

## **First World War Service Record of Osborn Barlow**

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Captain O. Barlow, M.C.,  
8th Battalion,  
South Staffordshire Regiment.

124 of 8th Bn & 7th Bn

38th  
17/4

"DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION"  
14th April, 1918.

14-  
Date of Wound NOT Stated

Next of Kin:-

H.M. Barlow Esq., (Brother)  
32, Scholars Road,  
Balham,  
S.W.12.

See Bf. re  
Barlow's name

1/10/18

24/5

M.S.3. (Cas:)  
20.4.18.

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ORIGINAL TO Q.D. h. S. 8-11-17 Army Form A. 45.  
 DUPLICATE TO Q.D. h. S. 8-11-17  
 PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

HYDE PARK SECTION, on 8. 11. 17.  
 4TH SOUTHERN PLYMOUTH

assembled at Q.D. h. S.  
 by order of Q.D. h. S.  
 for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of  
 (Rank and Name) Capt. C. Barlow. (Corps) 8th. S. Staffs.  
 Age 34 Service 3 yrs. Disability Q. Serv. left forearm  
 Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability.....  
 Date on which placed on sick list. for present disability..... 12. 10. 17.

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that  
a bullet passes through the soft parts of left forearm  
between the bones. no injury to bones or vessels  
or nerves. the wound has healed.

(4878) W5434-M2539 100,000 7/17 HWY (bP) Form A. 45A/14  
 ORIGINAL TO Q.D. h. S. 8-11-17. Army Form A. 45A.  
 DUPLICATE TO Q.D. h. S. 8-11-17.  
 TRIPPLICATE TO Q.D. h. S. 8-11-17.

CONFIDENTIAL.  
 To be used in cases of wounds or injuries received in action.  
 (For instructions for preparing this report see back of form.)

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD assembled by order of Q.D. h. S. Plymouth.  
 for the purpose of examining and reporting on the present state of a wound or injury sustained  
 by Capt. C. Barlow. 8th. S. Staffs.  
 at (Place of injury) Howarth Wood on the (Date of injury) 12. 10. 17.

The Board find that a bullet passes through  
the soft parts of left forearm between the bones.  
no injury to bones, vessels, or nerves.  
the wound has healed.



NOTED ON CARD  
25. 5. 16  
M.T.  
Form M.T. 393 A

Application for Admission to an Officer Cadet Unit with a view to appointment to a Temporary Commission in the Regular Army for the period of the War, to a Commission in the Special Reserve of Officers or to a Commission in the Territorial Force.

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

1. Name in full { Surname. Christian names.	Barlow Ostora
2. State whether desirous of appointment to— (i) A temporary commission in the Regular Army. (ii) A commission in the Special Reserve of Officers. (iii) A commission in the Territorial Force.	Temporary Commission in Regular Army
3. 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.	Infantry <del>Artillery</del> S. Staffs
4. Unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed. (If for the Army Service Corps state whether for Motor Transport, Horse Transport, or Supply.) NOTE.—No guarantee can be given for appointment to a particular unit.	
5. Date and place of birth.	Wolverhampton 24 <sup>th</sup> June 1883
6. Whether married.	No
7. Whether of pure European descent.	yes
8. Whether a British subject by birth or naturalization. (State which, and if by naturalization attach a certificate from the Home Office.)	British by birth
9. Nationality by birth of father (if naturalized, state date.)	English
10. Occupation of father.	Miller
11. Permanent address of candidate.	% Messrs Pinet & Co. 6 Bennett's Hill Birmingham
12. Present address for correspondence.	B. Coy. 28 <sup>th</sup> R. F. King's Park School Edinburgh
13. Schools or Colleges at which educated.	Malvern
14. Occupation or employment in civil life.	Estadociero (Argentine Republic)
15. Whether able to ride.	yes
16. 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 ... (g) Whether in possession of Certificate A. ... (h) Whether in possession of Certificate B. ...	now serving with 28 <sup>th</sup> (R.F.) Royal Fusiliers (O.P.S.) for period of the war— Private

601-20/7/16

17. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars, and attach official permission from the Head of the Department to make this application.

no

18. Whether an application for a commission has been previously made, if so, on what date and for what branch of the service.

no

(i.) I certify that the above particulars are correct and complete. I request that I may be admitted as an Officer Cadet Unit with a view to being appointed to a commission as stated in (2) above. I understand that I shall be held liable for service in the ranks if I fail to qualify for recommendation for a commission.

Date 27<sup>th</sup> April 1916

Osborn Barlow

Usual Signature of Candidate

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

(ii.) Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at a 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 (near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, or 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 Osborn Barlow for the last 10 years

Signature

A. J. St. Byrne

Rank, office or occupation Major

Date 19.4.16

Address 3<sup>rd</sup> King's Regt. Grenadier Bannocks, Penarth

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

(iii.) 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, Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be stated in 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 Osborn Barlow has attained a standard of education suitable for commissioned rank.

S. S. P. P. A.

State here educational position.



## Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation the documents named on page 4 should be enclosed.)

No. 1036

Army Rank

Private

Name

Osborn Barlow

(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)

Corps

Royal Fusiliers

Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c.

28th

(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to the Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)

Date of discharge

Place of discharge

1.

Description at the time of discharge.

Age 33 years 4 months

Height 5 feet 9 inches

Chest measure-  
ment { girth when fully expanded 36 ins.  
range of expansion 3 ins.

Complexion

Eyes

Hair

Trade

Rancher

Intended place of residence

(To be given as fully as practicable)

40 W. 8th Ave. N.Y.  
65 Old Broad St.  
London E.C.

Descriptive marks.

(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer confirming the discharge at home.)

2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of

(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)

3. Military character:—

4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations:—

be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.

Confirm that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067\* and that Army Form D.



# SHORT SERVICE.

(Three years with the Colours.)

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 1236 Name Barlow Corps Royal Artillery

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

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|---|--|
| 1. What is your name ?  | 1. <u>Barlow Barlow</u>  |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born ?   | 2. In the Parish of <u>St. Martin</u> near the Town of <u>Wolverhampton</u> in the County of <u>Stafford</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject ?  | 3. <u>Yes</u>  |
| 4. What is your Age ?   | 4. <u>37</u> Years <u>2</u> Months   |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling ?  | 5. <u>Nil</u>  |
| 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. <u>Yes</u>  |

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

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| 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. <u>No</u>   |
| 8. Are you Married ?  | 8. <u>No</u>   |
| 9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power ?  | 9. <u>No</u>   |
| 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. <u>No</u>  |
| 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. <u>No</u>  |
| 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service ?   | 12. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown ? if so, on what grounds ?   | 13. <u>No</u>  |
| 14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated ?   | 14. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service ?  | 15. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you ?   | 16. <u>Yes</u> Name <u>Barlow</u> Corps <u>Royal Artillery</u> |
| 17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services ?  | 17. <u>Yes</u>   |

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, depots 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 3 years, you will be discharged with all convenient speed.

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

Barlow Barlow SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT

John T. H. H. H. Signature of Witness.

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

I, Barlow Barlow swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of 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 has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at

London on this 22 day of Sept 1914.  
Signature of the Justice John T. H. H. H.

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 8 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 2065a.

It is to be asked the particulars of his former Service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name).....on the (Date).....



STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 1236 Name Barlow 0

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 certifying officer of Reserve
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from ...2.9.14.....									
Joined at...London.....on.....2.9.14.....									
S. B. Co.		Posted	Pvt.	2.9.14.					G. H. Hay
A. Co.		app. (1st)	1st Cl.	20.5.15					G. H. Hay
" "		1st Cl.	1st Cl.	9.7.15					G. H. Hay
" "	18	Reverts to at own request	Pte.	16.12.15					G. H. Hay
" "	2	Posted	Pte.	18.1.16					G. H. Hay
" "	28	Posted	Pte.	14.2.16					G. H. Hay
B. Co.	10	Posted	Pte.	31.7.16					G. H. Hay
7 R	104	Transferred	Pte.	1.9.16					G. H. Hay
Discharged on being granted a Commission in 3rd S. Staffs with W.D. Letter 43/90/146 146 N. S. Res. 11/6									
Pi. 24.10.16									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Pension									

W. H. Matthews  
Lieut. for  
The Infantry Records, H.





18-4-18

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At \_\_\_\_\_ M.

To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) J. H. H.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { BARLOW.  
32 Scholars Rd. Balham. S.W. 12

Deeply regret Capt. O. BARLOW. MC. South  
Staffordshire Regt. died of wounds April  
seventeenth. The Army Council express  
Sympathy.

FROM {

SECRETARY WAR OFFICE



April

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Mr. H. M. Barlow begs to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
telegram announcing the  
death from wounds of  
Capt. O. Barlow M.C. South  
Staffordshire Regiment &  
is grateful to the Army Council  
for their sympathy.  
Mr. Barlow would be glad to  
receive any particulars that  
may be available.

32 Scholar Road  
Batham  
London S.W. 12.

Apr 19/28


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At \_\_\_\_\_ M. \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(Signature) W. H. H. H.

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**TO** { Barlow

33, Scholars Road Balham S.W.

Dated Stamp. \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Sent</u>	<u>Barlow</u>	<u>South Staffs</u>	<u>Regt. was</u>
<u>1 Red Cross</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Le Touquet</u>	<u>May</u>
<u>with gunshot wound</u>	<u>right arm</u>	<u>severe</u>	<u>Further</u>
<u>reports sent</u>	<u>immediately</u>	<u>received</u>	

**FROM** {

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SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE



11 13 13  
32 Scholars Road  
Balham  
London S.W. 12.

A.G.'s. BRIDGMAN
G.H.Q., 3RD ECHELON.
Date..... 8.5.18.
No..... P582/5
CASUALTIES.

April 23/18

Dear Sir,

my brother On behalf of the family  
of the late Captain Colonel  
Barlow, M.C. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
South Staff. Regiment, I  
shall be very grateful if  
you will let me have any  
particulars of his death  
that may be available.

Yours faithfully  
H. M. Barlow.

RECEIVED  
W.O. (Cor.)

16 MAY 1918

FINSBURY COURT

16.10.17

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To

By

(Signature)

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Dated Stamp.

TO {

Barlow

32, Scholars Road Balham Hill

Beg to	inform you	Captain	O Barlow	South
Staffs Regt.	was	admitted	No 8	General
Hospital	Power.	October	fourteenth	with
gunshot	wound	left arm	slight	fracture
reports sent	when	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



Register No. 142666/4.

Extract from Letters of Administration (Will annexed).  
Probate of Will. with a Codicil.  
Confirmation.

Dated 16th December, 1918 Granted at The Principal Probate Registry.

~~Revised~~

1. Estate of Osborn Barlow of The Portland Hotel Great Portland Street  
in the County of Middlesex formerly Stationed at Jellalabad Barracks  
Tidworth Salisbury Plain in the County of Wilts Captain 8th  
Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment.

2. Date and Place 14th day of April 1918 in France on active service.  
of Death

3. Will- Formal, dated 9th Nov. 1915. Codicil, dated 19th Dec. 1916.

4. Grantees William Singer Barclay the sole Executor named in the  
said Will.

5. Gross value £ 1537. 5. 8d.

6. Disposal of Medals Refer to Branch concerned for details from Will over leaf.  
Decorations

7. Extracted by Seaton Tayler & Co.,  
Solicitors,  
5 Gray's Inn Square,  
W.C.1

8. Produced by

9. Returned to

10. Date of Registration 30th December, 1918.

TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,  
General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, British Armies in France.

PO  
MESSRS. COX & CO.'S SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.,  
16, Charing Cross, London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late

Capt. O. Barlow, 4th South Staffordshire Regt.  
MC.

are forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

- 1 Pipe
- 2 Collar Badges
- 1 (Vale) Lock Key
- Union* - 1 Bank Book
- Officer's Record Book A.B.439
- 1 Collar Stud
- 1 Cheque BOOK Counterfoil
- 1 Cheque Book

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