

LT-COL

106074

I.D. number
No. d'identification

BARKER

Surname
Nom de famille

WILLIAM GEORGE

Given names
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unit ————— 1st C.M.R. & Man. Regt.

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W.O. 24-5-1919 List-533
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George

This man served with
1st CMR CEF

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LEDGER No. _____

SERIAL No. 64-016REG. No. -NAME Barker. Wm GeoRANK Co. 1. CORPS Co. R. 7. Co.AGE 25SERVICE 4 1/2 yrs. C. E. & J. St.

HOSPITALS

V.C. D.S.O. M.C. D.F.C. 1.5.71 for 8 years

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DATE OF ADMISSION

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REMARKS:

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"VC.?DSO., MC."

Surname B A R K E R,

Christian Names

William

George.

Rank T/Lieut.Col.

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin

Promotion

Formerly Lt 106074. Private. 1st Bn's

Unit

Manitoba Regiment.

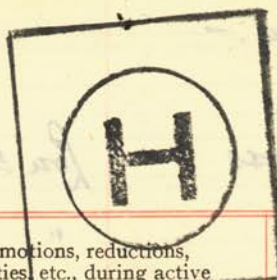
Place of birth

Married (Yes or No)

Appointments

Date of leaving Canada

Date and Cause of Resignation



Report		Record of Promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
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9-5-19	W.O.	To be Temp.Lieut.Col. Manitoba Regt.	MANITOBA	29-4-19	London Gazette, d/9-5-19.
30/5/19	W.O.	Is Sec'd for duty with the P.C.D.F.		16.5.19	Ry. 31366
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Not Services with the Royal Air Force:-					
10.1.17.	WO.	Awarded Military Cross		For Loy. No. 29898.	
18.7.17.	WO.	Bar to " "		" " 30188.	
18.2.18	WO.	Awarded D.S.O.		" " 30530	
				and " 30801 d/18.7.18.	
16.9.18	WO.	2 nd Bar to Military Cross		" 30901	
2.11.18	WO.	Bar to D.S.O.		" 30989	
30.11.18	WO.	Awarded Victory Cross.		" 31042.	

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Headquarters,
Canadian Training Division,
Shorncliffe,
May 9th, 1916.



The Officer i/c Records,
London, S.W.

No.106074
Pte.W.G.Barker,
11th Res. Batt'n.

CCD

Attached hereto are discharged documents for the marginally named who has been discharged from the C.E.F. to take a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps, with effect from 1st April, 1916.(Authority W.O.Letter 101/Gen No./610 (M.S.1) d/20th April. 1916)

Please acknowledge receipt.

C. R. REFERENCE No.	
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GAF/F.

S. Symington
Captain.

Staff Captain for AA&QMG.
Canadian Training Division.

MILITIA SERVICE

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March 14th, 1930.

R E C O R D O F S E R V I C E

Lieut.-Col. William George BARKER, VC, DSO, MC.

1. Place of Birth:- Dauphin, Man.
2. Date of Birth:- November 3rd, 1894
3. Enlisted in the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles, at Brandon, Man., December 1st, 1914, Regimental No. 106074, Rank - Private.
4. Embarked for England, 12-6-15
5. Qualified as 1st Class Machine Gunner, Shorncliffe, England, 16-9-15
6. Arrived in France with Unit, 22-9-15
7. Transferred to England, with a view to being granted a Commission in the Royal Flying Corps, 2-4-16
8. Struck off strength, Overseas Military Forces of Canada, 1-5-16, on being granted a commission in the Royal Flying Corps,
9. Appointed Lt.-Colonel, Manitoba Regiment, 29-4-19
10. Seconded for duty with the Canadian Air Force, 16-5-19
11. Proceeded to Canada, 18-5-19
12. HONOURS and AWARDS

Victoria Cross (LG* 30142. 29-11-18)

On the morning of the 27th October, 1918, this officer observed an enemy two-seater over the Forêt de Mormal. He attacked this machine, and after a short burst it broke up in the air. At the same time a Fokker biplane attacked him, and he was wounded in the right thigh, but managed, despite this, to shoot down the enemy aeroplane in flames. He then found himself in the middle of a large formation of Fokkers, who attacked him from all directions, and was again severely wounded in the left thigh, but succeeded in driving down two of the enemy in a spin. He lost consciousness after this, and his machine fell out of control. On recovery he found himself being again attacked heavily by a large formation and singling out one machine, he deliberately charged and drove it down in flames. During this fight his left elbow was shattered and he again fainted, and on regaining consciousness he found himself still being attacked but, notwithstanding that he was now severely wounded in both legs and his left arm shattered, he dived on the nearest machine and shot it down in flames. Being greatly exhausted, he dived out of the fight to regain our lines, but was met by another formation, which attacked and endeavoured to cut him off, but after a hard fight he succeeded in breaking up this formation and reached our lines, where he crashed on landing. This

* LG - London Gazette, in which all P.T.O. honours were noted.

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RECORD OF SERVICE

Lieut.-Col. William George BARKER, VC, DSO, MC. continued

12.

HONOURS and AWARDS

Victoria Cross, continued

This combat in which Major Barker destroyed four enemy machines, (three of them in flames), brought his total successes up to fifty enemy machines destroyed, and is a notable example of the exceptional bravery and disregard of danger which this very gallant officer has always displayed throughout his distinguished career.

Distinguished Service Order (LG 30530. 18-2-18)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on scouting and patrol work he has on five different occasions brought down and destroyed five enemy aeroplanes and two balloons, though on two of these occasions he was attacked by superior numbers. On each occasion the hostile machines were observed to crash to earth, the wreckage bursting into flames. His splendid example of fearlessness and magnificent leadership have been of inestimable value to his squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Service Order (LG 30929. 2-11-18)

A highly distinguished patrol leader whose courage, resource and determination has set a fine example to those around him. Up to the 20th July, 1918, he had destroyed 33 enemy air craft - 21 of these since the date of the last award (second bar to M.C.) was conferred on him. Major Barker has frequently led formations against greatly superior numbers of the enemy with conspicuous success.

Military Cross. (LG 29898. 10-1-17)

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He flew at a height of 500 feet over the enemy's lines, and brought back most valuable information. On another occasion, after driving off two hostile machines, he carried out an excellent photographic reconnaissance.

Bar to Military Cross (LG 30188. 18-7-17)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done continuous good work in co-operation with the artillery, and has carried out successful reconnaissances under most difficult and dangerous conditions.

2nd Bar to Military Cross (LG 30901. 16-9-18)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When leading patrols, he on one occasion, attacked 8 hostile machines, himself shooting down two, and on another occasion seven, one of which he shot down. In two months he himself destroyed four enemy machines and drove down one, and burned two balloons.



THE WAR IN THE AIR.

A RECORD COMBAT.

MAJOR BARKER'S FIGHT WITH SIXTY HUNS.

From Canadian Headquarters it is announced that the airman who, though desperately wounded, fought 60 enemy machines single-handed, destroying four and bringing down six, is a Canadian, Major W. G. Barker, D.S.O. (with two bars), D.F.C., M.C. (and bar), and Italian Cross of Honour. Major Barker, who is reported dangerously wounded, came overseas with a New Brunswick unit. The story of his fight against a horde of enemy planes records the most astounding individual aerial combat on record. It was while our airmen were harrying the enemy's retreat that Major Barker, when over the Forest of Mormal, encountered a two-seater German plane flying at an altitude of 21,000ft. in order to evade the fire of British guns. After this he climbed and brought it down.

Immediately a Fokker bi-plane whirled down on him and bullets began to whistle past and through his machine. Something stunned him for a moment and his machine spun out of control. Recovering his senses and the control of his plane, he found that fifteen other Fokkers were hemming him in and firing at almost point blank range. Without a moment's hesitation he sped to the attack, and three of his assailants fell. But machine-gun bullets were whistling past him like hail and a chance shot shattered his thigh bone. He fainted and dived, seemingly to death. Again recovering consciousness, he turned at once upon another 15 scouts which were swooping on him like hounds. One of them he sent hurtling down on fire, and then another of the streaming bullets shattered his left elbow. Enemy machines were now swarming about him. He dived and eight of his foes hurtled like stones in pursuit.

Wounded, half fainting, yet with his brain still alert and cool, he realised that his only chance of safety lay in sheer super-airmanship. The enemy aircraft flew above and about him like a cloud of vultures till those who watched breathless from below made the toll of them from 50 to 60. And in the thick of them this amazing Canadian, though one arm and one leg were out of action, performed every "stunt" that his ingenuity, sharpened by the necessity of escape, could devise. He escaped by the incredible daring of his offensive tactics. For upwards of ten minutes he banked and looped and spun and nose-dived and climbed again in a multitude of "star" tricks, till he worked his way right back into the vultures' midst. Two more fell to his deadly gun, and then the rest of the flock spread and fled. He came down huddled and insensible, but victorious, hero of as great a fight as even this war has witnessed in the air. His V.C. is secure.

HARASSING

THE NORTH POLE.

NEWS OF AMUNDSEN EXPEDITION.

A HOPEFUL START.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 6.

The first news of the Amundsen North Pole expedition arrived yesterday at the Foreign Office here from the Norwegian Consul-General at Archangel, who recently found a parcel of letters from the leader of the expedition on his desk, although nobody was able to tell him who brought them.

Writing from Dickson on September 4, 1918, Captain Roald Amundsen says: "After considerable effort we penetrated the ice outside Jugor Sound. On August 19 the ice opened sufficiently to allow us to enter. Proceeding through fog and forcing our way through thick ice, we reached open water opposite the Jalmal side on August 26. The ice conditions, we were advised by telegram from Jalmal and Dickson, were good, and this was confirmed as no ice has been observed since. Persistent north-easterly winds delayed our arrival at Dickson until August 31. On the following day, Sunday, September 1, we landed and found a large supply of oil, 105 barrels, which had been placed below a telegraph pole for us, ready to be brought on board. We were most cordially received by the Russians stationed in this place, who gave us valuable assistance, finishing up by filling our tanks. In addition to the supply in these tanks we took eleven tons of oil in barrels on deck, so that on leaving Dickson we shall have more oil on board than we had when we left Christiania. Everything indicates a successful start from here, the ice conditions, as far as can be ascertained, being excellent. We have secured fifteen splendid dogs, and are thus well equipped in this respect. We shall probably start to-day, but may not get away until early to-morrow. All is well and everybody on board is in high spirits."

DR. NANSEN'S VIEWS.

Interviewed on the subject of this report, Dr. Nansen said that the fact that the water to Dickson was free from ice was a good sign. There was reason to believe that Amundsen had not met with compact ice, but merely drifting ice. Probably by now he had passed the new Siberian Archipelago. If the *Maud* had not been so successful and had been stopped by compact ice she would probably winter in the Nordenskiöld Islands, near Cape Tcheluskin.

Captain Amundsen writes to his brother and Manager, M. Leon Amundsen, that the *Maud* is equipped with a wireless receiver only, so that she is not able to answer inquiries. M. Leon Amundsen says that if the ice conditions should prove exceptionally favourable we may have the next news from his brother in the autumn of 1920, but that even the autumn of 1921 will be early for this should the conditions prove otherwise. The expedition may last to seven years. The *Maud* is



THE GREAT AIR FIGHT.

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London Times

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A full account of Major Barker's exploit was given by Mr. Philip Gibbs in yesterday's *Daily Telegraph*.

Daily Telegraph



CANADIAN MAJOR'S TRIUMPH.

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Major Barker came over with a New Brunswick unit.

Daily Mail

It is not known why "May" is
written in over "April" 1st, 1916
as date of discharge. All
evidence indicates that "April"
is the correct month.

RFC Commission is dated
1 April 1916 - W.O. letter 101/Bento/
610 (M.S.1) of 30 Apr. 1916.

13 June 1966 A. Sorky
Historical Research Officer
DND

LONDON.

24th. April 1919.

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From Major W.G. Barker, V.C., D.S.O., M.C.

To Secretary,
Air Ministry (D.A.P.S.)

I have the honour to request that you will kindly permit me to resign my temporary commission in the Royal Air Force with effect from the 29th. inst., in order to take up a commission in the Canadian Forces.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W.G. Barker Major.
Royal Air Force.



*Resignation accepted
by Air Ministry.
24/4/19*

Canadian Section,
General Headquarters,
Third Echelon, B.E.F.

January 6th, 1918.

To: D.A.A.G., Canadian Section,
G.H.Q., Third Echelon.



Sir,

As instructed, this afternoon I went up to No. 8. General Hospital to see Major W.G. Barker, V.C., D.S.O., Royal Air Force, and to ascertain his condition.

I found Major Barker was making excellent progress and the Medical Authorities were very well satisfied and pleased with his condition and progress towards recovery. It is expected that he may be transferred to England by about the middle of the month.

Major Barker's wounds are, one in the left arm, the elbow joint having been shot away, leaving only a muscular connection; one through the upper part of the muscle on the inside of the right leg, and one through the left hip, passing down through the muscles of the left leg, the bone of the hip being slightly fractured where hit.

The arm wound is healing very satisfactorily and Major Barker will have a certain amount of use of the arm: he is now able to move the thumb and all the fingers except the little one. The second is in good shape. The wound in the left hip is doing well, but will be rather a long time in healing, particularly on account of the injury to the bone.

He was very bright and cheerful, eating well and getting quite a lot of sleep.

I had over an hour's talk with him, during which he gave me a good description of his last encounter with the Huns. It began by him going up to 22,000 feet to get a two seater. He told me that when going after this one, he did not act with his usual care in seeing that there was not a trap laid, and when he had downed the Hun two-seater, he found fifteen Huns below him. Two machines came after him and he got the first wound through the left hip. He attacked the Hun who had wounded him bringing him down, then bringing down the other machine which was attacking with the second machine, which was brought down. He was later wounded in the left arm and fell quite a distance before regaining control of his machine. After doing so, he brought down the Hun who gave him his last wound. During this latter action he had only the use of his right arm, guiding the machine and using his right machine gun at the same time. He was unable to shut off the engine which was controlled from the left side.

His chief regret is that he will be unable to play Hockey, Baseball or Water Polo again, on account of his left arm.

Robertson
Captain.

Canadian Section.

March 25, 1920.

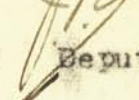
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Deputy Paymaster General,
O.M.F.C.
Ottawa.

Lieut. Colonel W.G. Barker, V.C. DSO., MC.

In reply to your memorandum of the 11th instant, I am directed to say that this officer's secondment to the C.A.F. was made solely in view of his return to Canada in connection with the organization of the C.A.F. in Canada and it was not intended to appoint him as a Lt-Colonel Flying.

Copy of this officer's waiver respecting his promotion to Lt-Colonel in the Manitoba Regiment is enclosed herewith for your file and I am to say that the correct rates of pay and allowances are the Regimental rates of a Lt-Colonel.


For Deputy Minister.
Major
O.M.F.C.

JEE/MR

with files 413-2-74 & OS 413-2-74

COPY

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS,
Argyll House,
246 Regent Street,
London, W.1.

I, MAJOR W.G.BARKER, V.C., D.S.O., M.C.,
hereby release any and all claims which I have,
or may have, against the Canadian Government, by
reason of being taken upon the strength of the
Overseas Military Forces of Canada.

I hereby acknowledge that I have served with
the Imperial Formations, and not the Canadian
Formations, and am therefore not entitled to any
pension for wounds received, or any War Gratuity,
from the Canadian Government. I am entitled to
receive my pension and gratuities from the
Imperial Authorities, and I further understand
that I am merely being taken on the strength of
the Overseas Military Forces of Canada for the
purpose of being promoted to the rank of
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL in the Manitoba Regiment.

DATED at LONDON this 1st
day of May, 1919.

(sgd.) W.G. Barker,
Major.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF -

B.F. Silver (Miss)
6 St. Marks Crescent,
Regents Park, N.W.

OVERSEAS MILITARY FORCES OF CANADA
PAY OFFICE.

Ref:- A.P.0869-W-54.

Canadian Building,
Slater Street,
Ottawa, 11th March, 1920.

TO - The Secretary,
Ministry, O.M.F.C.
Robinson Bldg.,
72 Queen Street, Ottawa.

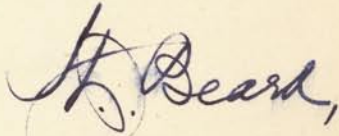
Lt. Col.-W.G.BARKER, VC., DSO., MC.,

The attached copy of a letter received from Lieut. Colonel Barker is forwarded for your consideration, please, and instructions as to whether in view of the particular circumstances as outlined therein, it is considered desirable to make any alteration in the Gazette entry showing Lt.Col.Barker seconded to the Canadian Air Force.

Lieut. Colonel Barker was seconded to the C.A.F. on the 16th May 1919, Vide, London Gazette (Page 6750 dated 30-5-19). This entry however, did not second him as a Lieut. Colonel "Flying", and as a result he has been paid Lieut. Colonel's Regimental rates instead of Lieut. Colonel's Flying rates, to which he would be entitled if it was the intention to second him as a Flying Officer, and he had been so shown in the Gazette.

In the event of the entry being amended as outlined above, he will be entitled to the difference between Lieut. Colonel's Regimental rates and the rates for a Wing Commander from the 16th May 1919 to the 16th June 1919.

This Officer was granted three months' Leave of Absence from the 18th May 1919 and would therefore, only be entitled to retain his consolidated rate for a period of 30 days from that date.


Captain
for Deputy Paymaster-General.
O.M.F. of Canada.

C O P Y

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Telephone ADEL. 4499

AVIATION

March 6th, 1920

Pay Office, Overseas Military Forces of Canada,
Canadian Building,
Slater St.
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I have been in communication with M.D. #2 here and the D.S.C.R., and have arranged to have my operation and treatment here at the Dominion Ortheopedic Hospital although I am really on the strength of the D.S.C.R. This is quite satisfactory to me.

I was seconded to the Canadian Air Force with effect the 16th May 1919, Vide, London Gazette, (Page 6750 dated 30-5-19). This entry, as you state, apparently does not entitle me to Lieut-Colonel's (Flying) pay. I hardly understand this as I had a clear understanding with General Sir Richard Turner and other staff officers at Argyle House that I was to be seconded as Lieut-Colonel in the Canadian Air Force. It hardly seems right to me that I should leave the R.A.F. as Major (Flying) and be seconded to the Canadian Air Force with no rating whatever. Will you please check this matter up with the necessary authorities and see what action can be taken. It may be possible that this was overlooked and some action can be taken to have me seconded from that date. If, of course, would be of some financial assistance to me.

Please advise me what action you think can be taken in this matter and whom I should communicate with here.

Yours truly,

(SGD) W.G.Barker

AERODROME - ARMOUR HEIGHTS.

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B. 528

11th February 1920.


Captain R. E. Lloyd Lott,
c/o. Bishop-Barker Aeroplanes Ltd.
93 Spadina Avenue,
Toronto.

Dear Captain Lloyd Lott,

Colonel Harrington has instructed me to reply to your letter of 4th instant regarding Colonel Barker who is desirous of returning to England for further medical treatment.

Colonel Harrington has had enquiries made regarding your statement that Colonel Barker is still on the strength of the O.M.F.C. It has been found that so far as records at Ottawa show, such is actually the case. Colonel Barker - according to information on file - returned to Canada on leave on 18.5.19. According to his instructions he should have been struck off strength with effect four months from date of sailing if he failed to return within that period. That he has not been struck off is apparently due to oversight, and the Deputy Minister is advising Militia & Defence of this fact and asking them to arrange that H.C.O.M.F.C. should have Colonel Barker struck off. The file is being returned to the Dept. of Militia & Defence who will now be free to take such action as may be possible in the matter.

Yours faithfully,


Major.
Secretary.

February 11th 1920.

To:- Director of Personal Services, M. & D.
Ottawa.

Colonel W. G. Barker V.C. D.S.O. M.C.

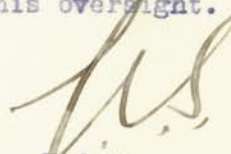
I am directed to refer to your minute of the 8th instant, file 413.2.74, folio 33.

All files available have been consulted and it is found that Colonel Barker returned to Canada from overseas on leave on 18.5.19. In accordance with the usual procedure he should have been struck off strength four months from date of sailing if his absence extended beyond that period. Such information, in fact, is contained in his instructions.

An enquiry has been made from the Director of Records who advises that so far as his records show Colonel Barker has never been struck off strength O.M.F.C.

The writer telephoned to Major Coleman of your Branch giving him an outline of the matter. Major Coleman stated that it would be possible for you to arrange with H.Q., O.M.F.C. to have Colonel Barker struck off strength on request from this office.

I am directed to request that such action may be taken in order to rectify this oversight.


Major.
Secretary.

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PRESIDENT W. A. BISHOP
VICE-PRES. W. G. BARKER

TORONTO - CANADA

SEC'Y CHAS. BAYNE
TREAS. R. E. LLOYD LOTT

TELEPHONE ADEL. 4499

AVIATION

February 4th., 1920.

*Sailed 18-5-19
Document 18-5-19*

Colonel Harrington,
Deputy Minister Overseas Military Forces in Canada,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Colonel Harrington:-

After leaving your office on Saturday I endeavoured to get the information you suggested but was unable to do so prior to leaving for Toronto.

Colonel Barker is, as I explained to you, desirous of returning to England the 15th or 20th of this month, to have Sir Robert Jones complete the operation on his arm and endeavour to make it of some use to him.

As far as we can make out from Records at Ottawa it seems that Colonel Barker has never been taken off the strength of the C.E.F. and is still shown as on leave from England from the O.M.F.C. When he applied for return to England for his operation the Personal Services Branch of the C.E.F. required an authority from the O.M.F.C. in order that he might proceed. It appears now that the C.E.F. are willing to issue transportation provided the O.M.F.C. approves. Would it be possible for your Department to issue the necessary authority to Colonel Gibson of the Personal Services Branch to cover the issuing of the necessary transportation?

There is another point I discovered while going into this matter, namely, that he has never been credited with any pay or allowance since he was gazetted Lieut-Colonel in the O.M.F.C. last April. If you recall it he resigned his position in the R.A.F. as Major and was granted a commission as Lieut.-Colonel in a Manitoba Regiment and I think seconded for duty as Lieut.-Colonel (Flying) with the C.A.F. He returned to Canada a week or two after his gazettment without any last pay certificate. Naturally no authority was received here in Canada for granting any pay or allowance, therefore, he has not received any funds from the Canadian Forces from the date of his promotion. Major Ridout informed me that he was at present investigating the matter and hoped to have a cable from England concerning it this week.

In the meantime, Colonel Barker is extremely anxious

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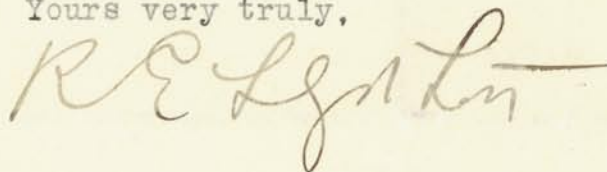
Colonel Harrington..... Page #2.

to get away to England not later than the 15th or 20th of this month in order that he may return to Canada again as soon as possible to assume his duties in our Company. His elbow is completely shot away and his arm is no use to him at the present time. Sir Robert Jones, the eminent English surgeon, of whom I think you know, is much interested in his case and has informed him that he is confident he can perform an operation and secure for him at least the partial use of his arm. Naturally, under these circumstances, Colonel Barker is extremely anxious to get his affairs adjusted and return to England as soon as possible.

After you have perused this letter Colonel Barker would much appreciate having a word of advice from you as to the possibility of arrangements being made for his return.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. E. L. L. L.", written in dark ink.

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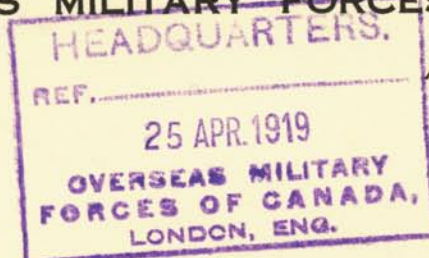
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OVERSEAS MILITARY FORCES OF CANADA.

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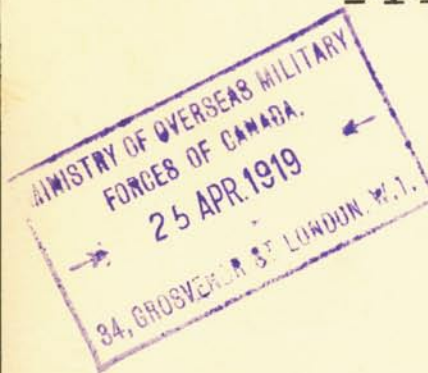
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April 24th 1919.

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To:- The Deputy Minister,
Overseas Military Forces of Canada,
34, Grosvenor Street, S.W.1.

Major W.G. Barker, VC. DSO. MC.,



General Turner at noon - immediately after writing you with reference to the promotion of the marginally named officer - was obliged to proceed to Rhyl and will not be back until to-morrow night.

The Imperial Authorities suggested that they should receive the resignation of Major Barker effective the 29th inst., in order that he may take up a commission in the Canadian Forces.

Major Barker, with your approval, will be taken on the Canadian strength as of that date. In the event of his being taken on such strength he will execute a release of all claims for gratuity or pensions.

In considering his promotion, will you please read this letter in conjunction with the letter written by General Turner. Letter attached hereto.

Frank Thomas

Lieut-Colonel.

Asst. Military Secretary,
CANADIANS.

M/S.

Shut approved returned

C.A.M.S. on 26-4-19

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~~V.O.S.~~ April 1919.

Man. Reg. Dep't.
in England.

S.O.S. Mid. Unif
18-5-19.

Number.....Rank. *Lt Col* *2*
Surname.....*BARKER* *V.C. DSO MC DFC.*
Christian Name.....*Wm George*
Units.....Theatre of War.....
Date of Service.....*no card available*
Remarks.....*Imp. Commission*
Latest Address.....*62 June St. Winnipeg*
For information only
Roll No.....

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B-548.

January 18, 1919.

Dear Captain Lott,

Major W.G. Barker, VC., DSO., MC.

The following telegram has been received from France regarding Major Barker:-

"Condition Major Barker, VC., DSO., improving. Booked for immediate evacuation to England."

Yours faithfully,

M.B.
Major,
Private Secretary.

Capt. R.E.Lloyd Lott,
General Staff (Air Force),
Argyll House.

M/B.



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January 13th, 1919

Dear Lott:-

Major W. G. Barker, V.C., D.S.O.

I enclose two copies of Report I have had from the 3rd Echelon about Barker.

I am also sending a copy of this to the Canadian Daily Record and to "Canada".

Yours faithfully,



Major,
Private Secretary.

Lieut. R.E.Lloyd Lott,
H.Q., O.M.F.C.
Argyll House,
W.I.


B-548

January 13th, 1919

Dear Sir;-

I enclose you copy of Report on
Major W.G.Barker, V.C., D.S.O., for your
information.

Yours faithfully,


Major,
Private Secretary.

Editor, Canada,
Craven House,
113 Kingsway, W.C.2.

B-548

January 13th, 1919.

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I enclose you copy of Report on
Major W.G. Barker, V.C., D.S.O., for your
information.

Yours faithfully,



Major,
Private Secretary.

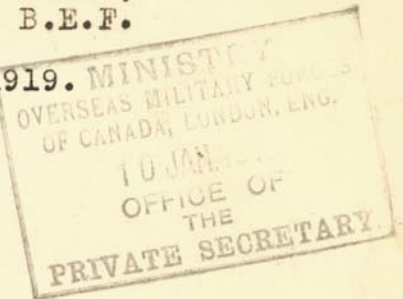
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Canadian Section,
General Headquarters,
Third Echelon, B.E.F.

January 7th, 1919.



To:- The Minister,
Overseas Military Forces of Canada,
34, Grosvenor Street,
LONDON, W.1.

Major W.G.Barker, V.C., D.S.O.

Your B-548 of the 3rd instant was received yesterday afternoon. I had one of the Officers of the Section visit Major W.G.Barker, V.C., D.S.O., and enclose his report herewith.

The previous correspondence regarding this matter is not available in this Office, although one of the Officers of the Section at Colonel Hamilton's direction visited Major Barker on a number of occasions, and he feels assured that a full report of his condition was submitted by Colonel Hamilton.

E. T. Archibald

Major, D.A.A.G.,
for A.A.G., Canadian Section.

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FORCES OF CANADA

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B-548.

January 3, 1919.

TO: A.A.G., Canadian Section,
3rd Echelon, G.H.Q.,
B.E.F., France.


Major W. G. Barker, V.C., D.S.O.

On November 27th Major Bristol wrote
Colonel Hamilton as follows:-

"Will you please have someone go round
and see Major W. G. Barker, V.C., D.S.O., R.A.F.,
the Canadian aviator whom you will remember
reading about not long ago as having fought
sixty Huns. He is lying badly wounded at No.
8 General Hospital at Rouen, and the newspapers
here and in Canada, as well as his many friends,
are very anxious to know particulars of his
wounds and likelihood of recovery, and all
about him. "

I am directed to inquire if you
know anything of this matter, and if not,
that Major Barker be visited immediately
and a complete report as to his condition,
etc. sent to this office.

M/B.


Major,
Asst. Private Secretary.

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CAF/-
Headquarters Overseas Military
Forces of Canada. Argyll House.
246 Regent Street. London. W.1

December 30th 1918.

Major Bristol.
O.M. of C.F.
34 Grosvenor Street.
W.

B-548

Dear Major Bristol,

I have a note from Colonel Parkinson
he says he does not remember receiving a report on
Major Barker V.C., prepared by an Officer of Canadian
Section G.H.Q. on your instructions.

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Lloyd

Lieutenant.
for Brig-General.
General Staff
O.M.F.C.,

RP

RR *now* *Records report*
"No record"

B-548.

18th Dec. 1918.

Lieut. R.E. Lott,
H.Q., O.M.F.C.,
Argyll House,
W.I.

Dear Lott,

In reply to your letter of December 9th I did get a report from our Canadian Section, Rouen, about Major W.G. Barker but it cannot be found in the Office at all. I think I may have sent it down to Major Parkinson and I suggest you call him up.

Yours faithfully,



Major,
Private Secretary.

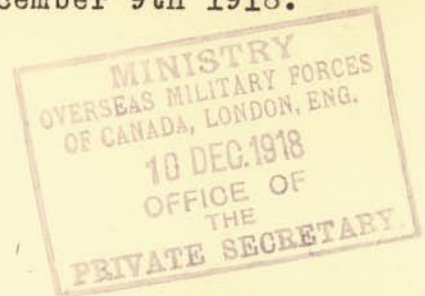
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Headquarters Overseas Military
Forces of Canada. Argyll House
246 Regent Street. London.W.1

December 9th 1918.

Major Bristol.
Overseas Ministry of C.F.,
34 Grosvenor Street.
W.



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Dear Major Bristol,

If I remember rightly when I was in your Office about two weeks ago you wrote a letter to Canadian G.H.Q., France, asking that an Officer be detailed to visit Major Barker, No 8 General Hospital, Rouen.

Have you received a report upon the visit of this Officer regarding the condition of Major Barker, if so, we should like to have a copy of it to complete our file on this Officer.

The C.G.S. is keenly interested in his case, and I know will be pleased to have the information contained in this report.

Yours sincerely,

Lieutenant.
for Brig-General.
General Staff
O.M.F.C.,

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November 27, 1918.

Dear Colonel Hamilton,

Will you please have someone go round and see Major W.G. Barker, D.S.O., R.A.F., the Canadian Aviator whom you will remember reading about not long ago as having fought sixty Huns. He is lying badly wounded at No.8 General Hospital at Rouen, and the newspapers here and in Canada, as well as his many friends, are very anxious to know particulars of his wounds and likelihood of recovery, and all about him.

Yours faithfully,

W
Major,
Private Secretary.

18-12-18
Lieut.-Col. A.L. Hamilton.

I/B.

Canadian Headquarters,
Argyll House,
246, Regent Street,
London, W.1.

24th April, 1919.

Dear Colonel Harrington,

Major Barker, VC., D.S.O., M.C. was commissioned in the Royal Air Force, and while in that branch of the Service was promoted to the temporary rank of Major.

He is about to proceed to Canada and the Royal Air Force are prepared to transfer him to the Overseas Military Forces of Canada.

It is suggested that upon such transfer Major Barker be granted the rank of temporary substantive Lieut-Colonel in the O.M.F. of C., as a special case based upon the excellent and gallant work done by him while flying, to the great credit of the Canadian Forces.

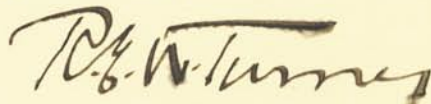
Major Barker is to sail on the "Mauretania" on the 29th, and as the Minister will approve of it I will inform Major Barker before he sails.

Major Barker resides in the Province of Manitoba, and I think, by reason of his excellent work, that no objection could possibly be raised by any Officer of the rank of Lieut-Colonel in the Manitoba regiment to his receiving that rank and being posted to the Manitoba Regimental Depot.

If you do not agree to this posting, there should be no objection to his being posted to the General List.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,



Lieut-General,
Chief of the General
Staff, O.M.F. of C.

Colonel G.S. Harrington,
The Deputy Minister of O.M.F. of C.,
34, Grosvenor Street, W.1.

*This is the Canadian officer
that fought 60 German
planes, in one fight.*

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No.

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your name?..... *William George Barker*
 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... *Dauphin man*
 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... *(Father) H. W. J. Barker*
 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... *Dauphin man*
 5. What is the date of your birth?..... *3rd November 1894*
 6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... *Student Collegiate*
 7. Are you married?..... *no*
 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?..... *yes*
 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... *yes*
 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?.. *Served 2 1/2 years at*
If so, state particulars of former Service. *small with 3rd Light Horse*
 11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?..... *yes*
 12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the) *yes*
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE?]
- W. Geo. Barker* (Signature of Man).
S. C. Attwood (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *William George Barker*, 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 by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

W. Geo. Barker (Signature of Recruit)
Date *December 22* 1914. *A. C. Goddall* (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *William George Barker*, do make Oath, 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 all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

W. Geo. Barker (Signature of Recruit)
Date *December 22* 1914. *A. C. Goddall* (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

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 *Brandon* this *22* day of *December* 1914.

M. J. Jeffery (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

H. D. Stevenson (Approving Officer)

Description of William George Barku on Enlistmen.

Apparent Age 20 years 2 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height 5 ft. 10 1/2 ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 34 1/2 37 1/2 ins.
Range of expansion 3 ins.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Grey

Hair Light Brown

Religious denominations. { Church of England.....
Presbyterian.....
Wesleyan..... Yes
Baptist or Congregationalist.....
Other Protestants.....
(Denomination to be stated.)
Roman Catholic.....
Jewish.....



CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him* fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date Dec 24 1914.

Place Brampton

[Signature]
[Signature]
Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

William George Barku having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

[Signature] (Signature of Officer)

Date Dec. 29th 1914.

Unit man. Regt. Depot Rank Lieut./Col. Name Barker, William George

For Record Purposes Only. Feb. 14 1922.

OFFICERS' DECLARATION PAPER

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY OFFICER

[ANSWERS]



1. (a) What is your Surname? Barker
(b) What are your Christian Names? William, George
2. (a) Where were you born? (State place and country) Dauphin, Manitoba
(b) What is your present address? Dauphin, Manitoba
3. What is the date of your birth? November 3rd 1894
4. What is (a) the name of your next-of-kin? G. W. J. Barker
(b) the address of your next-of-kin? Dauphin, Manitoba
(c) the relationship of your next-of-kin? Father
5. What is your profession or occupation? Student at Collegiate
6. What is your religion? Wesleyan
7. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? not applicable
8. To what Unit of the Active Militia do you belong? not applicable
9. State particulars of any former Military Service not applicable
10. Are you willing to serve in the

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE?

The undersigned hereby declares that the above answers made by him to the above questions are true.

Signed: W. George Barker (Signature of Officer.)

Taken on strength (place) England

(date) April 1919

(Signature of Commanding Officer.)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have examined the above-named Officer in accordance with the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him* for the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Date 191.....

Place

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit"

Medical Officer.

Rank

Name BARKER, William George

Reg'l No. 106074

Unit

1st C.M.R.

If in perm. Corps,
What Unit?

Married or Single Single

Place and Date of Enlistment Brandon, 1st Dec., 1914.

Place of Birth Dauphin, Man.

Name and Address, Next-of-Kin G.W.J. Barker, Dauphin, Man.

Relationship Father

Assigned Pay Monthly \$

Payable to

Relationship

Separation Allowance \$

Payable to

Relationship

Discharge, Date and Place England. 1-5-16

Reason Com. in R.F.C.

Character G. Good.

Report

Date

From whom
receivedRecord of promotions, reductions,
transfers, casualties, etc., during active
service. The authority to be quoted
in each case.

Place

Date

Com. 11/1

REMARKS
Taken from Official Documents

16. 9. 15 1st M.R. Qual. as 1st class machine gunner Shorncliffe

At 2 O #275

Embarked on France.

22 SEP 1915

14 4. 16. 1st Bn C.M.R. Transd to C.C.A.C. 3rd time for discharge
on being granted a Commⁿ as Temp.
2nd Lieut. in R.F.C.

2. 4. 16. P.H. O #16.

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3rd Ech. 101/CEF/G.H.H. In the Field.

29-4-16

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Taken on Strength

Shorncliffe 29-4-16

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1-5-16

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Proceedings on Discharge.

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

No. 106074	Army Rank	Private
Name <u>Barker, William George</u> (The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)		
Corps <u>1st Canadian Mounted Rifle Regiment.</u>		
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <u>Canadian Cavalry Depot, Shorncliffe.</u> (If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)		
Date of discharge <u>April 1st, 1916.</u>		
Place of discharge <u>England</u>		
1. Description at the time of discharge.		
Age <u>21</u> years <u>5</u> months	Descriptive marks.	
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>11</u> inches		
Chest measurement { girth when fully expanded <u>40</u> ins. range of expansion <u>4</u> ins.		
Complexion <u>Fair.</u>		
Eyes <u>Brown</u>		
Hair <u>Fair</u>		
Trade <u>Student</u>		
Intended place of residence { <u>No 4, Squadron,</u> <u>Royal Flying Corps,</u> <u>B.E.F.</u>		
(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)		
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of <u>Appointment to a commission in Royal Flying Corps (Authority War Office Letter 101/Gen No /610 (M.S.1) d/20th April. 1916) with effect 1/4/16</u>		
(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.)		
To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.	3. Military character:— <u>Very Good.</u>	
	4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations:— <u>Returned from France as</u> <u>appointed to a commission</u> <u>1/4/15 Star</u> <u>28-10-20</u> <u>R.R.</u>	
Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067 and that Army Form D. 489 was awarded in this case.		
Lt Colonel Officer Commanding, Canadian Cavalry Depot.		
Army Form B. 2088 has been issued to*		

5. He is in possession of the following number of G.C. badges (if the man is a N.C.O. and enlisted prior to 1st July, 1881, the number he would have been entitled to had he not been promoted should be stated).

Is it probable that he will be entitled to another good conduct badge before the confirmation of these proceedings?

Classification for service, or proficiency pay Class

6. Campaigns, Medals and Decorations

Certificate of education

7. His accounts are correctly balanced, and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me in accordance with Regulations.

(Place) Shorncliffe.

(Date) April 28th, 1916.

John Lacey Lt Col
Officer Commanding, Canadian Cavalry Depot.
Commanding Battn. Regiment.

8. *Certificate to be signed by the soldier on discharge.*

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance), and all just demands up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the 3rd page.

(Place) Shorncliffe.

(Date) April 28th, 1916.

W. Geo. Barker (Signature of Soldier.)

Wm Lindsay (Signature of Witness.)

(When a soldier is absent through illness or any other cause, and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned should be attached here.)

9. *Additional certificate in the case of a soldier who takes his discharge at his own request.*

I hereby declare that I do of my own free will request to be discharged from His Majesty's Service.

W. Geo. Barker (Signature of Soldier.)

10. *Statement of service.*

Service towards engagement to 1/4/16 (the date to which the record of service is completed) 1 years 123 days.

Further service " " (the date of confirmation of discharge)

Total *Initials*

11. *Confirmation of discharge.*

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed for

(Place) Shorncliffe.

(Date) April 28th, 1916.

(date)
John Lacey Lt Col
Officer Commanding, Canadian Cavalry Depot

Commanding officers (or the Paymaster, if at Netley) will issue to every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, either on account of service or disability, is to be brought under the consideration of the Chelsea Board, a memorandum for his guidance on Army Form D. 401, and will at the same time transmit to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, a descriptive return of the man on Army Form D. 400.

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6 Fracture at joint 5'

Severe 1

upper 8

6 elbow 2

CASE HISTORY SHEET.

Flaming Hospital. Ottawa Station.
 No. *RFC* Rank. *Col.* Name. *Besker, William George* Age. *25*
 Unit. *R. FC now Manitoba Regiment* V.C. - *D.S.O. - M.C. - D.F.C. - 15 M for Valor 1 War Clasp -*
 Completed years of service *4 1/2 years* Where and how long *Can Eng. France Italy*
 Date of admission *18-6-19* Date of discharge *17-7-19*
 Diagnosis *G.D.W. left elbow* Place of origin *France.*

CONDITION ON ADMISSION AND PROGRESS OF CASE.

Lower end of Humerus shot away in line to median and ulnar nerve regeneration taking place. Muscles atrophied both in arm and hand. Action of muscles of forearm weak. Has been carrying arm in brace. Brace removed as it interfered with circulation. A depression was noticed in 24 hours has been use of hand.
16-7-19 - Discharged for Hospital.

FAMILY HISTORY.

(Tuberculosis, mental or nervous diseases.)

TREATMENT.

(Especially any specific or special form.)

massages and electrical treatment

CONDITION ON DISCHARGE.

(and disposal made of case.)

Improved. - Discharged by order of
A.D.M.S. M.D. No 3. - To continue treatment of internal.

Date. *16-7-19.*

W. Watson
 Medical Officer i/c case.

BRIEF HISTORY OF SERVICE (cont'd).

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47th Sqd. 12-7-17 to 7-8-17 SALONIKA patrol reconn.
66 Sqd. 10-4-18 to 14-7-18 offensive patrols ITALY.
139 Sqd. 14-7-18 to 13-8-18; 31-8-18 to 30-9-18, ITALY
fighting, reconn sqd. Co-operation with Italian F.C.
in contact patrols for the Italian 4th Army.
England 30-9-18
201st. Sqd. 3rd. Bde. 3rd. Army 17-10-18 to 27-10-18
ARRAS Front, roving reconn& combat over MORMAL FOREST
against great odds (on refresher course from England)
Evacuated to England 16-1-19.



SURNAME.

Barker

CHRISTIAN NAMES

William George

REGL. NO.

106074

RANK

Plt.

UNIT

17th E (M.G.S.)Batt: ~~C.M.R.~~

FORMER CORPS

32nd Light Horse

S.O.S.

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1-5-16.

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NEXT OF KIN.

NAMES IN FULL

Barker, G.W.F.

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER

father

ADDRESS

~~Dauphin, Man.~~

62 Juno St Winnipeg, Man.

auth C. G. 10/11/18.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Canada Dauphin

DATE

PLACE OF ATTESTATION

Brandon.

DATE 23/12/14

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DISTINGUISHING MARKS

MEDICAL EXAMINATION. PLACE

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T/2 Lieut 2-4-16

R.F.C.

Lieut. 22-9-16

BARKER

Capt. 5-5-17

T/Major 14-7-18

William

(Observer) Sept. 1916

George

Pilot - Feb. 1917

Major

Note: In V.C. Exploit the type
of machine was SNIPE #
E8102 - R.F.C.

AWARDS & HONOURS

V.C.- LG # 30142 on 29-11-18

M.C.- LG # 29898 on 10-1-17

Bar to M.C. - LG # 30188 on 18-7-17

D.S.O.- LG # 30530 on 18-2-18

2nd. Bar to M.C. - LG# 30901 on 16-9-18

Bar to D.S.O.- LG # 30989 on 2-11-18

Croix d Guerre- LG # 30913 on 21-9-18

Italian Silver Medal- LG # 30895 on 12-9-18



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PREVIOUS SERVICE

Battalion 1st. C.M.R. 1-12-14 with a BE2c machine
Enlisted as a Pte. 1-12-14 used a BE2c machine
In France with 1st. C.M.R. 22-9-15 to 1-4-16- attached
2-4-16
R.F.C. Sop C.

BRIEF HISTORY OF SERVICE

4th Sqd. 3rd Wing, 4th Army- 7-4-16 to 18-7-16 SOMME Front
Ground staffing on road leading east from COURCELETTE.
15th Sqd. 5th Bde. R.F.C. 18-7-16 to 12-7-17; 17-8-17 to
8-10-17- Recon. contact & artly patrols, French reconn
at 500 ft.- patrolling over BULLECOURT
28th Sqd. 5th Bde. R.F.C. 8-10-17 to 10-4-18 offensive
patrols south of ROULLERS aerodrome: 20-10-17 patrol over
HOULKUIST Forest & YPRES- Oct. 1917

(see page 2)



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PROMOTIONS, REDUCTIONS AND REVERSIONS AFFECTING
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RANK LT.COL. NAME (IN FULL) BARKER William George, (V.C.DSO.M.C.)

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2/LIEUT. W. G. BARKER, 15 Sqn.

- 16. 11. 16 - Capt. Pender and 2/Lt. Barker, No. 15 Sqn, engaged large numbers of infantry in trenches with Lewis gun fire, and reported their position to the artillery by zone call. R.F.C. Comm. No. 62
- 14. 3. 17 - a successful contact patrol was done by 2/Lt. B & Lt. Goodfellow, No. 15 Sqn. R.F.C. Comm. No. 79
- 30. 3. 17 - valuable information was obtained for the 7th Division by 2/Lt. Barker. R.F.C. Comm. No. 81
- 2. 4. 17 - much useful information was obtained for the 7th Division by 2/Lts. Barker & Goodfellow. R.F.C. Comm. No. 82
- 25. 4. 17 - about 1,000 infantry in a trench were reported by zone call by 2/Lts Barker and Goodfellow, and were successfully engaged by artillery of the 5th Army. They reported several other parties of infantry and two hostile batteries, and in most cases the shooting was successful. This pilot and observer also obtained valuable information and took valuable photographs. The work was all carried out at a very low altitude, under rifle and machine gun fire. R.F.C. Comm. 85.
- 1. 5. 17 - The 93rd Siege Battery, with observation by 2/Lts. Barker and Goodfellow, destroyed two machine gun emplacements with five direct hits. R.F.C. Comm. 86
- 2. 5. 17 - ranged the 193rd Siege Battery (5th Army) on three machine-gun emplacements and five direct hits were obtained. R.F.C. Comm. 86
- 4. 5. 17 - 2/Lts. Barker and Goodfellow fired 500 rounds at an enemy bombing party E. of Bullecourt. Ibid.
- 8. 5. 17 - In addition to other work, 2/Lts. Barker and Strudwick reported by zone call several parties of enemy infantry varying from 20 to 300 in number. They were all effectively engaged by our artillery, and in five instances observation of fire was sent down. They attacked two parties of men with machine gun fire. A barrage was also ranged on a trench which was reported to be strongly held, and many direct hits were obtained. Two active hostile batteries were also located and reported by zone call. R.F.C. Comm 87.
- 21. 5. 17 - 2/Lts. Barker and Strudwick attacked a party of men with machine gun fire. R.F.C. Comm. 89.
- 25. 5. 17 - 2/Lt. Barker ranged the 77th Siege Battery (5th Army) on two machine gun emplacements, and observed 170 rounds. After this shoot he went down to 1,000 feet and examined the target and now that both were totally destroyed. R.F.C. Comm. 89.

R.F.C. Communique

- 20. 10. 17 - during an attack on Rumbeke Aerodrome with bombs by No. 70, the escort consisting of machines of Nos. 70 and 28 shot down 9 e.a.: 2/Lt Booth, No. 70, fired about 150 rounds into an E.A. which dived into a field, running into a hedge and being overturned. 2/Lt Michie, No. 70, crashed a 2-seater whose wings folded up in the air. 2/Lt Hultholland, Lt. Mitchell and Capt. Barker, all of No. 28, each shot down an E.A. which was either seen to crash or break up in the air. Capt. Lawrence, Capt. Smith-Grant and 2/Lt. Koch, No. 70, drove down E.A. completely o.o.c., but more were seen to crash.
- A successful attack was carried out by the 28th Wing on Rumbeke Aerodrome. A patrol of 70 carrying 25-lb. bombs flew out at a height of 400 feet with a close escort of eight machines of the same sqn. High patrols of Nos. 23 and 28 operated in the same neighbourhood at the same time. 22 25-lb. bombs were dropped from below 400 feet. (Very successful) No. 110
- 26. 10. 17 - Capt. Barker, No. 28, attacked a German scout west of Roulers, and after fighting for 15 minutes, he secured a favourable position, from which he shot down the enemy machine in flames, and saw it crash. He was then attacked by another scout, and succeeded in destroying it also. No. 111
- 27. 10. 18 - Major Barker, who was on a refresher course from England with No. 201, while on patrol on a Sopwith Snipe, attacked an E.A. two-seater at 21,000 feet over the Forêt de Mormal, and the E.A. broke up in the air. He was then fired at from below and wounded by a Fokker biplane, and fell into a spin, from which he pulled out in the middle of a formation of 15 Fokkers, two of which he attacked, indecisively. He then got on the tail of a third, which he shot down in flames from a range of 10 yards. He was again wounded and fainted; on recovering, he regained control of his machine and was attacked by a large formation of E.A., one of which he shot down in flames from close range. He was then hit in the left elbow, which was shattered, and he again fainted, his machine falling to 12,000 feet before he recovered. Another large formation of E.A. then attacked him and, noticing heavy smoke coming from his machine, he believed it to be on fire, so tried to run a Fokker. He opened fire on it from close range, and the E.A. fell in flames. Major Barker then dived to within a few thousand feet of the ground, but found his retreat cut off by eight E.A., at which he fired a few bursts and succeeded in shaking them off, returning to our lines at a few feet from the ground, where he finally crashed near our balloons. During the latter part of their combat Major Barker was without the use of both his legs and one arm, and brought his machine back with the thumb switch.
- 20. 7. 16 - drove down o.o.c. a Roland near Miraumont. R.A.F. Communique No. 31.
- 21. 11. 16 - awarded M.C.
- 23. 3. 17 - crashed a Fokker near Cambrai
- 19. 4. 17 - awarded bar to M.C.
- 20. 10. 17 - crashed an Albatross Scout at Roulers No. 28 Sqn.
- 26. 10. 17 - crashed an Albatross Scout W. of Roulers
- 28. 10. 17 - crashed an Albatross Scout W. of Roulers.

Italy

- 2/Lt. W.G. Barker, General List, joined No. 15 Sqn. in V Brigade during February 1917. 204/5/1403

- 12. 5. 17 - patrolling over Bullecourt was attacked by a Holberstadt which dived on his tail. Barker fired and his tracers went close. The e.a. made off.
- May 1917 - mentioned for good work during month in special reconns., contact patrols and art co-operations frequently.

Capt.

28 Sqn. (Pilot)

V Bde.

- 20. 10. 17 - on O.P. south of Roulers patrol met 10 Albatross Scouts; he dived to attack one painted green with small black crosses and drove it down with both wings off. 1215 hrs. O.P. 10,000' S. of Roulers aerodrome.
- 21. 10. 17 - fired on Albatross scout while on patrol over Houthulst Forest; last seen gliding down over Staden apparently under control; indecisive (M.C.)
- 24. 10. 17 - patrolling over lines near Ypres saw 18 Gothas approach from E. and cross line. He climbed 10,000 feet and attacked one from the rear at 100 yards, firing 150 rounds; closed to 100 yards and fired another 100; both guns then stopped - unable to rectify. The Gocha was now at 7000 ft. with right engine stopped and guns silenced; later seen gliding steeply down.

BARKER (CONT'D)

26. 10. 17 - fired 30 rounds into an Albatros scout at 20 yards while on special mission W. of Roulers; down in flames. Then for 10 minutes fought a second e.a. which attacked him over wood midway between Roulers and Thielt; fired 40 rounds and e.a. crashed and burst into flames on the ground. On return met very severe machine gun fire from ground; ran out of petrol and landed near Arras. Camel 6313.
27. 10. 17 - met 14 e.a. over Roulers and dived to attack; engaged one, fired short burst at close range and e.a. went down o.c. End not observed as another e.a. attacked him.
28. 10. 17 - patrolling 6000 ft. over Houthulst Forest engaged two-seater which was diving very low: fired 100 rounds; combat indecisive.

Combat Reports:

- 20.10.17 - "While returning from Thielt we met about 10 Albatross scouts and dived to the attack after a very close engagement the E.A. (painted green with small black crosses- went down with both wings off. I saw another machine also going down with wings off" (by Lt. J. Mitchell). Report written by Barker.
- 26.10.17 - Camel 6313. 1110 hrs. W. of Roulers. Special Mission. Ground Targets. 2000 ft. 2 destroyed. Alb. Scouts.
1. Whilst on special mission ground targets - I sighted 15 E.A., west of Roulers. I attacked one with a red nose, fought for 15 minutes, and at 1000 feet, got a burst of 30 rounds at 20 yds. range and the E.A. went down in flames & crashed.
2. A second E.A. then attacked me. We fought for about 10 minutes at height varying between 50 feet and 500 feet, over the wood midway between Roulers and Thielt. While fighting and turning to the right, I got a burst of about 40 rounds into the E.A. which sideslipped, crashed, and burst into flames on the ground.
- During the combat I lost my bearings and got into a cloud, south of Thielt. I flew S.W. and came out over Valenciennes, where I was greeted with numerous tracer A.A. fire. I ran out of petrol and landed near Arras."
- 29.11.17 - Camel 6313. 1215 hrs. Senaglia - Pions di Soligo. O.P. 10,000'. 1 destroyed, 1 driven down. Alb. scouts D.4s. Very fast. "Whilst on offensive patrol between Sernalgia and Pions di Soligo with four Camels we were attacked by 5 D4's and drove one down in a vertical dive but it was seen to pull out at about 5,000 ft. We fought for about 20 mins. and the H.A. were reinforced. I dived on one & fired about 50 rounds and he went down in a vertical dive I followed as he flattened out at 5000 feet, I got a burst of about 80 rounds at close range. His right top wing folded back to the fuselage and later the lower wing came off. I also saw one E.A. going down out of control below 5000 feet. Altogether about 12 e.a. were encountered. During all the above fighting we were outclassed in speed and climb. The average engine revolution at 10,000 feet were only 1050 R.P.M. at 5000 feet the R.P.M. increased and the Camel was a match for the D.4". (Sqn has original copy)
3. 10-11-17- Camel 6313. 1245 hrs. Coneglians. O.P. 500 ft. 1 destroyed Alb. scout. D.3 Blue underneath planes - yellow, back and blue on top of planes. "After finishing escorting R.E.8's Lt. Cooper, Lt. Waltho and I crossed the river Piave at a low altitude and attacked a hostile balloon N.E. of Coneglians. I fired about 40 rounds into it at a height of 6000 ft. and it began to descent. I then observed an Albatros scout about to attack Lt. Waltho. I immediately engaged the E.A., drove him down to 300 feet, and then succeeded in getting a burst of fire into him. He dived vertically, crashed, and the wreckage burst into flames. I then reattacked the balloon, and after firing at very close range, saw it in flames on the ground. I broke up a party of enemy who were at the balloon winch. A large covered car proceeding E. from Conegliano turned over into a ditch when I attacked it. Later I attacked small parties of enemy and dispersed them".
- 29.12.17 - Camels 6313, 6356, 2461, 6362 - Capt. Barker, Lts. Heidson, Waltho, McEwen. 0845 hrs. N.E. of Pieve di Soligo. O.P. 2000 ft. Destroyed (balloon. "Whilst on patrol just under the clouds, Capt. Barker observed a hostile balloon just N.E. of Pieve di Soligo. He led the patrol over and attacked it starting a fire at the rear end. Lts. McEwen and Waltho also fired into it. The balloon collapsed in flames. (Unsigned). Credited only to Barker it seems.
1. 1. 18 - Camels 6356, 6362, 5169, 5193, 6313; Lts. Hudson, Cooper, McEwen, Wright, Capt. Barker M.C., 1115 am Vittorio; escort to bombing; 11,000 ft. Destroyed one, driven down one; Albatros scout D.3. While escorting R.E.8's over Vittorio, the patrol was attacked by 12 E.A. which were later reinforced by about 6 others. Capt. Barker dived at an E.A. which was firing at an R.E.8, and drove him down in a spin, but the E.A. subsequently flattened out. Capt. Barker was then attacked by 2 E.A., one of which after receiving a burst at close range, dived and fell out of control, finally crashing on a mountain side north west of Vittorio. The wreckage burst into flames and was seen rolling down in the valley. The other members of the patrol fought several indecisive combats (Unsigned)
24. 1. 18 - Camel B6313. Capt. W.G. Barker, D.S.O., M.C., 2/Lt H.B. Hudson. 1620 pm about 2 miles E. of Conegliano. Practice Fighting and Machine Gun Test. Destroyed 2 hostile observation balloons. "While testing guns over the lines we sighted two balloons in a field which we attacked and destroyed in flames. A horse transport column of about 25 vehicles which was passing these balloons was also attacked and stampeded." (Typed; unsigned) Signed in 204/80/214.
2. 2. 18 - Camels B6313, B6356, B5169, B2461. Capt. Barker, 2/Lts. H.B. Hudson, S. Waltho, C. McEwen; 1050 am Conegliano; C.O.P. 500-1000 ft. Destroyed 4, Aviatik 2 seaters and D5 scouts. "While on central offensive patrol over Vittorio, Capt. Barker saw 5 Aviatika escorted by 3 D5's flying about 500-1000 feet between Conegliano and Susegana. The patrol which was at 14,000 feet dived and engaged the E.A. formation at 10-50 a.m.
1. Capt. W.G. Barker drove down a D.5 which crashed and burst into flames 1 kilometre S.W. of Conegliano
 2. He then shot down an Aviatik which crashed near Gera.
 3. Lt. C. McEwen brought down an Aviatik which crashed and burst into flames just North of Conegliano
 4. He attacked and destroyed another Aviatik which fell close to (3).
- Capt. Barker seeing a crowd round the E.A. at Gera attacked it and set the wreckage on fire. Indecisive combats were fought by the rest of the patrol.
1. & 2 confirmed by 2/Lt. H.B. Hudson & 2/Lt. S. Waltho.
 3. & 4 confirmed by Capt. W.G. Barker & 2/Lt. S. Waltho.
5. 2. 18 - Camels B6313, B6356. Barker and Hudson. 1200 hrs. Oderzo. Looking for E.A. 2 seaters. 17,000 ft. Destroyed 2; driven down 1. 2 D5's 1 Aviatik. "While looking for 2 seater E.A. working on the lines, Capt. Barker and 2/Lt H.B. Hudson saw 2 D.5's over Conegliano about 11.30 a.m. at 16,000 ft. They engaged them and drove the E.A. East. at 12 noon they sighted an Aviatik escorted by 2 D.5's going South at 17,000 ft. just N. of Oderzo. 1. Capt. Barker engaged a D.5 at very close range. After a burst of fire the E.A.'s left wing came off, and the machine broke up in the air. The wreckage fell about 3 Kilometres N.W. of Oderzo.

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2. Capt. Barker then attacked the Aviatik, which went down out of control for about 4,000 ft. and then flattened out, glided down landed and turned over near Cornare, 6 Kilometres N. of Oderzo about 12-15 p.m.
3. Lt. H.B. Hudson fought the other D.5 down from 17,000 ft. to 200 ft., finally the E.A. crashed near Portobuffole, 10 Kilometres N.E. of Oderzo about 12-10 p.m.

(1) confirmed by 2/Lt H.B. Hudson.

(3) confirmed by Capt. W.G. Barker (All typed now).

12. 2. 18 - Camels B6313, B6356. Barker and Hudson. 2-45 p.m. Fossamerlo (K. 01.68) Machine Gun Test. 1,000 ft. Destroyed 5. 2 Observation Balloons, 3 small round balloons about 8 feet in diameter. "On approaching the Piave preparatory to testing guns, Capt. Barker observed that thick ground mist made conditions ideal for attacking balloons. He and Lt. Hudson crossed the Piave at Nervessa and flew to Conegliano, then turned E. to Fossamerlo (K. 01.68), where 2 large observation balloons and 3 small round ones were closely parked a few feet in the air, the small ones being between the large ones. Capt. Barker and Lt. Hudson attacked the large balloons which caught fire and all five were destroyed. There was no interference from the ground, except disultary and very badly aimed firing from 2 heavy tracer batteries near the balloons. The haze formed a good screen for the machines."
18. 3. 18 - Camel B6313. Barker, with Cooper and Forder. 12-45 p.m. Villanova nr. Hotta. E. 0.7 17,000 ft. Destroyed one. Albatross Scout D.3. "Whilst on E. offensive Patrol Capt. Barker observed 7 E.A. scouts at 10,000 feet. He began climbing so as to get above them. At 12-45 pm he was on their level at 17,000 ft. He selected one E.A. but before getting to close quarters all E.A. dived East. He then selected another E.A. (D.3) and dived after him until, at 3,000 feet, and when within 40 yards range, fired about 50 rounds from both guns. The E.A. then went down vertically in a slow spin and crashed in a field near Villanova. (39.N. 50.20). 2/Lt. A.G. Cooper saw the E.A. crash. All other E.A. avoided combat and continued to dive East."
19. 3. 18 - Camel 6313. Barker, with Cooper and Forder. 12-45 pm. Cison 37. E. 15.40. Western Offensive Patrol; 17,000 ft. Destroyed one; Driven down out of control one. 3 Albatross D.5's and 3 D.3's very fast. "Whilst on offensive patrol Capt. Barker saw 6 E.A. being heavily engaged by A.A. fire over Bassano. Patrol climbed and engaged E.A. over Valstagna at 17,000 ft. Capt. Barker engaged and forced 2 E.A. to spin, and then was attacked by 2 D.3's one, after a short burst at close range stalled and went down out of control, result could not be observed as another E.A. was on his tail. Capt. Barker then half rolled and after a burst, this E.A. spun, following the E.A. down and after several burst on the way forced the E.A. to spin to 1,000 feet of the river bed near Cison. The E.A. then attempted to escape by "S" turning and flying North at about 800 ft. Capt. Barker re-attacked and fired about 200 rounds at close range. The E.A. turned over and crashed just North of Cison....."
8. 4. 18 - Capt. Barker made last flight with 28 Sqn. recorded in Record Book; at 7.0 led Recon. Escort; returned at 7.50 owing to clouds at 1500 ft. Four Camels.

Weekly War Flying Time with No. 28 Squadron

Week Ending	
19. 1. 18 - 2 hrs. 20.	Capt.
26. 1. 18 - 6 hrs. 40.	On 24.1. 18 dest. 1 O.B. & stampeded convoy.
2. 2. 18 - 6 hrs. 40.	On 2. 2. 18 dest. 1 D.5 and 1 Aviatik
9. 2. 18 - 10 hrs. 50	On 5.2.18 dest. 1 D.5 & drove down 1 Aviatik
16. 2. 18 - 1 hrs. 15	On 12.2.18 with Hudson destroyed 2 O.B. & 3 small weather balloons. Leave from 13.2.18.
23. 2. 18	On leave from 13.2.18
2. 3. 18	" " " "
9. 3. 18 - 2 hrs. 50	Returned from leave 7. 3. 18
16. 3. 18 - 8 hrs. 55	
23. 3. 18 - 14 hrs. 0.	On 18.3. destroyed 1 D.3; on 19.3.18 dest. 1 D.3 and D.O. o.o.c. 1
30. 3. 18 - 8 hrs. 35 min.	
6. 4. 18 - 3 hrs. 10	
13. 4. 18 - 50	Transferred to No. 66 Sqn 10.4.18.

Barker went out to France in Oct. 1917 as "C" Flight Commander with No. 28 Squadron. Received D.S. on 5. 1. 18, and second bar to M.C. on 25.3.

On 19. 10. 17 he flew Camel 6313 on a test.

Note: On Dec. 25, 1917 Barker and Hudson were on O.P. for 7.35- 9.35; McIwen, Cooper and Waltho from 8.45- 9.10. No comment in Record Book. Was this the occasion of the raid on Austrian "Drome"? No other flights are recorded that day.

Victories with 66 Sqn (From 14 Wing Summaries & Reports)

8. 5. 18 - on Piave front at 7.20 pm two L.V.G.'s were seen at 16,500 ft. coming towards our lines. Capt. Barker got on tail of one and drove it down to 4,000 ft. when both wings came off and it fell at Annone. The other escaped.
11. 5. 18 - at 10.45 a.m. patrol saw 5 E.A. over Ceggia. Birks attacked one which started to burn along the side of the fuselage and ultimately went down in flames. Barker attacked a DV, followed it to 8,000' when E.A. fell at S. Stino. Hilborn fired into a DIII which went down o.o.c. and also crashed at S. Stino. Other E.A. escaped.
19. 5. 18 - Eastern Patrol saw 2 DV's above them over Frassilonga. Barker climbed to them and attacked one at 20,200 ft. over Levico; sent it down. Fired 100 rounds at second and also sent it down in flames.
21. 5. 18 - On Piave Patrol Capt. Barker found one e.a. and at once attacked. After repeated attempts to escape E.A. was crashed at Colmello while attempting to land.
21. 5. 18 - on special Patrol over Portobuffole he saw L.V.G. which he approached unobserved, keeping slightly below E.A. in hope of forcing it down intact. He discovered him though and he was forced to fire at short range; E.A. burst into flames & crashed S. of Hotta.
24. 5. 18 - three E.A. soon reinforced by 3 more were met by E.O.P. over Grigno. Birks at once sent one down at S. foot of Mt. Coffola and Apps another. Third was subsequently sent down in flames by Barker, and fourth by Barker after a long fight.
3. 6. 18 - saw a 2/str. Berg over Feltre; engaged it and after two bursts saw it fall absolutely vertical from 5,000' seen to crash at 39C35.35.
9. 6. 18 - three Camels attacked seven E.A. one a 2/Str. Barker attacked a scout which dropped o.o.c. for 1000 ft., wings fell off. Then turned on another which was attacking him and crashed it. This E.A. fell fast Birks who was engaging 2/str. until attacked by D.V. Birks got on latter's tail and crashed it in flames. All three fell just E. of Levico.

BARKER (CONT'D.)

21. 6. 18 - Capt. Barker, Lts. Birks and Apps saw patrol of 8 DIII's taking off from Matta aerodrome, pursued it, and each pilot destroyed one E.A.
 13. 7. 18 - special O.P. of Capt. Barker, Lt. Apps, saw 8 E.A. over Moriago at 15,000'. Tried to surprise them but failed and E.A. dived towards Godega aerodrome. Barker got on tail of a Berg scout; fired 250 rounds into it and it broke into pieces at 4,000 ft. between Conagliano and Godega. Apps also caused a DIII to break up in the air. Barker then attacked a D.III trying to get on Apps' tail. E.A. passed within 40 yards of him, affording chance for fire burst, and enabling him also to get on its tail and fire further 100 rounds. E.A. stalled and Apps saw it crash one mile south of Godega aerodrome.

Bomb raids with 66 Squadron

30. 5. 18 - two formations of 6 each, led by Capt. P. Carpenter and W.G. Barker left 6.40-6.50 a.m. Barker's formation attacked Mandrille with bombs (24) and H.G. fire. 5 direct hits; at least 5 huts destroyed. He attacked a column of motor lorries near Mandriello and one ran into a ditch. Then attacked and dispersed a column of infantry near Mandriello, several apparently killed. Engaged and silenced a mobile gun crew, and engaged a big gun pit.
 15. 6. 18 - about 2000 enemy troops were observed crossing newly-made bridge about 500 yds. N. of twin bridges. They were attacked by bombs and H.G. fire. Barker got two direct hits from 500', and on the foot bridge and one amongst large body of troops gathered on island 50 yds. S. of this bridge. Four other direct hits were observed amongst these troops and one other on W. end of footbridge which was totally destroyed. Troops fled. Barker then dropped two bombs on transport column hidden in hedge about 300 yds. E. of bridge - one hit, one miss. All machines attached with good effect and fired about 800 rounds. Observations.
 16. 6. 18 - with two other machines Barker left at 6.10 pm; returned by 7.55 pm.; 12 bombs - 3 direct hits in supply depot along Chiesola-Mina road, 1 direct hit amongst body of troops at C. de Faveri. Troops at dump were attacked with good effect by H.G. fire. Observations.
 16. 6. 18 - with four other machines left at 11 am; returned 12.15 pm. Attacked bridge a Via Jacur - one direct hit destroyed E. end (?). Bridge on pontoon very strong; 16' wide. 5 other direct hits on troops and strong points out of 20 dropped; 2000 rounds fired at troops. Reports. Symondson got three direct hits - on stores, on three boats, and on a convoy of eight waggons.

From 204/80/30 - no combat reports

Major Barker's Work with No. 139 Squadron

16. 7. 18 - first operations with it. On B.F. 8075 with 2/Lt. W.W. Smith made special patrol, 8.20 - 7.45 a.m. Chased an Alb. scout until it dived down to Lesico aerodrome.
 18. 7. 18 - first flight on his Camel B6313. O.P. 6.10-8.40 am. Had a combat.
 19. 7. 18 - On Camel did an O.P. with two B.F.'s. No E.A. seen.
 20. 7. 18 - " " " " 6.45-8.45 a.m.
 Combat. B.F.'s were Curtis-Frow; Wood-Wilburn.
 23. 7. 18 - Walters-Davies on B.F. 916 destroyed an E.A. Barker was with them on Camel, 7.30-9.25 am, and attacked a D.5 at 14,000 ft. over Godega.
 24. 7. 18 - his Camel and two B.F.'s did a "roving patrol"; no e.a.
 later July - the B.F.'s did a lot of practice fighting; with other B.F.'s and with Camel. Also in August.
 27. 7. 18 - his Camel and one B.F. did a S.O.P. No E.A. seen.
 30. 7. 18 - Dalrymple - Irms; McLaren-Baldwin; Simon-Smith on B.F.'s on Escort, Western Recon; 5.35 - 8 a.m. had combat with 14 e.a. 3 e.a. were destroyed, and 2 d.d. o.o.c. (by Simon-Smith (?)).
 5. 8. 18 - chased a scout at 15,000' over Feltre; it escaped by diving down to aerodrome.
 8. 8. 18 - four B.F.'s two on Eastern Recon. (Dalrymple-Baldwin; Curtis-Beagle) and two as escort (Jackson-Keppin; Simon-Akam); 10.15-12.35 a.m. Took 39 photos. Three D.5's seen over Levico at 19,000' about 11/40. Dalrymple and Baldwin each shot one down in flames, Dalrymple drove one down. Simon drove down an L.V.G. over Matarello at 11.45 a.m.
 12. 8. 18 - special O.P. on Camel E.A. nil.
 22. 8. 18 - with one B.F. made O.P. No E.A. seen.
 23. 8. 18 - one B.F. made Western Recon; escorted by 5 B.F.'s. 7.00-9.45 a.m. 7 DIII's seen at 8.55 a.m. 17,000' over Pergine. Capt. Byrne destroyed two, one falling in flames near Trento and other being seen to crash near Madrano (N.E. of Trento). Recon. machine B.F. 7966 (Gill-Newey) did not return.
 25. 8. 18 - Barker on Camel and two B.F.'s practised formation flying. Also had B.F.'s practice alot. Sometimes Barker tested B.F.'s with passenger or ballast. Many training flights in Sept.
 31. 8. 18 - on Camel made special O.P. with one B.F. e.a. seen but no combats.
 1. 9. 18 - ditto Mountain Patrol. No e.a. seen.
 Barker tested his Camel 6313 quite a bit.
 7. 9. 18 - Barker on a B.F., with Lt. Baldwin; and two other B.F.'s made a special O.P.; 3 hrs. No e.a.
 6. 9. 18 - Barker on a B.F. with Lt. Baldwin, and one other B.F. made a special O.P.; saw two E.A. but they escaped up Brenta valley.
 mid sept. - Barker did fighting practice and B.F.'s formation flying.
 12. 9. 18 - Camel and 4 B.F.'s on O.P. saw E.A. No combats.
 13. 9. 18 - Camel and two B.F.'s on special O.P.; 8.25-11.5 a.m. 7 E.A. seen over Trento at 16,000 ft. at 10 a.m. but they dived to Gardola aerodrome.
 14. 9. 18 - Camel and two B.F.'s on special O.P.; 7.50-10.40 a.m.
 14. 9. 18 - Western Recon (1 B.F. escorted by 4, one other had to return engine trouble); 7.40 - 10.50 a.m. Encountered D.III's 9.30-9.50, over Miala, Falgaria, and Levico. Isaacs-Abram shot one down.
 16. 9. 18 - Bristol Fighter 7972, Major Barker - Major H.R.H. Prince of Wales. Test 5-0-5-45 pm. 45 mins.
 17. 9. 18 - On Camel with one B.F. made O.P. 8.55-11.50 a.m.
 - on B.F. (with Lt. Austin) and two other B.F.'s made O.P. in afternoon.
 18. 9. 18 - on B.F. 7972 with Lt. Austin left on O.P. at 2-0; returned 4-35. Saw Brandenburg 2-seater at 4.10 p.m. at 15,000' over Val stagna. Running fight carried on to Tonzaso. Pilot fired 200 rounds at 150 yds range at E.A.
 18. 9. 18 - five B.F.'s in bomb raid on Borgo. Barker escorted them on Camel; 8-0 to 10-50. saw e.a. and had combat.
 - on B.F. 7972 with Lt. Beagle made special O.P. with one other B.F., 12.20-1.35 p.m. Exposed 22 plates of hostile E.A. crashed, and fired 150 rounds at ground targets. No E.A. seen.
 26. 9. 18 - 5 B.F.'s on Western Recon and Escort. Lt. Jellicoe shot down one of 2 DIII's over Pergine at 10.10 a.m. at 15,000' and saw it crash just S. of Lavis.
 27. 9. 18 - Capt. Dalrymple on B.F. 7185 gave Major H.R.H. the Prince of Wales a 15 min. flight.
 29. 9. 18 - Barker made two test flights on Camel 6313; 1.40-1.50 pm and 2.25-3.30 p.m. Both O.K. These were his last flights with No. 139 Squadron.

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14. 7. 18 - Sopwith Camel B.6313 with 130 h.p. Clerget Engine No. 1741 WD30340, Vickers Guns C3441 and C4488 was transferred from No. 66 Sqn to 7th Aircraft Park and attached to No. 139 Sqn. (File 204/277/1)
29. 9. 18 - Sopwith Camel 3613 will be dismantled and sent to 7th Aircraft Park Base, but not working on pending further instructions. Major Barker will be allowed to take off any souvenirs. (Letter from Col. P.B. Joubert o.c. 64th Wing, to o.c. No. 139 Sqn) (File 204/277/1.)
14. 7. 18 - 30. 9. 18 - Major Barker commanded No. 139 Sqn. taking over from Capt. A.A. Harcourt-Vernon and handing over to Capt. S. Dalrymple, on posting to H.E. 204/30/28.

Victories with 139 Sqn (From 14 Wing Summaries & Reports)

18. 7. 18 - on Camel, with the Simon-Smith on Bristol Fighter, during O.P. ran into 2 2/3 Strs. and 3 scouts over Asiago. Barker got on tail of a L.V.G. drove it down from 15,000 to 6,000 ft.; it fell S. of Gallio, bursting into flames on the ground. Simon-Smith, although their engine cut out during a dive stayed long enough to see machine burning on ground. 6 Squadron Camels attacked the remainder.
20. 7. 18 - on Camel, with urtis-Sgt. Frow, Wood-Wilburn, on Bristols, found six D.III's over Matta aerodrome at 15,000 ft. Three Italian scouts appeared and E.A. at once dived for aerodrome. Major Barker's formation dived with them and were apparently mistaken by the E.A. for some of their own machines, as they pulled out of the dive and attempted to join up. Barker got on tail of one unseen, fired 40 rds, and E.A. fell over to right and broke up in air. He then attacked another, following it down to 3,000 ft. and crashed it. Meanwhile Curtis-Frow had got in amongst the remaining E.A.; Curtis got off 50 rounds at one and then put observer in good position to fire 40 more. Barker saw e.a. crash in on a field by Matta.
23. 7. 18 - on special O.P. with Lt. Walters; sighted one E.A. over Vazzola at 14,000 ft., he immediately dived and engaged it, which tried to escape to Godega aerodrome. He followed and in running fight from 14,000 to 7,000 ft. fired several good bursts, guns then stopped one overheated, one misfired. Walters then dived on it and followed it down to 2000 ft. over Godega aerodrome firing all the time; E.A. turned over on back and fell o.o.c.; seen to crash about 300 yds. South of Godega aerodrome by Maj. Barker and Lt. Davies.
- 23.7/5.8. 18 - awarded bar to D.S.O.
- 17/30.9.18 - awarded Italian silver Medal for Valour.
18. 9. 18 - while on O.P. at 9.50 a.m. saw 9 Albatross Scouts flying W. from S. Siustina at 16,000 ft. He tried to get some Italian scouts to follow him so as to attack e.a. One Nieuport, with red fuselage, followed, and Barker flew alongside E.A. formation keeping on about 300 yards to south of E.A. from Feltre to Valstagna. E.A. then turned East and flew parallel to line, followed by Barker and Nieuport to about 4 miles south of Feltre. At 10.20 a.m. Barker signalled to Nieuport to attack, and went for an E.A. at his own level (17,000'); fired 60-10 yards range and zoomed up at another E.A. which spun after a few rounds.
- Barker then saw first E.A. going down o.o.c. Two e.a. then attacked him he half rolled and came on to another E.A.; after short burst at close range it went down o.o.c. and was last seen on its back about 1000 ft. below. He was then attacked by another DIII, which was very well flown. It came head on and both pilots fired until within 40 yards and when Barker did a climbing turn and got on its tail. No other E.A. interfered and after a burst it tried to escape by diving, whereupon Barker got in a long burst at about 100 yds range. E.A. at once pulled out and turned on its back smoking, and pilot jumped out and was last seen coming down on a parachute. Barker watched E.A. fall on its back and crash in river bed about 3 miles N. of Quero. All E.A. except last mentioned were flown very poorly. Barker distinctly saw E.A. turn over on its back when pilot jumped. Photographs have been taken of a/c lying in river bed to confirm crash.

- Major D.S.O., M.C., 201 Sqn. III Bde. 13 Wing.
27. 0. 18 - at 0825 saw 2-seater at 21,000 ft. N.E. of Foret de Mormal; e.a. climbed east and he followed firing short burst from underneath at point blank range; e.a. broke up in air and one occupant parachuted. Then saw Fokker e.a. 1000 ft. below, stalling and shooting at him, one bullet wounding him in right thigh, fell into spin and pulled out in middle of formation of about 15 Fokkers, two of which he attacked indecisively both e.a. spinning down. Turned and got on tail of a third which was attacking him and shot it down in flames from 10 yards. Was again wounded in left thigh by others of formation diving at him. Fainted and fell o.o.c., on recovering pulled out and was attacked by 12-15 e.a. Got on tail of one and shot it down in flames from less than 5 yards. Received a third wound from remainder of formation, bullet shattering left elbow. E.A. which wounded him closed to within 10 yds. He again fainted and fell o.o.c. to 12,000 ft; recovered and was again attacked by large e.a. formation. Saw heavy smoke coming from a/c and believing he was on fire tried to ram a Fokker just ahead of him; opened fire on it from 2-3 yards and e.a. fell in flames. Dived to within a few thousand feet of ground and began to fly towards our lines but found retreat cut off by another formation of 8 e.a. fired few bursts at some of them, shook them off, and dived down and returned to our lines a few feet above the ground, finally crashing close to one of our balloons. (Particulars of combats were not available for October return, due to Major Barker's condition) (In Squadron "Canadian Report for November 1918)

Victories of Capt. W.G. Barker, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., (as in 204/148/19).

15. 8. 16 -	No. 15 Sqn.	Roland	Shot down	Achiet le Grand Somme
20. 10. 17 -	No. 28 Sqn.	Alb. Scout	" "	Roulers
26. 10. 17 -	France	" "	" "	Roulers
26. 10. 17 -		" "	" "	Roulers
29. 11. 17 -		D. IV	" "	Sernaglia
3. 12. 17 -		D. III	" "	Conegliano
3. 12. 17 -		E.K. Balloon	" "	Conegliano
29. 12. 17 -		E.K. Balloon	" "	Pieve di soligo
1. 1. 18 -		D. III	" "	Vittorio
24. 1. 18 -	Italy	E.K. Balloon	" "	Conegliano
2. 2. 18 -		Aviatik	" "	Conegliano
2. 2. 18 -		D.V.	" "	Conegliano
5. 2. 18 -		D.V.	" "	Oderzo
12. 2. 18 -		E.K. Balloon	" "	Fossano
18. 3. 18 -		D. III	" "	Matta
19. 3. 18 -	No. 28 Sqn	D. III	" "	Cison

BARKER (CONT'D)

No. 66 Sqn.

17. 4. 18	O.P.	10,000'	11 a.m.	D.III.	In pieces	E. of Vittorio
8. 5. 18	O.P.	4,000'	7.20 p.m.	L.V.G.	In pieces	Annone
11. 5. 18	O.P.	6,000'	10.45 a.m.	D.V.	Crashed	Burst into flames
			on ground.	Torre de Masta.	E.A. was painted black and	
			E.A. pilot was very good.			
20. 5. 18	O.P.	20,200'	8. a.m.	D.V.	In flames	outclimbed E.A. at
20. 5. 18	O.P.	20,200'	8.03 a.m.	D.V.	Crashed	20,000' - Levico
21. 5. 18	O.P.	15,000'	7.50 a.m.	Lloyd S.S. Recon.	Crashed.	E.A. crashed
					on landing our side of Colmello	
					N. of Levico. E.A. pilot	
					wounded in leg. E.A. machine	
					shot about.	
23. 5. 18	O.P.	16,000'	12.15 p.m.	L.V.G.	In flames.	S. of Matta.
			Pilot followed E.A. under his tail for 10 mins. and was not seen.			
24. 5. 18	O.P.	9,000'	10.45 a.m.	D.V.	Crashed, burst into	
				flames on ground.	Both in same fight.	
				M. Coppola.		
24. 5. 18	O.P.	9,000'	10.50 a.m.	D.V.	Crashed.	E.A. pilot
				exceptionally skillful		39c.3535
2. 6. 18	O.P.	16/5,000'	8.30 a.m.	Berg 2-seater.	Crashed	near Fiume
9. 6. 18	O.P.	14/8,000'	10.20	Berg scout	in pieces	E. of Levico
9. 6. 18	O.P.	14/8,000'	10.25	Berg Scout	Crashed	E. of Levico
21. 6. 18	O.P.	15,000'	9.00	D.III	in pieces	Matta
25. 6. 18	spec. Flt.	15,000'	9.10	D.V.	D.D. occ	Twin Bridge/
						Susegana.
13. 7. 18	spec. O.P.	16/5,000'	7.5 a.m.	Berg Scout	in pieces	Between
				Conegliano and	Godega.	
13. 7. 18	spec. O.P.	5,000'	7.8 a.m.	D.III	crashed	1 miles S. of
					Godega aerodrome.	

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(In 204/80/44 there is a list of his victories to 9.6.18. It agrees exactly with the above. Two are queried in blue pencil -- those of 1. 1. 18 and 17. 4. 18. List is dated 18. 6. 18. Sgd by Whittaker - O.C. 66)

CANADIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF OFFICER

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Married or single

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PREVIOUS SERVICE

UNITS	FROM	TO	RANK HELD	EMPLOYED AS
No. 9 Squadron R.F.C.	1-12-15	2-2-16	Lieut.	Observer.
No. 4 Squadron R.F.C.	6-12-16	1-4-16	Lieut.	Observer.
No. 5 Squadron R.F.C.	2-4-16	1-7-16	Lieut.	Observer.
No. 15 Squadron R.F.C.	14-7-16	7-12-16	Lieut.	Pilot.
No. 15 Squadron R.F.C.	15-1-17	8-8-17	Capt. & Flt. Comdr.	
No. 26 Squadron R.A.F.	8-9-17	3-6-18	Captain	Squadron Commander.
No. 139 Squadron R.A.F.	3-6-18	5-8-18	Major	O.C. 139 sqdn.
Roaming Commission	15-8-18	27-10-18	Major	Fighting Sop. Snipe

Highest rank held and date of appointment Lieut-Colonel. Wing Commander. May 1919.

Category and date of Medical Board "A" 1 September 5th, Camp Borden.

Reason for demobilization or discharge from previous corps Resigned.

Commissions held at present in other services None.

Decorations, Mentions and Awards V.C., D.S.O., one bar, M.C., two bars, Alvalore Militaire

Nationality Croix De Guerre (French) Alvalore Militaire, 1914-15
Star, G.S.&V., 3 times mentioned in Despatches.

FLYING EXPERIENCE

TYPES	HOURS	NATURE OF FLYING DUTIES
Farmans, Avros.	100	Instruction and Practice Flying.
E 2 C and RE 8	900	Art Obs., Contact Patrol, Photography.
		Reconnaissance, Day & Night Bombing.
Camels.	460	Fighting (France & Italy)
Bristols	50	Fighting (France & Italy)
Caproni, Italy.	40	Spy Dropping, Italy.
Snipe Sopwith	70	Fighting, (France)
11 types of Allied war machines.	40	Practice Flying.
Commercial Aviation	120	Commercial Aviation.
HD2L Boats.		

Education Matriculation, 1715 hrs. approx. N.Y. Toronto, race, 1919 & Toronto Exhib.

Special civil education Business.

Special courses of instruction in the service Gosport Special School of Flying.

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Date tests passed for gradation as

Flying officer.....

Observer.....

Balloon officer.....

Armament.....

Photography.....

Wireless.....

Adjutant.....

Equipment Tech.....

" Q.M.....

Disciplinarian.....

EXPERIENCE AS INSTRUCTOR

SUBJECT	DATE		UNITS
	From	To	
None in England, but have given considerable instruction in flying and fighting and Gunnery, to officers in my squadrons.			

Duties desired in C.A.F. (state fully).....

Elected side line (for flying officers only).....

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing particulars furnished by me are correct to the best of my knowledge.

W. G. Barby Signature

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DATES AND UNITS



NO. OF ORDERS	CASUALTY, ETC.	DATE OF EFFECT	NO. OF ORDERS	CASUALTY, ETC.	DATE OF EFFECT
			43	Ceases to be attached to R.C.H.A. Kingston for special course 16-10-22	
34	Taken on strength of Air H.Q. 14-8-22, and posted to Petawawa, R.C.H.A. for duty 15-8-22 12.00		44	S.O.S. Air H.Q. 31-10-22, and posted to T.D.S. Camp Borden 1-11-22	
34	T.D. Ottawa to Petawawa 14-8-22 Rtd. Ottawa 19-8-22		44	Assumes command of T.D.S. Camp Borden 1-11-22	
34	Posted to Air H.Q. & granted leave (indefinite) with pay 12.00	20-8-22	44	Entitled to ration allowance of 50¢ per day 2-10-22	
B197	Reported for duty & entitled to pay same date \$12.26/8-22	22-8-22	44	Ceases to be entitled to ration allowance of 50¢ per day 15-10-22	
B197	Posted to T.D.S., Headquarters	29-8-22	42	Commissioned confirmed 3,-6-22 (Canada Gaz. 15 7-10-22	
B198	Leave 1200 hrs. 31-8-22 to 1200 hrs. 1-9-22		B250	Taken on strength of T.D.S. 12.00 1-11-22	
36	Posted from Air Hqrs. to T.D.S. Camp Borden	28-8-22	B264	Establishment Hq. 1 18-11-22	
B215	Leave 15-9-22 - 20-9-22		B267	T.D. to Toronto 17-11-22 rtd. 2200 hrs same date	
B224	S.O.S. T.D.S. 1-10-22, and posted to Air Hqrs. 2-10-22		B271	Transportation from Toronto to Angus issued Wt. 9538 27-11-22	
Hq. 41	Taken on strength of Air H.Q. 2-10-22, and attached to R.C.H.A. Kingston, for special course 2-10-22		B275	Taken on married establishment strength Mrs. J.E. Barker 27-11-22	

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B.197.	Reported for duty. 28-8-22. Pay \$12.00	28-8-22	B.250	Taken on Strength of T.D.S., Camp Borden. 1-11-22	
B.197.	Posted to T.D.S. Hq. (Hq. Supy.)	29-8-22	B.250	Assumes Command of T.D.S., Camp Borden. 1-11-22	
B.198.	Leave from 1200-31-8-22 to 1200 hrs.	1-9-22	B.267	T.D. to Toronto, 0900 to 2200 hours 17-11-22	
B.215.	Leave from 0630-15-9-22 to 1800 hrs.	20-9-22	B.271	Issued with Transportation Toronto to Angus Wt. 9538	
B.224.	S.O.S. T.D.S. 1-10-22 and posted to Air Headquarters		B.275	Mrs. J.A. Barker taken on Marries Estab. 27-11-22	
	(Authority of A.H.Q. Telegram. 4458. Dated 30-9-22		B.287	Stoppages Total \$1.83	
		2-10-22	R.289	T.D. to Ottawa, 16-12-22	
34	Taken on strength of Air H.Q. 14-8-22, and posted to		R.291	Returned from T.D. to Ottawa 19-12-22	
	Petawawa R.C.H.A. for duty 12.00	15-8-22	R.2	Leave from 0800, 28-12-22 to 2359 hrs, 1-1-23	
34	T.D. Ottawa to Petawawa 14-8-22 Rtd. Ottawa 19-8-22		R.27	Confined to Quarter (Flue), 31-1-23	
			R.28	Stoppages Gas & Oil \$5.00	
36	Posted from Air Hqrs. to T.D.S. Camp Borden	28-8-22	R.37	Ceases to be confined to Billets, 12-2-23	
41	Taken on strength of Air H.Q. 2-10-22, and attached		R.38	Leave from 28-1-23 to 30-1-23 inc.	
	to T.C.H.A. Kingston, for special course 2-10-22		R.51	Leave from 0800, 2-3-23 to 1200 hours, 3-3-23	
43	Ceases to be attached to R.C.H.A. Kingston for special		R.54	T.D. to Ottawa 4-3-23	
	course 16-10-22				

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B287	Stoppages 1.83	15-12-22	B72	T.D. to Ottawa 24-3-23	
B289	T.D. to Ottawa 16-12-22		B72	Stoppages 2.36 26-3-23	
B291	Rtd. from T.D. to Ottawa	19-12-22	B79	Rtd. from T.D. to Ottawa 3-4-23	
B2	Leave (Xmas) 24-12-22 - 27-12-22		B81	T.D. to Ottawa 6-4-23	
B2	Leave 28-12-22 - 1-1-23		B86	Leave 0800 hrs 9-4-23 - 2200 hrs 10-4-23	
B27m	Confined to Quarters with Influenza	31-1-23	B86	Cancel B81 "Movement" and substitute the following T.D. to Ottawa 5-4-23 Rtd. 7-4-23	
B28	Stoppages 5.00	2-2-23	B87	Leave 0800 hrs 13-4-23 - 1200 hrs 14-4-23	
B37	Ceases to be confined to Quarters with Influenza	12-2-23	B93	Stoppages 3.90 20-4-23	
B38	Proceeded on leave 28-1-23 - 30-1-23 inc.		B105	T.D. to Toronto and Ottawa 4-5-23	
B51	Leave 0800 hrs 2-3-23 - 1200 hrs 3-3-23		B112	Rtd. from temp. Duty to Toronto & Ottawa 10-5-23	
B54	T.D. to Ottawa 4-3-23		B116	Stoppages (Gas.&Oil) .39	
B58	Rtd. from T.D. to Ottawa	8-3-23	B139	T.D. to Toronto (by air) 11 00 hrs 11-6-23 Rtd. 1620 hrs 11-6-23	
B70	Proceeded on leave from 1200 hrs 23-3-23 to 1200 hrs 24-3-23		B139	T.D. to Toronto (by air) 1100 hrs 12-6-23 ret. 1430 hrs 12-6-23	

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R.58	Returned from T.D. Ottawa, 8-3-23		R.139	T.D. to Toronto (by air) 1100, 12-6-23, rtd. 1430 hrs. same date.	
R.70	Leave from 1200, 23-3-23 to 1200 hours, 24-3-23		R.142	Rations on Repayment, \$14.98	
R.72	Temp; Duty to Ottawa, 24-3-23		R.145	Proceeded on T.D. to Ottawa, 21-6-23	
R.72	Stoppages for Gasoline, \$2.36		R.147	Stoppages Total \$16.60	
R.79	Returned from T.D. to Ottawa, 3-4-23		R.149	Returned from T.D. to Ottawa, 26-6-23	
R.81	Proceeded on T.D. to Ottawa, 6-4-23		R.151	Leave from 1-7-23 to 12-7-23 inc.	
R.86	R.81 Cancelled, Amended to #Proceeded on T.D. to Ottawa, 5-4-23 and returned 7-4-23		R.162	Rations on Repayment, \$2.56	
R.86	Leave from 0800, 9-4-23 to 2200 hrs, 10-4-23		R.165	Stoppages Total \$10.83	
R.87	Leave from 0800, 13-4-23 to 1200 hrs, 14-4-23		R.173	" " \$3.44	
R.93	Stoppages, Gasoline, Total \$3.90		R.174	Entitled to .50¢ per diem in lieu of Rations, 1-8-23	
R.105	T.D. to Toronto and Ottawa, 4-5-23		R.187	Temp. Duty to Ottawa, 11-8-23	
R.112	Returned from Temp. Duty to Toronto & Ottawa	10/5/23	R.191	Returned from Temp Duty to Ottawa, 15-8-23	
R.116	10% chge. Gas. & Oil, .39¢		R.191	Rations on Repayment \$15.06	
R.139	T.D. to Toronto (by Air) 1100, 11-6-23, rtd. 1430 hrs. same date		R.194	Gasoline on Repayment \$1.79	
			R.209	Leave from 0800, 7-9-23 to 1200 hrs, 8-9-23	

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B142	Stoppages (rations) 14.98		R215	T.D. to Ottawa	15-9-23
B145	T.D. to Ottawa	21-6-23	R220	Ret. from T.D. at Ottawa	19-9-23
B147	Stoppages 16.60	25-6-23	R225	T.D. to Toronto (by road) 21-9-23 ret. 24-9-23	
B149	Ret. from T.D. to Ottawa	26-6-23	R226	Stoppages 2.00	
B151	Leave 1-7-23 - 12-7-23 inc.		R229	Estab. SHQ. 1	
B162	Stoppages (rations) 2.56		R234	Stoppages 25.77	
B165	Stoppages 10.83	17-7-23	R234	Leave 0800 hrs 8-10-23 to 2359 hrs 11-10-23	
B173	Stoppages 3.44		R241	Leave 0800 hrs 15-10-23 to 2359 hrs 18-10-23	
B174	Entitled to Ration Allowance of 50¢ day	1-8-23	R249	Stoppages 9.08	
B187	T.D. to Ottawa	11-8-23	R253	T.D. to Ottawa 28-10-23	
B191	Ret. from T.D. at Ottawa	15-8-23	R257	Ret. from T.D. to Ottawa 1-11-23	
B191	Stoppages (rations) 15.06		R271	T.D. to Toronto 19-11-23	
B194	Stoppages 1.79		R274	Ret. from T.D. to Toronto 22-11-23	
R209	Leave 0800 hrs. 7-9-23 to 1200 hrs. 8-9-23		R281	Stoppages 4.20	
			R288	T.D. to Toronto 0800 hrs 10-12-23	
			R290	Ret. from T.D. to Toronto 2200 hrs 10-12-23	
			R290	Leave 0800 hrs to 2200 hrs 11-12-23	

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R.216	Temp. Duty to Ottawa, 15-9-23		R.286	Temp. Duty to Toronto, by road, 0800, 10-12-23	
R.220	Returned from Temp. Duty to Ottawa, 19-9-23		R.290	Rtd. from Temp. Duty to Toronto, 2200, 10-12-23	
R.225	Temporary Duty to Toronto, 21-9-23		R.299	Christmas Leave	
R.225	Returned from Temp. Duty to Toronto, 24-9-23		R.301	Temp. Duty to Ottawa, 26-12-23	
R.226	Stoppages Total \$2.00				
		(1924)			
R.234	Stoppages total \$25.77		R.7	Returned from Temp Duty to Ottawa, 29-12-23	
R.234	Leave from 0800, 8-10-23 to 2359 hrs, 11-10-23		R.11	Stoppages Total \$17.54	
R.241	Leave from 0800, 15-10-23 to 2359 hrs, 18-10-23		R.12	"Mrs. W.C. Barker" Struck off Strength	
R.249	Stoppages Total \$9.08			Married Establishment, effective 15-1-24	
R.253	Proceeded on T.D. to Ottawa, 28-10-23		R.12	Struck off Strength 15-1-24, and posted to Air Headquarters, Ottawa, effective 16-1-24	
R.257	Returned from Temp. Duty to Ottawa, 1-11-23				
R.271	Temp. Duty to Toronto, 19-11-23				
R.274	Returned from Temp. Duty to Toronto, 22-11-23				
R.281	Stoppages total \$4.20				

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FULL NAMES BARKER, William GeorgeRANK AND CLASS, DATE C.A.F. Wing CommanderPERMANENT ADDRESS 355 St. Claire Ave., W. Toronto, Ont. PROVINCE OntarioNEXT OF KIN (1) Mrs. W.G. Barker (Jean Kilbourn) RELATIONSHIP WifeADDRESS as aboveNEXT OF KIN (2) Horace Bruce Smith RELATIONSHIP Father-in-lawADDRESS as aboveAGE 27 (3-11-1894)
YEARS. MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.....HONOURS AND AWARDS V.C., D.S.O. & Bar, M.C., A.D.C., etc.

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A.1	Appointed to the Permanent R.C.A.F. and posted to Air H.Q. (A/Director, R.C.A.F.)	1-4-24	A.70	Completed 3 years service as W/C is entitled to the higher rate of pay	14-8-25
A.1	Placed on Married Establishment	1-4-24	W048	Seniority as Wing Commander.	1-4-24
A.1	Taken on strength of Air H.Q. (General List)	1-4-24	W0.40-53	Resigned his appointment as Honorary A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor General (No. 53/25)	1-4-26
A.1	Entitled to allowances in lieu of rations and Quarters	1-4-24	A.18	Posted Supernumerary to Establishment	15-4-26
A.34	Ceases to be A/Director, R.C.A.F.	19-5-24	A.25	Ceases to be on command RAF Staff College 25-3-26 & attached to Liaison Office same date	25-3-26
A.34	Leave 0900 hours 20-5-24 to 1700 hours 2-6-24		A.26	Assumes duties of Liaison Officer, London	15-4-26
A.38	Proceeded on Command to Liaison Office, London.	3-6-24	W0.21	Ceases to be on command RAF Staff College 25-3-26 & is attached to RCAF Liaison Office same date; assumes duties of Liaison Officer 15-4-26	
W0.2	Entitled to wear Pilots Wings	1-4-24	W.0.121/26	Completed 4th course RAF Staff College & entitled to letters "p.s.a." after name in Air Force List. (A.M.W.Os #236-251 of 29-4-26.)	25-3-26
A.5	Service towards increased pay, 1 year 231 days.				
A.28	Posted to Supernumerary effective	1-5-25			

CAREER OF WING COMMANDER BARKER.



Wing Commander William George Barker, V.C. D.S.O., and One Bar, Military Cross and Two Bars Silver Medal for Military Valour (Italian) Croix de Guerre (French) was born in Dauphin, Manitoba, on November 3rd, 1894. He was educated at Russell High School and Dauphin Collegiate. His Service Career began with the First Canadian Mounted Rifles in November 1914, when he enlisted as a Private.

He went overseas in the Spring of 1915 and proceeded to France in the Fall of that year with the First C.M.R's.

In December 1915 he joined No. 9 Squadron Royal Flying Corp as an Observer with the rank of Corporal. Here he soon distinguished himself by gaining his first air victory against formidable odds.

On April 2nd 1916 he won his commission in the field as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Flying Corp and was posted to No. 4 Squadron, France with which he served as an Observer until July. During this period he was wounded in the air, but did not leave his squadron and was in the air again to take part in the British Attack on the Somme July 1st., 1916. As an Observer during the battle of the Somme he earned a reputation for accuracy in directing the fire of the British Artillery.

On July 18th 1916 he was transferred from No. 4 Squadron to No. 15 Squadron.

His first decoration, the Military Cross, was won in the early Fall of 1916 for conspicuous gallantry in action. At this time he was still an Observer.

On November 18th 1916 he proceeded to Warborough in Norfolk to train as a pilot and rejoined

No. 15 Squadron in France early in January as a Pilot where he was given command of "C" Flight and shortly afterwards promoted to the rank of Captain.

His accurate artillery observation and splendid service won him his second decoration, the Bar to the Military Cross, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, he having done continuous good work in co-operation with the Artillery and having carried out successful reconnaissances under most difficult and dangerous conditions.



On August 7th, 1917 he was again slightly wounded, this time below the right eye by anti-aircraft fire. On this occasion when as/he was first wounded, he did not leave his Squadron and was flying again the next morning.

In September, 1917 he returned to England after having flown almost continuously at the Front for more than a year and a half. He soon tired of England and on the 22nd October flew to France with the 28th Squadron where he and his companions greatly distinguished themselves, Barker winning his first double victory on October 16th.

On the 28th October his Squadron entrained for Italy.

Barker's career in Italy where he was in command of the 28th Squadron was a succession of successful combats. The number of victories mounted rapidly and here in succession he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, a 2nd Bar to the Military Cross and the Croix de Guerre.

One dramatic exploit followed another until he finally left Italy in September, 1918. On arrival in England he immediately applied to return to France in order to better fit himself to take command of a Fighting School at Hanslow.

He returned to France, where, at the time of his recall to England on October 27th he raised his total of official victories to 46.

On the morning of October 27th 1918, having sent his equipment to England and having said good-by to his friends of the squadron he started presumably for England, but climbed up to a height of 22,000 feet to take a last look at the line. Here he met the German machine which he attacked and after a short burst broke it up in the air. At the same time he was attacked by a Fokker Diplane and was himself wounded. He soon found himself in the middle of a large formation of German aircraft which attacked from all directions. He was wounded for the second time, but succeeded in putting down two of the enemy.

He then lost consciousness and his machine fell out of control. But he recovered himself and was attacked by a large formation, one of which he charged and drove down in flames.

He was again wounded, his left elbow being shattered, and again fainted. On regaining consciousness he found himself still being attacked, but notwithstanding that he was now severely wounded in both legs and his left arm shattered he dived at the nearest machine and shot it down in flames.

He then dived out of the fight in an effort to regain our lines, but met another formation which attacked, but which after a hard fight he succeeded in breaking up and reached our lines where he crashed on landing.

This is the greatest air battle of history and won Major Barker the Victory Cross.



Major Barker was shortly afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1919 he returned to Canada and entered Civil Aviation.

In 1922 he rejoined the Canadian Air Force with the rank of Wing Commander and served successively as Officer Commanding Camp Borden and Acting Director of the Air Force. In June 1924 he proceeded to England as the Royal Canadian Air Force Liaison Officer, remaining in England until he had completed the Royal Air Force Staff College Course.

On returning to Canada in June of 1926 he resigned his commission and went into business.

At the time of his death Wing Commander Barker was the General Manager of the Fairchild Aviation Company of Canada.



Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Canadian Mounted RiflesRegimental No. 106074 Rank Private Name Barker, William GeorgeEnlisted (a) 4/13/14 Terms of Service (a) as per attestn Service reckons from (a) _____Date of promotion to } _____ Date of appointment } _____ Numerical position on } _____
present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }

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. 36, 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. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
14. 4. 16	AAG Can see	Landed in Struck off strength BALK Tps to CAC 2nd Bn for discharge a being granted a Commission as Temporary Sergeant Lt. R. Flying Corps.	France England	22-9-15 24/16	Arch List of app. Commis Aug 6. 1/2/16 AAG C sea. 2nd Bn. 3rd Bn. 10/1/16 C/S/G III P II 16. 14. 4. 16.

W. H. Alley Rod
Lieut.
For Lieut. Col. AAG.

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thirty-three enemy aircraft - twenty-one of these since the date of the last award (second Bar to M.C.) was conferred on him. Major Barker has frequently led formations against greatly superior numbers of the enemy with conspicuous success."

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DEED OF ACTION.

Covering the Award of the MILITARY CROSS.

"For conspicuous gallantry in action. He flew at a height of 500 feet over the enemy's lines, and brought back most valuable information. On another occasion, after driving off two hostile machines, he carried out an excellent ^{photographic} reconnaissance."

DEED OF ACTION.

Covering the Award of the BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done continuous good work in co-operation with the artillery, and has carried out successful reconnaissances under most difficult and dangerous conditions."

DEED OF ACTION.

Covering the Award of the 2nd BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When leading patrols, he, on one occasion attacked eight hostile machines, himself shooting down two, and on another occasion seven, one of which he shot down. In two months he himself destroyed four enemy machines and drove down one, and burned two balloons."

and his machine fell out of control. On recovery, he found himself being again attacked heavily by a large formation, and, singling out one machine, he deliberately charged and drove it down in flames. During this flight his left elbow was shattered and he again fainted, and on regaining consciousness he found himself still being attacked, but, notwithstanding that he was now severely wounded in both legs and his left arm shattered, he dived on the nearest machine and shot it down in flames. Being greatly exhausted, he dived out of the fight to regain our lines, but was met by another formation, which attacked and endeavoured to cut him off, but after a hard fight he succeeded in breaking up this formation and reached our lines, where he crashed on landing. This combat, in which Major Barker destroyed four enemymachines (three of them in flames), brought his total successes up to fifty enemy machines destroyed, and is a notable example of the exceptional bravery and disregard of danger which this very gallant Officer has always displayed throughout his distinguished career."

DEED OF ACTION.

Covering the Award of the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on scouting and patrol work he has on five different occasions brought down and destroyed five enemy aeroplanes and two balloons, though on two of these occasions he was attacked by superior numbers. On each occasion the hostile machines were observed to crash to earth, the wreckage bursting into flames. His splendid example of fearlessness and magnificent leadership have been of inestimable value to his squadron.

DEED OF ACTION.

Covering the Award of the BAR TO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

"A highly distinguished patrol leader whose courage, resource, and determination has set a fine example to those around him. Up to the 20th July, 1918, he had destroyed

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Reference item 354.

Major (Wing Commander) BARKER, William George.
Royal Flying Corps.

VICTORIA CROSS.
Authority London Gazette.
#31042 Dated 30-11-1918.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.
Authority London Gazette.
#30530 Dated 18-7-1918.

BAR TO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.
Authority London Gazette.
#30989 Dated 2-11-1918.

MILITARY CROSS.
Authority London Gazette.
#29898 Dated 10-1-1917.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.
Authority London Gazette.
#30188 Dated 18-7-1917.

2nd BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.
Authority London Gazette.
#30901 Dated 18-9-1918.

SILVER MEDAL FOR MILITARY VALOUR (Italian)
Authority London Gazette.
#30895 Dated 12-9-1918.

CROIX DE GUERRE.
Authority London Gazette.
#30913 Dated 21-9-1918.

DEED OF ACTION.

Covering the Award of the VICTORIA CROSS.

On the morning of the 27th October, 1918, this Officer observed an enemy two-seater over the Foret de Mormal. He attacked this machine, and after a short burst, it broke up in the air. At the same time, a Fokker biplane attacked him, and he was wounded in the right thigh, but managed, despite this, to shoot down the enemy aeroplane in flames. He then found himself in the middle of a large formation of Fokkers, who attacked him from all directions, and was again severely wounded in the left thigh, but succeeded in driving down two of the enemy in a spin. He lost consciousness after this,

LIST OF DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS.

1. Proceedings on discharge. (Army Form B. 268.)
2. Proceedings on transfer to reserve (if any). (Army Form B. 2056.)
3. Duplicate attestation.
4. Army Form B. 97 (if any).
5. Declaration of change of name (if any).
6. Re-engagement paper (if any). (Army Form B. 136.)
7. Authority for continuance, or extension, of service (if any). (Army Form B. 221.)
8. Court of Inquiry on an injury (if any). (Army Form A. 2.)
9. Regimental conduct sheet. (Army Form B. 120.)
10. Company conduct sheet. (Army Form B. 121.)
11. Copies of convictions by Civil Power (if any).
12. Medical history sheet. (Army Form B. 178.)
13. Medical report on invalid (if any). (Army Form B. 179.)
14. Copy of receipt for purchase money (if any).
15. Attestation of fraudulently enlisted man for corps in which he has not been held to serve (if any).
16. Detailed statement of former service allowed to reckon towards pension (if any).
17. Copy of 3rd page attestation (in the case of men from abroad entitled to deferred pay who go to Netley or the discharge depot for discharge).
18. Descriptive return (Army Form D. 400), where required. See section 11 on second page.
19. Active service casualty form. (Army Form B. 103.)
20. Employment sheet. (Army Form B. 2066.)

In the case of recruits who are rejected before, or on, final approval, the discharge documents will consist of—

1. Duplicate attestation. (On third page the date and cause of discharge will be entered and signed by the competent military authority.)
2. Medical history sheet (if any). (Army Form B. 178.)

Instructions as to the preparation, despatch, and custody, of discharge documents.

1. When a soldier is to be discharged, the documents retained with the duplicate attestation will be placed inside this form. Should any of the documents be missing, an explanation of the deficiency, signed by the commanding officer, must be substituted for the missing document. The officer in charge of records will then extract from the original attestation, any documents required to complete the list of discharge documents enumerated in the margin, which will then be placed in this form in the sequence given.

2. When men are discharged from the colours at home as medically unfit, or with claims to pension, Army Form B. 268 will be sent confirmed, together with the duplicate attestation and documents retained therein to the officer in charge of records 10 days in advance of the date for discharge in the case of invalids, and 14 days in other cases. This officer will then extract from the original attestation any documents required to complete the list of discharge documents enumerated in the margin, place them in this form, and after carefully checking the duplicate attestation with the original forward the whole to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea. When such men are discharged abroad, the same procedure will be adopted as above, with the exception that the discharge documents will be sent to the officer in charge of records immediately after discharge takes place (except in the case of men who are granted gratuities on discharge from local battalions or companies, Royal Artillery).

3. When soldiers are sent home from abroad for discharge, the documents retained with the duplicate attestation will be placed inside this form and sent home with the men for transmission to the officer who carries out the discharge, together with the following additional forms:—

- (a) Discharge certificate (Army Form B. 2079 or Army Form B. 264).
- (b) Character certificate (Army Form B. 2067) if entitled.
- (c) Copy company conduct sheet (Army Form B. 121) when required under King's Regulations.

The duplicate attestation and documents retained therein will be sent to the officer in charge of records, who will extract from the original attestation any documents required to complete the list of discharge documents enumerated in the margin and place them in this form.

4. The discharge documents of re-enlisted pensioners, on re-discharge, will be sent to the officer in charge of records, who will extract from the original attestation any documents required to complete the list of discharge documents enumerated in the margin, place them inside this form, and forward the whole to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, irrespective of the cause of discharge.

5. The original and duplicate attestations of recruits who are rejected before, or on, final approval will be retained by the approving officer for one year, when they will be destroyed.

6. In all other cases the discharge documents will be sent, directly the discharge is carried out, to the officer in charge of records of the unit concerned.

7. Postage need not be paid, and receipts are not required, in the case of documents sent to Chelsea or to the War Office.

8. When the discharge documents of men not entitled to pension are sent to the officer who will have final charge of them, they are to be accompanied by Army Form B. 279, and that officer will, if they are found to be correct, sign and return Army Form B. 279. Should any document be missing, he must at once apply for it.

9. The officers having final charge of the discharge documents will arrange them according to regimental numbers, and enter the names in the alphabetical index, Army Book No. 129.

RESERVATIONS REFERRED TO AT PARA. 8.

(To be signed by the soldier. When there are none, it is to be so stated, and signed by the soldier.)

Balance still due to date of Discharge

W. Geo. Bankw.

ASSIGNED PAY.

Beneficiary

Address

Amount \$

Separation Allowance Issued. Yes or No

UNIT.

NAME OF

RATE OF P. AND A.

RANK.

DATE

AUTHORITY

NAME.

Name

Initials

Bank

Man. Rgt.

Pay 5⁰⁰

F.A. 1²⁵

Messing 1⁰⁰

\$ 7²⁶₀₀

Lt. Col.

29¹/₉

Barker. v.c., D.S.O., M.C.

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L.S. 6760 d/30⁵/₉

Granted leave 18⁵/₉ to 19⁹/₉. Pay no messing

DATE

1920.

PARTICULARS

CK. NO.

CR.

DR.

ASSIGNED
PAYPAID IN
CANADA

BALANCE

SPECIAL AUTHORITIES
TO BE INITIALED BY P.M. IN EVERY CASE

INITIALS

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For Record Purposes Only - Feb. 14th 1922.

Fill in only. —

and Name.

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500M.—9-16

H. Q. 1772-39-9.0.

Casualty For Active Service.

Unit, Regiment, Corps. *Man. Regt. Depot*

Regimental No. *Nil* Rank *Lieut./Col.* Name *Barker, William, George*

Enlisted (a) *April 1919* Terms of Service (a) *Service reckons from (a)*

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N. C. Os. }

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. 36, 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. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		<i>S.O.S. Medically Unfit</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>18-5-19</i>	<i>Auth-</i>

Chapman
Capt
For Dist.

Unit Review

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MILITIA SERVICE

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MES

March 14th, 1930.

RECORD OF SERVICE

Lieut.-Col. William George BARKER, VC, DSO, MC, continued.

13. HONOURS AND AWARDS

Silver Medal for Military Valour, (Italian). (L.G. 30895-12-9-18)

Croix de Guerre. (French - L.G. 30913 . 21-9-18)

CERTIFIED CORRECT
FROM RECORDS

(Clyde R. Scott),
Major,
Assistant Director of Records,
for Adjutant-General.



Lt-Col William George BARKER

Victoria Cross.
Distinguished Service Order with Bar.
Military Cross with 2 Bars
1914-15 Star
British War Medal
Victory Medal
Silver Medal for Military Valour (Italian)
Croix de Guerre (French)

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NAME OF HOSPITAL _____

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L.P.C. recd. 4/5/16

149. P. N. S. C. 6317. D. P. R. May '16

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Major W. G. Barkew

Private with 1st C.M. Rs 1-7-15 to
31-3-16

Commission with R. I. C. 2-4-16

Taken on Strength of C. I. G. - ¹⁶⁻⁵⁻¹⁹
~~29-4-19~~

Paid 29-4-19 to 14-5-19 @ \$7.35 p.d. \$ 137.75

" 18-5-19 to 19-9-19 @ \$6.25 " 781.25

919.00

Paid \$212.50 which was apparently

Subs. Alms 18-5-19 to 19-9-19

S.O.S. Med. Unfit 19-9-19.

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H.Q. 301-5-77

To:

Herewith draft of proposed circular letter
for any comment or suggestion in accordance with D.M.
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Kindly return at the earliest possible moment.

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Ledger Sheet Requisition

Leut. Col.
Barker W. G. C. A. E.

Jay

M. D.

15-3-24

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0-69

Rank *1st Res. Co.* Name **BARKER, William George**

Reg'l No. 106074

P-56

Unit *1st C.M.R.*If in perm. Corps,
What Unit?

Married or Single

SinglePlace and Date of Enlistment **Brandon, 1st Dec., 1914.**Place of Birth **Dauphin, Man.**Name and Address, Next-of-Kin **G.W.J. Barker, Dauphin, Man.**

Relationship

FatherAssigned Pay Monthly \$ *25.00 1st Dec* Payable to *Mrs. J. F. Barker Box 464 Dauphin, Man.**Stop pmt. rend. 4/5/16 Effect. 1/1/16* Relationship

Separation Allowance \$

Payable to

Army Hist Sept 1916. Cd 2696.
RelationshipDischarge, Date and Place *31/3/16*Reason *Commission R. F. B.* Character*Authority April 30/16. H.P. 65/591. 30/4/16.*

Date		PAY		Field Allowance			Other Credits	Total Credits	Voucher		Cash Payments	Assigned pay	Other Charges	Total Debits	Balance	Remarks, Casualties, etc.
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BALANCE TRANSFERRED TO NEW LEDGER.

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ASSIGNED PAY

OVERSEAS CONTINGENTS

PAYMENTS.

Sheet No. 2.

L. L. Job 89002.—Req. 6213.

Mrs. Jane, V. Barker

Name of Soldier

Barker Wm. Geo.

106074

Staff 1 emd.

Month.	Year.	Cheque No.	Amt.	Remarks.
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MILITIA AND DEFENCE
ASSIGNED PAY
OVERSEAS CONTINGENTS

Sheet No. 2 (Contd.)

PAYMENTS.

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE
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 20m.-9-15
 H. Q. 1772-39 819.

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Mr. Jane H. Barker
 Box 464,
 Auphin, Man.

By Whom Assigned Barker Wm. Geo.

Regtl. No. 106074

Rank Pte

Corps Staff 1 C. M. R.

25.00 Dec 1/15

2 M 1 1/3 C. A. N.

Cancelled 3 M 4 5/16 26 5/16 PAYMENTS

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