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Do you understand that no separation Allowance will issued to you after embarkation during your term of service ? 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? 15. MOD

a 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.

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I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

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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

I consider him fit for active service,

Date 29. 4. 15

Place Moora West australia

#### 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

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25 FEB 1921 DESPATOR

24th February, 1921.

Dear Sir.

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from the Fourth Supplement, No. 31759 to the London Gazette, dated 30th January, 1920, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by you.

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## AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the above reward in recognition of gallant conduct and determination displayed in escaping, or attempting to escape, from captivity, which services have been brought to notice in accordance with the terms of Army Order 193 of 1919. To be dated 5th May, 1919 :-

No.2564 Company Quartermaster-Sergeant S. EDWARDS. "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gezette, No. 38 dated 29th April, 1920.

Yours faithfully,

Major. Officer 1/c Base Records.

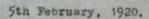
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Via Hallett,

SOUTH AUSTRALIA....

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS! IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE CABLE ADDRESS: As 1995.11.2. 24 JUN191 VICTORIA 8860 (10 LINES). SWD/IMW. IMPERIAL FORCE. AUSTRALIAN 130, HORSEFERRY ROAD, LONDON, S.W. 1. 191\_8 Transport Section(For action) June Blat. C.P.M. (For information) Records(For information) No.2364, C.Q.M.S., MDWARD, S., 51st Bn. Under authority of memo. D.A.G., A.I.P., 19/3/141 of the 12th instant, approval has been given for the return to Australia of the abovenamed N.C.O., who is an escaped Prisoner of War from Germany. He is being temporarily employed in the Records Section of these Headquarters, and it is desired the O.C., of that Branch be informed the date he is required to embark. File with ad. 3/1/9 Lieut.-Colonel. A.A.G.





Officer in charge Records, A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Road, LONDON, S.W.1

Returned herewith is form which was apparently sent here in error. It is noted that mention is made thereon of No. 15, E.R./R.Q.M.Sgt. S.W.S. Edwards, 3rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters, having been a prisoner of war, but no such record is neld at this Office. Army Form B. 103 shows this N.C.O. to have embarked at Taranto on 8. 10. 18 for return to Australia on 1914 furlough.

Records show that No.2364, C.Q.M.S. Sydney EDWARDS, A.I.F. Headquarters, was taken prisoner on 3/9/16 - wounded thigh - escaped to Switzerland on 10/5/18 and arrived in England on 24.5.18. He embarked for return to Australia on 15/9/18.

Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.



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24th August, 1918.

Commandant, 5th Military District.

It is notified for information that No. 2364.

Company Quarter Master Sergeant Edward, S., 51st

Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, who was a prisoner of war in Germany escaped to England via Switzerland.

This Non-commissioned Officer is being returned to Australia for discharge at an early date.

 Please arrange for his discharge from the Australian Imperial Force accordingly.

(Sgd) V. C. M. SELHEIM

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

O. in C. BASE RECORDS.

General for information.

Referred by direction of the Adjutant

Staff Captain,

Adjutant General's Branch.

24/8/18



### CONFIRMATION OF TELEGRAM.

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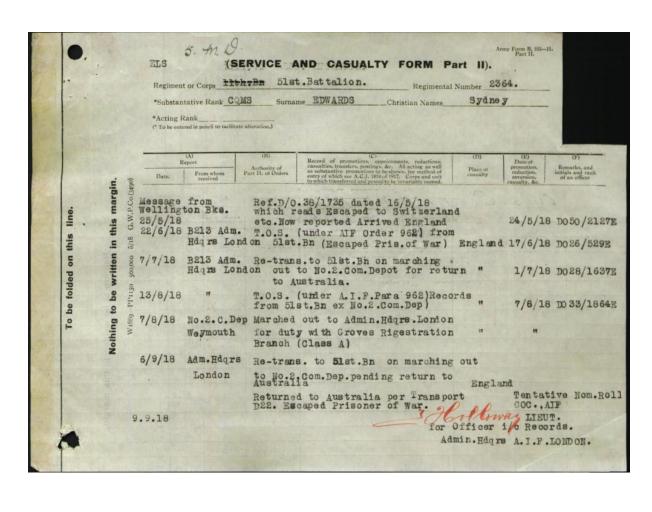
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### TELEGRAM.

T. No. 1. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

# POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

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

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Prime Minister

Melbourne.

ACK' D. 6/10/16.

Number two three six four company quartermaster sergeant

sydney edwards D Coy thirteen brigade fiftyfirst battalion

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Wilson Premier.

The Acting Secretary.
Department of Defence.

Referred, by direction, for favor of attention.

For Secretary Prime Minister's Department 6/10/16.

The Secretary, Prime Minister's Department.

Investigations are being made by cable.

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I got my letters sent on well through Lechfeld, also my parcels which were opened in my presence at Hasberg by the sentry, who kept the tins, &c., and sent the empties to Lechfeld.

Before leaving Lechfeld I and a French sergeant had arranged with Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Edwards and another French sergeant to escape on the night of 29th April. These two were quartered at a village about 12 kilometres from Hasberg.

We all started on that day according to arrangement. I and my French comrade crossed the Swiss frontier on 11th May, and they crossed it on the 9th at a spot within half a mile of where we crossed. I calculate the distance we had to travel was altogether about 250 kilometres.

This is a bright intelligent youth, and gave his experiences in a straightforward way and is quite reliable.

(Signed) B. L. Anstruther, Col., 27th May 1918.

Note.—As much of the evidence given by this witness with regard to Lechfeld has already been put on record, it has been omitted from the printed report. The complete evidence is filed in the records of the Committee.

No. 2013.

Name, Rank, No. and Regiment. Home Address,

Escape. April 29, 1918.

Opinion of Examiner.

Place and Date of Capture. Nature of Wound, if any.

Occupation and Age

Capture, Sept. 3, 1916.

Journey. Sept. 3-4, 1916.

Caudry. Sept. 4-10, 1916.

Journey. Sept. 10-12, 1916.

Grafenwähr Hospital, Sept. 12-Dec. 1916. Nürnberg, Dec. 1916— June 1917.

Edwards, Sydney, C.Q.M. Sergeant, 2364, 51st Batts, A.I.F. C/o. H. Collins, Lucerndale, Mt. Bryan, South Australia.

Mouquet Farm, on Somme. 3rd September 1916.

Bullet wound in left thigh

Sheep-breeder; 33 years of age.

I was wounded and captured on the 3rd September 1916, about midday, at Mouquet Farm on the Somme. There were about 19 others of my unit captured with me, including 2nd Lieut. Halvorsen.

We were marched to Velu near Cambrai. We stayed at Velu until the evening of the 4th, and were then taken to Caudry by train.

Caudry was a hospital near Cambrai. Stayed there one week. Here we received the best attention I knew of while a prisoner. We received the same attention and food as the Germans.

On 10th September, 120 of us, all wounded cases, were taken by train to Grafenwöhr in Bavaria. The journey took 48 hours. It was a hospital train properly fitted up. We were treated properly, and the two German female nurses were exceedingly kind.

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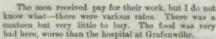
About the end of December 1916 I was discharged from hospital and sent to Nurnberg Lager with about 25 others. I was seven mouths here. This was a working camp, about 6,000 to 7,000 prisoners. I have heard it has since been moved to Bayrouth. Being an N.C.O. I did not have to work.

The accommodation here was good. All the N.C.O.'s were allowed to make bed frames for themselves. This alseping accommodation was the best in the camps I saw in Germany, but we had no fuel allowed and the cold was intense; the men suffered extremely.

We had washing facilities provided for us: the sanitary accommodation was only fair. There were no means of drying our clothes, and we had to put them on damp.

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There were no officer prisoners but about 25 British N.C.O.'s. The N.C.O.'s did not have to work, the privates were employed on various work in the district near. No men ever worked in ammunition works. Some were sent to it and refused; they were punished, but this was stopped by the American Ambassador.



The men received pay for their work, but I do not know what—there were various rates. There was a canteen but very little to buy. The food was very bad here, worse than the hospital at Grafenwöhr.

I first received a parcel at the end of January 1917. I received parcels here regularly except for two months. The reason for the stoppage, March and April, was because they found in the French parcels instructions how to destroy property in Germany. Without the parcels we might have managed to exist but not more. The postal arrangements were fairly good. The parcels were always opened in the presence of someone representing the British prisoners.

Nothing was taken away from the parcels to begin with, but after the two months stoppage all tins were taken out.

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There was a small football ground for recreation.

We could only smoke outside the barracks. There were occasional religious services.

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The American Ambassador visited this camp once while I was there. He came in the assal coarse of visiting camps. He asked anyone to come out who wished to speak to him; we were paraded. Complaints were made about being sent to work on ammunition. No more men were sent to ammunition works. Things had been going quite smoothly prior to his visit, except for this ammunition business, and went on again after he left.

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I never saw any ill-treatment of British prisoners here, or, as a matter of fact, at all

I was sent with 2I other N.C.O.'s in June 1917 to Lechfeld. Lechfeld is a prisoner-of-war camp. Here N.C.O.'s who did not work were separated from the other prisoners, and the N.C.O.'s who did work remained with the other prisoners.

There are British Help Committees in the camps, but little to help with. The parcels that come for prisoners who successfully escape are taken by the Germans. The postal arrangements here are extremely had. Very few letters reached me.

From August 1917 to April 1918 I received one letter only from my mother in Australia. She wrote every mail. My letters did not go regularly either, although I wrote two letters and four postcards a month. Many did not arrive at all. Some friends of mine in Cardiff sent to me once a week, from December to April, 5a.; I received only four installments, and my letters acknowledging these amounts were not received at all.

The Dutch Ambassador came to Lechfeld twice while I was there. I wrote to him twice. I complained about several things, not receiving parcels or the money, and the general treatment in the camp. He promised to look into things—there was a slight improvement afterwards; e.g., previously the parcels were censored by the Germans without any representative of the prisoners being present; afterwards this was allowed. I do not know whether this was due to the intervention of the Ambassador or our complaints.

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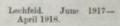
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allowed to communicate with the prisoners of another company.

The punishments were severe. For escaping from Leehfold the punishment is known as "bivouac"—that is, the prisoner is put into a barbed wire pen and kept there continuously for so many days and nights on bread and water. This had been used for French and Russians, and they were starting on the British just as I left. The time varied from three to seven days. The effect is very severe on some men. They are put into very thin German clothes for the purpose of increasing their suffering

At Leehfeld I saw many instances of great cruelty to other nationalities, but the British are not so badly treated. I think it is because they are more afraid of us. We retaliate, the Italians and Russians do not. A German told me 35,000 Italians came to Leehfeld, while I was there, to be funigated; they were in an adjoining camp at various times, but we had no contact with them.





PHONES: COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES. ... A3147 ... A1575 ... {A1675 A2334 5th MILITARY DISTRICT. . G/E. S.O.O. . D.P.M. and for other Branches see Military Dept. in Telephone Directory. DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, W7/1/18. PERTH. In your reply please quote: 11th February, 1921. D.C.R. / / Officer i/c Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. Will you please send "Extract from Gazette" to No. 2634, C.O.M.S. EDWARDS, 51st Battalion, of Mallett, via Hallett, South Australia, with reference to the award of Military Medal. FEB 18 1821 for D.A.A.G. 5th M.D.