

Class Worker  
Carpenter

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

Application for Enrolment as Volunteer for Manufacture of Munitions in Great Britain.

Very suitable man for Special Class  
Cabinet maker

Chief Inspector of Machinery

Surname Barton  
Christian Names Victor Wilfred  
Age last Birthday 23 years Place of Birth Richmond Victoria  
Are you a British Subject? yes Married or Single Single  
Present Occupation Cabinet maker Dependents none

Give short statement of apprenticeship or training and subsequent experience.  
Apprentice for J. Harris & Son Melbourne Victoria in charge of shop since at the age of 19 years, only Mr Harris & Son self while he started business so I learnt my trade for 9 to 2 and have been used to all the best kinds of cabinet work. Started business for myself at Richmond going for 2 1/2 years had to sell up owing to bad seasons and price of timber went

State specifically where engaged and class of work done during past three years.  
Instructor to Carpentry Club Y.M.C.A. Melbourne (First Class cabinet work only)  
Working in the Symon Camp for the Y.M.C.A. and since then have been in business for myself at 63 Bridge Rd Richmond Victoria arrived in Brisbane 5 months ago and have been working for Mr R. L. Golden Furniture maker City.

Accepted 27/9/17  
Chairman 6/9/17

Class of work which you desire in England, if available. (State trades or sections of trades in order of preference).  
Aeroplanes and any other work you may think me suited for.  
Earliest date on which prepared to embark Best week if required.  
Give names and addresses of two personal references as to character Mr W. J. Woodcraft General Secretary Brisbane Y.M.C.A. Mr C. J. Crosby President Melbourne Y.M.C.A.

NOTE.—Applicants should forward copies (not originals) of not more than three recent testimonials. (SEE OVER.)

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED.

I hereby declare that the above is a true statement, that I am in good health and capable of undertaking the work applied for, that I will accept duty in the trade capacity allotted to me and at the rate of wage and under the conditions of working prevailing in Great Britain, and will be subject during the period of my stay in England to the direction of the Ministry of Munitions or officer authorized by the Australian Government. I agree to return to Australia at the termination of the war, or earlier, if so directed.

(Signature) Victor W. Barton  
(Address) c/o Mr's Heash Jackson of Whinstanes Brisbane Queensland

(Date) August 24<sup>th</sup> 1917  
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BARTON

**AUSTRALIAN MUNITIONS WORKER.**

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| Badge No.<br>3583 | CHRISTIAN NAMES.<br>Victor Wilfred | Age.<br>23         | Agreement Signed.<br>29.9.17                  | Passport IN<br>1.1.18 | Trained as<br>Cabinet maker | Alternative Trades on Application Form.<br>Aeroplane-work |
|                   | .....REFERENCE SUPPLIED.           | Married-<br>Single | .....Yes.....Drawing<br>Separation Allowance. | OUT.<br>21.9.18       | Working as<br>Cabinet maker |   |

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| Vic: | Left Sydney    | Per Demosthenes | On 10.11.17 | Arrived at Glasgow | On 31.12.17 |
|      | Left Liverpool | Per s. s. Runic | On 23.9.18  | Arrived at         | On          |

| DATE. | Qualifications and Previous Record.  |
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| 1915  | <u>Apprentice to Messrs. T. Harris &amp; Son, Melbourne.</u><br><u>Instructor, Carpentry Class, YMCA, Melbourne (1st class Cabinet work only).</u><br>G m. <u>Working in Seymour Camp.</u> |
| 1917  | <u>Business on own account at Richmond, Victoria.</u><br><u>With Mr. R.I. Gordon, Furniture Maker, Brisbane.</u>   |

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**Remarks (NOT INCLUDED IN RECORD ON BACK OF CARD).**

conduct and work warrant no special comment.



DATE.

BARTON V.W.

Record since Landing.

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1.1.18 Reported to Officer-in-Charge, Australian Munitions Workers, London- Glasgow.

3.1.18 Began work at Nieuport Aircraft Co., Cricklewood, as Cabinet Maker.

5.1.18 Returned postcard with particulars.

8.2.18 Called. Stated that strike of woodworkers was imminent: given instructions as to how to act. Complained mother not receiving allotment. Told to state date when last received any, in letter to C i/c to be forwarded to Defence.

Letter to C i/c from B. Mother had received no allotment up to 15.12.17. (Ack: 25.2.18. Complaint cabled to Defence).

15.2.18 Called re ill health. Brought doctor's certificate. Sent to A.I.F. Hdqrs. for medical examination. Report of M.O. A.I.F. Hdqrs:- No complaint to be discovered. Scar sound, and no hernia present. Considered fit for duty.

Memo. to C i/c. B. not satisfied with M.O.'s diagnosis. Is going to local doctor tomorrow - hopes to undergo X ray examination.

Undated Letter to C i/c from B. 2 med. certificates enclosed dated 15.2.18 and 19.2.18. Latter certifies weakness owing to strain and advises short rest and wearing a belt. States he wishes to continue working (ack: 23.2.18. Med. certs. should be produced at Emp: Ex: in order to obtain sub: allow:)

25.2.18 Cable from C i/c to Defence. B's mother has received no separation allow: up to 18.12.17. B. made statutory declaration at Barracks, Melbourne before starting.

27.2.18 Called re railway warrant. Told this office has nothing to do with this matter.

5.3.18 Cable to C i/c from Defence. Allowance paid to B's mother.

6.3.18 Letter from C i/c to B. informing him of contents of cable.

18.4.18 Called. Going into hospital that afternoon for examination (internal complaint)

26.4.18 Called bringing doctor's certificate:- "Suffering from constant abdominal pains, has been in-patient at St. George's Hospital. Pain most probably due to adhesion following appendix operation. Unable to work. Return to Australia recommended. Sent to A.I.F. Hdqrs., for med. examination. Report of M.O. A.I.F. Hdqrs:- "Suffering from pain in appendical scar. Considered fit for any work, as wound in abdomen healed, and no hernia present: Class "A" for Army purposes.

Called. Antinous to go to France as carpenter. Sent to Aldwych Emp: Ex:

16.7.18 Called re ill health. Brought doctor's certificate dated 15.7.18, stating physical and X ray examinations made: B. suffering from intestinal stasis, and peristaltic waves seem blocked in vicinity of ilio-caecal junction. This probably due to adhesion: result of appendicitis. As result, suffers from intestinal toxæmia. Told matter to be referred to C i/c

Memo. to C i/c stating B. has been complaining of health since February last. Has produced 4 certificates between 15.2.18 and 16.7.18 from civil doctors, stating suffering from abdominal strain as result of appendical operation. Last report based on thorough X ray examination by highly qualified doctor and states B. suffering from intestinal toxæmia. Has been in-patient at St. George's Hospital and doctor there recommended return to Australia as unable to work. Against this testimony, stands statement of M.O. at A.I.F. Hdqrs where B. has been twice examined: on both occasions certified fit for work, no complaint to be discovered. In these circumstances, it is recommended that B. be returned to Australia on authority of C i/c as appears to be incapable of working for any length of time.

24.7.18 Letter from C i/c to B., requesting information by return of post as to whether has resumed work or if not, when likely to do so.

25.7.18 Called. Had been in bed all week with intense pain. Looked very ill. Brought med. cert. dated 20.7.18 stating suffering from influenza and aggravation of intestinal trouble.

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- 16.8.18 Called to enquire if being repatriated. Has had influenza with vomiting, high temperature rapid pulse. Has been sick 3 months out of 7 in this country. Says another attack pending: has throbbing pain in side. Doctor states intestinal stasis and toxæmia and colitis, result of intestinal obstruction due to adhesions. Sent to A.I.F. Hdqrs: with copy of doctor's certificate.
- Report of M.O. A.I.F. Hdqrs:- "Result of X ray examination must be accepted as conclusive. Operation may be necessary in future: in any case, requires observation and special attention to dietary. Under these circumstances return to Australia recommended.
- 5.9.18 Letter from C i/c to Messrs. Nieuport Aircraft Co., requesting that B. may be released next week in view of repatriation. (Ack: 7.9.18. B. released on previous day.)
- 14.9.18 Letter from C i/c to B. To report at Aust: House 20.9.18 for instructions re repatriation.



| NAME.   | BARTON, V.W.  | BADGE NO. A.M.W. 3523. | EX. "D. enoaldine" |
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| 15.2.18 | Called: Showed Med. Cert. "Strained Abdomen and is unable to work". Sent for Med. Exam. at H.Q.'s. M.O., A.I.F. Reports:- "No complaint that I can discover. His scar is sound and no hernia is at present. Is fit for duty". B. dissatisfied with diagnosis. Going to his local Doctor and is to have an X-ray examination.  |                        |                    |
| 19.2.18 | Letter from: and Med. Cert. "Had appendix removed, and recently when lifting heavy weight felt pain in scar. No sign of hernia, but some weakness. Have advised short rest and belt to support abdomen".  |                        |                    |
| 13.4.18 | Called: Showed Cert. from St. Thomas's Hospital:- "Recommended for admission for examination". Is going there this afternoon for examination.   |                        |                    |
| 26.4.18 | Called: Shows Cert. 25.4.18. "Has been under my care and an In-Patient at St. George's Hosp. for constant abdominal pains. Most probably due to adhesion following his appendix operation. As he is unable to work, I should recommend his return to Australia". Sent for Med. Exam. at H.Q.'s. M.O., A.I.F. Reports:- "Pain in appendical scar. As the wound is healed and no sign of hernia exists, he is fit for any work - in my opinion he is "A" class for Army purposes".                  |                        |                    |
| 15.7.18 | Medical Report from Panel Doctor after X-Ray examination. "Intestinal stasis and Toxemia and colitis, due to intestinal obstruction, which is due to adhesions. Suffering from intestinal stasis and the peristaltic waves seem blocked in the vicinity of the ilio-coecal junction. This is probably due to adhesions as the result of the appendicitis for which he was operated upon. The general condition of his health is due to this cause as the result of which he suffers from toxemia. |                        |                    |
|         | Letter from: Enclosing Med. Cert. "Suffering from aggravation of his intestinal troubles. Pulse 120° Temp 102°. Vomiting, abdominal pains."   |                        |                    |
|         | Called: Has been in bed again all the week with intense pain. Looked very ill.  |                        |                    |
|         | Called: Sent for Med. Exam. at Headquarters with copy of result of X-ray examination. M.O., A.I.F. REPORTS:- "The result of this X-ray examination must be accepted as conclusive. He may or may not require further operative interference at a later date, but it means that he requires at least observation and some special attention to dietary. Under these circumstances, I recommend return to Australia".   |                        |                    |
|         | REPATRIATED.  |                        |                    |

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