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MILITARY FORCES

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

3624

Name CROSSMAN - ROBERT ERNEST GEORGE

Unit 10/50th Inf 10 REINFTS. 50 BATTN.

Joined on 23 MAR 1917

For Lt. Colonel. Camp Commandant

Delivered

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your name? Robert Ernest George Crossman
2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Prospect in the County of South Australia
3. Natural Born
4. 19 years concent attached
5. Clerk
6. No
7. No
8. (Father) CROSSMAN, GEORGE
47 GORDON RD. PROSPECT
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
9. No
10. No
11. Yes 3 yrs Cadets 2 yrs Citizen Forces
12. Yes
13. No
14. _____
15. Yes

701250

Robert Ernest George Crossman do solemnly declare that the above answers made 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.

I further agree to allot not less than ~~two-fifths~~ two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife and children~~ wife* †

3 MAR 1917

R.E.G. Crossman
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.

Description of Robert Ernest George Crossman on Enlistment.

Age 19 years — months
 Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches
 Weight 125 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 31. 33 1/2 inches
 Complexion Fair
 Eyes Blue
 Hair Auburn
 Religious Denomination Cong

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vis. R 46 L 46
Vacc. 3/4.

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 MAR 23 1917

Place ADELAIDE.

Ernest J. Kaye

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 7th ^{10/50th} Infantry S. J. Quince

Date 16th 9. 17

Place Mitcham A. I. Camp

W. H. Smith LIEUT.
Commanding O.C. 7/49 INFANTS, A.I.F.

Statement of Service No. 3621 Name Crossman Robert Ernest G

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
B. Coy. MITOHAM!	Private	10/4/17	APR 30 1917	C.O. 96/
7/43rd Infantry	PRIVATE	1-5-17	15-6-17	C.O. 111/
"F" Coy	PRIVATE	16-6-17	15-7-17	C.O. 164/
10/50 th Inf.	PRIVATE	16-7-17		
10/50th Battalion.	ENTRAINED 2/8/1917 3 rd military district for embarkation Embarked at Melbourne per A32 "Themistocles" on 4/8/1917 Private			

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

3624
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Name GROSSMAN ROBERT ERNEST GEORGE
Unit 10/50th Inf
Joined on 23 MAR 1917

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your name? Robert Ernest George Crossman
2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Prospect in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, particulars to be shown.) Natural Born
4. What is your age? 19 years. Consent attached
5. What is your trade or calling? Clerk
6. Have you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, here, to whom, and for what period? No.
7. Have you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... (Father) GROSSMAN, GEORGE. 47 GORDON RD. PROSPECT. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
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 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? 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. Yes. 3 yrs Cadets 2 yrs citizen Force.
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. Do you understand that no Separation Allowances will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 7/6 per day? No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes.

Robert Ernest George Crossman do solemnly declare that the above answers made 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.
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

23 MAR 1917

R. E. G. Crossman.
Signature of Person Enlisted.

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O. 603 France
28-1-18 L849
Sheet 1

Statement of Service No. 3624 Name CROSSMAN Robert Ernest

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remark
		From	To	
B. Coy. MITOHAM.	Private	10/4/17	30.6.17	82/11
7 REINF. 4th BATTALION.	Pte	1.5.17	16.6.17	86-2
A. Coy.	Pte	16.6.17	16.7.17	140/11
10/5-0	Pte	16.7.17		164/11
H. Thermistocles		11.9.17		
<p>Embarked Melbourne 4.8.17 back to Glasgow 2.10.17 LR 131</p>				
Pte	Went to 13th Coy Bn Godford from Aust. 12 Coy. H.M.A.T. "A" 32.	5.10.17		SR 9600 Do 82/5331/5.11.17
Pte	Offence neglecting to obey an order, not wearing yellow ribbon ordered to be worn by all O/Ranks in isolation. Award Forfeits - 1 days pay by Lt Col. G. Arhane P.B. 9761250/5)	19.10.17		SR 9807 Do 82/5333/5.11.17
Pte	Proc: O/sea France via Southampton 8X 13th Eng Bn Godford.	23.1.18		Do 9/355 E 31/1/18 L-849
Pte	Proc: 7.08 11th Bn 10th Remf: 50th Bn.	26.1.18		Do 5/368 5/2/18
4th Bn	KILLED IN ACTION	France	7.7.18	C2132 2409 14/31/3505 20-7-18 132696
30th Bn	Buried			

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

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CASUALTY FORM—ACTIVE SERVICE.

Army Form B. 103.

2 Pages PL 9872 3624

CARD

Regiment or Corps 10/50th Bn
 Regimental No. 3624 Rank Pte Name CROSSMAN Robert Ernest George
 Enlisted (a) 23/3/17 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 10/4/17
 Date of Promotion to) Date of appointment) Numerical position on)
 present rank) to lance rank) roll of N.C.O.'s)
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Date	From whom Received.	Report.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
		Embarked	Melbourne	8.17	
		Disembarked	Glasgow	2.10.17	
7.10.17	13 th Eng Bn.	Pte. H. I. from Aust - 8x H. m. a. T. "A" 32	Codford.	3.10.17.	D.O. 82/E 5/1/17. LR. 9600
21.10.17	DO.	Pte. H. I. from Codford. 19/10/17 neglecting to obey an order, not wearing yellow ribbon ordered to be worn by all ranks in association with the 10 days pay by Lt. Col. D. A. Lane	DO.	20.10.17	D.O. 82/E 5/1/17 P.B.N. 701250/5.
18.11.17	13 th Eng Bn.	Pte. H. I. to Group Hoop Codford. (Synovitis)	Codford.	11.11.17.	LR. 9804. LR. 10611
25.11.17	DO.	Pte. H. I. from Group Hoop Codford.	DO.	23.11.17.	LR. 10811
1.1.18	O.E. 13 th Eng Bn Codford.	Pte. H. I. from France via 8x Codford.	St. Hampton	23.1.18	D.O. 82/E 31/1/18 LR. 849.

(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, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. [P.T.O.]

D.902/6.16—C.7516—50M.

Date	From whom Received.	Report.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
24.1.18	ASBA	Marched in X England		24.1.18	AS 4027
26.1.18	4 th A.I.B.D.	Pro: to Join Unit.	Ware	26.1.18	AS 4028
3.2.18	CO 50TH BN	TAKEN ON STRENGTH	FIELD	26/1/18	D21/57 DO 7368 821/80. 02 776
10/4.7.18	do	Killed in Action	do	7.7.18	DO 3/3505.
		Australian Section 3rd Battalion G.H.Q. A.F.D.			19 London Office file records Capt

L.A.A.D.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 1st/ 50th. BATTALION Regimental Number 3624

*Substantive Rank pte Surname CROSMAN Christian Names Robert Ernest

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

(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II, of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All actions as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1916 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
Date.	From whom received.					
	OC Troops. "A32"		Embarked		Melbourne 4/8/17.	
7/10/17	13th. Tng. Bn		Disembarked		Glasgow 2/10/17.	
21/10/17	"		M/I from Australia ex H.M.A.T. "A32"		Codford 3/10/17	1092/5331E.
	Neglecting to obey an order not wearing yellow ribbon ordered to be worn by all O/ranks in Isolation. <u>AWARD</u> . Forfeits 1 days pay by Lt. Col. D. A. Lane.		<u>OFFENCE</u> . Codford 19/10/17.			
18/11/17	"		Sick to Group Hosp. Codford. Synovitis		"	20/10/17 1092/5333E.
25/11/17	"		M/I from Group Hosp. Codford.		"	11/11/17
23/1/18	OC 13th T. Bn Codford.		Proceeded Overseas to France ex Codford		"	23/11/17
24/1/18	A.I.B.D.		M/I ex England		Southampton 23/1/18	3101/18. 109K.
25/1/18	4th. A.I.B.D.		Pro. to join unit		Havre 24/1/18.	
3/2/18	CO 50th. Battn		T.O.S. ex Rfts		" 26/1/18.	
14/7/18	"		Killed in Action		Field 26/1/18	1005/368.
					France 7/7/18	1031/360F. V.L. 776.

Australian Section. 3rd. Echelon G.H.Q.B.E.F.

20/9/18.

H.E. LAMM. Capt.

For Officer i/c Records.

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Nothing to be written in this margin.

W 1889-111139-500000 5/18 G.W.P.Co (449)

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E.C. B. 30/9.

Artillery

Original.
Duplicate.

APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

at Adelaide Town Hall

I, Robert Ernest George Crossman

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS.

47 Gordon Road
Prospect.

Signature R. E. G. Crossman

Occupation Clerk

Date 22-3-17

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my ^{SON} ~~WIFE~~ for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.

Father's Signature R. Crossman

Mother's Signature D. H. Crossman

or

Guardian's Signature _____

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— 19 yrs. mos. | Height— _____ ft. _____ ins. | Chest Measurement (fully expanded)— _____ inches.
Married. Widower. Single.

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority { FIT for Active Service.
UNFIT, for the following reasons:—

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of Medical Authority. _____

I Concur

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot. _____

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally **ACCEPTED** ~~REJECTED~~ this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

(Signature) _____

Place _____

Recruiting Officer.

Date _____

XXXX 4780

23 JUN 1933

JHE.

S.C.I.

Copy attached

Dear Sir,

With reference to your recent application for a copy of Part 11 of Villers-Bretonneux Memorial Register containing the particulars of your son, the late No. 3624 Private R.E.G. CROSSMAN, 50th. Battalion, it is noted from the correction to the proof slip entry that the deceased's age has inadvertently been shown in error and should properly read "20", and it is regretted that it will not be practicable to similarly amend the Register entry at this late juncture as the printed copies have already been prepared for publication. I may add, however, that the Memorial inscription will not be affected as the result of this discrepancy.

In compliance with your request one copy of the above Register will be forwarded in the course of the next few days.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

Mr. George Crossman
47 Gordon Road,
EBOSPECT, S.A.

Officer i/c Base Records.

CROSSMAN	Robert Ernest George Pte. 3624	10th Reinfts. 50th Btn.
Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.
PURPORT.		Unit.
Embkd. Melb. per A. 32 "Themistocles" 4/8/17.		4th M.P.
3 10/17 Mchd in to 13th Ing Btn. Cdfd. from Aust. ex H.M.A.T.		AUTHORITY.
"A32"		LDN 82/3-17
19/10/17 CRIME neglect to obey and order AWD. 20/10/17 Forf		1 days
pay P.P. No 701250		LDN 82/3-17
23/1/18 Proc. O/S to France ex 13th Ing/Btn. Cford.		LDN 9/2-18
7/7/18 KILLED IN ACTION		(MC) BERO 31/4/18
26.1.18. T.O.S of 50th Btn. from 10th Rfts		(M'K) BERO 5/6-18.

Copy/EM

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MR Robert Ernest George Crossman of prospect in the State of South Australia Clerk but now on active military service with the South Australian Expeditionary Force.

I appoint as Executrix of this my will Annie Crossman of Prospect in the said State my mother

I give devise and bequeath all the property of whatsoever nature and wheresoever situate of or to which I shall die possessed or entitled to my said mother

Dated the eleventh day of May one thousand nine hundred and seventeen

(sgd) R.E.G.CROSSMAN

Signed by the said testator as his last will in the presence of us both being present at the same time who at his request and in his sight and presence and in the sight and presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

(sgd) S. Talbot Smith
Solicitor, Adelaide

(sgd) H.A. Pook
Adelaide

Certified to be true copy of the will of
Pte 5624 R.E.G. CROSSMAN 10/50 Btn

*Ed. Colbatch M.O.
Hodson 1/sgt*

3 SEP 1918

Cert. of

W I L L

No. 3624

Rank Private

Names (Surname) Crossman
(Christian) Robert Ernest George

Unit 10th Reinf's 50th Battalion

My will is attached-here
lodged with

Mrs. A. Crossman
47 Gordon Road,
Prospect.

R. E. G. Crossman Signature of Soldier

Verified G. S. Walcott Lt. C.O.

Walter Dollman Lt. Colonel
CAMP COMMANDANT.

Certified to be a true copy of the Cert. of Will of
No. 3624 Pte. R. E. G. Crossman, 50th Battalion, lodged
with the Officer in Charge, Base Records, upon
embarkation for Active Service Abroad.

W. O.

W. O.

Checked by:-

A. P. Reed
L. E. G. Crossman

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 3624

Rank *Lieut*

Name CROSSMAN R.E.G.

Unit 50th Battalion

Casualty *Killed in Action 7/7/18*
H.F.D.103 shows 2/7/18?
Amended A.F. B.103 shows 7/7/18
IBL 2709 1200 dated London 27/18 Received B. A.



DATE A.F. B.103 Received PURPOSE

26 JUL
31 7 18
31 7 18
13 9 18

M.O. of ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTI...
COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS
"WILL" to D.P.M. 4... Location only.
Will copy in file
CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF
Cable No. E 203 2709 made 14/26 *Da 29/7/18 received & acknowledged*
8.1.19 see by printed card 19.5.20 20.
BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 11th M.D.B.R.M. 53/600

WAR HISTORY INDEX

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to M. Rosemarion on 29.6.21

MEMORIAL SCROLL
To Father
No. 9 Crossman
347921
29/6/21

CROSSMAN, Robert Ernest George



Service no 3624
Private
50th Battalion

Born 03 March 1898 at Prospect, SA
Son of George CROSSMAN and Deborah Ann Helen nee BAYLY
Of Prospect, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment Clerk
Enlisted 23 March 1917
Killed in action 07 July 1918 in Hamel, France
Aged 21 years
Commemorated Villers-Bretonneux Memorial

[Chronicle Newspaper](#)









S. CLIFT C. A.
CLIFT W. J.
COLE T.
A. COLEMAN D.
COLMER H.
COWAN G. C.
D.C.M. CRONIN J. P.
CROSSMAN R. E. G.
DANIELL W. G.
DARE J. W.
DEVITT J. F.
DICKSON C. W.
DIXON T. W.
DOWNER J. L.
AL EGAN W. J.

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