



Description of Ronala Rudley Southon on Enlistment

Age 24 years 3 months

Height 5 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches

Weight 148 lbs.

Chest Measurement 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ -36 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches

Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue

Hair Dark Brown

Religious Denomination C. of Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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Tacc 4L.

2 Gold Teeth in front of Mouth.

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 23. 2. 15

Place Reswick

Charles Yeatman Capt  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer. NAMC

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 Bn

Date 23/2/15

Place Oakland

Commanding camp.



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## ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No. 695 Name SOUTHON Ronald Wudley  
 Unit "I" Coy Bn. Engrs  
 Joined on 23. 2. 14.

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Ronald Wudley Southon
2. In the Parish of ... in or  
 near the Town of Agra  
 in the County of India
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a  
 Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter,  
 papers to be shown.) ... N.D
4. What is your age? ... 24 3/4 years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Mining Engineer
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) ... Father) Mr James Southon  
Victoria Street  
Prospect South Aust
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 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? ... Yes

I, Ronald Wudley Southon 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  
 the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-thirds of the pay payable to me from time to time during my  
 service for the support of my wife and children.\*

Date February 23rd 1915

R D Southon

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.





**SOUTHAN, Ronald Dudley**



Service no 695  
Captain  
27th Battalion

Born Agra, India

Son of James SOUTHAN of Victoria Street, Prospect, SA

Occupation prior to enlistment Mining Engineer

Enlisted 24th February 1915 at Keswick, SA

Embarked "Geelong" 29 June 1915

Returned to Australia

Married Florence Ida KERNOT on 15 November 1919 at St. Peters Church

Glenelg - no children born here in SA

His war medal was purchased in Kenya c1990.

It is the silver Victory Medal, with King George Vth head on the reverse.

Bought from an Arab in the Old Town of Mombasa, Kenya about 20 years ago.

When enquired about the medal it was supposed to have come from Malindi - from a former servant of Capt Southon's, who had fallen on hard times.

So rather mysterious! The medal has turned up a long way from home!

Do you know what happened to this soldier?

Courtesy of Judy Aldrick (who bought the medal)