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17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

425

Name

R. L. P. Carr

Unit

A Coy 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Joined on

20-2-15

17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? . . . . . 1. *Roughman, Lenth, Peace, Carr*
- 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? . . . . . 2. In the Parish of *Hanley, Vic.* in or near the Town of *Hanley, Vic.* 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.) . . . . . 3. *Natural Son*
- 4. What is your age? . . . . . 4. *21 years 4 mths*
- 5. What is your trade or calling? . . . . . 5. *Labourer*
- 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. *Single*
- 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) . . . . . 8. *Eliza Carr (Wife) 44 Ward St. Adelaide South Aust.*
- 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 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. *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. *No*
- 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 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. *Yes*

I, *Roughman Lenth Peace Carr* 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 *three-fifths* wife and children

Date *22 2 15*

*R. L. P. Carr*  
Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Description of Reighman Leslie Rance Carr on Enlistment.

Age 21 years 4 months  
 Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches  
 Weight 152 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 32 3/4 inches  
 Complexion fair  
 Eyes brown  
 Hair brown  
 Religious Denomination Co. E

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.  
Tattoo not present

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; hemorrhoids; 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 20/1/15

Place Agdecy

J. J. Hall  
 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 A. Company,

17th B. Battalion, 5th Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

Date 9-2-15

Place Immpool

Harold Morrison  
 Commanding



Enlisted to 1914/15 Star. *R.P. Lock*

*425*

*Leat 12/5/15*

Statement of Service of No. *109*

Name *Reghnam Josie Basa Carr*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>7 A Coy 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion</i>		<i>20.2.15</i>	<i>11.5.15</i>	<i>Transferred to 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion</i>
	<i>Detained for special Duty as all 12/8/15</i>			<i>P.S. 37.13/8/15</i>
	<i>Wounded at Hosp Malta "Kewa"</i>	<i>27.10.15</i>		<i>at 2408. 17.11.15</i>
	<i>To England to "Moresa"</i>	<i>2.11.15</i>		<i>" 2634 "</i>
		<i>13.11.15</i>		<i>" 2988 2.12.15</i>
<i>Court of Enquiry</i>	<i>Upon alleged self inflicted wounds. Finding "Not to blame"</i>	<i>3.11.15</i>		<i>" 3212 10.12.15</i>
	<b>ADMITTED HOSPITAL</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup></i> <i>London G.H.</i>	<i>20.11.15</i>		<i>" 1/6 6.1.16</i>
	<b>ADMITTED HOSPITAL</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Aux. Hosp Eng.</i>	<i>2.6.16</i>		<i>" 82 5159 22.6.16</i>
	<b>TRANSFERRED</b> <i>to</i> <i>from Abbey Wood to Monte Video Weymouth</i>	<i>2.6.16.</i>		<i>" 123 10-7-16.</i>
	<b>ADMITTED HOSPITAL</b> <i>Harefield</i>	<i>5.6.16</i>		<i>" 668 10-7-16</i>
	<i>Embarked for N.Z. H.S. "Marama" from Southampton for Discharge. <del>of</del> amputated Right Arm</i>	<i>31.8.16</i>		<i>P.S. 53/915E 1996</i>
				<i>Cof C. 64. H.S. Adj. Comd. (Hoc.)</i>
	<i>DISCH. 4<sup>th</sup> M.D. (V.)</i>	<i>6/2/17.</i>		<i>B.R. L 74/56.</i>

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



C.M. Form A.23.  
(Revised 1.7.1914.)

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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

\*N.B.—The form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Inquiry,

assembled at Quinn's Post,

on the 28th October, 1915.

The Signature of each Officer composing the Board, &c., should be attached at the end of the proceedings, and sufficient space must be left below for the remarks and Signature of the Officer who authorized its assembly.

by order of Lieut-Col. H.A. Goddard, C.O., 17th Battn.

to enquire into and report upon the  
alleged self-inflicted wounds received by No. 425,  
Pte. Carr R.L.P., "A" Co., 17th Battn.

### PRESIDENT:

Captain E. Holmes.

### MEMBERS:

Lieut. H.W. Johnston.

2/Lieut. B. Mendelsohn.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceeded to take evidence.

1st Witness.

No. 1802, Pte. Lardner J., "A" Co., states:-

I was a bomb thrower on No. 5 Post between 1800 and 2400 on 26th instant. At about 1915 Carr said to me "I think I can throw one of these bombs right into their trench". It was smaller and lighter than the ones we had been using. He picked up a bomb, put a little gelignite on the end of the fuse and I lighted it. He drew his arm back at once to throw and the bomb exploded, blowing his hand off at the wrist. The explosion knocked me back and threw Carr forward into the sap. He called out at once "Don't touch the bombs Joe they are instantaneous". Carr was teaching me to throw bombs and instructed me always to throw them as soon as they fired.

(Sgd) J.Lardner, Pte.



A Regimental Court of Inquiry will assemble at such time and place as may be appointed by the President, to enquire into and report upon alleged self-inflicted wounds received by:-

No. 425, Pte. Carr R.L.P., "A" Coy., 26.10.15.

President:- Captain B.Holmes.

Members:- Lieut. H.W.Johnston.  
2/Lieut. B.Mendelsohn.

(Sgd) H.A.Goddard, Lieut.Col.

27.10.15.

Comdng. 17th Batta., A.I.F.

2nd Witness.

No. 1762, Pte. Riddington, S., "A" Co., states:-

I was on duty as messenger on No. 5 and 6 Double sub-Sections between 1800 and 1830 on 26th instant and was standing to arms. At about 1815 I was standing in the Headquarters of the O.C., Double Sub-Section, when I heard Carr ask the men in the firing line to observe the effect of a bomb he was going to throw. The next thing I heard was the bomb exploded in the bomb throwing position. I heard a moan and Captain Holmes told me to go for the stretcher bearers.

(Sgd) S.Riddington, Pte.

3rd Witness.

No. 1317, Bomb-Sgt. Watson J.F., "D" Co., states:-

At about 1830 on 26th instant, Capt. Kaughan sent me up to No. 5 Post where it was reported a man had met with an accident whilst bomb throwing. I enquired into how the accident had happened and was told that the bomb had an instantaneous fuse. I examined the remaining bombs in that box and tested one fuse and found it was a seven second fuse. The fuses were all in good condition and in my opinion were safe to use.

(Sgd) J.F.Watson. Sgt.

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There being no witnesses, other than those herein before mentioned, proceedings of the Court of Inquiry are closed.

(Sgd) Basil Holmes, Capt.  
President.  
H.W. Johnson, Lieut.  
B. Mendelschn, Lieut.  
Members.

28.10.15.

Court to re-assemble and recall No. 1802,  
Pte. Lardner and ascertain from him:-

- (1) Did the bomb fuse ignite immediately the light was applied?
- (2) Had the light to be held against fuse longer than usual before it showed signs of ignition?

(Sgd) H.A. Goddard, Lt. Col



Quinn's Post.  
29.10.15.

Pte. Lardner re-called to reply to questions:-

- Q. Did the bomb fuse ignite immediately the light was applied?
- A. No, although the fuse was primed with gellignite I had to hold the match till it was half burnt away before the gellignite fired.
- Q. Had the light to be held against the fuse longer than usual before it showed signs of ignition?
- A. No, on an average there was nothing unusual about the time it took to light the fuse.

(Sgd) J.Lardner, Pte.

(Sgd) Basil Holmes, Capt.  
President.  
H.W.Johnson, Lieut.  
E.Mendelsohn, Lieut.  
Members.

17th Battn., 5th Brigade.  
30. 10. 15.

Headquarters,  
5th Brigade.

Court of Enquiry re No. 425, Pte. Carr R.I.P.

Herewith Court of Enquiry Proceedings re Bomb injury to Pte. Carr. Pte. Carr was an experienced bomb thrower, a cool reliable man. It is, however, possible that he held on to the bomb a little too long - test on fuses of others, same class of bomb, show them normal. It is, however, possible that the one responsible may have been quicker than normal.

I consider the injury was accidental and that there is nothing to show negligence on the part of Pte. Carr, who I may state showed great courage and fortitude after his injury. Private Carr was on duty at time of accident.

(Sgd) H.A. Coddard, Lieut. Col.  
Commng. 17th Battn., A.I.F.

C.C.  
17th Battalion.

Please arrange to take evidence of Private Carr, and comply with King's Regs. para. 674 (IV).

(Sgd) Evan A. Wisdon, Major.  
Hdqrs., 5th Brigade, Brigade-Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
1st November, 1915.



Headquarters,  
5th Inf. Brigade.

The injuries to Pte. Carr were of so serious a nature that it was not practicable to examine him after the accident. From his remark in hearing of Witness Lardner, he evidently was of the opinion that the fuse was instantaneous. Pte. Carr has been evacuated.

K.R. para. 674 (IV) complied with.

(Sgd) H.A. Goddard, Lieut. Col.  
Commdg. 17th Batta., A. .P.

I concur that no blame is attachable to Pte.  
Carr.

3.11.15.

(Sgd) William Holmes.  
Brig-Genl.

C.O.,  
17th Battalion.

Please note endorsement by C.O.C. These papers are to be attached to this man's original Attestation. see K.R. para. 746.

5th Brigade.  
4.11.15.

(Sgd) Rupert Hale.  
Staff Captain.  
for C.O.C.

Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regimental Number 425

Regiment or Corps 17th Battalion

Rank Pte. Surname Carr. Christian Name R.L.F.  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Enlisted (a) 22.2.15 Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) 22.2.15.  
 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 i/c Records.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
31.10.15.	C.O.	Wounded	Embarked ... Disembarked ...	Galli.Pen.	27.10.15 B213 MPC. 26727/8 D.O. 29/240B.
2.11.15.	Rewa 139	Amp.R.arm.Bomb W hip & shoulder. Trans.Hosp.		Malta	2.11.15 N.Roll A16161
28.10.15.	C.O.	Extract from Reg.Court of Enquiry held on this date upon alleged self inflicted wounds received by 425 Pte Carr R.L.F. G.O.C's finding. I conceive that no blame is attached to Pte Carr.		Galli.Pen.	3.11.15 29/155/1 D.O.33/3212.
		Embarked for England per "Heres"		Malta	13.11.15 Nom.R.B696.
	W.O.216	Ad.3 London G.H		England	20.11.15 List H3327 P.1765
	A.I.F.Hqrs.	Adm.1st Aux.Hosp.		"	2.5.16 L.T2.03236159

(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.]





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WHEN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE NO.

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A.G. 42 370 1462

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

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KESWICK BARRACKS,

ADELAIDE, 13 FEB 1917 191 .

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

The under-mentioned soldier has been handed his discharge. Medical Board Proceedings and other documents, as follows, forwarded herewith:- B.179., B.178., D.1., W.3008., A.89.

NO 425 RANK Pte NAME CARR.R.L.P.  
 UNIT 17th Btn.  
 DATE OF ATTESTATION 29/2/15.  
 DATE OF EMBARKATION 12/5/15.  
 DATE OF RETURN TO AUSTRALIA 18/10/15.  
 REASON FOR DISCHARGE MEDICALLY UNFIT (NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT)  
 DATE OF DISCHARGE 6/2/17.  
 TOTAL SERVICE 1 Year 353 Days.  
 SERVICE ABROAD 1 Year 160 Days.  
 CHARACTER GOOD.  
 ACCOUNT ADJUSTED IN PART -

*J.D. Hughes*  
CAPTAIN.

S.O. RETURNED SOLDIERS. 4th M.D.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

DISCHARGED SECTION

No. 425

Rank Private Name Carr R. L. P.

Unit 17th Battalion

27-10-15 Wounded. H.S. Memo. No 27225.  
 Casualty Slightly wounded 2/11/15 disembarked Malta Hfs "Rewa"  
 17-10-15 Wounded in action, Dardanelles M.S.C. 26728/3556 H-14-11-15  
 Embarked for England 13/11/15 by H.S. "Morea" 482879/3620 17/11/15  
 Gunshot wound right hand Admitted to Hospital London 3962 01 2/12/15  
 2-11-15 Amp Arm & Bomb Wound Hip & Shoulder  
 Admitted Hosp Malta H.S. "Rewa" NRW 161  
 embarked for England 13/11/15 H.S. "Morea" 482879/3620  
 NRW 167 Dated 15/11/15  
 27/11/16 accidentally self-inflicted - Board Proceedings - see B.R.M. No 7/9

DATE	PURPORT	REF. No.
17/11/15	Not advised at Malta 7/11/15	
17/11/15	WOK advd wounded	
21/11/15	WOK advd embarked for England	
6-12-15	In Hospital London	17569
01.12.15	Admitted 3 London G. Hosp	M 5/425/8 N. Com. 2.12.15
20.11.15	Admitted 3 London G. Hosp Wandsworth G.S.W.R. 1757510/5 H. Com. 2.12.15	
	Returning Australia per New Zealand Hospital Ship "Masama" left Southampton 31.8.16. G.P. S.L. 360/6982E. Dated London 4.9.16.	
OCT 2 1916	N.O.K. Advice returning to Australia	
10/10/16	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS 1094th M 12/270	
17.10.16	Returned per Masama from England to 2nd H.S. D Amp. right forearm	6 D.P.S. 360 4.9.16.
	Discharged. 4th M.D. (W) 6/2/17	B.R.L. 77/66
	C.M. Form 7 Returned to Unit 2004. 5th M.D. 7/1/309. 86.	
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