

William James Turney. 02.06.1917 - 12.10.1994

Service No. 5951953

Date	Unit	Detail	Rank	Notes & questions
29.01.1940		Enlisted in Leighton Buzzard to 6 th Beds & Herts regiment Medical Grade 1		? Where did initial training take place – Woodbridge?
30.03.1940		Unit 6 th B & H Appointed as unpaid Lance Corporal at Woodbridge	L Cpl.	
26.04.1940	3 Ind Coy	Posted No 3 Independent Company Ponteland, reverts to Pte	L Cpl.	? How the move to Ponteland from Beds & Herts in Woodbridge?
04.05.1940	3 Ind Coy	Embarked service in North West Expeditionary Force at Gourock (Scotland)	Pte	? How do we know if he actually went to Norway on active service apart from my mother's comment
10.06.1940	3 Ind Coy	Disembarked service NWEF		
01.05.1940	3 Ind Coy	Appointed A / L / Cpl		In wrong date order on record
28.08.1940	3 Ind Coy	Appointed A / Cpl at Gourock 2 nd Independent Company		
09.11.1940	SFF Paignton	Posted B company No1 S.S. Bu	L Cpl	? web reference to Commando units in Paignton & Dartmouth being billeted with local families
09.11.1940	No 1 SS Bu			
27.11.1940	41 Spec S Bn	Promoted War sub Cpl		There is some confusion in the dates and order between 2 documents at this time.
20.01.1941	41 Spec S Bn	Apptd unpaid A / Sgt		
05.03.1941	No 2 Commando	Posted No 2 Commando Paignton Note to say 'reverts to appointment of paid acting Lance Sgt at own request	Sgt	
25.06.1941	No 2 Commando	Admitted to 'Slooss' (? Hard to read) Castle hospital Kelso	L Sgt	No reason given, is it possible to find out?
07.07.1941	No 2 Commando	Posted to 'Y' list, struck off strength No 2 Commando, (place Dumfries)	L Sgt	Is it possible to know what regiment he was in as a part of 'Y' list
07.07.1941	No 2 Commando	Relinquished paid acting apt of Dumfries Lance sgt. & assumes W/S rank of Corp on posting to 'Y' list	Cpl	
26.01.1942	No 3 ITC*	Proceeded to join Commando depot.....* O.IIc R.A (coast) records Coast / SSU / 116 dated 15.1.42		* writing very unclear through entry
03.02.1942	Commando depot	Posted to Commando Depot at Achnacarry from 'Y' list wef 28.01.1942	Cpl	
18.06.1942 – 15.07.1942	Commando depot	Attended course of instructor in weapons training Sc. Co. Central School. Result "Q1"	Cpl	? Sc CO ? Result Q1

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19.12.1942	Commando depot	Admitted Westminster Hospital (place Achnacarry?)		No reason given ? Possible to find out? Why London?
09.01.1943	Commando depot	Posted to 'Y' list		Typed on record but crossed out
07.01.1943	Commando depot	Discharged from Westminster hospital (place Achnacarry?)	Cpl	
27.11.1942	Commando depot	Promoted A / Sgt unpaid on 27 Nov 42 to complete establishment,	A / U / Sgt	In wrong date order on record
	Commando depot	Granted pay of A / Sgt having held the unpaid rank for a consecutive period 21 days with retrospective effect from 27 Nov 42.	A / Sgt	
07.04.1943	Commando depot	Attended 3" Mortar Course, No 18 at Scottish Commando WT School from 22.02.1943 – 19.03.1943 Result Q1	A / Sgt	
26.05.1943	Commando depot	Granted War sub rank Sergeant	Sgt	
10.12.1943	C.B.T.C.	Posted to Commando Basic Trg Centre Achnacarry	Sgt	
14.04.1944	C.B.T.C.	Awarded 1939 – 43 Star. Authy. ACI 450 /44	Sgt	
01.06.1944	C.B.T.C.	Promoted UP / A / W.O. Class II (CSM) wef 1.June 1944	CSM	
27.05.1944	C.B.T.C.	Attended Street fighting course at London District Tactical School 21.05.1944 – 27.05.1944	CSM	
01.06.1944	C.B.T.C.	Granted pay of W.O. II (CSM) with retrospective effect from 1 June 1944 at Achnacarry	CSM	
31.07.1944	C.B.T.C.	Attended No 41 Officers and NCO's Gas Course Winterbourne Wing School Chemical Warfare from 31 Jul 44 to 12 Aug 44. Results "Bx"	CSM	
23.12.1944	C.B.T.C.	Rec'd Injuries of 'slight' nature on 23 Nov 44 'Home'	CSM	
23.12.1944	C.B.T.C.	Granted W / S rank C / Sgt wef 28 Nov 44	CSM	
26.02.1945	C.B.T.C.	Granted WS / rank W O II CSM		
15.01.1946	C.B.T.C.	S.O.S of this centre wef 15 Jan 46 on posting to HOC		? SoS
12.02.1946	HOC	SoS 12.2.46 & postd to 'Y' (+) list 13.2.46 on proceeding to NOT mcv (place UK)	–	

Date	Detail		
08.02.1946	Testimonial Wrexham		
12.02.1946	S.O.S posted to 'Y' list 13.02 on N		
13.02.1946	Release date leave from 14.02.1946 – 10.03.1946		
11.04.1946	Moved to 'Z' class Royal Army reserve Class A release Military conduct: 'Exemplary'		

Military History section Service at Home and Abroad

29.01.1940 – 03.05.1940, British 96 days Home

04.05.1940*, British, NWEF

* No end date or length of service included. Shown as 09.06.40 with total of 37 days on form B 200d

Rest of service shown as 'Home' 5 yrs 249 days

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- (a) Trade on Enlistment: Grocer.
- (b) Trade courses and trade tests passed: None listed
- (c) Service trade: N/T
- (d) Any other qualifications for civilian employment: None listed.

Military Conduct: Exemplary

Testimonial:

CSM. I Turney has served as a WT instructor at the CBTC for 3 years. He was posted to the centre from No 2 Cdo in 1942. As an Instructor & Supervisor he is excellent. His power of command is very good & his conduct has been exemplary. He is very thorough in his work, enthusiastic and reliable. I do not hesitate to say that any job he undertakes will be done correctly & efficiently.

Officers signature: D. E. Murphy Major RQ (?) C.BSC. 08.02.1946. Wrexham.

Section for Army education record: no entries included

Unit, Regt. or Corps shown as H.O.C

Documents attached listed as: 103, 122, 178, 5033, 8149, 1153.