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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1670 Name GROVE William John  
 Unit 45 Infy Bata 53rd P. 21  
 Joined on 17-2-1916

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your Name? .....  | 1. <u>William John Grove</u>  |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? .....   | 2. In the Parish of ..... in or<br>near the Town of <u>Inverell</u><br>in the County of <u>N.S.W.</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>24 years 9 mos</u>  |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? .....  | 5. <u>Brazier</u>   |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? .....   | 6. <u>No</u>  |
| 7. Are you married? .....  | 7. <u>No</u>  |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) .....   | 8. <u>George Grove</u><br><u>Inverell</u><br><u>N.S.W.</u>  |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ..   | 9. <u>No</u>  |
| 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? ..... | 10. <u>No</u>   |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge .....       | 11. <u>No</u>   |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? .....   | 12. <u>Yes</u>  |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? .....  | 13. <u>No</u>   |
| 14. 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. ....  | 14. <u>Yes</u>  |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? .....  | 15. <u>Yes</u>  |



I, William John Grove 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~~ three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date 15. 2. 16

W. Grove  
Signature of person enlisted.

\*This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.



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. 17-2-1916

W. J. Snowling  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, William John Grove, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 17-2-1916 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

W. Grove  
Signature of Person Enlisted

Taken and subscribed at Bathurst in the State of N. S. W. this seventeenth day of February 1916, before me—

W. J. Snowling  
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 Williams John Grove on Enlistment.

Age 24 years 9 months.  
Height 5 feet 11 inches.  
Weight 145 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 32 1/2 - 35 inches.  
Complexion Sunburnt.  
Eyes Blue.  
Hair Light brown.  
Religious Denomination C of E.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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 17<sup>th</sup> / 2 / 16

Place Bathurst

Keith Ingham  
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 .....

D Company 45<sup>th</sup> BATTN A.I.F. Bathurst

Date 17-2-1916

Place Bathurst

W. J. Purcell  
Commanding 45<sup>th</sup> BATTN A.I.F. Bathurst



Landed 14.4.16

Statement of Service of No. 1670

Name Grove W J

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
D Company		17/2/16	28/3/16	
DEPOT BATTN A.I.F. BATHURST!				
2nd Reinf 53 Batt		29/3/16		
B103 11.9.16 15.9.16	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE	3/8/16	30-9-16	Pt # 94E 16/9/16 P 6 49 3344 12/10/16
	Joined 53 Bn from 2 Rfls 53 Bn			
	Pte. To Hospital, Sick	France	19.9.17	4081/6645-8/11/17
	Pte. To Reinf House		5.12.17	H.A.17090
	Pte. (a). Admitted to 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station General Disease (S) Discharged to duty from 39th General Hosp House Total Period 1-75 days.		5.12.17	D 087/7620 20/12/17
	Pte. Rejoined Batta from Sick France		29.12.17	D 03/195 17/1/18
	Pte. Appointed Lance-Cpl. do		1.3.18	D 012/931 21/3/18
	Pte. Wounded in Action	" "	1.10.18	D 042/5135 17.10.18
53 Bn	Wounded & missing par. reported wounded	France	1-10-18	C18L2962 1-10-18
	How Rep: Killed in Action	France	1-10-18	913607 CIB W 3363 IB 405.

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

Col E. 25431  
Subject Date.

W E Smith Lt



*Duplicate  
FEB 1916  
Certificate  
W. S. Smith*



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad. **2**

No. **1670** Name **William John GROVE.**  
 Unit **45<sup>th</sup> Infy Batt.**  
 Joined on **17<sup>th</sup> FEB 1916**

**2nd Rifs 53rd BATT**

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. What is your Name? .....   | 1. <i>William John Grove</i>   |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? .....  | 2. In the Parish of ..... in or<br>near the Town of <i>Inverell</i><br>in the County of <i>N. S. Wales</i> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject<br>Naturalized British Subject? (N.B. If the<br>latter, papers to be shown.) .....  | 3. <i>Yes</i>  |
| 4. What is your age? .....  | 4. <i>24 years 9 months</i>  |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? .....   | 5. <i>Graver</i>   |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so,<br>where, to whom, and for what period? .....   | 6. <i>No</i>   |
| 7. Are you married? .....   | 7. <i>No</i>   |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) .....  | 8. <i>George Grove<br/>Inverell N.S.W.</i>   |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? .....   | 9. <i>No</i>   |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His<br>Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incon-<br>gruous and Worthless, or on account of Convic-<br>tion of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servi-<br>tude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace<br>from the Navy? ..... | 10. <i>No</i>  |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His<br>Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the<br>Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy,<br>or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not<br>now serving, state cause of discharge .....                  | 11. <i>No</i>  |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous<br>service? .....   | 12. <i>Yes</i>   |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's<br>Service? If so, on what grounds? .....  | 13. <i>No</i>  |
| 14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will<br>be issued in respect of your service beyond an<br>amount which together with Pay would reach<br>eight shillings per day .....  | 14. <i>Yes</i>   |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-<br>pox and enteric fever? .....  | 15. <i>Yes</i>   |

PAY BOOK No.  
**53726**

I, *William John Grove* 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 ~~three fifths~~ wife and children

Date **FEB 17 1916** (signed) *William John Grove*  
Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.



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.)

<sup>17th</sup>  
FEB 9 - 1916

Date .....

*W. J. Snowling*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, *William John Grove* ..... swear that I will well and truly  
serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from <sup>17th</sup> FEB 9 - 1916 (w.j.g.)  
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.

*signed W. Grove* .....  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Bathurst* ..... in  
the State of *N.S.W.* .....  
this *seventeenth* day ..... of  
*February* FEB 9 - 1916 1916, before me—

*W. J. Snowling*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Description of William John Grove on Enlistment.

Age ..... 24 years ..... 9 months.  
 Height ..... 5 feet ..... 11 inches.  
 Weight ..... 145 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 32 1/2 - 35 inches.  
 Complexion Sunburnt  
 Eyes ..... Blue  
 Hair ..... Light Brown  
 Religious Denomination C of E

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

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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 ..... FEB 9 - 1916

Place Bathurst

Capt. game  
 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

D Company #15 BATHURST  
 DEPT. BATTN. A.I.F. BATHURST

Date ..... FEB 9 - 1916

Place Bathurst

Sgt. J. P. Mungle Capt.  
 DEPT. BATTN. A.I.F. BATHURST  
 Commanding #15 BATHURST



Statement of Service of No. 1670 Name Grove W J

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>Deay</i>		<i>17/2/16</i>	<i>28/3/16</i>	
<i>DEPOT BATTN. N. I. F. BATHURST.</i>				
<i>2nd 53rd BATT</i>		<i>29/3/16</i>		
<b>2nd Rifs 53rd BATT</b>				
<i>53rd Bn</i>	<i>Comd</i>	<i>1.3.18</i>		<i>28. 2. 18</i>

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

*Signed*  
*A. L. [Signature]*



**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

1670

Regiment or Corps *Lud Kemp 53rd Regt.*

Name *GROVE William John*

Rank *Plt/Lt*

Regimental No. *1670* Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 86, 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. 86, or other official documents.
	From whom received	Re-engaged				
1 17/5/16			<b>Disemb' cx H.F. Ceramic</b>	<i>Port Said</i>	<i>16/5/16</i>	<i>D.P. 8192</i>
2 Embarked Disembarked			<i>76.26.7. Arcadian</i>	<i>Alexandria Southampton Vivarauxelles</i>	<i>29/7/16 9/8/16</i>	
3 9.9.16	<i>Plt 14 5584 ABB 213</i>		<i>Transd Area France</i>	<i>Eng</i>	<i>31.8.16 E.R. 806. D.O. 10/9/7 E</i>	
4 16 9 16	<i>5584 ABB 213</i>		<i>Attached in ca 14th Eng in England</i>	<i>Etaples</i>	<i>11 9 16 18 9 16</i>	<i>AB 6204 P.A. 7260</i>
5 20 9 16			<i>Attached out to army</i>			
6 6/10/16	<i>CO 53rd 53rd Bn</i>		<i>Taken on strength of 53rd Bn</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>20/9/16</i>	<i>A.R. 8004 A.R. 09/5577</i>
7 19/17			<i>On leave England</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>6/9/17</i>	<i>E13/36.</i>
8 2/9/17			<i>Returned from leave</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>17/9/17</i>	<i>E13/38</i>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered in the appropriate column of this form.



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 313, 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. 313, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
8 21/9/17	CO Bn B213	No Hospital Sick	France	19/9/17	C 13/38 R 68/6645
9 21/9/17	7 Boulange.	V. D. G. Le 29 <sup>th</sup> Gen Hosp	do	21/9/17	A K. 1693/45
9 20/9/17	2nd Bn C.O. S.	Adm. V.D. Genambaca	do	19/9/17	A K. 1693/53
do	do	Traf. Co AT 10	do	19/9/17	A K. 1693/53
11 22/9/17	39 <sup>th</sup> Gen Hosp	Adm. M. D. M	France	22/9/17	A K. 1693/106
12 5/12/17	do	Due to Base Report (1104)	do	5/12/17	D 87/7620
12 6/12/17	Co. B ADBD	Marched in from Hosp.	do	5/12/17	A K. 204/24
13 26/2/17	380.	Marched out to Unit	do	26/2/17	A K. 204/61
14 5/1/18	CO 53 B B213	(Pal) <del>W</del> Unit ex. Sick	Field	29/2/17	R 13/53 D 3/195
15 9/3/18	do	Pz. Appld Lance-Corporal	do	1/3/18	R 13/53 D 12/931
16 22/9/18	Asst Corps Hqs. T.O. 47	Is congratulated for gallant services rendered during recent operations	do	-	A K. 317/184
17 4/10/18	C.O. 53 B B213	H/C Wounded in Action	Field	1/10/18	R 13/53 V L 861 D 42/5438 (911)
18 8/11/18	RAF A.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Squadron	Previously reported Wounded in Action now reported Wounded & missing	do	1/10/18	V L 869 55/5109/42 D 46/6195 (918)
19 30/9/19	Enquiry N 25451.	Previously reported Wounded & missing now reported Killed in Action by Enquiry of enquiry held at France Belgium	do	1/10/18	C 13 L 8869. I. B. 705 of 4/4/19. R 55708.
19 12		13/13/19			Amerville Capt N 618. L. B. Records R 55708.



M. M.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment of Corps 2/53rd Btn Regimental Number 1670.

\*Substantive Rank Plt Surname GROVE Christian Names William John

\*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I., 18th of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
1. 17.5.16.			Disembarked <sup>42</sup> HT "CERAMIC"	Port Said	16.5.16.	
2.			Embarked HM/T "Arcadian"	Alex:	29.7.16.	
3. 9.9.16.	O.C. 4th Tng Btn		Disembarked Via Marseilles	South ton	9.8.16.	
4. 16.9.16.	5th D.B.D.		Emb o/seas France	Eng:	31.8.16.	DO10/97E
5. 30.9.16.	do		M/I ex 14th Tng Btn Eng	Etaples	11.9.16.	
6. 8.10.16.	O.O. 53rd Btn		M/O to Unit	do	28.9.16.	
7. 9.9.17.	do		T.O.S. of 53rd Btn	France	30.9.16.	DO49/5547
21.9.17.	do		On Leave England	do	6.9.17.	
8. 21.9.17.	O.O. Btn		Rejoined from Engf	do	17.9.17.	
9. 21.9.17.	7C.D. Boulogne		To Hosp Sick	do	19.9.17.	DO81/6645
10. 21.9.17.	2nd C.O.C.S.		V.D.G. to 39th Gen Hosp	do	21.9.17.	
9. 20.9.17.	39th Gen Hosp		Adm V.D. Gonorrhoes	do	19.9.17.	
11. 22.9.17.	do		Trans to A.T.10.	do	19.9.17.	
5. 12.17.	do		Adm N.T.D.M.	Have	22.9.17.	DO87/76
12. 6.12.17.	O.O. 5th A.D.B.D.		Disch to Base Depot (VDG)	do	5.12.17.	20.
26. 26.12.17.	I.B.D.		Marched in from Hosp	do	5.12.17.	
14. 5.1.18.	O.O. 53rd Btn		Marched out to Unit	do	26.12.17.	
15. 9.3.18.	do		Rejoined unit ex sick	Field	29.12.17.	DO3/195.
16. 22.9.18.	Aust Corps H.Q.		Apptd L/Cpl.	do	1.3.18.	DO12/931.
	R.O.47		Is congratulated for gallant services rendered during recent operations	do		AK3117/184.
17. 17.4.10.18.	O.O. 53rd Btn.		Wounded action	do	1.10.18.	DO42/5438
				do		V.L.Fbl.
						M.4.m.

To be folded on this line.







(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 53rd Btn Regimental Number 1670.

\*Substantive Rank 44p. Surname GROVE Christian Names William John

\*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
1. 17.5.16.			Disembarked <sup>44</sup> HT "CERAMIC"	Port Said	16.5.16.	
2. 16.9.16.			Embarked HM/T "Arcadian"	Alex.	29.7.16.	
3. 9.9.16.	O.C. 4th Tng Btn		Disembarked Via Marseilles	South'ton	9.8.16.	
4. 16.9.16.	5th D.B.D.		Emb o/seas France	Eng:	31.8.16.	D010/97E
5. 30.9.16.	do		M/I ex 14th Tng Btn Eng.	Etaples	11.9.16.	
6. 30.9.16.	C.O. 53rd Btn		M/O to Unit	do	28.9.16.	
7. 9.9.17.	do		T.O.S. of 53rd Btn	France	30.9.16.	D049/5547
8. 21.9.17.	C.O. Btn		On Leave England	do	6.9.17.	
9. 21.9.17.	70 D. Boulogne		Rejoined from EngP	do	17.9.17.	
10. 21.9.17.	2nd C.O.C.S.		To Hosp Sick	do	19.9.17	D081/6645
11. 22.9.17.	39th Gen Hosp		V.D.G. to 39th Gen Hosp	do	21.9.17.	
12. 5.12.17.	do		Adm V.D. Gonorrhoea	do	19.9.17.	
13. 6.12.17.	C.O. 5th A.D.B.D.		Trans to A.T.10.	do	19.9.17.	
14. 26.12.17.	I.B.D.		Adm N.T.D.M.	do	22.9.17.	D087/76
15. 5.1.18.	C.O. 53rd Btn		Disch to Base Depot (VDG)	do	5.12.17.	20.
16. 9.3.18.	do		Marched in fron Hosp	do	5.12.17.	
17. 22.9.18.	Aust Corps H.Q.		Marched out to Unit	do	26.12.17.	
	R.O.47		Rejoined unit ex sick	Field	29.12.17.	D03/195.
			Apptd L/Cpl.	do	1.3.18.	D012/931.
			Is congratulated for gallant services rendered during recent operations	do		AK3117/184.
			Wounded Action	do		
17. 22.9.18.	C.O. 53rd Btn.			do	1.10.18.	D042/5438

V.L. 661.  
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To be folded on this line.



(A) Report Date	(B) Authority of Part II, of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions and transfers, etc. All acting should be shown. For entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
18. 8.11.18.	A.A.G. Aust Sec 3rd Ech:	Previously reported Wd in Action now reported Wounded & Missing	Field	1.10.18.	VL 879. D046/6195.
19. 30.3.19.	Court of Enquiry.	Previously reported Wounded & Missing now reported KILLED IN ACTION, by Court of Enquiry held at Ranoe Belgium 30.3.19.		1.10.18.	CIBL 3363. IB 705 of 7.4.19.
			(Sgd) W Meikle Capt For Officer i/c Records Adm Hd Qrs.		

Nothing to be written in this margin.



# Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force

To the Recruiting Officer

at Bathurst

(OFFICIAL STAMP)

I, William John Grove  
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  
Inverell.  
N.S. Wales

Signature WJ Grove  
Occupation grazier  
Date 15-2-1916

(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 <sup>son</sup> <sub>ward</sub> 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 24 yrs. 9 mos. Height 5 ft. 11 ins Chest Measurement (fully expanded) 32 1/2 - 35 inches  
Weight 145 lbs  
~~Married.~~ ~~Widower.~~ Single.

### PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION

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

Place Bathurst  
Date 15/2/16  
I Concur

Keith Inglis  
Signature of Medical Authority

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot

### CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally  Accepted  Rejected this applicant for enlistment  
in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place Bathurst  
Date 17-2-1916

Signature WJ Knowling  
Recruiting Officer

[OVER



## 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
		Single	

 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.







✓  
Mr G. Grove,  
Inverell,  
N.S.W.



**RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.**

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late *No 1670 Dept W. J. Grove 53rd Bn.*

(Signature)

*George Grove*

(Date)

*2nd March 1922.*



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

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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 1670 L/Cpl. W.J. Grove,

53rd Battalion.



Signature

*George Spoor*

Date

*18/12/22*

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

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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. 1670 L/Cpl. W.J. GROVE,

53rd Battn.

Signature

*George Grove*

Date

*6/2/23*

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

D. 3049/4. 32.—C. 5126.

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GROVE

WARREN

William John (Pte)

2/53rd Btn.

Other Names

Regimental No.

Unit.

1670  
34  
12

PURPORT.

2nd M.D.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked at Sydney per H.M.A.T. A40 "Ceramic" 14/4/16

31/8/16 Proceeding overseas to France

BEFO 10/1-16

30/9/16 Joined 53rd Bn from 2nd Reins

" 49/2-16

19/9/17 To Hosp sick.

BEFO 81/3-17

29.12.17. Rejoined Bn. from Sick.

BEFO 3/-2-18.

19/9/17 Adm to 2nd Can. C.C.Stn. V.D. 5/12/17 Disc. to duty ex 39th

Gen. Hosp. Havre. Total Period. 78 days.

BEFO 88/6-17

1/3/18 Apptd. L/CORP.

BEFO 12/4-18

1/10/18 WOUNDED.

IR 590/41-18

1/10/18 WOUNDED Prev rep. Wounded 1/10/18

AR IB607/40-18

1.10.18 Wd. In Action

(MW)

BEFO 42/1.18

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PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
Prev. rep. WOUNDED IN ACTION 1/10/18. NOW rept. WOUNDED AND MISSING 1/10/18.	BERO 46/5-18.
1-10-18 P.R. Wounded & Missing France. Now rept. Killed in Action	KM.
1-10-18. by C. of E. held at Rance Belgium. 30-3-19. JMc	IB 705/19-19

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The Officer in Charge Base Records.

Victoria Barracks  
Sydney.



*[Handwritten signature]*

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Oltho Street  
Inverell  
16/8/21.

To:  
The Officer in Charge Base Records.  
Victoria Barracks.

Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose  
two letters of which may be of some  
service to help you locate the grave of my  
son <sup>No 1670</sup> Lance Corporal W. J. Grove.

Yours faithfully,  
W. J. Grove.



LET/OB  
TELEPHONE—

# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

2ND DISTRICT BASE.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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VICTORIA BARRACKS, SYDNEY,

(Date) 24 August, 1921.

Officer-in-charge,  
Base Records,  
MELBOURNE.

The attached letter is forwarded, as  
it has evidently been addressed to this office in error.



DECEASED  
SECTION  
AUG 29 1921  
RECEIVED

*J.P. Conway*  
Captain,  
Admin. Staff, 2nd District Base.

Enc. 4

*W. Sean*



MK

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 1st August, 1921.

Mr. G. Grove

INVERELL, N. S. W.

Dear Sir,

I regret very much that, notwithstanding the efforts of our Graves Services Unit, we have so far been unable to obtain any trace of the last resting place of

your son the late No. 1670 Lance-Corporal W. J. Grove, 53rd Battalion,

and, so that no possible source of information shall be overlooked, I shall be much obliged if you will let me have on loan any letters or communications that contain any reference to the circumstances surrounding his death, particularly the exact locality at which it occurred, or where he was last seen alive. Of course any information you may have received as to his burial would be of the greatest assistance. The reason these steps are being taken is to identify, if at all possible, those bodies that are being recovered but which have nothing on them to definitely establish identification, and thus obviate the necessity of interring them in the new Military Cemeteries under the heading "An Unknown Australian Soldier."

Only those portions of any letters having a direct bearing or reference to the above need be forwarded. They will be carefully preserved and returned without delay.

If you have nothing that will help, would you kindly let us know, so that we can advise the overseas authorities.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

*J. M. Hean*

MAJOR,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

C.10406.

To the Officer in Charge Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place)

(Date)

*Extract for G.S.  
London:*

*Killed 1. 10. 1918.  
near Bullecourt.  
Said to have been  
buried in the military  
cemetery at Hesbrouck.*

*Seen 5/9/21  
J. M. Hean*

*Not Malack. Seen  
and docu sent & returned  
5/9/21*





*France*

*(MISSING) 27 FEB 1919  
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# Military Forces of the Commonwealth.

## Medical History of

Surname Grove Christian Name William John

Examined (on 15<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1916  
at Bathurst

Approved by—  
Keith Inglis

Birthplace—  
Parish/Town Lucerne  
Country N.S.W

(Rank) 1st Lt  
Major-General  
Medical Officer.

Declared Age 24 years 9 mo.

Trade or Occupation Grazier

Height 5 feet 11 inches

Examined for re-enlistment—  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

Weight 145 lbs.

Chest Measurements (Minimum 32 1/2 inches

Maximum Expansion 35 inches

Physical Development \_\_\_\_\_

Small Pox Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccination Marks (Arm Right Left  
Number \_\_\_\_\_)

\* Considered \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Officer

When Vaccinated \_\_\_\_\_

\* If unfit, state disability \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease \_\_\_\_\_

Re-vaccinated on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection—  
\_\_\_\_\_

Arm \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Officer

Enlisted on 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1916, at Bathurst

	Corps.	Reg. Number	Date.
On Enlistment joined	<u>1st Troop BATA</u>	<u>1640</u>	<u>17-2-1916</u>
Transferred to	<u>2nd Lt 53 Batta</u>		

### Appeared Before a Medical Board.

Station	Date.	Disease	Result
<u>Vaccinated 4/16 (2 times) not taken</u> <u>inoculated once.</u>			
<u>PTD 5/6/16</u>			

**DEAD**

N.B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in Regulations, Australian Army Medical Services, on the man becoming non-effective; the date and cause being stated at the foot of the next page.





*H.S.D.* . 27 FEB 1910  
*List 1097.*

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HB.

Letter rec. from Mrs. E. Grove, Otho St. Inverell  
(mother) regarding deferred pay referred to D.P.W.  
2nd M.D. on 3/7/19.

DEFERRED

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DIXON Robert courtezan

**FROM**

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53rd Battalion

A.I.F.

I do not desire to make a Will.

No. 1670  
W. Grove.  
Pte.

Certified to be a true copy of Statement of No. 1670 I/Cpl. GROVE  
William John, 53rd Bn. A.I.F. deceased. Original forwarded to  
D.P.M. 2nd M.D.

Checked: - *W. Gannon*  
Cpl.  
AEH

*W. Gannon*  
Cpl.,  
Estates Branch,  
A.I.F. Hdqrs. London.

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U.S. AMERICA

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Tony 22<sup>nd</sup> 19

The Officer in Charge  
Base Records.  
Melbourne

BASE RECORDS  
24 JAN 1919  
RECEIVED

Dear Sir

The enclosed letter I received yesterday  
re my son Lance Corporal W. J. Grove  
5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Australian Imperial  
Force abroad.  
He was reported missing in  
a letter received from you  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1918. and a few weeks  
later you reported him wounded  
& missing. As the news of his  
death is not official, I would  
esteem it a favor if you  
will get into communication  
with Lieut L. B. Hastings, with  
the view of getting more definite information  
and report to me as soon as you  
receive any further advice.  
Yours in sorrow

W. J. Sullivan  
27/1



# MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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Telephone:— City 10900

## 2nd MILITARY DISTRICT

District Headquarters,  
(Address) Victoria Barracks,  
Paddington.  
(Date) 10th March, 1919.

The Officer in Charge,

BASE RECORDS.

CORRESPONDENCE  
SECTION.

MAR 14 1919

With reference to your Memo BR 81311 of the 30th January relative to the case of No.1670, Lance Corporal W.J. GROVE, 53rd Battalion, I desire to intimate that Lieutenant J.B. HASTINGS, who disembarked on the 3rd instant promised to communicate direct with Mr. Grove.

File returned herewith.

*W. J. Grove*  
*14/3*  
*L*



*A. B. [Signature]*

Major.  
for A.A.G. 2nd Military District.

*[Signature]*  
*173/19*

*[Signature]*

Copy

C. J. B.  
Worminshi  
England

26. 11. 18

Dear Mr Grove

No words of mine can express my heartfelt sorrow, for you & your family at the tragic death in action of your beloved son Will.

He was a fine stamp of Australian Mankora and no better Soldier left N. Swales in the A. I. F. We all feel his loss so much and and more so those of us who came away from N SW with him long ago.

If I return to N Swales I shall  
Come & see you if possible

I am yours  
in sorrow

address J B Hostings  
Australian

Lieut. J. B. Hostings  
Australian.  
France.



W.M.

30th January, 1919.

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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, concerning the case of your son, No. 1670 Lance Corporal W.J. Grove, 53rd Battalion, and to state that cabled representations have been made to A.I.F. Headquarters, London. A Court of Inquiry is being held with a view to ascertaining if possible the whereabouts of this soldier, and as soon as any information is available you will be promptly communicated with.

Arrangements are being made to interrogate Lieutenant Hastings on his return to Australia.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. Geo. Grove,  
I WVERELL, N.S.W.



W.L. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 10th December, 1918

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1918

Mr. G. Grove,  
INVERELL, N.S.W.

To  
Officer i/c Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

(Kindly submit your reply hereunder.)

Dear Sir ~~or Madam~~,

I regret to have to inform you that no further official news has yet been received of No. 1670 L/Cpl. W.J. Grove, 53rd Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force wounded and who was reported/missing on 1st October, 1918.

I shall be glad if you will return this letter to me with a statement as to whether you have obtained any news of the soldier from any other source.

If letters or post cards from the soldier have reached you SINCE THE DATE THAT HE WAS POSTED MISSING, the last you have received should be enclosed; it will be returned to you.

If you have received from soldiers or others reports that the soldier is dead or a prisoner of war, you should state the names and addresses of the people who informed you; if they were soldiers you should give their names, numbers, and regiments; if they sent you letters, the letters should be forwarded. Any letters you send will be returned to you in due course.

J. M. LEAN, Major,  
Officer i/c Records.

C.9145.

*I regret to state I have not received any letters or news from my son herein referred to, since I received your letter, some weeks ago, when he was reported wounded. I hope you will advise me immediately, if you receive any further news of my son, or should I hear from any other source, before I hear from you, I shall advise.*



*Cable Jim*

*Mr Blue 19/12*

*George Grove* (Signature)  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1918 (Date)



Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 1670 Rank L/Cpl Name GROVE, W. J Unit 53<sup>rd</sup> Bn

Casualty WOUNDED C.I.B.L. 2906, 13151 dated London 7/10/18 Received B.R. 28/10/18. Previously reported wounded now reported wounded & missing 1/10/18 C.I.B.L. 2962, 13598 dated London 12/1/18 Received B.R. 14/1/18. Previously reported Wounded & missing 1/10/18 now reported killed in action 1/10/18 C.I.B.L. 3363, 13788 dated London 21/4/19 Received B.R. 8/2/19

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Pamphlet sent to W.G. Grove 15/2/22

MEMORIAL SCROLL To Father W.G. Grove 351932 15/2/22

DATE A.F. B. 103 Received PURPOSE. 22 OCT 1918 N, O, K, Advised Wounded NOV 15 1918 M.C. 2 ADVISED, WOUNDED & MISSING 1. 10. 18 22. 11. 18 COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS 10. 12. 18 B. P. Form No. 12 (Missing cases) to N. O. K 5. 1. 19 Cable to A.I.F. H'dqrs. - Nothing to prevent finding Deceased, 9. 4. 19 M.C. 2 Advised Killed in action 7/10/18. Pensions advised re Casualty file Statement No. 216 23. 4. 19 4-7-19 Statement of 'fact' now from A.I.F. H.Q. London Filed B.R.M. 43/747.

WAR HISTORY INDEX



15/2/21 N.O.K. CIRCULARIZED FOR PARTICULARS OF DEATH & BURIAL PER B.R.M. 63/1000



MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
To Direct  
Father  
W. C. Grove  
351702  
2/1/22  
20/11/22

2 MAR 1923 VICTORY MEDAL to Father B. R. P. F. 42  
Registered Post No. 7841 G. P. O. Melbourne

21 DEC 1933 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched  
to W R 26