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MILITARY FORCES

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2278

Name BURGESS Daniel William  
Unit A. I. F  
Joined on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1916

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Daniel William Burgess
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Sydney  
near the Town of Sydney  
in the County of N.S. Wales
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural born British Subject
4. What is your age? 32 years 6 mths.
5. What is your trade or calling? Cook
6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period, ... No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Mrs. CATTS, ARTHUR ST. WELLINGTON N.S.W.  
46 Lindenwood St. Paddington  
9, WENTWORTH ST. PADDINGTON N.S.W.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No  
*GRATUITY PAID TO: EX NAVAL SON. 66 CREMORNE TERR. SYDNEY N.S.W.*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge No  
*WAR MEDAL ETC TO SON (TRUSTED MAN)*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes  
*of Lt 4<sup>th</sup> N.S.W. (1914-15)*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No  
*Officer in Charge Bay Records*
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which, together with Pay, would reach eight shillings per day? Yes  
*L 441168*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever? Yes  
*P. Na Yoka Park Road Auburn NSW*

I, Daniel William Burgess, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children three-fifths (Signed) D. W. Burgess  
Date 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1916 Signature of person enlisted.

\*This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER..

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers, and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects).

Date... 7:1:1916.....

(Signed)

William Ley, Capt.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Daniel William Burgess.....swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from..... until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom ; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained ; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD,

(Signed)

Dan. W. Burgess.....

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at... Duntroo.....in the State of New South Wales this 6 day January of Year 1916, before me—

(Signed)

William Ley, Capt.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

\*A person enlisting who objects to take an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialled by the Attesting Officer.

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Description of BURGESS, Daniel William on Enlistment.

Age..... <u>32</u> .....years..... <u>6</u> .....months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS
Height..... <u>5</u> .....feet..... <u>6</u> .....inches.	
Weight..... <u>136</u> .....lbs.	
Chest Measurement..... <u>35 - 37</u> .....inches.	
Complexion..... <u>Dark</u> .....	
Eyes..... <u>Brown</u> .....	
Hair..... <u>Black</u> .....	
Religious Denomination..... <u>R. C.</u> .....	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula ; phthisis ; syphilis ; impaired constitution ; defective intelligence ; defects of vision, voice, or hearing ; hernia ; hæmorrhoids ; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent ; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle ; inveterate cutaneous disease ; chronic ulcers ; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C. ; contracted or deformed chest ; abnormal curvature of spine ; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye ; his heart and lungs are healthy ; he has the free use of his joints and limbs ; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date.....7 : 1 : 1916.....

Place.....Dubbo..... (Signed)

.....E. H. Burdett, Capt......

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to.....

.....Depôt Signal Training Co......

Date.....JUN 8 1916.....

Place.....KIAMA.....

.....A. P. Pechter..... Lieut.  
Commanding Chief Instructor.

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Statement of Service of No. ~~20282~~ Name Burgess, Daniel Willis

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<u>H.I.F.</u> <u>46<sup>th</sup> Batt.</u> <u>N.S.W. Signal School,</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>7:1:16</u>	<u>4-7-16</u>	
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Recruits</u> <u>36<sup>th</sup> Battalion</u> <u>Rutherford</u>		<u>5/7/16</u>	<u>19/9/16</u>	
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Reinf. 36<sup>th</sup> Batt.</u> <u>Rutherford</u> <u>4/36th BTN.</u>		<u>19/9/16</u>		

I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

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MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 20782  
1781  
2278

Name BURGESS Daniel William  
Unit A.I.F. 36th Bn  
Joined on 1.1.16

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? Daniel William Burgess
- 2. In the Parish of ..... in or near the Town of Sydney in the County of N.S.W.
- 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)  Yes
- 4. What is your age? 32 years 6 mths
- 5. What is your trade or calling? book
- 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
- 7. Are you married? Single
- 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Mrs Mary Robinson Wellington  
9 Wentworth St  
Paddington  
N.S.W.
- 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
- 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No
- 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge No
- 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
- 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
- 14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day. Yes
- 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Daniel William Burgess do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

\* And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife three-fifths wife and children

Date 7th January 1916

D.W. Burgess  
Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

4th / 36th Battalion, A.I.F.

Rank **Private** Regiment or Corps **BURGESS** Christian Name **Daniel William**  
 Surname  
 Religion **6.1.16.** Age on Enlistment **24 mos.** years ..... months  
 Enlisted (a) **6.1.16.** Terms of Service (a) **6.1.16.** Service reckons from (a)  
 Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b) **Signaller**  
 or Corps Trade and rate .....  
 Occupation ..... Signature of Officer

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
	O.C. Troops A.30. BORDA		Sydney	17.10.16.	
1.16.	T.O.35A.	CRIME: A.W.L. from 11pm 15.11.16. to 5am 16.11.16.	Embarked Disembarked Plymouth	17.10.16. 9.1.17.	S.O.5. S056.
		AWARD: 48 hours detention by OCTroops Total forfeiture: 3 days pay.			D0165.
17.	9th Tng. Bn.	M/In from O/Seas	ENGLAND	20.1.17.	D05/9239E.
17.	-do-	CRIME: Durrington A.W.L. from M/Night 29.1.17. to 9-20am 30.1.17.	-do-		BR9644.
	B2069.	AWARD: 5 days FP. No. 2 by Major A.C. Russell Total forfeiture: 6 days pay.			D095.
17.	-do-	Proceeded O/S France	S' Hampton	28.6.17.	LR4789 D037E
17.	3 A.D.B.D.	M/In from England	Rouelles	29.6.17.	AK1476/19.
17.	-do-	M/Out to Unit	-do-	4.7.17.	AK1476/49.
17.	CO. 36th Bn.	Taken on Strength	Belgium	6.7.17.	G9/33 D038/3732
17.	-do-	Detached to P.B. Course	France	27.8.17.	G9/40. D045/5153
17.	-do-	Rejoined Battalion	-do-	31.8.17.	G9/41. D046/5422
17.	-do-	Detached to Sig. Course	-do-	18.9.17.	G9/43.
17.	-do-	Rejoined Battalion.	-do-	30.9.17.	G9/46.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, Ac.

*E.H. Burkate* Captain  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

ATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms approve, and appoint him to .....

*Training Co.*

16 .....  
 Commanding *Rescher* Lieut.  
 Chief Instructor.

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 38, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.38, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
5.1.18.	CO. 36th In.	Pte. Detached to P.B. Course	France	31.12.17.	C9/58.
12.1.18.	-do-	" Rejoined Battalion	-do-	6.1.18.	C9/59
2.2.18.	-do-	" Detached to Pigeon Course	-do-	31.1.18.	C9/62.
9.2.18.	-do-	" Rejoined Battalion.	-do-	4.2.18.	C9/63.
23.3.18.	6 -do- COO. IV Army. (AP 3428)	Pte. KILLED ACCIDENTALLY	HUCQUINGHOM FRANCE.	15.3.18.	C9/69.VL665.149/3107/1 D023/3636
18.3.18.	Buried by Rev. P. Lynch C.F. att. 36th In. on 18.3.18. in Cemetery of Escorville, Calais. 15			in G260/57	ATB0271.
(SGD.) S.H. CRAWFORD For Officer in charge Records.					
Australian Section, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q., British Expeditionary Force, 3rd July 1918.					
Buried Exvaillen Churchyard Calais			France	B1094 D.S. N. 8. 2 S. 5. 6. D/44/1694E 3/6/18	

SO HELP ME, GOD.

*David Burgess*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Dublin* in  
the State of *New South Wales*  
this *6* day *January* of  
*Year* 1916 before me—

*Wm. H. Capri*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.



CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers, and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date..... 7. 1. 16

*Wm. Steyn Capt.* 1.16.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, *Daniel William Burgess*, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from *6 January* until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

*Dan W Burgess*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Dubbo* in the State of *New South Wales* this *6* day *January* of *Year* 1916 before me—

*Wm. Steyn Capt.*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of Daniel William Burgess on Enlistment.

Age 32 years 6 months.  
 Height 5 feet 6 inches.  
 Weight 136 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 35-37 inches.  
 Complexion Dark  
 Eyes Brown  
 Hair Black  
 Religious Denomination Catholic

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 7-1-16

Place Dubbo

E.H. Burkitt Captain  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to .....

Depôt Signal Training Co.

Date JUN 8 1916

Place KIAMA

Peschel Lieut.  
 Commanding Chief Instructor

1303 Inf  
 1919  
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 3/7/17.

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Statement of Service of No. 20782 Name BURGESS Daniel William

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
A. I. F. 46 <sup>th</sup> Batt.		7.1.16		
NSW Signal School	Private	27/1/16	4.7.16	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements 36 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Rutherford	"	17/1/16	19/9/16	
4 <sup>th</sup> Reinforcements 36 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Rutherford	"	19/9/16		
	Embarked Sydney "Borda"		17-10-16	
	Embarked 17/10/16		3.0.16 1.1.17	
	Marched into 9th Inf. Bn. no. 11. Durrington Camp, from Australia	20-1-17		O/C 304E RQ293 1-2-17
	Crime Durrington Camp 29/1/17. Arr. M/W 29/1/17 till 9.20 am 30/1/17. Award 5 days 1P no 2 by Major Cook-Russell. 31/1/17 Dabton. 6 days pay.			NO 9 - 24/2/17 695E R. 964H.
	Pte <u>Crime</u> At sea Troopship A. 20. 15. 11. 16. A. W. S. from 11 pm. 15. 11. 16. till 5. am. 16. 11. 16. Award. 48 hrs. detention by Lt. Col W. J. R. Hutchinson of T. Eng.		19/11/16	Pte 16 995E 21.3.17.
	A. 30. Sig. Pro. of Sea to France in no. 11 Camp Durrington via / Camp 28/6/17.			DO 37E/6767 7.17. 7R 4769.

I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

Statement of Service of No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place	Date	Remarks

Statement of Service of No. 2278 Name Burgess, D.W.

Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
36 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Pte J. A. S. of 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn A. I. 7. from 4 <sup>th</sup> Pte 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn A. I. 7. 6.7.17	France.	6.7.17	D1038/3732/25.7.17
	Pte. Detach from 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn. to Power Sapper course.	Balluel	27/8/17	D/25/5180/2/9/17
	Pte Rejoined unit from Detachment	France	31/8/17	D047/5222/19/9/17

36<sup>th</sup> Bn Accidentally Killed  
 France 15.3.18 B1BL 2392  
 10P 23/3636  
 B1694.  
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Buried  
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2 phot. of grave to Staffin per Base  
 Records Millmanne 20.11.18 Schedule D6

+ Photograph sent to Op. Out. Rec. Office 130 Horse Ferry Rd  
 H. H. 13/6/28

SEE COPY A.F. 5103 ENCLOSED

# Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force

To the Recruiting Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP)

at Dubbo

I, Daniel William Burgess

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS  
Lakes Hotel  
Wellington

Signature DW Burgess

Occupation Cook

Date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

### CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS (For Persons under 21 years of Age)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my <sup>son</sup> <sub>ward</sub> for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

or

Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Age 32 yrs. 6 mos. Height 5 ft. 6 ins

Chest Measurement (fully expanded) —

~~Married.~~ ~~Widower.~~ Single.

37 inches

### PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Decision of Medical Authority  FIT for Active Service  
 UNFIT, for the following reasons:—

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Medical Authority \_\_\_\_\_

I Concur

Place Dubbo

Date \_\_\_\_\_

E. H. Burnett Captain  
Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot

### CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER

I CERTIFY that I have this day ~~provisionally~~ Accepted ~~Rejected~~ this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place Dubbo

Date 7.1.16

Signature W. M. H. Capo  
Recruiting Officer

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## INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) Application forms received by Recruiting Officers will not be handed back again to applicants but will be passed direct to the Medical Practitioner, who will similarly return them to the Recruiting Officer, who will then forward them by post to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot to which recruits are instructed by them to Report.

(2) If an Applicant who has been rejected desires a copy of this certificate, it must be completed in duplicate at the time of Medical Examination, and the word "original" or "duplicate," as the case may be, will appear on top of the respective forms. Both copies will be forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot, where the duplicate will be impressed with the official stamp and then returned to the applicant.

(3) Copies will NOT be made of any certificates of acceptance. The word "Duplicate" will be struck out of such certificates, and they will be sent to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot by post.

(4) Names of accepted applicants who do not report at Central Recruiting Depot within the prescribed time will be forwarded to the Local Recruiting Officer for information.

(5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form such as:— 

Fit	Son	Married	Original
Unfit	Ward	Widower	Duplicate
		Single	

 strike out the words which are not applicable.

(6) Only those persons who fulfil the requirements in all other respects will be examined regarding medical fitness. These requirements may be ascertained by reference to daily newspapers and official posters.

(7) The Central Recruiting Depot to which accepted applicants from various places will be sent for final medical examination will be determined by District Commandants. Recruiting Officers at outlying places will require to issue clear instructions to such applicants informing them where and when to report, and will forward the application forms in time to ensure that they will be in the hands of the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot when the recruit reports for enlistment.

Spaces for identification by means of hand-writing.

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Will

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to Miss Daisy Frances Fleming-Ireland Richmond Villa, Loftus Street Katoomba N S W

Signature Dan W Burgess  
Rank and Unit 2278 Pte 36th Bn A I F  
Date 16/7/17

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Certified to be a true copy of Will extracted from the Pay Book of No.2278 Pte BURGESS.Daniel.William.36th Bn,A.I.F. (Decd)

Checked *D. Burgess*

Cpl

*D. Burgess*  
Cpl  
Estates Branch  
Adm.Hqrs.London.  
19.4.18.



WILL.

Name in full. I, Daniel William Burgess,  
 Permanent Address Formerly of Railway Hotel Wellington N.S.W.  
 Unit. Regimental Number 2278 now serving in 36th Inf Batt  
 of the Australian Imperial Force do hereby revoke all former Wills  
 made by me and declare this to be my last Will.

Name and Address of person or persons to whom it is to go I DEVISE and BEQUEATH all my real and personal estate unto My friend  
Frances Daisy Macdonald of  
135 Rankin Street Bathurst  
New South Wales

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this twentyfifth  
 Fill in Date. day of January 1918  
Dan W. Burgess (Signature).

All alterations to be initialled by Testator and Witnesses. Signed and acknowledged by the said Testator as his last Will and Testament the same having been read over and explained to him, in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

FIRST WITNESS. Signature of Witness Roy B. Murphy  
 Address and Occupation No. 3096 36th Battn A.I.F. (Signaller)

SECOND WITNESS Signature of Witness Chas. J. Burten  
 Address and Occupation Signaller 36th Batt A.I.F. France

- Note.--1.-A witness or wife of witness must not be a person taking any interest under this Will.  
 2.-If soldier has already made a Will he should state on this form where same is.  
 3.-If he has a Will in his Pay Book he should make a new Will on this form.  
 4.-If he does not want to make a Will he should state this fact on this form.

Certified to be a true copy of the Will of No. 2278 Pte BURGESS  
 Daniel William. 36th Battalion.A.I.F.,

Checked.

Cpl.

*Je. Murphy*  
 Cpl.  
 Estates Branch.  
 Adms. Hdqrs.  
 London.  
 8-4-18.

WILL.

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Name in full. I, Daniel William Burgess,

Permanent Address Formerly of Railway Hotel Wellington N.S.W.

Unit. Regimental Number 2278 now serving in 36th Inf Batt  
of the Australian Imperial Force do hereby revoke all former Wills  
made by me and declare this to be my last Will.

Name and Address of person or persons to whom it is to go I DEVISE and BEQUEATH all my real and personal estate unto My friend  
Frances Daisy Macdonald of

135 Renkin Street Bathurst

New South Wales

Fill in Date. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this twentyfifth  
day of January 1918

Dan W. Burgess (Signature).

All alterations to be initialled by Testator and Witnesses. Signed and acknowledged by the said Testator, as his last Will and Testament the same having been read over and explained to him, in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

FIRST WITNESS. Signature of Witness Roy B. Murphy  
Address and Occupation No. 3096 36th Battn A.I.F. (Signaller)

SECOND WITNESS Signature of Witness Chas. J. Burren  
Address and Occupation Signaller 36th Batt A.I.F. France

- Note.--1.-A witness or wife of witness must not be a person taking any interest under this Will.  
2.-If soldier has already made a Will he should state on this form where same is.  
3.-If he has a Will in his Pay Book he should make a new Will on this form.  
4.-If he does not want to make a Will he should state this fact on this form.

Certified to be a true copy of the Will of No. 2278 Pte BURGESS  
Daniel William. 36th Battalion.A.I.F.,

Checked. *[Signature]*

Cpl.

*[Signature]* Cpl.  
Estates Branch.  
Adms. Hdqrs.  
London.  
8-4-18.

# Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force.

To the Recruiting Officer

at Dubbo

(OFFICIAL STAMP)

I, Daniel William Burgess

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS  
Lake's Hotel  
Wellington

(Signed) Signature D. W. Burgess

Occupation Cook

Date 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1916

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant)

## CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS (For Persons under 21 years of Age)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{SON} \\ \text{ward} \end{matrix} \right\}$  for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

or

Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age—32 yrs. 6 mos. Height—5 ft. 6 ins. Chest Measurement (fully expanded)—  
37 inches.  
~~Married.~~ Widower. Single.

## PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Decision of Medical Authority  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{FIT for Active Service} \\ \text{UNFIT, for the following reasons:—} \end{matrix} \right.$

Place Dubbo  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed)

E. H. Burkitt, Capt.

Signature of Medical Authority.

I Concur

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot

## CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day ~~provisionally~~ <sup>Accepted</sup> ~~Rejected~~ this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place Dubbo

Date 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 1916

(Signed) Signature William Ley, Capt.  
Recruiting Officer.

[OVER]

## INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) Application forms received by Recruiting Officers will not be handed back again to applicants but will be passed direct to the Medical Practitioner, who will similarly return them to the Recruiting Officer, who will then forward them by post to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot to which recruits are instructed by them to Report.
- (2) If an Applicant who has been rejected desires a copy of this certificate, it must be completed in duplicate at the time of Medical Examination, and the word "original" or "duplicate," as the case may be, will appear on top of the respective forms. Both copies will be forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot, where the duplicate will be impressed with the official stamp and then returned to the applicant.
- (3) Copies will **NOT** be made of any certificates of acceptance. The word "Duplicate" will be struck out of such certificates, and they will be sent to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot by post.
- (4) Names of accepted applicants who do not report at Central Recruiting Depot within the prescribed time will be forwarded to the Local Recruiting Officer for information.
- (5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form, such as:— 

Fit	Son	Married	Original
Unfit	Ward	Widower	Duplicate
		Single	

 strike out the words which are not applicable.
- (6) Only those persons who fulfil the requirements in all other respects will be examined regarding medical fitness. These requirements may be ascertained by reference to daily newspapers and official posters.
- (7) The Central Recruiting Depot, to which accepted applicants from various places will be sent for final medical examination, will be determined by District Commandants. Recruiting Officers at outlying places will require to issue clear instructions to such applicants, informing them where and when to report, and will forward the application forms in time to insure that they will be in the hands of the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot when the recruit reports for enlistment.

Spaces for identification by means  
of handwriting.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

27 JUN 1918

*R. I. [Signature]*  
Lieut.  
for Officer i/c Records.

*BPM 33/750*

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Army Form A. 2.

PROCEEDINGS of a\* COURT OF ENQUIRY.

\*N.B.—The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

assembled at SURQUES.

The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

on the 20th. day of March 1918.

by order of Commanding Officer 36th.Bn. A.I.F.

for the purpose of enquiring into the circumstances  
surrounding the death of No. 2278. Pte. D.W. Burgess  
36th. Battalion. A.I.F.

PRESIDENT.

Major B.B. Rodd. 33rd. Battalion.

MEMBERS.

Capt. O.J. Tadder. 33rd. Battalion.

Capt. C.E. Prior. 36th. Battalion.

IN ATTENDANCE.

The COURT having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to take evidence. and view the scene where Pte. Burgess met his death:-

*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*

EVIDENCE.

1st. Witness. Lieutenant Geo. Moffit Carson sworn states:-

I saw Sig. Burgess alive at about 2.30 p.m. on the afternoon of the 16th inst. outside the Bn. Q.M.Stores. On the afternoon of the 17th. inst. I identified the corpse in the presence of Capt. Glassford M.C. (the R.M.O) and Lieut. Colyer. I identified the corpse as being that of Pte. Burgess. There was a bullet wound in the abdomen on the right side, otherwise there were no signs of violence.

2nd. Witness. Victoria Specques sworn states:-

I am owner of the Cafe de la Mairie at Hockquinghem. On Friday last 15th. inst. at 6.30 p.m. an Australian soldier came into the estaminet for a drink of wine. A quarter of an hour afterwards he went away returning at 7.30 p.m. and had another drink. At 8 p.m. I told the soldier to go as it was time to close. About three quarters of an hour later someone knocked at the front door. I didn't answer, the person jumped over the gate, knocked at the back door and opened the shutter of the window knocking on the glass. After this he came back to the front and tried to open both windows and door. He went to the back of the house again and broke a window and the lock on the door. I got frightened and went out to get my bother-in-law and sister, closing the door behind me. Shortly after, they came back with me, I took a candle and went out through the back door with my brother-in-law to see who the intruder was. My sister was in the kitchen and she shouted that someone was in the house. I came back into the house with my brother-in-law and recognised the man who was in the estaminet a couple of hours before. I told him that he must pay for the broken window otherwise I must get an officer. He refused, saying "No pay". I told him to go away and tried to push him out. He pushed me back, my brother-in-law was behind me, I called to him for help. He came forward with his stick in his hand and the soldier advanced towards him. My brother-in-law said "Go out, I have a revolver in my pocket and I shall use it if you don't." This was about one yard from the front door, the soldier continued to push my brother-in-law back to the far corner (about 6 yards.) holding by the left arm. My brother-in-law told him many times to go away but to no avail. I heard a shot and saw the soldier fall. I saw a revolver in my brother-in-laws hand. My sister went at once to get the Mayor. The body was left where it fell. My brother-in-law had had no drink and is old (about 62 years) and ill in health. I myself had had no intoxicating drink that night. The soldier made no improper advances to me, and our only conversation was to the effect that my husband was a Prisoner of War, to which he replied "Bon for monsieur, no bon for you". I can see no reason why he should wish to break into the house. My brother-in-law has never suffered from any mental trouble.

3rd. Witness. Louis Foureroy duly sworn states:-

I am Mayor of Hocquinghem. At about 10.p.m. on Friday last I was just going to bed when Madame Jean Baptiste Louis rushed in and told me to come along immediately as the soldier had just been wounded. I went to the estaminet de La Mairie straight away and saw a soldier lying on the floor near the counter in the estaminet, I sent straight away for the Doctor and interpreter at Licques and the gerdarmes at Colemert. I saw M. Jean Baptiste Louis, Mdm. Jean Baptiste Louis and Mdm. Victoria Specques in the room. I did not notice any signs of drink on these people. M. Louis said "I have been assaulted and I had to defend myself, or otherwise he would have killed me"

P.T.O.

I noticed that the windows had been broken, but there were no other signs of any other disturbance.

4th. Witness. Mdm. Jean Baptiste Louis sworn states:-

On Friday 15th. inst. at about 9.30 p.m. I was asleep when I was awakened by my sister who knocked at the window and told me to get up and bring my husband, as a soldier was breaking her windows. We got up and went to my sister's house immediately. My husband and sister took a light and went out through the back door. I stayed behind in the kitchen. I heard someone coming in through the front door and called out that someone was in the house. My husband and sister came back into the house, my sister said "You have broken my windows, you must pay, and go away, or otherwise I shall see your officer to-morrow". The soldier refused to pay saying "No". My sister then told him to go away and tried to push him out, but the soldier pushed her back. Then my sister called to my husband to come to her assistance. My husband was standing near the mantelpiece in the same room with me. My husband went forward with a stick in his left hand and told the soldier to go out. The soldier refused, at the same time coming forward quickly and catching my husband by the left arm, pushed him back across the room, and my husband drew the revolver, repeating many times "I have a revolver and if you don't go out I shall use it" I heard a shot and the soldier fell. My husband was standing up with the revolver in his hand. The soldier was trying to take the revolver from my husband who was much the weaker. The soldier did not appear to be suffering from the effects of drink nor had my husband had any drink whatever. My sister did not show any signs of drink either. I was present when the Mayor arrived, but heard no conversation between him or my husband.

5th. Witness. M. Smith A. sworn states:-

I am interpreter attached to the Area Commandant at Licques at about 11.15 p.m. On the night of the 15th. March 1918 a civilian came from Hocquinghem and asked me to go to the place as an Australian soldier had been shot. On arrival at the Estaminet de la Mairie I found an Australian soldier lying in the Estaminet and he appeared to be dead, but I saw no signs of any wound. I took his paybook and identity disc, his particulars were "No 2278. Sig. Burgess D. Headquarters, 36th. Bn. A.I.F.". I saw no signs of liquor on the soldier, or Madame Martinant (which name the proprietress of the Estaminet gave me) nor on M. Jean Baptiste Louis. The doctor in Licques had been called at the same time as I was, but he did not attend and I have reported this matter.

6th. Witness. Capt. Eric Gordon Glassford M.C. sworn states:-

On March 15th. I examined the body of Sig. Burgess at Huquemberg. He had been dead sometime and in my opinion death was due to the effects of a bullet wound of the abdomen. No other marks of violence were visible.

Question. Would Burgess have remained alive for any length of time after being shot?

Answer. Yes. anything from a few moments to some hours pending upon whether a vital artery was injured. I cannot state definitely how long he could have lived as there was no autopsy, but I consider that death was not instantaneous and that deceased probably lived for an hour or even longer after the bullet had entered. The position of the wound was below the naval to the right side slightly of the midline and its entry was from the front.

Question. What signs of any liquor?

(3)

Answer. No smell of liquor and I did not notice anything else suggestive of excessive liquor drinking about him.

R E P O R T.

In the opinion of the Court No. 2278. Signaller D Burgess of Headquarters, 36th.Bn. A.I.F. died shortly after 9.30 p.m. on the night of 15th.March, 1918 that death was caused by revolver bullet wound in the abdomen received at the hands of M. Jean Baptiste Louis during a struggle subsequent on the entry of Burgess into the Estaminet belonging to M. Louis's sister in law, a previous attempt had been made by Burgess to forcibly enter the Estaminet. There is no evidence to show Burgess's motive for entering the Estaminet, nor is there evidence of excessive drinking on either his part or on any of those present during the disturbance.

(Sgd) B.B. Rodd. Major.  
PRESIDENT.

(Sgd) O.J. Tedder. Capt. )  
(Sgd) C.E. Prior. Capt. ) MEMBERS.

P.T.O.



A.A. and O.M.G.

3rd. Australian Division.

A.P.M. Australian Corps (for information)

Fatal shooting affair at Hucquinghem on 15th. March. 18.

In connection with the above I have to report having visited Hucquinghem this morning and investigated the case I append hereunder the result of my enquiries.

Madame Martinet Victoria, aged 37, keeper of an Estaminet there named Cafe de la Mairie informed me that a soldier visited the estaminet last night at 6.30 p.m. and again at 7.30 p.m. On each occasion having a glass of wine. He left at 8 p.m. and about 9.30 p.m. as Madame was undressing someone knocked several times at the front door and then went to the back door. After knocking there several times the man broke the glass in the door and endeavoured to enter. Madame then becoming terrified ran out of the front door across the street and called her brother in law Louis Jean Baptist Age 61. who returned to the Estaminet with her, armed with a loaded revolver and stick. They searched at the back of the house for the intruder with a lantern, but failed to find him. On returning to the house they found an Australian Soldier whom Madame identified as being the same man who had visited the Estaminet at 6.30 and 7.30 that night. They remonstrated with him for breaking the windows and asked him to pay for the damage done. He refused and was then ordered by M. Baptiste to leave the house. It was then near 10.30 p.m. The soldier refused to leave and pushed M. into the corner, seizing him by the wrist, Monsieur warned him that he would shoot if he did not desist and flourished the revolver. The soldier paid no heed to those warnings and M. Baptiste being then afraid that the soldier would do him bodily harm fired the revolver. The soldier then fell to the floor and it was seen that he was badly wounded. A French Doctor, the Mayor of Licoques was immediately sent for but he refused to attend. The soldier died about an hour afterwards I examined the body and found that the soldier had evidently been shot in the groin. From his effects and identity disc I took his particulars as follows:- "No 2278. Sig. Burgess D. 36th. Bn. A.I.F.". He was identified as being Burgess by Mjr. Mc. Dowell, 36th. Bn. who accompanied me at the time I interviewed M. Louis Jean Baptiste who candidly admitted that he had shot the soldier in self defence. Baptiste was at that time under close arrest with the French Gendarmerie Nationale from Colombert who stated they would take all necessary steps regarding him. I examined the Estaminet premises and found the window and back door were broken also foot marks of the side gateway where the soldier had evidently climbed over in going to the back of the house. I arranged with the 36th. Battalion Medical Officer to examine the body and forward his report on as early as possible. Arrangements were also made with Bn. for the removal and burial of the body after the Doctor's examination had taken place. I have no reason to doubt the statement of Madame Martinet or M. Baptiste. Burgess was both outside his billeting area and the Divisional Area at the time and was in the act of committing an offence against an inhabitant of the country in which he was serving when he met his death, which he deserved no one being to blame but himself.

(Sgd) J. Watson Colpitts Capt.  
Ass. Provost Marshal,  
3rd. Aust. Division.

**REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES.**

*To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this form.*

1. Number, Rank, Name, and Unit of injured man.	2278. Pte. D.W. BURGESS	Date of Casualty.
	36th. Battalion.	Night of 16/17 March 1916.

2. Nature, Location, and Severity of injury. (N.B. Field Ambulance to be notified at once if wound is believed to be self-inflicted.)

3. Short statement of the circumstances of the case. (Signed statements of witnesses to be attached to this form.)

On the night of 16/17 March. Pte. Burgess was absent from his billet without leave. It was stated in evidence given before a court of Enquiry that he forced his entry into an Estaminet and refused to leave. He is said to have offered no violence he was told to leave by a man representing the proprietor who subsequently shot Burgess who refused to leave. Proceedings of Court of Enquiry have been sent through the usual channel.

4. Commanding officer's opinion as to whether the man was:—

(a) In the performance of military duty. **No.**

(b) To blame. **Yes. Absent without leave.**

(c) Whether any other person was to blame. **Yes. A civilian who shot him. vide proceedings of C. of E.**

Date 3rd April 1918.

(Sgd) J.A. Milne. Lt. Col.  
Commanding 35th. Bn

5. (a) Opinion of G.O.C. Brigade. **No Military action possible.**

(b) Disciplinary action taken or proposed, whether against injured man or another. **Action being taken by civil authorities.**

Date 4.4.18.

(Sgd) Chas. Rosenthal. B.G.  
Commanding 9th. A. Brigade.

[Continued Overleaf.]

6. To Fourth. Army "A." **Casualty Report in 36th.Bn.A.I.B:2**  
Forwarded with reference to my ~~Casualty Wire No.~~ \_\_\_\_\_ dated week ended 23.3.18

(Sgd) R. Jackson. Lt. Col.  
for Major General.

Date 8th. April 1918.

G.O.C. 3rd. A. Division.

7. To D. A. G.,  
G. H. Q., 3rd Echelon.

A.W.9219.

Forwarded for record. This casualty should be reported as Killed accidentally

(Sgd) A.T. Crosthwaite. Capt  
for G.O.C.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth. Army.

### INSTRUCTIONS.

1. These forms are to be completed in all cases of accidental or self-inflicted injuries, involving a soldier's absence from duty, whether due to the man's own act, or that of a comrade, or to other extraneous circumstances.

2. Where several casualties occur as the result of one accident, one form is to be completed for each Officer or other rank injured, but only one set of statements from the witnesses of the accident need be attached.

3. Full statements are to be taken by an Officer from the witnesses of the accident. These statements will be signed by the witnesses making them, and by the Officer who takes them, and will be forwarded with this Form. Where it is intended to take disciplinary action, copies of these statements should be retained by the Unit for use in lieu of a summary of evidence.

4. Where it is possible to obtain it, a statement from the injured man will also be forwarded. This, however, should not be used as evidence against him in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

#### Special Instructions as to Evidence in Cases of Self-Inflicted Wounds.

5. In these cases the statements mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above should bring out all material points, *e.g.*, statements to the effect that the witness was with the accused standing on the fire step (or sitting in a dug-out); that the accused was cleaning his rifle; position of safety catch, magazine, etc., if known; muzzle of rifle on toe of foot; hand on muzzle; that accused pulled trigger; that the rifle was afterwards examined and an empty cartridge case was found in chamber; that accused was seen to be wounded; what accused said ("I have shot myself," "I did not know it was loaded," etc.).

6. A soldier is specially trained in the safe use of his rifle and revolver, and evidence of any neglect of the ordinary precautions as to their handling in such cases usually has considerable bearing on the question of negligence. In cases of wilful self-wounding the fullest possible evidence should be obtained; unless the evidence is conclusive this charge should not be used. The charge will therefore usually be laid under sec. 40 Army Act—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in wounding himself through negligently handling a rifle," and an alternative charge to this effect should be made, even if the accused is to be tried under section 18 for wilful maiming.

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Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number  
2278

**Casualty Form Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps **4th / 36th Battalion, A.I.F.**

Rank **Private** Surname **BURGESS** Christian Name **Daniel William**

Religion ..... Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months

Enlisted (a) **6.1.16.** Terms of Service (a) **War & 4 mos.** Service reckons from (a) **6.1.16.**

Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....

Extended { ..... } Re-engaged { ..... }  
Qualification (b) **Signaller**  
or Corps Trade and rate .....

Occupation ..... Signature of Officer .....

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
	From whom received					
20.11.16.	T.O.35A.	O.C. Troops A.30.BORDA	Embarked Disembarked	Sydney Plymouth	17.10.16. 9.1.17.	S.O.5. S056.
21.1.17.	9th Tng.Bn.	CRIME: A.W.L. from 11pm 15.11.16. to AT SEA 5am 16.11.16. AWARD. 48 hours detention by OCTroops Total forfeiture; 3 days pay. M/In from O/Seas	ENGLAND	20.1.17.	D05/9239E.	ER9644.
4.2.17.	-do- B2069.	CRIME: Durrington. A.W.L. from M/Night -do- 29.1.17. to 9-20am 30.1.17. AWARD: 5 days FP. No.2 by Major A.C. Russell Total forfeiture: 6 days pay.	ENGLAND	20.1.17.	D09E.	D016E.
28.6.17.	-do-	Proceeded O/S France	S Hampton	28.6.17.	IR4789.D037E	
30.6.17.	3 A.D.B.D.	M/In from England	Rouelles	29.6.17.	AK1476/19.	
7.7.17.	-do-	M/Out to Unit	-do-	4.7.17.	AK1476/49.	
12.7.17.	CO. 36th Bn.	Taken on Strength	Belgium	6.7.17.	C9/33.D038/3732	
30.8.17.	-do-	Detached to P.B.Course	France	27.8.17.	C9/40. D045/5153	
8.9.17.	-do-	Rejoined Battalion	-do-	31.8.17.	C9/41. D046/5422	
22.9.17.	-do-	Detached to Sig.Course	-do-	18.9.17.	C9/43.	
13.10.17.	-do-	Rejoined Battalion.	-do-	30.9.17.	C9/46.	

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into, Section T, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) Signaller, Shooting-Smith, &c.  
W. 4645. M2733 2000w. 9/17 (6551) A. T. & S., Ltd., Form B. 103 B.1697. F.T.O.



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Will

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to Miss Daisy Frances Fleming-Ireland Richmond Villa, Loftus Street Katoomba N S W

Signature Dan W Burgess  
Rank and Unit 2278 Pte 36th Bn A I F  
Date 16/7/17

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Certified to be a true copy of Will extracted from the Pay Book of No.2278 Pte BURGESS.Daniel.William.36th Bn,A.I.F. (Decd)

Checked *[Signature]*

Cpl

*[Signature]*  
Cpl  
Estates Branch  
Adm.Hqrs.London.  
19.4.18.

IWD  
**Australian Imperial Force.**



110 GREYHOUND ROAD,  
HAMMERSMITH, LONDON,  
W. 6.  
TELEPHONES-- HAMMERSMITH 1900, 1901.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS-- "AIFKITS."

KIT STORE.

Inventory of Effects of- 2278 Burgess.D.W. 36th Btn.A.I.F.

Forwarded to- Legatee, Friend.  
Frances Daisy MacDonald,  
135, Rankin Street,  
Bathurst,  
N.S.W.

Effects.

Ex 3rd Echelon, France. 5.6.18. (3/1474).  
3/1474:--  
2 Discs, 2 Wallets, Photos, Cards, 2 Religious  
medallions, Boomerang charm, Signaller's certificate.

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NAAC: B27455, BURGESS D W

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**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late No. 2278 Private D. W. Burgess, 36th Battalion, consigned to me. ex "Australorag" D/S 37099

No.	Description, Package.	Signature	Date
1	2 discs & wallet Photos, cards. 2 religious medals Boomerang Charm, Signaller's certificate	Frances Daisy Oswald	6/1/1919



NOTE: This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.

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National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BURGESS D W



BURGESS	Daniel William (Pte)	2278	4/36th Bn.
Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.			
Embarked at Sydney per "Borda", on 17/10/16.			
20/1/17 Marched in to 9th Tng Bn No11 Durrington Camp from Aust.			
29/1/17 A.W.I. 31/1/17 Award. 5 days F.P.No.2. T.F. 6 days pay. Ldn. 9/3-17			
15/11/16 Crime At. sea. 16/11/16 A.W.I. 19/11/16 Award. 48 hrs. Ldn. 16/2/-17			
28/6/17. Proceeded O/S to France ex 11th Camp Durrington via Southampton (sts Sig.) ION 37/5-17			
6/7/17 T.O.S. of 36th BNAIF from 4th Rfs/ 36th BN. AIF BEFO38/1-17			
27/8/17 Detached from 36th <del>BNAIF</del> Bn. to Power Buzzer Course			
BAILLEUL BEFO 15/4-17			
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NAA: B2455, BURGESS D W			

PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
32/8/17 Rej. Bn from detachment.	BEEFO 46/6-17
15/3/18 Killed Accidently Buried Escouailles Churchyard Calais DGRE LS 5/6	BEEFO 23/1-18 L.M. 44/2-18

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NAA: B2455, BURGESS D W

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I saw Sig. Burgess alive at about 2.30 p.m. on the afternoon of the 16th inst. outside the Bn. Q.M.Stores. On the afternoon of the 17th. inst. I identified the corpse in the presence of Capt. Glassford M.C. (the R.M.O) and Lieut. Colyer. I identified the corpse as being that of Pte. Burgess. There was a bullet wound in the abdomen on the right side, otherwise there were no signs of violence.

2nd. Witness. Victoria Specques sworn states:-

I am owner of the Cafe de la Mairie at Hockquinghem. On Friday last 15th. inst. at 6.30 p.m. an Australian soldier came into the estaminet for a drink of wine. A quarter of an hour afterwards he went away returning at 7.30 p.m. and had another drink. At 8 p.m. I told the soldier to go as it was time to close. About three quarters of an hour later someone knocked at the front door. I didn't answer, the person jumped over the gate, knocked at the back door and opened the shutter of the window knocking on the glass. After this he came back to the front and tried to open both windows and door. He went to the back of the house again and broke a window and the lock on the door. I got frightened and went out to get my bother-in-law and sister, closing the door behind me. Shortly after, they came back with me, I took a candle and went out through the back door with my brother-in-law to see who the intruder was. My sister was in the kitchen and she shouted that someone was in the house. I came back into the house with my brother-in-law and recognised the man who was in the estaminet a couple of hours before. I told him that he must pay for the broken window otherwise I must get an officer. He refused, saying "No pay". I told him to go away and tried to push him out. He pushed me back, my brother-in-law was behind me, I called to him for help. He came forward with his stick in his hand and the soldier advanced towards him. My brother-in-law said "Go out, I have a revolver in my pocket and I shall use it if you don't." This was about one yard from the front door, the soldier continued to push my brother-in-law back to the far corner (about 6 yards.) holding by the left arm. My brother-in-law told him many times to go away but to no avail. I heard a shot and saw the soldier fall. I saw a revolver in my brother-in-law's hand. My sister went at once to get the Mayor. The body was left where it fell. My brother-in-law had had no drink and is old (about 62 years) and ill in health. I myself had had no intoxicating drink that night. The soldier made no improper advances to me, and our only conversation was to the effect that my husband was a Prisoner of War, to which he replied "Bon for monsieur, no bon for you". I can see no reason why he should wish to break into the house. My brother-in-law has never suffered from any mental trouble.

3rd. Witness. Louis Fourcroy duly sworn states:-

I am Major of Hockquinghem. At about 10.p.m. on Friday last I was just going to bed when Madame Jean Baptiste Louis rushed in and told me to come along immediately as the soldier had just been wounded. I went to the estaminet de La Mairie straight away and saw a soldier lying on the floor near the counter in the estaminet, I sent straight away for the Doctor and interpreter at Lieques and the gerdarmes at Colemert. I saw M. Jean Baptiste Louis, Mdm. Jean Baptiste Louis and Mdm. Victoria Specques in the room. I did not notice any signs of drink on these people. M. Louis said "I have been assaulted and I had to defend myself, or otherwise he would have killed me"

P.T.O.

I noticed that the windows had been broken, but there were no other signs of any other disturbance.

4th. Witness. Mdm. Jean Baptiste Louis sworn states:-

On Friday 15th. inst. at about 9.30 p.m. I was asleep when I was awakened by my sister who knocked at the window and told me to get up and bring my husband, as a soldier was breaking her windows. We got up and went to my sisters house immediately. My husband and sister took a light and went out through the back door. I stayed behind in the kitchen. I heard someone coming in through the front door and called out that someone was in the house. My husband and sister came back into the house, my sister said "You have broken my windows, you must pay, and go away, or otherwise I shall see your officer to-morrow". The soldier refused to pay saying "No". My sister then told him to go away and tried to push him out, but the soldier pushed her back. Then my sister called to my husband to come to her assistance. My husband was standing near the mantelpiece in the same room with me. My husband went forward with a stick in his left hand and told the soldier to go out. The soldier refused, at the same time coming forward quickly and catching my husband by the left arm, pushed him back across the room, and my husband drew the revolver, repeating many times "I have a revolver and if you don't go out I shall use it" I heard a shot and the soldier fell. My husband was standing up with the revolver in his hand. The soldier was trying to take the revolver from my husband who was much the weaker. The soldier did not appear to be suffering from the effects of drink nor had my husband had any drink whatever. My sister did not show any signs of drink either. I was present when the Mayor arrived, but heard no conversation between him or my husband.

5th. Witness. M. Smith A. sworn states:-

I am interpreter attached to the Area Commandant at Licques at about 11.15 p.m. On the night of the 15th. March 1918 a civilian came from Hocquinghem and asked me to go to the place as an Australian soldier had been shot. On arrival at the Estaminet de la Mairie I found an Australian soldier lying in the Estaminet and he appeared to be dead, but I saw no signs of any wound., I took his paybook and identity disc, his particulars were "No 2278. Sig. Burgess D. Headquarters, 36th. Bn. A.I.F.". I saw no signs of liquor on the soldier, or Madame Martinant (which name the proprietress of the Estaminet gave me) nor on M. Jean Baptiste Louis. The doctor in Licques had been called at the same time as I was, but he did not attend and I have reported this matter.

6th. Witness. Capt. Eric Gordon Glassford M.C. sworn states:-

On March 15th. I examined the body of Sig. Burgess at Huquemberg. He had been dead sometime and in my opinion death was due to the effects of a bullet wound of the abdomen. No other marks of violence were visible.

Question. Would Burgess have remained alive for any length of time after being shot?

Answer. Yes. anything from a few moments to some hours pending upon whether a vital artery was injured. I cannot state definitely how long he could have lived as there was no autopsy, but I consider that death was not instantaneous and that deceased probably lived for an hour or even longer after the bullet had entered. The position of the wound was below the naval to the right side slightly of the midline and its entry was from the front.

Question. What signs of any liquor?

(3)

Answer. No smell of liquor and I did not notice anything else suggestive of excessive liquor drinking about him.

R E P O R T.

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In the opinion of the Court No. 2278. Signaller D Burgess of Headquarters, 36th.Bn. A.I.F. died shortly after 9.30 p.m. on the night of 15th.March, .1918 that death was caused by revolver bullet wound in the abdomen received at the hands of M. Jean Baptiste Louis during a struggle subsequent on the entry of Burgess into the Estaminet belonging to M. Louis's sister in law, a previous attempt had been made by Burgess to forcibly enter the Estaminet. There is no evidence to show Burgess's motive for entering the Estaminet, nor is there evidence of excessive drinking on either his part or on any of those present during the disturbance.

(Sgd) B.B. Rodd. Major.  
PRESIDENT.

(Sgd) O.J. Tedder. Capt. )  
(Sgd) C.E. Prior. Capt. ) MEMBERS.

P.T.O.

A.A. and C.M.G.

3rd. Australian Division.

A.P.M. Australian Corps (for information)

Fatal shooting affair at Hucquinghem on 15th. March. 18.

In connection with the above I have to report having visited Hucquinghem this morning and investigated the case I append hereunder the result of my enquiries.

Madame Martinet Victoria, aged 37, keeper of an Estaminet there named Cafe de la Mairie informed me that a soldier visited the estaminet last night at 6.30 p.m. and again at 7.30 p.m. On each occasion having a glass of wine. He left at 8.p.m. and about 9.30 p.m. as Madame was undressing someone knocked several times at the front door and then went to the back door. After knocking there several times the man broke the glass in the door and endeavoured to enter. Madame then becoming terrified ran out of the front door across the street and called her brother in law Louis Jean Baptist Age 61. who returned to the Estaminet with her, armed with a loaded revolver and stick. They searched at the back of the house for the intruder with a lantern, but failed to find him. On returning to the house they found an Australian Soldier whom Madame identified as being the same man who had visited the Estaminet at 6.30 and 7.30 that night. They remonstrated with him for breaking the windows and asked him to pay for the damage done. He refused and was then ordered by M. Baptiste to leave the house. It was then near 10.30 p.m. The soldier refused to leave and pushed M. into the corner, seizing him by the wrist, Monsieur warned him that he would shoot if he did not desist and flourished the revolver. The soldier paid no heed to those warnings and M. Baptiste being then afraid that the soldier would do him bodily harm fired the revolver. The soldier then fell to the floor and it was seen that he was badly wounded. A French Doctor, the Mayor of Licoques was immediately sent for but he refused to attend. The soldier died about an hour afterwards I examined the body and found that the soldier had evidently been shot in the groin. From his effects and identity disc I took his particulars as follows:- "No 2278. Sig. Burgess D. 36th. Bn. A.I.F". He was identified as being Burgess by Mjr. Mc. Dowell, 36th. Bn. who accompanied me at the time I interviewed M. Louis Jean Baptiste who candidly admitted that he had shot the soldier in self defence. Baptiste was at that time under close arrest with the French Gendarmerie Nationale from Colombert who stated they would take all necessary steps regarding him. I examined the Estaminet premises and found the window and back door were broken also foot marks of the side gate where the soldier had evidently climbed over in going to the back of the house. I arranged with the 36th. Battalion Medical Officer to examine the body and forward his report on as early as possible. Arrangements were also made with Bn. for the removal and burial of the body after the Doctor's examination had taken place. I have no reason to doubt the statement of Madame Martinet or M. Baptiste. Burgess was both outside his billeting area and the Divisional Area at the time and was in the act of committing an offence against an inhabitant of the country in which he was serving when he met his death, which he deserved no one being to blame but himself.

(Sgd) J. Watson Colpitts Capt.  
Ass. Provost Marshall  
3rd. Aust. Division.

**REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES.**

*To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this form.*

1. Number, Rank, Name, and Unit of injured man.	2278. Pte. D.W. BURGESS 36th. Battalion.	Date of Casualty. Night of 16/17 March 1916.
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2. Nature, Location, and Severity of injury. (N.B. Field Ambulance to be notified at once if wound is believed to be self-inflicted.)

3. Short statement of the circumstances of the case. (Signed statements of witnesses to be attached to this form.)

On the night of 16/17 March, Pte. Burgess was absent from his billet without leave. It was stated in evidence given before a court of Enquiry that he forced his entry into an Estaminet and refused to leave. He is said to have offered no violence he was told to leave by a man representing the proprietor who subsequently shot Burgess who refused to leave. Proceedings of Court of Enquiry have been sent through the usual channel.

4. Commanding officer's opinion as to whether the man was:—

(a) In the performance of military duty. No.  
Yes. Absent without leave.

(b) To blame. No.

(c) Whether any other person was to blame. Yes. A civilian who shot him. vide proceedings of C. of E.

(Sgd) J.A. Milne, Lt. Col.  
36th. Bn  
Commanding

Date 3rd April 1918.

5. (a) Opinion of G.O.C. Brigade. No Military action possible.

(b) Disciplinary action taken or proposed, whether against injured man or another. Action being taken by civil authorities.

(Sgd) Chas. Rosenthal. B.G.  
9th. A. I  
Commanding Brigade.

Date 4.4.18.

[Continued Overleaf.]

6. To Fourth. Army "A." **Casualty Report in 36th. Bn. A.I.B. 213**  
Forwarded with reference to my Casualty Wire No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ week ended 23.3.18

(Sgd) R. Jackson. Lt. Col.  
for Major General.  
G.O.C. 3rd. A. Division.

Date 8th. April 1918.

A.W. 9219.

7. To D. A. G.,  
G. H. Q., 3rd Echelon.

Forwarded for record. This casualty should be reported as Killed accidentally

(Sgd) A. T. Crosthwaite. Capt  
for G.O.C.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth. Army.

### INSTRUCTIONS.

1. These forms are to be completed in all cases of accidental or self-inflicted injuries, involving a soldier's absence from duty, whether due to the man's own act, or that of a comrade, or to other extraneous circumstances.

2. Where several casualties occur as the result of one accident, one form is to be completed for each Officer or other rank injured, but only one set of statements from the witnesses of the accident need be attached.

3. Full statements are to be taken by an Officer from the witnesses of the accident. These statements will be signed by the witnesses making them, and by the Officer who takes them, and will be forwarded with this Form. Where it is intended to take disciplinary action, copies of these statements should be retained by the Unit for use in lieu of a summary of evidence.

4. Where it is possible to obtain it, a statement from the injured man will also be forwarded. This, however, should not be used as evidence against him in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

#### Special Instructions as to Evidence in Cases of Self-Inflicted Wounds.

5. In these cases the statements mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above should bring out all material points, *e.g.*, statements to the effect that the witness was with the accused standing on the fire step (or sitting in a dug-out); that the accused was cleaning his rifle; position of safety catch, magazine, etc., if known; muzzle of rifle on toe of foot; hand on muzzle; that accused pulled trigger; that the rifle was afterwards examined and an empty cartridge case was found in chamber; that accused was seen to be wounded; what accused said ("I have shot myself," "I did not know it was loaded," etc.).

6. A soldier is specially trained in the safe use of his rifle and revolver, and evidence of any neglect of the ordinary precautions as to their handling in such cases usually has considerable bearing on the question of negligence. In cases of wilful self-wounding the fullest possible evidence should be obtained; unless the evidence is conclusive this charge should not be used. The charge will therefore usually be laid under sec. 40 Army Act—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in wounding himself through negligently handling a rifle," and an alternative charge to this effect should be made, even if the accused is to be tried under section 18 for wilful maiming.

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

27 JUN 1918

*Burgess*

*L. H. Spence*  
Lieut.  
for Officer i/c Records.

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Army Form A. 2.

PROCEEDINGS of a\* \_\_\_\_\_  
COURT OF ENQUIRY.

\*N.B.—The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

assembled at \_\_\_\_\_  
SURQUES.

The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

on the \_\_\_\_\_  
20th. day of March 1918.

by order of \_\_\_\_\_  
Commanding Officer 36th. Bn. A.I.F.

for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_  
enquiring into the circumstances  
surrounding the death of No. 2278. Pte. D.W. Burgess  
36th. Battalion. A.I.F.

PRESIDENT.

~~Major B.B. Rodd. 33rd. Battalion.~~

MEMBERS.

Capt. O.J. Tadder. 33rd. Battalion.

Capt. C.E. Prior. 36th. Battalion.

IN ATTENDANCE.

The \_\_\_\_\_  
COURT

having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to  
take evidence, and view the scene where Pte. Burgess met  
his death:-

**PARTICULARS REQUIRED—**

**FOR INSCRIPTIONS ON WAR GRAVES.  
FOR THE NATION'S HISTORIES.  
FOR THE ROLL OF HONOUR OF AUSTRALIA.**

**A**

*Write Clearly.*

**INSCRIPTIONS ON WAR GRAVES.**

1. According to the Official Records, the particulars to be inscribed on the Headstone (or Collective Memorial where the soldier's remains have not been discovered) are as follow. Please correct if necessary:—

DEW. PARTICULARS.	CORRECTIONS.
Regimental Number and Rank <u>No. 2278 Pte.</u>	
Name (in full) <u>BURGESS, Daniel William</u>	
Honours and Decorations	
Unit <u>36th Bn.</u>	
Date of Death <u>15.3.18</u>	
2. Nature of Death <u>Killed Accidentally</u>	
3. Next of Kin <u>Mrs. M. Robinson (Friend)</u>	
4. Age at Date of Death	
5. Parentage—	} To be stated by Applicant.
Name of Father	
Name of Mother	
6. Native Place of Soldier	
7. Do you desire the Christian Cross to be inscribed on the Headstone or not?	
8. In the case of those of Jewish faith, the Star of David will be inscribed if so desired    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...	
9. Personal Inscription— <u>I desire a Personal Inscription as follows, and agree to pay the cost when required:—</u>	

NOTE.—The inscription is limited to 66 letters less the number of spaces between words, each space counting as a letter.

*Signature of Applicant*

*Relationship to Soldier*

*Address*

**Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.**

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier
2. Unit and Number (if known)
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—  
    Town (if any)                      District                      State
4. What was his Birthplace
5. Date of Death
6. Place where Killed or Wounded

**Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.**

1. What was his Calling
2. Age at time of Death
3. What was his School
4. What was his other Training
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—  
    Name  
    Relationship to Soldier  
    Address
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—  
    Name  
    Address

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

O. H. M. S.

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Regulation 109.

Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

DEW.  
No. 2278 Pte.  
BURGESS, Daniel William  
6th Bn.  
15-3-18  
Killed Accidentally  
Mrs. M. Robinson (Friend)

H'qrs 2nd D.B. requested to furnish address of N.O.K.  
M.45/1309 24.2.22. VL.

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In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear . . .

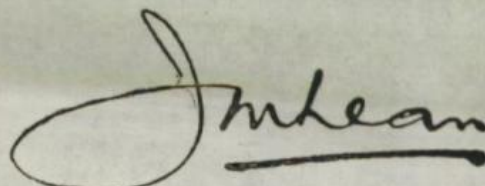
I am in receipt of  
which was awarded to the late

, and shall be glad to  
learn at YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE whether you desire this  
decoration to be handed to you publicly on the first suitable  
occasion, or whether you would prefer it to be transmitted  
to you direct from this office.

The public presentation could possibly be arranged  
to fit in with some local function in your district.

Thanking you in anticipation of the favour of an  
early reply, in order that the necessary arrangements may  
be made.

Yours faithfully,

 Major,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

C.7675.

DC.

10th June 1922.

Deputy Commissioner,  
Department of Repatriation,  
Chalmers Street,

S Y D N E Y. N.S.W.

I understand that the War Gratuity in connexion with the late No. 2278 Private Daniel William BURGESS, 30th Battalion, has been paid to you in trust for the late soldier's ex-nuptial son, and I shall be obliged if you will advise me whether you consider the child's custodian a fit and proper person to receive the War Medals, etc., issuable on account of deceased's service. If not, I shall be glad to learn whether your Department would care to undertake the custody of these items until such time as the child reaches an age of discretion.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,"  
AND QUOTE—

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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(8 LINES.)

DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION,  
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

CHALMERS ST.

SYDNEY. 27<sup>th</sup> June, 19 22.MEMORANDUM for:-

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

Re 2278 D.W BURGESS, 36th Btn. (Decd.)

In answer to your memorandum DC. of  
10th June in connection with the Medals of the above-  
mentioned deceased soldier, as far as my investigations  
go, I see no reason why the child's custodian,  
Miss D.F MacDonald, "Na Voka", Park Road, Auburn, N.S.W.,  
should not be the trustee of the items until such time as  
he reaches an age of discretion.

*L. St. Gordon.*  
A/Deputy Commissioner.

JUN 22 1922  
RECEIVED  
*Miss Blane*

*Miss Blane*  
*30/6*

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,"  
AND QUOTE

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION.

STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

CHALMERS ST.,

SYDNEY 31st March, 1922.

Miss D. F. McDonald,  
"Na-Voka"  
Park Road,  
AUBURN.

Dear Madam,

Re Ex.No. 2278. Sig. D.W. BURGESS, 36th Bn.  
(Deceased.)

Further to your interview with one of  
my Officers in connection with the child of the above-named  
ex-soldier, I regret I have been unable to obtain very much  
further information in connection with the next of kin of the  
child's late Father, but I have received the names of two  
persons who are supposed to be in possession of this  
information, and I will have this matter further investigated  
and let you know the result at a later date.

CASE RECORDS  
AUG 12 1922  
RECEIVED

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Law  
Deputy Commissioner.

I went & saw Mr Wacker  
of the Account Section Re this  
letter. & as far as he can  
find out from these two  
persons mentioned here  
that squelcher <sup>to</sup> Burgess 26<sup>th</sup> 2278. <sup>is</sup> his only  
father & mother are both dead & I know  
of no other blood relations living.  
I have done all in my power to try  
& trace them & all I can learn is that  
they are dead.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, <sup>(1)</sup> *Georgina Frances Macdonald Ireland*  
*known as*  
(Miss) D. E. MacDonald, of  
*"Na Voka" Park Road Auburn,*  
*Darmania Brook York Sydney.*  
"Na Voka", Park Road, Auburn, N. S. W., do solemnly and sincerely

(1) Here insert name, address, and occupation of person making the declaration.

(2) Here insert matter declared to be true in numbered paragraphs.

declare <sup>(2)</sup> ~~that I will undertake to preserve with due care~~  
on behalf of Master *David William Burgess. Ireland*  
any War Medals or other items given into my custody on  
account of the service of the late No. 2273 Private Daniel  
William BURGESS, 36th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force,  
and to produce them to the Department at any time upon  
receipt of its demand in writing.

*War Medals etc to Son (Trustee Mrs G.F. MacDonald)*  
*Officer i/c Base Records*  
*J.M. Major*  
*1977*

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1911* conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

(3) Signature of person making the declaration.

*Georgina Frances. Ireland.*  
*known as*  
*David Frances Macdonald.*

Declared at *Sydney* the  
*9* day of *July* 19*42*, before me,

(4) Signature of person before whom the declaration is made.

*Rep: A. Mosham J.P.*  
*9. Croydon St*  
*Petersham*

(5) Here insert title of person before whom the declaration is made.

*Mrs Gardiner*  
*1578*  
*P. 1942*

NOTE.—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.

Z.202/7.20.—C.2941.—20M.

A.

Being unable to attend in person, I hereby authorize  
my behalf. *Abby Mother* to collect the Memorial Plaque on  
*Moro Macdonald*

Date *Feb 17 / 23*

Signature *Sarah Frances Macdonald*  
*Trusted to Q.W. Burges.*

They are to be sent to Base Records.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No 41668

Signature *Sarah Macdonald*

Witness *W. Hooper*

Date *2 - 23*

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When both these forms are used

No 2278 96 S. W. Burgess 36 Bhs

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RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL, & BRITISH WAR MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, (one Victory Medal in connexion with the late (one British War Medal,

No. 2278 Pte. D. W. BURGESS, 36th En..

Signature

*Laisy Frances MacDonald*

Date

*Sep 29/9/22.*

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.



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NAA: B2455, BURGESS D W.



# IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,

82, Baker Street, London, W. 1,  
England.

S. BANGTORBY BUNDBB.  
BREAT SMITH STREET,  
WESTMINSTER  
Tel. VICTORIA 8340.

Date.....

## THE WAR GRAVES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

### CEMETERY REGISTERS AND MEMORIAL REGISTERS.

The Register recording the names and particulars of those members of the British Expeditionary Forces who died in His Majesty's service during the Great War and are buried in the Cemetery (or whose names are commemorated on the Memorial) mentioned overleaf has been published. It will be the final official record of the War Graves in this Cemetery and copies will be deposited in all the Statutory Libraries of the British Empire for permanent custody.

The Registers contain a full description of the Cemeteries, their history, and directions for reaching them. Maps show the position of the Cemeteries in relation to the surrounding country and plans show the location of the graves.

The names, ranks and other particulars of the Dead have been compiled from information furnished by the Naval and Military Record Offices and the next-of-kin. A proof slip of the entry in which you are interested is attached to the form opposite; corrections shown in pencil on the left hand side of it will be included in the Register. The number shown on the right hand side is the reference to the entry and will not be included.

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# Military Forces of the Commonwealth

## Medical History of

Surname Burgess

Christian Name Daniel William

Examined { on July day of 1916  
 at Rutherford  
 Birthplace { Parish Sydney  
 Country N.S.W.  
 Declared Age 32 1/2  
 Trade or Occupation book  
 Height 5 feet 6 inches  
 Weight 136 lbs.  
 Chest Measurements { Minimum 35 inches  
 Maximum Expansion 37 inches  
 Physical Development Good.  
 Small Pox Marks \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left  
 Number \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 When Vaccinated \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by—  
[Signature]  
 (Rank) Capt Adams  
 Medical Officer.

Examined for re-enlistment—  
 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

\* Considered \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Officer.

\* If unfit, state disability.

Re-vaccinated on 11<sup>a</sup> day of July 1916

Arm Right Number 4.

Result unknown.

(Signature) [Signature]  
 Medical Officer.

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection—

"States inoculated (ty) 3 times (Doubt) in three weeks. + vacc. 4 times in military."

Enlisted on 7 day of Jan 1916, at Dubbo

	Corps.	Reg. Number.	Date.
On Enlistment joined	<u>Dep't Signal Training</u> <u>Heath</u>		<u>8/1/16</u>
Transferred to	<u>36<sup>th</sup> Dep't Battalion</u> <u>Rutherford</u>	<u>2278</u> <u>1781</u>	<u>5/7/16</u>

### Appeared Before a Medical Board.

Station.	Date.	Disease.	Result.

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Station or Troop Ship	Date of Arrival at the Station, or of Embarkation	Dates of						Disease.	Number of Days in Hospital	Remarks on nature of the disease ; how induced ; if mild or severe ; if completely recovered from ; whether any particular treatment was adopted. In venereal cases state nature of primary disease, and whether mercury has been given. If any accident, state whether it occurred on duty.	Signature of Medical Officer.
		Admission into Hospital.			Discharged from Hospital.						
		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				

Surname

Christian Name

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REGISTRATION ALTERATION OR CHANGE OF  
ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN.

Reg. No. 2248 Rank 36 Lt Col Unit

Name Burgess D. W.

N-O-K. previously registered as (Relationship)

Name

Address

To be now recorded as (Relationship) Friend

Name Mrs. Mary Robinson

Full Postal Address 9 Wentworth St. Paddington, Sydney, NSW

Remarks

Signature or Authority 4327/3/1. 21/3/17  
"Special notification of casualty" Cards are provided for notification purposes. Legal N-O-K only can be registered on Attestation Papers. In cases where an alteration of N-O-K is involved the reason therefore should be stated in Remarks Column.

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**CASUALTY FORM - ACTIVE SERVICE.**

24/1920

2278

Regiment or Corps *27th Battalion Australian Infantry*  
 Rank *Private* Name *Burgess, Daniel Williams*  
 Enlisted (a) *6.1.16* Terms of Service (a) *Duration of War* Service reckons from (a) *6.1.16*.  
 Date of Promotion to present rank *14 months* Date of appointment to lance rank }  
 Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s }  
 Re-engaged *Signaller.* Qualification (b) *Signaller.*

Report:		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date.	From whom Received.				
21-1-17	O.C. Troops 13213   9th Inf Bn	<i>Award without leave from 11 p.m. 15/11/16 to 5 am 16/11/16, vide Staff Capt's Order.</i>	H.M.A.T "A30"	16/11/16	<i>48 hours detention. Affects 3 days pay in accordance with Regns.</i>
20.11.16	O.C. Troops 13213   9th Inf Bn	<i>W. J. from of deas.</i>	Sydney Plymouth 6 mg.	17/10/16 9/1/17 20-1-17	(S.O. 5) (12/1/17) POSE. 9239. 1-2-17
20.11.16	O.C. Troops 13213   9th Inf Bn	<i>Offence During ton Camp A.W.L from Mtdn 29.1.17 to 9-20 am 30-1-17 Award 5 days JP 902 by Mof. A Booker-Russell. 7 Jof. 6 days pay offence. A.W.L from 11 pm 13.11.16 to 5 am 16.11.16. Award 48 hrs detention by Lt Col Hutchinson O.C. 7. A30.</i>	"	29-1-17	819644. D. FB 2069 DOQE 24-2-17.
28.6.17	9th Inf Bn 13213   9th Inf Bn	<i>9. Jof 3 days pay</i>	At dea	15.11.16	8056. PO16E 21.3.17
28.6.17	9th Inf Bn 13213   9th Inf Bn	<i>Pro. of seas to France ex No. 11-Camp Durrington</i>	Shampton	28.6.17	8.R.4189. PO31E. 4.4.17

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shooting Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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Report.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date.	From whom Received.				
6. 30.6.17	3rd A.D. Bn.	Marched up from England	Rouelles	29.6.17	AK 1476/109
7. 7.7.17	3rd A.D. Bn.	Marched out to unit.	Rouelles	4.7.17	AK 1476/109
8. 12.7.17	C.O. 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn	TAKEN ON STRENGTH	Belgium	6.7.17	B213 C9/33 <i>do 35/3732</i>
9. 30.8.17	C.O. 36 Bn	Detached to Power Bugger Course	France.	27.8.17	B213 C9/60 <i>do 46/5853</i>
10. 8.9.17	C.O. 36 Bn	Rejoined Bn from Detachment		3.8.17	B213 C9/41 <i>Do 46/5853</i>
11. 22.9.17	C.O. 36 Bn	Detached to Signal Course	France	18.9.17	B213 C9/63
12. 13.10.17	C.O. 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Rejoined Bn from Detachment	"	30.9.17	B213 C9/46
13. 5.1.18	do	Re. Detached to Power Bugger S.	"	31.12.17	C9/58
14. 17.1.18	do	Re. Rejoined from School	"	6.1.18	C9/59
15. 2.2.18	do	Re. Detached to Pigeon Course	"	31.1.18	C9/62
16. 9.2.18	do	Re. Rejoined from Detachment	"	4.2.18	C9/63
17. 23.3.18	do	Killed Accidentally	"	15.3.18	C9/69 VL-665 <i>DO 46/5853</i>
19. 18.3.18	Bravo Coy. Commission	Bravo Coy. Attached to 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn on 18.3.18 in same position (C.O. of 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn)	Catalan	18.3.18	Apr. 20271
18. 8.4.18	Gen IV Army 3478	Commissioned in the rank of Major in the 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn. He was promoted to the rank of Captain during a struggle in the Pyrenees. He was killed in action on 15.3.18.	France.	15.3.18	149 3107.5 D.O. 23/3636

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Captain.

For Officer in Charge Records.

NED 15-3-18/8  
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### MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Burgess Christian Name Daniel William

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Sydney N.S.W.

Examined ... on July day of 1916  
at Rutherford

Declared Age ... 32 yrs 6 mths

Trade or Occupation ... Cook

Height ... 5 feet 6 inches.

Weight ... 136 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded ... 37 inches.

{ Range of Expansion ... 2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left  
Number 3

When Vaccinated ... 29/1/16

Vision ... { R.E.—V =  
L.E.—V =

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease (a)

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection (b)

Approved by ... (Signature) (Rank) Medical Officer.

Enlisted ... at Dubbo  
on 7th day of Jan'y 19 16

Corps.	Regtl. No.
<u>Det Signal Laving Coy. Kains</u>	<u>1781</u>
<u>4th Reinft - 20th Battalion</u>	<u>2278</u>

Became non-effective by ... on ... day of ... 19 ...

(Signature) (Rank)



# Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in Quarters

ST 4707

Remarks bearing on the Cause, Nature, or Treatment of the Case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of Syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty.

Signature of Medical Officer.



Table III.—Boards; Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.; Examinations for Transfer or Service Abroad, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

St 4797

Date.	Brief Details, and Signature.
<p>15-17. 22 JUN 1917</p>	<p>Have you suffered from:—                      (1) Fits..... (2) Insanity..... (3) Consumption.....                      Inoculations 10/1/16 17/1/16 24/1/16                      T. A. B. 1 cc. <i>[Signature]</i> Capt                      T.M.B. 1 cc  <i>[Signature]</i>.....Capt.                      R.M.O. 9th T.B. A.I.</p>

Table IV.—Service Table.

Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.	Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.

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 WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE *22 B 68/19*  
 Transferred to *D*  
 DEFENCE B.R. *D 49214*

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

No. *2278* WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE *1 B D 2721*  
 Rank *Pte* Name *BURGESS DW*  
 Unit *36th Battalion*

Casualty *\* Accidentally killed 15/3/18* CIBL *3392/185* dated London *2/4/18* Received B. F. *4/4/18*



DATE	PURPORT	REF. NO.
APR 5 1918	A. F. B. 103 Received	
<i>9.4.18</i>	<i>M. G. 2</i> Adviced <i>accidentally killed 15/3/18</i>	
<i>18/4/18</i>	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
	"VIII" to D.P.M. <i>2</i> M.D. <i>M630/486</i>	
	RECEIVED OF	
	Cable No. <i>619d 2392</i> vide <i>12/19</i> Adv. <i>9/4/18</i>	
<i>20.7.18</i>	"VIII" to D.P.M. <i>2</i> M.D. <i>M 31/338</i>	
<i>* 2.8.18</i>	Part of Inquiry proceedings received - B. R. M. <i>33/750</i>	
<i>11-11-18</i>	Copy Court of Enquiry Proceedings to Pensions	
<i>19.1.18</i>	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. <i>Australrag</i>	
<i>17.3.19</i>	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE <i>in duplicate</i> TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. <i>M 20/57</i>	
<i>4-10-19.</i>	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE <i>in duplicate</i> TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. <i>M46/285</i>	
	Circular B.R.M. 46/285 & Booklet re Graves despatched <i>17.12.19</i> Ed. <i>25.1</i>	

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Don, trustee  
Miss D. F. Macdonald  
341668  
26/10/22

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To  
Son  
Trustee  
Miss D. F. Macdonald  
341668 25/9/22

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."  
Pamphlet sent to Miss D. F. Macdonald  
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