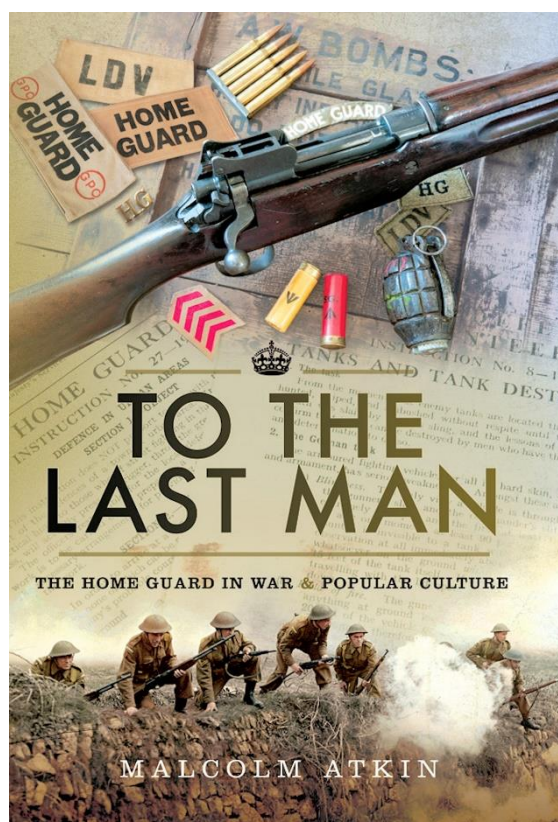


# To the Last Man

## The Home Guard in War and Popular Culture

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The announcement of the formation of the Local Defence Volunteers (LDV) on the evening of 14 May 1940 followed four days of hectic negotiation between Home Forces and the Adjutant-General's department of the War Office. Anthony Eden's radio broadcast (Appendix 1.1) pre-empted the issue of official instructions to the regional commands and the Lords Lieutenant, causing considerable local confusion, and also the order establishing the legal basis of the LDV (Appendix 1.2 – 1.4). The LDV and Home Guard enrolment forms, sometimes accompanied by other correspondence, are a trove of information but are not generally accessible. To date, the National Archives have released redacted versions of the forms for Durham but otherwise they are usually only available on an individual basis to relatives of former Home Guards. Of particular interest is the information they contain regarding age and previous service, and also details of service with the Auxiliary Units. Appendix 1.5 is particularly interesting as a copy of the form for George Fletcher, accepted into Cheshire LDV on 27 July 1940, despite having previously been Commanding Officer of the British Battalion of the International Brigade. Although the police raised no objection on the initial vetting, Fletcher was dismissed in March 1941 with the standard explanation 'Service no longer required' (Appendix 1.6), possible due to increased paranoia of former Brigaders after the experience of MI5 with Ted Edwards (Atkin 2019, p.\*\*). In 1943 Fletcher was re-admitted to the Home Guard and became an officer. Although Home Guard officers were issued with the standard army identity card for officers, volunteers were provided with a locally-produced cards of no standard pattern and with none of the modern security features (Appendix 1.7 – 1.8). Women had served with the Home Guard in non-combat support roles on an unofficial basis from May 1940 but it was only in April 1943 that they were given limited recognition as 'Nominated Women' or Women's Home Guard Auxiliaries with the archaic designation of 'followers of the Armed Forces of the Crown' (Appendix 1.9). The Home Guard were increasingly well-equipped and were determined to present a well-trained image. Appendix 1.10 is an example of a Home Guard Proficiency Certificate.

Another little-used, but valuable, source of Home Guard history is the local Part II Orders. These contain a wealth of information on promotions, transfers and other administrative details. Contrary to the myth of Auxiliary Units secrecy, they can also include the service records of members of the Auxiliary Units (Appendix 1.11 and 1.12). Appendices 1.13 - 1.15 reproduce the warning order and notice of disbandment of the Auxiliary Units and the formal Home Guard certificate of appreciation. The certificate for the Women's Home Guard Auxiliaries, of overtly lesser status, is illustrated in 1.16. The existence of a Home Guard in the 1950s is often forgotten but Appendix 1.17 reproduces a commission from the new monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, to an officer of the Home Guard in 1952.

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## 1.1 Anthony Eden's broadcast on BBC, 14 May 1940

At 9.10pm on Tuesday, May 14th, 1940, The Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, MP, Secretary of State for War in Churchill's new government, broadcast the following appeal on the BBC, for men to volunteer for the Local Defence Volunteers. It had been written by Eden and General Kirke, C-in-C Home Forces. The German invasion of the Low Countries and France had been underway for just four days. The response to the speech was extraordinary. Within 24 hours, 250,000 men had volunteered to join the Local Defence Volunteers, later to become the Home Guard.

I want to speak to you tonight about the form of warfare which the Germans have been employing so extensively against Holland and Belgium - namely, the dropping of troops by parachute behind the main defensive lines. Let me say at once that the danger to us from this particular menace, although it undoubtedly exists, should not be exaggerated. We have made preparations to meet it already.

Let me describe to you the system under which these parachute raids are carried out. The troops arrive by aeroplane - but let it be remembered that any such aeroplane seeking to penetrate here would have to do so in the teeth of the Anti-Aircraft defences of this country. If such penetration is effected, the parachutists are then dropped - it may be by day - it may be by night. These troops are specially armed, equipped and some of them have undergone specialised training. Their function is to seize important points such as aerodromes, power stations, villages, railway junctions and telephone exchanges - either for the purpose of destroying them at once or of holding them until the arrival of reinforcements. The purpose of the parachute attack is to disorganise and confuse; as a preparation for the landing of troops by aircraft.

The success of such an attack depends on speed. Consequently, the measures to defeat such an attack must be prompt and rapid. It is upon this basis that our plans have been laid. You will not expect me to tell you, or the enemy, what our plans are but we are confident that they will be effective. However, in order to leave nothing to chance and to supplement, from sources as yet untapped, the means of defence already arranged, we are going to ask you to help us in a manner which I know will be welcome to thousands of you. Since the war began, the Government have received countless enquiries from all over the Kingdom from men of all ages who are, for one reason or another, not at present engaged in military service and who wish to do something for the defence of the country.

Now is your opportunity. We want large numbers of such men in Great Britain, who are British subjects between the ages of 17 and 65, to come forward now and offer their service in order to make assurance doubly sure. The name of the new force, which is now to be raised, will be the 'Local Defence Volunteers'. This name, Local Defence Volunteers, describes its duties in three words. It must be understood that this is, so to speak, a spare-time job - so there will be no need for any volunteer to abandon his present occupation.

Part-time members of existing civil defence organisations should ask their officers' advice before registering under the scheme. Men who will ultimately become due for calling up under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act may join temporarily and will be released to join the Army when they are required to serve. Now a word to those who propose to volunteer. When on duty, you will form part of the Armed Forces and your period of service will be for the duration of the war. You will not be paid but you will receive uniform and will be armed. You will be entrusted with certain vital duties - for which reasonable fitness and a knowledge of firearms are necessary. These duties will not require you to live away from your homes. In order to volunteer, what you have to do is to give in your name at your local police station; and then, as and when we want you, we will let you know.

This appeal is directed chiefly to those who live in small towns, villages and less densely inhabited suburban areas. I must warn you that, for certain military reasons, there will be some localities where the numbers required will be small and others where your services will not be required at all. Here, then, is the opportunity for which so many of you have

been waiting. Your loyal help, added to the arrangements which already exist, will make and keep our country safe.

*Anthony Eden*

## **1.2 War Office Instructions for LDV, Wednesday 15 May 1940.**

(TNA WO 199/1885)

Ref. 8560 (A.G.1A) 15/5

1. As stated in S. of S.'s broadcast, Government have decided to form unpaid Local Defence Volunteer Force for local defence in U.K. excluding Northern Ireland.
2. Force will be organised by existing military areas. There will be at HQ Home Forces, a GSO I, at Command HQ (excluding AA Command and Aldershot Command) a GSO II, and at Area HQ a GSO III. Each of these HQ will select provisionally the officers for these posts and forward the names in due course to the Military Secretary, War Office, for confirmation. In addition, at each Area Headquarters there will be an unpaid Area Organiser.
3. Each military area will be divided into Zones, and each Zone will contain a number of groups. An unpaid volunteer organiser will be in charge of each Zone and each Group. Area Commanders will immediately get in touch with Regional Commissioners, and with their help will divide the Area into Zones and Groups.
4. The Area Commander in consultation with the Lord Lieutenant will appoint a volunteer area organiser, and volunteer organisers to take charge of the Zones and Groups.
5. Area Commanders will inform Zone and Group Organisers of the number of volunteers to be raised in each Group. The number will depend on:-
  - A) The rifles allotted.
  - B) Whether it is necessary to allot more than one man to a rifle.
  - C) The number of other suitable weapons available locally.C.-in-C., Home Forces will indicate to Commands the number of rifles available for their areas. Areas will sub-allot these rifles to Zones and Groups.
7. Zone and Group Organisers will establish their HQ, and the Group Organiser will proceed to select men, from the list at local Police Stations, in preparation for enrolment. Details of procedure of enrolment will be forwarded later.
8. The qualifications of volunteers will be as follows:-
  - A) They must be men between the ages of 17 and 65.
  - B) They must be British subjects.
  - C) They must be of reasonable physical fitness.(Unpaid personnel of the Civil Defence Services may register their names but will not be enrolled unless they have previously obtained the written permission of their civil leaders.)
9. Group organisers will be responsible for safeguarding of arms, and ammunition, which may be stored with the nearest military unit, if one exists in the locality, or at a TA Drill Hall, or local police station.
10. The services of volunteers, including voluntary Area, Zone and Group Organisers will be unpaid. The issue of free petrol for necessary official journeys may be allowed for Area, Zone and Group Organisers in approved cases. Detailed instructions will be issued later. Provision will be made for a scale of compensation for volunteers who are injured while on duty. No rations will be provided.

Uniform of the denim overall type and field service caps will be available on loan to personnel while on duty.

11. Addressed to Aldershot, Eastern, Northern, Southern and Scottish Commands by teleprinter. London, East Anglian, Home Counties, Chatham, Northumbrian, Yorkshire, North Midland, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Highland, Southern, South Western, Salisbury Plain, Portsmouth, South Midland, East Lancs, W. Lancs., N. Wales and S. Wales Areas and Orkney and Shetland Defences by telegram.  
Repeated Hofor, London, Antacor, Stanmore and general Belfast by teleprinter  
Repeated Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney Districts by telegram.

**1.3 Defence (Local Defence Volunteers) Regulations, 17 May 1940.**  
(TNA 199/3242)

**(DEFENCE)**  
**STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS**  
**1940 No. 748**  
**EMERGENCY POWERS (DEFENCE)**  
**Local Defence Volunteers**

THE DEFENCE (LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS) REGULATIONS,  
At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of May,

PRESENT,  
The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty, in pursuance of section one of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following Regulations shall have effect :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Local Defence Volunteers) Regulations, 1940.
2. (1) There shall be established a force to be called the Local Defence Volunteers consisting of such male British subjects \* as may, in accordance with instructions issued by the Army Council, voluntarily undertake to serve therein without pay, and be accepted for such service.  
  
(2) The period for which persons may be enrolled to serve in the Local Defence Volunteers and the conditions of their service therein shall be such as may be prescribed by instructions issued by the Army Council, and such instructions shall make provision for matters relating to the Local Defence Volunteers and in particular, for their organization, government, training, and duties:  
Provided that such instructions shall not require members of the Local Defence Volunteers –
  - (a) to give whole time service; or
  - (b) to live away from their homes; or
  - (c) to enroll for a period exceeding the period of the present emergency ;and shall provide for enabling the service of any member to be determined by competent authority at any time, or at his own request by fourteen days' notice in writing given by him.
- (3) Members of the Local Defence Volunteers shall be members of the armed forces of the Crown and every such member shall, notwithstanding that he may hold any rank or commission in any other of His Majesty's forces, be subject to military law as a soldier, and accordingly the Army Act shall have effect as if after paragraph (8A) of section one hundred and seventy-six thereof there were inserted the following paragraph :-  
“(8B) All members of the Local Defence Volunteers; “
- (4) In this Regulation the expression " the period of the present emergency " means the period ending with such date as His Majesty may by Order in Council declare to be the date on which the emergency

that was the occasion of the passing of the Armed Forces (Conditions of Service) Act, 1939, came to an end.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

\* Amended 4 September 1940 to replace 'British subjects' with 'Persons'.

#### **1.4 Supplementary War Office Instructions, 18 May 1940.**

(TNA WO 199/1885)

Ref. 27/Gen/2594 (A.G.1.A.)

SIR,

1. I am commanded by the Army Council to refer to War Office Teleprinter message 8560 (A.G.1.A.) dated 15th May, 1940, in connection with the formation of an unpaid Local Defence Volunteer Force.
2. Force will form part of the Armed Forces of the Crown and will be subject to Military Law. But, the intention of the Army Council is that for the purposes of administration, the outstanding features should be simplicity, elasticity and decentralised control, coupled with the minimum of regulations and formalities.
3. There will be no establishment for the Force. There will be no officers nor non-commissioned officers in the ordinary Army sense of these terms. There will be no pay nor other emoluments. The engagement of the volunteer will be for a period not exceeding the duration of the present emergency, but may be terminated by the competent authority at any time, or at his own request on his giving fourteen days' notice in writing.
4. The numbers to be enrolled will depend entirely upon the numbers available and the numbers required. The latter will be fixed by Area Commanders, but it should be remembered that in addition to the total numbers required to bear arms in an emergency, additional personnel will be necessary for clerical and similar administrative duties. Volunteers, when enrolled, will be formed into sections. The normal approximate size of a section (which will be the basic unit) will be ten men, but rigid adherence to this figure is unnecessary. Sections will be grouped into platoons and platoons into companies, according to local defence requirements.
5. Volunteer Area organisers (in conjunction with volunteer Group and Zone organisers) will select, and nominate to the Area Commander, individuals for appointment as Company commanders. The Company commanders will then appoint platoon commanders and section leaders. When the initial organisation has been completed and Company commanders are appointed, the retention of volunteer Area, Group and Zone organisers, referred to in paragraph 4 of War Office urgent postal telegram 8560 (A.G.1.A.) dated 15th May, 1940, will be reconsidered.
6. All appointments will be acting and unpaid. Appointments below that of Company commander will be made or relinquished at the discretion of the Company commander. Appointments of Company commanders and above, and their relinquishments, will be effected on the authority of the Area Commander.
7. No commander of a unit or sub-unit of the Local Defence Volunteer Force will have any power of command over any personnel other than his juniors in the Local Defence Volunteer Force.

8. Enrolment of volunteers on the prescribed form will be effected by Company commanders who are authorised to accept applicants, as soon as possible. When completed, these forms will be kept by the Company commanders. There will be no Record or Pay Office organisation, and no forms, other than the enrolment form (with record of service on the second page thereof), are contemplated at present.  
Relevant extracts from the enrolment forms and any further particulars or records affecting volunteers will be entered into a Company book to be kept by the Company commander, and where it is necessary to do so, extracts from these books will be entered on the volunteer's enrolment form.  
All casualties or appointments will be reported to the Company commander and will be entered on the back of the enrolment form. In the event of known casualties of a serious nature the next of kin will be informed by the Company commander.
9. Volunteers whose conduct has been satisfactory but who may be found to be surplus to requirements, will be granted a discharge under the heading 'Services no longer required - surplus to requirements.' The competent authority for purposes of termination of engagement under this heading will be the Company commander. Instructions in connection with discipline, and termination of engagement for disciplinary reasons will be issued separately.
10. Arms, ammunition and uniform will be issued under Command arrangements to Areas, who will be responsible for arranging their storage, distribution and safeguarding. The utmost care will be exercised in the selection of suitable store places.  
Separate instructions will be issued with regard to the provision of arms, ammunition and uniform.
11. Instructions dealing with travelling, travelling allowances, petrol issues, etc., supplementing those contained in War Office urgent postal telegrams 20/Misc/1763 (F.4.a) dated 17th May, 1940 and 53/Gen/5277 (S.T.2) dated 27th May, 1940, are being issued separately.
12. Claims for compensation on account of disabilities attributable to service will be dealt with under the regulations for the time being in force. Those regulations will provide for the same terms in the case of death or permanent disablement, as are applicable to private soldiers and their dependants.
13. A specimen of an Enrolment Form is attached. Supplies of these forms are being despatched at once direct to Area Head-quarters for distribution to Company commanders.
14. The Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, is responsible for the operational control, organisation and training of the Local Defence Volunteer Force.

I am,  
Sir,  
your obedient Servant,  
G. W. Lambert



Plenty 1,  
569/225

Accepted by Police

Army Form W. 3066.

To be prepared in Original only and forwarded to L.D.V. Area Organizer, Area Headquarters.

FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS.

Name FLETCHER Christian Names John George  
Surname first in Block Capitals.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? 1. John Geo Fletcher
2. What is the date and year of your birth? 2. 11-9-1908
3. What is your address? 3. 41 Mc Laren St. Breme
4. (a) Are you a British subject? 4. (a) Yes  
 (b) Nationality of parents at birth? (b) Father British  
Mother British  
 (c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin. (c) Wife  
41 Mc Laren St. Breme
5. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, The Armed Forces of the Crown? If so, state particulars of all engagements. 5. Yes Lancashire Fusiliers  
12 years
6. Do you understand that if accepted you will become subject to military law and liable to obey such orders as may be given to you in accordance with instructions for the Local Defence Volunteers issued by the Army Council but that those instructions will require you to give part-time service only and will not require you to live away from home? 6. YES
7. Do you understand that your service in the Local Defence Volunteers will be without pay or other emoluments? 7. YES
8. Do you understand that in the event of you incurring a disability attributable to your service, any claim for compensation will be dealt with under the regulations for the time being in force for the purpose which provide in the case of death or permanent disability the same terms as are applicable to private soldiers and their dependants? 8. YES
9. Do you understand that if you are accepted you will engage to serve in the Local Defence Volunteers for a period not exceeding the duration of the present emergency but that during that period your service may be determined in accordance with instructions issued by the Army Council, by competent authority at any time, or at your own request by fourteen days' notice in writing given by you? 9. YES

1.5 Page 1 of LDV enrolment form of 27 July 104- for George Fletcher, formerly CO of the British Battalion, International Brigades. Note that the local police raised no objection to his enrolment. Fletcher declares his service in the British army (Lancashire Fusiliers) but was not required on the form to mention his service in Spain. It would, however, be surprising if his membership of the International Brigades was not known to the local authorities. Fletcher joined 11 ('F') Company, 7th Cheshire Home Guard. (© Helen Cadman)

Discharged on (date) 3/3/41 in consequence of+ Services no longer required PTO 26/3/41

The discharge of the above named is hereby confirmed.

Station Cheshire

Date 20/4/1941

Signature J. Nuttall Assoc  
Cheshire T.A. & A.F. Association

(To be completed by Official competent to confirm discharge)

+ Insert cause of discharge, quoting authority.

1.6 Discharge certificate for George Fletcher, 3 March 1941. Special Branch had presumably finally become aware of his enrolment in the Home Guard. The reason 'Services no longer required' was a standard excuse used by MI5 to remove those considered potential security risks. (© Helen Cadman)

Army Form B.2606.

**MILITARY**  
**IDENTITY CARD No. M 488795**

Surname **FLETCHER**

Surname at Birth **FLETCHER.**

Other Names (and rank or designation) **GEORGE. 2/LIEUT.**

Sex **MALE.**

Unit or occupation **11.(F.) COY. 7<sup>TH</sup> BN. CHESHIRE H.G.**

Address **41 MCLAREN ST, CREWE, CHES.**

Nationality **BRITISH**

Nationality at Birth **BRITISH.**

Second Nationality, if any **—**

Place of Birth **MANCHESTER.**

Year of Birth **1908.**

Issued by **S. D. Douglas Jones**


Signature of **S. D. Douglas Jones**

Visible distinguishing marks

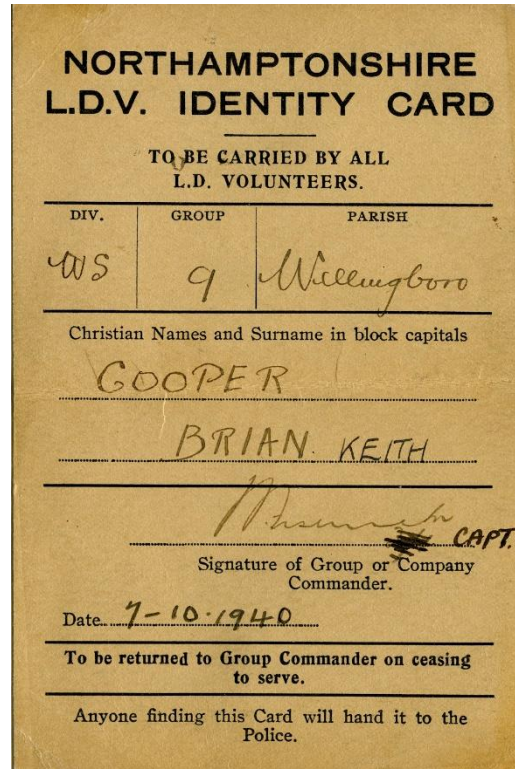
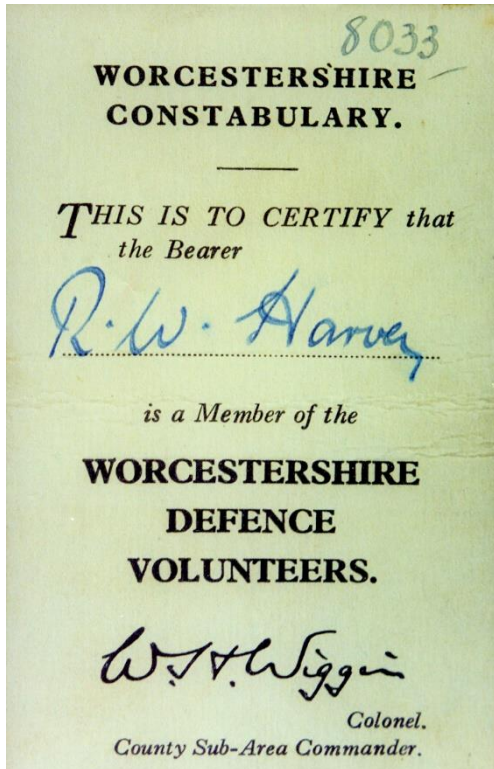
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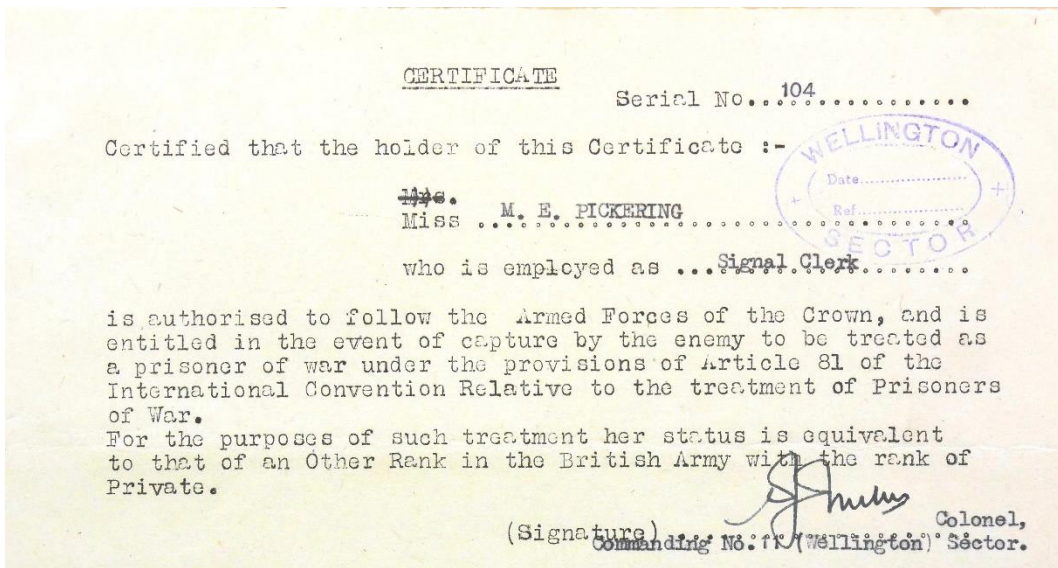
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1.7 George Fletcher was re-admitted to the Home Guard in 1943 and was commissioned into the Home Guard as a second lieutenant in his previous unit within Cheshire Home Guard. Home Guard officers carried the standard army officer's Military Identity Card. (© Helen Cadman)



1.8 There was no standard pattern for LDV or Home Guard Identity Cards. Note that the early Worcestershire example was issued by the local police rather than by the War Office. In Northamptonshire the Home Guard evidently continued to use old stocks of LDV Identity Cards well after the change of name. (Worcestershire card courtesy of Mick Wilks, Northamptonshire card from Author's collection: photographs © Malcolm Atkin)



1.9 Women volunteers did not have a formal Identity Card but the 'Nominated Women' / Women's Home Guard Auxiliaries had a simple paper slip confirming their status as a 'follower of the Armed forces of the Crown', with the equivalent rank of private. This was intended to give a degree of legal protection if captured. Without a recognisable uniform, this would not protect the holder if they were caught bearing arms. (TNA WO 199 3443: © National Archives)

A.F.W. 4026.

## Certificate of Proficiency

### HOME GUARD

On arrival at the Training Establishment, Primary Training Centre or Recruit Training Centre, the holder must produce this Certificate at once for the officer commanding, together with Certificate A if gained in the Junior Training Corps or Army Cadet Force.

**PART I.** I hereby certify that (Rank) CPL (Name and initials) PADGHAM, L.R. of "B" Battery 22ND SUSSEX (BREDE) \*Regiment HOME GUARD, has qualified in the Proficiency Badge tests as laid down in the pamphlet "Qualifications for, and Conditions governing the Award of the Home Guard Proficiency Badges and Certificates" for the following subjects:—

Subject	Date	Initials
1. General knowledge (all candidates)	26 JAN '44	EE
2. Rifle	30 JAN '44	EE
3. 36 M Grenade	30 JAN '44	EE
*4. (a) Other weapon <u>STEN GUN</u>	6 FEB '44	EE
(b) Signalling		
*5. (a) Battlecraft, (b) Coast Artillery, (c) Heavy A.A. Bty. work, (d) "Z" A.A. Battery work, (e) Bomb Disposal, (f) Watermanship, (g) M.P.	30 JAN '44	EE
*6. (a) Map Reading, (b) Field works, (c) First Aid	30 JAN '44	EE

Date 30th Jan. 1944 Signature [Signature] MAJOR  
\* President or Member of the Board.

Date 6th Feb. 1944 Signature [Signature] MAJOR  
\* President or Member of the Board.

Date..... 194... Signature.....  
\* President or Member of the Board.

Date..... 194... Signature.....  
\* President or Member of the Board.

Date..... 194... Signature.....  
\* President or Member of the Board.

**PART II.** I certify that (Rank) CPL (Name and initials) PADGHAM, L.R. of "B" Battery 22ND SUSSEX (BREDE) \*Regiment HOME GUARD, having duly passed the Proficiency tests in the subjects detailed above in accordance with the pamphlet and is hereby authorized to wear the Proficiency Badge as laid down in Regulations for the Home Guard, Vol. 1, 1942, para 41d.

Date 1.7.FEB.1944 Signature [Signature] **LIEUT. COL.**  
 Commanding 22ND SUSSEX (BREDE) BN H.G.

**PART III.** If the holder joins H.M. Forces, his Company or equivalent Commander will record below any particulars which he considers useful in assessing the man's value on arrival at the T.E., P.T.C., R.T.C., e.g., service, rank, duties on which employed, power of leadership, etc.

Date..... 194... Signature.....  
\* Delete where not applicable. O.C.

1.10 Home Guard Certificate of Proficiency issued to Corporal Padgham, 22nd Battalion, Sussex Home Guard. (© Malcolm Atkin)

7TH WORCESTER (MALVERN) BN. HOME GUARD.

*you*

Part Two Orders: No. 35. dated 22nd October, 1941.

No. NAME Coy. Particulars of Casualty

1) Aux. Patrol (attached 7th Worces. (Malvern) Bn. Home Guard Hqrs: 1.10.41.

3527/2	✓ Lt. L.E. Van Moppes	Ombersley
3550/2	✓ Lt. E.E. Van Koopes	
3528/2	✓ Vol V. Poland	
3310	✓ R.V. Clines Sgt.	Powick
3293	✓ R.H. Boaz	"
3190	✓ W.A. King	"
3274	✓ A.V. Clines	"
3197	✓ P. Lester <i>Cancelled Part Orders No 52.</i>	"
3255	✓ Sgt. G.A. Devereaux	"
3677	✓ Vol. R. Smith	Crowle
3693	✓ J. Wythes	"
3679	✓ J.I. Thomas	"
3147	✓ J.B. Badger	"
3686	✓ M.H. Inband	"
3685	✓ A.J. Holt	"
3424	✓ A.S. Barlett	Knightwick
3416	✓ G. Dalley	"
3389	✓ R.F. Mason	"
3437	✓ W.F. Jauncey	"
3447	✓ A.G. Jeynes	"
3476	✓ W.J. Plaskett	"

2) ENROLMENTS.

3868/5	✓ Dowglass G.E.P.	Malvern enrolled	7.10.41.
3869/5	✓ Scurr G.N.	"	7.10.41.
3870/5	✓ Read J.A.N.	"	7.10.41.
3871/5	✓ Munslow H.M.	"	8.10.41.
3872/5	✓ Newman J.W.	"	8.10.41.
3873/5	✓ Anstey E.H.	"	8.10.41.
3876/5	✓ Bourcier L.G.	"	13.10.41.
3877/5	✓ Talbot C.H.	"	15.10.41.
3878/5	✓ Wright A.J.	"	15.10.41.
3879/5	✓ Dobson R.E.	"	15.10.41.
3880/5	✓ Taylor P.J.	"	15.10.41.
3881/5	✓ Gent M.J.	"	15.10.41.
3882/5	✓ Walling R.N.M.	"	15.10.41.
3884/5	✓ Babs F.G.	"	17.10.41.
3885/5	✓ Shakespeare W.G.	"	17.10.41.
3886/5	✓ Harrison F.	"	21.10.41.
3071/3	✓ Bennett F.S.	Upton	11.10.41.
3296/1	✓ Pocknell L.C.	Powick	8.10.41.
3297/1	✓ Tabberer A.	"	15.10.41.
3298/1	✓ Chilcott W.H.	"	15.10.41.
3299/1	✓ Tabberer S.	"	15.10.41.
330/1	✓ Willis A.E.	"	15.10.41.
3372/1	✓ Rollings C.,	Knightwick	15.10.41.

1.11 Part II Orders, 7th (Malvern) Battalion, Worcestershire Home Guard for 22 October 1941. This clearly details the officers and volunteers of the Auxiliary Units patrols in the area. (courtesy of the former Army Medal Office)

7TH WORC. (MALVERN) BN. HOME GUARD.

SHEET ONE *four*

PART TWO ORDERS. NO. 37. dated 18.11.41.

No	NAME	COY.	PARTICULARS OF CASUALTY.
<u>1) Enrolments.</u>			
3875/5	Elkington G.W.	Malvern	enrolled 11.11.41.
3883/5	Samsom J.	Malvern	" 11.11.41.
3887/5	Robert H.A.	Malvern	" 12.11.41.
3888/5	Morris E.V.	Malvern	" 18.11.41.
3074/3	Spiers D.E.	Upton	" 10.11.41.
3075/3	Spiers K.H.	Upton	" 10.11.41.
3079/3	Wellon J.C.	Upton	" 17.11.41.
3080/3	Couchman H.J.	Upton	" 18.11.41.
3078/3	Long A.	Upton	" 17.11.41.
3077/3	Edmondson E.B.	Upton	" 17.11.41.
3076/3	Hall H.G.	Upton	" 17.11.41.
3306/1	Cavanagh J.B.	Powick	" 14.11.41.
3374/1	Pugh F.J.	Knightwick	" 17.11.41.
3631/2	Jacobs C.A.	Ombersley	" 10.11.41.
3632/2	Jones J.O.	Ombersley	" 10.11.41.
3633/2	Roberts C.J.	Ombersley	" 10.11.41.
3634/2	Davis W.	Ombersley	" 10.11.41.
3635/2	Newton E.	Ombersley	" 10.11.41.
3636/2	Robinson J.	Ombersley	" 10.11.41.
3825/1	Sinnett E.C.	Crowle	" 11.11.41.
3826/1	Busby H.H.S.	Crowle	" 14.11.41.
<u>2) Discharges.</u>			
3188	Hope C.W.	Powick	discharged after 14 dys notice 15.11.41.
3273	Howell H.	Powick	" " " " " 15.11.41.
3314	Farmer A.	Powick	" " " " " 15.11.41.
3323	Russell A.H.	Powick	" " " " " 15.11.41.
3182/1	Townsend C.	Powick	" " " " " 15.11.41.
3184/1	Reeves L.T.	Powick	" " " " " 15.11.41.
3272/1	Freddee J.	Powick	" " " " " 15.11.41.
3189	Lawrence E.	Powick	joined H.M. Forces 15.11.41.
3249	Withey F.R.	Powick	" " " " 15.11.41.
3260	Chamberlain W.G.	Powick	" " " " 15.11.41.
3290	Hodgetts W.	Powick	" " " " 15.11.41.
3275/1	Nash W.	Powick	" " " " 15.11.41.
3223	Hunt W.J.	Powick	" " " " 7.11.41.
3504	Johnson Sgt.D.J.	Ombersley	discharged after 14 dys notice 8.11.41.
3506/1	Grubb Vol.W.G.	Ombersley	" " " " " 8.11.41.
3578	Wood W.P.	Ombersley	joined Army 8.11.41.
3505/2	Merrick T.	Ombersley	left district 8.11.41.
3754/1	Walton T.	Crowle	dis. after 14 days notice 10.11.41.
3725/1	Reeves G.H.	Crowle	dis. joined R.A.F. 12.11.41.
<u>3) Transfers.</u>			
3373/1	Vol. Bowdler T.F.	Knightswick	trans. to 1st Worc. Bn. H.G. 10.11.41.
3568/1	Vol. Jackson H.S.	Ombersley	trans. to Aux. Patrol 27.10.41.
3389	Mason R.F.		trans. from Aux. patrol to Knightwick Coy. 9.11.41.
3496	Phillips H.K.		trans. from Knightwick to Aux. Patrol: 9.11.41.
3052/3	Flowers F.		died 17.10.41. Upton Coy.
3910	Boughty H.		Cpl: trans. to H.Qrs. from Malvern Coy. 18.11.41.
<u>4) Corrections.</u>			
3836	Grosvenor A.C.E.	Malvern:	should read "Grosvenor T" Part Two Orders No. 36. <i>Military Service 6/41</i>
3875/5	Gillen A.R.	trans. from 1st Worc. Bn. H.G. to 7th Worc. (Malvern) Bn. H.G.:	should read 3301/1: Powick Coy.
3874/5	Reynolds L.A.	trans. from 1st Worc. Bn. H.G. to 7th Worc. (Malvern) Bn. H.G.:	should read 3302/1: Powick Coy. pt. 2 Orders No. 35: 22.10.41.

*F. Spawcett*  
Lt. Colonel  
Cdg. 7th Worc. (Malvern) Bn. Home Guard.

1.12 Part II Orders, 7th (Malvern) Battalion, Worcestershire Home Guard for 18 November 1941. This includes notice of transfers in and out of the Knightwick patrol of the Auxiliary Units amongst other administrative announcements of the Home Guard. (courtesy of the former Army Medal Office)

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The Commander,  
GHQ Auxiliary Units.  
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In view of the improved war situation, it has been decided by the War Office that the Operational Branch of Auxiliary Units shall stand down, and the time has now come to put an end to an organisation which would have been of inestimable value to this country in the event of invasion.

All ranks under your command are aware of the secret nature of their duties. For that reason it has not been possible for them to receive publicity, nor will it be possible even now. So far from considering this to be a misfortune, I should like all members of Auxiliary Units to regard it as a matter of special pride.

I have been much impressed by the devotion to duty and high standard of training shown by all ranks. The careful preparations, the hard work undertaken in their own time, and their readiness to face the inevitable dangers of their role, are all matters which reflect the greatest credit on the body of picked men who form the Auxiliary Units.

I should be glad, therefore, if my congratulations and best wishes could be conveyed to all ranks.

(Signed) E.E. Franklyn

GHQ Home Forces.  
18th November, 1944.

General  
Commander-in-Chief

1.13 Letter of Colonel Douglas, CO of GHQ Auxiliary Units, 18 November 1944 to patrol leaders, advising them of the imminent disbandment of the organization. Issued to John Thornton, Herefordshire Auxiliary Units. (© Malcolm Atkin)

From:- Colonel F.W.R. Douglas.

To:- The Members of Auxiliary Units - Operational Branch.

The War Office has ordered that the Operational side of Auxiliary Units shall stand down! This is due to the greatly improved War situation and the strategic requirements of the moment.

I realize what joining Auxiliary Units has meant to you; so do the officers under my command. You were invited to do a job which would require more skill and coolness, more hard work and greater danger, than was demanded of any other voluntary organization. In the event of "Action Stations" being ordered you knew well the kind of life you were in for. But that was in order; you were picked men; and others, including myself, knew that you would continue to fight whatever the conditions, with, or if necessary without, orders.

It now falls to me to tell you that your work has been appreciated and well carried out, and that your contract, for the moment, is at an end. I am grateful to you for the way you have trained in the last four years. So is the Regular Army. It was due to you that more divisions left this country to fight the battle of France; and it was due to your reputation for skill and determination that extra risk was taken - successfully as it turned out - in the defence arrangements of this country during that vital period. I congratulate you on this reputation and thank you for this voluntary effort.

In view of the fact that your lives depended on secrecy no public recognition will be possible. But those in the most responsible positions at General Headquarters, Home Forces, know what was done; and what would have been done had you been called upon. They know it well, as is emphasized in the attached letter from the Commander-in-Chief. It will not be forgotten.

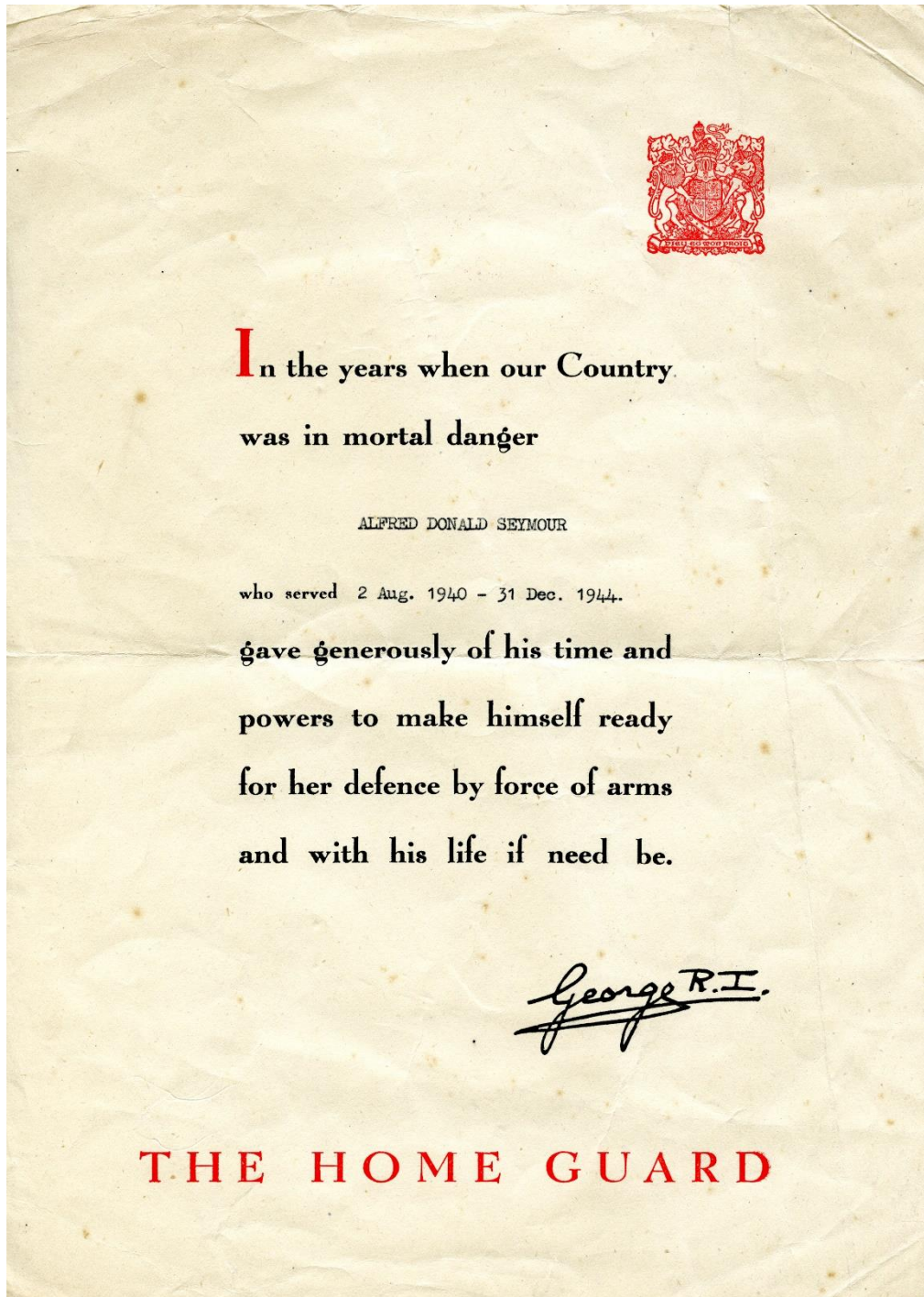
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C/o G.P.O. HIGHWORTH,  
Nr. Swindon (Wilts).



*Frank W. Douglas*  
Colonel,  
Commander,  
Auxiliary Units.

1.14 Letter of Colonel Douglas, CO of GHQ Auxiliary Units, 30 November 1944 to all members of the organization, informing them of the order to stand-down. Issued to John Thornton, Herefordshire Auxiliary Units. Inset: lapel badge available for purchase by Auxiliary Units veterans after the war. (© Malcolm Atkin)





1.15 The Home Guard was formally stood-down on 3 December 1944 and a certificate awarded to the men. This example was issued to Alfred Seymour, Surrey Home Guard. (© Malcolm Atkin)



I have received The King's command  
to express His Majesty's appreciation  
of the loyal service given voluntarily  
to her country in a time of grievous danger  
by

MISS ELIZABETH GRACE BROOKS

as a Woman Home Guard Auxiliary.

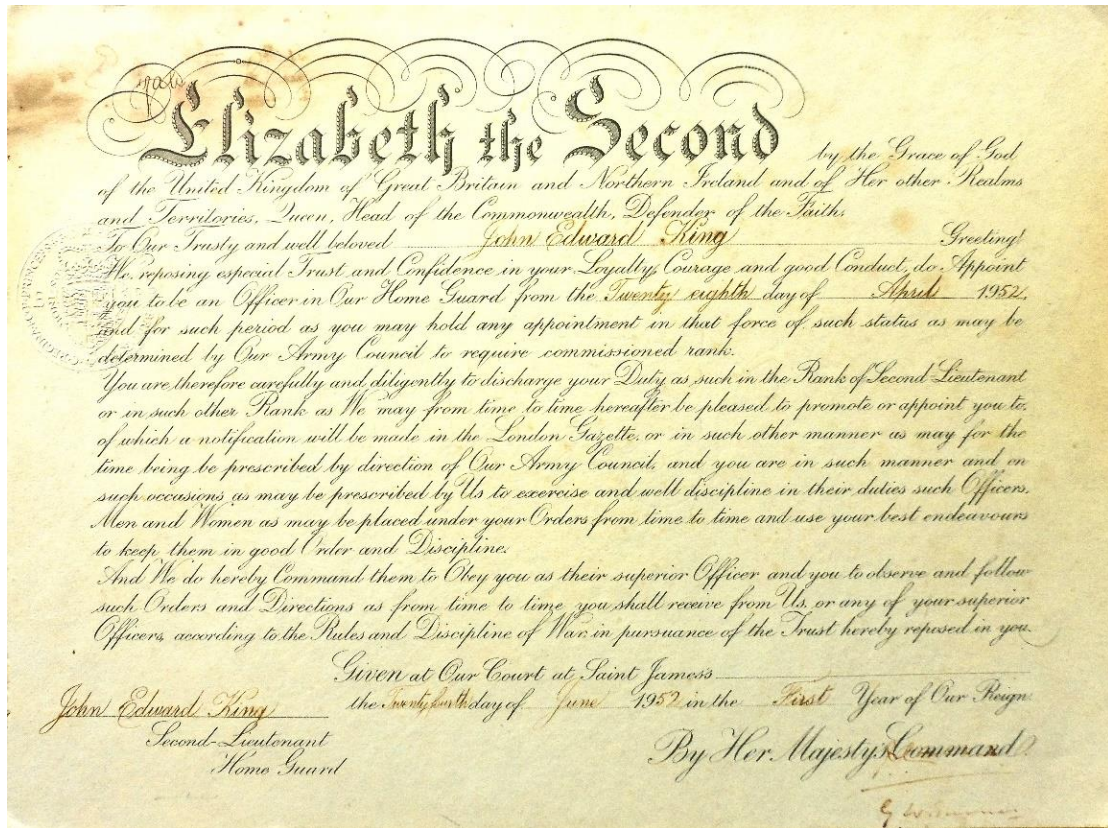
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. G. G. G.'.

Secretary of State  
for War

The War Office,  
London.



1.16 Women's Home Guard Auxiliary Certificate, awarded to Elizabeth Brooks, Intelligence section, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Bedfordshire Home Guard. Although the certificates awarded to the male Home Guard were signed by the King, the women's certificates were only signed by the Secretary of State for War. (© *The Higgins Bedford, BEDFM 2009.14.1*. See [Higgins Blog site](#) for further information). Inset: the plastic badge issued to the Women's Home Guard Auxiliaries as their only item of uniform. (© *Malcolm Atkin*)



1.17 Queen's Commission to Second Lieutenant John King, an officer of the 1952 Home Guard.  
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