

Frederick Leonard Bullen was born on the 28th.July 1894 and was baptised in this Church on the 7th.September 1894.His parents were Isaac and Emma Bullen who lived near the William IV.On the 1911 Census Frederick was working as a postman,aged 16.He went to Australia and lived in Sydney working as a mason.

He enlisted on the 15th.November 1915 and served in the 20th Battalion,Australian Imperial Force which sailed for France on the 11th.March 1916,to be deployed on the Somme.

Frederick was employed as a signaller.He was killed in action on the 13th.October 1917 near Zonnebeke Ridge.He was aged 24.He is buried in Nine Elms British Cemetery in Flanders.He is commemorated on the Australian National War Memorial.

Frederick's parents contacted the Australian Red Cross in London for information regarding his death.The file still exists with statements from witnesses.

Lance Corporal Bates wrote-

“ We were at Zonnebeke Ridge when a shell landed right on the signallers dugout about 4pm.Bullen was wounded right in the chest.It was impossible to get him out under the conditions and he lingered on until about the next day when he died..”

Private Abern wrote-

“I knew him well.He was H.Q. Signaller.He was badly smashed up by a shell and only lived one day after.This was at the pill box.He was buried there.I was there at the time and saw him buried.”

Private Cons wrote-

“On 10th.October 1917 the Battalion was in action at Passchendale and was to be relieved that night.In preparation for the relieving force,Bullen went out to repair the lines and just as he left a pillbox to do so a shell came over and a piece hit him.He was taken back to the pillbox and I helped to bandage him up .He was in good spirits but I formed the opinion that he could not live.After bandaging him I left.”

1. Baptismal Register

2. 1911 Census

3. Particulars Required for the Australian Roll of Honour.

4. Roll of Honour

6. Australian Red Cross File

In Memory of
Private
F L Bullen

4077, 20th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 13 October 1917

(served as BULLER).

Remembered with Honour
Nine Elms British Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Albury</u> in the County of <u>Surrey</u> in the Year 1894						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Born.			
1894 May 25 No. 345.	Reuben Born Jan 23	Henry & Ellen	Jrist	Albury	Labourer	J. B. Jenkins
May 25 No. 346.	Thomas Born Jan 4/94	James Walter & Emma	Harris	Albury	Labourer	J. B. Jenkins
June 3. No. 347.	Alfred Edward Born March 1/94	Edward & Rachel	Puddick	Albury	Labourer	J. B. Jenkins
July 1 No. 348.	George Born Apr. 12/94	Charles & Rosina	Knapp	Albury	Walterer	P. J. Dames
Sept 1 No. 349.	Gerard Stuart Born Jul. 25/94	Louis Sweeney & Eleanor Blanche	Jenkins	Albury	Clerk in Holy Orders	J. B. Jenkins
Sept 9 No. 350.	Frederick Leonard Born Jul. 28 194	Isaac & Emma	Bullen	Worser	Carpenter	J. B. Jenkins
Oct. 7 No. 351.	Zeno Born Aug. 24/94	Leonard & Hannah	Pollard	Albury	Miller	P. J. Dames
Oct. 7 No. 352.	Walter George Born Aug. 11/94	Henry & Mary Ann	Mollinger	Albury	Gardener	P. J. Dames

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

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier Bullen Frederick Leonard
2. Unit and Number (if known) No 4077 - 20th Bn
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) Sydney District Prospect State N.S. Wales
4. What was his Birthplace Little London, Albany - N^o Guildford, Surrey - England
5. Date of Death 13/10/17
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Died at 44th Casualty Stn. Belgium

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling In England Postman & Printer - In Australia working in Stone
2. Age at time of Death In his 24th year
3. What was his School National School
4. What was his other Training _____
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia Born in Britain, South Wales 19
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) No
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 Isaac Bullen
 Relationship to Soldier Father
 Address Little London, Albany - N^o Guildford, Surrey - England

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name M^{rs} C Beattie
 Address "Kilmwood" Shipley Albion, Homebush - N. Straits

NOTE.—This Folder is addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

Sudra
New South Wales Co

ROLL OF HONOUR

Frederick Leonard Bullen

Service number

4077

Also known as

Frederick Leonard Buller

Rank

Private

Unit

20th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service

Australian Imperial Force

Conflict/Operation

First World War, 1914–1918

Conflict Eligibility Date

First World War, 1914–1921

Date of Death

13 October 1917

Place of Death

Belgium

Cause of Death

Died of wounds

Place of Association

Prospect, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Cemetery or Memorial Details

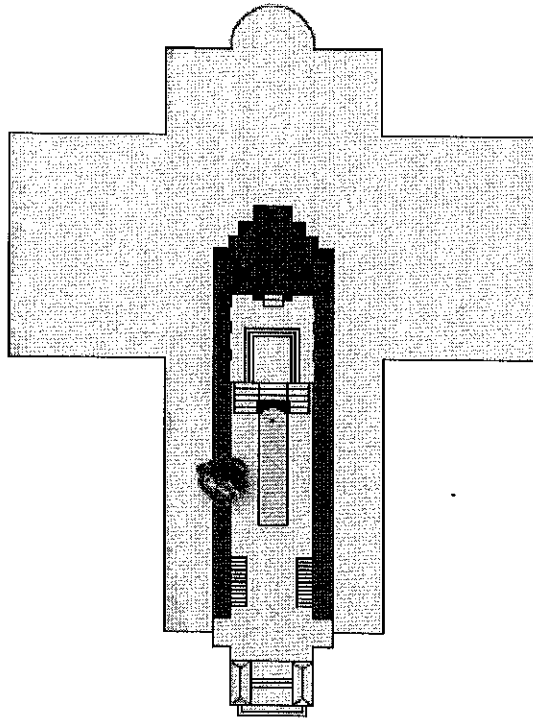
Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinghe, Flanders, Belgium

Source

AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914–1918 War, Army

Location on the Roll of Honour

Frederick Leonard Bullen's name is located at panel **90** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



Roll of Honour circular

For the First World War the circulars were forms sent to next of kin seeking details regarding the deceased. They form the basis of the card indexes from which the original Roll of Honour was compiled.

[View circular \(75.71 KB PDF file\)](#)

Personal Service Records

For information about obtaining service records please see [National Archives of Australia - Personal service records](#).

War Graves

The Office of Australian War Graves has the location and other information about war graves and memorials. Search the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for details about First and Second World War graves.

Roll of Honour name projection

Frederick Leonard Bullen's name will be projected onto the exterior of the Hall of Memory on:

Wed 05 September 2018 at 11:38pm

Wed 31 October 2018 at 3:11am

These dates and times are estimates. Please note that previous advised times on this site have recently been changed to ensure that early evening projections are clearly visible and not affected by twilight. The actual time of projection could also change as a result of weather and other factors, so it is advisable to check closer to the date. In the rare event of a temporary loss of electrical power, the names scheduled for display in that period will not appear until the next time listed.

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service as BULLER FL.

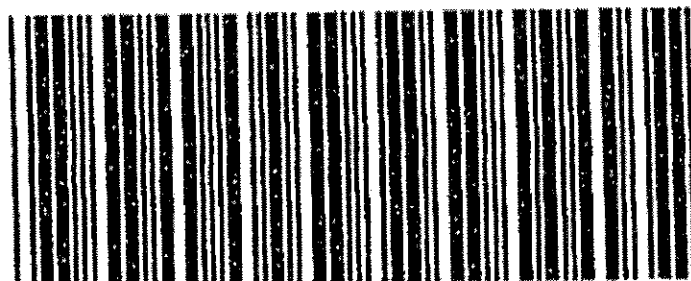
No. 4077 Pts.
BULLEN, Leonard,

20th Btn.
13/10/17.
Wounds,
(Father) Mr I. Bullen

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4077 Private
Frederick Leonard
Bullen (Frederick
Leonard Buller)

20th Battalion



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12th April 1918.

20th A.I.F.

Buller F.L. No.4077.

D/W 13th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Signaller F.L. Buller Batta H.Q. Signallers, but had been in B. Coy. I think his people live in England, about 84, about 5 feet 10, well build, reddish complexion, clean shaven, a good sport. He was out on the wires on October the 9th 1917 at Brodaende along with Signaller Fairfax and T. Hooper, when he was hit. He D/Wounds at the C.C.S, behind the lines, I think. Hooper will be able to say where he is buried. He (Hooper) sent Buller's belongings home the other day.

Inf:- Signaller, A.B. Simpson No.6183.
20th A.I.F. 5. Co. VIII Bttn,
(Formerly Signal, Section).
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RHS.

*Letter to Fairfax returned
by Miss Caird Fairfax
who reported him killed* *written Fairfax & Hooper*
25-4-18

20th A.I.F.

Buller. F.L. 4077

D/W. Oct. 13/17
Dets. D/B.

"We were at Batta. H.Q. at Zonnebeker Ridge when a shell landed right on the signallers dugout and about 4 p.m. Buller was wounded right in the chest. It was impossible to get him out under the conditions, and he lingered on until about the next day when he died. I have a photograph of him if his relatives care to have it. I know nothing about his burial."

Eyewitness: Yes, to his being wounded.

Description: Tall, 5'11" fair, commonly known as Bull.
He was a Lancashire boy informant thinks.

Informant: I/C. T.J. Bates. 4061.
20th A.I.F. C Coy. XII pl.
Coombe Lodge Hospital,
Great Warley, Essex.

Home address:
Darrum.

A.I.F. 20th Btn

BULBER
Fredk. Leonard 4077

"DIED"

Died of wounds 13-10-17 @ 44th C.C.S. Buried Nine Elms British
Cemetery just S.W. of Poperinghe.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 4-6-18.

London
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17th July 1918.

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Buller F.I. No. 4077.

A.I.F. 20.

D/W 13th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

I knew him well - In same Company 4 months - He was H.Q. Signaller. He was badly washed up by a shell and only lived one day after. This was at a pill box. He was buried there. I was there at the time and saw him buried. F.I. was East of Ypres, near Zonnebeka. He was medium height, medium complexion, 22/23 years, from Sydney.

Inf:- Pto F. Abern No. 6272.
A.I.F. 20. D. All.
H.E. 'Panama'.

SJ.

PP.

20th Battalion. A.I.F.
B. Company.

BULLER. F.L.
Private No.4077.

"Died of Wounds. 13.10.17".

Informant described Buller as about 5'7" high, thick set, aged about 24.

Informant states that they were both attached to Headquarters Staff Buller being a Signaller. On 10.10.17 the Battalion was in action at Passchendaele and were to be relieved that night. In preparation for the relieving force, Buller went out to repair the lines and just as he left a Pillbox to do so a shell came over and a piece hit him. He was taken back to the Pillbox, and Informant helped to bandage him up. He was in good spirits but Informant formed the opinion, that he could not live. He spoke to those surrounding him. After bandaging him Informant left the Pillbox and heard that he died a few days later.

According to Informant Buller was well liked by his mates.

Informant:- Private T. Cons, No.2352,
Headquarters Staff, 20th Battalion,

Home Address:- George Street,
Homebush.

W.E.G.
No.4, Australian General Hospital,

RANDWICK.

4.11.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU. ✓

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ENQUIRY BUREAU

38, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Mrs Carrie Fairfax

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25 APR 1918

~~Mrs Fairfax~~

~~25 Queens Gate~~

~~London S.W.~~

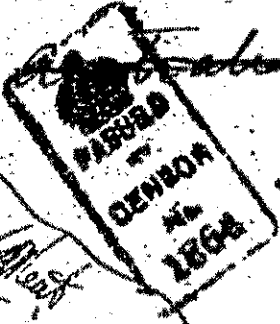
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25 Queens Gate

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25-4-18

Sig. cell. W. Hooper

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40. 77. F. L. Buller

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

25. 4. 18.

Signaller Fairfax
20. A. I. F.
B. I. F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

4077 F. L. Brewer. 20. A. I. F. Riff. M/W. 13-10-17

Attn

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

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

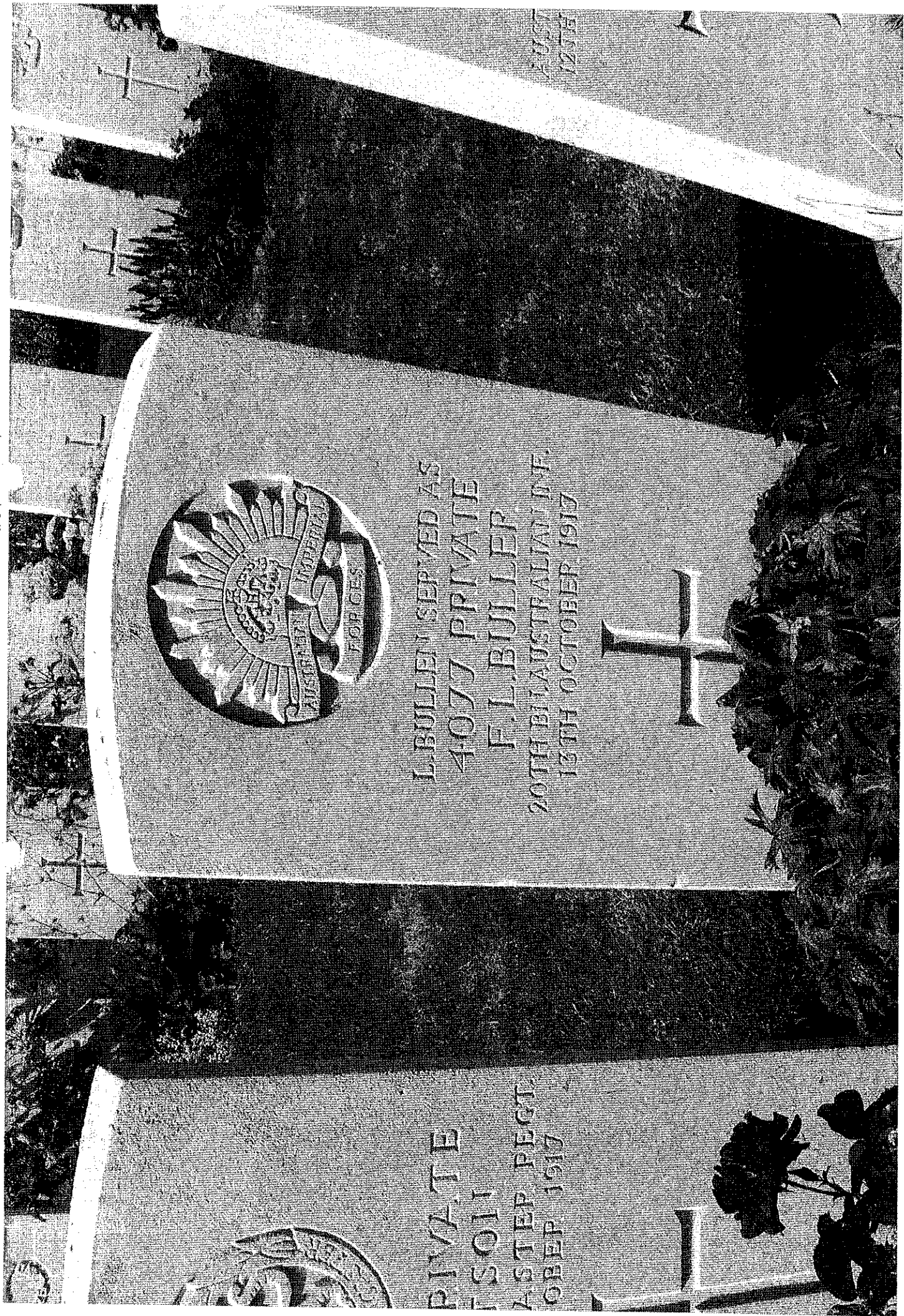
In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

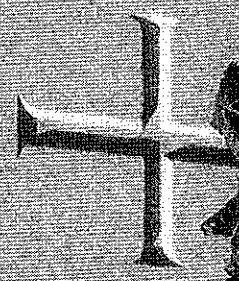
(Miss) *Vera Seakin*

Secretary.

W. H. H.



BULLER SERVED AS
 4077 PRIVATE
 F.L. BULLER
 20TH AUSTRALIAN INF.
 12TH OCTOBER 1917



PRIVATE
 T. SOIL
 MASTER PEGT
 OBER 1917