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*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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REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2	ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSON		OR SERVICE ABROAD
No.J.	274 Name Collor	Cycuest	ment hel
		replis.	50th BATTALIONS
	Questions to be put to the Pe	ersop Enlisti	ng before Attestation.
1. Wh	nat is your Name ?	1. Cruest	A efed bottom
		2. In the Parish	of Att.
2. In c	or near what Parish or Town were you born?	near the	1181
1	e you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)	3.	413
4. WI	hat is your age?	4.	0 82.11
5. WI	hat is your trade or calling?	5.	Masterer.
6. Are	e you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?	σ.	ų o _
7. Are	e you married? of & bottom	7. shoother	Live Louis a Preat Correr
	ho is your next of kind (Address to be stated)	Pro	Joseph Bear ainder St.
9. Ha	ve you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?	9/	No
	ve 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
	you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royld Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if no now serving, state cause of discharge		40
	ive you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	} 12.	Yeo
13. Ha	ive you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?	} 13.	do
	r married men, widowers with clitheren, and soldiers who are the sole support of midowed mither) to you understand that to Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service.	> 14.	~
15. Ar	e you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever?		Yeb
of the	to the above questions are true, and I am willing a Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the	and hereby voluntar	nonwealth.
A	And I further agree to allot not less then three-fifths	of the pay paya	ble to me from time to time during my
service	e for the support of my wife and children	The state of the s	
	Date 19 - 7 - 15	la	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.

Age 97 years 7 months Height 5 feet 7 inches	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Weight 14 8 lbs.	Just & K. P.
Chest Measurement 33' 36 inches	Tace 1 L Inf
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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. 4 Am 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 Group Base Inf Depot.

Date 22.7.15. Schran

Place Exhibition Comman

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090a.

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

OR CORPS 10TH. BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company Late 50th.Battalion A.I.F.
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 white on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.
Place Particulars not yet to hand. Date -
Burial By whom reported
State whether be leaves a Will or not (c) as a separate document. Will not (b) in Small Book (if at Base) received
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 D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Hook (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the d.ceased'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. Station and 15th.June 1917. Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Officer i/c Records.
(1452) WSSN7/M030 500,000 10/16 JFW [E328] Form B3030a/2

Regimental Number.

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9.2.16.	3rd .Tng. Bn.	Alloted to and Proceeded	Zeitoun	29.2.16	. A.P.4898
		to join 50th.Battalion			A.P.5612
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1.4.16.	C.O.50th.Bn.	Rejoined Bn. from Hospits	do do		. 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.0.9/706
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MILITARY FORCES.

4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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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.

RECOL 5 1917

OFFICER IN CHARGE. A.I.F. SECTION.

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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.

Fis present postal address is suggested as -

Ho. 3274 Private E. A. Cotton,

50th Battalion,
(Late 11th Reinfs., 10th Battn.)

15th Infantry Brigade,
Ath Australian Division,
Australian Imperial Force,
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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 Routh Australia,
ADELAIDE, .9.A.

Officer 1/c Base Records.



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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,

Head of Works and Buildings Department of South Australia.

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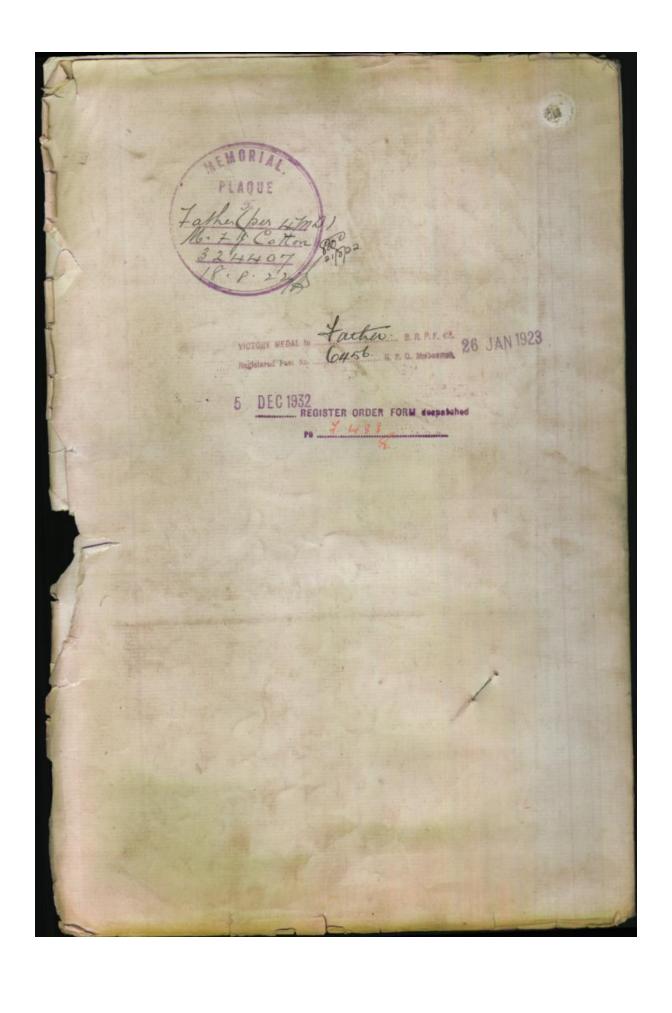
The Officer-in-Charge,

Base Records.

Victoria Barracks.

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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

Chronicle Newspaper

