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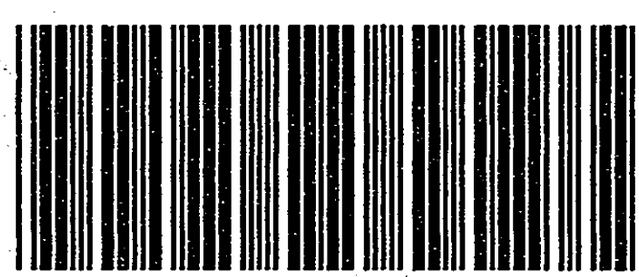
5223 Private Charles Alexander Baring

52nd Battalion



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BARING
Charles Alexander 5225.

~~Killed in Action 4.9.16~~

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
22.10.19.

Off. M. & P. I.

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Havre 16th July. 1917.

52nd AUSTRALIANS BARING. C.A. 5223

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I know Baring well. We came over together; his number would be in the 5000. He came from Tasmania. At Monchy Farm on the 3rd or 4th September we were attacking. We took our objective and held it. In the first German Trench I saw Baring fall; he was killed instantly. I do not know where he was buried.

Pt. A. Jordan 5124
52nd Australians, D. Company, XVI. Pltn.
Havre. Hospital.

HPG.

53rd Batt,
A. I. F.

C & E.A.

Baring.
5823.
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"Missing 4.9.16"

Now reported killed in Action, 4.9.16.

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters 15.5.17.

London
22.5.17

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Mrs Baring
Verne House
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Le. 5233. C. A. Baring 52nd Bn

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.	14.5 June 18 1918.
Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable	No. of
Enquiry included in Deferred Cable	No. of
Name and Address of Enquirer	Mrs. A. P. Rocke Canford St. Geraldton. Sister.
Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.	
State if Next-of-Kin.	

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Oct 7th Satisfied

Dear Madam

Your letter of Oct 1st has been forwarded on to me here, where I now live.

With regard to any further enquiry as to my son 5-223 C. A. Barnig 5-2nd Bn A.I.F. I think it is useless All has been done that is possible to find out what became of him. He was last seen (by one of his Comrades) in the first line German trench in the great attack of Sept 6th 1916 & I believe that he died there. Thanking you for all the enquiries you have made in the matter. I do not wish there to be continued in Australia.

Yours sincerely Amy Barnig.

October 14th,

Mrs. Baring,
Verne House,
Newton Road,
Sudbury, Suffolk.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for your son No. 5223, Pte. Charles A. Baring, 52nd Battn. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that we have no information about him at present but we are making enquiries and shall at once let you know the result as we realise your great anxiety about him. We have not had his name on any of our lists of prisoners but should it appear we shall of course let you know.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in the anxious time you are having.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Private Charles A Baring
No 5223 C Coy 52 Battn
A I F

Mrs Baring
Verne House
Newton Road
Sudbury
Suffolk

would be greatly obliged if any tidings could be obtained of her Son, aged 23, in the Australian Contingent.
He has been missing in France since Sept: 3rd & the only information she has received is in a letter from D.B. Blackwood

One of his officers, who wrote to her on Sept 18th

"I regret to say that your son has been missing ever since the great charge of the 3rd inst in which our Battn took a distinguished part -- there is just a chance he may be a prisoner, but I would not place much hope in that."

August 3rd. 1917.

Mrs. A. Baring,
Verne House,
Newton Road,
Sudbury,
Suffolk.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your letter of 30th. ult. about your son :-

No. 5223 Pte. C.A. Baring, 52nd. Battn.A.I.F

we regret that at present we do not know No. 5124 Pte. A Gordan's address. When he gave the evidence about your son he was in Hospital in Havre and we are hoping that he has since come to England. We shall keep your letter and as soon as we know of a definite address we shall send it to him. He is attached to the 52nd. Battalion, A.I.F.

Trusting that we shall soon find him.

Yours faithfully,

V D

Secretary.

Since typing we are advised that Pte Jordan LAW was in No 39 General Hosp. B.E.F. shall send your letter to him then - As he was only slightly wounded there is a chance that he may have rejoined his battalion and it would perhaps be as well for you to write to him unit, B.E.F. He will then certainly receive one of your letters

July 30th Suffolk

Dear Madam

Thank you very much for sending me the information about Pte A. Jordan no 5124. — That he saw my son 5223. 52 Bth C. A. Baring fall in the battle for Mouquet Farm. I knew C Matwas where my son

came by his death
but this is the first
definite news from
an eye witness.
I have written a
short note to Pte Jordan
which I shall be
obliged if you will
Kindly send on to
him as you may
Know his address.
If you do not Know
anything more than his
number I should try
putting me 52nd Battn
A.I.F. France.
but you may Know
whether he is in France
or in England.
Again thanking you for
your endeavours to get
information for me
Believe me
Yours sincerely
A. Barins.

To the Secretary
Australian
Red X Society

July 27th. 1917.

Mrs. Baring,
Verne House,
Newton Road,
Sudbury,
SUFFOLK.

Dear Madam,

We have now received an unofficial report about your son.

No. 5233, Pte. C.A. Baring, 52nd. Battn. A I.F.

and we hope that it will be some comfort to you to know that he was killed instantly.

No 5124 Pte. A. Jordon, of the same Unit that he came over from Australia with your whom he knew well. During the attack at Mouquet Farm on Sept. 3rd. he saw him fall in the front German trench, death being instantaneous. Although the attack was successful and the ground was held he does not know where he was buried.

We are continuing our enquiries and will send you any further information that we receive as we realise how anxious you must be, and we regret that we have so far been unsuccessful in obtainigg a detailed account of his death.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.
Secretary.
LAW.

May 25th, 1917.

Mrs. Baring,
Verne House,
Newton Road,
Sudbury, Suffolk.

Dear Madam,

No. 5223 Pte C.A.Baring, 52nd Batn., A.I.F.

We very much regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported "Missing since 4-9-16", is now officially reported Killed in Action on that date.

We are making every possible enquiry for details of his death, and will advise you immediately on receipt of such information, as we fully realise your great anxiety.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your sorrow.

Yours faithfully,

V.D
Secretary.
L.A.W.