

Sutton Mandeville

War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

1776 PRIVATE

G. J. BARNETT (BARRETT*)

LONDON REGIMENT

3RD FEBRUARY, 1916 AGE 22



**Pte Barnett's Headstone has been engraved as "Barrett"*

George Joseph BARNETT

George Joseph Barnett was born on 3rd February, 1894 in Oxford Street, Stepney, London to parents Alfred & Agnes Barnett (nee Burton). His birth was registered in the March quarter, 1894 in the district of Mile End Old Town, London.

George Joseph Barnett was baptised on 21st March, 1894 at Christ Church, Jamaica Street, Stepney, London. His father was listed as a Clerk & the family resided at 123 Oxford Street, Stepney.

George Barnett, date of birth 3rd May, 1894, father Alfred Barnett, of 123 Oxford Street, Stepney, was listed in School Board for London Admissions for Smith Street School. His Admission number was 252 & he was admitted on 7th November, 1899. His date of leaving was 24th July, 1901 as he transferred to "Mixed". His last school attended was Rutland Street.

The 1901 England Census recorded George Barnett as a 7 year old living with his family at 123 Oxford Street, Stepney, Mile End Old Town, London, a 4 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Alfred Barnett (Clerk at Docks, aged 39, born Stepney, London) & Agnes Barnett (aged 41, born Hertfordshire). George was the second youngest of six children listed in this Census – Burton (aged 16, Restaurant washer up, born Poplar, London), Rebecca (aged 15, Feather ___ Quill, born Poplar, London), Emma (aged 13, born Poplar, London), Alfred (aged 11, born Poplar, London) then George and Ada (aged 4, born Stepney, London).

A death for Alfred Barnett, aged 47, was registered in December quarter, 1908 in the registration district of Mile End Old Town.

The 1911 England Census recorded George Joseph Barnett as a 17 year old, Liftman, living with his widowed mother & 2 siblings in a 2 roomed dwelling at 25 Museum Buildings, Green, Bethnal Green (Address schedule has street address as Chester Street). George's mother was listed as Agnes Barnett (Domestic cook, aged 51) who had been married for 29 years, having had 9 children, 3 of whom were deceased. George's siblings were listed as – Alfred Barnett (Packer, aged 21) & Ada Maud Barnett (aged 14).

George Joseph Barnett enlisted at Sun Street with the 7th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment. He was given the Service number of 1776. Information from Pte Barnett's Medal Index card shows that he entered a Theatre of War on 18th March, 1915 in France. This indicates that he was attached to 1/7th Battalion whose movements were –

04.08.1914 Stationed at Finsbury Square as part of the 2nd London Brigade of the 1st London Division and then moved to Bisley and then Crowborough.

05.11.1914 Moved to Watford and transferred to the 4th London Brigade of the 2nd London Division.

18.03.1915 Mobilised for war and landed at Havre.

11.05.1915 The formation became the 140th Brigade of the 47th Division and engaged in various actions on the Western front including;

1915 - The Battle of Aubers Ridge, The Battle of Festubert, The Battle of Loos, The subsequent Actions of the Hohenzollern Redoubt.

1916 - The German attack at Vimy Ridge, The Battle of Flers-Courcelette, The Battle of the Transloy Ridges, The attacks on the Butte de Warlencourt.

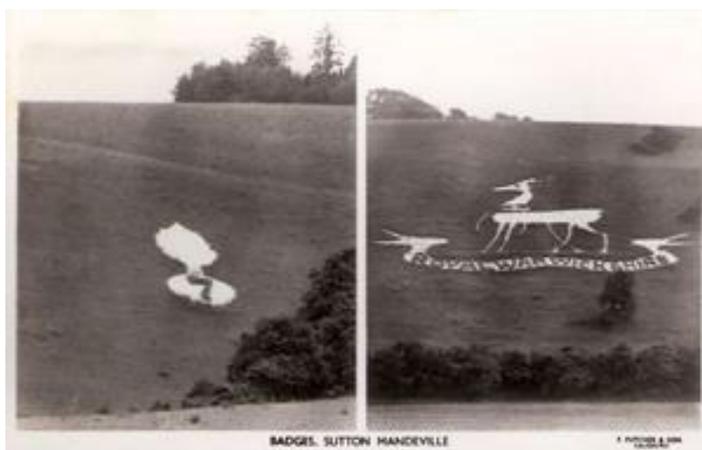
Pte George Joseph Barnett was probably wounded & transferred back to England for recovery. The CWGC lists Pte Barrett as last being attached to 3/7th Battalion of London Regiment. In January, 1916 the 2/7th had moved to Sudbury and then on to Foxhall Heath, near Ipswich and then Sutton Veny.

A death for George J. Barnett, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1916 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire, England.

Private George J. Barnett was buried at Sutton Mandeville Churchyard. His death is acknowledged by Commonwealth War Graves Commission but he does not have a CWGC headstone. A private headstone was erected with the incorrect spelling of the surname as Barrett. The CWGC lists Private George J. Barnett, 1776 of 3rd/7th Battalion, London Regiment. He was the son of Mrs Barnett of Bethnal Green, London.

Pte George J. Barnett's Medal Index card shows that he was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

**Sutton Mandeville has two military badges that were cut into Sutton Down by the soldiers stationed in the Army Camps nearby. The two military badges were by the Royal Warwickshire Regiment & the 7th (City of London) Battalion of the London Regiment (known as the "Shiny Seventh").



Postcard showing the 2 Sutton Mandeville Badges – with "Shiny Seventh" on left

Photo of Private George J. Barnett's Headstone in Sutton Mandeville Churchyard

– engraved as “Barrett”.



(Photo by Antony Firth 2014)



Sutton Mandeville - 2 WW1 Headstones located in north east corner of graveyard (Photo by Antony Firth)



All Saints Church & Churchyard (Photo by Neil MacDougall 2011)