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C.O. 43rd. Battalion A.I.F.  
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## PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

GARDNER - GEORGE ARTHUR CRAIG

~~2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.~~

D. Coy

joined on ~~MAR 15 1916~~ MAR 22 1916

43rd. Inf. Batta. 1916

*Indonesian*

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name ? ... *George Arthur Craig Gardner*
2. In the Parish of *St. Mary* in or near the Town of *Dubbo* in the County of *New South Wales*
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? ... *27-10/12 years*
5. What is your trade or calling? ... *Soldier*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... *No*
7. Are you married? ... *Yes (2 children)*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... *Wife / GARDNER, THERESA - 184 Victoria St. - Adelaide - S. Aust.*
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 ... *Gloucester St. Prospect, Adelaide, S. Aust.*
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)—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 reach 8/- per day? ... *Yes*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... *Yes*

*George Arthur Craig Gardner* 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.

*George Arthur Craig Gardner* and I further agree to allot not less than ~~two-fifths~~ *two-fifths* of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife~~ *wife and children*

Date *15/3* ~~MAR 15 1916~~ MAR 22 1916

*G. A. C. Gardner*  
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.

Description of George Arthur Orange Gardner on Enlistment

Age 27 years 6 months  
Height 5 feet 11 inches  
Weight 136 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 39. 95 1/2 inches  
Complexion Medium  
Eyes Blue  
Hair Auburn  
Religious Denomination Presbyterian

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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Vacc + L.

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 15. 3. 16

Place ADELAIDE.

*C. Corbin*

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 Coy ~~2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.~~

Date 5. 11. 16

*M. Hancock*  
LT. COL  
CAMP COMMANDANT

Place Adelaide

~~2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.~~  
Commanding

Appoint him to D. Co-  
43rd Inf. Battalion, A.I.F.

*D. Gordon*



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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 1110 Name GARDINER-GEORGE ARTHUR CRAIG Unit 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F. D. Coy. 26 joined on MAR 15 1916 MAR 22 1916 48th Inf. Battalion A.I.F.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? ... 1. George Arthur Craig Gardiner
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Dubbo in the County of New South Wales
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? ... 3. Natural born
4. What is your age? ... 4. 27-6/12 years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Storeman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? ... 6. No
7. Are you married? ... 7. Yes 2 children (MRS)
8. Who is your next of kin? ... 8. (WIFE) GARDINER-THRESA LAVINA HARVEY STREET, PROSPECT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as incorrigible 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? ... 10. 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? ... 11. No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... 12. Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? ... 13. No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother) 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 reach 8/- per day? ... 14. Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

I, George Arthur Craig Gardiner 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 MAR 15 1916 MAR 22 1916 Signature of Person Enlisted. G.A. Gardiner

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Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number 1110.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Rank Sergeant. Surname GARDNER, Christian Name George Arthur Craig. Religion Presbyterian, Age on Enlistment 27 years 5 months. Enlisted (a) 22/3/16, Terms of Service (a) A. I. F. Service reckons from (a) 22/3/16. Date of promotion to present rank. Date of appointment to lance rank. Extended. Re-engaged. Qualification (b) or Corps Trade and Rate.

Occupation Pay Book 117069. Signature of Officer.

Table with 5 columns: Date, From whom received, Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., Place of Casualty, Date of Casualty, Remarks. Rows include dates from 18.11.16 to 2.7.17, locations like 'Afric', 'England', 'France', 'Field', and various ranks and events.

(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: Shipping Street, Ac. 18228 W 13561/1477 1-400-000 1/17 MeA & W Ltd Form B.103/4 (E. 505) [P.T.O.]

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LAIDE.

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

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

Signature: A Coy, 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F. Lt. Col. CAMP COMMANDANT. Signature: 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F. Commanding. Lt. Col. APR 28 1916. Lt. Col. 43RD. BATTALION A. I. F.





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 43rd Infantry Battalion A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } -----

Regimental No. 1110. Rank Sergeant.

Surname GARDNER, Christian Names George Arthur Craig.

Died { Date 30th June 1917, Place In the Field, Belgium.

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action,

Nature and Date of Report F. B. 213, dated 6th July 1917.

By whom made C.O. 43rd Infantry Battalion A. I. F.

\* Specify 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.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand. Date -----

By whom reported -----

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

Station and Date Angac Section, 3rd Echelon, G. H. Q. B.E.F. Signature of Officer in charge of Section J. Holloway Lieutenant. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Officer in Charge Records.

W.L. 5710/M745 400,000 2/16 JFW (E328) Form B/2090A/2  
18th July 1917.

subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 15.3.16

Place ADELAIDE.

C. Corbin  
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 Accey 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.  
Date 5.11.16 McNamara Lt. COL. CAMP COMMANDANT

Place Adelaide 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.  
Appoint him to D. Gov Commanding  
48th Inf. Battalion, A.I.F. APR 28 1916 Gordon Lt. COL. C.O. 43RD. BATTALION A. I. F.

Mr. T. L. Gardiner

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Mrs. T. L. Gardiner,  
4 Gloucester Street,  
PROSPECT,  
N.S.W. Australia.

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4. Gloucester Street  
Prospect - S.A.  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1918

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Officer in Charge  
Base Treas

Sir

I am writing to say  
I received the DCM Medal &  
ribbon (won by my late husband  
Sergt. G. A. Gardner) safely &  
I am proud to have it & to  
know my husband did  
his duty to the end

Yours gratefully  
W. Morgan  
113 J. L. Gardner



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ADELAIDE, 6th June, 1917.

O.I.C. Base Records,  
MELBOURNE.

re No. 1110 Pte. C.A.C.GARDINER - "D" Coy. 43rd Battn.

The wife of the above soldier inform me that he has recently received three stripes, having previously been promoted to Corporal.

Kindly advise me whether you have any record of his promotions and also dates of same.

OFFICER IN CHARGE.

RFM.

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Officer in Charge,  
Military Pay Office  
North Terrace, Adelaide, S.A.

77941 There is no record here of this soldier's promotion beyond the rank of Lance-Corporal.

Melbourne,  
13/6/1917.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records

JM/GMP.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE. A.I.F.,  
2nd January, 1918.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fourth Supplement No. 50234 to the London Gazette dated 14th August, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband, the late No. 1110 Sergeant G. A. Gardiner, 43rd Battalion.

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AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned non-commissioned officer, for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

No. 1110 Sergeant G. A. C. GARDINER

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a raiding party when the officer was killed, and led them through intense rifle and machine-gun fire until compelled to take shelter in shell holes. He remains for some time attending to the wounded, later working his way back to the front line, and personally conducting stretcher parties to bring in the dead and wounded men. By his courage and resourcefulness he set a splendid example. "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. 219 of 20th December, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. T. L. Gardiner,  
48 Lefevre Terrace,  
North Adelaide, S.A.



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 Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 1110. Rank ----- Sergeant.

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Cause of Death\* Killed in Action,

Nature and Date of Report A. F. B. 213, dated 6th July 1917.

By whom made G.O. 43rd Infantry Battalion A. I. F.

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

(c) as a separate document -----

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Station and Date } Anzac Section, Signature of Officer in charge of Section } J. Holloway Lieutenant.  
3rd Echelon, Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }  
G. H.Q. B.E.F.

Officer in Charge Records.

Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number.....

Sergeant.  
 1/Sergeant.  
 Corporal.  
 4/Corporal.  
 Private.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

1110.

Regiment or Corps..... **43rd Infantry Battalion.....**

Rank..... Surname..... **GARDINER,**..... Christian Name..... **George Arthur Craig.....**

Religion..... **Presbyterian,**..... Age on Enlistment..... **27** years..... **6** months

Enlisted (a)..... **22/5/16,** Terms of Service (a)..... **A...I...F.** Service reckons from (a)..... **22/3/16.**

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.....

Pay Book **117069.**

Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	A 19	"Afric",	Embarked Outer Harbour	9.6.16	
			Disembarked Marseilles	20.7.16	
18.11.16	B213-43rd Bn	To be Lance Corporal,	England.	16.11.16	C. 22/9.
25.11.16	C.O.-43rd Bn	Proceeded Overseas, France,	S'ampton.	25.11.16	DO 4/346-1916. FR 1499.
26.1.17	B213-43rd bn	Promoted Cpl vice Cpl G.H. Manning, promoted.	Field.	24.1.17	DO 20/2516E. C. 22/16.
23.3.17	do.	Appointed L/Sgt vice L/Sgt Brennan promoted.	"	16.3.17	DO 7/649. C. 22/24. DO 15/1455.
30.3.17	do.	Promoted Sgt. vice Sgt. BH. Richardson promoted, (PB.117069)	"	24.3.17	C. 22/25. DO 16/1501.
13.4.17	do.	Detached to School,	Field.	8.4.17	C. 22/27.
10.5.17	do.	Rejoined 43rd Battalion,	"	5.5.17	C. 22/31.
2.7.17	3rd D. H. Q.	Killed in Action,	"	30.6.17	AT 13563. VL398.

(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, Shoeing-Smith, &c.





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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. *1110*

Rank *Private*

Name

*GARDINER G.A.C. (D.C.M.)*

Unit

*43rd Battalion*

LIST. *307*

Casualty

*Killed in Action*

*30-6-17*

*658 21593 7338 dated London 10-7-17*

*Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal. 6/11/17 No. 577/17*

DATE	A. F. B. 103 Received PURPORT.	A. F. B. 2090A Received,	REF. NO.
JUL 13 1917	M.C. + ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 30/6/17		
25 7 17	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
5 10 17	Appt. Officer's list asking for D. Post - 2d		24998
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF		
	Cable No. <i>63006 1493 754 9/2000 16717</i>		
<i>13/8</i>	<i>Distinguished Conduct Medal received; sent to Comdt. 10/11</i>	M.D.	
<i>19 3</i>	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX <i>Barambah</i>		
	Circular D.R.M. 46/1968 & Booklet re <i>despatched 8/12/15</i>		<i>Received &amp; acknowledged by printed card 27.5.20</i>
<i>20/11</i>	2. BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. <i>14th</i>	M.D.E.R.M. 54/312	

WAR HISTORY INDEX





"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."  
Pamphlet sent to No. T. L. Gardiner 27. 2. 22

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
To  
Widow H. M. D.  
No. J. L. Gardiner  
327125  
30. 8. 22

MEMORIAL  
SCROLL  
To  
Widow  
No. T. L. Gardiner  
327125  
27. 2. 22

8 MAR 1923

VICTORY MEDAL to Widow B. R. P. F. 42  
Registered Post No. 9644 G. P. O. Melbourne.

7/2/22 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched  
P6 729

**GARDINER, George Arthur Craig**



Service no 1110  
Sergeant  
43rd Battalion

Born 08 September 1888 at Dubbo, NSW  
Son of Mrs. Robert GARDINER of Edwin Terrace, Gilberton, SA  
Husband of Mrs. Theresa Lydia GARDINER of 4 Gloucester Street, Prospect, SA

Occupation prior to enlistment Storeman

Enlisted 22 March 1916 at Adelaide, SA

Served in France & Belgium.

Killed in action at Messines Ridge 30 June 1917

Buried YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Panel 7 - 17 - 23 - 25 - 27 - 29 - 31.

Awarded the D C M for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty on the field.

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