

8. Nationality or Dual Nationality **Ir**

9. Religion **C.E.**

10. Industry Group **Z.E.** 11. Occupational Classification **173-13**

12. Cause of becoming Non-effective **KILLED IN ACTION July**  
12 (a) Date **9-8-43**

13. Single or Married **S**

14. Home Town and County (U.K.) or Country (abroad) **Alford Essex**

A. Rank	<b>PL</b>
B. Service Trade	
C. Medical Category	<b>A1</b>
D.	
E.	
F.	

Part II Order

10-6-41 100

Part II Order	Postings	Offr's Inits.	Part II Order	Postings	Offr's Inits.	Part II Order	Promotions	Offr's Inits.
372/41	POSTED 1-2-41	MA						
Em Roll.	Draft RBWFZ.	⊗						
536	26-11-42							
5th Pm.	XV							
4X/42 No.	No. 100 6-12-42	July						
10/43	5684 4.2.43							

Entry Date.

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