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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1909 Name Bland, Thomas
 Unit 10th Battalion 50th Div
 Joined on Jan 7. 12th 1915

Ray Bkko
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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Thomas Bland
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of Stanton-on-Trent in or near the Town of Durham in the County of Eng
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. N.B
4. What is your age? ... 4. 20 1/2 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No
7. Are you married? ... 7. No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. (Mother) E. Bland Wilson 16 Prospect Adelaide
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible 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? ... 10. 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 ... 11. No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... 12. Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. No
14. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14. No

I, Thomas Bland 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 $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 12/1/15

Thomas Bland
Signature of person enlisted.

D.87/314.—C.1298. * 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.

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Description of Bland The on Enlistment.

Age 20 years 2 months
Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches
Weight 136 lbs.
Chest Measurement 34 37 inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes Grey
Hair Light
Religious Denomination C. Cong

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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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 12/1/15

Place Oaklands

[Signature]

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 5th Reinf. 10th Infantry.

Date 25th - 2. 18.

Place Moepheville

Commanding _____

BEF

Embarked 20.4.15

Statement of Service of No. 1909 Name Bland J

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
		12.1.15	25.2.15	
Ball Depot Inf.	ADMITTED HOSPITAL Sick 29/1/15 REJOINED UNIT FROM <i>French 4/1/15</i> <i>Spent in Egypt 1/16. Breaking Camp ✓</i> <i>Spent 14 days detn. by CO. 5.1.16</i>			74 11/2/15 11/2/15 2/4/33 2/4/44/188 2/1900 24/7/15
TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM 5 th Rifles 27/1/15				
Transferred to 50th Batt'n 26.2.16				22/3/26 24/7/16
Taken on strength 50th Bn. 29.2.16.				17/2/202 21.3
	REJOINED UNIT FROM Hoosp.	5.1.17		Pt 2-2.127. 18/1
50 th Bn	TPE Evacuated sick to Hospital.		4.11.16.	P. 2/24/3098 20
	Letter written to Ech. re- <i>Insufficiency of Reconciliation Ref 105/15/2/</i> <i>Paid in France</i>	5/9846	1/5/18	List 98
	RETIRED Kashmir		9.3.19	Rto 50/2714 (1908) 2012/898 E 1919 2 B 660R. 14/3/19 17-117924. X-3 624
	Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Dispatch of 16.3.19. London Gaz of 8.7.19. (Entry not sub. to dispatch of 19.03)			D O 1374/566. 7.8. 1919
				✓
	Entitled to 1914/15 Star.			
50 Bn	PT Discharged 4 MD	TPE	25.6.19	M/43/952

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

M.D.H.

Casualty Form — Active Service.

50th BATTALION

service a Form. No. 1909 Regiment or Corps 50th Battalion Rank Pte Name Bland Thomas 1909
 PART I. (a) 18/1/15 Terms of Service (a) 18/1/15 Service reckons from (a) 18/1/15
 200 a—8/18—12244. promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 ent rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }
 extended Re-engaged Disembarked Qualification (b) 20.4.15

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				
<i>1</i> 11.7.15.	oc/Batt	Taken on strength from Reinforcements	Gallipoli	8.7.15	73213 1810-75/8900 ✓
<i>2</i> 30/10/15	oc/Batt	Sent to Hospital	do	29/10/15	73213 1810-75/8900 No 27 ✓
<i>4</i> 6/12/15	do	repaired from Ho	do	4/11/15	73213 1810-75/8900 ✓
<i>3</i> 29/12/15	oc/Batt	Dead. Do duty	do	29/12/15	64518 ✓
<i>5</i> 29/12/15	oc/Batt	Disembarked ex "Stag Ees"	Alexandria	29.12.15	D 8104. ✓
<i>6</i> 1/1/16	oc/Batt	14 days detention	El-Hubir	31/12/15	73213 1810-75/8900 ✓
<i>7</i> 4/5/16.	C/O Battn.	Transferred to 50th Battn.	Serapeum.	26/2/16.	B 5202 022/2026 ✓
<i>8</i> 11/5/16	C.O, Battn.	Taken on strength of 50th Battn	Tol of Kobir	7.2.16	B 515 A.P. 5612. 01/704 ✓

(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, e.g., Signaller, Shoemaker, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. P.T.O.

Army Form 100

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, Army Form A, 36, or other official documents.	
Date	From whom received					
8/1/16	CO	Breaking camp from 10 Bn 1/1/16 to 1/1/16 14 day Detachment. 2. 1. 16 by CO 10 Bn 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.	Jel al Kebir	1/1/16	Proby #PZ335 FRhest 32	
9	5.6.16 CO Tpt	Proc. to Join BEF	Alexandria	5 6 16.	LR5799	
	Arcadian	Discharge	Marsailles	2 6 16.		
11	6.11.16	1st N.S.H.	Bronchitis acute.	Amiens	5/11/16	A.K.497/153
12	5.11.16	13th A.F.A.	Bronchial Catarrh ad	In field	5.11.16	A.K.497/174
			Ytd to 1st N.Z.S.H.		5.11.16	
	17.11.16	1st N.Z.S.H.	Transf to 1st N.Z.S.H.	Amiens	17.11.16.	A.K.497/181
14	18.11.16.	2 G.H.	Acute Bronchitis	Noave	18.11.16	A.K.497/190
15	22.11.16.	4 Gen D.	Acute do	Noave	22.11.16	A.K.497/196
16	1.12.16.	4 Gen D.	Discharged to Reinforcements Base	Noave	1.12.16.	A.K.619.15
17	9.12.16.	4 Gen D.	Marched in coc	Elafis	9.12.16.	40 1272.
18	7.1.17	CO Bn	Rejoined unit	Field	5.1.17	10/1 202/127
10	29.6.17	U.O. Bn.	To Hospital, Sick. With Unit 25 9 17	In The Field	2.11.16	B. 218 No 4/3098 55/543/37
19	3.6.18.	Co. 50 Bn.	Still with unit.	Field.	3.6.18.	53/4115/3

Casualty Form Active Service

Rank *Sto* Regiment or Corps *50th Battalion A.I.F.*
 Surname *Bland* Christian Name *Thomas*
 Religion Age on Enlistment years months
 Enlisted (a) *18.1.15* Terms of Service (a) *War 4 mths* Service reckons from (a) *18.1.15*
 Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged *Continuation* Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and Rate
 Occupation Signature of Officer

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.21, Army Form A. 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.21, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.	
		Embarked ...				
		Disembarked...				
<i>17-8-18</i>	<i>A.I.F. HQ</i> <i>FRUST 32</i>	<i>Offence Egypt 1.1.16. Breaking camp.</i> <i>Award 14 days detn by CO 10 Bn 3.1.16</i>			<i>52/1919</i> <i>Duplicate</i>	
<i>20</i>	<i>3.11.18</i>	<i>Co 50 Bn</i>	<i>Proc on leave to UK</i>	<i>Feld</i>	<i>30.10.18</i>	<i>D 2/196</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>1.11.18</i>	<i>3 Red Camp</i>	<i>Transferred to 3rd Canadian</i>		<i>3.11.18</i>	<i>OX 19617</i>
			<i>General Hospital while on leave</i>			
<i>22</i>	<i>3.11.18</i>	<i>3 Eau Claire</i>	<i>Influenza</i>	<i>2nd Lt Boulogne</i>	<i>3.11.18</i>	<i>Do 50/1919</i> <i>OX 322/192</i> <i>all</i>
<i>23</i>	<i>29.12.18</i>	<i>Co 50 Bn</i>	<i>No transferred to England for return to Australia</i>		<i>28.12.18</i>	<i>D 2/196</i> <i>Do 12/398</i> <i>1919</i>

(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) Signaller, Shering-Smith, &c. W.13961-M1477 10000 1/17 (2762) S P & Co, Ltd. Forms B.103/4 E.1354. P.T.O.

B.S.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 3606

In communications regimental number,
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred
to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

Melbourne,

3rd December, 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Eighth Supplement, No. 31448, to the "London Gazette," dated 11th July, 1919, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the undermentioned member of the Australian Imperial Force.

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

The following is a continuation of Sir D. Haig's despatch of 16th March, 1919, submitting names deserving of special mention:—

No. 1909 Private T. B L A N D .

The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette," No. 124, dated 30th October, 1919.

Mrs. E. Bland,
Wilson Street,
Prospect, Adelaide,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

C.18249.

Wilson St
Prospect
S.A.
12/1/15.

This is to certify that I give my son
Thomas my full permission to join
the Expeditionary Force.

(Signed) Mrs E Bland

4TH MILITARY DISTRICT
A.C. 72 870 4236

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

4th Military Forces.

5 - JUL 1919

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Keewick Barracks,
ADFLAIRE.

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

CONFIDENTIAL.

The undermentioned soldier has been handed his Discharge.
Medical Board Proceedings and other documents as follows, forwarded
herewith: -D2, Dental Form X.

No. 1909. Rank. Pte. Name. BLAND, Thomas.
Unit. 50th Btn.
Date of Attestation. 12/1/15.
Date of Embarkation. 28/4/15.
Date of Disembarkation. 25/4/19, Ex. "KASHMIR",
Reason for Discharge. CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.
Date of Discharge. 25/6/19.
Total Service. 4 years, 165 days.
Service Abroad. 4 years, 7 days.
Account Adjusted in Part.



A. B. ...
Captain,
Staff Officer In Charge of Retd. Soldiers,
4th MILITARY DISTRICT.

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 1909

Rank Pk

Name BLAND T




Unit 50th Bn

LIST.

Casualty Relg. to Aust. per H. T. "Lishmir" embarked 9/3/19 } Demobilised
C.I.D. L 3306/5672 N. dtd. London 12/5/19 Rec. B.R. 2018117 } 826

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Returned to Australia per A. Kachussa
Disembarked 19/4/19 M. D.

DATE	Form B. 103. Received	PURPORT.
27 MAR 1919	N. O. K. Advised returning to Australia, Form	Soldier 4203 BRF 20 th
11.10.20	Ordnance (B) sent to	
25-6-19	Discharged <u>M. D.</u>	
9. 2. 20	"WILL" to <u>H. M. D. M 28/585</u> <u>Retd</u>	
	1914/15 Star issued B.R.M. <u>43/1229/1146</u>	<u>Cap.</u>
	WAR HISTORY INDEX	
	  	
23/6/21	Men. in Des. Certificate <u>4320</u> transmitted B R M <u>43/1037</u> .	



BLAND, Thomas



Service No: 1909
Private
50th Battalion

Born Durham, England
Son of Thomas & Elizabeth BLAND
Of Wilson St, Prospect
Occupation prior to enlisting Labourer
Enlisted 12 January 1915
Embarkation 20 April 1915
Served in Gallipoli, Egypt & France
Mentioned in dispatches
Returned to Australia 25 April 1919 per 'Kashmir'
Discharged 25 June 1919

[State Records of SA GRG 26/5/4/1277](#)

