

## Documents pertaining to Elizabeth Jane Bradshaw's WW1 service

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**Census 1911**

7 Nuttalls Row Cloughfold, 3 rooms

RG14 Piece 24708 Enumeration district 14

Richard Bradshaw	head age 42, stone quarryman b Church
Mary Ellen Bradshaw	wife age 43, married 21 years with seven living children and one deceased child, b Baxenden
Mary Ellen Bradshaw	daughter age 19, weaver cotton, b Accrington
Isabella Bradshaw	daughter age 16, weaver cotton b Accrington
Florence Bradshaw	daughter age 14, weaver cotton b Cloughfold
<b>Elizabeth Jane Bradshaw</b>	<b>daughter aged 12, weaver cotton b Cloughfold</b>
Ralph Bradshaw	son age 10, b Cloughfold
Alice Bradshaw	daughter age 7, b Cloughfold
John Bradshaw	son age 5 b Cloughfold

**Identification Certificate**

Army Form W 3577

WO/398/27

Name of Holder	Bradshaw Elizabeth Jane
Permanent Home Address	17 Stanley Street Bacup
Nationality	British
Trade or Profession	Pantrymaid
Religion	C of E
Date of Birth	16 Dec 1898
Place of Birth	Cloughfold Lancashire
Single, Married or Widow	Single
Height	4 ft 8½
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Distinctive Marks	<i>blank</i>
Inoculation	<i>blank</i>
Next of Kin	Bancroft Clara Miss (Friend)
Address	17 Stanley Street Bacup

**Medical History of**

Bradshaw Elizabeth Jane

Birthplace Parish Cloughfold, County Lancs

Examined 4 Jun 1918 at Manchester

Age 20

Trade or Occupation Pantry Maid

Height 4 feet 8½ inches.

Weight 100lbs

Hair *blank*Complexion *blank*Eyes *blank*

Chest measurement Girth when fully expanded 29-31 inches

Range of expansion 2 inches

Physical development good

(vaccination, vision, identification marks and defects or ailments not completed)

Examined and found fit at Manchester on 6 June 1918

Joined on enlistment QMAARC Rengt.1 No. 42524

Table III: Boards, Courts of Enquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations etc, Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement or Prolongation of Service, Issue of Surgical Appliances, Particulars of Dental Treatment etc *blank*

Table IV Service Table,

Station or Troopship, *blank*

Date of arrival or embarkation,

Date of departure or disembarkation

Became non-effective by discharge on termination of engagement

On 5 day of December 1919

Signed M Nugent

Date *blank*

**Discharged** from Auxiliary Military Hospital Shoreham by Sea 14 Mar 1919

**Casualty Form – Active Service (Army form B 103)**

Regimental Number 42524  
 Corps QMAARC  
 Rank *(illegible)*  
 Surname Bradshaw  
 Christian Name Elizabeth Jane  
 Religion C of E  
 Age on Enlistment 20 years 6 months  
 Enlisted at *blank*  
 Terms of service Dur of war  
 Service reckons from 6-6-18  
 Occupation Pantry Maid

<u>Date</u>	<u>From whom received</u>	<u>Record of promotions, reductions, transfers etc during active service as reported on above form R213 Army Form A 36 or in other official documents</u>	<u>Place of casualty</u>	<u>Date of casualty</u>
6-6-18	Depot Hostel	Posted to Headquarters, Labour Centre, Oswestry		
29-6-18			Chadderton Royton Lancs	29-6-18
		Chadderton Dep Hostel	Oswestry	2.9.18
16-7-18		Posted to:- 53 9 Ys SWBn Kinmel Park	Chadderton Royton Lancs	16-7-18
	53 Bn <i>(illegible)</i>	Granted leave with pay	28-9-18 - 4-10-18	

	53 Bn SWB	Admitted to Hospital		
	Transferred to the	Despersal (sic) Camp at	Shoreham by Sea	
7-4-19	Shoreham Camp	Posted to Summerdown	Camp	4-4-19
		Granted leave	20-8-19	
		Discharged on termination of engagement		

**Women's army Auxiliary Corps (Army Form W 39)**  
Clothing History Sheet and Transfer Clothing Statement

Instructions: i If a Member's first issue of uniform is given to her when she is in a Receiving Depot Hostel, this form will be made out by the Receiving Depot Hostel  
 ii. If a Member's first issue of uniform is obtained by her C.O. it will be made out by him  
 iii. The form will always accompany the Member and it is intended to be a complete history of Clothing and Renewal Grants issued to her since her enrolment

**iv. Issues on repayment will be shown throughout in Red Ink**

Number 42524  
 Category B/Pantry Maid  
 Date of enrolment 6-6-18

Transfer certificates

Certified that this statement as detailed overleaf is correct in every particular as far as the period during which the

Name of Unit the Member is leaving  
 Unit QMAAC Depot Hostel  
 Station Chadderton Camp Royton  
 Date 29-6-18

Name of Unit the Member is Joining  
 53 (YS) Hs South Wales Borderers  
*(illegible)*  
 16 July

Unit QMAAC  
 Station Summerdown Camp, Eastbourne  
 Date 8 -12-19

discharged on termination of engagement



Renewal Grant of £1 issued on 3-1-19

Articles of Uniform Received and Held

Badges, Hat	1	9-6-18
Coat Frock	1	9-6-18
	1	14-4-19
Collars	3	9-6-18
	3	14-4-19
Gaiters, pairs	1	9-6-18
Greatcoat	1	9-6-18
Hat, Felt	1	9-6-18
	1	14-4-19
Overalls	4	9-6-18
	4	14-6-19
Shoes, pairs	1	20-6-18
	1	14-4-19
Stockings, pairs	2	9-6-18
	2	14-4-19
Brassards	1	9-6-18
Titles, Shoulder, sets	1	9-6-18
Apron, Rubber	1	1-10-18
Boots, Gum, pairs		
Breeches		
Caps, Leather		
Caps	4	9-6-18
Cardigans		
Clogs pairs		
Coats R.F.C		
Coats Rubber		

Gloves, Motor Drivers, pairs

Goggles, pairs

Hats, Waterproof

Jerkins, Leather

Leggings, Leather, pairs

Overalls, Washing

Smocks

Coats, Motor Drivers

Skirts, lined, Motor Drivers

### Form of Enrolment in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (Army Form W 3578)

Name, (Mrs or Miss) Miss  
 Christian Elizabeth Jane  
 Surname Bradshaw

#### Questions to be put to the Woman on enrolment

1. What is your name? Elizabeth Jane Bradshaw  
 2. What is your age? 20

What is your permanent postal address? ~~1 (illegible) Yard, Spotland Road, Rochdale~~  
 7 Stanley Street, Bacup

You are hereby warned that if after enrolment it is found that you have wilfully given a false answer to any of the following questions, the Army Council or any place duly authorised by them retain the right to terminate any contract that they may have entered into you.

4. Are both your parents British-born subjects? Yes

5. Do you agree to be enrolled in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and fulfil the rules, regulations and instructions laid down from time to time for this Corps? Yes

6. Are you single, married or a widow? Single

7. Have you any dependents? No

8. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated? Yes

9. Are you willing to be enrolled for service

(a) at home or abroad; or (b) at home only                      Yes

10. Do you undertake to work wherever the Army Council may require                      Yes

11. Do you undertake to serve in the category or grade for which you are selected, or in any other category or grade to which you may be transferred or promoted, and to obey all orders given you by your superior officers or those who may be placed in authority over you?                      Yes

12. Do you undertake to perform any work which may be required of you by your superior officers                      Yes

13. Do you understand that if at any time in breach of this contract of service you:

(a) Without lawful excuse absent yourself from any work which it is your duty to perform, or from any place where it is your duty to be: of

(b) Refuse or wilfully neglect to perform any of your duties; or

(c) Wilfully impede or delay the due performance of any work on or in connection with which you may be employed;

you will render yourself liable on conviction by a Court of summary jurisdiction to be sentenced to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding £100, or to both such imprisonment and fine?                      Yes

14. Do you agree that in the event of your being guilty of any act or neglect in breach of this contract or of any of the rules, regulations, or instructions laid down from time to time for this Corps, you will be liable to a Fine:

On the first occasion of 2s 6d

On the second occasion of 5s 0d

And on the third and every subsequent occasion, of not exceeding 7s 6d.                      Yes

15. Do you agree that the decision of the Officer Commanding the military formation to which you may from time to time be attached, that you have rendered yourself liable to any such fine shall be final and conclusive, and shall justify the deduction there of either in one sum or by any instalments from any wages or other sums due or which may become due to you under this contract; Subject only (in event of your dissatisfaction with any decision of the aforesaid officer) to any appeal in writing to the Army Council which you may within seven days of the decision of the aforesaid officer hand to such officer for transmission; and that in the event of any such appeal the decision of the Army Council that you have rendered yourself liable to any such fine shall be final and conclusive and shall justify the deduction thereof as aforesaid?                      Yes

16. Do you agree to serve on the terms and conditions contained in this form and in Army Council Instruction 1069/17 18*illegible* provided His Majesty shall so long require your services i.e. for a period of twelve months from 6.6.18 or for the duration of the war, whichever is the greater period: Provided that your service may be terminated forthwith on ground of misconduct, or breach of conditions, on receipt of notice given by the Army Council, or, that in the event of your services being no longer required, they may be terminated by one month's notice in writing being given to you?                      Yes

I Elizabeth Jane Bradshaw do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I hereby agree to fulfil the engagements made. I have read and understand Army Council Instruction (*illeg*)9/69 – 1894/19 which sets forth the conditions of service and rate of pay applicable to me.

Medical Classification as to fitness of service on enrolment

Fit

Certificate of Approving Officer

I approve the enrolment of the above-named woman, and appoint her to be employed with the QMAAC Date 4.6.1918

**Army Form W 3661**

Name Bradshaw Elizabeth Jane Miss

Date of Birth 20 Dec

Birthplace Cloughfold, Lancs

Address 1 Howarths Yard, Spotland Road, Rochdale

Nature of proposed occupation Pantry Maid

Have you previously been medically examined for entrance to a public service, or by a medical board?

**QUESTIONS AS TO GENERAL HEALTH**

1. Have you ever had any serious illness or accident? No
2. Have you ever been absent from your work for more than a month at a time? No
3. Have you ever had a fit or fainted? No
4. Have you ever spat blood? No
5. Are your periods regular? Yes

Date of last period 2/52 ago

Does your period interfere with your work? No

Candidate's signature E Bradshaw

Date 4 Jun 1918

Height 4 ft 8½ in

Weight 7 st 2 lbs

Scalp -

Eyes, right, without glasses 6/6

Left, without glasses 6/6

Ears hearing -

Discharge -

Teeth -

Throat -

General Muscular Development -

Limb Movements -

Hands -

Feet -

Deformities -

Spine –

Skin –Marks 4 Z

Veins –

Chest Measurement 29

Expanded 2

Heart –

Lungs a few rhonchi both front (*illeg*)

Abdomen –

General –

Hernial Orifices –

Haemorrhoids –

Conclusion A

Result fit

4 Jun 1918



19 Previous business experience (if any) giving dates, salaries received and previous employers.

Slipper manufacturer @ Sir H W Tricketts, Gaghills, Waterfoot, 25/- a week

20. Give below for purpose of reference, the names of two or more British householders with their permanent addresses, one of whom should be, if possible, your present or previous Employer, a Teacher, A Town Councillor, Mayor or Provost, Justice of Peace, Minister of Religion, Doctor or Solicitor, who has known you for two or more years, but is not related to you. One of the references must be a woman.

Mrs Parkinson, Householder, 3 Paragon Buildings, Waterfoot

Mrs Rimington, Foremistress, c/o Sir H W Tricketts, Gaghills, Waterfoot

Councillor Flegg, 3 King St, Waterfoot

An offer of Service can in no way be regarded as final employment

I hereby declare that the above statements are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1918

Elizabeth Jane Bradshaw

**NOTE**

Women who are already engaged in any of the following occupations will not be accepted unless they bring with them a letter from their Employer or Head of Department stating that they have permission to volunteer:-

(i) Government Service

(ii) Munition work

(iii) Work in a Controlled Establishment

(iv) Full time work in an establishment engaged on contract work for a Government Department

(v) V A D Military Hospitals and Red Cross Hospitals

(vi) School Teaching

(vii) Local Government Service

No woman who is a National Service Volunteer or is employed in Agriculture will be accepted

NB Applicants are urged not to give up any present employment until they are called upon to do so.

Space for Official Use only

Small, very nice bright girl. Seems suitable

Application received on 28/5/18 by M E Quinlan

**M40/9**CONFIDENTIAL

WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY COPRS

**FORM OF APPLICATION**

NB – No woman need apply who is not prepared to offer her services for the duration of the war and to take up work wherever she is required

Name in Full (Mrs or Miss)	Miss Elizabeth Jane Bradshaw
Permanent Postal Address	C/O 1 ( <i>illegible</i> ) Yard, Spotland Road Rochdale
State nearest Railway Station	Rochdale
Surname at birth if different	-
For what work do you offer your services? State your qualifications for this work. (The occupations for which women are required are set out in the accompanying leaflet)	Anything. Waitress
Are you willing to serve:-	
(a) at Home and Abroad as may be required	yes
(b) at Home only	
If selected and enrolled how many days notice will you require before your services are available?	7
Age and date of birth	16 <sup>th</sup> December 1897
Place and County of Birth	Cloughfold
Nationality at Birth	English
Present nationality	English
Whether single, married or widow	single
Father's nationality at birth	English

Mother's nationality at birth	English
Father's occupation	Was a Cobbler Slipper Hand
State school or college where educated	Cloughfold Council School
At what age did you leave School?	13
Particulars of any other Training, stating Certificates held	-
Name and address of your present employer (NB the employer will not be referred to unless he is given as a reference under paragraph 20 below)	
Nature of his business	Glove Machinist
Length of your service with him	two months
Salary which you are now receiving	28/-

To:- *(illegible)*

This is to notify in accordance with QMAAC regulations para 52 (b) that 42524 Bradshaw E J has been granted 8 (eight) days sick leave from 7/3/19 to 15/3/19

QMAAC

No 6 Lines

Shoreham-by-Sea

**Form AG X1/QMAAC****Form for the extension of service in the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps**

No42624

Surname (Mrs or Miss) Bradshaw (Miss)

Christian Name Elizabeth

I agree to extend my service under my present contract of service in the QMAAC from the expiration thereof until the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1920.

I understand and agree that during such extended period of service I shall be serving under the Regulations for the QMAAC as modified or amended by ACI 507 of 1919, and that my service may be terminated at any time before the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1920, under para 15 of the Regulations for the QMAAC, and I understand that I shall receive bonus in accordance with the terms of ACT 507 of 1919.

Signature	E Bradshaw
Witness	M Nugent
Occupation	Pantrymaid
Address	Summerdown Camp Eastbourne
Approving Officer	
or	G Rac Brown QA
QMAAC Official	
Dates	18/9/19

**M40/11**  
**WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS**  
**REFERENCE FORM**  
 MINISTRY OF LABOUR  
 EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE  
 ROCHDALE  
 28 MAY 191 .

URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL

To Mrs Parkinson  
 3 Paragon Buildings  
 Waterfoot

Miss E J Bradshaw Residing at 1 Howarth's Yard, Spotland Road, Rochdale has recently applied for enrolment in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and has given your name as reference. I should be obliged if you would kindly reply to the questions overleaf, and return this letter to me at your earliest convenience. Your replied will be treated confidentially and will not be communicated to the above applicant. An addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. **The above-mentioned applicant will not be interviewed until her references are received, therefore an early reply will be appreciated.**

G Bond, Manager

Questions	Answers
1. How long have you personally known applicant and in what capacity?	7 years slipper worker
2. What do you know of applicant's qualifications as waitress and how qualified are you to speak for her?	Make a good one
3. Do you know applicant to be (a) steady and reliable?	(a) yes

(b) industrious? (c) thoroughly trustworthy?	(b) yes (c) yes
4. Is applicant to your knowledge a fit person to be trusted with access to documents of a confidential nature NOTE: this question need not be answered except in the case of clerks, typists and like occupations	
5. Do you know the applicant to be a British Subject?	Yes
6. Was applicant born a British Subject?	Yes
7. What was the nationality of applicant's father at his birth?	British
8. What was the nationality of applicant's mother at her birth?	British
9. If married, what was the nationality of applicant's husband at birth?	

To the best of my knowledge and belief the above answers are correct  
Signature Christiana Parkinson  
Occupation or Profession wife



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G Bond, Manager

Questions	Answers
1. How long have you personally known applicant and in what capacity?	About four years as slipper worker
2. What do you know of applicant's qualifications as waitress and how qualified are you to speak for her?	I don't know what kind of waitress she would make (I only know her as above)
3. Do you know applicant to be (a) steady and reliable?	(a) yes

(b) industrious? (c) thoroughly trustworthy?	(b) yes (c) yes
4. Is applicant to your knowledge a fit person to be trusted with access to documents of a confidential nature NOTE: this question need not be answered except in the case of clerks, typists and like occupations	
5. Do you know the applicant to be a British Subject?	Yes
6. Was applicant born a British Subject?	Yes
7. What was the nationality of applicant's father at his birth?	British
8. What was the nationality of applicant's mother at her birth?	British
9. If married, what was the nationality of applicant's husband at birth?	

To the best of my knowledge and belief the above answers are correct

Signature Sam A Flegg

Occupation or Profession [Aerated Mates Manuf]

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To Mrs Etherington  
 C/O Sir H W Trickett  
 Gaghills  
 Waterfoot

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G Bond, Manager

Questions	Answers
1. How long have you personally known applicant and in what capacity?	About 4 years as machinist
2. What do you know of applicant's qualifications as waitress and how qualified are you to speak for her?	In no way
3. Do you know applicant to be	

(a) steady and reliable? (b) industrious? (c) thoroughly trustworthy?	(a) yes (b) yes (c) yes
4. Is applicant to your knowledge a fit person to be trusted with access to documents of a confidential nature NOTE: this question need not be answered except in the case of clerks, typists and like occupations	
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To the best of my knowledge and belief the above answers are correct

Signature Mrs Etherington

Occupation or Profession Forewoman