
Robert William BARHAM (c. 1898-1958)

**Robert William BARHAM's link to Shelfanger is by residency and death.
(Also links to Burston and Winfarthing.)**

Robert William BARHAM, son of William BARHAM (1872-) and Mary Ann CALTON (c. 1869-), was born circa 1898 in Winfarthing, Norfolk - reg: Guiltcross Norfolk.¹

He appeared in the census in 1901 at The Street in Winfarthing - 3, living with parents William (28, ordinary agricultural labourer) and Maryann (32), and sisters Edith (5) and Alice (1).²

Robert was baptised on 31 May 1903 in Shelfanger, Norfolk - parents William and Mary Ann.³

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Heywood Road in Shelfanger - 13, factory hand, living with parents William (38, labourer on farm) and Mary Ann (40), and sisters Alice (11, scholar), Maude (9, scholar), Lilly (4) and Ethel (10 mos).⁴

Robert joined the military at Norwich, Norfolk on 5 October 1916 for the duration of the war, his address given as Hill House, Shelfanger, occupation a brush maker, assigned to the Norfolk Regiment, Private 26624. From 6 October 1916 to 3 March 1917 Robert served on home soil. On 4 March 1917 he went to France. He was transferred on 23 March 1917 to 8th Battalion Royal Inneskilling Fusiliers. He was wounded in the legs on 1 September 1917. On 13 October 1917 he left France for the UK to hospital. He was wounded in the neck on 21 January 1918. On 13 April 1918 he was tried for whilst on active service he joined in a mutiny. He was found guilty and sentenced to 5 years penal servitude, sentence suspended. He was transferred on 18 April 1918 to 1/4th [maybe 2nd?] Battalion Yorkshire Regiment, Private 35653. On 23 May 1919 he had the remaining part of his sentence remitted. He was transferred on 30 November 1919 to Class "Z" Army Reserve on demobilization.

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Hill Cottages in Burston, Norfolk. - b. 25.01.1897 [1898], single, farm labourer, living with [father] William (b. 03.11.1872, widower, farm labourer).⁵

Robert died on 31 March 1958 in Norwich - at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, St. Stephens Road, Norwich.^{6,7} He had his estate probated on 15 May 1958 in Norwich - "BARHAM Robert William of Hill House Shelfanger Diss Norfolk died 31 March 1958 at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital St. Stephens Road Norwich Administration Norwich 15 May [1958] to Edith Ellen Flatman married woman. Effects £392 4s. 6d."⁷

Notes:

The military records for Robert are somewhat disorganised. Hopefully the events are chronologically correct. In one section there is reference to him being a Prisoner of War but this cannot be confirmed.

Robert William's uncle, Robert, was also served in The Great War.

Sources

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6. *CR Death*. 1958 Q1 Norwich Norfolk Vol 4B Page 789. Cit. Date: Q1 1958.
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