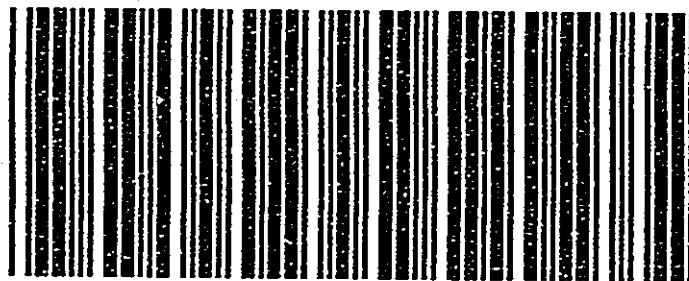


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3472 Private  
Arthur Dallas Barnier

56th Battalion



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56th BATTALION.  
(Late 20th Battalion.)

BARNIER, A.D. 3472.

KILLED 28-9-17.

I knew Barnier, he was in B. Coy., V. Platoon, and was short, very dark and well built. He was a very decent fellow and was wounded at Polygon Wood at the end of September, 1917. I think the 27th. I saw him lying wounded and went back to get a stretcher for him, but on my return, within 15 minutes, I could not find him: the shelling was very severe, and there were shell-holes everywhere where he was lying when I left him. I feel certain he was killed by a shell after being wounded. He could not possibly have been taken prisoner, as the Germans never reached where he was lying. He had just returned from leave in Scotland. I gave this information on the Hospital Ship between France and England.

Informant:-

Pte. J.A. Donald, 2688,  
56th Battalion, B. Coy., VI. Platoon  
Private Address:- Royal Naval House,  
Sydney.

H.S.O.

13-8-18.

No. 4. Australian General Hospital,  
HANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

*C. Fel. 15.*  
*S.* *V.*

A.I.F. 56th Battn.

BARNIER  
A.D. 3472.

Wounded & Missing 26/9/17

Killed in Action 28/9/17. I.B. 513.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 1/7/18.

London  
4/7/18.

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A.I.F. 56.

1st June 1918.

*Barnes*  
~~Barnes~~ A.D. No. 3472.

W/M 28th Sept 1917.

On the 28th Sept we were at Polygon Wood holding the lines. ~~Barnes~~ while employed in the trench was shot by shrapnel and killed at once. The body was buried in the open just outside on the south edge of the wood and the grave was marked with a cross and his name.

Inf:- Pto C.A. Skipper No. 3442.  
A.I.F. 56. B. V.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

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3472  
A. D. Barnier  
56<sup>th</sup> Batta France  
M. M. 28/9/17 S 22/3/18  
the Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society

In reference to your letter regarding no

3472 Pte. A. D. Barnier of the 56<sup>th</sup>

Batta of I. F. He was wounded on the 26/9/17 I tied his wounds up and he started to walk out, He said he felt a bit weak, so I directed him to the track and told him, if he did not <sup>feel</sup> up to walk to sit down and we would pick him up, We went out with a stretcher case, and passed him on the track, and when we were coming back we met 4 prisoners with an escort going out, carrying Pte Barnier that was the last time I saw him, They were not far from the Dressing Station, There was heavy shelling there at the time, As regards his personal appearance I dont know much, He was of medium build, fair complexion, and dark hair, This is all I know about him, Trusting it may help you a little.

Yours Truly

Pte. J. Pearce

56th Battn.

A.I.F.

Sr

BARNIER

A.D. 3472

"Wounded and Missing" 28-2-17.

Colburn says Barnier was killed by a shell and he believes him to be one of the men he saw afterwards. These men were friends. Colburn says that Sgt. Johnson B. Coy, 56th Battn. A.I.F. B.E.F. France could give more information concerning Barnier.

Eye-Witness:  
Description:

Informant: - Colburn, Ete. 1632.  
56th Battn. A.I.F. B.E.F.  
(Quite intelligent).

Note. Written Sgt Johnson. 23-5-18.

E.W. Root.  
1-5-18.  
London.  
24-5-18.

Hayre.

30th. April. 1918.

56th. Australians.

Barnier, A. D. 3472.

W. G. M. September. 28/1917.

I heard a S/Beazer, Private, Rearie, 56th. Battalion, B. 5. say last March 1918, when I was with the Battalion that he had seen Barnier wounded and had bandaged him up at Polygon Wood on September 26th. He saw four German P/Ws carry him away on a water proof sheet to the D/Station. That was the last seen of him. He was a mate of mine, a little short chap, dark, red-faced, clean-shaven, came from Bondi, (NSW) was a shearer.

Inf:- Private, C. S. Cook. 3506.  
56th. Australians. B. H.Q.  
H. S. "Wiltford Castle".

CWS.

Int sent on  
last P/W.

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Letter Pte. Rearie 13-5-18.

56th Battn  
A.I.F

BARNIER,  
A.D. 3472

"Wounded & Missing 28.9.17"

I saw Barnier on the ground at Polygon Wood about 150 yards behind line wounded, he was calling out for a stretcher, he was unable to walk but I cannot state the nature of his wounds. Shells were falling very thickly about there at the time; we went for a stretcher and returned to the same place and could find no trace of him. The place where he had been was pitted with shell holes and I formed the opinion that he must have been killed.

Informant:- J.A. Donald; 2888,  
56th Battn B.Coy,  
Hut 18,

W.A. Rand.

estham.

London.

25.4.18.

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56th Battn  
AIF

<sup>ER</sup>  
BARNICK  
A.D. 3472

"Wounded & Missing 28.9.17."

Wounded & Missing 28.9.17. prev. reported wounded  
Cert. by AIF HdQtrs 10.12.17.

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London  
31.12.17.

A.I.P. 56th Btn.

FARNICK.

Arthur Dallas. 3472.

Killed in Action. 28.9.17.

No trace Germany.

Cert by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.

24.10.19.

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13. 5. 18

Sgt. Johnson

B Coy.

56<sup>th</sup> Batta. G.I. 7

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3472

Pte. A. D. Barnier

B Coy. V Ptn.

56<sup>th</sup> Batta. G.I. 7.

W/M. 28. 9. 17

23. 5. 18.  
G.I. 7.

Pte. Pearce S/B

B Coy. V Ptn.

56<sup>th</sup> Batta. G.I. 7.

abroad

abt.

3472

Pte. A. D. Barnier

56<sup>th</sup> Batta. G.I. 7.

W/M. 28. 9. 17.

14. 5. 18.  
G.I. 7.

A. I. F. 56.

BARNIER, A.D. 3472.

V/A. September 28th, 1917.

I saw him being carried out on a stretcher by 4 German prisoners under escort at Polygon Wood on September 28th. The party was behind our original front line at the time and were making for the D/S. This was early in the morning (about 7 a.m.). He had been wounded in the hip. He called out to me that he was wounded. I dressed him and he was carried in. That is the last known of him. He must have been caught in the heavy barrage in the direction of the D/S. He belonged to V pl. B.Coy.

SA.

Reference:- T.J.Fisher. 1656. B.Coy.  
Tingry.

Identity cert. from battn. records.

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56th Battalion A.I.F.  
Late 20 Battrn.

No. 3472.

BARNIER A.D. Private.

Wounded & Missing. ~~Set 7.~~ 28.9.17.

Informant stated that he recognized Barnier from his portrait, which was exhibited on the Red Cross Information Board in front of the Recreation Hall at Randwick Military Hospital.

Informant stated that they both belonged to Section 1 Platoon No. 5 of "B" Company. On 28/10/17 they were about to hop over at Polygon Wood, and were lying in the open in No Man's Land, about 30 yards forward from their front line. He heard a cry and said "who's that", and someone replied "Barney is hit". Informant did not see him but was told he was not killed but wounded in the leg. When he was hit the hop over had just commenced, so that they all had to advance, leaving Barnier where he had been wounded. They advanced about three-fourths of a mile, so that Barnier was well behind the Australian line and should have been able to get back. Informant said he could not see how Barnier could be missing, unless he was killed by a shell after he had been left behind. Informant was hit the same day, so could make no further enquiries, but in view of the facts just stated, he could not think that

Barnier had been captured.

Informant stated that Barnier was a very popular chap.

Informant: Lance-Corporal W.A. Clarke, 1624,  
"B" Company, 56th Battalion,

Home address: "Kelvin", Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay.

V.B.G.  
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,  
SYDNEY.  
7/3/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.