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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

2654  
 No. 83 Name { Surname F L E T C H E R.  
 in full { Christian Name James William Percy.  
 Unit 7th late 21st Battalion.  
 Joined on 16th July 1915.

### 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.

1. What is your Name? ... James William Percy FLETCHER.
2. Adelaide  
In or near the Town of South Australia.  
In the State or Country of \*\*\*\*
3. Yes. Natural Born British Subject.
4. 21 years 5 months.
5. Labourer.
6. No.
7. Single.
8. (Mother) Elizabeth Jane Tonka,  
19 Mountfield St.  
E. Brunswick. Vic.
9. ...
10. 10 months Citizen Forces 59th Inf,
11. Yes.
12. No.
13. Yes.
14. Yes.

I, James William Percy FLETCHER. 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  $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$  of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.\*† and children.

Date 19/7/15.

P. FLETCHER.

Signature of Person Enlisted.

\* 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.

Description of

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*William*  
James ~~Henwood~~-Percy FLETCHER Enlistment.

Age 21 years 5 months.  
Height 5 feet 4 inches.  
Weight Est. 7 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 31/33 inches.  
Complexion Fair  
Eyes Blue  
Hair D. Brown  
Religious Denomination Methodist.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vacc. 4 Left.  
Scar Left Knee  
" Right "

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.

Date 19/7/15.

Place Melbourne.

G. STRAHAN. Capt. A.M.C.

*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 21st Battn. 6th Reinfts.

Date 1/10/15.

C. JACOBS. 2/Lieut.

Place Broadmeadows.

Commanding 6/21st Battn.



Statement of Service of No. 2654 Name William James Henwood Percy FLETCHER.

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
	<i>Transf from Aust.</i>	<i>5.10.15</i>		<i>Auth Ledger Cards</i>
69th Coy. Seymour.	P R I V A T E	26/7/15.	10/8/15.	
A. Coy. Bendigo.	"	10/8/15.	17/9/15.	
6/21st Reinfte Broadmeadows.	"	17/9/15.		
LANDED AT BOMBAY MEASLES 3rd M.D. R15/1656		24/10/16.		<i>15 May 17/15/1</i>
				<i>B.R. 30</i>
				<i>23/2/16.</i>
21st Battalion	Transferred to 7th Battn.	24/2/16.		B.R. 41.
7th Battalion	P R I V A T E			

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

Statement of Service of No. 2654

Name *Fletcher JW D*

Date in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank		Remarks
		From—	To—	
	TRANSFERRED TO 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn Adm. Co. 11 <sup>th</sup> Gen. Hosp. Barracks France. Shell Shock.	20.2.16		P27/3443
	Wounded in action France.	23-26-7-16		P27/55 12.2.16 6536
7 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Trans. to Coy 1, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Base Rifle Class P.B.	11/2/17		P27/55 11.8.16 6947
	MARCHED IN, before Weymouth			P1-12 9/3/17 1417
	Pte. M/O to Nos. Com. Det. Hurdcott	Eng.	2.1.4.17	P1519 10.3.17 2027
	Pte. M/O. from No. 2. Com. Det. Weymouth	Eng.	2.1.4.17	P2004 17.6.17 574
	Pte. Tfd. to 67 <sup>th</sup> Bn Windmill Shell Camp.	"	4.5.17	P2542 29.5.17 581
	<del>Pte. Tfd. to 67<sup>th</sup> Bn from 67<sup>th</sup> Bn 25.9.17</del>			<del>4/5/17 2378-13/4/17</del>
Rank P	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. On Command at U.C.O.'s Course of Instruction Tidworth from 67 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Windmill Hill	17-6-17	L.R. 4726 D08/1648E-11-7-17.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. M.O. 67 <sup>th</sup> Bn from Gener. School of Instruction Sandhurst	Tidworth	28/7/17	P21922715 4/4/17 LR 6473
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. appointed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. W. Hill W. Hill (67 <sup>th</sup> Bn W. Hill) Esc B22 Dist. 8.	W. Hill	15/10/17	D.6.21 21 2400 25/8/17
4 <sup>th</sup> Bn	M.C. Pro ofccas to hand at Hurdcott.	butlark	14.10.17	D08/15325 20.10.17 R.R. 9397.
67 <sup>th</sup> Bn	4 <sup>th</sup> Lt. Transfd. to 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn on 14/02/17 to 63 <sup>rd</sup> Draft Bn	Eng.	19.9.17.	D08/15645 29.9.17 LR 8639 18528
4 <sup>th</sup> Bn	4 <sup>th</sup> Lt. T.O.S. of 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn transfd. to 6 <sup>th</sup> Div. Art. on 18/10/17	France.	18.10.17	D0545624 11.17

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



Statement of Service of No. 2654 Name Fletcher JWP

A Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place	Date	Remarks
L/Cpl. Adam Cavelon Gen Brightli Shell Gassed.	Brightli	2.1.18.	W 624 HR 62 Do 3/1103 10.1.18.
Wounded in action gassed.	France	907277	D/O 2/214 15/1/18
L/Cpl. Embarked on H.S. Patrick for England Gassed	"	2.1.18	DO 2/317 23/1/18.
L/Cpl. Reld: to Aust from England per "Dunvegan Castle" for change. Gas shell Poisoning Debility.	"	13.3.18	22575. 2.E.L.578. Boat/E. 4.4.18.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

AMJ.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE, Feb 2nd., 1918.

Dear Madam,

I now beg to advise you that **Private J.W.P. Fletcher,**  
has been reported **admitted to Pavilion General Hosp.**  
**Brighton, England, 2.1.18 Shell Gassed (Classed as Wounded)**

His postal address will be:—

— **No. 2654 Private J.W.P. Fletcher,**  
**7th Battalion Late 21st Battalion.**

Australian Imperial Force,

Abroad.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.

Yours faithfully,

**J. M. LEAN,** Major,  
*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*



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TOFUVA 14 JUN 1918

Army Form B. 179.

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Medical Report on an Invalid.



Station \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Unit *4th Battalion ✓*
- 2. Regimental No. *26574 ✓*
- 3. Rank *21 Cpl ✓*
- 4. Name *FLETCHER, James D. Grey ✓*
- 5. Age last birthday *23 ✓*
- 6. Enlisted *at Helldowne ✓*
- 7. Former Trade or Occupation *Butcher ✓*
- 8. If with previous service in Army, state -
  - (a) Former Unit;
  - (b) Regimental No.;
  - (c) Date of Discharge;
  - (d) Cause of Discharge.

8. Disability in respect of which invaliding is Proposed.

(Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19).



*Gas Shell Poisoning. AB 40030*  
*(2) Debility.*

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

- 9. Date of origin of disability. *24th Dec 1917.*
- 10. Place of origin of disability. *Helldowne.*
- 11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case. *Gas Shell Poisoning 24th Dec 1917. Helldowne. History of vomiting & dyspepsia.*

O.186/1917  
Date For Discharge  
20 JUL 1918

- 12. Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability, stating whether in your opinion it is—
  - (a) attributable to or aggravated by service during the present war, climate, or ordinary military service. (The specific condition to which it is attributed should be stated, see Notes on page 3).
  - (b) constitutional or hereditary, and not aggravated by service during the present war.
  - (c) attributable to or aggravated by want of proper care on the man's part, e.g., intemperance, misconduct, &c.

*Arthur Bruce G.S.P.*

P. C. severe cough with expectoration  
 shortness of breath on exertion.  
 Wasted general physique.  
 Lung's has had a patch of  
 pleurisy of right lower front  
 region of which can still be  
 detected. In both lung's few  
 scattered spots. Ed's can be  
 heard. Sputum cream 29. 1. 18.  
 Negative T.B.

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

14. If the disability is an injury was it caused—

- (a) In action?
- (b) On field service?
- (c) On duty?
- (d) Off duty?

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so—
- (a) When?
  - (b) Where?
  - (c) Opinion?

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly\* attributable to active service?

19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding, and state whether they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war.

20. Do you recommend—  
 (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or  
 (b) Change to England?

B.C.

*H. P. D. M. Mays*

Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except †

Station



*C. J. M. M. M.*

Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date

\*Loss of teeth on or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.



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5.10.15

Wesley 7137-2,000,000-J. I. R. & Co., Ltd - Form B. 103.

# INF BATTALION - A.I.F. Casualty Form - Active Service.

Army Form B. 103.

2652A

Regiment or Corps 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforce 21<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Regimental No. 2657A Rank Plt 1/1st Name Fletcher, Jas Wallace Percy  
 Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

*Inc.*

Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, supplies, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 46, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 46, or other official documents.
FEB 1 1916		<i>6<sup>th</sup> Reinforce 21<sup>st</sup> Bn</i>	5.10.15	FEB 2 1916	<i>Clark &amp; Tara</i>
		<i>d.c. Allowed &amp; approved to join 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforce 21<sup>st</sup> Bn A.I.F.</i>			<i>ap. 4/178</i>
4/3/16		Taken on strength of 7th Battalion A.I.F.	SERAPTEUM	24/2/16	B213/A9.APE448 Daily 0.27/3443
2/4/16		Embarked to join B. 213. Disembarked at	Alexandria	28/3/16	L.R. 11
			Marseilles	31/3/16	"
8-7-16		wounded in action.	France.	23, 26-7-16	B213 A91749
27/7/16		Adm shell shock	Caen	27/7/16	AK 127/10
27/7/16		Spade to 6. Co. Dep. Sh. Shock	Caen	27/7/16	AM. 7/50
27/7/16		Adm shell shock	France	27/7/16	AK 127/10 A36
27/7/16		Adm shell shock	do	27/7/16	AK 127/43 A36

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(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, Shoosmith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

I.P.T.O.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
24/10/16	Co. 6. Low Depot	iprd to 5th Low Dep.	Roulogne	2-8-16.	53/535/1 53/440/1.
11.11.16.	Co. 5. Low Depot	Druck to Sea Det.	do.	10.11.16.	55/440/1
"	1st DRB.	From Sharp	Etaples	10.11.16	AK446/61
20.2.17	do	to England Cas. "PB"	do	10.2.17	AX476/ Do 17/11/17 9.27
25.2.17	Co. 213. No 2 Depot Weymouth	M/S	Eng	17.2.17	R/50. DO. 19/12/17 2027
22.4-17.	A. 1. 213. 912 Co. 213. Depot Weymouth.	Pte M/O to No 3 Com Dep. Aurdcott	Eng.	21-4-17	LR 2112 D/O 36/E 14/5/17 3675
22-4-17	A. 1. 213. 912 Co. 213. Depot Weymouth	Pte. M/S from No 2 Com Depot Weymouth	Eng	21-4-17.	LR 2084 D/P 37/E 14/5/17 3741
29.4-17.	B. 213. 912 Co. 213. Depot Aurdcott	Pte. classified (B1a2)	do.	22-4-17.	LR 2251
6-5-17.	B. 213. 912 Co. 213. Depot Aurdcott	Pte transferred to 64th Bn Windmill Hill Camp.	do	4-5-17	LR 2542. D/O 40/E 29/5/17 3891
6-5-17	67th Bn.	T.O.S. From 7 Bn	Windmill Hill	4-5-17	LR 2579 D.O. 17/9/17 12400
6-8-17	do.	Re app 4 cps 15.6.17 by 6.6.17	"	15.6.17	Ltr B22. hier 25.8.17 12400
24.6.17	"	2/cpl On Command at N.C.P. Course of Destruction Tidworth	"	17.6.17	LR 4736 D/O 37/E 11/1/17. 11648

FLETCHER.

J. W. P.

2654.8

6/21st Bn.

2nd Card.

PURPORT

AUTHORITY.

30.12.17. Wounded in action. Gassed. Sts L/C. A.D. BEFO 2/8-18.

2.1.18. Embarked for England. Gassed. Sts 2654a. A.D. BEFO 3/3-18.

13.3.18. Embarked per "Dunvegan Castle" from England for ret. to Australia for Change. Gas Shell Poisoning Debility. A.D. LON 26/4-18.



P.L.E.T.C.H.E.R. WAR GRAVITY SCHEDULE		James W. Percy <sup>38</sup> Other Names. <u>31/171</u>	2654 Regimental No.	6/21st Batt. Unit.
PURPORT.		3rd M.D.		AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Melbourne per H.M.A.T. "Moldavia" on 5/10/15				
27/6/16. Adm. 11th G.Hos. Camiers. Fr. Shell Shock.				BEFO. 55/5-16
Wounded cable dtd London 16/8/16				cable 6811 I
23-26/7/16. Wnded. in Act. Fr.				BEFO. 55/15-16
24.2.16 Taken on Strength of 7th Batt from 21st Batt (MR)				MEFO 27/17-16
13/2/17. Tfd. to Eng. x 1st D.B.Dpt. Etaples. Claws "PE"				BEFO. 12/5-17
<del>Disembarked from Moldavia at Bombay (measles)</del>				<del>BEFO 30/32-17</del>
17.2.17. Marched into No.2.Com.Dept.Weymouth.(sts 7th Bn.)				LDN 19/4/17
21.4.17.Mrched out to No.3.Com.Dept H'cott.from No.2.Com.Dept Wymth.				LDN 36/3/17
4.5.17.Trans.to 67th Bn.from 7th Bn,ex No.3.Com.Dept H'cott.				LDN 40/3/17
4.5.17.T.O.S.of 67th Bn.from 7th Bn.ex No.3.Com Dept.H'cott.				LDN 1/4/17
2.1.18. Adm. Pavilion Gen. Hosp. Brighton.Shell Gassed.				LON 3/2-17.

D.825/2.16.-C.5024.

PURPORT.		AUTHORITY.	
17.6.17.On command at N.C.O's Course of Instructn.Tidworth from 67th Bn. Windmill Hill.		LDN 8/1/17	
28.7.17.Mrched into 67th Bn.from Gen.Sch.of Instructn.Candahar Bks.Tidworth. (sts L/Cpl.)		LDN 19/1/17	
21.4.17. Marched in to No 3. C.D. Hurdcott. from No.2.C.D.Weymouth.		LON 37/2-17	
23/1/18. Trans to 1st Aux.Hosp. Shell Gas Poison.		IB. 406/9-18	
2.1.18.Adm.to pav.Gen.Hosp Brighton SHELL GASSED.		IB 392/6/18	
5/2/18 Discharged from Hospital to Dis to Weymouth Shell Gas Poisoning Debility		IB413/4/18	
T.O.S. of 7th Bn. A.I.F. on transfer from 67th Bn 6th Div 'NA. I.F. ex 67th Bn.		BEFO. 56/4-17	
11.10.17. Proceeded Overseas to France ex 63rd Draft Battalion Hurdcott via Southampton.		LON. 81/3-17.	
19.9.17. Re-tfd to 7th Bn. from 67th Bn. on marching out to 63rd Drafting Bn.		LON. 80/5-17.	
1.1.17. App. Lance Corp. (67th Bn. Windmill Hill)		LON. 21/3-17	
19.9.17-Tfd. to 7th Bn on m/o 63rd Draft Bn.		LON 31/11-17	
20/7/18. Dis. A.I.F. 3rd.M.D. ex "TOFUS" M.U.		M31/296/5-17.	
19.9.17. Re-tfd to 7th Bn. from 67th Bn on marching in to 63rd.Draft.Bn.			

24/7/24 - Died after Discharge  
Transferred to  
W. [unclear] 3 Y 27

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SEARCHED SECTION

No. 2654

Rank Private Name Fletcher J. W. D.

Unit 4th Battalion late 21st Bn

Casualty Wounded C.I.B.L. 282/6411 Lt London 16/11/18  
Shell gassed Gen Hosp Brighton  
Shell gassed Gen Hosp Brighton WSM 1624/840 dated London 1/2.15  
Medical conditions not suitable adms 2.1.18 to Passling  
Received B.R. 1.2.15

Reg to Sect ex H. T. Topia Lt "D" 1st Bn 21/5/18, A.I.F.  
Despat 106/1605 dtd Crown 21/5/18. Recd B. R. 23/5/18

APPLICATION FOR WAR SERVICE LEAVE GRATUITY PASSES  
MAR 6 1918  
A/c. No. 12166

DATE	PURPORT	REF. NO.
21 AUG 1916	N. O. K. Advised Wounded	
FEB 4 - 1918	N. O. K. Advised in Hospital	
18 3-18	certified copy attestation to A.I.F. A. G. London, vide 7/26/23	
MAY 27 1918	N. O. K. Advised returning to Australia, Form 4 Card 407 "Topia" Gas Shell Poisoning, Oct. 18.	
	Returned to Australia per A. 3. M. D. 14/6/18.	
20 7-18	DISCHARGED (M.V.) 3rd A.I.F. B.R. 136/13	

20-12-18  
2083rd 434442  
Returned to Unit 579 Inf (594) via 7/2/18

WAR HISTORY INDEX



27/8/23 B.R.P.F. 44 DESPATCHED  
9006-6 J. J. Jones

RETURNED BY S.H.D. 10/5/25