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*B. G. Francis*  
DENTAL  
MAJOR CAMP COMMANDANT, ASS  
DEPT



21-9-16  
AUSTRALIAN  
MILITARY FORCES.  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.  
No. 6077 Name FRANCIS - BENJAMIN GORDON  
Unit 17/27 Infantry  
17Rns 27BTN  
Joined on SEP 21 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestment

1. What is your Name? ... Benjamin Gordon Francis
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... } near the Town of Blumberg in or  
in the County of SOUTH AUSTRALIA
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... } Natural Born
4. What is your Age? ... 24 1/2 years
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Dairy Farmer
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) FRANCIS LILLIAN Mrs  
WOODS POINT VIA MURRAY BRIDGE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
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? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of Widowed mother)—  
It is understood that no Separation Allowance will be issued in your respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach £1 per day. ... No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... yes

*H.R.L.*  
*Waiter*  
*Etc to Father*  
*22-1-13*  
*Officers & Base Records*  
*22-1-13*  
*H.R.L.*

I, Benjamin Gordon Francis 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 to the support of my wife and children

Date SEP 21 1916 *H.R.L.* B. G. Francis  
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.

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Description of Benjamin Gordon Francis on Enlistment

Age 24 years 5 months  
Height 5 feet 5 inches  
Weight 126 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 33 - 34 1/2 inches  
Complexion Medium  
Eyes Blue  
Hair Brown  
Religious Denomination Baptist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vis R 6/9 L 6/6  
Vacc dit

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, 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.

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 7.9.16

Place ADELAIDE.

W. G. ...  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

M. F. Sells Lt.

Commanding 17/27<sup>th</sup> Inf.



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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

DENTAL "B" CLASS

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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No. *7423* *6079* Name *FRANCIS - BENJAMIN GORDON*

Unit .....

*55*

Joined on *SEP 21 1916*

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestment

1. What is your Name? ... *Benjamin Gordon Francis*
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of *Blumberg* in the County of *South Australia*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... *Natural Born*
4. What is your Age? ... *24 5/10 years*
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... *Dairy Farmer*
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) FRANCIS - LILIAN M<sup>rs</sup> Woods Point Murray Bridge SOUTH AUSTRALIA*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... *No Dairy, Pools Point Murray Bridge S. Aus*
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? ... *No*
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would exceed £ ... per day? ... *Yes*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... *Yes*

*Benjamin Gordon Francis* 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* *three-fifths*

Date *SEP 21 1916*

*B. G. Francis*

Signature of Person Enlisted.

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E.G.

M.54/921

16th May, 1925.

Sir,

EXPAT

PROUSE POINT MILITARY CEMETERY, BELGIUM,  
your son, the late No.6079 Pte. E.G.Francis,  
27th Btn, are interred.

Mr. E.Francis,  
Woods Point,  
via Murray Bridge,  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.



**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 27th Battalion A.I.F. 17th Reinf's.

Rank Private Surname FRANCIS Christian Name Benjamin Gordon

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

Enlisted (a) 21/9/16 Terms of Service (a) ..... Service reckons from (a) .....

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		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. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.			
			Embarked Adelaide	7/11/16	ER7324
	O.C. Troops	A19. "Afric"	Disembarked Plymouth	9/1/17	11/1/17
10/1/17	O.C. 7th T. Bn.	Marched in	Rollestone	9/1/17	CR4328/27/1. D08/E1105.14/2/17
4/4/17	7th T. Bn.	Proceeding Overseas to France x 7th T. Bn. Rollestone	Folkestone	5/4/17	D021/2255E.LR1335 7/4/17
6/4/17	2nd A.D.B.D.	Admitted from England	Etaples	6/4/17	AX6418
8/4/17	do	Proceeded to join Unit	"	8/4/17	AX6488
14/4/17	C.O. 27th Bn.	Taken on Strength	France	9/4/17	B213.B22/15. D023/3036.
9/6/17	do	Sick to Hospital	"	7/6/17	B213.B22/23 50/4/17 D035/4047.15/6/17
9/6/17	5th A.F.A.	PUO. Admt. & to C.C. Stn.	"	7/6/17	AK1287/57
9/6/17	56th C.C.S.	PUO. Admitted	"	8/6/17	AK1287/44

(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) Signaller, Sholing-Smith, &c. W.13563—M1477 1000M 1/17 (2/612) S.P. & Co. Ltd. Forms B.103/2 E.134. I.P.T.O.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form 8-21, Army Form A-26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form 8-21, Army Form A-26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
23/6/17	56th C.C.S.	PUO. Discharged to duty	France	18/6/17	AK1287/65
23/6/17	C.O. 27th Bn.	Rejoined Battalion	"	20/6/17	DO36/444.2/7/17 B213.B22/25.
28/7/17	do	Sick to Hospital	"	24/7/17	B213.B22/30 DO46/4968.8/8/17
28/7/17	5th A.F.A.	PUO. Admtd. & to 29th CCS.	"	24/7/17	AK1513/10
28/7/17	29th C.C.Stn.	PUO. Admitted	"	24/7/17	AK1513/9
2-8-17.	do.	To Amb.train.	"	1/8/17	AK1513/13.
2/8/17	1st Gen.Hos.	PUO Admitted	Etratat	2/8/17	AK1513/14
3/8/17	do	PUO To England	"	3/8/17	AK1513/18
4/8/17	HS"Grantully Castle"	Embarked for England	France	4/8/17	AK1513/23. DO47/5052.15/8/17
5/8/17	Tooting M.Hos	Trench Fever slg. Admitted	Tooting	5/8/17	AR186.WS516 DO56/E.15/8/17
20/8/17	do	Furlough from 20/8/17 to 3/9/17 & report Nol.Com. Depot, Perham Downs	"	20/8/17	
10/9/17	Nol.C.Depot	Marched in from furlough & class, Bla2.	Perham Downs	3/9/17	LR8115 B213.
8/9/17	AFW.3034	V.D. #2 Admitted	Bulford	7/9/17	VR173. DO69/B.29/9/17
14/9/17	1st A.D.Hos. AFW3034	V.D.42. Admitted	"	7/9/17	VR173.VR201.
		Discharged to Con.T.Depot.	"	13/9/17	DO70/E.3/10/17
		Total period 7 days.			
16/9/17	C.Trgn.Depot	Marched in from 1st AD.Hos.	"	13/9/17	LR8320.B213.
3/11/17	do	Marched out to No3.C.Depot Hurdcott	Parkhouse	30/10/17	B213.LR10238
8/11/17	No3.Com.Depot	Marched in from Conv.Trgn. Depot, Parkhouse	Hurdcott	30/10/17	B213.LR10176
4/11/17	do	Classified Bla2	"	31/10/17	B213.LR10176

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps ..... 27th Battalion A.I.F. 17th Reinf.

Rank Private..... Surname ..... FRANCIS..... Christian Name Benjamin Gordon.....

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

Enlisted (a) 21/9/16..... Terms of Service (a) ..... Service reckons from (a) .....

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. 26, 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.26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Emarked .....			
		Disembarked.....			
11/11/17	No 3. Com. Depot	Classified Bla3.	Hurdcott	6/11/17	LR10435 B 213
19/11/17	do	Classified Bla4.	"	14/11/17	LR10731 B 213
25/11/17	do	Marched out to Nol. Com. Depot, Sutton Veny.	"	23/11/17	LR10937
25/11/17	Nol. Com. Depot	Marched in from Hurdcott Class Bla4.	Sutton veny	23/11/17	LR10936
2/12/17	do	Marched out to Overseas Trgn Bde. Longbridge Deverill	"	29/11/17	LR11214 B213
2/12/17	O/seas Trgn. Bde.	Marched in from Nol. Com. Depot, Sutton veny.	Longbridge D.	29/11/17	LR11217. B213

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 (b) Signaller, Shoeburyness, &c.



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.13, Army Form A. 35, 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.23, Army Form A.35, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
27/12/17	Overseas Trgh. Bgde	Proceeded Overseas to France ex Longbridge Deverill via Southampton	Southampton	27/12/17	D01/E.3/1/18 LR11722.B213.
28/12/17	Aust. Inf. B.D.	Admitted from England	Havre	28/12/17	AK2094/11
30/12/17	do	Proceeded to join Unit	"	31/12/17	AK2094/11
5/1/18	C.O. 27th Bn.	Rejoined Battalion	Belgium	1/1/18	B213, B22/53. D02/121
8/1/18	do	Killed in Action	"	8/1/18	BT19244.D03/163 VL591.14/1/18

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.  
British Expeditionary Force.

*[Signature]*  
LIEUT  
Officer i/c Records.



**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 OR CORPS 27th Battalion A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company 17th Reinforcements

Regimental No. 6079 Rank Private

Surname FRANCIS Christian Names Benjamin Gordon

Died. Date 8th January 1918 Place Belgium

Cause of Death Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report Memorandum dated 8th January 1918.

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

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not Will not received  
 (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not received (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.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON C.H.Q. B.E.F. LIEUT  
 Station and Date 7th February 1918. Signature of Officer in Charge of Section Officer i/c Records  
 Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

W2088/M1768-500,000-II. & Sr.-5/17-(10489)-Forms/B2090A/C.

Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
<u>FRANCIS</u>	<u>Benjamin Gordon</u>	<u>6079 Pte.</u>	<u>17/27th Btn.</u>
PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
<u>Emb. at Adelaide per A19 "Afric" 6-11-16.</u>			
<u>9/1/17. Mrchd. into 7th Tng. Btn. xAust. =</u>			<u>LON.8/12-17</u>
<u>5.8.17. Adm. to Tooting M. Hosp. TRENCH FEVER SLT.</u>			<u>IB 288/12/17</u>
<u>15/8/17. Disc from 1st A.D.H. to Depot No 20.</u>			<u>I.B 299/22/17</u>
<u>13.9.17. Disc. from 1st A.D.H. to C.T.D. Bulford No.42.</u>			<u>IB 321/17/17</u>
<u>9.4.17. T.O.S. of 27th Bn. from 17th Reinf'ts 27th Bn.</u>			<u>BEFO 23/2/17</u>
<u>7.9.17. Adm. 1st A.D.H. No 42.</u>			<u>A.D. IB 319/15-17</u>
<u>7.6.17. To Hosp. sick.</u>			<u>BEFO 35/1/17</u>
<u>5.8.17. Adm. to Tooting M. Hosp. TR. FEVER (SLT).</u>			<u>LDN 56/1/17</u>
<u>4.8.17. Emb. for Eng. per "Grantully Castle" P.U.O.</u>			<u>BEFO 47/5/17</u>
<u>7.9.17. Admitted to 1st A.D.H. Bulford. V.D. 42.</u>			<u>LON. 69/2-17.</u>
<u>13.9.17. Adm. 1st A.D.H. Bulford. (V.D.) Disc. to C.T.D. Bulford. Total</u>			
<u>period. 7 days.</u>			<u>LON. 70/2/17.</u>
<u>1.1.18. Rejoined En from sick ex Eng.</u>			<u>BEFO 2/2-18.</u>
<u>20.6.17. Rejoined Bn from Hospital</u>			<u>BEFO 38/3-17.</u>

D.325/2.16.-C.2024.

PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
24.7.17. To Hospital Sick.	BEFO 46/1-17.
5.4.17. Proc. O'seas to France from Folkestone.	LON 21/8-17.
27.12.17. Proc. O'seas to France via Southampton & O'seas Ing. Bde.	
Sandhill Camp Longbridge. Deverill.	A.D. LON. 1/2-18.
8.1.18. KILLED IN ACTION.	A.D. BEFO 3/1-18.



CGT

KC/

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me  
Benjamin Gordon Francis of Woods Point Murray Bridge South  
Australia in the State of S made the            day of            22/1917

I revoke all other wills made by me. I appoint Mrs E. Francis  
Woods Point South Australia to be my Executor and direct that  
my Funeral and Testamentary Expenses and all my debts shall be  
paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

I give unto Mrs E. Francis my money that is in the bank and also  
sally and harness and horse and saddle and bridle also and jun  
and riful and closes

In Witness whereof I the said Benjamin Gordon Francis have to this  
my last Will and Testament set my hand the 26 day of January in  
the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 17

(Signed) E. G. Francis

Signed by the said Benjamin Gordon Francis the Testator on the  
day and year aforesaid in the presence of us, present at the  
same time, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence  
of each other, have subscribed our names as Witnesses.

(Signed) James Porteous

(Signed) Allen Clarence Burford.

6079 PG B. G. Francis 17/27 1917

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Mother

Mrs. Lillian Francis

No 3 Dairy Woods Point

Murray Bridge

South Australia

Signature B.G.Francis  
Rank and Unit Private 17/27 Battalion  
Date April 4. 1917.

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*J.H.*  
Certified to be a true copy of Will/extracted from the Pay  
Book of No.6079 Private FRANCIS.Benjamin Gordon 27th Battalion  
A.I.F.

Checked *J. Jones*

Cpl. 16.2.18.

*J. Hunter* <sup>cpl</sup>  
S/Sgt  
Estates Brnch  
Adm.Hqrs.  
LONDON.

Extract from folder covering photo of grave.

"BURIED:- Prowse Point New British Cemetery. Plot.3  
Warneton. Belgium"



WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE *84/P*

Transferred to

DEFENCE B.R.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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A 47689

No. *6079*

Rank *Private*

Name

*FRANCIS B.G*

Unit

*29th Btn*

Casualty

*French Front Hill Nam 5/8/17 Footing Hill Stop*

LIST.

*336*

*Killed in action 8/1/18*

*W.S. 119516/2628 dated London 10/5/17*

*Q1812220/7679 dated London 2/1/18 Received B.R.*

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"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"

Proprietor *Mr. B. Francis 20/2/23*



DATE

A. F. B. 103 Received

PURPORT

A. F. B. 2090A Received.

REF. NO.

AUG 20 1917

M.O.K. Advised in Hospital . 5.8.17

JAN 18 1918

M.O. 4 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 8/1/18

27-1-18

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

16/5/18

"Will" to D.P.M. 4 M.D. M. 28/7/18. Location only

9. 18. 18

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *Dorrego*

WAR HISTORY INDEX

No personal effects on file. No. 20/18

Circular D.P.M. 487368 2 Books re Grave despatched

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN

5/2/18

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BRITISH WAR MEDAL

VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* B.R.P.F. 42

Registered Post No. *1178* G. P. O. Melbourne.

10 FEB 1923

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*gld*

Outstanding form "R" to H.O.K. per B.R.M. 55/404 *Please R. Gen. W.*