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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 2389. Name MATHEWS - LEONARD JAMES
 Unit 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.
 Joined on MAY 6 - 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Leonard James Mathews
2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of North Adelaide 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? ... 34 1/2 years.
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Coach Painter
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... Yes
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... (WIFE) MATHEWS - MRS MABEL ANNIE GEORGE 41 FLOUGESTER 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 Incurrible 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 mothers)—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

I, Leonard James Mathews, 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 MAY 6 - 1916

L. J. Mathews.
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Description of Leonard James Mathews on Enlistment

Age 34 years 2 months
Height 6 feet - inches
Weight 168 lbs.
Chest Measurement 35.37 inches
Complexion Medium
Eyes Brown
Hair Lt Brown
Religious Denomination Ch of Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Vis. R 6/9 L 6/9
Vare 3L

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 APR 24 1916

Place ADELAIDE.

E. W. Ingham Esq
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 B. Coy

2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.
McKenna LT. COL.
CAMP COMMANDANT

Date 24-5-16

Place Adelaide

Commanding
2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.

1923

PARTICULARS

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE IN THE A. I. F. IN CONNECTION WITH
Ex. No. 2389 Corporal Leonard James MATHEW -- 5th Pioneer Bn.
Issued to Department of Repatriation, 54 Market St., Melbourne, V.
Ref. P/16005 of 29/11/23.

- 6. 5. 16 Enlisted in the A. I. F.
- 14. 8. 16 Embarked for active service abroad.
- 30. 10. 16 Disembarked at Plymouth.
- 31. 12. 16 Proceeded overseas to France.
- 1. 1. 17 Joined 5th A. I. F. Bn., Etaples.
- 11. 2. 17 Taken on strength of 5th Pwr. Bn., in the field.
- 8. 10. 17 WOUNDED (slightly) and remained on duty.
- 6. 2. 18 To United Kingdom on leave.
- 22. 2. 18 Rejoined unit ex leave.
- 17. 12. 18 To United Kingdom on leave.
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- 11. 3. 19 Admitted 8/15th Fld. Amb., France -- Ischio Rectal Abscess.
- 15. 3. 19 Trans. to 85rd Gen. Hosp., Le Treport.
- 17. 3. 19 Invalided to England.
- 18. 3. 19 Admitted Military Hosp., Lewisham - Rectal Abscess.
- 24. 3. 19 Trans. to 3rd Aux. Hosp., Dartford.
- 27. 3. 19 Disch. from hosp., granted furlough and to report to No. 2 Command Depot on 10/4/19.
- 3. 5. 19 Left England for return to Australia per "Leicestershire"
- 10. 6. 19 Disembarked at Adelaide.
- 2. 8. 19 Discharged from the A. I. F. at Adelaide -- Termination of period of enlistment.

A. I. F. Form No. 536, copy of A. M. Form D.2 and extract from B. 178 attached.

Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Melbourne.
10/12/23.

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| 8. 10. 17 | WOUNDED slightly and remained on duty. |
| 17. 10. 18 | OFFENCE, in the field. A. W. L. from 13/10/18 to 14/10/18 |
| 17. 12. 18 | AWARD - Reprimanded. Total forfeiture 1 days pay. |
| 6. 1. 19 | Proceeded on leave to United Kingdom. |
| 11. 3. 19 | Rejoined unit in the field, ex leave. |
| | Admitted 8/15th Fld. Amb., France - Ischio-rectal abscess. |
| 15. 3. 19 | Trans. to 83rd Gen. Hosl. Le Treport - Rectal Abscess. |
| 17. 3. 19 | Invalided to England. |
| 18. 3. 19 | Admitted Military Hospital, Lewisham - Rectal Abscess. |
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Officer i/c Base Records.

Melbourne,

15/2/23.

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W. Mackintosh
Captain,
Officer in Charge Base Records.

Melbourne,

16/7/23.

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Rank Pte. 6th Name MATHEWS L. J.

Unit 5th Pioneers

LIST 344 Casualty Wounded slightly, + Rem at Rely. 9th Pioneers 229/1 based London 22/10/19

*Went to St. Paul for R.F. "Lancashire" embarked 21/5/19
C.I.B.L. 3420/6023, at London 21/5/19 Rec. B.R. 15/5/19*

Returned to Australia 6/19

*Rectal abscess. Adm 17/3/19 to Leamington Mil. Hosp
17/3/19*

Died since discharge

| DATE | PURPORT | REF. NO. |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------|
| 10 NOV 1918 27 5/19 10 JUN 1919 | <i>W. O. K. advised returning to Australia, Form 17. 3. 19</i> W.A.S. HISTORY INDEX | |
| 2.8.19 | Discharged <i>M. D. R.</i> | |



MATHEWS, Leonard James



Service No: 2389
Corporal
5th Pioneer Battalion

Born 06 February 1882 at North Adelaide, SA
Son of Edward MATHEWS and Deborah Holmes nee PEEK
Husband of Mabel Annie Georgina MATHEWS nee SEARLES
Of Gloucester Street, Prospect, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment Coach Painter
Enlisted 6 May 1916 aged 34 years
Embarkation 14 August 1916
Served in France
Slightly wounded 7 October 1917 but remained on duty
Returned to Australia 18 June 1919 per 'Leicestershire'
Discharged 2 August 1919

[State Records of SA GRG 26/5/4/710](#)

