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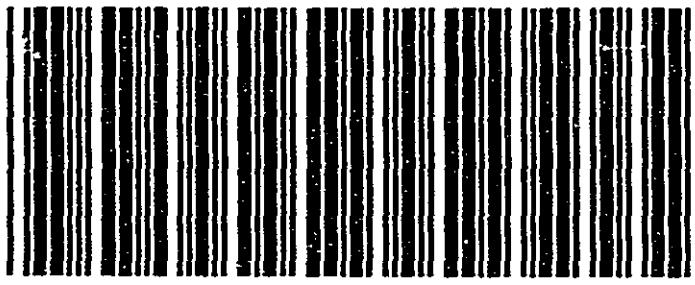
19754 Corporal Clifford Charlie Barnard

8th Field Artillery Brigade



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FIELD ARTILLERY. BARNARD, Cpl. C.C. 19754
A.I.F. 8th Bge., 31st Bty.

NO ENQUIRY

I was told that Cpl. Barnard was killed in action at Messines Ridge on the 3rd Aug. A shell hit the splinter-proof shelter in rear of the gun and buried him. The gun crew had vacated the position, and he was not missed till about 3 hours afterwards. Some of the men returned to look for him, and saw the splinter shelter blown in. They dug out Cpl. Barnard's body. He was quite dead and was not wounded anywhere. I wrote to Mrs. Barnard, Westbury, Tasmania, telling her about Cpl. Barnard being killed, also that we had buried him. I did not tell her where; the body was taken to the Pont d'Achelles Dressing Station which was on a bye road off the Bailleul and Nieppe roads. He was buried the next day in the adjoining Military Cemetery. I had charge of the burying party. The Padre of the 3rd Div. Artillery buried him. Capt. Moorshead I think was his name. I saw the cross made for Barnard. It was just going up to be put on his grave. I would like this account sent to Mrs. Barnard as I could not tell her everything when I wrote her.

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