

**Transcriptions of letters sent to Mrs. Barrett. The transcriptions are likely to have been done by Christopher Barrett, Billy Barrett's brother. Written by Billy's comrades, they describe his last days.**

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Dear Mrs. Barrett

I will now write a few lines to tell you how sorry I am to tell you of your son William that has been killed in the recent advance by the Irish and Ulster Divisions.

I myself thought I was doing right in sending his belongings to you personel [sic] as the War Office might be delayed so if any of the information is wanted I might be able to let you know and would be only too pleased, this being the first opportunity of letting you know. Hoping you will let me know as soon as you receive this.

I remain, yours truly,

Joe Hornblow.

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