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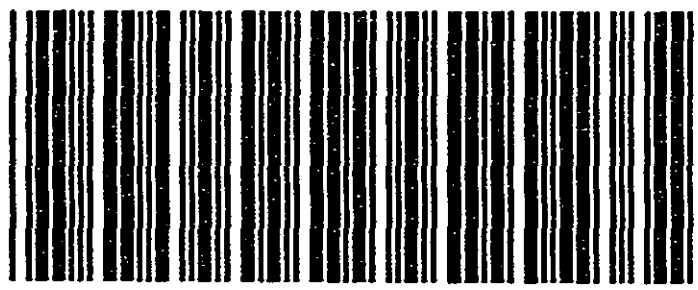
2501 Private
Frederick Barnard

3rd Pioneer Battalion



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3rd Pioneer Batn
A.I.F.

BARNARD
Sig. Frederick 2501

"Whereabouts"

Killed in Action 18.10.17.

Cert. by A.I.F,Hdqtrs 3.12.17.

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London.
4.12.17.

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3rd Battn.Pioneers.
A.I.F.

Barnard.
Sig.F. 2501

"Killed 18.10.17"

Left of Passchendaele-he was killed at 3.p.m. on the 15th by 9.5. shell killed,at once. He was with me at the time I know him well, was in in my tent. I did not see him buried.

Witness:- D.W.Bates 143
D.P.Dickson. W.24 Harefield.

London.
11.1.18.

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A.I.F. 3 Pioneers. BARNARD Sig.P. 2501.

K. 18.10.17.

I have been with the Bn. all the time and knew Barnard who was a 5th.Rft. man. I saw him killed on 18th.Oct. near Bavaria Dump, just as you come out from "Z" track from Passchendaele. Time, about 3 p.m. A shell came over and got him, killing him pretty well instantly. He did not speak. I was only 10 feet from him at the time and saw the casualty happen. As we went out next morning he was being buried in a shell hole close to where he fell and a cross with his name etc. on was erected which I have seen. He was about 26, thick set, fair. I think he was married. He was in A.IV.

PHZ.

References: Pte.P.J. Clancy. 1836. A.III.
1 Can.Gen.Hpl.

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3rd Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

BARNARD.
Sig. F. 2501

"Killed 18.10.17."

I saw him killed a few yards in front of me on the Zonnebeke Road, when we were coming out of the trenches by a shell and he diedinstantly. We buried him next morning just alongside the Road, about 1 mile from Zonnebeke and put up a cross. Think he came from Victoria. He was in my section. A fine chap.

Informant:- L/Cpl. D.W. Watt, 1603,
3rd Pioneers,
Aldwych,

W. Alison.

London.
4.2.18.

P.I.

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3 Pionr.Batt. A I F.

Barnard,Sig.F. 2501.

K Oct.18/17. Det.D/B.

I saw him killed by a shell near Bavaria Dump,just after leaving K track,coming from Passchendaele,about 3 pm. He was buried just alongside the road there the next morning. I saw him buried.. He was in IVth. and was young and thick-set and fair.

Inf:- Clancy 1336 III.
A T 'Stad Antwerpen'
Calais. 9 2 18

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Written by Nancy.

Mrs. G. Forde. 40 Barker St., Lozells. Birmingham.

12.2.18.

Dear Madam,

We have received the following report of the death and burial of 2501. Signaller Frederick Barnard 3rd Pioneers. A.F. - which is from an eyewitness, and therefore may be believed true, though it is unofficial. 1836. Pte P. J. Clancy. When with 1st Can. Gen. Hopl. Bel. Friendly reports that he saw Barnard killed instantly, by a shell on Oct. 18. 1917. near Bavaria Dump. Clancy was only a few feet away. He saw Barnard buried next day, in a shell hole near where he fell, and a Cross with his name etc, was erected. Clancy describes him as fair, thickset & about 26. We are continuing our inquiries, and will send you any information we may obtain.

With sincere sympathy

J. St. G.

MORGAN J.P. 28118 36th H.A.C.

MORRIS H.P. 6056 19/9th Battn. Died 20.10.17. Dtls

MORRIS Sgt. J.C. 26th Battn. Inf. wounded.

Mrs. E. Forde,
40 Barker Street,
Lozells,
Birmingham.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry concerning No. 2501, Signaller Fredk. Barnard, 3rd Pioneer Battn., A.I.F., who was killed in action 18.10.17, we have received any unofficial account of his death from No.1605 L/Cpl. D.W.Watt, 3rd Pioneers, A.I.F. He states that he saw Signr. Barnard, who was a few yards in front of him, killed instantaneously by a shell, on the Zonnebeke Road, They were coming out of the trenches at the time, and buried him next morning, alongside the Road, about 1 mile from Zonnebeke and erected a cross to his memory.

We are continuing our enquiries, and hope to secure additional information concerning his death at a later date.

Yours Faithfully,

Secretary.

F.K.G. St. George
L.B.

Forde

Mrs E. Forde Baker St
40, Baker Street,
Lozells,
Birmingham.

17th, January, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We are sending you an unofficial report concerning :-

2501. Sig. F. Barnard, 3rd. Battalion. Pioneers. A.I.F.

which we have received from a man in his unit

143. Pte. D.W. Bates.

at present at Harefield Hospital, who certifies Sig. Barnard was killed instantaneously by a 9 - 5 shell at 5p.m. on 15th Oct. left of Passchendaele.

Informant was with him at the time, but did not see him buried. He knew him well, having shared a tent with him for some time.

We shall continue to send you any information we may receive, and trust this report may be of some value.

It is at least comforting to know your friend's death was instantaneous.

Yours faithfully,

B. M.C.

SECRETARY.

December 7th, 1917.

Mrs. E.Forde,
40, Barker Street,
Lozells, Birmingham.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that

No 250l Signaller F. BARNARD,
3rd Pioneers Bttn,
A.I.F.

was killed in Action on 18.10.17, and we have at present no further details.

His name has been added to our inquiry lists and as soon as we obtain information of his casualty we shall advise you as we realise how anxious you must be.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

LAW

SECRETARY.

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CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

40 Barker St. Loyells
Birmingham. Nov 26/1917.

Dear Sir

May I request your kindly help in obtaining information regarding the Signaler Frederick Barnard.

No. 2501 - A Camp, 3rd Pioneer B. N.
A. I. F. France.

We left Salisbury Plain for France, towards the end of last August, and we have only heard from him once since that being about nine weeks ago. We have written several times to him, but cannot get a reply, and now we have concluded that something must have happened to him.

We are most anxious to hear about him for he is a very dear friend of Ours, so any information you could furnish, would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation
I remain,
Yours respectfully
Mrs. E. Forde.

To the Officer in Charge
British Red Cross Society
London S.W.