

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3460 Gunner
Arnold Burling**

13th Field Artillery Brigade



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AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

13th. Brigade.

BURIAL NO. A. 3460.

K. July 18. 1916.

He was in a dug-out at Fleurbaix with some others operating the telephone when a whizz bang came in and killed him and others of the party.
He was buried in the vicinity.

Reference: Driver H. B. Maloney, 3077, 13. Bgde. 51 By.
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No 26 Gen. Hosp.
Staples. 11.1.17.

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13th Brigade, 51 Battery
Aust. Field Artillery.

Burling, A. 3460.

K. July 18th 1916 Dets. D/B.

Informant states that on 19th July at Fleurbaix, while raiding a German trench between 1.30 and 2 p.m. Burling was blown to pieces by a shell in a dugout; Six others being also killed and two wounded by the same shell. The remains were buried next day at Fleurbaix in separate graves.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Informant: Gunner B.C. Field, 2820,
Aus. Field Art. 13th Brigade,
51st Battery.

2nd Birmingham War Hospital, Hollymoor

14.1.17.
S.J.H. Parker.

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13th Hlg. A.F.A.

Burling, A., 3460.

K. July 18th. 1916. Det. D & B.

Informant states that "He was in a dug out, and a shell came through the back and killed him with six others. He was buried in Fleurbaix, just south of Armentieres."

Informant:-- Genr. J. O'Connor, 2769,
51st Aus. R. F. A.,
Beaufort War Hospital,
Beaufort, Bristol.

Home address:-- 171, Annadale Street,
Annadale, Sydney.

17th Jan.
F.F.Rogers.

Staff Sgt
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51st. Btty
A.I.F.

BURLING.
A. 3460.

"Killed 18.7.16."

He was killed instantaneously by a shell. He was buried at Fleurbaix and prayers said over him by a Padre. His mates attended - his graves had a cross put over it which I saw. I knew him well.

Reference:- Driver Headley
51st. Batty. Harefield Hosp. Ward. 33.
17.1.17.

W. Alison
London
20.1.17.

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Australian Field Artillery

Burling, A. 3460,
13th Brigade

(K. July 18th/16. Det: D & B)

Informant states that on 19th July at Fromelles Ridge, there was a big attack and A. Burling was with seven other telephonists in a telephone "dug-out" when a 5.9 H.E. (high explosive shell) entered the dug-out and killed seven out of the eight men instantaneously. A. Burling was buried with the others in a military cemetery at Rue David, Fleurbaix on 21st July.

Description: Medium height, inclined to be fair, slight impediment in speech.

Informant: Capt. H.K. Prior,
A.F.A., 13th Brigade, 51 Battery,
Horton War Hospital,
Epsom.

Home address:

Bulletin Office,
Sydney,

23rd January 1917.

E. Braidwood.

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Jan. 25th 1917

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BURLING A. 3460

Z. July 18/16

I knew Burling well and used to be in the same tent with him; he came from Sydney; used to be in a band there. He was about 5ft. 10 19 years old, clean shaven, sandy hair. I do not know his regimental no. He was in the Signallers and was in an old French bricked cellar on July 18th near Flourbeir inside which a shell burst. Burling was killed. I heard that his remains were buried not far from the cellar on a place we called Dead Dog Avenue, together with the other men who were killed by the same shell. Bombardier Parkinson 15th Bgde. 51st Batty. helped to bury the remains. He is still with the unit.

Informant Driver A.H. Fotheringham 3523
51st Batty 15th Bgde. A.I.F.
Duck Rest Camp H.M.D.H.

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51st Battery.
13th Brigade A.F.A.

Burling, Gunner A. 3460

(K. July 18/16. Dets. D/B.)

Informant states "I was at Fleurbaix on 19th July, and saw the remains of A. Burling, and helped to bury him the same night at the cemetery in Dead Dog Avenue, Fleurbaix.

He was killed by a shell "with six other men", in a dugout by Dead Dog Avenue. A shell came through the roof, killing seven men and badly wounding the eighth man."

Informant: Driver Wm. Thos, Sowler, 2825 51st Batt., 13th
Brigade, A.F.A.,
1st Southern Gen: Hos:, King's Heath,
Birmingham.

Home address: 37 Greek St.,
Glebe, Sidney, N.S.W.

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51st Australian F. A. *Artillery*

Burling, A. 3460.
13 Brig.

" Burling was buried next to the Monastery in Fleurbaix on the 21st of July, 1916. Cpl. Bovelie 51st Batty A.F.A. France can give full details. "

Informant: Gnr. Robert Moodie, 3491,
51st Aus. F.A. 13th Brig.
Ward M.C.
Beaufort War Hospt.
Bristol.

Home address:-
Craig Lea,
Parramatta Road,
Ryde,
N. S. Wales.

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A.J. Newman

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15th Bgde. Australian Field Artillery.

Burling, A., 3460.
K. July 18th. 1916.
Det. D & B.

"I was quite near Pts. Burling (15 Bgde. 51 Batty:) when he was killed. He was inside a dug out in our Batty: position about July 18th at Fleurbaix during engagement when a shell burst inside the dug out and he was killed instantaneously. I saw the place just afterwards. He was buried in a cemetery near "David Road", not far from Fleur Baix and there was a cross put up. I helped to pack up some of his belongings afterwards at H.Q. at Armentieres ready to send to his relations."

Informant:-- Pte. Beresford Frank Dimmack, 2014,
13th Bgde. Australian Field Artillery,
51st Batty:
3rd Southern General Hospital,
Town Hall, Oxford.

Home address:-- 17, Victoria Rd.,
Acocks Green,
Birmingham.

2nd Jan.
H.K. Pickard-Cambridge.

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