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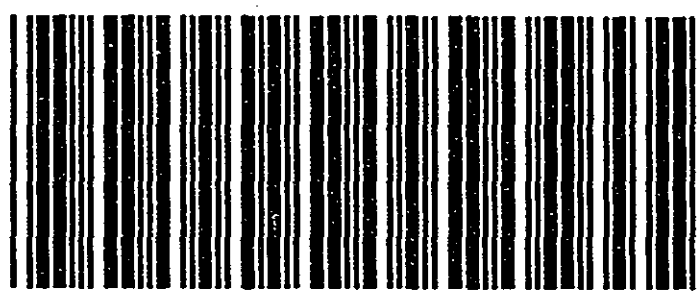
# Lieutenant
# Norman Francis Watts
# Barnard

## 1st Pioneer Battalion



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4 Biddulph Mansions
Elgin avenue
W.9.
29th Oct

Dear Madam

I must thank you for the second report that I have received concerning Lieut N.F.W. Barnard. 1st Pron Batt. I am grateful for the details you have so kindly supplied, which I am sending out to his relatives in Melbourne. They will, I know, be exceedingly

glad to receive the photo of his grace, which, through the thoughtfulness of your Bureau I hope will reach them in due course.

Again thanking you for all these details which are much appreciated.

I remain

yours truly

D. Hawker.

September 30th, 1918.

Miss D. Hawker.
4 Biddulph Mansions.
Elgin Avenue.
Maida Vale. W.9.

Dear Madam.

We have a further unofficial report of the death and burial of - Lieut.N.F.W. BARNARD, 1st Pioneer Battn. A.I.F. - which we think may be of some assistance to you and which confirms the reports already given.

4212 Pte.B.H. Hamilton, 1st Pioneer Battalion. A.I.F., states that he knew Lt. Barnard and describes him as a tall man about 5'10", slightly built, of medium complexion and about 30 years of age. "He had been out for a walk with Lieut. Jarvis and on returning to where the Co camped at Zonnebeke Lake, went in with the intention of shaving. Lieut. Jarvis left the dugout to give him plenty of room when a H.E. shell exploded at the dugout door killing Lt. Barnard instantly. Pte. Hamilton was 40 yards from him at the time of his death and was cook for the officers. He was buried at the Belgium Battery Corner the next day and a cross was erected with his name and number on it."

With a further assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

SECRETARY. G.B.

November 1st, 1917.

Miss D. Bowker,
4, Biddulph Mansions,
Elgin Avenue,
Maida Vale, W.9

Dear Madam,

We beg to forward further unofficial information concerning the death of Lieut.N.F.W.Barnard,
1st Pioneer Battn,
A.I.F.

Lieut.J.McGowen, of the same unit states as follows:-

"Concerning the death of Lieut.N.F.W.Barnard of this unit, I have to state that Lieut.Barnard and I were closely associated with each other both before and after leaving Australia. On 11th August last, at 5.30.p.m. Lieut.Barnard was sitting at the door of his dugout, in the Ypres area, when he was killed instantly by a shell. Being a friend of mine I had his body taken back and buried with full military honours in Renninghelst Military Cemetery, (grave No3 Row B, Plot 3) His sister was nursing at Rouen at the time of his death, and has since returned to Australia on transport duty, but before she left Rouen. I had given her all particulars as to her brother's death. As to his personal appearance I rather fancy a description is unnecessary as his identity has been established without doubt, his full name was Norman, Francis, Watts Barnard, and his address was 16, Hight Street, Kew, Victoria".

There were several other reports confirming this evidence.

If further details come to hand we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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October 29th, 1917.

Lt. J. H.McGowen,
1st Australian Pioneer Battn,
A. I. F., B. E.F.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning Lt.H.F.W.Barnard, of your Battalion. 1st Pioneers

The information and details you have supplied will be of much assistance to us, and of value to our enquirers.

We are pleased to learn that you were able to give all details to the late Lt.Barnard's sister personally, it is so much more satisfactory for his people than to depend only upon our reports.

Thank you so much for your offer of assistance at any time, we are most grateful to you, and will certainly come to you when occasion arises.

Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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by letter O.S.
27-10-17

Lieut N. F. W. BARNARD
14 Pioneers
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In the Field
23rd October 1917.

To The Secretary.
Aust. Red Cross Society.
London.

Dear Madam.

Re your memo of 18th inst, concerning the death of Lieut N. F. W. Barnard of this unit. I have to state that:— Lieut Barnard & I were closely associated with each other, both before & after leaving Australia.

On the 11th August last at 5.30 p.m. when Lieut Barnard was sitting at the door of his dug-out in the Ypres area, when he was killed instantly by a shell. Being a friend of mine, I had his body taken back, & buried with full military honors in the Reninghelst Military Cemetery (grave no. 3 Row B. Plot 3). His sister was nursing at Rouen at the time of his death, and has since returned to Australia on Transport duty. but before she left Rouen, I had given her all particulars as to her brother's death.

As to his personal appearance I rather fancy a description is unnecessary, as his identity has been established without doubt. His full name was Norman Francis Watts Barnard, & his address was 167 High St Kew. Victoria.

Trusting that this information may be of assistance

to you in your work. I also that you will let me know if I can be of any future assistance to you at any time.

I am

Yours faithfully.

J. Mullzowen Sienc.

1st Australian Pioneer Battn.

A. I. F.

October 23rd, 1917.

Miss D.Hawker,
4, Biddulph Mansions,
Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, W.9

Dear Madam,

In further answer to your inquiry for details of the death of Lt.H.F.W.Barnard,
1st Pioneers Battalion,
A.I.F.

we deeply regret to inform you of unofficial evidence which we have received from men of his unit all of whom give similar reports, from them we learn that Lt.Barnard was killed instantly by a shell while sitting on his bed reading in his dugout late in the afternoon of Saturday August 11th, and his burial took place in the Reumghelst Cemetery near Zomebeke.

We quote one report which is representative of them all, No 2349 Pte.Stanley Dews who was in No II Pennsylvania Hospital, Exeter, stated "I was told by comrades that Lieut.Barnard was killed at Zillebeke lake. I think he was company commander when a party was road making, putting in gun pits, preparing for the great push. He was killed instantly by a shell while sitting in his dugout on his bed, reading the paper. The men of his own Coy brought him in for burial and the Last Post was sounded."

We have applied to the Graves Registration Bureau for a

photograph of his grave which will be forwarded to his next-of-kin as soon as possible and should we obtain further news we shall advise you immediately.

Trusting that it will be some consolation to know that his death was instantaneous.

Yours faithfully,

V.D. [illegible]

SECRETARY.

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Lt. McGowen
D. Coy.
1st Pioneers Battn
A.I.F
B.E.F.

abt. brother officer
Lt. N. F. W. Barnard
1st Pioneer Battn. A.I.F.
K. 11.8.17.

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Pte J. RICE / D Co
1 Pioneers A.I.F

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Lieut. N.F.W. BARNARD
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Lt. McGOWAN

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Cpl. Kenny

A. Coy.

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Lt M. JARVIS

D Co

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Lieut N.F.W. BARNARD

1 Pioneers A I F

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A.I.B.

18th October 1917

Miss D. Hawker,
4, Biddulph Mansions,
Elgin Avenue,
Maida Vale.
W. 9.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your inquiry for details of the death of Lieut. H.F.W. Barnard 1st Pioneers Batn A.I.F. We regret to inform you of an unofficial report which has been received from No 1920 Pte. J. Small who was in an Australian Camp in France.

He states that Lieut. Barnard who was his Company officer, was killed at Zonnebeke on August 11th. She has seen his grave marked by a cross in the Reninghelst Military Cemetery.

We are continuing our enquiries for details of his death and as soon as further news is received we shall advise you.

Trusting that it will be of some slight assistance to know that he was killed instantaneously.

Yours faithfully.

K. O.

Secretary.

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Lieut. W. L. W. Barnard

1st Pioneers

See under.

Lieut Kenneth N. Holmes.

alt. 22 Squad. R.E.C.

12/10/17.

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Lieut. W. L. W. Barnard. Barnard.

1 Pioneers

see under

Lieut. Kenneth N. Holmes.

4 Pioneers

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Havre 4th October,1917.

1st AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS BARNARD, Lieut. W.F.W.
D.Co.

K. Aug. 11th.1917. Det. D/B.

I knew him well; he was in my Company - D., 1st Pioneers. I was told by Corpl. Kenny of A.Co., 1st Pioneers, now with the Battalion, that Lieut. Barnard had been killed by a shell which fell in his Dugout, near Poperinghe; I think he will be able to give details regarding the burial.

Informant: Lt. Howell, A.E. 42196
1st Australian Pioneers, D.Co.
Havre Hospital.

Written Cpl. Kenny. 18.10.17. L. de D. P.1

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Havre 4th October.1917.

1st AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS BARNARD, Lieut. W.F.W.
D.Co.

K. Aug. 11th.1917. Det. D/B.

Lieut. Barnard was my Company Officer - D. Co., XVI.Pltn., and was killed at Zonnebeke on August 11th.1917. I saw his grave in the Reninghelst Military Cemetery; there is a cross on it.

Informant: Lt. J. Small, 1920
1st Australian Pioneers, D.Co., XVI.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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1st Pion.

~~1st A.I.F.~~

Barnard Lt. N.F.W.
D. Company.

(K. Aug. 11/17 Det. D/B)

"I remember Lt. Barnard being killed at Zonnebeke by splinters from a shell. He was struck in two places and the wound in the groin was fatal. He was sitting outside his dug-out at midday on Aug. 11/17. Death was instantaneous. I helped to bring his body down to the cemetery at Renninghurst and to place a cross over his grave".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Tall, medium complexion, clean shaven, abt. 26 years.

Informant: Pte. W.C. Collins 5362,
1st A.I.F., D. Coy.,
Christchurch Red Cross Hospt.,
Hants.

Home address:
50 Wilson St.,
South Yarra,
Melbourne.

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Oct. 5/17,
F.J. Lord.

1st Pioneers A.I.F.
A.I.F.

BARNARD
Lieut. N.F.W.

"Killed August 11th 1917"

Refer to Lieut. McGowan D. Coy., 1st Pioneers who was a mate of Barnard and saw him in dugout. Lieut. McGowan still with Coy in France. It was common knowledge that Lieut. Barnard was blown up by shell landing in his dugout at Zillebeke. Informant understands Lieut. Barnard had a proper military funeral he was so told by C/Room Sgt. Barnett (France) Informant was at HdQtrs at time and there saw a cross made for Lieut. Barnard's grave. Cannot give name of place of burial.

Witness:- Hayward Pte. C.E. 2124
1st Pioneers D. Coy.,
Ward B. 28. Dartford.

Note Pte. A.W. Graham No 3784 also of D. Coy., and now in ward B.19. Dartford also informs that he thinks Lieut. McGowan same R.S. and boat and generally together with Lieut. Barnard is most likely person to give details.
W.A. Rand
London.
28.10.17.

Note written Lieut. McGowan 28.10.17. P.I.

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1st Pns,
A.I.F.

BARNARD
N.F.W. Lieut.

"Killed 11.8.17."

He was killed in his dugout. Lieut. McGowan of the same Coy., could supply information.

Informant:- Wm. Eames. 2604 1st Pioneers A.I.F.
Beaufort, Bristol.
Home address:- 61 Bethesda St., Amlorch(?) North Wales.

Written:- Lieut. McGowan. 18.10.17.

London.
25.10.17.

P.I.

1st Div.Pioneers Battn.
A.I.F.

Barnard.
Lieut.N.F.W.

"Killed 11.8.17"

I did not see him killed but was present at his burial it was a Military burial in the Military Cemetery Rehhinghelst Belgium. Lieut.J.H. McGowen D.Coy.1st Aust.Pioneers was present at his death and I heard him give orders for a cross to be put on the grave. Lieut.McGowen could give all particulars of death.

Informant:- Spr.J.S.Cook 2085
1st Aust.Sup.Coy.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford. 19.10.17.

G.W.Griffiths.

London.
24.10.17.

P.I.

1st Pnrs. Btn.

BARNARD, F.E.W.
Lieut.

K. in act. 11/8/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 10 ins. in height, medium build, medium complexion, about 33 years of age. Casualty was in forward area near Zillebeke Lake. He was lying in a dug-out when an H.E. shell penetrated the dug-out a piece entering his head killing him instantly. I saw his body shortly after he was killed. He was buried near where he fell. I ~~corrected~~ attended to his grave some months after."

Informant:- Pte. J. A. Cartledge,
No. 3079, 1st Pnrs Btn.

Private address:-
"Burrill"
Spring Road,
Malvern.

V.A.T.
4/4/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

1st Pioneers Btn. BARNARD, N. F. W.
Lieut.

Killed in action 11/8/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 7 ins. well built, fair hair, fresh complexion, about 35 years of age. Casualty was in reserve lines at Zillebeke at Ypres Canal. He was shaving in his dug-out when a whizz bang exploded outside the dug-out mortally wounding him. I immediately went to Casualty's assistance but he could not speak and died a few minutes after I arrived. I was acting batman to Lieut. Jarvis, M.C. and Casualty and Lieut. Jarvis used to sleep in the same dug-out. He was most severely wounded in the chest. He was buried at the Reninghurst Cemetery and I saw his grave. A nice cross was erected with his name and unit on it. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- Pte. R. McLeod,
No. 3832, 1st Pnrs. Btn.

Private address:-
"Benalla"
Ballibna Road,
Canlfield.

T.C.F.
18/10/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU - MELBOURNE.

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1st Pioneer Btn. BARNARD, Lieut.
N. F. W.

Killed in action 11/8/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man about 6 ft. well built, about 13 stone, dark complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was sitting in his dug-out on the bank of the Zillebeke Lake, Ypres. A whizz bang shell exploded in the mouth of the dug-out a piece entering Casualty's forehead killing him instantly. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body a few hours after his death. He was buried in a cemetery at Dickiebusch."

Informant:- Sgt. V. A. Dalton,
No. 4137, 1st Pioneer Btn.

Private address:-
107 Stevedore Street,
North Williamstown.

T.C.F.
14/6/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

1st Pioneer Battalion.

BARNARD, N. F. J.
Lieut.

Killed in action 11/8/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 32 years of age, well built medium complexion, about 5ft. 8 ins. He was a 3rd Rfcts. of the 3rd Pioneers. Casualty was in his dug-out on the bank of Zilleheke Lake at Ypres. An H.E. shell exploded outside his dug-out a piece hitting himin the head and another through the body killing him instantly. I was 150 yds. away at the time the shell exploded but I went over directly after but Casualty was dead ~~dead~~ when I arrived there. He was buried at Reininghurst Cemetery and I attended the funeral. A cross was erected with his name and number on it."

Informant:- T. Taylor,
No. 2471.

Private address:-
Black Sands,
Yarra Junction.

T.C.F.
3/5/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

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1st Pioneers Btn.

BARNARD, N. F. J.
Lieut.

Killed in action 11/8/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall, well built man, dark complexion, about 26 years of age. Casualty was lying in his dug-out reading at Lake Zilleheke. An H.E. shell exploded in front of the dug-out killing Casualty instantly. I was 50 yds. away at the time of his death and he was buried at Reinhurst Cemetery. A cross was erected with his name and number on it."

Informant:- W. J. Smithers,
No. 4316.

Private address:-
Shepparton, P.O.

T.C.F.
19/4/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

AUST PIONEERS. 1.D. BARNARD, Lt H.F.W.

K. Aug 11th 1917. Dets D/B.

I knew him. He was killed in his own dugout by H.E. He was taken out and was buried at Reninghelst. I have seen his grave. There is a cross with his name on.

Inf: Pte W.S.Croft. 2081.
No. 1 C.C.
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1st Pioneers. A.I.F. Barnard.Lt. H.F.W.

K. 11 Aug 1917.

"It may be accepted as certain that Lieut. Barnard was buried in Reninghelst cemetery ( map Hazebrouck. 5A. J3.) Neither of the ~~two~~ officers saw the burial but it is vouched for by Lieut. Martin."

SEARCHER'S NOTE. Please see my previous reports, and correct accordingly.

Eye-witness:
Description:

Informant(s): Lt. W.K. McLeane,
Lt. R.L. Murphy.,
1st Pioneers, A.I.F.
3rd London Gen. Hos.
Wandsworth.

Home address: Headquarters A.I.F. Horseferry Rd, S.W. 1.

27 Oct 1917.
John R. Clark Hall.

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Pioneer Batn
A.I.F.

BARNARD
Lieut. N.F.W.

"Killed August 11th 1917"

I saw him hit with Shrapnel and killed instantly in his dugout at Zellebeke Labbie, Ypres. I was present at his burial. It was a Military Funeralin ~~Heegstreet~~ Reenghurst Cemetery. A cross was erected and railing put round the grave. Lieut. McGowen of Sydney superintended the funeral arrangements.

Informant:- P.G. Shelly 5449
1st Battn. Pioneers.

Andrews H. 3005 1st Battn Pioneers gave practically same information about death but did not see the burial or grave.

London.
6.11.17.

H. P.I.

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1st Pioneer Btn.

BARNARD, N. F. W.
Lieut.

Killed in action 11/8/17.

"I knew Casuality. He was a tall man, thin, medium complexion, about 20 years of age. Casualty was digging in a dug-out at Ypres when a shell exploded in the mouth of the dug-out killing Casualty instantly. His chief wounds were about the body and face. I was about 10 yds. away. He was buried in a Cemetery just outside Dicky Bush. A cross was erected with his name and number on it. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his men."

Informant:-No. 4204,
Pte. J. E. Hughes, 1st Pion. Btn.

Private address:-
317 Rippon Street,
Ballarat.

T.C.F.
25/1/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

1st Pioneer Battalion.

BARNARD, H.F.W.
Lieut.

Kld. in act. 11.8.17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 8", well built, medium complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was standing at the time in his dugout at Zillebeke Lake. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty, a piece entering his head, killing him instantly. I was 60 yards away at the time the shell exploded and I saw his body immediately afterwards. He was buried about 4½ miles on the right from where he fell, and I was detailled for the firing party to fire the salute over the grave."

Informant:- A.N. Clarke
No. 4173

Private address
41 Inkerman Street,
St. Kilda.

T.H.F.
14.3.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

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1st Pioneer Battalion A.I.F. Barnard. Lieut H.F.W.
D Co

K. Aug 11/17 Det D/B

"I did not see Lieut Barnard buried or his grave; but I know that all the 1st Pioneer Battalion A.I.F. were brought in, and buried in the cemetery at Belgian Battery Corner near Ypres."

Eye-witness:
Description:

Informant: Pte A. Pettitt, 2963,
1st Pioneer Battalion A.I.F. A Co
Red Cross Hosp. Weir. Balham.

Oct 22nd.
B.H.M. Riddel.

1 Pioneer Battalion A.I.F.

Barnard, Lieut N.F.W.
D Co.

K. Aug 11/17 Det D/B

"I knew that Lieut Norman? Barnard (1.D) was killed instantaneously by a shell about August 11th at Zillebeke Lake. It was Pay Day, and he had just come back from Ypres, and had gone into his dug out in the afternoon, when it happened. He was taken away to Reningshalst, and buried in the cemetery there. I have not seen his grave. Lieut James McGowan (1. D. XIV) had a cross made, and wrote the inscription himself, He would give full particulars. Leut Jarvis (1.D.XIII) was in the same dug out and had walked out of it just before the shell burst."

Eye-witness:- No, I was not there but came up just afterwards.

Description:- 8th reinforcements, quiet and reserved, a clever man, a fine fellow, we were all very sorry when he died.

M P.1
Bd-Sup

Informant:-Pte.Edward Raymond,3406.
1 Pioneer Battalion A.I.F. D Co. 8 Sect.
3rd Southern Gen. Hos. Durham Buildings,
Oxford.

Home address:-
Newport, Rochdale,
N.S.W.
22 Oct 17.
Hilda M.Pickard Cambridge.

1st Aust: Pioneer Battn.
1st Div.
A.I.F.

Barnard.
Lieut. K. F. W.

"Killed 11.8.17"

I saw him killed instantly by shell in dug-out on Aug.11th 1917 at Zillebeke Lake Camp. I saw them take body for burial, by our party. He was buried at Dicky Bush. I did not see his grave, but saw a cross taken to be put on his grave.

Informant :- Pte.F.C.Eagler 4164
1st Div.Aust: Pioneers.
D.Coy.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

G.W.Griffith.

London.
22.10.17.

P.I.

Havre

20th Oct. 1917

A.I.F.
1st Pioneer Btn
D.Co.

BARNARD, Lieut. K.F.W.

[illegible] 11th Aug. 1917 dot D/B

I saw his grave in the Reninghelst Military Cemetery. There is a cross on it. He had a military funeral. This was in August 1917.

Informant: L/Cpl. [illegible] Edwards 4190
1st Pioneers D.Co. A.I.F. 14th Altn
Australian Camp Rouelles

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Havre 18th October.1917.

1st AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS BARNARD, Lieut. N.F.W.
D.Co.

K.Aug. 11th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in my Co. - B., and was killed at Zillebeke about 11th August,1917 by a shell, which burst in front of the Dugout. He was buried by his Company in the Reninghelst Cemetery. I saw the grave with his name on the cross.

Informant: Pt. Mitchell, J.W.K. 2737
1st Australian Pioneers, D.Co.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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1st Pioneers Battn.
D.Coy.
A.I.F.

Barnard.
Lieut.H.F.W.

"Killed 11.8.17"

Refer to Pte.J.Rice D.Coy.1st Pioneers who is now in hospital in England and who saw him killed at Ypres and can give full particulars.

Witness:-
Pte.A.H.Boorman 4151
1st Pioneers D.Coy.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.

W.Oman.

London.
18.10.17. Note Written Pte.Rice 18.10.17. P.I.

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1st Pioneers Battn.
D.Coy.
A.I.F.

Barnard.
H.F.W. Lieut.

"Killed 11.8.17"

I saw him killed at Zillebeke Lake. He was lying on his bed at the time reading the Sydney Bulletin, when a shell came over killing him instantly. Casualty was about 6.p.m. on a Saturday. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Reninghelst. I saw his grave and it was marked with a cross bearing his Rank, name and regiment.

Witness:-
Pte.C.A.Lea 3566
1st Pioneers D.Coy.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
18.10.17.

P.I.

1st Batt. Australian Pioneers.

Barnard. Lieut. N.F.W.
D.Coy.

K. Aug 11/17 Det D/B

Informant states that:- "OnAug 11th at Zillebeke on Ypres front a high explosive shall dropped on the dug out where Lt. Barnard was reading a paper. He was killed outright and would probably be buried behind the Red Cross Station nr. Swan Chateau."

Eye-witness:-- Was told by some of the men in Lt. Barnard's Coy.

Description:--

Informant:-- Spr. J.J.McIntyre, 3376,
Australian Pioneers, 1st. D.Coy.
2nd Birmingham War Hospital,
Hollymoor.

Home address:-- 4 Norfolk St
Sydney,
N.S.Wales.

14.10.17.
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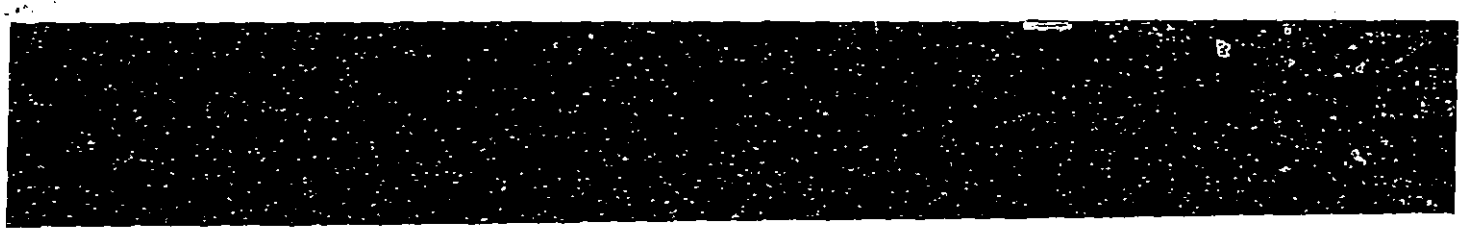

1st Pioneers A.I.F.

Barnard Lt. N.F.W.

(K. 11.8.17 Det D/B)

"Lt. Barnard was known to me. At Zillebeke Lake in August about 4 p.m. when we were in camp a shell struck the corner of the dug-out and killed Lt. Barnard instantly. Another Officer was in the dug-out but escaped. Lt. Barnard was buried at Reninhurst (?) in the Cemetery. Most of the men went to the funeral but I did not. Mr. McCowan of 1st Pioneers sent his effects home and can give full particulars".

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. C. Boyle 3306,
1st Aust: Pioneers,
Home address: 2nd Southern Gen. Hospt., Bristol.
7 Livingstone Rd.
Petersham, Sidney, N.S.W.

14.10.17,
H.W. Ward.

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1st Australian Pioneers — Barnard, Lieut. H.F.W.

( Killed 1[illegible]. Aug. 1917 ).

" I can give no details of Lt. Barnard's death, but the precise place where he was buried was south-east of Ypres ( on Hazelbrouck map - 5A.Square, K.2, 3/4 )."

Eye Witness

Description

Informant :- Lieut. H.L. Murphy,
1st Aus. Pioneers,
3rd London General Hospt.
Wandsworth, S. W.

Home address :-
Headquarters Aus.
Imperial Force,
Horseferry Road,
Westminster, London,
S.W.

19. 10. 17
J R.Clark Hall.

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1st Australian Pioneers — Barnard, Lt. H.F.W.

( Killed 11 Aug. 1917 ).

" I was told by Lieut. Martin ( of the same Battn) that Lt. Barnard was killed instantly at the entrance to his dug-out by a shell while reading a newspaper, near Lake Zillebeke. As a rare honour, he was buried in a coffin. "

Eye Witness - Lieut. Martin, 1st Austr.Pioneers, ( at present in the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, S.E. ) told him.

Description -

Informant :- Lieut. W.K. McLean,
1st Australian Pioneers,
3rd London General Hosp.
Wandsworth. London, S. W.

Home address :-
Headquarters, Austr.Imperial Force, Horseferry Road, Westminster, London, S.W.

19. 10. 1917.
J.R.Clark Hall.

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1st Pioneer Battn
Australian Imperial Force

Barnard, Lieut.H.F.W.

( Killed Aug. 11. 17 ).

" I was told by some men in our Battn that Lt. Barnard had been killed instantaneously by a shell which fell right into his dug-out at Zillebeke. "

Eye Witness

Description

Informant :- Pte. Edward Swift, 3422,
1st Pioneer Battn, Aus Imp Force
Boscombe Hospital.

18. 10. 17.
J.E.Burns.

P.I d-
& Swift

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AUST. PIONEERS. 1.D. BARNARD, Lt. H.F.W.

K. 11 August, 1917.

Lt. Barnard was killed by a shell when he was in charge of a working party at Zillebeke Lake. He came out of the door of his dugout and the shell dropped almost on top of him. This was in the morning early, but daylight. Pte Aston was near him at the time when it happened. He was a fine fellow and a very good officer. I do not know where he was buried but I think it was in the vicinity of Zillebeke Lake.
Reference:- Pte. J.J.White. 1051. BM.
L.N.School.

Mr. Barnard was killed at the door of his dugout at Zillebeke Lake and he was buried at Menninghelst in the cemetery there. I have seen his grave there.
Reference:- W.E.Mort. 4208.
No. 7 Can. Gen. Hp.

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& Swift

Havre 17th Oct. 1917.

AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS, BARNARD, Lieut. N.F.W.
1st Batt. D Co.

K. 11.8.17. Det. D/B.

He was buried in the Military Cemetery near Dickebusch in August, 1917. He had a Military Funeral. I saw the coffin prepared for the body, and there is a cross on the grave. His friend, Lieut. McGowan of the 1st Battalion, D Co. was at the funeral.

Informant: Pte. G. Croft, 1455
1st Aust. Pioneers, D Co., 16th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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1st AUST. PIONEERS. D.Co. Lieut. N. F. W. BARNARD.

Killed 11.8.17. Det. D & B.

On Ypres Front he was blown to pieces by a shell as he was coming out of his dug-out. I, did not see him killed but was told by several men in his Coy. about it. He was in the 1st Battn. and I am in the 2nd but at Forant Camp, Salisbury, he was Pioneer Officer and I was Sergt. Instructor. He came from Dandemong, Victoria. He was a very good and popular Officer.

Reference: Pte.Prince, 2926, 2nd Pion. Btn.
No.1 Aust. General, Rouen, 17.10.17.

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1 Batt. Pioneers. A.I.F.

Barnard. Lt N.F.W.
D.Coy.

K. Aug. 11/17 Det D/B

"Lt. Barnard was killed instantly by a shell in his dug out at Zelibeke. He was taken out and buried behind the line."

Eye-witness:-- Yes.
Description:--

Informant:-- L/C. D. Sampson, 3907.
1st Pnrs. A.I.F. A Coy.
Hapsbury Hosp,
St. Albans, Herts.

Home address:-- Byer St,
Broken Hill,
N.S.W. Australia.

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A.B.Marshall.

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1st Pioneers A.I.F.

Barnard Lt. N.F.W.
D. Coy.

(K. Aug. 11/17 Det D/B)

"I know that Lt. Barnard was killed at Messines and that he was buried at Zollebeke by the Battalion."

Eye-witness: No, all the Batt. know the body was brought back.

Description:

Informant: Pte. John Geikie 1357,
1st Pioneers A.I.F., A. Coy.,
1st London General Hospt.,
Camberwell.

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13.10.17,
F. Ross.

1st. Battn. Pioneer, A.I.F.

Barnard, Lieut. N.F.W.
D Coy.

(K. Aug: 11/17.Det: D & B.)

"I was told by comrades that Lieut. Barnard was killed at Zillebeke lake. I think he was Company Commander when a party was roadmaking, putting in gun-pits, preparing for the great push. He was killed instantly by a shell while sitting in his dug-out on his bed, reading the paper. The men of his own Coy brought him in for burial and the Last Post was wounded. There was a firing party, but do not remember where he was buried. "

Eye-witness:-- No. Told by men in same Coy.

Description:--

Informant:-- Pt e. Stanley Dews,2349.
1st. Pioneer A. I. F. D.Coy.
No. II Pennsylvenia Hospital
Exeter.

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Oct.13th.
M. Kirtell-Cornish.

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A.I.F.
1st Btn Pioneers
D.Co.

13th Oct. 1917

BARNARD, Lieut. N.F.W.

K. 11th Aug. 1917 det D/B

I knew him; he was my Platoon Officer. Fairly dark - about 5'10" in height - slim - age about 33 or 34. He was killed at Zillebeke Lake in a dug out about August 11th. I was wounded the same day. He got a piece of shrapnel through the brain and was killed instantly. Lieut. James (1st Pioneers) had just walked out of the dug-out when it happened. I saw Mr. Barnard's body 10 minutes after he was killed. He was buried near the lake. I did not see the grave. I saw his body taken away on a stretcher and heard afterward he was buried close by.

Informant: Pte G. A. Cartlidge 3079
1st A.I.F. Pioneers
Australian Camp, Rouelles

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1st Pioneers Battn.
A. I. F.

Barnard.
Lieut. N.F.W.

"Zilled 11.8.17"

Was quite near when he was killed outright by shell in his dug-out at Zillebeke at about 5.p.m. He was taken to Reninghülst next morning and buried there. Was in my Coy.D. Lieut.H.Jarvis D.Coy.will confirm he helped bury him and was with him when he was killed.

Witness:- J.Rudkim 2784
1st Pioneers Battn.
Dartford.

L.P.J.

London.
13.10.17.

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Note Written Lt.Jarvis 13.10.17.

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A.I.F. 1.D. Pioneers. BARNARD Lt.N.F.W.

Z. 11.8.17.

I was at his funeral some time in Aug. I cannot fix date, at Reninghirst Cemetery. A cross was erected which I saw and which one of our men made with his name and rank on. I believe he was killed by shrapnel but did not hear any definitedetails as to his death. He had been in charge of D.Co.

PHS.

Reference: Pte.W.A.E. Hambley. 4223. D.XVI.
1 Can.Gen.Hpl.

Staples.
6.10.17.

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Havre 5th OCT. 1917

1st PIONEERS A.I.F. BARNARD Lieut. N.F.W

D.Co. K. 11th Aug. 1917 det D/B

I saw his grave in the Military Cemetery at Reninghelst in August 1917; there is a cross on it.

Informant: Pte. A. F. Phemister 3903
1st Pioneers A.I.F.
C.Co. 12th Pltn
Australian Camp Rouelles

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