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MILITARY FORCES

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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1896
Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.
No. *FN N 1803 2*
315
Homebush
Name *BUCKLEY, Alexander Henry*
Unit *3rd Rfs. 54th BATTN.*
Joined on *3. 2. 16.*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *Alexander Henry Buckley*
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? *54319/16*
in or near the Town of *Warren*
in the County of *S.W.*
Natural born
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? *24 years 7 months*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Joiner*
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) *Father - Mr James Buckley Homebush via Armadale 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? *No Service*
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 small-pox and enteric fever? *Yes.*

I, *Alexander Henry Buckley*, 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
Date *2nd February 1916* Signature of person enlisted. *A H Buckley*

*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 27.16
Signes

Wmyle chreed
Signature of Attesting Officer

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Alexander Henry Buckley swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 27.16 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,

Signes A.H. Buckley
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Dubbo in the State of New South Wales this thir day of February of the year 1916 before me—

Signes Wmyle chreed
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.

Description of *Alexander Henry Buckley* on Enlistment.

Age..... <i>24</i> years..... <i>7</i> months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS
Height..... <i>5</i> feet..... <i>11 1/2</i> inches.	
Weight..... <i>151</i> lbs.	
Chest Measurement..... <i>38 3/4</i> inches.	
Complexion..... <i>Dark</i>	
Eyes..... <i>Grey</i> L $\frac{1}{6}$ R $\frac{1}{6}$	
Hair..... <i>Dark Brown</i>	
Religious Denomination..... <i>Pres</i>	

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.....*5. 7. 16*

Place.....*Dubbo*

Signed *E. J. Furber* 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.....

.....*379 Reinforcements Coy. 24th Battalion*.....

Date.....*Sgt. 1010 Ennos Capt.*

Place.....*Dubbo*..... Commanding *S. W. R. R. R.*

1896

N18033⁴

Statement of Service of No. ~~PA 375~~ Name Alexander Henry Buck

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
46 th Bn. 3 rd Bnfts 54 th Bn.	<i>Pro</i>	3-2-16	30-3-16	
" "		4-4-16		
" "			31-10-17	Prom PRR 123/25 400
" "	Corporal (temp)	1-11-17		
	Awarded the Victoria Cross			6/19/18/19/20

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.

VC

o. *YN 215* 1876
1.18033

Name *BUCKLEY Alexander Henry*
Unit *3rd Bde 54th Batt.* *54 (R)*
Joined on *19.3 2. 16*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 36*
1. *Alexander Henry Buckley*
 2. In the Parish of in or near the Town of *Warren* in the State of *N.S.W.* in the County of *N.S.W.*
 3. *Natural Born*
 4. *24 years 7 months*
 5. *Farmer*
 6. *No*
 7. *No*
 8. *(Father) Mr James Buckley "Koolbush" Mrs Armature N.S.W.*
 9. *No*
 10. *No*
 11. *No*
 12. *No Service*
 13. *No*
 14. *Yes*
 15. *Yes*

I, *Alexander Henry Buckley* do solemnly declare that the above answers made 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 service for the support of my wife and children three-fifths

Date *3rd February 1916* Signature of person enlisted. *A. H. Buckley*

*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 3. 7. 16.

W. M. [Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, *Alexander Henry Buckley*, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from *3/7/16* 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.

A. H. Buckley
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Lubbock* in the State of *New South Wales* this *third* day of *February* of the year *1916*, before me—

W. M. [Signature]
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.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Army Form B, 103-II.
Part II.

Regiment or Corps 8/54th. BATTALION. Regimental Number 1076
 *Substantive Rank Cpl. Surname BUCKLEY. Christian Names Alexander Henry
 *Acting Rank _____
 (* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

To be folded on this line.
Nothing to be written in this margin.
G.W.P.Co (3490)

Date	(A) Report From whom received	(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
	C.O.		<i>Sirhaikal P. Parambah - Disembarked.</i>			
					Sydney 23/5/18	
					Plymouth 25/8/16	
			Adm. to Hosp. 4/7/16 Influenza			
			Disc. from Hosp. 25/8/16 Bronchitis			26 dya.
20/10/16	CO. 14th.		Prod. O/S France			
8/10/16	R. Bn.				England	20/10/16
	CO. 5th.		M/I. from England			
18/11/16	DRD.				Etacles	23/10/16
4/1/17	80.54th.		M/O. to join Unit.			16/11/16
	Bn.		Joined 54th. Bn. X Base		France	17/11/16 DO7/723.
16/11/17			Promtd. P/Cpl. vice Grant Wounded.		Field	1/11/17 DO52/7291.
15/2/18			To UK. on leave		"	22/1/18
1/3/18			Rejd. Unit X Leave.		"	14/2/18
22/3/18			Disc. for duty to 14th. Bde.		"	27/2/18 DO11/979
11/7/18			Rejd. Unit X Detach. 14th. Bde. Hdqrs.		"	20/3/18 DO14/1194.
			To 14th. T. Bde. Schl.		France	10/7/18
9/8/18			Rejd. from 14th. Bde. Schl.		"	2/8/18
7/9/18	CO 54th. Bn.		Killed in Action		"	1/9/18 DO38/4975

14/10/18 AMT: SECTION, 3rd. BOM: GHQ. REF. FT. Lukin. LIA. FT. For O.I/C Refds. m/m. E.C.C.

E.H. Burker 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 _____

Date 13th February 1916 10/4/16 10/4/16
 Place Quelton. Quelton.
 Commanding A.F. Gamm D. W. Jones Capt

Description of Alexander Henry Buckley on Enlistment.

Age 24 years 7 months.
Height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches.
Weight 151 lbs.
Chest Measurement 35 3/4 inches.
Complexion W. and R.
Ring L 6/6 R 6/6
W. Brown
P. nls
Religious Denomination

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, to-wit:

Serofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; haemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; extensive 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.

3-2-16

Place Dublin

E.H. Purkiss 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

3rd Regt 5th Bn Bath.

Date 15th February 1916 10/4/16.

W.W. James Capt
Commanding A.F. Bann
Dublin

Place Dublin.

P Bello 54319

1876
~~18303~~

Embarked 23.6.16

Statement of Service of No. 316 Name Buckley Alexander Henry

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Re
		From—	To—	
3rd Depo		14.2.16		
5th				
46th Depot Bn. Dutro	Private	3.2.16.	9/4/16	2 years 6 3/54 19/4/16
3rd Remo 54th Bn.	Private	10/4/16		
	Proceeding overseas (S.R. 3025)		20/10/16	16 7/4 11/16
	TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM 3rd Lt. 54th Bn.	17-11-16		11.11.16 7/11.3.5-2-17
	Plc. To be 7/Plc. vice Grand wounded to date from	1-11-17		Dos 2/7291 26.11.17
	7/Plc. Detailed for duty to 14th Inf. Bde. H'qrs.	27.2.18	20.11	979 12.3.18
	7/Plc. Rejoined unit ex Atchmvt. to 14th Aus. Inf. Bde. H'qrs.	20.3.18	20.11/1914	1914 2-4-18
	KILLED IN ACTION			France. 1.9.18

Buss. Proceeding overseas to France 25.10.16
54th Bn.

7/Cpl.
54th Bn.

6313/2534
28 567 696
1910 38

FOR BURIAL REPORT SEE B107

10170/20/2

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

see copy of 7/13103 enclosed

82209

24th January 1919.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your communication of 15th inst., I have to state no advice has been received at this office to date, to the effect that your son, the late No. 1876 Corpl. A. H. Buckley, 54th Battalion, was awarded a Victoria Cross. Should such information be received you will be promptly advised. It is pointed out that reports of this nature are frequently some time in coming to hand, as the advice is not cabled, but is included in records forwarded from overseas by mail.

As regards a record of your late son's military doings, it is suggested that a preparation of this be postponed in order that the award of the Victoria Cross may be included therein, if the advice you have received be correct.

No personal effects have been returned to date, but anything coming to hand will be transmitted to you in the absence of any testamentary directions prescribing otherwise. The Medal should also be forwarded to you under the same conditions.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.Mr. J. Buckley,
"Homebush",
via ARMATREE. N.S.W.

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

M.B.A.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE, **29th November, 1918.**

Dear **Sir,**

As requested in your communication of **18th ult.**,
I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of
the late **No. 1876, Corporal A. H. Buckley, 54th Battalion.**

J. D. Y. Button, Esq.,
Solicitor,
COONAMBLE,
N. S. W.

Yours faithfully,

J. Mean Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne,

D.1382/R 18 - C.13424 - 50K.

J. D. Y. BUTTON

SOLICITOR

COONAMBLE.

LATE ELLIS'S BUTTON

COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS
FOR N.S.W. Q. & VIC

Box 15.

PHONE 15.

Coonamble Dec. 6th 1918

Dear Sir,

Re 1876 A.H. BUCKLEY DECD.

I have your memo of the 29th ult. with
Certificate of Death herein for which I thank
you.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. Y. Button
p. J. D.



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

J. D. Y. Button
9/12

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Buckley

"Homebush"
Via Armadale,
New South Wales.
January 15th 1919.

Major Lean,
Staff Officer,
Base Records Office,
Melbourne. (Vic)

W. G. Morgan
2/11
December

Sir,

Under the heading of V.C. winners, in the "Daily Telegraph" of 16th December 1918, appeared the name of ^{my son} Corporal A. H. Buckley, 54th Battalion (and who, accompanied by one man, rushed a machine-gun, which commanded a foot bridge). Later a letter has come from Captain A. G. Downing of 54th Battalion, stating that the deed for which Corporal Buckley was recommended the V.C. was as follows:- "The daring deed of rushing a German machine gun near, and capturing about fifteen men and two guns." I have received no word from the Military Department re my son having been awarded the V.C.

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and as you will see the deeds stated in the
D.R. and that in the letter from the Captain of Bⁿ
Co. 54th Bn. are not the same, I do not know
which is correct.

As my son was killed on 1st September last, will
the V.C. medal be sent on to me, his next of kin?
As this man was reckoned to be a splendid
soldier and never a fonder man stood in
France (according to letters received from his
mates) as a corporal and a soldier who has
won the highest distinction given for bravery,
could I obtain a record of his military doings?

I have not yet received any word as to
my son's personal belongings.

Hoping you will answer me the foregoing
questions.

I am
Yours truly
James Buckley

26/11

1000 1000 1000 1000
1000 1000 1000 1000
1000 1000 1000 1000

E. McK.

28
26th October, 1918. d

53812

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 18th instant, and to inform you that the necessary official confirming documents covering the report of death of the late No. 1876, Temporary Corporal A. H. Buckley, 54th Battalion, have not^{yet} been received from abroad.

Your request, however, has been noted for compliance at the earliest possible date.

As you hold the Will of the deceased it is requested you forward same, or Probate when granted, to this Office, for notation, when it will be passed to the District Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, New South Wales, for similar action and return to you, so that the late soldier's military affairs may be dealt with according to his testamentary instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

J.D.Y. Button, Esq.,
Solicitor,
COONAMBLE,
New South Wales.

M
S

LF/RAG

16th October 1918. d

5036

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., concerning your son, the late No 1876 Temp/Cpl A.H. Buckley, 54th Battalion, and to state no information other than the brief cable message, "Killed in action, 1/9/18," is to hand regarding the regrettable report of his death.

It is anticipated however, that official confirmatory documents coming to hand later by mail, will contain further particulars, which will be promptly communicated to you.

Any personal effects that may be recovered will be forwarded to this office, for transmission to you in the absence of any testamentary direction prescribing otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mt James Buckley,
"Homebush,"
via ARMATRES N.S.W.

[Signature]

"Homebush,"
Via Armadale,
New South Wales.
October 9th, 1918.

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



Sir,

According to information received
by me from the Military Authorities, at
Victoria Barracks, Paddington, Sydney, New
S.W., No. 1876, Corporal Alexander "Henry"
Buckley, fifty-fourth (54th) Battalion A.I.F.,
is officially reported to have been "killed in
action" on 1st September, 1918.

As this soldier is my son, I would be pleased
if you would let me know ^{any} particulars as to
where and how he met his death, and anything
regarding his burial.

Kindly arrange to have his personal effects,
and mementos sent to me.

Trusting to soon hear from you, ~~soon~~
and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours fully,
James Buckley.
Parents.

2 Ech: AG8(b)a: EMW

B/8/808



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

Quote in

2nd Echelon L.H.Q.

Reply.....032054

XXXXXXXXXXXX

Melbourne, XXXI.S.1.

19 NOV 1943

O.1/c Base Records,
CANBERRA.

Alexander Henry BUCKLEY (Deceased).

1. The abovenamed is stated to have died on service on 1 September 1918 while serving as a member of the A.I.F.
2. Information is desired as to the conjugal state of the deceased member as shown on A.F. B 103.

Shannon
Lt-Col.
2nd Echelon L.H.Q.



XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXX CANBERRA, A.C.T.
XXXXX 23rd November, 1943.

AJB/MG.

Officer in Charge,
2nd Echelon,
L.H.Q.
Walker Street,
PERHRAN, S.I., VIC.

Alexander Henry BUCKLEY (Deceased).

In reply to your 032054 of 19th November, 1943, I have to advise that according to the records No.1876, T/Cpl. A.H. Buckley "VC", 54th Battalion, A.I.F. 1914-18, was unmarried at the time of his death, 1st September, 1918.



(A.J. BOWMAN.)
A/OFFICER I/c BASE RECORDS.

J. D. Y. BUTTON

SOLICITOR

COONAMBLE.

LATE ELLIS & BUTTON

COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS
FOR N.S.W. Q. & VIC

Box 15. PHONE 15.

Coonamble 18th Octr/91 8

Dear Sir,

I am instructed that number 1876
Corporal Alexander Henry Buckley, B Company
54th Battalion was killed in action on 1st
September 1918. I am acting for the Executor
of his Will who is applying for Probate.

Please let me have an official Certificate
of deceased's death.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. Y. Button
per J. D. Y.



The Officer in Charge
Base Records
Victoria Barracks
Malbourne.

J. D. Y. Button
21/10

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
ACTION SHEET

1. Grant RYAN Being etc.
HERBY CERTIFY that 1876, boyal illander Army BUCKLEY, V.C.
54 ~~in~~ Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

Died on the first day of September
One thousand nine hundred and eighteen
Dated the 4/5/71 day of 19

Name of applicant E. M. Hain, Beveridge Services & Brown
Address of applicant Solerton
P.O. Box 15 P.O. Box 40.

Coonamble, F. A. W. GUNDRARA NSW 2827.
Particulars verified as above R
Certificate of Death No. 227 7939 prepared 4/6
Covering letter prepared 4/6
Entered in Certificate Register 4/6
Certificate of Death (presumption) No. _____ prepared _____

Mr Hill

G. H. HAIN
J. D. Y-BUTTON & SON -

COONAMBLE, N. S. W.
16th. ^{BOX 15.} March, 1962.

SOLICITORS
GHH/JH

See Also Bulletin of the Law Society of N.S.W.
G. H. HAIN

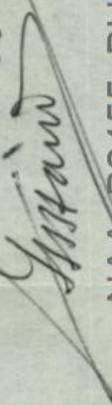
TELEPHONE NO 15 COONAMBLE

The Officer in Charge,
Army Records,
Victoria Barracks &
MELBOURNE..... VIS.

Dear Sir, RE ALEXANDER HENRY BUCKLEY DECEASED.

I am acting for the Administrator of the Estate of Florence Mary Buckley in his application for administration of her estate. The abovenamed was her brother and was No. 1876 in the 54th. Battalion A.I.F. and was killed at Peronne France on 2nd September 1918. I shall be obliged if you would let me have a Certificate as to his death from your records and a Memo of any costs in connection with the matter.

Yours faithfully,



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John. March, 1905.



The Officer in Charge,
New South Wales
Sydney

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you regarding the application of
Florence Mary Buckley in his application for
the position of ...
I should be obliged if you would let me have a copy of the
report on the ...
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
John. March

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21 MAR 1962

Dear Sir,

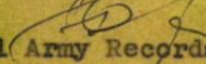
re : 1876, Corporal Alexander Henry BUCKLEY, V.C.

Your letter of 16th March 1962 is acknowledged.

Enclosed please find Certificate of Death No. 2836 in respect of the death on service of the abovenamed during the 1914-18 War.

You are advised that no charge is made for Certificates of Death supplied by this office.

Yours faithfully,

 Colonel,
OIC Central Army Records Office.

G.H. Hain Esq.,
Solicitor,
P.O. Box 15,
COONAMBLE... N.S.W.

PA/PS
1008 -

This Will was annexed to Probate of the late No. 1876, A.H. BUCKLEY, 54th Bn. received at this office 7/4/19.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me ALEXANDER HENRY BUCKLEY of Gulargambone On Active Service I HEREBY revoke all wills by me at any time heretofore made I APPOINT WILLIAM CHARLES BUCKLEY to be my Sole Executor and direct that all my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses shall be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH unto my dear Mother JULIA BUCKLEY and my dear Sister FLORENCE MARY BUCKLEY to be divided equally for their absolute use and benefit all my real and personal estate wheresoever viz Fixed Deposits aggregating the sum of £301.11.10 (Three hundred and one pounds eleven Shillings and ten pence) with interest accrued on same now in Bank of New South Wales Gulargambone Branch.

IN WITNESS whereof I the said ALEXANDER HENRY BUCKLEY have to this my last Will and Testament set my name this First day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

SIGNED By the Testator and acknowledged by him to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

ALEXANDER HENRY BUCKLEY

C.M. Spier

E.M. Lovett.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the type-written matter contained above is a true copy of what purports to be the original will of A.H. BUCKLEY such having been carefully examined therewith by us.

NAME.....

NAME.....

Will of

ALEXANDER H. BUCKLEY.

This is the last Will and Testament of me Alexander Henry Buckley of Gulargambone on Active Service. I hereby revoke all wills by me at any time heretofore made. I appoint William Charles Buckley to be my sole Executor and direct that all my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses shall be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease I give devise and bequeath unto my dear Mother Julia Buckley and my dear Sister Florence Mary Buckley to be divided equally for their absolute use and benefit all my real and personal estate wheresoever Viz. Fixed Deposits aggregating the sum of £301-11-10 (Three hundred and one pounds eleven shillings and ten pence) with interest accrued on same now in Bank of New South Wales Gularhambone Branch.

In Witness whereof I the said Alexander Henry Buckley have to this my last Will and Testament set my name this First day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen

Signed by the Testator and acknowledged by him to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

C.M. Spier

E.M. Lovett.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the type-written matter contained above is a true copy of what purports to be the original will of A.H. Buckley such having been fully examined therewith by us.

NAME.....

NAME.....

Alexander Henry Buckley

Handwritten signatures and notes:
 [Signature]
 [Signature]
 12/1/16

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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. 1786 T/Cpl. A.H. Buckley (VC) 54th Battalion. consigned to me. ex "Baramba" D/S 46583

No. Description,

1 Packages.

Signature *William C. Buckley*

Date *June 6th 1919.*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,

Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Victoria.

*1 Wallet Cards,
Photos.*



D.1072/S.17.—C.10113.—50M.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY A H

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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. 1876 Cpl. A. H. Buckley, V.C., 54th Battalion, consigned to me. ex "Barambah" (D/S45790)

No. Description,
One package

Four Leather Gloves.

MAY 28 1919

D.1072/S.17.-0.10113-50M.

National Archives of Australia

Signature *William C. Buckley*
Date *23rd May 1919*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

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

NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY A H

Australian Imperial Force.



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A.I.F. KIT STORE,
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
HAMMERSMITH,
LONDON, W. 6.

IWD.

Inventory of Effects of - 1876 Buckley.A.H. 54th Btn.A.I.F.

Forwarded to - Father,
Mr James Buckley,
"Homebush"
Via Armatree,
New South Wales.

Effects received from the field. 19.11.18.(3/10395).
1 Parcel (sealed) containing:-

1 Wallet, Cards, Photos.

No. of Package D/S. 46583

Checked by

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY A H

RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late *No 1876 Cpl S. H. Buckley V.C.*



(Signature) *James Buckley*

(Date) *June 19 3 2*

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

D.1976/12.21.-C.10601.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY A H

BUCKLEY

Surname.

Alexander Henry (Pte)

Other Names.

1876

Regimental No.

3/54th Btn.

Unit.

PURPORT.

2nd M. D.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked at Sydney per A37 "Barambah", on 23/6/16.

20/10/16. Proceeding O/seas.

17/11/16 T.O.S OF 54th BN from 3/54thBN

27/2/18. Det. for duty to 14th Ing. Bde H/Qrs.

(A.H)

LON. 28/4-16

BEFO 7/1/17.

BEFO 11/11-18

PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
1/11/17 To be Temp Cpl	BEFO 52/6-17
26/9/17 Wounded in action Since deceased	BEFO 49/3-17
20/3/18, Rejd. Btn. ex Det. to 15th A.I. Bde H/Q.	BEFO 14/2-18
1/9/18 Killed in Action.	BEFO 38/2-18
1/9/18 KILLED IN ACTION	
(DM)	IB 567/28-18

TEL. NO. CITY 1740 EXT.....

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS :
"CROTONATE, ESTRAND, LONDON."

AWP/MS.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY
AND QUOTE.

NO. A.G.S. 4/1/2.

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AUSTRALIA HOUSE,
STRAND, LONDON, W.C.2.

12th October, 1926.

(FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE OFFICER I/C BASE RECORDS, DEPT.
OF DEFENCE).

MEMORANDUM TO -

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
MELBOURNE.

1876 Cpl. A.H. Buckley, V.C.,
54th Battn., A.I.F.
FERONNE COM. BRIT. EXTN.
Plot 2, Row "C", Grave 32.

Enclosed herewith is layout received from
the Imperial War Graves Commission which shows how it is
proposed to engrave the headstone for the above mentioned
Non-commissioned Officer. Will you kindly ascertain from
the next-of-kin whether the design meets with their
approval, and return the layout with your reply.

BR

BASE RECORDS
NOV 24 1926
REC'D

R. J. Barrucan
OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

(a) PERONNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.
(EXHUMATIONS).

1876
54/Bn. AIF. / BUCKLEY. "VC" ✓ T/Cpl. A.H. 1/9/18
(Report Peronne 1.11/C.).

25/Bn. AIF. 6421 COLEY. Pte. C.C. 2/9/18
(Report Peronne. 1.23/C).

53/Bn. AIF. 3093 EDWARDS. Pte. J.D. 31/8/18
(Report Peronne 1.69/C.). Burial queried.

53/Bn. AIF. 3337 HARPER. Cpl. C.O. 1/9/18
(Report Peronne 1.22/C).

Original in file of 6178 Pte. W.H. Thorburn,
21st Btn.

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 _____

As requested in your communication of _____

I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of the late _____

Yours faithfully,

J. McLean Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne,

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY A H

INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF GRAVES.

- Place of graves.
- (a) Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, 3 miles South East of Poperinghe.
 - (b) Isolated grave, St Radegonde, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile W.S.W. of Peronne.
 - (c) Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles South West of Poperinghe.
 - (d) Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles East North East of Albert.
 - (e) Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles West of Ypres.

Reported by

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank & initials.	Date of Death.
6/Bty A.F.A (a)		GLENDINNING (Report Reninghelst 1.17c.SSP 1615)	Cpt. A.J.	2.8.17
54/A.I.F. (b)	1876	BUCKLEY ✓ (Report St. Radegonde 49.1)	Cpl. A.H.	1.9.18
2/Pnr.Btn. A.I.F. (c)		HOCKLEY "BSO" (Report Poperinghe 1.329c)	Mjr. R.	20.9.17
9/A.I.F. (d)		RUDDLE (Report Contalmaison 4.5)	Lt. C.H.	23.8.16
53/Bty.14th Bde. A.I.F. (e)		BLASHKI (Report Vlamertinghe 29.51c.SSP 1534)	Cpt. R.H.	3.8.17
55/Bty/14th Bde. A.I.F. (e)		STEEL (Report Vlamertinghe 29.52c.SSP 1571)	Cpt. O.L.	6.8.17
7/Bn A.I.F. (c)		O'CONNOR (Report Poperinghe 1.232.SSP 2451)	Lt. A.J.	24.9.17

(Original copy in sheet of Capt. A.J. Glendinning, 6th Bty

- (a) ISOLATED GRAVE, STE RADEGONDE, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of PERONNE.
- (b) ISOLATED GRAVES, just East of HALLE, and 1 mile North ^{West} of PERONNE.
- (c) ISOLATED GRAVES, SITUATED BEHIND RUINED HOUSES, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North West of PERONNE.
- (d) ISOLATED GRAVES, ABOUT 90 YARDS North West of MONT ST QUENTIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles North of PERONNE.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.

54/A. I. F.	(a)	1876.	BUCKLEY. ✓	T./Cpl. A. H.	1.9.18.
			(Report St. Radegonde 49.1.)		<i>wm</i>
54/A. I. F.	(b)	3605.	CHEFFINS.	Pte. C. R.	1.9.18.
			(Report St Radegonde 26.2.)		<i>wm</i>
A. I. F. 60/Bn.	(c)	5 382.	DRAYTON.	Pte. G. F.	2.9.18.
			(Report St. Radegonde 28.1.)		<i>wm</i>
19/A. I. F.	(d)	1686.	DUFFY, M. M.	Sgt. T.	31.8.18.
			(Report Mont St. Quentin 29.1.)		<i>wm</i>
60/Bn. A. I. F.	(c)	1909	DOUGHENEY.	Pte. J. L.	2.9.18.
			(Report St Radegonde 28.1.)		<i>wm</i>

MM/KR.

XXXX 4780.

41 JAN 1917

Lieut. L. Curran,
54th Battalion,
Drill Hall,
BATHURST. N.S.W.

With reference to yours of 21st January, 1917, the following is a list of members of the 54th Battalion, A.I.F., who won the Victoria Cross.

No. 1876 T/Cpl. Alexander Henry BUCKLEY
" 2631 Cpl. Arthur Charles HALL.

Officer i/c Base Records. Captain,

10 DEC 1926

B.

The Official Secretary,
(Military)

Australia House,
Strand, LONDON, W.C. 2.

Forwarding herewith in reply to your No. A.G.S. 4/1/2 of 12th. October special layout of headstone to be erected over the grave of the late No. 1876 Corporal A.H. Buckley, V.C., 54th. Battalion, which design meets with the approval of next-of-kin.

In this connection it is desired to point out that the date of death is shown in error and should properly read 1st. September 1918.

Enc. Layout

Officer i/c Base Records.
Captain,



TELEPHONE.
CENTRAL 4780.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,

MELBOURNE,

xxx 4780

JHE.

17 MAY 1930

S.C.I.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your recent application please find enclosed herewith official receipt for remittance in payment of one copy of Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension Register containing the particulars of your son, the late No. 1876 Corporal A.H. BUCKLEY, V.C., 54th. Battalion, which will be forwarded in the course of the next few days.

It is noted from the proof slip entry that you have substituted "Warren" for Gulargambone in connection with the late soldier's birthplace, and it is regretted that it will not be practicable to similarly amend the Register entry at this late juncture as the printed copies have already been prepared for publication.

Yours faithfully,
JHE

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. Julia Buckley
HOMEBUSH,
via Armatree,
New South Wales.

Enc: *Recd*

INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF GRAVES.

- Place of graves.
- (a) Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles South West of Poperinghe.
 - (b) Isolated Graves, in field near Mont St. Quentin, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of Peronne.
 - (c) Isolated Grave, St Radegonde, just West of Peronne.
 - (d) Isolated Graves, just East of Halle, and 1 mile North West of Peronne.
 - (e) Isolated Grave, side of Tr^{an}sch with row of barbed wire, just East of Halle, and 1 mile North West of Peronne.

Reported by GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank & initials.	Date of Death.
59/Bn A. I. F.	(a) 2871	BELLETTTE	PTE. A.	26.9.17 (Report Poperinghe 1.337C)
26/Bn A. I. F.	(b)	MONTEITH	Lt. R.H.	2.9.18 (Report Mont St Quentin 4.1)
54/A. I. F.	(c) 1876	BUCKLEY	✓ A/Cpl. A.H.	1.9.18 (Report St Radegonde 49.1)
54/A. I. F.	(c) 3019	WOODLEY	Pte. H.T.W.A.	1.9.18 (Report St Radegonde 47.1)
53/A I. F.	(d) 2788	SCOTT	PTE B.H.	1.9.18 (Report St Radegonde 26.2)
53/A I. F.	(e) 2413	FORAN	L/Cpl V.C.	1.9.18 (Report St Radegonde 35.1)

(Original copy in sheet of No. 2871, Pte A. Bellette, 59th Btn.)

TELEPHONE—

D.P.S.—D1224.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—2ND MILITARY DISTRICT.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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Date Drill Hall,
Address Bathurst,
 N.S. Wales.
 21/1/27.

Base Records,
 Victoria Barracks,
 Melbourne, Vic.

As this Battalion is about to publish a Unit History I shall be pleased if you will kindly let me have a complete list of the men of the 54th. En.A.I.F., who won the Victoria Cross.

Sir John Monash in his book, "The Australian Victories in France 1916-1918" gives the following Victoria Cross Winners as being members of the 54th. Bn. A.I.F:--
 No. 1876, Cpl. Alexander Henry Buckley, V.C.
 -- ----- Cpl. Arthur Charles Hall, V.C.

A. Durra. Lieut.
 Assistant Adjutant, 54th. Battalion.

BASE RECORDS
 JAN 24 1927
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Louise Brown
via Annette
D. S. & C.
Dec 2nd 1926

"G"
To

Captain H. Macintosh
Officer in Charge Base Troops
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne

Dear Sir
I have to thank you for sending
along the plan of the proposed
lay-out of the headstone to be
erected over the grave of my late
son, Cpl. H. Buckley & Co.
I think it is a very good & suitable
design to represent the
Victoria Cross upon it.
Will you kindly note, that there
has been a mistake made in
the year, in which my son was killed.
It should be 1918 - instead of 1919, as
given in the lay-out. As requested I am
returning it without delay - & again
thank you. Yours faithfully
J. Buckley

BASE RECORDS
DEC 8 1926
RECEIVED
National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY A H

xxxx 4780

25 NOV 1926

E.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the burial of your son, the late
No. 1876 Corporal A.H. Buckley, "V.C.", 54th. Battalion, I am
forwarding herewith a plan of the proposed lay-out of the headstone
to be erected over the late soldier's grave in the Peronne Communal
British Extension Cemetery, France, and I should be glad to learn
at your earliest convenience whether the design meets with your
approval.

Kindly return lay-out with your reply.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Jas. Buckley
Homebush,
via Arncliffe, N.S.W.

Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Enclo: Lay-out.

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

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

No.1876. Cpl. A.H. BUCKLEY, V.C., 54th Btn.

Signature

James Buckley

Date

March 22nd 1928

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

P.3049/4.22.—C.5129.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455. BUCKLEY A.H

E. McK.

13th October, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 1876, Corporal A. H. Buckley, V.C., 54th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he was killed in action in France on 1/9/18, and was buried in isolated grave, St. Padegonde, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile West South West of Peronne, France.

In all cases where members of the Australian Imperial Force have been buried in isolated graves their remains will be exhumed and reinterred in the nearest Military Cemetery. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.

The utmost care and attention is being devoted to the graves of our fallen soldiers, and photographs are being taken as soon as possible for transmission to next-of-kin.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Buckley,
HOMEBUSH,
via ARMA TREE,
New South Wales.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4741-3608

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,

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

Don't forget to advise any change of address to—
BASE RECORDS,
MELBOURNE.

MG

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE. 19th May, 1919.

Dear Sir,

Forwarded this day, per separate ~~parcels~~ registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late No. 1876 Corporal A. H. Buckley, V.C. 54th Battalion, received ex "Barambah" (D/S45790)

as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

(Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

J. J. J. J. Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Registered Packet No. 177 6. G. P. O. Melbourne

D. 1378/5.18.—C 13178.

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Mr. William C. Buckley,
(Executor Will late Cpl. A. H. Buckley, V. C.,)
"Homebush",
Via Armatree, N. S. W.

D^T
Australian Imperial Force.



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A.I.F. KIT STORE,
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
HAMMERSMITH,
LONDON, W. 6.

Inventory of Effects of - 1876 Buckley, A.H. 54th Btn. A.I.F.

Forwarded to - N.O.K. Father,
Mr. James Buckley,
"Homebush",
Via Armatree,
New South Wales.

Effects received from the field (S/10318) 14.11.18.
1 parcel (sealed) containing:-

Pair Leather Gloves.

Barambank

D/S. 45790

No. of Package
National Archives of Australia

Checked by
NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY A H

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

Don't forget to advise any change of address to—
BASE RECORDS,
MELBOURNE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
30th May, 1919.
MELBOURNE.

AVR.

Sir

Dear

Forwarded this day, per separate parcels registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late No. 1876 T/Corporal A.H. Buckley (54th Battalion, received ex "Barambah" D/S 46583)

as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether

come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

(Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

J. J. J. J. Major,
1917 C.P.O. Melbourne.

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D. 1178/1919.—C 13178.

(Executor Will late A.H. Buckley, (VC)

Mr. William C. Buckley,

"Homebush"

Via Armatras.

N.S.W.

DECEASED
SECTION
AUG 18 1919
RECEIVED

Queensbury
via Australia
D. S. H.
9th Aug 1919

To The Officer
In Charge Post Office
Melbourne

Dear Sir

I am writing to state that
I have not yet received the
"Victoria Cross" that was awarded
to my late Com. Cpl. A. H. Buckley
54th Regt. Many weeks ago I got
a letter from the Secretary of
His Ex. the Gov. General. stating that
they would, if I desired,
present it to me at a military
parade, or otherwise, I could
have it given privately by
the State Commandant. I
replied saying I would
rather have it sent to
me privately under

The circumstances. I have
have never received any
further information about
its disposal.

Awaiting the favour
of a reply.

Yours faithfully
James Buckley

1876

(Sheet 1) (2 Pages)

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 3rd Buffs in the Buff

Regimental No. 1876 Rank Private Name Buckley, Alexander Henry

Enlisted (a) 3.2.16 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 3.2.16

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended } Re-engaged } Qualification (b) Farmer

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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
1	C.O.	Embarked at Plymouth.	23/6/16		
2	"	Disembarked at Plymouth.	25/8/16	S.S. Barambah.	
		Admitted to Hospital 23/4/16			
		Discharged from Hospital 25/9/16		Influenza 26 days	
3	20.10.16	PROCEEDED OVERSEA	England	20.10.16	E.R. 8025.
4	29/10/16	905540 Marched from England	England	23/10/16	A.R. 9157. Arr. A.
5	18/11/16	Marched out to join Unit	"	16/11/16	H.R. 10747. Arr. S.
	13.1.17	Unit opened for date of		17/1/16	55/52/8
6	17	90524 B.M. joined	France		0707/723 (192)

(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) ex-Gr. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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Date	From whom received				
7 16/11/17	S. M. B. [unclear]	1 corporal [unclear] 4 [unclear]		1/11/17	E 14/46. 13213 27052/7291
8 15/11/18	Do	1 platoon [unclear]	"	22/1/18.	Co. E. 14/63 B. 218.
9 15/12/18	Do	1 platoon [unclear]	"	14/2/18.	B. 213 E. 14/59. Co. E. 14/63. B. 213.
10 1/3/18	Do	1 platoon [unclear]	"	27/2/18	" E. 14/61/179 Cancelled full
11 23/3/18	Do	1 platoon [unclear]	"	13/3/18	112/567/134. Reg. B. 213 1/64. E. 14/63.
12 11/7/18	Do	1 platoon [unclear]	"	20/3/18	E. 14/64 B. 213. 11/11/18
13 11/7/18	Do	1 platoon [unclear]	France	10/7/18	E. 14/60 B. 213.
14 9. 8. 18	Do	1 platoon [unclear]	"	3. 8. 18	E. 14/64 B. 213.
15 7/9/18	Do	1 platoon [unclear]	"	1/9/18	E. 14/68 B. 213. 20058/10975 (1918)

Lieut. for O I/e Records.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION, 3RD ECHEIQN
British Expeditionary Force. G.H.Q.

Army Form B. 103. (2 Pages)
 45TH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. Regimental Number 1876
Casualty Form - Active Service. *D51828 35/5110/6*

Rank **Private** Regiment or Corps **3rd Battalion A.I.F.**
 Religion **Protestant** Surname **B. U. C. K. L. E. Y.** Christian Name **Alexander Henry**
 Enlisted (a) **3-2-16** Terms of Service (a) years months
 Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)
 Occupation or Corps Trade and Rate
 Signature of Officer.

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	From whom received				
	54th Battalion	D/O 7/723	France		
	do	D/O 52/7291	do		
	do	D/O 11/979	do		
	do	D/O 14/1194	do		
	do	D/O 38/4975	do		
	AUSTRALIAN SECTION, 3RD ECHELON				
	British Expeditionary Force, G.H.Q.				
					Lieut.
					for C i/c Records.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered (17591.) Wt. W 1887 - P 1124, 1,000,000, 6/18, D & S, Form B.103, (E, 1266.)
 (b) Signaller, Shooting-Smith, Ac

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 5/54th. BATTALION. Regimental Number 1876
 *Substantive Rank Cpl. Surname BUCKLEY. Christian Names Alexander Henry
 *Acting Rank V.C.

(* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

Date	(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All actions well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reversion, recovery, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
	Date	From whom received					
		C.O.		<i>Embarked S.S. "Karamah" Disembarked</i>	Sydney Plymouth	23/6/18 25/8/16	
		"		Adm. to Hosp. 4/7/16 Influenza Disc. from Hosp. 25/8/16 Bronchitis	26 days.		
20/10/16	CO. 14th.			Proceed. O/S France	England	20/10/16	
28/10/16	R. Bn. CO. 5th.			M/I. from England	Etaples	23/10/16	
18/11/16	"			M/O. to join Unit.	"	16/11/16	
24/1/17	CO. 54th. Bn.			Joined 54th. Bn. X Base	France	17/11/16	D07/723.
16/11/17	"			Promtd. T/Cpl. vice Grant Wounded.	Field	1/11/17	D052/7291.
15/2/18	"			To UK. on leave	"	22/1/18	
15/2/18	"			Rejd. Unit X Leave.	"	14/2/18	
1/3/18	"			Disc. for duty to 14th. Bde	"	27/2/18	D011/979
22/3/18	"			Rejd. Unit X <i>BEH.</i> 14th. Bgde. Hdqrs.	"	20/3/18	D014/1194.
11/7/18	"			To 14th. T. Bgde. Schl.	France	10/7/18	
9/8/18	"			Rejd. from 14th. Bgde. Schl.	"	3/8/18	
7/9/18	CO 54th. Bn.			Killed in Action	"	1/9/18	D038/4975

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FOR O.I/C RECORDS.
NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY, A H

16/10/18 AUST. SECTION, 3rd. ECH.: GHQ. BEF.

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(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 6/54th. BATTALION. Regimental Number 1876
 *Substantive Rank Pte L/Cpl. Surname BUCKLEY. Christian Names Alexander Henry

*Acting Rank _____
 (* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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Date	From whom received					
	C.O.		<i>Expatriated. 20/8/16</i> <i>Disembarked</i>	Sydney 23/6/18 Plymouth 25/8/16		
	"	Adm. to Hosp. 4/7/16 Disc. from Hosp. 25/8/16	Influenza Bronchitis 26 days.	England 20/10/16		
20/10/16	CO. 14th. R. Bn.	Procd. O/S. France		Etaples 23/10/16		
28/10/16	CO. 5th. DBD.	M/I. from England		"	16/11/16	
18/11/16	"	M/O. to join Unit.		France	17/11/16	D07/723.
24/1/17	CO. 54th. Bn.	Joined 54th. Bn. X Base		Field	1/11/17	D052/7291.
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7/9/18	CO 54th. Bn.	Killed in Action				VL. 833

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FT. Lukin. LIEUT. For O.I/C RECDs.
 NAA: B2455, BUCKLEY, A H

Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force.

To the Recruiting Officer

Dubbo

(OFFICIAL STAMP)

at

I, *Alexander Henry Buckley*

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

*Homebush
via Armadale
N.S.W.*

Signature

A.H. Buckley

Occupation

Farmer

Date

3rd Feb 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—*24* yrs. *7* mos. Height—*5* ft. *11 1/2* ins.

Chest Measurement (fully expanded)—

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

37 inches.

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

Date

Signature of Medical Authority.

*I Concur
Place Dubbo*

Date 2. 7. 16

Signature E.H. Gurrully Capt

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

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

Place Dubbo

Date 2/7/16

Signature

W. Mylechreed

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 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.

A.F.W. 3121.
Number.

DC

14th Aust. Infantry Bde. 5th Australian Division. Australian Corps. 16th September 1918. Date of Recommendation.

Action for which commended.

Recommended by. Honour or
Reward.

54th Battalion. 1876. Corporal.
A. I. P. Alexander
Henry
BUCKLEY.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to
duty at PERONNE during the operations on 1st/
2nd September 1918.

J.C.Stewart. Victoria
Brig. Gen. Cross.
Commdg. 14th
Aust. Inf. Bde.

After passing the first objective his half
Company and part of the Company on the flank
were held up by an enemy machine gun nest.
With one man he rushed the post, shooting 4
of the occupants and taking 22 prisoners. Later,
on reaching a moat, another machine gun nest
commended the only available foot bridge.
Whilst this was being engaged from a flank,
this N.C.O. endeavoured to cross the bridge
and rush the post, but was killed in the
attempt.

Throughout the advance, he had displayed
great initiative, resource and courage, being
a great inspiration to his men.

In order to avert casualties amongst his
comrades and to permit of their advance he
voluntarily essayed a task which practically
meant certain death. He set a fine example
of self-sacrificing devotion to duty and
bravery.

(SGT) E. Tivey. Brig. General.
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

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XXXXXXXX CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Copy of extract from Second Supplement
No. 31037 to the London Gazette, dated 14th December, 1918,
relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the late
No. 1876 Corporal (temporary) A.H. BUCKLEY, 54th Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force.

x x x
AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously
pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the
undermentioned non-commissioned officer -

No. 1876 Private (temporary Corporal) ALEXANDER HENRY BUCKLEY

For most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice at
Peronne during the operations on 1st and 2nd September, 1918.
After passing the first objective his half-company and part of
the company on the flank were held up by an enemy machine-gun
nest. With one man he rushed the post, shooting four of the
occupants and taking twenty-two prisoners. Later on, reaching
a moat, it was found that another machine-gun nest commanded
the only available footbridge. Whilst this was being engaged
from a flank Corporal Buckley endeavoured to cross the bridge
and rush the post, but was killed in the attempt. Throughout
the advance he had displayed great initiative, resource, and
courage, and by his effort to save his comrades from casualties
he set a fine example of self-sacrificing devotion to duty."

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21 OCT. 1938
[Signature]

MB/WM

15th May, 1919.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

With reference to my communication of the 14th instant, concerning the Victoria Cross awarded to your son, the late No. 1876 Corporal A.H. Buckley, V.C., 54th Battalion, I am now advised that His Excellency The Governor General desires to present this decoration, and it is being transmitted to the Military Secretary to His Excellency, from whom you should hear concerning the presentation.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. J. Buckley,
"Homebush",
Via ARMATREE, N.S.W.

E.H.

14th August, 1919.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th instant, concerning the Victoria Cross awarded to your son, the late No. 1874 Corporal A.H. Buckley, V.C., 54th Battalion, and to state that same has been transmitted to the Military Commandant, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, N.S.W., to be handed to you privately, in accordance with your wishes. Any further communications on the subject should be addressed to that Officer.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Buckley,
Homebush,
Via Armatree, N.S.W.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

FS.

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

BRM.41/685.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE. 14th May, 1919.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a Victoria Cross which was awarded to the late No.1876 Corporal A.H.Buckley, V.C., 54th Battalion, 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, ~~as the~~
~~Department cannot be responsible for any expenses in con~~
~~nection with travelling to~~
~~centres~~

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

Yours faithfully,

J. McLean Major,

Officer in charge Base Records.

B.7 to Mrs. Buckley is needed

C.5075.

Mr. J. Buckley.
Homebush,
Via ARMATREE, N.S.W.

MBA. 7

No. 1876,

----- Corporal Alexander Henry Buckley,
54th Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force.

xxxx was Killed in Action,-----

(No record available) 1st September, 18.

Cable No. C.I.B:L.

2834, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,
16th September, 1918, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.
Headquarters, dated London, 22nd September, 1918.-----

29th November, 18 Major.

NO.

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XXXXXXXXX CANBERRA, A.C.T.

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE OF
the late No. 1876 T/Corporal Alexander Henry BUCKLEY, V.C.,
54th Battalion.

3. 2.16 Enlisted in the A.I.F. at Dubbo, N.S.W.
23. 6.16 Embarked for active service abroad.
1.11.17 Promoted Temporary Corporal
1. 9.18 KILLED IN ACTION - France.
Awarded the VICTORIA CROSS.

See up to
27 OCT. 1938
↙

Transferred to
WAR CRUSTON

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

V.C.

No. 1876
 Rank S/Plt. Name Buckley T. H.
 Unit 54 Bn
 Casualty Killed in action 1.9.18 3181 2537 21/12 dated London 1/9/18 Received 1.9.18



DATE	A.F. B.103 Received	PUKPORT BURIAL REPORT RECEIVED	REF. NO.
19. SEP. 18	M.O. 2 ADVANCE COPY IN ACTION 1/9/18		
10. 10. 18	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
3. 2. 19	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. <u>B 213 B 2534 vide 10/15</u> <u>22/9/18</u>		
16. 5. 19	Victoria Cross in N.O. for H.C. via <u>2. St. St. No. 44/655</u> <u>see above</u>		
20. 5. 19	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX "Barambah"		
2. 6. 19	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX "Barambah"		
30. 8. 19	Kings Autograph letter to mil. Sec. to H.C. The 5 th Div. B.R.M. 46/1008 & Booklet re Graves despatched <u>27/11/19</u> <u>by printed</u>		
18. 5. 20	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B.R.M. No. <u>50</u>		
10. 3. 22	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt <u>2nd</u> M.D.B.R.M. <u>54/359</u>		

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"WERE THE AUSTRALIANS" REG. 11
Emblems sent to *Mr. J. Buckley* 21. 4. 22

MEMORIAL
SCROLL
To
Father
Mr. J. Buckley
351967
21. 4. 22

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To
Father 2nd LB
Mr. J. Buckley
351967
9/10/22 *AS*

15 MAR 1922
VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* B.R.P.F. 48
Registered Post No. *1250* G.P.O. Melbourne

✓ CEMETERY REGISTER
7511 DESPATCHED. *20/5/30* *AB*

Decorated File
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No. 1876

Rank L/Plt Name Buckley A H

Unit 54 Bnt

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