

# THE BULLER FAMILY

## Of Warburton Tragic Loss



Pte A.E. Buller, 21 years, April 1918



Pte J.A. Buller, 24 years, August 1916



Pte A.A. Buller, 22 years, May 1917



Pte C.E. Buller, 21 years, September 1917

The Buller family of Warburton suffered immense losses. Archibald Edward Buller, aged 21, was killed in France in 1917. He was a brother of Mr Ron Buller. Young Archie's first cousins (three sons of Mr and Mrs Ted Buller of West Warburton) were all killed. John Alexander Buller, aged 24, was killed at Pozieres, France on August 8, 1916. The carnage of the trenches grew worse and nine months later, on May 11, 1917, their second son, Arthur Archibald Buller, 22, died of wounds. And just four months later, on September 19, 1917, their third son, Charles Edward Buller, died of wounds he suffered at Ypres, in France. He was only 21. All these fine young men were educated at West Warburton State School. And all were mill hands in their brief civilian lives.

It is often said that England lost 'the cream of its manhood' in the 1914-18 war. Our children should be reminded that the 'cream of Australian manhood' was lost, too, bringing great grief to many thousands of homes in Australia.

These young men were brave beyond measure — but one wonders if they really knew, when they enlisted, just what horrors they and their mates would see and suffer — at Gallipoli, on the Somme, and in other theatres of war, in those four years.

And, of course, there were many uplifting stories of courage, and humour, and mateship, too, which our children should be told.