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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3156 Private
John James Mulhearn**

54th Battalion



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A.I.F. 8/54th Bn

MULHEARG
John James 3156

"K/A. 20-10-17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

London
18-10-19

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54th Battn.
A.I.F.

MULHEARN
J.J. 3156

"Killed in Action 20-10-17"

Re 3156 Pte. J.J. Mulhearn, 54th Battn., I enclose map reference sent me from above Battn. Hqts. He was in C. Coy., and was killed in action 20-10-17. He was buried at the following place, Sheet 28 - J. 4.h.75.40. His grave was not registered. -Myles Blacka, O.R. Sgt. 54th Battn.

Letter from:- Bramhall. R/S/M. B.H.
54th Battn.,
Sgts.' Mess,
No. 11 Camp,
No. 4 Com. Depot,
HURDCOTT.

London
12-7-18
A.M.H.

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Havre

54th A.I.F.

8th April 1918.

Hulhearn J.J. No. 3156.

E. 20th Octr 1917. Lat D/B.

R.S.M. Brabnell of the 54th Sattn told me that he knows where
Hulhearn is buried. Brabnell is, I think, still with his unit.

Inf:- Pte F.F. Langham No. 5044.
54th A.I.F. H.Q.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

R.M.

written to R.S.M. Brabnell

19-4-18 letter returned

Hospital

54th Battn.
A.I.F.

Mulhearn.
J.J. 3156

"Killed 20.10.17"

I understand that Mulhearn was wounded in the back and taken out on a stretcher and died. This was up at Ypres. I don't know any particulars but D.Beaton 54th Battn.C.Coy. who was with the Coy. when I left in Feb.last and still there as far as I know told me and can give particulars.

Informant:- S.W.C.Whitley 3178
54th Battn. A.Coy.
Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
17.4.18.

Note Written to Pte.D.Beaton
17.4.18.

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24th April 1918.

54th A.I.F.

Mulhearn J.J. No.3156.

K. 20th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

This man was killed by a shell. He was blown or cut to pieces. I saw him after his death, which was instantaneous. I saw him buried where he fell in Polygon Wood. I knew him well, he was a fairly big chap, fairish. The R.S.M. buried him himself, he belonged to A.Coy.

Inf:- Pte J. Smith No.5443.
54th A.I.F. A.Coy.
Hospital Ship.

GPO.

*written R.S.M.
1.5.18.*

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54th A.I.F.

Mulhearn. Pte. J.J. 3156.
A Coy. 1 Pl.

(K. Oct. 20/17.)
Dets. D/B.

"I was helping carry out J.J. Mulhearn who had been wounded by shell at Ypres whilst holding the line on the 20th Oct.17. when he died just as we got to the dressing station."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: About 5'6", fair, nuggetty, build.

Informant: Pte. C. Guilfoyle. 3209.
54th A.I.F. D Coy. 15 Pl.
Norfolk War Hospital,
Norwich;

Home address:
Craven,
North Coast Line,
N.S.Wales.

1/5/18.
E. Rice.

S. C. Hall

54th Battalion, A.I.F.
8th Reinforcements.

MULHEARN.
Private J.J. 3156.

"KILLED. 20.10.17."

Informant states that in October, 1917, at Passchendaele, he and others volunteered as stretcher-bearers to carry injured men from the front line to the first Field Aid Hospital. One of the men carried by Informant was Mulhearn, who was badly wounded. As soon as he arrived at the Dressing Station, he said "Good-bye, boys, I'm finished", and died from the effects of the wounds.

Mulhearn was married, and had two children. He was between 30 and 35, medium height, very fresh complexion. He had been regimental cook of the Battalion.

INFORMANT:- Private W. Hayes, 3131,
54th Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address:- "Eleanor", Macpherson Road, MOSMAN.

C.E.W.

No. 4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.

1.5.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

Hayes.

1st. May. 1918.

54th. Australians.

Mulhearn, J. J. 3156.

A. October. 20/1917. Dets. D/B.

I saw him wounded at Ypres on October 20th and taken down to the D/Station where he died a few days afterwards. He was 5 feet 7, medium complexion, clean-shaven.

Inf:- Private: W. J. Benson. 2128;
54th. Australians. A. 2.
R. S. "Panama".

OWS.

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54th BATT. A.I.F.

MULHEARN. J.J. 3156.

K.Oct 20th.1917. Det.

He was in A.Coy and came from about Newcastle or Walls-
end. His brother had a printer's business of worked with
a printer's firm. We came over with the 8th reinforcements .
He was hit by a shell in the front line at Westhoek at
night and was carried down to the dressing-station about
100 yards back by Stretcher-bearer Gilfoyle, and he died
there. He would be buried near the dressing-station.

WSE.

Ref ---Pte F.McInnes. 3231.
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. May 1st.1918.

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A.I.F. 54th Battn.

LUIHEARN
J.J. 3186.
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KILLED 20/10/17.

Was in B Company) I saw him killed instantly by shell at Ypres just behind the front line - during the stunt. I was next to him when he was knocked - He was badly hit about the head and body. I buried him just near where hit and erected a small cross on his grave - with his name, no., etc., He was just buried in the field (no cemetery) He was the only one killed by that shell.

Informant:- ²1444 Stewart Sergt. C.F.,
54th Battn.

London
7.5.18.

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54th Battalion, A.I.F.
8 Rfts.

MULHEARN, J.J.
Private - No. 3156

"Killed 20/10/1917"

Informant described Mulhearn as about 5' 4" high, nuggety build, reddish face, slightly red hair, aged about 30. His wife and family reside in Newcastle. Left Australia with Informant on the "Suevic" on 11/11/1916.

Informant states that Mulhearn was in "A" Company on 20/10/17. Mulhearn's Company was holding the front line to the right of Polygon Wood, while "D" Company, to which Informant belonged was in supports. Informant and three others of his Company volunteered to go to the front line to bring out some wounded men. When they got there the first man that Informant picked up was Mulhearn. They took him to the First Aid Dressing Station, which was in a Pillbox, where a Doctor dressed his wounds, but he died shortly afterwards. He was buried just outside the pillbox where he died.

Informant added that Mulhearn was a very nice chap, well liked.

Informant:- Private W. Hayes, No. 3131,
"D" Company - 54th Battalion.

Home address:- C/o Mrs. B. Russell, "Kleanor",
W.R.G. Macpherson Street, Mosman, Sydney.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
Randwick.

20/5/18

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 54th Battn. 8 reinf.

MULHEARN
J.J. 3156

KILLED in ACTION 20/10/17.

Re No. 3156 J.J. Mulhearn 54th Battalion A.I.F. reported killed in action on 20/10/17. Pte. J. J. Mulhearn was killed in Action on the 19th October 1917 at Passchendaele Ridge in front of Ypres in Belgium. He was buried by myself and some of his comrades from his Company and his personal effects sent to Battalion Headquarters. He was buried in front of a Pill-box. The Map location of his grave I am sending for his grave was marked by a Wooden Cross with Name, No., Rank, Battalion and date on it. It is not a soldiers cemetery and the graves are not registered. This ground is now in German hands I did not know him personally but his comrades from his Company knew him and I took his Pay Book and Identification Disc off. I will make enquiries regarding his personal appearance at the same time as I write for Sgt. Reynolds.

Letter from:- 825 (R.S.M., B.E. Bramhall,
No. 2, Ent, Alexandra Hospital,
Cosham,
Hants,
England.

London
21/5/18.

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54th Battn.
A.I.F.

MULHEARN.
J.J. 3156.

"Killed in Action" 20-10-17.

Re No 3156 Pte. J.J. Mulhearn 54th Inf Battn. A.I.F.
I am indeed sorry to be unable to give full details in connection with the above. I understand it was on Westbrook Ridge. He was wounded about the 17th October. We were there from the 13th to the 17th in reserve and on the night of the 17th we shifted up to the front line. About two miles farther on to the left of the Mound or Butts as it is called, and came out again on the 21st Oct. It was some few days later we heard he had died. He was carried out on a stretcher to some D/S but I do not know the name of it. So, seeing that he died there, proves that he would be buried and also, that there would be other Soldiers buried there as well. His home was in Newcastle.N.S.W. and was a partner in some kind of business. I can't say now what it was, but heard him speaking of it several times. His height would I think be about 5 ft 7 or 8 ins, red hair, very fair skin, Religion.R.C.

I am enclosing a name of two who might be able to tell you more about the matter than I can. No 3110 Pte W.H. Cawcher, C.Coy. 54th Battn. and Pte McKenzie 11th Platoon C.Coy. 54th Battalion.A.I.F. The latter's no I don't know happen to have but the above would find him if you have not already written to them. I understand that Mc Kenzie saw him after he was wounded. Letter from: Pte Beaton, 3104.C.Co. S. 54th Battn.A.I.F.

London 5-6-18.

17-4-18

rec J. Beaton

C. Loy

54. Inf. Beaton

A. I. F. B. I. F.

3186 J. J. Mulhearn

54. Inf. Beaton

A. I. F.

H. 20-10-17

W. L.

17-4-18

19-4-18

R. S. M. Brabmalt

54 Bitter

A. Y. Y.

B. Y. Y.

3156 J. J. Mulhearn

54 Bitter

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Regt. Sgt. Major

54 A.I.F.

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J. J. MULHEARN

54 A.I.F.

R/A 20-10-17.

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1.6.18

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Mulhearn
3156
J. J. Mulhearn (Ct)
54th Batta
No- 3. Command Depo
Min A. 20.10.17 Hurdcott

Miss Vera Dickin S June 1st 1918

Dear Madam

Your inquiry to
hand No- 3156

Pte J. J. Mulhearn 54th P
Battalion A. I. F.

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No-3110 Pte W. H. Boucher C. boy

54th Battalion and Pte Bro. M^e. Kenzie

11th Platoon C. boy 54th Battalion

A. I. H. The letters No- I don't

happen to have but the above would
find him if you have not already
written to them.

I understand that M^e. Kenzie saw him
after he was wounded.

Trusting you will be able to obtain all
the particulars you require

I am

faithfully yours

No-3104. Pte. J. Barton

C. boy

54th Battalion

A. I. H.

5156. Pk Mulhearn J. J.
was in A Coy, and
was killed in action
on 20/10/17.

He was buried at
following place.

Sheet 28. J. 14. 6. 75. 40.

His grave was ^{not} registered.

Wyles Blacka

O.R. Sgt.

5th Bn

act. P.C. ^{hus} 11-7-18
Mutt

SERGEANTS' MESS.

No. // CAMP.

No. 4 COMMAND DEPOT A.I.F.,

HURDCOTT, NEAR SALISBURY.

Dear Miss

In reference to your
enquiries regarding the late ^{re} Sgt.
Reynolds A.A. & The Mulhearn J.F.
of the 54th Bn A.I.F.

I enclose Chap. reference sent me
from above Bn Headquarters
France trusting this will be
of some assistance to you
I remain

Yours Respectfully

Mutt

B.H. Bramhall R.S.M.
54th Bn.

P.S.

I am out of hospital and hope
to be back in France shortly
if I can be of any help to
you there you can trust in
me to do my best for a
good cause

BHB.

LONDON, S.W.

Hospital
June 1971
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36, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

R. S. M. Brabmall

54' Inf. Bn.

A. Y. F.

19-4-18

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

3156. J. J. Mulhearn. 54' Inf. Bn.

H. 20-10-17

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Uera Denton*

Secretary.

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Packed by
Miss (name)
22.6.18
Dear Miss

3156 (Cd)
J. J. Mulhearn 17. 5-18
54 Batts & Recog
Rm A 2010-17 S

In answer to your enquiries regarding
No 3156. J. J. Mulhearn 54th Bn. A. I. F.
reported Killed in Action on 20-10-17.

The J. J. Mulhearn was killed in Action
on the 19th October 1917 at Tasschendale
Ridge in front of Ypres in Belgium

He was Buried by myself and some of
his comrades from his company and his
personal effects sent to Bn Headquarters
He was Buried in front of a Pill-Box
the Map Location of his Grave I am
sending for His Grave was marked by
a wooden cross with Name No. Rank
Bn & date on it It is not a
soldiers cemetery and the graves are
not registered This ground is now
in German hands I did not know

him personally but his comrades from
his company knew him and I took
his Pay Book & Identity Disc off
I will make enquiries regarding his
personal appearance at the same
time as I write for Sgt Reynolds
trusting that I may be of some
use in assisting you in your
enquiries

I remain

yours Respectfully

825. (R.S.M. J. H. Bramhall

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