

# Boorn, Reginald Henry

**Rank:** Lieutenant

**Unit:** 27th Battalion (Infantry)

**Service:** Australian Army

**Conflict:** 1914-1918

**Date of death:** 19 August 1916

**Cause of death:** Died of wounds

**Cemetery or memorial details:** Etaples Military Cemetery, France

**War Grave Register notes:** BOORN, Lt. Reginald Henry. 27th Bn. Australian Inf. Died of wounds 19th Aug., 1916. Son of Henry James and Helen Jane Boorn; husband of Ruth Jean Boorn, of 34, Clifton St., Malvern, South Australia. Native of Prospect, Adelaide, I. A. 44.

**Source:** AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army





Public Library, Museum & Art Gallery  
of South Australia.

PARTICULARS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE PORTRAIT OF A VOLUNTEER  
FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE GREAT WAR, to be preserved in  
the State Archives of South Australia.

Full Name  
(Surname first) *Boorn, Reginald Henry.*

Date of Birth *July 26. 1894 (1894)*

Date of Enlistment *Sept. 1914*

Trade or  
Calling *Chemist.*

Born in or near  
what Town *Prospect.*

Address prior  
to Enlistment

Rank, Number *Lieutenant*

Battalion, Distinctions *27th Bn*

**NOTE.**—As the above particulars are to be attached to your photograph in the State Archives at the Public Library for all time, you are requested to be very careful in filling in this paper.

**IMPORTANT.**—Please write very plainly. Your NAME especially should be in distinct bold letters.

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Photograph sent by—

Mrs. J. Brook

Olive Street

Prospect.

Ackd. *2/14/18*

Further particulars (if any) regarding the Soldier may be entered here.

*Killed in action -*

*Battle of Hamel,*

*France.*

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graph in the case of the Public Library for all time,  
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*Copied from Nominal Roll. 13/4/*

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.  
**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**

No. Lieut Name Boorn Reginald Henry  
Unit 5 Reinfts 27th Bn.  
Joined on \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**

1. What is your Name? ... Reginald Henry Boorn.
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
near the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ in or  
in the County of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ...
4. What is your Age? ... 21 years 1 mo
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Chemist
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ...
7. Are you married? ... Single
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) *Stated to be* Mother: Ellen Jane Boorn 51st  
1100 R. of Boorn Prospect Road  
Prospect S.A.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ...
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? ... State Board  
C. Repatriation Dept.  
Pulteney St  
Adelaide
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 ... 71 First Avenue  
25/1/20  
A.A.P. 4th MP  
St Peters  
S.A.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ...
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ...
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? ...

I, \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2 Lt. BOORN R.H.

Staff or Unit 57 27th Battalion No. 0 660/15

Date of Appointment and Gazette 16.7.15 C.A.G. 80/15

Promotion (date and Gazette)

Left Australia in Transport Ballarat on Sep 14<sup>th</sup> 1915

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

12.5.16 The Quatman

C.A.G. 184/30440 No 597/167

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

Gazetted from A.I.F.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Attesting Officer.*

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from \_\_\_\_\_ until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Person Enlisted.*

Taken and subscribed at \_\_\_\_\_ in  
the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_, before me—

\_\_\_\_\_  
*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 initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of ..... on Enlistment.

Age..... years..... months.

Height..... feet..... inches.

Weight..... lbs.

Chest Measurement..... inches.

Complexion.....

Eyes.....

Hair.....

Religious Denomination *Ch. of Eng.*

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

## 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.....

*Died of Wounds*

Entitled to 1914/15 Star 97

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

Surname

*BORN*

**OFFICER**

**Z**

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Given Names

*Reginald Henry*

**Statement of Service.**

UNIT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO A.I.F.	DATE OF SUBSEQUENT PROMOTION	REFERENCE TO COMMONWEALTH GAZETTE AND OTHER AUTHORITY	REMARKS
<i>2/Lieutenant Lieut</i>	<i>5/27</i>	<i>16/7/15</i>	<i>Com. Gaz. No. 24/7/15</i>	<i>A. 1153. Trans. to Base Details 15-2-16 Rejoined Battalion from Base 16/5/16. Part 2 33/3501. Absorbed on strength of Batt. 9/16/16 Det 63</i>
		<i>12-8-16</i>	<i>(A.I.F.C. List 47 16-8-16.) Part II 58/4761.</i>	

**Casualties.**

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
DATE	PLACE	CAUSE	DATE	PLACE	NATURE	RETURNED TO DUTY	DATE	CAUSE	AUTHORITY
<i>19-8-16</i>	<i>Diep</i>	<i>Wounds received in Action at Pozze Vec. Rep. 616/16 Sh. Alder 1 back. 62207/2657. 11-8-16</i>	<i>18-15</i>	<i>1. A. S. D.</i>	<i>Peritonitis</i>	<i>16/5/16</i>			
<i>No. of GRAVE</i>	<i>CEMETERY</i>	<i>NAME OF CLEBOTMAN</i>							
			<i>See Back</i>						
<i>Buried in Chapelle Military Cemetery, France. Reported by Kinross Registration Units. No. 69/5279. 19.10.16</i>			<i>PHOTO NEG NO W11/4 BOOK Z2-71.</i>						

**Personal.**

CIVIL OCCUPATION	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	MARRIED OR SINGLE	RELATIONSHIP, NAME & ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	REMARKS
<i>Chemist</i>	<i>Prospect M. South Australia July 26/1874</i>		<i>Ruth Jean Brown wife c/o Mr E. Johns Austral Road Kalgoorlie</i>	<i>3 photos sent to MOK for file L.5 Additional:-(Stated to be wife) Mrs R. H. Brown c/o Mrs Tidswell 6 Hughes Street 7th Wmley S.A.</i>

Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS	REFERENCE TO ORDERS OR OTHER AUTHORITY
4-8-16. Wounded in Action, France. S.W. Left arm S. Wd. rt. shoulder & back.	Part II 53/360 ARS 54/4230 25.9.16
19-8-16 Died of wounds received in action at No 24 Gen Hosp. Staples. S.W. Right & back	AR 20 54/362 21.8.16
12-1-16. CO 27th Bn Taten on strength M. A. Order	AP 2512. DO 10/1523
15-3-16. do Transferred to Base Details	932. DO 23/1853
27-3-16. Proceeded to join B. E. F.	
2-4-16. Disembarked Marseilles	LR 5179.
6-4-16. 2nd Lt. Adm from Egypt	AC 387.
16-5-16. CO 11th Regiment Bn	A 9382. DO 33/2501
- 2 Dec Orders. To take seniority next 2 had completed	
4-8-16. CO 11th Wounded in Action	A 93221. DO 53/4220
5-8-16. 4th Lt. Adm. S.W. Right shoulder & back.	DO 53/3604.
Adm. Capt to 26. M. A. Order G. C.	ARS 481. AT 3520.
12-8-16. 4th Lt. Adm. S.W. Right shoulder. Adm and	AK 157/58.
Capt to A.T.	
12-8-16. CO 11th Promoted to Lieutenant	A 93597. DO 53/4761
	A.S. Orders list 77.
13-8-16. 2nd Lt. Adm. S.W. Right shoulder Adm.	AM 37/81.
19-8-16. do Died of Wounds	A.T. 4431. DO. 54/3654
	ARS 605. 20/8/16.
19-8-16. Reported D. of R. struck off the strength	ad J. S. List. 135-10-1-17.

CARD CHECKED *W.S.*

DM/EB

# Australian Imperial Force.

*Inventory of Effects* of the late Lieut. R.H. Boorn. 27th Battalion

Number and description of Packages:—

C.S.A.

ONE SACK (sealed)

D.S. 2459.

Date despatched

Contents of Sack.

- 1 Soap Dish
- 1 Felt Hat
- 1 Balaclava Cap
- 1 Razor Strop
- Towel
- 1 Holdall
- 1 Great Coat
- 1 Tunic
- 1 Cap.

Forwarded Per

*Wiltshire*

to:-  
Mrs. R.H. Boorn  
c/o Mrs E. Johns,  
Austral Road,  
Kalgoorlie,  
West Australia.

*Amg*

Extract from A.B. 64. Certified True Copy of Will of the Late

2395

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Lieut. REGINALD HENRY BOORN, 27th. Battalion. Inftry. A.I.F.  
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In the event of my death I give the whole of my property  
and effects to my wife, Ruth Jean Boorn,

c/o Mrs. Tidswell,

Hughes Street,

North Unley,

South Australia.

(Signed) Reginald Henry Boorn,

Lieutenant,

18/6/16.

27th. Battalion Inftry.

Aust. Imp. Force.

 CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

*W. W. W. W.*  
CAPT. p

FIELD SERVICE.

*Pm*

REPORT of Death of an Officer 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, Battery or Company }  
or  
CORPS }

Rank LIEUTENANT.

Name BOORN R.H.

By whom reported Officer Commanding, No.24 General Hospital,  
Date of Death 19th August 1916.  
DIED } Place or Hospital No.24 General Hospital, Etaples. France,  
Cause of Death Wounds received in Action.  
Place of Burial Not yet to hand.

State whether he leaves a will or not. } Pay-book not yet to hand.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

*SJA*

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. } *Herwarden*

LIEUTENANT.  
Officer i/c Records.

Station and Date ANZAC SECTION. 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.  
B.E.F.  
27th September 1916.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS of the Late Lieut. Boorn, R.H. 27th Battalion, A.I.F.

D.S. 2270.

Number and Description of Packages ONE PAPER PARCEL (sealed) 3rd Ech. 871

Date Despatched 2/11/16.

Contents of Parcel.

Disc  
Charms (2)  
Pipe  
Pouch  
Fountain Pen  
Metal Chain and Key  
Whistle  
Stars (3)  
Metal Cigarette Case  
Army Note Book  
Small Note Book.

Forwarded per *Wiltshire*

to:-

Mrs R.J. Boorn,  
o/o Mrs. E. Johns,  
Austral Road,  
Kalgoorlie,  
West Australia

*Amra*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
FULHAM, LONDON.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1399.

S.W.

Inventory of Effects of— the late Lieut R.H. Boorn, 27th Batt'n. A.I.F.

Forwarded to— Next-of-Kin.  
(Life)

Ruth J. Boorn,  
c/o Mrs Tidswell,  
Hughes Street,  
North Unley,  
South Australia.

Ex. C.S.A. 14/12/16.

ONE VALISE (sealed)

Pillow, Cap, Knife, Flask, Book of Psalms, 4 Handkerchiefs,  
Balaclava, 2 Devotional Books, Purse, 2 Coins, Military Books,  
Map, Note Books, English & French Dictionary.

No. of Package D/S. 8326 in case 290.

Checked by

*Rad*

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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
KIT STORE.**



**110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
FULHAM, LONDON,  
W. 6.**

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— the late Lieut. R. Deern, 27th Batt'n. A.I.F.

Forwarded to— Next-of-Kin & Legatee.  
(Wife)

292.  
Mrs. Jeanne Deern,  
c/o Mrs. Tidswell,  
Hugh Street,  
North Unley,  
South Australia.

Ex. G.S.A. 29.5.17.

ONE WEATHER TRUNK (sealed)

"King's Regulations", 1 Diary, 1 Devotional Book, 1 Notebook,  
Curios, Photos, 1 Wallet, 1 Measuring Glass, 1 Razor, 1 Tobacco  
Pouch, 1 Helmet, 1 Cigarette Roller, 1 Pack Playing Cards, 1  
Walking stick, 1 Money Belt, 1 Pr. Gum Boots, 1 Pr. Black Boots,  
1 Pr. Tan Boots, 1 D.D. Tunic, 2 Slacks, 1 Cap, 1 Khaki Drill  
Tunic, 3 Pyjama suits, 1 Vest, 1 Pr. Shorts, 4 shirts, 1 Pr.  
Khaki Drill Slacks, 7 Pr. Socks, Maps, Letters, 6 Handkerchiefs,  
4 Collars, 3 Ties, 1 Silver Watch, 3 Pr. Sleeve Links, 1 Ring  
(stone missing).

No. of Package W/S. 17480. in case 405.

Checked by

Casualty Form—Active Service

Regiment or Corps 27 BATT. INFANTRY 5<sup>th</sup> Corps

Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Lieut Name Boorn R H

ed (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Services reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualiification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report Date	From whom received	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.
15/1/16	C.O.	Taken on strength	Isl-el-kehir	12/1/16	A. 36213, A. 2612, 10/523
23/3/16	C/O B213	Trans. to Details	Ismailia	16/3/16	A. 36213, Q. 22, 23/1853
		Proceeded to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	27/3/16	
		Disembarked at	Marseilles	2/4/16	L. R. 579
52	2nd Div. Base D.	Admt. from Egypt.	Chalus.	4/4/16	AC 387
20/5/16	C/O B213	Rejoined Battle.	France.	16/5/16	AA 282, 23/2501
7/6/16	2nd Div. Orders.	To take seriously next to Lieut Campbell H. M.			
12/8/16	C/O B213	WOUNDED IN ACTION	-	4/8/16	AQ 3221, 56/4220
20/8/16	No 4 Aus. F. Amb.	S. M. Rohler Admt. 9 Back trans to 26 <sup>th</sup> M.A.C.	-	9/8/16	AJ 3520, C. 2165, 53/3604

(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) e.g., Signaller, Shoing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties [P.T.O.]

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Date	From whom received				
19/8/16 180	Mod. Gen Hos	Deed of Honors 557. King's Shldr.	Etaples.	19/8/16.	A 4431. <b>AMS 605.</b> 20/9/16. 54/3654
13/8/16	-do-	557. King's Shldr. Admt.	--	13/8/16.	AM 37/81.
5/8/16	No 44 Cars C. Str.	-do- Admt. Trans. to Bomb. Units.	France.	5/8/16 13/8/16	AM 157/58 AM 157/66
19/8/16.	% B213.	To be Lieutenant	-	12/8/16.	QA 2597- D.O. 58/4761. A.I.F. Order List No. 77/441
-	Graves. by Units.	Buried in Etaples Mil. Cemetery.	Etaples.	-	AH. 371/23. Q 5631. D.O. 69/5579

Original, Copy to A.I.F. Headquarters.

27/1/16  
13/10/16.

Lieutenant.  
Officer i/c Records,

22915

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
4th Military District.

RECEIVED ONE 1914/1915 STAR FOR the late  
RANK..... 2nd Lieut ..... NAME..... Boorn, R.H.  
UNIT..... 27th Bde AIF .....  
PLACE..... St. Peter's .....  
DATE..... 1st Feb. 1920 .....

(SIGNATURE)..... R. Boorn  
(WITNESS)..... H.W. Hopkins

"A."

Being unable to attend in person, I hereby authorize  
Lieut R.H. Boorn to collect the Memorial Plaque on

my behalf.  
Date 13 2-24 Signature R.H. Boorn

Lieut R.H. Boorn 27th BN  
RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No 355791

Signature R.H. Hopkins

Date 15-2-24 Witness A.R. Buchanan

O. H. M. S.

Mrs. R. J. Boorn,  
71, First Avenue,  
St. Peters, S.A.

While the actual place of burial has been altered to conform with the registration allotted thereto has been altered to conform with the uniform layout of this cemetery.

Not Delivered within 7 Days please return to  
Officer in Charge, Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

Plot 1. Row A. Grave 44.

the late Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 27th Battalion,  
the site of his grave in the English Military Cemetery is now officially registered as -

your husband,

Madam,

29 JUL 1922

28th July, 1922.

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M.54/921.

Don't forget to advise any change  
of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear

I am in receipt of advice to the effect that

is returning to

Australia per transport

which left

and will probably arrive in Melbourne about  
the . . . . . Further information as to the exact date of  
arrival and time of disembarkation will be published in the press when  
available.

It should be noted, however, that owing to possible mutilations in  
the cabled advice, and other causes, this notification may not be correct  
pending verification from the roll after the arrival of the troopship.

**Any further inquiries should be made to the Staff Officer Returned  
Soldiers, Military Head-quarters,**

Yours faithfully,

*J. McLean* Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

It is to be understood that the name will  
only appear in the Press of the Military  
District in which the above-mentioned  
enlisted.

E. G.

28th January, 1920.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication concerning your husband, the late Lieutenant R.H.Boorn, 27th Battalion, and to state the circulars referred to were despatched to you at address shown on the records as C/- Mrs.Tidswell, 6 Hughes Street, North Unley, S.A.

Your change of address has been noted and should these be returned unclaimed they will be redirected to you. However, if the forms do not come to hand within a reasonable time you are advised to again communicate with this office and further copies will be forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. R.J.Boorn,  
State Board,  
C/- Repatriation Dept.,  
Pulteney Street,  
ADELAIDE. S.A.

DECEASED  
SECTION  
JAN 5 1920  
RECEIVED

State Board,  
C/o Repatriation Dept.  
Pulteney Street  
ADELAIDE.

To  
The Secretary,  
Graves Commission,  
Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir, re LIEUT R.H. BOORN, 27th BATTALION - DIED  
ETAPLES 19th AUG. 1916.

I understand that deceased soldiers' next-of-kin are receiving pamphlets and application forms for inscription on head-stones in France and elsewhere where our fallen soldiers' are laid to rest.

Up to time of writing I have not received either of the above-mentioned, and am presuming that same have been sent to my husband's parents, who reside at Prospect, S.A.,.

Owing to my husband's mother being named as allottee, evidently this is how the omission has occurred.

I would thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

5  
Ruth Jean Boorn

Extract from folder of photo of grave.  
 Buried - Etaples Military Cemetery.

Surname	Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit.
B O O R N	Reginald Henry	Lieut.	5/27th Battn.
PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Adelaide per H.M.A.T. "Ballarat" 14/9/15.			
12/1/16. Taken on strength Tel-el-Kebir. (E.W.)			MEMO. 10/1-16
4/8/16 Wounded in action. France.			BEFO. 56/7/16
Wounded. Cable dated London 11/8/16			Cable 6774F
Dangerously Ill. G.S.W. Shoulder & Knee. Dtd. 19/8/16			" 6837B
19/8/16. DIED at 24th Gen. Hosp. G.S.W. Shoulder and knee			" 6867D
13/8/16. G.S.W. Knee Shoulder Severe. Adm. 24th Gen. Hosp.			" 6850B
19/8/16. DIED OF WOUNDS.			" 6949c
12/8/16 Promoted to Lieutenant, France.			BEFO. 58/10-16
19/8/16. DIED OF WOUNDS			I.B. 15/1-516
19/8/16 Died of wounds received in action. At No. 24 Gen. Hpl. Etaples. S.W. Shdr. & Back.			BEFO. 54/1-16
Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery France.			" "
Reported by Graves Registration Units.			BEFO. 69/2-16



BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

Melbourne, 26th June 1918

AM

DEAR Madam,

It is my painful duty to transmit herewith one form of **Commission** which has been issued by the British War Office covering the appointment of **your husband the late Lieutenant R.H. Boorn, 27th Battalion,** as a temporary **2nd Lieutenant** in the Regular Forces of the British Army. **This refers to his first appointment to Commission, and not to the later rank of Lieutenant.**

Will you kindly let me know whether same comes safely to hand by signing and returning the enclosed receipt form.

Mrs R.H. Boorn,  
C/o Mrs Tidswell,  
6a Hughes Street,  
N. UNLEY S.A.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

C.12223.

DESPATCHED

W.M.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
Victoria Barracks

8th October, 1917

Dear Madam, I have despatched to the Senior Ordnance Officer, Keswick Barracks, Adelaide, S.A. this day, for transmission to your address, 1 package containing the effects of the late Lieut. R.H. Boorn, 27th Battn., received ex Transport as per inventory attached.

"Euripides"

Should these not come to hand within a reasonable time, it is suggested you communicate with the above-mentioned officer on the subject, allowances being made for the present strike.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether same come safely to hand by signing and returning the attached printed receipt.

ENCL.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. R.J. Boorn,  
C/o Mrs. Tidswell,  
6 Hughes St.,  
N. UNLEY, S.A.

J.M. LEAN, Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
FULHAM, LONDON,  
W. 6.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— the late Lieut. R. E. Boorn, 27th Batt'n, A.I.F.

Forwarded to— Next-of-Kin & Legatee.  
(Wife)

Ruth Jeanne Boorn,  
c/o Mrs. Tidswell,  
Hugh Street,  
North Unley,  
South Australia.

Ex. G.S.A. 29.5.17.

ONE LEATHER TRUNK (sealed)

"King's Regulations", 1 Diary, 1 Devotional Book, 1 Notebook,  
Curios, Photos, 1 Wallet, 1 Measuring Glass, 1 Razor, 1 Tobacco  
Pouch, 1 Helmet, 1 Cigarette Roller, 1 Pack Playing Cards, 1  
Walking Stick, 1 Money Belt, 1 Pr. Gum Boots, 1 Pr. Black Boots,  
1 Pr. Tan Boots, 1 S.D. Tunic, & Slacks, 1 Cap, 1 Khaki Drill  
Tunic, 3 Pyjama Suits, 1 Vest, 1 Pr. Shorts, 4 Shirts, 1 Pr.  
Khaki Drill Slacks, 7 Pr. Socks, Maps, Letters, 8 Handkerchiefs,  
4 Collars, 3 Ties, 1 Silver Watch, 2 Pr. Sleeve Links, 1 Ring  
(stone missing).

No. of Package D/S. 13420. in case 403.

Checked by

*ccg*

W.M.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
Victoria Barracks, 7  
191

Madam,

MELBOURNE,

Dear

Senior Ordnance Officer, Keswick

Barracks, Adelaide, S.A., I have despatched to the

1 this day, for transmission to  
your address, Boora, 27th Battalion, S  
package containing the effects of the late  
received ex Transport

as per inventory attached.

Should these not come to hand within a reasonable time  
it is suggested you communicate with the above-mentioned  
officer on the subject.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know  
whether same come safely to hand by signing and returning the  
attached printed receipt.

ENCL.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. R.J. Boora,

J.M. LEAN,

C/o Mrs. Tidswell,

Major,

6 Hughes Street,

Officer i/c Base Records.

NORTH UNLEY, S.AUST.

0170.  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
KIT STORE.



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FULHAM, LONDON.  
S.W.  
Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

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Forwarded to— Next-of-Kin.  
(Wife)

Ruth J. Boorn,  
c/o Mrs Tidswell,  
Hughes Street,  
North Unley,  
South Australia.

Ex. C.S.A. 14/12/16.

ONE VALISE(sealed)

Pillow, Cap, Knife, Flask, Book of Psalms, 4 Handkerchiefs,  
Balaclava, 2 Devotional Books, Purse, 2 Coins, Military Books,  
Map, Note Books, English & French Dictionary.

No. of Package D/S. 8326 in case 290.

Checked by

31

*Duplicate*

21st December 6.

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 27th Battalion A.I.F.  
(Deceased)

The effects of the above named officer which were contained in parcels No.D/S.2270 case No.35 and D/S.2459 case No.50, were despatched to Base Records Office, Melbourne, per H.M.T. "WILTSHIRE" on the 11th ultimo addressed to his wife, Mrs. R. J. Boorn, c/o Mrs. E. Johns, Austral Road, Kalgoolie, Western Australia, which address was shown on the attestation paper.

Since these effects were forwarded a Will made by the late Lieutenant Boorn on the 18th June last, has come to hand, and the address of the legatee, his wife, is given therein as Mrs. R. J. Boorn, c/o Mrs. Tidswell, Hughes Street, North Unley, South Australia, and apparently the latter address is the one to which the effects should be sent.

BASE RECORDS  
22 MAR 1947  
RECEIVED

BR  
21/3/17.

OMS  
27/3

Brigadier General.  
Commandant.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late Lieutenant R.H. Boorn, 27th Battn., consigned to me. ex "Wiltshire".

No.  
1

Description.  
Package

Signature

*Ruth Jean Boorn*

Date

*8. 3. 17.*

*(1 sack - sealed)*



NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

**The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.**

*205 S. / 12/3/17*

C/2/18

23rd February 1917.

The Commandant,  
A. I. F. Headquarters,  
130 Horseferry Road,  
Westminster,  
LONDON, S.W.

With reference to your memo No. 1031, of the 21st December last, concerning the effects of the late Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 27th Battalion, the provisions of the abovenamed Officer's Will were given effect to prior to the receipt of your communication, as Mrs. Boorn had established her claim as legal next-of-kin.

Attached hereto is now forwarded a receipt from Messrs Cox & Co. for trunk stated to have been left by the late Officer, at Marseilles, which I shall be glad if you will take the necessary steps to recover and return to Australia at as early a date as possible.

a/Secretary.

AJF/NT.

A.I.F. 1. 1897/16 50,000 W. & Co. Ltd

REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

1031



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TELEGRAMS	ADINAUS LONDON	
CABLE ADDRESS	STALISI LONDON	
TELEPHONE	VICTORIA 8860 (6 Lines)	
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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,

130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,

LONDON, S.W.

21st December 1916.

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Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

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RECEIVED  
16-12-16  
OFFICE

*Boorn*

*Margaret Jennings for*  
10000  
Brigadier General.  
Commandant.

*B.R.*  
*20/12/17*

6, *Hughes Street*  
*North Adelaide, S.Aus.*  
ADELAIDE.  
25th January, 1917.

The Officer-in-Charge,  
Base Records,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 12th inst., enclosing official Certificate of report of death in connection with my husband, Lieutenant R.H. Boorn, 27th Battalion, and must thank you for your prompt attention.

As advised I am enclosing herewith acknowledgement from Messrs Cox & Co., concerning my husband's trunk, which I trust will prove of some help in regaining my husband's effects.

*again* Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

*Ruth Leard Boorn.*



*66115 Brigadier*  
*26/1*

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE 27/ 1 /1917.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded herewith per separate registered post  
is one package containing personal effects of  
the late Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 27th Battalion,  
as per inventory attached, received ex "Wiltshire".

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me  
know whether they come safely to hand, by signing and  
returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. R. H. Boorn,  
6 Hughes St.,  
Unley North,  
Adelaide, S.A.  
Enclosure.

J. M. LEAN,  
Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Registered Packet No. 590 G. P. O. Melbourne.

# Australian Imperial Force.

Wiltshire

*Inventory of Effects of the late* Lieut. R.H. Boorn. 27th Battalion

*Number and description of Packages:—*

C.S.A.

ONE SACK (sealed)

D.S. 2459.

*Date despatched* \_\_\_\_\_

*Contents of* \_\_\_\_\_

Sack.

1 Soap Dish  
 1 Felt Hat  
 1 Balaclava Cap  
 1 Razor Strop  
 Towel  
 1 Holdall  
 1 Great Coat  
 1 Tunic  
 1 Cap.

Forwarded Per Wiltshire

to:-  
 Mrs. R.H. Boorn  
 c/o Mrs E. Johns,  
 Austral Road,  
 Kalgoorlie,  
 West Australia.

JML/BA

27thBn.

29854

12th January 1917.

Dear Madam,

As requested in your communication of the 5th instant, I forward herewith an official Certificate of report of death, in connection with your husband, Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 27th Battalion.

So far, no advice of the despatch of any personal effects has been received, but anything coming to hand will be promptly transmitted.

The Military Paymaster, Adelaide, will communicate with you, as soon as he is in a position to do so, regarding the settlement of deceased's Military financial affairs, and any further enquiries on this subject should be made to that Officer to avoid unnecessary delay.

If the acknowledgement from Messrs Cox & Co. concerning your husband's trunk is forwarded to this office, it will be transmitted to A.I.F. Headquarters, London for collection and transmission to Australia.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R.H.Boorn,  
No. 6 Hughes Street  
North Unley,  
Adelaide, S. A.

Major  
Officer i/c Base Records

M.S. 1247

Lieutenant

Reginald Henry Boorn,  
27th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force.

wounds received in action

24th General Hospital )  
Etaples, France )

19th August

16

Cables Nos. C.I.B.L.

311, and C.I.B.L. 345, from the Commandant A.I.F. Headquarters,  
dated London, 22nd and 30th August 1916 respectively, confirmed  
by Mail from the Commandant A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,  
1st and 4th September 1916 respectively, and Army Form B 2090A.

10th January 17

Major.

No. 6, Hughes Street  
NORTH UNLEY,

5th January, 1917.

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

Dear Sir,

re LATE LIEUTENANT R.H. BOORN - DIED 19th AUGUST, 1916.

As I am desirous of settling my late husband's business affairs as expeditiously as possible, I should be pleased if you would kindly forward me copy of Death Certificate, which so far has not come to hand.

In October last I received a letter from my husband's Batmen in which he notified me that he had forwarded Paybook and other papers to Headquarters in France. Some months have elapsed since then and I have been waiting for some word from you, but so far have received none. I should be pleased to have your advice on this matter as there was an amount undrawn, and also any information with reference to Deferred Pay you can supply.

Amongst other papers received back from the Front is an acknowledgement from Cox & Co., of France of having received my husband's trunk just prior to his death. I should also like your advice on this matter.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,



*Handwritten notes:*  
Cox & Co. 1/10/16  
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J  
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## FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer 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, Battery or Company }  
or  
CORPS }

Rank LIEUTENANT.

Name BOORN R.H.

DIED { By whom reported Officer Commanding, No.24 General Hospital,  
Date of Death 19th August 1916.  
Place or Hospital No.24 General Hospital, Etaples. France,  
Cause of Death Wounds received in Action.  
Place of Burial Not yet to hand.

State whether he leaves a will or not. } Pay-book not yet to hand.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. } Newman

LIEUTENANT.  
Officer i/c Records.

Station and Date ANZAC SECTION. 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.

B.E.F.

27th September 1916.

STATEMENT No. 184

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

18

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	Reginald Henry Boorn
2. Member's number, rank, and unit	- Lieut. 5th Reinf. 27th Batt.
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	Ruth Jean Boorn, 6, Hughes St, North Unley
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces	Widow
5. Result of Claim	Granted pension £3/10/- fortnightly as from 19/10/18
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	

D.502/7.15.—C.9768.

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at

*[Signature]*  
Deputy Commissioner of Pensions

ADELAIDE

Sister M.M.MANN, AUST. NURSING SERVICE, No. 2.  
Aust. General Hospital, 3/6 per diem from 1st.  
October, 1916 to Miss G.I.Mann of Hill Street,  
Parkside, S. Aust. This cancels previous allotment  
of 5/- per diem to same allottee. Adjust overpayment.

No. 1944, Bomb. E.W.BURPHE, 53rd.BATTERY, 14th.  
P.A.BRIGADE, 5th.DIVISION, 5/- per diem from 1st.  
September, 1916 to (wife) Mrs. Annie Burpee of  
Coromandel Valley, S.A. This cancels previous  
allotment of 3/- per diem to same allottee.

No. 1967, Bomb. CLARENCE HADDON HALLIDAY, 53rd.  
BATTERY, 14th. P.A.BRIGADE, 5th.DIVISION, 5/- per  
diem from 1st. September, 1916 to (mother) Mrs.  
Amelia Halliday of Failem Bend, River Murray, S.A.  
This cancels previous allotment of 3/- per diem to  
same allottee.

C.A.HORNE

No. 2017, Driver, 9th.A.A.S.C. attached to 1st.AASF.  
8th. A.A.S.C. 5/- per diem from 1st. July, 1916 to  
Mrs. Elizabeth M.V.Horne, Koolunga, S.A. This  
cancels previous allotment of 3/6 per diem to same  
allottee.

Lieut. R.H.BOORN, 27th.INFANTRY BATTALION, 12/6 per  
diem from 1st. July, 1916 to (wife) Ruth Jean Boorn,  
c/o Mrs. Tidswell. Hughes Street, North Auley, 8th.  
Aust. This cancels previous allotment of 10/- per  
diem to same allottee.

E.Z.

287

12th October 6.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your communication of the 2nd inst., with reference to the regrettable loss of your husband, 2nd Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 27th Battalion, I have to state that it is the practice for the military authorities to take over effects left in charge of Messrs Thos Cook & Son or Cox & Co, and to abstract all articles of Government property, to return same, together with those left in Military charge or recovered from the soldier's person, to the registered next-of-kin. Anything coming to hand will be expeditiously dealt with.

Your change of address has been noted.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. R. J. Boorn,  
6 Hughes Street,  
NORTH UNLEY, S.A.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

1805  
DICKINSON BOND

6, Hughes Street,  
NORTH UNLEY.

2nd October, 1916.

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

Dear Sir,

Re Late Lieutenant R. H. Boorn's effects.  
(27th Battalion - Died 19th Aug. 1916)

Could you kindly advise me what course I should adopt with reference to my late husband's effects?

I understand my husband's trunk was left with Cook & Co., Marseilles, but about a month before his death was removed to Cox & Co., who I understand handle soldiers' effects in France. At the time of writing my husband could not give the address of the latter firm, but advised me he would send it at earliest but same has not come to hand.

My husband left his trunk addressed to me care of Mrs H. J. Boorn, Prospect, but as I have my permanent address at North Unley I desire same forwarded there, and any other effects, if it so happens that the Military have the handling of matters.

Thanking you in anticipation of any information you can give me.

Yours faithfully,

*Booth Jean Boorn  
Mrs Morgan  
4/10*



*6. ... ..  
booth ... ..  
...*

25th August, 1916.

80090

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your telegram of the 24th instant, I regret to inform you that 2nd Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 27th Battalion, is now reported as dangerously ill from the effects of Gunshot wound Shoulder and knee. The name of the hospital however, in which he is located, is not at present known here, but as the advice received was from London, it would appear that the report emanated from France, and when communicating with him, it is suggested that you address his letters as under :-

WOUNDED -

2nd Lieutenant R. H. Boorn,  
27th Battalion Infantry,  
C/o A.I.F. Headquarters,  
130 Horseferry Road,  
London, S.W.

His cable address is :-

2nd Lieutenant Boorn,  
Wounded, Ibneq,  
Stralis.  
London.

"Ibneq" is the code word for 27th Battalion, and "Stralis" that for the Australian Imperial Force Headquarters in England.

Upon receipt of any later reports next-of-kin shown as wife residing at North Unley, South Australia will be promptly notified.

Yours faithfully,

Major  
Officer i/c Base Records

- Boorn Esq.,  
Prospect,  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

P.S. - No official advice of the above Officer's transference to the 22nd Battalion has been received here.

DUPLICATE

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No.

TELEGRAM.

E.T. No. 1. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

OFFICE DATE STAMP.



Date/s. 16-  
C.6/03.

This Message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.  
All complaints to be addressed in writing to the Deputy Postmaster-General.

STATION FROM, No. OF WORDS, AND CHECK.

REMARKS

NOTE.—The figures at the bottom represent the time lodged at  
Sending Station and time received at this Office respectively.

Prospect s<sup>a</sup> 18 1/2 3 42 mx

Defence Base Records

Melbourne

Can you supply information nature wounds Hospital  
Lieutenant Reginald Boorn twentysecond battalion  
Boorn

Prospect

*Mr Jackson*  
*2578*  
4 52pm



DUPLICATE

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W.B.

*W.B.*  
MRS R. H. BOORN

CAPE MRS TIDSWELL

6 HUCHES STREET

NORTH UNLEY . S.A.

NOW REPORTED HUSBAND SECOND LIEUTENANT REGINALD H. BOORN  
DANGEROUSLY ILL GUNSHOT WOUND SHOULDER AND KNEE WILL FURNISH PROGRESS  
REPORT WHEN RECEIVED.

BASE RECORDS.

23/8/16.

LF.

*DK*  
MRS R. H. BOORN  
CARE MRS TIDSWELL  
6 HUGHES STREET  
NORTH UNLEY S.A.

REGRET REPORTED HUSBAND and LIEUTENANT REGINALD H. BOORN W  
WOUNDED WILL PROMPTLY ADVISE IF ANYTHING FURTHER RECEIVED.

BASE RECORDS  
17/8/16

*Nebaro  
4/5*

C/o Mrs Tidswell,  
6, Hughes Street,  
NORTH UNLEY, S.A.

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

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging your registered letter of the 22nd ult.,  
I have to thank you for your prompt attention to the matter of  
Lieutenant R.H. Boorn's record papers.

I have communicated with my husband re the matter, and  
he will, in all probability, write you direct in confirmation  
of the facts I have placed before you.

Again thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

*Paul Jean Boorn*

*Mr Altham  
4/5*

*Lieut.  
R.H. Boorn  
127 BN  
and aff'd  
4/5*

*Pa*

*Mr Jackson  
4/5*





LCS

52487

22nd April, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated 19th instant, enclosing copy of marriage certificate and Statutory Declarations, and to inform you that after a scrutiny of same, have decided to add your name to the records of Lieutenant Reginald Henry Boorn, 5th Reinforcements, 27th Battalion, as "Stated to be wife".

Documents enclosed by you are returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. R. J. Boorn,  
C/o Mrs. Tidewell,  
6 Hughes Street,  
NORTH UNLEY, S.A.

P.S. - The District Paymaster, Adelaide, will be advised from this office, that your name has been added to the records of Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 5th Reinforcements, 27th Battalion, as "Stated to be wife".



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6 Hughes Street,  
NORTH UNLEY, S.A.

P.S. - The District Paymaster, Adelaide, will be advised from this office, that your name has been added to the records of Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, 5th Reinforcements, 27th Battalion, as "Stated to be wife".

ADELAIDE.

4th April, 1916.

The Officer-in-Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, VICTORIA.

Change of Address  
Noted for CAMO & S.P. Ma.

Dear Sir,

I hereby desire to notify you that my future address shall be as follows:

Mrs R.H. Boorn,  
C/o Mrs. Tiaswell,  
6, Hughes Street  
Unley, S.A.

not as previously sent in by my husband (Lieutenant R.H. Boorn):

Mrs R.H. Boorn,  
C/o Mrs Johns,  
Austral Road,  
Kalgoorlie, W.A.

I am, etc.,

(Mrs) Ruth Jean Boorn

Full.  
address  
app 4/16

Mr Mackay  
what unit  
7/4



Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regimental Number \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment or Corps 27th BATTALION, 7th INF. BRIGADE.

Rank LIEUTENANT Surname BOORN

Christian Name REGINALD HERMAN

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) Enlistment

Date of promotion to present rank 12.8.16. Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Officer i/c Records \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, 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. 38, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked ...			
15/1/16	C.O. AFB.213.	TAKEN ON STRENGTH	Tel-el-Kebir	12/1/16	AP.2812. D.O.10/523.
25/3/16	-do-	Transferred to Base Details	Ismailia	15/3/16	C.32. D.O.23/1853.
		PROCEEDED TO JOIN B.E.F.	Alexandria	27/3/16.	L.R.5179
		DISEMBARKED EX ALEXANDRIA	Marseilles	3/4/16.	
	2nd Divl.				
	Base Depot.	Admitted from Egypt.	Etaples.	6/4/16	A.C.387.
20/5/16	C.O. AFB.213.	REJOINED BATTALION.	France.	16/5/16	AQ.382. D.O.33/2501.
9/6/16.	2nd Divl. Orders.	To take seniority next to 2/Lieut Campbell H.M.	"		

(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, Shoeing Smith, &c.

[P.T.O.]



## Casualty Form — Active Service.

Army Form B. 103.

Regiment or Corps 27th BATTALION 7th INF. BRIGADE.

Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Lieutenant. Name BOORN Reginald Henry

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) Enlistment

Date of promotion to present rank } 12.3.16 Date of appointment } \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on }  
to lance rank } \_\_\_\_\_ to lance rank } \_\_\_\_\_ roll of N.C.O.'s. }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Forms 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				
		Embarked Disembarked			
15.1.16	C. O. AFB 213.	TAKEN ON STRENGTH	Tel-el-Kebir	12.1.16	AP. 3812 D.O. 10/523
25.3.16	do.	Transferred to Base Details	Ismailia	15.3.16	Q. 32. D. O. 23/1858
		PROCEEDED TO JOIN B.E.F.	Alexandria	27.3.16	L. R. 5179
		DISEMBARKED EX ALEXANDRIA	Marseilles	3.4.16	
	2nd. Div. Base Depot.	Admitted from Egypt.	Etaples	6.4.16	A.U.C. 387
20.5.16	C. O. AFB 213.	REJOINED BATTALION	France	16.5.16	AQ. 382 D.O. 33/2501
9.6.16	2nd. Div. Orders,	To take seniority next to 2/Lieut. Campbell H. M. "			

(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) e.g., Signaller, Shoing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)

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No. ....

Rank *2nd Lieut* Name *Boorn R.H.*

Unit *27th Bn 27th Coy 69490 29th Batt Shows 29th Bn*

*202* Casualty *Wounded CIBL 268/6774 F St London 11-8-16 ✓*

*205* Dangerously ill *G.S.W. severe knee. W.S.M. 126/6837<sup>a</sup> Recd 19.8.16*  
*19.8.16* Died at 24 Gmt Hosp. *G.S.W. shoulder & knee. C.I.L. 211/6867<sup>b</sup> London 22.8.16.*  
*G.S.W. knee, shoulder, severe. Admitted 17/8/16 to 24th Gen Hosp*  
*W.S.M. 127/6850<sup>c</sup> Recd 20/8/16 at*  
Need of wounds *19.8.16* *C.I.L. 245/69490 No Lon 30.8.16/16*

DATE. PURPORT. A. F. B. 2090A Received. REF. NO.

*17 AUG 1916* N. O. K. Advised Wounded

*20 AUG 1916* N. O. K. Advised Dangerously Ill + Wounded

*30/8/16* M. C. *3* Advised *Died of wounds 19/8/16*

*30/8/16* *W.S.M. Gen. Advised*

*7/9/16* COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF  
Cable No. *226/211 side 2/41 22/9/16*

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Cable No. *226/245 side 2/256 22/4/9/16*

*24 8 16* *Boorn asking nature of wounds & location of Hosp.*

*25 8 16* *Reply sent to 24/8/16*

*2 10 16* *Wife asking re Effects*

*12 10 16* *Reply sent to 7/10/16*

*5 1 17* *Wife asking for deposit. — Paybook — Dep. pay — Effects. 9/1*

*23.1.17* PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *Wiltshire*

*1.3.17* *Will to R.P.M. 3rd M.D. 1/1/17*

*10.7.17* PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *Shrewsbury*

*2.10.17* PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *Ex. papers*

*26.6.18* Form of Commis Received. *2/14 B.R.M. No. 27/26*

Greater B.R.M. 27/26 & Booklet re Graves despatched. *1.12.19. H. printed card. 208*

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*10/1/20*  
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PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. *47/126*  
To Comdt. *1st* M.D. B. R. M. *62/376*  
1914/1915 Star Issued B. R. M. *43/1229* *offices 27/10/18*  
*22915*



26/8/21. BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt <sup>4th</sup> ..... M.D.B.R.M. 63/1118 1148.

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VICTORY MEDAL to *Widow* ..... B. R. P. F. 42.  
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No. LIEUT.

Rank Name BOORN. R.H.

Unit 27<sup>th</sup> Ptn

LIST. Casualty

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"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."  
Memorial scroll to Mr R. J. Boorn on 12.9.21

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Mr R. J. Boorn  
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MEMORIAL  
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To  
Widow  
Mr R. J. Boorn  
355791  
12.9.21



## Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) Casualty Records Transcription

<b>First Name</b>	Reginald Henry
<b>Initials</b>	R H
<b>Last Name</b>	Boom
<b>Soldier Number</b>	-
<b>Year Of Birth</b>	-
<b>Date of death</b>	19 Aug 1916
<b>Year Of Death</b>	1916
<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment desc</b>	Australian Infantry, A.I.F.
<b>Cemetery</b>	ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY
<b>Cemetery Type Desc</b>	Cemetery
<b>Current locality</b>	Pas de Calais
<b>description</b>	
<b>Original locality desc</b>	Pas de Calais
<b>Forces</b>	Army
<b>Additional information</b>	Son of Henry James and Helen Jane Boom; husband of Ruth Jean Boom, of 34, Clifton St., Malvern, South Australia. Native of Prospect, Adelaide.
<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Url</b>	<a href="http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/498447/">http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/498447/</a>
<b>Category</b>	Military, armed forces & conflict
<b>Record collection</b>	First World War
<b>Collections from</b>	Great Britain

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## Australian Imperial Force Nominal Roll 1914-1918 Transcription

<b>First Name</b>	Reginald Henry
<b>Last Name</b>	Boom
<b>Service Number</b>	-
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Unit Or Regiment</b>	27th Battalion
<b>Enlistment Date</b>	-
<b>Year of Enlistment</b>	-
<b>Non Effect Date</b>	19 Aug 1918
<b>Fate</b>	Died of wounds
<b>Record set</b>	Australian Imperial Force Nominal Roll 1914-1918
<b>Category</b>	Military, armed forces & conflict
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7618	Pte.	BOORMAN	Richard Newton	15th. Battalion	19/3/17	R.T.A.	22/7/19
396	Pte.	BOORMAN	Thomas	28th. Battalion	14/1/15	R.T.A.	22/2/19
2573	Pte.	BOORMAN	William Luke	8th. Battalion	12/7/15	R.T.A.	21/3/19
3028	Pte.	BOORN	Albert Ernest	58th. Battalion	15/7/15	R.T.A.	21/7/18
525	Pte.	BOORN	Albert Henry	8th. Battalion	18/3/14	R.T.A.	15/8/15
	Lieut.	BOORN	Clifford William	52nd. Battalion		Disch.	22/1/18
	Lieut.	BOORN	Reginald Henry	27th. Battalion		D. of W.	19/8/16
19040	Cnr.	BOORN	William Thomas	11th. F.A. Bde.	6/9/15	K.I.A.	22/10/18
5345	Pte.	BOOSHANG	William Henry	1st. M.G. Bn.	2/11/15	R.T.A.	31/1/18
955	Pte.	BOOT	Arthur	7th. Battalion	3/8/14	D.O.W.	27/5/15
2279	Pte.	BOOT	Albert Edward	A. Corps. School	22/5/16	R.T.A.	3/3/19
18821	Spr.	BOOT	Clive Eshalby	3rd. Fld. Coy. Eng.	1/5/17	R.T.A.	13/7/19
5342	Pte.	BOOT	John	8th. Battalion	3/2/16	R.T.A.	19/4/19
1502	Sgt.	BOOT	Joseph	2nd. Battalion	5/11/14	Disch.	27/11/17
3695	L/Cpl.	BOOT	Leslie Vivian	3rd. Battalion	15/8/15	R.T.A.	25/11/17
19249	Sgt.	BOOT	Norman Jeffrey	7th. F.A. Bde.	16/11/15	R.T.A.	12/7/19
33242	Cnr.	BOOTE	Cyril Ernest	1st. D.A.C.	17/8/18		
3279	Pte.	BOOTE	Clarence Vernon	40th. Battalion	3/4/16	R.T.A.	22/10/18
3027	Spr.	BOOTES	Alfred Charles	12th. Fld. Coy. Eng.	4/6/15	R.T.A.	12/5/19
510	Pte.	BOOTES	Charles Ernest	27th. Battalion	15/2/15	K.I.A.	5/11/18
475	Pte.	BOOTES	Frederick George	1st. Imp. Cam. Corps.	9/12/14	R.T.A.	8/3/17
681	Pte.	BOOTES	William Charles	7th. C.S.R.	15/6/18	R.T.A.	26/7/19
1076	Dvr.	BOOTH	Arthur	A.P.C.	2/9/14		
3223	Cnr.	BOOTH	Alfred Arthur	2nd. F.A. Bde.	30/11/14	Acc. Kld.	15/11/17
3249	Pte.	BOOTH	Arthur Charles	6th. Battalion	31/7/15	R.T.A.	22/2/17
1276	Spr.	BOOTH	Albert Edward	Tun. Coy.	12/1/16	R.T.A.	14/1/17
6606	L/Cpl.	BOOTH	Athol James	20th. Battalion	19/10/16	R.T.A.	31/3/19
687	Pte.	BOOTH	Alfred John	1st. Battalion	22/8/14	R.T.A.	17/7/16
6466	Pte.	BOOTH	Arthur John	1st. Battalion	12/3/16	R.T.A.	31/5/19
3257	Pte.	BOOTH	Alfred Leslie	39th. Battalion	30/10/17	K.I.A.	16/9/18
1229	Cpl.	BOOTH	Arthur Stanley	4th. Pioneers	12/1/16	R.T.A.	7/2/19
3011	Pte.	BOOTH	Arthur Walter	41st. Battalion	26/10/16	R.T.A.	1/8/19
5297	Pte.	BOOTH	Albert Richard	21st. Battalion	2/3/15	R.T.A.	27/8/17
7148	Cnr.	BOOTH	Albert Whitfield	2nd. D.A.C.	15/7/15	R.T.A.	22/9/19
3957	Cnr.	BOOTH	Ben	1st. F.A. Bde.	27/1/15	R.T.A.	10/9/17
572	Pte.	BOOTH	Benjamin	6th. (Army) FAB.	27/7/15	R.T.A.	27/4/19
752A	Pte.	BOOTH	Bernard	24th. Battalion	13/3/15	R.T.A.	24/1/19
5295	Pte.	BOOTH	Bertie	28th. Battalion	12/1/16	K.I.A.	26/3/17
5110	Pte.	BOOTH	Burton	2nd. L.H.	2/10/15	R.T.A.	4/3/19
31	Pte.	BOOTH	Benjamin Harry	39th. Battalion	22/2/16	R.T.A.	20/5/19
2233	Pte.	BOOTH	Basil James	4th. L.H.	23/11/15	R.T.A.	15/6/19
	Lieut.	BOOTH	Cecil (MM)	23rd. Battalion	20/2/15		
	Lieut.	BOOTH	Charles	1st. Battalion		R.T.A.	5/1/19
2335	Pte.	BOOTH	Clarence	1st. Battalion	22/5/15	K.I.A.	30/9/15
4737	Pte.	BOOTH	Colin Aubrey	56th. Battalion	22/2/15	R.T.A.	2/2/19

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## Australian Imperial Force Embarkation Roll 1914-1918 Transcription

<b>First Name</b>	Reginald Henry
<b>Last Name</b>	Boom
<b>Service Number</b>	-
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Year Of Birth</b>	1894
<b>Embarkation Unit or Regiment</b>	7th Infantry Brigade
<b>Unit Information</b>	27th Infantry Battalion
<b>Unit Information</b>	5th Reinforcements
<b>Embarkation Year</b>	1915
<b>Embarkation Date</b>	13 Oct 1915
<b>Ship Departure Port</b>	Adelaide, South Australia
<b>Ship name</b>	HMAT A32, Themistocles
<b>Age at Embarkation</b>	21
<b>Enlistment Date</b>	-
<b>Address</b>	Prospect-road
<b>City</b>	Prospect
<b>State</b>	South Australia
<b>Country</b>	Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Chemist
<b>Religion</b>	Church of England
<b>Marital Status</b>	Married
<b>Next of Kin First Name</b>	R H
<b>Next of Kin Last Name</b>	Boom
<b>Next Of Kin Title</b>	Mrs
<b>Relationship</b>	Wife
<b>Next Of Kin Address</b>	Care of Mrs Tidswell, 6 Hughes-street
<b>Next Of Kin City</b>	Unley
<b>Next Of Kin State</b>	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
<b>Next Of Kin Country</b>	AUSTRALIA
<b>Record set</b>	Australian Imperial Force Embarkation Roll 1914-1918
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Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 9 September 1916

**THE LATE LIEUTENANT R. H.  
BOORN.**

Mr. H. J. Boorn, of Prospect, has received news that his son, Lieutenant R. H. Boorn, died on August 19 in the 24th General Hospital, having been wounded while fighting in France. He was educated at Port Adelaide Public School and at St. Peter's College. His military career started when he was 13 years of age. He was much interested in this work, and was appointed lieutenant in 1913. He was



Lieutenant R. H. Boorn.

O.C. of C Company of the Citizen Forces, North Adelaide. He was one of the first officers to enlist. He left South Australia in charge of reinforcements on September 14, 1915. On the eve of his departure he married Miss Ruth Gilbert. His brother, Lieutenant C. W. Boorn, adjutant of the 8th Training Battalion, is now on active service abroad.

## THE AUSTRALIANS. BIOGRAPHICAL.

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at St. Peter's College. His military career started when he was 13 years of age. He

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 14 September 1916

### **FOR KING AND COUNTRY.**

**BOORN.**—On the 19th August, at 24th General Hospital, France, as a result of gunshot wounds in shoulder and knee received while in action, Lieut. Reginald Henry Boorn, dearly beloved husband of Ruth Jean Boorn (nee Ruth Gilbert), 6 Hughes street, North Unley, aged 22 years.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,  
To do my best from dawn of day till night,  
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight  
And answer when He calls—  
This is my task.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 24 August 1918.

**BOORN.**—In sacred memory of my husband, Lieutenant Reginald Henry, died on the 19th August, 1916, at Etaples, from wounds received at Pozieres on the 4th August, 1916.

So dearly loved, so sadly missed,  
but

Thy will be done.

—Inserted by his widow, Ruth Jean Boorn.



## Roll of Honour - Reginald Henry Boorn

**Rank:** Lieutenant

**Unit:** 27th Battalion (Infantry)

**Service:** Australian Army

**Conflict:** 1914-1918

**Date of death:** 19 August 1916

**Cause of death:** Died of wounds

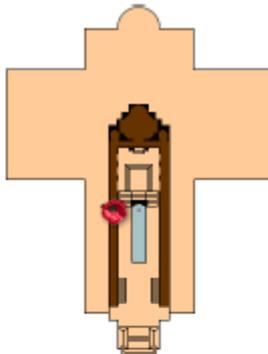
**Cemetery or memorial details:** Etaples Military Cemetery, France

**War Grave Register notes:** BOORN, Lt. Reginald Henry. 27th Bn. Australian Inf. Died of wounds 19th Aug., 1916. Son of Henry James and Helen Jane Boorn; husband of Ruth Jean Boorn, of 34, Clifton St., Malvern, South Australia. Native of Prospect, Adelaide, I. A. 44.

**Source:** AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

### Location on the Roll of Honour

Reginald Henry Boorn's name is located at **panel 109** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial .



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School	St Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia
Other training	University of Adelaide
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Chemist
Address	Prospect Road, Prospect, South Australia
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs R H Boorn, c/o Mrs Tidswell, 6 Hughes Street, Unley, South Australia
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A32 <i>Themistocles</i> on 13 October 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	27th Battalion
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Mention in Despatches  Displayed conspicuous gallantry in the operations on Pozieres Ridge when he was severely wounded and has since died of wounds. Not awarded. Recommendation date: 17 September 1916
Fate	Died of wounds 19 August 1916
Place of death or wounding	Pozieres, Somme Sector, France
Date of death	19 August 1916
Age at death	22
Place of burial	Etaples Military Cemetery (Plot I, Row A, Grave No. 44), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	109

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7th Aust. Infantry Brigade: 2nd Australian Division: 1st A.N.Z.A. Corps. Date of Recommendation: 12th September/16.

Schedule No. (Do not write)	Unit	Regt. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	27th Bn. A.I.F.		Major Krover Russell CUNNINGHAM. (Killed)	For gallant conduct and useful work in the action of POZIERES RIDGE on 4/5th August 1916. He led his men across from a communication trench in the attack which was successful, though he was killed in the attempt.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Mention in Despatches	
			Captain John Wesley BLACKET. (Killed)	For conspicuous good work with his Battalion and while acting as Brigade Major from March to June 1916, when he was killed.	<i>[Signature]</i>	do.	
			Lieut. R.H. BOONNE. (Died of Wounds)	Displayed conspicuous gallantry in the operations on POZIERES RIDGE 4/5th August 1916. Was severely wounded and has since died of wounds.	<i>[Signature]</i>	do.	