

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.

Extract from Cpl. Wilkes' letter

1/7/17

I can't tell you how very very sorry I was to hear the sad new of your brother, Billy. I made enquiries at our orderly room and was informed that if he died they would have heard from C.C.S. [Casualty Clearing Station] or Base Hospital as soon as he died, and up to the present they have heard no word.

He was wounded early in the evening, I think it must have been about 3 O'C, and from what I heard from some of the fellows that were with him at the time, he was pretty badly wounded both in the leg and arm, but was quite conscious when being carried away.
