

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *Lieut* Name { Surname *DEVONSHIRE*
in full { Christian Name *W^m Pendennis*
Unit _____
Joined on _____

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? 1. _____
- 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
near the Town of _____
in the County of _____
- 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) 3. _____
- 4. What is your Age? 4. _____
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. _____
- 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 6. _____
- 7. Are you married? 7. _____
- 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) 8. *Wife Edith Myrtle Devonshire*
Harrington St
Prophet
Aust
- 9. What is your permanent address in Australia? 9. _____
- 10. 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 10. _____
- 11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 11. _____
- 12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 12. _____
- 13. (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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? 13. _____
- 14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? 14. _____

I, _____ 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 $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife,* † and children.

Date _____

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.

4th April 1967.

The Officer-in-Charge,
Central Army Records Office,
"A" Block,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

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Dear Sir,

I wish to apply for the Anzac Commemorative Medallion and Lapel Badge.

I served in the Gallipoli Campaign, between April 25, 1915, and January 8, 1916, and forward the following particulars:- (SEPT. TO DEC.)

SURNAME: DEVONSHIRE
CHRISTIAN NAMES: WILLIAM PENDENNIS
ADDRESS: 7 HARRINGTON STREET,
PROSPECT, STH. AUS.
SERVICE NO.: — RANK: LIEUT.
UNIT: 27 BATTALION, A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

W.P. Devonshire

LIEUT. COL. W.P. DEVONSHIRE, D.S.O., V.D.
(Ret'd List)

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RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED

Date.....

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE. A.I.F.
9th July, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Second Supplement No. 29890 to the London Gazette dated 2nd January, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband, Major W. P. Devonshire D.S.O., 27th Battalion.

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MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The following despatch has been received by the Secretary of State for War, from General Sir Douglas Haig, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France :-

I have the honour to submit the name of the undermentioned officer serving under my command, whose distinguished and gallant services, and devotion to duty, I consider deserving of special mention :-

Major WILLIAM PENDENNIS DEVONSHIRE. D.S.O.

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. 103, of 29th June, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. E. W. Devonshire,
Harrington Street,
Prospect. S.A.

/Capt.
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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.
19th January, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith copy of extract from First Supplement No. 29765 to the London Gazette of 26th September, 1916, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband, Captain W. P. Devonshire, 27th Battalion.

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----- AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER. -----

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of the undermentioned officer to be Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the field :-

Captain WILLIAM PENDEENNIS DEVONSHIRE.

For consistent good work during operations, notably when he took charge of all the men of his battalion in the first captured enemy trench, and, after repulsing a counter-attack, led them on, and captured further enemy positions. "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 184 of 13th December, 1916.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

rs. E. M. Devonshire,
Harrington Street,
Prospect, S.A.

Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS	REFERENCE TO ORDERS OR OTHER AUTHORITY
31.5.15. Emb. per <i>Gulong</i> from <i>Pat Adelaide arrived Singapore</i> (at Singapore)	5.7.15 Do 40/204 London 30.3.16 22/4/16
Awarded D.S.O. for constant good work during operations	A.J.F. List 100. 7-12. 17
5-11-16 Wounded France	CIBL 688 IB 79. 48/6024
20 th Gen Hosp. Tfd to 1 st Western C. Hosp (L.S.W. R. Hand etc)	11-11-16 1885.
15-11-16. Tfd from 1 st West Gen Hosp to 6 th Ambul Hosp	1890
5-11-16. Evacuated wounded, placed on the seconded list	150 84/6531 A.J.F. List 114- 19-11-16.
27.11.16. Tfd from 6 th Amb Hosp to Colham Hall	1896-PT 54/1031 2/11/17
5-11-16 Wounded in action in the field & seconded	PT= 78/6024 16-11-16
11-11-16. Emb. per H.S. <i>Kieppe</i> at Calais for England. S.S.R. Hand	PT= 51/6515 27-11-16
11-11-16. Adm. 1 st Western H.R. from 20 th H.H. S.S.W. R. Hand. (light) F.R. 1373	PT= 52/10525 9-12-16
11.1.17. Tfd from Colham Hall to France 1 st World War	18129. 11/1/17.
11.1.17. PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE.	ER 921. PT 4/3694 27/1/17.
17.1.17. Rejoined from Seconded List	PT= 5/612 20-1-17
Mentioned in Ser. D. Haig's despatch of 13/1/17 for <i>dedication</i> & gallant services & devotion to duty in the field	PT 4/799. 7/2/17
22-3-17 Wounded	G. 4. 2. 934. CIBL 1225. 18. 195. 1/3/17
26-3-17. Adm. 8 th Gen. Hq. Rouen 1 st World War & Amble, etc.	242292.
14-4-17. Adm. 5 th Gen. Hq. Rouen 1 st World War & Amble	18209. 20/4/17. 24
12-3-17. Wounded in action.	PT= 19/2291 2-4-17.
10-4-17. Emb. H.S. <i>St George</i> at Rouen for England. S.S.W. High	- 21/2229 1-9-17
12-3-17. Promoted Major vice Major. Hillington. Struck off strength previous.	- 19/2726 1-4-17
4-9-15. Embarked to join M.E.F. Gallipoli ex Alexandria	
26-8-15. Promoted to Lieut	DO 9/259 B 212
10-1-16. Disembarked ex Mudros Alexandria	D 3464
15-5-16. Proceeded to join B.E.F. ex Alexandria	
21-8-16. Disembarked Marseilles	
20-4-16. Attached to 7 th Bde Snipers France	A 9104
12-7-16. Rejoined Battalion from Bde Snipers	AQ 1105
11-5-17. Tfd from 8 th Gen Hq. to 5 th Amb Hosp	18228. 17/5/17
14-6-17. Tfd to 1 st Western C. Hosp 28/6/17. Then 1 st Board 27/7/17	C.R. 4220/27/1
23-8-17. Wounded, placed on the seconded list	CA 7 List 187. PT 5/1048 20-7-17
28-6-17. Tfd from 5 th Amb Hosp to Peckham Rooms	18261. 4/7/17.
28-6-17. Placed on Supernumerary list wounded. I.R. 582. 22/6/17	A.I.F. List 199. 22/6/17
12-7-17. Tfd H.S. <i>Le Coccyz</i> at Calais 12/7/17. Then 1 st Board 9/8/17	C.R. 4220/27/1.
12-7-17. M.B. Unfit S.S. 4 weeks fit A.S.	
9-8-17. Tfd to 1 st Western C. Hosp 12/8/17.	C.R. 4220/24/2.
8-9-16. Granted 1 week leave to England & rejoined Bn 17-9-16	A 9 5992 A Q 1103

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. C5558^B *major*
 Rank ~~Major~~ Name DEVONSHIRE W.P. D.S.O.
 Unit 27 Bde

203 Casualty Wounded, Cebel 688/7500B. Dtd London 10/1/16
G.S.W. Rand. Right. Mid. Am: 11.11.16 1st Western Gen Hosp.

17 G.S.W. Hughes, Ankle, Admt 8th Gen Hosp. 26 March 17
WSM 2426/7616^E D^o London 4/4/17.
11.1.17 Disch'd at Cobham Hall (Stat R. Rand. 201) to France 9B 129/19 Dated London 12.1.17
Relg. to Aust per R. T. "Tasman" embarked 11/12/18
G.S.W. 3024/5069^A dtd London 30/12/18 Rec. B.R. 2/1/19 1915 Leave. 4.3

DATE	RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA PER A. PURPORT.	REF. NO.
14 NOV 1916	Returned to Australia per A. <u>11.11.16</u>	
3 NOV 1916	<u>11.11.16</u>	
23 11 16	<u>In Hospital 11.11.16</u>	
20 4 17	<u>N.O.K. Advised Wounded 2nd occasion</u>	
10. 4. 17	<u>NOK adv. in Hosp. 2. 3. 17 wound thigh & ankle</u>	
	<u>Ascertained in Despatches copy 100/17 Ad Dept pub 5</u>	
	<u>28/6/17. Dis. 5th Aus. Aux. Hosp. to Parkers Downs</u>	
	<u>Edw. thigh & right ankle 9B 261/22-17 Bde</u>	
18 JAN 1919	<u>N.O.K. Advised returning to Australia</u>	
	<u>returned to Australia per A. <u>11.1.19</u></u>	
	<u>Disembarked <u>3. 1. 19</u> M. B. 30/1/19 hence to 4th</u>	
21. 2. 19	<u>Edw. it asked if red (name crossed off ship's list)</u>	
8. 11. 19	<u>Form re War Record, A. M. F. List, Despatched</u>	
2. 9. 19	<u>Form of Commission D. 1. 4. 9. 19 31/339.</u>	
13. 9. 19	<u>WAR HISTORY INDEX</u>	
9-6-21	<u>Men. In Des. Certificate 3334 transmitted B.R.M. 43/937</u>	
	<u>1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/ off 2/2</u>	
2. 9. 20	<u>Only leaves (2) sent to Officer (No 1019) B.B.F. 2041K</u>	



LIST.

D.F. 4131-C-2442-10W

DEVONSHIRE, William Pendennis DSO



Major
27th Battalion

Born 19 September 1884 at Northcote Vic.
Husband of Edith Myrtle DEVONSHIRE of Harrington Street, Prospect, SA
Served in Gallipoli Campaign Sept to December 1915
Served in France
Wounded on 2 occasions
Recommended for DSO

'For gallant action at Pozieres in taking charge of all men of his Battalion in captured trench and repulsing counter attack, displaying personal gallantry and ability of a high order.'

Recommendation date: 16 August 1916'

'For consistent good work during operations, notably when he took charge of all the men of his battalion in the first captured enemy trench, and, after repulsing a counter attack, led them on, and captured further enemy positions.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 184

Date: 14 December 1916

Returned to

Australia per "Saxon" 20 January 1919

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Keswick Army Museum
Courtesy of Guy Dollman (sepia)

