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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No. 272

Name BROOKS: John Elhanah

Unit Gilbey Infantry Base Depot

Joined on 26th January 1915

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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|---|--|
| 1. What is your name? ... | 1. <u>John Elhanah Brooks</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>Abilient</u> in the County of <u>SA Australia</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... | 3. <u>N.B.</u> |
| 4. What is your age? ... | 4. <u>29 1/2 yrs</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? ... | 5. <u>Carpenter & A.B.</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Are you married? ... | 7. <u>yes</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... | 8. (<u>Wife</u>) <u>Eva Muriel Brooks</u> Wilson St Prospect SA Australia <u>SA Australia</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? | 9. <u>No</u> |
| 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? | 10. <u>No</u> |
| 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. <u>No</u> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... | 12. <u>yes</u> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... | 13. <u>No</u> |
| 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. <u>yes</u> |

are you willing to undergo inoculation against Smallpox & Enteric Fever? Yes
I, John Elhanah Brooks 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 ^{three} ~~two~~ fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.*

Date 26/1/15

J Brooks

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.

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 272

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 27th BATTALION, A.I.F. Christian Name John Elkensh
 Rank Private Surname BROOKS
 Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.
 Enlisted (a) 26-1-15 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) 26-1-15.
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____
 Signature of Officer. _____

| Report From | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 21, Army Form A. 24, 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. 24, or other official documents. |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|--|
| To join M. F. Gallipoli | Embarked | Alexandria | 4-9-15 | |
| | Disembarked | Arzo | 22-9-15 | B. 213. |
| 26-9-15 G.O. 27th Bn. | Sailed to 7th P. Amb. | do | 22-9-15 | DO. 5/82. |
| 26-9-15 7th P. Amb. | Tonsillitis Admt. to 16th C. Hosp. | do | 21-9-15 | DO. 4/82. |
| 28-9-15 16th C.C.E. | Tonsillitis Admt. do | do | 20-9-15 | DO. 1/82. |
| 17-10-15 "Grenadier" | Sailed for England from Southern Gen. Hosp. | Andros | 28-9-15 | DO. 16/301. |
| R. Office. N. 242. | Arrived at & reported at this depot. | England | 19-11-15 | DO. 18/788. |
| 5-4-16 | Returned to duty at Herbert Hospital | do | 12-4-16 | AC. 7915. |
| 13-4-16 | Proceeded to join B.F.F. Depot. | Weymouth | 29-5-16 | AC. 2126. |
| 29-5-16 | Proceeded to join 1st ANZAC Trenching Battalion | Etaples | 25-6-16 | AC. 1707 |
| 25-6-16 | 2nd A.D.B. Co. | France | 10-7-16 | AC. 1671. |
| 10-7-16 | 1st ANZAC Engr. Bn. | do | 13-7-16 | DE 13. 1105. DO. 49/3572. |
| 16-7-16 | G.O. 27th Bn. Rejoined Bn. from Base | do | | |

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or called into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or call-up will be entered.
 (b) Signature, Shilling-Smith, & Co. Form B. 103. E. 354.
 (Print) WASHINGTON 1000 240 252 G.S. _____ Secures he is not _____

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 26/1/15
 Place Reservist

J. Markes
 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 Base Depot Infantry / 27th Infantry A.I.F.

Date 26/1/15
 Place Daxland

W. Hughes Lieut
 Commanding 1st Coy Infantry
 for Base Depot

| Report | | Place of Casualty | Date of Casualty | Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 215, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| Date | From whom received | | | |
| 12-8-16 | G.O. 27th Bn | France | 5-8-16 | FD 12, 183621. DO. 56/4184. VL56-25/8/15. |
| 11-10-16 | A.A.G., A.I.F. | | 5-8-16 | DO. 39/5549. 55/422/23. CIBL. 623. VL110-18/15/16 |
| 30-7-17 | G.O. 27th Bn. Court of Enquiry | | 5-8-16 | DO. 47/8185. 19/479/8. VL430-12/8/17. |
| | | (Sgd) F. T. LUKIN Lieutenant, Officer i/c. Records. | | |
| ANZAC SECTION, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force. | | | | |

DO HELP ME, GOD.

J. E. Brooks

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Reservoir in
the State of SA Australia
this 26th day of

January 1915, before me—

C. Woodcock

Signature of Attesting Officer.

* A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialled by the Attesting Officer.

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FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090a.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS } 27th BATTALION, A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, }
 Battery or Company }
 Regimental No. 272 Rank PRIVATE
 Surname BROOKS Christian Names John Elkanah
 Died { Date 5th August 1916 Place FRANCE
 Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION
 Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry dated 30th July 1917.
 By whom made Commanding Officer, 27th Battalion, A.I.F.
 * Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand Date ----
 By whom reported ----
 State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) ---
 a Will or not (c) as a separate document ---

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.
 Any information received in verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.
 A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date { ANZAC SECTION, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force of Section 31st August 1917. of the Base }
 (1330) Wt. 5710/1745 400,000 616 JFW (E328) Form B2090a/2 J. J. Hughes Lieut., Officer i/c. Records.

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 26/1/15

Place Keenil

[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 Base Depot Infantry / 27th Infantry A.I.F. 16-3-16

Date 26/1/15

Place Daklanas

J. J. Hughes Lieut.
Commanding 1st Coy Infantry
for Commanding Officer

Description of John E. Brooks on Enlistment

Age 29 years 10 months
Height 5 feet 7 inches
Weight 180 lbs.
Chest Measurement 37-39 inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes grey
Hair Fair
Religious Denomination C of E.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

L.H.

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 limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate venereal 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 26/1/15

Place Keewick

[Signature]
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

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appoint him to Base Depot Infantry / 27th Infantry A.I.F. 16-3-15

Date 26/1/15

Place Oakland

[Signature]
Commanding Gley Infantry
for Central Column

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29th April, 1916.

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Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated 18th instant, and to inform you the latest advice received here concerning your husband No. 272 Private J. E. Brooks, 27th Battalion, is to the effect that he was reported as having been admitted to the 2nd Southern General Hospital, Bristol, on the 11th October last, sick. In the absence of further reports it may reasonably be assumed satisfactory progress has been maintained, it being the practice of the overseas authorities to notify this Department of any serious change of condition. Upon receipt of any later information you will be promptly notified.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.

P.S. - Your change of address has been noted.

Mrs. E. M. Brooks,
DonnStreet,
PROSPECT, S.A.

Dear Sir.
 I am sending 6 stamps
 Please forward "Pamphlet"
 E. M. Brooks
 7 Edgeworth St - Prospect.
 6 Stamps
 RECEIVED
 DEC 18 1917
 1917

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. 13101 510/16

4th MILITARY DISTRICT.

RECEIVED **BRITISH WAR** ONE MEDAL for No. late no 172

Rank Pvt. Name J. E. Brooks
 Unit 27th Bata (Signature) E. M. Brooks
 Place 7 Edgeworth St Prospect (Witness) J. M. P. Jones
 Date 25th Aug 1921

Please return, duly signed and witnessed, by first post to
 Medal Distributing Officer,
 Keswick Barracks, Adelaide.

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FIELD SERVICE. Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 27th BATTALION, A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, }
 OR CORPS } Battery or Company }
 Regimental No. 272 Rank PRIVATE
 Surname BROOKS Christian Names John Elkanah
 Died { Date 5th August 1916 Place FRANCE
 Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION
 Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry dated 30th July 1917.
 By whom made Commanding Officer, 27th Battalion, A.I.F.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Place Particulars not yet to hand Date ----
 Burial { By whom reported ----

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (A) Will not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) ---
 (c) as a separate document ---

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.
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ANZAC SECTION, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q.
 Station and Date } British Expeditionary Force }
 } 31st August 1917. }
 } Lieut. Officer i/c. Records. }

(1532) Wt. 5710/M745 400,000 8/16 JFW [E328] Forms/B2090A/2

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 272

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 27th BATTALION, A.I.F.

Rank Private Surname BROOKS Christian Name John Elkanah

Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.

Enlisted (a) 26-1-15 Terms of Service (a) Till 4 months after War Service reckons from (a) 26-1-15.

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____

Extended { _____ } Re-engaged { _____ } Qualification (b) _____
or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer _____

| Report | | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, 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. 213, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents. |
|----------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| | To join M.E.F. Gallipoli | Embarked ... | Alexandria | 4-9-15 | |
| | | Disembarked... | | | |
| 25-9-15 | C.O. 27th Bn. | Sick to 7th F.Amb. | Anzac | 22-9-15 | B.213. DO.5/82. |
| 25-9-15 | 7th F.Amb. | Tonsillitis Admt. Trans. to 16th C.Hosp. | do | 22-9-15 | C.3668 DO.4/82. |
| 22-9-15 | 16th C.C.S. | Tonsillitis Admt. | do | 22-9-15 | A.11982 DO.4/82. |
| 17-10-15 | "Grampian" H.S. | do Admt. | do | 26-9-15 | B361. |
| | W. Office. H. 2242. | Sailed for England from Southern Gen. Hosp. Southhead | Mudros Bristol | 28-9-15 11-10-15 | DO.10/301. P.960. DO.18/788. |
| 5-4-16 | A. Interm. Depot Abbey Wood | Arrived at & reported at this depot. | England | 19-11-15 | AP.5966. |
| 13-4-16 | do | Returned to duty ex Herbert Hospital | do | 12-4-16 | AP.7915. |
| 29-5-16 | Aust. Base Depot. | Proceeded to join B.E.F. | Weymouth | 29-5-16 | AC.1126. |
| 25-6-16 | 2nd A.D.B.D. 1st Anzac | Proceeded to join 1st Anzac Entrenching Battalion | Etaples | 25-6-16 | AC.1707 |
| 10-7-16 | Entr. Battn. | Proceeded to join Unit | France | 10-7-16 | AC.1681. |
| 15-7-16 | C.O. 27th Bn. | Rejoined Battn. from Base | do | 13-7-16 | B213.AQ1105. DO.49/3372. |

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or entered into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

| Report | | Record of promotion, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 212, Army Form A. 36, 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. 212, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| 12-8-16 | C.O. 27th Bn | Wounded in Action | France | 5-8-16 | B213.AQ3221. DO.56/4194. VL56-25/8/16. |
| 11-10-16 | A.A.G..A.I.F. | Previously reported "Wounded" now reported "Wounded & Missing". | | 5-8-16 | DO.69/5549. 55/422/23.CIBL.623. VL110-18/10/16 |
| 30-7-17 | C.O. 27th Bn. Court of Enquiry | Previously reported "Wounded & Missing" now reported "KILLED IN ACTION". | | 5-8-16 | DO.47/5185. 19/479/8. VL436-12/8/17. |
| ANZAC SECTION, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force. | | | Lieutenant, Officer i/c. Records. | | |

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Transferred to

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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No. 272

Rank Pte

Name Brooks

Unit 27th Battalion

Transferred 22.9.15. Hosp: Ship. 28.9.15. To King. A.I.F. Memo to 46013

Casualty Wounded coming to Med. Bristol High Com. 30.9.15

11.10.15 Admitted 2nd Southern Gen Hosp Bristol

Southmead Secty ex H.D. Grampan

Sick M4/1364/26 H Com 21.10.15

Rejoined Rejoiner France certified fit 22/6/16 2nd class 34660
Wounded 365/6944 London 4.9.16 47
Previously reported wounded was reported wounded & missing 4 Aug 68 BL 623/7369 A D London 25.10.16.

| DATE | A.F. E.103 Received | PURPORT. | A.F. B.2090A Received. | REF. No. |
|-------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|----------|
| 27.10.15 | | Inf Kead wounded in Hosp Bristol | | |
| 18.4.16 | | Not asking whereabouts | | |
| 29.4.16 | | Reply sent to 18.4.16 | | |
| 12 JUN 1916 | | N.O.K. Advised Returned to Duty | | |
| SEP 19 1910 | | N.O.K. Advised Wounded Second occasion | | |
| 30.10.16 | | M.O. 4 ADVISED. WOUNDED & MISSING. 11/8/16 | | |
| 10-11-16 | | COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS | | |
| 13.7.16 | | Fit Returning to repin B.L.7 in France Draft 33/8 dated Weymouth 20/7/16 | | |
| 25.7.17 | | Rejoined Gen from Base Depot. D.D. 49/1. De Rouen, France 21/7/16 | | |
| 333 | | PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. Mithades | | |
| AUG 20 1917 | | Previously reported wounded & missing | | |
| 22.8.17 | | was reported killed in action 5.8.16 | | |
| 3.1.17 | | M.O. 4 ADVISED. KILLED IN ACTION 5/8/16 | | |
| 11/20 | | A.A.C. Pensions advised re casualty file Statement No 72 | | |
| | | CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF | | |
| | | Cable No. 10.2.16 17.19. Side 8/98.8.20/8/17 | | |
| | | PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. Mithades | | |
| | | 1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/27/8. NR 22702 | | |
| | | To Comdt. H. M.O. B.R.M. 62/378 | | |

WAR HISTORY INDEX

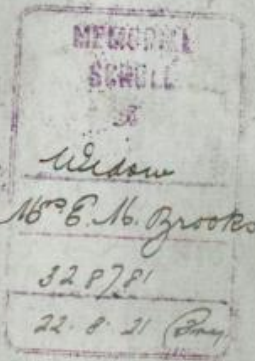
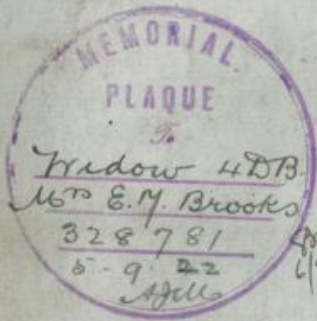


Circular B.R.M. 30/1908 & Booklets re Graves despatched 1/12/1908
BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. M.D.B.R.M. 63/905
FINAL NOTICE 1922

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R. & Med. Dep. 100-100



"WHILE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to Mrs E. M. Brooks 11-7-22



5 DEC 1922

VICTORY MEDAL to Widow B. R. P. F. No. 9213
Registered Post No. 9213 G. P. O. Melbourne

R-2H 24-5-30 14/1/22

REGISTER ORDER FORM

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BROOKS, John Elkanah



Service no 272
Private
27th Battalion

Born 08 March 1887 at Millicent, SA
Husband of Eva Muriel BROOKS of 7 Edgeworth Street, Prospect, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment Carpenter
Enlisted November 1914
Served in Egypt, Gallipoli and France
Reported missing 04 August 1916 and later reported killed in action 04
August 1916 at Pozieres
Buried / Memorial VILLERS-BRETONNEUX MEMORIAL



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