

# Durrington War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I



6462 PRIVATE

**A. BARRATT**

6TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

30TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 21

*Too Dearly Loved*

*To Be Forgotten*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte A. Barratt is located in Grave Plot # 143  
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

## Allan BARRATT

Allan Barratt was born at Allandale, Victoria, in 1895, to parents William Edward & Annie Mary Barratt. He was a 21 year old, single, Motor Driver from 11 Stewart Street, Upper Hawthorn, Victoria when he enlisted at Melbourne on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1916 with the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 6462 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Annie Barratt of Thelangerrin, via Hay, NSW. Allan Barratt was still serving & had served 3 years with C. Forces.

Pte Allan Barratt embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Nestor (A71)* on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte Barratt was marched out to Fovant, Wiltshire on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1916. He was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Durrington on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

Pte Barratt was reported as dangerously & seriously ill on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

Pte Allan Barratt died of Pneumonia on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1916 at Fargo Military Hospital.

A death for (Male) Barratt, aged 21, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Pte Allan Barratt was buried in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1917 in plot number 143.

Private A. Barratt is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 45.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

Pte Allan Barratt is also remembered on the Clunes War Memorial located at Fraser and Service Streets Clunes, Victoria (34 Klms north of Ballarat).



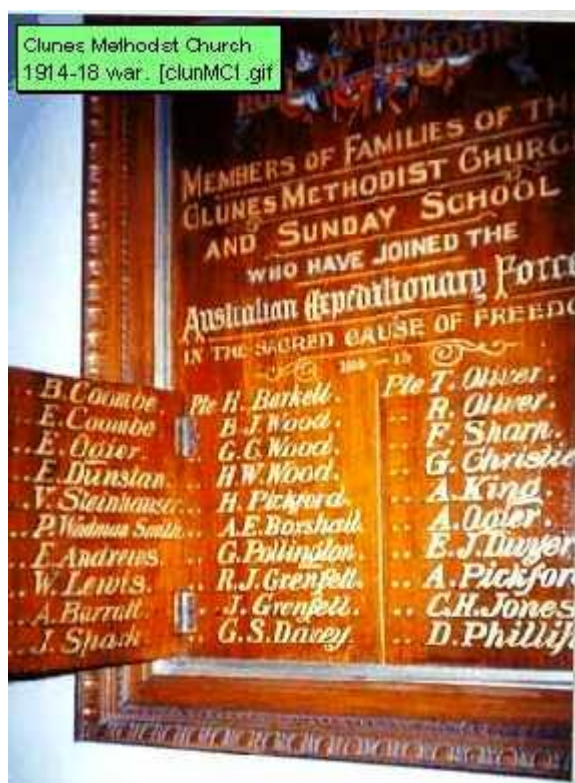
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Pte A. Barratt is also remembered on the Clunes Methodist Church Honour Roll (First World War) located at Clunes Uniting Church.



(Photo from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

Pte Allan Barratt was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Barratt's mother – Mrs Annie Barratt (September, 1921 & January, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Allan Barratt – service number 6462 as being 21 years old & served with 6th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of William Edward & Annie Mary Barratt of Tourella St, Clunes, Victoria. Born at Allendale, New South Wales\*. (A letter from Base Records to Mrs A. Barratt dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1932 states “It is noted from the correction to the proof slip entry that the deceased's birthplace has inadvertently been shown as Allendale – “New South Wales”, and it is regretted that it will not be practicable to similarly amend the Register entry at this late juncture as the printed copies have already been prepared for publication.”

Information from the Roll of Honour (which was completed by the Soldier's relatives after his death) to the question “Was he connected with any other Member of the AIF who died or who distinguished himself” Annie Barratt – mother of late Pte Allan Barratt replied –

“Cousin Sergeant J. S. Mounsey – D.C.M.

Cousins Pte Reg Mounsey (1358 died 9 May 1915 Gallipoli) & Pte Walter Mounsey (1680 died 23 Aug 1915 Egypt) who were killed.”

(35 pages of Pte Allan Barratt's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives*

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## Newspaper Reports

### **264<sup>th</sup> CASUALTY LIST**

VICTORIA

DEAD - Pte A. Barratt

*(The Register, Adelaide, Tuesday 16 January 1917)*

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### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

Pte A. Barratt does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Pte A. Barratt's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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