Barton, Arthur Benjamin
ASC 1902-8
“Ben”

Wedding day Arthur and Gladys May Turner May 1918

76 TROOPER Arthur Benjamin
BARTON
1st Light Horse Regiment
Ben Barton was born in 1889 and was the fourth son of Arthur Stirling Barton of Strathfield. (Arthur senior had held land in the Wellington district). Ben’s brothers, Jack and Ted, also served during the war. Arthur was a cousin to Brian, Nat and Denie Barton.
Enlisting on 18 January 1915, Ben was an original member of A Squadron with the 12th Light Horse Regiment. The Regiment sailed aboard the Suevic on 13 June. During the voyage Ben apparently contracted pneumonia (according to Nat).
Shortly after their arrival in Egypt, members of the 12th Light Horse were absorbed into the 1st Light Horse Regiment to fight dismounted on Gallipoli. On 15 October, cousin Nat reported he had visited Ben.
Ben was evacuated from Anzac Cove only days after that visit. Illness forced his subsequent return to Australia on 21 January 1916.
Acknowledgement: Copy from “Wellington’s Finest.”

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 76
Name Burbston Arthur Benjamin
Unit H
Joined on 18 1 16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?

2. Where or near what Parish or Town were you born?

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)

4. What is your age?

5. What is your trade or calling?

6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?

7. Are you married?

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)

Description of Arthur Benjamin

Age 25 years 11 months
Height 5 feet 11 inches
Weight 152 lbs.
Chest Measurement 31 34 1/2 inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes Gray
Hair Brown
Religious Denomination C.
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2nd Military District.

The abovementioned man arrived back in Australia on 3/3/16, suffering from Post Enteric Fever Debility. He was recommended for three months change to Australia by the Egyptian Medical Board. On the 16th inst., the Medical Board at No. 4 A.G.H. recommended return to light duty. He should, in the ordinary course, have been transferred from the Hospital to this Office, and subsequently sent to the Details Camp at Georges Heights, but I am informed that he was granted leave at No. 4 A.G.H., as he has not reported to date.

Board proceedings forwarded herewith.

MEDICAL CORPS

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MAY 30 1916

STAFF OFFICER FOR INVALIDS

Lieut.

for Staff Officer for Invalids
16th December, 1954

Dear Sirs,

76 Pte A.B. Barton 1st L.H.Rgt (late A.Sgd 12 L.H.Rgt)

In reply to your further letter BSM-PN dated 13th December, 1954, you are advised according to the records the abovenamed served as stated.

He originally served as "A" Squadron 12 L.H.Rgt. but on Gallipoli was absorbed into the 1st L.H.Rgt from which unit he returned to Australia and discharged on 8th August, 1916.

Yours faithfully,

A.J. Bovman
O.i/c A.I.F. Base Records

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with
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Note letter below. Discharged on 8th Aug. not as 21st Jan. as per ASC Honour Roll.
Divorce papers Gladys May Turner (Falsely Called Gladys May Barton) - Arthur Benjamin Barton

Discharged Medically Unfit 8/8/16. School Honour Roll has his end of service as 21/1/16. Also does not record that he was originally 12 LHR.

The Relatives and Friends of the late ARTHUR BENJAMIN BARTON late 12th ALH 1st A I F are invited to attend his funeral leave Our Chapel 810 George Street Sydney. This Wednesday at 3 p m for the Northern Suburbs crematorium

Died 7/9/53