



## ARMY

**9744 Colonel James Jesse MILLS C.B.E. M.I. Mech.E**  
**Royal Army Ordnance Corps**

### Commissioned Service

Granted a Provisional Commission to be Inspector of Ordnance Machinery 3<sup>rd</sup> Class with the  
Honorary rank of Lieutenant  
19 May 1900

Left England for India  
06 January 1903

Stationed at Karachi  
02 February 1903

Promoted Inspector of Ordnance Machinery 2<sup>nd</sup> Class & *Captain*  
19 May 1906

Transferred to Rangoon  
28 September 1906

Left Rangoon for England via Bombay  
11 February 1908

Arrived Southampton  
27 March 1908

Stationed at Haulbowline, Ireland  
07 May 1908

Seconded for duty in Canada  
Embarked from Liverpool  
16 February 1912

Promoted Major and Inspector of Ordnance Machinery 1<sup>st</sup> Class in the  
Canadian Ordnance Corps  
01 April 1913

Returned to England  
Arrived Glasgow  
15 June 1913

Ordered to Edinburgh for temporary duty  
16 June 1913

Left Edinburgh and embarked from London for Gibraltar  
25 September 1913

Left Gibraltar for General Headquarters – France  
12 June 1917

Posted as Section Inspector of Ordnance Machinery Third Army  
18 June 1917

Promoted Inspector of Ordnance Machinery 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Major  
01 July 1917

Promoted Chief Inspector of Ordnance Machinery and Acting Lieutenant Colonel  
29 August 1917

Left France and proceeded to London  
03 July 1919

Ordered to Malta  
Embarked from Folkstone  
02 August 1919

Relinquished acting rank of Lt.Col - retained the acting rank of  
Chief Inspector of Ordnance Machinery  
23 January 1920

Left Malta and proceeded to Woolwich  
29 September 1921

Reported to Artillery College  
04 October 1921 – 13 January 1922

Reported to School of Instruction - *Hilsea*  
13 February 1922

Left Southampton and returned to Malta  
Travelling via Paris, Rome and Syracuse  
23 February 1922

Left Malta  
10 October 1922

Arrived Devonport  
18 October 1922

Joined R.A.O.C. Depot, Hilsea  
01 November 1922

Posted to Artillery College Workshops, Woolwich  
- In the post of Superintendent  
01 January 1923

Posted to Headquarters Eastern Command – London  
22 August 1927

Posted to Headquarters Southern Command – Salisbury  
19 July 1928

Promoted Colonel  
07 June 1930

Posted to War Office for duty  
24 June 1931

Placed on Retired Pay  
Becomes a Member of Regular Army Reserve of Officers  
Remains liable for recall to service until the age of 60 years  
20 January 1935

Having attained the age limit of liability to recall to cease to belong to the  
Reserve of Officers  
20 January 1938

Re-employed with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps as  
Superintendent of Workshops (Retired) – Military College of Science  
05 September 1939

Joined No.1 Training Battalion R.A.O.C. (Retired)  
As Chief Instructor *-Woolwich*  
17 July 1940

Relinquished the appointment as Chief Instructor  
No.1 Training Battalion R.A.O.C.  
01 August 1941

Date of Discharge on Retired Pay  
29 August 1941

#### **Overseas Service**

France & Flanders 18 June 1917 – 11 November 1918

India 06 January 1903 – 27 May 1908

Canada 16 February 1912 – 15 June 1913

Gibraltar 26 September 1913 – 12 June 1917

France 18 June 1917 – 03 July 1919

Malta 02 August 1919 – 18 October 1922

### **Honours and Rewards**

Mentioned in Despatches from Gibraltar - March 19??

Mentioned in Despatched from France – 08 November 1918

Appointed Officer, Order of the British Empire – 31 December 1918

Awarded Commander of the British Empire (C.B.E.) – 03 June 1935