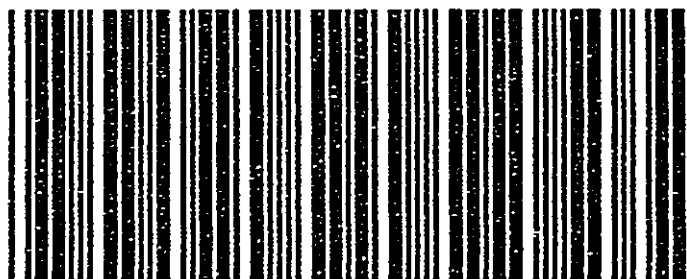


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**516 Private
Charles Richard
Barrett**

42nd Battalion



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16.10.17

Sgt. CRAIL

C. Coy.

42 Bataⁿ

A.I.F.

B.E.F.

About

516. BARRETT

C. Coy.

42 Bataⁿ A.I.F.

K. 10.6.17

AP.
8.10.17

42nd A.I.F.

Barrett C.R. 516

(K. June 10th 1917 Dets. F/B)

"Barrett was killed by shell fire on June 10th 1917 during an Artillery Barrage at Bethlehem Farm on the Messines front. Informant thinks that Barrett was buried where he fell, but he is not certain on that point."

Eye witness: No. Pte. Tarran H.Q. A.I.F. told Informant.

Description: Medium height, medium build, fair moustache.

Informant: Pte. Hugh Chillick 1697 42nd A.I.F. C. 11
No. III Sec. Exeter War Hospitals.

Home address: Federal Richmond River,
New South Wales.

27.10.17.
E. Benson.

*Sgt
Chillick*

42 Australian I.F.

Barrett, C.R. 516.

K. June 10/17. Det. D.& B.

"I know that Charlie Barrett (42 C. XI) was killed instantaneously by a shell about June 10th. at Messines, while we were holding a line which had been taken from the enemy 2 or 3 days before. He was buried in a rough cemetery which had been made during the attack, at Bethlehem Farm. I have not seen his grave."

Eyewitness:- No. Inf. was only 30 yds away & heard all about it at the time.

Description:- From Sydney? single, out all the time.

Informant:- Pte John Fagan, 555,
42 A.I.F. C Co., X Plat.
Srd. Southern Genl Hosp., The Base, Oxford.

Home address:- 20 Charlotte St
Bathurst,
N.S.W.

26/10/17.
H.M. Pickard-Cambridge.

*Sgt
Fagan*

42nd Battn
C. Coy.
A.I.F.

Barrett.
516. C.R.

"Killed 10.6.17."

I saw him killed at Messines he was very badly mutilated and death was instantaneous. I do not know place of burial but refer to Pte. Algar C. Coy. 42nd Battn who is still in France and who can give full particulars. I knew him well he was the only man of that name in the Coy.

Witness:-

42nd Battn

Pte. J. Hudson, 2094
42nd Battn C. Coy., 10th Pltn.
Srd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman,
London.
3.9.17.

Note written Pte. Algar
1.9.17.

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42nd A.I.F.

Barrett 516.

(K. June 10/17 Det. D/B)

Barrett was in charge of a Machine gun and was killed in the early morning on Loth June 1917 with 4 others by a shell and was buried near about 50 or 60 yds. to the left of Bullecourt farm.

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Sgt. J.W. Bradford 526,
42nd A.I.F.,
Ampton Hospital,
Suffolk.

Home address:

Ampton- Glenavon,
Windsor Rd.,
Red Hill,
Brisbane.

Aug. 14/17,
C.H. Hawkins.

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A.I.F. 42.0.

K.10.6.17.

BARRETT C.R. 516.

He was killed right alongside me on 10th. June at The Black Line, Messines, Bethlehem Farm. A shell came in the trench and killed and buried him. I dug him out but he was dead. He was buried that afternoon just by where he fell and I helped to bury him. A lot of our men (20 or 30) are buried close together and a cross is erected with their names on, including that of Barrett, which I have seen. Charlie was a mate of mine. He was about 28, a short, dark chap, with a little dark moustache, slight build. He was in C. XI and in the L.G.S.

P.H.R.

Reference: Cpl. W. J. Dyer. 1827. C. XI.
1 Can. Gen. Hpl.

Etaples.
17.10.17.

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Buff

42nd A.I.F.

Barrett Pte. C.R. 516,

(K. June 10/17 Det D/B)

"Barrett was killed by shell fire and buried with thirteen others at Messines Ridge".

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Sgt. J. Kearney 149,
42nd A.I.F., H.Q. Coy.,
King George Hospt.,
Stamford St.

Oct. 13/17,
y. Pairstow.

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Havre

9th October.1917.

42nd AUSTRALIANS
C.Co.

BARNETT, C.R. 516

K. June 10th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in C. Co. He came from Queensland, and was a miner in civil life. He got killed by a shell at Messines in our trenches about Sa.E. He was buried in a place called Bothleham Farm with about 43 other men. I do not know if his grave is marked.

Informant: Cpl. J.J. Whitman, 1924
42nd Australians, C.Co.
Ambulance Train 17.
Havre.

RBS.

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C. Co

42 Bath AIF

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516 C.R.

BARRETT

C. Co

42 Bath AIF

K. 10. 6. 17

L.B.H.

6.9.17.

42nd Battn.
C. Coy.
A. I. F.

Barrett.
C. R. 516

"Killed 10.6.17"

Refer to Sgt. Crail, C. Coy. 42nd Battalion, who is now in France and can give full details of death and burial. I knew him very well, his Christian name was Charles.

Witness:-

Pte. T. W. Geizer 562
42nd Battn. C. Coy. 10th Pltn.
3rd A. Aux. Hospital.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.

8.10.17. Note Written Sgt. Crail 6.10.17.

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42nd Battn.
C. Coy.
A. I. F.

Barrett.
C. R. 516.

"Killed 10.6.17"

I did not see him killed but I was told that he was killed by a shell in the back of line at Messines. I assisted to bury him at Square Farm on the right of Messines Ridge and the grave was marked by a cross bearing all his particulars. *I knew him well.*

Witness:-

Pte. R. Gillespie 1144
42nd Battn. C. Coy. 12th Pl.
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.

26.9.17.

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P.C. 204-17

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(REAR)
42 Bolton

Lark Hill

K/A 10-6-17

14/9/17

The Secretary.

Wounded and Offspring Enquiry Bureau

In answer to

your letter of the sixth which I received to day
14th inst. after it had been sent to France and
come back here to me I am sorry it did
not reach me sooner but in the meantime
I had been sent to England and I am
afraid the letter has ^{been} much delayed but I
hope to be able to give you all the
information required. No 516 Barrett. b. R.
was killed on the 9th of August in a place
~~called~~ on the Black line called Beathline
Horn about three quarters of a mile from
Messins the said. b. R. Barrett was buried
there in the field with my own hands
his description was height about five feet
ten inches with dark moustache and was known
as very quiet nature but pleasant to speak
to. This is all the information I can give
you his name and number will be found
on the cross at the head of his grave if
requiring any more information I will only
be to glad to supply you with such

yours faithfully
Lpl. G. Algar

My address if required

No 511. Lpl. G. Algar

Box 11th T.B

York Hill

Salisbury Plains

England

Note

Date of ~~the~~ August measures fighting
evidently given in mistake for
June