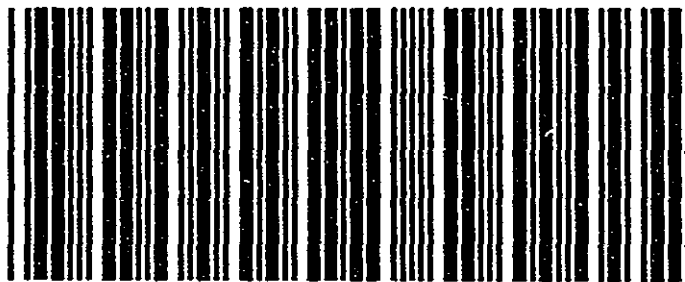


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**2481 Private
Charles Spencer
Barnes**

14th Battalion



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BARNES C.S. 2481

K. Aug. 8/16

He was killed by a shell on the 7th Aug. in our lines, the other side of Pozieres. He was in a bay with his brother, Ellis and three other men. The shell blew the whole traverse in and Barnes and his brother Ellis were killed. We dug C.S. Barnes out; I know that his body was buried at the back of the traverse. I was called away and do not know what happened to his brother's body or to Ellis. I was in the same platoon as both the brothers Barnes. I knew Ellis also. His brother is in pltn. I too.

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BARNES
C.S. 2481

Killed-July-Aug-16.

Witness says the soldier together with his Brother H. Barnes was Killed at Pozieres on the night of Aug. 6-7- by explosion of a shell. Death was instantaneous. Myself and others buried him on a shell crater the same night.

Ref. W. Harrison G.F. (L/Cpl)
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Note: - This information was communicated by letter.

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