

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**4097 Private
John William
Buchanan**

3rd Battalion



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Buchanan, J. . . 4 97.

1. 22-27th July 1916.

Serg. James of Staples told me that Buchanan was
killed at the same front as Carter (Bozieren-July-1916)

Informant: - Casey, Sgt. 3 A.I.F.

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A.I.F. 3rd Battn
12th Rfts

BUCHANAN
J.M. 4097

MISSING

Missing 22-27-7-16

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters Cable 24-8-16

Killed in Action 22-27-8-16 - previously reported Missing
I.B. 86.

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22-11-16

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J. W. BUCHANAN, 4097
S. C. Barter, 1105 5

Killed 22-27.7.16. Det.D/E.

We were in trenches at Pozieres village about the 24/25 July/16 and were subjected to a heavy bombardment by the Germans. One of the consequences of this was that a lot of our men were simply blown to pieces by these shells and buried. Buchanan and Barter, both in B.Coy. were two of these men. I had seen them just before this heavy bombardment at the place where this heavy loss was suffered. No doubt was entertained that these two men and the others who had been in that part of the trench at that time and were reported "Missing" after the bombardment, had been knocked to bits and buried by the shells.

Reference: Sergt.V.Driscoll, 3745, B.Coy.

No.9 General, Rouen, 19.5.17.

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3rd Australian Imperial Force

Buchanan, Pte. J.W.4097.

(A. July 22/27,1916.
Dets D & B).

" Buchanan was buried by a shell at Pozieres. It was in the trench and I saw the shell blow the trench in and bury Buchanan and others, and I never saw them dug out, they were buried too deeply. It was on the 25th."

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description

Informant Sgt. J. W. Millard, 3091,
3rd Australian Imp. Force
War Hospital, Dunston,
Northampton.

Home address :-
(None in England -
Ward B, Dunston).

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C. MacKinnell.

3rd Battalion.
~~25th~~ Reinfpts.

No. 4097. BUCHANAN, J.W.

12th

2 Killed in Action 22-27/7/1916"

I knew Buchanan well; we left Australia in the same boat. On the 23rd July 1916, we were in the Germans front trench at Pozieres. Buchanan's Company was coming up to us from our front trench. On the way up when he was in "No Man's Land", a shell burst killing six men and wounding others. Buchanan was killed at once.

Informant;- 3755, Fairnington, D.L.
3rd Battalion "B" Company.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

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2/10/1917.

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