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**2872A Private
Thomas Barnett**

31st Battalion



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A.I.F. 31.

BARNETT T. 2872A.

K. 23.11.16.

I was just behind him and saw him killed at Le Transloy, near Fiers, on 23rd. Nov. by a shell. He was killed outright and rendered almost unrecognisable. We were in a sap just behind the front line at the time. The Bn. was being relieved. He belonged to A.II. I know nothing as to the burial of his body.

SA.

Reference: Pte. E.B. Gebbett. 568. A.Co.
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31st Battn.
A. I. F.

Barnett.
Pte. Thos. 2872.

"Killed in Action 23.11.16."

re 2872 Pte T. Barnett. On being relieved from front line I moved out in rear of Coy. Going along the Communication Sap we had to halt for a few minutes and while resting there Pte. Barnett was killed. His body did not appear to have any wounds and my opinion is he died from shock. As to where he was buried I could not say. He was buried on the field but I do not know if the grave was registered as the burials were left for another unit to do. The only description I can give is - Height 5feet 7. Weight about 11 stone, fair and very slow in his movements.

Letter from:-
Lieut. Val. Casey,
31st Battn.
No.1.Camp.
Fovant.

London.
15.5.17.

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A.I.F. 31

BARNETT, T. 2872 A.

K. Nov. 23rd, 1916 Det: D & B.

I knew him - he was killed opposite le Trahsloy as he was coming out of a support trench. He was killed by a shell. He was buried at the side of a sap behind the line.

Informant: Pte T.J.Gough. 5017
No. 1 Conv. Camp.
BOULOGNE, 12.3.1917.

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Hayre.

29th March, 1917.

31st AUSTRALIANS

BARNETT, T. 2872A.

K. Nov. 23rd, 1916. Det. D./ B.

Barnett was in A. Co., I do not know platoon. Between November and December we were in the trenches, "lose Trench" on the right of Flours. I was on a fatigue on a communication trench; he was on the same fatigue; a shrapnel burst and I saw Barnett killed instantly; nobody else was hit. The shelling was so heavy we could not stop. We held the ground afterwards, the Germans never took it. He was probably buried by other shells. Barnett was about 5ft.7². in height, stout, fair, clean shaven and about 22 years of age. He came from Queensland.

Informant: Pt. J.V. Jamington No. 2418.
31st Australians, C. Co., XII. Pltn.
No. 2, Gen. Hosp. Boulogne.

L.H. (Quai)

NOTE TO SYDNEY

A.I.F. 31st. Battn.

BARNETT.

Thomas 2872 A.

KILLED IN ACTION 23.11.16.

The name of Thomas Barnett 54 Battalion - home address Cairns, Queensland - came through on a German list dated 12.8.16. and was believed by A.I.F.H.Qs. to be that of the above - but subsequent lists and postcards from the prisoner proved his correct name to be 4435, Thomas Barrett, 54 th. Battalion. See Sydney Letter, 31.1.17.

LONDON.
3.4.17.

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FM 7.5.17

711 Camp
Tovant
England

Miss V. Deakin

4.5.17.

A. B. B. R. C. Society

Dear Madam

I have just received your letter dated 28th March re. No 2872 Pte A. Barnett.

On being relieved from front line I moved out in rear of company. Going along the communication sap we had to halt for a few minutes and while resting there Pte Barnett was killed. His body did not appear to have any wounds and my opinion is he died from shock.

As to where he was buried I could not say. He was buried on the field but I do not know if the grave was registered as the burials were left for another unit to do. The only description I can give is — Height 5'7. Weight about 11 stone, fair and very slow in his movements. //

Hoping this very vague

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information is of use to you

I remain

Yours faithfully
Val Casey Lt.
31st Battr

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Thurs

A. BARNETT

31 Battr AIF

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Bureau:

	Butler, A. 3267.	M. July 19/16.
	Byrne, F. T. 3321.	M. July 19/16.
	Cahill, W. P. 3281.	M. July 19/16.
	Cain, W. J. 3437.	M. July 19/16.
	Caines, P. C. 4748.	K. July 19/16. Det. D./B.
	Cameron, N. 2618.	M. July 19/16.
	Campbell, A. 3042.	M. July 19/16.
	Cant, L.-Cpl. C. R. 2590.	M. July 19/16.
	Carrington, J. D. 4579. (Late 24th Bu.)	K. Aug. 18/16. Det. D./B.
	Charles, W. S. 3773.	K. July 19/16. Det. D./B.
	Christie, J. L. 3054.	W. and M. July 19/16.
	Christie, W. Jennings. 4751.	M. July 19/16.
D.	Clarke, O. J. 4978.	M. July 19/16.
D.	Clarke, S. T. C. 3053.	M. July 19/16.
	Clements, Cpl. H. G. 4076.	M. July 19/16.
	Clements, L.-Cpl. V. J. 3055.	M. July 19/16.
D.	Coleman, W. J. 818.	M. July 19/16.
	Cooper, H. A. 3482.	M. July 19/16.
	Corin, E. A. 3715.	M. July 19/16.
	Corsog, H. 5363.	Accid. K. July 1/16. Det. D./B.
	Cotter, W. 4462.	M. July 19/16.
	Cox, E. T. 2212.	M. July 19/16.
	Cunningham, A. J. 2349.	M. July 19/16.
	Curtis, F. G. 3284.	M. July 19/16.
	Dale, F. 3718.	W. and M. 19/16.
	Daley, C. H. 3535.	M. July 19/16.
	Dalzell, L.-Cpl. B. A. 3299.	M. July 19/16.

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Mc. A. Barnett

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31st A. I. F.,

Barnett, H.Ptc. 2872,

K. Nov. 23rd, 1916. Det D & B.

"Sometime during Nov. /16 close to Needle Dump, Lark Hill Sector, right of Flare. A shell fell into the trench, and Barnett was killed by the Concussion. Told by Lieut. Casey 31st A. I. F., A. Coy., 1 Pl.; he saw Barnett afterwards and reported that there were no marks on him. He lived near Warwick Queensland. He was a farmer living with his parents. He had two brothers either in 41 or 42. I had known him close on ten months. Belonged to A. Coy., 1 Platoon."

Eye Witness: Lieut. Casey, 31st A. I. F., A. Coy., 1 Pl:

Description: Short, neggety man, very full face, single, abnormal head.

Informant:-- Pte. C.F. Andrews, 2239,

31st A. I. F., A. Coy., 1 Pl:

3rd London General Hosp:

Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address:-- Horseferry Rd., S.W.

March, 15th, 1917.

Jessie Parrin.

Written by Casey 22.3.17

11.5.17

Lieut. Val Casey
31 Batt. A.I.F.
No. 1 Camp
Fovant,
England

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter of May 4th in answer to our enquiry about 2872 Pte. ^T Barnett 31 Batt. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance, as it points to the fact that death was instantaneous which of itself is always a comfort to the relations.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary

