Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2030 Corporal
John Rogers Burns

24th Battalion



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24th Battn.
A. I. F.

Burns.
L/Cpl. J.R. 2030.

"Missing 3.5.17."

This man was killed at 10.a.m. in morning of May 3rd 1917, during the attack at Bullecourt. I saw him lying dead at that hour, alongside the barbed wire in No Man's Land. I was wounded also during the day so that I do not know if body was brought in for burial. I was taken away to the dressing Post. He was about 5'11" slight, dark, 24 years. Worked in Gippsland, Victoria.

Witness:-
A. Cash. 158.
A. Coy. 24th Battn.
Perham Downs Camp.

A. R. McPhee.

London.
18.7.17.

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON. 1488/5/21

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Statement made by No.158 Pte Cash A. 24th Btn

re No.2030 L/C Burns J.R. 24th Btn
Reported Missing 3.5.17

No.2030 L/Cpl Burns J.R. 24th Btn was killed on the 3.5.17. I am certain of this as I was close by at the time. His body was laying out in the open when I was taken wounded.

Dated at Perham Downs this 4thmday of August 1917.

(Sgd) A. Cash.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) R. Dooley Lt.

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A. I. F. 24. BURNS,L/Cpl.J.R.2030.

M. May 3rd, 1917.

He came from Victoria and was in A Coy. L/Cpl Cooley of A III now up line told me he saw him wounded on May 3rd at Bullecourt about 5 a.m. when we were attacked. Never heard more of him. Other men of the Coy also told me they saw him wounded.

PHE.

Reference:- 2/Lt. R.Irving. C.II.
L.G.School.

Staples
26.9.17.

Letter Lcpl Cooley
12-10-17

A.I.F. 24. BURNS L/Cpl. J.R. 2030.

M. May 3rd 1917.

Burns - named Jack - a L/Cpl. in A. III. was killed at Bullecourt in the beginning of May. We were preparing for the advance and just before we went over in the morning a shell got under him. I was near enough to get some of the dirt. He was blown about beyond recognition He was fair tall thin, age 27, and a good cricketer, and a good sport all round.

Informant. Pte J. Doyle 3360 A. IV.
14 Den. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 8.II.17.

JT.

24th Batn
A.I.F.

BURNE
L/Cpl. J.R. 2030

"Missing 3.5.17."

Killed in Action 3.5.17. prev. reported Missing

Cert. by A.I.F. HdQtrs 21.11.17.

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London.
26.11.17.

A.I.F. 24th Battn.

BURNS
L/Cpl. J.H.2030

Killed in action 3.5.17

Enlisted 17.8.14 - age 21.
Born S. Melbourne
Next of kin - J.H.Burns,
Waradel Bay,
S Gippsland.
Court of Enquiry List 26.4.19

London
7.5.19

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12-10-17

L/Cpl COOLEY
III Pl. A Coy.
24 Battn
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Chart
2030
L/Cpl J. R. BURNS.
24 Battn
A.I.F.
M 3-5-17

13.10.17
A.I.B.