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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2770

Name BETTERMAN James Albert

Unit 27th Battalion

Joined on 2/6/15

27th Battalion

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... James Albert Betterman
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Broken Hill in the County of N.S.W.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... N.B.
4. What is your age? ... 21 1/2 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Mason
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Mother Mrs Annie Laura Betterman Gloucester St Prospect South Aus
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 ... No
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, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother) — Do you understand that a Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... yes

4th. Reinforce m'ts
27th, Battalion, 7. B. Co.

I, James Albert Betterman 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 31.5.15

James Albert Betterman
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Description of James Albert Betterman on Enlistment.

Age 21 years 10 months
 Height 5 feet 8 1/4 inches
 Weight 134 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 32 3 5/8 inches
 Complexion Fair
 Eyes Blue
 Hair L Brown
 Religious Denomination Methodist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vis R 1/6 L 1/6
Vacc Lk Infancy

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 31 5 15

Place Liswich

J. Brown } Capt
C. Corbin } R.A.M.C.

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 4/27 Bn.

Date 31 5 15

Place Wiltan

W. M. M. M. M. Capt for Capt

Commanding

Mg
B/103 Eng
2-1-17

Embarked
21/9/15

Entitled to 1914/15 Star... *L. King*

Statement of Service of No. 2116

Name *Ja. A. Betterman*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>B. Group 1st Inf H/27 Inf</i>	<i>Transferred to</i>	<i>27.6.15</i>	<i>25.6.15</i>	
	TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM	<i>25.6.15</i>		
	ADMITTED TO Gen. HOSPITAL			
	<i>L. S. W. Bacr.</i>	<i>27.5.16</i>		<i>36</i>
	<i>L. S. W. Bacr. embarked in brig per H. S. Coombria</i>	<i>3.6.16</i>		<i>-2559 3.6.16</i>
	<i>L. S. W. Bacr. since Warrancliff Hosp. England.</i>	<i>4.6.16</i>		<i>370</i> <i>-5627. 15.6.16</i>
<i>27th Bn</i>	<i>Embarked for H.S. Kanowna from Southampton for return to Australia for Change.</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>14.1.17</i>	<i>com Roll. Am. Sec. E.R. 9216. to 6/11 3.2.17.</i>
	RETURN TO AUSTRALIA Per H.S. "Kanowna" For <i>Change</i>		<i>14.1.17</i>	<i>Pl 3/0 6/946 E</i> <i>3-2-17.</i> <i>(E.R. 9216)</i>
	<i>L. S. W. Bacr.</i>			

Discharged H.M.D (M.U) 16/5/17

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

Clamp Commandant



4TH MILITARY DISTRICT
 A.G. WHEN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE NO. 2518

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
 4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS:		CAMPS:	
ALL OFFICERS	C 5520	MITCHELL	C 8550
S.O.D.	C 1365	RENKINGTON	C 8284
C.P.M.	C 4571	NO. 1000	C 8284
REGT. OF ARTILLERY	C 8280	NO. 1000	C 8284

KESWICK BARRACKS,

ADELAIDE,

MAY 30 1917

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Officer in Charge,
 Base Records,
 Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

The under-mentioned soldier has been handed his discharge.
 Medical Board Proceedings and other documents, as follows, forwarded herewith:- ⁸¹²² B.179, B.178, ~~2~~, A.29, Book 3.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.
2116	Pte.	BETTERMAN James Albert.
UNIT	4/27 Battn.	

DATE OF ATTESTATION. 2/6/15

DATE OF EMBARKATION 21/9/15

DATE OF DISEMBARKATION 8/3/17

EX "KANOWHA"

REASON FOR DISCHARGE MEDICALLY UNFIT (NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT)

DATE OF DISCHARGE 16/5/17

TOTAL SERVICE 1 year 349

SERVICE ABROAD 1 year 169

CHARACTER Good

ACCOUNT ADJUSTED IN PART



BR
 7/6/17

Nat Hampster LIUT.

S.O. INVALIDS & RETURNED SOLDIERS. 4th M.D.

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION FOR WAR GRATUITY
LEAVE GRATUITY PASSED

JUL 28 1916

A/c. No. 50990

DISCHARGED SECTION

2116

Pte Betterman, J. Albert,
24th Batt

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FORM N. 108. (Rev. 1915)

Reported Wounded

Civil London 30/6209^c D 4-6-16

111 G. S. W. Back (severe) admitted 3/6/16 to County of
Middlesex War Hosp. WSM L 12/6210^B D^a London 6/6/16

134 Progressing favourably wsm London 45/6343^B D 22-6-16
187 Progressing favourably. WSM L 79/6530^c D London 12.7.16

10 JUN 1916 N.O.K. Advised in Hospital Wounded

19.6.16 N.O.K. enquiring progress of above.

21.6.16 Reply sent to letter of the 19.6.16

28 JUN 1916 N.O.K. advised progressing favourably.

18 JUL 1916 N.O.K. Advised ^{still} progressing favorably.....

149 Progressing favourably wsm L 107/6682^a D^a London 3/7/16

3 AUG 1916 N.O.K. Advised progressing favorably.....

219 Progressing favourably wsm L 140/6928^B D London 24.8.16

3 SEP 1916 N.O.K. Advised progressing favorably.

Returning to Aust Re "Kangana" left Southampton

14/1/17 Civil 942/8105 G D London 17/1/17

1/2/17 COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS 4th Ind.

8.3.17. Ret. "Kangana" from England to 4th M.D. Civil 942
G. S. W. back.

14.1.17 Discharged from 1st Aust. Hosp. for Australia G. S. W. Back (severe)
215/139/22 D London 24.1.17

29.4-14.12.16 Disch from 1 Aust Hpl to few days Hanfield. JB 87/16
D London 4.12.16

16.5.17 Discharged 4th M.D. (M.G.U.) BRm 17/138, 30.5.17 BRJ 90/39 N

WAR HISTORY INDEX

Casualty Form — Active Service.

Regimental No. 2116 Rank Private Name Bitterman, Lt. James Albert
 Enlisted (a) 2/4/15 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 2/4/15
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

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Report		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.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
1/1/16	C.O.	<u>England</u> Taken on strength	<u>Budros</u>	<u>29/12/15</u>	<u>A.F. 213 1/1/16.</u> 331
	Co	<u>Disembarked & Mudros</u>	<u>Alexandria</u>	<u>10/1/16</u>	<u>51-112.</u>
	Norm. Hall	PROCEEDED TO JOIN B.E.F.		<u>16/3/16</u>	
		DISEMBARKED MARSEILLE		<u>21/3/16</u>	
<u>2/5/16</u> 74	<u>26th Gen. Hos.</u>	<u>S.S. Md. back</u> Admt.	<u>Chaples</u>	<u>27/5/16</u>	<u>AJ 976.</u> <u>AK 5 200</u> <u>1/1/16</u> <u>36/2539.</u>
<u>7/5/16</u>	<u>Co B 213.</u>	<u>Wounded. To Hospital</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>28/5/16</u>	<u>AQ 434.</u>
<u>27/5/16</u> 75	<u>6th F. Amb.</u>	<u>S. Md. 2. Hkdr. Admt & Rang. to 8th Cas. C. Str.</u>		<u>29/5/16</u>	<u>AJ 968.</u>
<u>27/5/16</u> 75	<u>8th Gen. C. Str.</u>	<u>S.S. Md. back. Admt. Trans. to Base Hos.</u>		<u>20/5/16</u> <u>27/5/16</u>	<u>AJ 1042.</u>

(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. P.T.O.

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3/6/16 87.	2d Gen. Hos.	S.S. Md. back. Transfd. to HS Cambrie for England.	Etaples.	3/6/16.	AS 1075. 37/2627.
3/6/16 88.	HS Cambrie	S. Md. back. Embarked to England.	Calais.	3/6/16.	AS 1100.
98.	Thameside Hos.	S.S. Md. back. (severe) Admt.	England.	4/6/16.	LA 2. 39/2774.
16-11-16.	S.B.	Trans 1st Aux. Hap	"	11-11-16	Sgt 82 FR 1057.
4-12-16.	S.B.	Disch from Hap. for Harefield. then report to Harefield	"	29-11-16.	Sgt 97 FR 198
14/1/17.	1st Aux.	Adm. 11/1/16. discharged for return to Australia.	Harefield	14/1/17.	
14-1-17.	Adm Hd Qrs.	Emb. per H.S. "Kauona" from Southampton for return to Australia for change.	London	14-1-17.	Nom Roll. ER 9216. to 6/E 3-2-17. 926
		Discharged 4th. M.D.		16-5-17.	B. 19. 2. 95. Page 35
		Admitted to 7th Lt.	Meinert		Ed W Bace
		Discharged from 7th Lt.			

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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No. 2116

Rank Pte. Name BETTERMAN, J.A.

Unit 27th Batta.

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196 Progressing favorably. WSML 105/6652^a Lt. London 31.7.16.

Progressing favorably. WSML 107/6925^b Lt. London 29.8.16.

Returning to Aust. per H.S. 'Kanowna' left Southampton 11.1.17.

14.1.17. Discharged from 1st Aus. Hosp. for Aust. G.W. Back (severe).
CIBL 942/5105^a Lt. London 17.1.17.

29.11 - 12.12.16. Discharged from 1st Aus. Hosp. to furlough & report.
to Warefield. IB 97/36 Lt. London 14.12.16.

DATE PURPORT

1.2.17 Copy made for War pensions 4th Mo.D.

8.3.17 Returned per 'Kanowna' from England to 4th Mo.D.

16.5.17 Discharged 4th Mo.D. (M.V). BR No. 17/438. 30.5.17 BR/L 94/39.

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BETTERMAN, James Albert



Service no 2116
Private
27th Battalion

Born Broken Hill, NSW
Son of Annie Laurie BETTERMAN
Of Gloucester Street, Prospect, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment Mason
Enlisted 02 June 1915
Embarked 21 September 1915
Served in France
Wounded 25 July 1916
Returned to Australia 8 March 1917 per 'Kanowna'
Discharged 16 May 1917 as Medically unfit
Died 1985



[State Records of SA Yatala Prison Book](#)