

COPY OF MR. J. P. BANNON'S LETTER.

Anna Cottage,

Upper Clanbrassil, St.

Dublin.

25th November, 1927.

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I had two sons in the Australian Artillery - John Stanley (the deceased) and Nicholas his younger brother now in business in Sydney, N.S.W.

I fear I can give you very little material for the work you have in hand - I have however put together two bundles of letters written to me from time to time during the war by my two sons - some of them you will observe are signed "Jack Nick and Bob" - but they were all written by either Jack or Nick.

Bob was a young fellow named Robert Fraser an Australian (Sydney I think) - he had no relatives or friends in these Countries and my sons when coming home here on leave from France on a couple of occasions brought him along with them and of course he was treated in the same way as my own boys and after that they frequently wrote as I have mentioned above but there was no writing by Bob Fraser.

If you find anything in those letters worth recording you are at liberty to take what extracts you wish but I should like the originals returned.

If you decide on recording any of the matters dealt with in the letters perhaps you would kindly let me see a proof copy.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd). J.P. Bannon.

The Official Secretary,  
Commonwealth of Australia.

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8th December, 1927.

MEMORANDUM TO:-

The Director,  
Australian War Memorial,  
MELBOURNE.

With reference to your communication  
12/11/271 addressed to J.P. Bannon, Esq., in respect  
of Gunner J. S. Bannon, I am enclosing extracts of  
letters sent to me by Mr. J.P. Bannon.

I am also enclosing a copy of Mr. Bannon's  
letter from which you will note that the letters are in  
several cases jointly signed by Mr. Bannon's two sons  
and a friend of their's.

OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

Biographical Note  
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27163 Gunner J.S. Bannon, 2nd Field Artillery  
Brigade, A.I.F., who on 7th August was killed at (or  
near) Villers Bretonneux while attempting to extinguish  
a fire which had broken out in a tank containing  
explosives and petrol - an iron splinter pierced his  
heart. Other details are:- clerk, of Sydney and  
Brisbane; born Clonskeagh, Co. Dublin, Ireland;  
educated at Christian Brothers School, Synge Street,  
Dublin; employed in Dublin as a land agent's clerk;  
came to Australia when 20 years old; took on both  
agricultural and clerical work; enlisted in the  
A.I.F. on 10th March 1916; age at time of death, 24.

(A brother - 27164, Nicholas Bannon, M.M.,  
2nd A.F.A. Bde. - also served in the  
A.I.F. and survived the war)

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