

Barton, Arthur Benjamin

ASC 1902-8

"Ben"



Wedding day Arthur and Gladys May Turner May 1918

76 TROOPER Arthur Benjamin BARTON

1st Light Horse Regiment

Ben Barton was born in 1889 and was the fourth son of Arthur Stirling Barton of Strathfield. (Arthur senior had held land in the Wellington district). Ben's brothers, Jack and Ted, also served during the war. Arthur was a cousin to Brian, Nat and Denie Barton.

Enlisting on 18 January 1915, Ben was an original member of A Squadron with the 12th Light Horse Regiment. The Regiment sailed aboard the *Suevic* on 13 June. During the voyage Ben apparently contracted pneumonia (according to Nat).

Shortly after their arrival in Egypt, members of the 12th Light Horse were absorbed into the 1st Light Horse Regiment to fight dismounted on Gallipoli. On 15 October, cousin Nat reported he had visited Ben.

Ben was evacuated from Anzac Cove only days after that visit. Illness forced his subsequent return to Australia on 21 January 1916.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 46
 Name BARTON Arthur Benjamin
 Unit 1st LH
 Joined on 18 1. 15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Arthur Benjamin Barton
 2. In the Parish of Wellington in or near the Town of W. S. W. in the County of W. S. W.
 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Yes
 4. What is your age? 25
 5. What is your trade or calling? Station Manager
 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
 7. Are you married? No
 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Father, Arthur Barton, Ryelands, Alford Road, Sheffield new

Description of Arthur Benjamin Barton
 Age 25 years 1 months
 Height 5 feet 11 inches
 Weight 152 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 31 34 1/2 inches
 Complexion Fair
 Eyes Gray
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination C.P.

Regiment or Corps 12th Light Horse

Regimental No. 76 Rank Trooper Name B A F

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Ser _____

Date of promotion to present rank } _____ Date of appointment to lance rank } _____

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification _____

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	From whom received		
5.9.15.	1st L.H.R	Absorbed into 1st L.H.R	Gallipoli Pensla.
19.9.15.	do.	Sick to Hospital	do.
26.9.15.	do.	Rejoined Regiment	do.
24.10.15.	do.	Sick to Hospital	do.
23.10.15.	1st F.Amb	Influenza. Admitted	do.
31.10.15.	19 Gen.H	N.Y.D. Admitted	Alexandria.
4.12.15.	do.	Trans to No. 2 A.G.H.	do.
4.12.15.	No.3 Aux.	Enteric. Admitted	Heliopolis
11.12.15.	Con Cmp	Enteric. Admitted	Port Said
21.1.16.	O.C. H.T. Commonwealth"	Embarked for Australia. - 3 months change.	S u e z

Minute Paper.

STAFF OFFICE FOR INVALIDS.

76, Spr. Barton, A.B. 12th L.H.

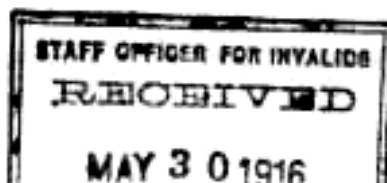
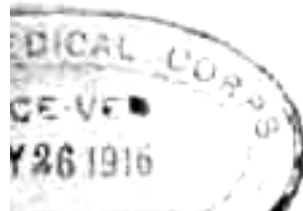
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2nd Military District.

The abovementioned man arrived back in Australia on 3/3/16, suffering from Post Enteric Fever Debility. He was recommended for three months change to Australia by the Egyptian Medical Board. On the 16th inst., the Medical Board at No. 4 A.G.H. recommended return to light duty.. He should, in the ordinary course, have been transferred from the Hospital to this Office, and subsequently sent to the Details Camp at Georges Heights, but I am informed that he was granted leave at No. 4 A.G.H., as he has not reported to date.

Board proceedings forwarded herewith.



[Signature]
Lieut.,
for Staff Officer for Invalids

16th December, 1954

Dear Sirs,

76 Pte A.B.Barton 1st L.H.Rgt (late
A.Sgd 12 L.H.Rgt)

In reply to your further letter BSM-PN dated 13th December, 1954, you are advised according to the records the abovenamed served as stated.

He originally served as "A" Squadron 12 L.H.Rgt. but on Gallipoli was absorbed into the 1st L.H.Rgt from which unit he returned to Australia and discharged on 8th August, 1916.

Yours faithfully,



A.J. Bowman
O.I/C.A.I.F. Base Records

Messrs Fisher & Macansh
with
J.T. Ralston & Son,
Solicitor,
Box 508 G.P.O.,
SYDNEY N.S.W.

Note letter below. Discharged on 8th Aug. not as 21st Jan. as per ASC Honour Roll.

3rd December, 1954.

Dear Sirs,

re 76 Pte Arthur Benjamin Barton
1st Light Horse Regiment.

In reply to your letter BSM - PN dated 25th November 1954, you are advised the above are the correct particulars under which the ex-member served in the A.I.F. 1914-18.

He was not awarded any decorations.

He enlisted at Sydney on 18th January 1915 and was discharged at Sydney on 8th August 1916.

Yours faithfully,



A.J. Bowman,
O.I/c.A.I.F. Base Records

Messrs Fisher & Macansh,
Solicitor.

Divorce papers Gladys May Turner (Falsely Called Gladys May Barton) - Arthur Benjamin Barton

Discharged Medically Unfit 8/8/16.
School Honour Roll has his end of service as 21/1/16. Also does not record that he was originally 12 LHR.

The Relatives and Friends of the late ARTHUR BENJAMIN BARTON late 12th ALH 1st A I F are invited to attend his funeral leave Our Chapel 810 George Street Sydney. This Wednesday at 3 p m for the Northern Suburbs crematorium

SMH 9/9/1953 P.28

Died 7/9/53