

## **First World War Service Record of Guy Bracher**

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FIELD SERVICE.

Report of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of Death on Army Form B.82b or Army Form A.56, or from other official documentary sources.

Unit :- 6th. (Ser) Battn. "THE BUFFS" (EAST KENT REGT.)

Rank :- 2nd. Lieutenant.

Name :- BRACHER, G.

By whom reported :- O.C. Battalion.

Date of Death :- 3rd. July 1916.

Died. Place or Hospital :- "In the Field". "France or Belgium."

Cause of Death :- "Killed in Action".

Place of Burial :- Not known.

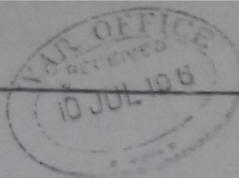
State whether he leaves a Will, or not. )  
Not forthcoming.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital should be examined, and if any Will is found, it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

14/7/1916.  
General Headquarters.  
3rd. Division.

Major.  
i/c New Armies Infantry Section  
Adjutant General's Office at the Es



Second Lieutenant G. Bracher,

6th Bn: East Kent Regiment.

"Killed in Action, 3rd July, 1916".

Next of Kin:-

- Bracher, Esq., (Father),  
Clock House,  
Lunton,  
Kent.

M.S.3.Cas.  
8.7.16.

*D. G. Scott Tucker Capt*

*Bend 431 to <sup>2</sup> Agts. & Circ. for Cla*  
*No balance No claims*  
*<sup>3</sup>*

*B. M. re disposal of effects at 3a*

*Co & Co. Credit - £5-11-1*  
*7/17/8*

RECORDED

*<sup>5</sup>*  
*Forms 8a & 114 (Usual Address)*



This Form is to be used for a candidate who is neither a cadet or ex-cadet of the Senior Division, Officers Training Corps, nor a member of a University. Form M.T. 392 should be used for an Officers Training Corps (Senior Division) or University candidate.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE  
REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The candidate will complete the following particulars and obtain certificates below as to character and educational qualification.

1. Name in full	Surname. Christian names.	Bracker Guy	✓
2. Date of birth.		27 <sup>th</sup> October 1889	✓
3. Whether married.		No	✓
4. Whether of pure European descent.		Yes	✓
5. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.		British Born	✓
6. Permanent address.		33 Earl Street Maidstone	✓
7. Present address for correspondence.		33 Earl Street Maidstone	✓
Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.		No	✓
Whether able to ride.		Yes	✓

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list. They may, however, be appointed to any particular unit.

10. The Branch of the Service (Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

11. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date 14<sup>th</sup> August 1914

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been in any college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, or a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate during the period).

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Guy Bracher for the last four years.

Signature F. S. W. Cornwallis

†Rank, office or occupation JP. D.C. of Kent.

Date 14<sup>th</sup> August 1914 Address Linton Park, Maidstone

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

To be filled in when the above certificate does not cover four years.

from to

Signature

†Rank, office or occupation

Date

Address

Evidence that the candidate has attained a good standard of education.

If the candidate has:—

(a) obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912. Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be attached.

(c) passed the matriculation examination of a University, or a test accepted in lieu thereof. Certificate should be attached.

Failing one of the above, the following certificate must be signed by the Headmaster of a secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that has attained a good standard of education.

Holds a certificate in the Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society, Chancellor of the Exchequer, etc.

Head of a College or School, etc.

Lawyer.

but Master at present away on holiday

J. W. Maxwell



# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Army FORM 101

Modified for use during War

M. T. 1

The candidate will carefully complete the following particulars, obtain the certificates on page 3 and then

A Household Cavalry Regiment  
The Foot Guards  
The Irish Horse  
King Edward's Horse

A Cavalry Regiment

A reserve unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery  
A reserve unit of the Royal Engineers (see note (b) on p. 2)  
A reserve unit of Infantry  
The Royal Field Artillery

If desirous of appointment to

The Royal Garrison Artillery, but not to a reserve unit

The Royal Engineers, but not to a reserve unit

An Infantry Regiment, but not to a reserve unit

The Royal Flying Corps  
The Army Service Corps  
The Royal Army Medical Corps  
The Army Veterinary Corps

The Officer Commanding the Regiment he wishes to join

The Officer Commanding a Reserve Regiment Cavalry, a Cavalry Depot, or the Officer in charge of Cavalry Records, Canterbury

The Officer Commanding the Reserve unit he wishes to join

The Officer Commanding a Reserve Brigade or Depot  
The Lieut.-Colonel, Royal Garrison Artillery, in any Coast Defence, or the Officer Commanding a Depot

The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 61, George Street, Westminster, London, W.C. (unless the applicant be a member of the Senior Division of the Officers Training Corps, in which case the application will be forwarded direct to the War Office by the Adjutant of his Contingent.)

The Officer Commanding a Regular Battalion or Depot of the Regiment he wishes to join

Forward the application to—The War Office, London, W.C.

1. Unit or branch in which the candidate desires to serve

2. Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ...  
(See note (a) on page 2) Christian Names...

3. Date of birth  
(A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached or forwarded later.)

4. Whether married

5. Whether of pure European descent

6. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject

7. Whether the candidate has:—

(a) Obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912. (Certificate to be attached).

(b) Qualified at an Army Entrance Examination. (State date of examination).

(c) Passed the matriculation examination of a university, or a test accepted in lieu thereof. (Certificate to be attached.)

Or failing one of the above:—

(d) Can produce a statement from the headmaster of a secondary school, or other competent educational authority, as to his educational attainments. (Statement to be attached.)

8. Permanent address

9. Present address for correspondence

10. Profession or occupation

1. Schools and Colleges at which educated

2. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces. If so, state:—

(a) Regiment or Corps ...

(b) Date of appointment ...

(c) Rank ...

(d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ...

(e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ...

(A Candidate who has served in the ranks should attach his discharge certificate.)

Infantry  
Bracher  
Fry

27<sup>th</sup> October 1889

No

Yes

British born

Yes statement attached

Clock House Linton Kent

D Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Batt R.F. Woodcote Park Gos

Solicitor

Malvern College

19<sup>th</sup> Batt Royal Fusiliers

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1914

Colonel





# Certificate



# of Birth.

Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1874.

Superintendent Registrar's District *West Ashford*

1889. BIRTH in the Sub-District of *Ashford*

in the County of *Kent*

Columns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where Born.	NAME (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
<i>143</i>	<i>Twenty seventh October 1889 2 Church Road Ashford U.S.D</i>	<i>Guy</i>	<i>boy</i>	<i>Henry James Bracher</i>	<i>Marian Alexandra Bracher formerly Neak</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Henry James Bracher Father 2 Church Road Ashford</i>	<i>Third December 1889</i>	<i>George Galloway Taylor Registrar</i>

I, *Charles Norwood* Superintendent Registrar for the District of *West Ashford* in the County of *Kent* do hereby Certify that this is a true Copy of the Entry No. *143* in the Register Book of Births No. *34* for the above-named Sub-District, and that such Register Book is now legally

Witness my Hand this *Twenty Ninth* day of *April* 19 *10*.

*Charles Norwood* Sup



Nov. 29. 1915

ST DENIS,  
CAMBRIDGE, ENGL.

Guy Bracher was at  
Malvern College 1903-1907,  
and he attained a  
very good standard of education  
there, being in the highest  
form on the Modern Side  
& in the highest Mathematical

Set.

S. R. James

late Headmaster, Malvern College

stated below.\*



# SHORT SERVICE.

(Three years with the Colours.)

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 9/115 Name Bracher Guy Corps

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ..... 1. Guy Bracher
  2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... { 2. In the Parish of Bedford  
near the Town of Bedford  
in the County of Herts
  3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
  4. What is your Age? ..... 4. 24 Years 10 Months.
  5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Solicitor
  6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years, continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? ..... 6. No
- You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.
7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period of your apprenticeship expire? ..... 7. No
  8. Are you Married? ..... 8. No
  9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? ..... 9. No
  10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what unit and Corps? ..... 10. No
  - \*11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit and cause of discharge ..... 11. No
  12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? ..... 12. Yes
  13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? ..... 13. No
  14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... 14. Yes
  15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... 15. Yes
  16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ..... 16. Yes { Name H. J. Jones  
Corps
  17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? ..... 17. Yes

For a term of three years, unless War lasts longer than three years, in which case you will be retained until the War is over. If employed with Hospitals, depôts of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. If however, the War is over in less than three years, you will be discharged with all convenient speed.

I, Guy Bracher do solemnly declare that the above answers to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Guy Bracher SIGNATURE OF  
R. M. Macwell Trust Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Guy Bracher swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, in that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question is true.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pracher C<sup>y</sup>

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension	Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	years	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from . 1/9/14.....								
Joined at <i>Walsingham</i> .....on..... 1-9-14.....								<i>C. M. Key</i> for Capt. & Adj. 59th Per. Battalion Royal Fusiliers
<i>1st</i>	<i>th</i>	<i>Attended.</i>	<i>Pvt.</i>	<i>1/9/14</i>				
<i>1st</i>	<i>th</i>	<i>Promoted</i>	<i>Corpl.</i>	<i>21/11/14</i>				<i>C. M. Key</i> for Capt. & Adj. 59th Per. Battalion Royal Fusiliers
<i>1st</i>	<i>th</i>	<i>Discharged on Retiring Commission</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>15/5/15</i>				

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.  
Army Form B. 178<sup>A</sup> to be used for Special Reserve recruits  
and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Brady Christian Name Ray

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish Aspford County Leat.

Examined .. .. on 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1914  
at London

Declared Age .. .. 24 years 10 days.

Trade or Occupation .. Scout

Height .. .. 5 feet, 11 inches.

Weight .. .. 160 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 38½ inches.  
Range of Expansion 4 inches.

Physical Development .. Good

Vaccination Marks { Arm .. .. Right Yes Left .. ..  
Number 2

When Vaccinated .. .. 1902

Vision .. .. { R.E.—V= 6  
L.E.—V= 6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease .. ..

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection .. ..

Approved by .. (Signature)  
(Rank)

Wendell Ray  
MAJ Medical Officer.

Enlisted .. .. at WESTMINSTER  
on 1 day of SEPTEMBER 1914

Joined on Enlistment .. .. Corps 10th SERVICE BATTALION ROYAL FUSILIERS Regt. No. 115

Transferred to .. ..

Became non-effective by .. Discharge on Retiring Commemoration

on 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1915

(Signature) C. H. Brady Lieut.  
(Rank) 1st Lieut. & Capt.  
1st Bn. Battalion  
Royal Fusiliers



11 July 16

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

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A<sup>o</sup>  
Prefix

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(Inland Official

Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

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At . . . . . M.

To

By

(Signature) L. Pilkington

Dated Stamp

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

TO { Bracher  
Clock House - Linton - Kent

DEBUT	TO	INFORM	YOU	THAT
Reply	G. Bracher & East Kent Regt. was killed in action 31 July	old Army Council officers		2nd Lint
their sympathy				

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.

The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.

Effects.

Issue Form

No.

9a

Paper: 5007 3

Record No. XIV 16996

Year of Effects: 16/17

Rank and  
Name

2Lt G. Bracher

Regiment

6/8 Kent

Whether a Will  
exists

No

Whether Scottish or  
English case

English

Whether born in wedlock

7107

Whether ever married

No

AMOUNTS OF PRESENT CREDITS, £65-0-6d

Whether Pay Bk. received

No

Date of death

3rd July 1916

Claims, if any :-

Nil (Standing O/A) 1260

## SHARES ISSUABLE:—

Amount

Relationship

Names in full

Addresses

Remarks

£66-0-6

Father

Henry James  
Bracher Esq.33, Earl Street  
Maidstone.Pay-  
Draw

## SHARES RETAINED:—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom



Register No.

Minute Sheet No.

Second Lieutenant G. Bracher,

6th Bn: East Kent Regiment.

"Killed in action, 3rd July, 1916".

Next of Kin:-

- Bracher, Esq., (Father),  
Clock House,  
Lenton, *Linton*  
Kent.

M.S.S. Cas.  
8.7.16.

*D. G. Scott Tucker Capt*

*Effect: at Gr's*

*8. 9. 19.*

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*Send 126 & 126a to Father.*

*18/7.*

*8.16.*

*July 18/19*

*Authorize <sup>3</sup> despatch of eff. & acc.*

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