

*Postcards From Codford
to Australia
- 1916
Sent by
Pte Michael Joseph Barritt
Australian Imperial Force
Service Number 2126
57th Infantry Battalion*



*Special thank you to
Michael J Barritt
Great Nephew of Pte M. J. Barritt*

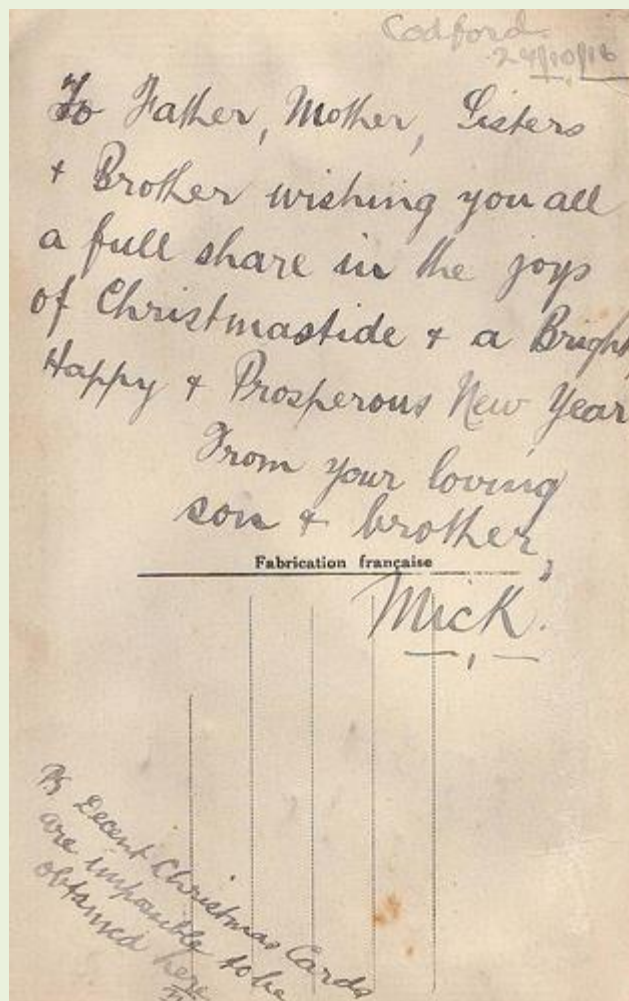
Codford,
14/10/16.
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24/10/16

To Father, Mother, Sisters & Brother wishing you all a full share in the joys of Christmas tide & a Bright, Happy & Prosperous New Year.

From your loving son & brother,

Mick

P.S. Decent Christmas Cards are impossible to be obtained here

POST CARD.

Half-Penny

Stamp

Write Your Message here.

Address here.

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Michael Joseph Barritt

Michael Joseph Barritt was born in Tallygaroopna, Victoria in 1895.

Michael Joseph Barritt was a 21 year old, single farmer from Numurkah, Victoria, Australia when he enlisted on 1st March, 1916, with the 57th Infantry Battalion, 4th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force. His service number was 2126.

Pte Barritt embarked at Melbourne, Victoria on H.M.A.T. (A67) *Orsova* on 1st August, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 14th September, 1916.

Pte Barritt proceeded overseas for France on 5th December, 1916 from Folkestone per *SS Princess Victoria*. He was marched in from England at Etaples, France on 6th December, 1916 & was admitted to Hospital on 16th December, 1916 with mumps. He was returned to active service on 15th January, 1917. He was again admitted to Hospital in February, 1917 & was returned to England. Pte Barritt rejoined his Unit in France on 9th July, 1917. He was admitted to Hospital again & returned back to England in October, 1917 with Trench Fever. Pte Barritt rejoined his Battalion in France on 21st February, 1918.

Pte Michael Joseph Barritt returned to Australia on 15th June, 1919. He was entitled to the British War Medal & Victory Medal.



AGE **DEATHS 13/11/72**

BARRITT, Michael Joseph. 99
Husband Road, Forest Hill. —
On 11/11/72, at R.G.H., Heidel-
berg, beloved uncle of Denis,
Sheila, Jim, Des, Tonya, Mick
and Redmond. R.I.P.

Service was conducted at Fawkner Memorial Park for
Michael Joseph BARRITT Age: 77 on the 14-November-1972

Service: Burial
Location: New Lawn Area East Section A Compartment E Grave 63.