

# John Osborne GALPIN

**Born** 17<sup>th</sup> October 1889

**Baptised:** not known

**Parents:** Father: Arthur James Galpin  
Mother: Ellen Louisa Bunn Teasel  
married July 1881 Norwich

**Siblings:** Gertrude Mary  
Charles Arthur  
Margaret Mary  
Francis Jerome *served in WW1*  
Bernard Wilfred *served in WW1*

**Schooling:** no record found

**1901 census:** Living in Norwich  
Father's occupation Toymaker/Sub-postmaster

**Death:** no record found

**Military & War service:** 1917 RNAS Flight Lieutenant –  
awarded DSC for Services in Action with Enemy Submarines –  
14<sup>th</sup> September 1917

1917 RNAS Flight Lieutenant – Mentioned in Despatches – 1<sup>st</sup>  
October 1917

1918 RAF Lieutenant (temporary Captain) – Mentioned in  
Dispatches – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1918

1918 RAF Captain (Sea Patrol) – awarded DFC as “A skilful  
and gallant pilot, who has performed valuable services in  
attacks on enemy aircraft” – 21<sup>st</sup> September 1918

# Medals: Victory, British, DSC, DFC

Christian Names (on form) **John** Surname **Galpin**  
 Date of Birth **17 Oct. 1889.** Permanent Home Address **Osborn, The Heath's Head, Norfolk.** Present Service Engagement  
 Name of Person to be Informed of Casualties **Name Mrs Gertrude Galpin Address **Barton Turf, Norfolk.** Relationship **Sister.****

Date Sheet Started **27.5.18.** Registered Papers No. **P. 23725**

MOVEMENTS						MOVEMENTS (continued)					
Outgoing Authority	Unit from which	Unit to which	Date of Effect	Special Remarks re Duties	Incoming Authority Confirming	Outgoing Authority	Unit from which	Unit to which	Date of Effect	Special Remarks re Duties	Incoming Authority Confirming
		<b>Delcestone</b>			<b>Census/372</b>						
	<b>Pt. 132. 29/18</b>	<b>2nd Lt. S.E. Area No. 4 Group</b>	<b>8-8-18</b>	<b>on 1st Lt. 15/18. To be 1/1/19</b>							
		<b>70th Sqdn. S.E. Area</b>		<b>Delcestone</b>	<b>N. 101 1/18</b>						
	<b>70th Sqdn. S.E. Area</b>	<b>231 Sqdn. Dispersal Centre</b>	<b>13.11.18. 29-1-19?</b>		<b>231 Sqdn. 18.11.18.</b>						
	<b>70th Sqdn. S.E. Area</b>	<b>232 Sqdn. Air Minc. H. Dougan.</b>	<b>6-2-19?</b>								
	<b>70th Sqdn. S.E. Area</b>	<b>232 Sqdn. Air Minc. H. Dougan.</b>	<b>7-2-19</b>								

**SERVICE CONSIDERED FOR THE GRANT OF WAR MEDALS.**

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS				
Date of Lond. Gaz.	Rank *	Description	Graded as	Date of Effect
<b>APL 5/18</b>	<b>1st Lt. (Temp Capt)</b>	<b>Act. S.</b>		<b>1/1/18.</b>
<b>Pt. 132. 29/18</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Flying</b>		<b>8/5/18</b>
<b>11-2-19</b>		<b>Transferred to unemployed</b>	<b>Act</b>	<b>30-1-19</b>

\* W.S.E. = Whilst so Employed  
 Temp. = Temporary  
 Act. = Acting

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“Our hearty congratulations to Mr and Mrs Galpin on the distinction gained by their son, Flight Commander John Galpin, of the DSC conferred upon him by the King.”

(Source: Waxham Rural Deanery Magazine: Barton Turf and Irstead April 1918)