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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

*Handwritten:* 1916, 30, 02560, Repatriation

Name LOBBAN Alexander  
Unit 2ND DEPT. BATTALION A.I.F.  
Joined on MAR 18 1916

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

1. What is your Name? Alexander Lobban
2. In the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in or near what Parish or Town were you born? Prospect 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? 21 3/4 years
5. What is your trade or calling? Roll Sheet Worker
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) Lobban Sarah (Mrs) Olive Street Prospect 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 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? 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. 1 year 3m badels so have to hit service 4 yrs 80 days still serving
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 if, except of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach £1 per week? No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Alexander Lobban do solemnly declare that the above answers made 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 allow not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my absence for the support of my wife + 1 wife and children (three-fifths)

Date MAR 18 1916

A Lobban  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 15 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Dated  
for

Description of Alexander Lobbin on Enlistment

Age 21 years 3 months  
Height 5 feet 10 inches  
Weight 150 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 34-37 1/2 inches  
Complexion Medium  
Eyes Brown  
Hair Brown  
Religious Denomination Meth

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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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 FEB 28 1916  
Place ADLAIDE

*E.A. Johnson*

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 supplied with. I accordingly approve, and

appoint him to R. 604 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.  
Date MAR 2 1916 *R. Howard* LT. COL.  
ADLAIDE CAMP COMMANDANT  
2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.  
Place Adelaide Commanding



Nothing to be written in this Margin.

(1)	PRESENT UNIT	<i>2nd Battalion</i>		(2)	Regtl. No.	<i>5026</i>	
(3)	Present Rank	<i>Plt</i>	(4)	SURNAME	<i>Lobban</i>		
(5)	Decorations		(6)	Christian Names.	<i>Alexander</i>		
<u>Particulars.</u>							
(7)	Date of Enlistment	<i>13/3/16</i>		(8)	Place of Enlistment	<i>Adelaide, S.A.</i>	
(9)	Age on Enlistment	<i>21</i> Years	<i>3</i> Months	(10)	Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate	Years	Months
(11)	Birthplace	<i>Prospect, S.A.</i>		(12)	Religion	<i>Method.</i>	
(14)	Trade or Calling	<i>Roll Steel Worker</i>		(13)	If Married	<i>No.</i>	
(16)	Date of Embarkation from Australia	<i>23/6/16</i>		(15)	If an Apprentice	<i>No.</i>	
(18)			(17)	Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad	<i>Dust.</i>		
(19)			(21)	Special Notification Card No.			
(20)							
(22)							

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 12th Buffs 32nd INF-BATTALION AIF  
 Regimental No. 5026 Rank Plt. Name LOBBAN Alexander  
 Enlisted (a) 13/3/16 Terms of Service (a) End of War Service reckons from (a) 13/3/16  
 Date of promotion } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }  
 to present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Date	From whom received	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.
	<b>O.C. Troops "DULLA"</b>	<b>Embarked</b>	<b>Adelaide</b>	<b>23/6/16.</b>	
		<b>Disembarked</b>	<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>24/6/16.</b>	
29/9/16	Y.F.B. B213	Proceeded to sea France	England	29/9/16	E.R. 3700
1/10/16	2nd Div. Base D.	ADMITTED FROM ENGLAND	Staples	1/10/16	AX 2161.
	-do-	TRANS TO 32BAT. ALION		10/10/16	AX 2282. D.O. 72/5833.
2/10/16	Cozy Co. B213	2nd 32nd INF-BATTALION AIF	Fies	15/10/16	AX 8894 P.O. 1/6214
	do	Missing	do	9/12/16	AX 12876 D.O. 1/87
26/2/17	Quartermaster R.C. from self.	Rec'd from 2nd Div. France and will be investigated. Reads missing 9/12/16. Release in the next hour. Ref War wounded rank German 13/10/16.			BL 2502 No 44/4447E CIBL 1433 D 17 108 10/10/17

(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, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

(P.T.O.)

(3)

Date	From whom received	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.
10.	2-1-19	P.O. Emb. Camp	Calais	2-1-19	AX 20233
11.	3-1-19	Dover	Eng.	2-1-19	AX 3700 6/1/19 SM. 641 6/1/19
8.	25-12-18	65 G.S.		25-12-18	
9.	25-12-18	65 G.S.		26-12-18	J. 1201
12.	4-1-19	P.O. Grants	London	4-2-19	AX 1047
13.	4-2-19	P.O. Leave extended	London	10-2-19	AX 2674
14.	10-2-19	do	do	11-2-19	AX 2801
15.	12-2-19	do	do	13-2-19	AX 2819
16.	14-2-19	No 2600	Weymouth	13-2-19	AX 2734
17.	21-2-19	No 1000	"	20-2-19	AX 2926
18.	24-2-19	No 1000	S/Very	20-2-19	AX 3119
19.					

RETURN TO AUSTRALIA  
 For "Blassy"  
 For \_\_\_\_\_

10/10/17

Mrs. S. Lobban,  
Olive Street,  
PROSPECT S.A.

Stammlager *B1145* er Aus-  
scheidung

Principal-camp . . . . . Date . . . . .  
oder Tag } 19 Monat } 3 Jahr } 17  
or Day } Month } Year }

Lazarett . . . . .  
Hospital Militaire Cambrai

Zuname . . . . . *Lobban*

Surname . . . . .

Vorname . . . . . *Alexander*

Christian name . . . . .

Rang . . . . . *Private*

Rank . . . . .

Regt. oder Korps . . . . . *37. Australians* Rgt. Nr. } Komp. } *N.*

Reg. or Corps . . . . . Reg Nr. } Komp }

Erkennungsmarke Nr . . . . . *5026*

Number of identification disc . . . . .

Gefangennahme . . . . . Ort } *Flers* Datum } *8.12.16*

Capture . . . . . Place } Date }

Ob verwundet . . . . . *Pains in abdomen*

Whether wounded . . . . .

Bezeichnung der Wunde . . . . .

Description of wound . . . . .

Geburt . . . . . *Australia* Ort } *Prospect* Datum } *20.11.94*

Birth . . . . . Place } Date }

Heimatsort . . . . . *Olive Street, Prospect, South Australia*

Home place . . . . .

Adresse des naechsten Ver-  
wandten . . . . . *(mother) Sarah Lobban* *Der Chefaryt*

Address of next-ofkin . . . . . *S. Kelly*  
*Stabsarzt.*

32nd INFANTRY BATTALION, A.I.F.

OTHER RANK REPORTED TO BE A PRISONER OF WAR.

(1) Reg.No.	5026
(2) Rank	Private
(3) Name.	LOBBAN, A.
(4) Date of Report	17th May, 1917.
(5) From Whom Received	Official W.O. List of British Prisoners of War No. P.M. 103.
(6) Particulars of report	Captured Fliers 8/12/16. Grenade Wound Left Ankle. Geflg. Minden from Geflg. Wahn.
(7) Registry Reference	111/403/64
(8) Effects Received	---
(9) Precis of any correspon-	IBL 2804 from Adinaust, London, states 91 Mxg Hughes, 27th Bn cabled Lobban safe and well. 32nd Bn. states no definite information available. Hughes in signed statement states that he has been informed by Miss W.M.Carr, 87 Beach Hill Road, Broomhill, Sheffield, England, that Lobban is a prisoner of war in Germany. She has received two cards from him, one dated 29/12/16 and another 5/1/17.
(10) If B.103 called for by London.	No.

ANZAC SECTION, 3rd ECHELON, G.H.Q.,  
British Expeditionary Force,  
7/6/17.



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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 5026

Rank Pte Name LOBBAN, A

Unit 32 Bty, (Cdn Coy) Our records show 27 Bty

**Casualty** 9.12 W. Wissing, CIBL 9067978<sup>9</sup> London 7/1/17  
 Previously reported Prisoner of War now reported Wounded & Prisoner  
1 Wgt Germany 4.12.17 149/9028<sup>9</sup> Dtd London 2/15/17  
~~Prisoner of War now Wounded & Prisoner of War Germany~~  
~~CIBL 1430/9045<sup>5</sup> Dtd London 8/15/17~~  
 SII Previously reported missing now reported Prisoner of War Germany  
Corrective cable 6.12.17 1429/9051 Dtd London 20.5.17  
now officially report Prisoner of War Germany Captured  
8/12/16 Fleurbaey Interred at Gefangenenlager Minder German  
Prisoner Mispas 4/22 but has 2 lines 1/17

DATE	REPORT	REF. NO.
	Form R 103 received	
9.1.17	M.C. # ADVISED, MISSING. 4/12/16	
12.1.17	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
1/6/17	M.C. # 4. Advised Prisoner of War.	
4 JUN 1917	M.C. # 4. Advised Prisoner of War, not wounded.	
14.6.17	A.A.C. Pension advised re casualty vide Statement No 238	
AUG 21 1917	M.C. # 4. Advised Prisoner of War, Germany officially	
24 AUG 1917	Doc of Internment	
23-3-18	REPAIRS EFFECTED BY Barambah	
16.7.19	467 Repatriated prisoner of war arrived England 2.1.19	
10.7.19	not advised arrived England. 31/12/18	
13.1.19	M.C. # 4. Advised	
	Copy to Dept for S. F. Navy embarked 1/12/18	} Inward. 25
	C.I.B.L. 2221/2222 H. Dtd London 2/12/19 (See I.C. 21/18/19)	
5 APR 1919	N.O.K. advised returning to Australia, Form 16	

Returned to Australia per A. 'Plassy' List 234  
 Embarked 1/11/19 M.D. C.K.  
 C.M. Form 1. Returned to Unit 20.15.19 in D.T.P. 164.

## WAR HISTORY INDEX

173 Discharged M.D. 27.



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## LOBBAN, Alexander



Service no 5026  
Private  
27th and 32nd Battalions

Born 20 November 1894 at Prospect, SA  
Son of Robert Roger LOBBAN & Sarah nee WESTON  
Of Olive Street, Prospect, SA Occupation prior to enlisting: Roll Sheet  
Worker

Enlisted 18 March 1916 aged 21 years

Embarked 23 June 1916

Served in France

Reported missing in Action

Captured in Flers: 8 December 1916

POW in Germany

Repatriated POW and arrived in England 2 January 1919

Returned to Australia: 30 April 1919 per 'Plassy' Discharged: 17  
August 1919

5026 Pte Alexander Lobban, 32nd Battalion from Prospect SA. Pte Lobban  
enlisted at the age of 21 on 13 March 1916 and embarked for overseas on  
24 June 1916 aboard HMAT Bulla. He was wounded in the left ankle by a  
grenade and captured at Flers on 8 December 1916. After being held as a  
POW in Germany, he arrived in England on 2 January 1919 and arrived  
back in Australia on 27 April 1919.

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State Records of SA GRG 26/5/4/1152 Listed as Alexander Keeling LOBBIN

