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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. _____ Name Thomas Cyril James
Unit 6th. COMPANY A.A.S.C.
Joined on 10/10/14

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? ... Cyril James Thomas
- 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Prospect in or near the Town of North Adelaide in the County of Adelaide
- 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... British Subject
- 4. What is your age? ... 30
- 5. What is your trade or calling? ... Civil Servant
- 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 Mrs E. M. Thomas
Torrens Road Ovingham
S. 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 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 ... 11 years A.S.C. (various units)
- 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 mother)—
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... Yes.

I, Cyril James Thomas 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 $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.* †

Date 10/10/14

C. Thomas
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.

Description of Cyril James Thomas on Enlistment.

Age 30 years 9 months
 Height 5 feet 8 inches
 Weight 11 st 7 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 37 inches
 Complexion Fair
 Eyes Blue
 Hair Auburn
 Religious Denomination C. of E.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

3 vaccination marks
on right arm

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; haemorrhoids; 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 6 October 1914.

Place Adeleide

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 6th. COMPANY A.A.S.C.

Date 8/10/14.

Place Adeleide

Commanding Capt.

6th. COMPANY A.A.S.C.

Statement of Service of No. Name

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
18/8/14	<u>Ret Pw Seang Chuan' from Egypt</u>			C. E. B
	<u>Services no longer required</u>			Approval C 569
	<u>S. O. C. Anzac Mounted Div Dis^{ca} Jan'y 21/7/16</u>			

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

THOMAS	Cyril James	Capt.	2nd. L.H.B.T.
Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE			AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Sydney per A37 "Port Macquarie" on 21/12/14.			
Appt. Captain C.O. 2nd Lt. 2nd Bde Train 21014 - No. 606			C.A.G. 8/2/14
Trans. to Anzac Mounted Div A.S.C. 26.3.16			No. 0313/16
19/5/16. Taken on Strength of Anzac. Mtd. Div. from 6th AASC.			MEFO 2/1-16
20/3/16. Taken on Strength from 6th A.A.S.C.			MEFO 8/1-16
17/7/16. Returned to Australia for disciplinary reasons per "Seang Choon" ex. Suez.			MEFO 8/1-16
5/8/16. Approval has been given for return to Australia from Egypt.			MEFO 8/1-16
26/3/16 Transferred to Div. H. Qrs A.S.C. Anzac Mtd Div. (IM)			MEFO 14/1-16
17/7/16. Embarked on Seang Choon. from Suez. 18/8/16. Disemb. at Melb. S.N.L.R. Discharged 23/8/16. 4th M.D. Appt. Terminated.			BR.

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Casualty Form — Active Service.

Army Form B. 103.

Regiment or Corps (6th Coy. A.A.S.C.) A.S.C., A.M.D.
 Regimental No. _____ Rank Captain. Name THOMAS, Cyril James.
 Enlisted (a) 2.10.14 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months. Service reckons from (a) 2.10.14.
 Date of promotion to present rank } 23.12.12. Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O's. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36 or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
4.3.16	O.C. at Meadi.	Proceeded to	Serapeum.	26.2.16	A.P.4815.
26.3.16	do	Trans. to Anzac Div. Divl. H.Q., A.S.C.	do	26.3.16	B.213 D.6904. 14/312.
20.8.16	A.S.C. A.M.D.	Taken on strength.	do	20.3.16	127/1/105 08/510.
25.7.16	Nom. Roll. A.I.F.H.Q.	To Australia. Disciplinary per Seang Choon.	SUEZ.	17.7.16	127/3/43 08/520.
5.8.16	A.I.F. Ord. List. 74.B.E.F.	Approval has been given for the return to Australia from Egypt of this officer.	B.E.F.	5.8.16.	A.P.9495. 08/517.
	A.I.F. List.	Appointment terminated in Australia.		23.8.16	A.I.F. List 115. 22.11.16.

(sgd) D.R. CROOKS. Lieut.
 Asst. Records Section. 3rd Echelon. G.H.Q. EEF

(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) *s, Signaller, Shoing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.20.)

Copied from Attestation Sheet attached

C.M. Form A. 22.
(Revised 1.7.14.)

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the Australian Imperial Force.

No.	Particulars.
1.	Surname ... } ... } To be in block letters. THOMAS. Other names (in full) } ... } Cyril James.
2.	Educational Qualifications... (Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters)
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 65.) Present rank and corps to be stated. 11 years A. A. S. C. M. Forces.
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132).
5.	Present Civil Employment ... Civil Servant.
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.) Date of birth. Age. 31 Years. Months.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.) C of E
8.	Married or Single ... Married.
9.	Postal Address ... Torrens Road, Ovingham, South Australia., Battalion Area.
10.	Next of Kin ... (Wife) ... Mrs L.E.M.Thomas, Address as above.

Date 2/10/14

(Signature of Applicant)

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, See Attestation Sheet attached. do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height _____ Weight _____

Chest Measurement _____ Eyesight _____

Signature of the Examining }
Medical Officer }

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a Captain,
in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
2. †(a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
†(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with,
(c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to _____ Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.
2nd Light Horse Brigade Train.

Date _____ Commanding _____ Regt. or Corps _____

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.
Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date _____ Commandant _____ Military District _____

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.

N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.
Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

RWB/MAS.

25th July, 1921.

DESPATCHED
27 JUL 1921

Headquarters,
4th Military District,
Keswick Barracks,
ADELAIDE.

With reference to your 5419 of 14.7.21, I
have to advise that Captain C.J. THOMAS ex. A.A.S.C., forfeits
under Royal Warrant, Article 657 (c) any War Medals to which he
may have become entitled.

Captain.
for Officer i/c Base Records.

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 7188
MXV 440
M.S.1/IH.



164/701/418

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MILITARY BOARD

(ADJUTANT-GENERAL)

Quote In

ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Reply _____

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Melbourne, S.C.1.

MAR 17 1942

The Officer i/c,
Base Records,
CANBERRA A.C.T.

I am directed by the Adjutant-General to ask that reply be expedited to A.H.Q. 23529 of 5th March, 1942, asking that advice be furnished as to the reason why Mr. Cyril J. Thomas was returned to Australia.



H. S. Burns
Colonel,
MILITARY SECRETARY.

AJB.BB.

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CANBERRA. A.C.T.
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12 MAR 1942

Secretary,
Military Board,
Army Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

Ex-Captain CYRIL JAMES THOMAS, A.A.S.C.

In reply to your 23529 of 5th March, 1942 in the above connection, it is advised that no record is held by this office of the events which led to the return to Australia of the abovenamed ex-officer.

According to the records, he was returned to Australia (Disciplinary) on 18.8.16 and his appointment was terminated on 23.8.16 S.N.L.R.

Records of Head-quarters Anzac Mounted Division disclose that three officers, namely :- Captain C. J. Thomas, Captain F. L. Parker and Lieutenant W. R. Middleton, all late of the 6th A.A.S.C., were returned to Australia by authority of the G.O.C., Anzac Mounted Division; they embarked from Egypt on the "Seang Choon" on 17.7.16.

I am appending for information extract from correspondence in the files of Captain F. L. Parker and Lieutenant W. R. Middleton which may seem to determine the nature of the offence of Captain C. J. Thomas, as it would appear the three officers were linked with the one incident.

"Captain F. L. Parker, 2nd Light Horse Brigade Train.-

Ex-Captain F. L. Parker, 2nd Light Horse Brigade Train, was one of the officers returned to Australia by order of the G.O.C., Anzac Mounted Division, in consequence of certain irregularities in the conduct and administration of the A.C.C. Depot with which he was connected. A Court of Inquiry was held and after considering all the facts, it was decided that there was not sufficient evidence of personal misconduct to ensure a conviction, although the officers concerned were guilty of a grave dereliction of duty in not having exercised proper supervision, etc."

Defence file relating to Captain Parker would appear to be AB.592/2/772.

Lieutenant W. R. Middleton, 2nd Light Horse Brigade Train.-

Major, J. Molean,
Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, and have to thank you for the opportunity afforded me of stating my case. The following is a frank and sincere statement of the whole miserable business from my point of view, and in view of the fact

" that nearly five years have now elapsed , I trust that those responsible for giving the final decision will deal generously with the case.

When the war broke out in November, 1914, I was in comfortable Government (Railway) employ, but as soon as I possibly could arrange the necessary leave, I volunteered for active service, (19/7/14), and was allotted, without stating a preference of any kind, to the 6th A.A.S.C., took up training at the Warren, Marrickville, Sydney, and embarked with that unit in December, 1914. We arrived in Egypt in February, 1915, and proceeded to Maadi Camp, where I, as Supply Staff Sergeant, had to take over at two days' notice the rationing of the 2nd L. H. Brigade.

In the first case the training I had received was admittedly wrong in respect of many items and on taking over, I followed the practice of my predecessors as far as possible, more especially in regard to weekly issues instead of daily issues to the whole Brigade. Although daily issues were provided for in the regulations, these were impossible by reason of the fact for one thing, only one weighing machine, weighing up to 100 rotolis was available to weigh out the whole of the supplies for man and beast down to fractions of an ounce (pepper). The wood handed over amounted to hundreds of tons alone and with this one machine it was quite impossible to weigh any of the commodities, all being scattered in different stacks throughout the depot. I might add that this state of affairs continued until the arrival in camp on a visit of inspection of a Colonel Thomas (or Laing ; I forget the surname) very late in the year. This gentleman, who was a member of the Military Board, complimented us on the work we were doing, and arranged for photos to be taken of the rubbish we were obtaining from the barley we had started to screen on a large scale in the camp. He promptly arranged to provide additional weighing facilities but in the interval, the whole of the supplies had been received and distributed on an unreliable average basis, for which we were in no way responsible. The result was that in many instances, deficits and surpluses were created, and here again my training was at fault, as the surpluses (huge in some instances) were not taken into stock monthly, but rather as they were required. They consisted principally of grain and tibbin (a local substitute for chaff) but the horses in no way suffered, inasmuch as they could not, in many cases, consume the full ration provided, and in any case more was always available on application.

The difficulties met with in endeavouring to run supplies during the early part of the war could only be understood by those who had the work to do. There was no authority to whom application could be made for direction, except the Pay Office, to whom I always looked for advice, and the Officer in Charge, Colonel Farr, repeatedly complimented myself on the manner in which the Depot was run; further, late in the year, another Supply section was attached to Maadi Camp for training, thus proving our administration was thought to be satisfactory. Incidentally, the office (a tent) was blown away five times with all its contents.

When the fighting strength of the brigade embarked, disembarked, for Gallipoli, I was left with half a dozen supply men at Maadi to feed the full horse strength, in addition to many other skeleton units, numbering, eventually, 46, and including Indians (who had a totally different ration) from General Birdwood's staff. A Supply unit consists of approximately 21 officers and men to feed 8 units, but in my case I had all the horses of the Brigade and up to 46 units to feed with but half a dozen men, with the result that at the expense of the book-keeping I had to concentrate all my efforts on seeing that neither Australian men nor horses ever went hungry - and they never did whilst it was in my power to prevent it.

However, in view of the anonymous reports made to Australia, a Court of Enquiry was constituted to enquire into the supply work at Maadi Camp. At this Court of Enquiry I did my best to justify my actions, more especially as it became evident during the course

"of the enquiry that I had borne the whole of the responsibility of carrying the depot on. This Court lasted a considerable time, and being called up from the field without books or papers of reference of any kind, I was asked point blank to explain why different regulations of which I had never heard in many cases (such as daily issues) had not been carried out. The finding of this Court was against us, and one of the officers concerned, upon behalf of the three, demanded a Court Martial, which was granted. At this Court Martial, or rather the preliminary enquiry to the Court Martial, the Officer conducting it summed up my case in seven words 'THERE IS NO CASE AGAINST THIS OFFICER'. This might be confirmed by reference to the papers. Ordinary British or Australian justice dictated that, having thus been acquitted, I should be deemed innocent, and not punished, but instead, I was directed immediately to embark for Australia, and arrived home in the transport "Seang Choon" in August, 1916, being paid off from the day I disembarked."

A.B.592/2/790. Defence file relating to Lieutenant Middleton is

not recorded. Defence file relating to Captain C. J. Thomas is

referred to in the Extracts of Captain Pericer and Lieutenant Middleton is held.

(A. J. BOWMAN)
A/Officer i/c Base Records.

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Melbourne, S.C.I.

MAR -5 1942



The Officer-in-Charge,
Base Records,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

26/3/16

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I am directed by the Adjutant-General to say that it has been represented to A.H.Q. that Mr. Cyril J. Thomas, whilst an officer during the last war, committed some breach of regulations which caused him to be returned to Australia in civil clothes, and a request has been made for details of the affair.

Records at A.H.Q. show that a Lieut. C. J. Thomas was transferred from 6th A.A.S.C. to the Anzac Mounted Division, A.A.S.C., on 26th March, 1916, and that his A.I.F. appointment was terminated on 23rd August, 1916.

I am to ask that advice be furnished as to the reason why Mr. Thomas was returned to Australia.

Colonel,
MILITARY SECRETARY.

19/5/16 Anzac M.A. Div HQ
17.7.16 Lt. Col.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Surname THOMAS

Christian Names CYRIL JAMES

Statement of Service

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority	Remarks
Capt	6th A&A.S.S. (C O 2nd L H RDE Train) <i>and</i>	2.10.14		Com Gazt. No 83/14.	

Casualties.

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
Date	Place	Cause	Date	Place	Nature	Returned to duty	Date	Cause	Authority
12.12.14	INDONESIA	D of W							
					Returned to Aust from Egypt				
					AIF List 44				
No. of Grave	Cemetery	Name of Clergyman							
	INDONESIA	OWEN							

Personal.

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks
Accountant	26.8.84. Prospect S A	M	Wife. ELIZABETH M THOMAS TORRENS Rd OVINGHAM SOUTH AUSTRALIA	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name Captain C. J. THOMAS.

Staff or Unit C.O. 2nd Light Horse Brigade Train.

Date of Appointment and Gazette Captain. ^{2/10/14} C. A. G. 83/14. No. 0. 606.

Promotion (date and Gazette) _____

Left Australia in Transport A39 "Port Macquarie" on 21st December 1916.

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

Trans. to Anzac Mounted Div A.S.C. 26-3-16 No. 10 213/16
** Return See below. Retd. 17/9/16. Services no longer required.*

23-8-16 Appointed terminated A.S.C. 270/226

Transf. to Anzac Mounted Div Haigs. 19-5-16 B.R. 69/2

Trans. to Anzac Div Army S. Corps No. 20-3-16 B.R. 68/12

Returned to Australia (Date, Transport, and any other details):—

** Returning to Australia H.T. "Stang blood" Left Suez 17/7/16*

Due Malta 17/9/16 to E.R. 6 5857 6606 "Dra" Cairo 21/7/16

Gazetted from A.I.F. _____

DISCHARGE SECTION

Capt. Cecil Thomas.

2nd L. H. Bde. (Case)

Anzac Mounted Div A.S.C.

7 AUG 1916 N.O.K. Advised Returning to Australia

18/8/16 Ret Sir Shang Choon Services no longer required G.C.B

Approval G.C.B. Anzac Mounted Div Disemb^{ed} Sydney 6.56.5.21/7/16

17-11-17. Form of Warrant Received Commission B.R.M. No. 174650.

War History Record, A.M.F. List, Despatched

1914-1915 Star

WAR HISTORY INDEX

1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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R.P.W. 637