

AUSTRALIAN

MILITARY FORCES.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

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20543

Name (Surname) DORSCH
 in full (Christian Name) CARL EMIL
 Unit No. 16. No. 6. Reinforcements
 Joined on 7 JUN 1918

M. Dorisch

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

- What is your Name? Carl Emil Dorsch
- In or near the Town of Adelaide
In the State or Country of SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- Are you a natural-born British Subject of the United Kingdom? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born
- What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) 21 years
13 May 1897
- What is your Trade or Calling? Medical Student
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? NO
- Are you married, single, or widower? Single
- Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) (Mother) DORSCH, AGNES
CLIFTON ST. PROSPECT.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will. CLIFTON ST. PROSPECT.
Box 24, CLIFTON, S.A.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- L" No. 1091 held by G.I. Bass Records
- What is your permanent address in Australia? No. 6 Adelaide St. Transfer Col. 4000 A.M.C. 1917
- 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
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? NO
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? NO
- Have you ever suffered from:
 1. Consumption, tubercular disease, or chronic cough? NO
 2. Fits of any kind? NO
 3. Rheumatism or asthma? NO
 4. Mental or nervous disease? NO
 5. Has any member of your family suffered from any of the above diseases? If so, state particulars. NO
- (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—
Do you understand that no separation allowances will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach ten shillings per day? NO
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Carl Emil Dorsch, 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.

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

Carl Emil Dorsch
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Date 7 JUN 1918
* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

I have been informed that if I make any false statement I commit an offence against the *Defence Act 1903-1917* and *War Precautions Act 1914-1916*.

Ed Dorsch

Recruit.

Description of *Carl Emil Dorsch* on Enlistment.

Age *21* years *—* months.

Height *5* feet *8½* inches.

Weight *170* lbs.

Chest Measurement *34½ 39* inches.

Complexion *Fair*

Eyes *Blue*

Hair *Fair*

Religious Denomination *Lutheran*

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

1st Regt L.I.B.

1st Co. 2nd Infantry

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; 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.

-7 JUN 1918

Date _____

Place *ADELAIDE*

E. Dorsch
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 *A.A.M.C. R.I.I.*

Date *30 JUL 1918*

Place *MITCHAM CAMP*

Arvid Carl

Commanding *O.I.C. A.A.M.C. BASE.*

Statement of Service of No. 20543 Name DORRICH Carl Emil

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>B Coy</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>11.6.18</i>	<i>17/7/18</i>	<i>c/o 162/2</i>
<i>A.M.C Base</i>	"	<i>17/7/18</i>	<i>22.7.18</i>	<i>% 1642</i>
<i>A. A.M.C Rps</i>	"	<i>22.7.18</i>		

EMBARKED
Aug. 6th 1918

Embarked at Adelaide per S.S. "GAIKA" on 6/8/18
A.M.C Rns. for U.K. PRIVATE.

WAR HISTORY INDEX

Form B 108 Reverse



3rd Aux Hrb. Discharged Engd. demob. 11.9.19 1146/120

1.3.20 "WILL" to Will to England M. D. 1/49/159

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

30/8/1930

JHE.

The General Secretary,
Federal Executive,
The Returned Sailors & Soldiers'
Imperial League of Australia,
178 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your communication of 25.8.1930 with reference to the application of Dr. C.S. DORSCH (ex-No. 20543, Private, 3rd. Auxiliary Hospital, A.I.F.) for membership of the South Australian Branch of your League, I have to advise that records are held of a soldier answering the above description, but in the absence of further documentary evidence, I am unable to furnish any assurance that the present applicant is identical with the subject of your enquiry.

Dr. Dorsch should, however, be in possession of the usual certificate of discharge issued to members of the Australian Imperial Force, in which case presumably a specimen copy of the signature appearing thereon could be obtained for purposes of comparison. Failing this, and in the event of the original discharge having been lost, a Statement of Service in lieu thereof may be had from this Office on completion of the enclosed form of Statutory Declaration duly signed and witnessed, and on receipt of same arrangements can be made for applicant's signature to be contrasted against that appearing on the official records.

Further than this it is not within the province of the Department to assist in determining the bona fides of applicants. It is desirable, of course, in the interests of your League that some steps should be taken to guard against impersonation and a comparison of signatures appears to be the most ready means of accomplishing this object.

Failing the production of a Discharge certificate (or Statement of Service) it is suggested that consideration might be given to the adoption of some written form of application for membership.

Yours faithfully,

Officer i/c Base Records.

Enc:



FEDERAL EXECUTIVE

The Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia



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178 COLLINS STREET,

MELBOURNE, C. I

Motto:

"The Price of Liberty
is Eternal Vigilance"

25th August, 1930.

The Officer-in-Charge of
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

BASE RECORDS
AUG 28 1930
RECEIVED

20543 - Dr. C. S. DORSCH - Pte. 3rd A.A.H.

On the 15th August the South Australian Branch of the League wrote stating that the abovenamed had made application for membership of the League in their State, and that the particulars mentioned had been supplied by him. They also stated that no record of his services was available in South Australia and that they would appreciate enquiries being made through the Officer-in-Charge, Base Records, Melbourne, with a view to confirming the particulars mentioned by Dr. Dorsch.

I replied to the effect that it was desirable that in such cases a specimen signature of the applicant be forwarded for comparison with the Department's records, as a mere confirmation of particulars given by any person was not satisfactory proof that such person was the soldier concerned, because any person not being a soldier at all could submit certain regimental particulars in one State and ask that they be confirmed with the Officer-in-Charge, Base Records. Of course, if such a soldier did exist, the answer would be "O.K.", even though the applicant may not be the man concerned.

I am now in receipt of a further letter from the South Australian Branch, stating that they are not in possession of Dr. Dorsch's signature.

I would appreciate advice from you relative to this matter and would suggest that you advise me in the terms of my letter to South Australia, as this was the procedure usually adopted in matters of this description by your predecessor.

Yours faithfully,

J. Webster
General Secretary

"Wherever you Trade—Buy Empire-Made"

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Proceedings on Discharge.

No.	20543.	Army Rank	Pte.
Name	DORSCH Carl Emil. ✓ <small>(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)</small>		
Corps	A.A.M.C. Gen. Rfts.		
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c.	Australian Imperial Force.		
Date of Discharge	11.9.19. ✓	Place of Discharge	London England.
1. <i>Description at time of discharge.</i>			
Age	22	years	3. ✓
			months
Height	5	feet	10 ¹ / ₂ ✓
			inches
Chest measurement	girth when fully expanded		39 ¹ / ₂ ins.
	range of expansion		5. ins.
Complexion	Sallow ✓		
Eyes	Grey ✓		
Hair	Fair ✓		
Trade	Medical student. ✓		
Intended place of residence <small>(To be given as fully as practicable)</small>	c/o Agent Gen. for 3th Aust. 112, Strand. W.C. ✓		
Descriptive marks			
Vacc. left arm. ✓			
<small>(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer, who confirms the discharge at home.)</small>			
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of being Demobilised with effect from 11.9.19. ✓			
<small>(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)</small>			
3. <i>Statement of service in Australian Imperial Force.</i>			<i>Medals and Decorations.</i>
Service towards completion of engagement	1	years	97. ✓ days
Service abroad	"	"	1
		years	37. ✓ days
Total	1	years	97 days
<i>British War Medal.</i>			
4. <i>Certificate to be signed by the soldier on discharge.</i>			
I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance), and all just demands up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the 2nd page.			
(Place)	London England.		<i>Carl Dorsch</i> <small>(Signature of Soldier.)</small>
(Date)	27.8.19 ✓		<i>W. J. Smith</i> <small>(Signature of Witness.)</small>
<small>(When a soldier is absent through illness or any other cause, and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned should be attached here.)</small>			

5. I, the undersigned 20543. Pte. DORSCHE C.E. A.A.M.C.Gen.Rfts.
in His Majesty's Australian Forces and a Member of the Australian Imperial Force, having been granted my
discharge by the Commonwealth Government, as and from the Eleventh
day of September one thousand nine hundred and Nineteen.
owing to being Demobilised.
and such discharge having been granted to me in England at my own request, DO HEREBY DECLARE that
I have no further claim upon the Commonwealth Government for or in respect of a free passage from England
to Australia now or at any time hereafter And do hereby release the Commonwealth Government from all
further claims and demands of any kind whatsoever except as regards any Pension to which I may be legally
entitled under the War Pensions Act.

Dated in London, England, this Twenty-seventh day of August
one thousand nine hundred and Nineteen.

Witness:—
Signature: B.E. Dorach.
Lieut.

6. Confirmation of Discharge.

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed for 11th Sept. (date) 1919.
(Place) London England. Lt. Col. For
Signature: Cyril J. Griffiths Director General Repat. & Demob.
(Date) 27.8.19. Australian Imperial Force.

Commanding officers (or the Paymaster, if at Netley) will issue to every discharged soldier whose claim
to a pension, either on account of service or disability, is to be brought under the consideration of the Chelsea
Board, a memorandum for his guidance on Army Form D. 401, and will at the same time transmit to the
Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, a descriptive return of the man on Army Form D. 400.

RESERVATIONS REFERRED TO AT PARA. 4.

(To be signed by the soldier. When there are none, it is to be so stated, and signed by the soldier.)

I reserve All my Active and Deferred Pay over
and above the sum of Fourteen Pounds Ten Shillings,
(£14.10.0.) Sterling, received by me this Twenty
Seventh Day of August, one thousand nine hundred and
Nineteen.

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Witness: B.E. Dorach.
Signature: B.E. Dorach.

Received Parchment Certificate of Discharge No. C. 467.

B.E. Dorach.

CERTIFICATE OF FINAL PAYMENT

By Discharged Member of Australian Imperial Force
in England.

9/11/19

1. FULL NAME
AND RANK.

I, the undersigned, i.

No. 20543, Pte. DORSCH, C.E. - 3rd. A.A.H.

having been granted my discharge from the Australian
Imperial Force in England with effect from the

Eleventh day of September, 1919..

Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE having received all arrears of
active and deferred pay due to me including all the
reservations and claims made by me when signing my
discharge documents on the Eleventh day of 1919..
September,

2. INSERT
PLACE.

Dated in *2. London* England, this
7th day of *October* one thousand nine hundred
and *nineteen*.

Signature..... *W.Dorsch*

WITNESS: *A. J. Park*

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Certificate of Discharge of No. 20543 (Rank) Pte.

(Name) DORSCH Carl Emil ✓
(Regiment or Corps) A.A.M.C. Gen. Rfts. ✓
born at or near the Town of Adelaide ✓
in the State or County of S.A. ✓
Attested at Adelaide S.A. ✓ on the
7th June. 19 18 for the Australian Imperial
Force. Regiment or Corps at the age of 21. ✓ years.

He is discharged in consequence of being Demobilised with effect
from 11.9.19. ✓

Service towards completion of engagement } 1 years 97 ✓ days. Medals }
Service Abroad } 1 years 37 ✓ days. Decorations } and } British War medal.

Signature of Officer Commanding Regiment or Corps } Lt Col. for Director General Repat. & Demob. Australian Imperial Force. London England.

2 Blue. War Badge hil Place Date 27.8.19 ✓

Discharge confirmed at London England.

Signature

Signature Lt. Col. for Director General Reat. & Demob. Australian Imperial Force. Date 27.8.19 ✓

SHOULD THIS PARCHMENT BE LOST OR MISLAID NO DUPLICATE OF IT CAN BE OBTAINED..

Adelaide - hil

N.B.—ANY PERSON FINDING THIS CERTIFICATE IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD IT, IN AN UNSTAMPED ENVELOPE, TO THE
MILITARY COMMANDANT, DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Certificate of Character on discharge of No. 20543 (Rank) Pte.

(Name) DORSCH Carl Emil ✓

(Regiment or Corps) A.A.M.C. Gen. Rfts. ✓

His Conduct and Character while serving in the

has been, according to the Records:—

Special Qualifications

Place London England.

Date 27.8.19. ✓

Signature of Officer
Commanding Regiment
or Corps

Lt. Col. for
Director General Repat. & Demob.
Australian Imperial Force.

Description of the above-named Soldier on discharge:—

Age 22. 3. ✓

Height 5. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ✓

Complexion Sallow ✓

Eyes Grey ✓

Hair Fair ✓

Trade Medical Student. ✓

Marks or scars, whether
on face or other parts
of body.

Vacc left arm. ✓

Intended place of Residence c/o Agent Gen. for 3th Aust. 112, Strand,

W.C. ✓

DORSCH, Carl Emil



Service No: 20543
Private
Australian Army Medical Coy

Born: 13 May 1897 at Adelaide, SA
Son of Casper & Agnes Marie Johanna DORSCH nee HEYNE
Of Clifton St. Prospect
Occupation prior to enlisting: Medical Student
Enlisted: 7 June 1918
Embarkation: 6 August 1918
Age: 21 years
Served in England & France
Discharged in London, England: 11 September 1919 at own request
Died: 1938 aged 41
Buried: Loxton Cemetery

Courtesy of Douglas Paterson
Researching Prince Alfred College WWI Soldiers

