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KILLED IN ACTION.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

6899

Name { Surname TURNER.
in full { Christian Name James.

V 56070

Unit 19/23rd Aps Royal ParA

Joined on 14-3-17

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? ... TURNER, James
- 2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Ballarat State Victoria in the County of ...
- 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born British Subject
- 4. What is your Age? ... 23 years.
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Laborer
- 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no
- 7. Are you married? ... no single
- 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ... Mother
Mrs. Freda Turner
35 Selso Street
Richmond Victoria
4529/23/17
Address Unknown
- 9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ... Swan Hill
Victoria
- 10. 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
- 11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... yes
- 12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... no
- 13. (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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... no
- 14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... yes
- 15. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... no

I, James Turner do solemnly declare that the above answers made 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 the support of my wife*† and children.

Date 14/10/16 Signature of person enlisted. J Turner

* 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.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 19th Reinforcements, 23rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Rank Private. Surname TURNER. Christian Name James.
 Religion R. C.. Age on Enlistment 23 years months
 Enlisted (a) 17/10/16 Terms of Service (a) Period of War & 4 months after. Service reckons from (a) 17/10/16.....
 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

Report Date	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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	O.C. Troops.	A.11.	Embarked	MELBOURNE. 11/5/17.	LR5643. 21/7/17.
24/6/17.	S.M.O. "Ascarius"	Adm. Hospital. Parotitis.	Disembarked	DEVONPORT. 20/7/17.	
		Discharged from Hospital.	AT SEA.	24/6/17.	
22/7/17.	O.C. 6th. Tng. Bn.	Marched in from Australia	"	7/7/17.	
	ex H.M.T. All.		ROLLSTONE.	20/7/17.	LR5945. B.213. D060/E.15/8/17.
4/12/17.	O.C. 6th. Tng. Bn.	Proceeded O/Seas France	SOUTHAMPTON.	4/12/17.	L.R. 11157. D093/E.10/12/17.
	ex Fovant.				
5/12/17.	2nd. A.D.B.D.	Marched in from England.	HAVRE.	5/12/17.	A.X. 13052.
9/12/17.	"	Marched out to Unit.	"	9/12/17.	A.X. 13135.
16/12/17.	C.O. 23rd. Bn.	Taken on strength.	FIELD.	11/12/17.	B213. B15/50. D.O. 52/7731.

(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, Sholing South, &c. W. 8043-512731 20-000 7/17 (3501). C. P. & S. Ltd., Form B. 103 E/1907. P.T.O.

description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 14/10/16.

Place Melbourne

Examined 11-10-16 Swan Hill W. Legge

Reexamined at Seymour and rejected on account of gonorrhoea. J. J. Spence 21/11/16. A. S. Heron Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.

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 19/23rd R.F.C.

Date 11-3-17

Place Royal Park

C. Adkins Lt. Col. R.A.M.C. O.C. Commanding 19/23rd R.F.C.

Date	Report	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. 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.
5/2/18.	WIRE.	C.O. 23rd Bn.	Accidentally Killed.	<i>France</i> BELGIUM.	5/2/18.	A.T. 19569. V.L. 614. D.O. 8/608.
9/2/18. 6/2/18	C.O. 23rd Bn. Court of Enquiry C.O. 23rd Bn		Accidentally Killed. FINDING. Accidentally caused by a shot fired from a rifle by L/C Holmes during Musketry practice on the morning of the 5th inst. The Court consider that more supervision should have been exercised by L/C Holmes in seeing that only dummy Cartridges were loaded into the clips for aiming practice before carrying out the practice	<i>France</i> BELGIUM.	5/2/18.	B.213. B15/58. 149/472/24 AFW3428 D.O. 17/1816
AUSTRALIAN SECTION. 3rd. ECHELON. G.H.Q.						
British Expeditionary Force.				(Sgd) S.T. BENNETT,	Lieutenant.	
MAY 16 1918					For Officer i/c Records.	

SO HELP ME, GOD.

+ *James Turner*
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Melbourne* in
the State of *Victoria*
this *Seventeenth* day of *October* 19 *16*, before me—

K. R. MacNeil
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting 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.

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 14/10/16

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3. James Turner. swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 14/10/16 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.

+ James Turner
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this Seventeenth day of October 19 16, before me—

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting 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.

Description of TURNER, James.³ on Enlistment.

Age <u>23</u> years _____ months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>None - Nil</u> <u>Scar R Knee</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>6</u> inches.	
Weight <u>150</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>34/36</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Hazel</u>	
Hair <u>Fair</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>R.C.</u>	

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; 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 14/10/16.
 Place Melbourne
 Examined 11-10-16
Swan Hill
WV Segge

Reexamined at Seymour and rejected on account of Scrofula
2/11/16
ASL St. Col. A.M.C.
 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 19/23rd R B Co
 Date 16-3-17
 Place Royal Park
O.C.
 Commanding 19/23rd R B Co
C. Adkins

Statement of Service of No. 6899 Name James Turner

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>Leauwarum</i>		<i>3.11.16</i>	<i>24.2.17</i>	<i>2nd Royal Park</i>
<i>1st [Depot] Batt. A.I.F. ROYAL PARK.</i>		<i>FEB 24 1917</i>	<i>11-3-17</i>	<i>19/23rd A.I.F.</i>
<i>19/23rd A.I.F.</i>		<i>11-3-17</i>	<i>11/5/17</i>	<i>Embarked HMAT Ascanius A"</i>
<i>19/23rd A.I.F. HMAT Ascanius (A")</i>	<i>Admitted to Hospital Private</i>	<i>24.6.17</i>	<i>7/7/17</i>	
	<i>All Embarked Melbourne 11-5-17</i>			
	<i>Dise bka Lev. no r. 25-7-1 - LR, 5643</i>			
	<i>On 9 to 6th Inf Bn from Aust ex H.M.A.T.</i>	<i>Colleston</i>	<i>20/8/17</i>	<i>PH 60/4 L.R. 494 E/15/8/17</i>
<i>The</i>	<i>Proceeded O'Seas to France ex 6th Inf Bn. Forward.</i>	<i>Sampson</i>	<i>4.12.17</i>	<i>No 9376098 10/12/17.</i>
	<i>The S.O.S. of 23rd Bn H.M.A.T. from 19th Regt. " "</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>11.12.17</i>	<i>No 052/7731 23/12/17</i>
<i>23rd Bn</i>	<i>Accidentally Killed</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>5.2.18.</i>	<i>13995 C93L 2249. No 6/544 13-2-18.</i>
	<i>Ref No 6/544 (1918) which reads:- accidentally killed Belgium 5/2/18. Delete Belgium read in lieu thereof France</i>	<i>(Belgium)</i>		<i>No 8/608 27/2/18</i>
	<i>buried: Quessules Churchyard, Balais</i>			<i>No 30/1318 & 18/4/18</i>

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

SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSED

Statement of Service of No. 6899

Name James Turner

Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place	Date	Remarks
Pte 23 Bn	Ref: #08/609-1918 accidentally killed C. of In. held in the field 6/2/18 finding accidentally caused by a shot fired from a rifle by G. Holmes during musketry practice on the morning of the 5th 1918. The Court considers that more supervision should have been exercised by G. Holmes in seeing that only dummy cartridges were loading into the clips for arming practice before carry out the practice.	France	6.2.19	D/17/1816 2.5.18

Certified true copy
6. Adkins
O.C. 19/23. C10

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6899 Name { Surname TURNER
in full { Christian Name James

V 56070 Unit 19/23rd Rpts, Royal Puff

Joined on 14-3-19 **IG Rfts 23 Btn**

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... TURNER James
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Ballarat in the County of Victoria
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born British subject
4. What is your Age? ... 23 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 single
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ... Mrs Fida Turner
Railway Station Park Vic
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ... Swan Hill Victoria
44, Leven Street, Richmond, Vic.
15/12/23
10. 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
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? * If so, on what grounds? ... No
13. (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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... Yes
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

James Turner 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 17/10/16

J Turner
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.

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 17/10/16

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, James Turner swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 17/10/16 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.

+ James Turner James Turner
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this seventeenth day of October 1916, before me—

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting 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.

Description of TURNER, James on Enlistment.

Age <u>23</u> years _____ months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>None</u> <u>Scar R Knee.</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>6</u> inches.	
Weight <u>150</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>34-36</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Hazel</u>	
Hair <u>Fair</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>R.C.M.</u>	

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; phtthisis; 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; 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 11-10-16

Place Swan Hill

D^r Lye

I examined
Melbourne 17.10.16

W. H. M. C.
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

*Resigning at Legation
and rejected on account of
varicocele 2/11
W. H. M. C.*

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 19/23rd A Co

Date 14-3-17

Place Royal Park

C. Adkins

O. C.
Commanding 19/23rd A Co

Statement of Service of No. 6899 ⁴ Name James Turner

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>Leaugwarin</i>		<i>3. 11. 16</i>	<i>24. 5. 17</i>	<i>To Royal Park</i>
1st [Depot] Batt. A.I.F. ROYAL PARK.		FEB 24 1917	14-3-17	19/23 rd RPs
19/23 rd RPs		14-3-17		Embarked
Emb. at Melbourne per A11 "Ascanius" 11.5.17				
19/23rd Btn.	Pte.			

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

13/10/16

Original.
Duplicate.

APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

at Swan Hill.

I, James Lunn

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.
Swan Hill.

Signature J Lunn
Occupation Labour.
Date 11.10.16

(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 _____
Mother's Signature _____
OR
Guardian's Signature _____

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— 23 yrs. _____ mos. | Height— 5 ft. 6 1/2 ins. | Chest Measurement (fully expanded)—
Married— Widower. Single. | _____ 27 inches.

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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

Place Swan Hill
Date 11.10.16

J. L. Munn
Signature of Medical Authority.

I Concur

Place Melbourne
Date 17/10/16

W. J. Munn
Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot. a a m c

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

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

Place Swan Hill
Date 11.10.16

(Signature) W. J. Munn
Recruiting Officer.

INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) Application forms received by Recruiting Officers will not be handed back again to applicants, but will be passed direct to the Medical Practitioner, who will similarly return them to the Recruiting Officer, who will then forward them by post to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot to which recruits are instructed by them to report.

(2) If an Applicant who has been rejected desires a copy of this certificate, it must be completed in duplicate at the time of Medical Examination, and the word "original" or "duplicate," as the case may be, will appear on top of the respective forms. Both copies will be forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot, where the duplicate will be impressed with the official stamp and then returned to the Applicant.

(3) Copies will **NOT** be made of any certificates of acceptance. The word "Duplicate" will be struck out of such certificates, and they will be sent to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot by post.

(4) Names of accepted applicants who do not report at Central Recruiting Depot within the prescribed time will be forwarded to the local Recruiting Officer for information.

(5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form such as:—

Fit	Son	Married	Original
Unfit	Ward	Widower	Duplicate
			strike

 out the words which are not applicable.

(6) Only those persons who fulfil the requirements in all other respects will be examined regarding medical fitness. These requirements may be ascertained by reference to daily newspapers and official posters.

(7) The Central Recruiting Depot to which accepted applicants from various places will be sent for final medical examination will be determined by District Commandants. Recruiting Officers at outlying places will require to issue clear instructions to such applicants informing them where and when to report, and will forward the application forms in time to ensure that they will be in the hands of the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot when the recruit reports for enlistment.

Spaces for identification by means of handwriting.

TURNER

James

6899 pte

19/23rd Btn,

WAR GRANTY SCHEDULE

03 / Other Names. 1261

Regimental No.

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Emb. at Melbourne per A11 "Ascanius" 11.5.17

Ref D.O. 8 (1918) Accidentally Killed C. of I. held in the Fld.
A accidentally caused by a shot fired from a rifle by L/C.

Holmes during musketry practice on the morning of the 5th/2/18
The Court considers that more supervisory should have been exercised
in seeing that dummy cartridges were loaded into the clips BEFO 17/3-18

20/7/17. Mch. in to 6th Tng. Btn. Rolleston. from Aust. ex

H.M.A.T. "A.11."

IDN. 60/2-17

4/12/17. Proc. O/S. to France via S' Hampton ex 6th Tng Btn Fovant.

IDN. 93/4-17.

11.12.17. T.O.S. OF 23rd En AIF from 19th Rfts 23rd Bn.

BEFO. 52/1-17

Ref D.O. 6/554/18 which reads Accid. KILLED Belgium Delete

BEFO 8/1/-18

Belgium and in lieu thereof read F RANCE

5/2/18 - Accidently - KILLED - BELGIUM - (BEFO 8/1/-18)

BEFO 6/5 -18

Buried Quesques Church yard Calis D.G.R.E. 37315G

I.T IDN. 30/3-18

AUTHORITY.

PURPORT.

19/23 6899

List 512

6899 D40799

A.M. Form D. 1.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Lurner Christian Name James

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Ballarat Victoria

Examined ... { on 17 day of October 19 16
at Melbourne

Declared Age ... 23 Years

Trade or Occupation ... Laborer

Height ... 5 feet 6 inches.

Weight ... 150 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 36 inches.

Range of Expansion 2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate Good 78 P.M.

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left
Number Nil

When Vaccinated ...

Vision ... { R.E.—V=0.6
L.E.—V=0.6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection

Approved by ... (Signature) A. Shearn
(Rank) LT Col

ORDER 60321, ATTENDED TO

Medical Officer. same

Enlisted ... { at Melbourne
on 17 day of October 19 16

Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>F. Coy.</u>	<u>6899</u>
Transferred to ...	<u>A. Coy. 19/23</u>	

Became non-effective by...

on 17 day of October 19 16

(Signature)

(Rank)

Table II.—Only for Admissions to Hospital or to the

Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital.			Discharged from Hospital.			Disease.	Number of days in Hospital.
	Day.	Month.	Year.	Day.	Month.	Year.		
LANGWARRIN	3	11	16	23	2	17	Jaundice	
St. Ann's	23	6	17	7	7	17	Parotitis	14

Part 1

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.

Smear free from gonorrhea
to state normal flora
Discharge cured.

1/20/15

Charles H. Johnson
Capt. A.M.C.
S.M.O. LANGWARRIN CAMP.
C. H. Lewis

Part 2

Table III.—Boards; Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.; Examinations for Transfer or Service Abroad, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

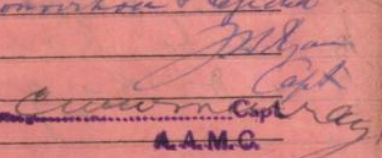
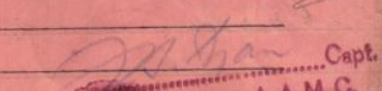
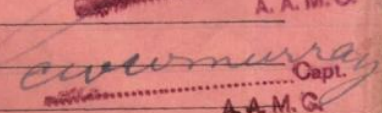
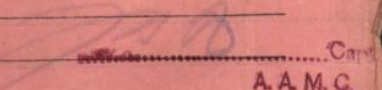
Date.	Brief Details, and Signature.	
4/11/16	FIRST INOCULATION	
2/11/16	On re-examination at Seymour Clearing Hospital found to be suffering from Gonorrhoea & syphilis	
ROYAL PARK	12 MAR 1917 1st Typhoid Inoc. 250 Mil.	 Capt. A.A.M.C.
BROADMEADOWS	26 MAR 1917 2nd Typhoid Inoc. 500 Mil.	 Capt. A.A.M.C.
BROADMEADOWS	Vaccination Marks 28 MAR 1917 2nd Typhoid Inoc. 500 Mil.	 Capt. A.A.M.C.
BROADMEADOWS	FINAL EXAMINATION	 Capt. A.A.M.C.
21-7-17	No Pills taken	
28-7-17	TATS	
17-12-17	No Examination since then	

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Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.	Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.
Seymour	11/11/16				
ROYAL PARK	24 FEB 1917				

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

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Turner Christian Name _____

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace

Examined { on _____ day of _____ 19
at _____

Declared Age

Trade or Occupation

Height feet _____ inches.

Weight lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded _____ inches.
Range of Expansion _____ inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate _____

Vaccination Marks { Arm _____ Right. _____ Left.
Number _____

When Vaccinated

Vision { R.E.—V= _____
L.E.—V= _____

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { (a) _____

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection { (b) _____

Approved by ... (Signature) _____
(Rank) _____ Medical Officer.

Enlisted { at _____
on _____ day of _____ 19

Corps.	Regtl. No.
<u>Matthias</u>	
<u>Seymour</u>	

Joined on Enlistment

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.

3/11/16. Has had a discharge from urethra for 3 weeks. Appeared 7 days after connection. Smears taken ^{repeatedly} for Leucorrhoea.

C. Gordon M. Adams Capt.

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X D40799. NE. Dist. 572. 8/10/18

Registration, Alteration, or Change of Next-of-Kin and Address. ^{AM223}

Reg. No. 6899 Rank Name (in full) Turner ✓

Unit 23rd Bn.

Next-of-Kin previously Registered-

Relationship Mother

Name (in full)

Address

Next-of-Kin now changed to-

Relationship Mother

Name (in full) Mrs J Turner

Postal Address (in full) 302, Madeline St, Carlton, Vic.

Reason for Change

Date 12-6-18

Signature H324/22/ 8/4/18

Person desiring change.

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This form must be passed to Verification Dept., "A" Records, for recording change.

Entered on Index Card 23-7-18

Notification to Defence made

Unit - To note and file with ATTESTATION PAPER

Army Form B. 103. **40799** Casualty Form—Active Service. Regimental Number **6899**

Regiment or Corps **19/23rd Batt**
 Rank **Pte D** Surname **TURNER** Christian Name **James**

Religion **R. C.** Age on Enlistment **23** years months.

Enlisted (a) **17/10/16** Terms of Service (a) **34 months before** Service reckons from (a) **17/10/16**

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

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) _____ or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records. _____

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, 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. 218, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	From whom received					
1		OC Troops	Embarked F 11 Disembarked ...	Mellbourne	11.5.17	LK5643 21.7.17
2	24.6.17	S.M. Ossearins Discharged from Hospital	Admitted Hospital - Paralysis Discharged from Hospital 7.7.17	At Sea	24.6.17	
3	22.7.17	C. G. 6th Eng Bn	(Pte) M. L. in from Australia ex H.M.A.T. (H.I.)	Belestone	20.7.17	L.R. 5946 B.E. 10 D. 660/E 15.8.17
4	4.12.17	OC 6th Bn	Proceeded to sea France, 4th Coy.	Southampton	4.12.17	K.P. 11157 D. 93/E 10/12/17
5	5.12.17	2nd Aust	Marched in from England	HAYES	5.12.17	K.P. 13052
6	9.12.17	Div'l Base	Marched out to Unit	.	9.12.17	K.P. 13135
7	15.12.17	B. 213 C O 23 Dr	TAKEN ON STRENGTH	Arica	11.12.17	B. 213 C O 23 Dr D. 652/1731

(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. [P.T.O.]
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c.
 (938). Wt. 15012/5155. 1,000,000. 1/16. P.P.Ltd. Form B. 103a.

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Date	From whom received				
5.2.18	Wire Co 023B	Accidentally Killed	Belgium	5.2.18	M 19569 72 614 D O 8 1544 1544 8/508
9 21 18	21 18 23 B 6023 B			5.2.18	B 15758
9	Court of Enquiry	Tridery. Accidentally caused by a shot fired from a rifle by Hell Holmes during a marksmen practice on the morning of the 5 th inst. The Court considered that our supervisor should have been exercised by Holmes in seeing that only dummy cartridges were loaded into the rifle for aiming practice before carrying out the practice.		149/47224 AF 3428 20 14/1816	
6 2 18	C 0 23 B				
"ORIGINAL" Copies forwarded to Defence Melbourne Chief Paymaster and Headquarters A. I. F. with A. F. B. 2090A on .../.../1918. MAY 16 1918					
Lieutenant.					
For Officer i/c Records.					



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3, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street,
London, S.W.1.**

Date _____

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THE BRITISH EMPIRE.**

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(QUESQUES CHURCHYARD. FR. 1593).

TURNER, Pte. James, 6899. 23rd Bn. Australian Inf. Died of accidental injuries 5th Feb., 1918. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Emily Turner, of 99, Cremorne St., South Richmond, Victoria, Australia. Born at Ballarat, Victoria. Near North-East corner of Churchyard.

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Department of Defence,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne.

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Name of the deceased: _____
Rank: _____
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Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 6899 Private J. TURNER 23rd Battalion.

received Medal in safety many thanks for kindness it is lovely

Signature *Emily Turner*

Date *Jan 1st 1923*

5 JAN 1923

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Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late *McGee, J. Turner*

23rd BATTN

Emity Turner

(Signature)

(Date)

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EVIDENCE.

1st. Witness. No. 154. L/C. William Frederick Holmes, "A" Coy. 23rd. Battalion states:-

At about 11.10 a.m. on the 5th. July 1918, I was in charge of a squad of "A" Coy practising musketry. Two men of the squad had fired 15 dummy rounds at the eye disc which I was holding. Pte. Turner was the first man to be tested. Before testing him I demonstrated with my own rifle which I had loaded with five rounds taken from one of the men who had already been tested and was refilling the clips. The first two shots I snapped were dummies, the third being a live round. Pte. Turner had picked up the eye disc and was looking through it observing my aim. The dummy ammunition in use was the ordinary wooden tipped coloured red. I did not notice any live ammunition in the clip when I loaded the rifle. Under instructions we had been using live ammunition for rapid loading practice prior to the "smoko" spell. The men were all carrying live ammunition in their pouches during the dummy practice, this was carried in the left side pouches the right side being emptied and stacked behind the squad to enable the pouches to be used for the practice.

(Sgd) W.F. Holmes.

2nd. Witness. No. 6791. Pte. Horace Joseph Carroll. "A" Coy. 23rd. Bn. A.I.F. states:-

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3rd. Witness. No. 6824. Pte. Richard Hartell "A" Coy. 23rd. Bn. A.I.F. states:-

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(Sgd) R. Hartell. Pte.

P.T.O.

4th. Witness. 6945. Pte. Harold Frederick James Saunders.
"A" Coy. 23rd. Battalion states:-

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5th. Witness. No. 6838. Pte. Len Lazarus "A" Coy. 23rd. Bn.
states:-

I have heard the evidence of Pte. Saunders and corroborate same. I had removed all live ammunition the right side pouches during musketry practice in accordance with instructions from L/C. Holmes. My trigger was blocked with three rounds of dummy ammunition, by L/C. Holmes for the purpose of practising rapid loading with ball ammunition but as the "smoko" spell came on before I started I did not carry out this practice.

(Sgd) L. Lazarus.

6th. Witness. Lieut. H.G. Field, Musketry Officer 23rd. Bn
states:-

At the Fourth Army Musketry school which I attended in December last the practice was if not sufficient dummy ammunition was available to teach rapid loading practice using live ammunition, precaution being taken to lock the trigger by plugging with either cork or three rounds of ammunition. This practice is carried out with absolute safety for rapid loading only. During rapid aiming practice dummy ammunition only is used and all live ammunition should be taken away.

(Sgd) H.G. Field. 2/Lieut.

7th. Witness. Lieut. J.A.E. Findlay "A" Coy. 23rd. Battalion
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I am attached to 23rd. Bn as Medical Officer. About 4.15 a.m. on 5th. Feb. 1918. I was called to see Pte. Turner who I was told had had an accident. When I saw him he was dead, death being instantaneous, due to a gun shot wound through the skull.

(Sgd) C.G. Templeman. 25th.Bn.

SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE.

The Court having been reconstituted proceed to take further evidence:--

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I made an inspection of the rifles and equipment of all the men of my squad with the object of ascertaining that they had no live ammunition on their persons during rapid practice. The only reason that I can put forward for having given incorrect evidence at the last sitting of the Court is that I was very much affected, as the result of the accident and was by no means well.

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My previous evidence regarding the removal of ammunition from only the right pouches referred to period of Rapid Loading practice when all ammunition was removed with the exception of 15 rounds. During the rapid aim practice all pouches were clear of ammunition. Our pouches and rifles were inspected by Cpl. Holmes prior to rapid aim practice.

(Sgd) L. Lazarus. Pte.

21.3.18.

FINDING.

The Court having considered the evidence finds that the death of No. 6899. Pte. J. Turner was accidentally caused by a shot fired from a rifle by L/C. Holmes during musketry practice on the morning of the 5th. inst. The Court considers that more supervision should have been exercised by L/C. Holmes in seeing that only dummy cartridges were loaded into the clips for aiming practice before carrying out the practice.

Signed this sixth day of February 1918. at Ques Ques.

(Sgd) D. Beith. Major.
PRESIDENT.

(Sgd) H.A. Lorimer. Lieut.
(Sgd) F.J. Jenkins. Lieut.

I concur in the above finding.

6.2.18.

(Sgd) W.J. Bateman Mjr.
T/Commanding 23rd.Bn.

P.T.O.

I concur in above and direct the trial of 154. L/C. William Frederick Holmes 23rd. Bn. by F.G.C.M.

(Sgd) A.R.Wiltshire. Lt.Col.
Commanding (Temp) 6th.A.I.
Brigade.

7.2.18.

In furtherance of the finding of the Court.

The additional evidence now obtained shows that Cpl. Holmes did take precautionary measures in that he had all ammunition removed from pouches and had it placed in rear of the squad and also that he inspected the rifles and pouches before the Rapid Aim Practice. The Court are of opinion that the reason given by Cpl. Holmes for his previous statement differing from present evidence is satisfactory. During the previous sitting of the Court Cpl. Holmes was very adgitated.

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In the Field.
21.3.18.

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21.3.18.

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Signed this sixth day of February 1918. at Ques Ques.

(Sgd) D. Beith. Major.
PRESIDENT.

(Sgd) H.A. Loramer. Lieut.
(Sgd) F.J. Jenkins. Lieut.

I concur in the above finding.

(Sgd) W.J. Bateman Mjr.

6.2.18.

T/Commanding 23rd.Bn.

(4)

I concur in above and direct the trial of 154. L/C. William Frederick Holmes 23rd. Bn. by F.G.C.M.

(Sgd) A.R. Wiltshire. Lt. Col.¹
Commanding (Temp) 6th. A.I.
Brigade.

7.2.18.

In furtherance of the finding of the Court.

The additional evidence now obtained shows that Cpl. Holmes did take precautionary measures in that he had all ammunition removed from pouches and had it placed in rear of the squad and also that he inspected the rifles and pouches before the Rapid Aim Practice. The Court are of opinion that the reason given by Cpl. Holmes for his previous statement differing from present evidence is satisfactory. During the previous sitting of the Court Cpl. Holmes was very agitated.

(Sgd) D. Beith. Mjr.
PRESIDENT.

(Sgd) J.A. Trimer. Lieut.)
(Sgd) F.J. Jenkins. Lieut.) MEMBERS.

In the Field.
21.3.18.

I concur in above finding.

(Sgd) W.J. Bateman Mjr.
T/Commanding 23rd. Bn.

REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES.

To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this form.

1. Number, Rank, Name, and Unit of injured man.	6899. Pte. J. TURNER. 23rd. Battalion.	Date of Casualty. 5.2.18.
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2. Nature, Location, and Severity of injury. (N.B. Field Ambulance to be notified at once if wound is believed to be self-inflicted.)

Bullet Wound entering right eye.
(Sgd) Herbert J. Orr. Capt.

3. Short statement of the circumstances of the case. (Signed statements of witnesses to be attached to this form.)

On the mornin- of the 5.2.18 Cpl. Holmes was demonstrating to his section the correct aiming position, sighting his rifle at a disc held by Pte. Turner. The rifle was loaded with dummy ammunition. The Corpl. had fired two rounds in demonstration and on firing the third round it proved to be live. The bullet killing Pte. Turner outright. The dummy ammunition had been sued by two other men All pouches were examined and were divid of all live ammunition.

4. Commanding officer's opinion as to whether the man was:—

(a) In the performance of military duty. Yes.

(b) To blame. No.

(c) Whether any other person was to blame. No.

(Sgd) W.J. Bateman Mjr.
Commanding 23rd. Bn.

Date 26.2.18.

5. (a) Opinion of G.O.C. Brigade. The shot was fired by L/C. Holmes, a live cartridge apparently being mixed with the dummies.

(b) Disciplinary action taken or proposed, whether against injured man or another. F.G.C.M. against L/C. Holmes. 25th. Bn.

(Sgd) J. Paton. B. Gen.
Commanding 5th. A.I. Brigade.

Date 31.3.18.

[Continued Overleaf.]

6. To Second. Army "A."

Forwarded with reference to my Casualty Wire No. _____ dated _____

(Sgd) A.W. Jennings. Capt.

Date 10.4.18. for G.O.C. 2nd. Australia Division.

7. To D. A. G.,

G. H. Q., 3rd Echelon.

Forwarded for record. This casualty should be reported as killed (accidentally)

(Sgd) A.B. Whitfield Capt. for
D.A.A.G.

Date 20.4.18. for G.O.C. 2nd. Army.

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J. Turner
J.M.B.

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Lieut.
for Officer i/c Records.

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Army Form A. 2.

PROCEEDINGS of a* COURT OF ENQUIRY.

*N.B. - The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

assembled at QUES QUES (In the Field)

The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

on the sixth day of February 1918.

by order of Col. W. Brazenor, D.S.O.

Commanding 23rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the circumstances connected with the death of:-

No. 6899. Pte. J. TURNER. "A" 23rd. Bn.

A. I. F.

PRESIDENT.

Major. D. Beith. 23rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. J.A. Lorimer 23rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

Lieut. F.J. Jenkins. 23rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

IN ATTENDANCE.

The COURT having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to take evidence:-

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

23rd Battalion - 6th Infantry Brigade.

6th Infantry Brigade,

Herewith Court of Enquiry Proceeding re No. 6899
Pte. J. TURNER, accidentally killed 6.2.18.

6th February, 1918.

Major,
T/Commanding, 23rd Battalion.

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Major D Beith. 23rd Bn AIF

MEMBERS.

Lieut J A Loumer 23rd Bn AIF
Lieut J J Jenkins 23rd Bn A.I.

IN ATTENDANCE.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to take evidence.

First Witness:-

No 154 Lt Col William Frederick Holmes A Coy 23rd Bn states.

at about 11.10 am on 5th Feb 1918 I was in charge of a squad of A Coy practicing musketry. Two men of the squad had fired 15 dummy rounds at the eye size which I was holding. Private Turner was the next man to be tested

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Before leaving him I demonstrated with my own rifle which I had loaded with five rounds taken from one of the men who had already been tested and was refilling the clips. The first two shots I snapped were dummy the third being a live round. Private Turner had picked up the eye disc and was looking through it observing my aim.

The dummy ammunition in use was the ordinary wooden tipped colored red I did not notice any live ammunition in the clips when I loaded the rifle.

Under instructions we had been using live ammunition for rapid loading practice prior to the smoke shell.

The men were all carrying live ammunition in their pouches during the dummy practice this was carried on the left side pouches the right side being emptied + stacked behind the squad to enable the pouches to be used for the practice.

W. Holmes.

Witness

No 6791 Pte Horace Joseph Carroll A Coy
23rd Bn A.I.F. states.

I was one of a squad practicing musketry under Lt Col Holmes on the morning of the 5th day 1918. I was the second man in the squad to be tested with dummy ammunition and the eye disc. Private Turner was third man + next to me Turner fired his 15 rounds of dummy at the eye disc held by the corporal. The corporal then took the rifle to demonstrate the correct aim. The corporal loaded the rifle with clips of dummies which had been filled either by myself or Turner I am fully aware of the difference between dummy + live ammunition and am practically certain I did not put any live round into any clip filled by me. Three rounds of live ammunition which I had used to lock the trigger during practice of rapid loading with ball ammunition were lying on my right + I am quite sure I did not pick any of them up. The clips of dummies when loaded were placed on my left at the front of me. During the demonstration by the corporal, Turner was sighting through the eye disc. The shot from the rifle entered his head at the eye at the completion of the rapid loading practice with live ammunition the corporal

Finding

The Court having considered the evidence find that the death of No 6899 Pte J Turner was accidentally caused by a shot fired from a rifle by L/Cpl Holmes during musketry practice on the morning of the 5th Inst.

The Court considers that more supervision should have been exercised by L/Cpl Holmes in seeing that only dummy cartridges were loaded into the clips for aiming practice before carrying out the practice.

Signed this sixth day of February 1918
at Bueshues

L. P. ^{Major} President

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J. J. ^{Lt.} } members

I concur in above finding

6.2.18

W. J. Bakeman Major
T. Comd 23rd Bn

2nd Witness
(continued)

all live ammunition.

H. Carroll

3rd Witness

No 6824 Pte Richard Bartell A Boy 23rd Bn A.I.I.
States:-

I was a member of a squad under Lt Col Holmes practising musketry on the morning of 5th Feb. I was the first man to be put through the test with dummy ammunition. I have heard read + corroborate the evidence of Pte Carroll.

4th Witness

No 6945 Pte Harold Frederic James Saunders
A Boy 23rd Bn States:-

I was one of a squad under Lt Col Holmes practising musketry on the morning of 5th Feb. Some of the squad had practised rapid loading with live ammunition but as it had not come to my turn I did not do so. After rounds we practised aiming at the eye disc with dummy ammunition. While waiting my turn to be tested I heard a shot + saw Lt Col Holmes jump up + move towards Pte Turner who was bleeding from the head.

H. F. J. Saunders.

5th Witness

No 6838 Pte Len Hayward A Boy 23rd Bn
states:- I have heard the evidence of Pte Saunders + corroborate same.

I had removed all live ammunition from the right side pouches during musketry practice in accordance with instructions from Lt Col Holmes. My trigger was locked with three rounds of dummy ammunition.

5th Witness
continued.

~~for~~ by Lt Col Holmes for the purpose of practicing rapid loading with ball ammunition but as the smoke shell came on before I started I did not carry out this practice.

6th Witness

Lt Hazards
Lieut H. G. Field Musketry Officer 23rd Bn states:- At the South Army Musketry school which I attended in December last the practice was if not sufficient dummy ammunition was available to teach rapid loading practice using live ammunition precaution being taken to lock the trigger by plugging with either cork or three rounds of ammunition. This practice is carried out with absolute safety for rapid loading only. During rapid aiming practice dummy ammunition only is used & all live ammunition should be taken away

7th Witness

Lt Field 2nd Bn
Lieut J A Sindlay A Coy 23rd Bn states:- about 11 10 AM on 5th July 1918 I was conducting standard tests on A boys parade ground. I heard a report of a rifle & ran over to the place the report came from & saw Private Turner lying on the ground with blood flowing from his head. I immediately sent for doctor & stretcher bearers & picked up the rifle from which the shot had been fired (which I now produce); this rifle has an empty cartridge case in the chamber & two dummy cartridges in the magazine. I also picked up a clip & two dummy cartridges on the right of where Lt Col Holmes had

7th Witness
(continued)

been lying whilst demonstrating & one dummy cartridge on the right & close to Private Turner. There were only three clips of dummy ammunition with the squad & the other two were full. The two dummy cartridges beside Pte Holmes were in such a position as if they had been ejected from his rifle but there was nothing to account for the position of the dummy cartridge beside Pte Turner.

John A. Findlay Lt.
23rd Bn.

8th Witness

Captain Colin Gordon Sempleman
a.m.c. states.

I am attached to 23rd Bn as Medical officer. About 11.15 am on 5th July 1918 I was called to see Pte Turner who I was told had had an accident. When I saw him he was dead, death being instantaneous due to a gun shot wound through the skull.

M. Sempleman Capt
23rd Bn.

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R. J. Spence
Lieut.
for Officer i/c Records.

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Date	26.2.18.	
Date	31.3.18.	

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(Sgd) A.W.Jennings. Capt.

Date 10.4.18. for G.O.C. 2nd. Australian Division.

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D.A.A.G.

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Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 6899.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 19th. Reinforcements. 23rd. Battalion. A. I. F.

Rank Private. Surname T U R N E R.

Christian Name James.

Religion R. C.

Age on Enlistment 23 years

Enlisted (a) 17/10/16.

Period of War & 4 months after.

Service reckons from (a) 17/10/16.

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. 26, 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. 26, or other official documents.
	From whom received					
24/6/17.	O. C. Troops.	A. 11.	Embarked	MELBOURNE.	11/5/17.	LR5643. 21/7/17.
	S. M. O. "Ascanius"		Disembarked	DEVONPORT.	20/7/17.	
			Adm. Hospital. Parotitis.	AT SEA.	24/6/17.	
			Discharged from Hospital.	"	7/7/17.	
22/7/17.	O. C. 6th. Tng. Bn.	Marched in from Australia	Marched in from Australia	ROLLESTONE.	20/7/17.	LR5945. B. 213.
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9/12/17.	"	Marched out to Unit.	Marched out to Unit.	"	9/12/17.	A. X. 13135.
15/12/17.	C. O. 23rd. Bn.	Taken on strength.	Taken on strength.	FIELD.	11/12/17.	B. 213. B. 15/50. D. O. 52/7731.

(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: Shoring Smith, &c.
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9/2/18.	C.O. 23rd Bn.	Court of Enquiry	Accidentally Killed.	BELGIUM.	5/2/18.	B. 213. B. 213. B. 15/58.	149/472/24 AFW3428 D. O. 17/1816
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	British Expeditionary Force.						Lieutenant. For Officer i/c Records.

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W I L L

In the event of my death I give the whole of my Military Estate and effects to Mother Mrs Emily Turner Mystic Park (Railway Hotel) for her use absolutely.

J. Turner

DATE 2nd May 1917.
Witness W.R. Finlayson Sgt
Witness A.W. Rose Cpl

Certified to be a true copy of the Will of No 6899 Pte J. Turner 19/23rd Btn lodged with the Officer in Charge Base Records upon embarkation for active service abroad.

A. White
R. W. Bartlett W.O.
Checked by :- *A. Reed*

Ext. from folder of photo of grave

6899 Pte J/ Turner 23/Bn

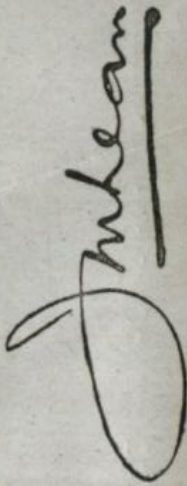
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regretted that the movements or name of the transport on which he is arriving cannot be disclosed.

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,

It is to be understood that the name will only appear in the Press of the Military District in which the above mentioned enlisted.

 Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1178/1.13.—C.446.

RECEIPT SLIP.

RECEIVED from the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Department of
Defence, six copies of photograph of the grave of the late No. 6899

Pte. J. Turner, 23/Btn.

(Signature) *Emily Turner*

(Date) *19 December 1921*



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

C.17069.

*Received with sincere thanks
E J*

When both these forms are used

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No. 340748

Signature

Witness

Date

P. 2034/1.28.—C.1054.—B.M.

Emily Turner

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE 103/1 2/61




No. 6899

Rank *Pte* Name *TURNER. J.*

Unit *2nd Batt*

Casualty **Accidentally Killed* *5/11* CIBL 22791 892 dated London *1/11* Received B.R. *1/11*

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to *W.C. Turner* on *3.6.18*

DATE	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
<i>FEB 11 1918</i>	<i>A.F. B. 103 Received</i>	
<i>13. 2. 18.</i>	<i>M. C. 3</i> Advised <i>accidentally killed 5/11/18</i>	
<i>14. 2. 18.</i>	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
<i>* 15. 9. 18</i>	<i>"Will" to D.P.M. 3 M.D.</i>	
	<i>Court of Inquiry proceedings received - B. R. M. 34/422</i>	
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	<i>Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 17.12.1918</i>	
	  	<i>27.3.22</i>
	BRITISH WAR MEDAL <i>3rd</i> M.E.D.R.M. 53/53/3.	
	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE <i>(3 of leadstone erected by comrades)</i>	<i>54/152 18</i>

WAR HISTORY INDEX

**MEMORIAL
SCROLL**

To
Mother.

Mrs E Turner

340748

31. 10. 22

**MEMORIAL
PLAQUE**

To
Mother (for 3 M.D.)
Mrs E Turner
340748
23. 10. 22

14. 12. 22

VICTORY MEDAL to *Mother* B. R. P. F. 42

Register Post No. *9349* G. P. O. Melbourne

17 MAR 1933

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