NOTICE PAPER—REGULAR ARMY

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(To be used for all enlistments from 1st October, 1957.)

FORM 1

NOTICE TO BE GIVEN UNDER SECTION 2(1) OF THE ARMY ACT, 1955, TO A PERSON OFFERING TO ENLIST IN THE REGULAR FORCES.

This paper sets out the questions you will be required to answer before the officer who will attest you for Her Majesty's Army, and the general conditions of the various engagements.

Under the provisions of Sections 19 and 61 of the Army Act, 1955, if any person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper he is liable to punishment.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE RECRUIT BEFORE ENLISTMENT

Q. 1. What is your name? (a) Christian or Fore Name(s): Roy Norman (b) Surname: VENABLES

Q. 2. What is your address? Middle Street, Kaffenton, Driffield, Yorkshire

Q. 3. State day, month, and year of your birth: 24 . 1 . 41

Q. 4. Where were you born? Parish: Kaffenton Town: Driffield County: Yorkshire

Q. 5. What is your nationality now? British English

Q. 6. What was the nationality at birth of :— (a) yourself? Brit Eng (b) your father? Brit Eng (c) your mother? Brit Eng (d) your wife/husband? —

Q. 7. Are you single, married, widowed, divorced? (State which) Single

Q. 8. How many children are dependent on you? None

Q. 9. What is your trade or calling? Scholar

Q. 10. DO YOU BELONG TO, OR HAVE YOU EVER SERVED IN, Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces or in any Commonwealth Force? If so, state which, and the periods of service and the reasons for and dates of discharge.

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Q. 11. Have you ever been cashiered, dismissed, discharged with disgrace, with ignominy or for misconduct from Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces or from any Commonwealth Force? No

Q. 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes

Q. 13. Have you at any time been found guilty by any civil court of any offence? If so, give particulars. No

Q. 14. Have you ever been rejected for service in Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces or in any Commonwealth Force: if so, on what grounds? No

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENGAGEMENTS

1. You will be required to engage to serve Her Majesty as a soldier in the Regular Forces for such time as is agreed on attestation, provided Her Majesty so long requires your services. You will be liable to serve in any part of the world.

The terms of the engagements which may be open to you are as follows :—

NORMAL REGULAR ENGAGEMENTS

2. *For men—*

(a) *The 22 year engagement with the Colours*

On this engagement you will have the right to be transferred to the army reserve at the end of 6 years, or at the end of 9 years, from the date of your attestation, or to terminate your service at the end of 12 years, or of any succeeding period of 3 years, from that date. Not less than 6 nor more than 12 months' notice must be given if you desire to exercise any of these rights.

If you are one of the persons described in the Schedule set out at the end of these General Conditions you will also have the right to be transferred to the reserve at the end of 3 years from the date of your attestation.

If you exercise a right to be transferred to the army reserve at the end of 6 years of army service you will be required to serve in the reserve for 6 years ; if you exercise the right to be so transferred at the end of 9 years of army service you will be required to serve in the reserve for 3 years.

If you are a person described in the Schedule to these General Conditions and you exercise your right to be transferred to the army reserve at the end of 3 years of army service you will be required to serve in the reserve for 4 years.

You may also be allowed, with the consent of the competent military authority, to be transferred to the army reserve at any time before you have completed 12 years' service with the Colours. Such consent is, however, granted only in exceptional circumstances. If, before you have completed 12 years' service with the Colours, consent is given for you to be transferred to the reserve at a time when you have no right to be so transferred, you will be required to serve in the reserve for the balance of the period of 12 years from the date of your attestation.

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3. *For women—*

(a) *The 22 year engagement with the Colours*

On this engagement you may terminate your service at the end of 3 years or at the end of any subsequent 3 years from the date of your attestation. Not less than 6 nor more than 12 months' notice must be given if you desire to exercise this right.

(b) *The 3 year engagement with the Colours*

You may subsequently change this engagement, if the competent military authority consents, into the 22 year engagement referred to in paragraph 3(a) above or extend your engagement by one or two years at a time up to a total of 12 years from the date of attestation.

4. *For boys—*

(a) *A term of service up to the age of 18 and thereafter 9 years with the Colours and 3 years in the Reserve.*
This engagement is open to all boys.

(b) *A term of service up to the age of 18 and thereafter 6 years with the Colours and 6 years in the Reserve.*
This engagement is not open to apprentice tradesmen, apprentice chefs or to boys for training as bandsmen, drummers, trumpeters, buglers, pipers or for medical duties.

(c) When you have attained the age of 17½ years you may change an engagement referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above, if the competent military authority consents, into the 22 year engagement referred to in paragraph 2 above, or, in exceptional circumstances you may be allowed to extend your service up to 12 years with the Colours. In the case of the engagement referred to in sub-paragraph (b) you may, whether or not you have attained the age of 17½ years and with the consent of the competent military authority, extend your service to complete 9 years with the Colours and 3 years in the Reserve.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS

5. *For men—*

(a) *The S Type engagement*

This engagement is for a term of 6 months or 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 years' colour service. You may apply later to extend up to 12 years.
This engagement is normally only open to persons who are not eligible to enlist on a normal regular engagement by reason of age, length of previous service or other cause.

(b) *The T Type engagement*

This engagement is for a term of 4 years' colour service. It is limited to men to be enlisted as instructors in the Territorial Army or for other special employment.

(c) *The Short Service Special Northern Ireland District engagement*

This engagement is for a term of 2 years' colour service.
It is open only to persons ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland.

6. *For women—*

(a) *The S Type engagement*

This engagement is for a term of 1 or 2 years' colour service. You may apply later to extend up to 12 years.
This engagement is normally only open to women who are not eligible to enlist on a normal regular engagement by reason of age, length of previous service or other cause.

(b) *The R Type engagement*

This engagement is for a term of 3 years' colour service. It is limited to women to be enlisted as instructors in the Territorial Army, as Recruiters or for other special employment.

7. *For persons enlisting into the Brigade of Gurkhas—*

You may enlist for a term of 1, 2, 3 or 4 years' colour service or, if a boy, up to the age of 18 years and thereafter for a term of 4 years from the age of 18.

8. *Special engagements for persons enlisting locally for local service overseas—*

(a) Persons (other than boys) enlisting in the West Indies may enlist for a term of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6 years' colour service ;

(b) Boys enlisting in the West Indies may enlist for a term of colour service up to the age of 18 years and thereafter for 6 years with the Colours from the age of 18 ;

(c) Persons enlisting in Hong Kong may enlist for a term of 3 years' colour service ;

(d) Persons (other than boys) enlisting in Malaya or Singapore may enlist for a term of 7, 9 or 12 years' colour service ;

(e) Boys enlisting in Malaya or Singapore may enlist for a term of colour service up to the age of 18 and thereafter for 7 years with the Colours from the age of 18.

SCHEDULE TO GENERAL CONDITIONS

DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS

A person who enlists on or after 1st October, 1957 for a term of 22 years of army service, for service—

(1) in the Brigade of Guards ;

(2) in any corps if, immediately before enlistment, he was deemed to be enlisted under the National Service Acts, 1948 to 1955 ;

(3) in any corps if, immediately before enlistment, he was a Police Cadet ;

(4) in the Corps of Royal Engineers if, immediately before enlistment, he was an employee serving as a Postman, a Postman Higher Grade, a postal or telegraph worker or clerical officer in the Postal or Telegraph Service of the General Post Office ;

(5) in the Intelligence Corps if, immediately before enlistment, he held a General Certificate of Education having passed in five subjects, including two subjects (one of which is English) at Advanced Level ;

(6) in the Army Catering Corps if, immediately before enlistment, he was a person who—

(a) had passed a Catering and Hotel-keeping Course of not less than two years' duration, at any Technical Institute ; or

(b) had completed an Apprentice Training Course lasting not less than 3 years sponsored by the National Joint Apprenticeship Council of the Hotel or Catering Industry ; or

(c) held a Certificate issued by the City and Guilds of London Institute, in respect of a basic course for Catering Trades or a Cookery Course for Hotel and Catering Establishments.

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9. You may be enlisted into a corps of your choice if there is a vacancy in that corps and you are duly qualified. While in the corps to which you are appointed you may be posted from one regiment or branch to another.

If at any time during the first six months of your service you are found unsuitable for the corps of your choice but suitable for service in another corps, you will be given the option either of selecting another corps for which you are suitable and where there is a vacancy or of being discharged unless the interests of the Army render necessary your compulsory transfer to another corps. You can only be compulsorily transferred from one corps to another by order of a member of the Army Council except in wartime or while men of the reserve have been called out on permanent service by proclamation.

10. When you have been attested you will be subject to the provisions of the Army Act, 1955, for the time being in force, and you will be required to carry out whatever duties may be ordered by those in authority over you.

No guarantee can be given that you will be employed on any particular duties, but where you are enlisted with a view to performing particular duties or to being trained in a particular trade, you will be employed on these duties or, as the case may be, trained and employed in that trade, so far as the requirements of the service permit.

Where you are enlisted with a view to being employed on particular duties or in a particular trade and through no fault of your own you fail to qualify or are unable to be employed on those duties or in that trade, except for periods of limited duration, you may apply for discharge which will be granted to you so long as the requirements of the service permit.

Employment in a trade depends on passing a specified trade test and there being a vacancy in the trade.

11. If enlisted into the Army Catering Corps you will be required to undergo from time to time such inoculation and vaccination as may be considered necessary.

12. If you are now serving in the Army Emergency Reserve or the Territorial Army you will on enlistment in the regular army be discharged from your previous engagement. If you are serving on a National Service engagement you will be discharged from that engagement.

13. If you are enlisted for the first time in the regular army you are entitled to claim your discharge at any time within three months of your attestation on payment of a sum not exceeding £20. You will then be discharged with all convenient speed unless, when you make your claim, a proclamation has been made ordering that soldiers who would otherwise be transferred to the reserve shall continue to serve with the Colours. In such a case your discharge will be deferred so long as the proclamation remains in force.

14. You will be liable to forfeit service if you are found guilty of, or confess to, deserting Her Majesty's service. Such forfeited service will not count towards " the period of service for which you enlisted " and consequently the date of your discharge, and, if you are serving on a 22 year engagement, will alter the dates of the ends of the periods on which you have a right to be transferred to the reserve or to terminate your service, and the dates on which notice should be given.

15. You may be discharged within the first six months of your date of enlistment for other than disciplinary or medical reasons if you are found to be unsuitable for service in the Army.

16. You may be discharged before the termination of your engagement by order of the competent military authority as a result of irregularities concerned with your enlistment, for misconduct, for unfitness on medical grounds, or for the benefit of the public service.

17. Service with the Colours on a regular engagement after the age of 17½ years counts towards whole-time or part-time National Service. Service with the reserve immediately following colour service counts towards part-time National Service.

Should you be discharged from the regular army before you have completed service equivalent to the terms of National Service then in force, you will be liable to be called up by the Ministry of Labour and National Service to complete the balance of the whole-time and part-time service for which you may be liable.

18. If, on the expiration of the term for which you have enlisted, or any lesser period after which you would otherwise be entitled to be discharged or transferred to the reserve, you are serving with the forces :—

(*a*) outside the United Kingdom ; (b) while a state of war exists, or (c) while soldiers in the reserve are called out on permanent service by proclamation,

you may be retained with the Colours for a further period not exceeding 12 months.

19. If you are transferred to the army reserve at the end of your colour service you are liable to be called out as follows :—

(a) *Without Proclamation*

(i) For training up to maximum of 12 days or 20 drills in any one year ;

(ii) For permanent service in defence of the United Kingdom against actual or apprehended attack ;

(iii) For permanent service overseas in your first year in the army reserve if designated as so liable, when warlike operations are in preparation or in progress ;

(iv) in aid of the civil power.

(b) *After Proclamation*

For permanent service in the United Kingdom or overseas in the event of imminent national danger or of great emergency.

20. If during your service in the army reserve you are called out for permanent service you may be retained with the Colours up to the completion of your liability for reserve service and if you are called out for service overseas without a proclamation you will not be retained longer than 12 months without your consent.

21. Whether or not the terms for which you enlist includes a term of service in the reserve you may be liable under the Navy, Army and Air Forces Reserves Act, 1954, for service in the Army General Reserve during any period in which you are not a member of the armed forces in some other capacity until you reach the age of 45.

In general this liability applies to :—

(a) men who served in the armed forces between 3rd September, 1939 and 31st December, 1948, and

(b) men who have volunteered to serve on regular engagements and have performed or would, if they had not volunteered, have had to perform whole-time and part-time service under the National Service Acts 1948-1955.

Service in the Army General Reserve is unpaid and does not involve liability for training or call-out in aid of the civil power.

22. Women are not liable for service in the army reserve.

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FURTHER QUESTIONS WHICH WILL BE PUT TO THE RECRUIT BEFORE ATTESTATION

Q. 15. (a) Into what corps do you wish to enlist? Royal Army Ordnance Corps

(b) If you have been informed that there is no vacancy in that corps state what other corps in which there is a vacancy do you wish to enlist? N/A

*(c) In which regiment of the corps for which there is a vacancy do you wish to serve?

*(d) What are your reasons for wishing to serve in that regiment? (Insert family, territorial etc., claims)

*To be completed by recruits wishing to enlist into Royal Armoured Corps, Brigade of Guards or Infantry.

Q. 15. Have you received a Notice Paper setting out the questions to be answered on attestation, and the general conditions of the engagement to be entered into? Yes

Do you understand the contents of the Notice Paper and wish to be enlisted? Yes

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Q. 16. Are you willing to serve Her Majesty, provided Her Majesty shall so long require your services, for :—

~~a term of ..... years with the Colours,~~

or

a term of ..... years with the Colours and ~~..... years with the~~ Reserve,

~~or~~

if you are a boy (that is if your age is under 17½ years or 17 years if you are enlisting in the Brigade of Gurkhas)—

the period from your date of attestation up to the date on which you attain the age of 18 years and thereafter for either—

~~a period of ..... years with the Colours,~~

or

a period of NINE years with the Colours and THREE years with the Reserve. Yes

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DECLARATION

I, Roy Norman VENABLES, 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.

13.1.58 (Date) Roy N. Venables (Signature of Recruit) C. Stockwood (Signature of Witness)

Note.—On signing the above declaration and taking the Oath the recruit becomes a soldier of the regular forces and subject to military law.

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