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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2383

Name BOWNESS ROBERT OLIVER.

Unit 4TH/4TH PIONEERS.

Joined on MARCH 30th 1916.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ROBERT OLIVER BOWNESS.
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? BRISBANE in or near the Town of QUEENSLAND in the County of QUEENSLAND
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? 20 yrs. 4 mths.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Grocer
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) (MOTH P.) HENRIETTA BOWNESS GALLOWAYS HILL BULimba BRISBANE, Queensland
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 5 yrs. Compulsory training. Area 9B. EQUIPMENT RETURNED.
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 a wife and 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? YES.
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? YES.

I, ROBERT OLIVER BOWNESS. 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.* † wife and children.

Date MARCH 30th 1916.

Robert Oliver Bowness
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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Casualty Form - Active Service.

Rank Pte Surname Bowness Christian Name Robert Oliver
 Regiment or Corps 4th Pioneer Battalion
 Religion Age on Enlistment years months
 Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)
 Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and Rate
 Occupation Sheet No 2 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				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
<u>21/6/17</u>	<u>75. F. Amb.</u>	<u>Det Rankle, Adm.</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>12/6/17</u>	<u>AK/335/66</u>
		<u>Discharged to duty</u>			
<u>22/9/17</u>	<u>60th B.213.</u>	<u>Detached for duty with</u>	<u>India</u>	<u>21/9/17</u>	<u>80/38</u>
		<u>Peak Transport Troop.</u>			
<u>15/10/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Returned from Detachment</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>21/10/17</u>	<u>82/143</u>
<u>11/1/18</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>On leave</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1/1/18</u>	<u>82/143</u>
<u>13/1/18</u>	<u>60th</u>	<u>From Leave</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>26/1/17</u>	<u>858/22/33</u>
<u>25/6/18</u>	<u>60th</u>	<u>Returned with unit</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>28/6/18</u>	<u>55/1118/21</u>

(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. (6228) W. 13/63/M1477 2,400,000 1/17 McA & W Ltd Forms B.103/4 (E. 884) [P.T.O.]

Date 30th. March 1916.
 Place BRISBANE.

Shank C. G.
 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 4TH. / 4TH. PIONEERS.

Date AUG 5 1916
 Place Enoggera
A. B. Spence Lieut.
 O/C 4/4th. Pioneers.
 Commanding

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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				
(24) 27/7/18	Coast Purser	Missing in action Believed killed	Field	27/7/18	A259673
(25) 3/8/18	Coast Purser	Missing in action Killed in action	Field	27/7/18	K/1118/1 20036 11797 8/8/18 3121 (1918) 2/8/18
(26) do	do	Drowned at Shark Is. 19 a 95 65	do	19/4/18	19/4/18/1

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3RD ECHELON G.H.Q.
British Expeditionary Force

Capt
FOR OFFICER i/c Records

X Robert Oliver Bowness
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at **BRISBANE** in
the State of **QUEENSLAND**
this **Thirtieth** day of **March**
19 **16.**, before me—

[Signature]
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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CASUALTY FORM - ACTIVE SERVICE.

Army Form B. 103.

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Regiment or Corps 4TH./4TH. PIONEERS.
 Regimental No. 2383 Rank PTE Name BOWNESS Robert Oliver
 Enlisted (a) 30/3/16 Terms of Service (a) A.I.F Service reckons from (a) 30/3/16
 Date of Promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O.'s }
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Date.	From whom Received.	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.
	<u>O.C. Troops</u>	<u>A.50. "Itanus" (Embarked)</u>		<u>Brisbane.</u>	<u>8-8-16</u>	
		<u>(Disembkd:</u>		<u>Plymouth.</u>	<u>18-10-16</u>	
	<u>B213</u>	<u>No. 1. to Aust Details</u>		<u>England</u>	<u>21.10.16</u>	<u>15 P 530</u>
		<u>from Hurdcott Forward</u>				
		<u>EMB O/SEAS PRINCESS VICTORIA</u>				<u>8 P 7176</u>
		<u>FOLKESTONE 31.12.16</u>				<u>AX 3651</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>H. AUST</u>	<u>Marched in ea</u>	<u>England</u>	<u>Staple</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>AK 672/33</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>to Segregation Camp</u>		<u>do</u>	<u>11/17</u>	<u>AK 672/62</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>from Segregation Camp</u>		<u>do</u>	<u>16/3/17</u>	<u>AK 877/49</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>to unit</u>		<u>do</u>	<u>24/2/17</u>	<u>AK 472 AK 687/62</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>CORN B213</u>	<u>Taken on strength</u>		<u>France.</u>	<u>22/17</u>	<u>AK 472 AK 687/62</u>
	<u>Oliver on</u>	<u>1st Pioneer Bn</u>				<u>AK 472 AK 687/62</u>

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

[P.T.O.]

Date 30th March 1916.
 Place BRISBANE.

Shook Cab
 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

4TH./4TH. PIONEERS.
 Date AUG 5 1916
 Place Enoggera
A. B. Foster Lieut.
 O/C 4/4th. Pioneers.
 Commanding 19

D.377/4.15.—C.4027.

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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.				
20/3/17 (2)	Adm. & pro Bureau of Sea	at Sea & M J A S D absent without leave 7 hours away 7 days CB by OK at Sea 44 hours Bn. 21/9/16 Dorsets 1 days pay By Rd			20/14 1630 AX 5870 ✓
10.6.17 (11)	60 Bn Cas Rept	Missing in action last seen. 8/6/17	France	8/6/17	AK 1335/11 22/23 22/13 9/10/17
14.6.17 (12)	76 F Amb	Det. F. Ankle Admitted Wounded	France	9/6/17	AK 1335/40 202/2207
14.9.6/17 (13)	76 F Amb	Det. F. Ankle adm Transferred 75 F Amb	France	9/6/17 (2/6/17)	AK 1335/59
19/6/17 (13)	77 F Amb	Sprained Ankle Admitted Transferred 76 F Amb	France	9/6/17 9/6/17	AK 1335/60
18.16/6/17	Co Btm B 213	Rejoined from Wounded	France	15/6/17	82/24 2034/3009 (1918)

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Rank...
Religion
Enlisted
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X Robert Oliver Bourne
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at BRISBANE in
the State of QUEENSLAND
this Thirtieth day March of
19 16, before me—

[Signature]
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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Army Form B, 103-11.
Part II.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 4/4th Pioneers. Regimental Number 2385

*Substantive Rank Pte Surname BOWNESS Christian Names Robert Oliver.

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

(A) Report	(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
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 20 G.W.P. Co. (3499)
 5/1889 - P.P. 11/30 \$500,000

	O.C. Trps.	A.50 Itonus Embarked	Brisbane	8/8/16	
		Disembarked	Plymouth	18/10/16	
20/3/17	Admin Hqrs	Crime At Sea H.M.A.T A50			
	O.S.list.	A.W.L. 7 hours.			
		Award 7 days C.B. by O.C.	At Sea		D.O.14/1630
		4/4th Png Bn 21/9/16	Forfeits		
		1 days pay by R.W.			
	B213.	M/I to Aust Details from Hudcote England		31/10/16	
		Povant.			
		Emb O/Seas Princess Victoria	Folkestone	31/12/16	
6/1/17	4th A.D.B.D.	Marched in ex England	Etaples	1/1/17	
13/1/17	do	To segregation Camp	"	11/1/17	
17/2/17	do	From Segregation Camp	"	16/2/17	
22/2/17	do	To Unit	"	24/2/17	
3/3/17	C.O.Bn.	T.O.S. 4th Pnr Bn.	France	25/2/17	DO.12/875
10/6/17	do	Missing in Action last seen 8/6/17	"	8/6/17	DO.26/216 V.L.377

Date 30th. March 1916.
Place BRISBANE.

Spook Cab
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 4TH. / 4TH. PIONEERS.

Date AUG 5 1916
Place Enoggera

A.B. Fisher
O/O 4/4th. Pioneers.
Commanding

D.277/4.15.-C.4637.

14/6/17	G.O.BN.	Frew report Missing now rptd	France	
14/6/17	76 F.A.	Ict R Ankle Admitted	"	9/6/17 D.O. 27/4
19/6/17	77th F.A.	Sprained Ankle Admitted	"	9/6/17
		Transferred to 76th F.Amb.		9/6/17
9/6/17	76th F.Amb.	Ict R ankle Adm	"	9/6/17
		Transferred 75th F.Amb.		12/6/17

(A) Date	(A) From whom received	(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
21/6/17	75 F.Amb.	Ict R Ankle Adm		France	12/6/17	
		Discharged to duty		"	15/6/17	
16/6/17	G.O.Bn.	Rejoined from wounded		"	15/6/17	D.O. 36/3419
22/9/17	do	Detached for duty with Pack Trans Troop.		Field	21/9/17	D.O. 44/4214
15/10/17	do	Rejoined from Detachment		"	12/10/17	D.O. 36/3420
11/11/17	do	On Leave		"	3/11/17	
13/1/18	do	From leave		"	26/11/17	
25/6/18	do	With Unit		"	25/6/18	
5/7/18	do	Missing in Action believed Killed		"	5/7/18	
3/8/18	do	Killed in Action		"	5/7/18	D.O. 36/3421
do	do	Buried at Sheet 62DP9.a.95 65		"		V. 797

↓ 500 yds W of Hamel.

Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.,
British Expeditionary Force.

H.E. WAUUN Capt
for Officer i/c Records
12w. 19.9.18

Nothing to be written in this margin.

X Robert Oliver Bowness
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at BRISBANE in
the State of QUEENSLAND
this Thirtieth day
March 1916, before me—

Madame
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 ROBERT OLIVER BROWNNESS. on Enlistment.

Age 20 years 4 months.
 Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.
 Weight 132 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 33.37 1/2 inches.
 Complexion Dark
 Eyes Blue
 Hair D. Brown
 Religious Denomination Meth..

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

D6 D6.
Scar left leg.

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.

Requires dental treatment.

Date 30th. March 1916.

Place BRISBANE.

Spork C. G.

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 4TH. / 4TH. PIONEERS.

Date AUG 5 1916

Place Enoggera

A. B. Fisher Lieut.

O/C 4/4th. Pioneers.
Commanding / 19

D. 577/4.15.—C. 4627.

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Statement of Service of No. 2383

Name Bowness Robert Oliver

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From-	To-	
11th. Depot Btn.	Private.	11.4.16	18 MAY 1916	1st Capt.
4TH. / 4TH. PIONEERS.		MAY 19 1916		LIEUT Jm MAY 21
B103 4 3-1-17 H. P. Pion's	Proceeding of Sea to France for Princess Victoria from Valestone. V.O.S. H. P. Pion Bu H. P. Pion Bu	31-12-16.		Pt. 3306. 16/1/14. " 12/845. 12/3/14
" "	Crime (At Sea Troopship A 50) Absent without leave 7 hours Award 7 days C.B. by G.C 4/4 Pioners Bn. Total forfeiture 1 Days Pay. (no further particulars available)	21.9.16.		D/O 19/16 30 30/4/17
" "	PK) Ref. Daily Order no 26. Sub- para 2168 which reads missing in action 8.6.17. * Relate of complete entry on line thereof read. Wounded in action. 9.6.17			27/2307. 28/6/17
H Pion's	Reported MISSING	France 26-17		D/O 26/2168. 18/6/17 CMB 15-21
H Pion's	now rep Not Missing	winded		CMB 15-37.
H Pion's	Detached for duty with 4th Div Pack Mule Transport	21-4-17		D/O 4/4214/1-10-17
H Pion's	Last payment made.	16.4.18.		AM 5/4015

X **KILLED IN ACTION** France. # 7.18. 6213/2454.

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect. (bar 2B)

STATEMENT OF SERVICE OF No. 2383. NAME Bowness, Robert 302

Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
^{PTC} 4th Pns	Rejoined Battalion	France	15.6.17	1910 36/3419 14.6.18
..	Rejoined Battalion		12.10.17	1910 36/3420 14.6.18
^{PTC} 4th Pns.	KILLED IN ACTION		5-7-18	1910 36/3421- 14/8/18
	<i>Buried</i> In a field 3 1/4 miles N. of St. Amel. France.			132695
	<i>Plan of B. 103. 7. 1. 3/7/18 see other side</i>			
	2. phot. to hof. Dr. of schedule. D 19.		5.7.19.	Photo. Neg. No. A 119.

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Correct date of death perched 14/8/18

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2363 Name BOWNESS ROBERT OLIVER.
 Unit 4TH. / 4TH. PIONEERS.
 Joined on MARCH 30th 1916.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- | | | |
|--|-----|--|
| 1. What is your Name? | ... | 1. <u>ROBERT OLIVER BOWNESS.</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | ... | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>BRISBANE</u> in the County of <u>QUEENSLAND</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | ... | 3. <u>YES.</u> |
| 4. What is your Age? | ... | 4. <u>20 yrs. 4 mths.</u> |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | ... | 5. <u>Grocer</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? | ... | 6. <u>No.</u> |
| 7. Are you married? | ... | 7. <u>No.</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) | ... | 8. (MOTHER) <u>HENRIETTA BOWNESS</u>
<u>GALLOWAYS HILL</u>
<u>BULIMBA BRISBANE. Queensland</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? | ... | 9. <u>NO.</u> |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as 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? | ... | 10. <u>NO.</u> |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge | ... | 11. <u>5 yrs. Compulsory training.</u>
<u>Area 9B. EQUIPMENT RETURNED.</u>
<u>YES.</u> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? | ... | 12. _____ |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? | ... | 13. <u>No.</u> |
| 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 eight shillings per day? | ... | 14. _____ |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? | ... | 15. <u>YES.</u> |

I, ROBERT OLIVER BOWNESS. 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.*† wife and children.

Date MARCH 30th 1916.

Robert Oliver Bowness
Signature of person enlisted.

D.277/11.15.—0.18789. * This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age. † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

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

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 30th. March 1916.

[Handwritten signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, ROBERT OLIVER BROWNESS. swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 30th. March 1916. until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

X *Robert Oliver Browness*
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at: BRISBANE in the State of QUEENSLAND this Thirtieth day of March 1916, before me—

[Handwritten signature]
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 initiated by the Attesting Officer.

Description of ROBERT OLIVER BROWNESS. on Enlistment.

Age..... 20 years 4 months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. D6 D6. Scar left leg.
Height..... 5 feet 7½ inches.	
Weight..... 132 lbs.	
Chest Measurement..... 33.37½ inches.	
Complexion..... Dark	
Eyes..... Blue	
Hair..... D. Brown	
Religious Denomination..... Meth..	

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.

Requires dental treatment.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date..... 30th. March 1916.

Place..... B R I S B A N E.

Edward Carr
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..... 4TH./4TH. PIONEERS.

Date..... AUG 5 1918

Place..... Broggera

R. B. ...
Commanding Q/C 4/4th. Pioneers.
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Statement of Service of No. 2383

Name Bowness Robert Oliver

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
11th. Depot Btn. <i>4TH./4TH. PIONEERS.</i>	Private.	11.4.16	18 MAY 1916	<i>W. H. Capt.</i> <i>ML</i> LIEUT

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

2383.

To be used for Enlistment in the Permanent Military Forces only.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

D48448

Surname Bowness

Christian Name Robert Oliver

TABLE I. GENERAL TABLE

Birthplace ... Brisbane Queensland

Examined ... { on 30th day of March 1916.
at Brisbane

Declared Age ... 20 - 4

Trade or Occupation ... Grocer

Height ... 5 feet 7 inches.

Weight ... 132 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 37 1/2 inches.

Range of Expansion 4 1/2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right. Left.
Number

When Vaccinated ...

Vision ... { R.E.-V= 26
L.E.-V= 26

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease (a) scar on left leg.

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

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

Enlisted ... { at Brisbane
on 30th day of March 1916

Corps.	Regtl. No.
<u>11th Depot Battalion</u>	<u>2383</u> ✓
<u>4th Pioneer</u> ✓	

Became non-effective by... Deceased D48448.

on _____ day of _____ 19 _____

(Signature)

(Rank)

900

Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in Quarters.

Remarks 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. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty.

Signature of Medical Officer.

Table III.—Boards; Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.; Examinations for Transfer or Service Abroad, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date.	Brief Details, and Signature.	
18.11.16	TAB 0-5.C.C.	Capt. A.A.M. C
26.11.16	2 1-0.C.C.	Capt. Gailo

Table IV.—Service Table.

Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.	Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.

Army Form B. 103. Regimental Number 2383.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **4th PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F.**
 Rank **Private** Surname **BOWNESS** Christian Name **Robert . Oliver**
 Religion **A I F** Age on Enlistment **30-3-16** years **30-3-16** months
 Enlisted (a) **30-3-16** Terms of Service (a) **30-3-16** Service reckons from (a) **30-3-16**
 Date of promotion to present rank **30-3-16** Date of appointment to lance rank **30-3-16**
 Extended **30-3-16** Re-engaged **30-3-16** Qualification (b) **48448**
 Occupation **48448** or Corps Trade and Rate **48448** Signature of Officer **48448**

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.313. Under Form B.313, the authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.313, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	4th Pioneer Battalion	D.O. 12/875 ✓			
	-do-	D.O. 14/1630 ✓			
	-do-	D.O. 26/2168 ✓			
	-do-	-D.O. 27/2307 ✓			
	-do-	D.O. 41/4214 ✓			
	-do-	D.O. 36/3419 ✓			
	-do-	D.O. 36/3420 ✓			
	-do-	D.O. 36/3421 ✓			

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd BATTALION G.H.C.
 British Expeditionary Force
 for Officer's Records

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) Signaller, Shelling-Smith, &c.
 (6390) Wt. W.L. 59,000 5/15 McA & W Ltd. Form B/103 (E. 3109) I.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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
14/1/18	Auxiliary Section	Original awarded to Aux Headquarters	London	14/1/18	14/1/18

RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late No. 2387, Private R. C. Bowness,

4th Pioneer Battalion, A.I.F.

(Signature)

R. C. Bowness

(Date)

4th July 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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Galloways Hill,

Bulimba 23rd March 1921.

Officer in Charge,

Base Records, Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

Late No. 2383. Private R.O. Bowness.

4th Pioneer Battalion.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th February, and in reply to state that the above Soldier's father, Mr Edward Harrison Bowness is alive, and his address is c/o The Queensland National Bank Ltd Brisbane.

Yours faithfully,

Henrietta Bowness

war medals re. to father

J. J. J. J. Major
Officer i/c Base Records

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE.

25th February, 1921.

Always state Regimental Number, Rank, Full Name, and Unit of Soldier in your Communication.

Next of Kin should always notify Change of Address to Base Records, Melbourne.

28 FEB 1921

DEPARTCH

Dear Madam,

It is noted that you are registered on the records of the late No. 2383, Private R.O. Bowness, 4th Pioneer Battalion, as next of kin, but, in order that the instructions under the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" may be properly complied with when disposing of War Medals, &c., I shall be glad to learn whether there are any nearer blood relations than yourself to the above-named, for instance,

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

The provisions of a Will have no bearing upon the distribution of Medals unless they are specifically mentioned therein, such mementos being handed over in the following order of relationship, unless good and sufficient reasons for varying the procedure are stated:—

- Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister, eldest surviving half-brother, eldest surviving half-sister.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. Bowness,
Galloways Hill,
BULIMBA, Q.

J. McLean

Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1362/10.31.-C.18078-5M.

D.F. reply to Miss Blue

Buried in a field $\frac{3}{4}$ ml. West of Hamel, France.
(extract from folder of photo. of grave) K.T.

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BASE RECORD

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J.M. LEAN, Ma

i/c Base Recd

BOWNESS

Robert Oliver

4th Rfts
4th Pioneer Batt

Surname.

Other Names.

Regimental No.

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

1st M.D.

Pte

Embarked at Brisbane per A 50 "Itonus" on 8/8/16

21/9/16 Awarded 7 days C.B. Tot. Forf. 1 days pay for AWL. 7 hrs. BEFO 19/10-17

5/7/18 KILLED IN ACTION CIBL. 2754

15/6/17 Rej. En.

5/7/18 KILLED IN ACTION

31/12/16 Proc. O/Seas to France per "Princess Victoria" from
Folkestone

25/2/17 TAKEN ON STRENGTH 4th Pnr. Bf. ex 4th Rnfs. 4th Pn. Bn.

~~8/11/17~~ ~~MISSING IN ACTION~~ Deleted by BEFO. 27/4-17 In lieu thereof BEFO. 26/3-17
read Wounded in Action 9/6/17
BEFO. 27/4-17

AUTHORITY.

BFO 41/8
IB 256/71-17

PURPORT.

21/9/17 Detached for duty with 4th D. Park Mule Troop
9/6/17 Prev rep MISSING now rep WOUNDED

J.R. MP WH.

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

496/15-19

B.R. Form No. 11.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE, 21st February. 1919.

To Commanding Officer

9th Infantry

Drill Hall

P.A. in Sheet

Dadley and Ipswich Rd., BRISBANE, Q'LD.
Record Book (A.M. Form M. 4), with A.I.F.

Forwarded under separate cover

service entered, relating to No. 2383 Private Robert O. BOWNESS,

4th Pioneers,

Australian Imperial Force, formerly of your Command

reported as Killed in Action 5th July. 1918.

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.



J. McLean Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

TO OFFICER IN CHARGE, BASE RECORDS.

Received.

Date

3/3/19

J. H. Ferguson
Commanding 2nd. Batta., 26th. Inf. Bgt.

D. 1437/10.18 - C. 1585 - 2K.

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Commanding Officer
9th Infantry
Drill Hall

Gr. Dudley &
Ipswich Rd.,
BRISBANE, Q.

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

JD

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 4/4th Pioneers. Regimental Number 2383
 Substantive Rank Pte Surname BOWNESS Christian Names Robert Oliver.

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

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Date.	From whom received					
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29/3/17	Admin Hqrs	Crime At Sea H.M.A.T A50				
	O.S. list.	A.W.L.	7 hours.			
		Award	7 days C.B. by O.C.	At Sea		D.O. 14/1630
		4/4th Png Bn	21/9/16 Forfeits			
			1 days pay by R.W.			
	B213.	M/I to Aust	Details from Huddcott England	31/10/16		
			Fovant.			
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6/1/17	4th A.D.B.D.	Marched in	ex England	Etaples	1/1/17	
13/1/17	do	To	segregation Camp	"	11/1/17	
17/2/17	do	From	Segregation Camp	"	16/2/17	
22/2/17	do	To	Unit	"	24/2/17	
3/3/17	C.O. Bn.	T.O.S.	4th Pnr Bn.	France	25/2/17	DO. 12/875
10/6/17	do	Missing in	Action last seen	8/6/17		DO. 26/18 V.L. 477

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 19/6/17 77th F.A. Sprained Ankle Admitted " 9/6/17
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16/6/17	C.O.Bn.	Discharged to duty		"	15/6/17	
22/9/17	do	Rejoined from wounded		"	15/6/17	D.O.36/3419
15/10/17	do	Detached for duty with Pack Troop.		Field	21/9/17	D.O.44/4214
11/11/17	do	Rejoined from Detachment		"	12/10/17	D.O. 36/3420
13/1/18	do	On Leave		"	3/11/17	
25/6/18	do	From leave		"	26/11/17	
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Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.,
 British Expeditionary Force.


H.E. WAUUN Capt

for Officer i/c Records,

Sw. 19/9/18

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E.G.


6th February, 1919. 

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Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 30th ult., concerning your brother, the late No. 2383 Private R.O. Bowness, 4th Pioneer Battalion, and regret to state the only information yet available is the brief advice that he was killed in action on 5.7.18 and was buried, but location of grave has not yet been received. It is confidently hoped however, that through the efforts of the Graves Registration and Enquiries Committee, a burial report will come to hand later and all particulars contained therein will be promptly communicated to next-of-kin (mother) and available to any enquirer.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records 

Miss Marjorie Bowness,
C/o Evans, Deakin & Co.,
Eagle Street,
BRISBANE. Q'ld.

121 Eagle Street,
Brisbane,
30/1/1919.

The Officer in Charge,
Base Record Office,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I am just writing these few lines in the hope that you will be able to give me some particulars about my brother No. 2383, Private Robert Oliver Bowness, 4th Pioneer Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, who was reported "Killed in Action" in France on the 5th July, 1918.

As we have not had any word since being informed that he was killed on that date, we would be very thankful if you could supply us with some information.

Thanking you in anticipation for a reply in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Marynie Bowness.

C/O Evans, Deakin & Co.,
Eagle Street,
BRISBANE.

*Muborgan
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RECEIVED
13 FEB 1919

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JD Oliver

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

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22/2/17	do	To Unit		"	24/2/17	
3/3/17	C.O. Bn.	T.C.S. 4th	Par Bn.	France	25/2/17	D.O. 12/871
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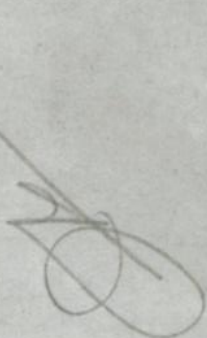
2383/4 Par.

D.H.

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MRS H DOWNESS

GALLOWAYS HILL



NOW REPORTED PRIVATE ROBERT DOWNESS NOT MISSING BUT XIZH
WOUNDED WILL ADVISE ANYTHING FURTHER RECEIVED

BASE RECORDS 29/6/17

DEFENCE
B.R.
D 56503 X

Transferred to

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2383
Rank Pte. Name BOWNESS R. O.
Unit 4 Pioneer

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

Casualty Missing 8.6.17 4908 915211 9193^B dated London 20.6.17.19
Previously reported Missing now reported Wounded not missing
8.9.17 91527 9132^B dated London 25.6.17.19
Killed in action 5/7/18 3184 2754 12136^D dated London 16/18 Received B.R. 4/8/18



DATE	A.F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
22.6.17	M.O. 1 ADVISED, MISSING.	8/6/17	
29.6.17	N.O.K. advised Not Missing, Wounded.		
30/6/17	M.O. advised wounded, not missing		
29 JUN 1917	N. O. K. advised wounded not missing		
15 AUG 18	M.O. 1 advised, KILLED IN ACTION.	5/7/18	
16.8.18	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
20.2.19	C. M. Form 8 Returned to Unit & 9th Defeat.		
6.11.19	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE, TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B.R.M. No. 146/1434		
	Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 8.12.19.18		
	"Received & acknowledged" by printed card. 26/1/1919		
	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE, TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B.R.M. No. 46/318		
8.4.21	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 1st M.D.B.R.M. 58/58		
	52/1443		
	"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Pamphlet sent to M. C. H. Bowness on 21.4.21		
14 AUG 1922	VICTORY MEDAL to Father B.R.P.F. 42		
	Registered Post No. 1498 G. F. O. Melbourne		

WAR HISTORY INDEX

MEMORIAL
SCROLL

Father
Mr. E. H. Downes
348506
29. 6. 21. 1911

MEMORIAL
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Father " 1st G.R.
Mr. E. H. Downes
348506
13/11/11

8/11
14/11

8/11/35

REGISTER ORDER FORM
773M