

# History in the Making



## Barker, George Charles

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1\_B\_052

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 20.6 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)  
30.7 cm (W) X 25.5 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

### Scope and Content:

A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County. The card also bears a red cross.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Barker, George Charles  
Barker, Henry  
Barker, Mary

Subject Access: Military life  
Soldiers  
World War One, 1914-1918  
1st Battalion

Place: Blair, Ontario, Canada [Place of residence]  
Cambridge, Ontario, Canada [Place of memorial]  
Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier, Quebec, Canada [Place of enlistment]  
Ieper, Flanders, Belgium [Place of death and burial]  
Kingdom of Belgium, Belgium, Belgium [Place of military service]  
Brentwood, England, United Kingdom [Birthplace]  
Galt, Ontario, Canada [Place of employment]

Geographic Access: Blair, Ontario  
Cambridge, Ontario  
Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier, Quebec  
Ieper, Flanders, Belgium  
Belgium  
Brentwood, England  
Galt, Ontario

Notes: Barker, George Charles

Private.

Regiment number: 7120

George served with the 1st Battalion (Western Ontario Regiment) in Belgium. He enlisted, and signed his attestation papers in September 1914 in Valcartier, Quebec when he was 19. He listed himself as a member of the Church of England.

George was born on January 12, 1896 in Brentwood, Essex, England to Henry and Mary Barker. She was noted as his next of kin, living at Crookston Park, Blair, Ontario, as he was unmarried. On enlistment, he worked as a Buffer and Polisher at the Galt Brass Works, and had served for a year in the 29th Waterloo Regiment.

There is some confusion about the details of his death, but he was listed as missing and presumed dead as of April 22, 1915 near Ypres (Vlamertinghe), Belgium. The Battalion had just arrived in Belgium when the Second Battle of Ypres began. The Germans attacked with the first large-scale use of chlorine gas. George is commemorated on page 4 of the First World War Book of Remembrance, as well as on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Memorial, Belgium (panel 10-26-28), and the Galt War Memorial in Cambridge, Ontario.

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Transcription:

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He was employed by the Galt Brass Works, Ltd. Galt.

## Documents

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