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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2825 Name Alfred William Fitch
 Unit Infantry
 Joined on July 10/1915

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Alfred William Fitch
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
 In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Dunliquin
 in the County of W. Wick
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes natural born Brit. Subj.
4. What is your age? ... 28 years 9 months
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) ...
Alban Ed. Lansell (mrs)
Wan Hill
Victoria
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
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 after embarkation during your term of service? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... yes

I, Alfred William Fitch 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 28/6/1915

A W Fitch
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

~~28/6/15~~ 1/7/15

Signature of Attesting Officer.

[Handwritten signature]

LIEUT.
A. & I. STAFF.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, Alfred William Fitch swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 1 July 15 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.

Alfred William Fitch
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this First day of July 1915, before me

Signature of Attesting Officer.

LIEUT.
A. & I. STAFF.

*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.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT) 5th Pioneer Battalion Squadron, Troop, }
 OR CORPS } Battery or Company }
 Regimental No. 2825 Rank Private
 Surname FITCH Christian Names A.W.
 Died { Date 23rd July 1916 Place In the Field FRANCE
 Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION
 Nature and Date of Report } W.O. Letter 21/1396 Accounts 4 dated 24-2-17
 By whom made } and Authority A.A.G. Anzac Section 3rd Echelon
 * Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty. G.H.Q. B.E.F.

Burial { Place Particulars not Date _____
 By whom reported received
 State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not (b) in Small Book (if at Base) _____
 a Will or not { (c) as a separate document received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.
 Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G. Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date } ANZAC Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. B.E.F.
 } 4-4-17 Signature of Officer in charge of Section
 } Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Officer in Charge

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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 28th June 1916

Place Kerang

James J. McEnery
 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 5th Batt 9th Rein

Date Sept 5th 1915

Place Broadmeadows

Alfred Bennett Lt
 Commanding 9/5th Rein.

D.377/1.15.—C.4077.

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Description of Alfred William Fitch on Enlistment.

Age 28 years 9 months.
Height 5 feet 7½ inches.
Weight 147 lbs.
Chest Measurement 32½ inches.
Complexion Fair
Eyes Gray Blue-green
Hair Dark
Religious Denomination A. of England

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

*Small semi-circular
scar on inner side
of left eye-brow. Baldness
on top of head.*

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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 28th June 1915

Place Kerang

James J. McEnery
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 5th Batt 9th Rein

Date Sept 6th 1915

Place Broadmeadows

Alf Bennett Lt
Commanding 9/5 Reinf.

D.377/4.15.—C.467.

CARD CHECKED 98 K/A

CARD CHECKED

Entitled to 1914/15 Star. *Y.P.K.*

Statement of Service of No. 2825

Name *Fitch Alfred William*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>37 Depot</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>2-7-15</i>	<i>19/7/15</i>	
<i>9/5 Rein.</i>	"	<i>19/7/15</i>		
TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM				
<i>7/1/16. Ptz. 8/14. 28/1/16</i>				
TRANSFERRED TO				
<i>54th Batta 11/2/16</i>				
<i>Ptz 23 23/10. 7/5/16</i>				
<i>57th Battalion</i>	TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM	<i>17.2.16</i>		<i>8/0 II 1/279 16.</i>
	<i>5th Batta</i>			
	TRANSFERRED TO	<i>21.3.16</i>		<i>8/0 II 4/1912 16.</i>
	<i>5th Pioneer Battalion</i>			
	<i>20th Batta 5th Pioneer Bn</i>	<i>21.3.16</i>		<i>P" 359. 2.4.16</i>
	MISSING			
	<i>in action France</i>	<i>23.7.16</i>		<i>.. 3241 9.8.16</i>
<i>5th Pz</i>	<i>now reported Kd. in act.</i>	<i>France 23/7/16</i>		<i>106. Pz Bn 11/1914. 31/2/14.</i>
	KILLED IN ACTION.	<i>France 23/7/16</i>		<i>CIBR 1212</i>

See copy Form B103 enclosed.

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

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This is a true certified copy
A. Bennett
Lieut

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2825 Name Alfred William Fitch
Unit " Infantry
5th Pioneer Batt
Joined on July 1, 1915

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Alfred William Fitch
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Deniliquin State of N.S. Wales 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.) ... Yes natural born Brit. Subj.
4. What is your age? ... 28 years 9 months
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) ... Capt. G. J. Ansell (Mrs) Swan Hill Victoria
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
Father - Mr. J. R. Ansell, Box 123, P.O., Swan Hill, Vic.
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 after embarkation during your term of service? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Alfred William Fitch do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 28/6/1915

A. W. Fitch
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/1.15.—C.662.

* 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.

W.P. 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 ^{11/7/15} 28/6/15

Bar Dalon
Attesting

Signature of Attesting Officer.

LIEUT.
A. & I. STAFF

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, Alfred William Fitch swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 1 July 15 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.

Alfred William Fitch
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this First day of July 1915, before me—

Bar Dalon

Signature of Attesting Officer.

LIEUT.
A. & I. STAFF

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3.

Description of Alfred William Fitch on Enlistment.

Age 28 years 9 months.
Height 5 feet 7½ inches.
Weight 147 lbs.
Chest Measurement 35
37 inches.
Complexion Fair
Eyes Blue-grey
Hair Dark
Religious Denomination Ch. of England

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

*Small semi-circular
scar on inner side
of left eye-brow. Baldness
on top of head*

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 28th June 1915

Place Kerang

James J. McEnery
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 5th Batt 9th Rfts.

Date 6/9/15

Place Broadmeadows

Williamston Lieut
ADJUTANT REINFORCEMENTS

Commanding _____

D. 377/4.15.—C.4077.

Statement of Service of No. 2825 Name Fitch Alfred William

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
37 Depot	Pte	2.7.15	19/4/15	
9/5 Rein	"	19/4/15	16.2.16	
57. Batt.	Transferred from 5 th Batt.	17.2.16	28/3/16	BRL 38.
5 th Pioneer Batt.	Pte.	21/3/16		BR 5/17

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

5th Pioneer Battalion 2825

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. 2825
 Rank Pte
 Name Jital a.w.
 D 21656
 Enlisted (a)
 Date of promotion to present rank
 Date of appointment to lance rank
 Date of Service (a)
 Service reckoners from (a)
 Re-engaged
 Qualification (b)
 Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Date	Report		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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	From whom received					
8/1/16	Co. Bn		Taken on strength 5th Pioneer Bn	Tel. e. K. Blair	7.1.16	B&B AP 2291 08/714
19/2/16	Co. Bn		Taken on strength 5th Pioneer Bn	Swapem	17/2/16	B 213 AP 4659 E 9801 D.O. 23/1310
4 1/2 7/6	Co. Bn		Taken on strength 5th Pioneer Bn	do.	7/7/16	D 5584 do 1/799 B 213 A.P. 6605
25/3/16	Co. Bn		Allocated & proceeded to join 5th Pioneer Bn	del. Blair	21/5/16	do 4/1912
27/3/16	Co. Bn		Taken on strength 5th Pioneer Bn	do	28/3/16	AP 6453 01/359
8 1/2 7/6	Co. Bn		To Hospital	Levy Post	5/4/16	AL 478
22.5.16	Co. Bn		Returned from Hosp	do	18/4/16	AL 1042 B 213 P 0
8 1/2 7/6	Co. Bn		Back to duty	do	18/4/16	AL 1042 B 213 P 0

O.C. Capt embarked to join
 In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section B of the Reserve, particulars of which re-engagement will be entered.
 (b) in Canada, Shoeing Smith, etc. also special qualifications in accordance with the L.O. 6.0.18.

Report		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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
29.7.16.	C. O. Co.	Reported Missing	France	28.7.16.	AG 1705 D020/2270 VL 9/8/16
21.10.16	Co. 2nd	No further information has been received by this unit.		21/10/16	Reply to Correspondence 55/425/57.
	Adm HQ	Identify disc received from Germany. No one reported killed in action Central by AAG. AAG's section how to take 21/396 accounts 1/2		11/10/3/48 23.7.16	VL 293 24.3.17 DO 4/1992
		Original. Copies with AAG 2090A forwarded to A. J. H. 1973 and Defence met.		27.7.16 London	6/4/16
					Leur Officers Records

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Number: **2225**
2225-

Regiment or Corps: **9/54th BR - 5th Pioneer Battalion.**
 Rank: **2225 - P/SRNAME**
 Religion: **FITCH**
 Christian Name: **FITCH**

Age on Enlistment: **22** years
 Terms of Service (a): **3** years
 Service reckons from (a): **1917** months.

Date of promotion to present rank: **1917**
 Date of appointment to lance rank: **1917**
 Re-engaged: **1917** } Qualification (b): **1917**
 or Corps Trade and Rate: **1917**

Signature of Officer.

Date	Report		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
	From whom received	Embarked				
8-1-16	B 213					
19-2-16	C.O. 5th Bn	Embarked	Taken on strength	Tel el Kebir	7-1-16	DO 8/714 AP2491
11-3-16	do	Disembarked	tsfd 57th Bn	Serapoun	17-2-16	B 213 AP 465 DO 232310
25-3-16	B 213		Taken on strength 57th Bn	do	17-2-16	B 213 D5484 DO 1/279
26-3-16	do		Allotted and proceeded to join 5th PFR Bn	Tel el Kebir	21-3-16	B213 AP6655 DO 4/1912
8-4-16	do		Taken on strength 5th Pioneer Battalion	do	21-3-16	AP 6423 DO L/359
18-4-16	do		Sick to hospital	Ferry Post	5-4-16	AL 478 B213
22-4-16	do		Disch to duty	do	18-4-16	R 6416
	do		Rejoined from Hosp	do	18-4-16	AL 1042

(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, Shooting-Smith, &c.
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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
29-7-16	O.C. Transport "CANADA	Embarked to join B.E.F. Disembarked	Alexandria Marseilles	19-6-16 AP 9092 25-6-16 LA 5912	
21-10-16	C.O. Bn 5th Pnr Bn	Reported missing	France	23-7-16 A 1785 B 2B DO 20/2270 VI 9-3-16	Reply to correspondence 55/425/57
21-10-16	C.O. Bn 5th Pnr Bn	No further information has been received by this Unit		21-10-16	
	Adm H.Q.	Identity disc received from Germany - Now reported KILLED IN ACTION. Authority A.A.G. ANZAC Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. B.E.F. from War Office letter 21/1396 Accounts 4 dated 24-2-17	23-3-16 in the Field	23-7-16.	111/403/48 V.L. 393 24-3-17 DO 14/1994
	ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force			(Sgd) D. R. CROOKSLieut Officer i/c Records	

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number..... 2825

Regiment or Corps 9th Assult Bn..... 5th Pioneer Battalion.

Rank 2225-Private..... FITCH..... Christian Name A.W...... years..... months.

Enlisted (a)..... Terms of Service (a)..... Service reckons from (a).....

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.....

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
	Date	From whom received				
8-1-16	C.O. 57th Bn	B 213	Taken on strength	Tel el el Kebir	7-1-16	AP2491 DO 8/714
19-2-16	do	do	Tsfld 57th Bn	Serapeum	17-2-16	B 213 AP 4658 DO 2522310
11-3-16	C.O. 57th Bn	do	Taken on strength 57th Bn	do	17-2-16	B 223 D5484 DO 1/279
25-3-16	do	do	Allotted and proceeded to join 5th Pnr Bn	Tel el Kebir	21-3-16	B213 AP6655 DO 4/1912
25-3-16	C.O. 5th Pnr Bn	do	Taken on strength 5th Pioneer Battalion	do	21-3-16	AP 6423 DO 1/359
8-4-16	do	do	Sick to hospital	Ferry Post	5-4-16	AL 478 B213
18-4-16	8th Field Amb	do	Disch to duty	do	18-4-16	R 6415
22-4-16	C.O. 5th Pnr Bn	B213	Rejoined from Hospital	do	19-4-16	AL 1042

(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, Shoosha, &c.

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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
29-7-16	O.C. Transport "CANADA C.O. Bn 5th Pns	Embarked to join B.E.F. Disembarked	Alexandria Marseilles	19-6-16 AP 9092 25-6-16 IA 5912	AQ 1785 VL of 7-8-16 DO 20/2270
21-10-16	C.O. Bn 5th Pnr Bn	Reported missing No further information has been received by this Unit	France	23-7-16	Reply to correspondence 55/425/57 21-10-16
	Adm H.Q.	Identity also received from Germany - Now reported KILLED IN ACTION. Authority A.A.G. ANZAC Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. B.E.F. from War Office letter 21/1396 Accounts 4 dated 24-2-17	23-7-16 In the Field	23-7-16	111/403/48 V.L. 293 24-3-17 DO 14/1994
	ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force				Lieut Officer i/c Records

RECEIPT FOR MEDALS.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, in connexion with the service of the late No. 2825 Private A. W. FITCH, 5th Pioneer Battalion.

Medal

ONE BRITISH WAR MEDAL.

Signature

A. R. Draxell

Date

26th April

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

D. 9049/8.23.—C.12413.

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE

12th April, 1920.

Dear Madam,

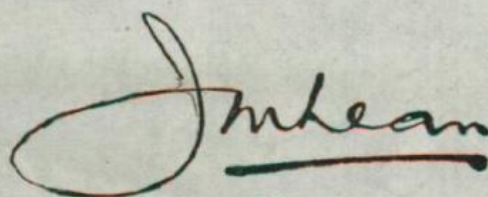
It is noted that you are registered on the records of the late No. 2825 Private A.W. Fitch, 5th Pioneer Battalion.

as next of kin, but, in order that our file may be brought up to date, it is desired to learn whether the above-named soldier had any nearer blood relations than yourself, for instance, -----

----- is his father still alive, if so I shall be much obliged for name and address at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation of the favour of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

 Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. E.T. Ansell,
Swan Hill,
Victoria.

B.F. to Miss Blue
when reply comes
to hand

Don't forget to advise any change of address to—

BASE RECORDS,
MELBOURNE.

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FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS } 5th Pioneer Battalion Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company

Regimental No. 2826 Rank Private

Surname FITCH Christian Names A.W.

Died { Date 23rd July 1916 Place In the Field FRANCE

Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report } W.O. Letter 21/1396 Accounts 4 dated 24-2-17
By whom made } and Authority A.A.G. Anzac Section 3rd Echelon

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation of military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Particulars not Date _____
By whom reported received

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not (b) in Small Book (if at Base) _____
a Will or not { (c) as a separate document received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will be found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.
Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date } ANZAC Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. B.F.F.
Signature of Officer in charge of Section G.H.Q. B.F.F.
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Officer i/c Records

(1332) Wt. 5710/M743 400,000 8/16 JFW (E328) Forms/E2080A/2

6th June 1917

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge ⁷⁴⁵¹⁷ receipt of your communication of the 4th instant, and regret that so far, no advice of the despatch of any personal effects of the late No. 2825 Private A. W. Fitch, 5th Pioneer Battalion, has been received.

A couple of heavy shipments are now being dealt with, but it is anticipated that they will not be cleared up for a few days, and advice of another couple of shipments has been received. Until the effects actually arrive and are dealt with, nothing is known as to whether articles are included for any particular soldier. Needless to say, should anything come to hand, it will be promptly dealt with.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

S. Sampson Esq M.P.
Parliament House,
MELBOURNE V.



THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MELBOURNE.

4. 6. 19

The guardian of the ^{Ansell}
deceased soldier (G R Ansell
Swan Hill) A W Fitch
No 2875 late 5th
Bullaloi Pioneer, is

desirous of knowing
if there are any personal
effects of the soldier
available or reported
that they might expect

Yours faithfully

J. Simpson

Major Sean

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RM

11th May, 1917.

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Dear Madam,

In reply to your communication of 16th ult., I have to inform you that the soldier whose name appears in Casualty List as having been killed in action, on 23rd July, 1916, (previously reported Missing) is No. 2825, Private Alfred William Fitch, 5th Pioneer Battalion, and is apparently not identical with the subject of your enquiry.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. Jenkyn,
58 Newington Road,
Marrickville,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Please Return to
Dr Harvey

2825 Fitch Alfred William 9/5 Bath.

538 Fitch William Alfred 29 "

not in Dep is Discharged

REG

21.4.17

Ansell

Mr Pearson
19/4

Box 123
Swan Hill
16th April 1920

To the Base Record,

Sir,

My son A. W. F. Ansell
enlisted under his Christian name (Alfred
William Fitch) (Ansell). His father, my husband,
is still living.

Father's address.

F. R. Ansell
& Box 123
Swan Hill

DECEASED
SECTION
APR 20 1920
RECEIVED

Miss Blue

Sgt Macky 19/4/17

No. 4. 14.

58. Newington Rd
Marreeville

Dear Quaters
To the Officer in charge

Dear Sir

100 2825



I saw in the last Cavalry list
killed in action A. W. Litch
I am sending description of my brother
who enlisted in Victoria I have not
heard of him since that is his initials
Litch you will make enquiries for me
Thanking you for an early
reply B. Jenkinson

A. W. Litch

Born Lacedon 3 January 1889
England Height 5' 8 1/2

Hair Light Brown
Eyes Light Blue

Complexion Fair Lieutenant

Tattoo Angel on cheek
Flower on chest

Ship on back

Ford & Mermaid on R. Arm

Gib & Flower on L. Arm

Shell on foot

Sgt Macky
19/4/17

C
B. Jenkinson
19/4/17

Statement 208

Victoria

11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte

1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ...	Fitch, Alfred William 2825 Pte 5th Pioneers
2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ...	Emily T. Ansell, Swan Hill
3. Relationship of such person to Member ...	Mother
4. Result of Claim ...	Granted £2 per fortnight as from 27/10/16
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...	

Name	Rank	Unit	Relationship	Remarks
Fitch, A.W.	Pte	5th Pioneers	Mother	Killed in action
Ansell, E.T.	Pte	5th Pioneers	Mother	Killed in action
Ansell, E.T.	Pte	5th Pioneers	Mother	Killed in action
Ansell, E.T.	Pte	5th Pioneers	Mother	Killed in action
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Ansell, E.T.	Pte	5th Pioneers	Mother	Killed in action

CASUALTY LIST NO. 92.
 THE FOLLOWING ARE REPORTED AS HAVING ENBANKED FOR ENGLAND.

Military District.	Regt'l No.	Rank	Name.	Unit.	Relatives reside.	Nature of casualty.	Date.
2nd	1065	Sig.	Veness, H.C.	4th Btn.	Manilla, N.S.W.	Prev. reported ill.	
2nd	660	Pte.	Dewitt, G.F.	4th Btn.	Siggleton, N.S.V.	Prev. reported ill.	
2nd	826	Pte.	Dluett, J.J.	4th Btn.	Marrickville, N.S.W.	Prev. reported wounded.	
2nd	2208	Pte.	Neefs, J.	4th Btn. (6th Rfcts)	Belgium.	Prev. rep. wounded and ill.	
2nd	1213	Pte.	Crane, W.	4th Btn.	England.	Prev. rep. ill.	
3rd	1794	Pte.	O'Riley, M.	5th Btn. (4th Rfcts)	Flemington, Vic.	Prev. rep. wounded.	
3rd	1507	Pte.	Buchanan, D.J.	5th Btn. (3rd Rfcts)	Dendigo, Vic.	Prev. rep. ill.	
3rd	307	Pte.	Spendelove, T.	5th Btn.	Hawksburn, Vic.	Prev. rep. wounded and ill.	
3rd	44	L/Sgt.	King, R.	5th Btn.	England.	Prev. rep. wounded.	
3rd	1999	Pte.	Maddigan, C.	6th Btn. (5th Rfcts)	Kensington, Vic.	Prev. rep. ill.	
3rd	687	Pte.	Horton, D.	6th Btn.	S.Yarra, Vic.	Prev. rep. wounded and ill.	
3rd	897	Pte.	Ashurst, R.	6th Btn.	N.Melbourne, Vic.	Prev. rep. ill.	
3rd	302	Pte.	Everest, P.J.	6th Btn.	England.	Prev. rep. wounded.	
3rd	<u>2170</u> 1168	Pte.	O'Connor, T.P.	6th Btn. (1st Rfcts)	Kew, Vic.	Prev. rep. wounded.	

F I T C H	Alfred William	2825	5th Pioneer Bn late 5th Bn 9th R
Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.			
Emb. at Melbourne per H.M.A.T. "Makarini" 10/9/15			
Pte.			
17/2/16 Trans. to 47th Btn. Inf. A.I.F. Serapeum			
3/8/16 Missing cble dtd London 19/8/16			
17.2.16. Taken on strength of 57th Bn. from 15th Bn			
Serapeum.			
23/7/16 Rptd. Missing in action France			
21.3.16. Trans. to 5th Pnr. Bn. Tel-el-Kehir.			
3/3/16. T.O.S. of 5th Pnr Bn from 57th Bn.			
DP			

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BEFO20/5/16
MEFO. 4/1-16.
MEFO 1/8-16

AUTHORITY.

PURPORT.

National Archives of Australia

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RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

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

No. 2825 Pte. A. W. FITCH, 5th Pioneer Battalion.



Signature *A. W. Russell*

Date *22nd Jan 1923*

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One MEDAL for No. 2525

Rank *Pte* Name *Stan Fitch A.M.W.*

Unit *5th Bn*

Schedule No. *11390* (Signature) *A. R. Shredell*

(Witness) *E. J. Lane Capt.*

Place *Poplar 26/11*

Date *16/11/20*

History Card completed

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Please return this receipt as soon as possible,
duly signed and witnessed, to—

**Medal Distributing Officer,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne.**

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National Archives of Australia

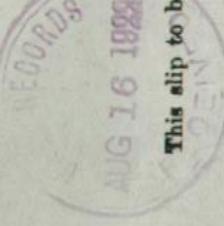
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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late

No. 2825 Pte. A.W. Fitch,

5th Pioneers



Signature

Frank R. Russell

Date *14th August 1922*

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

D. 8038/1.22.—C.1084.—54.

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5th Pion. B.

FITCH

A. W. - 2825 -

"Killed in Action 19th July, 1916"

F i t c h, A. W. 2825 5.Pion.B.

Fell 19.7.16 near Fromelles

LONDON BUREAU

Melbourne 18/10/1920

FINAL GERMAN DEATH LIST

Officially missing

A.R.

22nd September, 6

Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your communication dated 12th instant, concerning your sons No. 138 Lance-Corporal C. R. Ansell, 24th Battalion, reported suffering from Gunshot wound shoulder, mild; and No. 2825 Private A. W. Fitch, 5th Pioneer (late 5th) Battalion, reported Missing, I have to inform you that a memo was despatched from this office on 20th September, to the effect that Lance-Corporal C. R. Ansell, has been transferred to the Colchester Hospital, and giving his postal address. Upon receipt of any further particulars, next-of-kin will be promptly notified.

In regard to your other son - Private A. W. Fitch, I regret to inform you the only information received here was contained in a cable from London briefly intimating that this soldier was reported as Missing from action on 3/8/16.

Any later advice coming to hand will be at once transmitted to you.

Yours faithfully,

Major
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. E. F. Ansell,
SWAN HILL,
VIC.

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Transferred to

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D 244256

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2825

Rank

Rte

Name

Fitch A. W.

Unit

5th Pioneers Batta, late 5th Batta

Casualty *3-8-16 Missing C.I.B.L. 299/6857 E of London 19-8-16*

*206
256*

*Previously reported missing
now reported killed in action*

23/7/16

C.I.B.L. 1212, 18,546^a dated London 2.7/3/17

Ref C.I.B.L. 1212. Correct date of death 23.7.16. C.I.B.L. 1212/5705

DATE.	A. F. B. 103 Received PURPORT. A. F. B. 2090A Received,	REF. NO.
26.8.16	M.C. 3 ADVISED, MISSING. 3.8.16	
11-0-16	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSION.	
29.3.17	M.C. 3 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 23.7.16 PR missing	
8.4.17	AAC Pensions advised re casualty vide statement no 10	
16.4.17	H. Jentyns asking information re above	
26.4.17	NOK asking for Defused Pay	
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. <i>to C.I.B.L. 1212 vide 57357 Dd 2/4/17</i>	
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. <i>to C.I.B.L. 1288 vide 6/18. Dd 23/4/17</i>	
9.11.17	Identity disc ea hurriedly to work	
29.9.18	NOK asking for Effects <i>M 34/1138</i>	
3.3.19	NOK asking re grave <i>"Received & sent M 139/1130"</i>	
	Regular B.R.M. 4913 & D. of re leaves despatched 8.12.19 <i>by printed card 20.5.20</i>	
23.4.20	1914/15 Star issued B.R.M. <i>113/229/1139 9/8</i> To Comdt <i>3rd</i> M.D. B.R.M. 50/72	

WAR HISTORY INDEX

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."

Postcard sent to *W. H. Ansell* on *10/12/20* *Comdt*



LIST.

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
Father (Direct)
Mr. F. R. Ansell
321654
8/8/22
© 9/8/22

MEMORIAL
SCROLL
To
Father
Mr. F. R. Ansell
321654
12. 9. 21 Aug

VICTORY MEDAL to Father B. R. P. F. 42
17 JAN 1923 Registered Post No. 3807 G. P. O. Melbourne

23 APR 1924 } BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Father
Registered Post No. 3291 G. P. O. Uxbridgebourne.

29 JUN 1933 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched
PB 17/1926