



I, John Henry Cooke, Major in Command of the Third  
Line, Fourth Battalion Kings Shropshire Light  
Infantry at present stationed at Drenwydd Camp  
Cwertyn in the County of Salop hereby acknowledge  
that I have as Commander of such Battalion this  
day received from the Town Council of the Borough  
of Cwertyn the loan of the Maxim Machine Gun  
obtained by Public Subscription for service in the Boer  
war, <sup>and</sup> at the termination of such war presented to the  
Town Council of the Borough and exhibited in the  
Guild Hall, Cwertyn.

Such gun shall not be used at any time for firing  
purposes but for purposes of instruction only of the  
drafts from time to time forming the unit under my  
Command of the Third Line, Fourth Battalion  
Kings Shropshire Light Infantry and for the instruction  
of such unit only during the present Great European War  
the said gun to be kept in good order, and returned in  
such order to the Town Council at the Guild Hall  
Cwertyn whenever the same shall be demanded by  
the Town Council or when my said unit shall be  
provided by Government with a gun.

Dated this Tenth day of October one  
thousand nine hundred and fifteen

J. Cooke  
Major

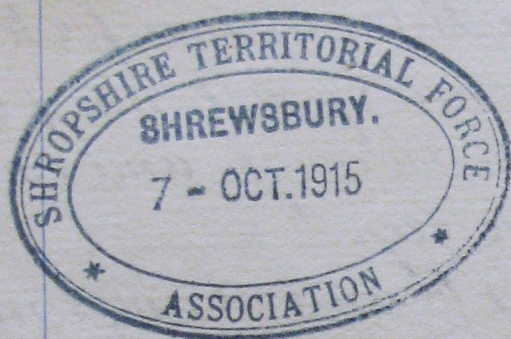
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3<sup>rd</sup> Line 4<sup>th</sup> K.S.L.I

On behalf of the Territorial Authorities of the  
County of Salop I hereby agree to be responsible for the  
safe custody and due and proper return of the said  
Maxim Machine Gun to the Town Council of the  
Borough of Oswestry in accordance with the terms  
hereinbefore contained.

Thos. Sturges

Captain,  
SECRETARY, SHROPSHIRE TERRITORIAL FORCE ASSOCIATION.



## THE OSWESTRY MAXIM GUN.

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On Thursday amid general rejoicing, the inhabitants of Oswestry received into their charge the Maxim gun which they purchased in January, 1900, for service with the Shropshire contingent of the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa. The occasion was taken advantage of for a military display. Major Gore, M.P., addressing the Mayor and members of the Corporation in front of the Guildhall, said he hoped the gun would remain for years on the historic spot in which they were placing it, to be a record to future generations of the gallantry of Shropshire yeomen.—(Cheers.) The Mayor, in receiving the gun, said Oswestrians were proud to give it a resting place in their municipal buildings.

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