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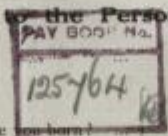
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No. 7051 Name OPIE Percy John
Unit 23-10 Inf Recd
Joined on 19th October 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your name? Percy John Opie
2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Lawestown in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born
4. What is your age? 31 1/2 years
5. What is your trade or calling? Glazier
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) Ann Opie
10 Edward St
Northwood
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. ~~Do you understand that in the event of your being killed or dying in the service of the Commonwealth, your estate will be treated as if you had died intestate?~~ yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? yes



Percy John Opie 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 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 and children.

Date 19 Oct 1916 Signature of Person Enlisted P. J. Opie

* 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 Percy John Opie on Enlistment.

Age 31 years 1 months

Height 5 feet 5 inches

Weight 136^{1/2} lbs.

Chest Measurement 35 37 inches

Complexion fair

Eyes Dark blue

Hair Black

Religious Denomination Methodist

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 OCT 10 1916

Place St. Louis

W. B. Smith
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 _____

Commanding _____

W. A. Ditcher
Lieut.

O.C. 2nd Reinf., 10th Batt., Inf.

Statement of Service No. ~~7051~~ ⁷⁰⁵¹ Name Opie Leroy John

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
"B" COY., 2nd DEPOT BATTALION <i>3310 Inf</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>30.10.16</i>	<i>12.11.16</i>	
Embarked at Outer Harbor Sth Aust. per <i>139</i> "BERNINA" 16/12/16				
<i>EMBARKED 16.12.16 "Bernina"</i>				

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

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Copy of "D" 16.

7051. Pte. OPIR. P.J. 10th Battalion, A.I.F.
Killed in Action. 23.7.18.

"Records show that casualty is as above and
buried at Sheet. 36a. F.I. 9. 2. 18.

Sniped through the head while digging outpost.

Sgt. Mann who was present at the time is now
in P.B."

(Sgd) (2) Lt. Col.
Commanding 10th Bn., A.I.F.

Sheet No. 1 (4 pages)
CASUALTY FORM - ACTIVE SERVICE.

Army Form B. 103.

7051

Regiment or Corps *23rd Infantry Bn*
 Regimental No. *1051* Rank *Plt* Name *Private Percy John*
 Enlisted (a) *19.10.16* Terms of Service (a) *(OP/E) Service reckons from (a) 20.10.16*
 Date of Promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s }

Extended *1916-18-1918-20* Re-engaged Qualification (b)

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	<i>O.O. Troops</i>	<i>135 "Berrim" (Embarked (Disembarked)</i>	<i>Adelaide Devonport</i>	<i>16.12.16. (L.R. 3, 20.2.17.) 16.2.17.</i>	
		<i>aid the marched IN FROM Australia</i>	<i>ENG'd 16.2.17.</i>	<i>16.2.17.</i>	<i>LR 153</i>
<i>3.17.</i>	<i>1st Coy Bn Durwington.</i>	<i>liek do Fango Hoop. (P.O.) Disch'd to duty</i>	<i>England.</i>	<i>11.3.17.</i>	<i>L.R. 764 D.O. 25/E. 3228E</i>
<i>4.17.</i>	<i>5th Coy Bn Durwington.</i>	<i>1st from Fango Hoop.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>4.4.17.</i>	<i>2.4.17.</i>
<i>3.4.17.</i>	<i>1st Aux Hoop.</i>	<i>(Pte) Adm. Influenza</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>23.4.17.</i>	<i>L.P. 1513 D.O. 39/E. 3980E</i>
<i>5.17.</i>	<i>1st Aux.</i>	<i>(Pte) Disch'd to Duty</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1.5.17.</i>	<i>25.4.17.</i>
<i>5.17.</i>	<i>1st Coy Bn Durwington.</i>	<i>(Pte) 1st from London + Classified unfit R.B. No 125764.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>14.5.17.</i>	<i>LR 2531.</i>
<i>4.17.</i>	<i>1st Coy Bn Durwington.</i>	<i>(Pte) A.W.L. from</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>23.4.17.</i>	<i>LR 2225.</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) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

[P.T.O.]

D. 2002/6.16 - C. 7216 - 50M

Date	Report 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.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
<i>10</i> <i>28.5.17.</i>	<i>1st Comd Lt Perham Downs.</i>	<i>(Pte) M/C to Parkhill 3rd Y. Bn. (P.B. No 125764)</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>28.5.17.</i>	<i>Not 5/E 20.6.17. LR 3399</i>
<i>13.6.17.</i>	<i>1st Comd Lt Perham Downs.</i>	<i>(Pte) Reported A.W.L. in Error</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>23.4.17.</i>	<i>AK.</i>
<i>14.6.17.</i>	<i>OC 3rd Y. Bn to 3 Camp.</i>	<i>(Pte) Proceeded Overseas to France, ex Durwington</i>	<i>Via Southampton</i>	<i>14.6.17.</i>	<i>5106E No 7.5/E 20.6.17. LR 386</i>
<i>12</i> <i>15.6.17.</i>	<i>1st Comd Lt Perham Downs.</i>	<i>Marched in from England.</i>	<i>Havre.</i>	<i>15.6.17.</i>	<i>AX 9187</i>
<i>13</i> <i>28.6.17.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>PROCEEDED TO UNIT</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>28.6.17.</i>	<i>AX 9603</i>
<i>14</i> <i>7/7/17</i>	<i>6010th Bn</i>	<i>Station on strength. Joined Battalion.</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>6/7/17</i>	<i>B 213 AX 31/27 DO 47/4157 17-7-17</i>
<i>15</i> <i>12.10.17.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do hospital sick</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>7.10.17</i>	<i>B 213 DO 74/6828 30-11-17</i>
<i>16</i> <i>11.10.17.</i>	<i>7th Adv. S. Amb</i>	<i>Cham. Lunch fee.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>7.10.17</i>	<i>AK 192093</i>
<i>17</i> <i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do. Duty</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>10.10.17</i>	<i>do.</i>
<i>18</i> <i>12.10.17.</i>	<i>6010th Bn</i>	<i>Returned unit</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>10.10.17</i>	<i>B 213 DO 74/6827 30-11-17</i>
<i>19</i> <i>10.11.17</i>	<i>6010th Bn</i>	<i>Wounded in action. (Gas)</i>	<i>Belgium.</i>	<i>7.11.17</i>	<i>A 21/45 DO 72/6668 23-11-17</i>
<i>20</i> <i>7.11.17.</i>	<i>3rd Y. Bn</i>	<i>Gasped. To 17 lob.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>7.11.17.</i>	<i>AK 1840/46. VL 533</i>
<i>21</i> <i>10.11.17.</i>	<i>17 lob.</i>	<i>Gasped. To 17 lob.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>8.11.17.</i>	<i>AK 1840/66</i>
<i>22</i> <i>8.11.17.</i>	<i>35 Coy Hoop</i>	<i>Shell Gas Poison Ham.</i>	<i>Belgium.</i>	<i>8.11.17.</i>	<i>AK 1840/48</i>
<i>23</i> <i>11.11.17.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Shell Gas Poison W. To England</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11.11.17</i>	<i>AK 1840/55</i>

To sheet 2

Army Form B. 103.

Sheet 2.

Regimental Number 7051.

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 10th BATTALION A.I.F.

Rank *Plc* Surname *Opre* Christian Name *Percy John*

Religion Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) 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 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.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked ..			
11.11.17.	"Brighton"	Gassed shell.	To England	11.11.17.	DO 13/6701 29/11/17. AK 1840/41.
11-11-17	2nd Bham War Hosp	Plc/Adm Gassed Furlo 7/179 Rept to 1 Coy Sutton Veny.	Northfield	11-11-17	Do 89/4280 E 22/11/17. WS 584 HR 632.
23-12-17	13213 to 1 Com Depôt	Plc/In/In from A.H.2 London ex Furlo, class: (B1a2)	Sutton Veny	19-12-17	LR 11701.
6-1-18.	B212. 91 Seas Ing. Bde	Plc In/In from Col: C. D. Sutton	Longbridge Deverill	5-1-18.	L R 18/320
13-1-18.	13213. to 1 Com Bde	Plc/In/In to 7 S. T. Bde. Longbridge Deverill	Sutton Veny	5-1-18.	2540.
23-1-18.	Nom-Roll. 7 S. Ing Bde.	Plc/Proceeded 7 S to France via ex Longbridge, Deverill S'ton		23-1-18.	Do 9/ L 861. E 31-1-18.

(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, Shosag-Smith, & Co.

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Report		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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
30	24.1.18	1. A. B. R. D.	Marched in Eng. England	Havre.	24.1.18 AX14027.
31	26.1.18.	"	PROCEEDED TO UNIT	"	26.1.18. AX 14068.
32	2.2.18	C.O. 10 Bn. The	Rejoined from Hospital	France	1.2.18. AX 157. DO 9/120
33	27.7.18	C.O. 10 Bn. The	Killed in action.	"	23.7.18 AX 182. B 713 VL 795. DO 35/4718
<p>Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19 AUG 1918</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. C. STALL CAPT. For Officer i/c Records.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Revised</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>B.2118</i></p>					

J. M. D. Army Form B. 403-II.
Part II.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 23/10th Inf. Bn. Regimental Number 7051.

*Substantive Rank Pte. Surname OPIE Christian Names Percy John

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

(A) Report	(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, etc. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 185 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, etc.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
O.C Troops.					
26/2/17	3rd Tng Bn.	M/I from Australia.	Emb: Adelaide	16/12 16.	
19/3/17	"	Sick to Fargo Hsp.	Disembarked Devonport	16/2/17	
8/4/17	Durrington.	(P.U.O) Disch. to Dep.	England	18/2/17	DO 15/2337E
23/4/17	1st Aux Hsp;	M/I from Fargo Hsp;	"	11/3/17	DO 23/3228E
1/5/17	1st Aux.	Adm: Influenza	"	4/4/17	
7/5/17	B213 No. 1	Disch: to Depot. Perham Dns.	"	3/4/17	DO 30/3980E
28/5/17	Com Dep. Per. Dns.	M/I from London and classified	"	23/4/17	DO 30/4287E
14/6/17	No. 1 Com. Dep.	Unfit P.B No. 125764.	"	4/5/17.	
	Perham Downs.	M/O to Larkhill. 3rd Tng. Bn	"	28/5/17	DO 45/E.
	O.C 3rd T. Bn	P.B No. 125764.	"	20.6.17.	
	No. 3 Camp;	Proceeded O/Seas to France via	S'Hampton	14/6/17	DO 45/5106 E.
		ex Durrington.			
15/6/17	1st A.D.B.D.	M/I from England	Havre	15/6/17.	
28/6/17	"	Proceeded to Unit	"	28/6/17	
7/7/17	C.O 10th Bn.	T.O.S.	France	6/7/17	DO 47/4157
12/10/17	"	To Hospital Sick	"	7/10/17	DO 74/6828.
11/10/17	7th Aust. F Amb.	Adm: Trench Feet	"	7/10/17	
11/10/17	"	To Duty	"	10/10/17.	
12/10/17	C.O 10th Bn.	Rejoined Unit	"	10/10/17	DO 74/6827.
10/11/17	"	Wounded in Action (Gas)	Belgium	7/11/17	DO 72/6668.

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7/11/17	3rd A.F.A.	Casual. to 17th C.C.S	Belgium	7/11/17	V.L 533.
13/11/17	17th C.C.S	Cas Shell To Amb. T. 33	"	8/11/17	
8/11/17	35th Gen Hosp;	Shell Cas Poison	Calais	8/11/17	
11/11/17	"	Shell Cas Pts. "	"	11/11/17.	
11/11/17	"Brighton"	To England	"	11/11/17.	
11/11/17	2nd B'ham War Hospital.	Casual Shell To Eng:	Northfield	11/11/17	DO 75/6701.
		Adm: Casued		11/11/17	DO 89/7280E.
		Furlo 5/12/17 & Rept. No. 1			
		C. Depot. Sutton Very.		19/12/17.	

(A) Date	(B) Report From whom received	(C) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(D) 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. 186 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(E) Place of casualty	(F) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(G) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
23/12/17	BEL3. No. 1 Com. Depot.		M/I from A.H.Q. London ex Furlo Class B12. Sutton Veny.		19/12/17.	
6/1/18	" O/Seas Tng Bde.		M/I from No. 1 C. D Longbridge Sutton Very. Deverill		5/1/18.	
13/1/18	BEL3. No. 1 C.Dep.		M/O to O/Seas T. Bde S. Veny Longbridge Deverill.		5/1/18.	
23/1/18	Nom. Roll O/s. Tng Bde.		Proceeded O/Seas to France via ex Longbridge Deverill S'ton.		23/1/18	DO 9/E. 31.1.18
24/1/18	1st A.I.B.D.		M/I ex England	Havre	24/1/18.	
26/1/18	"		Proceeded to Unit	"	26/1/18.	
2/2/18	C.O 10th Bn		Rejoined from Hsp;	France	1/2/18	DO 9/720.
27/7/18	C.O "		Killed in Action	"	23/7/18	DO 55/4776. V.L 795.
Australian Section 3rd Echelon. British Expeditionary Force, 19.8.18.				(Sgd) H.S.G. Hall. For Officer i/c Records.		

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B.R. Form No. 9.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE, 27th Nov., 1917.

Dear Madam,

I regret to advise you that Private P. J. Opie, Northfield, England, has been reported admitted to 2nd Birmingham War Hospital, 11/11/17, suffering from the effects of gas.

His postal address will be:-
No. 7051 Private P.J. Opie,
10th Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. LEAN, Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

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M. 54/921.

B.K.P.F. 44. A.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

30th September, 1925.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA BARRACKS

MELBOURNE

DESPATCHED

OUTTERSTEEENE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION

your husband, the late No.7051, Private P. J. OPIE, 10th Battalion, are interred.

The medals were handed over to your representative on your order in writing. Should you desire the medals to be posted to you kindly fill in the form below and return same to this office. Dates of enlistment and discharge should be stated below.

Mrs. E. Opie,
10 Edward Street,
Norwood.
----- S. A.

Handwritten signature

D.T.

27th June, 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 23rd instant, and enclose herewith, as requested, Certificate of report of death of the late No. 7051, Private P. J. Opie, 10th Battalion.

Private Opie's disc has not yet been received at this Office, but should same come to hand it will be promptly forwarded to you. I would point out however that it is not possible in all cases to recover the disc.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs . R. Z. Opie,
10 Edward Street,
NORWOOD. S.A.

DESPATCHED

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 7051

Rank Private Name OPIE P. J.

Unit 10th Battalion

Casualty Gassed *Actual condition not stated* Am 11.11.17
2nd Birmingham War Hosp W.I. No. 227, 271X dated London 15.11.17
15.17. His to Dep Sec Sec Influenza, from 1/1/18. J. B. 223/6 No. 10.5.17
424 Killed in Action [25/7/18] 188 2749 212/A dated London 1/1/18 (Received B. N. 1/2/18)

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"
Remembered here in Chapel St. Opie on 11.5.21

DATE	A.F. B. 103 Received PURPOSE.	REF. NO.
16.7.18	N.O.R. advised in Hospital M.O. ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION, 23.7.18 COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. <u>"Austral Home"</u> INFORMATION RECEIVED Cable No. <u>636 2749/12/18</u> <u>14/9/18</u> <u>Circular D.R.M. 40/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12.12.19</u> <u>28520</u>	
20/7/21	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. G.R.M. 10/197 18/19 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt <u>K.C.</u> M.D.B.R.M. 63/468	

WAR HISTORY IDEA



MEMORIAL
SCROLL

Widow
M ^{rs} E. J. Opie
348494
29.11.22.

Widow HDB
M^{rs} E. Opie
348494
10.11.22.
RS
14/11

20 APR 1923

VICTORY MEDAL to Widow B. R. P. F. 42
Registered Post No. 9276 G. P. O. Melbourne.