

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3804 Private
James Dudley Purcell**

1st Battalion



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8th Batt.
late 8th
A.I.F.

Purcell.
J.J. 2655

~~"Killed in Action"~~ "11.19.7.16"

Killed in Action 19.7.16 - Previously reported Missing

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters dated 22.8.17

London
28.8.17

Off M.

A.I.F 1st Battn
A.Coy.

PURCELL
J.D 3804

Off Died of Wounds 25-7-16.

Officially died of wounds 25-7-16 at 3rd Fld Amb.
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 18-10-16.

London
19-10-16.

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Brancos.

A. I. F. 1.

PURCELL, J.D. 3804.

D/W. 25th. July 1916.

at 3rd Ambulance

I saw him wounded on July 25th. at Pozieres, the day we came out. He was hit in the back by a piece of shell. I saw the S/Bs carry him away. He passed through the D/S all right. Cpl. F. Pearce, S/B, carried him out. I heard later he had died of wounds and was buried in the Etaples cemetery.

Reference: Pte. E. Walker, 3858, A.Coy.,
No. 1 A.D.B.D.

Etaples.
27.10.16.
3A.

W. Pearce

6.11.16.

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France.

A. I. P. 1. A.

PURCELL, J.D. 3804.

D/W. July 25th. 1916.

I knew Purcell of my Co. - a tall chap and not very strong. L/Cpl. Howell of A. told me that he helped to carry him back after he was hit in the attack of Pozieres. He had a bad wound in the stomach. He was put down in some safe spot behind the lines.

Reference: Pte. Whitehead, 4483, A.,
No. 1 Canadian General.

Staples.
10.11.16.
R.P.

Wrote

Howell 15.11.16.

FRANCE.

A.I.P. 1.

PURCELL, J.D. 3804.

D/W July 25. 1916.

He was badly wounded in the trench on July 25th. I gave him a drink from my water bottle. He had been buried by a shell, and badly wounded in the thigh as well as generally. He was taken out of the trench in a bad state, and I heard afterwards that he had died of wounds. He belonged to IV Pl, A.Co. I knew him quite well. He used to be a watch maker by trade.

Reference: L/Cpl. P.W. Moore, 2517, A.Co.
No 1 A.D.D.D.
Staples. 24.11.1916.

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1st A. I. F. A Co.

J. D. PURCELL, 3804.

Died of wounds 25.7.16. Details D & B.

I knew Purcell, his No. was about 3804. He was in the action at Pozieres on the 25th July and whilst in the 1st line of German trenches a shell exploded and buried him. When he was dug out he was dead. I saw this happen. I believe his body was buried in a shell hole.

Reference: Fte. J. C. Palmer, 4461, A Co. 3 Fl.

No.9 General, Rouen. 28.11.16.

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10th November

Cpl. W. Pearce
Stretcher-Bearer,
1st Australian Inf. Battalion
D.S.F.

Dear Sir,

We are told that it is possible you may know something concerning the fate of 3804 Pte J. D. Purcell, 1st Battalion, A.I.F. If this is true we should be very glad to hear from you, and if you believe him to be dead, we should be very grateful if you would give us particulars, if possible, of the manner of his death, and the place etc, of his burial.

We are sure you will forgive us troubling you when we tell you that we are enquiring on behalf of his relatives who are making anxious enquiries for him.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

V. S.

Secretary

ppms.

17th November

L/Cpl. Howell
A. Company
1st Australian Inf. Battalion
B.R.F.

Dear Sir,

We are trying to find out what has become of 3804
Pte J. D. Purcell, A.Coy, 1st Battalion, A.I.F., and we hear
you may be able to help us by giving us some information.

If this is correct, we should be very grateful to you
if you would write and give us all particulars, that are known
to you. His relatives are anxiously enquiring for him, and we are
sure you will join with us in doing all that is possible to help
them

Yours faithfully,

Ken de Lenn

Secretary

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