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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No. 546th Name DUTTON HAROLD M.
Unit "H" Coy. Inf Base Depot
Joined on 28 Jan 1915

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Harold Dutton
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
2. In the Parish of _____ in or
near the Town of Market Drayton
in the County of Shropshire
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... N.B.
4. What is your age? ... 20^{yr} 21^{mo} H.M.D.
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Ship Steward.
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) ... (Mother) Mrs. Blanche Dutton
2 Avenue Nelson Park
Crailsworth 1st Dist
(4327/201)
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 ... 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? ... Yes Failed Chest Measurement & Height
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? ... No
15. Are you willing to be inoculated against smallpox & enteric fever? ... (Yes)

I, Harold Dutton 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 28.1.15.

H M Dutton
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.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps "C" Company 27TH BATTALION. A. I. F.

Rank Private Surname D. U. T. O. N. Christian Name H.
 Religion Age on Enlistment years months
 Enlisted (a) 23.1.15. Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 23.1.15.
 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.

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be noted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
		To join M.E.F. Embarked	ALEXANDRIA	4.9.15.	
		Gallipoli ex Disembarked	MISRUS ALEXANDRIA	10.1.16.	D.3464
	Mem Roll	Embarked to join B.E.F.	ALEXANDRIA	16.3.16.	
	"	Disembarked at	MARSEILLES	21.3.16.	
17.6.16.	C.O. 27th Bn	To Hospital Sick	FRANCE	16.6.16	AQ 744 B213
"	6th Aust Fld Ambulance	BLISTERED FEET Admitted " To Div Rest Stn	"	"	AT 1614
"	2nd Div Rest Station	" Admitted " To Cas Clr Stn	"	"	AT 1611
24.6.16.				18.6.16.	AT 1866

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 (b) Signaller, Shooting Smith, &c.
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to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

J. M. Sutton

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Keewick in
 the State of South Aust.
 this 2nd day of Jan'y
1915, before me—

C. J. Kinnish Cpt
 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.

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.21, Army Form A. 24, 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.21, Army Form A. 24, or other official documents.
.16.	8th Cas Clr	BLISTEREI FRET Admitted	FRANCE	18.6.16.	AT 1661
16.	Station	" Disc to Duty	"	23.5.16.	AT 1888
16.	C.O. 27th Bn	Rejoined Battalion.	"	25.6.16.	AQ 871 B213
.16.	"	Reported Missing	"	5.11.16.	D.O. 87/7143 AQ 10717 B213
17.	"	Previously reported Missing now reported KILLED IN ACTION.	"	"	VL 167 14.12.16. AT 10626 B.22/14 B21 V.L. 314 12.4.17. D.O. 19/2685.

SECTION 3RD ECHELON. G. H. 4.
British Expeditionary Force.

(Sgd) F. T. LUKIN - Lieut.
Officer i/c Records.

20/1/17. Director of Graves. Buried Scattered Graves W. of Factory corner and Lisenhof Farm Road 2 3/4 Mls. S.W. of Bapaume France

D.G. R. G. 24/50. 4
No. 82/57868 15/1/17
B2117

in see the required distance with either eye, his heart and lungs are
has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not
is of any description.

Consider him fit for active service.

28. 1. 15.

Keswick

D. Douglas Greenant
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

Verify that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and
required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and

61 to "H" Coy. Inf Base Depot Coy 27 Bln. 9.15
Jan 1915
Keswick
Ind. Tansley Major
Commanding Camp

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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.

REGIMENT } 27TH BATTALION. A. I. F. Squadron, Troop, }
OR CORPS } Battery or Company } "C" Company

Regimental No. 546 Rank Private
Surname DUTTON Christian Names H.

Died { Date 5th November 1916. Place FRANCE
Cause of Death KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B 213 dated 7th April 1917.

By whom made Commanding Officer 27th Battalion, A. I. F.

* Specially state if killed in action, or from fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand
By whom reported

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

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 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.

Station and Signature of Officer in charge of Section }
ANZAC SECTION 3RD ECHELON. G. H. B. E. F. }
1st May 1917
(1532) W.L. 5779/1/10. 1917. (E328) Forms/B3000A/G

Lieut. Officer i/c Records.

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 28. 1. 15.

Place Keswick

Douglas Brewant
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 "H" Coy. Inf Base Depot Coy 27 Btltn. A.I.F.

Date 28 Jan 1915

Place Keswick

Inde Tarnay Major
Commanding Camp

Description of Dutton Harold on Enlistment

Age 21 years 1 months
 Height 5 feet 9¹/₄ inches
 Weight 138 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 33-35 inches
 Complexion Fair
 Eyes Grey
 Hair Light
 Religious Denomination C. Eng.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

2 L.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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 limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate venereal 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.

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R. Douglas Greenant

(Signature of Examining Medical Officer.)

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Date 28 Jan 1915

Place Keswick

Inde Parney Major

Commanding Camp

NO'L.

9th May 1917.

63259

Dear Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 3rd instant, I have to state the only information at present available regarding your son, No. 546, Private H. Dutton, 27th Battalion, is that contained in the brief cable message - Report Killed in action on 5th November 1916, previously missing - which has already been transmitted to next-of-kin. Later official advice giving further details will, on receipt, be promptly communicated to next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Wm. H. Dutton,
Second Avenue,
ENFIELD. S.A.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

TELEGRAM.

E.T. No. 1.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

01399

No.



This Message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations. All complaints to be addressed in writing to the Deputy Postmaster-General.

NOTE.—The figures at the bottom represent the time lodged at Sending Station and time received at this Office respectively.

STATION FROM, NO. OF WORDS, AND CHECK.

REMARKS.

Adelaide 26 1/10 5-35pm am

J M Lean

Base Records Melbourne



Can you advise anything heard H M Dutton five four six twentyseventh battalion A I F reported missing

McCobby

Dutton Nailsworth

CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

6 16pm

26 JUN 17

Copy attached

RECEIVED

HR. 26/12

D U T T O N Surname.	Harold Other Names.	546 Regimental No.	C/27th Unit.
PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Adelaide per H.M.A.T. "Geelong" on 31/5/15			
5/11/16. Reported Missing in Action - read in lieu - (NN(BEFO57/4-16
KILLED IN ACTION= 5/11/16.			BEFO19/1-17
Undated. Buried Scattered Graves W. of Factory Corner & Luisenhof Farm. Rd. 2 1/2 S.W. of Bapaume France. D.C.R.E. 241506.			Len. 82.1.17
D 825/216. - C. 2024.			

/KW.

M. 54/135.

8 DEC 1921

DESPATCH

8th December, 1921.

The Officer i/c Australian Graves Services,
Australia House,
Strand,
London, W.C. 2.

In pursuance of my memorandum M. 54/135 of 19/11/21 relative to the procedure adopted by the Imperial War Graves Commission of forwarding letters to this office (through your administration) for transmission to next-of-kin of deceased A.I.F. personnel, a further instance may be cited of information regarding burial, etc. being furnished direct to relatives without this office being first apprised. A communication recently received through this source and addressed to next-of-kin of the late No. 546, Private H.M. Dutton, 27th Battalion, was inadvertently opened by the mail clerk in the office, and a perusal of the contents showed that the late soldier's remains had been located at a point S.S.W. of Papaume and re-interred in A.I.F. Burial Ground, Grass Lane, Plot 12, Row "O", grave 6. While the information regarding re-burial in the above named cemetery had certainly been previously furnished by Location Sheet 5/8805 and photographs of the grave forwarded under cover of Schedule D. 64 the gravamen of the complaint lies in the fact that the particulars respecting the place of exhumation and the plot, row and grave number in the new cemetery had not hitherto been disclosed, and further that excepting these omissions the Commission's memorandum was in all other essentials similar to the Base Records advice furnished to next-of-kin over six months ago.

The additional data will, of course, be added to the records and next-of-kin duly advised. No good purpose, however, will be served in transmitting the Commission's letter, and same will accordingly be retained for record purposes. It is suggested this ~~is~~ further proof of official laxity should be submitted to the Commission in support of your contention (based on representations made by this office) that the present practice of addressing similar communications to relatives of Australian soldiers should be discontinued save in exceptional circumstances and then only subject to their advising your administration in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

E.G.

7th December, 1921.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of 10th May last, I am now in receipt of further advice from the overseas authorities showing the locality of grave of your son, the late No.546 Private H.Dutton, 27th Battalion, in the A.I.F. Burial Ground, Grass Lane, as Plot 12, Row "C", Grave 0.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. W.H.Dutton,
Second Avenue,
Sefton Park,
NAILSWORTH. S.A.

Mrs. F. Dutton,
2nd Avenue,
Sefton Park,
NAILSWORTH S.A.

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By whom made Commanding Officer 27th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand Date _____
By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book ~~44~~) Will not received Small Book (if at Base) _____
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ANZAC SECTION 3RD ECHELON, G. H. O'B.E.E. } [Signature] Lieut.
Station and Date } 1st May 1917. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Officer i/c Records.

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps "C" Company 27TH BATTALION, A. I. F.

Rank Private..... Surname D. U. T. T. O. N..... Christian Name H.....

Religion..... Age on Enlistment..... years..... months

Enlisted (a) 28.1.15.. Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 28.1.15..

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, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.21, 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.21, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		To join M.E.F. Embarked ...	ALEXANDRIA	4.9.15.	
		Gallipoli ex Disembarked...	MARSEILLES ALEXANDRIA	10.1.16.	03464
	Ncm Roll	Embarked to join B.E.F.	ALEXANDRIA	16.3.16.	
	"	Disembarked at	MARSEILLES	21.3.16.	
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Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.21, Army Form A.9, or other official documents.
	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.21, Army Form A. 9, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.			
22.6.16.	8th Cas Ctr	BLISTERED FEET Admitted	FRANCE	18.6.16.	AT 1661
29.6.16.	Station	" Disc to Duty	"	23.6.16.	AT 1888
1.7.16.	C.O.27th Bn	Rejoined Battalion.	"	25.6.16.	AQ 871 B213
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7.4.17.	"	Previously reported Missing now reported KILLED IN ACTION.	"	"	AT 10626 B.22/14 B213 V.L. 314 12.4.17. D.O.19/2685.
ANZAC SECTION 3RD ECHELON. G. H. Q. British Expeditionary Force.					<i>J. J. Linton</i> Lieut. Officer i/c Records.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No.

546

Rank

Pte

Name

DUTTON. H. M.

Unit

27th Battalion

Casualty

5/1/16 Missing Cible 857/7536^A D London 20/4/16

Previously reported missing
now reported killed in action

5.11.16

C.S.N. 4125318587 dated London 17.4.17

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

D 4 - D 10/17

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Purchased on 20th of H. Dutton on 11.3.20

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

24/12/16
4/1/17
20/4/17
24.4.17
24.4.17
3.5.17
14.5.17

M.O. 4 ADVISED MISSING 5/1/16
COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS
M.O. 4 advised of now KIA 5/1/16
A.A.C. Pensions advised re casualty file statement 7/1/17
S.A.A. G. I.M.D. req change of add of N.O.K.
Sister asking particulars re death
H.H. Dutton asking for D. Post

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Cable No. 102/116/1283 Side 4/5 20 23 4 17

7/8/17
26.2.18
10.10.18
7.4.20

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX... "The mistakes"
Identity Disc "Whizzes"
Identity Disc as Soromeo
Asphicase

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B.R.M. No. 57/203



FINAL NOTICE

5/1/1922

5/11/20

Comdt H.H. M.D. B.R.M. 62/376
1944 T.C.15 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229
2/19/20
22033
"Provisional & Administrative"
by [signature] 19/4/20



LIST.

24/7/21 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 14th M.D.B.R.M. 63/809

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To th Genl DB
W. H. Cotton
313565
26/6/22

MEMORIAL
SCROLL
To
Father
W. H. Cotton
313565
28. 2. 21

Publicat Redest
advice 17/3/23

5 DEC 1922 VICTORY MEDAL to Father R.P.F. 42
Registered Post No. 254 G.P.O. Malabar

DUTTON, Harold Matthew



Service No. 546
Private
27th Battalion

Born in December, 1893 at Welshampton, Shropshire, England.
Son of Blanche E. and William H. Dutton of Nailsworth, South Australia.
Occupation prior to enlistment – Ship Steward
Enlisted on January 28, 1915 at Keswick, South Australia
Served in Egypt, Gallipoli, France and Belgium
Killed in action on November 5, 1916 at Fleurbaix, France aged 23
Buried at A.I.F. Burial Ground, Grass Lane, Flers, France – Plot XII, Row C, Grave 6.



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