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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. Name Bell John
 Unit Automobile Corps A.I. Force to be attached to
1st A.I. Bde.
 Joined on

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1.
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of in or
 near the Town of
 in the County of
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... war medals, etc. no awarded
mother, Mrs. A. C. Bell,
4. What is your age? 4. 32
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. Soliman St. St. Jara Vic.
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 6. Major Base Records
7. Are you married? 7. Officer
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) 8. C/o N.D. Gilliard Esq., 87, 2-21, Carlyle Blvd., 24 Broadly
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9. W
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? 10.
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 11. NOK. Mother. England.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 12. Brother Mr. W. M. Bell
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 13. C/o Denny, Scelles Ltd Geelong Vic.
14. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? 14.

This paper is attached to a Certificate containing the name of the person enlisting.

I, John Bell, 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

Signature of person enlisted.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the

*Automobile Corps attachment
 1st ALH Bde Aust Imperial Force*

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... } Other names (in full) }	BELL JOHN
2.	Educational Qualifications... <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	<i>10 years Geelong Grammar School</i>
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 60.) Present rank and corps to be stated.</small>	<i>As per letter attached (7 years service Cavalry Corps Geelong Grammar School - last 12 months of which as a Lieutenant)</i>
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)	<i>Special appointment as Automobile Officer A.I. Force.</i>
5.	Present Civil Employment	<i>Traveller</i>
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Date of Birth: <i>7th October 1885</i> Age: <i>28</i> Years. <i>11</i> Months.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	<i>British subject, Australian born</i> Religion: <i>Presby</i>
8.	Married or Single	<i>Single</i>
9.	Postal Address	<i>Geelong Club Geelong "Paschy" Dombrow St St. Jovita Ave</i>
10.	Next of Kin	<i>Mother, Mrs A. B. Bell at special address St. W. M. Pass</i>

Date: *2/9/14* (Signature of Applicant) *John Bell*

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

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, *M. J. ...* do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height Weight
 Chest Measurement Eyesight

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer: *John Bell*

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

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

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

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

Date: *2/9/14* Commanding: *1st ALH Bde, A.I.F.* Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.

Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date: Commandant: Military District:

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

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

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

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

Date

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

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

So HELP ME, GOD.

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at in the State of this day of 19 .. , before me—

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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

Description of Bell John. on Enlistment.

Age <u>28</u> years <u>11</u> months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>Vac: 2 (L arm)</u> <u>Other</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>8 1/2</u> inches	
Weight <u>12 Stone 5</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>35</u> inches	
Complexion <u>Flopid</u>	
Eyes <u>Grey</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>Pres.</u>	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; 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 2/9/14Place Melbourne

John O. Dransfield, M.D.
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

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

Date

Place

Commanding

Statement of Service of No. _____ Name _____

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

*For
Geelong
P/S*

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned (1) Package , being the effects of the late Capt. J. Bell, 68th Sqd, Flying Corps, consigned to me. ex "Delta" Aus. ?/66

No.	Description,
1	Parcel.

Signature *W. M. Bell*

Date *22.3.1920.*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

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

DECEASED SECTION
MAR 24 1920
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BELL

Surname.

John

Other Names

(Lieut)

Regimental No.

1st L. H. Bde (H.Q.)

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked Melbourne per H.M.A.T. A.S. Duranto on 29/10/15

17/10/15 To be Staff Captain (Temporary) vice Barr. Temporary

rank of Captain while so employed

29/10/15 To Hospital.

28/10/15 Relinquished temporary rank of Captain on

return of Captain Barr.

2/11/15 Admitted "Blue Sisters Hospital Malla, **Enteric**.

13/11/15 Embarked Malla on H.S. "Morea" for England

M.B. 23. 3/11/15

M.B. 24. 11/11/15

M.B. 25. 24/11/15

M.B. 26. 9/12/15

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PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
26/8/16 Reported from England & posted to No 68 (Aust) Squad (L.K.) R.F.C.	MEFO 13/1-16
13.1.17 Embarked overseas per H.T.Kingstonian from Alexandria (68th Aust.Sqdn. R.F.C.)	MEFO 4/1-17
30.1.17 Disembarked at Southampton.	LDN 1/1-17
13.3.17. Sick to Officers' Nursing Home George St. Hanover sqre. from Aust R.F.C.	LDN 6/1-17
14/1/17 Having joined 68th Aust, Sqdn R.F.C. is struck off Strength of 5th Wng (Sts 67th Sqdn)	MEFO 5/2-17
12.4.17. Marched into 68th Sqd. A.F.C. Harlaxton. from Hosp.	LDN 9/2-17
27/12/17 Died of Wounds rec. in Action at 55th C.C. Sth GSW Chest	BEFO 4/1-18
20/11/17 Wound 2d in Action.	BEFO 1/1-18
28/10/17 Late 4th L.H.R. from R F.C. To be Capt. and to be graded as Flight Con with Seniority from 14/1/17	BEFO 4/1-18
18.8.17 M/1 68th Sqd Harlaxton from O/Seas	LON 26/1-17
6.5.16 Obtained Comm in Brit Army. (ER)	MEFO.8/1-16

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

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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE.

L.M.

Dear Sir,

I have despatched this day to the Senior Ordnance Officer, Ordnance Store for transmission to your address, one Victoria Barracks, Melbourne late Captain J. Bell, 68th Sqd. Flying Corps.

Aus. 2/66 received ex Transport "Delta" as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

Should these not come to hand within a reasonable time, after allowing for any delay occasioned by the restricted shipping facilities, it is suggested you communicate with the Senior Ordnance Officer above quoted on the subject.

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

Yours faithfully,

J. McLean Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1377/8.15.—C 13179.—24.

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W. M. Bell, Esq.,

(Executor Will late Capt.

J. Bell.)

C/- Messrs Denny Lascells Ltd.

Geelong.

Victoria.

6/1

Australian Imperial Force.

To Defence Dept.

Inventory of Effects of— Lt. Bell J. 1st LH Bde Disch. to Imp. L Army.

Number and Description of Packages— One Hessian Bundle.

JULY 28 1918

DELTA

Date Despatched—

Contents of— Package.

- 1 Valise.
- 3 blankets.
- 1 pillow.

Johnston
Captain.
O.C. Australian Depot Stores.

No. of Package— AUST. 9/ 66.
Cairo

J.B. Stanley
Sgt.

JULY 28 1918

P. S. 30.—20000.—6.16.

Australian Imperial Force.



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

Inventory of Effects of - Captain J. Bell, 68th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

Forwarded to - Mrs. A.C. Bell,
c/o W.M. Bell,
Dennys Lascelle's Ltd.,
Geelong,
VICTORIA.

Ex 3rd Echelon (1350A) 8.4.18.

ONE PACKAGE (SEALED) containing :-

2 Discs, Fine Gold Chain, Letters, Photos, Account Book, Silver Cigarette Case, 2 Pipes, Silver Tobacco Pouch (Box), Fancy Cigarette Holder, Post Cards Sprig of Heather, Tie Clip, Tie Pin, 3 Tie Adjusters, Studs, 2 Odd Cuff Links, Gold Safety Pin, Purse, Knife, Buttons, Gold Photo Locket, Silver Wrist Watch & Strap, Pouch, Gold Ring, Keys on Ring, Small Spanner, Arab Signet Ring, Diary.

Shipped per "Barunga" 20.6.18.

D/S. 33388 in case 1156.

No. of Package
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Checked by
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Australian Imperial Force.



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

MB/10.

Inventory of Effects of - Captain J. BELL, 68th Squadron, Australian
Flying Corps.

Forwarded to - Mrs. A.C. Bell,
c/o W.M. Bell,
Dennys Lascelle's Ltd.,
Geelong,
VICTORIA.

Ex 3rd Echelon (D.900) 4.4.18.

ONE PACKET (SEALED) containing :-

1 Cheque Book on Cox's & Co. London, Cheques Nos. 347983 to 34800
unused.

Shipped per "Barunga" 20.6.18.

D/S. 33387 in case 1156.

No. of Package
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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **HEADQUARTERS, 1st Aust. Light Horse Brigade. A I F**

Regimental No. _____ Rank **Lieutenant** Name **BELL John**
 Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion _____ Date of appointment _____ Numerical position on _____
 to present rank _____ to lance rank _____ roll of N.C.Os. _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	From whom received					
17/10/15	Army Corps Order	Proceeded to join M E F		Gallipoli Peninsula	9/5/15	
31/10/15	1st J. H Bde	vice Capt. While so employed. Relinquished temp. rank of Capt. return of Capt Farr		do	13/10/15	B943 023/104
31/10/15	do	To Hospital		do	23/10/15	B213 025/131
30/10/15	C G Hos. H S	Adm & trans to Mudros		do	29/10/15	B158 024/110
2/11/15	"Reva"	Disembarked	Diarrhoea	Malta	2/11/15	A18181
6/11/15	Blue Sisters Hospital	Adm Enteric		do	2/11/15	G4634 026/135
13/11/15	"Morca"	Embarked for England		do	13/11/15	B676 026/135
20/11/15	London Hospital	Admitted		London	20/11/15	E2385

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 413, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
7/2/16	ANZ Base Depot	Taken on strength fit for Service	Weymouth E.	5/2/16	AF01810, AP 5965
6/5/16	A. Base Depot	Obtained commission in British Army	do	6/5/16	AP 7916 08/128

[Handwritten signature]

For O C Australian Records Section, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q., E.E.F. Lieut

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *Headquarters 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment*

Rank *Lieutenant* Name *Bell, John*

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to } _____ Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 present rank } _____ to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended *Incurred to: Injury (b) 7/5/15* Re-engaged (b) *7/5/15* Qualification (b) _____

Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
17/10/15	Army Corps Order	Gallipoli Peninsular	17/10/15	P843 023/104
31/10/15	H Q 1st L.H.B. To Hospital	do	29/10/15	B158 024/110
31/10/15	do	do	28/10/15	B213 025/121
30/10/15	13 C C Hos Admitt. & Trans to Mudros	do	29/10/15	C4442
2/11/15	H S "Reva" Disembarked Diarrhoea	Malta	2/11/15	A1818E
6/11/15	Blue Sisters Admitted Enteric Hospital	do	2/11/15 v	C4634 026/135
13/11/15	H S "Morea" Embarked for England	do	13/11/15	B676 026/135

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoetung Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. I.P.T.O.

Report		Place	Date	Remarks
Date	From whom received			
20-11-15	3rd. London Hospital	London	20-11-15	E2385 taken from Army Form B. 313, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
7/2/16	A&NZ Base Dep.	Weymouth E.	5/2/16	AF01810, AF5965
6/5/16	A. Base Dep.	do	6/5/16	AF7916 08/128

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 313, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
XX
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Adminaust...London.

20th June 1916

The Secretary,
War Office,
L O N D O N, S.W.

Could this office be informed, please, of the present addresses of the under-mentioned men, who have been granted Commissions in the Imperial Army, and with whom it is desired to correspond, relative to their discharges:-

Lieut. W.M.Edwards, appointed to Commission in East
Surry Regt., 7-10-16

Lieut. J. Bell, Royal Flying Corps, 15-3-16.

Will please
[Signature]

Staff-Captain
Captain,
The A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
MILITARY RECORDS OFFICE.

To The Accountant.

Will you please inform me if Lieut. J. Bell,
1st. Light Horse Regiment, has received his final
settlement of pay, if so, will you forward the
usual certificate.

A.S. Butler
Captain,
staff captain,
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.

Hume 15th. 1916.

*Paie \$37-14-0 final settlement.
Awaiting completion of papers.*

P.A.

25/9/16

P.S.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

REGISTERED
27 MAY
"FIRST PAGE"

R
LONDON, F.S.
No. 6388

UNABLE TO TRACE
(B.A.P.O. 3)

Sec. Lieut. J. Bell, R. F. C. (S.R.),

(late 1st. Australian Light Horse),

~~Service Club,~~

10th Squadron
R.F.C.

B.E.F. France

Not No 10

Unable to locate

with R.F.C.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (UNITED KINGDOM).

No. 7329/C.R. 777.

Headquarters,
Savoy House,
Strand, London, W.C.
26th. May, 1916.

FROM Headquarters
TO Sec. Lieut. J. Bell, R. F. C. (S.R.),
(late 1st. Australian Light Horse),
Carlisle Club,
211, Piccadilly,
LONDON, W.

Sir,

I am directed by the General Officer Command-
ing Australian Imperial Force in the United Kingdom, to
enclose for your retention, parchment ^{Certificate of} ~~Discharge Certificate~~
Resignation
~~case~~, confirmed at London on the 14th. March, 1916.

~~also - and let - No.~~

Kindly acknowledge receipt by return.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. H. Darnell
Captain.
Staff Officer.

L
S.M.W./J.C.W.





Resignation of
~~Certificate of Discharge of No.~~ (Rank) Lieutenant

(Name) Bell John

(Regiment or Corps) 1st Light Horse Brigade

born at or near the Town of _____

in the State or County of _____

~~Attested at~~ 26th August 1914 *Appointed on the* Automobile

Corps Regiment or Corps at the age of _____ years.

He is discharged in consequence of relieved *appointment to*

commission in Royal Flying Corps

N.O. letter 124009/1 (m.a.) 29.3.16

Service towards completion of engagement } 1 year 202 days Medals _____
and _____

Service Abroad _____ years _____ days Decorations _____

Signature of Officer Newton Moore Brig. Genl.
Commanding Regiment or Corps. G.O.C. A.F.S. in N. H.

Place London

Date 14th March 16

Resignation ~~Discharge~~ confirmed at London

Signature Newton Moore Brig. Genl.
G.O.C. A.F.S. in N. H.

Date 14th March 16

SHOULD THIS PARCHMENT BE LOST OR MISLAID, NO DUPLICATE OF IT CAN BE OBTAINED.

N.B.—ANY PERSON FINDING THIS CERTIFICATE IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD IT IN AN UNSTAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE
MILITARY ADVISER, OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA, 72, VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W.

Certificate of Character on discharge of No. _____ (Rank) _____

(Name) _____

(Regiment or Corps) _____

His Conduct and Character while serving in the _____
has been, according to the Records:—

Special Qualifications _____

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of Officer _____
Commanding Regiment _____
or Corps. _____

Description of the above-named _____ ^{Officer resignation} _____

Age 29 years _____ Height 5 ft. 10. _____

Complexion fair _____ Eyes blue _____

Hair dark, slightly bald _____ Trade Grazier _____

Marks or scars, whether _____
on face or other parts _____
of body— _____

Intended place of Residence _____

The Accountant.

will you please inform me if Lieut. J. Bell,
1st. Light Horse Regiment, has received his final
settlement of pay, if so, will you forward the
usual certificate.

Captain,
Staff Captain,
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.

June 15th. 1916.

N. O. Walker
Done by your pleon
WJC 15/6

Awaiting Certificate
from Afr Branch.

A 7 B 268 was not
received from
Savoy House for
this officer

RE-SUBMIT TO RECORDS!

Date... 30-6-16

Ask Afr Branch
for this up with please
KJC

REGISTRATION BOARD
MILITARY RECORDS
4394

RE-20870 RECORDS

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
8 JAN 1978

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RELEASE

By discharged Member of the Australian Expeditionary
Force in England.

(1) Full Name
and Rank.

I, the undersigned ⁽¹⁾

Lieutenant John Bell
1st. Light Horse Brigade

in His Majesty's Australian Forces and a Member of the Australian Expeditionary Force, having been granted my ~~discharge~~ ^{release} by the Commonwealth Government, as and from the fourteenth day of March one thousand nine

(2) Reason for
Discharge.

hundred and sixteen owing to ⁽²⁾ appointment to Commission in
in the Royal Flying Corps.

W.O.letter I28008/I.29-3-I_

and such ~~discharge~~ ^{release} having been granted to me in England at my own request, and all arrears of pay having been received by me DO HEREBY DECLARE that I have no further claim upon the Commonwealth Government for or in respect of a free passage from England to Australia now or at any time hereafter And do hereby release the Commonwealth Government from all further claims and demands of any kind whatsoever except as regards any Pension to which I may be legally entitled under the War Pensions Act.

Dated in London, England, this Seventh day of June
one thousand nine hundred and sixteen

Signature John Bell

Witness :

J. J. Bell



~~Certificate of Discharge~~ ^{Resignation of} of No. _____ (Rank) Lieutenant

(Name) Bell. John

(Regiment or Corps) Ist. Light Horse Brigade

born at or near the Town of _____

in the State or County of _____

~~Attested at~~ _____ Appointed on the

26th. August 1914 for the Australian Automobile

Corps Regiment or Corps at the age of _____ years.

~~He is discharged~~ ^{retired} in consequence of appointment to a Commission
in the Royal Flying Corps. W.O. letter I28008/I.(M.A.I)

29-3-16

Service towards } I years 202 days Medals }
completion of } and }
engagement } _____

Service Abroad _____ years _____ days Decorations _____

Signature of Officer }
Commanding Regiment }
or Corps. }
SIGNED, NEWTON J. MOORE,
BRIGADIER GENERAL,
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (UNITED KINGDOM)

Place London

Date 14th. March 1916

Discharge confirmed at London

Signature _____
SIGNED, NEWTON J. MOORE,
BRIGADIER GENERAL,
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (UNITED KINGDOM)

Date 14th. March 1916

John Bell

N.B.—ANY PERSON FINDING THIS CERTIFICATE IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD IT IN AN UNSTAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE
MILITARY ADVISER, OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA, 72, VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W.

Certificate of Character on discharge of No. _____ (Rank) _____

(Name) _____

(Regiment or Corps) _____

His Conduct and Character while serving in the _____

_____ has been, according to the Records:—

Special Qualifications _____

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of Officer
Commanding Regiment
or Corps.

SIGNED, NEWTON J. MOORE,
BRIGADIER GENERAL,
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (UNITED KINGDOM.)

Description of the above-named ~~Soldier on discharge~~ **Officer on resignation**

Age 29 years. Height 5ft. 10.

Complexion fair Eyes blue

Hair dark, slightly bald Trade Grazier

Marks or scars, whether
on face or other parts
of body—

Appendix Scars.

Intended place of Residence _____

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

128008/1. (M.A.1.)

War Office,
London, S.W.

29th March, 1916.

The Staff Officer,
Headquarters,
Australian Imperial Force,
Savoy House,
Strand, W.C.

With reference to your letter number 3586/C.R. 777, dated 23rd instant, I am directed to inform you that Lieutenant J. Bell, late 1st Australian Light Horse Brigade, has been appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps, S.R., with effect from 15th March 1916.

The notification of this appointment appeared in the London Gazette of the 28th instant.

AUSTRALIAN IMP. FORCE
HD. QRS. (ENGLAND)
30 MAR 1916
SAVOY HOUSE,
STRAND, LONDON.

Turner

Lieut.-Colonel,
for Deputy Director of Military Aeronautics.

CONFIDENTIAL

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at AUSTRALIAN MILITARY OFFICES, LONDON on 31 JAN 1916

by order of D.D.M.S., A.A.M.S. IN ENGLAND

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of

(Rank and Name) Lt. J. Bell (Corps) P.A. & Bde

Age 29 Service 14 1/2 yrs Disability by sentry

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability oct 30 1915

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

he is now well.

(c) If unfit for general service at home, is he fit for light duty at home?

(d) If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for light duty at home?

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:—

(1) a. Is the officer fit for "General Service"? Yes

b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit?

(2) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for service at home?

b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for service at home?

(3) Was the disability contracted in the service? Yes

(4) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control? Yes

(5) Was it caused by military service? Yes

(6) If caused by military service, to what specific conditions is it attributed? Refusing to report

Signatures { C. Long Lamin Lt. Col. G. G. C.C. 9. 7 President.
Arthur Phillip Major M.C. 1893 Members.
P. M. Martin Major G. M. C. G. 27

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Age 29. Service 14 1/2 yrs Disability Dysentery.

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability 20/3/1915

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability ✓

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

he is now well.

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:—

- (1.) a. Is the officer fit for "General Service"? Yes
- b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit? ✓
- (2.) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for service at home? ✓
- b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for service at home? ✓
- (3.) Was the disability contracted in the service? Yes
- (4.) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control? Yes
- (5.) Was it caused by military service? Yes
- (6.) If caused by military service, to what specific conditions is it attributed? Reference to report by Major M. C. A. 27

Signatures { C. Lewis Lewis Lt. Col. G. G. C. C. 17 President.
Arthur Phillip Major M. C. A. 27 Members.
P. M. Martin Major G. G. C. A. 27

Instructions.

1. On the occasion of an Officer's first appearance before a Medical Board for his present disability, the circumstances under which the disability was contracted will be fully detailed; whenever possible a statement of the case by his medical attendant will also be attached.

2. In recording the proceedings of subsequent Boards, the progress of the individual since his last appearance will be clearly and concisely stated so as to ensure a continuous medical history of the case being available.

3. Question 2 is only to be answered by the Board, when specially instructed by the convening authority.

4. Enteric Fever, Dysentery, Malaria, etc., contracted when on service abroad, in countries where there is a special liability to the disease, are to be regarded as caused by military service.

Administrative Headquarters,
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Australian Imperial Force,

WJC/AMM 4541.

6th June 1916.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, I am directed to inform you that you will receive another certificate from the Accounts Branch when finally settled up with.

Will you please, therefore, return the Release Form, duly signed as requested to this Office.

Yours Faithfully,

Staff Captain.
Administrative Headquarters. A.I.F.

Second Lieutenant J.J. Bell,
Royal Flying Corps,
Retheravon, WILTS.

RE-SUBMIT TO RECORDS,
Date 26-6-16

WJC

File 4541
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
REGISTRATION BCH.
MILITARY RECORDS

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AERONAUTICS & SALERBYRY,
TELEPHONE 12,
NETHERAVON 12.
5 JUN 1916
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
REGISTRATION BCH.
MILITARY RECORDS
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ROYAL FLYING CORPS,
NETHERAVON,
WILTS.

3 June 1916

Office of Military Records
A. 17.
Honeyway Road.

Sir WJC/MMM 4541

With reference to yours of above,
As all arrears of pay have not yet
been settled, at least I have received
no notification yet, should I retain
release until this is fixed?
I was paid up till 16th or 17th February 1916,
leaving up till 14th March to be settled.
Will you advise me as to when this
will be settled & whether you require
Release signed & returned before?

yours obediently
J Bell
2nd Lieut. R.F.C.

Inform how he will
receive another form
from Apts. Branch for
sign when finally
settled up with
page

WJC/MMM 4541.

31st May, 1916.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your retirement from the Australian Imperial Force, I should be obliged by your signing the enclosed Release Form.

This Form should be witnessed, and the date inserted, and returned to this Office as soon as possible.

Yours Faithfully,

Officer in Charge of Military Records.

Second Lieutenant J. Bell,
Royal Flying Corps,
C/o. War Office,
WHITEHALL, S.W.

RE-SUBMIT TO RECORDS,
Date 17-6-16

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
MILITARY RECORDS

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (UNITED KINGDOM).

No. 7329/C.R. 777.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
27 MAY 1916
REGISTRATION FOR
MILITARY RECORDS

Headquarters,
Savoy House,
Strand, London, W.C.
26th. May, 1916.

FROM Headquarters
TO Officer i/c. Records,
Australian Imperial Force,
130, Horseferry Road, S. W.

Memo.-

I have to append all discharge documents
in respect to ~~No.~~ Lieut. J. Bell, 1st. Light Horse,
A. I.F.

This Officer's certificate was confirmed
on the 14th. March, 1916, and all papers have been
finally dealt with by this Department.

*A 73268
w/papers*

"Release Form" and paras. 8 and 9 of
"Proceedings on Discharge" require to be signed when
Lieut. Bell obtains his full deferred pay
from the Accountant, and all documents should then be
disposed of by your Department.

A. N. Samell

Captain.

Staff Officer.

SMW./JC.W.

ENCLOSURE

*Forward Release
Form to office
C/O W/O
RJC*

Mr Coleman 6/4/16



MEMORANDUM.

From _____
Records _____ Branch.
Australian Military Office.
To
Officer i/c Furlough Branch.

From

To

ANSWER.

6th April 1916

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Please note that
Lieut. J. Bell, 1st Light Horse,
has been appointed to the
Royal Flying Corps with effect
from 15th March 1916.

H. C. Smart

Officer in Charge of Military
Records.

pu kofc.

[Signature]
6.4.16



WJG/MMM

STRALIS.

Forward attestation Lieutenant J. Bell, 1st Light Horse
appointed Royal Flying Corps. England.

6.4.16

7 APR 1916 RS.

P.A. RECORDS. 12 APR 1916 RS

Noted on card by

P.A. RECORDS. 19 APR 1916 RS
Trahan
no note returned

*Noted
by 6/24/16*

RS
by

P.A. RECORDS.

Records

Officer i/c Furlough Branch.

6th April 6

Please note that
Lieut. J. Bell, 1st Light Horse,
has been appointed to the
Royal Flying Corps with effect
from 15th March 1916.

Officer in Charge of Military
Records.

No. 4143/C.R. 777



*Recd 6/4/16
HJC*

FROM Headquarters

TO Lieut. J. Bell,
1st. Australian Light Horse,
C/o. Deputy Director of Military Aeronautics,
War Office, LONDON.

Memo.--

I have to inform you that you have been appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps, S. R., with effect from 15th. March, 1916.

Your final discharge certificate will be dated as from the 14th. March, 1916, and it will be necessary for you to communicate by letter with the Accountant, A. I. F., 130, Horseferry Road, in respect to your deferred pay.

A. Darnell

Captain.

Staff Officer.

S.M.W./J.C.W.

The Officer i/c. Records.

For your information. Please cable for Attestation Papers.

A. Darnell

Capt.

Staff Officer.
1.4.16.

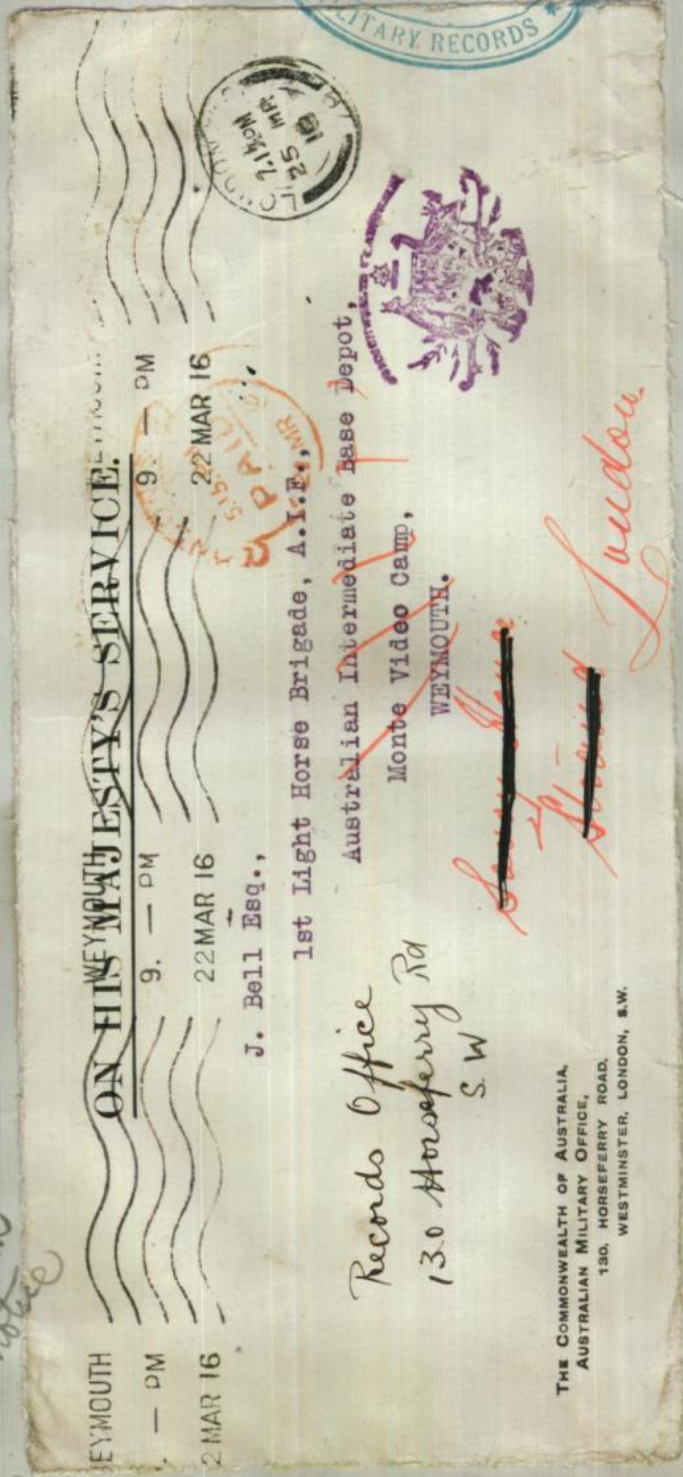
Mr. COLEMAN

Records state
arrived Wey. 5.2.16.

Agreed
30 MAR 1916

Mr. Neill
By whom
was attached notice
issued

100 30 MAR 1916



Records Office
130 Horseferry Rd
S.W.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY OFFICE,
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

~~Henry Jones~~
~~Howard~~ *London*

Capt. BROWN
Mr. COLEMAN

W. L. L. L.
Has the return of type set
I preliminary by Cunningham
return was received by some
name in any envelope of temporary loss
and report! 27.3.16

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BELL J

CIRCULAR to OFFICERS
of the
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
in the
UNITED KINGDOM.



DISCIPLINE:

SALUTING: Attention is drawn to War Office letter
No.105/Gen. No./2192. (A.G.3) :-

"I am commanded by the Army Council to draw your attention to the persistent disregard of the regulations of the Service in respect to the giving and returning of salutes by Officers and of saluting by soldiers who appear in the streets of London.

As regards those who come to London on Leave, it is possible that the regulations as to saluting, which should, and no doubt do, form an important item in the instruction which young Officers and soldiers receive at their Stations, are overlooked or forgotten.

I am to request that you will cause the attention of all ranks to be called to this most important and essential duty of an Officer and soldier, and that all Officers and men proceeding on Leave should be personally warned that their leave will be cancelled and that they will be sent back to their units, if they are found not conforming to the orders which exist on the subject."

It is the duty of all Officers to see these instructions are observed. If any Australian soldier is seen by an Officer to deliberately pass an Officer of His Majesty's Forces and fail to salute him, his number, rank, name and unit should be obtained from his Pay-book or Furlough Pass, and forwarded to the Assistant Provost Marshal, 130, Horseferry Road, London, S.W., as early as possible, together with short statement of evidence which should be signed by the Officer reporting the case.

DRESS, ETC:

Officers are required to comply with the following regulations for Officers' dress, etc., issued by the General Officer Commanding London District:-

Belts must always be worn.

Sticks must invariably be carried.

Gloves to be worn or carried in the hand visibly.

Pipes never to be smoked in public places.

Military Great Coats must never be worn over plain clothes, and when worn in uniform must be properly buttoned up.

Fancy Socks are forbidden.

Shoes: If worn, trousers must be turned down.

Dancing is not allowed in public in uniform.

Any style of uniform deviating widely from Regulation Pattern to be prohibited.

Savoy House,
Strand, W.C.
7th March, 1916.

-(Sgd.) J. NEWTON MOORE, BRIGADIER-GENERAL,
General Officer Commanding,
Australian Imperial Force,
United Kingdom.

J/K.



Staff Officer i/o
Administration.

G. O. O.,
A. I. F. (U. K.),
Savoy House,
Strand, W.C.

Commonwealth Offices,
72, Victoria St., S.W.

20th March, 6.

Confirming my tele-
phone message of 20/3/16, -
following cablegram received
from Ismailia, Suez, under
date 18/3/16:-

"T. 274. 19. Please arrange
for Lieut. J. Bell, 1st Light
Horse Brigade, proceed to
Egypt take up appointment
Senior Aide-de-Camp and
Camp Commandant, Anzao,
Mounted Division. Wire when
can he leave".

Lieut.,
Asst. S.O. for Admn.

V.P.

Extract of cable

M.R.



Cablegram received from Ismailia, Suez.



18th March, 1916.

T. 274.

18. Please arrange for Lieutenant J. Bell, 1st Light Horse Brigade proceed to Egypt take up appointment Senior Aide-de-Camp and Camp Commandant Anzac Mounted Division. Wire when can he leave.

Col. Buckley

Replied to G.O.C. A.I.F. (A.K.) by phone

*at 5 pm.
by JAK
Date 20/3/16*

*wrote
G.O.C.
20/3/16.*

AK



6421. JLR/MR.

1st Light Horse.

8th February, 1916.

MEMORANDUM TO:-

Sergeant W. R. Volm,
5th Battalion, A. I. F.,
Ward 14,
1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Harefield Park,
Harefield,
Middlesex.

Replying to your communication of the
2nd instant I have to advise that our records
show Lieutenant J. Bell, of the 1st Regiment of
Australian Light Horse, to have been on leave
on the 24th November, 1915, and located at the
Carlyle Club, 211, Piccadilly, S. W.

Officer in Charge
of Military Records.

PA.
MILITARY RECORDS
10 FEB 1916

T. P. Magaffly
Please



Wednesday. 2-2-16.

Ward 14.

1st Aust. Aux. Hospital,
Harefield Park,
Harefield.
Address.



To
Officer in charge of Records
Branch,
Aust. Military Office,
130 Horseferry Rd.

Dear Sir,

Would you be so kind
as to let me know the where-
abouts of #1st Lt. J. Bell.

Automobile Corps,
1st Exp. Force.

Heard unofficially to have been
promoted to captain & to have
been in 3rd London Gen. Hospital
at Wandsworth.

Believe me,
yours respectfully

Sgt. W. R. Volm, D. Co. 5th Batt.

On File.

Carlyle Club
3rd Lon. Gen. Hqs.

211 Piccadilly SW.

Mr. COLEMAN,



Military Records informed me that Lieut. Bell,
1st A.L.H., is now at the 3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth, S.W., having returned from furlough.

J. J. J.
24/1/16



JR/LP

1st LIGHT HORSE

26th November 1915.

Dear Madam:-

I have to advise you that your brother,
Lieutenant J. Bell, of the 1st Australian Light Horse
Regiment, has been admitted to the 3rd London General
Hospital, Royal Victoria Schools, Wandsworth, S.W.

Yours faithfully,

Officer in Charge
of Military Records.

Miss Bell,
c/o Messrs Dalgety & Co.,
46, Bishopsgate, E.C.

Mr.

P.A.
RECORDS.

27 NOV 1915



NOTIFICATION OF CASUALTY.

Reg. No. _____ Rank and Name Lieut J. Bell

1st Dr Horse Regiment, ~~Battalion~~ or ~~Battery~~.

Cavalry, Engineers, Artillery or R.A.M.C. _____

Nature of Casualty Admitted:- 3rd London General Hos.
Wandsworth-

Please inform ~~Mr~~
~~Mrs~~
Miss

Miss Bell,
C/o Messrs Dalgety & Co.,
46 Bishopsgate E.C.

Relation to Soldier sister

Previous Correspondence Yes No Initials J.B. Date 25/11/1915.

Please attach P.P.

Remarks _____

Letter sent _____ Initials _____ Date / /1915.



WS/JS.

8th. November, 1915.

Miss Bell,
c/o Messrs Dalgety & Co.,
46, Bishopsgate. E.C.

Madam,

I have to advise you that your brother,
Lieutenant J. Bell, of the 1st Australian Light
Horse, disembarked from the Hospital Ship "Rewa"
at Malta, on the 2nd November, 1915, slightly sick.

Should any more news come to hand about
Lieutenant Bell, I shall duly acquaint you, registration
having been effected for the purpose.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

P.A.
RECORDS.

9 NOV 1915



NOTIFICATION OF CASUALTY.

Reg. No. _____ Rank and Name Lieut J. Bell
1st Lt. Regiment, Battalion or Battery.

Cavalry, Engineers, Artillery or R.A.M.C. _____

Nature of Casualty Wounded at Malta 2.11.15. ex H 2
'Pewee' Slightly Sick.

Please inform ~~Mr.~~ Bell.
Miss _____
% Dalgety & Co.
46, Bishopsgate E.C.

Relation to Soldier Sister.

Previous Correspondence ~~No~~ No _____ Initials EMJ Date 8/11/1915.

Please attach P.P.

Remarks _____



Letter sent _____ Initials _____ Date / /1915.

AUSTRALIAN WAR CONTINGENT ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY

Oakleigh
Burnage Lane
Levenshulme
Manchester.



20th June 1915

Webster, J. Light Horse 1st A.I.E.
Force (Vic.) no Casualty
Whitton, E. R. 14th Battalion
4th Infantry Brigade 2nd A.I.E.
Force (Vic.) Military Hospital
Citadel - Cairns

The Secretary

The Australian War Contingent
Association.

(Miss) C. Davis Colley

Yours truly

Member

Dear Sir

I hear from Australia that
G. K. Dunston of the 6th Battalion
2nd Infantry Brigade 1st A.I.E.
Force (Victoria) & J. B. Cutbert
of the 6th Battalion 2nd Infantry
Regiment 1st A.I.E Force (Victoria)

were wounded at the Dardanelles.
I should be glad if you could
let me know whether they happen
to have been sent to Manchester
hospitals, I knew them in
Australia & should like to see them
if they are here.

If it does not put you to too
much trouble I should also be
very grateful for news of the
following - if you have it -

Lieut. J. S. J. Alison, Coldstream
(England)

Armytage C.N. Light Horse

No. Casual.

National Archives of Australia

~~Light Horse~~ 1st A.I.E. Force (Vic)
Armytage C.N. Light Horse

1st A.I.E. Force (Vic.) No. Casual.

Bell, J. Lieut. A.V.A.C 1st A.I.E

Force (Vic) No. Casualty A.S.C.

Douglas, G.P. 5th Battalion 2nd

Infantry Regiment 1st A.I.E. Force
(Vic)

John H. Light-Horse, 1st A.I.E. Force
No. Casualty
(Tas)

Giles, H. O. H. King Edwards
Horse (England)

Hawker, C.A.S. Lieut 6th Somerset

~~Somerset~~ Light-Infantry (Supers)

Sketch, T.M.H. 5th Battalion 2nd

Infantry Regiment - 1st A.I.E. Force
NAA: B2455, BELMIAJ

MR. COLEMAN

NAA: B2455, BELL J



→ 1st Lt. K. Helmsford

→ Reel back to Australia

National Archives of Australia

Information as to Location of Graves.

40/356

Place of Graves

- (a) Tincourt New British Cemetery, 4½ miles East of Peronne.
 (b) Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ypres.
 (c) Scattered graves, West of Factory Corner and Luisenhof Farm Road, 1 mile South of Ligny Thillooy, and 2½ miles South South West of Bapaume.

Reported by

Graves Registration Units.

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death
.F.C. Australian. (a)		BELL. ✓ (Report Tincourt Boucly)	Capt. J. 4.49)	27.12.17. <i>July</i>
1/F.A.B., AIF. (b)	1156.	McBURNIE. (Report Ypres 2.62)	Sgt. W.	22.10.17. <i>wm</i>
27/Btn. AIF. (c)	317. 3111.	FLETT. (Report Ligny Thillooy 13.1) SSP.8/25981)	L/Cpl. J.R.	5.11.16. <i>wm</i>
1/Aust. Pnr. Btn. (a)	3367.	WAISMITH. (Report Tincourt Boucly)	Pte. S.J. 4.69)	17.9.18. <i>wm</i>
1/Aust. Pnr. Btn. (a)	2393.	NESS. (Report Tincourt Boucly)	Pte. H. 4.69)	17.9.18. <i>wm</i>
1/Aust. Pnr. Btn. (a)	3847A.	LAMPITT. (Report Tincourt Boucly)	Pte. E. 4.69)	18.9.18. <i>wm</i>

W3999—HP3253 40,000 8/18 HWV(P651) H18/628

Certified that Probate, Letters of Administration No ... 39090

Supreme Court of ... Victoria. Given at ... Melbourne. Date ... 15/3/1919.

Covering the Will of ... Capt. J. Bell, ... 68th Sqd. Flying Corps.

Prescribes as legatees ... All R. & P. Estate to all or any brothers, or brother and sister and the children or child of any deceased brother or sister at the time of the testator's death.

and Executor Administ

William Maxwell Bell, Geelong, Victoria. (Wool Expert)

Signature of Soldier. John Bell.

Will Dated, 7/9/1914. No. ... Rank, Capt. ... Unit, 68th Sqd. F.C.

Checked by ... B. James ... L. Donald

WMB

E. McK.

21st March, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your brother, the late Captain J. Bell, Australian Flying Corps, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that during the Cambrai operations on 21st November, 1917, he was leading a special mission of 6 machines on a low bombing and infantry training expedition over Bourlon Wood, when he was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire in the chest, the bullet penetrating his lungs, but despite this he landed his machine near Tincourt. He was taken to the 55th Casualty Clearing Station at Tincourt, East of Peronne, and succumbed to his wounds on 27th December, 1917, after receiving very careful attention. He was buried on the 28th day at Tincourt British Military Cemetery adjacent to the Casualty Clearing Station, Grave No. 8, Plot 4, Row C. Chaplain the Rev. Nicol officiating. A four bladed propeller blade and suitably inscribed by members of the Squadron marks the spot where the grave is.

The utmost care and attention is being devoted where possible to the graves of our Officers and Men. It is understood that photographs are being taken as soon as is possible and these will be transmitted to next-of-kin when available.

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

Yours faithfully,

W. M. Bell, Esq.,
Messrs. Bell & Bell, Ltd.,
GERRARD ST. E.,
MELBOURNE.

NAA: B2455, BELL J

COPY OF STATEMENT
"D.16."

Captain BELL J., 2nd Squadron, Aust. Flying Corps.
Died of Wounds 27.12.17.

It was during the CAMBRAI operations 21.11.17. and the late Capt. BELL was leading a special Mission of 6 machines on a low bombing and infantry strafing expedition over BOURLON WOOD.

He was seriously wounded by E.M.G. fire in the chest the bullet penetrating his lungs, but despite this he landed his machine "O.K." near TINCOURT. He was taken to 55th C.C.S. at TINCOURT (E. of PERONNE) and succumbed to his wounds on 27.12.17.

The burial took place 28.12.17. and was conducted by a C. of E. Chaplain in a Cemetery adjacent to the C.C.S. A four bladed propeller made and suitably inscribed by members of the Squadron marks the spot where the grave is.

(SGd) A. N. JONES Major.
C.O. 2nd Sqdn. A.F.C.

COPY OF STATEMENT
"D.16."

Captain J. BELL 2nd Sqdn. Aust. Flying Corps.
Died of Wounds 27.12.17.

No information as to how this officer was wounded. His wound was gunshot wound penetrating chest. He died on 27.12.17. after receiving very careful attention. He was seen by the Consulting Surgeon of the Army and many other consultants.

He was buried at TINCOURT BRITISH MILITARY CEMETERY on 28.12.18. by the Non-Conformist Chaplain (Rev. NICOL C.F. att 5th C.C.S.) Grave No. 8 Plot 4 Row. C.

(Sgd) A.C. -----Major
A/C.O. 55th C.C.S.

O.S.

THE PALM
J. BELL
J. BELL

Sirs,

24th July 1918

DESPATCHED

17th inst.,

in triplicate

Captain J. Bell, 68th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

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Messrs Whiting & Aitken,
Solicitors,

101 William Street,
MELBOURNE.

DEBBY CHURCH

IN WITNESS

Whereof the said ...

101 William Street

O.S.

Captain

John Bell,

Australian Flying Corps,

Australian Imperial Force,

wounds received in action, -----

56th Casualty Clearing
Station,

27th December

18.

Cable No. C.I.B.L.

2220, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,

16th January 1918, confirmed by mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.

Headquarters, dated London, 21st January 1918.

, and Army Form B.2090

22nd July 18.

Major,

Army Form B. 103.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps ~~ROYAL FLYING CORPS~~ 68th Squadron A.F.C.

Rank **Captain.** Surname **B. E. L. L.**

Christian Name **J.**

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

Enlisted (a)..... Terms of Service (a)..... Service reckons from (a).....

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

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

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

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
13-10-17	W.O. List	Proceeded O/Sea with 68th Squadron A.F.C.	England.	21-9-17	AK11929
26-10-17	London Gazette Supplement.	Disembarked Royal Flying Corps Military Wing, Lieut. (Temp. Capt) J. Bell relinquishes his Commission on appointment to Aust. Flying Corps, and is granted the Hon. Rank of Captain.	London.	22-9-17	
30-11-17	A.I.F. List No 265	Late 4th L.H. Regt from R.F. Corps - To be Captain in the A.I.F. Aust. Flying Corps. and graded as Flight Commander with Seniority as from	Field.	28-10-17	AK2056/14
25-11-17	68 Sqn A.F.C.	WOUNDED IN ACTION	Field	14-1-17.	D04/40
21-11-17	56 C.C. Station	Admitted Wounded.	do	20-11-17	E70/9 DB1/7
				20-11-17	AT18509

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(e) 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.
(f) Signaller, Shipping-South, &c. W. 1899 - 112783 2000p 9/17 (e-31) C. P. & S., Ltd., Form B./103 5/1947. F.T.O.

Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.33, 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 official documents.
From whom received				
13-12-17 56 C.C.Stn	Still a patient (GSW CHEST) Seriously ill (Condition Hopeful.)	Field	13-12-17	BEL/67 Telegram.
14-1-18 do	DIED OF WOUNDS.	In the Field	27-12-17	19/822/2 D04/41 PD321
29-1-18 A.I.F. List No 290	Reported DIED OF WOUNDS Struck off strength.	B.E.F. Field.	27-12-17	AK2292/6
AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.				Lieut. O. 1/0 8/21/18 Records.

93453

24th April

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th instant, concerning the regrettable loss of your brother, Captain J. Bell, 68th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, and to state our records show his history as follows -

- (a) Appointed Lieutenant, 3/9/14 - Automobile Officer, 1st Light Horse Bde. Headquarters.
- (b) Embarked on H.M.T. "Orvieto" 21/10/14.
- (c) Appointed Orderly Officer to Brigadier from 31/7/15 to 16/10/15.
- (d) Appointed Staff Captain, 17/10/15 to 25/10/15, with temporary rank of Captain.
- (e) Resigned commission in A.I.F. on appointment to Royal Flying Corps, 14/3/1916.
- (f) 28/10/17 - Appointed Captain in the Australian Tropic of Capricorn Corps, and Flight Commander with seniority as from 14/1/17.

Officers are not allotted Military numbers.

As regards the question of deferred pay, this is a matter which will be dealt with by the Military Paymaster, Victoria Barrack Melbourne, but he will not be in a position to give any information the point, until he received from A.I.F. Headquarters, London, deceased's Non-effective statement. This does not usually arrive until some five or six months after the date of casualty, due allowance having to be made to admit of Field Cashier's and other Paymasters' cheques arriving, before the account is finalised.

So far, no advice of the despatch of any personal effects has been received, but anything coming to hand will be promptly transmitted to the registered next-of-kin, or as prescribed in any Will or other testamentary direction that may in the meantime be produced.

Sufficient time has hardly elapsed for this portion of deceased's estate to be finalised.

I have endeavoured to ascertain some information concerning the motor car which your brother took away with him on active service, but, beyond the fact that it automatically reverted to the Government, nothing can be learned concerning it.

The only records that would be kept of equipment on issue to Units would be by the Units themselves. An application to the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, Cairo, might result in some information on the point being obtained, but the probabilities are, however, that owing to the conditions of service, it has long since been scuppered.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

W.M. Bell Esq.,
C/- Messrs Denny's Lascelles Ltd.

National Archives of Australia
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NAA: B2455, BELL

DENNY'S LASCELLES, LIMITED.
GEE LONG.

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14th April 1918.

The Officer in Charge

Dase Records Office
Melbourne

Sir

I desire some information respecting my brother, the late Captain G. Bell. Captain Bell was serving with the Australian Flying Corps - Squadron No. 68 when wounded on November 20th 1917 and died of wounds on December 27th 1917. Cts Captain Bells

Record was a long one, to assist you in tracing same, I append the following brief particulars which to my knowledge are approximately correct. Enlisted with Australian Automobile Corps and was

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appointed Lieutenant on 3rd September 1914. Served in Egypt. + Gallipoli on General Chawels Staff (Light Horse). Invalided to England from Gallipoli. Transferred to Royal Flying Corps. Returned to Egypt as Flight Lieutenant R.F.C. Promoted Captain R.F.C. Transferred to France as Captain A.F.C. Latter transfer dated October 28th 1917. Cts attorney for my brother I now desire the following particulars.

- (1) Date he enlisted.
- (2) Date he left Australia.
- (3) His Military Number.
- (4) If any deferred Pay outstanding.
- (5) If you hold any of his effects.

When Captain Bell enlisted he took his own Motor. This I understand becomes the property of the Army. Cms I correct? I merely ask for information on this point. I gave my brother the Motor, a.15-20 h.p. Sa. NWA. B2455, BELL

pleased to know if it was etel doing its
"bit".

Thanking you in anticipation
of remain

Yours faithfully

W. M. Bell

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Geelong
Vic.

DENNYS, LASCELLES, LIMITED.
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ALSO AT
Steamship Agents, Collins Street, Melbourne
HOPETOUN

Geelong

30th April 1918.

The Officer in Charge
Base Records Office
Melbourne



Sir

I herewith acknowledge receipt
of your communication No 93455
containing information re the late
captain J. Bell R. F. C. and thank
you for your prompt reply to my
enquiry.

Yours faithfully

W. M. Bell

3rd. MILITARY DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS
No. 50/50/2706

3/448

THE HIGH CHURCH RANGE
GEE LONG.

31st. Jan. 1918.

Colonel Hawker,
Victoria Barracks.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report that the address
of Mr. W. M. Bell, brother of the late Captain J.
Bell, is C/o Denny, Lascelles, Ltd., Geelong.

The mother of Captain J. Bell is at present
in London, England. She sent a cable on the
29th Dec. informing Mr. W. M. Bell of Captain J.
Bell's death. He was expecting the official
intimation.

Sincerely yours,

T. Worsley Maguire
Chaplain.

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Officer in Charge,
Base Records.

Referred, vide your 70305 of 31st ultimo, for
information and necessary action.

J. G. Hawker

Colonel.
A. A. G., 3rd Military District.

2/2/18

*Worsley
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JWC

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TEL. 2733 CENTRAL.

101 William Street

Melbourne 17th July, 1918

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

Dear Sir:-

Will you please forward us three copies of the Official Notification of the death of Capt. John Bell who was in the 68th Squadron of the A.F.C. but some little while prior to his death was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. This soldier was killed in February or March of the present year but we do not know the exact date.

Yours faithfully

W. Morgan Whiting Aitken



A.M.F. 3RD. MILITARY DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS
No. 501/50/2706

Officer in Charge,
Base Records.

Referred, vide your 70305 of 31st ultimo, for
information and necessary action.

2/2/18

J. C. D.
Colonel.
A. A. G., 3rd Military District.

No. Trace.

Captain.

Ball. /
68th Squadron Flying Corps

Died of Wounds 27.12.17.

6th 2220/767^A D^{on} 16/1/18. Rec 17/1/18 H.M.M.

25/1/19 Admin auct queried no trace

10/11/17
E.P. LIEUT/RFE

GEFLONG VIC

MRS A BELL

CARE W BELL

WSM

NOW REPORTED LIEUTENANT JOHN BELL ADMITTED FIFTYFIFTH CASUALTY

CLEARING STATION FRANCE TWENTIETH NOVEMBER DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED

BASE RECORDS 17/12/17

NAA: B2455, BELL J

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E.P. LIEUT. RFC

MSK

GEELONG VIC

MRS A BELL

CARE W BELL

LIEUTENANT JOHN BELL DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED WILL FURNISH PROGRESS REPORT

BASE RECORDS 17/12/17

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name Lieutenant BELL, John.
 Staff or Unit 1st Light Horse Brigade Headquarters, Automobile Officer.
 Date of appointment and Gazette Lieutenant, C. A. G. 71/14.
 Promotion (date and Gazette) 3/9/14
 Left Australia in Transport A3 "Orvieto" on 21/10/14.

Record subsequent to embarkation:-

Appointed Orderly Officer vice Captain Hindhaugh from 3rd August to
16th October 1915. M.O. List No 8. Appointed Orderly Officer vice
Captain Downing from 31st July to 14th October 1915. M.O. List No 8
Appointed Staff Captain vice Captain Farr from 17th October 1915.
Temporary Rank is cancelled owing to return of Captain Farr, dated
25/10/15. M. O. List No 8. Jobe Tempy Captain
dated 17/10/15. C.A.G. 27/16. Tempy Rank cancelled
dated 26/10/15. C.A.G. 33/16. P.A. 26/16
Tempy Commission in A.I.F. (appointed to Royal ^{122/100}
Flying Corps. dated 15/10/16 C.A.G. 107/17 M.O. 30/17
25/10/17 A.F.C. Jobe both to be passed
as flight commander with seniority
as from 14/10/17 to 26/18 to 10/18.

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

Gazetted from A.I.F.

R.O'B. W 27652



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



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE, 15th March 1916 191

Dear Madam,

Advice has been received by post to the effect
that your son Lieutenant J. Bell, 1st Light Horse Brigade
Headquarters, was found fit for duty by a Medical Board
held at London on 31/1/16.

Upon receipt of any further information you
will be promptly communicated with.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. A. C. Bell,
C/o Mr. W. M. Bell,
Geelong, V.

E. McK.

15th June, 1920.

The Officer i/c Records,
Australian Graves Services,
Australia House,

S T R A Y D,
LONDON, W. C. 2.

Appended hereunder is extract of a communication dated 9/2/20 received from Mr. W. M. Bell, C/- Messrs Denny's, Lascelles Ltd, Geelong, Victoria, with reference to the late Captain J. Bell, 68th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, who is reported buried in Vincourt New British Cemetery, 4 1/4 miles East of Peronne:-

"I have received three photographs and description of locality of the Grave of my brother, the late Captain J. Bell, Australian Flying Corps, for which I thank you. I note that the present headstone will be replaced by a permanent one in due course. As the present headstone is the propeller of the machine my brother was flying when mortally wounded and bears a plate placed thereon by his own Squadron, it has a special interest and I request that the propeller when removed be packed up and sent to me. I am prepared to pay all expenses in connection with this, which I trust will be carried out in due course."

Will you please advise what can be done in this matter.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

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9. 6. 1920.

CABLE ADDRESS, "YELKEER," GEELONG

The Officer i/c Base Records
Department of Defence
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

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yours faithfully
W. M. Bell



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Information as to Location of Graves.

- Place of Graves { (a) Tincourt New British Cemetery, 4½ miles East of Peronne.
 (b) Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ypres.
 (c) Scattered graves, West of Factory Corner and Luisenhof Farm Road, 1 mile South of Ligny Thillooy, and 2½ miles South South West of Bapaume.
- Reported by { Graves Registration Units.

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death
R.F.C. Australian. (a)		<i>✓</i> BELL. (Report Tincourt Boucly	Capt. J. 4.49)	27.12.17. <i>mb</i>
11/F.A.B., AIF. (b)	1156.	McBURNIE. (Report Ypres 2.62)	Sgt. W.	22.10.17. <i>wm</i>
27/Btn. AIF. (c)	<i>3111</i> 317.	FLETT. (Report Ligny Thillooy 13.1) SSP.8/25981)	L/Cpl. J.R.	5.11.16. <i>wm</i>
1/Aust. Pnr. Btn. (a)	3367.	NAISMITH. (Report Tincourt Boucly	Pte. S.J. 4.69)	17.9.18. <i>wm</i>
1/Aust. Pnr. Btn. (a)	2393.	NESS. (Report Tincourt Boucly	Pte. H. 4.69)	17.9.18. <i>wm</i>
1/Aust. Pnr. Btn. (a)	3847A.	LAMPITT. (Report Tincourt Boucly	Pte. E. 4.69)	18.9.18. <i>wm</i>

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COPY OF STATEMENT
"D.16."

Captain J. BELL 2nd Sqdn. Aust. Flying Corps.
Died of Wounds 27.12.17.

No information as to how this officer was wounded. His wound was gunshot wound penetrating chest. He died on 27.12.17. after receiving very careful attention He was seen by the Consulting Surgeon of the Army and many other consultants.

He was buried at TINCOURT BRITISH MILITARY CEMETERY on 28.12.18. by the Non-Conformist Chaplain (Rev. NICOL C.F. att 5th C.C.S.) Grave No. 8 Plot 4 Row. C.

(Sgd) A.C. -----Major
A/C.O. 55th C.C.S.

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COPY OF STATEMENT
"D.16."

Captain BELL J., 2nd Squadron, Aust. Flying Corps.
Died of Wounds 27.12.17.

It was during the CAMBRAI operations 21.11.17. and the late Capt. BELL was leading a special Mission of 6 machines on a low bombing and infantry strafing expedition over BOURLON WOOD.

He was seriously wounded by E.M.G. fire in the chest the bullet penetrating his lungs, but despite this he landed his machine "O.K." near TINCOURT. He was taken to 55th C.C.S. at TINCOURT (N. of VERONNE) and succumbed to his wounds on 27.12.17.

The burial took place 28.12.17. and was conducted by a C. of E. Chaplain in a Cemetery adjacent to the C.C.S. A four bladed propeller made and suitably inscribed by members of the Squadron marks the spot where the grave is.

(Sgd) A. N. JONES Major.
C.O. 2nd Sqdn. A.F.C.

Army Form B. 103.

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 Casualty Form—Active Service.
 Regiment or Corps No 68 (Australian) Cavalry Flying Corps Regimental Number _____
 Rank Subaltern Surname Bell Christian Name John
 Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____

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

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Date	Report		Embarked ... Disembarked...	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 24, or other official documents
	From whom received					
2/9/16	A.F.C. A.F. 513		Reported from England	Helipolis	26/8/16	L.H. 544
19/9/16	Legg A.F.C.		Reported to No 68 (Aust) Bn.	do	do	L.H. 544 013/571
25.8.16	42 Bn Aust Det. Mustatta		found from Malta.	Mustatta	25.8.16	W.O. 112/R.F.C. / 52/1002 F. 213
1.9.16	" Nom. No 68		Trans. to Cairo	"	26.8.16	B. 213
13.1.17	" 64 07 07 pm		Embarked at H.H.T. Kingstman for B. C. F.	Alexandria	13.1.17	L.P. 442 2004/324
19.1.17	67 Aust. Alpha R.C.		Struck off strength of 5 th Wing Army period 68 19th R.F.C.	Nile 143	14.1.17	L.H. 2350. 205/002
3.2.14	No 68 Sqn R.F.C.		of sea per Kingstman.	Alexandria	13.1.14	SR 9403
			Embarked at	Southampton	30.1.14	DO. 1
			Disembarked at	Southampton	13.3.14	SR 655 206 213 14
18.3.14	DO		Sick to Officers Nursing Home, George St. Hanover			

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-smith, &c.
 Form B. 103.

NAA: B2455, BELLI

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
13. 4. 14	68 Regt A.I.F.C.	in from Workshops	Harlowton	12. 4. 14	81593 509 7567
8. 7. 17	68 th Regt. A.I.F.	in from 68 th Regt. A.I.F.	Harlowton	18. 8. 14	LP4337 13213
19. 8. 17	68. 69 th Regt.	Harlowton from 68 Regt	Harlowton	14. 8. 14	D. 0. 26 F 5. 914
		2/16 th Regt. A.I.F. in 69 th Regt	Harlowton		LP4337 13213
		Harlowton from 68 Regt	Harlowton		D. 0. 26 F 5. 914
		General Summary of the			
13. 12. 17	A.I.F. (A.I.F. 265)	Late 4 L.H.R. from A.I.F. 68 Regt. in the A.I.F. (R.F.C.) 28. 10. 17-68			
		graded as Flight Commander with seniority as from 14/1/17.		28. 10. 17	A.I.F. (A.I.F. 265)

Army Form B. 103.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps ~~Revised Flying Corps~~ 68th Squadron A.F.C.

Rank **Captain.** Surname **B E L L**

Christian Name **J.**

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

Enlisted (a)..... Terms of Service (d)..... Service reckons from (a).....

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

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

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

Date	Report	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
13-10-17	W.O. List	England.	21-9-17	AK11929
26-10-17	London Gazette Supplement.	France.	22-9-17	
		London.	28-10-17	142/407/27
30-11-17	A.I.F. List No265			
25-11-17	66 Sqdn A.F.C.	field.	28-10-17	AK2056/14
21-11-17	56 C.C. Station	field	14-1-17	D04/40
		do	20-11-17	E70/9 DB1/7
		do	20-11-17	AT18509

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.

Proceeded O/Sea with 68th Squadron A.F.C. Disembarked. Royal Flying Corps Military Wing, Lieut. (Temp. Capt) J. Bell relinquishes his Commission on appointment to Aust. Flying Corps, and is granted the Hon. Rank of Captain.

Late 4th L.H. Regt from R.F. Corps - To be Captain in the A.I.F. Aust. Flying Corps. and graded as Flight Commander with Seniority as from

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Admitted Wounded.

(a) In the case of a man who has to engaged bar, or entitled into Section B, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signalist, Shooting Smith, &c.
W. 8888 - 11733 20000 9/17 (2011) C. F. & S., Ltd., Form B.103 8/1987. P.T.O.

Report Number

RECORD OF PROMOTIONS, REDUCTIONS, TRANSFERS, CASUALTIES, AND DEATHS DURING THE WAR

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, and deaths during the war, as reported on Army Form B.218, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.

Remarks
Taken from Army Form B.218, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.

Place of Casualty

Date

Report
From whom received

Date	Report From whom received	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
13-12-17	56 C.C.Stn A.I.F. List No 290	Field	13-12-17	BEL/67 Telegram.
14-1-18	Still a patient (GSW CHEST)	In the Field	27-12-17	19/882/3 D04/41 PD321
29-1-18	Seriously ill (Condition Hopeful)	B.E.F.		
	DIED OF WOUNDS.	Field.	27-12-17	AK2292/6
	Reported DIED OF WOUNDS			
	Struck off strength.			
	A.I.F. List No 290			
	AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.			
	British Expeditionary Force.			
				...J. RALEIGH... Lieut.
				O. 1/c records.

Army Form B. 103.

Attached to 6859 A.I.F. Corps
Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Rank *Captain* Regiment or Corps *1st Field Coy. 6859*
Surname *Bell* Christian Name *J. J.*

Religion..... Age on Enlistment..... years..... months
Enlisted (a)..... Service reckons from (a).....

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....
Extended { Re-engaged { Qualification (b).....
or Corps Trade and rate.....

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

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	From whom received				
13 10 17	W.O. Leat.		England	11 9 17	4 X 11927
13 10 17	"		France	11 9 17	
25 11 17	6859 A.I.F.			20 11 17	670/9 2017
21 11 17	56 6656			20 11 17	1st 18504
13 12 17	56 6656			18 12 17	Brophy
<i>(Note for treatment of those transferred to A.I.C. Section - Casualty documents)</i>					
20 11 17	A.I.F. Lt Col 365			28 10 17	1st 2056/1 20.440

(a) - In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or entered into Section D Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) - Signaller, Shering Smith, & Co. V. 8645 312253 20000 9 17 (3581) C. P. & S., Ltd., Form B. 103 E/1907. P.T.O.

Report.		Date	From whom received	Recd 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.
6	14.1.18	55.6.6. Str.	Did of Wounds.		Did	27.12.17	19/02/22- 90.321 2004/41
3	26.10.17	London Gazette Supplement	Royal F.C. Military Wing, Lieut- (Temp Capt) J Bell. Relinquishes his Commission on appointment to A.F.C. and is granted the hon rank of Captain.		London	28.10.17	142/407/27
7	24.1.18	A.F. List 290	Reported dead of Wounds is struck off Strength		Woods Field	27.12.17	AK 32976
<p>ORIGINAL :- Copies forwarded to Chief Paymaster, Secretary Defence, Melbourne, and Administrative Headquarters, London. on 8th February 1918</p> <p>O. i/c Lieut. Records.</p>							

FIELD SERVICE.

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

REGIMENT } AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS. Squadron, }
or } Troop, Battery } 68th SQUADRON A.F.C.
CORPS } or Company } (now 2nd Squadron)

Rank CAPTAIN.

Name BELL, J.

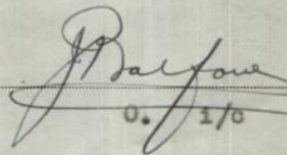
DIED { By whom reported O.C. 56th Casualty Clearing Station.
Date of Death 27th December 1917.
Place or Hospital 56th Casualty Clearing Station, in the field B.E.F.
Cause of Death DIED OF WOUNDS received in Action.
Place of Burial Particulars not yet to hand.

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

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

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

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

 Lieutenant
O. / i/c Records.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.

Station and Date B. E. F.
7th February 1918

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PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at AUSTRALIAN MILITARY OFFICES, LONDON on 31 JAN 1916

by order of D.D.M.S., A.A.M.S. IN ENGLAND.

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of
(Rank and Name) Lt J. Bell Bell (Corps) 1st L. N. Bde

Age 29 Service 1 1/2 A-1. Disability Dysentery

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability Oct. 30th 1915

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability _____

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

he is now well

(c) If unfit for general service at home, is he fit for light duty at home?	-
(d) If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for light duty at home?	L

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- (2.) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for service at home? -
- b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for service at home? -
- (3.) Was the disability contracted in the service? Yes
- (4.) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control? Yes
- (5.) Was it caused by military service? Yes
- (6.) If caused by military service, to what specific conditions is it attributed? Exposure to infection

Signatures { C. Maclean Lt Col. R.A.M.S. President.
Arthur Phillip Major A.M.S.
P. M. Martin Major A.M.S. } Members.

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no control?
- (5) Was it caused by military service? Yes
- (6) If caused by military service, } Exposure to infection
to what specific conditions
is it attributed?

Signatures { C. Maclean M.D. C.A. 1. 7. President.
Arthur Phillip Major M.C. 1. 2. 3. Members.
P. H. Martin Major A.M.C. 2. 5. 7. }

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4. Enteric Fever, Dysentery, Malaria, etc., contracted when on service abroad, in countries where there is a special liability to the disease, are to be regarded as caused by military service.

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PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

3rd London General Hospital,

assembled at WANDSWORTH, S.W. on Nov 27 1915.

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by order of The Secretary - The War Office.

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of

(Rank and Name) Lt. Bell J. (Corps) 1 A.L.H.

Age 29 Service 1 3/12 Disability Dysentery

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability _____

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability _____

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

at Gallipoli on Oct 19 1915 he
went sick with dysentery & was
sent to Malta & thence here
He is now convalescent but weak.

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12.
m. add.

2 (C). IF UNFIT FOR GENERAL SERVICE? IS HE FIT FOR LIGHT DUTY AT HOME? no

(d). IF NOT SO FIT, HOW LONG IS HE LIKELY TO BE UNFIT FOR LIGHT DUTY AT HOME? Six weeks

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:—

- (1.) a. Is the officer fit for "General Service"? No
- b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit? Six weeks
- (2.) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for service at home? No
- b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for service at home? Six weeks
- (3.) Was the disability contracted in the service? Yes
- (4.) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control? Yes
- (5.) Was it caused by military service? Yes
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Signatures

A. H. Walker Major R.A.M.C. President.

J. W. Kend. Capt. R.A.M.C. Members.

J. D. Shaw. Cap. R.A.M.C.

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N.W.12.

From The Secretary,
War Office (A.G.10),
27, Pilgrim Street,
E.C.4.

To The Offr. to Base Records,
Dept. of Defence,
Melbourne
Australia

11 APR 1922

No. _____ Rank Captain Name J Bell. (Dec)
Rating _____ Aust. Flying Co
late No. _____ " Lieut Service or Corps R.F.C.
has by service in the (1) R.F.C from _____ to _____
qualified for the award of (2) No Medals

* which will be administered by this Office.

(3) The following information is required :- Medals and Clasps for which
he is eligible in respect of his service in (4) _____

His name and address of the person entitled to receive Medals is:

(Mother) Mrs. Bell
c/o W. S. Gilliard Esq.,
Carlisle Club,
24, Piccadilly
W.

[Signature]
Director of Personal Services.

NOTE.

(1) Insert R.N. or R.A.F. or Corps in the case of the Army.

(2) Here insert medals concerned or no medal.

(3) In the case where the man has qualified for no medals at 2 delete this clause.

(4) Insert the former service or services, e.g. R.N., Lancashire Fusiliers or R.A.F.

This form need not be returned to the sender when "No medals" are shown at (2), and (3) is deleted.

Details of the first two lines must be completed in toto by the sender.



[Handwritten initials and red markings]

REPLY.

No. _____ Rank _____ Name _____
Rating _____
in respect of his services in _____ from _____
to _____ is eligible for the award of (2).

* which will be administered by this Office.

RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late **Captain J. Bell,**

68th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, A.I.F.

(Signature) *Mrs John Bell*

(Date) *June 24th 1921*

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

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CABLE ADDRESS "YELKEER" GEELONG

The Officer in Charge
Base Records Office
Victoria Barracks

Dear Sir

yours of 3rd inst, received with enquiry
re nearest relatives of the late Captain John Bell,
68th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

In regard to this I now advise as follows:-
The late Capt. J. Bell's mother (widow), Mrs A. B. Bell
resides at Pasely, Domain Street, South Yarra,
whilst I am the eldest surviving brother.

I trust this information is quite clear.

Yours faithfully

W. M. Bell



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war medals etc. to mother.

Inbean
Major
Officer in Charge Base Records
17-2-21.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE.

3rd February, 1921.

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

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

4 FEB 1921

DESPATCH

Dear

Sir,

It is noted that you are registered on the records of the late Captain J. Bell, 68th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, as next of kin, but, in order that the instructions under the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" may be properly complied with when disposing of War Medals, &c., I shall be glad to learn whether there are any nearer blood relations than yourself to the above-named, for instance, are his father and mother living and has he any brothers older than yourself (stating still alive, the eldest) if so I shall be much obliged for name and address at your earliest convenience. their

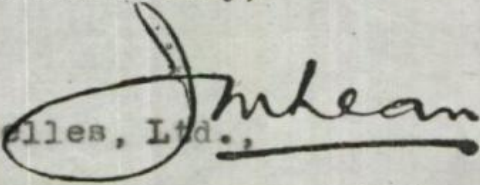
The provisions of a Will have no bearing upon the distribution of Medals unless they are specifically mentioned therein, such mementos being handed over in the following order of relationship, unless good and sufficient reasons for varying the procedure are stated:—

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr. W.M. Bell,
C/o. Dennys, Lascelles, Ltd.,
GEELONG, V.


Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1802/10.21.—C.18078—5M.

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NAA: B2455, BELL J

Tel. No. City 1740. Ext. _____

Telegraphic Address:
"STATE, ESTRAND, LONDON,"



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

MAB/DD.

Any further communication should
be addressed to
OFFICER IN CHARGE,
AUSTRALIAN GRAVES SERVICES,
and the following No. quoted:
6/3/23.
A.G.S. _____

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STRAND,
LONDON, W.C.2

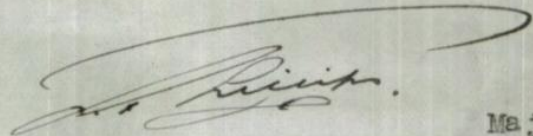
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Officer i/c Base Records,
Department of Defence,
Melbourne.



Captain John Bell, 68th Squadron, A.F.C.
(deceased).

With reference to your memorandum E.McK of the
15th June last relative to the return of the propeller at
present marking the grave of the above named Officer I
forward for your information copies of letters which have
been despatched by me to W. M. Bell, c/o Dennys Lascelles
Limited, Geelong, Victoria, who has communicated with me
direct.


Major.
C.O. Australian Graves Services.

COPY.

HFC/DD

6/3/23.

9th August, 1920.

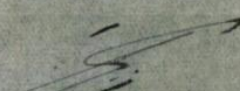
Dear Madam,

With reference to your communication of the 9th June last requesting the return to you of the aeroplane propeller erected over the grave of the late Captain John Bell, A.F.C., I have to advise you that the original plan to return temporary crosses to next of kin in Australia has been abandoned, as you will readily understand that by the time the permanent headstones are erected, the effects of the weather on the crosses will make them totally unfit for shipment as they will be in a very dilapidated condition.

Returned herewith is the photo enclosed with your communication and you will note that already signs of warping are discernable.

You may rest assured that the necessary instructions will be issued in due course to return the registered next of kin of the officer concerned the inscribed tablet at present shewn on the propeller.

Yours faithfully,


C.O. Australian Graves Services.

Major.

Miss W.M. Bell, 1115
c/o Dennys Lascelles Ltd.
Gellong,
Victoria,
AUSTRALIA.

HAB/DD

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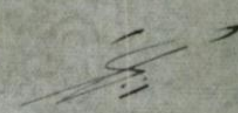
11th August, 1920.

Dear Madam,

In continuation of my 6/3/23 of the 9th instant it has now occurred to me that perhaps you would prefer me to obtain the plate on the propeller marking the grave of the late Captain J. Bell, 68th Squadron, A.F.C., at once.

In this case I will only be too pleased to carry your wishes into effect on the receipt of your written instructions. Otherwise the plate will remain on the propeller until it is replaced by a permanent headstone when it will be returned to you as promised in my letter referred to.

Yours faithfully,


Major.
C.O. Australian Graves Services.

Miss W.M. Bell,
c/o Dennys Lascelles Ltd.,
Gellong,
Victoria, AUSTRALIA.

R.O'B. W 27652

15th March 1916

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Dear madam,

Advice has been received by post to the effect that your son Lieutenant J.Bell, 1st Light Horse Brigade Headquarters, was found fit for duty by a Medical Board held at London on 31/1/16.

Upon receipt of any further information you will be promptly communicated with.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.
PK

Mrs.A.C.Bell,
C/o Mr.W.M.Bell,
Geelong, V.

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Carlisle Club,
Piccadilly,
W.

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Signatures { C. MacLennan Major A.M.S. A.I.F. President.
Arthur O'Connell Major A.M.S. A.I.F. 23 Members.
F.W. Makin Major A.M.S. A.I.F. }

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Signatures { C. MacLennan Major A.M.S. A.L.F. A.L. President.
Arthur Phillip Major A.M.S. 27 Members.
P. H. Martin Major A.M.S. A.L.F. }

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office, A.I.E.F.
Victoria Barracks.
MELBOURNE.

28th November 1915.

Dear Madam,

With reference to my
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

I now have to advise you that information has been received to the effect that your son Lieutenant J. Bell is now in the Hospital at

London, suffering from Enteric.
His postal address will therefore be:-

XX. Lieutenant, J. Bell,

Sick, 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment.
C/o Australian High Commissioner,
L O N D O N. E. W.

Any further particulars coming to hand will be immediately transmitted.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN

Captain,
Office i/o Base Records.

Mrs A. C. Bell,
C/o Mr. W. M. Bell,

GEFLONG. VIC.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

W.B. W. 27652

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
Victoria Barracks,

Melbourne, 20th NOV., 1915.

Dear Madam,

With reference to my wire of the 10th inst.,
I now beg to advise you that your son Lieutenant J. Bell,
embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Morea* 13/11/15.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that all are
progressing satisfactorily.

Should anything further be received concerning the above soldier you
will be promptly notified.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. A. C. Bell,
c/o Mr. W. M. Bell,
GEMBLONG, V.

J. M. LEAN, Captain,
Officer in charge Base Records.

C.12977.

W.B.

W. 27652

MRS A. C. BELL,

CARE W. M. BELL,

GEEELONG. (V.)

REGRET REPORTED SON LIEUTENANT J. BELL DISEMBARKED MALTA
FROM HOSPITAL SHIP REWA NOVEMBER 2nd SICK WILL PROMPTLY ADVISE IF
ANYTHING FURTHER RECEIVED.

BASE RECORDS.

10/11/15



Geelong Church of England Grammar School
Corio, Victoria.

John Bell joined the Cadet Corps of
this school in 1898 and remained a member
of it until he left the school in 1905. He
passed through all the ranks and
during 1905 he held the position
of lieutenant (honorary rank). He was
a good rifle shot - and was the place
in the 1st shooting team of the school.
I know no one who, in my opinion, would
make a better soldier.

Character. Very good.

J. F. Gamard Lt. Col.
late Officer Commanding Cadet Corps
Geelong C. E. G. School

18/9/14

Extract from folder of photograph of grave.

ried Tincourt New British Cemetery, .

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BELL J

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4741.

For all communications, give the
regimental number, full name and unit of Soldier referred
to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne,

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BELL J

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OFFICER
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Surname **BELL**
 Christian Names **John**

Statement of Service.

UNIT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO A.I.F.	DATE OF SUBSEQUENT PROMOTION	REFERENCE TO COMMONWEALTH GAZETTE AND OTHER AUTHORITY	REMARKS
Lieutenant 1st ALH Bde H Grs	26-8-14 3-9-14		A.I.F. Gradation List G. 7/14	Labour Corps.
Capt (Temp) 68 Squad		17-10-15 25/10/15	- List No. 55 - " " 8	Appointed carrying out duties of Capt in 68 Squad
Capt A.F.C.	28-10-17		A.I.F. List 265	Graded as Flight Commander with seniority as from 14-1-17. A.I.F. List 265

Casualties.

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
DATE	PLACE	CAUSE	DATE	PLACE	NATURE	RETURNED TO DUTY	DATE	CAUSE	AUTHORITY
27.12.17		Died of Wounds CMBL 2220 PD 321	29.10.15 20.11.15	9129C 3rd Lm Gen	diets "		6.5.16	Obtained Commission in British Army	Australian Base Depot, England. 6/5/16. Part II 28.
No. of GRAVE	CEMETERY	NAME OF CLERGYMAN							
	Buried at Imcont New British Cemetery 4 1/4 miles S of Peronne. C.R. 10070/11/2.								

Personal.

CIVIL OCCUPATION	DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	MARRIED OR SINGLE	RELATIONSHIP, NAME & ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	REMARKS
Graview	7:10:85 "Hillbrook" LEIGH RD. (and 891100A/001A) VICTORIA. Aust.	S	Mrs A. C. Bell of W. M. Bell Dennys Lancelletes Geelong Vic.	

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

PARTICULARS	REFERENCE TO ORDERS OR OTHER AUTHORITY
<p>Orderly officer 3/8/15 to 16/10/15. O.C., Signal Troop 31/7/15 to 14/10/15. Staff Captain 17:10:15 to 25/10/15 Apptd. Commission R. F. C. 14.3.16</p>	<p>A.I.F. List No. 8 dated 3/1/15. " " " " " " " " " " UK O. para 150</p>
<p>20-8-16. Reported from England & posted to No. 8. (Aust) Sqdn R.F.C.</p>	<p>Att 10/571 12-10-16.</p>
<p>13-1-17. Embarked @/Seas per H.V. "Kingstonian" from Alexandria (68th Aust Sqdn R.F.C.)</p>	<p>Att 4/326 1-2-17</p>
<p>30-1-17. Disembarked at Southampton</p>	<p>Att II 1/35. 20/1/17.</p>
<p>13-2-17. Sent to Offices Nursing Home, George St. Kanoni Sq. from Aust R.F.C. L.R. 655.</p>	<p>P. 2. 6/304. E. 21-3-17</p>
<p>12-4-17. M.S. to 68th Sqdn R.F.C. Harleston from heap. L.R. 1893</p>	<p>Att 9/427E 2-5-17.</p>
<p>14-8-17. M/S to 68th Sqdn. Harleston from @Seas L.R. 7337.</p>	<p>" 26/992E. 5-9-17.</p>
<p>(Late 4th L.A.R.) from R.F.C., to be Capt. in the A.I.F. (A.F.C.) 28-10-17 & to be graded as Flight Commander with seniority as from 14/1/17.</p>	<p>DO. 4/40 24/1/18.</p>
<p>20-11-17. Wounded in action.</p>	<p>A.I.F. List 265.</p>
<p>20-11-17. Adm 55 bars by Sgt "ASH" chest "Dan." "Hal." ✓</p>	<p>Att 1/4 3/18.</p>
<p>20-11-17. Improving.</p>	<p>WT 224E.</p>
<p>27-12-17. Dtd of wounds. 55th Cavalry Sq. & buried in Lincoln British Indian Cemetery. Grave No. 8. Row C Plot 4 on 38th 12. 17. G.S.W. chest. is struck off strength</p>	<p>AK 1035. DO. 4/41 24/1/18. ASH list 290</p>

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REGIMENT) AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS. Squadron, } 68th SQUADRON A.F.C.
or } Troop, Battery } (now 2nd Squadron)
CORPS } or Company }

Rank CAPTAIN.

Name BELL, J.

DIED { By whom reported O.C. 56th Casualty Clearing Station.
Date of Death 27th December 1917.
Place or Hospital 56th Casualty Clearing Station, in B. E. F.
Cause of Death DIED OF WOUNDS received in Action.
Place of Burial Particulars not yet to hand.

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

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

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

J. Dalfour
Lieutenant
O. A/c Records.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.
B. E. F.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. *1967*

Rank *Sypl* Name *Bell J*

Unit *1st Light Horse Regiment*

Casualty *Sic R Slight 2/11/15 Disembarked Malta H/S "Reva"*

Embarked for England 13/11/15 by H/S "Morea"

Enteritis Admitted to Hospital London H/Co - 13886 25/10/15

2.11.15 Diarrhoea Slight. Admitted Hosp

Enteritis, Embarked from Malta, for England on H/S "Morea" on 13/11/15

DATE.	A/I.F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	REF. No.
11.15		<i>Not ad and iel slight disem Malta</i>	A.F. B. 2000A Received
13.11.15		<i>Embarked for England</i>	
28/11/15		<i>in Hospital London</i>	
20.11.15		<i>Admitted 3rd London Gen Hosp Wandsworth</i>	
		<i>Enteritis M 57196/6 18 Com 25.11.15</i>	
		<i>Admitted 3rd London Gen Hosp Wandsworth M 57125/10 76 Com 2.12.15</i>	
		<i>Found fit for duty by Medical Board held at London Army Form 445 attached</i>	
		<i>M 6/320 D 2/2/16</i>	
15 3 16		<i>Prof K was found fit for duty 31/1/16</i>	
		<i>Found fit by Medical Board held in London 31.1.16</i>	
		<i>066/39/1. W Com 1.2.16</i>	
		<i>in Haport. Weymouth. M 7/254/1. H. Com Wd 9. 3.16</i>	
		<i>Form of Warrant Received B. R. M. No. 17/16.50</i>	
		<i>Dangerously Wounded, adm. 50 Cas. Clug. Str. 20/1/17 Improving 25/1/17</i>	
		<i>CIBL 236/2330 dated London 13/2/17</i>	
		<i>N. O. K. Advised in Hospital</i>	
		<i>Dead of Wounds 27.12.17. CIBL 2220/767 A Ad Lov. 16.1.18 Rd 17.1.18</i>	
		<i>Identity established CIBL 227.7.830 dated London 20.1.18</i>	
31.4.18		<i>M. 3 27/12/17</i>	
6-2-18		COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
		CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF	
		<i>Gable No. C.I.B.L. 2219 vide 14/3/18 Ed 31/1/15</i>	
14.3.16		<i>Appointment terminated in A.I.F. Commission in Imperial Army and was</i>	
		<i>subsequently re-appointed to A.I.F. on 28/1/17. A.F.B. 103. 7.5</i>	
27.3.19.		<i>Will extract from Probate in Sic</i>	
LIST 14		<i>17 120 Effects ex "Barunga" lost at sea M 83/963</i>	



26-11-19

"Selta"

Circular B.R.M. 46/1308 & Booklet re Graves despatched

12/1/20

11/3/20
24/1

29-5-20

COACH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT CEASE B.R.M. 50/8/14m

30/9/21

1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 48/1229/.....
To Comdt. 3rd M.D. B.R.M. 52/408 48/1155.

Misc. 12 & 80.



4/3/21

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. 3rd. M.D.B.R.M. 52/408 1150

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"
Pamphlet sent to Mrs A.E. Bell on 11.3.21

16 JUN 1922

VICTORY MEDAL to mother B.R.P.F. 42
Registered Post No. 8742 G.P.O. Melbourne

Red. undamaged

and VICTORY MEDAL inscribed and issued to A.S.F. Hooper Lan BRM 55/111

MEMORIAL SERIAL
Mother
Mrs A.E. Bell
357593
22/6/21

London for issue to
Mother No. A.E. Bell
357593
7/7/21

0/16

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Lieut J Bell 1st L.I.

Commission in R.F.C.

? By Deceased

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1st Lt.