

Kiplings in the Durham Home Guard

The Local Defence Volunteers, later known as the Home Guard, was formed in May 1940 in the face of the threat of German invasion. Sixteen Kiplings served in the Home Guard in Durham.

Robert (1897-1983)

Robert was the first Kipling to join, in June 1940.

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FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS.

Name KIPLING Christian Names ROBERT
Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

What is your name? 1. Robert Kipling

What is the date and year of your birth? 2. 7/9/97

What is your address? 3. 14 Stone Row
Barnsworth

(a) Are you a British subject? 4. (a) Yes

(b) Nationality of parents at birth? (b) Father British
Mother "

(c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin. (c) Wife Angus

DECLARATION.

I, Robt Kipling do solemnly declare that the answers made by me for the foregoing questions are true and I hereby agree to serve in the Local Defence Volunteers.

Signature of Applicant R. Kipling

Date 18/6/40 Signature of enrolling authority R. B. Porrett

He did not remain in service long however.

Discharged on (date) 23rd Oct. 1940 in consequence of resigned
Inconvenient to attend R. B. Porrett
Company Commander

In 1939, he had been a coal miner. He was of the **Bolam** family group.

1	Kipling Robert	M	7 Aug	97	M	Colliery Striker, very work
*2	Kipling Angus	F	18 Aug	93	M	Wages Domestic Duties Selling North West, previously employed (Kipling general instruction)
3	SIMPSON Kipling Margaret	F	18 Aug	24	S	
4	Kipling Olive	F	12 Jan	38	S	at home

Stone Row, Bishop Auckland. 1939

George (1915-1994)

In July 1940, George, who was to serve much longer, joined up.

Name KIPLING Christian Names GEORGE
 Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS. FHMJ/201/3

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? ... 1. George Kipling
 2. What is the date and year of your birth? ... 2. 11.2.1915
 3. What is your address? ... 3. 3 Dale St Langley Park
 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) Mother 3 Dale St Langley Park
 5. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in the Armed Forces of the Crown?

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

Declaration.

I, George Kipling do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true and I hereby agree to serve in the Local Defence Volunteers.

Signature of applicant George Kipling
 Date 15.7.40 Signature of enrolling authority J. Penny
 (Company Commander).

George, who was of the **Gilling** family group. was promoted lance-corporal in 1941

<u>Promoted F8</u>	<u>L/Cop</u>	<u>1/9/41</u>	<u>h</u>
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He served right up to the disbandment of the Home Guard.

Total service towards engagement in the Local Defence Volunteers to 31/12/44
 (date of discharge) 5 years 171 days.

Discharged on (date) 31/12/44 31 DEC 1945 in consequence of †
 DISBANDMENT OF THE HOME GUARD

George Kipling (1902-86)

The same month, another George Kipling joined up, on a rather basic version of the official form. He was the younger brother of Robert above, so of the **Bolam** family group.

12th

FHJB 2131
FHJV 253-1

- FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS -

Name: **KIPLING** Christian Name: **GEORGE**
Surname first in BLOCK CAPITALS.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? ... 1. **George Kipling**

2. What is the date and year of your birth? ... **17th May 1902**

3. What is your address? ... 3. **12, St. Augustine Avenue**

4. (a) Are you a British subject? ... 4. **Yes**

(b) Nationality of parents at birth? (b) Father... **Yes**

(c) Mother... **Yes**

(c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin ... (c) **Govt.**

Total service towards engagement in the Local Defence Volunteers to
(Date of discharge) **31 DEC 1945** **5** years **168** days.

Discharged on (date) **31 DEC 1945** in consequence of
DISBANDMENT OF THE HOME GUARD

George was promoted to Corporal in 1944.

	Army or Personal No. Highest Rank Regiment or Corps (Home Guard to state National Registration No.)	Unit with which served	Country (Home Guard to state County)	Dates	
				From	To
7. HOME GUARD SERVICE	NO 212 CORPORAL ✓ 12 BATT. Q.A.I. H.G. FHJV 253 1	12th Batt. D.L.I. ✓ HOME GUARD	DURHAM GREAT BRITAIN	JUNE 18-4-40	DEC ✓ 1944

PTIO 26 29-12-44 12th BN I Coy. apply for pl. from 2 CPL 22-9-41. 16/4/44. NED.

George's application for the War Medal survives.

(C.S. 20)

MEDALS **On His Majesty's Service**

(i) OFFICERS (except H.G.)
Add to partly printed address
If released or otherwise liable to
recall to Colours:—
"The War Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1."


If not liable to recall to
Colours:—
"DROITWICH,
Worcestershire."

(ii) OTHER RANKS (and
ALL RANKS, H.G.)
Add to partly printed
address:—
"The War Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1."

The Under-Secretary of State for War,
The War Office
Whitehall.
London, S.W.1

ARMY
(including A.T.S. and H.G.)

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He also worked in the coal industry.

1	Hippings Geo,	1 M	17 2/4	01 M	Coal Filler Class
2	Hippings Eva	1 F	31 2/4	02 M	Domestic Duties

Darlington Avenue, Easington. 1939.

(George) Denis (1924-2004)

Denis joined up in early 1941, just as he reached the age of 17.

20th Bn 2 Platoon F Coy. *Platoon* Army Form W 3066
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FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS

Name..... KIPLING Christian Names..... GEORGE DENIS
Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS. FAR 1/91/4.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? 1. Denis Kipling
2. What is the date and year of your birth? 2. January 27 1924
3. What is your address? 3. 103 Cumberland Street
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) Father 103 Cumberland Street DUN.

Declaration.

I, D. Kiplingdo solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true and I hereby agree to serve in the Local Defence Volunteers.

Signature of applicant George Denis Kipling
Date 22-1-41 Signature of enrolling authority P. L. Baister
(Company Commander)

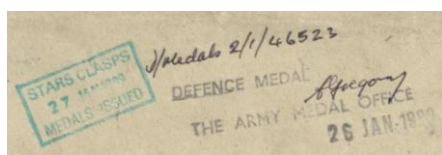
In 1939, he was a machinist's helper living with his father, who was an Air Raid Warden, as was his sister. They were of the **Rudyard** family group.

1	Kipling George H.	-	M	5 Oct	90	M	machinist Shop Laboratory	A.R.P.
2	Kipling David G.	-	F	2 May	89	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
3	Kipling Stella G.	-	F	27 Aug	20	S	black	A.R.P.
4	Kipling George D.	-	M	27 Jan	24	S	Machinist Helper	
5	Kipling Geoffrey	-	M	26 Mar	27	S	at School	
6	Salvest William R.	-	M	15 Feb	56	W	Retired	

Cumberland Street, Darlington.

He joined the army in 1944 and was later awarded the Defence Medal.

Discharged on (date) 4/8/44 in consequence of ...
JOINED H.M. FORCES P/O: 31 13/8/44 (20th Bn)
(army)



Douglas (1923-2003)

Another young man to join up in 1941 was Douglas, the son of Joseph Kipling of the **Stackholm** family group. At the start of the war, he was living with his widowed mother.

1	Kipling <i>Lewis</i>	F	15 th Jan 83	W	Unpaid Domestic Duties
2	<i>Kipling Douglas</i>	M	8 Oct 23	S	Ship Assistant Governor

1939. North End Gardens, South Church, Bishop Auckland.

He to remained until joining the forces at age 20.

Name KIPLING Christian Names Douglas
Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS. FFOP/136/1

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? 1. Douglas Kipling

2. What is the date and year of your birth? 2. 8. X 1923

3. What is your address? 3. 6. Main Street, South Church, Bp. Auckland.

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 Sister, D. Keeler, 6. Main St. South Church.

5. Do you now belong to, or have you ever

Total service towards engagement in the Local Defence Volunteers to 31-10-42
(date of discharge) 1 years 137 days.

Discharged on (date) 31-10-42 in consequence of †
JOINED H. M. FORCES PTO 704 1/4/43

William Kipling (1923-96)

William also joined up when he turned 18 in 1941 and served until the end of 1944. He was from the **Shotton** family group.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. William Kipling

2. 24-1-1923

3. 79 Front Street, LEADGATE.

4. (a) Yes

(b) Father BRITISH
Mother BRITISH

(c) ELLEN KIPLING (Mother) 79 Front Street, LEADGATE.

5-3-41

Total service towards engagement in the Home Guard to 31 DEC 1944
 (date of discharge) 3 years 302. days.

Discharged on (date) 31 DEC 1944 in consequence of
Untraceable stand down.

In 1939, he had been an apprentice painter (and ARP messenger) living, along with his grandmother, at his uncle and aunt's house. He was seemingly the illegitimate son of another of Ellen's daughters.

1	Edinburgh James	M	9 Jan 15 M	Coal mine pumpman	
2	" Elizabeth	F	11 Oct 27 M	Unpaid domestic	ARP ambulance driver
3	Kipling Ellen	F	21 Jul 69 W	Invalid pensioner	
4	" William	M	24 Jan 23 S	Apprentice painter	ARP messenger

79 Front Street, Leadgate. 1939

Almond Kipling (1902-72)

Almond also joined up in 1941, although he was 40 at the time. He was of the **Gilling** family group.

15th Bn

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15th BATT (DURHAM) H.G.

FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Name KIPLING Christian Names ALMOND FHOL/78/1

(Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS.)

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? Almond Kipling

2. What is the date and year of your birth? 15/5/1902

3. What is your address? 3 West View West 600 foot

4. (a) Are you a British subject? Yes
 (b) Nationality of parents as at birth? Yes
 (c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin Mother Mrs
(Mary) Wife

5. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Armed Forces of the Crown? No
 If so, state particulars of all engagements.

30 OCT 1941

Declaration.

I, A. Kipling do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true and I hereby agree to serve in the Home Guard.

Date 26/9/41 Signature of applicant A. Kipling
 Signature of enrolling authority J. Hall 2nd Lt. for P.C.
 (Company Commander).

Certificate of Acceptance.

A. Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard for the following period:-
 (a) the duration of the emergency
 or (b) until _____

Date 27/10/41 Signature of accepting authority Alm. Gilling
26/9/41 (Battalion Commander).
Box

In 1939, he was a quarry manager – and also an Air Raid Warden at his place or work. This may have been why he did not join the Home Guard earlier in the war.

* 1 KIPLING ALBERT - M 15th MAY 02 M QUARRY MANAGER A.R.P. WORKS DREAM
 2 KIPLING MARYA - F 6th SEP 03 M UNPAID DOMESTIC DUTY

West View, Sedgefield. 1939

Total service towards engagement in the Home Guard to 8/3/44
 (date of discharge) 2 years 165 days

Discharged on (date) 8/3/44 in consequence of
 Civil Employment P10.1 20/3/44 (15th R)

The discharge of the above named is hereby confirmed.

Station Durham
 Date 23 JUN 1947

G. M. LONG
 MAJOR SECRETARY
 TERRITORIAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE
 ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.
 (To be completed by official competent to confirm discharge.)

Albert Kipling (1916-99)

Albert joined in 1942 at the age of 25.

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FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS

Name KIPLING Christian Names ALBERT
 Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS. FAAG 17/6.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? 1. Albert Kipling
 2. What is the date and year of your birth? 2. 9.5.16
 3. What is your address? 3. 16, Brunswick St., 19th Ward, Darlington
 4. (a) Are you a British subject? 4. (a) Yes
 (b) Nationality of parents at birth? (b) Father: Yes British
 Mother: A
 (c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin (c) Mrs A. Kipling (Wife)

Declaration.
 I, Albert Kipling do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true and I hereby agree to serve in the Local Defence Volunteers.

Signature of applicant Albert Kipling
 Date 9.1.42 Signature of enrolling authority J. Long (Company Commander)
 J. Long
 1. 20th St. Durham

Certificate of Acceptance.

P10: 27.6/5/43 20th ST. Trans: to 11th Northland 17/4/43
 P10: 5/44 11th Northland Trans: to 20th St. Durham. P10: 15.8.43
 P10: 17.4.44 20th St.

Discharged on (date) 31 DEC 1945 in consequence of
 DISBANDMENT OF THE HOME GUARD

In 1939, Albert had been a steelworker, probably a reserved occupation which exempted him from full military service. He was living with his widowed father. They are of the Arkengarthdale family group.

Kipling Albert Sr	-	M	2 nd July	84	W	Temporary Postman G.P.O.
Kipling Albert Jr	-	M	9 th May	16	S	Cooremaker Steel Foundry

Edward Street, Darlington. 1939

Horace Victor (1900-50)

Horace enrolled in 1943 at the age of 43, remaining in the force until the war ended. He was from the **David** family group.

FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Surname KIPLING Christian Names in Full HORACE VICTOR
 (In BLOCK CAPITALS.)
 Religion S. of B. National Registration No. FGG 212/1

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? ... 1. Kipling H. V.
 2. What is the date of your birth? ... 2. 26. 3. 1900
 3. Where were you born? ... 3. Stretton, nr. Sls.
 4. What is your address? ... 4. 19, Keston St. Stretton
 5. What is your occupation? ... 5. Fitter
 6. (a) Are you a British subject? ... 6. (a) Yes
 (b) Nationality of parents at birth? ... (b) Father British
 Mother British
 (c) Are you married or a widower? ... (c) Married
 (d) If married, name and nationality of wife before marriage? ... (d) Wife Sey Taylor. (British)

Declaration.
 I, H. V. Kipling do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true.
 Date 2. 5. 43 Signature of applicant H. V. Kipling
 Signature of enrolling authority R. H. Hawkins Capt RA
 (Company Commander).

Certificate of Acceptance.
Horace Victor Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard.
 Date 2. 5. 43 Signature of accepting authority R. H. Hawkins Capt RA
 (Battalion Commander).
 COMMANDING
 117 (102nd Durham Home Guard) "2" A.A. Bty RA

Total service towards engagement in the Home Guard to 31 DEC 1945
 (date of discharge) 2 years 31 days.
 Discharged on (date) 31 DEC 1945 in consequence of*
 DEPARTMENT OF THE HOME GUARD

In 1939, Horace was a fitter.

1	KIPLING HORACE V.	-	M	20 MAR 1900	M	CONSTRUCTIONAL AND MAINTENANCE	FITTER
2	KIPLING FLORENCE I.	-	F	6 MAR 02	M	UNPAID DOMESTIC DUTIES	
3	KIPLING EDITH I.	-	F	27 MAR 23	S	SHOP ASSISTANT CONFECTIONERY	
4	KIPLING JOHN J.	-	M	5 FEB 25	S	NEWSPAPER BOY	
5	ADAMS MARGERY	-	F	2 OCT 26	S	AT SCHOOL	

Norman Kipling (1920-69)

Norman joined the Home Guard in April 1944, having already served in the 23rd Hussars.

FOA 1065498 Army Form W3066.

To be prepared in original only, and forwarded to the Territorial Army Association when completed.

Form of Enrolment in the Home Guard

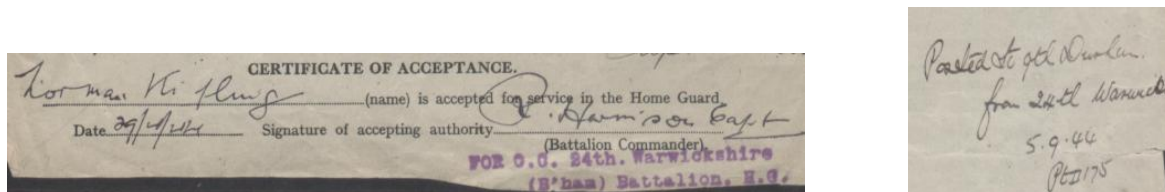
Surname KIPLING Christian Names in full NORMAN
(In BLOCK CAPITALS)

National Registration No. FOA 1065498

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? Norman Kipling
2. What is the date of your birth? 27.8.1920
3. Where were you born? Gateshead/Tyne
4. What is your address? 68 Alfred St 12
5. What is your occupation? Transport Driver
6. (a) Are you a British subject? Yes
 (b) Nationality of parents at their birth? BRITISH
 Mother BRITISH
 (c) Are you married or a widower? Single
 (d) If married, nationality of wife before marriage? Wife
 (e) Name, address and relationship of next of kin John Kipling (Brother)
5 Elmwood Avenue, Southwick
Sunderland
7. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Armed Forces of the Crown, including the Home Guard? If so, state particulars of all engagements. Yes 23rd Hussars

At the time he was living in Birmingham and so joined the 24th Warwickshire regiment. Later that year, he was transferred to the 9th Durhams, presumably as he moved back home.



In 1939, John had been living with his parents in Sunderland.

1	Kipling, John	-	M	3 Apr	74	M	General Labourer
2	" Nancy	-	F	26 Nov	98	M	Unpaid domestic duties
3	" Norman	-	M	27 Aug	20	S	Motor driver's mate

1939. 5 Elmwood Avenue, Sunderland

He was the son of John and Nancy Kipling (nee Holmes) of the **Shotton** Kipling family Group, who had married in 1915 (it was John's second marriage, his first wife Isabella having died in 1913).

Norman died in 1969.

Arthur Joseph Kipling (1924 - ?)

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FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Name KIPLING Christian Names ARTHUR JOSEPH
 (Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS.) FFDI 2193

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? ... Arthur Joseph Kipling
2. What is the date and year of your birth? ... 6. 06. Feb 1924
3. What is your address? ... 51 Chestnut Cres, Southwick
4. (a) Are you a British subject? ... Yes
 (b) Nationality of parents at birth? ... (a) British
 Mother "
 (c) James - Father
51 same address
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. ... No

Certificate of Acceptance.

Arthur Joseph Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard for the following period: (a) the duration of the emergency or (b) until called up for service

Date: 8. 12. 44 Signature of accepting authority: [Signature]
 for (Battalion Commander) [Signature]

Examined Sub

Total service towards engagement in the Home Guard to: 11. 8. 44

(date of discharge) 2 years 248 days.

Discharged on (date) 11. 8. 44 in consequence of: 240 HQ.

DISCHARGED JOINED H.M. FORCES No: 28/23-846

In 1939, Arthur was living with his parents James and Mary of the **Staindrop (Bolam)** Kipling family group in Chestnut Crescent, Sunderland. He was an apprentice painter.

1	<u>Kipling James</u>	-	<u>M</u>	<u>7 Mar. 02</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>General Labourer. Heavy work</u>
2	<u>Kipling Mary</u>	-	<u>F</u>	<u>11 Oct. 01</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Imperial domestic duties</u>
3	<u>Kipling Arthur</u>	-	<u>M</u>	<u>6 Feb. 24</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Apprentice Painter</u>

This record is officially closed.

3	<u>HAYES LAVERICK</u>	-	<u>F</u>	<u>10 Jan. 29</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>At school</u>
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Clifford Kipling (1923-)

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FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS

Name KIPLING Christian Names CLIFFORD
 Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS. FFDI 2025

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? ... CLIFFORD KIPLING
2. What is the date and year of your birth? ... 23. 6. 1923
3. What is your address? ... 10 Victoria St. Bandon.
4. (a) Are you a British subject? ... Yes
 (b) Nationality of parents at birth? ... (a) British
 Mother British
 (c) Cliff Kipling, 10 Victoria St. Bandon
(father)
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. ... No

Certificate of Acceptance.
 C. Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Local Defence Volunteers for the following period:—
 (a) the duration of the emergency
 or (b) until
 Date 23/1/42 Signature of accepting authority [Signature] (Company Commander).

Total service towards engagement in the Local Defence Volunteers to 30/1/44
 (date of discharge) 3 years 222 days.
 Discharged on (date) 30/1/44 in consequence of ↑
 Dis - James H.M.F. Final A.O. 23/5/45

In 1939, Clifford was living with his parents Fred and Ellen of the **Melsonby** family group in Victoria Terrace, Bishop Auckland. He was a coalman.

1	Kipling Fred	- M	14 Jan 94	M	grocer co-operative Stores
2	Kipling Ellen	- F	4 Oct 97	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
3	Kipling Doris	- F	13 Dec 19	S	Hotel Chamber Maid
4	Kipling Fred	- M	4 Mar 21	S	Coal Lorry Driver's Assistant
5	Kipling Clifford	- M	23 June 23	S	Coal Lorry Driver's Assistant
6	Kipling Ronald	- M	13 July 29	S	at School
7	Kipling John	- M	29 Jan 32	S	at School

Fred Kipling (1921-)

Brother to Clifford, joining up five days earlier.

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FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS
 Name KIPLING Christian Names FRED
 Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS. F.F.O.I. 202/4
 QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.
 1. What is your name? FRED KIPLING
 2. What is the date and year of your birth? 11-3-1921
 3. What is your address? 10 Victoria Terrace, Gouan Don
 4. (a) Are you a British subject? YES
 (b) Nationality of parents at birth? (a) Father British (b) Mother British
 (c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin F. Kipling, 10 Victoria Terrace, Gouan Don (Father)
 5. Do you now belong to, or have you ever

Certificate of Acceptance.
 F. Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Local Defence Volunteers for the following period:—
 (a) the duration of the emergency
 or (b) until
 Date 18/1/42 Signature of accepting authority [Signature] (Company Commander).

Total service towards engagement in the Local Defence Volunteers to 30/1/44
 (date of discharge) 3 years 224 days.

Discharged on (date) 30/1/44 in consequence of †
James H.M.F.
 Final P.T.O. ? 23/5/45

John James Kipling

Of the **David** family group.

1	KIPLING HORACE V.	-	M	20 MAR 1908	M	CONSTRUCTIONAL AND MAINTENANCE	FITTS
2	KIPLING FLORENCE I.	-	F	6 MAR 02	M	UNPAID DOMESTIC DUTIES	
3	KIPLING EDITH I.	-	F	24 MAR 23	S	SHOP ASSISTANT CONFECTIONERY	
4	KIPLING JOHN J.	-	M	5 FEB 25	S	NEWSPAPER BOY	

1939 Carlile (sic) Street, Stockton

He gave his age a whole year older when he enlisted.

Army Form W 3866

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FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Name KIPLING Christian Names JOHN JAMES
 (Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS.)

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? ... John James Kipling
2. What is the date and year of your birth? ... Feb 5th 1924
3. What is your address? ... 19 Carlisle St Stockton
4. (a) Are you a British subject? ... Yes
 (b) Nationality of parents at birth? ...
 (b) Father British
 Mother British
 (c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin ... Horace Kipling of above address
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. ... No

Certificate of Acceptance.

John James Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard for the following period:-
 (a) the duration of the emergency
 or (b) until yes from May 1944 to Dec 1944

Date 12/9/1941 Signature of accepting authority 18th DURHAM (STOCKTON) BATTALION COMMANDER, HOME GUARD
 (Battalion Commander)

Total service towards engagement in the Home Guard to 31 DEC 1944
 (date of discharge) 3 years 111 days.

Discharged on (date) 31 DEC 1944 in consequence of †
UNTRACEABLE - WIND DOWN.

John James died in Cleveland district in 1981.

Ralph Kipling

10 Pl 4 bay

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FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Name KIPLING Christian Name RALPH
 (Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS.) F.H.B.T. / 224/12.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? 1. RALPH KIPILING
2. What is the date and year of your birth? 2. 18.3.25
3. What is your address? 3. 2, GAUNNESS TERRACE, COBBLEY
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) SA MRS ADALINE KIPILING
2, GAUNNESS TERR, COBBLEY.
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. NO
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 Home Guard 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 Home Guard will be without pay or other emoluments? 7. YES
8. Do you understand that in the event of your 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 after discharge for permanent disability the same terms as are applicable to private soldiers and their dependants? (There is also provision for disallowance of allowances during periods of temporary incapacity due to volunteer service and during periods prior to discharge in the case of permanent incapacity.) 8. YES
9. Do you understand that if you are accepted you will engage to serve in the Home Guard 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

Declaration.

I, Ralph Kipling do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true and I hereby agree to serve in the Home Guard.

Date 3/3/42 Signature of applicant Ralph Kipling
 Signature of enrolling authority A. Russell
 no. 7. (Company Commander).

Certificate of Acceptance.

R Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard for the following period:-
 (a) the duration of the emergency
 or (b) until _____

Date 19 FEB 1942 Signature of accepting authority A. Russell
 (Battalion Commander).
17th DURHAM (BARNARD CASTLE) BATTALION HOME GUARD.

Discharged on (date) 31 DEC 1945 in consequence of † _____

DISBANDMENT OF THE HOME GUARD

The discharge of the above named is hereby confirmed.

Station DURHAM
 Date 2 JUL 1947

Signature G. M. LONG
 MAJOR
 SECRETARY
 TERRITORIAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE
 ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM

(To be completed by official competent to confirm discharge.)

† Insert cause of discharge, quoting authority.

Ralph Kipling joined the Home Guard in 1942 at the age of 17. His mother was Adeline Fairless Hutchinson (later Kipling) and his father Ralph Kipling of the **Pitcherhouse** family group.

1	Kipling Adeline	F	-	F	10 May 96	M	Husband's duties unpaid
2	Kipling Ralph		-	M	15 Mar 25	S	Labourer Kipling

1939 Register. 2 Victoria Cottages, Copley, Durham

Sidney Kipling (1925-44)

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Army Form W 3066
To be prepared in original only, and forwarded to the Territorial Army Association when completed.

FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Surname: KIPLING Christian Names in Full: Sidney
(In BLOCK CAPITALS.) National Registration No. FHEB/68/44

Religion: Nationality:

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? 1. Sidney Kipling

2. What is the date of your birth? 2. 14/4/1925

3. Where were you born? 3. 6 Main St South Church

4. What is your address? 4. 6 Main St South Church

5. What is your occupation? 5. -

6. (a) Are you a British subject? 6. (a) -

(b) Nationality of parents at birth? (b) Father -
Mother -

(c) Are you married or a widower? (c) -

(d) If married, name and nationality of wife before marriage? (d) Wife -

(e) Name, address and relationship of next of kin (e) Louise Keeler
as above

7. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Armed Forces of the Crown, including the Home Guard? If so, state particulars of all engagements. 7. no

STH DURHAM

S. Kipling Declaration.
I, do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true.

Date: 28/4/42 Signature of applicant: (Sd) Kipling

Signature of enrolling authority: (Sd) Chamberlain
(Company Commander).

Certificate of Acceptance.
..... (name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard.

Date: 28/4/42 Signature of accepting authority: Sgt Chamberlain
(Battalion Commander).

15TH BATT (DURHAM) H.G.

Total service towards engagement in the Home Guard to 15-7-43

(date of discharge) 1 years 79 days.

Discharged on (date) 15-7-43 in consequence of* RECALL 8-10-63

JOINED H.M. FORCES 15-9-42

The discharge of the above named is hereby confirmed.

Station Durham

Date 16-6-47

23 JUN 1947

G. M. LONG
MAJOR SECRETARY
TERRITORIAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE
ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.
Signature
(To be completed by official competent to confirm discharge).

Sidney also joined shortly after his 17th birthday. He was from the **Stackholm** Kipling family group, son of Joseph and Louisa Kipling of South Church, Durham. Sidney later joined the

army proper and was killed in 1944 in the Normandy offensive, aged just 19 (see [WW2 Kiplings 1940-45.pdf](#)).