

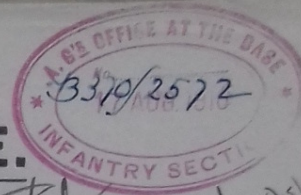
## **First World War Service Record of William Carroll Bower**

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FIELD SERVICE.

C.R. 590/2572/a



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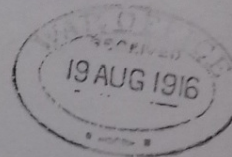
Noted  
5/9/16 (P.S.)  
R.W.

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. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

Unit) 1st Battalion The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment)

Rank) Second Lieutenant.

Name) W.C. BOWER.



By whom reported Officer Commanding No.10 Casualty Clearing Station  
Date of Death 9th August, 1916.  
Place or hospital 10 Casualty Clearing Station. FRANCE or BELGIUM  
DIED Cause of death Died from Appendicitis.  
Place of burial Not received.

State whether he leaves  
a will or not } Not received.

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 of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

*W. A. P. M.*

Major, for  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Officer i/c Inftry Sections,  
Adjutant General's Office at the Base.

General Headquarters, 3rd. Echelon.

Date) 17th August, 1916.

Register No. 128442

Minute Sheet No.

2nd Lieutenant W.C. Bower,  
1st Battalion, Royal Lancaster Regiment.

Died - 9th August, 1916.

Next of Kin -

Mrs. Bower, (Mother)  
Clwyd Hall,  
Duthin,  
North Wales.

M.S.3. Cas:  
11. 8. 16.

J. Evans  
Capt

Soted  
16397

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Coed Co reported (A.4. C348) that charge  
P.M. A. for £3-10-1 had been recd but  
that they had insufficient funds to  
meet it. Asked them to forward it  
in order that we could deal direct with  
C.T.

7/24/8

3  
SEND BY AIRC. FOR CLAIMS

had balance  
L.A. 11/11/16

No claims

Register No.

Minute Sheet No.

1007 B/8774

Bower, William Carroll



has been recommended by the University of Cambridge

and has been nominated by the Army Council to Cadetship

at the Royal Military College. January, 1915.

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Accept<sup>E</sup> and order to join Jan 19<sup>15</sup>

H.P.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

PARTICULARS of a Candidate nominated for admission.

1. Names (in full) { Surname Bower  
Christian Names William Carroll
2. Date and place of birth. July 8<sup>th</sup> 1896 London Middlesex.  
(A certificate of birth to be attached or to be forwarded later).
3. Whether married. No
4. Whether of pure European descent. Yes
5. Present address. Ralsight House Ottery St Mary Dorset
6. Permanent address. Same as above  
(If not same as above).
7. Name in full, and position in life of father, and whether of English, Scottish or Irish family. William Bower, Bachelor of Medicine. English.

Signature of Candidate.

W. Bower.

Date. December 31<sup>st</sup> 1914

Signature of Parent or Guardian.

William Bower.

# Certificate of Birth.

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

Superintendent Registrar's District of Hendon

1896 BIRTH in the Sub-District of Hendon in the County of Middlesex

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.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
65	1896 July Langton Lodge Hendon H.B.	William Boy Carroll	Boy	William Bower	Edith Bower formerly Carroll	Bachelor of Medicine	William Bower Father Langton Lodge Hendon	21st August 1896	G. Goldfinch Registrar	

I, William J. Bealwood Superintendent Registrar for the District of Hendon in the County of Middlesex do hereby Certify that this is a true Copy of the Entry No. 65 in the Register Book of Births, No. 30 for the Sub-District of Hendon and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of January 1915

W. J. Bealwood Superintendent Registrar.

Form M.T.

REPORT of a Regular Officer of the R.A.M.C. at Military 160244th on 1. Jan 1915

the physical fitness of the undermentioned candidate for a commission in the  
 Regular Army,  
 Special Reserve of Officers, or  
 Territorial Force.

Name	Age last birthday	Height inches	Chest girth inches		Weight lbs.	Hearing	Teeth	Vision	Colour Vision	Remarks as to fitness or otherwise
			Max.	Min.						
W. C. Bower.	18.	71	35	33	142	Good.	Good	18 6/8 28 6/8	Good.	Fit.

War Office,  
Imperial Institute,  
South Kensington,  
London, S.W.7.

Accounts 4. Plaque & Scroll

List No. 975. 1914-15.

Sir

5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1919

With reference to the late

2. Lieut. W. C. Bower

11 Royal Lancaster Regt.

and with a view to the issue of the  
Plaque and Scroll which are to be  
sent to the next-of-kin of those who  
have fallen, I am to enquire whether  
you are still living at the address  
given ~~above~~.

Owing to the great number of  
cases to be dealt with it is  
impossible to say how soon the  
distribution will be effected in  
any individual case.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. Major*

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

Form 1

W. Bower Esq. M. B.

~~Clwyd Hall.~~

~~Rushmore, N. Wales~~

~~NEPTUN.~~

My address is changed  
from Clwyd Hall  
to

"COED MAWR"

HOLYWELL

FLINTSHIRE

W. Bower.

110

SHARES RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom

9 M/3000  
14 7  
Vepery N. C.  
5th Sept 1916  
The Secretary  
War Office  
London

Sir

In the "Madras Mail"  
of the 30th August, in  
the Casualty list (dated  
London 25th August) under  
the heading 'Died', ap-  
peared the following  
announcement, "W. C.  
Bower 2nd Lieutenant  
Royal Lancasters."  
As I have a son

son in England, named  
William Charles, from  
whom I have not heard  
for sometime, I am  
writing to ask that  
you will kindly send  
me some particulars  
regarding the deceased  
in question, as I am  
anxious to know if it  
is my son whose death  
is reported, or another  
bearing the same initials.

I may mention  
that when I last heard  
from him (3 years ago) he  
was a medical officer

officer in Sierra Leone  
West Africa -

Eagerly soliciting  
an early reply  
I remain  
Sir,  
Yours obediently  
L. Bower

Please address  
Mrs L. Bower  
near Post Office  
Vepery N. C.  
Madras  
(South India)

M.S.3. (Cas.)

4th October, 1916.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mrs. L. Bower and in reply to her letter of September 5th, begs to inform her that the officer referred to is Second Lieutenant W.C. Bower, 1st Battalion, Royal Lancashire Regiment, and that his Next of Kin reside at Ruthin, North Wales.

2  
Clwyd Hall

Ruthin

Aug 20. 1916.

Dear Sir

I write to ask if you will forward to me a copy of Map Reference Sheet No 27. I lost my son & was Lieut W. C. Bower of the 1<sup>st</sup> King's Own Regiment on Aug 9<sup>th</sup> and have been told the spot on the map where I can find his grave. He died in his 10 Casualty Clearing Station & I want to locate the spot where he is buried so that I may visit him in the future. I may add that I acted for some

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permitted as M.O. on No. 17 Ambulance  
train so that the position of No. 17  
Casualty Clearing Station will not  
reveal anything to me that you  
might consider undesirable.

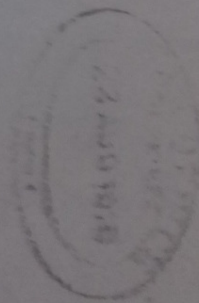
Yours faithfully

W. Bower

MA. MB.

The Secretary

The War Office



M. S. S. 200

26th August, 1916.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. W. Bower, and in reply to his letter of the 20th instant begs to say that no report of the burial place of his son Second Lieutenant W. G. Bower has yet been received. When any report is received it will at once be communicated to Mr. Bower.

The Military Secretary encloses the map as requested by Mr. Bower.

*Copy of letter  
sent to Mr. Bower  
20/8/16  
M. S. S. 200*

*C.S.*

*A. Wallis*

RETAINED

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom

84 16 *Leath*

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix **Ao** Code (Inland Official) No. of Telegram **O.T.**

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent

**O. H. M. S.** At **W O.** M.

*M 53000.* To By (Signature) *SCHANN*

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

TO { *Casualties Simla*

*your XKA 319/15 Simla Parents 2 Lt -*  
*W. G. Bower Royal Lancs live in Wales. Texas*  
*does not refer Medical officer same name*

FROM { *P.W.O.*

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.

RECEIVED 10.50 AM 16 SEP 1916

TELEGRAM

REPLIES SHOULD BE ORDERED

Via Eastern

GOVERNMENT. (PRIORITY)

AX SEP 16

XKA 319/15 SIMLA 28 VS 15 GVT

15th Sept K.O.R. Lence

= PROELICAS LN = S-105 SAHLITE VERDURIOUS

LARDOME W C BOWER REPORTED BY REUTER

DIED DOCENTIBUS REGALVOS WILLIAM CHARLES

BOWER SOMETIME MELOCANTO SEMATOLOGY *Stop*

MOTHER RESIDENT MADRAS ENQUIRES =

CASUALTIES SIMLA

REGULATIONS.

WAR C 16 SEP 1916

STATION, WRELL.  
*Pressing*

2  
CAWYD HALL.  
ROTHIN.  
August 9. 1916

Dear Sir

Re 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut W. C. Bower  
1<sup>st</sup> Kings Own R.L. Regt

Is it not possible to obtain an answer to two wires to you enquiring after my son. Thro' private sources I hear he was admitted to 10 C. C. Station at the front on Thursday last & operated on the same night. On ~~Sunday~~ ~~Monday~~ Saturday & Sunday we got very disquieting reports (dated those days by the same informant) & I wired

Ao

Prefix

Office

M.S.3.

CAS.

TO

In yesterday & today to inquire  
if you have any later information.  
Even a negative answer would  
be some relief if you are  
unable to obtain information.  
I also inquired whether I  
might wire to C.C.S. direct  
& be allowed to go over but  
you have paid no attention  
to any request.

Yours faithfully

W. Bower.

amount  
inaccuracy  
Office

Ao

10/8/16

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

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(Inland Official)

Telegrams only.

No. of Telegram *G.D. 326*

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words.

Sent

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

M.S.3.  
C.A.S.

O.H.M.S.

At .M.

To

By

(Signature) *D. F. Head*

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO

*Mrs Bower.  
Clwyd Hall. Ruthin. N. Wales*

*Deeply REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT 2 Lieut W.C Bower  
1 Lancaster Regt died Aug 9  
The Army Council express their sympathies.*

FROM SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.

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

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

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to pay

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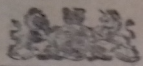
Received  
here at

1. 28

TO

*Secretary War Office*

*Pressing*  
*Can you give me answer  
to my wife of yesterday  
concerning Lieut Bower First King  
own Royal Lancasters in  
Casualty clearing station France operation  
Bower Clwyd Hall Ruthin Doctor*

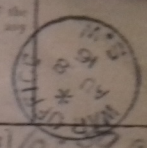


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Ruthin

Charges to pay



Handled in at 7-55 a

Received here at 10-59 a

TO { Secretary War Office Ldn

have you further news Lieut Bower First Royal Lancasters in casualty clearing station may I wire direct for news or go across Doctor Bower to direct wire to Lloyd Hall Ruthin

(M.S.3. CAS.)

9th August, 1916.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Dr. Bower, and in reply to his telegram of August 8th, begs to inform him that there is no objection to his communicating direct with 2nd Lieutenant W.C.Bower, at No. 10 Casualty Clearing Station, France.

The Military Secretary regrets that permission to visit sick and wounded Officers, whilst in Casualty Clearing Stations, is not granted.

4/8/16

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POST OFFICE (Inland Official)

TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. **O. H. M. S.**

Words. **M. 8. 8**  
**GAG.**

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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

To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Telegram **G.D. 329**

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the **W O**

(Signature) **D. Jones**

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

Dated Stamp.

TO { **Mr Bower**  
**Clwyd Hall, Ruthin N. Wales.**

REPORT TO	INFORM	FOR	USE
<b>3 states 2 Lieut. W.C. Bower 1 Lancashire Regt.</b> <b>suffering from appendicitis. Further news will</b> <b>be sent when received.</b>			

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.

Extract from Letters of Administration.  
~~Probate of Will.~~Dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 1916. Granted at The P. P. R.

## 1. Estate of

William Carroll Bower, of Clwyd Hall, Ruthin  
The Co. of Denbigh. 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut. 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>n</sup> K.O.R. Lancs2. Date and Place  
of DeathDied on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1916, at 10, Cassin  
Clearing St., in France on active service - was  
a bachelor.

## 3. Grantees

William Bower M.B., lawful father and next  
kin of the intestate.

## 4. Gross value, £

65. 18. 0.

## 5. Disposal of Medals

Ex<sup>pt</sup> by -  
Produced by -G. J. Mansop. Sol<sup>r</sup> Olney St Mary.  
W. Bower M.B. (Adm<sup>r</sup>.)  
The George Hotel.  
Nottingham.

and to whom returned by P. P. 28. 2. 17.

P/No 1284

Acct 4

Clyde Hall

Ruthin. Oct 15. 16.

Dear Sir

21 OCT 1916

Re my late son & Lieut W. C.  
Bower - 1<sup>st</sup> King's Own Regiment.

The sum of Seventy five francs was  
found on him at 10 C.C.S. when he  
died, <sup>(Aug 9. 16)</sup> & was sent - according to a document  
sent to me - to 'C. P. Base'. Will you  
be good enough to see that it is sent  
to me together with any other of his  
possessions which may still be  
in your custody

Yours faithfully

The Secretary  
War Office

W. Bower

account the sum of £ - 13 - 9

representing Ration allowance

April.

From,

The Standing Committee of Adjutant,  
General Headquarters,  
3rd Echelon,  
British Expeditionary Force.

To,

Messrs. Cox & Co's., Shipping Agency, Ltd.,  
18, Charing Cross,  
London, E.C. 4.

The undermentioned effects of the late  
2nd Lieut. W.C. Bower, 1st King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt.,  
are forwarded herewith by registered post.

Inventory.

- 1. Silver pencil.
- 1. Letters.
- 1. Photo case with photos.
- 1. Luminous wrist watch and strap.

*plus box*

*Sh*

