

MILITARY FORCES.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

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Questions to be put to the Per 1. What is your Name? 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of Bowden in the County of Louth Aud
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown)	3. N.13 20 5/2
What is your trade or calling? Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so \(\)	5. Methodist Form Missionary
where, to whom, and for what period?	8. Mother Mrs Rosina Clark
. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)	Prospect South Sust
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
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Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service? If so, on what grounds?	13. No
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(4 Pages Army Form B. 103. 15078 Casualty Form Active Service. 2985 Rank #C/Dl Regimental No. Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a) Date of promotion to Date of appointment Numerical position on present rank roll of N.C.Os. to lance rank Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b) Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, Teasualties, etc., during active service, as reported an Army Form B, 213, Army Form A 30, or in other official documents. The authority to be quuted in each case Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. Alexandria disembanked ox E COTH Taken on strongth of battalion from reinfs. Iludroa l B NB/SI P 2134. 01/17 C/O 64 Tranglerred 11 & be surp Corporal Tel ol C.O. Dattn, Taken on strength o Kobir Both Battn or 10 be borporal 5.646 CO Tpt Proc. to Join BEF LR5799 5 6 16 12 6 16 DisemLarked Marsailles Keswick 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_ Capil. Date. 21.5.

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Signature of Attesting Officer.

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

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Taken and subscribed at Keswig in South Australia the State of 27 MAY 1915 __19/5 , before me—

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Army Form R, 103-11. Part II.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 2/19th.BH. 50th.BATTALION. Regimental Number 2985.

*Substantative Rank Golf Sgt Surname CLARK. Christian Names ROY Harwood.

*Acting Rank

(* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

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Signature of person enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Resural in the State of South Australia this day of 27 MAY 1915

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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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 teach question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

Lhave 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 27 MAY 1915

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Signature of Attesting Officer.

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OATH	TO	BE	TAKEN	BY	PERSON	BEING	ENLISTED.*
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well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 27 MAY 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed there from; 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.

A Harwood black

Taken and subscribed at Resurge in the State of South Australia of 27 MAY 1915 19/5, before me—

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Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Statement of Service No. 3/8 5.

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5. What is your trade or calling?	5. Methodist-Home Missionary
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so where, to whom, and for what period?	6 strong No
7. Are you married?	West - Mother Mr Rosina Clark.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)	Prospect South Austy
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?	9. No 5 Byron 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?	10. S.A.
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. Lenior Cadels Croy 80 Batt Transferred to Litingen Forces Droy 79 Inf Exemptagea
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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.
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against Smallpox and Enteric Fever?	15 Jeo
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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.

Statement of Service No. 1903. Name RH Care

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Religious Book, Pocket Book, Diary, Y.M.C.A. Wallet, Letters, Various Cards & Papers.

Per "Barunga" 20.6.18. In Case No. 1224.

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------Sergeant Roy Harwood Clark,

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2532, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 13th May, 1918, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 21st May. 1918, and Army Form B. 103.

8th February, 19/

Captain,

for

16th October,

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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th instant, and in reply to state the cable message received from London intimates merely that your son, No. 2985 Corporal R. H. Clark, 50th Battalion, is "wounded". The name of the hospital in which he is located and the date and the nature of his wounding are not contained therein. In the absence of further particulars, favourable progress may be assumed, the usual practice of the overseas authorities being to notify the Department of any serious change in condition.

His postal address is sugmested as :-

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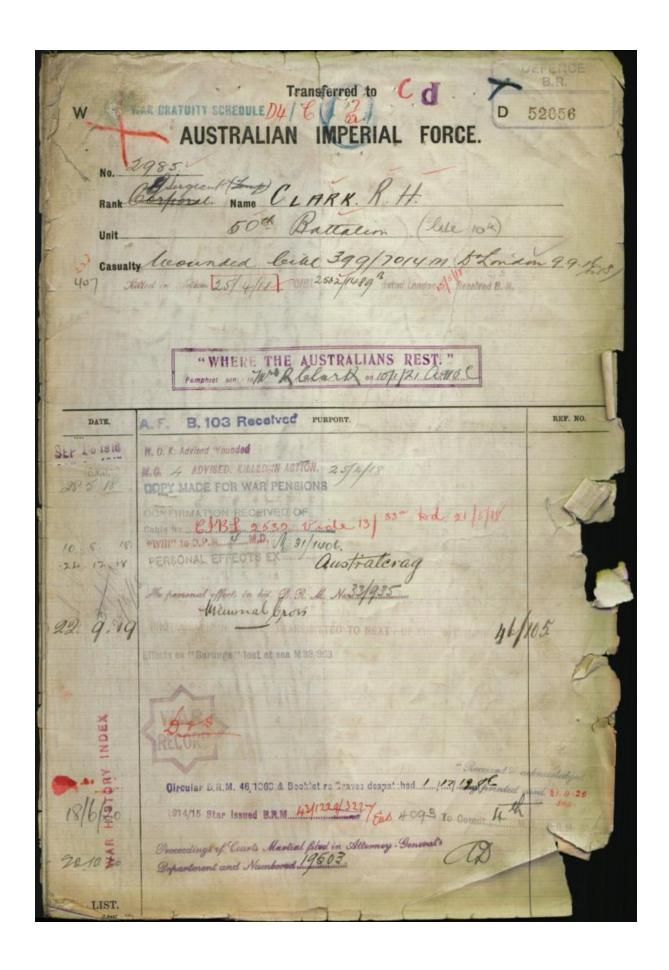
No. 2985 Corporal R. H. Clark, 50th Australian Infantry, C/o A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Road, LONDON, S. W.

Next-of-kin will be promptly notified should any later report be received.

Yours faithfully.

Mr. W. Clark, Gordon Road, PROSPECT, S.A.

Officer i/c Base Records.











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50TH. INFANTRY BATTALION LIEUTENANT SERJEANT MCKAY W.S.

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SERGEANT ROY CLARK® to MR ARMITAGE, FATHER OF CAPTAIN HAROLD ARMITAGE

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I feel constrained to write you, because of the respect I used to have for your beloved son who was, in the first instance, my Platoon Commander in the old 10th Battalion; and afterward my O.C. in the 50th Battalion. In the 10th I was a Private in the Platoon over which your son was the Commander, and in the 50th a Platoon Sergeant in the Company over which he was O.C. You see, I write with the authority of one who has known Captain Armitage as a superior officer; but also I have been in the position to learn

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to know him as a man of ideals and high principles.

The respect that I had for your late son has developed into reverence, as I have gradually realised the loss our Company and Battalion had sustained by his death. The day that he made the supreme sacrifice will ever be remembered by the lads who followed the Captain. I was near him during the whole of the advance, and witnessed the courage and calm judgement he displayed before us all. Then, when the battle was carried successfully



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through the little village of Noreuil (and onward to the prearranged "objective", on the rising ground on the other side of the village) I saw our Captain pass along the trench we had occupied, to direct the consolidation work to be done on our right flank, which was "in the air" and likely to be rushed by the enemy at any time. He cheered the lads with his quiet words as they "dug-in" for dear life, and directed the work of constructing the fire-trench with absolute disregard of personal safety.

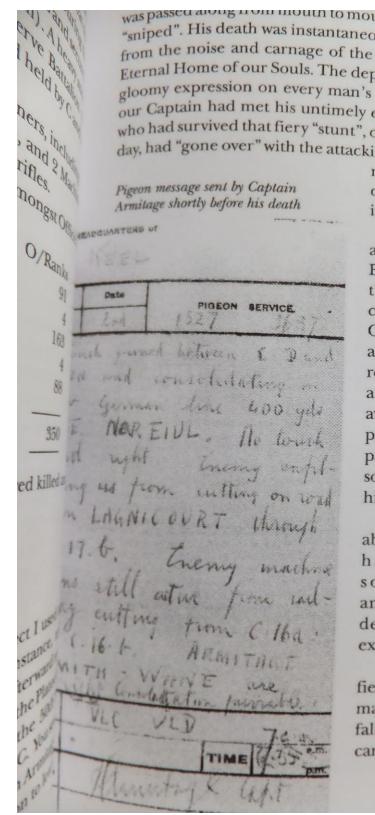
We had been in this new position about three hours when word was passed along from mouth to mouth that our Captain had been "sniped". His death was instantaneous. What a sudden transition from the noise and carnage of the Battlefield into Heaven, the Eternal Home of our Souls. The depression was noticeable in the gloomy expression on every man's face when they realised that our Captain had met his untimely end. Only two other Officers

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most disastrous "stunt" that our Battalion had taken part in.

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A burial party from another Battalion in our Brigade was responsible for the burial of our fallen comrades in that Sector. L/ Cpl PercyFoster9 of Lucindale, a friend of mine, was laid to rest by that party. Your son fell a couple of hundred yards away from the spot where my pal was killed, so the same part, undoubtedly laid your son, and our revered O.C., in his last resting place.

This letter will reach you about the time when you will have commemorated sorrowfully the first anniversary of your son's death. Accept this as my expression of condolence.

We, who have survived the fiery, deadly battles, in which many a good comrade has fallen, are endeavouring to carry on the difficult task of

defeating the wily, unscrupulous Germans. As much as we long to get back to our loved ones and friends in Australia, every true Britisher is determined to pay back the Hun in his own coin, and wrest from his tyrannous grasp spoiled Belgium, wrecked Serbia, plundered Rumania, oppressed Poland, and that part of France which he has intruded upon so rudely. There is still much heavy fighting to be done on every front where the Allies are facing the Huns.

At the present time we are playing the waiting game on the front. Rumours are rife that Fritz intends to launch an offensive on a big scale on this Western Front somewhere but, whether Fritz or the British strike, King Winter holds the armies in his chilly grip, and both sides are forced to await the weakening of these

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stubborn fingers; until Spring returns an offensive action is practically impossible for either side. Then, when conditions are favourable, there will be a clash heavier and more intense than any previous action on record. May that great, terrible, diabolical action be the last in this great war is my sincere prayer, and just as sincerely do I trust that a satisfactory peace that will endure will be settled amongst the troubled Nations.

I have been acting in capacity of Company Sergeant Major for "C"



Capt. H.E.S. Armitage M.I.D. K.I.A. 2/4/17



L/Cpl. P.W. Foster, K.I.A. 2/4/17

Company for over two months now, and the other day had occasion to look through some of the old Company books. Amongst them I found one with Captain Armitage's name on it, and in the book was the enclosed photos. Am enclosing these knowing that you would value them for your son's sake. The old N.C.Os and men wish me to convey their regards to you. I send my best wishes.

PRIVATE HAROLD

Pte. H.J. Willmott