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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 13249 Name TOWERS ARTHUR BENJAMIN
 Unit Reinforcements 13th Malay Bn
 J. September
 Joined on MAR 6 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Arthur Benjamin Towers
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Gawler 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. Natural Born
4. What is your age? ... 4. 32 Years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Engine Driver S.A.R.
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. Father No Benjamin (FATHER) TOWERS EDITH MARY (WIFE)
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... VINE ST. PROSPECT 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. No
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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 8/- per day? ... 14. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

I, Arthur Benjamin Towers 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 ALL

Date MAR 6 1916

Arthur B. Towers
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.

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 } AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS Squadron, }
 or } Troop, Battery }
 CORPS } or Company } 7th. Field Company,

Regtl. No. 15249 Rank Sapper.

Name TOWERS, Arthur Benjamin.

Died { Date 2nd. December, 1917.

{ Place War Hospital, Dundee.

{ Cause of Death* DIED OF DISEASE. (Tuberculous Meningitis)

Nature and Date of Report Army Form A. 27. 5.12.17.

By whom made O.C. War Hospital, Dundee.

* 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 Western Necropolis Cemetery, Dundee. Grave No. 115. Section D.D. Consecrated Ground.

{ Date 5th. December, 1917.

{ By whom reported O.C. Records, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. LONDON.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) NO
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) --
 (c) as a separate document --

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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.

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Signature of Officer in charge }
 of Section Adjutant-General's }
 Office at the Base }

Q.S. SPEDDING
 2/Lieut.
 For OFFICER I/C RECORDS.
 ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,
 A.I.F.

Station and Date London 4.1.18.

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Description of Arthur Benjamin Towers on Enlistment

Age 33 years 3 months
 Height 5 feet 6 4 inches
 Weight 186 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 38 - 40 inches
 Complexion Flesh
 Eyes Blue
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination Ch of Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vis R 6/8 L 6/8

None

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 MAR 6 1916

Place ADELAIDE

E. O. Johnson
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 40 COY. 2nd DEPOT BATTN.

Lept. Col. Ross Reinforcements Field Coy. Engineers

Date MAR 22 1916

Mr. Hannik Lt. Col.

Place EXHIBITION A.I.F. CAMP.

Commanding EXHIBITION A.I.F. CAMP.

Quadruplicate B.R. 413.

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No. 15849 Rank. Spr. Full Names. TOWERS, Arthur Benjamin.
Unit. 7th Fld Coy Infrs. Religion. C. of E. (Age at Death) 33 years
Date and Place of Death. War Hospital, Dundee, 2. 12. 17. (Second Recd. 1.24)
Date of Interment. 5th December, 1917. (Hour) 2 p.m.
Particulars of Cemetery. Western Necropolis, Dundee.
Single Grave No. 115 Section. D. D.
If Consecrated Ground. Consecrated.
If Military or Private Funeral. Military.
Name, address and denomination of officiating clergyman. Rev. S.D. Morris, Acting Chaplain to War Hpl, Dundee. (C. of E.).
Undertaker's name and address. Mr. John D. McLean, 200, Heathhill, Dundee.
Condition and class of coffin. Good.
Names and addresses of relatives and friends present at funeral. Uncle and Aunt. Mr. & Mrs J. Towers, Church Road, Pretoria Villa, Kirkby Muxloe, near Leicester.

REMARKS OF INTEREST TO NEXT OF KIN.

The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral, Firing Party, Pipes and Bearers being supplied by Royal Defence Corps, stationed at Dundee.
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Edward Captain.

for Officer i/c Records.

Admin: Headquarters.

London.

7th December, 1917.

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Signature of Officer in charge } *L.S. Spence* /Lieut.
of Section Adjutant-General's }
Office at the Base } . For OFFICER I/C RECORDS.
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,
A.I.F.

Station and Date London 4.1.18.

WILL.

Name in full. I, TOWERS Arthur Benjamin

Unit. Regimental Number 15249 serving in Field Coy Engineers of the Australian Imperial Force do hereby revoke all former Wills made by me and declare this to be my last Will.

Name and Address of person or persons to whom it is to go ~~I BEQUEATH~~ Will made and deposited with Mrs Benjamin Towers
ABT Vine Lane Street AB. HRB. Prospect South Australia

Name and Address of person or persons to receive personal estate (See Note) ~~absolutely and my personal estate I bequeath to~~

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this Twentythird day of August A.D. 1917

A.B.Towers (Signature).

All alterations to be initialled by Testator and Witnesses. Signed by the said Testator as his last Will and Testament the same having been read over and explained to him, in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

FIRST WITNESS. Signature of Witness 3304 Sgt Hugh P Brown
Address and Occupation Field Coy Engrs.

SECOND WITNESS. Signature of Witness 2819 A.Bower
Address and Occupation Field Coy Engineers

N.B.-Personal Estate includes Pay, Effects, Money in Bank, Insurance Policy, in fact everything except Real Estate.

Certified to be a true copy of location of Will of No.15249 Pte TOWERS.Arthur Benjamin. 7th Fld.C.Eng.

Checked [Signature] Cpl.

[Signature] s/Sgt.
Estates Branch,
Adm. Hdqrs., London.
21.12.17.

E.G.

79766 1st March 1918. WMS

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No.15249 Sapper A.B. Towers, 7th Field Company Engineers, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he died at War Hospital, Dundee, on 2/12/17, of meningitis, and was buried at Western Necropolis, Dundee, grave No.115, section - D.D., consecrated ground on 5/12/17.

The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral, Firing Party, Pipers and Bearers being supplied by Royal Defence Corps, stationed at Dundee.

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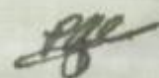
Administrative Headquarters A.I.F. London, were represented at the funeral.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connexion with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr.B.Towers,
Vine Street,
PROSPECT. S.AUS.



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MS. BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE, 1st. Nov. 1917.

Dear

Sir,
now beg

to advise you that
has been reported

Sapper A.B. Towers,
admitted 12/10/17, to the Reading War
Hospital, Reading, England, suffering from gunshot wound chest, severe.

Hospital's postal address will be

No. 15249, Sapper A.B. Towers,
7th Field Company Engineers,
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.

D. 104/3.17.—C.3416.

TOWERS	Arthur Benjamin	15249	Sept Rfts
Surname.	Other Names	Regimental No.	Fld. Coy. Engrs Unit.
WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE			AUTHORITY.
PURPORT. <i>DA 11/16</i>			
Spr Embarked at Sydney per A 40 "Ceramic" on 6/10/16			
4-28/7/16 Disch ex 3rd Aux Hosp. to Fur rep. P. Downs GSW LT HAND			(AR) IB280/88-17
22/11/16. Marched in to Aust. Dls. No. 3. Camp Parkhouse from			ILS. LON. 3/7-16
O. Seas. (DA)			
17/5/17. Adm. to Lewisham. Mil. Hpl. GSW. L. Hand. Sev.			I.B. 234/58-17
12/7/17. Trans. from Lewisham Mil. Hpl. to 3rd Aux. Hpl. GSW.			
L. Hand.			I.B. 274/46-17
20/3/17 Proc O/seas to France from Folkestone (Rempxx Engrs Details)			LDN 11.7.17
8/4/17 T.O.S. 7/F.C.E. FROM AUST GEN BASE DEPOT ETPALES bx Engr. Rfts.			BEFO 17/1-17
12/10/17 Adm Reading War H. GSW Chest Sev(F)			IB 336/97-17
2/11/17 Trans. from Reading War H. to 1/Aux. Hosp. GSW Chest.			IB 351/64-17
17/5/17 Adm. Lewisham Mil. Hosp. G.S.W LT HAND. SEVERE.			Ldn. 19/3-17
13-27/11/17. Dis. ex 1st A.H. Fur & Report. Hurdcott G.S.W.			
CHEST.			I.B. 57/69-17

D. 820/2.16.—C.3024.

PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
21/11/17 Adm. Dundee War Hosp. INFLUENZA SLT. (On Lve France)	I.B.363/67-17
12/10/17. Adm. Reading War. Hosp. G.S.W. CHEST SEVERE.	BEFO. 40/2-17
1/9/17. Rejoined Unit from A.G.B.N. ex Hosp. in Eng. wounded.	BEFO. 36/1-17
20/9/17. WOUNDED IN ACTION, & REMAINING AT DUTY.	BEFO. 37/1-17
4/10/17. WOUNDED IN ACTION. (3rd Occ) G.S.W. CHEST.	BEFO. 39/1-17
11/10/17. Embkd. on "Essequibo" for Eng. G.S.W. CHEST.	BEFO. 40/1-17
25/8/17 proc. o/s to France Via S'Hampton ex Brightlingsea	BDN 32/2-17
Ref D/O No 49 dated 10/12/17. Sub para 1346E which reads :- DIED OF DISEASE 1/12/17 Etc., Delete and in lieu thereof read DIED OF DISEASE 2/12/17	
11/10/17 Emb. en "ESSEQUIBO" for Eng. GSW. CHEST.	LFN 51/1-17 BEFO 40/1-17
16/5/17 Emb. en H.S. St. David " at Rouen for Eng. GSW.	
BOTH HANDS	BEFO 21/1-17
1/12/17 DIED OF DISEASE AT WAR Hosp. DUNDEE TUBERCULOSIS MENINGITIS	LDN 49/1-17
5.12.17 BURIED Western Necropolis Cemetery Dundee Grave No 115 Section D.D. Consecrated Ground	LDN 50/2-17
12/7/17 Tfd. from Lewisham Milty Hosp. to 3rd Auxil Hosp. G.S.W. L. HAND	IB 274/26-17
5/5/17 WOUNDED IN ACTION	BEFO 20/2-17

Transferred to

DEFENCE
B.R.
D 46213

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 152149

Rank Upper Name TOWERS A.B.

Unit (Lab 2nd Coy (Pottery) 7th Field Coy (Engineers) now 7th Field Coy (Engineers)

Casualty Wounded

4. S.W. Hand. Severe Am. 17.5.17 to Lewisham Military Hosp

Progressing favourably.

Convalescent

Wounded 2000 Rem at Duty

Wounded 3rd Occasion
J. P. W. Chest

Convalescent

Progressing favourably

Wid. 1.12.17 Meningitis

Ret 6.5.17 2099. Wid 2.12.17

WSM 2461/90320 100 Lond. 26.5.17
WSM 474 121327 dated London 12.6.17
WSM 551 12545 dated London 2/8/17
WSM 51819 29135 dated London 28/9/17
WSM 1921 1746 dated London 16/10/17
WSM 2564/241 dated London 17.10.17
WSM 5231 381 dated London 25.11.17
WSM 382-1432 date 1 London 2/11/17 Received B.R. 1.12.17
WSM 2099/459. N. O. K. 3.12.17
CIBL 218 1508 dated London 8.12.17

DATE	PURPORT	REF. NO
11 JUN 1917	N. O. K. Advised .. wounded	
16 JUN 1917	N. O. K. Advised in Hospital	100
AUG 8 1917	N. O. K. Advised progressing favourably.....	34
1 OCT 1917	N. O. K. Advised Convalescent	
21 OCT 1917	N. O. K. Advised Wounded & Remaining at Duty	
1 NOV 1917	N. O. K. Advised Wounded	
1 NOV 1917	N. O. K. Advised in Hospital	
1 NOV 1917	N. O. K. Advised Convalescent	
DEC 3 1917	N. O. K. Advised prog. ceasing favourably.....	
DEC 5 1917	M. O. 4 Advised	
DEC 11 1917	M. O. 4 Advised	
21/11/17	War Hosp Dundee Influenza dangerously ill.	
28/11/17	WSM 2099/459. N. O. K. 3.12.17	
15.3.18	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. 6. S.P.H. 2099 inde 107	
27.5.18	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. 6. S.P.H. 2118 inde 107	
31.7.18	"Will" to D.P.M. 4 M.D. M. 26/284. Location only	
5.5.19	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. 2	
	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. 31/440	
	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. 41/540	

1944 PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B.R.M. No. 31740

NO PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT. B.R.M. No. 26/429

Circular B.R.M. 46/1889 & Booklet re Graves despatched 20/12/1919 to "acknowledged"

Reservant 17/10/24 1-10-21

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"
Memorial sent to *M. B. Towers* on *4.5.21*



15/4/21 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt *4th* M.D.B.R.M. 53/56 200

MEMORIAL SCROLL
Father
M. B. Towers
339171
22. 11. 21

MEMORIAL PLAQUE
Father *Per*
M. B. Towers
339171
17/11/21
1910

5 APR 1923 VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* B. R. P. F. 42
Registered Post No. *5616* B. P. O. Melbourne.

11 NOV 1932 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched
PS *Sent on 13/7*

29 NOV 1932
W.A. CEMETERY REGISTER 1
Sent 12.7. DESPATCHED.