

Surname	Barnett
Forename	Allan Gerrard
Initials	A G
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	22/08/1017
Rank	Lieutenant
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	7th Bn. attd. Tank Corps
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Tyne Coy Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 31 to 34 and 162 and 162A and 163A.
Further Information	Third son of Mr and Mrs Barnett of 'Suruga', Sandymount Road, New Brighton.



News Report

Reconnaissance Officer Killed

The death is announced of 2nd Lieut. Allan G. Barnett, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, of Suruga, Sandymount Road, New Brighton. The gallant young officer, who had a most promising career, was a second lieutenant in the New Bright Cadet Corps, and was granted a commission in the King's Liverpool Regt., in June 1915. He joined his battalion in France in October last, was transferred to the Tank Corps at the end of December, and was Reconnaissance Officer to his company of tanks. He was out on duty under heavy shell fire on August 21, when he and a brother officer were instantaneously killed by a shell. During the course of his military training and studies he attained the highest distinction, especially in the Machine Gun Young Officers' Company and Artists Rifles Officers courses. He also qualified as first-class army instructor for bayonet fighting and physical drill at Newport, Mon., Barracks. His earlier education was commenced at Liscard High School, and completed at Mount St. Mary's College, Chesterfield. He was a well-known local amateur swimmer, and won many trophies, including the

Ball Challenge Cup in 1911 and the Liscard High School Championship Cup. He was the first winner of the junior members shield of the Seacombe and Egremont Club, and as recently as this year won the swimming championship at his battalion sports in France. His brother, V.G. Barnett, is captain and adjutant of the 15th Cheshire Regt., at present in France.

Lieut.-Col. S. Charrington, in a letter to Mr. Barnett, says:-

“It is with the very deepest regret that I have to inform you that your son, Allan, was killed in action during the night of 21st August. He was his company reconnaissance officer, and was engaged in marking out a route for his tanks close behind the front line, when one shell killed instantaneously himself and a brother officer, 2nd. Lieut. Saillard. He was one of my very best officers, and I have never known anyone so hardworking and conscientious, or with a more self-sacrificing devotion to duty. Everyone in his company was devoted to him, and he will be a very great loss to us all. I cannot tell you how sorry I am for you, and all his family in their very sad loss.”

References and Acknowledgments

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