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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1392

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Name Opie Victor Alan

Unit 16th Batt A.I.

Joined on 26-10-1914

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Victor Alan Opie
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... }
 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Jamestown
 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.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 27 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? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Mother Mrs A. Opie
10 Edward Street
Ponewood.
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 ... 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 and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... —

I, Victor Alan 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 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 26th October 1914.

Victor Alan Opie
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.

FIELD SERVICE.

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 } 16th Battalion A.I.F. Squadron, }
 or } Troop, Battery }
 CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 1592 Rank Private

Name OPIE Victor Allan

Died { Date 2/5/15
 Place Gallipoli Peninsula
 Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry held at Serapeum 6-8-26/4/16

By whom made 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters.

* Specially 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 No record received.
 Date do
 By whom reported do

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Yes.
 (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.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Cyril S. Griffiths Major.

Station and Date Alexandria. 13/5/16.

Description of Victor Alan Opie on Enlistment.

27 years 1 months
 at 5 feet 5 inches
 ht. 138 lbs.
 Measurement 35 - 33 inches
 complexion Dark
br Brown
Black
 Religious Denomination C of E.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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; enlarged 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 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 26th October 1914.
 Place Morpheethville

Went W. de Peeping Capt
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer at A. A. M. C.

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

Date _____

Place _____ Commanding _____

CARD CHECKED

Entitled to 1914/15 Star

Statement of Service of No. 1392

Name Opie. V.A.

Unit in which served:	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
7 th Reinforcements 16 th Batt.	Private Blooy			
	Now reported :- <u>Killed in Action 2-5-15</u> Gallipoli missing 2/3/15 B/O II 977 2-0/7/15 Cabled 2/6/15			P ² 3708 5-5-16

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

Casualty Form — Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 16th Battalion 4th Inf. Bde. B. 1394
 Regimental No. 1394 Rank Pte Name Chie. Victor Blair
 Enlisted (a) 26 10 14 Terms of Service (a) 36 months after Service reckons from (a) 26 10 14
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B, 213, Army Form A, 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
14/5/15	Head Sqd Gallipoli	Missing Pay Book scanned. Aust. have Alexandria with no particulars 27/9/15	Dardanelles	2/5/15	Photo rec'd to A.I.F. 5/1/15 Cabled 3/6/15 ✓ B 76 3989/90 27/7/15 B 213 207/4/15 B 713 213 16/5/15 Misc also received. E Book 5236 N5
6/4/16	Court of Enquiry. H.A.I. Bde.	Killed in Action	Gallipoli Peninsula	2/5/15	87553 P. 404.3708 Cabled 5.5.1916 MFC 41606

PROVED D TO JOIN
 M. E. P. GALLIPOLI PEN.
 12/4/15



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

Casualty Form-Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 16th Battalion A.I.F. 4th Inf. Brigade.
 Regimental No. 1392 Rank Private Name OPIE Victor Allan.
 Enlisted (a) 26/10/14 Terms of Service (a) War and 4 Mos Service reckons from (a) 26/10/14
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Date	Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	Date	From whom received			
			Gallipoli Proceeded to join M.E.F. Peninsula	12/4/15.	
17/5/15	Headqrs 4th Inf Bde.	MISSING.	do	2/5/15	Cabled 3/6/15 MFC.3989/90 P2.7/977. AFB.213, 16/5/15 and 20/6/15.
	Paybook received with no particulars.	Australian Records Section	Alexandria	22/9/15	<i>Copy sent to ...</i>
6/4/16	Court of Inquiry 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	KILLED IN ACTION.	Gallipoli Peninsula	2/5/15	D.7553 P2.42/3708. Cabled 5/5/16 MFC.41808

[Signature] Lieut
 for U.C. Australian Records Section,
 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. A.I.F.

Orig typ B 133 & 2390a for to
 AIF HdQrs on 13.5.1916

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Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 1392

Rank *Sgt* Name *Opie V. A.*

Unit *16 Battalion*

Casualty *Missing from action at the Dardanelles MFC 3990/234 Oct 1915*
Previously reported missing Now reported killed in action 1/11/15 on authority of Board of
Inquiry 21/11/15 11600/5915 B Dec 1915
5515 Killed in action finding of Court of Enquiry

A. F. B. 2090A Received,

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DATE	PURPORT.	REF. No.
11/5/16 17.5.16 29.5.16	2222 M.C. 5 th Adm. Sds 4439 M.C. 4 Adm. Killed in Action 21/11/15 COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS PERSONAL EFFECTS EX <i>Seaman's chest</i> NO PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT - B.R.M. No. 35/948 Circular B.R.M. 40, 1365 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12.17.17 26520	
24/1/21	1894-1374 4 th Comd B.R.M. 49/122 16/18 13743 72271 7198	
1/7/21	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. 4 th M.D.B.R.M. 53/72 MEMORIAL SCROLL	
21 SEP 1922	"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Paraphrase sent to <i>Mother Opie</i> 8.7.21 VICTORY MEDAL to <i>Mother</i> D.R.P.F. No. Registered Post No. 4868 G.P.O. Melbourne.	<i>Mother</i> <i>16 - A Opie</i> <i>389775</i> <i>12.7.21</i>

WAR HISTORY INDEX

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MEMORIAL
PLATE 2034
Mother (per 14th 5/13)
W. A. Opie
309445
3/3/27
J.H.S.

26.3.26 REGISTER OFFICE TO BE OPENED
20 Lone Pine Stems 26.