

First World War Service Record of Rupert Charles Bambridge

The following is from the National Archives Ref: WO 339/58491

3rd August, 1918.

Memorandum for:-

The Officer in charge of your letter of the 10th June, 1918, London Infantry Record Office, the Military Medal awarded 4, London Wall Buildings, to the late Captain R.C. Bambridge, 10th E.C.2. Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, for service as No. S.T.K./319, Lance Serjeant, I am directed to inform you that instructions have this day been issued with reference to the disposal of the Military Medal awarded in the case of the late Captain Rupert C. Bambridge, 10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, for service as No. S.T.K./319, Lance Serjeant, I am directed to request that you will forward the decoration by registered post to the deceased officer's father, E.C. Bambridge, Esq., The Elms, 22 Merton Hall Road, Wimbledon, S.W.

(Sd.) R. E. FIELD,
Capt.

for Director of Personal Services.

Bambridge, Esq.,
The Elms,
22, Merton Hall Road,
Wimbledon,
S.W.

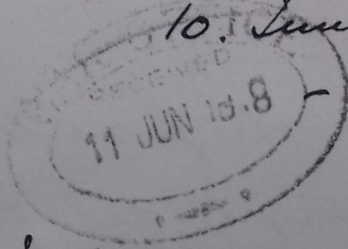
at the Base for credit of
Officer's estate.

Assistant Financial Secretary

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THE ELMS,
22, MERTON HALL ROAD,
WIMBLEDON, S.W.

10. June 1918.



Sir, I thank you for your
communication from the Army
Council re Capt R. C. Bambridge
10th Royal Fusiliers.

Without it is their wish
that I should attend a
Presentation, I had much
rather they allowed the
Insignia of the B.S.O. and
Bar to the M.C to be sent

16.
Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to the (Date)

noted in C.2. 15/6/18

to me.

Is it possible that the
Military Medal which he
won when in the ranks
can also be sent, as he
had never received it?

I am

Yours faithfully

Edw. C. Baumbird

(Father)

To the Secretary
War Office.

SHORT SERVICE.

(Three years with the Colours.)

ATTESTATION OF

10th BATTN. ROYAL FUSILIERS

No. 519 Name Rupert Charles Bambridge Corps Royal Fusiliers

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your name? Rupert Charles Bambridge
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? West Norwood in the County of Surrey
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 23 Years 6 Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Post Office
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? No

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.

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

For a term of three years, unless War lasts longer than three years, in which case you may be continued until the War is over. If employed with Hospitals, depôts of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, 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 at all convenient speed.

I, Rupert Charles Bambridge, 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.

Rupert Charles Bambridge SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT

T. P. R. Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Rupert Charles Bambridge 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 the 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 understood 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

LONDON.

on this 23 MAY 1914 191

Signature of the Justice

E. J. B. B. B.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 319. Name Bambridge *Paper 57) 100,000 8/1*

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depôt	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	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
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>29-8-14</u>									
Joined at <u>London</u> on <u>29-8-14</u>									
<u>Royal Fusiliers</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>29-8-14</u>					<i>Duplicate</i> <u>10th BATTN.</u> <u>07/319</u> <u>26K/319</u> 1. What is y 2. In or near 3. Are you 4. What is 5. What is 6. Have yo continu value of if so, st You are h follow 7. Are y to who Apprei
— " —	"	<u>App'd</u>	<u>Corpl</u>	<u>19-10-14</u>					
— " —	"	<u>App'd</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>8-1-15</u>					
— " —	"	<u>Promoted</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>13-1-15</u>					
— " —	"	<u>App'd unpaid</u>	<u>Sub Lt</u>	<u>24-7-15</u>					

R4 10th Discharged Lt/Col 18.3.16
 Having been granted a Com
 Authy W.O. List no 74
 dated 18.3.16

Total Service forfeited as above

Total Service towards Engagement to 18.3.16 (date of discharge) 1 years 302 days

" " " Pension " (") " " "

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

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Bambridge Christian Name Rupert Charles

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Parish West Norwood County Surrey

Examined ... { on day of 25 AUG 1914 191
at LONDON

Declared Age ... 23 years

Trade or Occupation ... S. African Civil servant

Height ... 5 feet, 8 inches

Weight ... approx 138 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded. 36 1/2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate { Range of Expansion 4 inches.

Vaccination Marks { Arm... Right. Left. good

When Vaccinated... Infancy & since

Vision ... { R.E.—V = 6/6
L.E.—V = 6/6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { (a) ✓

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection { (b) ✓

Approved by ... (Signature) A.P. Mott

(Rank) LIEUT. COLONEL, R.A.M.C.

Medical Officer.

Enlisted ... at London

on day of 29 AUG 1914 191

Joined on Enlistment ...

Transferred to ...

Became non-effective by ... Discharged. Having been granted

a Commission. authy WO List 2074 of 18

on 18th day of March 1916.

(Signature) W. H. Mott

(Rank) CAPT. R. COL

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LOI P.T.O.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 10TH (SERVICE) BN. ROYAL FUSILIERS.

Regimental No. 566/319 Rank Corporal Name Dambridge R. E.

Enlisted (a) 29/8/14 Terms of Service (a) 3 yrs maximum Service reckons from (a) 29/8/14

Date of promotion to present rank 13/4/15 Date of appointment to lance rank 24/7/15 Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 96, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 96, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		<u>Embarked 30.7.16</u>			
<u>14-1-16</u>	<u>O.C. B.</u>	<u>Wounded (at B. 213)</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>13-1-16</u>	<u>B. 213 2/14 to</u>
<u>15-1-16</u>	<u>50 F.R.</u>	<u>Adm. by H.R. hand r</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>13-1-16</u>	<u>A. 26</u>
		<u>r. Thugh (B. D. 5542)</u>			
<u>28-1-16</u>	<u>O.C. B.</u>	<u>To duty (B. 213)</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>28-1-16</u>	<u>A. 7 B. 213 2/25 to</u>
<u>4-2-16</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>To Cadet School S.H.Q.</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>2-2-16</u>	<u>A. 7 B. 213 2/4 to</u>
		<u>Auth 37 Div 22/4/18 2/29 to</u>			
<u>3-4-16</u>	<u>O.C. B.</u>	<u>App'd to Commission</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>19-3-16</u>	
		<u>as 1st Officer 10th B. Fus</u>			
		<u>19-3-16 Auth: H.O. Col</u>			
		<u>No 74 of 18-3-16</u>			
<u>Base.</u>		<u>Officer to New Army Inf. Section</u>		<u>1/6 Apr</u>	
<u>4-4-16</u>				<u>No 2.</u>	

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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

5th June, 1918.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. Bambridge, and will be much obliged if he will kindly furnish him with the following particulars respecting the late Captain R.C. Bambridge, M.C., M.M., 10th Royal Fusiliers. *B.S.O.*

This information is desired by the French Authorities for the purpose of issuing a death certificate:-

Surname. *Bambridge*
Christian names. *Rupert Charles*
Address. *The Elms, Merton Hall Road, Wimbledon*
Father's name. *Edward Charles Bambridge*
Mother's maiden & christian names. *Bailey (Kathleen Sylvia)*
Place of birth. *Boveney, Thornlaw Road, West Norwood.*
Date of birth. *29th April, 1891.*
Wife's name (if married). *Unmarried.*

Edward Charles Bambridge Esq.,
"The Elms",
Merton Hall Road,
Wimbledon.

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24/5/18

1 Copy sent to High Comm. Union S. Africa

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

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To _____

By _____ (Signature) W O D Fieldes

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Bambridge The Elms
Merton Hall Rd. Wimbledon.

Deeply regret Capt R C BAMBRIDGE
Royal Fusiliers died 10.25 P M. May
Wentworth The Army Council expresses
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

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Capt R C. Bambridge 10 R Fus 35

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Dated Stamp.

TO { High Commission for Union of South Africa
Victoria St. S W

Regret Second Dead Disputed R G
reports thirteen day Captain Royal
BAMBRIDGE HC M H seriously ill Fusiliers
Fusiliers gained when received forwarded
information

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

A. 23/5/18

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To _____

By _____ (Signature) _____

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TO { Mrs Bambridge 22 Merton Hall Road Wimbledon

Dated Stamp. _____

You are permitted to visit Capt R C BAMBRIDGE Royal Naval Hospital dangerously ill at 2 Red Cross Hosp. Rouen. You must produce this telegram at War Office (Officers' Casualty Dept.) for exchange for Permit. If you wish to substitute another name for visit your written authority sanctioning substitute must be attached to telegram. If you are unable to bear expense take this telegram to nearest Police Station

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.

121. North Side.

Clapham Common Sd

26. Sept. 1917.

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30-9-17
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Dear Sir,

Noted R.N.

Change of Address.

Will you kindly note that
on and after 5th Oct. 1917 the
Home address of: -

A/Capt. R.C. Bambridge M.C.
10th Battⁿ Royal Fusiliers
B. E. F. France.

will be The Elms
Merton Hall Road.
Wimbledon.

for all communications about him

Yours faithfully

Edw. C. Bambridge
(father)

The War Office.

Register No. 1314 13/ Minute Sheet No. 1

Lance Sergeant R. C. Bombridge

To be Temporary 2nd Lieutenant
Dated 19th March 1916

Posted to 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers
Appointments, Commissions, Rewards, etc, List 74
L. G. dt 1st May 1916 (France)

MS. K 504
25.4.16

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Rank 2nd Lt Regiment or Corps 10 RF Surname Bombridge Christian Name R. C. 050 me

Religion (M.S.) Age on Enlistment 25 years 11 months

Enlisted (a) 25/11/14 Terms of Service (a) 5 years Service reckons from (a) 25/11/14

Date of promotion to present rank 19/3/16 Date of appointment to lance rank 19/3/16

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) 1st Lt or Corps Trade and Rate 1st Lt

Signature of Officer. [Signature]

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				
		Enlisted		25/11/14	
		Disembarked		19/3/16	
1.6.17	O.C. Bn	Joined		20.6.17	10 RF
29.6.17		Transferred to B Coy		20.6.17	
2.8.17	Supp. R/Reg	Acting Capt. White (London)		8.8.17	10 RF
28/8/17		To be Temp. Lieut.		15.9.16	
30		To be 1st Lt. White		8/6/17	
		Commanding a Coy			
29.10.17	O.C. Bn	Transferred to 10 RF		29.10.17	
3.12.17	Low. Gazette	Transferred to 10 RF		3.12.17	
5.3.18		To be 1st Lt. 30/10/17			
16.3.18	O.C. Bn	Transferred to 10 RF		16.3.18	

(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) Signature, Shortening, etc.

[P.T.O.]

Report		Record of promotion, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B, 21b, 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, 21b, Army Form A, 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
30.3.18	C.C. Patton	Wounded from heavy mortar fire		27.3.18	210
		WOUNDED IN ACTION			
18.5.18	H. J. A.	Admtd	Gas Sh. H.	12.5.18	256
18.5.18	S. C. C.			12.5.18	256
13.5.18	L. B. R. C.			13.5.18	256
24.5.18	do	Aid of Wounded (Gas)	do	23.5.18	256
				10.25.18	256
10.5.18	Admtd	Awarded Distinguished Service Order		10.5.18	256
21.5.18	do	Mentioned in Despatches		21.5.18	256