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6035 Private
William Barton

23rd Battalion



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23rd Battn
AIF

BARTON
William 6035

"Missing 3.5.17"

Killed in Action 3.5.17. prev. reported Missing
Cert. by AIF HdQtrs 3.1.18

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9.1.18.

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Havre 12th September.1917.

23rd AUSTRALIANS BARTON, W. 6035

H. May 3rd.1917.

Pt. W. Barton, 6035 of the 23rd Batt., was a chum of mine. I knew him in Australia; he was a fitter working for the Government on Cockatoo Island, N.S.W. I met a boy from the same Company - A., I cannot now remember his name; his christian name was William; he told me that he was in the same shell hole at Bullecourt as Barton, and saw him killed. This boy, Barton and myself were in the same cubicle at Moore Park, N.S.W. when we enlisted, so that he would know Bartonwell. I will try and think of his name, and let you know.

Informant: Pt. W.J. Morris 5822
23rd Australians, D.Co., XV.Pltn
18th. Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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23rd BATT. A.I.F. BARTON. W. 6035.

M.May 3rd.1917.

He was in A.Coy, 3 Platoon. I recognise him by his number. At Bullecourt on May 3rd we reached our third objective in the Hindenburg line. I saw Barton there, he was close to me. But we could not hold on there and had to get back to the 2nd line which was a dangerous task. I never saw Barton after that. JHA

Ref --Pte H.Ward. 5951.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital

Le Treport. Sept 27th.1917

23rd Batn
A.I.F.

BARTON
W. 6035

"Missing May 3rd 1917"

I saw him hit with a piece of shrapnel and killed instantly. in Fritz front line at Bullecourt. I was wounded myself by the same shell we were close together. I was taken to Dressing station and then sent on so do not know anything about the burial.
I had been with him in the same Coy., same platoon from Oct., 16th so knew him well. He was fair and very short about 20.or22..

Informant:- E. Frost 6055
B. Coy., 23rd Batn
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London.
13.11.17.

23rd BATTALION, A.I.F.
17th Reinforcement.

Private W. BARTON. 6035.

"KILLED. 3.5.17."

Barton and I went away together on the "Argyllshire". I knew him very well. He had a good tenor voice and he used to sing to us at concerts on the way over.

I was in "B" Company and I think he was in it too, but I am not quite certain of this. He was small, about 5 feet 4 inches in height, stout, and about 21 years of age. I did not see him hit. I saw his grave in October, 1917. It was inthe cemetery at Ypres. I recognised it by the name on the cross.

INFORMANT: Private G.H. Davidson, 6169,
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