BARRETT, Alfred George



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Rank: Private

Service Number: 30

Unit: 42nd Battalion

Place of Birth: Maryborough, Queensland, Australia

Date of Birth: 22 May 1899

Enlisted at Rockhampton 30 November 1915 age 18 years 6 months. (This is incorrect. He was 16 years 6 months.) Next-of-kin was his mother, Mrs A Barrett, later Mrs Alice Julia Churchward, Maryborough, Queensland. On enlistment he was 5 feet 6.5 inches and weighed 8 stone 8 lbs. His chest measurement was 34.5 inches. His occupation labourer. He served in France and was wounded in action on 26 May 1918 (blinded with mustard gas). He was wounded in action a second time on 26 August 1918 (gunshot wound in left knee). After serving in France returned to Australia on 19 January 1919 and discharged from service on 13 April 1919.

Barrett re-enlisted in World War 2 in 1940, and was discharged in 1945, service number QX9627. He served in New Guinea.

Service record: <u>View digital copy (naa.gov.au)</u>

Paulette Flint, 2023