

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



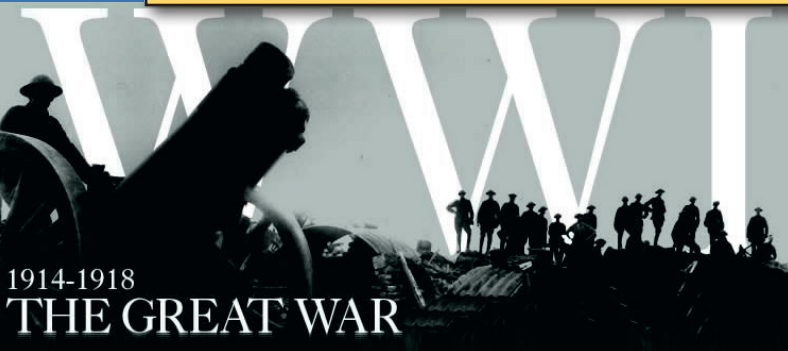
ROLL OF HONOUR

BARNETT, Frederick George

Rank: Captain

*"Coo-ee-
Wont YOU
come?"*

From 1914 - 1918, 465 volunteers from Braidwood and the District
joined the Australian Imperial Force in World War I.
88 lost their lives, never to return home. This is their story.



1914-1918
THE GREAT WAR

100
YEARS OF
ANZAC

THE SPIRIT
LIVES
2014 - 2018

Introduction

This year, 2015, marks the centenary of the start of the Gallipoli campaign and Australia's involvement as a nation in the greatest and most terrible conflict ever seen to that time. Australians joined their Armed Forces in large numbers. Their motives were as varied as their upbringings, from a need to save the Empire, of which Australia was an integral part, to the desire to have a great adventure.

Braidwood and district were no exception. Over the four years from 1914 to 1918, from a population of about 5000, 465 men and women from what is now the 2622 postcode area – including Braidwood, Majors Creek, Araluen, Mongarlowe, Nerriga, Ballalaba and Jembaicumbene joined the Navy or Army. Of these 377 returned to Australia. Sadly, 88 lost their lives.

A varying amount of their history is recorded in the Australian War Memorial. Some of their names, but not all, are recorded on local memorials. More is recorded in limited local histories and newspapers, not readily available to the general public; and the people who lived with and knew these distant relatives are also passing on.

The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch has collected all the information available from the Australian War Memorial and local sources, including the Braidwood Museum. Families, still resident in the district, have added their family knowledge and their precious memorabilia.

This booklet is the available story of **Frederick George Barnett**, one of the 88 Braidwood volunteers who did not return from World War I. It contains his details as recorded in the World War I Roll of Honour, his Enlistment Papers, Field Service records, any Casualty notification, correspondence relating to his death, details of decorations won, any available photos, and, in some instances, family correspondence or recollections.

Frederick George Barnett died for his country, for you and for me. Please pause a moment to remember him.

Lest We Forget.

WORLD WAR I

World War I lasted four years, from 4 August 1914 until 11 November 1918. It began after the assassination of the heir to the Austrian throne. The axis powers were Germany and Austria. Russia and France were the initial allies. When Germany invaded Belgium, Britain entered the war on the side of Russia and France.

The war was in Europe, the Western Front was in France and Belgium. The Eastern Front was Russia and Austria-Hungary. Africa was another front because of colonial possessions on that continent, and after Turkey entered the war on 1 November 1914, the Middle East became another theatre of war.

Australians generally thought of themselves as an integral part of the British Empire and the Australian Army and Navy were part of the Imperial Forces. In 1914, Australia's Prime Minister, Andrew Fisher, immediately promised Australian support for Britain 'to the last man and the last shilling.' The Australian population was less than five million. 324,000 Australians served overseas. 61,720 lost their lives. 155,000 were wounded. 4,044 became prisoners of war (397 died while captive).

The first Australian troops were sent to Egypt in 1915. The ANZACS – Australian and New Zealand Army Corps – were engaged in battle on the Gallipoli Peninsula against the Turks to control the Dardanelles' and open the way to Eastern Europe with their fateful landing on 25 April 1915.

The ANZACS were evacuated on 19-20 December 1915. The Gallipoli campaign resulted in the deaths of 7,600 Australians and the wounding of 19,000. Despite the defeat, the legend attached to the heroism, comradeship and valour of the soldiers remain a source of Australian pride and national identity.



ROLL OF HONOUR

FREDERICK GEORGE BARNETT

Rank: Captain

Unit: 17th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 02 August 1918

Place of death: France

Cause of death: Killed in action

Age at death: 29

Place of association: Sydney, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Villers-Bretonneux, Picardie, France

Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Location on the Roll of Honour:

Frederick George Barnett's name is located at **panel 82** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial.

The 17th Battalion

The 17th Battalion was raised at Liverpool in New South Wales in March 1915 as part of the 5th Brigade. It left Australia in early May, trained in Egypt from mid-June until mid-August, and on 20 August landed at ANZAC Cove.

At Gallipoli the Battalion participated in the last action of the August Offensive ' the attack on Hill 60 ' before settling into defensive routine in the trenches. For a short period part of the 17th garrisoned Pope's Hill, but for most of its time on the peninsular the Battalion was responsible for the defence of Quinn's Post, one of the most contested positions along the entire ANZAC front. The Battalion was evacuated from Gallipoli in December 1915. After further training in Egypt, the 17th Battalion proceeded to France. Landing there on 22 March 1916, it took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 25 July and 5 August. The Battalion returned to the Pozieres trenches for a second time, although in a reserve role, between 18 and 28 August. After a spell in a quieter sector of the front in Belgium, the 2nd Division, which included the 5th Brigade, came south again in October. The 17th Battalion was spared from having to mount an attack across the quagmire the Somme battlefield had become, but did have to continue manning the front through a very bleak winter.

In 1917 the 17th was involved in the follow-up of German forces after their retreat to the Hindenburg Line, and was one of four battalions to defeat a counter-stroke by a German force, almost four times as strong, at Lagincourt. The battalion took part in three major battles before the year was out, second Bullecourt (3-4 May) in France, and Menin Road (20-22 September) and Poelcappelle (9-10 October) in Belgium. After another winter of trench duty, 17th Battalion helped to thwart the German Spring Offensive of 1918. With this last desperate offensive defeated, the Allied armies turned to the offensive and the 17th participated in the battles that pushed the German Army ever closer to defeat: Amiens on 8 August, the legendary attack on Mont St Quentin on 31 August, and the forcing of the Beurevoir Line around Montbrehain on 3 October. Montbrehain was the battalion's last battle. It was training out of the line when the armistice was declared in November 1918, and was disbanded in April 1919.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Officers of the 17th Battalion and their mascot at the 17th Battalion Headquarters, in a gully. This spot was known to the Battalion as 'Nanny Goat Gully'. Left to right: Lieutenant (Lt) Kenneth Irwin McMillan; Lt Henry Evans Banfield MC; unidentified; Captain (Capt) Harold Bouchier Barlow MC; Lt Edmund Ralston Raine (standing with goat); unidentified; [Capt Frederick George Barnett \(killed in action 2 August 1918\)](#); Lt George Roy McPhee.

Schedule No. (To be left blank)	Unit	Regt. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)															
	17th Bn. A.I.F.		Captain Frederick George BARNETT	For general good work and devotion to duty as Adjutant of the battalion. He is a most hardworking and painstaking officer. His work is most thorough and efficient. Particularly during the enemy withdrawal in February, March and April much of the success of our movements was due to his untiring energy. The excellent spirit of enterprise that exists amongst the officers is very largely due to his keenness and good example.	<i>R. Barnett</i>	Mention in Despatches																
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PB/BS.
 TELEPHONE.
 CENTRAL 4741.
 Communications regimental number,
 Name and unit of Soldier referred
 to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne, 9th May, 1918.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Second Supplement, No. 30448, to the "London Gazette" dated 25th December, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the undermentioned member of the Australian Imperial Force.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The following is a continuation of Sir Douglas Haig's Despatch of the 7th November, submitting names deserving special mention, published in a supplement to the "London Gazette" of Friday, 28th December, 1917:—

Captain F. G. BARNETT .*

The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette," No. 57, dated 18th April, 1918.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. F. J. Barnett,
"Guthrie"
Lanes Street,
West Maitland,
N. S. W.
C.6360

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BARNETT F G



Group portrait of officers of the 17th Battalion. From left to right, back row: Lieutenant (Lt) Harry Edmund Shaw; Lt (later Major) Reginald Vincent Spier; Lt (later Captain) William Henry Sheppard; Lt Stanley Robert Richardson; Lt Eric Gordon Powell; Lt Edward Hardie McCulloch; Lt (later Captain) Edward Thomas Harnett; Second Lieutenant (2nd Lt) France Gombert (died of wounds 28 August 1915); Lt (later Captain) Frederick George Barnett (killed in action 2 August 1918); Lt John Reginald Nunn (died of illness 9 April 1917); Lt (later Captain) Leslie Keith Chambers (killed in action 29 July 1916). Middle Row: Lt Raymond Elton Pye (killed in action 17 May 1917); Lt (later Captain) Reginald Vincent Spier; Lt (later Major MC French Croix de Guerre) Harold Woodford Johnson; Lt (later Major) Cecil Rodwell Lucas; Captain (Capt) Smith (Medical Officer); Lt Robert Christian Anderson; Lt (later Major MC) Herbert Leslie Bruce; Lt Charles Antony McBride; Lt Ernest Thomas Mansfield; Capt Frank Leslie Lonsdale (died of wounds 28 September 1915); Lt Errol Wharton Kirke. Front row: Lt Joseph Murphy (later DCM); Capt Harold Mathieson Beiers (later MC, Lieutenant Colonel 19th Battalion); Capt Llewellyn Griffiths; Capt Travers; Major (Maj) Edward Fowell Martin; Colonel (later Brigadier-General DSO CMG) Henry Arthur Goddard (Commanding Officer); Capt Balfour Douglas Brown; Maj George Robert Short; Capt (later Lieutenant-Colonel DSO) Cecil Robert Arthur Pye (killed in action 6 October 1917); Capt John Malbon Maughan (later DSO); Chaplain Frederick Colwell.



Group portrait of the Officers of the 17th Battalion. Back row, left to right: Lieutenant (Lt) Robert Cory Worthington; Lt William Leonard Flood MC; Lt Frederick William Tindale Croix de Guerre; Lt Eric Duncan Miller; Lt Frederick Henry Evan Harries; and Lt William Albert Robertson. Middle row: Lt Bertie Hay Hembrow; Lt Frederick William Croft MC; Lt John Lancelot Richardson (killed in action in France on 13 August 1918); Lt Tom Rowles Read (killed in action in France on 9 August 1918); Lt Rupert Roy Frederick Willard MC; Lt George Roy McPhee; Lt Frederick George Rae; Lt Eric Wyndham Dark MC; Lt Alfred Edmeadess Warner; Lt James Howe McClure; Lt Frederick Richmond Lockwood; Lt Livingstone Gordon Mackenzie; and Lt Ronald Edward Massey MM. Front row: Captain (Capt) Arthur James Russell Davison MM; Lt Edmond Ralston Raine; Lt William Richard Haigh MC (died of wounds in London on 26 November 1918); Capt Cuthbert Clive Finlay; Capt Harry Ronald DSO; Capt Keith Wemyss Mackenzie MC & Bar; Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Markham Sadler MC; Capt Frederick George Barnett (killed in action in France on 2 August 1918); Capt Edward Thomas Harnett; Capt Harold Oscar Busby; Chaplain Captain Frederic William Tugwell; Lt Harold Jackson Smith; Lt Frederick William Johns; Lt William Joseph Ham.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

104

No. _____ Name { Surname Barnett
in full { Christian Name F. F.
Unit 17 Battalion (Artillery) 2/21/1917
Joined on _____

Lieut

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 17384
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? near the Town of ... in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)
3. _____
4. What is your Age? _____
4. _____
5. What is your Trade or Calling? _____
5. _____
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? _____
6. _____
7. Are you married? _____
7. Father Mr F. J. Barnett
Mother Mrs F. J. Barnett
Winchester 'Ar'
Wentworth
Postmaster NSW
31/1/19.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) _____
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? _____
9. P.O. Wentworth NSW. Sydney
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge _____
10. _____
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? _____
11. _____
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? _____
12. _____
13. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)— Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? _____
13. _____
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? _____
14. _____



I, _____ do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than ^{two-fifths}/_{three-fifths} of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.* † and children.

Date

DEC 14 1917

Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age. † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

56297 *X*

No.

Rank

Captain

Name

BARNETT, F. G.

Unit

17th Battalion

Casualty

Killed in Action

2. 8. 18

01B2739 13211

dated London

Received B. R. 4-1-18

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"
 Burial Report sent to *F. G. Barnett Esq* on *28. 2. 18*

DATE

PURPORT

BURIAL REPORT RECEIVED

A.F. B. 103 Received

M.O. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION, 2/1/18

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

13. 8. 18

INFORMATION RECEIVED OF

6. 2. 18 & 27. 3. 18 vide 14/43 & 12/18/18

2. 4. 19 PERSONAL EFFECTS EX *"Lardner"*

9. 4. 19 PERSONAL EFFECTS EX *"Lardner"*

24. 5. 19 Will be extract from Probate in file

in duplicate

29. 10. 19.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE, TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN, B. R. M. No. *46/320*

To Comdt. *2nd* M.D. B. No. *52/177*

29/10/18 1915 Star issued B.R.M. *43/1229*



Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched *1. 12. 19*

4. 6.

Men. in Des. Certificate *1919* transmitted B.R.M. *43/937*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Communications regimental number,
Name and unit of Soldier referred
to be stated.

Melbourne, 9th May, 1918.

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs. F. J. Barnett,
"Guthrie"
Lawes Street,
West Maitland,
N. S. W.
C.6369.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne, 18th May 1918

Dear Madam,

I forward herewith form of **Commission** issued by the British War Office covering the appointment of your son **Captain F.G. Barnett, 17th Battalion,**

as a temporary **2nd Lieutenant** in the Regular Forces of the British Army, for retention against the time of his return from active service.

Will you kindly let me know whether same comes safely to hand by signing and returning the attached receipt form.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs F. J. Barnett,
"Guthrie"
Lawes Street,
West Maitland N.S.W

J. M. LEAN,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records

WJM/AIS

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F.
9th July, 1917.

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Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Second Supplement No. 29890 to the London Gazette dated 2nd January, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, Lieutenant F. G. Barnett, 17th Battalion.

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MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES
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The following despatch has been received by the Secretary of State for War, from General Sir Douglas Haig, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France :-

I have the honor to submit the name of the under-mentioned officer serving under my command, whose distinguished and gallant services, and devotion to duty, I consider deserving of special mention :-

Lieutenant FREDERICK GEORGE BARNETT.*

X X X X

The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 103 of 29th June, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. F. J. Barnett,
"Guthrie",
Winchcombe Avenue,
Haberfield, N.S.W.

BARNETT	Frederick George	2nd Lieut.	17th Bn.
Surname.	Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
Emb. at Sydney on H.M.A.T. A.32 "Themistocles", 12/5/15.			
To be LIEUTENANT 1.10 15			1/15 MEFO 22/1
10/4/16. Trans. to 2nd. Div. Trench Mortar battery.			MEFO 22/1-16
5/2/16. To Hospital.			MEFO 9/1-16
5/2/16. Adm. 7th F. Amb.			" 30/4-16
10/2/16. Returned to duty			" 11/5-16
13/10/16 Taken on strength of 17th. Batt. from 2nd. Aust. Div. Medium T.M. Battery.			BEFO 64/5-16
1/11/16 Appointed Adjutant 17th Bn. (AA)			BEFO 3/1-17
13/11/16 Mentioned in Despatches for distinguished & Gallant Services etc. "			BEFO 7/3-17
18/12/16 To be Cptn. and to continue to hold Appointment of Adjutant (AA)			BEFO 6/3-17

D. 825/2.16.-C. 8054.

PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
7/11/17 Date of Despatch. MENTIONED IN Sir Douglas Haig's despatch for Gallant Services and Devotion to duty			BEFO 4/4-18
2.8.18 KILLED IN ACTION (MH)			BEFO 46/5-18
2/8/18. Killed in action			IB 538/19-18
10/4/16 T.O.S. of 2A TMB, from 17th Bn. ER.			BEFO 1/1-16
12/10/16 Ceased to be seconded for duty with 2nd Div. T.M. Ref. D.O. 22/2432 (1916) In lieu of trans read seconded (ER)			BEFO 14/2-16
Ref. D.O. 64/5831 (1916) in lieu of T.O.S. 13/10/16 Read rejd Bn from seconded list. 13/10/16 (ER)			BEFO. 47/3-18
2/8/18 s.o.s. (Reptd Killed in Action (Sts Capt.) (MH)			BEFO. 50/6-18
			AIF List 373/4-23.8.18

This will was annexed to Probate of Capt. F.G. BARNETT, 17th Batt., received at this office 4/4/19.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ME FREDERICK GEORGE BARNETT of "Guthrie" Winchcombe Avenue, Haberfield in the County of Cumberland, New South Wales, Bank Manager I HEREBY REVOKE all Wills and testamentary instruments heretofore by me made I APPOINT FREDERICK JAMES BARNETT of "Guthrie", Winchcombe Avenue, Haberfield near Sydney New South Wales, Post Master and ELIZABETH CAROLINE BARNETT of "Guthrie" Winchcombe Avenue Haberfield near Sydney to be the ^{and executrix F.B.} and executrix F.B. executor/ of this my will I DIRECT my executor/ to pay my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses I GIVE AND BEQUEATH all my real and personal property of whatever kind soever to my Father, Frederick James Barnett, Post Master of "Guthrie" Winchcombe Avenue, Haberfield, Sydney New South Wales and to my mother Elizabeth Caroline Barnett of "Guthrie" Winchcombe Avenue Haberfield, Sydney New South Wales, in equal division. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of May in the year of Our Loed one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

F.G. BARNETT.

SIGNED by the abovenamed Testator as his last Will in the presence of us both being present at the same time, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

William Henry Sydney Sheppard of "Fairhaven", Wylde Street, Pott's Point, Sydney, Commercial Traveller.

Harold Woodford Johnson of "Woodford", West Street, North Sydney, Auditor and Accountant.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the type-written matter contained above is a true copy of what purports to be the original will of F.G. BARNETT such having been carefully examined therewith by us.

Shawell
NAME.....

Howard
NAME.....
71-19

Australian Imperial Force.



A.I.F. KIT STORE.
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
HAMMERSMITH,
LONDON, W. 6.

MB/14.

Inventory of Effects of - Captain F.G. Barnett, 17th Battalion, A.I.F.,

Forwarded to - M.O.K. Mother
Mrs. C.E. Barnett,
"Guthrie"
Lawes Street,
West Maitland,
New South Wales.

Received from the field 24/9/18

3/6910 ONE PARCHEL (SEALED) containing 1-

Note Case, Fountain Pen, Cigarette Case, Wallet, Diary, Map of Paris,
Religious Book, Book of Views, Post Cards, Photos, Letters, 2 French
Notes (value 1 France 50 centimes), Letter of introduction.

SARDINIA

D/S. 42503 in case 1506.

No. of Package

National Archives of Australia

Checked by

NAA B2455, BARNETT F.G.

Australian Imperial Force.



A.I.F. KIT STORE.
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
HAMMERSMITH,
LONDON, W. 6.

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Forwarded to - M.O.K. Mother :-
Mrs. C.E. Barnett,
"Guthrie"
Lawes Street,
West Maitland,
New South Wales.

Received from the field 24/9/18

D1526.

ONE ENVELOPE (SEALED) containing :-

Cheque Book on the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (London), containing
Unused Cheques No.M.50631 to No.50640.

SARDINIA

D/S. 42504 in case 1506.

No. of Package

National Archives of Australia

Checked by

NAA B2455, BARNETT F.G.

R. McK.

DESPATCHED

20th January, 1919.

Dear Madam,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late Captain F. G. Barnett, 17th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he was killed in action in France on 2nd August, 1918, and was buried the next day at Australian Military Cemetery, France.

The utmost care and attention is being devoted where possible to the graves of our soldiers. It is understood that photographs are being taken as soon as is possible and these will be transmitted to next-of-kin when available.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. F. J. Barnett,
"Guthrie",
Lawes Street,
WEST MAITLAND,
New South Wales.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

G.H.

21st April, 1920

Dear Madam,

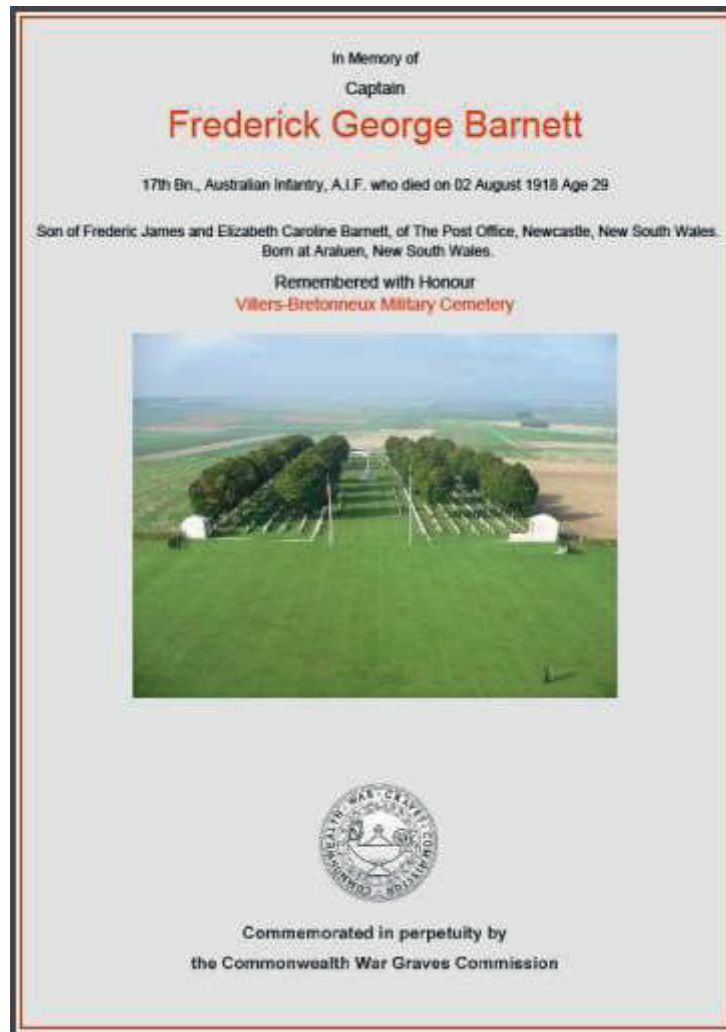
With reference to my communication of the 20th January, 1919, concerning the regrettable loss of your son, the late Captain F. G. Barnett, 17th Battalion, I am now in receipt of further advice which shows that his remains have been exhumed and re-interred in Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery, (Australian Memorial Cemetery) $\frac{1}{2}$ miles North of Villers Bretonneux, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles South West of Corbie.

This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. F. J. Barnett,
Post Office,
NEWCASTLE,
N.S. WALES.

MAJOR....
Officer i/c Base Records.



Acknowledgements

Everybody responded enthusiastically to the idea of capturing the information about Braidwood's 88 World War I veterans who lost their lives. The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch is most grateful for the support they received in carrying out this task and would like to acknowledge those of whom we are aware: Karen, Chris and Renee Nelson, Roslyn Maddrell, Karen Shea, Jill Clarke, Rod McClure, Ben and Meaghan Frohling, Diane McGrath, Us On Mondays Quilting Group, Len Mutton & Co and local shopkeepers for their World War I window displays.

Thank you to the students and teachers of Braidwood Central School and St. Bedes School who have embraced these soldiers and have honoured their memories on Anzac Day 2015.

The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch raised a good proportion of the funds for the cost of producing these booklets. The efforts of the members of the sub branch involved are very much appreciated. This money was augmented by welcome funding from the Federal Government through the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program and the Braidwood Community Bank.

To all those who helped in any way, many thanks. Your efforts have ensured we remember these Braidwood and District Veterans well.

Back Cover: Peace Day, 11th November 1918, Wallace Street, Braidwood.

"Wild day in Braidwood: When Braidwood woke up on Tuesday morning to find the 'glad tidings of great joy' awaiting it that Germany had signed the armistice and the frightful carnage of the past four years or so had come to an end it simply went mad with delight. No other words could adequately describe the excitement that followed." "Braidwood Letters from the Front" by Roslyn Maddrell.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Alley, Clair Underwood
Archer, Fred
Backhouse, Victor John
Barnett, Frederick George
Barry, Charles Louis
Beatty, Walter Cusack
Bell, John Henry Edward
Black, George Scott
Bruce, Thomas Fraser
Byrne, Cecil John
Callan, William Henry
Catlin, Robert Henry
Clarke, Lester Thomas
Cook, Thomas John
Crandell, Christopher George
Cregan, Clarence Theodore Augustus
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Smith (Greenwood), George
Spicer, William Henry
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