

First World War Service Record of Holroyd Birkett Barker

The following is from the National Archives Ref: WO 339/50906

and Lieutenant H.B. Barker,

Royal Garrison Artillery, 134th Siege Battery.

Died of Dysentery - 15th August, 1917.

Next of Kin :-

T.B. Barker, Esq., (Father),
Lapworth Croft,
Hockley Heath,
Warwickshire.

Handwritten signature

M.S.3.(Cas.)

20. 8. 1917.

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Form M.T. 393

This Form is to be used for any candidate who is serving in the ranks of the New Armies, Special Reserve, or Territorial Force, and for any other 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, who is not serving in the ranks.

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.

SEE LONDON GAZETTE 6 DECEMBER 1915 SPECIAL RESERVE OFFICIAL	1. Name in full { Surname. Christian names.	Barker Holroyd Birkett
	2. Date and place of birth.	10 th October 1886 Acocks Green Birmingham
	3. Whether married.	No
	4. Whether of pure European descent.	Yes
	5. Whether a British subject by birth or naturalization. (State which, and if by naturalization attach a certificate from the Home Office.)	By birth
	6. Nationality by birth of father (if naturalized, state date).	British
	7. Occupation of father.	Engineer (Consulting)
	8. Permanent address of candidate.	Exchange Buildings New Street Birmingham
	9. Present address for correspondence.	do do
	10. School or Schools at which educated.	King Edwards Birmingham. Malvern College; + Ecole Centrale Briensels
	11. Occupation or employment in civil life.	Solicitor
	12. Whether able to ride.	Yes
	13. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Officers Training Corps. If so, state:— (a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent ... (b) Date of appointment ... (c) If serving in the ranks state whether on an ordinary peace engagement or for the period of the war only... (d) Rank ... (e) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge (f) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ...	Have completed 31 drills with Birmingham University O.T.C. - see certificate herewith Have also done 12 months training with 3rd Battalion Warwickshire Volunteer Regiment
	14. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.	No.
	15. Whether an application for a commission has been previously made, if so, on what date and for what branch of the service.	No.

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16. State in order of preference the branch of the Service in which desirous of serving, e.g., Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, Army Service Corps, etc.

Note.—Unless otherwise stated it will be assumed that a candidate is prepared to accept a commission in any branch of the Service.

Royal Garrison Artillery

17. Unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed.

Note.—No guarantee can be given for appointment to a particular unit.

I certify, upon my honour, that the above particulars as to my qualifications, previous service, etc. are correct and complete. I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

A. Birrell Barker
 (Full Signature of Candidate)

Date 24th Nov 1915

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 at school, 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 (not a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in private life during the period.

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a second 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 Holroyd Birrell Barker for the last Twenty Year

Signature W. B. Patterson

†Rank, office or occupation J.P. County of Worcester

Date 25th Nov 1915 Address The Grange, Knowles

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

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

from to

Signature

†Rank, office or occupation

Date Address

Evidence that the candidate has attained a standard of education suitable for commissioned rank.

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, the Certificate should be attached;

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

(c) passed the matriculation examination of a University, or a test accepted in lieu thereof, 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 a standard of education suitable for commissioned rank has attained

State here educational position, e.g., Head of a College or School, etc.

I am satisfied as to education

†Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate, etc.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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O. H. M. S. 1883 At _____ M. I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the WD

To _____ To _____ By _____ (Signature) W. Chambers

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof. Dated Stamp.

TO { Barker Lapworth Croft
Hockley Heath Warwickshire

Deeply regret inform you 2 Lt H. B. Barker
R. G. A. 134 Sqs. B.T. died of dysentery August
fifteenth. The Army Council express 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

In reply to yours of 18/7

FROM T. BIRKETT BARKER, LAPWORTH CROFT, HOCKLEY HEATH, WARWICKSHIRE.

GOODS: PARCELS: POST IF POSSIBLE.

HOCKLEY HEATH, WARWICKSHIRE.

TELEGRAMS

Telegrams of _____ Sent _____

ons printed at the _____

Warwickshire

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August

The address of my son
Lieut. Holroyd Birkett Barker
34 Chapin Street, Salomons, N.Y.C.
has evidently given at his
Chambers Exchange Place
Bham where at the time he
joined he was in partnership
as Hooper & Barker, P.O. 3

Partnership is now dissolved
This name known
all communications shall be
addressed here -

J. Herbert Barker

14/7/17

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POST OFFICE (Inland Official)

TELEGRAPHS. (Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram B. 7686

Prefix Code

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Words Sent

At . M.

To

By

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

(Signature) W. O. S. L. H. K.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Birkett - Barker
Hockley Heath

43 General Hospital Salonika reported July eleventh
2/Lt. H. B. Barker R.G.A. dangerously ill no
subsequent report received

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.

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TELEGRAPHS.

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No. of Telegram B2825

Prefix _____ Code _____

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

M.S.3.
CAS.

Words.

Sent

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

At _____ M.

To _____

By _____

(Signature) H. D. Evelyn

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO | Banker Exchange Buildings
New Birmingham

244 H.B. Banker R.G.A. disembarked Malta
set out from Salouca suffering from
malaria.

SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

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

Urgent

THE CROFT,
LAPWORTH,
WARWICKSHIRE.

TELEGRAMS: { "BIRKETT BARKER,
HOCKLEYHEATH."

22 July 1917

The Secy. War Office

Salonika Dept.

London

Dear Sir,

You will understand the terrible
suspense & anxiety we are enduring as
the result of yr. telegram of 18th Inst. saying
that our eldest son (one of four with the
forces) Lt Birkett Barker (Theobald) with
the 134 Siege Battery of the Salonika
Field Forces is now in 45 Hospital
Salonika "dangerously ill". I wonder if
I should be permitted to send a prepaid
by-note to the hospital, or if you would very
kindly undertake this duty at my expense
& let me know my son's present condition
with least possible delay -

RETAINED—

Pray pardon my intrusion
but a week or so is a terrible time of trouble
with the life of one's nearest & dearest hanging
in the balance -

With apologies & anticipatory
thanks,
Yours faithfully

J. Robert Butler

my know

N.B.—A candidate
examination.

• The words in italics shown

An Officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps
and examining the candidate, complete the

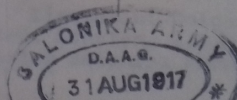
N.B.—Candidates who wear glasses should

I CERTIFY that I have examined
with the Instructions for the
Commissions in the Reg
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OF ARTICLES OF SENTIMENTAL OR INTRINSIC VALUE BELONGING TO 2/LIEUT.
H.B., 134TH BTY., R. G. A., DIED OF DISEASE 15/8/17.

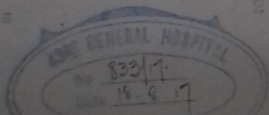
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- 1 Rolled gold watch, semi-hunter, No 405024, and strap
- 3 Cigarette holders *— glass missing*
- Photos
- Films
- 1 Pkt. of Private & Business correspondence and papers
- 1 Duplicate correspondence book
- 1 Penknife
- 1 Slide rule in case
- 1 Compass in case
- 1 Silver flask
- 1 Metal cigarette case
- 1 Pocket camera in case
- 1 Cheque book (Cox & Co.) - 1 cheque *11 127294*
- 1 Webley pistol No 190895 in holster, and cleaning rod
- 1 Ammunition pouch
- 4 Keys and chain
- 1 Binocular case only *4 Strap.*
- 1 Treasury note case contg. stamps
- 1 "Waterman" fountainpen
- 1 Pr. Smoked glasses in case
- 1 Metal wrist watch, strap and guard
- 1 Helmet case.



INVENTORY OF ARTICLES THE PROPERTY OF C/lt. H.B. BARKER, R.O.A.,
WHO DIED AT 43 GENERAL HOSPITAL, SALONIKA ON 15.8.17.

Wooltosh Motor Coat	1.	Canes, walking	2
Wooltosh Motor Leggings	1.	Slippers, Gork, pairs	1
British Warm	1	" Leather & Carpet, pairs	2
Flare linings	2	Boots, ankle, pairs	3
Gloves, Kid, pairs	3	" Field, pairs	1
Drawers "	3	Brushes, hair	3
Handkerchiefs	6	& case	1
Leggings, leather	1	Shaving Brush	1
Cardigan	1	Tooth Brush ^{es} .	5
Waistcoat	1	Soap Box	1
Jacket, drill	1	Caps and Badges	2
Ties	5	Combs.	2
Collars	16	Auto Strop Razor	1
Puttees, pairs	3	Razor Strops	2
Huffler	1	Pyjama Suits	3
Shirts	6	" jacket	1
Socks, pairs	7	protractor	1
Saladola, helmet	1	Gas Cover	1
Towels	6	Motor Goggles	1
Trousers, drill	1	Laces. Quantity.	
" Serge	1	Match Box Case	1
Breeches	3	Ground Sheets	2
Tunics	2	Mattress	1
Vests	6	Sleeping Bag wool	1
Barberry	1	" " White	1
Map case	1	Blanket	1
Gilk, table centre	1	Pillow	1
Photo printing frame	1	Tent (Light weight).	1
Flashlight	1	Canvas Bed	1
Belt, leather	1	" Chair	1
Water bottle	1	" Bath	1
Hold-all large	1	" Wash Stand	1
" small	1	Army Books & Regulations, various.	
Sissors, nail pairs	1	Valise and Straps	1
Knives clasp, pocket	2	Kit Bag and straps	1
Combination Knife Fork and Spoon	1	Leather Suit Case	1
Straps	2	Wash Lin & Cover	1



S. Taylor R.O.A.

W. D. Barker
PRESIDENT
R.O.A. 1917

Army Form B. 103. **Casualty Form—Active Service.** Regimental Number _____

Rank 2nd Lieut Regiment or Corps A. S. A. Surname Barker Christian Name H. B.

Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) _____ or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...	England	9-8-16	
		Disembarked ...	Salonica	20-8-16	
23-9-16	31 C.C.S.	Admitted "N.Y.D."	In the field	20-9-16	2920
21-9-16	29 Gen. Hosp.	Admitted	Salonica	21-9-16	R 213
29-9-16	do	Sailed for Malta per S.S. "Esquibo"	"	27-9-16	W 303
3-10-16	Digue Hospital	Admitted ex "Esquibo"	Malta	1-10-16	F 636
8-10-16	Digue Hospital	" ex Digue Hosp. "Esquibo"	"	8-10-16	F 636
24-11-16	do	Sailed to H. of Malta Camp	"	24-11-16	W 303
14-12-16	Gen. C. O.	Embarked on "Esquibo" for Salonika	"	15-12-16	C.R.
22-12-16	Gen. Post Depot	Admitted ex "Esquibo"	Salonica	22-12-16	B 213
5-1-17	do	Discharged to Home	do	30-12-16	B 213
5-1-17	O.C. Bldg.	Regimental	In the field	1-1-17	B 213
5-5-17	78 Ditch Amb.	Adm. by medical & sent to duty	do	5-5-17	936

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (c) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

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Date	From whom received				
25-5-17	O.C. 130 S. Bldg.	20 78 Ditch Amb. Malabar (Hes.)	In the field	22-5-17	B 213
26-5-17	31 C.C.S.	Adm. Home to Ambulance Train	do	23-5-17	C. 36
26-5-17	29 Gen. Hosp.	Admitted Malabar	Salonica	26-5-17	W 303
31-5-17	do	20 Officers Gen. Camp	do	31-5-17	W 303
4-6-17	Officer Gen. Camp	20 General Post Depot	do	14-6-17	W 303
12-6-17	O.C. 130 S. Bldg.	Regimental Post Hospital	In the field	19-6-17	B 213
12-7-17	25 66 Bldg.	Admitted (Salonica)	do	5-7-17	C. 36
4-7-17	O.C. 25 Gen. Hosp.	do (Dugway)	Salonica	9-7-17	W 303
6-7-17	6-7-17	Emergency 20 (Dugway)	do	11-7-17	W 303
do	do	20 Emergency 20	do	20-7-17	do
do	do	Emergency 20	do	20-7-17	do
16-8-17	O.C. 25 Gen. Hosp.	20 (Dugway)	do	15-8-17	W 303

Certified.

3-9-17.

2nd Lieut. R. B. G.
 For Officer in R. A. Records.
 3rd Colonel G. H. B.
 British Salonika Force.