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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES

MINOR
Not to embark before
Birthday.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. _____ Name (Surname) BRANSON
 in full (Christian Name) CHARLES FRANCIS
 Unit _____
 Joined on 29 APR 1918

S/15224

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

1. What is your Name? ... Charles Francis Branson
2. In or near what Town were you born? ... Brisbane
In the State or Country of Queensland
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born
4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) ... 18 2/12 years.
22nd February 1900.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Soldier
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married, single, or widower? ... Single
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ... (Father) BRANSON THOMAS FRANCIS
WILSON, ST. PROSPECT,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ... WILSON, ST. PROSPECT,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
10. 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 ... 1 year 80th AREA Infantry.
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes.
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No.
13. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—
Do you understand that no gratuity allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would equal ten shillings per day? ... Yes.
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes.

3, Charles Francis Branson 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 24 APR 1918

C. J. Branson
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.
† Two fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three fifths must be allotted.
D.349/A.17.—C.1914.—50M.

I have been informed that if I make any false statement I commit an offence against the Defence Act 1909-1917, and War Precautions Act 1914-1916, 41 (c).

C. J. Branson,

Recruit.

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Description of BRANSON, Charles Francis on Enlistment.

Age 18 years 3 months.

Height 5 feet 4 1/4 inches.

Weight 116 lbs.

Chest Measurement 30 - 33 1/2 inches.

Complexion Medium.

Eyes Blue.

Hair Light Brown.

Religious Denomination Anglican.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vision R 6/6 L 6/6

Vacc. Nil.

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; 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 24/4/18

Place ADELAIDE

M. Ansell, Esq.
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 _____

Statement of Service of No. _____ Name Branson, Charles Francis

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<u>B Coy.</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>22.8.18</u>	<u>24.9.18</u>	<u>19 3/2</u>
<u>Abay No 3 P.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>20/9/18</u>	<u>24.12.18</u>	<u>23 1/2</u>
<u>A Coy Discharged</u>	<u>Pte</u>			

DISCHARGED 24.12.18 SEE O.O. 9/2

Cessation of Hostilities

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

Walter Doeman Lt. Colonel,
CAMP. COMMANDANT.

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Mechanical
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in full { Christian Name Charles Francis.
Unit _____
Joined on 24 APR 1918



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2. In or near what Town were you born? ... Brisbane
In the State or Country of Queensland.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born.
4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) ... 18^{7/12} years. 22nd February, 1900.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Storeman.
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No.
7. Are you married, single, or widower? ... Single.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ... (FATHER) BRANSON, THOMAS FRANCIS. MR.
WILSON ST. PROSPECT.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ... WILSON ST. PROSPECT.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
10. 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 ... 1 year 80th Infantry AEA.
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes.
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No.
13. (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 ten shillings per day? ... Yes.
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes.

I, Charles Francis Branson 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 24 APR 1918

C. F. Branson
Signature of Person Enlisted.

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W I L L.

I Private Charles Francis Branson.....

a member of the Australian Imperial Force give all my property

whatsoever and wheresoever including my Military Estate to my Mother

Emma Maud Branson of 22 Wilson Street Prospect

.....in the State of South Australia

in the Commonwealth of Australia. And I appoint the said

Emma Maud Branson of 22 Wilson Street Prospect SA.

sole executrix of this my Will. In witness whereof I have here-

unto set my hand this 22nd day of August

1918.

C. F. Branson.

..... Private

Witnesses. (Both present at the same time when testator signed this Will.) Australian Imperial Force.

.....
W. J. Merrick Capt, O.S.O. M.C.
W. J. Merrick Sgt
.....

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Original.
Duplicate.

APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

at _____

I, Charles Francis Branson
hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service
Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the
Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS.

Wilson St.
Prospect.

Signature C. F. Branson

Occupation Storeman

Date 24/4/18.

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment
of my ^{son} ~~ward~~ for Active Service Abroad. We further certify that he was born at Brisbane Queensland
February 22nd 1900.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of
either or both Parents.

Father's Signature Thomas Francis Branson

Mother's Signature Emma Maud Branson

OR

Guardian's Signature _____

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— _____ yrs. _____ mos. | Height— _____ ft. _____ ins. | Chest Measurement (fully
expanded)— _____ inches.
Married. Widower. Single.

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority { FIT for Active Service.
UNFIT, for the following reasons:—

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of Medical Authority. _____

I Concur

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot. _____

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally ACCEPTED this applicant for enlistment
in the Australian Imperial Force. REJECTED

(Signature) _____

Place _____

Recruiting Officer.

Date _____

Was Provisions Act, Paragraph 45.—If any person, verbally or in writing, in any report, return, declaration, or application, or in any document signed by him or on his behalf, of which it is his duty to ascertain the accuracy, knowingly makes or connives at the making of any false statement or any omission, with intent to mislead any officer or other person acting under the orders of any officer, in the execution of his duties, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

R.M.

M.D.

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A.M. Form D. 1.

To be used for Enlistment in the Permanent Military Forces only.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname BRANSON Christian Name Charles Francis.

TABLE I.-GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Brisbane, Queensland.

Examined ... { on 17 day of April 1918..
at ADELAIDE.

Declared Age ... 18 3/4 years, 22nd February, 1900.

Trade or Occupation ... Storeman.

Height ... 5 feet 4 1/4 inches.

Weight ... 116 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 30 32 1/2 inches.
Range of Expansion 3 1/2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right. Left.
Number nil nil

When Vaccinated ...

Vision ... { R.E.-V=6/6
L.E.-V=6/6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { (a) Bis flat footed
Cardiac Murmur

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection { (b) Heaving impulse.

WAR PRECAUTION REG. 41 C.
HAVE YOU EVER SUFFERED FROM:-
(1) Consumption or Tubercular Disease of the Lungs? NO
(2) Fits of any kind? NO
(3) Mental derangement or Disease (insanity)? NO
(4) Rheumatism? NO
(5) Chorea or Tremors? NO
E.O.L.

24. 4. 18 Approved by ... (Signature)

RE-EXAMINED, FIT (Rank)

N. Austy, G.D.S.

Medical Officer.

ADELAIDE.

A.A.M.C.

Enlisted A.M.C. at 24 APR 1918 day of 19

Joined on Enlistment ...

Corps.	Regtl. No.
<u>as</u>	

Transferred to ...

Became non-effective by...

on _____ day of _____ 19 _____

(Signature) *Ernest*
(Rank) *Major*

BRANSON, Charles Francis



Service no S15224

Private

Depot

Born 22 February 1900 in Brisbane Queensland

Son of Thomas Francis BRANSON

Of Wilson Street, Prospect, SA

Occupation prior to enlistment Salesman

Enlisted 24 April 1918 at Adelaide, SA

Isolated as suspected Scarlet Fever 27 September 1918

Did not proceed overseas due to Cessation of Hostilities

[State Records of SA GRG 26/5/4/71](#)

