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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6074 Name DOWNTON - ALBERT EDWIN
Unit 17/27 Infantry
17Rns 27ET¹ Joined on SEP 18 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestment

1. What is your Name? Albert Edwin Downton
2. In the Parish of in or near the Town of Port Adelaide 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.) Natural Born
4. What is your Age? 26 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) Father deceased. Dead: (MOTHER) DOWNTON HARRIET OLD PORT ROAD QUEENSTOWN SOUTH AUSTRALIA
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? (Elder) No Brother
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? Joseph James Downton No High Street Queenstown SA. See in file DM 27, 218
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, 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 9/- per day? yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? yes

I, Albert Edwin Downton 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 SEP 18 1916 Signature of Person Enlisted. A E Downton

* 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.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of Persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date SEP 18 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer. W. Bran

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Albert Edwin Downton swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from SEP 18 1916 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Signature of Person Enlisted. A E Downton

Taken and subscribed at ADELAIDE in the State of SOUTH AUSTRALIA this 18 day of SEP 18 1916 19 before me

Signature of Attesting Officer. W. Bran

* A person who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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Description of Albert Edwin Downton on Enlistment

Age 26 years — months
Height 5 feet 6 inches
Weight 123 lbs.
Chest Measurement 30-34 1/2 inches
Complexion Medium
Eyes Blue
Hair Dark
Religious Denomination Ch of Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Vis R 6/18 L 6/9
Face NIL

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 25 9 16

Place ADELAIDE.

E. 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 _____

Date _____

Place _____

M. F. Sells Sr.
Commanding 17/27th Inf.

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Statement of Service No. 6074 Name DOWNTON, A.S.

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
"B" COY., 2nd. DEPOT BATTALION	Private	18-9-16	10-10-16	
BASE MINERS		11-10-16	25-10-16	C/o 267/2
1/50 RFTS 17/27	Pte	26/10/16		C/o 278/2

27, BTN/17RFTS, Embk. ADE A13, AFRIC 7, 11, 16

EMBARKED 7, 11, 16
afric

What happened of 28 day pay 22.9.17 11/12/17

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

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. Reg. 6074 Name DOWNTON ALBERT EDWIN
Unit 27th Bn
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Joined on SEP 18 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestment

1. What is your Name? ... Albert Edwin Downton
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Port Adelaide in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? Yes. If the latter, papers to be shown. Natural Born
4. What is your Age? ... 26 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 DOWNTON HARRIET
OLD PORT RD. QUEENSTOWN
SOUTH 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 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
Brother James J. Downton
High Street
Queenstown
St Aust
(1968/1/20)
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, 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? ... No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Albert Edwin Downton 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 SEP 18 1916 A E Downton
Signature of Person Enlisted.

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Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **27th Battalion A.I.F.**

43601

Rank **Private**. Surname **DOWNTON**. Christian Name **Albert Edwin**.
 Religion Age on Enlistment years months
 Enlisted **10/9/16**. Terms of Service **(12) & 4** months. Service reckons from **(20) 9/16**.
 Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended () Re-engaged () Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and rate
 Occupation Signature of Officer

Date	Report	From whom received	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
	O.C. Troops.	Al. "AFRIC."	Embarked Adelaide.	7/11/16.	ER. 7324.
			Disembarked Plymouth.	9/1/17.	(11/1/17.)
10/1/17.	OC	7th T.B.	Marched in.	Rollestone.	9/1/17. CR 4328/27/1
11/2/17.	do	Sick to Fargo Mil. Hospt.	do	5/2/17.	DO 10/e 24/2/17
	OC	hospt.	Admitted Mil. Hospt.	Fargo	5/2/17.
	do	Discharged	do	14/2/17.	
18/2/17.	OC	7th T.B.	Marched in from Hospt.	Rollestone	14/2/17. B213 LR69.
10/3/17.	OC	hospt.	Admitted Fargo Mil. Hospt. and placed U.S. Neurasthenia. Eng.	10/3/17.	DO 11/E 28/2/17.
2/4/17.	do	Dis. from Hosp to Depot.	Fargo.	2/4/17.	
8/4/17.	7th T.B.	Marched in from Hosp.	Rollestone.	2/4/17.	LR 2267 DO 32/E
21/5/17.	do	Proceeding o/seas to France.	Southampton	22/5/17.	LR 312 DO 35/E.
23/5/17.	2nd A.D.B.D.	Admitted from England.	Havre.	23/5/17.	AX 8404.
13/6/17.	do	Proceeded to join unit.	do	9/6/17.	AX 9012.

(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) Signaller, Shipping-Smith, & Co. W. 8825-12733 2000m 9/17 (8651), C. P. & S., Ltd., Form B./103 E/1807. P.T.O.

Date	Report	From whom received
16/6/17.	C.O.	27th Bn.
18/8/17.	do	do
14/8/17.	7th A.F.A.	do
19/8/17.	do	do
19/8/17.	58 Gen Hosp.	do
27/8/17.	do	do
27/8/17.	7th Convpt.	do
30/8/17.	10th Con Dpt.	do
21/9/17.	do	do
24/9/17.	do	do
28/9/17.	2nd Div B.D.	do
4/10/17.	do	do
13/10/17.	C.O.	27th Bn.
16/3/18.	do	do
6/4/18.	do	do
20/4/18.	do	do

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British Ex
13th J

(Please turn over -

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.33, or other official documents.
16/6/17.	C.O. 27th Bn.	Taken on Strength.	France.	12/6/17.	B213 B22/24. DO37/4144.
18/8/17.	do	Sick to Hosp.	do	14/8/17.	B213 B22/83. DO49/5314.
14/8/17.	7th A.F.A.	P.U.O. admitted.	do	14/8/17.	AK 1513/50.
19/8/17.	do	" TO 58th Gen Hosp.	do	19/8/17.	AK1513/64.
19/8/17.	58 Gen Hosp.	Sick. Admitted.	St. Omer.	19/8/17.	AK1513/55.
27/8/17.	do	To 7th Conv. Depot.	do	27/8/17.	AK1513/78.
27/8/17.	7th Conv Depot.	Admitted To 10th Conv Depot.	Boulogne.	27/8/17.	AK1513/80.
30/8/17.	10th Con Dpt.	Admitted	Ecault.	30/8/17.	AK1625/5.
21/9/17.	do	(1) Breaking out of camp (2) Drunkenness 21/9/17. Award. Deprived 28 days pay. by O.C.	do	22/9/17.	B2089 AT1744/26. DO57/6164.
24/9/17.	do	Trans to 3rd Rest Camp.	do	24/9/17.	AK1625/75.
28/9/17.	2nd Div B.D.	Admt from Boulogne.	Havre.	27/9/17.	B59/39.
4/10/17.	do	Proceeded to join unit.	do	4/10/17.	AK11774.
13/10/17.	C.O. 27th BN.	Rejoined Battalion.	Belgium.	5/10/17.	B213 B22/41. DO59/6461.
16/3/18.	do	Proceeded on English leave	do	12/3/18.	B213 B22/63.
6/4/18.	do	Rejoined From Eng. Leave.	do	30/3/18.	B213 B22/66 AT21011 VL689
20/4/18.	do	Killed in Action	do	17/4/18.	DO21/1341. B213 B22/

(Sgd) S.T. BENNETT.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.
British Expeditionary Force
13th June 1918

for OFFICER in RECORDS

LIEUT

Buried at Albert Rd British France
Cemetery 3 mls. S. of Albert

B.1236 1646.
O.S.P.E. R.S. 5.553.
D/O 49/1555E 24/6/

A. E. Downton
Signature of Person Enlisted.

27th Bn

Taken and subscribed at **ADELAIDE** in
the State of **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
this day of **SEP 18 1918**

19 .. before me—

W. J. Swan
Signature of Attesting Officer. LIEUT!

* A person who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialled by the Attesting Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~

(This to be struck out except in the case of Persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date **SEP 18 1916**

W. J. Dray **LIEUT.**

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Albert Edwin Downton swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from **SEP 18 1916** until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME GOD.

A E Downton
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at **ADELAIDE** in the State of **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** this _____ day of **SEP 18 1916** 19____ before me—

W. J. Dray **LIEUT.**

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Description of Albert Edwin Downton on Enlistment

Age 26 years 0 months
Height 5 feet 6 inches
Weight 123 lbs.
Chest Measurement 30.39 inches
Complexion Medium
Eyes Blue
Hair Dark
Religious Denomination Ch of Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Nos R 1/8 h 1/9
Vacc Nil

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 25. 9. 16

Place ADELAIDE.

E. 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 17th Reinf. 27 Batt.

Date 1. 11. 16

M. J. Sells Lt.

Place Mitcham

Commanding 17/27

2703
31/1/17

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1.6.17

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Statement of Service No. 6074 Name Downton A. E.

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
B Coy		18-9-16	OCT 10 1916	
2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.	Pte.			
7/50 Mitcham	Pte	10-10-16	10-10-16	Co 267/2
Base Miners	Pte	10-10-16	31-10-16	Co 267/2
17/27 Inf	Pte.	1-11-16	6/11/16	278/2
Embarked on	Transport A19	7/11/16		
	Embarked: Adelaide	7-11-16		
	..Africa..			E. R. 7324
	Disembarked Plymouth	9-1-17		
	MARCHED IN to 4th Coy BN			
	from (shot. ER 4727/1)	Eng.	9/1/17	1102 E. 14/2/17
	(sent to Hugo Hospital - Influenza) & R 9584	Rollstone	5/2/17	110 E. 29/2/17
	(Pte) MARCHED IN to 4th Coy BN			
	from Hosp. J. R. 69.	Rollstone	14/3/17	111 E. 28/2/17
	(Pte) Proceeding of sea to			SR 3121
	France ex 7th Inf Bn	Shampton	22.5.17	Do 35/E 3593 E 17
	(Pte) held info 7th Inf Bn			
	Rollstone from Hosp	Eng	2.4.17	Pte 3032
	SR 12264			3301 E 19.5.17
	Pre 50027 Bn from 17 Rpts France		12/6/17	Pr 37/1144 23/6/17
	Pte To Hoah Luch		14.8.17	49/5314
				29.7.17
27 Bn	Pte) Prime - Ecourt	France	21.9.17	P. II. 57/6164 11/10/17
	1. Breaking out of camp.			
	2 Drunkenness.			
	award Deprived of 28			
	days pay by G.O. 10th Coy.			
	Depot: 22/9/17.			
	Pte. Rejd: Bn. from sick		5.10.17	P. II. 59/5461. 25.10.17
	ex. of Danie.			

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

Statement of Service of No. 6074 Name Downton A. E.

Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
B Coy	Pte		18 9/16	
2nd DEPOT BATTALION AIF	Pte		11 10/16	Co 70 1/2
Base Miners	Pte		11 10/16	Co 70 1/2
17/27 Inf	Pte		11 10/16	278 1/2
Embarked on	Shanghai, AIF		7/1/16	
	Embarked Adelaide		7-1-16	
	Disembarked Plymouth		9-1-17	R. R. 7526
<p>MARCHED IN 15 9/16 (a) held into 1st 1/2 (b) Proceeding of Gas (c) held into 1st 1/2 (d) held into 1st 1/2 (e) held into 1st 1/2 (f) held into 1st 1/2 (g) held into 1st 1/2 (h) held into 1st 1/2 (i) held into 1st 1/2 (j) held into 1st 1/2 (k) held into 1st 1/2 (l) held into 1st 1/2 (m) held into 1st 1/2 (n) held into 1st 1/2 (o) held into 1st 1/2 (p) held into 1st 1/2 (q) held into 1st 1/2 (r) held into 1st 1/2 (s) held into 1st 1/2 (t) held into 1st 1/2 (u) held into 1st 1/2 (v) held into 1st 1/2 (w) held into 1st 1/2 (x) held into 1st 1/2 (y) held into 1st 1/2 (z) held into 1st 1/2</p>				
27th Bn	KILLED IN ACTION	France	17.4.18	8132 2471 810 21/1341. 30/4/18.
<p>Reburied Albert Road British Cemetery, 3 miles South of Albert. R/1230 1646 Reburied Dernancourt Com. Cemetery. D/10 49/1555E 24/4/18</p>				
<p>Photograph of Year requested by 3 Photos No. of k 1st Street Queenstown S Aust Sched D 28. 11. 9. 19. X. H. 4. 5 Brook 12/100.</p>				
<p>SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSURE</p>				

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A.M. Form D. 1.

To be used for Enlistment in the Permanent Military Forces only.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Downton

Christian Name Albert Edwin

Passed

TABLE I. GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Port Adelaide, South Australia

Examined ... { on 15th day of September 1916
at ADELAIDE

Declared Age ... 26 years

Trade or Occupation ... Labourer

Height ... 5 feet 6 inches.

Weight ... 123 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 30 - 34 1/2 inches.
Range of Expansion 4 1/2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right. Left.
Number

When Vaccinated ... 6

Vision ... { R.E.-V = 19
L.E.-V = 69

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection { No history of
Epilepsy, insanity, Tuberculosis, Rheumatism.

Approved by ... (Signature) E. Johnson
(Rank) Medical Officer.

Enlisted ... { at ADELAIDE
on SEP 18 1916 day of 19

Joined on Enlistment ...	<u>Base minor</u> <u>17/27</u> <u>Batt</u> ✓	Corps.	Regtl. No. <u>6074</u> ✓
Transferred to ...			

Became non-effective by...
on _____ day of 19

(Signature)
(Rank)

Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in Quarters.

Remarks bearing on the Cause, Nature, or Treatment of the Case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of Syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty.

Signature of Medical Officer.

NO ADMISSIONS

CAPTAIN A.M.O.

NO ADMISSION

Rheumatic. Inflammation. Patched. Cured. J. Chapman
 H. Boehlman
 J. Chapman
 H. Boehlman

Royal Park
July 8th
1918

To Major Lane

Dear Sir could you kindly tell ^{me} if
Mrs G. Dawson of High Street, Invercargill, in
law of partner A. E. Downton his Mother or father
are dead as she would be then or does the
oldest sister I hear she has sent on for his
possession I would like to know if she had a right
to it or his oldest sister she has her Household
and 2 children I am the oldest of 12 and if Mrs
Downton get it I would like her to pay the other
sister of private Downton ^{a little} we have been feeling
of our late brother I am justifying as a mother
requesting you will give me a little light
on it

I remain

Yours truly

Mrs M. C. Osborne
Royal Park
Alberton
South Otago



M. W. G. 6/7

N. 1824

The Military Pay Office
North Terrace, ADELAIDE

re No. 6074pte. A.E. Downton, 17th/27th Battm

I enclose for your necessary action copy of Declaration signed by - Joseph James Downton, High Street, Queenstown, S.A. who desires to be recorded as next-of-kin to the above soldier.

The Chief Paymaster, London, has also been advised.

Lieut.

E.T.

D.P.M.

79315 for D.P.M.

4th M. D.
4th Military District.

In view of the fact that the nominated next-of-kin is now deceased, the name and address of his brother Mr. J. J. Downton, have been noted on the records of above named soldier to be advised of any reports received.

Melbourne
28/2/18

Capt.
for Officer i/o Base Records

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
Victoria Barracks,

Melbourne,

Dear

With reference to my

I now beg to advise you that

disembarked at

on

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that all are progressing satisfactorily.

Should anything further be received concerning the above soldier you will be promptly notified.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, *Captain,*
Officer in charge Base Records.

C.16074.

No. 6074, Pte. A.E. Downton, 27th Battalion, A.I.F.

Killed in Action 17.4.18.

Uncofficially reported buried in the Cemetery outside Enire.

Applicant - Father - Mr. Downton,
High Street,
Queenstown,
South Australia.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION BY VIRTUE OF THE STATUTORY
DECLARATIONS ACT 1917, CONSCIENTIOUSLY BELIEVING THE STATEMENTS
CONTAINED HEREIN TO BE TRUE IN EVERY PARTICULAR.

Signature **JOSEPH JAMES DOWNTON**
(of person making declaration)

DECLARED AT **ALBERTON** IN THE STATE OF SOUTH
AUSTRALIA, THIS **TWENTIETH** DAY OF **FEBRUARY**
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND
..... **EIGHTEEN**, BEFORE ME -
..... **E. H. NEWCOMBE (J.P.)**
A Justice of the Peace,
(Or other person authorised to take
declarations)

"ANY PERSON WHO MAKES AN UNTRUE STATEMENT IN THIS DECLARATION,
SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE UNDER THE WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT, AND
SHALL BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING
£100, (One Hundred Pounds), OR IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM NOT
EXCEEDING SIX MONTHS, OR BOTH; AND MAY IN ADDITION, BE ORDERED
TO REPAY ANY MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE".

N.B.

ON ANY CHILD, ON BEHALF OF WHOM SEPARATION ALLOWANCE IS BEING
PAID, ATTAINING THE AGE LIMIT, FOR SUCH ALLOWANCE, OF SIXTEEN
(16) YEARS, NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO THIS OFFICE, IN ORDER
THAT SAME BE RECORDED, AND PAYMENT DECREASED ACCORDINGLY.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS:	CAMPS:
ALL OFFICERS ... C 5820	MITCHELL ... C 6520
S.O.C. ... C 1368	EMERSON ... C 4284
D.P.M. ... C 4368	MOONBAYVILLE GLEN. ST.
REPAIRS HOSPITAL C 6270	

EXPEDITIOUS FORCE PAY OFFICE,
New Terrace,
ADELAIDE, S.A.

STATUTORY :: DECLARATION

I JOSEPH JAMES DOWNTON
(Here insert FULL Surname & Christian name(s))
of HIGH STREET? QUEENSTOWN, S.A.
(Furnish FULL postal address)
in the State of South Australia, do hereby solemnly and sincerely
declare :-

(a) T H A T I AM THE ELDEST BROTHER OF No. 6074, PTE ALBERT E. DOWNTON
17th/27th BATTALION. I DESIRE TO BE RECORDED AS
NEXT-OF-KIN TO THE ABOVE SOLDIER AS MY MOTHER HARRIETTE
DOWNTON WHO WAS ALSO THE MOTHER OF THE ABOVE DIED AT
QUEENSTOWN S.A. ON THE 31st OF OCTOBER/1917.

(c) T H A T

(d) T H A T

(Please turn over -

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number. 6074.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps. 17/27th Battalion A.I.F.

Rank. Private. Surname. DOWNTON. Christian Name. Albert, Edwin.

Religion. Age on Enlistment. years. months

Enlisted (a) 18/2/16. Terms of Service (a) War & 4. Service reckons from (a) 18/2/16.

Date of promotion to present rank. Date of appointment to lance rank.

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) or Corps Trade and rate.

Occupation. Signature of Officer.

Date	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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36 or other official documents.
	From whom received					
10/1/17.	O.C. Troops.		A19 "AFRIC." Embarked	Adelaide.	7/11/16.	ER. 7324.
11/2/17.	OC 7th T.B.		Disembarked	Plymouth.	9/1/17.	(11/1/17.) CR 4328/27/17
11/2/17.	do		Sick to Fargo Mil. Hospt.	Rollestone.	9/1/17.	ER 14/2/17 B213 ER 9584.
11/2/17.	OC hospt.		Admitted Mil. Hospt.	do	5/2/17.	DO 10/e 24/2/17
18/2/17.	do		Discharged.	Fargaq.	5/2/17.	
18/2/17.	OC 7th T.B.		Marched in from Hospt.	do	14/2/17.	B213 LR69
10/3/17.	OC hosp.		Admitted Fargo Mil. Hosp. and placed U.O. Neurasthenia.	Rollestone	14/2/17.	DO 11/E 28/2/17.
2/4/17.	do		Dis. from Hosp to Depot.	Eng.	10/3/17.	
8/4/17.	7th T.B.		Marched in from Hosp.	Fargo.	2/4/17.	
21/5/17.	do		Proceeding o/seas to France.	Rollestone.	2/4/17.	LR 2267 D032/E 19/5/17.
23/5/17.	2nd A.D.B.D.		Admitted from England.	Southampton	22/5/17.	LR 312. D035/E. 2/6/17.
13/6/17.	do		Proceeded to join unit.	Havre.	23/5/17.	AX8404.
				do	9/6/17.	AX9012.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or evaluated into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or evaluation will be entered in W. 8685 - 22733 2000m 9/17 (35011, C. P. & S., Ltd., Form B. 110) E. 1807.

EMR

9th July 1918 *EMR*

19004

Dear Madam,

With reference to your communication of the 3rd instant I have to advise that your brother, Mr J.J. Downton of High Street, Queenstown, has furnished this Office with a Statutory Declaration to the effect that the mother of No 6074, Pte. A.E. Downton, 27th Battalion, was deceased and desired, as the eldest brother of the late soldier, to be entered on the records as next-of-kin. All information coming to hand would therefore be forwarded to him.

Regarding the pension, this matter is not dealt with by this branch and it is suggested that you communicate with the Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, Adelaide, South Australia, under whose purview this matter will come.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

EMR

Mrs M.E. Osborne,
Royal Park,
ALBERTON
S.A.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MELBOURNE,

Dear

I am in receipt of cable advice to the effect that

is returning to Australia and is due in

the

about
It is regretted that the movements or name of the
transport on which he is arriving cannot be disclosed.

It is to be noted that owing to possible mutilations in the cabled advice and
other causes this notification may not be correct pending verification from the roll on
arrival of the Troopship.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.100/3.17.—C.5415.

<p>DOWNTON Surname.</p>	<p>Albert Edwin Other Names.</p>	<p>6074 Pte. Regimental No.</p>	<p>17/27th Btn. Unit.</p>
<p>PURPORT.</p>		<p>AUTHORITY.</p>	
<p>Emb. at Adelaide per A19 "Afric" 6-11-16.</p>			
<p>5.2.17. Adm. to Fargo M. Hosp. Influenza</p>		<p>I.H. IB. 162/19-17.</p>	
<p>14.2.17 Dis. from M.H. Fargo to duty. Influenza & Laryngitis</p>		<p>(L.H.) I.B. 181 p19-17.</p>	
<p>10/3/17. Adm to Fargo M. Hosp. P.U.O.</p>		<p>(NN) 1.B. 194/25-17</p>	
<p>2/4/17. Disc from Fargo M. Hosp to Depot Influenza</p>		<p>" IB 214/23-17</p>	
<p>14/2/17. Marched into 7th Tng. BN Rolleston from Hosp.</p>		<p>LON 11/5-17</p>	
<p>5/2/17. Sick to Fargo Hosp. from 7th Tng. BN. Rolleston Infl.</p>		<p>BONIO/4-17</p>	
<p>9.1.17 Marched into 7th Tng Btn from Australia</p>			
<p>12/6/17 T.O.S. of 27th Bn. from 17th Rfts 27th Bn.</p>		<p>Lon 8/12/17</p>	
<p>22/5/17 Proc. o/s to France via S'hampton ex 7th tng. Bn.</p>		<p>BEFO 37/1-17 LON 35/6-17</p>	
<p>14/8/17. To Hosp. sick.</p>			
<p>5/10/17. Rejoined Bn. from sick.</p>		<p>BEFO. 49/1-17 BEFO. 59/27-</p>	
<p>17/4/18 Killed in Action (Sts Downton)</p>		<p>IB 467/22/18</p>	
<p>National Archives of Australia</p>		<p>NAA: B2455, DOWNTON A E</p>	

PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
21.9.17 Crime Ecult. 1 Breaking out of camp. 2. Drunkenness	
21.9.17 Award. Deprived of 28 days pay by O.C. 10th Conv. Depot. 22.9.17	BEFO. 57.2.2.17
2.4.17. Marched into 7th Tng. Bn. R'stone from Hosp.	COND. 32.3.17
2.4.17. Dis. ffo m Fargó M. Hosp. to Depot. P.U.O. Neurasthenia.	2533XP. IIR. 208.27.17
17/4/18 KILLED IN ACTION	(MH) BEFO 21/3-18

Extract from folder of photo of grave.

Buried Dernancourt Communal Cemetery ne Albert.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455: DOWNTON A E

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL

Me

herewith are two phot
locality of the grave
safely to hand.

Yours fait

Offic

E. G.

M. 54/921

30th May, 1925.

Sir,

DESPATCH

DERNANCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, FRANCE,

your brother, the late No. 6074 Pte. A. E. Downton,
27th Btn, are interred.

Mr. J. H. Downton,
High St,
Queenstown,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 6074 Private A. E. DOWNTON, 27th Battalion.

Signature

J. J. Downton

Date

21st April

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

D.3040/4.52.—C.5128.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, DOWNTON A E

32/7

Received with Thanks

53219

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

4th MILITARY DISTRICT.

BRITISH WAR

RECEIVED ONE MEDAL for No. late no 6074

Rank Pte. Name A. E. Downton

Unit 27th Batt. (Signature) J. J. Rowden.

Place High St Swanton (Witness) A. L. Lewis.

Date July 13/21
Please return, duly signed and witnessed, by first post to
Medal Distributing Officer,

Keswick Barracks

NAA. B2455, DOWNTON A E

National Archives of Australia

INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF GRAVES.

Place of Burial:- DERNANCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION,
2 miles S. S. W. of ALBERT.

Reported by:- GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.
(EXHUMATION).

26/Bn AIF	113	MAHER	Pte. P. J.	16.4.18.
			(Report Dernancourt 1.29E., SSP. 3370/2)	
26/Bn AIF	6562	LAZELL	Pte. H.	15.4.18.
			(Report Dernancourt 1.27E., SSP. 3317/24)	
27/A. I. F.	6074	DOWNTON ✓	Pte. A. E.	17.4.18.
			(Report Dernancourt 1.26E., SSP. 3509/5)	
7/Inf Bde 26/ Bn. A. I. F.	5933	O'NIEL "MM"	Cpl. L.	16.4.18.
			(Report Dernancourt 1.27E.) SSP. 3317/24)	
25/A. I. F.	6129	HEADING	Pte. A. V.	15.4.18.
			(Report Dernancourt 1.27E., SSP. 3370/2)	
27/A. I. F.	533	CARTER	Pte. S. F.	18.4.18.
			(Report Dernancourt 1.28E., SSP. 3512/24)	

Original in the file of No. 113 MAHER P. J.

CASUALTY FORM - ACTIVE SERVICE.

D. 43601

6074

Regiment or Corps *17th Rein. Coy the Battalion A.F.*
 Rank *Private* Name *DOWNTON, Albert Edwin*
 Enlisted (a) *18-9-16* Terms of Service (a) *Mar 9 + Mrs* Service reckons from (a) *18/9/16*
 Date of Promotion to present rank }
 Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s }
 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.				
<i>10-1-17</i>	<i>O.C. Troops.</i>	<i>"19th A.F.C." (Embarked. (Disembkd: Plymouth.</i>	<i>Rollstone</i>	<i>7/11/16 9/1/17</i>	<i>(SR. 7324) (11/1/17)</i>
<i>11-2-17</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>Marched in</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>9-1-17</i>	<i>CR 4325/27/18/14/17</i>
<i>18-2-17</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>Sick 11 Fargo hillly Hoop.</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>5-2-17</i>	<i>B213. F.R. 9584 2010/E 24-2-17</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>O.C. Hoop</i>	<i>Marched in from Hoop.</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>14-2-17</i>	<i>B213. L.R. 69. 2011/E. 25/2/17</i>
<i>10-3-17</i>	<i>O.C. Hoop</i>	<i>Adm. hillly Hoop Discharged.</i>	<i>Fargo</i>	<i>5-2-17 14-2-17</i>	
<i>2-4-17</i>	<i>O.C. Hoop</i>	<i>Adm. Fargo Hill. Hoop Placed in a new ashena Disch from Hoop to Depot.</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>10-3-14</i>	
<i>8-4-17</i>	<i>7th Ldg Bn</i>	<i>(Pl) mpls from Hoop.</i>	<i>Fargo</i>	<i>2-4-17</i>	
			<i>Rollstone.</i>	<i>2-4-17</i>	<i>LR 2267 Do 32/E 19-5-17</i>

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

Reports.		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.				
21.5.17.	7. T. B. Proceeding O/Seas to FRANCE-S. Harpton	FRANCE-S. Harpton	23/5/17.	LR. 312/D/O. 95/E.	2.6.17
23/6/17	2 Div. Base D.	ADMITTED FROM LIAISON D'AVANCE	23/6/17		AX 8404
13.6.17.		PROCEEDED TO JOIN UNIT		9.6.17.	AX 9012
16.6.17	6. D. 27 th Bn	TAKEN ON STRENGTH	France	12.6.17.	B 213 B 22/24. 0037/H 144
18.8.17		SICK TO HOSPITAL		14.8.17.	27.0.49/5514 B. 213. B. 22/33.
14.8.17.	7. A.F.A.	P.V.C.		14.8.17.	AK 1513/50
19.8.17	58 Genz Hos	Sick in		19.8.17.	AK 1513/54
27.8.17		to 58 Genz. Hos	St Ormer	19.8.17.	AK 1513/55
30.8.17	7. Base	to 7. Base. Report		27.8.17.	AK 1513/54
30.8.17	10. Base	to 10. Base. Report		30.8.17.	AK 1625/55
30.8.17	10. Base	Admitted	Beault	30.8.17.	AK 1625/55
24/9/17	-d-o-	P.V.O. Mans. to 3. West Camp.		24/9/17	AK 1625/75.
28/9/17	2. Div. Base Depot	Admt. from Boulope	Haive.	27/9/17.	B 59/39.
2/9/17.	9/10 - Conv. D. Base	1. Bleaching Out of Camp. 2. Discharge. 2/9/17. Award. Deftied 25 days pay. L. O. C.	Beault.	22/9/17.	AK 1744/26 00.57/664.

Army Form B. 103.

D 43601 No 2

Regimental Number... 6074

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Rank... *Private* Regiment or Corps... *17/12/17 - 2nd Bn. H.I.F.*
 Surname... *Amundson* Christian Name... *Albert Edwin*
 Religion... Age on Enlistment... years
 Enlisted (a)... *18/1/16* Terms of Service (a) *War. S. H. M.C.S.* Service reckons from (a) *18/9/16*
 Date of promotion to present rank... Date of appointment to lance rank...
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) { }
 Occupation { } or Corps Trade and rate { }
 Signature of Officer.

Date	Report		Embarked ...	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or other official documents.
	From whom received					
4-10-17	<i>2nd A.A. Bn.</i>		Embarked	<i>Maure</i>	4-10-17	<i>A.X. 11774</i>
13-10-17	<i>2nd A.A. Bn.</i>		Disembarked	<i>Belgium</i>	5-10-17	<i>B.213. B. 23/16</i>
16-3-18	<i>do</i>				12/3/18	<i>80 59 64 67 B.213 B.23/16</i>
6-4-18	<i>do</i>				30/6/18	<i>818 812/66</i>
20-4-18	<i>do</i>			<i>France</i>	17/4/18	<i>77 689 A.2101 82-73 822/68 A.O. 24/104</i>

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(c) 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, if any, must be entered in the appropriate column of the form.
 (d) Signaller, Signalling, Signals, &c.

Transferred to

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DEFENCE B.R. D 51162

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 6074

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE 24/10/20

Rank PTE

Name DOWNTON, A.E.

Unit

27 Inf Bn

Casualty Killed in Action 17-4-18

CIBL 2471/1346 A 25/27 dated London 27/28 Received B.R. 27/28

LIST. 1100



DATE

A.F. B. 103 Received PURPORT.

REF. NO

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M.C. 4 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION, 17.4.18 COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

No personal effects in kit, B.R.M. No. 35/137

Circular B.R.M. 46/1365 & Booklet re Graves despatched 8/12/1917 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt M.D.B.R.M. 53/110

20/5/21



PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE, in duplicate TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN, B.R.M. No. 4571062. It

WAR PHOTO INDEX 6/1/20

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Pamphlet sent to Mr. J. L. Downton on 17-5-21

D.34/10.16.-C.19878.-80X.

MEMORIAL
SCROLL
To
Brother
Mr. J. J. Downton
34 3650
20/2/21. J.S.

12.1.22

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To
Brother (Direct)
Mr. J. J. Downton
34 3650
20/10/22 J.S.

31/10

VICTORY MEDAL to Brother Mr. J. J. Downton
Registered Post No. 8364. G. P. O. Melbourne.

17 APR 1923

12/11/23 Outstanding form "H" to N.O.K. per B.R.M. 55/404 Kennancourt Cem
E.H.