

During the War Buchan played soccer for the Guards Depot before turning out for Chelsea, but this didn't last long. He also had spells playing for both Birmingham City and Huddersfield Town. When the war ended he of course returned to Sunderland, who had retained his professional registration. Prior to league football starting again he had taken up a teaching position at Cowan Terrace School.

It was at Arsenal that he was instrumental in devising the WM formation in response to the 2 man offside law. He finished his career on 5 May 1928 at Goodison Park in a 3 v 3 draw against The Toffees. A Game in which Dixie Dean scored a hat trick.

Buchan went on to become both a Broadcaster and a Journalist with his Football Monthly magazine.

Buchan served with the Grenadier Guards. On being given Lance Corporal Status he ended up fighting on The Western Front at The Somme, Cambrai and Passchendaele, 3 of the bloodiest conflicts of WW1.

Captain in the Grenadier Guards, Buchan's Unit was pinned down in battle. In an effort to save his men he stormed a German lookout post with his troop close behind him. They took the lookout post but in doing so Buchan was bayoneted in the foot by the one German soldier who had remained alive. Luckily for Buchan (a footballer remember) the bayonet went straight through the gap between his toes. The fate of the German soldier is unknown.

His commendation was made sure when, under enemy fire he went back to the mess tent to get his men food as their rations had run out.

**“God's finger touched him and he slept”**

**Buchan's entry in the Golders Green cemetery book of remembrance**

**Fereneznurisa Torna Club 0 v 9 Sunderland  
4 May 1913, Budapest  
Charlie Buchan heads home!**

