

703 ANGUS MACLEOD BUCHANAN

704 FRANK WALTON BUCHANAN

These two brothers signed up together in F Company AN&MEF, Angus stating his correct age at 48, whilst Frank indicated that he was younger at 46. In fact, Frank was born in 1861 and was 53 at the time. They were both born in Glebe, the sons of Mary and William Buchanan.

Both previously had been to South Africa during the Boer War. Frank served with the 1st contingent, NSW Mounted Rifles, service number 448, and Angus had two stints, firstly 15 months with the 1st NSW Bushman's contingent, service number 108 and then with Commonwealth contingent in 1902, service number 432.

Angus' AN&MEF attestation papers have been lost so we don't know about his service in Rabaul. On the other hand, Frank's papers show he was a blacksmith by trade and he returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired on 4th March 1915, having served 206 days. It would be reasonable to assume that Angus returned at the same time.

Both enlisted into the AIF and had relatively short periods of service.

Angus enlisted on 8th April 1915 as part of the 1st reinforcements of the 17th Battalion, regimental number 2512. This time Angus also lied about his age, stating that he was 34, whereas he was in fact 48. He was made a temporary corporal and left Sydney aboard the RHEMISTOCLES on 12th May 1915. He spent three months on Gallipoli before being hospitalised for rheumatism and then returned to Australia aboard the Nestor, departing Alexandria on 9th February 1916, and being discharged as medically unfit on 8th June 1916 in Sydney.

Frank enlisted into the 6th Squadron, 2nd Remount Unit on 24th Sept 1915, regimental number 1537, and departed Sydney on 10th November 1915 aboard the ORSOVA for Alexandria, via Melbourne where they took on board the 1st Remount Unit, which had been recruited in Melbourne.

They arrived in Egypt on December, but with the pending evacuation of Gallipoli, their reason for existence had disappeared, and the remount was disbanded with many electing to rejoin other units. Frank departed Suez on 29th April 1916 aboard the SEEANG BEE and was discharged in Sydney on 17th June 1916, "unit disbanded".

Frank died at Granville on 3rd June 1963 and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery. Angus died on 1st October 1956.