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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4794 Name HIGGS, William Alfred Unit 12th Riv 1st Bata. Joined on October 27 1915

Handwritten signature/initials

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? William Alfred Higgs
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Kaulanreum
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? Natural Born
4. What is your age? 28 yrs 1 mth
5. What is your trade or calling? Boundary Rider
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? No
7. Are you married? Yes (Wife) No 2 Ethel Higgs
8. Who is your next of kin? 27 Cameron St Paddington N.S.W
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... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? No
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued... Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

ENNIS 9 5th LARKIN CRESCENT DACYVILLE SYDNEY 12.7.18 SA

I, William Alfred Higgs 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

Date October 27 1915

Signature of person enlisted. W.A. Higgs

*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. 27/10/15

Sgt J MacLeod Hunt
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William Alfred Higgs, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 27/10/15 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

Sgt W. A. Higgs
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Cootamundra in the State of New South Wales this twenty seventh day Wednesday of October 1915, before me—

Signature of Attesting Officer.

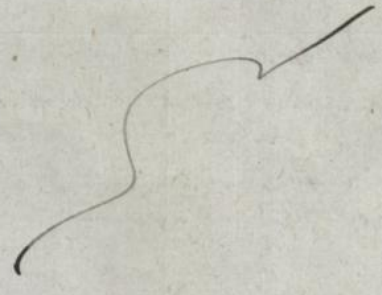
*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

3

Description of William Alfred Higgs on Enlistment

28 years 1 months
ht 5 feet 6 1/4 inches
ght 140 lbs.
t Measurement 34 inches
plexion Dark
Blue
Dark
gious Denomination R.C.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.



CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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

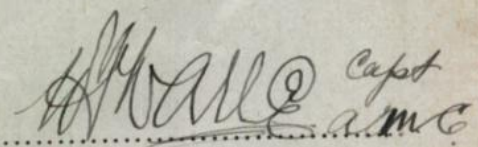
Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date Coatunundra

Place 27/10/15

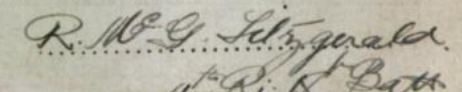
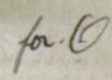

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

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 11th Rein
18th Batt.

Date 16/3/16

Place Liverpool


for  Commanding 11th Rein
18th Batt.

Statement of Service of No. 4794 Name HIGGS William Alfred

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
10 th Re 18 th Bata		1/2/16	8/3/16	
B Coy		9/3/16	15/3/16	
11 th Re		16/3/16	9/4/16	
12 th 18 th		10/4/16		
" "	PL		26.4.17	Trans. BR 107/58.
85 th		27.4.17		also BR 107/58.
	Awarded 14 days' detention, and forfeits 16 days' pay		28.11.16	BR 117/35 920
	PL		18.9.17	Trans. BR 117/35.
18 th		19.9.17		also BR 121/39 920
63 rd Bn			19.11.17	also BR 122/39 920
18 th			20.11.17	BR 123/39 920

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

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4794 Name { Surname Higgs
 in full } Christian Name William Alfred
 Unit 12 R No 18 Bn
 Joined on Oct. 27th 1915

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

1. What is your Name? 1.
2. In or near what Town were you born? 2.
 In or near the Town of
 In the State or Country of
3. Are you a natural-born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) 3.
4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) 4.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5.
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 6.
7. Are you married, single, or widower? 7.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) 8.
 The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will.
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? 9.
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 10.
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 Service? If so, on what grounds? 12.
13. Have you ever suffered from:—
 1. Consumption, tubercular disease, or chronic cough? 1.
 2. Fits of any kind? 2.
 3. Rheumatism or asthma? 3.
 4. Mental or nervous disease? 4.
 5. Has any member of your family suffered from any of the above diseases? If so, state particulars. 5.
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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach ten shillings per day? 14.
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? 15.

Correct only

3, 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 $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.* † 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 16 years of age.
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This is 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.

I have been informed that if I make any false statement I commit an offence against the *Defence Act 1903-1917* and *War Precautions Act 1914-1916*.

Recruit.

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

c.1773.

H I G G S

Surname

William Alfred

Other Names

4/12/95

4794

Regimental No.

12/18th Btn.

Unit

PURPORT

AUTHORITY

Emb. at Sydney per A40 "Ceramic" 14-4-16.

Pte.

12/11/16 C.M.M.E. Per. Downs A.W.I. till 23/11/16 AWARD. 14 days det 28/11/16 Total Forf. 30 days pay Forf for 28/11/16

ecmeurent.

19/9/17 Trans to 18th Battn on M/6. to 61st Draft Batta n from 63rd Absent from Tattoo 10/6/16 until 11/6/16 = 1 day Deprived of 2 days pay and Forfeits 1 days pay under R.W. Total forfeiture 3 days pay

20/12/16 Disch from Bdge H. Per Dns. to Depot No 20 (EF) 4/3/17 Adm to Beaufort War. Hosp Sick

13.4.17. Adm to Tidworth Mil. Hosp. Sick

23.4.17 Dis. from Tidworth M. Hosp. to Depot. Sick. (F) (LN) IB 214/16-17

17.1.17 TAKEN ON STRENGTH OF 18th BN. A.I.F. FROM 12th REINFS 18th BN.

12.1.17 Peding O/seas to France per "PRINCESS CLEMENTINE" from Folkstone.

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PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
14.12.16 Marched out to Bde. Hosp. from No.1. Com. Depot (V.D.)	LON. 4/9-17
3.3.17. Emb. for Eng. on H.S. "ST GEORGE" at Rouen .BRONCHO	BEFO 21/1-17
PNEUM. (18th Bn)	" " "
17.2.17 To Hosp. sick.	BEFO 32/3-17
16.2.17 To Hosp. sick.	BEDN31/4-17
14/12/16 Adm. to Bde. Hpl. V.D.(D.O.715/1/17) discharged from Hpl. 20/12/16 (C.R. 2195/3/4) Total period of V.D. 7 days. (18th Bn.)	
12/4/17 Sick to Bde. Hosp. (INFLUENZA) from No1 Com. Depot Perham downs.	L'DN33/4-17
4/3/17 Adm. to Beaufort War Hosp. Bristol Sick. (18th Bn.)	L'DN 29/4-17
27/4/17 Tfd. to 63rd Bn. ex 18th Bn.	L'DN 41/5-17
27.4.17. T.O.S. 63rd Bn from 18th Bn.	LDN 2AE/18-17
21/9/17 Retrans to 18th Batta from 63rd Batta on marching into 63rd Draft Batta	LON 32/4-17
19/9/17 Re-Trans to 18th Batta on marching out xxxxxxx	LON 79/8-17
xxxxx to 61st raft Batta	BEFO 16/2-18
6/4/18. KILLED INNACTION. KM.	

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HIGGS.

W. A.

4794.

12/18th Etn.

Surname

Other Names

Unit.

Regimental No.

WAR CONTINUITY SCHEDULE 25/14
20/11/17. T.O.S. of 18th Etn FROM 63rd Etn.

AUTHORITY.

BEF081/1-18.

10/11/17. Proc. O.S. to France via S'hampton ex O.S. Ing Ede.
Sanhill Camp Longbridge Deverill.

LDN 87/4-17.

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AUTHORITY.

PURPORT.

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No. 4704 Name *Young W*

Date of last entry in Company Conduct Sheet

No. and date of last drunk

Sqn., Batty., or Company

Corps

Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra fine

Date of punishment

G.C. Badges

Signature O.C. Company, etc.

Character

Service or Proficiency Pay

Remarks

Sheet No. *1845* ORIGINAL LOGS

Place	Date of offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Remarks
<i>Belham</i>	<i>12 Nov 1916</i>	<i>AC</i>		<i>Breaking Camp; AM (long - 30 pm to 10 pm) ice game 1st Lt. (17 days)</i>	<i>1st Lt Shaw</i>	<i>14 days Det.</i>	<i>24 Nov 1916</i>	<i>1st Lt Knox Commandant</i>	<i>17 days pay Major</i>
<i>Down</i>				<i>Checked by Record Section</i>	<i>Doc</i>				<i>O.F.B. 18</i>
				<i>Administrative Hd Qrs, A.I.C., London, 7 Sept 1917</i>					

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Army Form B. 178.

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.
Army Form B. 178^A to be used for Special Reserve recruits
and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of D 43283

Surname HIGGS Christian Name William, Th

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Parish _____ County _____

Examined ... (on _____ day of _____ 191 .
at _____

Declared Age ... years _____ days.

Trade or Occupation ... _____

Height ... feet, _____ inches.

Weight ... lbs. _____

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

Physical Development ... _____

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

When Vaccinated ... _____

Vision ... { R.E.—V= _____
L.E.—V= _____

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

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

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

Enlisted ... (at _____
on _____ day of _____ 191 .

Joined on Enlistment ...	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>18th Batt</u>	<u>4794</u>
	<u>B Coy.</u>	
	<u>632 B.M.</u>	

Became non-effective by W J A. List 666
on _____ day of _____ 191 .

(Signature) _____
(Rank) _____

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

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of days in Hospital	Remarks
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year			
3 rd A. A. Hosp. Dorset	19	3	17	23	3	17	Bronchopneumonia	4	
	8	4	17				"	18.2.17	



Part 1

List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

cases bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.

Signature of Medical Officer

*Bronchitis & pneumonia,
contracted Feb. 15th Has been a
week since has a slight cough
and walk about without any
trouble slight discomfort in
chest.*

Furlough to the 11th March 1914

**Discharged to Furlough
on completion to report to No. 1. C.D. PERHAM DOWNS**

*Robert W. ...
Capt*

Classed B. 2. 4.

*Walter ...
Capt*

Part 2

Table III.—Boards; Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date	Brief details, and signature
15.5.15	Vaccn
7. 1. 17	{TAB (See P.B.) 2
29. 12. 16.	
14/8/17.	Wheately Lt. Col.

Table IV.—Service Table.

Station or Troopship	Date of arrival or embarkation	Date of departure or disembarkation	Station or Troopship	Date of arrival or embarkation	Date of departure or disembarkation

AT 249
D/10

Temporary

To be used (a) for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army, and (b) for men of the Territorial Force when they are admitted to Hospital. Army Form B. 178^A to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

B

Surname Higgs

Christian Name Wm

3050

TABLE I.—General Table.

Birthplace { Parish _____
County _____

Examined { on _____ day of _____ 191 _____
at _____

Declared Age _____ years _____ days.

Trade or Occupation _____

Height _____ feet _____ inches.

Weight _____ lbs.

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

Physical Development _____

Vaccination Marks { Arm _____ RIGHT | LEFT
Number _____ | _____

When Vaccinated _____

Vision { R.E.—V = _____
L.E.—V = _____

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease—

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

Approved by _____
Rank _____
Medical Officer.

Enlisted { at _____
on _____ day of _____ 191 _____

Joined on enlistment { Corps _____ Regtl. No. _____
Transferred to { _____
B. Coy.

Became non-effective by _____
on _____ day of _____ 191 _____
(Signature) _____
(Rank) _____

TABLE III.—Boards; Courts of Enquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date	Brief details, and Signature
24. 12. 16	700
7. 1. 17	Mr. Standeron Capt
18/5/15	Vaccin
14/8/17	Medically fit (?Re-activation) <u>Wm H</u>

TABLE IV.—Service Table.

Station or Troopship	Date of arrival or embarkation	Date of departure or disembarkation

July 8th 1918

"Ennis"
9. Sgt Larkin Cresent
Dacyville
Sydney

To the Officer in Charge of Records.

Would you please forward on to me the effects of my late husband W. A. Higgs who was killed in action somewhere in France on April 6th of this year, he should have a watch and some photographs on him, and please send me his Identification Disc, please.



Mrs Ethel Higgs
"Ennis"

9 Sgt Larkin Cresent
Dacyville
Sydney
N.S.W

Mr. Morgan
10/7

P.S. his number was
4794 W. A. Higgs
18th Battalion
A. I. F.

70443

12th July, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 8th instant I have to state sufficient time has not elapsed for the personal effects of your husband, the late No. 4794 Private W. A. Higgs, 18th Battalion, to have filtered through the usual channels between France and Australia.

Any effects that may be available will be forwarded to A.I.F. Headquarters, London, for transmission to this Office. When they arrive here prompt action will be taken to notify you and despatch the package.

Your change of address has been noted.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/o Base Records.

Mrs. E. Higgs,
"Ennis",
9 Sgt. Larkin Crescent,
Dacyville, N.S.W.

Sep 29th/18

"Ennis"

9 Sgt Larkin
Dacryville
Sydney
N.S.W.

To the Officer in Charge
of Base Records Melbourne

Dear Sir

in reference to your letter of
12th of July of this year I am writing
again if the effects of my late
husband Private W. A. Higgs No 4794
18th Battalion have come yet I had
a letter from the Red Cross telling me
his papers Photos and Pay Book
were handed in to Orderly Sergeant
Furlong 18th Battalion also any back pay
he was entitled to trusting you will
send me the same as soon as possible

I am Yours faithfully

(Mrs) Ethel Higgs

"Ennis"

9 Sgt Larkin
Dacryville
Sydney
N.S.W.

Wm
12/10

Re. (Private William Alfred Higgs
4794 18th Battalion
Killed in action April 6th)

9th October 1918.

47866

Dear Madam,

With reference to your communication of the 29th ultimo I have to advise that no personal effects of your husband, the late No 4794, Private W.A.Higgs, 18th Battalion, have been returned to this office to date. Anything coming to hand will be promptly transmitted to you unless testamentary instructions be received directing otherwise.

It is pointed out that considerable delay is being experienced in the transmission of personal belongings of deceased members of the A.I.F. owing to the lack of shipping space. However, as soon as parcels reach here they are expeditiously dealt with.

Military financial business is not dealt with by this Office and you should communicate with the District Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, N.S.W. with reference to deferred pay as that Officer will deal with this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs E.Higgs,
"Ennis"
9 Sgt.Larkin Crescent,
Dacyville, N.S.W.

KT.

11th February, 1919.

86466

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, and regret to inform you that a package of personal effects of your husband, the late No. 4794, Private W. A. Higgs, 18th Battalion, was included in a consignment shipped from England per S. S. "Barunga", which vessel was lost at sea with all cargo, as the result of enemy action, on its way to Australia.

However, in the event of any articles coming to hand later, they will be promptly forwarded to you in the absence of any testamentary instructions prescribing otherwise.

Mrs. E. Higgs,
9 Sgt. Larkin Crescent,
DACYVILLE,
Sydney, N. S. W.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 1st/18th. BATTALION Regimental Number 4794
 *Substantive Rank Pte Surname HIGGS Christian Name William Alfred

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

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received.	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting should be as substantive promotions, appointments, &c. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
	OC Troops. "Ceramic"		Embarked	Sydney	14/4/16.	
28/8/17	Exts. AFP122		OFFENCE. Pertham Downs.			
	A.W.L. from 9-30.p.m. 12/11/16 till 9.a.m. 28/11/16. AWARD. 14 days Detn by Lt.Col. Knox. TOTAL FORFEITURE. 30 days pay Forfeiture for 28/11/16 concurrent					
12/12/16	Nol.C.D. P.Dns		M/I and Classified A.	Englam	28/11/16	D031/32761
14/12/16	"		Tfd to Bae Hosp.	"	12/12/16	
31/4/17	OC Nol.C.D. Depot		Adm Bde Hosp. V.D.	P.Downs	14/12/16	D04/1037E
			Disch. "		20/12/16.	
21/12/16	Nol.C.D.P.Downs		Total Period.V.D. 7 days		3031/3785L.	
			M/I from Hosp.	England	21/12/16	
12/1/17	Inf Eng Depot		Class. A.			
			Proceeded Overseas to France per "Princess Clementine" ---			
13/1/17	2nd. A.D.B.D.		Marched in	Folkestone	12/1/17	D04/976E
20/1/17	CO 18th. Battn		Joined Bn	Etaples	13/1/17.	
3/3/17	CO 18th. Battn		To Hosp. Sick	"	17/1/17	D06/545.
17/2/17	6th.A.F.A.		P.U.O. To D.P.S.	France	17/2/17.	D021/2049
2/3/17	1st. D.P.S.		Bren.Pneumonia Adm Tfd to C.C.S.	"	18/2/17.	
			Pneumonia Adm	"	24/2/17.	
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27/2/17	10th. G.H.				26/2/17	

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	Australian Section. 3rd. Echelon. G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force. 2/9/18					S.T. Bennett Lieut For Officer i/c Records.
24/9/18						

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"Ennis"
9 Sgt Lashin present
Daceyville
Sydney

Dear Sir

I am writing to you for the effects of my late husband Private W. A. Higgs, No 27924 18th Battalion who was killed at Villers Brittonneux April 6th 1918 the Red Cross tells me his effects were handed in at the Battalion order room on the field, so please officer, try and send them back to me, there are some papers I should get back and a watch and Photographs Please try and find them for me they were handed in on the field trusting you in anticipation

Faithfully Yours

Mrs Ethel Higgs

"Ennis"

9 Sgt Lashin present
Daceyville
Sydney



27924 W. A. Higgs
18 Battalion
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1st Lt Barunga

M. Higgs

R. J. 11/2

DECEASED SOLDIERS' SECTION

Victoria Barracks, Sydney ,
6th March 1919.

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

re No 4794 W.A.Higgs (decd) late 12/18th Battn.

I shall be glad if you will furnish me with the nature
of crime which the abovenamed deceased soldier was fined thirty-
four(34) days pay for . Vide Non-effective Statement.

(Signed) Lt-Col.,
District Paymaster,
2nd Military District.

EMR

3523

"2"

D.P.M.
2nd M.D.

The records show:-

- (1) OFFENCE -Perham Downs . A.W.L. from 9.30 p.m. 12.11.16
till 9 a.m. 28.11.16 . AWARD 14 days detention by Lt-
Col.Knox . TOTAL FORFEITURE 30 days pay (vide B.R.L.117/35)
- (2) Admitted to Bde Hosp.(V.D.) Perham Downs ,14.12.16
Discharged 20.12.16 . Total Period V.D. 7 days.

MELBOURNE 11.3.19.

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for Officer: B24541066 WA 4794
Captain.

W. O. LOWNDES -

WILL YOU PLEASE FURNISH ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE
RE ENTRIES AFFECTING PAY, OTHER THAN CONTAINED IN
ARMY FORM B, AND ON BACK OF SHEET HEREOF.

W. O. MORGAN.
11.3.19.

No further record

no further record

P.B. for P.A.L. 11/3

D.T. Copy.

Australian Imperial Force.



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

Inventory of Effects of - 4794 HIGGS.WA. 18th Battalion, A.I.F.

Forwarded to - Wife,

Mrs Ethel Higgs,
27 Cameron Street,
Paddington,
New South Wales.

Effects.

Ex. 3rd Echelon France. 22.5.18. (3/186).

2 Religious books, Wallet, Photos, Card.

Per "Barunga" 20.6.18.
In case No. 1209.

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(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regimental Number **4794**

Regiment or Corps **1st/18th BATTALION**
 *Substantive Rank **Pte** Surname **HIGGS** Christian Names **William Alfred**

*Acting Rank
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12/12/16	OC Troops. "Ceramic"		Embarked	Sydney	14/4/16.	
28/8/17	Exts. AFB122		OFFENCE. Perham Downs.			
	A.W.L. from 9-30.p.m. 12/11/16 till 9.e.m. 28/11/16.		AWARD. 14 days detn by Lt.Col.			
	Knex. TOTAL FORFEITURE. 30 days pay					
	Perfieture for 28/11/16 concurrent					
12/12/16	Nel.C.D. P.Dns		M/I and Classified A.	England	28/11/16	D031/32761
14/12/16	"		Tfd to Bde Hosp.	"	12/12/16	
31/4/17	OC Nel.C.D. Depot		Adm Bde Hosp. V.D.	P. Downs	14/12/16	D04/1037E
			Disch. "		20/12/16.	
			Total Period V.D. 7 days		D031/3785E.	
21/22/16	Nel.C.D. P. Downs		M/I from Hosp.			
			Class. A.	England	21/12/16	
12/1/17	Inf Tng Depot		Proceeded Overseas to France per "Princess Clementine" ---			
13/1/17	2nd. A.D.B.D.		Marched in	Felkstone	12/1/17	D04/976E
20/1/17	CO 18th. Battn		Joined Bn	Etaples	13/1/17.	
3/3/17	CO 18th. Battn		To Hosp. Sick	"	27/1/17	D06/545.
17/2/17	5th.A.F.A.		P.U.O. To D.F.S.	France	17/2/17.	D021/2049
2/3/17	1st. D.F.S.		Bren.Pneumonia Adm Tfd to C.C.S.	"	18/2/17.	
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3/3/17 "St George"
 4/3/17 OC Hosp.
 26/3/17 A.I.F. Hdqrs
 9/4/17 OC. Depot
 16/4/17 OC Nel.C. Depot

Bren. Ineumonia. To England Reuen
 Adm Beaufort War Hosp Bristol
 Granted furlo and to Le Hen
 report to Pertham Downs
 M/I to Nel Com; Depot.
 from Furlo and Classified P. Downs 9/4/17
 Bla.
 Sick to Bde Hosp.
 Influenza. PBN 207969.

3/3/17 DO21/2029.
 4/3/17 3029/3544E.
 23/3/17
 7/4/17
 " 12/4/17 DO33/3982E.

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16/4/17	OC Nel.C. Depot		Tfd from Brigade Hpl. to Delhi Hosp.	P. Downs	13/4/17	
13/4/17	OC. Hosp.		Adm. Tidworth Hpl. Sick.	England	13/4/17.	
23/4/17	"		Disch from Tidworth Hpl to Depot	"	23/4/17.	
30/4/17	OC. Depot		M/O to Nel. Com; Depot. from Hosp. & Classified Bde	P. Downs	24/4/17.	
30/4/17	Nel. C.D.		M/O to Windmill Hill Camp	"	28/4/17.	
7/5/17	OC 63rd. Bn		Perham Downs	"	27/4/17 DO41/4882E.	
7/5/17	63rd. Battn		Tfd to 63rd. Bn	W Hill	28/4/17 DO2E.9/6/17.	
	63rd. Battn		T.O.S. from 18th. Bn	"		
	63rd. Battn		Tfd to 18th. Bn on M/O tom	Hurcott	19/9/17 DO32E.29/9/17.	
22/9/17	63rd. Dft. Bn		61st. Draft Bn	"	21/9/17 DO82/7152E.	
			Retrans to 18th. Bn from 63rd. Bn M/O on M/I to 63rd. Draft.	"	29/10/17	
28/10/17	"		M/O to O/Seas Tn. Bde	Longbridge	26/10/17	
28/10/17	O/Seas Tng. Bde		M/I from 63rd. Dft. Bn			
10/11/17	"		Preceeded Overseas to France ex Longbridge			
			Deverill			
15/11/17	2nd. A. D. B.		M/I from England	Southampton	10/11/17. DO87 E	
"	"		M/O to Unit	Havre	15/11/17.	
				"	11/11/17.	
				"	15/11/17.	

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24/11/17 13/4/18	CO 18th. Battn	T.O.S. Killed in Action		Field	20/11/17 DOB1/858 5/4/18 DO16/1480. V.L. 685.	
	Australian Section, 3rd. Recon. G.H.C. British Expeditionary Force. 2/9/18					S.T. Bennett Lieut For Officer i/c Records.
24/9/18						

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ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO
THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE,
BOX 7, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

FOR ORAL ENQUIRIES ASK FOR

MR. Curley

THE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE



19 O'CONNELL STREET
SYDNEY, N.S.W

TELEPHONE : B 0523.

OFFICE HOURS:
10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

In your reply quote the Estate
and the initials below.

MIC 3. CC

21st February, 1958.

*The Officer-in-Charge,
Base Records Office,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

Estate of ETHEL C.B. HIGGS, Dec'd.

A.I.F. BASE RECORDS
25 FEB 1958
RECEIVED

Kindly forward the Death Certificate of William Alfred Higgs who died on
6th April, 1918, at Villiers-Bretaux, France. You might also advise the
next-of-kin given by him on enlistment.

Yours faithfully,

Profess
for the PUBLIC TRUSTEE.

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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

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

No. 4794 Pte W. A. HIGGS,

18th Battalion.



Ethel Higgs

Signature

Date 6/10/1922

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

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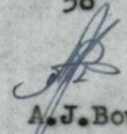
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Arthur John BOWMAN

No.4794 Private William Alfred HIGGS
18th Battalion Australian Imperial Force

Sixth April
Eighteen
Twentyeighth February

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O.i/c.

A.J. Bowman
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

28th February,
1958

Public Trustee,
Box 7, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY N.S.W.


Dear Sir,

Estate of Ethel C.B. HIGGS Deceased
re 4794 Pte William Alfred HIGGS 18th Bn. Deceased.

As requested in your letter MJC-3-CC dated
21st February 1958, I am forwarding herewith a Certificate
of Death of the abovenamed deceased soldier.

On enlistment the abovenamed stated he was a married
man and nominated his next-of-kin as Wife - Mrs. Ethel Higgs
27 Cameron Street, Paddington, N.S.W.

Yours faithfully,


A.J. Bowman,
O.i/c. A.I.F. Base Records.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 4794
 Rank Pvt. Name Higgs. W. A.
 Unit 18^a Batt.

LIST. 399 Casualty Killed in Action 6/4/18 CIBL 2459.1.13.22. dated London...^{27/4/18} Received ^{27/4/18} ah

DATE. A.F. 2.103 Received PURPORT. REF. NO.

25 APR 18
3.5.18

M.O. ² ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 6-4-18.
COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS
 ex "Barunga" lost at sea M33/963

Circular B.R.M. 46/1868 & Booklet re Graves despatched: 12/1/19 ^{FINAL NOTIC} 7.8.16-12 / 1922 Fr.

6/1/22

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd M.D.B.R.M. ~~5475~~ 54/232.

WAR HISTORY INDEX



MEMORIAL SCROLL
 To
Widow
Wm A. Higgs
303339
15/2/22

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
 Pamphlet sent to Wm A. Higgs 15/2/22

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To
Widow (Direct)
Mrs E. Huggis
34333
20.10.21

VICTORY MEDAL to *Widow* B. R. P. F. 42.
1 MAR 1923 Registered Post No. *7488* G. P. O. Melbourne.
29 MAR. 1934 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched
re *PR 26*