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MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1023

Name CHERRY Percy Herbert

Unit 26. Battalion

Joined on March 5<sup>th</sup> 1915

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

1. What is your Name? Percy Herbert Cherry
2. In the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in or near the Town of Drysdale 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.) Yes
4. What is your age? 19 Years (9) Months
5. What is your trade or calling? Orchardist
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Father John Cherry Cherry Vale<sup>rd</sup> Canada Huon Tas
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
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 Serving 93<sup>rd</sup> S. B. ad. Queensland
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? Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

Percy Herbert Cherry 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.~~ wife.

Date 5<sup>th</sup> March 15

Percy Herbert Cherry

[Signature]

Signature of person enlisted.



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 1915

D. E. Ryan Ward  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, Percy Herbert Cherry swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 5<sup>th</sup> March 1915 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.

P. H. Cherry

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Franklin in  
the State of Tasmania  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day \_\_\_\_\_ of

March 1915, before me—

D. E. Ryan Ward  
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 Percy Herbert Cherry on Enlistment.

Age <u>19</u> years <u>9</u> months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>8</u> inches	
Weight <u>133</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>33</u> / <u>36</u> inches	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Grey</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>C of E</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; haemorrhoids; 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 1915

Place Franklin

[Signature]  
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 Co. Company Co. A Depot

Date 15/7/15. Co 26. Battalion

Place Claremont. Commanding \_\_\_\_\_



Statement of Service of No. 1023

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Name

*Cherry, P.H.*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>26 Batt. W. Company</i>	<i>Quarter Master Sergeant.</i>	<i>1/5/15</i>	<i>3/5/15</i>	
	<i>Battalion Cader No 53.</i>			
	<i>To be CSM</i>	<i>13-9-15</i>		<i>BR 30/34</i>
	<i>" " 2/Lieut</i>	<i>8-12-15</i>		<i>C.A. 9<sup>41</sup>/<sub>16</sub></i>

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



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MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1023 Name Percy Herbert Cherry  
26. Battalion Unit ~~93 Battalion S.C. Cadet~~ 26. Battalion  
 Joined on March 5<sup>th</sup> 1915

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

1. What is your Name? ... Percy Herbert Cherry
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Wynsdale in or near the Town of Wynsdale in the County of West Victoria
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 19 years 9 months
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Orchardist
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no
7. Are you married?... no
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Father + Mother  
Oradoc.  
Stron. Tasmania.
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
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 ... Serving in 93 Batt as Lieut. S.C.
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 and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... yes

I, Percy Herbert Cherry 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 March 5<sup>th</sup> 1915.

P. H. Cherry Lieut.  
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/8.14.—C.10220.

\*This clause 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.)

Date *March 5<sup>th</sup> 1915*

*D. E. Ryan*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, *Percy Herbert Cherry* swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from *5<sup>th</sup> March* 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.

*Percy Herbert Cherry, Lieut.*  
*[Signature]*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Franklin* in  
the State of *Tasmania*  
this *5<sup>th</sup>* day *March* of  
1915, before me—

*D. E. Ryan*  
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.

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Description of Percy Herbert Gehring on Enlistment.

Age 19 years 9 months  
Height 5 feet 8 inches  
Weight 133 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 33/36 inches  
Complexion Fair  
Eyes Grey  
Hair Brown  
Religious Denomination Ch of England

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Scar under right  
knee cap

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 5<sup>th</sup> March 1915

Place Franklin

Sammy Anderson

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 W. Company.

Date 15/5/15.

Place Claremont.

Capt James W. Col  
Co 26. Battalion

Commanding



Entitled to 1914/15 Star *1915*

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Statement of Service of No. *1023* Name *Cherry, P.H.*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>96 Batt, D. Company.</i>	<i>Quartermaster</i>	<i>1/5/15</i>		
	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>3/5/15</i>		
	<i>Battalion Order No 53. To be sergt. Major D Coy Vics SM Crisp A.C. dated 12/8/15 Shrapwound head. slight Adm No 2 Gen Hosp. Carri To be 2nd Lieut. Vics 2nd Lieut Murdock. invalided.</i>	<i>1-10-15</i>		<i>Part 4 1157/32</i>
		<i>3-12-15</i>		<i>" 2596/13.12.15 /59</i>
		<i>8-12-15</i>		<i>" 2801/63 2312-15</i>
	<i>Seconded to 7th Brigade M.G. Coy.</i>	<i>11.3.16</i>		<i>R.I.F. List 38</i>
	<i>Rejoined unit from seconded List</i>	<i>17-11-16.</i>		<i>R.I.F. orders List 116. 25-11-16. Part 19/147. 15-6-17.</i>

CARD CHECKED *H.S.*

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



**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *2* *Lieut* Name { Surname *CHERRY*  
 in full { Christian Name *Percy Herbert*  
 Unit *26<sup>th</sup> Balm*  
 Joined on *March 5/1918*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... .. 1. ....
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... } 2. In the Parish of ..... in or  
 near the Town of .....  
 in the County of .....
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized } 3. ....  
 Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be  
 shown.) ... ..
4. What is your Age? ... .. 4. ....
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... .. 5. ....
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, } 6. ....  
 to whom, and for what period? ... ..
7. Are you married? ... .. 7. ....
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be } 8. *Mr P. S. Cherry*  
 stated) ... .. *Cherry Vale* *Bradley* *Moore*  
*Tasmania*
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ... } 9. ....
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His } 10. ....  
 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. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 11. ....
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's } 12. ....  
 Service? If so, on what grounds? ... ..
13. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who } 13. ....  
 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? .....
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox } 14. ....  
 and enteric fever? ... ..

I, \_\_\_\_\_ 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 .....

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.

†  $\frac{2}{5}$ ths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children  $\frac{3}{5}$ ths 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 .....

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

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

So HELP ME, GOD.

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at ..... in

the State of .....

this ..... day ..... of

..... 19 ....., before me—

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.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name 2 Lt Cherry P H  
 Staff or Unit 26 Batt  
 Date of Appointment and Gazette 8 12 15 Egypt Ltol No 15, CAG 44/16  
 Promotion (date and Gazette) To Lieut dated 25/8/16 M.O. 27/122/1917, CAG 6/17 (copy)  
 Left Australia in Transport A.D. "Aeneas" on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1916 5

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

Seconded for Duty with 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Machine  
Gun Coy. M.O. 290 P.S. Dated 14.3.16. BR 60/11  
Placed on seconded list 21.8.16 M.O. 7/17  
Transferred to 7<sup>th</sup> Mac Gun Coy M.O. 148/17 BR 78/54  
Temporary Rank of Captain also M.O. 95/17  
whilst commanding a Company C.A.S. 54/17  
Transf to 26<sup>th</sup> Batt BR 87/12 1/12/16  
To be Captain Dated 12 Feb 1917. C.A.S. 107/17 M.O. 288/17 P. 68. A  
Awarded the Military Cross CAG 123/17 P. 1784 M.O. 378/17 A.  
Awarded the Victoria Cross CAG 140/17 P. 1827 M.O. 374/17 A.

Returned to Australia (Date, Transport, and any other details):—

Gazetted from A.I.F.

D. 697 10.15.—C.1.136A



Description of ..... on Enlistment.

Age ..... years ..... months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Height ..... feet ..... inches.	
Weight ..... lbs.	
Chest Measurement ..... inches.	
Complexion .....	
Eyes .....	
Hair .....	
Religious Denomination .....	

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 .....

Place .....

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to .....

Date .....

Place ..... Commanding .....

Statement of Service of No. .... Name .....

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	

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



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AND AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the *AGF*

No.	Particulars.
1.	Surname ... } ... } Other names (in full) } ... } <i>To be in block letters.</i> <i>Cherry Percy Herbert</i>
2.	Educational Qualifications... <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of O.M. Regulation 68.)</small> Present rank and corps to be stated. <i>Lt 93<sup>rd</sup> Senior Cadets</i>
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)
5.	Present Civil Employment ... <i>Orchardist</i>
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small> Date of Birth. Age. <i>19</i> Years. <i>9</i> Months.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small> <i>B.S.</i>
8.	Married or Single ...
9.	Postal Address ... Battalion Area.
10.	Next of Kin ... <i>Father Cherry Cradock Huon Tasmania</i>

Date..... (Signature of Applicant).....  
NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part IV, and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.  
I, ..... do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height ..... Weight .....  
Chest Measurement ..... Eyesight .....

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer

**RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.**  
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a *2nd Lt* in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
2. †(a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- †(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.
- (c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to *26 Bat* Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date ..... Commanding ..... Regt. or Corps.

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.**  
Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date ..... Commandant ..... Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.  
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.  
Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.  
267/7.14.—C.721a.



Army Form B. 103  
 Cherrey  
 Regimental Number 1023

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Captain  
 Rank S. 2. H. 7. S. Surname C. H. E. R. R. Y. M. C. V. C. Christian Name Percy. Herbert.  
 Religion ..... Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months  
 Enlisted (a) 12/3/15 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 12/3/15  
 Date of promotion to present rank 14/2/17 Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) .....  
 or Corps Trade and Rate .....  
 Occupation ..... Signature of Officer, .....

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	From whom received					
19. 9. 15	<sup>26th Bn</sup> C/O. B. 213		Embarked to join M.E.F.	Alexandria	4. 9. 15	
4. 12. 15	do		To be Sgt Major "D" Coy	Gallipoli Peninsula	13. 9. 15	DO. 32/1157 E. 213 - 12/9/15
4. 12. 15	7th Fld Amb		Wd Face & Head. To Fld Amb	do	1. 12. 15	B. 213
4. 12. 15	13th C.C. Stn		Adm. & tfd to 13th C.C.S.	do	2. 12. 15	C. 5111
2. 12. 15	"Oxfordshire"		Adm & tfd to Mudros	do	2. 12. 15	C. 5065
5. 12. 15	do		Bomb Wd Head. Admitted	Anzac	2. 12. 15	E. 4770
			Disembarked ex Anzac	Alexandria	3. 12. 15	E. 1717
4. 12. 15	No 2 Gen. Hpl		S. Wd. Head, slt. Admitted	Cairo	3. 12. 15	MFC. 30681 DO. 59/2896 E. 1951. C. 5170.
8. 12. 15	Anzac Orders List 15.		To be 2nd LIEUTENANT vice Gallipoli	Gallipoli		DO. 63/2301
			Lieut. Murdoch, Invalided	Peninsula	3. 12. 15	P. 1809

(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, Sheshe Smith, &c.  
 (5228) W. 1316/14177 2,400,000 1/17 MeA & W Ltd Forms B./1034 (E. 886)



Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
Date	From whom received			
20. 1.16	No 2 Gen.Hpl	Cairo	20. 1.16	R.1151
20. 1.16	Conv.Dep.	Helouan	20. 1.16	R.1187
26. 1.16	do	do	26. 1.16	R.1545
29. 1.16	C/O. 3.213 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Telkebir	26. 1.16	DO.15/858 AF.3511
4. 3.16	do 26 Bn	Coy Moascar	3. 3.16	DO.29/1777 AB.5222
17. 3.16	C/O.7 M.G.C.	do	3. 3.16	DO.4/57 AQ.342
	Non Roll	Alexandria	14. 3.16	
	do	Marseilles	21. 3.16	LR.5083
13. 8.16	2nd Army List 711	France	5. 8.16	ARS.552 - 15/8/16. AT.3971
10. 8.16	C/O. M.G.Coy	do	5. 8.16	DO.13/375 AQ.27/420
6. 8.16	44th C.C.Stn	do	5. 8.16	AK.139/24
7. 8.16	2nd Red X Hpl	Rouen	6. 8.16	AM.40/19
16. 9.16	3rd Lon.Gen.H.	Wandsworth	12. 8.16	ARSL.129
23. 8.16	AIF. List 81	France	21. 8.16	DO.19/549. AK.264/93
26. 8.16	AIF. List 82	do	25. 8.16	DO.17/472. AK.264/77
16. 9.16	3rd Lon.Ge.H.	Wandsworth	16. 9.16	DO.14/72E. WSML.129.
16.11.16	Adn.Hd Qrts	London	8.11.16	DO.14/73E
11.11.16	O/C. Rfts	Etaples	11.11.16	AK.486/30
15.11.16	do	do	15.11.16	AK.486/45
25.11.16	AIF. List 116	France	17.11.16	DO.19/447 (1917) AK.486/59



Regimental Number..... Cherry.

Army Form B. 103

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps..... 26th Battalion, A.I.F.  
 Rank..... Captain  
 Surname..... C H E R R Y, M.C., V.C. Christian Name..... Percy, Herbert  
 Religion..... years..... months  
 Enlisted (a)..... 12/3/15..... Terms of Service (a) Max. & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 12/3/15.....  
 Date of promotion to present rank..... 14/2/17..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b).....  
 or Corps Trade and Rate.....  
 Occupation..... Signature of Officer.....

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	From whom received				
2.12.16	AIF.List 119		France	1.12.16	DO.5/87 AK.572/7.
16.12.16	C/O. 26th Bn B.213		do	1.12.16	DO.128/9287 AQ.12841
13.12.16	AIF.List 125		do	9.12.16	DO.1/30 B.213. AQ.13160 AK.572/20
2. 3.17	AIF. List 148		do	14. 2.17	DO.18/1632 B.213. B.21/11 AK.949/11
4. 3.17	DAAG.List 914		do	2. 3.17	ARS.436 - 8/3/17. AK.949/5
29. 3.17	c/o. 26 Bn Telegram		do	2. 3.17	DO.22/1992 ARS.782 CHE.263 1/4/17.

(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, Shoeing Smith, &c.







Cherry.  
Regimental Number. 1023

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Army Form B. 103

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps. 26th Battalion, A.I.F.  
 Rank. Captain  
 Surname. C H E R R Y, M.C. V.C. Christian Name. Percy Herbert.  
 Religion. Age on Enlistment. years. months  
 Enlisted (a). 12/3/15 Terms of Service (a). War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 12/3/15  
 Date of promotion to present rank. 4/2/17 Date of appointment to lance rank.  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b).  
 or Corps Trade and Rate.  
 Occupation. Signature of Officer.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
19. 9.15	C/O. B.213	Embarked to join M.E.F. Alexandria 4. 9.15			
4.12.15	do	To be Sgt Major "D" Coy Gallipoli Peninsula 13. 9.15			DO.32/1157 B.213 - 13/9/15
4.12.15	7th Fld Amb	Wd Face & Head. To Fld Amb do 1.13.15			B.213
4.12.15	13th C.C.Stn	Adm. & tfd to 13th C.C.S. do 2.12.15			C.5111
2.12.15	"Oxfordshire"	Adm & tfd to Mudros do 2.12.15			C.5065
5.12.15	do	Bomb Wd Head. Admitted Anzac 2. 12.15			E.4770
4.12.15	No 2 Gen.Hpl	Disembarked ex Anzac Alexandria 3.12.15			E. 1717
8.12.15	List 15.	S.Wd.Head,slt. Admitted To be 2nd LIEUTENANT vice Calliopli 3.12.15			MFC.30881.11/12/15 DO.59/2596 E.1951. C.5170.
		Lieut. Murdoch, Invalided Peninsula 8.12.15			DC.53/2801 P.1809

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 (b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c.  
 (6228) W.13563/141477 2.400.000 1/17 MGA & W Ltd Patnos B./103/4 (E. 888)



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. in 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
Date	From whom received				
20. 1.16	No 2 Gen.Hpl	Tfd. to Helouan Conv. Dep.	Cairo	20. 1.16	R.1151
20. 1.16	Conv. Dep.	Admitted from Hospital	Helouan	20. 1.16	R.1187
26. 1.16	do	Discharged to duty	do	26. 1.16	R.1545
29. 1.16	C/O <sup>26B</sup> B.213	Returned to duty	Teilekebir	26. 1.16	AP.3511 DO.15/858
4. 3.16	do	Tfd. to 7th Bde Mach. Gun. Coy	Moascar	3. 3.16	AB.5222 DO.29/1777
17. 3.16	C/O.7 M.G.C.	Taken on Strength	do	3. 3.16	AO.342 DO.4/57
	Nom Roll	Proceeded to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	14. 3.16	
	do	Disembarked ex Alexandria	Marseilles	21. 3.16	LR.5063
13. 8.16	2nd Army List 711	Wounded in Action	France	5. 8.16	ARS.552 - 15/8/16. AT.3971
10. 8.16	C/O. M.G.Coy	Wounded in Action	do	5. 8.16	DO.13/375 AC.2/14
6. 8.16	44th C.C.Stn	Adm 7 tfd to Amb Train	do	5. 8.16	AK.139/24
7. 8.16	2nd Red X Hpl	GSW Neck. Admitted	Rouen	6. 8.16	AM.40/19
16. 9.16	3rd Lon.Gen.H.	Admitted wounded	Wandswoth	12. 8.16	ARSL.129
23. 8.16	AIF. List 81	Evacuated Wounded is Placed on Seconded List	France	21. 8.16	DO.19/849 AK.264/93
26. 8.16	AIF. List 82	To be LIEUTENANT	do	25. 8.16	DO.17/472 AK.264/77
16. 9.16	3rd Lon.Gen.H.	Discharged to duty	Wandswoth	16. 9.16	DO.14/72E WSM.129.
16.11.16	Adn.Hd Qrts	Proceeded O/seas France	London	8.11.16	DO.14/73E
11.11.16	O/C. Rfts	Admitted from England	Etaples	11.11.16	AK.486/30
15.11.16	do	Proceeded to join Unit	do	15.11.16	AK.486/45
25.11.16	AIF. List 116	Resumed duty from Seconded List	France	17.11.16	DO.19/447 (1917) AK.486/59



Sheet 2.

Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number..... Cherry.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps..... 26th Battalion, A.I.F.

Captain

Rank..... C.O. M.S.

Surname..... C H E R R Y, M. C., V. C.

Christian Name..... Percy Herbert

Religion.....

Age on Enlistment..... years..... months

Enlisted (a)..... 12/3/15..... Terms of Service (a)..... 4 months Service reckons from (a)..... 12/3/15.....

Date of promotion to present rank..... 14/2/17..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

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

Occupation..... Signature of Officer.....

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	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.			
2.12.16	A.I.F. List 119	Trans. from 7th Mech. Gun Coy to 26th Battalion	France	1.12.16	DO. 5/87 AK. 572/7.
16.12.16	C/O. 26th Bn B.213	Taken on Strength from 7th Mech. Gun Coy and to Temp. Command of C Company.	do	1.12.16	DO. 128/8267 AC. 12841
13.12.16	A.I.F. List 125	To be TEMP. CAPTAIN whilst in Command of A Coy, vice Cameron, Invalided	do	9.12.16	DO. 1/30 B. 213. AQ. 13160 AK. 572/20.
2. 3. 17	A.I.F. List 148	To be CAPTAIN vice Woods to Supernumy List	do	14. 2. 17	DO. 18/1632 B. 213. B. 21/11 AK. 949/11
4. 3. 17	DAAG. List 914	Wounded in Action	do	2. 3. 17	ARS. 436 - 3/3/17. AK. 949/5
29. 3. 17	Telegram	Wounded in Action, and Remained at Duty	do	2. 3. 17	DO. 22/1992 ARS. 782 CHE. 263 1/4/17.

(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, Sheehy Smith, &c.  
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CHERRY No2.

P. H.

Capt.

26Bn.

WAR GRAFFITY SCHEDULE

Surname / Other Names

Regimental No.

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

12/8/16. Adm. 3rd Ldn. Gen. hpl Wandsworth Wd. 16/9/16. Dis. (EM) LHM. 14/1A6. Awarded the Military Cross. BFFO29/8/17.

D. 835/2315. C. 902.

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AUTHORITY.

PURPORT.

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CHERRY

Surname.

Percy Herbert (QMS)

Other Names.

Lieut.

1023

Regimental No.

D/26th Battn

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked at Tas. or Q'land per H.M.A.T. "Ascanuis" on 20/6/15. *WWT*  
14/2/17. Prom. Cptn. *FFFO18/4/17.*

NO DATE. SLIGHTLY WOUNDED Cbl. dtd London 11/12/15 Cbl. 4178B

5-12-15 Adm No 2 Aust Gen Hspl Ghezireh Shr wd head slight Cbl. 4041

Identity established Cbl. dated London 14/12/15 Cbl. 4255.

10-12-15 Adm to Hspl. Helouan SH. WOUND HEAD. Cbl.

8-1-16 Still in Hospital. M.6/233/3

12-12-15 Under treatment Helouan C.C. S.WOUND HEAD. M 6/188/2

13-12-15 S.W. HEAD Adm 1st A.G.H. Heliopolis. M.6/162/3

10-12-15 Adm A & N.Z. Conv Hspl. Helouan S.W. HEAD M .5/1225/81.

25-1-16 Disch ex Hspl Helouan to /S Base Giza Class "A" M.6/235/100.

26-1-16 Returned to Unit ex Hospital. *MOEF 15/4-16*

13-9-15 *To be Co.S.M.*

8-12-15 *John 2 Lt*

6-8-16 Adm 2nd Red Cross Hspl. G.S.W. NECK (severe) Cbl. 6849B

WOUNDED Cbl. dated London 21/8/16 Cbl. 6862Z

WOUNDED Cbl. dated London 30/8/16 *BA. 30/31. 4870*

National Archives of Australia *CAH 17*

NAA: B2455, CHERRY P.H



PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
16-9-16. Dis. from Hos.	IB 39/28-16
5-8-16. Wounded in action, France.	BEFO 13/1-16
25-8-16. <u>Promoted Lieutenant, France.</u>	" 17/1-16
3-12-15. Shrap. Wd. Head. slight, Adm. No 2 Gen. Hos. Cairo.	MEFO 59/2-15
8-12-15. <u>To be 2/Lieut. vice 2/Lieut. Murdock Invalided. (D.T.)</u>	" 63/1-15
26-1-16. Returned to Unit from Hosp.	" 15/4-16
2-3-16. Trans. to Bgde. Hd. Qrs. M.G. Coy.	" 29/5-16
3-3-16. Taken on strength of 7th Inf. Bde M.G. Coy. from 26/Bn	BEFO 4/1-16
21-8-16. Evacuated wounded & placed on Seconded List. (D.T.)	" 19/1-16
5-10-16. Dis. from 3rd Lon. Gen. Hos. Wandsworth. Dtls."	Lon/O 13/1-16
1/12/16 Taken on strength of 26th Btn from 7th Aus Mac. Gun Coy and to be Lieutenant. (RC)	BEFO 128/3-16
12/8/16. Adm to 3rd Lon Gen Hosp Wandsworth wounded. (RC) Dtls	Lon 14/-16
8/11/16 Proceeding overseas to France. (RC) Dtls	" "
1/12/16 Trans to 26th Btn from 7th Aus M.G. Coy. "	BEFO 3/2-17
9/12/16 Promoted T/Captn.	" 1/3-17
2/3/17 WOUNDED IN ACTION & REMAINING AT DUTY.	" 22/1-17
27/3/17 KILLED IN ACTION.	" 23/1-17
11/5/17 Awarded Victoria Cross.	BEFO 30/6-17

National Archives Australia from seconded list. NAA: B2455, CHERRY P H



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7th Aust. Light. Gun Coy

Army Form B. 103.  
Cherry

Embarked Alex 4/9/15.

Regimental No. 1023  
Enlisted (a) 12.3.15  
Date of promotion to present rank 14.2.17  
Extended

Regiment or Corps 26th Bn  
Rank Private  
Name Percy Cherry

Service reckons from (a) 12.3.15  
Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os.

Qualification (b)

Re-engaged

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				
19.9.15	B 213 of 19.9.15	To be Sergt Major D Company	Angao	13.9.15	0810 23/07 B213 of 9.9.15
8/10/15	Asst Quartermaster	Asst Quartermaster	Gallipoli Peninsula	8.12.15	0810 18/2801 P809
5/12/15	Warrant Officer	Warrant Officer	Alexandria	3.12.15	0810 39/2596 0810 19/51 (C570)
4/12/15	Asst Quartermaster	Asst Quartermaster	Cairo	3.12.15	0810 19/51 (C570)
4/12/15	Asst Quartermaster	Asst Quartermaster	Gallipoli Peninsula	1.12.15	B213
4/12/15	Asst Quartermaster	Asst Quartermaster	Gallipoli Peninsula	10.12.15	0810 19/51 (C570)
4/12/15	Asst Quartermaster	Asst Quartermaster	Gallipoli Peninsula	2.12.15	C511
2/12/15	Asst Quartermaster	Asst Quartermaster	Angao	2.12.15	E4770
4/12/15	Asst Quartermaster	Asst Quartermaster	Gallipoli Peninsula	2.12.15	C5065
20/1/16	Asst Quartermaster	Asst Quartermaster	Whuan	20.1.16	R1187

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 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.



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				
20/1/16	1102 A.G.H. 503	2nd from A 23 Aust Gen Adopt to Helwan Cond Duty	Cairo	20.1.16	Riser 01816 12/811
29/1/16	910 26th B213	Returned to Unit	Helwan	26.1.16	A.P.3511
26.1.16	Helwan Con. 30/8/16	Ad from Helwan Cond Depart to duty	Helwan	25.1.16	Rists
4 3 16	26th CO	Ad to 7th Bde M.G.	Leoy	23 16	01816 29/777 B213 A.P.3222
17-3-16	C/O 7 M.G.C.	PROCD TO JOIN B.E.F ALEXANDRIA 14/3/16	DISEMBKD MARSEILLE		
13-8-16	2nd Army G.H.Q. Lt 711	Taken on strength.	21/3/16 Moascar. 3-3-16.		L/R. 5063 B213 AD-42 60.4/57
7-8-16	1102 Red Brass Hat.	Wounded	France	5-8-16	AT 3971 C182 1105 652 15/8/16
10/8/16	CO 7 M.G.C.	Edw. Nich. Admitted	Rozen	6-8-16	AM 40/19 113034
6-9-16	44 600th Station	Wounded	France	5-8-16	B213/AC 27114 D.O. 13/375/18
26-8-16	A.I. 2 Orders List 82	Edw. Nich. Admitted & Ad to 26th and Train	do	5/8/16	AK 119/24 911
23-8-16	A.I. 2 Orders List 81	Edw. Nich. Admitted & Placed on second list	do	25-8-16	AK 264/77 D.O. 7/1472
11-11-16	P. 6 Suff's band	Marched in from England	do	21-8-16	AK 264/77 D.O. 14/514
15-11-16	do	Marched out to Menit	Chaple	11-11-16	AK 486/30
25-11-16	A.I. 2 Orders List 116	Returned duty from second list	do	15-11-16	AK 486/45
			Julia Field	17-11-16	AK 486/57 D.O. 19/1007



**Casualty Form - Active Service.**  
26th Battalion, A.I.F.

Regiment or Corps 7th Machine Gun Coy, A.I.F.

Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Lieut Name C H E R R Y, Percy Herbert

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (i) \_\_\_\_\_

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					
16/9/16 16/9/16	3rd Lon. Gen. Hosp		Admitted Wounded Discharged to Duty	Wandsworth do	12/8/16 16/9/16	ARSL 129. WSML 129. D.O. 14/72 E. ✓ 21
16/11/16	Adm. H.Q. London		Proceeded O/seas France	England	8/11/16	D.O. 14/73 E. ✓ 24
2/12/16	A.I.F. Ords List 119		Trans from 7th M. Gun Coy to 26th Battalion	France	1/12/16	AK 572/7. D.O. 128/8267 ✓ 28
16/12/16	C.O. 368 B 213		Taken on strength and to Temp Command C Coy	do	1/12/16	AQ 12841. D.O. 128/8267 ✓ 29
13.12.16	A.I.F. Orders List. 125		To be Temp Captain whilst Comd. A Coy, vice Cameron invalided	France	9.12.16	D.O. 1/30 AK 572/20 B213 AQ/3160 ✓ 30
4.3.17	D.A.A.G. (2) List 914		Wounded in Action	France	2.3.17	AK 949/5 ARS 436 ✓ 32
2.3.17	A.I.F. Orders List 148		To be Capt vice supplied. 14.2.17		14.2.17	D.O. 18/11/52 AK 949/11 B213 B21/11 ✓ 31
29.3.17	C.O. 26 Bn Telegram		Wounded in Action, and Remaining at duty	France	2.3.17	D.O. 22/1992. ARS 782 CHE. 263 1.4.17. ✓ 33
29.3.17	D.A.A.G. 2 List 929		Killed in Action	do	27.3.17	AK 1065/1 ARS 816 ✓ 34
31.3.17	C.O. 26 Bn		KILLED IN ACTION	do	27.3.17	D.O. 23/2055. B21/13 ✓ 35

(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) S.S., Special, S.S.P.F., etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.



Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
1. 5.17	A.I.F. Order No.171.	Extract from London Gazette Suppl't.No.30036 of 26/4/17. Awarded the MILITARY CROSS. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in the attack with great gallantry and captured the enemy's position together with great machine guns. Later, although wounded, he continued to command his men.		Do. 29/3266 AK.1174/7.
11. 5.17	A.I.F. List 176	Extract from LONDON GAZETTE Suppl't.No.30064 of 11/5/17. Awarded the VICTORIA CROSS, for most conspicuous bravery determination and leadership when in command of a company to storm and clear a village. After all the officers of his company had become casualties he carried on with care and determination, in the face of fierce opposition, and cleared the village of the enemy. He sent frequent reports of progress made, and when held up for some time by an enemy strong point he organised machine gun and bomb parties and captured the position. His leadership, coolness and bravery set a wonderful example to his men. Wounded about 6.30 am he refused to leave his post, and there remained, encouraging all to hold out at all costs, until, about 4.30 pm, this very gallant officer was killed by an enemy shell.		DD 30/3408 A.K.1174/14.
ORIGINAL.	Copy fwd AIF Hd Qrts, Defence & C.F.M., with A.F. B.2090a	Melb., /6/6/17		<i>Y.H. Duhm</i> Lieut., Officer i/c Records.



TR/HC.

7 JUL 1937

S.C.I.

Dear Sir,

As requested I am forwarding herewith particulars of the service in the A.I.F. of the late Captain Percy Herbert CHERRY, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion, together with copies of Citations relative to the award of these Decorations.

The action for which the V.C. was awarded was during an attack on Lagnicourt, France, on the morning of 26th March, 1917, whilst the M.C. was awarded for conspicuous bravery during the attack on Malt Trench, North of Warlencourt, on the night of 1st/2nd March, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

(T. ROBINSON)  
Officer i/c Base Records.

The Editor,  
"Maffi",  
Anzac House,  
Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE. C.I.

Encl.



Statement 196  
4/26

1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ...	Cherry, Percy Herbert - Lieut. 26th Battalion <del>Deceased.</del>
2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ...	Cherry, John Gawley - Cradoc
3. Relationship of such person to Member ...	Father
4. Result of Claim ...	Granted 25/- per fortnight from 11/6/17
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...	
1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ...	Cherry, Percy Herbert - Lieut. 26th Battalion <del>deceased</del>
2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ...	Cherry, Elizabeth Cradoc
3. Relationship of such person to Member ...	Mother
4. Result of Claim ...	Granted 25/- per fortnight from 11/6/17
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...	

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JML/ET  
SUBJECT: Re the late Captain P. H. Cherry, 26th Battalion.

Acting Secretary,

Referred for favor of instructions.

*Jmlean* Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

22/8/17

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24/8/17*

*Reply sent  
concerning a letter  
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permitted*

BRITISH  
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WJM/AIR

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F.  
31st August, 1917.

Dear Sir,

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I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder  
copy of extract from Second Supplement No. 30064 to the  
London Gazette dated 11th May, 1917, relating to the conspicuous  
services rendered by your son, the late Captain P. H. Cherry,  
26th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS

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" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to  
approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned  
officer :-

Captain PERCY HERBERT CHERRY.

*Lagnicourt  
France 26/3/17*

For most conspicuous bravery, determination, and leadership  
when in command of a company detailed to storm and clear a  
village. After all the officers of his company had become  
casualties, he carried on with care and determination, in the  
face of fierce opposition, and cleared the village of the enemy.  
He sent frequent reports of progress made, and when held up for  
some time by an enemy strong point he organised machine-gun and  
bomb parties and captured the position. His leadership, coolness,  
and bravery set a wonderful example to his men. Having cleared the  
village, he took charge of the situation and beat off the most  
resolute and heavy counter-attacks made by the enemy. Wounded  
about 6.30 a.m., he refused to leave his post, and there remained,  
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this very gallant officer was killed by an enemy shell.

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of  
Australia Gazette, No. 140 of 27th August, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Cherry, Esq.,  
Cradoe,  
Huon, Tas.

Officer i/o Base Records.



**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

Surname Cherry V.C. M.C.  
 Christian Names Percy Herbert

**Statement of Service.**

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority	Remarks	
<sup>2nd</sup> Lieutenant	26 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Trans. of New Guinea New Guinea Coy.	8/12/15		A.I.F. List 15 38		
Lieut			25.8.16	A.I.F. List 82.		
Lieut	26 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	1.12.16	1.12.16	A.I.F. List 119	2.12.16	
Lieut	26 <sup>th</sup> Bn	1.12.16	1.12.16	A.I.F. List 119	2.12.16	at 128/267
S. Capt.			9.12.16	A.I.F. List 125	13.12.16	while commanding a Coy near Cameron invalided
Capt			14.2.17	A.I.F. List 148	14.2.17	rice woods

**Casualties.**

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
Date	Place	Cause	Date	Place	Nature	Returned to duty	Date	Cause	Authority
27.3.17.	France	Killed in action 249 939 CIB 1253	4.8.16	France	Wounded in action				

*Part of burial to Off. Base Rec  
Melb. to be post to W.A. 1850/2/16*

Buried at a spot near Lagricourt  
N.E. of Bapaume  
C.R. 1850/2/16  
B. 2359.

**Personal.**

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks
Crohardist	Drysdale Vic.	Single	Father. Mr. Cherry. Gradoc, Huon. Tasmania.	



Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS	Reference to Orders or other Authority
2/3/16 Taken on strength from 26 <sup>th</sup> Battr	Part II 4/54
25.8.16. Promoted Lieut. France. (AIF. Orders. 1457 No 82. dated 26.8.16.)	Pts. O. 17/472. 9. 9. 16.
21.9.16 Evacuated wounded & placed on Seconded list. A.I.F. Orders. 51 dated 23/9/16	Pt II 19/549 4.10.16
12.8.16 Admitted 3rd Hon Gen Hosp. Wounded Wandsworth.	RRS 532. Pts. 11/725.
16.9.16 Discharged to Duty.	NSML 129. Pts. 11/735.
8.11.16. PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE.	MARKY HEAD 10/11/16 Pts. 11/735.
11.11.16 Resumed duty from seconded list.	A.I.F. List 116. 25.11.16.
10.10.16. Dis from 3rd Hon Gen Hosp	DO13/52E. ER 5779.
12.16 Taken on strength of 26 <sup>th</sup> Bsm. from 7 <sup>th</sup> Aust Machine Gun Coy to be Lieut	Pt II 3/57. 22/1/17 Pt II 128/2267
17.12.16. Promoted Temp Capt, vice Cameron, invalided, while commanding A. Coy. (AIF list 125. 17/12/16)	Pt II 1/30. 21-1-17 C.I.B.L. 1163. 18/179. 12/3/17 G.P.O. 201. 9/11/17 (C.A. 725. 482)
2.3.17. Wounded in Action (Remaining on Duty) Pts. 27/109	Pts. 18/1632 17-3-17
14.5.17. Promoted Capt. vice Capt. Woods. to supply list.	
23.3.17. Pres rep Wounded. Now rep M. Keating on Duty	18.199. 4/4/17
27.3.17. Killed in Action	Pts. 23/2035. C.I.B.L. 253. 18/202. 1/4/17.
24.8.17. Rep <sup>td</sup> K.I.A., is struck off the strength	A.I.F. List 165.
Awarded Victoria Cross (AIF Order list 176 dated 11/5/17)	Pt II 30/3408 20/5/17
Extract from London Gazette Supplement No 30064 dated 11/5/17	



## FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer 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 ) 26th Battalion, A.I.F. Squadron, }  
or ) Troop, Battery }  
CORPS ) or Company }

Rank CAPTAIN

Name CHERRY, Percy Herbert. M.C., V.C.

DIED { By whom reported Commanding Officer, 26th Battalion, A.I.F.  
Date of Death 27th March, 1917.  
Place or Hospital France.  
Cause of Death Killed in Action.  
Place of Burial Particulars not yet to hand.

State whether he leaves ) Will not received.  
a will or not. }

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, 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 Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

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

*W. J. Loken* Lieutenant,  
Officer i/c Records.

Station and Date A NZAC SECTION, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q.,  
British Expeditionary Force,  
5th June, 1917.



Copy of extract from Fourth Supplement No. 30036 to the  
London Gazette, dated 24th April, 1917, relating to the  
conspicuous services rendered by the late Captain P.H. CHERRY,  
26th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS been graciously pleased  
to confer the Military Cross on the undenaentioned officer in  
recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field -

Captain Percy Herbert CHERRY.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.  
He led his company in the attack with great gallantry and  
captured the enemy's position together with two machine guns.  
Later, although wounded, he continued to command his men.

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of  
Australia Gazette, No. 133 of 21st August, 1917



A. F. W. 5121.  
Number.

7th Aust Inf Bde

2nd Aust Div:

1st Anzac Corps

3/4/17.

Action for which commended

Recom By  
Honour or  
Reward.

26th Battn. Capt.  
P.H.  
CHERRY.

G.O.C.  
7th Aust  
Inf Bde.  
VICTORIA  
CROSS.

During the attack on Lagnicourt on the morning of 26/3/17 this Officer was in command of "C" Coy who stormed and cleared the village. His gallantry and bravery is beyond description. After all the Officers of his Coy were casualties he carried on in face of fierce opposition and mopped up the town in a most careful and determined manner. He continuously sent reports of the progress being made and when held up for some time by an enemy strong point he immediately organised Lewis Gunners, bombers, and rifle bombers and led the rush which captured the position. His leadership coolness and bravery set a wonderful example to his men. On clearing the village he took charge of the situation and with about 100 men and with the assistance of Lieut Stapleton was mainly instrumental in beating off a most determined counter attack made by the enemy with about 1000 men. He was wounded in the leg at about 6.30 am, but would not leave his post encouraging all around him to hold out in the face of fierce opposition. He was unfortunately killed by an enemy shell about 4.30 pm. during the day he personally killed 9 Germans. He had previous to this attack been wounded on three occasions and was recommended for a D.S.O. when the Bn attacked the Malt Trench north of Warlencourt on 1/3/17.

(SGD) N.H. SMYTH.  
Major-General,  
Commanding 2nd Aust Division.

3094.



Action for which commended

26th Bn. Cap. Percy  
A.I.F. Herbert  
CHERRY.

For conspicuous bravery and gallantry in action.

In the attack on MALT TRENCH North of WARLENCOURT on the night of 1st/2nd March 1917 he led his Company with great dash and bravery. The wire was not well cut, but he ran along the edge of the entanglements for a distance of about 50 yards until he found an opening, through which he led his men in single file. On entering the trench he met fierce opposition, but he rallied his men and cleared the trench, connecting up with the Companies on his right and left his efforts throughout were most gallant and inspiring, and although he was wounded remained on duty. He captured two enemy machine guns, one of which he personally turned on the enemy.

(Sgd). N.M. SMYTH M.G.



Copy of extract from Second Supplement No. 30064 to the  
London Gazette, dated 11th May, 1917, relating to the conspicuous  
services rendered by the late Captain P.H. CHERRY, 26th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force

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AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve  
of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned officer -

Captain Percy Herbert CHERRY

For most conspicuous bravery, determination, and leadership  
when in command of a company detailed to storm and clear a village.  
After all the officers of his company had become casualties, he  
carried on with care and determination, in the face of fierce  
opposition, and cleared the village of the enemy. He sent  
frequent reports of progress made, and when held up for some time by  
an enemy strong point he organised machine-gun and bomb parties and  
captured the position. His leadership, coolness and bravery set a  
wonderful example to his men. Having cleared the village, he took  
charge of the situation and beat off the most resolute and heavy  
counter-attacks made by the enemy. Wounded about 6.30 a.m., he  
refused to leave his post, and there remained, encouraging all to  
hold out at all costs, until, about 4.30 p.m., this very gallant  
officer was killed by an enemy shell.

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Australia Gazette, No. 140 of 27th August, 1917.



WJM/AIS

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F.  
31st August, 1917.

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Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fourth Supplement No. 30036 to the London Gazette dated 24th April, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, the late Captain P. H. Cherry, 26th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned officer in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

Captain PERCY HERBERT CHERRY.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in the attack with great gallantry and captured the enemy's position together with two machine guns. Later, although wounded, he continued to command his men.

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 135 of 21st August, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

J. Cherry, Esq.,  
Cradoc,  
Huon, Tas.



Particulars of service in the Australian Imperial  
Force of the late Captain Percy Henry CHERRY, V.C., M.C., 26th  
Battalion.

5. 3.15 Enlisted in the A.I.F. at Franklin, Tasmania.  
29. 6.15 Embarked as No. 1025 Q.M.S., 26th Battalion.  
13. 9.15 Promoted C.S.M.  
1.12.15 Wounded in Action.  
8.12.15 Appointed 2nd Lieutenant  
5. 8.16 Wounded in Action.  
25. 8.16 Appointed Lieutenant  
9.12.16 " Temporary Captain  
14. 2.17 " Captain  
2. 3.17 Wounded in Action  
27. 3.17 Killed in Action  
24. 4.17 Awarded Military Cross  
11. 5.17 " Victoria Cross.



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REGIMENT or CORPS } 26th Battalion, A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } -----

Rank CAPTAIN

Name CHERRY, Percy Herbert. M.C., V.C.

DIED { By whom reported Commanding Officer, 26th Battalion, A.I.F.  
Date of Death 27th March, 1917.  
Place or Hospital France.  
Cause of Death Killed in Action.  
Place of Burial Particulars not yet to hand.

State whether he leaves a will or not. } Will not received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, 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 Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

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

*J. J. Lusk* Lieutenant  
Officer i/c Records.

Station and Date A NZAC SECTION, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q.,  
British Expeditionary Force,  
5th June, 1917.





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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA DEFENCE.



Please address reply to  
The Official Secretary  
to the  
Governor-General.  
Tel. No. Central 3064.

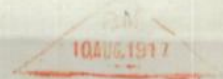
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

MELBOURNE.

10th August, 1917.

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The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Department.



The Governor-General is in receipt of a despatch from the Secretary of State transmitting the Victoria Cross and the Military Cross which have been awarded to the late Captain P. H. Cherry, 26th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, with a request that His Excellency should make suitable arrangements for their presentation to the deceased officer's father, Mr. Cherry, Cradoc, Huon, Tasmania.

*Memorandum  
By 6/10/17  
2015*

Mr. Cherry's residence in Tasmania would make it difficult for the Governor-General to personally present these decorations, and His Excellency suggests that he should ask the Governor of Tasmania to do so. Before, however, adopting this course, the Governor-General will be glad to have the Prime Minister's views on the subject.

*per seward*



The Acting Secretary,  
Department of Defence.

Referred, by direction, for favor of advice.

*W. H. Clemens*  
Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Department.  
13/8/17.

*RR  
10/9/17  
BBB  
29/9/17*





WAR PENSION STATEMENT NO. 206 DATED 19/10/17

TASMANIA.

1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ...	Cherry, Percy Herbert, Lieut, 26th Batt
2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ...	Cherry, Elizabeth, Gradee, Huon
3. Relationship of such person to Member ...	Mother
4. Result of Claim ...	Incr fr 25/- to 35/- p f fr 25/10/17
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...	(As above)
1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ...	Cherry, John Gawley, (as above)
2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ...	Father
3. Relationship of such person to Member ...	Incr fr 25/- to 35/- p f fr 25/10/17
4. Result of Claim ...	
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...	

*Kim A*



JML/ET

Re the late Captain (P. H. Cherry, 26th Battalion.

Acting Secretary.

Referred for favor of instructions.

22/8/17

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late Capt. P.H. Cherry, 26th Battalion consigned to me.

No.	Description, Form of Commission
1	Form of Commission

Signature *J. G. Cherry*

Date *May 10th 1918*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

**The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.**

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National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, CHERRY P H



25/6/19

Caulfield

G.C.

Base Records Office

DECEASED SECTION  
JUN 27 1919  
RECEIVED

Sir

E.C. Can you inform me the whereabouts of Next of Kin to Capt Percy Herbert Cherry - late 26<sup>th</sup> Bn, Born at Droydale 1895  
Grenadier killed in action on 27/2/19  
I shall be very pleased to find out where his father and mother or sister live or his Next of Kin as we were reared together but during the war he became Capt - whilst I remained a Pte in the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn.

Faithfully yours

Neil C'Brien  
c/o M<sup>rs</sup> H. Larr  
Chloris Park  
Caulfield

Nofk.

W.O. Morgan

27.6.19



**Australian Imperial Force.**



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A.I.F. KIT STORE,  
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
HAMMERSMITH,  
LONDON, W. 6.

MB/9.

**Inventory of Effects of -Captain P.H. CHERRY, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion, A.I.F.**

**Forwarded to - Father :-**

Mr. Cherry,  
CRADOC,  
Huon,  
TASMANIA.

Ex T.C. & S. 19.3.18.

ONE CANVAS SUIT CASE (SEALED) containing :-

Pr Drill Slacks, Drill Tunic, Cap, Testament, Note Book, Letters,  
Post Cards, X Ray Plate.

Shipped per "Barunga" 20.6.18.

D/S. 33411 in case 1157.

**No. of Package**  
National Archives of Australia

**Checked by**  
NAA: B2455, CHERRY P H



RECORDS SECTION.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEPHONES (17 LINES):  
VICTORIA 8860.

ADDRESS REPLIES TO  
OFFICER i/c RECORDS

CABLE & TEL. ADDRESS: "ADMINAUST, LONDON."

AND QUOTE RBD/10250/4/4

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30th July 1919.

DECEASED  
SECTION  
SEP 28 1919  
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Officer i/c Base Records,  
Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

Capt. CHERRY P.H. (VC.MC.) 26th Bn. K. in A.27.3.17.

A communication has been received from Mrs E. Cherry, Cherryvale, Cradac, Huon, Tasmania, requesting information as to what steps will be taken to preserve the grave of her late son, the above-named deceased officer.

Captain Cherry is reported to be buried at a spot near Lagnicourt, N.E. of Bapaume, his grave being an isolated one.

May Mrs Cherry be advised please, that the bodies of all soldiers buried in isolated graves are being exhumed and reburied in Central Military Cemeteries, where their graves will be cared for by the Imperial War Graves Commission.

When Captain Cherry's body has been exhumed you will be duly advised.



*A. G. Hall*  
for Officer i/c Records.  
Captain,





"Cherry Vale"  
 Cradoc  
 Knox  
 Tasmanian

To the Officer in Charge  
 Base Records.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> with  
 design of headstone to  
 my late son Capt J. H. Perry.

I beg to state that my  
 wife & I are pleased  
 with the design.

Sincerely thank you  
 for sending it to us for  
 our approval.

We would like if you  
 would have Tasmanian  
 put on after Cradoc Knox.

Will you kindly let  
 me know if I am to  
 return the design <sup>you</sup> <sub>keep</sub>

Send me or shall <sub>I do so</sub>

It is now to be returned to you  
 for your approval  
 General Manager  
 Base Records  
 15/7/26



JE/EG

XXXX 4780

7 JUL 1925

Dear Sir,

I am forwarding herewith at the request of the Imperial War Graves Commission special layout of headstone to be erected over the grave of your son, the late Captain P.H.Cherry, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion, in the Queant Road British Cemetery, and I should be glad to learn in due course whether the design meets with your approval.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

J.G.Cherry, Esq.,  
"Cherry Vale"  
Cradoc,  
Huon,  
TASMANIA.



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Had arranged in Melbourne  
James Lockhart  
John Cherry

"Cherry State"  
Adress  
Heron  
Casuarina  
Sept 12 1918

BASE RECORDS  
15 SEP 18N.  
RECEIVED

J. M. Law, Major

Dear Sir

received  
an letter  
from England dated the  
16<sup>th</sup> of May 1918

Inquiring you that  
they had received at the  
Ait Store 110, Greyhound Road,  
Que Ant Case delaying  
to my son the late  
Captain J. H. Cherry.

That they would  
forward it on, but so  
far I have not heard  
anything of it.

Will you kindly let  
me know if it has



E.G.

xxx 4780

24 JUL 1925

OFFICIAL

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your recent communication and should be obliged if you would kindly return the plan forwarded in connexion with the headstone for the grave of your son, the late Captain P.H.Cherry, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion.

The overseas authorities will be communicated with relative to your wish to have the word "Tasmania" added to the inscription.

Yours faithfully,

Officer i/c Base Records.  
Captain,

J.C.Cherry, Esq.,  
"Cherry Vale"  
Cradoe,  
Huon,  
TASMANIA

*J.W.G.C. to be advised  
of add. inscription plan.  
when returning plan.*



JE/EG

XXXX 4780

10 AUG 1925

The Secretary,  
Works Department,  
Imperial War Graves Commission,  
82 Baker Street,  
LONDON. W.1.

DEPARTMENT

Referring to your No.28/E25/507/W. of 3rd June,  
I am returning herewith special layout of headstone to be erected  
over the grave of the late Captain P.H.CHERRY, V.C., M.C., 26th Bn,  
with which next-of-kin expresses approval.

With regard to the personal inscription, it is  
requested that the word "Tasmania" be added following "Huon", and  
I should be glad to learn in due course whether next-of-kin's  
wishes in this respect can be complied with.

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.



"Cherry Vale"

Traralgon

Victoria

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1925.

In the  
Office in Charge  
Base Records

Dear Sir

I am forwarding by post  
today the plan for the  
headstone of my late son  
Capt. P. H. Cherry  
hoping you receive it  
safely.

Yours faithfully  
John S. Cherry





DC

41905

19th September 1918.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 12th inst., and in reply to state no personal effects of your son, the late Captain P.H. Cherry, V.C. M.C. 26th Battalion, have been received at this Office since the suit case and valise forwarded to you on 21st December 1917. If same came safely to hand kindly sign and return the attached receipt form.

In the event of any articles coming to hand later, they will be promptly transmitted to you.

Yours faithfully,

J. Cherry Esq.,  
"Cherry Vale",  
Cradoc,  
Huon,  
TASMANIA.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.





Reference:- 2/L25/501/W.

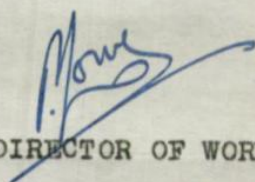
The Officer i/c Base Records,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.  
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Capt. P.H. Cherry, V.C., M.C.  
26th Battn., A.I.F.  
QUEANT ROAD BRIT. CEM.  
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With reference to your minute dated the  
10th August, regarding the special layout of headstone  
to be erected over the grave of the above mentioned  
Officer, please note that the word "TASMANIA" will be  
added to the fourth line of the personal inscription.



I.W.G.C.,  
LONDON.  
2nd October, 1925.

  
for DIRECTOR OF WORKS.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**



I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late Capt. P. H. Cherry V.C.M.C. 26th Btn ex "Euripidies" consigned to me.

No.	Description,
1	package

Signature *J. H. Cherry*

Date *Oct 9th 1917*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,

Victoria Barracks,

Melbourne, Victoria.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, CHERRY P H



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Kw.

13th April, 1922.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 8th April concerning the late Captain P.H. Cherry, "V.C." "M.C.", 26th Battalion.

Your request for 12 additional photographs of the late officer's grave was received at this office on the 21st of April. The postage on these copies has been provided for attention.

The second last paragraph of my communication of 21.9.21 forwarded with the gratis photographs stated that in the case of applications for additional prints no acknowledgment would be made, but the copies would be despatched to the applicant at the earliest possible date after request. That is why your letter of the 6th March last was not acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

J.G. Cherry, Esq.,  
"Cherry Vale"

National Archives of Australia Tas. Major, CHERRY P H  
NAA: B2435



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.

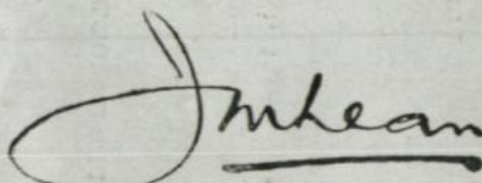
B R Form No. 18.

Dear

I have to acknowledge receipt of your  
communication of the \_\_\_\_\_ and to inform  
you no official advice has been received to date  
that  
\_\_\_\_\_ is returning to Australia.

When such information comes to hand  
\_\_\_\_\_ will be notified.

Yours faithfully,

 Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

Don't forget to advise any change  
of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

C.2614.



MG

memorandum 4780

M56/586

19th January, 1924.

DISPATCHED  
21 JAN 1924

Dear Sir,

A request has been made by the Ypres League for photographs of certain members of the Australian Imperial Force who gained the Victoria Cross in the Ypres Salient, for publication in the Ypres Times, and as the name of your son, the late Captain P. H. Cherry, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion, was included in the list forwarded, I should be glad if you would transmit, to this office, the desired photograph.

Your early attention to this matter would be

appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. Cherry, Esq.,  
 "Cherry Vale",  
 Cradock Huon,  
 Tasmania.

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Captain,  
 Officer i/c Base Records.

Communication, dated 15/5/24, from Mr. C. G. Payne,

2 Torkington St., Casterton Rd., Stamford, Lincolnshire,  
England, re award of V.C.

M56/825

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M56/586

DISPATCHED

5 FEB 1924

1st February, 1924.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter, dated 26th January, also photograph of your son, the late Captain P. H. Cherry, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion, which will be duly forwarded to the Overseas authorities for transmission to the Ypres League.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,

Officer i/c Base Records.

J.G. Cherry, Esq.,  
"Cherry Vale",  
Cradoc,  
Huon,  
Tasmania.

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Honou.

Tasmania

January 26<sup>th</sup> 24.

Capt. W. Mackintosh.

Dear Sir.

Under separate  
cover. Today, I am forwarding you the  
photograph of my late son, Capt  
P.H. Cherry, which, you have requested  
me to send.

Trusting you receive it with  
pleasure I am

Yours faithfully  
John G. Cherry



Mr Perry  
31.1.24





IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—  
 "THE SECRETARY," (WORKS)  
 and the following number quoted:—  
 28/E25/507/W.

82, BAKER STREET,  
 LONDON, W.1.

3 JUN 1925

Sir,

Capt. P.H. Cherry, V.C., M.C.  
 26th Bn. Australian Inf.  
 QUEANT ROAD CEMETERY.  
 Plot VIII. Row "C". Grave 10.

..... I am directed to enclose herewith Special Layout showing how it is proposed to engrave the headstone for the above mentioned Officer.

Will you please ascertain if this design meets with the approval of the next-of-kin.

The layout should be returned with your reply.

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient Servant,

*E. H. Gauris*  
 for DIRECTOR OF WORKS.

The Officer i/c Base Records,  
 Victoria Barracks,  
 Melbourne,  
 Victoria,  
 AUSTRALIA.

TO AVOID DELAY.  
 PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY,  
 SECRETARY, WORKS DEPARTMENT.

JHC

Photographs transmitted to London.

- see M.56/586, dated 8/4/24. -

M.G.

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Kw.

27th June, 1920.

Sir,

son, the late Captain P.H. Cherry, "V.C.", "M.C.", 26th Battalion,  
exhumed and re-interred in the Queant Road British Cemetery, 84 miles  
west north west of Cambrai.

your

This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence  
in the presence of a Chaplain.

J. Cherry, Esq.,  
Cradoc,  
Huon, Tas.





"Cherry Vale"

Craddock  
Huron  
Lantern  
July 25<sup>th</sup> 1921

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Lu the  
Merrill  
20/7

Officer in Charge  
Base Records

Dear Sir

Will you kindly let me  
know how many medals  
I should have received  
for my late son, Capt.  
P. H. Cherry. So far  
I have only received  
the Argas Star. Since  
I received the D.C. & M.C.  
I have been informed  
that the War Service Medal  
is issued Alphabetically  
If so I should have  
received one some time ago  
as there are depts of him  
here who have received  
them down to H.



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Also the Memorial  
plaques  
Trusting you will  
send them to me  
as soon as possible  
I Oblige  
Yours faithfully  
John G. Cherry



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J. W. G. / 7



FH/MK

4th August, 1921

5 AUG 1921

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25th July, and to inform you that so far as is known at present, the remaining items due on account of the services of your son, the late Captain P.H. Cherry, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion, comprise :-

- (a) British War Medal
- (b) Victory Medal
- (c) Memorial Plaque
- (d) Memorial Scroll
- (e) Brochure, - "Where the Australians Rest."

Item (a) is being forwarded to the Base, Commandant, Anglesea Barracks, Hobart, for transmission to you, and items (d) and (e) will be forwarded in the near future. It is not anticipated that the Victory Medals or the Memorial Plaques can be available for some time as they have not yet been received from the London Authorities, but these items will follow as soon as to hand.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

J.G. Cherry, Esq.,  
"Cherry Vale",  
Cradoc.

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**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 Captain, P. H. Cherry, "VC", "MC"



26th Battalion

(Signature)

*John G Cherry*

(Date)

30.8.1921

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 SLIP.

RECEIVED from the Officer in Charge Base Records, Department of  
Defence, three copies of photograph of the grave of the late Capt.

P. V. Cherry, V.C./M.C. # 26th Btn.

(Signature)

*John G. Cherry*

(Date)

*6.3.22*



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

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O. H. M. S.

Ext. from folder of photo. of grave.

Capt. P. H. Cherry, "VC MC", 26th Btn.  
Re-Buried Queant Poad Brit. Cem,  
Plot 9. POW C? Grave 10.

If not Delivered within 7 Days please return to  
Officer in Charge, Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

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ALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.  
MELBOURNE.

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officially reported that  
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of disembarkation will be  
when available.

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Imbean Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.



4/3/27  
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 11/3/28  
 "Cherry Gale"  
 Case  
 of  
 Human  
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In the  
 Office in Charge

Dear Sir

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 p.m. 0  
 p.m. 31  
 mb

I am enclosing  
 the sum of 3/- for 1 day's  
 of my late son's funeral.  
 The late Capt Percy H. Cherry,  
 Will you kindly get them  
 for me as soon as possible.  
 I am sending the receipt  
 slip for the three photos you  
 sent me some time ago.  
 I hope you will pardon  
 my delay in returning it.  
 I quite slipped my memory  
 entirely looking at your letter today.



Trusting to receive the papers  
as soon as possible  
Yours faithfully  
J. L. Cherry.



Cherry Vale<sup>ns</sup>

Cradock

of Huon  
Tasmania

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1922

To the

Officer in Charge  
Base Records,

Dear Sir

I wrote to  
you about a month ago  
enclosing in letter a 3/  
postal note for one doz  
copies of the grave of my  
late son Capt. Percy H. Cherry  
I quite forgot to enclose  
stamps for postage & reply  
Will you kindly let me  
know the amount for  
postage & if you received  
my letter.

I am obliged  
Yours truly  
J. S. Cherry



New photo.  
12/4

5566-26.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

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

*Capt. Cherry P. A. "P.B." "M.C."*

*26 Jan*

11 JAN 1923

Signature

*John G. Cherry*

Date

*6th Dec 1923*

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

D. 9555/9.22.—C.13.50.—5M.

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TRAINEE SECTION.

Record Book compared  
and attached.

Endorsed by

National Archives Australia

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*gfb* 14.10.19  
*D.W.S.* 8/10/19  
*D.W.S.* OCT 1919

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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

Captain P.H. CHERRY, V.C. M.C., 26th Battalion.

Signature

*John G. Cherry*

Date

*6th Dec 1923.*

11 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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E.G.

28th June, 1919.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 25th inst., and to state the next-of-kin of the late Captain P.H.Cherry, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion, is recorded as father - J.G.Cherry, Esq.,  
Cradoc,  
Huon,  
Tasmania.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr.N.O'Brien,  
C/o Mr.H.Lorr,  
Chloris Park,  
CAULFIELD.

VIC.

# O. H. M. S.

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

To DEFENCE

MELBOURNE

..... Colonel,  
Commandant, Administrative Headquarters,  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

- CIBL 3077 tenth message ARGYLLSHIRE silvered vudokamo
- 205 ANDERSON William 3027 A VISION Frank 1106 BALL Thomas
- 2424 BLAKE Thomas 224 BOURKE James Joseph 3274 BURTON Jack
- 5980 GARSS Hercules Charles 3274 CRAIG David Duncan 5999 DALTON
- Albert Edgar 3055 DOUTHIE John William 2189 FOX Arthur Henry
- 1523 HARDING Frederick John 3408 HICKEY Leonard ROY 924 LAWSON
- Robert 4852 MACARTNEY William Gilbert 3463 ROSS William Henry
- 3148 SHAW Cyril Valance 3487 THOMPSON Colin Gillespie
- 1705 TREACY John William 3159 TUCKHOTT Edmund 2898 WALSH



MG

26th September, 1919.

Dear Madam,

With reference to a communication addressed by you to A. I. F. Headquarters, London, requesting information as to what steps will be taken to preserve the grave of your son, the late Captain F. H. Cherry, V.C., M.C., 26th Battalion; the Officer in Charge of that Administration requests me to advise you that your son is reported to be buried at a spot near Lagnicourt, North East of Bapaume, his grave being an isolated one.

In all cases where members of the A.I.F. are buried in isolated graves, the remains are to be re-interred in the nearest Military Cemetery. This work will be done in the presence of a Chaplain with the greatest care and reverence.

The utmost care and attention is being devoted to the graves of all fallen soldiers and photographs are being taken as soon as possible for transmission to the next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. E. Cherry,  
Cherryvale,  
Cradac,  
Huon,  
Tasmania.

• State whether absence is of a permanent or temporary nature, adding, in the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to the relatives.







JE/EW

XXXX 4780

14 NOV 1925

Déar Sir,

With further reference to my communication of 24th July last, I am now in receipt of a reply from the Imperial War Graves Commission intimating that in compliance with your request the word "Tasmania" will be added to the fourth line of the personal inscription to be engraved on the headstone of your son, the late Captain P.H. CHERRY, "VC", "MC", 26th Battalion, in the Queant Road British Cemetery, France.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

J.G. Cherry, Esq.,  
"Cherry Vale"  
Cradoc,  
Huon,  
TASMANIA.

TELEPHONE:  
CENTRAL 4780.

B.R.P.F. No. 28.

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS

*McElbourne,*

Always state Regimental Number, Rank, Full Name, and Unit of Soldier in your Communications.  
Next of Kin should always notify Change of Address to Base Records, Melbourne.

Dear

May I invite your attention to the fact that a communication from the Defence Department in connexion with the erection of a permanent headstone on the last resting place of

has, as far as I am able to trace, not yet been replied to or returned.

I am enclosing another blank and an addressed envelope in case the original has been lost or mislaid, and shall be much obliged if you will have this filled in and returned to me in the course of the next few days. The information is urgently needed to enable the work in connexion with the Cemetery to be completed. At present it is suspended on account of the lack of the above particulars.

**The non-receipt of your reply within the next 21 days will, it is regretted, have to be accepted as indicating that you do not desire any further action taken.**

Yours faithfully,

*W. Mackintosh*

Captain,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D. 5968/12.22.—C.18/22.

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This is to certify that I give my consent to my  
son Percy H. Cherry to join the expeditionary force  
Signed. John. Cherry.

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1915.

COPY

Federal Government House  
MELBOURNE

10th August 1917

The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Department.

The Governor-General is in receipt of a despatch from the Secretary of State transmitting the Victoria Cross and the Military Cross which have been awarded to the late Captain P. H. Cherry, 26th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, with a request that His Exeellency should make suitable arrangements for their presentation to the deceased officer's Father, Mr Cherry, Cradoc, Huon, Tasmania.

Mr Cherry's residence in Tasmania would make it difficult for the Governor-General to personally present these decorations, and His Exeellency suggests that he should ask the Governor of Tasmania to do so.

Before, however, adopting this course, the Governor-General will be glad to have the Prime Minister's views on the subject.

George Steward (sgd)

Official Secretary.



Transferred to

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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

DEFENCE  
D.B.R.  
24773

No.

Rank

Name

Unit

Casualty

(nodate) Slightly wounded. No 30881/4178 8 11/15  
 Sharp wound head slight. admitted 5/12/15 702 Aust Genl Hosp 9 Kenrich  
 OTC 4041 Dtd 6/12/15 ch  
 Identity established. arbo 14574255 Dtd 14/12/15 Cairo RR 31871 ch  
 Sharp Wound head. Admitted 10.12.15 to Hosp. Melbourn  
 Shell in hospital 8.7.16. A2. 066/233/3. Rec 10.3.16  
 19 19 16. Under treatment. Melbourn. C. C. S. wd. head. 7/6/18/2  
 Recd 7.3.16.  
 13/12/15 1 ag # delospol - FH 126/162/3 Cairo 27/1/16

DATE.	A. F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	A. F. B. 2000A Received.	REF. No.
3 12 15		Not advd		Slightly Wounded.
4 12 15				In Hosp. Kenrich.
15 3 16				in hosp. Melbourn 8/1/16 admitted 10/12/15
10.12.15		Admitted A. & N. 3 for Dept Melbourn.		S. H. Head 7/5/225/81 Recd 8/2
25-1-16		Discharged ex Dept. Melbourn to Overseas Base Syria Class A		7/6/235/00 D Cairo 10.2.16
26.1.16.		Returned to Unit ex Hpl. No 6 F.O. Park 2. 15/4 Dtd 10/2/16		
27/1/16		Admitted 2nd Red Cross Hosp. Genl Hosp, Warr. London 129/68496 Rec. 27/1/16		
24 AUG 1916		N.O.K. Advised in Hospital		
		Wounded 23/12/16 306/6862.2. 104 London 2/8/16.		
		Wounded C.I. 13 L 345/6944 F. 20 LONDON 30/1/16		
16-9-16		Dischd from Hosp. ID 39/28. D London 28-9-16		
		2nd occasion Wounded C.I. 1153/P431 D London 10/3/17		
13 MAR 1917		N. O. K. Advised Wounded 3rd occasion		
28.3.17		Form of Warrant received RRM 127741		
		Prev. rpt Wounded now rpt Wounded and missing at Duty		
5 APR 1917		N. O. K. Advised Wounded 9 remaining at duty.		
		Killed on duty 27.3.17.		
10/4/17		M.O. 6. ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 27/3/17		
10/4/17		Gov General advised do.		
15 6 17		Not asking in Effort		
28 6 17		2. Ackmt sent 11/17		
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		Cable No. 61253 Dtd 6/9/17		
		OVER 16/4/17		





Capt. Cherry P. H.

6-7-17 NoK asking for Effects 127

\* { Awarded the Military Cross CAG 123/17 p. 1762-11027/17  
\* { Awarded the Victoria Cross CAG 140/17 p. 1827-1024/17/17

\* Received by and awarded thro' H.E. the Gov. Gen. (no file)

2-10-17 PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *purse/purses*

11-12-17 PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *Marathon*

9/2/18 Form of *bonnus* Received *Thent* B. R. M. No. *25561*

T. C. *McL* *has* to N.O. *Mc* per H.E. the B. R. M. No. *30/115*

Effects ex "Barunga" lost at sea M33/963

8-10-19 C. M. Form 7 Returned to Unit *Sage* Major 23rd Bde. *Lawson* *Las* 7/1/53.

Circular B.R.M. 46,1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 8/12/19 *acknowledged*  
by printed card 19.5.20 300.

19/11/20 1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229 *26/11/20*  
To Comdt. *bth* M.D. B.R.M. 52/469



29/4/22 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt *bth* M.D.B.R.M. 58/965  
15 DEC 1922 VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* B. R. P. F. 42  
Registered Post No. *9834*



21-9-21 *intuplicate* PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. *52/1155*  
27/5/22 PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE (12) TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. *48/744 (order No 5) 102*