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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES

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185 Adelaide St.

MAY 24 1916

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 4110 Name MATTHEWS Bennett Alfred Lorne

Unit 2nd Coy 2nd DEP

Joined on 2 FEB 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Bennett Alfred Lorne Thomson Matthews
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 219068
near the Town of Keaboaks 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.) N.B.
4. What is your age? 28 1/2 years
5. What is your trade or calling? labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? Yes, 1 child
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) (Wife) Mrs Clara Matthews
261 St Vincent St
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 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)—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 3/- per day? Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

Bennett Alfred Lorne Thomson Matthews 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 2 FEB 1916 Ben Matthews
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or soldiers 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 Bennett Alfred George Stanton Matthews on Enlistment

Age 28 years 7 months
 Height 5 feet 4 inches
 Weight 126 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 34-35 1/2 inches
 Complexion Fresh
 Eyes Blue
 Hair DK Brown
 Religious Denomination Ch of Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

R.V. 6 L.V. 6 Co.
VAC NIL

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 26 JAN 1916

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

Date _____

Place Adelaide

[Signature] COL
 CAMP COMMANDANT
 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.
 Commanding
 B.C.
 Sd. Stenning Coy.

Statement of Service No. 11110 Name Matthew B. L. G.

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
<u>P. Coy and depot</u> <u>in Manchester</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>2-2-16</u>	<u>15-2-16</u>	
<u>C. Coy 1st Dpt Fitts</u> <u>3rd Coy and depot</u> <u>Memphis Hutchins</u>		<u>16-2-16</u>	<u>21-2-16</u>	<u>C.O. 40 C.O. 42 1/2</u>
<u>No. 5 Tunnelling Coy.</u>	<u>Sp4</u>	<u>1-3-16</u>	<u>28-9-16</u>	<u>Leaves BR 7/16</u>
<u>2nd Tunnelling Coy.</u>	<u>Sp2</u>	<u>29-9-16</u>		
<u>2nd Tunnelling Coy (Sp)</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>4th M.D (m.u)</u>	<u>23-2-19</u>	<u>BR m 29/1297 7/4</u>

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

Registration, Alteration, or Change of Next-of-Kin and Address.

Reg. No. H110 Rank _____ Name (in full) Matthews Bennett Alfred Louis
 Unit 2nd Aust Tunn Coy Shanton
 Next-of-Kin previously Registered-
 Relationship Wife
 Name (in full) _____
 Address _____
 Next-of-Kin now changed to-
 Relationship Wife
 Name (in full) Mrs E Matthews
 Postal Address (in full) apt to 13 Hurley, Co Harveys Darcy Stn
Prospect S.A.
 Reason for Change _____
 Date 2/1/16 Signature Alfred Bennett Matthews 2/1/16
 Person desiring change.

This form must be passed to Verification Dept., "A" Records, for recording change.

Entered on Index Card OK

Notification to Defence made _____

from 2 FEB 1916 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Ben Matthews
 Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at ADELAIDE in
 the State of SOUTH AUSTRALIA
 this 2 FEB 1916 day _____ of _____
 19 _____, before me—

D. D. Peck
 Signature of Attesting Officer. LIEUT.

* A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialled by the Attesting Officer.

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Statement of Service No. 4100 Name Matthews, Bennett Alfred Leslie
Shanton

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
"E" COY., 2nd DEPOT BATTN.	Private	2-2-16	15-2-16	
"O, Coy. 1st. Dpt Engrs	"	18.2.16	21.2.16	C.O. 4219
"E" COY., 2nd DEPOT BATTN.	"	16-2-16		
<i>Mining Corps</i> <i>Richman</i>	"	16-2-16	1.3.16	
No. 5 Tunnelling Coy.	Sapper	1.3.16		
<i>TAKE ON STRENGTH</i>	<i>Proceeding overseas</i>	28-8-16		P.I.E. 4/213 E. 14-9-16 ✓
	<i>2nd Tunnelling</i>	29-9-16		P.I.E. 10/531-16-10-16 ✓
	<i>In hospital sick</i>	6.12.16		P.I.E. 24/160-28/12/16 ✓
	<i>Rejoined Coy. from hospital</i>	12.12.16		P.I.E. 45-4-1-17 ✓
	<i>Sp4 to work sick</i>	<i>France</i> 23/1/17		2042/2540 F 5/17 ✓
	<i>SP12</i> <i>Marched on No 2 Com Dep</i> <i>from Yarraco</i>	<i>Weymouth</i> 24/2/17		21218/23 ✓
<i>2nd Line Coy.</i>	<i>Sp4 Lewis England "P.B"</i>	" 23/2/17		2042/2540 F 12/1/18 ✓
	<i>RETURN TO AUSTRALIA</i> <i>via Port Phillip</i> <i>for Discharge & pay</i>	<i>London</i> 23/9/18		26184 List 1200

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

Medical Report on an Invalid.

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Unit *orig 5th Sea Coy*
 1. Unit *7 Lancers*
 2. Regimental No. *H110*
 3. Rank *Sapper*
 4. Name *MATTHEWS* *Bennett*
 5. Age last birthday *30 years* *Thornton*
 6. Entered *on 20.2.16*
 at *Adelaide S.A.*

7. Former Trade or Occupation *Miner*
 7a. If with previous service in Army, state:
 (a) Former Unit;
 (b) Regimental No.;
 (c) Date of Discharge;
 (d) Cause of Discharge.

B. Disability in respect of which invaliding is Proposed.
(Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19).

Paresis of Left Leg

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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 causes entirely due to nervous disease.

9. Date of origin of disability. *Pre-existing*
10. Place of origin of disability. *—*
11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.
States he had typhoid fever at 12 years of age - wasting of muscles of left leg occurred after the illness. Was in France 16 months - evacuated to trench fever 2 months ago.
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 Note on page 3). *no*
 - (b) constitutional or hereditary, and not aggravated by service during the present war. *constitutional*
 - (c) attributable to or aggravated by want of proper care on the man's part, e.g., intemperance, neglect, &c. *no*

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13. What is his present condition? *Wounds of left leg much wasted
complaints of pain in ankle
leg*
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?
not applicable

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, *no*
what?

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined? *no*

18. In case of loss or deepness of teeth, is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly* attributable to active service? *not applicable*

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. *none*

20. Do you recommend—
(a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or *no*
(b) Change to England? *no*

C
Frank Cameron Capt
Officer in medical charge of case.

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

except †
Station *25 DEC. 1917*
Date *WESTING*

Frank Cameron M.D.
Officer in charge of Hospital.

*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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4th MILITARY DISTRICT
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY RECORDS.

4th Military District.

Meswick Barracks,
ADELAIDE.

Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

8 MAR 1919

CONFIDENTIAL.

The undermentioned soldier has been handed his Discharge,
Medical Board Proceedings and other documents as follows, forwarded
herewith:- B.179 Dental Form X, B.122, B.178, D2, Medical Report.

14110. Rank. Spr. Name. MATTHEWS, Bennett Alfred Lorrie.
Unit. 2nd Tunn. Coy.
Date of Attestation. 2/2/16,
Date of Embarkation. 25/3/16,
Date of Disembarkation. 22/11/18, Ex. "RUMIC",
Reason for Discharge. MEDICALLY UNFIT (NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT)
Date of Discharge. 23/2/19,
Total Service. 3 years, 22 days.
Service Abroad. 2 years, 182 days.
Account Adjusted in Part.
XXXX.



W. H. ...

... Captain,
Staff Officer Invalids & Retd. Soldiers,
4th Military District.

Date KESWICK

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MILITARY FORCES

A.M. Form D2.

(For use in Australia)

Revised 1.10.18

MEDICAL REPORT ON AN INVALID

4th MILITARY Revised 1.10.18
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- 1. Number 4110
- 2. Rank Spr.
- 3. Name M. T. HEWES Bennett, R.L.
- 4. Unit 2nd Linnells Coy
- Age 30 yrs
- 6. Trade or Occupation Miner
- 7. Place of Enlistment Adelaide
- 7A. Date of Enlistment 20.2.16
- 8. Disability in respect of which invaliding is proposed Paralysis of Left Leg

MEDICAL OFFICER'S STATEMENT OF CASE.

(Officer's own statement must be carefully reviewed as soon as possible by him.)

- 9. Date and place of origin of disability Pre-existing
- Date of arrival from overseas 22.11.18
- 10. Date and place where disability first caused man to become a Casualty Pre-existing
- 11. Essential facts of Medical History (including causation)

States he had typhoid fever at age of 12 yrs:
wasting of muscles of L. leg occurred after the illness
was in France 10 months - contracted a
much fever.

- 12. State whether disability was (a) Due to Military Service, (b) Aggravated by Military Service, or (c) Independent of Military Service; (d) Due to, or aggravated by, want of proper care on man's part, intemperance, misconduct, &c. constitutional
- 13. What is his present condition and progress

Muscles of left leg wasted. Has been having
massage which has improved the leg.

- 14. If the disability is an injury, state whether it was caused (a) in action, (b) on field service, (c) on duty, (d) off duty Not applicable
- 15. If a Court of Inquiry was held, state place, date, and opinion N.A.
- 16. Was an operation performed? If so, what? N.A.
- 17. Was an operation advised and declined? N.A.
- 18. In the case of loss or decay of teeth—Was it due to, aggravated by, or independent of Military Service? N.A.
- 19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing N.A.

- 20. Do you recommend discharge as permanently unfit for general service? Yes
- Workshop with both shops - not after attending R.F.I. and Capt.
Wheffle Medical Officer in charge of case.

I, having satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, sign the same, except

Station J. M. H.

Date 16.1.19

W. J. Rogers, R.L.
Officer in charge of Hospital.

Entries will be made here when an invalid is brought before a Medical Board and deferred for treatment.

Date and Station _____	Date and Station _____
Result _____	Result _____
Signatures _____	Signatures _____

OPINION OF MEDICAL BOARD ON FINALIZATION.

Note.—Clear and definite answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, and, in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Minister for Pensions should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable him to decide upon the man's claim for pension.

21. State whether the disability is clearly (a) Due to Military Service, (b) Aggravated by Military Service, (c) Independent of Military Service, (d) Due to, or aggravated by, want of proper care on man's part, intemperance, misconduct, etc.
Due to M.S.
22. Is the present degree of disability permanent? *no*
23. If not, at what rate and to what degree do you anticipate improvement? *partial*
24. To what extent is his working capacity at present affected by his disability? (a) In his pre-enlistment trade or occupation? (b) In the general labour market? (Estimate as a percentage of full capacity.) *1/2*
25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable? *not applicable*
26. Do the Board recommend discharge as permanently unfit for General Service? *yes*
27. If discharge is recommended, it should be stated whether further treatment is desirable in a (a) Sanatorium, (b) Orthopaedic Institution, (c) Convalescent Home, (d) Asylum, or (e) other institution. State whether further treatment should be an in-patient or an out-patient, and for what period. *no*
28. Is any surgical appliance recommended? *no*

Station <i>Keewick</i>	Signatures <i>W. J. Hayward</i>	President.
Date <i>17/1/19</i>	<i>Edward King</i>	Members.

APPROVED.	<i>W. J. Hayward</i>
Station <i>Keewick</i>	<i>W. J. Hayward</i>
Date <i>17-1-19</i>	<i>W. J. Hayward</i>

CONFIDENTIAL
17 JAN 1919
W. J. Hayward
Director General Medical Services.

Notes by S.O.I. and R.S.

This form will be used for the finalization of all invalids in Australia, and will embody (Question 11) all information contained on the papers of invalids returned from overseas. Question 11 will include in its Answer a detailed careful account of the medical condition of the patient on finalization. On completion of the Board, it will be forwarded to the P.M.O. by hand, for consideration, thence to the S.O.I. and R.S., who will make necessary copies. This report is confidential.
Single copies only need be forwarded to Head-Quarters.
For discharge of members of services other than the permanent forces the District P.M.O. may approve for the D.G.M.S.

4th M.D. I.B (SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps ~~2nd Aust Tun Coy~~ 2nd Aust Tun Coy Regimental Number 4110.

*Substantive Rank ~~Sgt.~~ Sgt. Surname ~~MATTHEWS~~ Matthews Christian Names Alfred Bennett.

*Acting Rank
(* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks and initials and rank of an officer
Date.	From whom received					
	OC. No. 5. Tun Coy.		Warilda Emb. A69. Disemb	Melb. Plymouth	25.5.16. 18.7.16.	DO. 4/218
38.8.16.	2 ADBD "		Proc. O/S France M.I. ex England M.O. Rfos 2nd Tun Coy. T.O.S. 2nd Aust Tun Coy.		Per. Downs 30.8.16. 25.9.16.	
17.12.16	2 Tun Coy		To Hosp. Sick.	Field	6.12.16.	DO. 20/900
9.12.16	10 A.F.A.		Adm. Influenza To 2 A.C.C.S.	"	6.12.16.	
"	2 C.C.S.		Adm. Influenza	Field	"	
29.12.16	2 Tun Coy		Rejd. from Hosp. Att 1st Tun Coy.	"	15.12.16	DO. 1/5
3.9.17	2nd Tun Coy		Rejd Unit ex 1st Can Tun Coy.	12.1.17		
24.10.17	138 F. Amb		Adm. P.U.O. & Tfd 15 C.C.S.	Field	4.2.17.	
24.1.17	1/1 F.A.		Adm. P.U.O.	"	23.10.17.	
3.11.17.	15 Can D.S.		Tfd to 15 C.R.S.	"	23.10.17.	
28.10.17.	2nd Aust Tun Coy.		To Hosp. Sick.	"	3.11.17.	
11.11.17	36 CCS		Adm. P.U.O. Tfd A.A.T. 226	"	23.10.17.	DO. 46/231
4.11.17	3 Can Gen Hosp.		Adm. P.U.O. Tfd to 7 Can Dep.	"	3.11.17.	16
				Boul.	4.11.17.	
				"	16.11.17	

16.11.17	7 Con Dep.	Adm. Influenza	Boul	16.11.17.
22.11.17		Tfd to 10 Con Dep.	"	22.11.17.
22.11.17	10 Con Dep.	Adm. Influenza	Esault	22.11.17.
11.12.17	"	Trans to 3rd Rest Camp.	"	11.12.17.
14.12.17	ACBD	M.I. from Hosp.	Rouelles	13.12.17.
24.12.17	OC.Rfts	To England. P.B.		
		Wasted Leg	Havre	23.12.17. DO.2/44
30.12.17	No.2. C.D.	M.I. from France	W'mouth	24.12.17 DO.2/418

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date	From whom received	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1916 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
1/15		I.B. Admn.Hqrs. Retd to Aust SS2 R per D23 Paresis of Lt.Leg. London for Discharge			179/57384. 24/9/18 22184	
		(Sgd) P. E Browne, Mout				
10.9.18		Lieut. For Officer i/c Records. Admn.Hqrs. London.				

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	"		M.C. Rfc 2nd Tun Coy.		30.8.16.	
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17.12.16	2 Tun Coy		To Hosp. Sick.	Field	6.12.16.	DO.20/960
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	"		Adm. Influenza	Field	"	
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		I.B. Admn.Hdqs.	Metd to Aust per D23 Paresis of Lt.Leg. London			179/57384.
10.9.18	<i>f. m. m.</i>		Lieut. For Officer i/c Records. Admn.Hdqs. London.			

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Wounded

Army Form B. 103. *2nd Aust Tunnelling Co.*
Casualty Form - Active Service.
 Regiment or Corps *nos Tunnelling Coy* Regimental Number *4110*
 Rank *Sapper* Surname *Matthews* Christian Name *Alfred Bennett*
 Religion *C.C.* Age on Enlistment *28* years *7* months.
 Enlisted (a) *22/2/16* 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 _____
 Signature of Officer i/c Records. _____

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		Warilda Embarked ... <i>A 69.</i> Disembarked... <i>Proceeded to France</i>	<i>off Bellbourn</i> <i>Plymouth</i> <i>Perham Down</i>	<i>25.5.16</i> <i>19.7.16</i> <i>18.8.16</i>	<i>DO 4/213/49/16</i> <i>A7B213</i>
<i>28-8-16</i>	<i>Intelligence</i>	<i>2nd A.D.B.D. Marched in ex</i> <i>England 30-8-16 AX 1314</i> <i>2-ADED Marched out 30.8.16</i> <i>Tung-Coy 25-9-16 AZ-1803</i> <i>back in on strength 2nd-Aust</i> <i>Wing Tung-Coy. 29-9-16</i> <i>3,213 A.Q. 1300</i>			
<i>9.12.16</i>	<i>10 A.F.A.</i>	<i>Adm - Influenza</i> <i>To 2 Accs.</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>6.12.16</i> <i>6.12.16</i>	<i>AK 633/35</i>
<i>17.12.16</i>	<i>2nd Aust. Coy</i>	<i>To Hospital. Sick</i>		<i>6.12.16</i>	<i>B213 CC2/3</i> <i>DO 201960</i>

(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, Shoesh-smith, &c.
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Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form 13, 23, 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, 212, Army Form A, 26, or other official documents.
	Date	From whom received				
9	9.12.16	2d CCS	Adm. - Influenza	Field	6.12.16	AK 633/67
10	22.12.16	2nd Linn Coy.	Rep. from Hospital	"	15.12.16	AK 633/67 DO 16
11		Attached 1st Linn Sqn	17 B213		11.12.17	
12	3.9.17	2nd Linn Coy.	Rep. unit, 2nd Linn Coy.	Field	4.2.17	Cons. 55/630/13
14	24.10.17	1387 Amb.	Adm. P.U.O. & Sept 15 66/108	"	23.10.17	AK 1778/117
15	24.10.17 3.11.17	H. Schaus (15 con DS.)	Adm. P.U.O. Sept 15 66/108	"	23.10.17 3.11.17	AK 1778/117 AK 1897/80
13	28.10.17	2nd Linn Coy	To Hospital Sick	"	23.10.17	AK 633/67 AK 633/67
16	11.11.17	36 Gen. Depot	Adm. P.U.O. Sept 15 66/108	"	3.11.17 11.11.17	AK 1778/117
17	4.11.17 16.11.17	36 Gen. Depot	Adm. P.U.O. Sept 15 66/108	Boutegue	4.11.17 16.11.17	AK 1897/82 AK 1897/82
18	16.11.17 22.11.17	7 Gen. Depot	Adm. Influenza Sept 15 66/108	"	16.11.17 22.11.17	AK 1897/82 AK 1897/82
19	22.11.17 11.12.17	10 Gen. Depot	Adm. Influenza Sept 15 66/108	Locust	22.11.17 11.12.17	AK 1897/82 AK 1897/82
20	14.12.17	G. & B. D.	Swiss Guard in front of	Kneller	13.12.17	AK 201/109
21	24.12.17	O.C. Reinpts. Co.	To England P.B. Washed Log.	Naore	23.12.17	AK 15434 - DO 2/44 AK 2155/18
22	30/12/17	No 2 Com Depot	Spn Marched on from France	Weymouth	27/12/17	AK 1897/82 AK 1897/82
23	24/9/18	JB 652 R Adm. Insp. 25	RETURN TO AUSTRALIA. PT 22 Paresis Discharged at Coy	Londre	23/9/18	179/57354 28184

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2nd TC/4110

4th January 1918.

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Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 30th ultimo, I have to state that the only casualty report received here concerning your husband, No.4110 Sapper B.A.L.T. Matthews, 2nd Tunnelling Company, is that which came to hand by mail to the effect that he was admitted to Hospital on 6/12/16, sick, and discharged on 15/12/16.

Mail reports as above, which are sent only in cases of minor indisposition, are not transmitted to next-of-kin, as it is assumed the soldier will have, in all probability, advised his relatives of his illness ere they are received here.

If, however, the letter you received stated he was suffering from a severe attack of Trench fever, it should be forwarded to this office for perusal, when, if such action is warranted, investigations will be made, the result of which will be promptly transmitted to you.

Letters etc. addressed as under should be forwarded to wherever he may be located:-

No.4110 Sapper B.A.L.T. Matthews,
2nd Tunnelling Company,
Australian Imperial Force,
ABROAD.

Your change of address has been noted, and should any cabled reports be received you will be promptly notified.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. C. Matthews,

C/O Mr. T. B. Hurley,

C/r Harvey & Darcy Sts

Prospect. S.A.

Major. *PH*

Officer i/c Base Records.

STAFF COY.

MILITARY DISTRICT
9608 Army Form B. 179

Medical Report on an Invalid.

WESTERN DISTRICT
25 DEC 1917
MEDICAL OFFICE

Station _____
Date _____

1. Unit *orig. 5th Lee Coy
7 Tunnellers*
2. Regimental No. *H110*
3. Rank *Sapper*
4. Name *MATTHEWS Bennett*
5. Age last birthday *30 years Thornhill*
6. Enlisted *on 20 2 16
at Adelaide S.A.*
7. Former Trade or Occupation *Bookbinder*
7a. If with previous service in Army, state:
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).

*Paresis of left leg S.H.
S/384*

WESTERN DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS
6 SEP 1918

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 several diseases.

9. Date of origin of disability. *Pre-existing*

10. Place of origin of disability. _____

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case. *States he had typhoid fever at 12 years of age & wasting of muscles of left leg occurred after the illness. Was in France 16 months - evacuated to trench fever 2 months ago.*

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 Note on page 23). *no*
(b) constitutional or hereditary, and not aggravated by service during the present war. *constitutional*
(c) attributable to or aggravated by want of proper care on the man's part, e.g., intemperance, misconduct, &c. *no*

13. What is his present condition? *Remains of left leg much wasted. Complains of pain in ankle & leg.*
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?
not applicable

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? *no*

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined? *no*

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? *not applicable*

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. *none*

20. Do you recommend—
(a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or *no*
(b) Change to England? *no* *G*

Frank Hansen Capt
Officer in medical charge of case.

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

except
Station **5 DEC 1917**
Date

Frank Hansen Capt
Officer in charge of Hospital.

*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.

(On leaving Corps or Station where invalided).

Transfer or Embarkation Date 23.9.18 Station Weymouth Port Liverpool Conveyance Carrier D 23 Vessel Runic Officer in medical charge Major Griffiths R.A.M.C.

29/10/18

Best remarks on case during transit, and state on transfer for final disposal. In status en route.

Re-transferred Date Hospital or Station Officer in medical charge H. Griffiths Major R.A.M.C.

(At Station or Hospital where finally disposed of.)

Station and Hospital No. 7 A. G. HOSPITAL Arrived from S. S. Runic KESWICK Date 22.11.18

Table with columns: Date, From, To, Disease, How finally disposed of, Date of Discharge, etc. Entry: 22 NOV 1918, 27/1/18, 17/1/19, Paresis of left leg, W.M.V., S.O.D., 7/1/19

22 NOV 1918

Detailed statement as to condition on discharge and whether discharged as an invalid, to corps, to station, or to depot. In cases of discharge from the service it should be stated whether the answers to questions 23, 24 and 25 are concurred in.

Wasting of muscles of left leg

PERMANENT MEDICAL BOARD... Date of final Medical Board or decision 17/1/19

My name is... Confirmed... Administrative Medical Officer

MEDICAL REPORT ON AN INVALID

THE A. G. HOSPITAL

Corps 2nd Inniskilling Coy.

Regimental No. 4110

Rank

Name

Warrant Officer R.A.C.

Disability Paresis of left leg

Date 23/1/18

Hospital or Station transferred to for final disposal E.O.L.A.F. 1 419 N.O.

Date of final disposal 23/2/19

How finally disposed of MEDICALLY FIT NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT

The original report is available to accompany the discharge documents of invalids.

Form 111

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 4110

Rank Sapper Name MATTHEWS B.A.L.T.

Unit 2nd tunnelling Coy.

LIST

Casualty Wounded in action at "Panic" - "W" rank 21
21.10.1918 11th. Coy. 3160117. Royal W. S. Coy. } Invaled

Returned to Australia per 4th "Panic" Co.
 Discharged 4th M.D. 4/15, New Adelaide, Australia Federal Govt of A.S.

DATE	Form B. 103. Received	PURPOSE
25 OCT 1918	K.O.F. advised returning to Australia, Form ref.	
23 2 19	Discharged 4 th M.D.	7A

9.5.19 "WILL" to P.O. 4. 4. 4 M.D. 10/19/18

WAR HISTORY INDEX at

