

Kirby-le-Soken War Memorial

THESE MEN FROM THIS PARISH LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR
THAT THOSE THEY LEFT BEHIND MIGHT LIVE IN PEACE



W.G.Barton D.C.M.

Extracts from 1901 Census and Military records

<p>Name: Jos William Barton Age: 9 Estimated birth year: abt 1892 Relation: Son Father's name: Joseph Henry Mother's name: E J Florence Gender: Male Where born: Little Bromley, Essex, England Civil parish: Kirby Le Soken Ecclesiastical parish: Kirby le Soken St Michael Town: Kirby Le Soken County/Island: Essex Country: England Registration district: Tendring Sub-registration district: Thorpe ED, institution, or vessel: 11 Household schedule number: 111 Brick Barn</p>	<p>The D.C.M. was awarded to Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, serving in any of the sovereign's military forces, for distinguished conduct in the field. It was thus the second highest award for gallantry in action (after the Victoria Cross) for all army ranks below commissioned officers and was available to navy and air force personnel also for distinguished conduct in the field.</p>	<p>Distinguished Conduct Medal</p>														
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W.J. Barton
Listed as W.G. on Memorial

**Private M2/114444, 2nd Water Tank Company, Royal Army service Corps.
Died of wounds 27th October 1918. Aged 27.**

**Born Little Bromley, enlisted Colchester, resident Walton-on-Naze.
Son of Joseph and Florence Barton**

**Husband of Florence May Barton, of Royal Earlswood Institution, nr Redhill, Surrey.
Native of Lower Kirby, Essex.**

**Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M.)
Buried in ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France.
Plot LXVI. Row L. Grave 14**

SUPPLEMENTS TO THE LONDON GAZETTE,
18th February 1919.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men for gallantry and distinguished Service in the Field. The acts of gallantry for which the decorations have been awarded will be announced in the London Gazette as early as practicable: —

M2/114444 Pte. W. J. Barton, No. 2 Water Tk. Coy., R.A.S.C. (M.T.) (Walton-on-Naze). [Posthumous award]
10th January 1920

When a steriliser was blown up by an enemy mine north west of Douai on 20 October 1918, the mine crater was filled with gas shells, which burst upon the explosion of the mine. He worked for three hours assisting the wounded until overcome by gas. He showed fine devotion to duty.

Note. It is particularly poignant that William Joseph's death occurred only three weeks before the armistice was signed. (Information given by Mr F. Barton. New Zealand.)

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM