

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.

Red Cross

Dawson St.

Dublin

2nd Oct 1917

Dear Madam,

War Office have today returned the letters which you sent us for investigation & we enclose them to you herewith as follows: a letter 12th June from Pte. Hornblow. This man has since been killed in action on the 8th August and so his report cannot be investigated. Extract from Wilkies' (?) letter dated 1/7/17. Lieut. Patterson's letter of 10th July & letter from Sgt. Pratt 8th July last.

Regarding Lieut. Patterson's statement that your son was rather severely wounded in the arm and stomach and dressed at a first aid station and dispatched to hospital. After investigation, War Office state that he has not been reported as admitted to any hospital and no further information is available beyond the official report that he was wounded & missing on the 7th June. Every effort is being made to trace him, and should any of his comrades give any definite information or should his name come forward as a prisoner of war in Germany, you will hear from us at once.
