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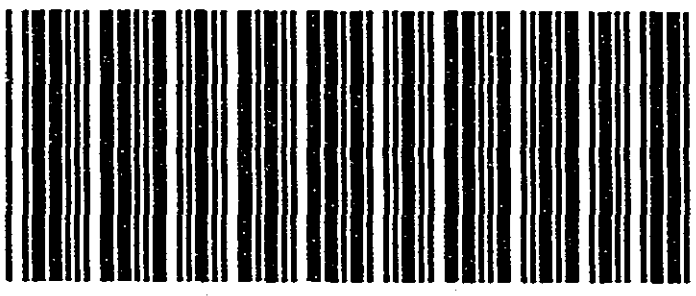
491 Private Charles Frederick Barnard

18th Battalion



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18th Btn.
A.I.F.

BARNARD.
C.F. 491.

"Died of Wounds 1-8-18."

I can supply a little information which may be of use to you. The above mentioned soldier was buried in a soldiers' grave - name "Adelaide Cemetery" Sorry I cannot tell you where it is situated but I will send the map reference to you - Adelaide Cemetery - C. 620. N.29 c 3.5. I cannot exactly explain his description-as far as I can remember he was about 5'2" in height, medium build, dark, brown hair, and that is all I can tell you.

Letter from 4644 Pte.C.Speerin.
18th Bttn. A.I.F.
France. 20-10-17.

LONDON.
14-11-18
J.E.A.

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A. I. F. 18. BARNARD, C.F. 491.

D/?. August 1st, 1918. Det.D/B.

Barnard's No. was 491 and he belonged toB.V. He was hit one night early in August while on a patrol near Villers-Bretonneux. I was acting CSM. at the time and I saw him carried past the post. He was singing out at the time as if delirious. One of the S/Bs. was Pte.A.Speerin, 4466. B.Coy. IM. The latter is still with the Coy. Barnard was taken to the F/A/P. and I have an idea he died there as I saw the cross being made for his grave. The Bn. will have the map reference of it. Barnard was an original Bn. man and came out in 1915.

CB.

Informant:- Sgt. Chambers. 731. B.VI.
12 Gen.Hospital.

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9.10.18.

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Written Pte. Speerin 23.10.18.

A.I.F. 18th Battn.
B Coy.

BARNARD
C.F. 491.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 1/8/18"

Killed on patrol at Villers Bretonneux 1/8/18 and buried in the cemetery there (cross put up) - Ground was held.

Informants:- 6429 Pte. Albert Wm. Bonser, (Very intelligent)
18th Battn., A.I.F.,
B Coy.,
Red X Hpl., Christchurch.

Home address:-
Wilson St.,
Bourke,
N.S.W.

4265 Sgt. John Wallace,
18th Battn., A.I.F.,
A Coy.,
Red X Hpl., Christchurch.

Home address:-
C/o Mrs Ricketts,
114 Surrey St.,
Darlinghurst,
Sydney.
N.S.W.

F. Watkinson
13/10/18
London
24/10/18.

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18th Btn. A.I.F.

BARNARD.
C.F. 491.

"Died of Wounds 1-8-18."

He was a mate of mine in B.Coy, 6th Pltn. I knew him well. There was no other of that name in the company.
At 3 a.m. on August 1st, 1918, at Villers Bretonneux whilst out in No Man's land on patrol he was hit by machine gun bullet in the head. He was partly conscious when carried in straight away. He received every attention and reached the Dressing Station. He came from Glebe, Sydney. I know nothing of his D/S

Description:- 5'5" in height, slim and 26 years old.

Informant:- W.H. Lloyd. 6380.
18th Btn. B.Coy.
6th Pltn. B 2.
Dartford. 11-10-18.

W.H.K.
London.
26-10-18.
E.C.

S.

18th Battn. A.I.F.

Barnard
C.F. 491.

Died of Wounds 1.8.18.

He was in D.Coy. I forget the number of his Platoon. I knew him well. He was 5ft.7. dark, and about 26 years old. At Villers Bretonneux on or about August 1st 1918, we were on patrol together, when he was hit on the head with a M.G.Bullet. He remained conscious while we were carrying him to dressing Station. I heard that he died soon after. I know nothing of his burial. No reference.

Informant:- J.A.Johnson. 10264.
18th Battn. D.Comp.
A.12. 3rd A.A.H.
Dartford.

W.M.K.
19.10.18.
London, Note:- Not a good witness. S.
5.11.18.
J.E.A.

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18th Battn.
A.I.F.

BARNARD
C.F. 491

"DIED OF WOUNDS 1-8-18"

At Villers Bretonneux Sector I saw him at Dressing Station before he died and I saw his grave in Austral Cemetery. I was at Lieut. Clayton's funeral and his grave was near this Lieut's. I noticed his grave particularly because I was sent down to bring Barnard's belongings back from D/S.

Informant - Graham.R. 3504
18th Battn.
HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson
London
13-11-18
J.E.A. S.

18th Battn. A.I.F. BARNARD. C.F. 491.

"Died of Wounds 1-8-18"

Barnard was killed at Villers Bretonneux and died at the Australian Dressing Station near the Front Line, He was buried in an Australian Cemetery near the level crossing at Villers Brettoneux.

Eye-Witness:-
Description:-
Home address:-
John.E.George.
London.
28-11-18.
H.G.

Informant:- Bingham Geo Alexander.6202.Pte.
18th A.I.F. H.C.
Bath War Hospital.
BRISTOL.

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4466 -
Pte. A. Speerin M.M
B Coy.
18th Battn. A.I.F.
abroad

abt.
491 -
Pte. C.F. Barnard
B Coy. V Pltn.
18th Battn. A.I.F.
D/W 1.8.18.

23.10.18.
A.I.B.

France

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C. J. Barnard
18th Bat.
D. of W. 1.8.18
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To 10.18

To/ The Sect Enquiry Bureau

Received your letter of enquiry concerning information of the deceased Soldier Pte C. J. Barnard 491 18th Battalion

I can supply a little information which may be of use to you.

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Adelaide Cemetery
C 620
N 29 c 3.5

I cannot exactly explain his description as far as I can remember.

He was about 5:2 in height medium built. Dark Brown hair

That is all I can tell you

I will close hoping this information is of some use

I am
Yours Obedient
Pte. C. Spaven
491
18th Battalion
A.I.F.

J.E.A.