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AUSTRALIAN
50th BATTALION



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 5777 Name KLOSS, John Thomas
 Unit Company 2nd Depot 50th BATT
 3859
 1st 2nd Depot
 Joined on Sept 7th 1915 50th BATT

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... John Thomas Kloss
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
 In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Peterborough
 in the County of South Australia
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? ... 18 1/2 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Farmer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no
7. Are you married? ... Father Mr. Kloss, same ad
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...
(Wife of 2nd Lt. Kloss, 21st B.)
(Mother) Mrs. Bridget Mary Kloss,
Ann St. Street,
Prospect, South Australia
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... no Tank St.
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? ... no South Australia
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 2 months C Coy 50th BATT
8th BATT Prospect - prospect removed
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 parent and mother)—
 Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued you after embarkation during your term of service? ... —
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... Yes

John Thomas Kloss 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 SEP 7 1915

John Thomas Kloss
 Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 15 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 John Thomas Kloop on Enlistment

Age 18 years 6 months
Height 5 feet 11 1/4 inches
Weight 148 lbs.
Chest Measurement 33-36 inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes Hazel
Hair Dk Brown
Religious Denomination R.S.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vis. R 6/6 L 6/6
Scar 1 L.

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 SEP 7 1915
Place ADELAIDE.

E. J. Johnson } Capt
Adjutant } Adjutant
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 B Coy 2nd Depot Bttn

Date 7. 9. 15 H. D. Gordon Major
Place Exhibition Camp Commanding 1st Depot Bttn
for C.O. 2nd Depot Bttn

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MILITARY FORCES.

1st ~~Infantry~~ 50th Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

9th Pits 7th Bn.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. B 778
3859
 Name KLOSS John Thomas
 Unit B Coy 2nd Depot Bttn 9th Pits
 Joined on 7th Sept. 1915

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. John Thomas Kloss
2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Petersburg in the County of St Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. NO
4. What is your age? ... 4. 18 1/2 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Farmer.
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, Mrs Bridget Mary Kloss, Tarrant Street, Prospect, St Australia
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. In the Coy, 1st Bn, 7th Batt. Present through removal
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, widowers, all children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother) Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be paid to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14. Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

John Thomas Kloss 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 allow not less than two-thirds of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date 7th SEP 1915

John Thomas Kloss
 Signature of Person Enlisted.

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Army Form B. 103.

50th BATTALION, A.I.F.

Regimental Number 3889.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Rank Private
 Regiment or Corps 50th Battalion A.I.F.
 Surname FLOSS
 Christian Name John Thomas
 Religion
 Enlisted (a) 7-8-15 Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)
 Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)
 Occupation or Corps Trade and rate

Signature of Officer.

Date	Report From whom received	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
		Embarked		
8-4-16	7th Tn Bn	Disembarked	Heliopolis	
		Allotted and proceeded to JOIN 50th BATTALION.		
8-4-16	CO 50th Bn	Taken on strength	2-4-16	A.P. 1856
5-6-16	CO Transport	Proceeded to join S.K.F.	Sourpoun 5-4-16	A439D07/1530
12-6-16	arcadian	Disembarked at	Alexandria 5-6-16	L.R. 1799
30-7-16	CO B.213.	Detached to 13th A.M.G. Coy. France	Marville 28-7-16	A171BDC27/340
29-7-16	13th A.M.G. Coy	Attached ex 50th Batta	do 29-7-16	A1781D06/285
4-11-16	do	Returned to Unit	do 31-10-16	A6624D017/563
7-11-16	CO B.213.	Rejoined Unit	do 31-10-16	A00888D044/529
27-1-17	15th A.F.A.	Admitted and transferred to 4th L.S.D. ICF HELL.	do 27-1-17	A. 1874 /24.

(A) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of each re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (B) Signature, Stating Date, &c.
 W. 827-32285 1946a 1/17 (1944) C.P.A.S. Ltd. Form B. 103 2/1942. (P.T.O.)

John Thomas
Private
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer *J. A. ...*

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

to *B Coy 2nd Depot Btl*
 on *9. 15*
RD Gordon Major
 at *Libtation Camp* Commanding *1st Depot Btl*
 for *CO. 2nd Depot Btl*.

Buried at Mil-bew. Broodsaende
H. 28 NE. D. 23. c. 35.

U.R. 6 (sh 15)

Date	From whom received	Report	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form S 22. Army Form A. 24. or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.
3-2-17	4th D.R.S.	Admitted and transferred to C.G.S. IGT WHEL.	France	28-1-17. A.F. 874/32. 28-1-17.	
3-2-17	1/1 S.M.D.CCS	Admitted and transferred to A.T. IGT WHEL.	do	29-1-17. A.K. 874/42. 30-1-17.	
1-2-17	3rd Stat. Hosp	Admitted and transferred to England. IGT WHEL.		31-1-17. A.K. 874/18. 1-2-17.	
3-2-17.	D'LUCK CASTLE	EMBARKED FOR ENGLAND	HAVRE	4-2-17. A.K. 874/60. D06/657.	
17-4-17.	3rd Aus. G. Hosp	Admitted I.C.T. WHEL	England	5-2-17. D031/E	
17-4-17	do	Granted furlough and to report to F. Downs.	do	17-4-17. D031/E 2-5-17. do.	
10-6-17	No. 1000.D	Marched in and Class. 61a	do	5-6-17. L.R. 3901.	
7-5-17	do	Sick to Bulford. Hosp.	do	2-5-17. L.R. 2531.	
2-6-17	No. 1.A.D.H.	Admitted and transferred to Duty. V.D. Total Period. 52 days.	do	2-5-17. H.R. 548. 2-6-17. DO 47/E.	
10-6-17	No. 1. Com.D	Sick to Camp Hospital	England	8-6-17. L.R. 5901.	
28-6-17	No 2 Camp Hosp	Discharged to duty.	do	27-6-17. H.R. 2151.	
26-7-17	O/S Tn Bde	Proceeded O/S France via	Southampton	26-7-17. D055/E LR 597E.	
28-7-17	4th A.D.B.D	Marched in ex England	Havre	27-7-17. D. 29/30	
19-8-17	CO B. 215.	Rejoined Unit	Belgium	11-8-17. D. 21/33. D052/3894.	
21-10-17.	do	KILLED IN ACTION.	do	19-10-17. D. 21/42. D. 30/5114.	

Verified List No 514 dated 22-10-17.

Ansco Section, 3rd Battalion, G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.

(SGD.) S.H. CRAWFORD Lieut
Officer i/c Records.

J. J. Hines
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at ADELAIDE. in
the State of SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
this _____ day _____ of
27 SEP 1915 19____, before me—

E. J. Fitch
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.

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 50th BATTALION. A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company: _____
OR (ORPS) _____
Regimental No. 3889 Rank Private

Surname KLOSS. Christian Name John, Thomas.

Date 19th October 1917. Place Belgium

Causes of Death Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B. 213 dated 21st October 1917

By whom made Commanding Officer 50th 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 active duty, or from injury while on active duty.
Will not received.

State whether he leaves a Will or not (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 61), (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 be found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to 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 Field Centre Postmaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Postmaster, 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 15th Nov. 1917. Signature of Officer in charge of Section Mawford Lieut
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Officer i/c Records.

FORM B. 2090A—II. A. 36—517—(2017)—Form B. 2090A.2

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 1st SEP 1915

Place ADELAIDE.

E. Johnson
Dist. Surgeon
Signature of Examining Medical Officer J. A. M. G.

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 B Coy 2nd Depot Btltn

Date 7. 9. 15 D. Gordon Major

Place Exhibition Camp Commanding 1st Depot Btltn
for CO. 2nd Depot Btltn.

25/10/35
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Statement of Service No. **37178** Name **Kloss John Thomas**

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
B Coy 3 rd D. Batta		7-9-15	15-9-15	
A Coy 3 rd D. Batta		16/9/15	18.9.15	
1st Depot Batta		1.10.15	16.11.15	
T.I.V.D.		16.11.15	1.12.15	
1st Depot Batta		1.12.15	1 DEC 1915	
9/27 50 th Bn	TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM	2.4.16	19/5/20	18.6.11
	joined 12 th M.B. Coy from 50 th Bn.	29.7.16		896-255 8.8.16
	Transferred to 13 th M.B. Coy from 12 th M.B. Coy.	28.7.16		1220. 27. 3401. 9.8.16
	Reinstated from 13 th M.B. Coy to 50 th Bn. Gun Coy & rejoined 50 th Battalion at S.F. in the field	2.10.16		No 7663. 2/11/16
	Taken on strength of 50 th Bn A.D.F. from 13 th Machine Gun Coy in the field	31.10.16		112/44 5294 15.11.16
	Sub Paras 5291.5 5297 Inclusive			
50 th Bn	Embarked on H.S. battles Castle for England 1.4.17	Home	4.2.17	112/44 4604 9.2.17
	Placed on strength of 1st Coy Hosp. S.C. 4. Reel R. Flight	Bartford	5.2.17	112/44 2548 26.4.17
	Admitted to A.D. at Bartford. Discharged 2.11.17 total 82 days		8.6.17	112/44 2908 4.7.17
	Placed on strength of 1st Coy Hosp. S.C. 4. via Southampton		26.7.17	112/44 4185 18.17
	Placed on strength of 1st Coy Hosp. S.C. 4. via Southampton		26.7.17	112/44 4185 18.17
	Placed on strength of 1st Coy Hosp. S.C. 4. via Southampton		15.8.17	112/44 5094 31.8.17

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

SEE COPY A.F. 5103 ENCLOSED

Laurent St

Prospect

I here by give my son John Thomas
Klass consent to serve his
King & Country

Richard May Klass

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OR CORPS | Battery or Company, |

Regimental No. 3859 Rank Private

Surname KLOSS. Christian Names John, Thomas.

Died { Date 19th October 1917. Place Belgium

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B.213 dated 21st October 1917

By whom made Commanding Officer 50th 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.

Will not received.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) (b) in Small Book (if at Base)
(c) as a separate document

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Station and Date Anzac Section. 3rd Echelon. G.H.Q. B.E.F. 15th Nov. 1917. Signature of Officer in charge of Section *M. Crawford* Lieut
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Officer II/C Records.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 3859

Rank Pte. Name KLOSS J. L.

Unit 50th Battalion.

36x
Casualty Killed in Action 19/10/17 6.52 p.m. 1917 1/1/1918

Despatched 18.11.21

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to No. 9 Kloss on 15.11.21

MEMORIAL SCROLL
To
Father
No. 9 Kloss
336859
15.11.21

Despatched 17.11.21

DATE	A.F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT	A.F. B. 206CA Received	REF. NO.
NOV 7 1917		M.O. 4 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 19.10.17		
4.2.18		COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
2-9-18		"Will" to D.P.M. 4 M.D. No. 247886		
		PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. <u>26/505</u>		
		NO PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT BAG BR. M.		
		Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12.12.1917		
		<i>Received & acknowledged by printed comm.</i>		
WAR HISTORY INDEX		  		
H. 11.21		BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt <u>H.H.</u> M.D.B.R.M. 51/5		

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To
Father (Direct)
No. J. Kloss
386859
6.10.22

16 FEB 1923

VICTORY MEDAL to Father B. R. P. F. 42
Registered Post No. 386859 G. P. O. Melbourne

29/10/28 REGISTERED
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KLOSS, John Thomas



Service no 3859
Private
50th Battalion

Born 12 March 1899 at Petersburg, SA
Son of Joseph KLOSS and Bridget fmly FENTON nee REILLEY
Of Park Street, Sefton Park, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment Farmer
Enlisted 07 September 1915
Served in France and Belgium
Killed in action 19 October 1917 in Belgium
Aged 20 years
Commemorated Ypres Menin Gate Memorial



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