

Surname	Barchi
Forename	Angelo
Initials	A
Age	23
Honours/Awards	
Date died	06/08/1915
Rank	Private
Regiment	Canadian Infantry
Unit/Squadron	15 th Bn.
Service Number	27448
Cemetery/Memorial	Niederzwehren Cemetery
Grave Reference	VII.G.6
Further Information	Son of Angelo and Christina Barchi, of 11, Hood St., Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire.
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Chronicle News

War Prisoner's Fate

Seacombe Soldier's Death In German Camp

It is with deepest regret that we have to record the death of Private A. Barchi, whose parents reside at 11, Hood Street, Seacombe, at Gottingen, German, where he was a prisoner of war. The sad news was conveyed to his parents by means of a cablegram from the Adjutant-General at Ottawa, Canada, on Thursday, and was followed by a sympathetic letter from the sergeant of deceased's platoon, who intimated that the cause of death was diphtheria.

Captured At Ypres

Private Barchi, who was 23 years of age, was of commanding physique, standing 6ft 2in. About three years ago he went to Canada with a chum, and when war broke out was in Toronto. He was amongst the first to volunteer for

service, and came to England as early as October last. During his period of training on Salisbury Plain he twice visited Wallasey, and had an opportunity of meeting his friends, with whom he was ever popular. When the order came in January he proceeded to the front with his battalion – the 48th Highlanders – and there he did much good work in the trenches. On April 24th, when the Germans made their attempt to capture Calais, the 48th were barring the way at Ypres. They were ordered to charge the enemy, and it was then that they made their name. But their losses were great, for in addition to those who were killed something like 200 men were cut off and made prisoners. Private Barchi was stunned by the bursting of a shell, and on coming to he found himself amongst the Germans, and he was captured. For sometime nothing was heard of him, but recently cards have been received regularly. The last was dated July 25th, and was very comforting to those at home, inasmuch as it stated that they had not the slightest need to worry, as the Germans seemed to treating the prisoners better every day.

A Sympathetic Letter

The cablegram was a great shock, as nothing of the kind was expected. In the course of a letter Sergeant E. Rogers said:-

"It is with much regret that I have to write this letter, as it conveys the sad news of your son's death. As his platoon sergeant, I extend my deepest sympathy, also the sympathy of his own comrades of the battalion interned here. He died on 6th August, and was buried with what military honours could be given under the circumstances, and every respect was paid him on his last long journey... I cannot say more, only hope you will accept the sympathy of the regiment."

References and Acknowledgments

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