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SURNAME: BOWEN

GIVEN NAMES: VICTOR DENSON

ORIGINAL SERVICE NUMBER: CAPTAIN

LATER SERVICE NUMBER: N 100 565

Note - This record consists of an empty envelope only. The contents have been amalgamated with this person's later service documents. Contact Archives Staff for assistance in requesting the amalgamated record.

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

MOBILIZATION ATTESTATION FORM

To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Parts III. or IV. of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted.

Army No. N.100,565
 Surname BOWEN Christian Names Victor Denson
 Unit Sigs Training Depot
 Enlisted for war service at Paddington (Place)
N.S.W. (State) 16.11.40 (Date)

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Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for voluntary enlistment.*

1. What is your name? ... Surname BOWEN
(BLOCK LETTERS)
 Other names Victor Denson
2. Where were you born? ... In or near the town of Adelaide
 in the state or country of South Aust
3. Are you a British Subject? ... Yes
4. What is your age and date of birth? ... Age 52 3/4
 Date of Birth 3.8.1888
5. What is your trade or occupation? ... Business Manager
6. Are you married, single or widower? ... Married
7. Have you previously served in any Armed Force either in peace or war? If so, where and in what arm? ... A.I.F. 1914-1918
8. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest half-sister) ... Name Esther Lucy Bowen
 Address ORIENTAL HOTEL Kings Cross, Sydney
 Relationship wife
9. What is your permanent address? ... as above
10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) ... Baptist

I, Victor Denson Bowen do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.
 Witnessed by W. Shady Capt. (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer.)
V.D. Bowen Signature.

* The person will be warned that should he give false answers to any of these questions he will be liable to heavy penalties under the Defence Act.

A.I.F. 165
in B103 Part I.

and Casualty
Form.

ART I.

(244)

Nothing to be written in this Margin.

(1) PRESENT UNIT	1st Div. Sig. Coy. Engrs.	(2) Regtl. No.
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(3) Present Rank	Capt.	(4) SURNAME	BOWEN
(5) Decorations	M.C.	(6) Christian Names.	Victor Denison

Particulars.

(7) Date of Enlistment	10. 5. 16	(8) Place of Enlistment	<i>Not available</i>
(9) Age on Enlistment	27 Years & Months	(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate	Auth. C.R. / /
(11) Birthplace	<i>Prospect, Adelaide, S. Aust</i>	(12) Religion	<i>Protestant</i>
(13) Trade or Calling	<i>Soldier</i>	(14) If Married	<i>No Yes</i>
(15) Date of Embarkation from Australia		(16) If an Apprentice	<i>No</i>
(17)		(18) Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad	<i>abroad Aust.</i>
(19)		(20) Special Notification Card No.	<i>3750</i>
(21)			

Casualty Form Active Service.

Regimental Number _____

Rank Captain Regiment or Corps 2nd Div Sig Coy R.I.F.
 Surname Bowen Christian Name Victor Denson
 Religion Baptist Age on Enlistment 27 years _____ months
 Date of enlistment (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) 6 3 16
 Date of promotion to present rank 6/2/16 Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended () Re-engaged () Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate M.C. Signature of Officer i/c Records _____

Date	Event	Place of Country	Date of	Remarks
	<u>Embarked ...</u>	<u>1. 3. 16</u>	<u>6/2/16</u>	
	<u>Disembarked...</u>	<u>27. 3. 16</u>		
	<u>H.M.R.T. Caucasus</u>	<u>18-7-16</u>		
<u>1. 2. 16</u>	<u>Returned to Unit</u>	<u>England</u>	<u>1. 2. 16</u>	
<u>28. 11. 16</u>	<u>On leave of absence</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>22/11/16</u>	<u>4R1342</u>
<u>31. 5. 17</u>	<u>Returned to Unit</u>	<u>Dr</u>	<u>18. 5. 17</u>	<u>A.F.B. 158</u>
<u>31. 5. 17</u>	<u>Attending Medical Course</u>	<u>Dr</u>	<u>29. 5. 17</u>	<u>A.F.B. 158</u>
<u>31. 7. 17</u>	<u>33 Army</u>		<u>16. 7. 17</u>	<u>A.F.B. 158</u>

28.8.17 A.I.F. List
 223 Supplmt
 London Gazette
 No 30251 dated
 25.8.17

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS In the field
 For conspicuous gallantry
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 operations.

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 A.K. 11186
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

"M.C."

No. _____

Rank CAPT. Name BOWEN, V. D.

Unit 1st Div. Engrs. C 4956

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Casualty Wtd. to Aust. per H. T. "Ascension" emb'd 8/2 1920
C.I.B.L. 3714/6956, dtd Lon. 9/2/20 Ret. B.R. 11/3/20 O.C. Troops

Returned to Australia per A. "Ascension"
Disembarked 4th M.D. 17/4/20



DATE

PURPOSE

12. 7. 20

N.O.K. Advised returning to Australia. Form 40

16. 7. 20

End of record. fwd to Sta. G. m 51/354.

30. 8. 20

app't. terminated 4th M.D. 98

A.F. 1103 COPY FOR H.G. (C. 57/155) JW

Certified True Copy
V D Bowen

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3/Lieut Name BOWEN Victor Denson
 Unit 3rd Divisional Signal Company
 Joined on 6th March 1916 *3rd Sec.*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Bowen, Victor Denson
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
 near the Town of Prospect
 in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural British Subject (shown.) ... British Subject
4. What is your Age? ... 27 ⁸/₁₂
5. What is your Trade ... Soldier
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) ...
Mrs A. M. Wilshire
Styx 30 Balop St
South Australia
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 ... Yes. 6 yrs 3rd D.C.L.I. 3 yrs R.E (Signal Co) Discharged. Incl. - expired
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 no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

REPORTS
[Redacted]

I, Victor Denson Bowen, 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 $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.* † wife and children.
 Date 6th March '16 V D Bowen
 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.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name BOWEN Victor Denson, 2/Lieut.
 Staff or Unit 3rd Div. Signal Coy. M.O. 230/16.
 Date of Appointment and Gazette 5/3/16. Gaz. 34/16.
 Promotion (date and Gazette) _____
 Left Australia in Transport All "Ascanius" Melb. on 27/5/16. 1916.

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

To be Lieutenant 1st Sept 1916 C.A.G. 25/17 M.O. 57/1917
Awarded military Cross C.A.G. 219/17 no 577/1298
Prom to Lieut antedated to 1/5/16 Lt 427/18 no 90/18.
20/11/17. 5th Div Sig. To be Capt Lt 436/18 no 110/18.
5th Sig Coy. trans from 3rd Sig Coy 20. 11. 17 M.O. 123/109
Trans to 1st Div Sig Coy 27. 2. 18 A.I.F. list 322/18
 27. 10. 19 Form of Commission *London 31/133/19 (Duplicate - Hon of Commission also delivered in England by Lt J.H.K. (D.O.). P.A.M. 52/14.*

30. 8. 20. App. Terminated 4 R. to D. C.A.G. 85/1324/20
no 456/20

Returned to Australia (Date, Transport, and any other details):—

Gazetted from A.I.F. _____

Description of Victor Denson Bowen on Enlistment.Age 27 years 8 months.Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches.Weight 150 lbs.Chest Measurement 34-39 inches.Complexion FreshEyes BlueHair BrownReligious Denomination Baptist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Tattoo Marks, Right & Left forearms.Mole on back, left side

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 _____

Place _____

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 _____

Date _____

Place _____

Commanding

BB/AIS

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F.,
7th January, 1918.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Third Supplement No. 30251 to the London Gazette dated 24th August, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by Lieutenant V. D. Bowen, 3rd Divisional Signal Company.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned officer, in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the field :-

Lieutenant VICTOR DENSON BOWEN.

11 For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his daring personal reconnaissance and constant supervision of all routes he secured for his brigade an unbroken system of communication. Although on two occasions rendered unconscious and badly shaken by the explosion of a shell, his marked determination and disregard of danger communicated itself to all connected with him. On one occasion in particular he went out in front through a hostile barrage to re-establish communications between our raiding party and headquarters, thereby greatly assisting the success of the operations. "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 219 of 20th December, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major,

Mrs. A. M. Wilshire,
Elyth, S. A.

Officer i/c Base Records.