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# 3577 Private
# Percy Dickenson

## 40th Battalion



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40th Battn.
A.I.F.

DICKENSON
P. 3577

"KILLED 9-5-18"

At Buire when in a bit of a dug-out in the trenches a Shell went right into the dug-out and he was badly smashed up. I saw his body being taken away but R/Sgt.Major Gillam who was in charge can give better information.

Informant -' Traynor.Pte. 3500 40th Battn.
1st A.A.H.
HARFFIELD.

D.F.Dickson
21-10-18
London
2-11-18 Note:- Written R/S/M Gillam 25-10-18
H.G. H.

40th Batn.,
A.I.F.

DICKENSON,
P., 3577.

"Killed in action - 9-5-18."

"I was sitting in a dugout on the railway line in front of Buire near the Ancre River one night in May last (I am not sure of the date) with Pte. Dickenson and Cpl. Nader. I was trench Sgt at the time and had occasion to go out and visit my posts. Just as I left the dugout Fritz put a barrage on us, one of the shells going into the dugout. It blew both Dickenson amd Nader to pieces. As soon as it got daylight I gathered them up and sent them out to our R.A.P. which was in the village at Buire. I was given to understand that they were buried side by side in the Military Cemetery at that place. I handed their personal belongings to Lieut. Mahaney who has since been killed in action. Lieut. Mahaney told me before hewas killed that he had forwarded the stuff on to their people. Dickenson's discription was as follows:-

About 5'10". Dark complexion. Strongly built. Very pleasant face. Well read and as game as possible.

Informant:-P. S.M. H. Gillan, 852,
40th Batn., A.I.F.

H.

A.C.K.
London,
19-11-18.
H.I.S.

Havre

26th November 1918.

Australians. 40.

Dickenson P. No.3577.

K. 9th May 1918. Dot D/5.

I knew Pte Dickenson 3577, I have a note of his name and number and I helped to bury him in a Military Cemetery either at Heilly or Herricourt. On the 8th May I helped to bury a number of our men that day in both cemeteries, and cannot now remember which one Dickenson was buried in.

Inf:- Cpl A.J.Collis No. 33?
A.I.F. 40? H.Q? Pioneer.
Austra. Conv. Depot.

RHI.

PP.

C

19th Door 1918.

Havre

Australians. 40.

Dickenson P. No.3577.

K. 9th May 1918. Dot D/B.

He was killed by a shell at Borre. He was taken out and buried at Morricourt. There was a cross put over the grave. He came from South Bridgwater, Tasmania.

Inf:- Pte A.H.Jakes No. 3585.
A.I.F. 40. C. Xl.
Australian Camp.

ORR.

P.P.

A.I.F. 40. DICKENSEN P. 3877

K. May 9.1918

I picked up Dicknsen's and Cpl. Naden's bodies after they had been blown to pieces by shell about 11. p.m. between Buire and the Ancre on the Railway Line at a place we called the Ravine.

They were buried at Buire. Dickensen came, I think, from Bridgewater ( Tas. ) He was dark, about 5 ft. 10, about 25 years.

Inf:- R/S/M/ Gillam B. 832
40 A.I.F. H.Qs.
2 Sta. Abbeville 19.10.1918.
H.E.H.

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

DICKENSON
P. 3577

"KILLED 9-5-18"

He was in D.Coy. I forget his platoon. He was 5"9' medium complexion and 35 years old. He embarked with me on Aneas from Melbourne on Oct.30/17. He came from Tasmania.

At Buir near Ville-sur-Ancre May 9/18 (I can't remember the hour) we were holding the line after advancing, when a shell killed Dickenson and his mate Cpl. Haden of the same Battn. and Comp. instantly. They were in their dug-out at the time. I saw both dead. No reference.

Informant - Harris. Pte.G.D. 3605
40th Battn. C.Coy. 12th Pltn.
ALDWYCH.

J.O.M.K.
London
28-10-18
H.G.

H.

ack.
p.c. 2.11.18

3577
P. Dickenson France
40th Battn
R.M.A. 9.5.16
H2

29.10.15

The Secretary
Enquiry Bureau

Dear Madam

Your note to hand regarding No 3577 Pte Dickenson P. 40th Battn AIF

I was sitting in a dugout on the railway line in front of Buire near the Ancre River one night in May last I am not sure of the date with Pte Dickenson and Cpl Naden I was French Sergt at the time and had occasion to go out and visit my posts. [illegible] the dugout [illegible] put a barrage on us. One of shells going into the dugout [illegible] both Dickenson and Naden to [illegible]. As soon as it got daylight I gathered them up and sent them out to our RAP which was in the village at Buire I was given to understand that they were buried side by side in a military cemetery at that place. I handed their personal [illegible] to [illegible] who has since been killed in Action [illegible] told me before he was killed that he had forwarded the stuff [illegible] Dickenson [illegible]

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Strongly built
Very pleasant face
[illegible] possible

Trust this information will be of some [illegible] to write to me [illegible] Bott

[illegible]

40th Batt
AIF