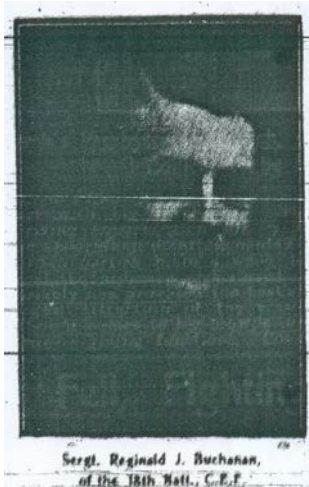


Name: Buchanan, Reginald James

Rank: Sgt

Service Number: 53440



Described himself as a Travelling Secretary. He was on the eve of ordination into the ministry of the Anglican church. He sported a hockey stick scar below his right eye. He was promoted Sergeant in the field and seems to have been headed for a commission. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1916 he was attached to a New Zealand division as a cadet and was struck by enfilading machine gun fire. His headstone is in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery Armentiere France. He was survived by his wife Beryl (nee Chambers) and a baby daughter.

## SERVICE RECORD

Date	Particulars
<b>22 Oct 1914</b>	Card- 53440 Sgt, Buchanan, Reginald James, 18 <sup>th</sup> Btn CEF, Theatre of War – France, Date of Service- 16 Sept 1915, Widow Mrs. Beryl Buchanan 301 Cobourg St Stratford, ON, Large red “D” Will leaving estate to wife Travelling Secretary from Strathroy ON, Attested in 18 <sup>th</sup> Btn at Strathroy ON, no previous military experience born 20 Jan 1894 , Father James Buchanan Kerwood ON
<b>29 Apr 1915</b>	Medical – 5’ 9” dark complexion, brown eyes, brown hair, Church of England, dog bite scar on right calf, hockey stick scar on right cheek below eye
<b>15 May 1915</b>	Arrived England aboard SS Grampian
<b>15 Sept 1915</b>	Appointed Acting Sergeant Shorncliffe
<b>9 Oct 1915</b>	Embarked for France from Folkstone England
<b>30 Apr 1916</b>	Promoted Sergeant in the field
<b>21 Jun 1916</b>	Granted 5 days leave
<b>13 July 1916</b>	To cadet course Killed in Action, while temporarily attached to New Zealand Division as a cadet.
	Circumstances of Death: “ While attached to General Headquarters Cadet School, at Blendecques, he was one of a party of four sent up on a visit of inspection, to the trenches at Steenwerck the night of July 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> 1916, when standing outside the dugout which was used as Headquarters by the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Otago Regiment, he was killed,

**23 May 1921**

presumably by fire from an enfilading machine gun.”

Medal Card- Buchanan, R. J. Sgt, 53440, 18<sup>th</sup> Btn,

Medals and Decorations to Widow Mrs. Beryl Buchanan 301 Cobourg  
St Stratford ON

Plaques and Scrolls to Widow as above

Memorial Cross to Widow as above.

Eligible for 14-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal

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ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 840

Folio. 2

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

- 1. What is your name? *Reginald James Buchanan*
  - 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Metcalfe Twp, Middlesex County, Ont.*
  - What is the name of your next-of-kin? *James Buchanan*
  - What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Kenwood, Ont.*
  - 3. What is the date of your birth? *Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1894*
  - 4. What is your Trade or Calling? *Traveling Rectory*
  - 5. Are you married? *No*
  - 6. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *Yes*
  - 7. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *Yes*
  - 8. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *No*  
If so, state particulars of former Service.
  - 9. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
  - 10. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*
- 18th Battalion*
- Reginald J. Buchanan* (Signature of Man).  
*Frank R. Buddy* (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Reginald Jas. Buchanan*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

*Reginald J. Buchanan* (Signature of Recruit)

Date *October 26<sup>th</sup>* 1914. *Frank R. Buddy* (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION:

I, *Reginald Jas. Buchanan*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as my bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

*Reginald J. Buchanan* (Signature of Recruit)

Date *October 26<sup>th</sup>* 1914. *Frank R. Buddy* (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.  
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Shetley* this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 1914.

*P. Robson* (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the above named Recruit.

*P. Robson Lt. Col.* (Approving Officer)

## Description of *Reginald James Buchanan* on Enlistment

Apparent Age... *20* years... *9* months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to this effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height..... *5* ft. *9* ins.

Chest measurement: { Girth when fully expanded..... *37* ins.  
 Range of expansion..... *4* ins.

Complexion..... *Dark*

Eyes..... *Brown*

Hair..... *Brown*

Religious denominations: { Church of England..... *Yes*  
~~Presbyterian.....~~  
~~Wesleyan.....~~  
~~Baptist or Congregationalist.....~~  
~~Other Protestants.....~~  
(Denomination to be stated.)  
~~Roman Catholic.....~~  
~~Jewish.....~~

*Mark of dog bite on outside of Right calf*  
*Small scar on right cheek just below right eye caused by Hockey stick*

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at 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 that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him\* *Fit* for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date..... *Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>* 1914.

*O. L. Berdan*

Place..... *Strathroy*

*D. C. R. Rees*  
 Medical Officer

\*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

### CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

*Reginald James Buchanan* having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

*W. H. G. G. G.*.....(Signature of Officer)

Date..... *Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>* 1914.

*J.P. W.C.*

Number 53440 Rank Sgt.

Surname BUCHANAN

Christian Names Reginald James

Unit 18th Bn. Can. Inf. Theatre of War France

Date of Service 16-9-15

Remarks Widow II

Latest Address Mrs. B. Buchanan  
301 Cobourg St.  
Stratford, Ont.

Roll No. 13  
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BUCHANAN, R.J. (Sgt) #53440, 18th Bn. 649-B-4681. *H.A.C.*

MEDALS & DECORATIONS. (Widow)

Scroll Desn. 2 Regn. No. 44638

Mrs. B. Buchanan,  
301 Cobourg St.,  
Stratford, Ont.

PLACES & SCROLLS. (Widow)

Plaque Desn. 1 Regn. No. P7497  
(Ser. #756745)

Mrs. B. Buchanan,  
Address as above.

MEMORIAL CROSS. (Widow)

Mrs. B. Buchanan,  
Address as above.

*Eligible for 14-15 Star as Sgt. 18th Bn.*  
*(Mother dead)*

*E " " " V.M.*  
*E " " " B.W.M.*

*5-15-19 R.R.*



Name Buchanan, <sup>Reginald James.</sup> Rank <sup>3rd Lt.</sup> 3rd Lt.  
 Unit 18th. Battalion.  
 Next of Kin CANADA.

Reg. No. 53440  
 Cf. 25. B. 1662

Date	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
1916						
13 7	Reported from Base <u>KILLED IN ACTION</u>			A272	M. 10127	22/7/16.

**SOLDIER'S CARD**

SURNAME Buchanan, (649-B-4681) CARD NO. **D**

CHRISTIAN NAMES Reginald James

REG. No. 53440 RANK 3rd Lt.

UNIT 18th Bn.

FORMER CORPS Nil.

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NEXT OF KIN.

NAMES IN FULL Buchanan, Mrs. Beryl.

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER Wife.

\* ADDRESS Strathroy Ontario.

54-21-38-1; 23-9-15.

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COUNTRY OF BIRTH Canada, (Pitcairn) Middleburgs Ont. DATE Jan 23rd 1894.

PLACE OF ATTESTATION Strathroy Ont. DATE 26-10-14.

Sailed from Halifax B. N. S. 1894

Rank Name BUCHANAN Reginald James

Reg'l No. 53440

Unit 18th Battn.

If in perm. Corps,  
What Unit?

Married or Single Single

Place and Date of Enlistment Strathroy Ont. 26th Oct. 1914

Place of Birth Metcalf Twp., Middlesex Co., Ont.

Name and Address, Next-of-Kin James Buchanan, Strathroy, Ont. (Auth. 9c18 letter 7-9-15 RL 29-R2)

Relationship wife

Assigned Pay Monthly \$

Payable to

Relationship

Separation Allowance \$

Payable to

Relationship

NIE R.A. NO. <u>2</u>
FILED
CATEGORY <u>KA</u>

Discharge, Date and Place

Reason

Character

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
Date	From whom received				
29-4-15	Ob. 18	Arrived per Lt. Grompian	England	29-4-15	Super Form
16-2/5/15	O.C. 18th	Appointed 2nd Lt.	Shorncliffe	15-5-15	Part II order 144
18-9-15	O.C. 18	Embarked for France	Folkestone	14-9-15	Inform. Form
18-12-15	O.C. 18th	Promoted Sergeant	In Field	9-10-15	Part II no 13
7-6-16	"	Granted 5 days leave from	"	30-4-16	" " 23.
22-7-16	"	Killed in action	In field.	13-7-16	Cas list A 272 M/1127
21-7-11	"	Killed in action	"	13-7-16	PTW D O 29.

*M. X.  
16-3-21  
RR*

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Army Form B. 103,  
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 Canadian Record Office,  
 Westminster House,  
 7, MILLBANK, S.W.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 18th Battalion, C.E.F.

Regimental No. 53440 Rank sergt. Name Buchanan Reginald J.

Enlisted (a) 26th Oct 14 Terms of Service (a) War Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank 15th May 1916 Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s \_\_\_\_\_

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	From whom received	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.			
	18th Bn	Disembarked in France	Boulogne	15-9-15	Nominal Roll
7-12-15	18th Bn.	Promoted sergeant, vice S.4009, Sgt. J. H. Child, invalided to England.	In the Field	9-10-15.	Part II Order 13, 18/15.
19-5-16	18th Bn.	Granted 8 days leave to England	England	30-11-16	O. 213. Pt. II Order 23, 7/16.
do	do	Returned from leave		11-5-16	do DCs. 200.
1-7-16	18th Bn.	To Cadet Course	Not stated	21-6-16	Letter 17/16 (97/97) DCs. 220.
16-7-16	Infantry G.H.Q.	Killed in action (Temp. attached to New Zealand Division—cadet)	Not stated	13-7-16	Daily Cas. Summ No 683, 16 7/16. DCs. 224. Part II Order 29, 21 7/16.

all. C. Co. R. S. Lt. \*  
 FOR LT. COL. A.A.G.

(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, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. CANADIAN SECT. G.H.Q., BRUSSELS. P.T.O.



53440

Sgt Buchanan R. J

18. Bn.

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WILL

In the event of my death,  
I give the whole of my  
property and effects to  
Mrs. Beryl Buchanan, <sup>(wife)</sup>  
Strathroy,  
Ontario, Can.

Bachanan  
**MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET.** 53440<sup>B</sup>

Surname Buckanne Christian Name Reginald James

Examined on 26 day of October 1914  
 at Stratford  
 Birthplace { City or Town 13/retail  
 County 17/Essex Ontl

Approved by D. W. Haggarty  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_ M.O.

Apparent age 20 years  
 Trade or occupation Travelling Secretary  
 Height 5 Feet 9 Inches  
 Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs.  
 Chest measurement { Minimum 33 inches  
 Maximum expansion 37 inches  
 Physical development Good  
 Small-Pox Marks None

Date	Place	Examiners for Re-arrangement	M.O.

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left  
 Number  

Date	Result	Vaccinations	M.O.
<u>17/14</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>D. W. Haggarty</u>	M.O.

When Vaccinated last \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection None

Date	Result	Anti-Typhoid Inoculations, Etc.	M.O.
<u>10/14</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>D. W. Haggarty</u>	M.O.
<u>20/14</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>D. W. Haggarty</u>	M.O.

Enlisted on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1914 at \_\_\_\_\_

	Corps.	REG'T. NUMBER	RATINGS	DATE
Joined on enlistment	<u>18th Bn</u>	<u>53440</u>		
Transferred to				

**EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD.**

STATION	DATE	DISEASE	RESULT

N. B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Service, on the man becoming non-effective; the date and cause being stated on next page.



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MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname BUCHANAN Christian Name Reginald James.

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish Metcalf, County W'ssex, Ont. Canada.

Examined .. .. . { on 26th day of Octbr. 1914.  
 .. .. . { at Strathroy

Declared Age .. .. . 20 years .. .. . days.

Trade or Occupation .. .. . Travelling Secretary

Height .. .. . 5 feet 9 inches.

Weight .. .. . .. .. . lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 37 inches.  
 .. .. . { Range of Expansion 4 inches.

Physical Development .. .. . Good.

Vaccination Marks { Arm .. .. . Right .. .. . Left  
 .. .. . { Number

When Vaccinated .. .. .

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) D. H. Hogg,  
 (Rank) Major. Medical Officer.

Enlisted .. .. . { at  
 .. .. . { on .. .. . day of .. .. . 1914.

Corps	Regt. No.
<u>18th Battalion</u>	<u>53440</u>

Joined on Enlistment .. .. .

Transferred to .. .. .

Became non-effective by .. .. .  
 .. .. . on .. .. . day of .. .. . 1914.  
 (Signature)  
 (Rank)

Report from whom received

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, etc., during active service. This authority to be quoted in each case.

Place

Date

REMARKS Taken from Official Documents





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Name: BUCHANAN, REGINALD JAMES Initials: R J Nationality: Canadian Rank: Sergeant Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regiment) Unit Text: 18th Bn. Age: 22 Date of Death: **13/07/1916** Service No: 53440 Additional information: Son of Capt. James Buchanan and Jane Elizabeth Fitzgerald, his wife, of Kerwood, Ontario; husband of Beryl Buchanan (nee Chalmers), of 301, Cobourg St., Stratford, Ontario. Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead Grave/Memorial Reference: II. D. 9. Cemetery: **CITE BONJEAN MILITARY CEMETERY, ARMENTIERE**