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KILLED IN ACTION

TRANSFERRED TO *54th Battalion*

AREA OFFICE 42-0
Dublin
VI. Central BRIGADE.

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES

D 17793 **AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *4227* *30* Name **RUTHERFORD, JOHN Edward**
Unit **13 REIN-2-BATTN**
Joined on

*19th, Rein's
2nd, Battalion.*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your Name? | 1. Rutherford, John Edward |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | 2. In the Parish of in or
near the Town of Sunny Corner
in the County of N.S.W. |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a
Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the
latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. Natural Born |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. 27 years 6 months |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | 5. Labourer |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so,
where, to whom, and for what period? | 6. No |
| 7. Are you married? | 7. Single |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) .. | 8. Mrs M. A. Rutherford (Mother)
James Rutherford
West Wyalong
N. S. W. |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? .. | 9. No |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His
Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incor-
rigible and Worthless, or on account of Convic-
tion of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servi-
tude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace
from the Navy? | 10. 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 | 11. No |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous
service? | 12. Yes |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's
Service? If so, on what grounds? | 13. No |
| 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. ----- |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox
and enteric fever? | 15. Yes |

I, **John Edward Rutherford**, 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 **18/8/15**

J. E. Rutherford
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 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. 19/8/15

Wm. H. ...
Signature of Attesting Officer

Army Force
Regiment
Rank
Religion
Enlisted (
Date of pr
Extended
Date

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, *John Edward Rutherford* swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from *Nineteenth day of August* until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's arms 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.

John E. Rutherford
Signature of Person

Taken and subscribed at *Dubbo* in the State of *New South Wales* this *Thursday* day *Nineteenth day* of *August* 1915, before me—

Wm. H. ...
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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FIELD SERVICE.

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

REGIMENT } 54th INF BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, }
 or } Troop, Battery }
 CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 4227 Rank PRIVATE

Name RUTHERFORD John Edward

Died { Date 17th August 1916
 Place In the Field FRANCE
 Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B213 dated 18-8-16

By whom made C O 54th Inf Battalion A.I.F.

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

Burial { Place Wye Military Cemetery 6000 yards South of Armentieres Row
 No A Grave 10.
 Date 17th August 1916
 By whom reported Graves Registration Commission.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet to hand
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) -----
 (c) as a separate document -----

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

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

Signature of Officer in charge }
 of Section Adjutant-General's }
 Office at the Base } *H. Kerns* LIEUTENANT
 O i/c Records

Station and Date ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon G.H.Q., B.E.F.

11th October 1916.

Wt. 12929/4141 400,000 12/15 JFW

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fm.

John Edward Rutherford on Enlistment.

7 years 6 months
5 feet 6 1/2 inches
146 lbs.
ent 34/36 inches
Hair
7
non
mination Presbyterian

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Small mole inside
left thigh

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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

tuberculosis; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; venereal disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with stigmata D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or 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 both arms and legs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Aug 18th 1915
Dubto

E. W. Rutherford Capt. adme

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

13th Rein 2nd Batta.
6/12/15
Liverpool

Commanding *W. D. Harris* Lieut.
O. C. 13 REIN. 2nd. BTN.

CARD CHECKED

Statement of Service of No. 4227 Name John Edward Putterford

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>Bth Reinf 2nd Batt</i>	<p>TRANSFERRED TO 54th Battalion</p> <p>REJOINED UNIT FROM Hospital</p> <p>sent to Field Ambulance</p> <p>KILLED IN ACTION</p> <p>France 14.8.16</p> <p>Admitted to 14th Field Ambulance. Influenza.</p> <p>Discharged to unit, Ferry Post.</p> <p>Rejoined from Field Amb. Ferry Post.</p> <p>Embarked H.T. "Caledonia" to join B. Co. 7. Alexandria.</p> <p>Disembarked. Marseilles.</p> <p>Buried in Wye Military Cemetery, 6000 yards South of Armentieres</p> <p>Row No A Grave 10.</p> <p>France.</p>	<p>21/3/16</p> <p>29/4/16</p> <p>24/4/16</p>	<p>23.4.16</p> <p>28.4.16</p> <p>29.4.16</p> <p>19.6.16</p> <p>20.6.16</p> <p>17.8.16</p>	<p><i>Pt 1st 698</i></p> <p><i>Pt 2487. 11/5/16.</i></p> <p><i>Pt 16/3126 10/6/16.</i></p> <p><i>C. 6291.</i></p> <p><i>AL 1605. D.O. 11/2467.</i></p> <p><i>AP. 9107.</i></p> <p><i>L 175960.</i></p> <p><i>AT. 5139.</i></p> <p><i>770 1/11/16.</i></p>
<i>54th Bn</i>	<p>J.O.S. of 54th Bn from 13th Coy 2nd Bn.</p>	<p>16.2.16.</p>	<p>17.8.16</p>	<p><i>See copy B113 Enclosed</i></p>

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

W.D. Harris Lieut.
O. C. 13 REIN. 2nd. BTN.

Certified Copy
W.D. Howe
O. 13 REIN. 2nd. Lt. BTN.

2nd M.I.

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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *4227*

Name *Rutherford John Edward*

Unit *13 REIN. BATTN.*

Joined on *11 Sept 1915*

4227
54th BATTALION.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. What is your Name? | 1. <i>Rutherford John Edward</i> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | 2. In the Parish of |
| | near the Town of <i>St. Ann of Conner</i> |
| | in the County of <i>New South Wales</i> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. <i>Natural Born</i> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <i>27 years 6 months</i> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | 5. <i>Labourer</i> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, 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>Father James Rutherford, N.N. St. Ann of Conner, New South Wales</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 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. <i>no</i> |
| 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. <i>no</i> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? | 12. <i>yes</i> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? | 13. <i>no</i> |
| 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. <i>yes</i> |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? | 15. <i>yes</i> |

I, *John Edward Rutherford* 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.

*Add I further agree to allow 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

Date *18/8/1915*
 wife and children

J. E. Rutherford
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.)

Date... 19. 8. 1915

William Ley Lunt
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, John Edward Rushford, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from nineteenth day of August 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.

John Edward Rushford
Signature of Person Enlisted

Taken and subscribed at Dubbo in the State of New South Wales this Thursday day nineteenth of August 19 15, before me—

William Ley Lunt
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 John Edward Petherick on Enlistment.

Age 27 years 6 months
Height 5 feet 6 1/4 inches
Weight 146 lbs.
Chest Measurement 34/36 inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes grey
Hair brown
Religious Denomination Baptist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

*Small mole inside
left thigh*

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 August 18, 1915

Place Rubbo

E. H. Burkett, Capl
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

13th Rein. 2nd Battn
Date 6/12/15

Place Liverpool

(Sigs) W. D. Harris Lieut
Commanding O. C. 13 REIN. 2nd. BTN.

Statement of Service of No. 4257

Name John Edward Rutherford

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
13 RFTS 2nd BAT			20. 2. 16	
5th Battalion	Transfered from the 2nd Battalion	21. 2. 16		B. R. Line 41

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

Signature of W. D. Harris Lieut
O. C. 13 REIN. 2nd. BTN.

54 INF. BATTALION AIF

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps

Regimental No. *H227*

Rank *Private*

Name *Rutherford John Edwards*

Enlisted (a) *1916*

Terms of Service (a)

Service-records from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank

Date of appointment to lance rank

Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s.

Extended

Re-engaged

Qualification (b)

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				
<i>16/1/15</i>	<i>C.O. STING DR.</i>	<i>ALLOTTED TO AND PROCEEDING TO JOIN 54 INF. BATTALION A.I.F.</i>	<i>ZAITOUN</i>	<i>17/1/15</i>	<i>4076</i>
<i>16.2.16</i>	<i>E213</i>	<i>Joined 54th Bn</i>	<i>TEL-EL-KEBIR</i>	<i>16.2.16</i>	<i>AP4456 01/698</i>
<i>5.5.16</i>	<i>B.213.</i>	<i>Rejd from F.A.</i>	<i>FERRY POST.</i>	<i>29.4.16</i>	<i>AL1608 070.11.2467</i>
<i>15.5.16</i>	<i>900/100.</i>	<i>Ad. to M.F.A. INFLUENZA</i>	"	<i>23.4.16</i>	<i>506291</i>
"	"	<i>Dis to limit for duty</i>	"	<i>25.4.16</i>	
<i>6.6.16</i>	<i>B.213.</i>	<i>Sent to F.A. from limit</i>	<i>down</i>	<i>24.4.16</i>	<i>AL2811 070.11.3136</i>
<i>19/6/16</i>	<i>C.O. M.</i>	<i>Enl. H.T. "Caledonian" to join B.E.F.</i>	<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>19/6/16</i>	<i>A.P. 317</i>
<i>20/8/16</i>	<i>C.O.</i>	<i>Disembk. H.T. "Caledonian"</i>	<i>Marseilles</i>	<i>20/8/16</i>	<i>A.O. 2 R 5960</i>

(a) In the case of a unit who has re-engaged as an enlisted soldier in the Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoosier Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
15/8/16	13-213	Killed in Action	France	17/8/16	A 40 3446 210 27/4/54 VL/S7.
17/8/16	Burial Report	Buried in New WYE. Military Cemetery, 6000 Yds S of ARMENTIERES Row No. A. Grave 10	"	"	AT 5189
	A.F.B 2090	Forwarded to A.F.F Headquarters	London	11/10/16	

W. H. L. Lumbard
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R U T H E R F O R D

JOHN
James Edward

4227

Surname

Other Names

Regimental No.

Unit.

AUTHORITY.

PURPORT.

Embarked at Sydney on H.M.A.T. A60 "Aeneas" 20/12/15.
Pte.

21/2/16. Transferred from 2nd Btn. to 54th Btn.

17/8/16. Killed in Action.

17/8/16 Killed in Action, France

14/2/16 trans to 54th Bn from 2nd Bn

29/4/16 rej. Bn from hosp

24/4/16 sent to F.A. from unit

B.R. List 41

Cbl. 6996F

BEFO27/1/6

MEFO1/13-16

" 11/2-16

" 16/6-16

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

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 No. 4227 Pte. J. B. Rutherford, 54th Bn., consigned to me. ex "Benalla".

No.	Description.
1	Package

Signature

James Rutherford

Date

21st April 1919

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

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

RECEIPT F VICTORY MEDAL.

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

No. 4227 Pte. J. E. Rutherford, 54th Btn.

Signature

James Rutherford

Date

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

D.3140/4.22.—C.6128.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

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

No. 4227 Pte. J. E. Rutherford,

54th Battalion



Signature

James Rutherford

Date

This 14th day of August 22

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

C.15223.

M. B.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE, 17th April, 1917.

Dear Sir,

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late No. 4227 Private J. E.

Rutherford, 54th Battalion, as per inventory attached. , received ex "Benalla".

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

(Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

Registered Packet No. 56 G. P. O. Melbourne. J. M. LEAN, Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Mr. James Rutherford,

West Wyalong,

NEW SOUTH WALES.

RECORDS OFFICE
NEW SOUTH WALES

MEMORANDUM

Enquire

I shall see that you will kindly let me know whether

the above letter has been received by you and return the enclosed material receipt slip.

J. M. LEAN, M.P.

Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives

P.C.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,

FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone :—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of—

The Ltée. 4227. Pte Rutherford J.C. 54th Batt'n.

Forwarded to—

Next of Kin.

James Rutherford,
West Wyalong,
N.S.Wales.

Effects.

3rd Echelon)
No. 3028.)

2 Identity Discs, Wallet, Letters, Testament,.

No. of Package

454635

Checked by

JF/EG

xxx 4780

31st May, 1924.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on 29th April last with reference to abbreviating the personal inscription submitted for engraving on the headstone to be erected over the grave of your son, the late No. 4227 Private J.E. Rutherford, 54th Btn, but to date no reply has been received, and as it is the intention of the authorities to proceed with the work of permanent construction without further undue delay, I should be glad to learn at your earliest convenience whether you propose furnishing a short verse or epitaph for this purpose.

You are reminded that on account of the limited space reserved, not more than 60 letters including spaces between words, (each space counting as a letter) can be accommodated on the headstone, and it was for this reason that your original choice was precluded from being accepted by the Imperial War Graves Commission.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Rutherford,
 Welcome St,
 WEST WYALONG. N.S.W.

Captain,
 Officer i/c Base Records.

E. G.

XXXX 4780

DESPATCHED
28 APR 1924

29th April, 1924.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Memorial Form "A" completed in respect of your son, the late No. 4227 Pte. J.E. Rutherford, 54th Battalion, I regret to advise that the personal inscription submitted exceeds the number of letters permitted by the Imperial War Graves Commission, and I should be glad if you would choose one of fewer letters. For this purpose there is only space reserved on the permanent headstones for a short verse or epitaph to be added containing not more than 66 letters including spaces between words (each space counting as a letter).

Kindly give the matter your early attention.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. J. Rutherford,
Welcome St,
WEST WYALONG. N.S.W.

54/4227.

22991

14th December 1916.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 4227, Private J. E. Rutherford, 54th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he was killed in action in France, on the 17th August 1916, and was buried in Wye Military Cemetery, 6000 yards South of Armentieres, Row No. A., Grave 10.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connexion with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Rutherford,
West Wyalong,
N.S.W.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

P.C.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,

FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of—

The Lt Col. 4227. Pte Rutherford J.C. 54th Batt'n.

Forwarded to—

Next of Kin.
James Rutherford,
West Wyalong,
N.S.Wales.

Effects.

3rd Echelon)
No. 3028.)

2 Identity Discs, Wallet, Letters, Testament..

No. of Package

AP 4635

Checked by

Warrant by P.C.
act by P.C.
20/3/17

West Wyalong
19.3.17

FORM
SERIAL 26/3/17

Defence Department,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

please let me know when I
can expect personal effects left by my
son private J. C. Rutherford 54th Battalion
C Company 14th Brigade who was
killed in action in France on
August 1916 & oblige

DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED
21-MAR-17
OF DEFENCE

BASE RECORDS
22 MAR 17 AM
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Yours Truly
M. A. Rutherford
P.O.
West Wyalong

BR

Miss Morgan
B. 7. to vic
22/3

West Wyalong
18-1-17

Officer in charge Base Records,
Melbourne.



Dear Sir,

Would you kindly inform me when I can expect the personal effects of my son private J. E. Kuchford No 4227 late 54th Battalion formerly 2nd Battalion who was killed in action in France on August 17th 1916.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours truly
A. Kuchford

FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
SENT 25/1/17

P.O.
West Wyalong

FIELD SERVICE.

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

REGIMENT } 54th INF BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, } -----
 or } Troop, Battery }
 CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 4227 Rank PRIVATE

Name RUTHERFORD John Edward

Died { Date 17th August 1916
 Place In the Field FRANCE
 Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B213 dated 18-8-16

By whom made C O 54th Inf Battalion A.I.F.

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

Burial { Place Wye Military Cemetery 6000 yards South of Armentieres Row No A Grave 10.
 Date 17th August 1916
 By whom reported Graves Registration Commission.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet to hand
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) -----
 (c) as a separate document -----

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

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

Signature of Officer in charge } [Signature] **LIEUTENANT**
 of Section Adjutant-General's }
 Office at the Base } **O i/c Records**

Station and Date ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon G.H.Q., B.E.F.
11th October 1916.

Wt. 12929/4141 400,000 12/15 JFW

Form B 2090A
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Extract from folder of photo of grave of:

Buried Wye Milty Cem. armentieres.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Regimental number,
Soldier referred

BASE RECO
VICTO

Melbourne, 25th March

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 4227

Rank Private

Name

RUTHERFORD, J. E.

Unit

54th late 2nd Battalion

D.F.

219 Casualty

17-8-16

Killed in Action C/32 369/6996⁷ D/London 5.9.16

DATE.	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
SEP 10 1916 21 9-16	M.C. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION, 17-8-16 COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. C/32 369/6996 2/35/10 d 11/9/16	
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26 3 17	7. Ack'd sent to 19.3.17	
17 4 17	NOK advised of Effects fwd	
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BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. 2nd. M.D.B.R.M. 53/1443

LIST.

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"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Postage sent to *M. J. Rutherford* on *27/10/21* *AK*

**MEMORIAL
SCROLL**
To
Father
M. J. Rutherford
317778
9. 5. 21
Deep. 14/4/21

**MEMORIAL
PLAQUE**
To
Father (Direct)
M. J. Rutherford
317778
28/7/22 *AK* *17/21*

FEB 1923 VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* B. R. P. F. 42
Registered Post No. *1006* G. P. O. Melbourne.

3/4/24

Outstanding form "A" to N.O.K. per B.R.D. 55/403 *Y. Ham Military Cemetery*
no. 8. 22 has inscription to WTC.

27.27 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched
re *4.276*

3 CEMETERY REGISTER
4.276 DESPACHED. *14. 2. 27*