Knight Barnett was born at Silverton, NSW in 1889, the only son of Arthur Nelson and Ada. Knight had one sister, Winifred, born in 1890.

Knight attended the Church of England Grammar School, North Sydney, NSW, and he was 17 years old when he enrolled at HAC in July 1906. Knight’s father was the City Coroner at this time.

Knight was working as a surveyor’s assistant when he enlisted in the 1st Battalion, A Company on 1 September 1914, using the name Kenneth Knight Barnett. By this time his father was a stipendiary magistrate.
Knight embarked from Sydney, NSW aboard Transport A19 Afric on 18 October 1914.

According to his Roll of Honour Circular, Knight Barnett was ‘wounded at the first landing at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915. After over three months in hospital in Egypt he returned to the front in Gallipoli, and was killed while on observation duty in the trenches almost the first night after his return to duty [Barnett had rejoined his unit on 9 July 1915]’ [https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/awm-media/collection/RCDIG1068851/document/5550215.PDF

According to witnesses, Knight was Killed in Action between the 6th and 9th of August 1915 at Lone Pine, Gallipoli, Turkey. Originally buried in Brown’s Dip he was later interred in the Lone Pine Cemetery Gallipoli, Turkey, he was 28 years old.