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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2105 Name Aitken, James Lod.
Unit 6th Rein⁵¹ 5th Batt²
5th Battalion¹⁴⁶ Joined on 15/3/15.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? ... 1. James Lod Aitken
- 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of Mahern in or near the Town of Melbourne in the County of Bourke.
- 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. Natural born British Subject
- 4. What is your age? ... 4. 32 years 7 months
- 5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Wool Clerk
- 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No
- 7. Are you married? ... 7. No
- 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. Mother - Mrs E L Aitken Beeth, Sorrett Av Mahern VIC
- 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. No
- 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... 10. No
- 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... 11. Mahern Rifle Club
- 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... 12. Yes
- 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. No
- 14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)— Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14. _____
- 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

3. James Lod Aitken 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~~ ^{three-fifths} of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife~~ ^{wife and children}.

Date 23-2-15.

J Aitken
Signature of person enlisted.

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

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.

CD ~~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 15th March 15

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Signature of Attesting Officer.

HON. LIEUT.
A. & I. STAFF.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3. James Tod Aitken swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 15th March 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.

James Tod Aitken

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in
the State of Victoria
this fifteenth day of
March 1915, before me—

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Signature of Attesting Officer.

HON. LIEUT.

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

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FIELD SERVICE.

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

REGIMENT } FIFTH BATTALION, A.I.F. Squadron, } 6th Reinforcements
 or } Troop, Battery }
 CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 2105 Rank Private

Name AITKEN James Todd

Died { Date 8/8/15
 Place Anzac TURKEY
 Cause of Death* Killed in action

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

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

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

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

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Paymaster at the Base (see Field Service Regulations, Part II.), together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

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

Cyril J. Griffiths Major
 O. O. Australian Records Section,
 for A. A. G.
 G. H. Q. 3rd. Echelon, M. E. F.

Station and Date Alexandria 28/8/15

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 100,000 10/14 B. 109
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14/2/15

Description of Aitken James Tod on Enlistment.

Age 32 years 7 months
Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches
Weight 112 1/2 lbs.
Chest Measurement 35/37 1/2 inches
Complexion Dark
Eyes Dark brown
Hair Dark
Religious Denomination Pres

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Scarification
1 on left arm.
Mole on left elbow.
between shoulders

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 23/2/15
Place Melbourne

A. Scull
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.
Capt A. Scull

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 6th 5th Batt

Date 19/3/15
Place B/does

M. L. Cameron
Commanding 6th 5th Batt

Jan

Certified true copy
W.L. Cameron 2nd Lt

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2105

Name Aitken James Tod

Unit 6th Rein 5th Batt

Joined on 15/3/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... James Tod Aitken
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
in the Parish of Malvern
near the Town of Melbourne
in the County of Burke
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? ... Natural Born British Subject
4. What is your age? ... 32 years 7 months
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Wood Clerk
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No Parents deceased
8. Who is your next of kin? ... (Mother) Mrs E. L. Aitken
Beath
Sorett Av, Malvern VIC
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
Eldest Brother -
M. J. Aitken
"Thornha" of The English Scottish & Australian Bank Ltd.
Joy avenue
Melb VIC 515
Botac. Vic.
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? ... Malvern Rifle Club
war medals re to eldest brother
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? ... No
Officer i/c Base Records
22.5.21
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother) - Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, James Tod Aitken 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 23.2.15

J. Aitken

Signature of person enlisted.

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† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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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.

CD 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 15th March 1915

BA Dalton
Signature of Attesting Officer.

HON. LIEUT.
A. & I. STAFF.

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3, James Tod Aitken swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from March 15th 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

James Tod Aitken
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this fifteenth day of March 1915, before me—

BA Dalton
Signature of Attesting Officer.
HON. LIEUT.
A. & I. STAFF.

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Description of Aitken James Tod on Enlistment.

Age 32 years 7 months
 Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches
 Weight 11 st lbs.
 Chest Measurement 35/37 1/2 inches
 Complexion Dark
 Eyes Dark Brown
 Hair Dark
 Religious Denomination Pres.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vaccination
1 on left arm
Mole on left elbow
" between shoulders

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 23/2/15

Place Melbourne

H. J. Cull Capt. R.A.M.C.
 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 6th 5th Regt

Date 19/3/15

Place NJ des

H. L. Amerson
 Commanding 6th 5th Regt

Duplicate
Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental No. 2103 Rank Pte Name Attkin James Todd
 Regiment or Corps 6th Rmp to 5th Battr A.I.F.

Enlisted (a) S-3 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 _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
7.8.15	Cos BN	anyae	8.8.15	<u>B213. P.I. 91 4708.</u>
14.8.15	Cos BN	anyae Turkey <i>W. E. Decker.</i>	8.8.15	<u>B213 Casual 12708/9. 21/9/15</u> <u>P.I. 93. 5000</u>

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

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. 2105 Regiment or Corps 7th Prov S. H. Batty
 Rank Platoon Name Aitken James Todd
 Enlisted (a) 15/3/13 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
7/8/15	C.O. 5th Bn.	Taken on strength of 5th Battalion. A.I.F.	Anzac	5/8/15	B213 <i>PT II 91-4708.</i>
14.8.15	Cos Bn	Killed in action	Anzac } Turkey	8/8/15	B213 <i>Cavalry 12708/9. 2/18/15</i> <i>PT II 93.5005.</i>
<i>Capt. S. Briggles Major</i> O. O. Australian Records Establishment for A. A. G. G. H. Q. 3rd. Echelon, M. S. P.					

(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.
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Report		Date	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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received						

A I T K E N

Surname.

James Tod

Other Names.

2105

Regimental No.

5/Btn 6/R

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

Embarked at Sydney per H.M.A.T. A40 Ceramic 25/6/15

Pte

5.8.15 Taken on strength of Bn

7.8.15 KILLED IN ACTION

1/15 MEFO 91/3

1/15 MEFO 93/1

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, M. E. F.
Australian Records Section.

30th November 1915.

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EFFECTS OF DECEASED OFFICERS OR OTHER RANKS.

Unit Fifth battalion
Number 2105
Rank Private
Name Aitken J. T.
Effects Wallet,
Purse,
Badges,
Note-book,
Letters.

No. of Package 3055

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

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General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, M. E. F.,
Australian Records Section.

23rd December 1915

EFFECTS OF DECEASED OFFICERS OR OTHER RANKS.

Unit 5th Battn.
Number 2105
Rank Private
Name Aitkin J.^T.
Effects Bible, Hymn Book.

No. of Package 4313

Aitkin
O. C. Australian Records Section,
G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, M. E. F.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One **1914-15 Star** MEDAL for No. 2105

Rank Platoon Name Aitken J T

Unit 5/5th

Schedule No. 26603 **Registered Post**

Place Perth History Card completed h

Date 9.12.21

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Please return this receipt as soon as possible,
duly signed and witnessed, to---

**Medal Distributing Officer,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne.**

C.12015.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One **BRITISH WAR MEDAL** MEDAL for No. 2105

Aitken J. J.

Rank

Name

Unit

57th

Schedule No. 15054 (Signature)

J. J. Aitken

(Witness)

A. A. Russell

Place

Registered Post

History Card completed

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Please return this receipt as soon as possible,
duly signed and witnessed, to—

**Medal Distributing Officer,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne.**

C.1215.

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RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

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

No. 2105. Pte. J. T. AITKEN,

5th Btn.

Signature

J. T. Aitken

Date

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

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*Officer in Charge
Base Records
Medal Department
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne*

*Dear Sir. N^o 2105. ex/ Private J. T. Pitker. 5th Battalion.
As the next of kin of the above deceased soldier
I would be glad if you would forward the "Victoria"
Medal to the above address.*

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*Yours faithfully
J. T. Pitker*

*7/7/22
A. J. Pitker
30/7/22*

J. A. J. M.

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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

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

No. 2105, Private J. T. AITKEN,

5th Battalion,

J. T. Aitken

Signature

Date

4. Dec. 1931



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

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KP. RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late No. 2105, Private, J. T. Aitken,

5th Battalion



J. D. Aitken
29. Sept. 1920

(Signature)

(Date)

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

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RECEIPT SLIP.

RECEIVED from the Officer in Charge Base Records, Department of
Defence, three copies of photograph of the grave of the late No. 2105

Pte. J. T. Aitken, 5th Btn.

(Signature) *Agnes A. Aitken*

(Date) *13th Sept. 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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Colac 8th Aug 1921

Officer in charge
Base Records office
Melbourne

Dear Sir date N^o 2105. W. E. L. Aitken 5th Battalion
As W. E. L. Aitken is now dead I
beg to inform you that I, as the eldest
surviving brother of the above deceased
soldier, am now his next of kin.
His father predeceased him.

Yours faithfully
D. J. Aitken



was awarded medals as to eldest brother

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be obtained at the rate of 3d. per copy.

Upon receipt of your remittance (stamps or postal note) the photographs will be at once forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,
Officer i/c Base Records,

National Archives of Australia

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Ext. from folder of photo. of grave.

2105 Pte. J. T. Aitken, 5th Btn.

Buried Shrapnel Valley Cem. Plt. 2 Row. A Grave 58

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G.H.

22nd April, 1920

Madam,

your son, the late No. 2105, Private. J. T. Aitken, 5th Battalion,
Shrapnel Valley Cemetery, Anzac, about 400 yards South East of
Anzac Cove, Gallipoli. he is buried in

L. Aitken,
ATH
Sorrett Avenue..
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SHRAPNEL VALLEY CEMETERY, ANZAC, about 400 yards
S.E. of ANZAC COVE, GALLIPOLI.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.

4/Fld Coy. Aus.Eng.		BOWRA (Report Gallipoli A16.1)	Lt.F.D.A.	29.10.15.
5/AIF	2105	AITKEN (Report Gallipoli A16.1)	Pte J.T.	8.8.15.
10/AIF	984	ALLEN (Report Gallipoli A16.1)	Pte.C.H?	19.5.15
8/AIF	1175	ANDERSON (Report Gallipoli A16.1)	Sgt.D.J.	16.6.15.
3/L.H.R.	739	BELL (Report Gallipoli A16.1)	Pte.E.C.	9.5.15.
7/AIF	885	BOURKE (Report Gallipoli A16.1)	Pte.J.A.	6.7.15.

Original in the file of Lt.F.D.A.BOWRA.

AM

THOS. COOK & SON. **ΕΜΟΣΤΗΝΕΣ**

RECEIPT FOR CONSIGNMENT FROM EGYPT.

I hereby acknowledge having received from MESSRS. THOS. COOK & SON the undermentioned (1) Package , being the effects of the late Pl. J. J. Aitken consigned to me.

No.	Description.	Signature
	<u>1 Pkg. Personal Effects</u>	<u>Edith Aitken</u>
		Date <u>25th May 1916</u>

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

THOS. COOK & SON,
269 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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THOS. COOK & SON. **ΕΜΟΣΤΗΝΕΣ**

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No.	Description.	Signature.
	<u>1 Pkg. Personal Effects</u>	<u>Edwin Aitken</u>
		Date <u>20th May 1916</u>

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—
THOS. COOK & SON,
269 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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E.G.

AC

15th November 1917.

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Dear Madam,

In reply to your communication concerning your son, the late No.2105 Private J.T.Aitken, 5th Battalion, I enclose herewith, a form of application for badge which will explain itself.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs.E.L.Aitken,
"Beath"
5 Sorrett Avenue,
MALVERN. VIC.

Wynne

Beath.
S. Barrett Avenue
Melburn -

Dear Sir

When medals are distributed in
memory of those who gave their lives at
Galipoli I ask to be remembered being
the mother of late Private James Tod
Aitken - No. 2105. 5th Battalion - 6th Reinforce-
ment. who was killed on the 8th August
1915. at Galipoli -

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D.O.R. 2RD M.D.

Yours truly
S. Barrett

Cobase Records

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Ann Morgan
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General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, M. E. F.,
Australian Records Section.

22nd December 1915

EFFECTS OF DECEASED OFFICERS OR OTHER RANKS.

Unit 5th Battn.
 Number 2105
 Rank Private
 Name Aitkin J.L.
 Effects Bible, Hymn Book.

No. of Package 4313

J. H. G. Jones
 for O. C. Australian Records Section,
 G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, M. E. F.

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General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, M. E. F.,
Australian Records Section.

30th November 1915.

EFFECTS OF DECEASED OFFICERS OR OTHER RANKS.

Unit Fifth battalion
Number 2105
Rank Private
Name Aitken J. T.
Effects Wallet,
Purse,
Badges,
Note-book
Letters.

No. of Package 3055

J. M. MacRae *Lieut*
for O. C. Australian Records Section,
G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, M. E. F.

8th May

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Dear Madam,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 2105, Private J. T. Aitken, 5th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he was killed in action at Anzac, Gallipoli Peninsula, on the 8th August 1915.

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

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs E.L. Aitken,
"Beath",
Surrett Avenue,
MALVERN, VIC.

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FIELD SERVICE.

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

REGIMENT } **FIFTH BATTALION.A.I.F.** Squadron, Troop, Battery } **6th Reinforcements**
 or } CORPS }

Regtl. No. **2105** Rank **Private**

Name **AITKEN James Todd**

Died { Date **8/8/15**
 Place **Anzac TURKEY**
 Cause of Death* **Killed in action**

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

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

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

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

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Paymaster at the Base (see Field Service Regulations, Part II.), together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base *Cyril S. Griffiths Major*
 C. O. Australian Records Section, for A. A. O. G. H. Q. 3rd. Echelon, E. S. F.

Station and Date **Alexandria 28/8/15**

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,
Victoria Barracks,

DESPATCHED MELBOURNE. 11th December 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 8th instant, and enclose herewith, as requested, certificate of report of death of the late No. 2105, Private J. T. Aitken, 5th Battalion, together with the particulars you desire.
Yours faithfully,

DESPATCHED J. M. LEAN,
Captain.
Officer i/c Base Records.

The General Manager,
The National Mutual Life
Association of Australasia Ltd.,
Or. Collins & Queen Streets,
MELBOURNE.

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National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, AITKEN J T

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

MELEOUFNE, 11th December 1915

According to the records the following

particulars apply to No. 2105, Private J. W. Aitken,
5th Battalion.

Place of birth	Malvern, V.....
Age, at date of enlistment	32 years. 7 months. (23/2/15).
Next-of-kin	(Mother). Mrs. E. L. Aitken, .. Sorrett Avenue,
Height	5 feet. 7 1/2 inches. Malvern, V.
Complexion	Dark.....
Colour of eyes	Dark brown.....
Colour of hair	Dark.....
Distinctive marks	Vaccination. 1. on left arm, mole on left elbow, mole between shoulders. J. W. LFAN, Captain,

Officer i/c Base Records.
NAA: B2455, AITKEN J W

P.B.

No. 2105

Private James Tod Aitken,
5th Battalion,
1st Australian Division.

~~xxxxx~~ was killed in action

Gallipoli

8th August

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Cable No. M.F.C.

12709, from the Officer Commanding Intermediate Base, dated
Alexandria, 25th August 1915, and confirmed by Army Form B
104-52.

11th December 15

Captain.

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TELEPHONE N° 3551.

Melbourne 8th December 1915

The Secretary,
Defence Department,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne.

Sir,

Policies No. 308999 and 309000 - James Tod Aitken.

We have been notified of the death of above Member who was killed in Action at the Dardanelles on 8th August last. Please let me know when you receive confirmation of the death and at the same time advise me from your records the following particulars for identification purposes.

- Next of Kin.
- Height.
- Age.
- Complexion.
- Color of eyes.
- Color of hair.
- Distinguishing marks (if any)

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Yours truly,

SECRETARY.

NAA: B2455, AITKEN J T

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Base Records Office,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. 8th November 1915.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 27ult., and enclose herewith, as requested, in triplicate certificate of report of death of the late No. 2105 Private James ENCLOSURE Aitken, 5th Battalion, 1st Australian Division.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Dean

• Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

James Aitken, Esq.,
101 William Street,
MELBOURNE.

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Soreth Avenue
Malvern

29th Oct 1915

James Aitken Esq
102 William St
Melbourne

Dear Jim,

I could not recall Jim's military address, when asked today, but now find that it was: No. 2105.

Private James God Aitken,
6th Reinforcements
of 5th Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force.

Yours sincerely
Beath Aitken

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No. 2105

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16/8/21 PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE ^{in triplicate} TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. 53/8700 ^{Cap.}

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to Mr. R. J. Aitken on 13/9/21 ^{AA}

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Brother (Direct)
Mr. R. J. Aitken
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7/10/21

13/11/21 ^S

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Brother
Mr. R. J. Aitken
303343
19/9/21 ^{LMS.}

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