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*W. J. [unclear]*

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*Frank Long*

Capt.

Adjt. 10th Inf. Batt. A.I.F.

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MILITARY FORCES.

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *77*

Name *Backman, Charles James*

Unit *B. 10th Inf. A.I.F.*

Joined on *19th August 1914*

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... *Backman, Charles James*
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of *Adelaide* in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... *Natural born*
4. What is your age? ... *30 Years*
5. What is your trade or calling? ... *Enterprises Assent.*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... *No*
7. Are you married? ... *No*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... *Father, Mr. Charles Backman, 127 [unclear] St, 197, Frank St, City Adelaide S.A.*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... *No*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... *No*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... *Yes 10th A.I.F. discharged on leaving State*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... *Yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... *No*
14. (For married men 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? ...

*Charles James Backman* 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 *18/8/14*

*(Sgt) Chas J. Backman*  
Signature of person enlisted.

D. 377/8.14. — C. 10220. \* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

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

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

Date 19-8-14

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Charles James Backman swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1914 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]*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Quorbyville in the State of South Australia this 19<sup>th</sup> day August of 1914, before me—

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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

*James Backman*

Description of *Backman, Charles James* <sup>3</sup> on Enlistment.

Age *30* years *1* months  
Height *5* feet *11 3/4* inches  
Weight *198* lbs.  
Chest Measurement *39 1/2* inches  
Complexion *Wash*  
Eyes *1 Grey*  
Hair *Brown*  
Religious Denomination *Congregational*

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

*Scars left fore-arm.*

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 *19. 8. 14.*

Place *Morpheville*

*Lt Col H Chott*  
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 *C. Coy.*

Date *19. 8. 14*

Place *Morpheville*

*Lt Col S Price Weir*  
Commanding *10th Infantry*

Statement of Service of No. 77

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Name

*Backman Charles James*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>B. Coy. 10 Inf.</i>	<i>Pte. Acting Sergeant. confirmed</i>	<i>19. 8. 14.</i>	<i>30. 8. 14</i>	<i>Bn C. 13/31. 8. 14 Bn C. 27/14. 9. 14</i>
		<i>31. 8. 14</i>	<i>31. 8. 14</i>	
		<i>1. 9. 14</i>		

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 77.

Name *Backman*

Unit *10th Infantry AIF*

Joined on *19 August 1914*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ...
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ...
4. What is your age? ...
5. What is your trade or calling? ...
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ...
7. Are you married? ...
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ...
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? ...
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 ...
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ...
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ...
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? ...

1. *Backman, Charles James*

2. In the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in or near the Town of *Adelaide* in the County of \_\_\_\_\_

3. *Natural born*

4. *30 years*

5. *Boothmaker's assist*

6. *No*

7. *No*

8. *Father, Charles Backman*  
~~*40 Elizabeth St*~~

9. *No. 199 Franklin Street*  
*Adelaide S.A.*

10. *No* *1366/174*

11. *Yes, 10th AIF*  
*discharged as leaving state*

12. *Yes*

13. *No*

14. \_\_\_\_\_

*Charles James Backman* 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 *18/8/14*

*Chas. J. Backman*  
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.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 10th Battalion Regimental Number 77  
 Rank Serjt Surname BACKMAN Christian Name Charles James  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Enlisted (a) 19-3-14 Terms of Service (a) 4 1/2 Yrs Service reckons from (a) 19-8-14  
 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 From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, 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. 26, or other official documents
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
28-2-15	C.O. 10th Bn	Reports Wounded in Action and Missing	Gallipoli Peninsula	23-4-15	MFC 13484/5 A6945 8-8-15 D/O 1810-42/2894 46/2971
		This H.C.O. was seen wounded 25-4-15 Nothing since has been heard of him and he is now reported Wounded and Missing		28-8-15	
do	do	Previously reported Wounded now Missing	do	27-8-15	3213 D/O 1810-46/2971
4-12-15	do	Trans to Superannuary List	Indroce	1-12-15	8213 D/O 2/265
3-6-16	Result of Brd of Inquiry Proceedings	Wounded in Action	Gallipoli Peninsula	23-10-16	23-10-16 MFC 13484/5 D/O 8 1/424

(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, Shoenig-smith, & Co. Form B. 103. 2. [P.T.O.]

faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

Charles J Backman  
 Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Morphettville in  
 the State of South Australia  
 this 19th day August of  
 1914, before me—

R. M. Hooper. Lieut.  
 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.





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 19.8.14

R. M. Dooper Lieut.  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Charles James Backman swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from Aug 19th 1914 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.

Chas J. Backman  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Morphettville in  
the State of South Australia  
this 19th day August of  
1914, before me—

R. M. Dooper. Lieut.  
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.

# FIELD SERVICE

Description of Backman C J on Enlistment.

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. 35 or from other official documentary sources

Age 30 years  
Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches Take left fore arm

Regiment or Corps } 10th Battalion. A.I. Troop, Battery or Company }  
Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company

Complexion Dark

Regtl. No. 77 Rank Sergeant.

Name BACKMAN Charles James.

Date 25/29-4-15.

Died Place Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action. (Court of Inquiry 5-6-16.)

\* Specially state 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 46) None  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) None  
(c) as a Separate document None

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 expression 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.

## CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } A.S.G. Hall Capt.  
O.C. Australian Records Section.  
3rd. ECHELON. G.H.Q. E.E.F.

Station and Date Alexandria, Dec. 9th, 16.

*[Handwritten signatures and notes at the bottom of the form]*

Major Downey

Description of Backman C.J. on Enlistment.

30 years 4 months  
 ht 5 feet 11 3/4 inches  
 weight 198 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 39 1/2 inches  
 Complexion Dark  
Gray  
Brown  
 Religious Denomination Congregational

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Tattoo left fore-arm.

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; enlarged varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic diseases; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or 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 kind.

I consider him fit for active service.

19<sup>th</sup> Aug 14

Morphett

[Signature] Capt.

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

G. Company

19<sup>th</sup> Aug 14

Morphett

[Signature]

Colonel  
Commanding 10th. Battalion A.I.F.  
Commanding

CARD CHECKED

Entitled to 1914-15 Star

Statement of Service of No. 77

Name

Backmann, Charles James

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
C <sup>o</sup> Coy, 10 <sup>th</sup> Inf. A.I.F.		19.8.14	30.8.14	
	af Sergeant	31.8.14	31.8.14	
	Confirmed	1.9.14		
	Missing no date B/o <sup>n</sup> 2971 16.9.15			
	<b>O.C. Report:</b> This N.C.O. was seen wounded on April 25 <sup>th</sup> & nothing since has been heard of him; & he is now posted wounded & missing. Hd in Supernumerary Rank dated 1/2/15			<p>292-2971-16/9/15</p> <p>2/565. 17/1/16</p>
				<p>31-A Missing</p>
	<i>See Copy of Form B103 enclosed.</i>			
10 <sup>th</sup> Batta.	Declared <b>KILLED IN ACTION</b> , Gallipoli Peninsula 25/29. 4. 15 by Board of Inquiry held 5.6.16			<p>11406/2421. 3/11/16.</p> <p>(1-af Dis &amp; details)</p> <p>M.P.C. 47472</p>

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

Embarked Ionian to join E.F.

(Gallipoli) Lt. Alex, 203@15

35 391.

Army Form B. 103. 77.

Casualty Form Active Service.

Regiment or Corps

Rank *Sgt.* Name *BACKMAN Charles James*

Terms of Service (a) *Entered of War* Service reckons from (a) *19/5/14*

Date of promotion to }  
 present rank } Date of appointment }  
 to lance rank } to lance rank } Numerical position on }  
 roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Place	Date	Remarks
Date	From whom received			
28. 8. 15	<i>O.C. 10th Battalion</i>	<i>Gallipoli Peninsula</i>	<i>25/2/19</i> <i>April 1915</i>	<i>MFC 180645.</i> <i>AB945 of 1810-42/2184 2306 5/9/10</i> <i>This N.C.O. was seen wounded April 25th since has been known since he is now reported wounded and missing 27/5/15</i>
?	<i>O/C. 10th Battalion</i>	<i>Gallipoli Pen.</i>	<i>27/5/15</i>	<i>B 213 of 1810-46/2971</i>
28/8/15	<i>O/C. 10th Battalion</i>	<i>Gallipoli Pen.</i>	<i>1/12/15</i>	<i>AB913</i>
5-6-16	<i>Result of Board of Inquiry</i>	<i>Gallipoli Peninsula</i>	<i>23/10-16</i>	<i>MFC 47472 D/O 6 A/424</i>

(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, Signaller, Signaller, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
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.

EMBARKED TO JOIN M.F.F. AT GALLIOLI PER IONIAN EX ALEXANDRIA 2-3-15  
 Army Form B.103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 10th Battalion Regimental Number 77  
 Rank Sergt Surname BACKMAN Christian Name Charles James  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Enlisted (a) 19-8-14 Terms of Service (a) 2 years Service reckons from (a) 19-8-14  
 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		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
	From whom received					
28-8-15	C.O. 10th Btn		Embarked ... Disembarked ...	Gallipoli/29-4-15 Peninsula	25	MFC 15464/5 A6945 8-9-15 D/O1810-42/2384 46/2991
do	do		This N.C.O. was seen Wounded 26-4-15 Nothing since has been heard of him and he is now repta Wounded and Missing			
do	do		Previously reported Wounded now Missing	do		B213 27-8-15 D/O1810-46/2971
4-12-15	do		Trans to Supernumerary List Mudros			B213 D/O 2/565
5-6-16	Result of Brd of Inquiry Proceedings		KILLED IN ACTION	Gallipoli <i>Peninsula</i>	25	23-10-16 /29-4-15 MFC 47472 D/O 6 A/424
						Capt O/C Australian Records Section 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. E.E.F. [P.T.O.]

(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, Shoeing-smith, &c.  
 (B90190) W 12015-5156 J. F. & Co., Ltd. Forms B102a.





EMBARKED TO JOIN M.F.F. AT GALLI POLI PER IONIAN EX ALEXANDRIA 2-3-15  
 Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 10th Battalion Christian Name Charles James Regimental Number 77  
 Rank Sergt Surname BACKMAN Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enlisted (a) 19-8-14 Terms of Service (a) See S.F.W. Service reckons from (a) 19-8-14  
 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	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 313, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
28-8-15	C.O. 10th Btn	Reports Wounded in Action and Missing	Gallipoli/29-4-15 Peninsula	25	MFC 15464/5 A6945 8-9-15 D/O 1810-42/2394 46/2791
do	do	This N.C.O. was seen wounded 25-4-15 Nothing since has been heard of him and he is now reprot'd Wounded and Missing		26-8-15	
do	do	Previously reported Wounded now Missing	do	27-8-15	B213 D/O 1810-46/2971
4-12-15	do	Trans to Supernumerary List	Mudros	1-12-15	B213 D/O 2/565
5-6-16	Result of Brd of Inquiry Proceedings	KILLED IN ACTION	Gallipoli <i>Paninsula</i>	25 29-4-15	23-10-16 MFC 15464/5 D/O 6 A/424

.....  
 O/C Australian Records Section  
 Sgd ECHERLON G.H.G. E.M.F. [P.T.O.]  
 NAA: B2455 BACKMAN CJ

Form B. 103.



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C.M. Form D.1.

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

### MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Backman, Christian Name Charles James

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Adelaide, South Aust.

Examined ... { on 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 19 14  
 at Worthington

Declared Age ... 30 yrs.

Trade or Occupation ... Boilermakers' Assistant

Height ... 5 feet 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches.

Weight ... 198 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 39<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches.  
 Range of Expansion \_\_\_\_\_ inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccination Marks { Arm \_\_\_\_\_ Right. \_\_\_\_\_ Left. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number \_\_\_\_\_

When Vaccinated ... \_\_\_\_\_

Vision ... { R.E.—V= \_\_\_\_\_  
 L.E.—V= \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Enlisted ... { at Worthington  
 on 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 19 14

Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.
...	<u>10th Infantry A.I.F.</u>	<u>77</u>
Transferred to ...	...	...

Became non-effective by... Hysingy  
 on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_

D.295/2.14.—C.12402

[P.T.O.]





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

Date.	Brief Details, and Signature.
9. 11. 1914	1 <sup>st</sup> } Inoculated. Antityphoid Serum 2 <sup>nd</sup> }
19. 11. 14	
28. 11. 14	Vaccinated

**Table IV.—Service Table.**

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

DEFENCE  
W 19378  
PAGE RECORDS

E.T. No. 3.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Postmaster-General's Department, Victoria.

No. 2198  
16/9/37  
1419378 0 917

# URGENT TELEGRAM

DATE STAMP  
C.E.T.O.  
15 SEP 35  
MELBOURNE VIC

C.19034.

This message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.  
All complaints to be addressed in writing to the Deputy Postmaster-General.

NOTE. The figures at the bottom represent the time lodged at  
Sending Station and time received at this Office respectively.

STATION FROM, No. OF WORDS, AND CHECK.

REMARKS.

Adelaide 23 5/3 R P 3 16p

Defence Dept  
Melbourne

Did you authorise Captain Hardie Keswick to report Sergnt Backman  
Casualty missing reply paid urgent rate

DEPARTMENT  
RECEIVED  
PM 15 SEP 35  
OF DEFENCE

Mrs Backman

Elizabeth St

Adelaide

4 8p

PAGE RECORDED  
16 SEP 15 M

A.L.H

MRS A BACKMAN  
4651 42 ELIZABETH STREET  
CLAY,  
ADELAIDE.

SERGEANT BACKMAN NOT REPORTED AS A CASUALTY.

DEFENCE

28/6/1915.

*Mrs Backman*



10779

11th August,

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Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, and in continuation of my telegram to your mother of the 28th June, concerning No. 77 Sergeant C. J. Backman, I beg to inform you no official report that he has been killed has been received at this office.

If you will, however, forward me one of the letters referred to which contains information to the contrary I will, upon receipt of same, cable an enquiry to Egypt, and immediately notify your mother when reply is to hand.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. A. Backman,  
42 Elizabeth Street,  
ADELAIDE, S.A.

no card  
9/8/15 M

Adelaide

To Minister of Defence

42 Elizabeth St.  
August 4 8. 1915

Sir

Could you give me any information concerning my brother Sgt Charles James Packman we have not had a line from him his last letter dateing April 20. 1915 an there has been eight letters what we have seen stating he is killed I could give you the names of these men if you wish it they are in the fighting line my dear Mother is nearly out of her mind with grief so I thought by writing you could let me know something as I fear there is something wrong but we thought it the militarys place first to let us know if any thing is wrong hoping to hear as soon as possible

I remain

his name)  
an number of  
no. 77. b. Company  
10th Battalion  
3rd Brigade Infantry  
1st South Australian  
Expeditionary Force)

A Packman  
42 Elizabeth Street  
Adelaide  
S. A.

RECEIVED

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
RECEIVED  
AMT - AUG - 15

FORMAL ACKL  
SENT 7/6/15

Adelaide

To the Minister Defence

42 Elizabeth Street  
aug 5. 1915.

DEPARTMENT RECEIVED  
AM7 - AUG - 15

Sir

I sent yesterday to you about my  
brother Sgt. W. J. Backman  
trying to find out news of him

I told you only of letters but  
to day I can tell you of men  
we have met returned soldiers  
that met him there and they tell  
us that my brother was in the  
hospitable in the next bed to one  
of these men they tell us that  
he was wounded in the leg an  
was crawling to the trenches an  
his own men called halt an he  
never stopped an they shot him  
in the back now I think that

any thing like that we ought to  
have heard before now an another letter  
I have just got from the hospitable  
from a man name Shelley he is  
in the hospitable an states that  
Backman is in the hospitable  
with him now I think it awful  
not to know before this as this  
letter was dated July 4. 1915  
I hope to hear as soon as possible whether  
it is true or false. Premising R. Backman

1078/15  
No 77-10 B-11  
Sheet removed for correspondence  
Sheet not yet returned  
7/10/14/15/16

RECORDED  
NO. 11515  
10/18/15  
CC-19/18  
11/18/15

Cable number 201/11

11939

19th August

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your further letter of the 5th, which has crossed my communication of the 11th inst., in the post, concerning your brother, No. 77 Sergeant C.J. Backman, of whom no official report to the effect that he has been wounded is yet to hand.

In view of your representations, however, a cable message asking verification has been despatched to Egypt, and the reply will be immediately transmitted to next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully,

Capt..  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. A. Backman,  
42 Elizabeth Street,  
ADELAIDE, S. A.

FHL/VEB

DICKINSON BOARD

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MADE AT CHOMLEY

FHL/VEB

Military Commandant,  
4th Military District,

In view of representations cable message asking  
verification has been despatched to Egypt, and next-of-kin  
will be notified upon receipt of reply.

Melbourne,  
19/8/15.

Lieut.-Col.  
Adjutant-General.

R. C'B.

14540

6th Sept. 1915

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you a cablegram has now come to hand, in answer to my enquiry, stating that there is no report of your son, No. 77 Acting Sergeant C. J. Backman, 10th Battalion, having been severely wounded in action at the Dardanelles.

You will be advised immediately upon receipt of any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. C. Backman,  
44 Elizabeth Street,  
Adelaide, S.A.

v.

D.

Relatives have evidence that.....

*Severely wounded*

.....

.....

No. *77* Rank *PC* Name *Backman*.....

Unit *10 r Bath*.....

R.R. *12060*..... Dated *20-5-75*.....

Extract of B.I. entry  
(Signed) *ZJB*.....

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*Reply AIB 1453/1984*

*No Report*

A.M.R.  
W. 19378

MS.

13th January,

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36873

Dear Madam,

I am requested by the Commandant of 4th Military District, to furnish you with a certificate relating to your son, No. 77 Sergeant C. J. Backman, 10th Battalion, 1st Australian Division. Please receive herewith the document desired. I may add that no further information is available.

Yours faithfully,

Captain  
Officer i/c pass Records.

Mrs. Backman,  
44 Elizabeth Street,  
ADELAIDE. S.A.



I.O'L.

W. 378.

40808

11th February

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Dear Sir,

In reply to your communication of 7th instant, with reference to the report concerning No. 77, Sergeant C. J. Buckman, 10th Battalion, I have to state that this Soldier is posted as "Missing". So far as the records show he may still be alive, and will be regarded so, until a Court of Enquiry decides otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

The Secretary,  
The Federal Friendly Benefit  
Society of South Australia,  
1 Queen Street,  
NORWOOD.

*11 19378 + 10th Bn.*

**THE AUSTRALASIAN  
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Auckland, Wellington,  
Christchurch, Dunedin.  
**TASMANIA**—  
Hobart, Launceston.

Victoria Square West,  
ADELAIDE.  
10th. April 1916.

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

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly supply us with an Official Record re  
Sergeant C.J. Backman, No.77, C. Coy., 10th. Battalion, who is  
reported as Missing, and now presumed to be dead.

Yours faithfully,

*J.D. Thomas*  
Accountant.

*An early  
11/4/16*

BASE RECORDS  
11 APR 1916  
RECEIVED

11.5.16

ans

12 Byron Place  
44 Franklin Street  
Adelaide

To Minister Defence

Sir I am writing to see if you could give me any news about my Brother Sgt. B. G. Backman 716 Coy. 10th Battalion, that was reported wounded & missing last September, and now the military here tell me to write to you, now we have received his disc from Egypt, and his kit also coming, what more they have stopped his pay and gave my mother a pension, now Sir could you not give us some settlement at all about him as returned soldiers tell us he was killed, and what more letters are sent to say he was killed, now if he was not killed where did his disc <sup>disc</sup> come from it is over twelve months since we had a line from him do you think my mother can stand this strain much longer I think it a terrible shame to think she is kept like this so long without military news with ought to be first to let us know not like us only letters an soldiers to tell us hoping to hear from you as soon as possible

Mr Cooky  
7/8  
Subscribed  
9/9/16

FORMAL ACKL.  
SENT AUG - 7 1916

RECEIVED  
AM - 7 AUG. 16  
DEFENCE

RECEIVED  
P7 - AUG. 16M.

I remain  
Yours truly  
Mrs. A. Kearns  
12 Byron Place  
44 Franklin Street, Adelaide.

18th April,

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51677

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th instant, concerning No. 77 Sergeant C. J. Backman, 10th Battalion, and to inform you that this soldier enlisted as a single man at Morphettville, S.A., on 19th August, 1914, stating his age at that date to be 30 years and 4 months, occupation, boilermakers Assistant. He was born at Adelaide and next-of-kin is shown as father resident thereat.

By cable message dated 8th September, 1915, Sergeant Backman is reported wounded and missing, since when no further information has come to hand.

I might add that when a soldier is reported and cannot satisfactorily be accounted for, a Court of Inquiry is held at a later date to collect all evidence of the case and record an opinion as to whether it is reasonable to suppose the soldier is dead. It is not known here whether a Court of Inquiry has yet been held in the case of Sergeant Backman.

Yours faithfully,

The Accountant,  
The Australasian T.&G Mutual Life  
Assurance Society Limited,  
Victoria Square West,  
Adelaide, S.A.

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

F.M.  
W. 19378

9th August, 6

73508

Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter, undated,  
I regret to inform you that no report other than that  
he is "Wounded and Missing" has been received here in  
respect of your brother, No. 77 Sergeant C. J. Backman,  
10th Battalion, but in view of your statement that you  
have received his identification disc from Egypt, a cable  
has been despatched to the Authorities there requesting  
investigation, and the result, when to hand, will be  
promptly communicated to next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. A. Kearns,  
12 Byron Place,  
Off Franklin Street,  
Adelaide, S. A.

6th September

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85169

Dear Sir,

In response to a cabled enquiry despatched to Egypt re Identity disc of No. 77 Sergeant C. J. Backman, 10th Battalion, officially posted as wounded and missing, being returned, a reply has now been received stating that the matter has been referred to the Authorities in London - upon receipt of their reply, you will be promptly notified.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. C. Backman,  
44 Elizabeth Street,  
ADELAIDE, S.A.



4126

11th October 16.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your communication of the 3rd instant, I have to state that no reply has yet been received to my cabled enquiry regarding your brother, No. 77, Sergeant C. J. Backman, 10th Battalion. Another cable message will be despatched and you will be notified of the result.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. A. Kearns,  
12 Eyrom Place,  
Off Franklin Street,  
ADELAIDE. S.A.

46462

16th March 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th instant, concerning the regrettable loss of your son, No.77 Sergeant C.J.Backman, 10th Battalion, and to state that the records in my possession show that a package containing a Wallett and three Curios was forwarded to the registered next-of-kin, viz, deceased's father on 18/7/16, and beyond this it seems as if nothing else is available, as the Authorities in Egypt have reported that all kits which remained there have now been cleared up. If the trophy you mention was on his person at the time he met his end, it is doubtful, in view of the fact that he was first posted missing between 25th-29th April, 1915, and it was not until some 18 months afterwards that he was adjudged, as the result of Court of Inquiry proceedings, to have been killed in action, whether it can be available, as evidently his body was never recovered.

Needless to say, should anything further come to hand it will be promptly transmitted.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs.A.Backman,  
197 Franklin Street,  
ADELAIDE, S.A.



194 Franklin St

Sir I am writing to ask  
you could you send me all my  
sons belongings kit and any  
goods you have or could get  
I heard he won a trophy  
in Egypt on Christmas day 1914  
we have recieved only a  
disc I would be very glad  
to get his things his name

Sgt C. J. Backman 44  
B. Company 10th Battalion  
I Aus forces he was  
killed April 25. 1915

I think it near time  
some thing ought to have  
come hoping to hear  
from you as soon  
as possible

I remain



AM Arguing  
12/3

Mrs A. Backman  
194 Franklin Street  
Adelaide

March 8. 1917.

11 Marlborough St.  
Adelaide

To Officer in Charge  
Base Records  
Victoria Barracks.

Dear Sir.

Please note that I have  
changed my address, from "3 Gray  
Street," to "11 Marlborough Street,  
Adelaide."

Re The late 77. Sgt. G. J. Backman.



DECEASED  
SECTION

JUL 16 1921

RECEIVED

I am, dear Sir,  
Yrs, Sincerely,  
Annie Backman.

FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT SENT 22.7.21. M.G.

*Logan*





B A C K M A N

Surname.

Charles James

Other Names

77

Regimental No.

10th Battn.

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Emb. at Adelaide on H.M.A.T. A 11 "Ascanius" 20/10/14

SGT.

O.C. Battn. reports missing and wounded 25-29/5/15  
(A.F.B. 213 28/8/15)

MEFO 42/1-15

O.C. Battn. reports this N.C.O. was seen wounded on 25th  
April nothing since has been heard of him and he is now  
posted wounded and missing

MEFO 46/6-15

Trans. to Supernumerary Rank Dtd. 1/12/15

MEFO 2/2-15

WOUNDED & MISSING   Cble dtd. 8/9/15

Cble 2178

WOUNDED & MISSING   Cble dtd 8/9/15

" 2190

Referred to London for reply direct

" 6826

Previously reported Missing .Now declared Killed in

action Gallipoli Peninsula 25/29-4-15 (Board of Enquiry) MEFO6/1 -16

AUTHORITY.

PURPORT.

NAA: B2455, BACKMAN C J

National Archives of Australia

Australian Imperial Force.

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Inventory of Effects of ~~the late~~ No. 77, Sgt C. Backman, 10th Battalion.

Number and description of Packages:— one brown-paper parcel

Date despatched 15/3/16

Contents of parcel

Wallett

Three Curious

77. Sgt. C. J. Backman  
10th Bn  
RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No. 305729

Signature *Amie Backman*

Witness *Eugene Davis*

Date *16.5.22.*

C.10223.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BACKMAN C J

When both these forms are used



**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. 77. Sergeant C. J. Backman,

10th Battalion.

DECEASED SECTION  
JUL 16 1921

RECEIVED  
JUL 15 1921

*Amie Backman*

(Date) *July 13 1921*

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

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BACKMAN C J

Havre

12th June 1916

10th AUSTRALIANS.

BLACKMAN, C.J. Sgt. 77.

Missing No Date (Med. enq.)

This man was killed on the beach at Anzac on the 1st day of the landing. I was told this by several of my pals who were there and saw Blackman killed. His mother who is in Australia was notified of this last July 1915. Blackman was thick set, 5'7", single, and came from Adelaide.

Informant: Pte Gillett, 752  
10th Australians, Details,  
Havre Hospital.

WIJ

48544

BRITISH WAR

8/19

**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**

**4th MILITARY DISTRICT.**

BRITISH WAR

RECEIVED ONE MEDAL for No. late No 77

Rank Serge Name C. J. Backman

Unit 10<sup>th</sup> Batts. (Signature) Ernie Backman

Place Adelaide (Witness) A. Birrell

Date May 25. 1921

Please return, duly signed and witnessed, by first post to

Medal Distributing Officer,

Keswick Barracks, Adelaide.  
NAA: B2455, BACKMAN C J

15001ks200-221 302  
National Archives of Australia

M. 46/1368

8 - JUL 1929

Dear Madam,

For the information of the Official Historien I should be obliged if you would kindly complete the enclosed Roll of Honor form referring to the demise of your son, the late No. 77 Sergeant C. J. BACKMAN, 10th Battalion, and return same to this office at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
yours faithfully,

Enc.

Mrs. A. Backman,  
202 Gouger Street,  
ADELAIDE,  
S. AUST.

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

*For to the base  
5/2/29*

MM

MELBOURNE

BOOK OFFICE  
Wynnum  
10P

**O.H.M.S.**

Printed in Australia.

Mr C. Backman,  
197 Franklin Street,

ADELAIDE S.A.

DELIVERED WITH  
POSTAGE  
PAID  
10/10  
O. AD

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

C.14875. 77 BACKMAN C.J.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**KIT STORE.**



ADVANCE AUSTRALIA

**110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
FULHAM, LONDON,  
W. 6.**

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

**Inventory of Effects of—**

**The Late 77 Pte C.J. Beckman, 5th Battalion,  
Deceased.**

**Forwarded to—**

**FATHER:**

**Charles Beckman,  
44 Elizabeth Street,  
Adelaide,  
S. Australia.**

*Euripidies*

**Effects.**

**Ex Kit Store )  
Book No. 2. )**

**Scarf, body belt, 2 Handkerchiefs, 11 books,  
photos, semaphore cards, postcards, cigarette  
cards, 24 coins, disc.**

No. of Package **D/s.**

**14002**

National Archives of Australia

Checked by

NAA: B2455, BAC

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE, 5th October, 1917.  
*November*

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Dear Sir,

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late No. 77 Sgt. C.J. Backman, 10th Bn. received ex "Euripides." as per inventory attached.

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

(Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

Registered Packet No 3223 G.P.O. Melbourne.

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.189/3.17.—C.3409.

Mr. C. Beckman,

197 Franklin St.,

Adelaide S. Aust.

3000



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DESPATCH

Headquarters 4 M.D.

10 FEB 1971

requested to furnish address of N.O.K. 9.2.21.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BACKMAN C J

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**Australian Imperial Force.**

**Inventory of Effects** of the late MEMORIAL No. 77, Sgt G. Beckman, 10th Battalion,

**Number and description of Packages:**— one brown-paper parcel

**Date despatched**

15/8/16

**Contents of**

parcel

Wallett

Three Curios

D Statement  
 120  
Deas sa.

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ... ..	Charles James Backman
2. Member's number, rank, and unit ... ..	77, Sergeant, " C" Coy, 10th Battalion
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... ..	Annie Backman, 242, Franklin St, Adelaide
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... ..	Mother (Married)
5. Result of Claim ... ..	Granted pension £2 fortnightly as from 30/6/16
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ... ..	

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No. 1 (INFANTRY) SECTION.

M 11/891

CORRESPONDENCE FOR

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S

Reg'tl No. *77* Rank *Sergeant*  
 Name *Backman* Unit *10<sup>th</sup> Backman Battalion*  
 District Enlisted in.....  
 Next of Kin *Mrs C. Backman*  
 Address of F.O.K. *114 Elizabeth St Adelaide*  
 New Address of F.O.K. *197 Franklin*

Noted on Sheet & for Roll.

Intls. *RMS* Date *7/4/16*

Noted by Checker

*K. W. S.*

CHIEF OF ADDRESS SECTION  
 FOR CAIRO & R.F.M.  
*14/11/16*

*P.A. This is a P.A. when you cannot give us any news of his whereabouts hoping to hear from you as soon as possible my address is*

*Miss L. Backman.*  
1917  
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION  
NOV 2 1918  
RECEIVED  
G.M.C. 24/16

*kindly send as soon as possible as your silence will drive us mad after all these months if there are many more folks treated like us call it a disgrace that's all*

*Dead*

*3*  
N.S. 1-101/6  
30 OCT 18  
BASE RECORDS  
A30. OCT. 16M.  
RECEIVED  
1917 Franklin Street Adelaide  
Oct 22. 1916

*Sir*  
*could you give me any news at all of my brother Sgt. B. J. Backman. 74. b. born 10th. Battalion he was reported wounded & missing Sep. 1915. I think it high time they could get some news of him I think it awful no news whether he dead or alive and I ask why did you stop his pay and send us his disc home could you send and tell me if it right to stop his money I don't think so*

*copy 30/10*

*5107-16*

you will get this  
saturday hoping to  
hear early next  
week

Oct 24. 10 16



12 Byron Place  
Oct 3. 1916

Livis

I am again writing  
to you to ask you  
if you can give us  
any fresh news of my  
Brother Sgt. C. J. Backman  
77. C. Company 10th Battalion  
I South Australian E Forces  
we have his disc sent back  
from Egypt, as his money  
stopped this good while  
and my mother has received  
a pension if it possible  
that this man is alive when  
we get his disc back it  
is 1 year turned now since  
he was reported wounded -

2  
and Missing, as we have  
heard so many times  
from letters that he  
was killed if we do  
not get news one way  
or the other I am sure  
it will kill my Mother  
as well for it is awful  
waiting for news and none  
coming, hoping to hear  
as soon as possible

my address  
Mrs. A. Kearn  
12 Byron Place  
off Franklin Street  
Adelaide



*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*

CORRESPONDENCE  
SECTION.  
OCT 6 1918  
RECEIVED  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
9/10

*[Handwritten signature]*  
4/10

THIS SLIP TO BE INSERTED IN SOLDIER'S FILE.

W.

EXTRACT OF BR. 73851

SENT TO *Archie D. Carr*

DATED 11/8/16

77 *Backman*

CONCERNING

10<sup>th</sup> *Regt.*

UNIT

*Reported Wounded & Missing M.F.C. 15465, Identity Dec  
returned 11/27/16, Investigate.*

A.M.R.  
W, 19378

D,

13th jaunary,

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according  
to the records No. 77 Sergeant Charles James Backman,  
10th Battalion, 1st Australian Division, was reported  
wounded and missing from action at Gallipoli Peninsula  
on a date prior to 8th September 1915.

*Captain*  
Officer i/c Base Records.

FHI/VFB

LETTERGRAM

MRS. BACKMAN

44 ELIZABETH STREET

16707

ADELAIDE (S.A.)

REGRET CONFIRM RECEIPT OF REPORT THAT SERGEANT BACKMAN  
REPORTED WOUNDED AND MISSING NO FURTHER PARTICULARS AVAILABLE AMERICAN  
AMBASSADOR CONSTANTINOPLE ADVISING US CONSTANTLY NEW ARRIVALS PRISONERS  
THERE ANY LATER INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED?

DEFENCE

19/9/15.

*no card 29/6/15 18*

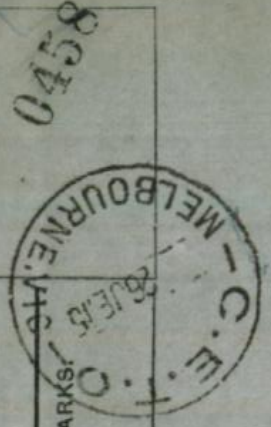
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No. ....

OFFICE DATE  
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

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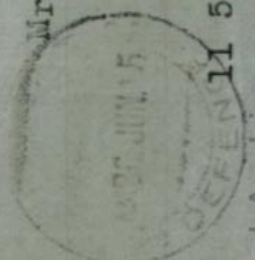
Adelaide 39 3/RLRP 9 30c

Defence Department Melbourne

Had letters from front saying sergt C J Backman tenth battalion  
third infantry brigade first south Australian expeditionary  
force is it true that he was seriously wounded reply paid

Mrs A Backman

42 Elizabeth St City



DEFENSE 11 59a

NOTE.—The figures at the bottom represent the time lodged at  
Sending Station and time received at this Office respectively.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, BACKMAN C J

FHI/VEB

KESWICK BARRACKS,

ADELAIDE, 9th August 1915.

LB

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE

Mrs C. Backman, 42 Elizabeth Street, Adelaide has received repeated reports from the front that her son, No. 77 Sergeant C.J. Backman, 10th Battalion, has been either killed or wounded. She has not been advised officially of any casualty and asks if cable enquiry could be made to ascertain if such reports are correct or otherwise.

COLONEL.

COMMANDANT, 4th MILITARY DISTRICT

FHI/VEB

Military Commandant,  
4th Military District,

11940

In view of representations cable message asking verification has been despatched to Egypt, and next-of-kin will be notified upon receipt of reply.

Melbourne,  
19/8/15.

Lieut.-Col.  
Adjutant-General.

*Cable sent  
20/8/15*

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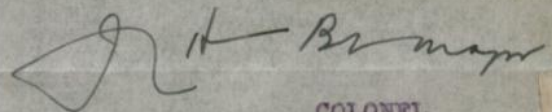
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*J. H. ...*  
COLONEL

COMMANDANT 4th MILITARY DISTRICT



12th. September, 1916

The Secretary,  
 Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE. Vic.

Re No.77 Sergeant C. BACKMAN "C" Company 10th. Battalion.  
(Reported "missing" 15/9/15.)

I beg to advise you that Mrs Annie Backman of Franklin Street, Adelaide, (mother of soldier) has received an Identification disc and other goods belonging to him from abroad.

I would be pleased if you could advise me if anything further is known as to whether Backman has been accounted for or still missing.

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*W+M*  
 OFFICER IN CHARGE.

EO'L. The Officer in Charge, 2. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE PAY OFFICE.  
 Expeditionary Force Pay Office,  
 4th M. D.

A Cable was despatched to "Stralis" on 11th ultimo regarding this matter. A reply was received stating the case had been referred to London for reply direct, but none has been received to date.

Melbourne.  
 26/9/1916.

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 Officer i/c Base Record

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The Federal Friendly Benefit Society of South Australia.

GEO. T. ELSTON,  
General Secretary,  
No. 1 QUEEN STREET, NORWOOD.  
Telephone 3817.

Norwood, FEB 7 - 1916 191

W 19378  
#8/24  
To Captain J McLean  
Officer in Charge Base Records.  
Sir.

I have the Honor by the direction of the above Society to write you and see whether you can supply the following information  
Re No 77 Sergeant Charles James Backman, 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division, who is reported wounded & missing.  
Can you state he is dead. This Society cannot pay the funeral donation over to his mother without this information I will be grateful if you can supply the above mention.

Yours faithfully  
Geo. T. Elston  
Secy.

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10 Australian Imperial Force  
Base Records Office  
Victoria Barracks  
Melbourne.

# 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. 35 or from other official documentary sources

Regiment or Corps } 10th Battalion, A.I. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } -----

Regtl. No. 77 Rank Sergeant.

Name BACKMAN, Charles James.

Died { Date 25/29-4-15.  
Place Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.  
Cause of Death\* Killed in Action. (Court of Inquiry 5-6-16.)

\* Specially state 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 46) -----  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) -----  
(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 expression 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

*A. S. G. Hall*

Capt.

O.C. Australian records Section.  
3rd. Echelon G.H. B.E.F.

Station and Date Alexandria, Dec. 9th. 16.



10th Battalion. A.I.F. -----

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Sergeant.

BACKMAN. Charles James.

25/29-4-16.

Gallipoli Peninsula. Turkey.

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O.C. Australian Records Section.  
3rd. ECHOLON. A.I.F. . . . . E.E.F.

Alexandria. Dec. 9th. 16. *Arch*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

DESPATCHED  
16 JUN 1921

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 16th June, 1921.

Mrs. A. Backman,

2 Gray Street,

ADELAIDE, S. A.

To the Officer in Charge Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place) .....

(Date) .....

Dear Madam,

I regret very much that, notwithstanding the efforts of our Graves Services Unit, we have so far been unable to obtain any trace of the last resting place of

your son the late No. 77 Sergeant

C. J. Backman, 10th Battalion,

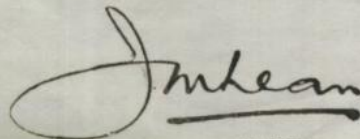
and, so that no possible source of information shall be overlooked, I shall be much obliged if you will let me have on loan any letters or communications that contain any reference to the circumstances surrounding his death, particularly the exact locality at which it occurred, or where he was last seen alive. Of course any information you may have received as to his burial would be of the greatest assistance. The reason these steps are being taken is to identify, if at all possible, those bodies that are being recovered but which have nothing on them to definitely establish identification, and thus obviate the necessity of interring them in the new Military Cemeteries under the heading "An Unknown Australian Soldier."

Only those portions of any letters having a direct bearing or reference to the above need be forwarded. They will be carefully preserved and returned without delay.

If you have nothing that will help, would you kindly let us know, so that we can advise the overseas authorities.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,



MAJOR,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

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No. 7

Rank Sgt

Name

Backman C. J.

Unit

10th Battalion

Casualty

Wounded & missing - MFC 15465/2178 8/9/15  
Wounded & missing MFC 15465/2190 8/9/15

Referred to London for reply advic. C.B.B.C. 649/6826. Ad Cairo. 17.8.16 B.N. 73851.

Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action  
Final date 25th to 29th April 1915. Result of court of enquiry  
M.F.C. 49472/4356. St Alexandria 23.10.16.

DATE.	PURPORT.	REF. No.
	A. F. B. 103 Received	A. F. B. 2090A Received.
14.9.16	M. G. 4 advised (wounded & missing)	
15/9/15	N.O.K. Asking if Captain Bardin of Kerwick was authorised to report above missing	18/9/1
16/9/15	Reply sent. Confirming report wounded and missing. Nothing further	
16	Caunt H.M.O. asking that certificate be sent to 166 Bakerson in order that she may claim money from her son's lodge	
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. M. 7. 6. 15465 Vide 190/35	
13/1/16	Mr. B. Backman supplied with certificate re above wounded missing	
7. 2. 16	Miss F. B. Society asking for report	9/2
11 2 16	Reply sent to 7. 2. 16	
10 4 16	Prof. Mutual Life's asking official record	
19 4 16	Reply sent to 10. 4. 16	
29/5/16	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. Stornio	
18.7.16	Mr. G. Kearns asking for a settlement	
9 8 16	Reply sent to letter undated -	
6 9 16	NOK informed referred to London for reply	
27. 10. 16	M. 4 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 25-29. 4. 16 15	
1. 11. 16	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
12 9 16	Mr. E.P.P. 4 M.I. stating mother - would give other goods. ask any further news	
26 9 16	Reply sent to 12. 9. 16	
9 10 16	Mr. G. Kearns asking for particulars re above	
11 10 16	Reply sent to 3/10/16	
22 10 16	Miss L. Backman asking for particulars	2/11
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. M. 7. 6. 474 12 Vide 238/1	
8 3 17	Mother asking for effects	4/3
2/11/17	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. Euripides	
	Court of Inquiry proceedings received - B. R. M. 43/156	

25/6/207

1914/15 Star issued B.R.M. 13/1229/3121 170 5373

To Comdt. 4th M.D. B.R.M. 51/23

Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet Graves despatched 27/1/1922 FINAL NOTICE



"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Pamphlet sent to Mrs G. Backman on 13/21 27

18/3/21 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 4th M.D.B.R.M. 53/26

23 AUG 1922 VICTORY MEDAL to Mother B.R.P.F. 42 Registered Post No. 2097 G. P. O. Melbourne.



12/1/26 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched Lone Pine Memorial, Ab