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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 5172 Name PALMER Henry Thomas.

Unit 16th Reinf., 10th Inf. Battalion, 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.

Joined on 17-12-15. 17-12-15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... ... — 1. Henry Thomas Palmer

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... — 2. In the Parish of ____ in or near the Town of Prospect 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.) ... ... — 3. N. B

4. What is your age? ... ... — 4. 20 7/12 years

5. What is your trade or calling? ... ... — 5. Laborer

6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... — 6. No

7. Are you married? ... ... — 7. No

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... — 8. Mother) Mrs Emma Palmer Clare South Australia

9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? — 9. 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? — 10. 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 ... — 11. 2 years Senior Cadets 81st Batt Clare 2 " 81st Batt Infantry Clare

12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... ... — 12. Yes

13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... — 13. 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 after embarkation during your term of service?~~ ... — 14. —

15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... ... — 15. Yes

I, Henry Thomas Palmer 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 three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife,* † wife and children~~

Date DEC / 7 1915

H. T. Palmer

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.*

† *Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.*

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Description of Henry Thomas Palmer *on Enlistment*

Age 20 years 7 months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Height 5' feet 4½ inches	Vis. R 6/6 L 6/6
Weight 120 lbs.	Vacc 3 L
Chest Measurement 34-36½ inches	
Complexion Fresh	
Eyes Blue	
Hair Brown	
Religious Denomination Baptist	

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 DEC 17 1915

Place ADELAIDE.

Henry Halloran CAPTAIN.

R D Brummitt CAPTAIN.

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

Date 17-12-15.

Place Adelaide.

W Hancock LT. COL. CAMP COMMANDANT

Commanding 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.

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17/6/17 & R89
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Statement of Service No. ~~4864~~ 5172. Name Palmer H.J.

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank: From	To	Remarks
c Bay 2nd Depot 1st Depot Bath. 16/10/15	Posted Pte	17-12-15.	31/12/15	
		1/1/16	16.1.16, CO, 21,2 CO 6/2	
	Proceeding o/s to your Unit	9.8.16		(P.L/29/824E 2.9.16 P.II/35/1294E 18.9.16.
	Joined 18 Bn from Fr. France	25.8.16		P.II/48/6928E 11.9.16.
	Pte WoundeD IN ActioN	FRANcE	8/5/17	D/037/2799 18/6/17
	Pte Evacd. sick St. Patrick's for Surgical Eswarm. Lft. Leg Fracture	Boulogne	13/5/17	D/060/3360 5/6/17
	Pte Adm Warren Road Hosp. Guilford. 4 S.W. arm amp. 14.5.17.	Eng.	14/5/17	P.II 38/4794E 23/5/17.
	Pte Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal! (Auth 1st Army Gaz R.O.X57 (Order 312) AX. 9795. 28/4/17.	France		17/8/17. D/064/4217
Pte	Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile attack a Lewis gun was knocked out of action, the crew became casualties, and the trench occupied by the enemy. He though wounded at the time, managed to secure the gun and got it into action again, inflicting many losses on the enemy, who by this time were retreating. He continued to serve this gun, single handed, until wounded a second time (Auth A.F.Y. Orders List 219, dated 17-8-17)		17-8-17.	P.II 55/4896 28-8-17.
Pte	Pte to Unit for "A.42" for Discharge S.W.S. Pt. Arm (Complete)	Eng.	18-10-17	~~D.O 84~~ 7068 E 3-11-17. R.R9804 H.E. Pritchard #92

10 Bn Pte. Discharged 4 MD. 18.6.18. BR 136

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

1212—15-6

Army Form B 253.

TO BE RENDERED IN DUPLICATE

INVENTORY of the Kit of No. 5172 Pte Palmer H.J., of 14/10 Battery, Squadron or Company, who marched out on 5th day of Aug 1916

ARTICLES	Establishment	Given into store	Deficiencies	Remarks
NECESSARIES				
Badges — cap	1			
Badges — collar	1			
Badges — purse, Highland				
Bags — kit	1			
Bags — stable, linen				
Bags — waterproof, with hook				
Bible and prayer book	1			
Blacking, tin	1			
Braces, pair	1			
Brass, button				
Brushes — blacking				
Brushes — brass				
Brushes — cloth				
Brushes — hair	1			
Brushes — hard				
Brushes — lace				
Brushes — polishing				
Brushes — shaving	1			
Brushes — tooth	1			
Cap-comforter	1			
Case, plume				
Comb, hair	1			
Discs, identity, universal, with cord	1			
Fork	1			
Gaiters, Highland, pairs				
Garters, Highland, pairs				
Gloves, worsted, pairs				
Holdall	1			
Hose tops, pairs	1			
Housewife	1			
Knives — clasp with lanyard				
Knives — table	1			
Mineral jelly mixture, tin				
Laces, boot or shoe, pairs				
Numerals with plates and pins				
Razor	1			
Shirts — cotton				
Shirts — flannel	2			
Small book				
Socks — cotton, pairs	3			
Socks — worsted ,,				
Sponge				
Spoon	1			
Spurs, swan neck, pairs				
Titles, with plates and pins				
Towels, hand	2			
Trousers, serge, pairs				
Vests, flannel				
CLOTHING, PERSONAL				
Apron, kilt				
Boots — ankle, pairs				
Boots — Wellington ,,				
Caps — Glengarry				
Caps — forage				
Caps — service dress				
Drawers — woollen, pairs				
Drawers — cotton ,,				
Fez				
Footstraps, pairs				
Frocks — *				
Frocks — *				
Frocks — khaki drill				
Frocks — canvas				
Gaiters, pairs				
Gauntlets, pairs				
Gloves, leather, pairs				
Helmet, Wolseley pattern				
Jackets — undress				
Jackets — service dress	2			
Jersey	1			
Kilt				
Medals				
Pantaloons, pairs				
Plaid				
Puggarees				
Putties	1			
Sash				
Scarf				
Shoes, pairs				
Trousers — * Breaches				
Trousers — *				
Trousers — khaki drill, pairs	2			
Trousers — canvas ,,				
Tunic (or Dress Jacket)				
Turban cloth				
Waistcoat				
CLOTHING, PUBLIC				
Badge, arm, silver				
Boots — jack, pairs				
Boots — knee ,,				
Cloak, with belt				
Cape for do.				
Coat, Great	1			
Cape for do.				
Girdle				
Headdress, complete				
Leggings, pairs				
Pantaloons, leather, pairs				
Purse, Highland				
Spurs, pairs — jack boots, Household Cav.				
Spurs, pairs — jack, ordinary				
CLOTHING, WATERPROOF AND WORKING.				
Boots, knee, Canada pattern, pairs				
Jacket, pea				
STABLE NECESSARIES				
Brushes — dandy				
Brushes — harness				
Brushes — horse				
Combs, curry				
Rubbers, horse				
Scissors, trimming				
Sponges, 7 drachms				

Insert Description.

ARTICLES	Establishment	Given into store	Deficiencies	Remarks
ARMS & ACCOUTREMENTS &c.				
Bandoliers				
Belts — pouch				
Belts — waist — brown				
Belts — waist — buff				
Bottles — water	1			
Bottles — oil				
Bugles				
Carriers, water bottle	1			
Cases, brown, pistol				
Covers, mess tin	1			
Dirks, with scabbards				
Frogs, buff, bayonet	1			
Haversacks	1			
Intrenching implement	1			
Knots, sword				
Lances				
Lanyards — pistol				
Lanyards — whistle				
Pouches, ammunition, pistol				
Pull throughs				
Rifles	1			
Slings, Rifle	1			
Straps — mess tin	1			
Straps —				
Straps —				
Straps —				
Sword bayonets with scabbards	1			
Strings, bugle and trumpet				
Swords, with scabbards				
Tins, mess	1			
Trumpets				

ARTICLES	Establishment	Given into store	Deficiencies	Remarks
Whistles				
Web Equipment, pattern 1908:	1			
Bolts, waist				
Braces	1			
Carriers, cartridge				
do. intrenching tool				
do. water bottle				
Frogs				
Haversacks				
Packs	1			
Straps, supporting	2			
Bandolier Equipment, pattern 1903:—				
Bandoliers — 90 rounds				
Bandoliers — 50 rounds				
Belts, waist				
Carriers, great coat				
Pockets, cartridge — 15 rounds				
Pockets, cartridge — 10 "				
Straps, great coat				
Valise Equipment, patt.				
Belts, waist				
Braces				
Pouches, ammunition				
Straps, great coat				
" mess tin	1			

b f Ross Capt N.C.O. in charge

Articles given into Store since the Inventory was taken.

Date	ARTICLES	Remarks and by whom deposited

Articles withdrawn from Store, and for what purpose

Date	ARTICLES	Remarks and by whom withdrawn

Original.
~~Duplicate.~~

APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

at Clare

(Official Stamp.)

I, Henry Thomas Palmer

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

Postal Address.	Signature H. T. Palmer
Clare S. Aus	Occupation Farm Laborer
	Date 19/11/15

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I hereby certify that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my {son / ward} for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.	Father's Signature H T Palmer
	Mother's Signature E E Palmer
	or
	Guardian's Signature

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— 20 yrs. 7 mos. | Height— 5 ft. 5½ ins. | Chest Measurement (fully expanded)— 35-½ inches.

~~Married.~~ ~~Widower.~~ Single.

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority { FIT for Active Service. / ~~UNFIT for the following reasons:~~ }

Place Clare

Date Nov. 19th 1915

Alfred A Smith
Signature of Medical Authority.

I Concur

Place

Date

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot.

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I certify that I have this day provisionally ACCEPTED ~~REJECTED~~ this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place Clare

Date 20/11/15

(Signature) Jas Berridge.
Recruiting Officer.

D.886/7.15.—C.9097.

Return this to Hd

[over.

I.C.

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE No.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS: Gen. Officer Commanding C 6470; D.A.A.G. ... C 1103; D.A.Q.M.G. ... C 4260; Keswick Hospital C 6170

CAMPS: Mitcham ... C 6970; Woodside ... C 1743; Morphettville C 2213

KESWICK BARRACKS,

ADELAIDE, 27 JUN 1918 1918.

Officer in Charge,

Base Records,

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE.

CONFIDENTIAL.

The under-mentioned 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, D 1, Record Card.

No 5172. Rank. Pte. Name. PALMER, Henry Thomas.

Unit. 16/10th Battn.

Date of Attestation. 17/12/15

Date of Embarkation. 25/3/16

Date of Disembarkation. 11/12/17 per "BEITANA"

Reason for Discharge. MEDICALLY UNFIT (NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT)

Date of Discharge. 18/6/18

Total Service. 2 years, 184 days

Service Abroad. 1 year, 262 days

Account Adjusted on Part XXXX.

CAPTAIN.

STAFF OFFICER INVALIDS & RETURNED SOLDIERS. 4th M.D.

WJM/GMP.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE. A.I.F.,
29th December, 1917.

Dear Madam, 61569

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fourth Supplement No. 30234 to the London Gazette dated 14th August, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, No. 5172 Private H. T. Palmer, 10th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned soldier, for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

No. 5172 Private H. T. PALMER.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile attack a Lewis gun was knocked out of action, the crew becoming casualties, and the trench occupied by the enemy. He, though wounded at the time, managed to secure the gun and get it into action again, inflicting many losses on the enemy, who by this time were retreating. He continued to serve his gun single-handed until wounded a second time."

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. 219 of 20th December, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. E. Palmer,
Clare, S.A.

HEADQUARTERS
4th MILITARY DISTRICT

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MILITARY FORCES.

4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS:		CAMP:	
ALL OFFICES	C 5820	MITCHAM	C 6550
S.O.O.	C 1366	HOSPITALS:	
D.P.M.	C 6890	NO. 7, KESWICK	C 1150
DH.		NO. 15, N. ADELAIDE	C 6487

KESWICK BARRACKS,
ADELAIDE,

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE NO.

21st February 1918.

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
MELBOURNE.

With reference to Defence Memo No 76485 of the 19th inst., relative to the Distinguished Conduct Medal for No 5172 Private H.T. PALMER, 10th Battalion.

2. The medal above referred to has been duly received.

3. The directions of the Minister as regards the publicity of the proceedings will be duly observed.

E K Baker Major
for Brig. General
Commandant, 4th Military District

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RECEIVED MELB 18 FEB 18

A.G. BASE MELBOURNE 27 FEB 18 RECEIVED

for Smith
A/C
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4. 18/10th Bttn. Inf. Guard

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Army Form B. 103.

5172

Casualty Form — Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 24th Reinf., 10th Inf. Battalion

Regimental No. 5172 Rank Pte Name Palmer, Henry Thomas

Enlisted (a) 17/12/15 Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank | Date of appointment to lance rank | Numerical position on roll of N.C.O's.

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b) Y.P.B. 2c 10193.

REPORT 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.
9.8.16	3 YB	Proceeded Overseas	Pelican Dock	9.8.16	X 3/4 AX 3b2.
11-8-16	1st AuSt. D.B.D.	Marched in ex Etaples. England.	Etaples.	11-8-16	A.X.837.
1-9-16	CO 10 Bn	Taken on Strength from Hospital	France	23-8-1916	A.C. 5/5 2213
11-6-17	CO 10 Bn	WOUNDED IN ACTION	France	8	D.C.M. VL 24 9 of 17 5 17
13/5/17	67 Amb	1 W.L. Hospital	France	8 5 17	A.K. 1149/119
	3.66.1.	G.S.W.L. Arm Leg.	France.	8.5.17 9.5.17	A.K. 1149/111
	3 Gen Hosp	G.S.W.L. Arm Leg.	Boulogne.	10.5.17	A.K. 1149/79
	"	G.S.W.L. Leg	Etaples	14.5.17	A.K. 1149/120.

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.
, Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

(P.T.O.)

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Date	From whom received				
13/5/17	A.F.H. Patrick	G.S.W. Arm L Leg Trans To Eng x Boulogne		13-5-17	D.O. 40/3360. AR 1149/46.
14-5-17.	Warren Rd Hosp Guildford	(Pte) Adm G.S.W. Arm (Ampt)	England	14-5-17.	No 38/E 23-5-17.
24-7-17.	2nd Aust. Southall	Pte/ Adm Guildford Trans. to 2nd Aust	Eng:	14-5-17 24-7-17.	HR575.
5-8-17.	No 2 Com Dep Weymouth A4B328.	Pte/ Rn/ 2n from 2nd A.A.H. Southall.	Eng:	2-8-17.	LR 6500.
14-8-17	A.I.F. Orders List 219.	Pte/ Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. For Conspicuous gallantry & devotion to duty. During a hostile attack a Lewis gun was knocked out of action, the crew became casualties, and the trench occupied by the enemy. He, though wounded at the time, managed to secure the gun and got it into action again, inflicting many losses on the enemy, who by this time were retreating. He continued to serve his gun, single handed until wounded a second time		14-8-17.	No 55/1890 28-8-17. LR 8503.
24-10-17. D	Nom Roll "B" B341R	Pte/ Returned to Australia per "Ort2" for Discharge S/S 1st Arm, (Ampta).	England	18-10-17.	Do 84/ E 3-11- LR 9804. NE List 2

Transferred to

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DISCHARGED SECTION

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 5172

Rank Pte Name PALMER H.T (D Cmy) 9638

Unit 10th Battalion

LIST. 309

Casualty GSW Arm Amputated severe A^an 14.5.17 to Guilford

W.S.M.P. 4059. 19031 C dated London 23.5.17

W.S.M.P. 4691. 9146 dated London 5.6.17

W.S.M.P. 508. 19533 dated London 30.7.17

Wa Hosp

Progressing favourably

Convalescent

Returning to Australia per A72 "Beltana" Left England 18.10.17

C.R.W.S.P. 1917. 2865 dated London 30.10.17 MRH

10.12.17 Returned to Australia per "Beltana" to 3rd M.D. for 4th M.D

S.W. left arm amputated

DATE.	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
30 MAY 1917	N.O.K. Advised In Hospital 14.5.17 wounded right arm.	
17 JUN 1917	N. O. K. Advised progressing favorably.....	
AUG 7 1917	N.O.K. Advised Convalescent	
12 NOV 1917	N.O.K. Advised Returning to Australia. Form B. 9us	
19.2.18	D.C.M. Medal received; Sent to Comd't, 4th M.D. B.R.m. 23/1022	
18.6.18	Pte. Discharged 4th M.D	(A.R. 136 Jun
22.3.19	"WILL" to D.A.A.G. 4th M.D. 433/64. C.M. Form 7 Returned to Hdqrs D.A.G. 4th M.D. T/1/709	

WAR HISTORY INDEX Rec.

1914/15 STAR ISSUED N.H.

BRITISH WAR MEDAL 4/12 ISSUED No 11325

VICTORY MEDAL ISSUED No 11230

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D.S.&T.(O.) 16.—C.12078.—80M.

When the enemy made a strong counter-attack, he worked his gun with great courage until the enemy were within ten yards of his position. He covered the retreat of his men carrying the mortar, with bombs, and by his gallantry and coolness succeeded in saving the gun and crew.

No. 5712 Private H. T. PALMER, Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile attack a Lewis gun was knocked out of action, the crew becoming casualties, and the trench occupied by the enemy. He, though wounded at the time, managed to secure the gun and get it into action again, inflicting many losses on the enemy, who by this time were retreating. He continued to serve his gun single-handed until wounded a second time.

No. 5448 Sergeant W. A. PORTER, Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his platoon with great dash and initiative. When his men were held up by a