

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**3711 Private  
William Arthur Jack  
Budd**

**3rd Battalion**



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3rd Bttn, A.I.F.  
A.Coy.

BUDD  
W.A.J. 3711.

"Killed 4.5.17".

I saw him dead at Bullecourt, he was caught by a shell which killed him instantly. I saw his grave, and it was marked by a cross bearing his No.name and unit. I knew him well, he was a miner in No 2 Platoon

Witness:-

Sgt. J. Gilsenan, 28.  
3rd Bttn, A.Coy, 1st Plat,  
3rd Aust. Aux. Hosp,  
Dartford.

W. Oman,  
London.  
16.8.17.

P.I. & S.

3rd A.I.F.

Budd W.A.J. 3711

(K. 4.5.17.)

I knew Budd fairly well, he age was about 19, he was fair and about 5ft 6 or 7 ins in height. He was killed by concussion from an exploding shell and I helped to bury him in the morning of the May 5/17. Sgt. J Fischer (I can get his address from A.I.F H.Q.) and Cpl. (now Sgt.) Leccombe helped to bury him and I think Sgt. Fischer had some of Budd's personal things.

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Pte. A. Duggan 6005,  
3rd A.I.F. A. II.,  
Beaufort War Hospt.,  
pristol.

C. Steadman,  
16.8.17.

Written Sgt Fischer  
Sgt Leccombe 25.8.17

P.I.  
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3rd Battn.  
A. I. F.

Budd.  
W. A. J. 3711

"Killed in Action 4.5.17"

re the death and burial of 3711 Pte. Budd. I was his Platoon Sgt. at the time and regret to say he was killed by a shell on the 4.5.17 and I personally superintended his burial, a grave was dug just behind the paradox of the front line trench which we held at Bullecourt. A small stake was placed at the head of the grave with the No., name and unit of the deceased on it. He was a medium sized man of about 5'7" or 8" in height, fair hair, with rather a fresh complexion, and I understand that he was slightly wounded at Pozieres.

Letter from:-  
Sgt. A. H. Lecombe  
France.  
10.9.17.

London.  
19.9.17.

P.I.  
S.

3rd Btn.  
A.I.F.

BUDD  
William Arthur Jack. 3711.

"Killed in Action 4.5.17."

No trace Germany  
Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.  
16.10.19.

S. & P. I.

Answered  
17-7-17

64 Eastcott Hill  
Swindon  
Wilts

RECEIVED  
10 JUL 1917  
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE,

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I was told some time ago to apply to you for information concerning an Australian Soldier who went over to France in November 1916 and was last heard of on March the 27<sup>th</sup>. His address when last heard of was

Pte W A J. Budd. No 3411A  
A Company.

3rd Battalion  
A I F  
France.

Kia 24.5.17

Hoping you will let me have news at the earliest possible moment.

I remain

Yours truly

Miss M. Fosse.

July 19th 1917.

Miss May Fox,  
64, Eastcott Hill,  
Swindon.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of enquiry for :-

3711A Pte. W.A.J. BUDD, 3rd. Battn. A.I.F.

We very much regret to state that this soldier was officially reported "Killed in Action 4.5.17."

We are making enquiries in the hope of obtaining details of his death and burial, and if you wish it, shall advise you when any such particulars come to hand.

Assuring you of our very sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

*Miss Craig.*  
Secretary.

Oct 13  
25-1-17.

12 Commercial Rd.  
Weymouth  
Dorset

23/7/17

Dear Sir

I am very gratefull to you for  
sending me information about Pte W. A. Budd  
I should be very gratefull to receive  
any news about his death & burial &  
also if you could give me his Mothers  
address as I would like to send a letter  
of Condolence. Thanking you for sympathy  
I remain

Yours faithfully  
Miss M. Foxe.

No 3711<sup>a</sup> Pte - W. A. J. Budd -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Battn - A.I.F.

25th July 1917.

Miss M. Fox,  
12 Commercial Rd.,  
Weymouth, Dorset.

Dear Madam,

In reference to your letter of the 23rd inst., we beg to inform you that no further details have come to hand of the death and burial of 3711<sup>a</sup> Pte W.A.J. Budd, 3rd Btn, A.I.F.? We shall let you know directly we hear anything. We are sorry we cannot give you his Mother's address, but if you address a letter to her, and enclose it in one written to the Secretary c/o of this Bureau, giving us Pte Budd's particulars, we shall see that it is forwarded *kh*

Hoping to give you more details before long.

Yours faithfully,

*Miss Hornabrook*  
Secretary



(L 23.8.17  
Sgt J. FISCHER }  
Sgt LECOMBE }

3 Batt AIF

BEF

for

3711 W.A. J. BUDD

3 Batt AIF

K. 4. 5. 17

B.H. 5.9.17.

O R  
FM J. P. C.  
14.9.17

3711 W.A. BUDD

France

HA. 4.5.17

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10/9/17

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To the Secretary

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry

Re the death & burial of 3711 Pte Budd. W.A.

I was his Platoon Sgt at the time and regret to say he was killed by a shell on the 4/5/17 and I personally supervised his burial, a grave was dug just behind the parapet of the front line trench where we held at Bullecourt, a small stake was placed at the head of the grave with the No., Name, & Unit of the deceased on it.

He was a medium sized man of about 5'4" or 8" in height, fair hair, with rather a fresh complexion, and I understand that he was slightly wounded at Pozieres.

Hoping this information may be of assistance

Yours faithfully

H. H. Loebecker Sgt.

August 29th, 1917.

Miss M. Fox,  
12, Commercial Rd.,  
Weymouth, Dorset.

Dear Madam,

We have now obtained unofficial details of the  
death of No 3711 Pte. W.A.J. Budd,  
3rd Battalion,  
A.I.F.

and we hope that it will be some consolation to know  
that his death was instantaneous.

No 28 Sgt. J. Gilsenan who was in the 3rd Australian  
Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, stated that he saw Pte. Budd  
lying dead at Bullecourt on 4.5.17, death which was instantaneous  
having been caused by a shell. Informant <sup>has</sup> seen his grave which  
was marked by a cross bearing his name and regimental particulars.

No 6005 Pte. A. Duggan, who was in the Beaufort War  
Hospital, Bristol gave similar evidence. He stated that Pte.  
Budd was killed by shell concussion and he helped to bury him  
on the morning of May 5th. He knew him fairly well and says  
that he was fair, 5ft 6 or 7 inches in height and about 19 years  
of age.

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We are pursuing the inquiry further and will advise you of any information that we receive as we fully realise your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

V O  
SECRETARY.

NAW

3711. P<sup>ce</sup> W. A. J. Budd. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bath

ack<sup>d</sup>

21/10/18

12 Commercial St  
Weymouth  
Dorset

Dear Madam.

Will you kindly  
forward this letter to Pte  
W & J Budd's mother at the  
earliest possible moment  
& oblige

Yours Respectfully  
Miss M. Fosc.

8th Sept. 1917.

Miss Fox,  
12 Commercial Road,  
Weymouth.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your letter, we have sent your enclosed letter to the mother of - Pte Budd, 3711, 3rd Btn, <sup>A.I.F.</sup> If we hear any further news of Pte Budd, we will communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

Ains Bowell  
Secretary.

October 9th, 1917.

Miss M. Fox,  
12, Commercial Rd.,  
Weymouth, Dorset.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you of a further unofficial report  
about No 3711 Pte. W.A.J. Budd,  
3rd Battalion,  
A.I.F.

and we trust that it will be of some consolation to have this  
further assurance of his burial.

Sgt. A.H. Lacombe, wrote to us from France to the effect  
that Pte. Budd who was in his platoon, was killed by a shell on  
May 4th, and he personally superintended his burial in a grave  
just behind the parados of the front line trench at Bullecourt.  
A small stake bearing his name and particulars was placed on his  
grave to mark it until a proper cross should be erected.

Should we obtain further information about him we shall  
immediately advise you and trust that these reports will be some  
assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

V.O.  
SECRETARY.  
Law.