

## The Premier's Anzac Prize 2013



### Corporal Cyril Andrew Burdeu 1000

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<b>Soldier's Name</b>	Corporal Cyril Andrew Burdeu, No. 1000
<b>Regiment/Unit</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Battery, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Australian Field Artillery.
<b>Date of Birth</b>	Unknown at Moonee Ponds, Melbourne
<b>Place of Enlistment</b>	Albert Park, Victoria
<b>Age at Enlistment</b>	22
<b>Date of Death</b>	Estimated 9-11 May 1915, aged 22
<b>Place of Death</b>	Gallipoli
<b>Cemetery or Memorial</b>	Beach Cemetery, I. D. 5.



SOURCE: All-Australian Memorial: Australia's Fighting Families, p6

Corporal Cyril Burdeu is the relative of David and Rosemary Burdeu of Townsville. He served in Egypt and Gallipoli and was the youngest son of Mr Arthur P Burdeu of the Customs department. He was born at Moonee Ponds, Melbourne, and was very enthusiastic about military work. Cyril was colour sergeant in the cadets and, previous to his enlistment, was corporal in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Battery Field Artillery, taking up the work of a specialist.

It is believed that Corporal Burdeu fell in action sometime between the dates of 9-11 May 1915, whilst directing artillery fire as range taker. Major H.O. Caddy, in a letter, expressed the sense of loss felt by all ranks at his death:

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the members of the Battery, I desire to express our sincere regret in the loss of your son. Corporal Burdeu was killed instantaneously by a burst of shrapnel on 9/5/15, while attending to a telephone, when the Battery was replying to a hot fire. His loss is keenly felt by all ranks. He was in charge of the specialists of the Battery, and is, therefore, very difficult to replace. He was greatly esteemed by all ranks, both for his ability and manner, and we all feel his loss keenly. Will you please convey my regrets of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Battery Field Artillery to his brother, and accept the sympathy of all the members of the Battery in your great loss.

H. J. CADDY, Major

Commanding 5<sup>th</sup> Battery, 2<sup>nd</sup> F.A.

Bde, A.I.F.

Sleep on beloved and take thy rest, until the morning breaks and the shadows flee away.

In memoriam, by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

# In Memoriam



Hell Spit, Anzac Area (Gallipoli). 1915-05. Graves and crosses at the Hell Spit

Cemetery including those of Corporal C. A. Burdeu, AWM Collection

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MILITARY FORCES.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1000

Name

BURDEN CYRIL ANDREW

Unit

5TH BTY. 2ND F.A. BDE. A.I.F.F.

Joined on

17th August 1914.

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? ... Cyril Andrew Burden
- 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Moonce Ponds in or near the Town of Melbourne in the County of ...
- 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? ... 22 years and
- 5. What is your trade or calling? ... Carpenter and Joiner
- 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... Shays & Henning Brunswick 5 yrs
- 7. Are you married? ... No
- 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Mr A.P.A. Burden 4 Mascoma St Local 846
- 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 Incurable 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 ... Yes Field Artillery
- 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. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ...

I, Cyril Andrew Burden 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.

Date 17/8/14

C.A. Burden  
Signature of person enlisted.

D. 277/E. 14. — C. 10220. \* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.



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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 17. 8. 14

V. H. Saliff 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, Cyril Andrew Purden swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 17. 8. 14 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.

C. A. Purden

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Albert Park in  
the State of Victoria  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day \_\_\_\_\_ of  
August 1914, before me—

V. H. Saliff 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

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.



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Description of Burden Cyril Andrew on Enlistment.

Age 22 years \_\_\_\_\_ months  
Height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches  
Weight 118 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 37 inches  
Complexion Medium  
Eyes Brown  
Hair dk Brown  
Religious Denomination Ch of E

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 16/8/14

Place Delburne

Mr. [Signature]  
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 5TH BTY. 2ND F.A. BDE. A.I.F.

Date 18/8/14

Broadmeadows

[Signature] Major,  
Commanding 5th. Battery 2nd. F.A. Bde. A.I.F.  
Commanding \_\_\_\_\_



16th April

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Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of the late No. 1000, Corporal C. A. Burden, 5th Battery, 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, I am now in receipt of adváce which shows that he was killed in action at Gallipoli Peninsula, on the 11th May 1915.

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

Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. A. P. A. Burden,  
40 ~~Essex~~ <sup>Essex</sup> Street,  
Essendon, V.

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