

Barber, George Walter

Birth registered as George Leonard Barber born in Beaverton 13 May 1896 son of Walter Barber & Annie Jackson. Was living on maternal grandparent's farm at Victoria Rd when signed up in Lindsay on Feb 8 1916. Served WW1 725605, Infantry Central Ontario Reg't, was **killed in Action** Aug 12 1918 and is buried in plot I B 43, Vis en Artois Cemetery, between Arras & Cambrai, Pas de Calais France.



IB 43



1 1/2 MILE FROM VIS-EN-ARTOIS.
 6 MILES FROM ARRAS.
 VIS-EN-ARTOIS BRITISH CEMETERY.

5/2/16

ATTESTATION PAPER. No. 725605
 109th OVERSEAS BATTALION, C. E. F.
 CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. FOLIO. **DUPLICATE**

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your surname? Barber
- 1a. What are your Christian names? George Walter
- 1b. What is your present address? Victoria Road
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Beaverton Ontario
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Walter Barber
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Beaverton
- 5a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Parent
5. What is the date of your birth? 13th May 1896
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Farmer
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force? Yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, George Walter Barber, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they 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-Sea 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.

Date February 8 1916
George W Barber (Signature of Recruit)
James Donald (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, George Walter Barber, 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.

Date February 8 1916
George W Barber (Signature of Recruit)
James Donald (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was questioned 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 Beaverton on the 8th day of February 1916.

John Graham (Signature of Magistrate)

In 1901 census George and his parents were living in Beaverton, with sister Verna Gladless (bn Victoria County 21 Mar 1900. The births of all the girls were registered in Victoria Co.)

When his parents split George and his sister Winnie (Melva Winnifred bn 27 Mar 1905) had gone to live with their maternal grandparents Ben & Eliza [Wilkinson] Jackson. They were enumerated in the 1911 Eldon census with Ben bn July 1851, Eliza Mar 1854 and their son George bn May 1880.

Another sister was stillborn May 12 1904

Verna and the other sister, Mytle May bn 3 Aug 1902 stayed with the father, Walter, in Beaverton (enumerated as widower). Those three were in the 1911 census there, enumerated with Walter's brother Alfred bn 1881. (Walter's father John L Barber of Beaverton 1896)

Searching for Annie [Jackson] Barber, who eventually lived with Ed Faulkner. In 1911 census Ed, age 28, is still at home with pts.

Her siblings:

Vera bn 1885 m Frederick Bell in 1909, not found

Berty bn 1888 m Ed McNish in 1908, not found

Description of <u>George Walter Barber</u> on Enlistment.	
Apparent Age..... <u>22</u> years..... months <small>(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations of the Army Medical Service.)</small>	Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease. <small>(If, at the Medical Officer's be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the case requires to any purpose, attach a slip to this report, for the information of the Approving Officer.)</small>
Height..... <u>5 ft 7</u> ins.	None.
Weight..... <u>37</u> lbs.	
Range of expansion..... <u>2</u> ins.	
Complexion..... <u>fair</u>	
Eyes..... <u>blue</u>	
Hair..... <u>light brown</u>	
Religious (denominations)	
Church of England.....	
Presbyterian.....	
Methodist..... <u>Methodist</u>	
Baptist or Congregationalist.....	
Roman Catholic.....	
Jewish.....	
Other denominations..... <small>(Denomination to be stated.)</small>	

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.....February 8th.....1916.....J. M. Culloch.....
Place.....Landing.....
Medical Officer
109th Overseas Battalion C.E.F.

Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing form for use only in the case of those who have been accepted, and will signify such below the line of signature.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

George Walter Barber.....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.

Date.....FEB 14 1916.....191.....
.....J. M. Culloch.....Lt. Col. (Signature of Officer)
O.C. 109th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.