

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.

British Red Cross & Order of St. John

18 Carlton House Terrace

Re, Lce Cpl. W. E. Barrett, 24025

9th R Inn Fusiliers

October 11th 1917

Dear Sir,

In spite of all our inquiries about the above, we only keep on getting vague rumours that he died of wounds. Three out of four informants give the date as June 7th. The fourth does not mention it at all.

1. Capt. Vernon, 9th R. Innis. Fusiliers
2. Capt. Wilkie, C Co. Company Clerk, 9th R. Innis. Fusiliers
3. Stretcher Bearer Harbourne, 3 Co. 11th Platoon, 9th
4. Pte. Finlay 11294 4 Co. 13th Platoon 9th R???

This last names soldier gives a slightly different account and speaks of the instantaneous death of L/Cpl Barrett from a shell. In fact, he professes to have been an eye witness of this and gives the place as beyond the German third line at Ypres. We are sending up this last report for the War Office to investigate and are continuing our enquiries in other directions with much sympathy in the suspense of the family.

Yours faithfully,

G C B

For the Earl of Lucan
