

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No 3274 Name GOTTON Ernest Alfred
 Unit 11th Inf
 Joined on _____

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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| 1. What is your Name? ... | 1. <u>Ernest Alfred Cotton</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>St Adelaide</u> in the County of <u>South Coast</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown) ... | 3. <u>N. B.</u> |
| 4. What is your age? ... | 4. <u>22 1/2 years</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? ... | 5. <u>Plasterer</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so where, to whom, and for what period? ... | 6. <u>NO</u> |
| 7. Are you married? ... | 7. <u>NO</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) | 8. <u>Mother Mrs Louisa Pratt</u>
<u>Alexander St Prospect</u>
<u>South Australia</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? | 9. <u>NO</u> |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with ignominy, or as 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. <u>NO</u> |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... | 11. <u>NO</u> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... | 12. <u>yes</u> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service? If so, on what grounds? ... | 13. <u>NO</u> |
| 14. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? | 14. <u>✓</u> |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against Smallpox and Enteric Fever? ... | 15. <u>yes</u> |

Ernest Alfred Cotton 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 19 7 15 Ernest Alfred Cotton
 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.

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MILITARY FORCES

C.M. Form A.4. (Revised 1.8.1914.)

Army Form B. 103

Form B. 2090A.

Casualty Form Active Service

Regimental Number 274

Rank Private Surname COTTON
 Religion Christian Name E.A.
 Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (b) 4 Months 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

Date	From whom received	Report	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
29.2.16.	3rd. Eng. Bn.	Allotted to and Proceeded to join 50th. Battalion	Zeitoun	29.2.16.	A.P. 4398
11.3.16.	C.O. 50th. Bn.	Taken on Strength 50th. Bn.	Tel-el-Kebir	29.2.16.	A.P. 5612
25.5.16.	do	To Hospital Sick	do	24.5.16.	P.O. 1/828
25.5.16.	15th. A.F. Amb.	Admitted Pyrexia	do	24.5.16.	A.P. 2799
1.4.16.	C.O. 50th. Bn.	Discharged to duty	do	24.5.16.	
5.6.16.	H.T. Arcadian	Rejoined Bn. from Hospital	do	24.5.16.	65990
3.3.17.	C.O. 50th. Bn.	Proceeded to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	5.6.16.	L.R. 9790
16.2.17.	C.O. 10th. Bn.	Disembarked at	Marseilles	12.5.16.	
		Tfd. to 10th. Bn.	France	14.2.17.	D21/9
		Taken on Strength of 50th. Bn.	do	14.2.17.	131/9 8313
				14.2.17.	131/9 1117

(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) S. G. Smith, Esq., Smith, Esq.

Date 14.1.15
 Place Hurwick

J. O. Luntan } Capt
 R. Drummond } A.A.M.C.
 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 O Group Base Infantry Depot

Capt. Officer.

Date 27 July 1915
 Place Exhibition

J. M. Campbell }
 Commanding }
 Major, }
 CAMP COMMANDANT.

Signature of the Act. Officer

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form 1, 2, 118, Army Form 4, 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form 1, 2, 118, Army Form 4, 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
11.5.17.	G.O. 10th. Bn.	Killed in Action	France	6.5.17.	A21/19 2613 D.O. 27/2731 V.L. 349 of 17.5.17.
	AMFAC SECTION 3RD. ECHELON G.W.G. British Expeditionary Force.			(SGD) H.E. WAWN	Captain Officer i/c Records.
	Director of Graves.	Buried, <i>Porcine. Avel.</i> Cemetery N.E. of <i>Propuna</i>	<i>France</i>		D.S.R.E. 249 209. 40. 29/7266 F 22/11/17

Ernest Alfred Cotton
Signature of person enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Keewick* in
the State of *South Australia*
this _____ day _____ of
22 JUL 1915 1915, before me—

C. Woodrow *Capt.*
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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

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FIELD SERVICE. ^{D24426} Army Form B. 2090A.

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

REGIMENT OR CORPS } 10TH. BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, } Late 50th. Battalion A.I.F.
Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 3274 Rank Private

Surname COTTON Christian Names E.A.

Died { Date 6th. May 1917. Place FRANCE

Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B213. dated 11.5.17.

By whom made Commanding Officer 10th. Battalion A.I.F.

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

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand. Date -

By whom reported -

State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not (b) in Small Book (if at Base) received
a Will or not (c) as a separate document. For Burial Report See B103

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

Any information received 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 Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the I.M.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

ANZAC SECTION 3RD. ECHELON G.H.Q., B.E.F. Advanced
Station and Date 15th. June 1917. Signature of Officer in charge of Section Advanced Capt.
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Officer i/c Records.

(1914) W5007/M/30 500,000 10/15 JFW [E328] Form-B2090A/2

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 19.7.15

Place Kewick

J.P. Duran } Capt
Reddummit } A.A.M.C.
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 O Group Base Infantry Depot

Date 27 July 1915

Place Exhibition

W. Bushell Capt
Commanding Major
CAMP COMMANDANT.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No 3274 Name Coxford Ernest Alfred *subject of*
 Unit 4th Div 10th Coy
 Joined on 22/7/15 **50th BATTALION**

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Ernest Alfred Bottom
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of St Adelaide in the County of St Paul
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... no
4. What is your age? ... 22 1/2
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Plasterer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no
7. Are you married? ... no
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... brother, Mr Louis Bottom, 56 Alexander St Prospect SA
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 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? ... 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 ... no
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 widowed mother) Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... no
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... yes

Ernest Alfred Bottom 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 19.7.15 Ed Bottom
 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.

Description of Ernest Alfred Bottom on Enlistment

Age 22 years 2 months
Height 5 feet 7 inches
Weight 148 lbs.
Chest Measurement 33 1/2 inches
Complexion Fresh
Eyes Blue
Hair Fair
Religious Denomination Methodist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

W.R. 6/6 R. 6/6
Trace 1 L Inf

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 19 7.15

Place KESWICK

J.P. Burdett
Robert Bullock CAPTAIN
Robinson CAPTAIN
Signature of Examining Medical Officer. A.M.C.

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 6 Group Base Inf Depot.

Date 22.7.15

Place Exhibition

S. Marshall Major
Commanding CAMP COMMANDANT.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090a.

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Regimental No. 3274 Rank Private

Surname COTTON Christian Names E.A.

Died { Date 6th. May 1917. Place FRANCE
Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B213. dated 11.5.17.

By whom made Commanding Officer 10th. Battalion A.I.F.

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

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand. Date -

By whom reported -

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

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

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ANZAC SECTION 3RD. ECHELON G.H.Q., B.E.F.
Station and Date } 15th. June 1917. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] Capt.
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Officer i/c Records.

Casualty Form - Active Service

10th BATTALION A. I. F.
~~50th BATTALION A. I. F.~~
 Regiment or Corps

Rank Private Surname GOTTON Christian Name E. A.
 Religion Age on Enlistment years months
 Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) War & 4 Months Service reckons from (a)
 Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and Rate
 Occupation Signature of Officer

Report		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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
29.2.16.	3rd. Tng. Bn.	Alloted to and Proceeded to join 50th. Battalion	Zeitoun	29.2.16.	A. P. 4898
11.3.16.	C.O. 50th. Bn.	Taken on Strength 50th. Bn.	Tel-el) Kebir	29.2.16.	A. P. 5612 D. O. 1/528
25.3.16.	do	To Hospital Sick	do	24.3.16.	A. P. 6799
25.3.16.	13th. A. F. Amb.	Admitted Pyrexia	do	24.3.16.	
		Discharged to duty	do	25.3.16.	C5990
1.4.16.	C.O. 50th. Bn.	Rejoined Bn. from Hospital	do	25.3.16.	A. L. 222
5.6.16.	H. T. Arcadian	Proceeded to join B. E. F.	Alexandria	5.6.16.	L. R. 9790
		Disembarked at	Marseilles	12.6.16.	
3.3.17.	C.O. 50th. Bn.	Tfd. to 10th. Bn.	France	14.2.17.	D21/9 D. O. 9/706
16.2.17.	C.O. 10th. Bn.	Taken on Strength ex 50th. Bn.	do	14.2.17.	A21/7 B213. D. O. 12/1117

(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, Shoeburyness, No. 6229 W. 1955/31477 2,400,000 1/17 MeA & W L16 Forms B.1034 (E. 856) [P. T.O.]

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MILITARY FORCES.

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DISTRICT PAY OFFICE
4th MILITARY DISTRICT.

4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS:	CAMP:
ALL OFFICERS .. C 3820	MITCHAM .. C 6800
S.O.G. C 1266	
D.P.M. C 4368	
KERWICK HOSPITAL C 6270	

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE
QUOTE REFERENCE NO.

N 53

MILITARY PAY OFFICE,
NORTH TERRACE, ADELAIDE,
31st May, 1917.

Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
MELBOURNE.

- (1) Re No. 2162 Pte. W.E. Cotton, 11th/3rd Light Horse.
- (2) Re No. 3274 Pte. E.A. Cotton, 11th/10th Battalion.
(Reported Killed)

Please note that the correct name of mother
and recorded next of kin of the above soldiers is -

Mrs. Louisa Pratt Cotton,
Alexander Street,
PROSPECT. South Australia.

as per documentary evidence here.



W+Marr LIEUT.
OFFICER IN CHARGE.
A.I.F. SECTION.

L.Q.M.S. Morgan 5/6/17

17th August, 6

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S i r,

In reply to your letter dated 14th instant, I beg to inform you no official report to any effect has reached this Office in connection with No. 3274 Private E. A. Cotton, beyond the advice of his transference, on 26/2/16, from the 10th to the 50th Battalion, so it may be assumed he is with his unit.

His present postal address is suggested as -

No. 3274 Private E. A. Cotton,
50th Battalion,
(Late 11th Reinfo., 10th Battn.)
15th Infantry Brigade,
4th Australian Division,
Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

In the event of any news coming to hand respecting him, his mother will be immediately notified.

Yours faithfully,

Head of Works & Buildings Department
of South Australia,
ADELAIDE, S.A.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

SOUTH



AUSTRALIA.

50th

WORKS AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT,
ADELAIDE.

14th August, 1916

re Private E. A. Cotton.

Sir,

I have been advised by the D. A. A. G., 4th Military District, Keswick, to approach you with reference to the son of one of my men, about whom his father has not heard for several months past. The youth is No.3274, Private E. A. Cotton, 50th Battalion, A. I. F.

The boy's mother is breaking her heart, believing him either killed or missing.

I should be extremely obliged if you could get me some information of him at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. W. B. Smith".

Head of Works and Buildings Department
of South Australia.

BASE RECORDS
14 AUG 1916

See above
14/8/16.

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

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 3244

Rank Pte. Name COTTON - E. A.

Unit 10th Battⁿ

LIST 309

Casualty Killed in Action 6. 5. 17. C.S.B. 1921 9017 dated London 25. 5. 17 1917

MEMORIAL SCROLL
To
Father
W. J. Cotton
324407
5/10/17

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to Mr. Leathou (F) on 11/1/21 A.F. S.

DATE **A. F. B. 103 Received** PURPORT **A. F. B. 2090A Received.** REF. NO.

28/1/17
1-6-17
14 8 16
17 8 16
21 5 17
8. 3 18

M.O. 4 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 6/5/17.
COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS
... Smyth. acting on behalf of NOK Information re above
Reply sent.
M.O. 4 advised full name of NOK
PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. ...

18/6/20

1914-1915 Star issued B.R.M. 48/1229/3401412
To Comdt 4th M.D. B.R.M. 50/1262 ✓
Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re avcs despatched 8.12.19 by post by parcel card 25-27 282



HISTORY INDEX



26. 2. 21
16/9/21

in triplicate
PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. & M. No. 5071157 M
BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 4th M.D. B.R.M. 53/1262 ✓

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
Father (per 47121)
No. 714 Cotton
324407
18. P. 22

VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* B.R.P.F. Co. 26 JAN 1923
Registered Post No. *6456* G. P. O. Madras

5 DEC 1932 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched
PO *4488*

COTTON, Ernest Alfred



Service no 3274
Private
10th Battalion

Born 07 May 1893 at North Adelaide, SA
Son of Fredrick John COTTON and Louisa Pratt nee DAVIS
Of Prospect, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment Plasterer
Enlisted 23 July 1915
Killed in action 06 May 1917 at Noreuil, France
Aged 24 years
Buried Noreuil Australian Cemetery, France

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