

Thomas Alfred Baggins discharge papers

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Images 1 and 2 Proceedings for Discharge

Baggins was discharged on 16th April 1916 at Fort Brockhurst Gosport.

His description at time of discharge was:

He had a scar between the eyebrows and inside left wrist.

Age 23; height 5 feet 8¼ inches; fully expanded chest 33 inches, range of expansion 3 inches, blue eyes, brown hair.

Trade: Asylum attendant

Intended place of residence: Fosse Road, Bingham.

He was discharged in consequence of "his being found to be no longer physically fit for war services". (dated in margin: 21/12/15)

His military character was "very good".

Character Awarded: "A man of very good character, sober and reliable".

He had been awarded a campaign medal for "Expeditionary forces, France, 2-8-1915 to 20-12-1915 = 140 days.

Image 3

A manuscript note is attached detailing arrears in pay from 1st-8-15 to 21st -3-16 and receipted by Baggins to confirm receipt of £5 in advance (April 3 1916) with a note by Lt Col Coxhead that "This will be adjusted on receipt of final figures from Regt. paymaster. Dated 16-4-1916.

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Army Form B. 268.

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Proceedings on Discharge.

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

No. <u>55750</u>		Army Rank <u>Gunner</u>	RECORDS 8 APR 1916 <u>082/10/19</u>
Name <u>Thomas Alfred Baggers</u> <small>(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)</small>			
Corps <u>ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY (RGA).</u>			
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c.		<u>No. 2 DEPOT ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.</u> <small>(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.)</small>	
Date of discharge <u>16th April 1916</u>			
Place of discharge <u>Fort Brockhurst, Gosport.</u>			
1. Description at the time of discharge.			
Age <u>23</u> years <u>5</u> months	Descriptive marks.		
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>8 1/2</u> inches	Scar between eyebrows & inside left wrist		
Chest measurement { girth when fully expanded <u>37</u> ins. range of expansion <u>3</u> ins.			
Complexion <u>Pale</u>			
Eyes <u>Blue</u>			
Hair <u>Brown</u>			
Trade <u>Asylum Attendant</u>			
Intended place of residence (To be given as fully as practicable) { <u>3000 Rd</u> <u>Birmingham</u> <u>Nottingham</u>			
<small>(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.)</small>			
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of <u>His having been found - No longer physically fit for War Service.</u>			
<small>(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.)</small>			
3. Military character :- <u>Very Good</u>			
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :- <u>A man of very good character</u> <u>Sober & reliable</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. 488 was awarded in this case.			
			Initials of Commanding Officer. <u>MS</u>
<small>Army Form B. 2068 has been issued to:</small>			

21-12-15
How.

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).

Nil

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

Nil

6. Campaigns, Medals and Decorations

*Expeditionary - FINE FRANCE
3-8-1915 to 20-12-1915 = 140 days*

Certificate of education

Nil

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

(Place) *Fort Brockhurst, Gosport.*

J. H. Coshue

Lieut. Col. R.G.A.

(Date) *16th April 1916*

Commdg. No. 2 Depot, R.G.A.

Commanding Battn. Regiment.

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

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) *Fort Brockhurst, Gosport.*

J. H. Baggs

(Signature of Soldier.)

(Date) *April 3rd 1916*

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(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.

(Signature of Soldier.)

10. Statement of service.

Service towards engagement to *16th 76* (the date to which the record of service is completed) *1* years *145* days.

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

Total ... *1* " *145* "

11. Confirmation of discharge.

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed for *16-4-16* (date)

(Place) *Fort Brockhurst, Gosport.*

J. H. Coshue

Lieut. Col. R.G.A.

(Date) *16th April 1916*

Commdg. No. 2 Depot, R.G.A.

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.

Image 3

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.)

increases ~~being~~ in Pay. dating
from August 1st 8.15 to March 21st 3.16

J.A. Baggins

I have received £5 in advance

April 3rd 1916

J.A. Baggins

This will be adjusted on receipt
of final figures from Regt Paymaster

Fort Brockhurst, Gosport.
16 - 4 - 1916

J. L. Coshed

Lieut. Col. R.G.A.
Commdg. No. 2 Depot, R.G.A.