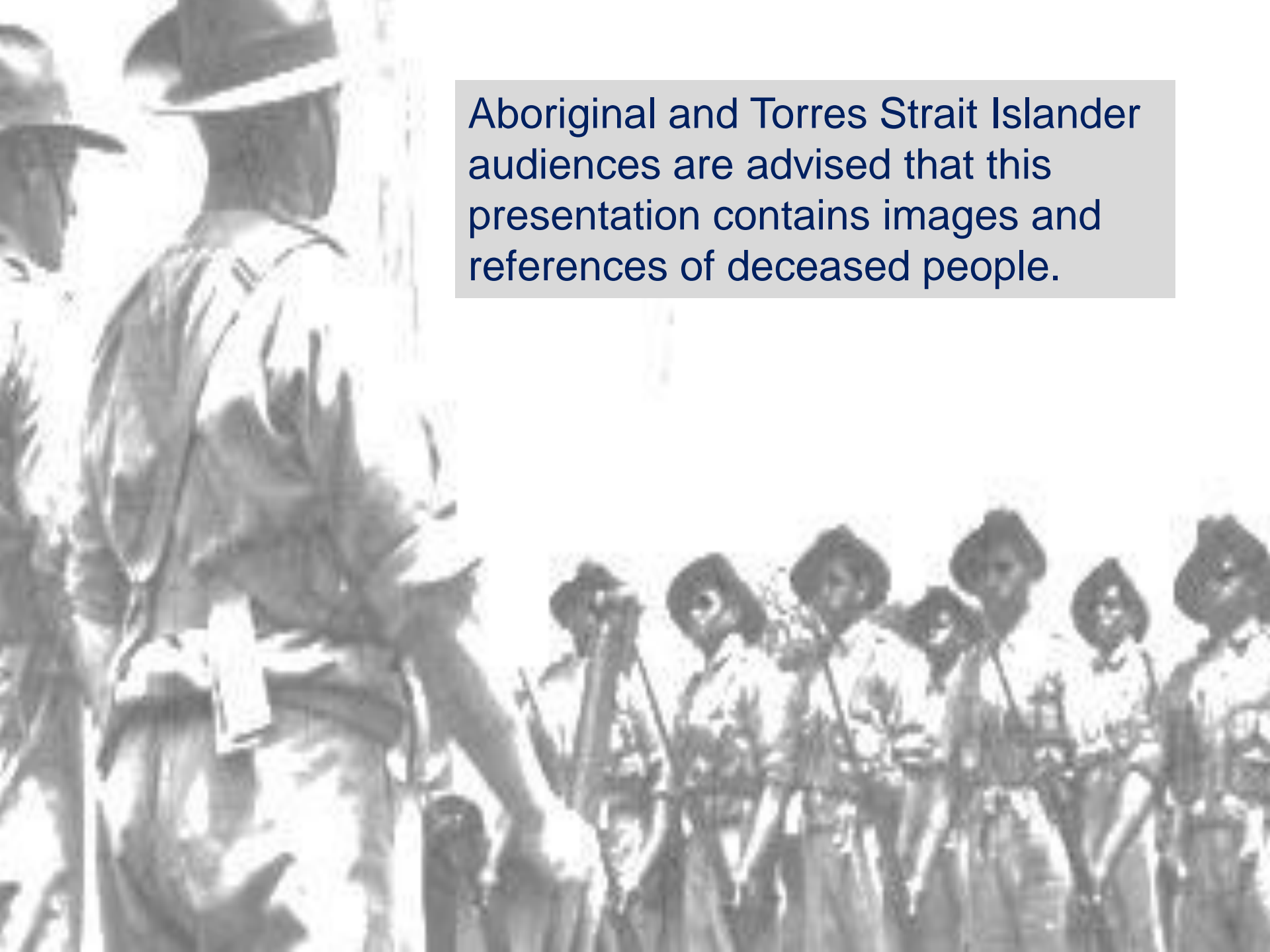
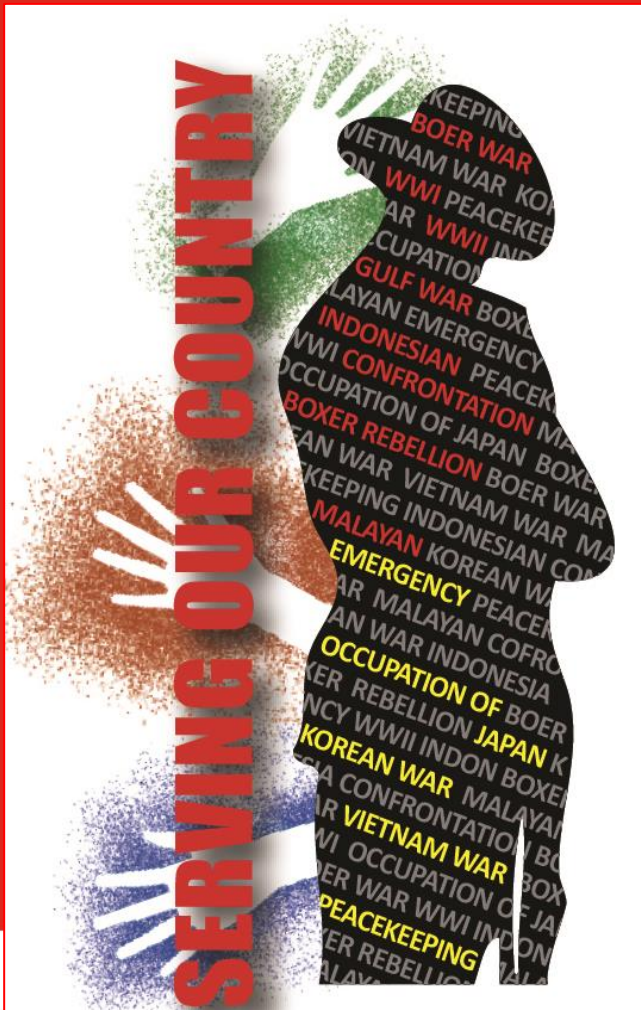


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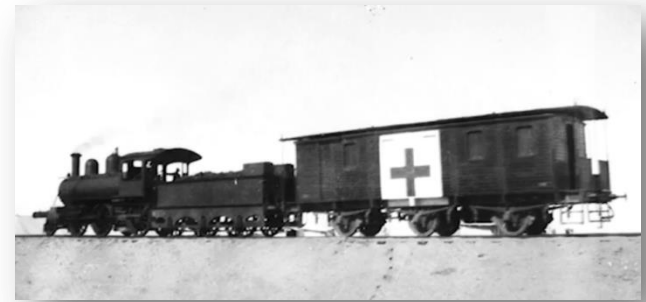


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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander diggers



Defence service records -



Service records can be accessed through the National Archives of Australia:

- Some Boer War records
- WWI service records
- WWII service records
- Post WWII records (Korea, Malaya, Vietnam)



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4 Knyvett



4 McIntyre



4 Greenwell



4 Payne



4 Jackson



4 Cox



4 Mundev



4 Todd



4 Rossiter



4 Iszlaub

Boer War Indigenous soldier - William Rossiter who served with the First Qld Mounted Infantry contingent.

QUEENSLAND DEFENCE

No. 193 Rank and Name Rossiter, William

Cause of Return <i>from what Place & on what authority..</i>	invalidated - enteric - Woodstock S.A.
Name of Transport	"Aberdeen"
Date of Arrival (Brisbane)	18 th August 1900
If provided with accommodation by the Government } on-arrival: name of Hotel	"Empire"
At what rate	5/- a day
For what period	7 days
Total Expenditure	£1:15:0
If accommodated by friends on arrival	No
Name of Medical Officer and } Date of examination by Medical Officer	Dr. Wray & Wassell
Result	} see opposite page
Name of Medical Officer...	
If recommended for special treatment	
Date of Discharge	25 th August 1900
Date certificate of discharge issued	21. 9. 00 9.0.392.
Postal address of invalid	90 Mr. J. Perret, Boundary St. Charles Towers.
Period of leave granted	
Period for which pay has been granted and may be } drawn	Two months
Rate	$\frac{2}{3}$ Contingent rates.
Amount	
If paid up to date of discharge by Imperial and } Queensland Governments	
Nature of employment obtained since discharge	

50 bush trackers would travel to South Africa on the ship Euryalus

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS, VICTORIA.

No. 778

Exchange
From SYDNEY.

To Right Hon E Barton
Prime Minister Melb

RECEIVED BY OFFICE DATE
TELEGRAPH BRANCH
MR 13
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G.P.O.

Please inform	Lord	Kitchener
I am	sending	fifty
bush trackers	with	high
Commissioner's horses	per	Euryalus

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me Lodged 1254

(Signature) Wm Willis

me Received 1.1

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complaints to be addressed in writing to the Postmaster-General.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No.

07:25
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MINUTE FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Mr. Barton presents his humble duty to Your Excellency, and has the honour to state that Mr. Willis will despatch 50 Bush Trackers by the S.S. "Euryalus" carrying a consignment of horses for the High Commissioner, and due to leave Sydney about the 24th instant.

Mr. Barton will be glad if Lord Kitchener can be informed by telegram accordingly.

H.S.
Edmund Barton

NAA: A8, 1902/25/71

Aboriginal trackers were mentioned in news reports.

THE FEDERAL CONTINGENT.

OVER 200 MEN ENROLLED.

54 ATTESTED YESTERDAY.

TWO BLACK TRACKERS TAKEN.

Good progress was made yesterday in connection with the enrolment of men for the Federal Contingent at the Agricultural Grounds. Major Boam, D.A.A.G., attested 54 men, who had passed all tests, bringing the total number enlisted to date to 212 out of 348 required.

The medical officers—Major Roth, D.S.O., and Captain Green, D.S.O.—examined 53 candidates, and sent 36 of them on to the acting camp commandant to be tested in riding and shooting. The remaining 17 were rejected.

Two black trackers—E. Davis and F. King—were

THE MELBOURNE ENROLMENT.

MELBOURNE, January 17.

The number of men so far attested for the Federal Contingent is 212. Two black trackers, Davis and F. King, have been taken on the strength.

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F King with Regimental Number 70 and E Davis with Number 71 were listed under A Company.



F King - Black Tracker



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Jack Alick BOND : Boer War Aboriginal Soldier



Federal contingent before it sailed for South Africa in 1902 - Jack Alick bottom right.

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Commonwealth Contingent for Service in South Africa.

ATTESTATION of No. 356 Name John Allick
 Joined at SYDNEY. N. S. W.
 On JANY 20 1902

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What is your name?	1. <u>John Allick</u>
2. What is your place of birth?	2. <u>Braidwood NSW</u>
3. Are you a British subject?	3. <u>YES.</u>
4. What is your age?	4. <u>28</u> years <u>—</u> months.
5. What is your trade or calling?	5. <u>Labourer</u>
6. Are you married?	6. <u>No.</u>
7. Who is your next-of-kin, and what is the address of same, and degree of relationship?	7. <u>Brother Joseph Crowe NSW</u>
8. Particulars of any previous service in present South African war, and state in what Contingent enrolled, and if discharged.	8. <u>1 1/2 yrs 2 Contingent discharged</u>
9. Are you willing to serve for a period of 12 months, or for the duration of war, in the Contingent for service in South Africa with His Majesty's forces?	9. <u>YES-</u>
10. Are you willing to be vaccinated, or re-vaccinated, if deemed advisable?	10. <u>YES-</u>
11. Present permanent address?	11. <u>Mrs Andy Watt Wombreen Crowe NSW</u>
12. Religion?	12. <u>R C</u>

I, John Allick do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made for service under the Imperial Government, and that I have no claim on the Commonwealth Government, and that I do not expect to receive for myself, or any of my relations, any compensation whatsoever from the Commonwealth Government in case of my disability or death.

John Allick Signature. J. J. Gorman JCS
 Signature of Witness.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

I have examined the above-named applicant and can certify that he is medically fit for service in South Africa.

Height 5 feet 4 1/2 inches. Eyes Brown
 Chest measurement 37 1/2 inches. Hair Black
 Complexion Wart. Distinctive marks L.V.M. Left Arm } Scar on Shoulder
Reuter's Root
 Signature of Medical Officer.

* One to be struck out and initialled by Medical Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN ON ATTESTATION.

I, John Allick do make oath that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, His heirs and successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty his heirs and successors in person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his heirs and successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me.

So help me, God.
John Allick Signature. J. J. Gorman JCS
 Signature of Witness.

Signed before me Justice of the Peace.

*12/25

Major, R. A. & C.

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7th Battalion Australian Commonwealth Horse for Service in South Africa.

ATTESTATION OF

No. ⁰⁷ 311 Name: George Madigan
 Joined at Winton Brisbane on 5.6.02

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. What is your name?
2. What is your place of birth?
3. Are you a British subject?
4. What is your age?
5. What is your trade or calling?
6. Are you married?
7. Who is your next-of-kin, and what is the address of same and degree of relationship?
8. Particulars of any previous service in present South African war, and state in what Contingent enrolled and if discharged
9. Are you willing to serve for a period of twelve months, or for the duration of war, in the Contingent for service in South Africa with His Majesty's Forces?
10. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated if deemed advisable?
11. Present permanent address
12. Religion

1. George Madigan
2. Tambour Ored
3. yes.
4. 20 years months.
5. Labourer
6. No.
7. Mother Mrs Hansen
Winton
8. None
9. yes.
10. yes.
11. P. O. Winton
12. P. O.

Virginia Wyles - grand-niece of George Madigan, an indigenous soldier who was buried in an unmarked grave.

Picture: Zak Simmonds



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A BOER WAR VETERAN
311 PRIVATE

GEORGE MADIGAN

7TH AUST. C'WLTH HORSE (OLD)
19TH JUNE 1970

The Defence Act 1909 - prohibits any person not of 'substantially European' origin from compulsory call-up and militia training.

No. 15.

Defence.

1909.

“ PART XIII.—EXEMPTIONS FROM PERSONAL SERVICE.

Exemptions
from training
in time of peace.

“ 138.—(1.) The following shall be exempt from the training mentioned in Part XII. of this Act in time of peace, so long as the employment, condition, or status on which the exemption is based is still continuing :—

- (a) Those who have been reported by the prescribed medical authorities as unfit for any naval or military service whatever ; and
- (b) Those who are not substantially of European origin or descent, of which the medical authorities appointed in that behalf under the regulations shall be the judges :
Provided that this exemption shall not extend to duties of a non-combatant nature ; and
- (c) School teachers who have qualified at a school of naval or military instruction, or other prescribed course as Instructors or Officers of the Junior or Senior Cadets ;
and
- (d) Members of the Permanent Naval or Military Forces.

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First World War - Recruits for the 9th Battalion Enoggera



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Private Billy Elsdale, a Tracker from Normanby

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4574 Name ELSDALE Billy William
 Unit 11th/5th Reinforcements, 9 Btn. 14 R
 Joined on 10 9 1915

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Billy ELSDALE
2. In the Parish of Normanby, Q in or near the Town of Normanby, Q in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural born
4. What is your age? Twenty eight yrs Elsdale
5. What is your trade or calling? Tracker
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) Jack Cockrane, Charleville, Q
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 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? 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 North of Dalby Land
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no separate allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

Billy ELSDALE do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 10th Sep., 1915.

D. 877/315—C. 662.

* 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.

Description of Billy Elsdale on Enlistment.

Age 28 years 3 months. DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
 Height 6 feet 0 1/2 inches.
 Weight 161 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 39 1/2 inches.
 Complexion Half cast
 Eyes Brown
 Hair Black
 Religious Denomination R.C.

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 10-9-15
 Place Loowomba

David How, Capt. A.A.M.S.
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

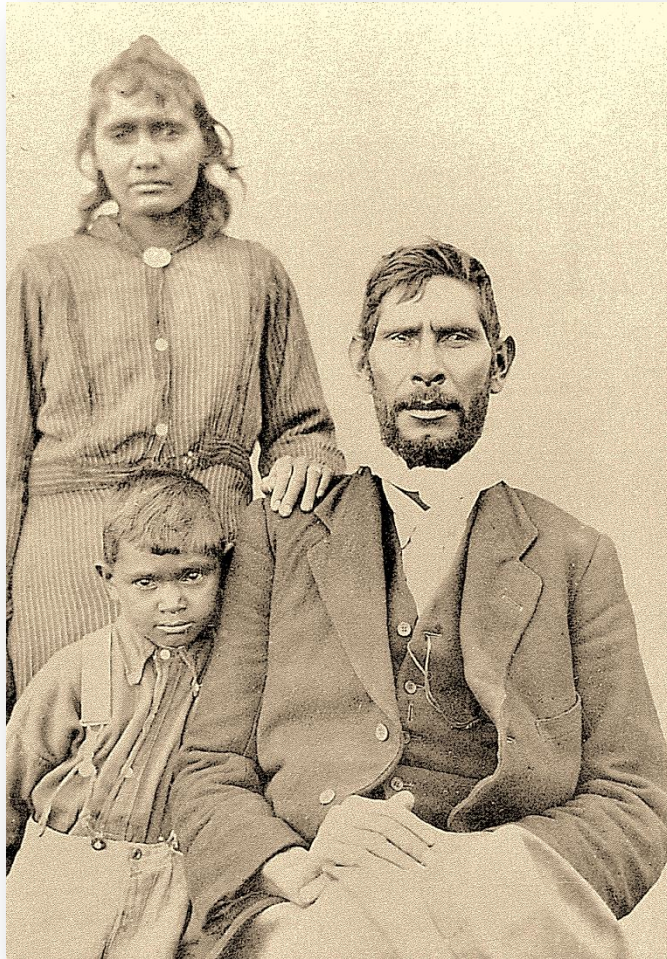
CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

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 _____

D. 877/315—C. 667.

Over 1000 Indigenous Australians enlisted for the First World War.



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1914 - Indigenous people were not British subjects.

Private Leonard Charles Lovett,
a drover - 39th Battalion AIF.



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1914 - many Indigenous Australians enlisted in the armed forces and then rejected because of their race or colour.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

359 Name { Surname MARTIN.
 in full { Christian Name Richard.

Unit 15th Battn Trans to 47th Battalion.

Joined on 17.12.14.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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.

is your Name? 1. Richard Martin.

near what Town were you born? 2.

In or near the Town of Dunedin

In the State or Country of New Zealand.

u a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized }
 ish Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be }
 vn.) 3. Yes.

s your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) 4. 22yrs 11mths

s your Trade or Calling? 5. Labourer.

u, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, }
 hom and for what period? 6. No.

u married, single, or widower? 7. No.

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be }
 stated) 8. (Brother) M.A.Martin.
Cleveland, Queensland.

The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will.

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
15th Bn	PRIVATE.			
	Taken on Strength, Gallipoli Pen:	9.5.15.		D.4765.
	To Hospital Sick. (Jaundice)	20.6.15.		B.213.
	Adm N.Z.F.A. trans to Fleetsweeper,	20.6.15.		C.2188.
	Adm No.2 A.S.Hosp	21.6.15.		
	To Duty.	30.6.15.		
	Rejoined Battn ex Hosp. Gallipoli.	1.7.15.		B.213.
	To Hospital Sick. Lemnos.	28.9.15.		B.213.
	Adm 4th F.A.Mudros. Gastritis.	28.9.15.		D.O.4363.
	To 3rd Gen Hosp Dysentery.	28.9.15.		"
	Rejoined Battn ex Hosp Lemnos.	6.10.15.		" 5108.
	To Hosp Sick. Anzac.	6.12.15.		B.213.
	Adm 4th Fld Amb. Mumps.	6.12.15.		
	To 1st L.H.Fld Amb.	7.12.15.		C.5311.
	To Hosp Ship.	11.12.15.		
	Adm H.S.Oxfordshire Anzac.	12.12.15.		E.3214.
	Adm Conv Depot Mustapha.	15.12.15.		C 5137.
	CRIME:-When on active service, absent, drunk, and creating a disturbance. AWARD:-Forfeits 7 days pay by Major W.H.Fisher. Mustapha.	17.12.15.		D.O.76/6413.
	Fit for Duty, adm O/Seas Base.	21.12.15.		" 14/969.
	Discharged to Unit. Abbassia.	5.2.16.		A.P.4875.
	Rejoined Bn ex Hosp. Tel-el-Kebir.	6.3.16.		D.O.2691.
47th Bn.	Trans to 47th Bn. " "			D.O. 50/6666.
	Emb; H.T."Huntspill" to join B.E.F. at Alexandria.	7.6.16.		A.P.8298.
	Disembarked at Marseilles.	14.6.16.		L.R.5811.
	Taken on Strength. France.	19.7.16.		D.O.32/3220.
	Wounded in Action. "	9.8.16.		" 28/2664.
	Adm 2nd F.A. Shell Shock.	10.8.16.		
	Adm 1st A.R.Stn.	10.8.16.		
	Discharged to Duty.	14.8.16.		
	Rejoined Bn ex Hosp. (pm)	14.8.16.		D.O. 31/3000.
	CRIME:- A.W.L. from 2.p.m. to 10.30.	27.3.17.		
	AWARD:-168 hours F.P.No.2. by C.O.			" 16/2167.
	47th Bn 29.3.17.			
	TOTAL FORFEITURE:- 8 days pay S.P.B.			
	47323/4.			
	CRIME:-When on active service, after being duly warned, absents himself without permission from the parade until apprehended by 1.30.p.m. escort at (France) 2.30 p.m. 4.4.17.			" 20/2835.
	AWARD:-14 days F.P.No.2. by Bn 16.4.17. S.P.B.47323/5.			
	Wounded in Action. Belgium. (2ndoco)	7.6.17.		" 29/3718.
	Adm 77th F.A.GSW.rt Forearm.	9.6.17.		
	Adm 14th Gen Hosp.	13.6.17.		
	To 1st Conv Depot.	29.6.17.		
	To Base Depot. Boulogne.	30.6.17.		
	Joined 4th A.D.B.D. ex Hosp.Harve.	2.7.17.		

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

P.T.O.

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
47th Bn.	PRIVATE.			
	CRIME:-1. Breaking out of Camp Harve	3.7.17.		
	2. Being out of bounds.	3.7.17.		D.O.38/5016.
	AWARD:-Forfeits 10 days pay By O.C.			
	4th A.D.B.D. 5.7.17.S.P.B.4723/12.			
	CRIME:-Out of Bounds 4.7.17.			
	AWARD:-Forfeits 5 days pay by O.C.4th			
	A.D.B.D. 6.7.17.	4.7.17.		" 38/5017.
Corrigendum.	Reference D.O.38(1917) sobpara 5017 showing award of 5 days pay forfeiture on 6.7.17.Add the following:- This subpara must be read in conjunction with D.O.38(1917)aubpara 5016 as the forfeiture set out herein runs concurrently with that set out therein.			Corrig:D.O.4/28 dated 25.1.18.
	CRIME:-Absent from Training parade Harve. 17.7.17.			
	AWARD:-Forfeits 5 days pay by O.C.			D.O.39/5165.
	4th A.D.B.D. 18.7.17.S.P.B.47323/15.			
	Marched out to Unit. Harve.	24.7.17.		D.59/30.
	Rejoined Bn ex Hosp. Belgium.	27.7.17.		D.O.40/5216.
	Granted leave to England.	15.9.17.		D.15/37.
	Wounded in Action. Belgium.(3rdoco)	15.10.17.		D.O.59/6606.
	Adm 3rd A.F.A.GSW.rt Hand.	15.10.17.		
	To 10 th C.C.S.	15.10.17.		
	To Amb Train 26.	15.10.17.		
	Adm 11th Gen Hosp. Camiers.	16.10.17.		
	Emb for Eng.H.S.Stad Antwerpen.	19.10.17.		D.O.59/6939.
	Adm 1st Western Gen Hosp Liverpool.	19.10.17.		" 79/5858E.
	Adm 3rd Aux Hosp Dartford.	31.10.17.		L.R.1694.
	Joined No.2.C.D. ex Hosp Weymouth.	5.11.17.		" 10434.
	M.O. to No.3.C.Depot. Hurdcott.	12.12.17.		"11456.
	M.I. from No.2.C.D. Weymouth	12.12.17.		" 11518.
	Classified B.L.C.	13.12.17.		" "
	Classified BLA3. Hurdcott.	2.1.18.		" 18/236.
	M.O. to O/Seas Trng Bde.	1.2.18.		L.F.951.
	M.I. ex No.3. Com Depot. England.	1.2.18.		L.E.1053.
	Proc: O/Seas France. S'hampton.	21.2.18.		D.O.17/E.28.2.1
	Joined A.I.B.D. ex England. Harve.	22.2.18.		
	Marched out to Unit. "	24.2.18.		
	Rejoined Bn ex Hosp. France.	27.2.18.		D.O.11/965.
47th Bn	KILLED IN ACTION. FRANCE.	28.3.18.		D.O.12/1373.5.4 C.I.B.L.2411.

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

Private Douglas Grant - originally rejected because he was too Aboriginal, successfully enlisted in the AIF in 1916.



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Douglas Grant and his sister survived a colonial dispersal



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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. ~~1126~~ **13** Name Douglas Grant Douglas
6020 Unit ~~SOUTH AUSTRALIAN~~ 13th Bn
Joined on 13/1/16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1. Douglas Grant
2. In the Parish of in or
near the Town of Attleston
State Queensland
in the County of
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. 30 years
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. Mechanic Drayman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so,
where, to whom, and for what period? 6. Woods Brock 5 years
7. Are you married? 7. no
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) 8. Robert Grant
132 Albion St
Annandale Sydney
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 Incon-
gruous and Worthless, or on account of Con-
viction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servi-
tude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace
from the Navy? 10. no

Robert Bond born at Gayndah joined the AIF on 5 July 1917 at Maryborough, Queensland.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. _____ Name (Surname) BOND
in full (Christian Name) Robert 1st. Military District, D.C.R. 20 6 6696
Unit _____
Joined on 5-7-1917

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 willfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

- What is your Name? ... Robert Bond
- In or near what Town were you born? ...
In or near the Town of Gayndah
In the State or Country of Queensland
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... British Subject
- What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) ... 26 yrs 1 mos
May 1891
- What is your Trade or Calling? ... Stockman
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
- Are you married, single, or widower? ... Married, no children
- Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ...
The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will.
(Wife) Mrs Jettie Bond
Kingaroy Queensland Australia
- What is your permanent address in Australia? ...
Kingaroy Queensland
- 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 ... No
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
- (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mothers—
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?) ... Yes
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

Robert Bond do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 5-7-1917 Bob Bond
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.

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CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~
(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 5-7-1917 J. H. Saville J.P.
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

Robert Bond swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 5th July 1917 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.

Bob Bond
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Maryborough in
the State of Queensland
this 5th day _____ of
July 1917, before me—

J. H. Saville J.P.
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.

'Not half-caste. Father half-caste - Mother full blood. Bond is very dark and is of aboriginal type'

Opinion of the Medical Board.

NOTES.—(i.) Clear and decisive answers to ALL the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, as, in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the authorities of the Military Forces should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension or compensation.

(ii.) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.

(iii.) In answering question 23 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.

(iv.) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

21. State how far the Board concur with the answers to Questions 7-20—i.e., "in toto," "partially," or "not at all."

If either of the latter, give detail In toto.

22. The Board will describe the pathological condition present at time of examination by the Board

Not half-caste. Father Half-caste Mother full blood.

Bond is very dark and is of aboriginal type.

23. (a) State whether the disability is the result of (i.) active service, (ii.) climate, or (iii.) ordinary military service.

Not so caused

(b) If due to one of these causes, to what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

Does not apply

24. Is the disability permanent?

especially as regards—

(a) Military service? No Disability

(b) Previous occupation? No Disability

(c) Other occupations? No Disability

25. If not permanent, what is its probable minimum duration? Does not apply

(To be stated in months.)

26. To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

Nil

(In defining the extent of his inability to earn a livelihood, estimate it at 1, 2, 3, 4, or total incapacity.)

27. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable? Does not apply

28. Do you recommend him for—

(a) Discharge as permanently unfit? Yes. Not substantially of European

or origin.

(b) For change to another State? origin.

29. General Recommendations:—

(a) Is he at present fit for discharge to earn his living? Yes

(b) Does he require further treatment to restore him to health? No

(c) If so, what does the Board recommend? Nil

(d) Any other Recommendations No.

(If Board considers case one for compensation or pension the patient may be so informed, so he may make formal application. But he is to be informed at the same time that final decision rests with the War Pensions Board.)

Signatures:—

[Signature] President.

(On leaving Corps or Station where Invalided.)

Transfer { Date _____
or { Station _____ Name of _____
Embarka- { Date _____ Vessel _____
tion. { Port _____ Medical Officer _____

Brief remarks on Case during transit, and state on transfer for final disposal.

Re- { Date _____
trans- { Hospital or _____ Medical Officer _____
ferred { Station _____

(At Station or Hospital where finally disposed of.)

Station and } Arrived }
Hospital } from }
Date _____

Index No.	If under Treatment.		Disease.	How finally Disposed of.	Date of Discharge, &c.
	From—	To—			
Date: _____					
<u>21/7/1927.</u>	<u>As on enlistment</u>		<u>Question of parentage</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>21/7/17.</u>

Summary of causes of invaliding, or remarks as to remand to Regiment or Station.

Date of final Medical Board, or decision } In progress. *[Signature]*
Principal Medical Officer.

AM.F. Form 99
DETAILED MEDICAL HISTORY
OF INVALID.
Station— Reserve Dept.
Corps— 1st Light Inf.
Regimental No. _____ Rank—Mc
Name— Robert Bond
Disability— Question of parentage
Date— 21-7-17
Hospital or Station transferred to for final disposal } Reserve Dept.
Date of final disposal } 21/7/17
How finally disposed of } As on enlistment
The original Report is invariably to accompany the discharge documents of Invalids.

Aboriginal soldiers were treated as equals probably for the first time in their lives.



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Indigenous soldiers were paid the same amount as their European counterparts, and accepted as “one of the boys” by most.



Your story, our history

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2584 A Name Blackman Charles Teanee Teanee
 Unit 1st of 25th Battalion
 Joined on AUG 18 1912 ~~6th Reins 25 BATT~~

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

Charles Teanee Blackman

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. What is your Name? | ... | 1. |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> PAY BOOK NO.
 9367 </div> | 2. In the Parish of <u>Pinetree Creek</u> in or |
| | | near the Town of <u>Gaynaah</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>19/9/12</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | ... | 5. <u>Labourer</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? | ... | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Are you married? ... | ... | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) | ... | 8. <u>Mother Mrs E. Danson</u> |
| | | <u>Children Queensland</u> |

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the wheather is good at present. I don't think this winter
will be as bad as last winter. one thing we are in good billets
and a close village to spend the passtime. I would rather spend
the passtime in Bigginden. tho I expect you know it
the last time up in the line I killed five yerman I did it
because they held up their hand till we got about ten yards
off them and then the dirty berrits threw bombs at us
so that's why I killed them. if they hadent thrown bombs at
us we would have taken them Prisoners and they would have
been alright. this totles ten for me since I been in France
that's a good hall for one man. isent it I have done my bit
I think. the next time up I'll get some more and I'll kill
all I can see. well Dear Friend remember me to all.
I will close with best of wishes your Friend Charley
by the way. I got a parcel yesterday with. I thank you for

2584/4

Lance / Corporal Blackman
9th Batt
France
A. L. F.

Mrs. McSalter. 7/2/1918/
Biggerden France.

Dear Friend.

just a few lines to let you know that I am doing well hoping you are the same. In this letter I shall kindly ask if you will kindly cable to Commonwealth Bank London. 30 Pounds Urgently. out of my account. but do not think I am in a serious trouble. My mater have lent me alot of money. so by all means I must pay them back. they treated me as good Pals would. So I wish to get this little trouble over. I shall be on here again in about a week time to Glasgow Scotland so I shall need money wont I. if you cant do this for let me know soon as you can I must get it some how.

I wish to get back home again soon to see those faces I ust know I close with best wishes from France

2584/A
E.C. Blackman, C.F. Charley Blackman
9th Battalion
France, C.F.A.

I shall write to Mrs. & children tonight. I received yours & their brother they thank you

fellow soldiers "treated me [as] good pals would."

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Despite the discrimination many Indigenous Australians were keen to enlist and do their best...



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TELEPHONE CENTRAL 4741.
In all communications registered number, rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred to, are to be stated.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
Melbourne, 29th May, 1918.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Third Supplement No. 30431 to the *London Gazette*, dated 14th December, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the undermentioned member of the Australian Imperial Force.

AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the undermentioned:-

No. 5459 Lance-Corporal H. THORPE."

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The above has been promulgated in *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* No. 66, dated 2nd May, 1918.

Mrs. H. Thorpe,
Lakes Entrance,
VICTORIA.

Yours faithfully,


Capt. for Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

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The highest-decorated Aboriginal "digger" was Corporal Albert Knight who was born in 1894 at Louth near Bourke.

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13th Fd'n.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. FX 122
5709

Name KNIGHT ALBERT

Unit ~~46th Bn~~ - 43rd Bn

Joined on 4. 11. 15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

What is your Name? 1. Knight Albert

In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of in or
near the Town of Louth
in the County of NSW

Are you a natural born British Subject or a
Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the
latter, papers to be shown.) 3. Yes, natural born

What is your age? 4. 21 Years

What is your trade or calling? 5. Labourer

Albert Knight received the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his actions during the attack on the Hindenburg Line in Sept 1918.

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

With reference to the announcement of the above award, which appeared in the "London Gazette" of the 3rd June, 1918, the following is the act of gallantry for which the award was made:—

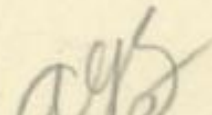
No. 5709 Corporal A. KNIGHT, D.C.M.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on the village of Bony, on the 30th September, several bombing parties were held up by heavy fire. He, with his Lewis-gun section, worked forward to a suitable position. He then placed his gun in position, and proceeded, with another non-commissioned officer, to push forward and reconnoitre the enemy position.

The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette," No. 51, dated 10th June, 1920.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. E. Knight,
Post Office
Tilpa.



1917 – Half-castes may be enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force



Servicemen's wedding at Charlotte Street, Brisbane, 1917



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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

BOND William Henry

No. _____ Name _____

Unit _____

Joined on _____

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *William Henry BOND*
2. In the Parish of *Barrabally* in or near the Town of *New Market Cooma* 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) *Natural Born. My father a British subject*
4. What is your age? *34 years 11 months*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Apprentice*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? *No. Strathmore. Yes.*
7. Are you married? *Single*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) (The answer to this question shall not be constructed as in the nature of a will.) *Mother Mrs Ellen Bond, Lion Lion to Mr Bates Jr.*
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 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? *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. *No (Police Trooper)*
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. 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*



William Henry Bond

Andy and his brother William Bond volunteered but only Andy serving overseas.



Andy Bond wears his former AIF jacket performing in the Wallaga Lake Gumleaf Band.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

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Name BOND, Andy

Unit 33rd Btn

Joined on 13/11/16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. name? *Andy Bond*
2. In the Parish of in or
 what Parish or Town were you born? near the Town of *Brarawood*
 in the County of *N. S. Wales*
3. Natural born British Subject or a Natural
 British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter,
 be shown.) *Natural Born*
4. age? *33 years*
5. trade or calling? *Laborious*
6. have you been, an apprentice? If so,
 whom, and for what period, ... } *No*
7. married? *No* *Addie Giddy*
8. next of kin? (Address to be stated) } *Ellen Braddigady (Mother)*
Wallaga Lake
Silva Silva N.S.W.
9. ever been convicted by the Civil Power? *No*
10. ever been discharged from any part of
 the Army's Forces, with Ignominy, or as In-
 and Worthless, or on account of Con-
 Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Ser-
 vice, or have you been dismissed with Dis-
 honor from the Navy? *No*
11. ever belonged to, or have you ever served in,
 the Army's Army, the Marines, the Militia,
 the Territorial Force, Royal
 Colonial Forces? If so, state which, *No*

Like some other Boer war veterans Jack Alick also volunteered for the AIF putting his age down by six years.

FUNERALS

BLANCH—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. HENRY THOMAS BLANCH and FAMILY of Manningham, Wellington Street, Bondi, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER, to leave Our Private Chapel, 262 Oxford Street, Woollahra, THIS (Friday) MORNING, after Service (commencing at 11 o'clock) for Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, WALTER CARTER, Waverley.

BOND—The Funeral of the late JACK BOND, late of La Perouse, will leave Our Private Mortuary Chapel, 265 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, THIS FRIDAY, at 2 p.m., for the Church of England Cemetery, Botany. MRS. P. KIRBY and SON PTY., LTD., 265 Elizabeth Street, Sydney. Phone, M2221-2.

BOND—FIRST AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED RIFLE.—Members of the SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their Comrade, JOHN BOND (Jack Alick). See Family Notice for further particulars. MAJOR C. W. COULTER, Pres.; JOHN T. RYAN, Secretary.

BREMNER.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. ELIZABETH BREMNER, Mr. and

Reporting 14-10-18
A.M. Form A. 5 (a).

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 101 Name (Surname) Alick
in full (Christian Name) Jack
Unit _____
Joined on _____

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 willfully 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. <u>Alick</u> <u>JACK</u>
2. In or near what Town were you born?	2. In or near the Town of <u>Quarry</u> in the State or Country of <u>N.S.W.</u>
3. Are you a natural-born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown)	3. <u>Claimed Born British Sub.</u>
4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated)	4. <u>38 years, 11 months,</u> <u>17 August, 1880.</u>
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	5. <u>Slapper.</u>
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. <u>Single</u>
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated)	8. <u>(Mother) Ellen Alick, digger,</u> <u>Walla Walla Lake, Walla Walla</u> <u>South Coast, N.S.W.</u>
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. <u>Kent Farm</u> <u>Bentley Hill</u> <u>N.S.W.</u>
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. <u>2 years 6 months in South</u> <u>Africa, 1st Aust. Horse.</u> <u>8th Aust. Commonwealth Horse.</u>
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	11. <u>yes</u>
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?	12. <u>NO.</u>
13. Have you ever suffered from:—	13.—
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. <u>yes</u>

I, Jack Alick, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife*† and children.

Date 15th September, 1918.
Witnessed By: John Lee-Purdie
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This statute 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.

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Frederick Prentice



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Fred Prentice at
Powell Creek in
1901



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18/8/17
Transfd. to 1st Pioneer Batt

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

Name PRENTICE Frederick M.M.
Unit E Coy, Base Infantry
Joined on 7.5.15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation

- What is your Name? ... 1. Frederick Prentice
- In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of Powell's Creek in or near the Town of Powell's Creek in the County of Northern Territory S.A.
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. N.B.
- What is your age? ... 4. 21 4/4 yrs
- What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Station Hand
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No
- Are you married? ... 7. No
- Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. (Sister) Mrs Isabel Walter K&K Wallaroo Post Office South Australia
- Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. No
- 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. No
- 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
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... 12. Yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. No
- (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother) Do you understand that no gratiation or bounty will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14. Yes
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

I, Frederick Prentice, solemnly declare that the above answers made 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 the support of my wife,† and children.

Date 7th May 1915 F Prentice
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.

Description of Frederick Prentice on Enlistment.

Age 21 years 4 months
Height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches
Weight 167 lbs.
Chest Measurement 35 38 inches
Complexion Dark
Eyes Brown
Hair Black
Religious Denomination Protestant

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Vision R 6/6 L 6/6
Vacc Nil

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; hemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicles; 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 May 7th 1915
Place Freewick

J. W. Brown
Corbett Capt
Signature of Examining Medical Officer. A.A.M.C.

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 E Coy Base to 915 Coy

Date 7/5/15
Place Neitehan
H. J. ... Major
Commanding Camp Command

1st Australian Division.

1st.A & N.Z.Army.

Sept. 6th.1916.

Unit	Reg.No.	Rank and Name.	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward.
1st.Pioneer Battalion.	2597	Lance Corporal Frederick PRENTICE.	<p>At POZIERES, FRANCE, on 19th.July 1916, L/Cpl. PRENTICE showed great courage, resource and ability in bringing machine guns and ammunition through the enemy barrage in the dark and across broken ground. He was one of Cpl. WILLIAM'S party and assisted that N.C.O. in every way.</p>	O.C. 1st. Aust. Pioneer Battn.	Milita Medal.

(Sgd) H.B.W.
Major General,
Commanding 1st.Aust.Division.

NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE FORCE

P.O. Box 232
In reply Please Quote
No.....

POLICE HEADQUARTERS
DARWIN

24th February, 1958.

JWS/JT

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

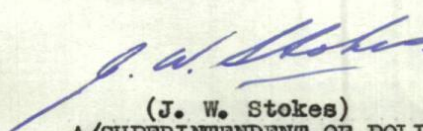


Frederick PRENTISS : Deceased.

On 22/11/57 a Half-caste Maori male was found dead at Katherine, Northern Territory. A Post Mortem examination revealed that he died from heart failure.

This person had only been in Katherine for about three weeks prior to his death and did not associate with any other persons in the town or frequent hotels. He was known to only one other person in the town - a man named George WEATHERALL, who claimed that the deceased person was called Fred PRENTISS and that he had worked with him at various places in Western Australia. However, he knew nothing of PRENTISS' background, from where he came, if he were married, or the name of his next of kin; but he said that PRENTISS had told him that he was in the First World War and served in a South Australian Regiment.

To assist us in advising the relatives of the deceased, it would be appreciated if, from this meagre information, you could supply any data regarding the full name, place of birth, marital status and next of kin of the deceased.


(J. W. Stokes)
A/SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

6th March, 1958

Superintendent of Police,
Police Headquarters,
DARWIN N.T.

re Frederick PRENTISS Deceased.


In reply to your memo JWS/JT dated 24th February 1958, you are advised no record is held of a Frederick Prentiss having served with the A.I.F. 1914-18.

Records are held for No.2597 Corporal Frederick Prentice "MM" 1st Pioneer Battalion, who may be identical with the subject of enquiry.

He was born at Powells Creek N.T.

Occupation Station Hand, Next-of-kin Sister -
Mrs. Isabel Jane Kell, Wallaroo Post Office, South Australia.

Soldier's address in 1924 was Manunda Station, via Yunta, S.Aust. On enlistment his personal description was Height 5'11½", Complexion Dark, Eyes Brown, Hair Black, Protestant.


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

Stories have been told of Indigenous children being removed from their mothers while their fathers were at war.



Private Alfred John Henry Lovett with his wife Sarah and two sons

When they returned home, Aboriginal servicemen faced the same amount of discrimination or worse than before the war.



Trooper Horace Thomas Dalton

2012- Trooper Horace Dalton was given a military service, 56 years after his burial in an unmarked grave at the Ipswich Cemetery.



Aboriginal land was confiscated to be given to ex-servicemen as part of the “soldier settlement” scheme.

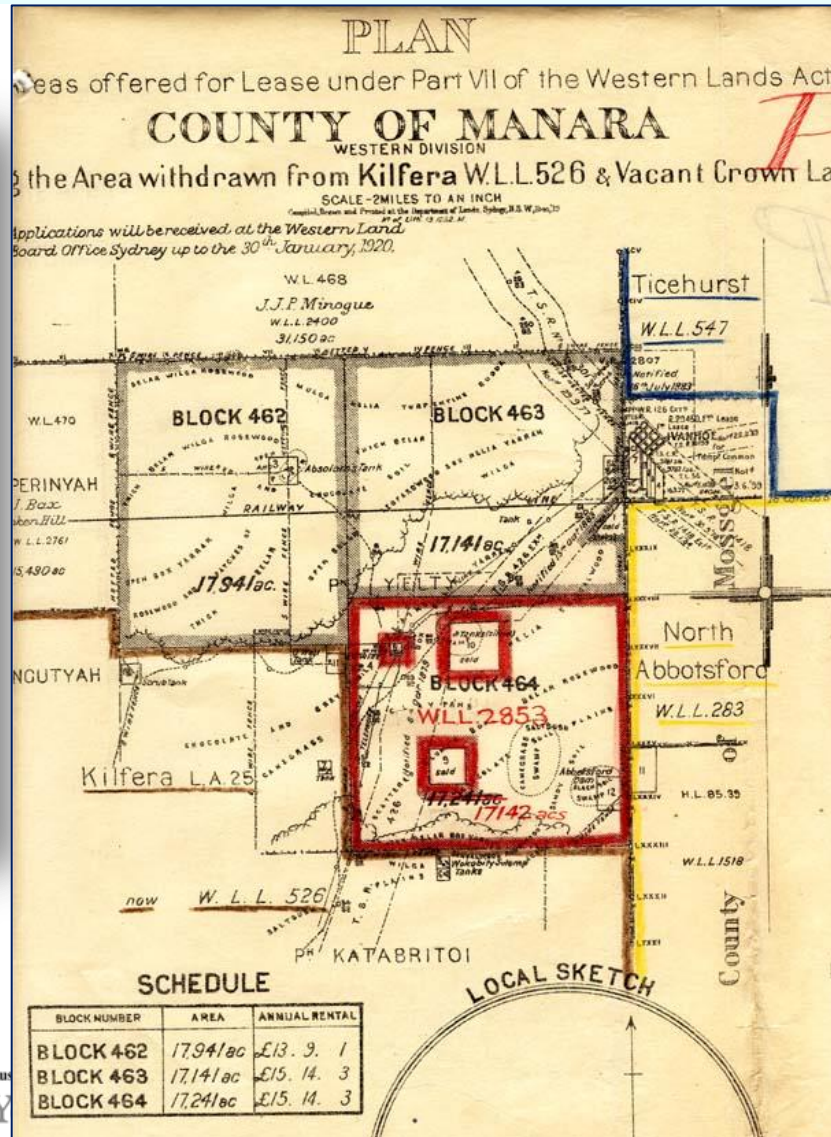


Private Harry Murray of the 11th Light Horse Regiment

Only one Indigenous veteran is known to have been allocated land under the Soldier Settlement Act



George Kennedy





George Kennedy's grave site - Condobolin Roman Catholic Cemetery

The story of the Indigenous people who served in the First AIF has been largely ignored until now



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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2949 Name MACK MILLER

Unit 36

Joined on AUG 23 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestment

1. What is your Name? ... Miller Mack
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... } near the Town of Point McLeay
in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... } Natural Born
4. What is your Age? ... } 22 1/2 years
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... } Laborer
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) } (MOTHER) MACK PINKIE MRS
POINT MC LEAY
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
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 ... } 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? If so, on what grounds? ... } No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of Widowed mother)— Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 3/- per day? ... } —
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... } Yes

I, Miller Mack 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.

Description of Miller Mack on Enlistment

Age 22 years 6 months

Height 5 feet 8 1/4 inches

Weight 144 lbs.

Chest Measurement 36-38 inches

Complexion Dark

Eyes Brown

Hair Black

Religious Denomination Mission

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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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

Transferred to

DISCHARGE SECTION

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2949 *3/9/19 Died since Discharge (G.S.)*
by 746/2/669 (S.G.)

Rank Pte Name MACK. M

Unit 50th Battalion

LIST. 33 Casualty Pneumonia *Person admitted 17/17 Footing Hill Hospital*

Improving *W.S. 11 1503 2487 dated London 2/1/17 17m*
Convalescent *W.S. 11 1503 2487 dated London 30*

Returning to Australia from Embarked H.T. A30 "BORDA" 26/9/17 *W.S. 11 1503 2487 dated London 15/11/17*

21. 11. 17. Returned to Australia per A30. No 3 M D
W.S. 11 1908 148 AB. dated London 11.10.17
J. B. Lungs. By Train 2/1/17 for 4 M.D.

DATE.	Form 6 103 Description	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
30 JUL 1917	N. O. K. Advised in Hospital	17. 7. 17 pneumonia.	
AUG 20 1917	N. O. K. advised Condition Improving.		
J. B. SLI 1917	N. O. K. Advised Convalescent		
NOV 3 1917	N. O. K. Advised Returning to Australia, Form 6.		
20/5/18	Discharged		A7B179 gn

26/6/18 "Will" 1. 6aa9 M.D. 44k - M307551

WAR HISTORY INDEX

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VICTORY MEDAL No. 18022 PEN

ALL DESPATCHED 4/0 Mother

BRITISH WAR MEDAL VICTORY MEDAL to Mother

4/4/24

7 MAY 1924

Registered Post No. 7502

G. P. O. Melbourne

DATE.

Form B 103 Revised

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20/5/18 Discharged

A.F.H.

26/6/18

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WAR HISTORY INDEX

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B.R.P.F. 42 DESPATCHED &/o Mother

BRITISH WAR MEDAL
VICTORY MEDAL to Mother

B. R. P. F. 42

4/4/24

87 MAY 1924

7503

Point McLeay
April 30th 1924

Dear Sir

My son M. Mack was never
married. Dad is Father, died several
years ago that is all I can
say

I Am Yours

W. F. Mack



DECEASED SECTION
MAY 6 1924
RECEIVED

War Medals Etc to Mother
W Mackintosh Captain



2949 PRIVATE
M. MACK
50 BATTALION
3RD SEPTEMBER 1919

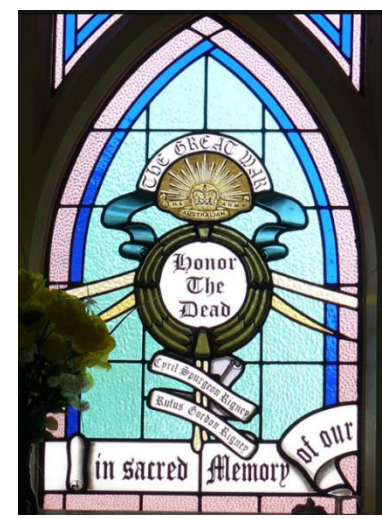
Point McLeay Mission - founded in 1859 by the Aborigines' Friends Association.



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Point McLeay was re-named Raukkan in 1984 and is in the Coorong District of South Australia.

The residents on the mission contributed and collected money for an appropriate memorial to their lost men.



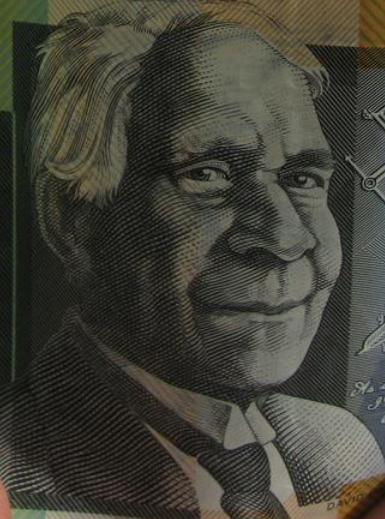


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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

3872

Name RIGNEY RUFUS GORDON

Unit 9/32 Inf.

Joined on AUG 9 - 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

What is your Name? ...

1. Rufus Gordon Rigney

In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...

2. In the Parish of _____ in o
near the Town of Point Macleay
in the County of South Australia

Are you a British Subject or a ...
subject? (N.B.—If the latter, ...)

3. Natural Born

What is your age? ...

4. 19 1/2 years ^{at att.}

What is your occupation? ...

5. Laborer

Are you an apprentice? If so, ...
for what period? ...

6. No

Are you married? ...

7. No



(11th Bn. Royal Fusiliers)

SOUTH



AUSTRALIA.

Description of Rufus Gordon Rigney on Enlistment

Age 19 years Aboriginals Department, DISTINCTIVE MARKS

Height 5 feet 4 inches

Weight 135 lbs. Adelaide, 7th. August, 1916.

Chest Measurements 32 - 35 inches

Complexion Dark

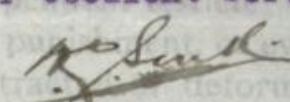
Eyes Brown

Hair Black

religious Denomination As Legal Guardian of all Half Caste Aboriginal Children (vide clause 10 of the Aborigines Act No 1048/1911)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I hereby give consent for Rufus Gordon Rigney to enlist with Australian Military Forces, he being under the age of 21 years.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
 Your Obedient Servant

 Chief Protector of Aborigines.

The Officer in Charge,
 Recruiting Depot,

Date of promotion to present rank.....

Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended { }
 { }

Re-engaged { }
 { }

Qualification (b).....

or Corps Trade and Rate.....

Occupation.....

Signature of Officer.....

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
20/10/17	60 48th Bn	Embarked ... Wounded & Missing Disembarked...	Field	12/10/17	VL514 G/6/42
					8746/15388
					G.F.B.L 1982
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(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, Shoening-Smith, &c.

Pt Mchay

Aboriginal Station

27th April 1921

To

J. W. Leaw.
Major

Officer in Charge Base Records

Sir

war medals etc to father

J. W. Leaw.
Major
Officer in Charge Base Records

6-5-21

See answer to yours of the 5th April 1921
Re late No 3872 Pte. R. G. Rigney. 48th Battalion I have to
state that his Mother is dead & the Father is the
next nearest Blood Relation the Father B. J. Rigney
is living on Pt Mchay Aboriginal Station where
all letters & other documents will find him

Yours faithfully
J. B. Steer. Capt

J. B. Steer
For, B. J. Rigney



Kriegsministerium.

Zentral-Nachweise-Büro.

Nr. *40 C 74 3/19 40*

Berlin NW. 7, den 13.9. 1919.
Dorotheenstr. 48.

Hierdurch wird bestätigt, dass hier vorliegt:
eine Gräberkarte des Ref. II. D.

wonach der australische, Kriegsgefangene:

Rigney, Gordon, Gem. von 48. Btl. 4. Div.

zu Jseghem am 16. Oktober 17. gestorben und

auf dem Friedhof (Ehrenfriedhof) Jseghem II. E. Grab 298,

begraben ist.

Gemeldet von: d. Insp. 4. Gräberv. 32568/18.

Liste bei: Ref. II. D. Bez. L. W. 9. IX. Seite W. b. 38.

J. A.



Kekule v. Madonitz

Hauptmann

Connecting Spirits

With further reference to the report of burial of your son, the late No.3872 Private R.G.Rigney, 48th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice that the late soldier's remains have been removed from the Iseghem Communal Cemetery and re-interred with every measure of care and reverence in the -

HARLEBEKE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY
Plot 11, Row D, Grave 7,

situated about 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles North East of Coutraï, Belgium.

This action was taken by direction of the Imperial War Graves Commission with a view to concentrating where possible the graves of our fallen soldiers from German Communal Cemeteries into permanently established military cemeteries, where direct supervision can more readily be maintained and the control of the graves placed entirely in the hands of British personnel.



Cyril Spurgeon Rigney



Your story, our history

Miss Constance J. Kropfman
Widow re-married
Form 1 (Jacket).
[G.O.'s 17, 27, 32, 34, &c.]

ENTERED
23 JUN 1921
IN R. REGR.

R 27608
State of S.A.

1. Surname *Riamey* Christian name *Lynil Spurgeon*
(In full)
2. Regtl. No. *2012* Rank *Pte* Unit *43rd Bn* Date of Birth *27/2/18*
3. Enlisted at (place) *Bellevue* (State) *S.A.* (date) *26.1.18*
4. Where served *France*
5. Returned to Australia per H.M.T. _____ on (date) _____
6. Discharged at *Killed in Action* on *3/7/17*
7. Reason for Discharge _____ Discharge Certificate No. _____
8. Conduct Record *Good*
9. Conjugal Condition *Married* Dependants *Miss Constance J. Kropfman*
Schilo Pileen Martha
Widow
10. Physical Condition at time of Discharge (according to Final Medical Board Proceedings) _____

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Cyril's war pension was awarded to his daughter Aileen.
This was held in trust for her.

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J. B. Best
1.6.32

REPATRIATION COMMISSION SOUTH

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

15 JAN 1937



AUSTRALIA.

MEMORANDUM

14th January, 1937.

From

A.M. RECEIVED P.M.

Chief Protector of Aborigines,
ADELAIDE.

To The Acting Deputy Commissioner,
Repatriation Commission,
G.P.O. Box 902E,
ADELAIDE.

TELEPHONE No. 8261.

20b/ks.100-8.36 1428

Dear Sir,

In reply to your memo of the 4th inst., re Aileen M.V. Wilson's request that you provide her with funds from her trust money to enable her to purchase a second hand motor car, I beg to inform you that I do not consider it wise to provide her with money for this purpose.

Experience has shown that aborigines and half-castes who purchase motor vehicles invariably find them too great a financial burden and eventually have to dispose of them at a big loss or have them repossessed by firms supplying them under hire purchase agreements.

I referred your letter to Mr. A.H. Bray, Superintendent of the Point Pearce Aboriginal Station and his reply is attached hereto.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Protector of Aborigines.



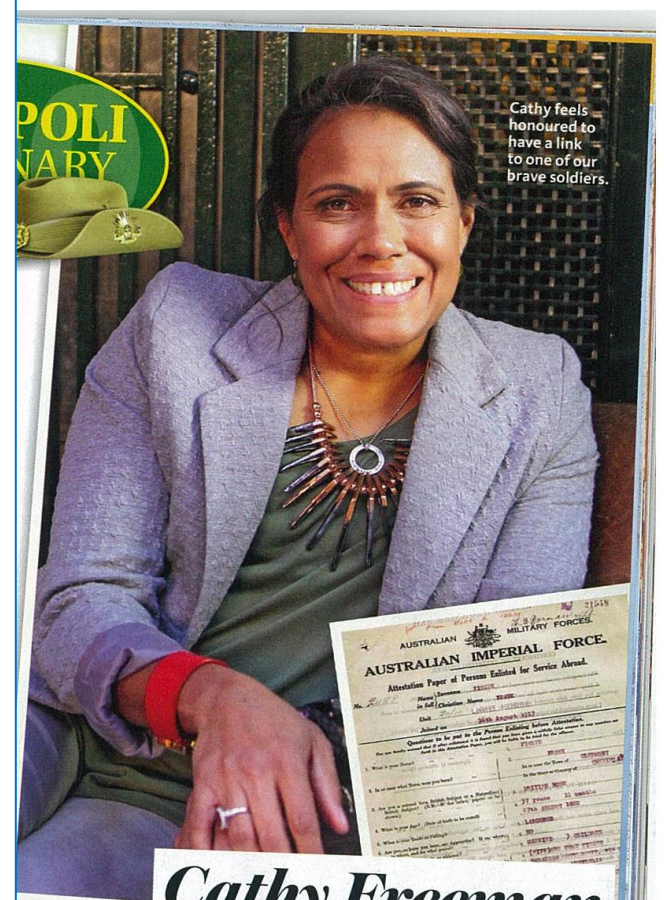
Trooper Frank Fisher



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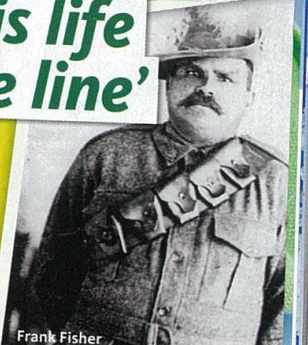


Cathy Freeman
'My great-grandfather put his life on the line'

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As an Olympic gold medallist, it's no secret Cathy Freeman has made her family proud. But nothing could compare to the



Frank Fisher

Frank Fisher's attestation paper, his signature is just a X

HAS HAD HOME LEAVE.
From 21/11 to 12/1/17

21548
A. B. Norman with

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2438 Name (Surname) FISHER
in full (Christian Name) FRANK
Unit 20/1 LIGHT HORSE
Joined on 16th August 1917

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.

- What is your Name? FISHER
- In or near what Town were you born? In or near the Town of FRANK CLEMONT
In the State or Country of QUEENSLAND
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) BRITISH BORN
- What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) 27th AUGUST 1890
- What is your Trade or Calling? LABOURER
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? NO
- Are you married, single, or widowed? MARRIED 3 CHILDREN
(WIFE) MRS FRANK FISHER
- Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) BARANBAH SETTLEMENT, MURGOON
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA
- What is your permanent address in Australia? QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA
- 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 NO
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? YES
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? NO
- (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? YES
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? YES

I, FRANK FISHER do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children Frank & Fisher

Date 16th August 1917

Signature of Person Enlisted.
Frank Fisher

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

Date 16th August 1917 James B Walker Capt.
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, FRANK FISHER swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 16th August 1917 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.
Frank Fisher

Signature of Person Enlisted.
Witness

Taken and subscribed at BRISBANE in the State of QUEENSLAND this 16th day of AUGUST of 1917 19, before me—

James B Walker Capt.
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.

NOTE.—It is essential for the Soldier to show full particulars of the Battalion, Regiment, Battery, Company, or Squadron to which he belongs, and after completing the form, to hand same to his Commanding Officer for transmission to the Paymaster.

Joined 7/10/17 Date _____ Military District Pay Office,
Enlistment No. Q. 21548 _____ 17-10-1917
Soldier's No. _____ Rank Private
Battalion N. 7. Coy. Company _____
Soldier's Full Name Fisher Frank

Direction for part pay to go to his wife....

To the District Paymaster,

MEMO.

I beg to request that on and after the 17th day of October 1917, and during my service in A. I. S., you will be good enough to pay on my behalf the sum of Two Shillings 6^{ds} per day to Esme Fisher of Paramah Settlement Mugon Q whose signature appears in the margin.

Signature of Soldier Frank Fisher
Previous Private Address Mugon Q

Signature of Agent, Usual signature, and must always be written on the same way.

Agents must be persons over the age of sixteen years.

Signature of Soldier. Frank Fisher
Soldier's Number. _____
Battalion N. 7. Coy. Company _____

* When making this allotment in favour of a married lady, fill in her Christian names—not her husband's. In any case, fill in full Christian names of allottee.
Should the Soldier after embarkation receive information that his allotment is not being paid, he should immediately sign a fresh form and hand same to his Commanding Officer for transmission to the Staff Paymaster abroad, who will see the official requirements are complied with, and forward form for payment.

Signature of Agent



our history

19 December 1917 - Many Aboriginal men were sent as part of the 20th Reinforcements for the 11th Light Horse

20th REINFORCEMENTS.

(EMBARKED AT SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, PER H.M.A.T. A38,

BROWN, William Bert	..	Private	..	18	Stockman	..	S.	1st	Boompa, Queensland	..	Mother, Mrs. Ettie Mataquil, Boompa, Queensland
BURNETT, Frederick Arthur	..	"	..	38	Contractor	..	M.	1st	Fifth - avenue, Windsor, Brisbane, Queensland	..	Wife, Mrs. Tilitia August Burnett, Fifth-avenue, Windsor, Brisbane, Qld.
COLLINS, Edward	..	"	..	21	Station hand	..	S.	1st	Mitchell, Queensland	..	Mother, Mrs. Dinah Collins, c/o Mrs. Loughnan, "Rutland", Mitchell, Qld.
COSTELLO, Jack	..	"	..	21	Stockman	..	S.	1st	Winton, Queensland	..	Friend, T. H. Snelling, c/o Q. N. Bank, Queen-street, Brisbane, Queensland
DOYLE, Harry	..	"	..	20	Farm hand	..	S.	1st	Behana Siding, Gordonvale Line, Queensland	..	Friend, George Madden, Behana Siding, Gordonvale Line, via Cairns, Qld.
FITZROY, Joe	..	"	..	21	Labourer	..	S.	1st	Mount Maria, Mitchell, Queensland	..	Friend, Robert Douglas, Mount Maria, Mitchell, Queensland
FISHER, Frank	..	"	..	38	Labourer	..	M.	1st	Barrambah Settlement, via Murgon, Queensland	..	Wife, Mrs. Esmé Fisher, Barrambah, Settlement, via Murgon, Queensland
GEARY, John	..	"	..	22	Stockman	..	M.	1st	Bundaberg, Queensland	..	Wife, Mrs. Alice Geary, c/o Mrs. Corrie, Chelmer, Brisbane, Queensland
JOHNSTON, John	..	"	..	26	Station hand	..	S.	1st	Oondooroo, Winton, Queensland	..	Mother, Mrs. Lucy Johnston, Spring Vale Station, Winton, Queensland
KEARNS, Jack	..	"	..	22	Labourer	..	S.	1st	Gowrie Station, Charleville, Queensland	..	Sister, Miss Annie Kearns, Dalby, Queensland
LAURIE, John McKenzie	..	"	..	24	Labourer	..	S.	1st	Durambah, N.S.W.	..	Father, John Laurie, McLean, Clarence River, N.S.W.
LINGWOODOCK, James	..	"	..	23	Stockman	..	M.	1st	Low, N.S.W.	..	Wife, Mrs. Daisy Lingwoodock, c/o F. R. Davis, Indooroopilly, Brisbane, Qld.
LYNCH, Leonard	..	"	..	27	Labourer	..	M.	1st	Langlo Crossing, Charleville, Queensland	..	Wife, Mrs. Violet Lynch, c/o Prot. of Aboriginals, Dept. of Aboriginals, Brisbane, Queensland
MORRIS, Frank	..	"	..	36	Stockman	..	S.	1st	Nebo, Mackay, Queensland	..	Brother, Peter Morris, better known as Peter Smith, Mackay, Queensland
MURRAY, Harry	..	"	..	30	Stock and station hand	..	S.	1st	Mitchell, Queensland	..	Brother, Jack Murray, Taroom, Queensland



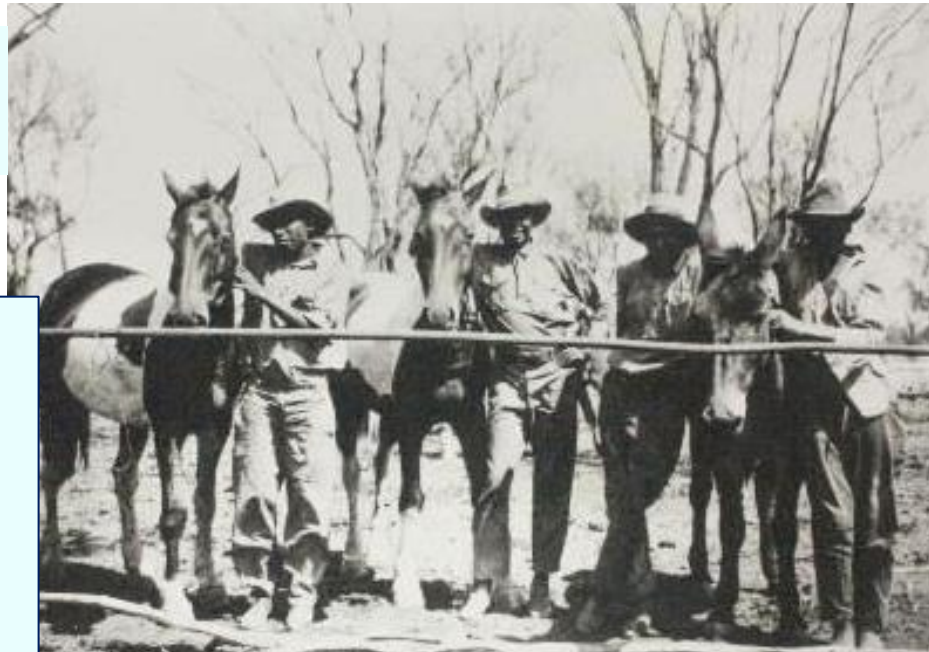
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Aboriginal stockmen were recruited - Australian Light Horse



2422 Pte William Bert Brown [Boompa, South Burnett]
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2424 Pte Edward Collins [Mitchell, South-West Qld]
2459 Pte Fred Collins [Mitchell, South-West Queensland]
2458 Pte Samuel Cooper [Macleay, NSW]
2425 Pte Jack Costello [Winton, Western Queensland]
2426 Pte Harry Doyle [Gordonvale, North Queensland]
2428 Pte Frank Fisher [Cherbourg, South Burnett]
2427 Pte Joe Fitzroy [Mitchell, South-West Queensland]
2462 Pte Rupert Franklin Gore Gallaway [Mitchell,
South- West Queensland]
2429 Pte John Geary [Bundaberg]
2460 Pte John Hall [Bundaberg]
2430 Pte John Johnston, (Died of wounds, 1 June 1918)
[Winton, Western Queensland]
2431 Pte Jack Kearns [Mitchell, South-West Queensland]
2432 Pte John McKenzie Laurie [Durambah, NSW]
2433 Pte James Lingwoodock [Lowmead]

2434 Pte Leonard Lynch [Charleville, South-West Qld]
2438 Pte James McBride [Mitchell, South-West Qld]
2437 Pte David Molloy [Cairns, North Queensland]
2435 Pte Frank Morris [Nebo, Central Queensland]
2436 Pte Harry Murray [Mitchell, South-West Queensland]
2439 Pte William Nicholld [Yarrabah, North Queensland]
2440 Pte Jack Oliffe [Wyandra, South-West Queensland]
2443 Pte Charlie Parkes [Mitchell, South-West Qld]
2441 Pte Jack Pollard [Cairns, North Queensland]
2445 Pte Edward Smith [Mitchell, South-West Queensland]
2447 Pte Joe White [Spring Hill, Brisbane]
2448 Pte Leslie Thomas Wogas [Murwillumbah, NSW]

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Pte. H. Doyle, Cairns

Harry Doyle shows his age as 20

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*From 20-7-17 to 28-7-17
 Reserve, Capt.*

HAS HAD HOME LEAVE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2426 Name { Surname Doyle
 in full { Christian Name Harry
 Unit 20/11 LIGHT HORSE.
 Joined on 23-5-1917

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1. Harry Doyle
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Charters Towers
 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.) 3. natural Born
4. What is your Age? 4. 20 Years
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Farm hand
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. no.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) 8. (Friend) George Madden
Behana Siding, Gordonvale Line
Via Cairns, North Queensland
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? 9. Behana Siding
Gordonvale Line, Via Cairns.
North Queensland.
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. no
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 11. yes
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 12. no.
13. (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? 13. _____
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? 14. yes.

I, Harry Doyle 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 & children three fifths

Date 23-5-1917
Harry Doyle
 Signature of person enlisted.



at Carns.

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I, Harry Doyle.

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS.

Behana Siding
Gordonvale Line

Signature Harry Doyle

Occupation Farm Hand

Date 22 - 5 - 1917.

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my ^{son} _{ward} for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.

Both Father & Mother dead
No Guardian.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

or

Guardian's Signature

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— 20 yrs. _____ mos. | Height— 5 ft. 7 ins.

Married. Widower Single. 129 lbs.

Chest Measurement (fully expanded)—

33 inches.

Harry Doyle stands alongside his friend Albert Burke from Mitchell – members of the 20th Reinforcement for the 11th Light Horse Regiment.



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Aboriginal brothers from Mitchell [Gunggari group] joined the Light Horse.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2124 Name GOLLINS, Edward
 Unit 20th LIGHT HORSE.
 Joined on 25th June, 1917

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name! ... Edward Collins
2. In the Parish of Tomoo in or near the Town of MITCHELL 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, Natural Born British
4. What is your Age! ... 21 years
5. What is your Trade or Calling! ... Station Hand
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice! If so, where, to whom, and for what period! ... No.
7. Are you married! ... No. Single
8. Who is your next of kin! (Address to be stated) "The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will." ... X sister - Miss Elsie Collins of Mrs Loughnan, "Rutland" MITCHELL, 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 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! ... 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 ... 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! If so, on what grounds! ... No.
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued 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, Edward Collins do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.
 And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.
 Date 25th June, 1917 Signature of person enlisted. Edward Collins

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2154 Name COLLINS, Fred
 Unit Light Horse LIGHT HORSE.
 Joined on 25th June, 1917

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name! ... Fred Collins
2. In the Parish of Ronus Downs in or near the Town of Mitchell 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, Natural Born
4. What is your Age! ... 25 1/2 years - (8th July, 1891)
5. What is your Trade or Calling! ... Stock & Station Hand
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice! If so, where, to whom, and for what period! ... No.
7. Are you married! ... No. Single
8. Who is your next of kin! (Address to be stated) "The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will." ... X sister - Elsie Collins of Mrs Loughnan Rutland, Mitchell, 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 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! ... 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 ... 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! If so, on what grounds! ... No.
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued 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 Fred Collins

I, Fred Collins do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.
 And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.
 Date 25th June, 1917 Signature of person enlisted. Fred Collins

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George Foster - Gunggari Soldier of WWI

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 36441 Name George FOSTER, George
 Unit 70/49 BATTN.
 Joined on 28th May, 1917

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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| <p>1. What is your Name!</p> <p>2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born! ...</p> <p>3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject! (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)</p> <p>4. What is your Age!</p> <p>5. What is your Trade or Calling!</p> <p>6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice! If so, where, to whom, and for what period!</p> <p>7. Are you married!</p> <p>8. Who is your next of kin! (Address to be stated) ...</p> <p>9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power! ...</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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</p> | <p>1. <u>George Foster</u></p> <p>2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>Bollon</u> in the <u>State</u> of <u>Queensland</u></p> <p>3. <u>Yes. Natural Born</u></p> <p>4. <u>Twenty three (23) years</u></p> <p>5. <u>Labourer - Station Hand</u></p> <p>6. <u>No.</u></p> <p>7. <u>No. Single</u></p> <p>8. <u>Herbert Foster (brother)</u>
<u>Homebush Station,</u>
<u>MITCHELL, Island</u></p> <p>9. <u>No</u></p> <p>10. <u>No</u></p> <p>11. <u>No.</u></p> |
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"The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will."

Service performed by Aboriginal men for the Australia in WWI - did not result in recognition.



June 1921 - Charles Backman of Biggenden applied for repatriation aid



An Aboriginal having served with the A.I.F. does not remove him from the care of the State Government and the Federal Government is not responsible.



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Aborigines who served with the AIF after discharge are still under the restrictions of the Aborigines Protection Act (NSW).

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER,"
AND QUOTE-

DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION,
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

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TELEPHONES:
CITY 4946, 4947 AND 7232.

SYDNEY, 12th March, 19 19

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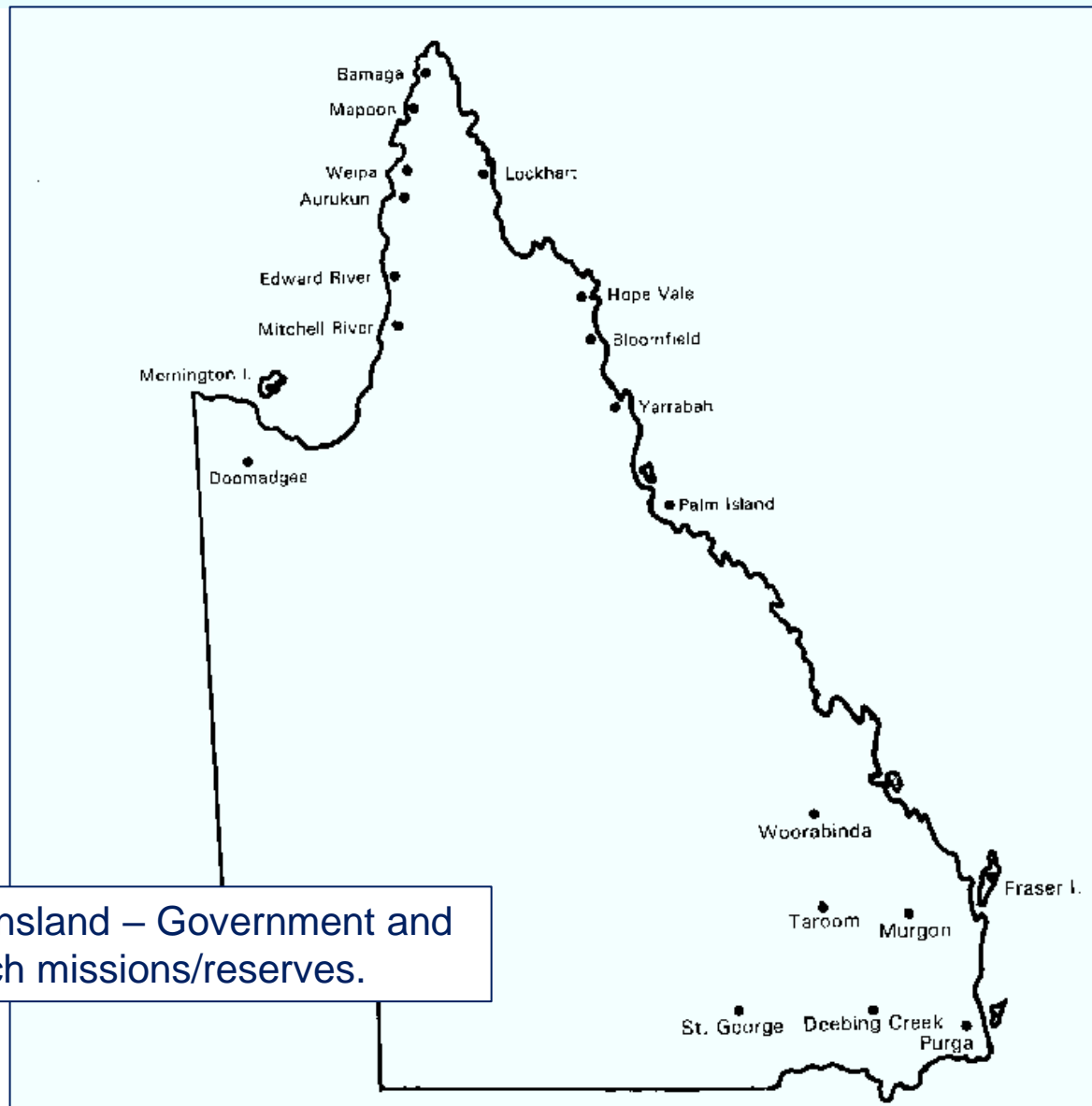
MEMORANDUM for:-

The Comptroller,
Department of Repatriation,
MELBOURNE.

The question has been brought forward by the Murrumbidgee Repatriation Area Local Committee as to the position of the aboriginee soldier in regard to Australian citizenship, after discharge.

The aborigines Protection Act of 1909 as amended by the Act No.2 of 1915, and the Act No. 7 of 1918, places certain restrictions in respect to Aborigines and it is desired to know if an aboriginal who has served with the A.I.F. is, after discharge, still under the restrictions imposed by this Act.

Treatment of Aboriginal Australians worsened after World War I –
1937 – Federal and States agree on an official policy of assimilation.



Most Australians assumed that
Aborigines were 'a dying race'.



AUSTRALIAN Aborigines Conference

SESQUI-CENTENARY

Day of Mourning and Protest

to be held in

THE AUSTRALIAN HALL, SYDNEY
(No. 148 Elizabeth Street — a hundred yards south of Liverpool Street)

on

WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1938
(AUSTRALIA DAY)

The Conference will assemble at 10 o'clock in the morning.

**ABORIGINES AND PERSONS OF ABORIGINAL
BLOOD ONLY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

The following Resolution will be moved:

"WE, representing THE ABORIGINES OF AUSTRALIA, assembled in Conference at the Australian Hall, Sydney, on the 26th day of January, 1938, this being the 150th Anniversary of the whitemen's seizure of our country, HEREBY MAKE PROTEST against the callous treatment of our people by the whitemen during the past 150 years, AND WE APPEAL to the Australian Nation of today to make new laws for the education and care of Aborigines, and we ask for a new policy which will raise our people to FULL CITIZEN STATUS and EQUALITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY."

The above resolution will be debated and voted upon, as the sole business of the Conference, which will terminate at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

**TO ALL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES! PLEASE COME TO THIS
CONFERENCE IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN! ALSO SEND WORD BY
LETTER TO NOTIFY US IF YOU CAN ATTEND**

Signed, for and on behalf of

THE ABORIGINES PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION,

J. T. PATTEN, President.

W. FERGUSON, Organising Secretary.

Address: c/o, Box 1924EK, General Post Office, Sydney



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WW I veteran Douglas Grant sitting on the wall of a water-fountain with his model of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Callan Park.



1939 - World War II - To serve or not to serve



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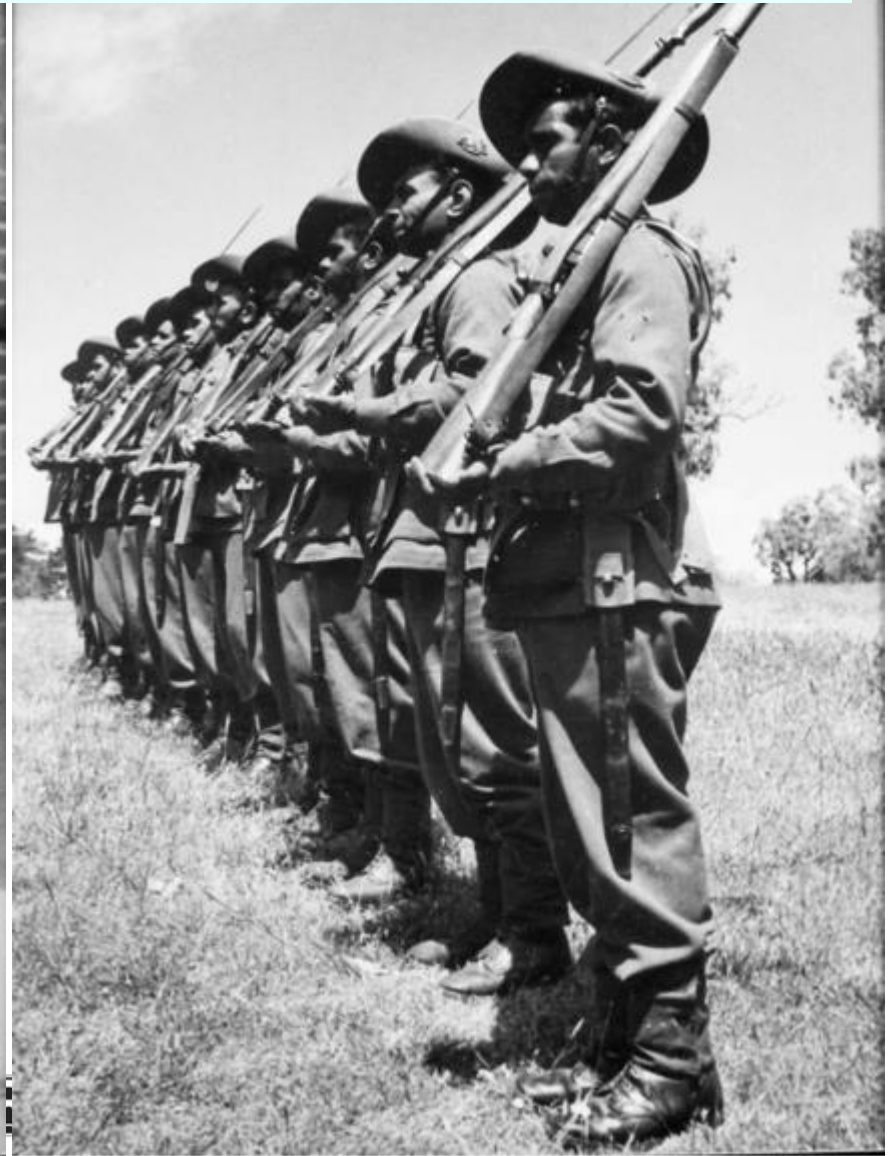
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At the start of WWII - Indigenous Australians and Torres Strait Islanders were allowed to enlist and many did so.



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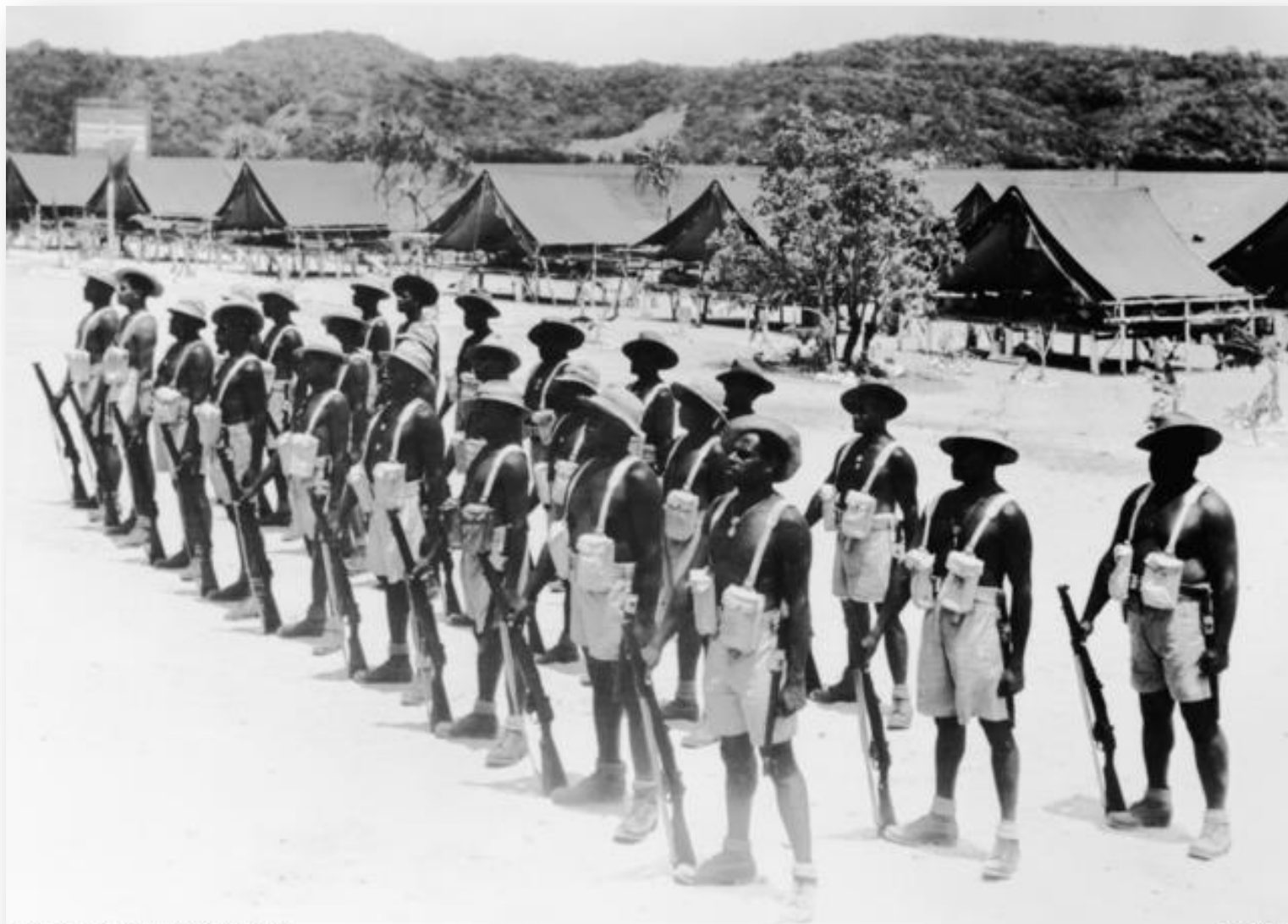
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8 December 1941 - Australia Declares War on Japan



Indigenous sailors
on Melville Island

The Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion



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One Islander recalled - "when war e come, white and black become one people."



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Sydney, Hyde Park – 2015

Yininmadyemi (pronounced yinn-in-madjamee) – Thou didst let fall



Aboriginal artist Tony Albert



ALBERT EDWARD : Service Number - QX7639 :

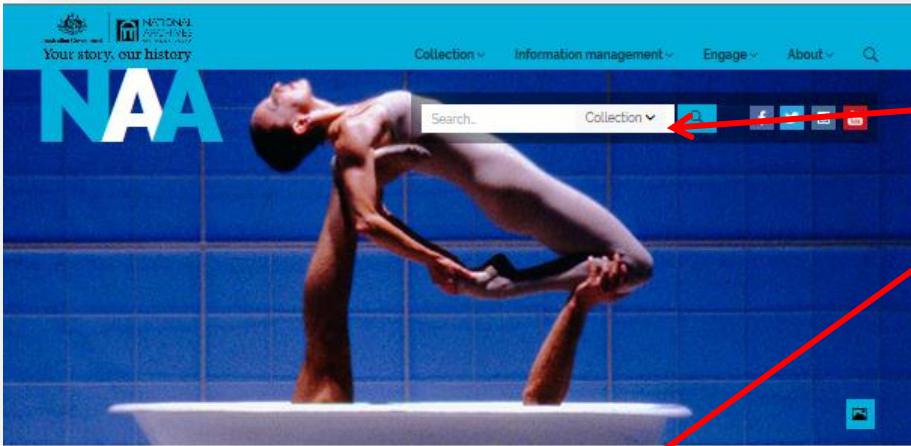


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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3641 Name George FOSTER, George
 Unit 70/49 BATTN.
 Joined on 28th May, 1917

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name!	1. <u>George Foster</u>
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born!	2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>Bollon</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, Natural Born</u>
4. What is your Age!	4. <u>Twenty three (23) years</u>
5. What is your Trade or Calling!	5. <u>Labourer - Station Hand</u>
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice! If so, where,	6. <u>No.</u>

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