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AUSTRALIAN

MILITARY FORCES.

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Dm 1728

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1728

Name Baldwell, Arthur Edward

Unit 4th Rein 4th Bn

Joined on 12/1/14

16

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

1. What is your Name? ... Arthur Edward baldwell
2. In the Parish of Young in or near the Town of NSW 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.) ... British subject
4. What is your age? ... 27 yrs 10 months
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Printer Compositor
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 7 years to "Williamstown Advertiser, Victoria"
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Mr J. O'Brien, 75 Buckleheads, Sydney
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... None
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother) Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ...

I, Arthur Edward baldwell 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 12/1/14

Arthur Edward baldwell  
Signature of person enlisting

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



CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

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

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

Date 15/12/14

J. H. Harrison, Lieut.  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, Arthur Edward Caldwell swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 12.12.14 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!

Arthur Edward Caldwell  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in the State of New South Wales this fifteenth day December of 1914, before me—

J. H. Harrison, 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.**

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 or CORPS } **4th. Battalion 1st I.B.** Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }  
**Aust. Imperial Forces**

Regtl. No. **1728** Rank **Private**

Name **CALDWELL A.E.**

Died { Date **26th. July 1915**  
 Place **MALTA Military Hosp Signe**  
 Cause of Death \* **Died of wounds**

\* 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) Not yet to hand.  
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) No.  
 (c) as a separate document No

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.

*Cyril J. Griffiths Major*  
 O. C. Australian Records Section,  
 for A. A. G.

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

G. H. Q. 3rd. Echelon, M. E. F.

Station and Date **Alexandria**

**31st August 1915**

(4 11 3) H W V 100,000 8/14 100,000 10/14 Forms B 103 1



Description of Baldwell Arthur Edward on Enlistment.

Age <u>24</u> years <u>10</u> months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>not rec.</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>6</u> inches	
Weight <u>9 Stone 5</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>30</u> . <u>33</u> inches	
Complexion <u>Medium</u>	
Eyes <u>Brown</u>	
Hair <u>L. Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>R/C</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 14 " 12 . 14Place Liverpool

J. H. Smith  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer. Capt. A.A.M.C.

## CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to H<sup>th</sup> Rein<sup>th</sup> Batt.

Date 12/12/14Place Liverpool

F. L. Rees ..... Lieut.  
Commanding Reinf. 4th. Battn. A.I.F.



CARD CHECKED ..... 1914-15 Star.

Statement of Service of No. 1728 Name Caldwell, A E

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>H Coy 4th Bn</i>	<i>Pvt</i>	<i>12/2/14</i>		
<i>TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM 31/5/15 P/O 5927 19/9/15.</i>	<i>Gonorrhoea to 3rd F. Amb 8/6/15, transf to No 1 Bleeding Hosp 8/6/15</i>			<i>Pvt 2. 102. 24/6/15</i>
	<i>Returned Bath 14/6/15</i>			<i>Pvt 2. 139. 27/7/15</i>
	<i>Wounded 11/7/15</i>			<i>Pvt 2. 141. 28/7/15</i>
	<i>Ad "Korom" 13/7/15</i>			<i>Pvt 2. 151. 5/8/15</i>
	<i>Ad Melton Hos Tigne Malta 18/7/15</i>			<i>Pvt 2. 160. 14/8/15</i>
	<i>Missing Annac. 18/7/15</i>			
<i>Malta DIED OF WOUNDS</i>	<i>Internal Injuries</i>	<i>26.7.15</i>		
<i>PE</i>	<i>B/O II 1316</i>	<i>13.9.15</i>		
<i>H Bn</i>	<i>Buried Addolorata Cemetery Malta 13861 DGRG. V. G. SHEPP. D/O. 60/E 12839. 19/8/18</i>			

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

*F. L. Richi* ..... Liout.  
O.C. 4th. Coy. 4th. Bn. 4th. Div.



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MILITARY FORCES, Lieut.  
O.O. 4th. Reinf. 4th. Battn. A.I.F.

*Certified true Copy*

*F. L. Ritchie Lt.*

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1728 Name CALDWELL Arthur Edward  
 Unit 4th Rem 4th Bn.  
 Joined on 17/12/14

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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. What is your Name? . . . . .   | 1. <u>Arthur Edward Caldwell</u>                       |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? . . . . .  | 2. <u>Young</u> in or near the Town of . . . . .       |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) . . . . .   | 3. <u>British Subject</u> in the County of <u>NSW</u>  |
| 4. What is your age? . . . . .  | 4. <u>24 yrs 10 mths</u>                               |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? . . . . .   | 5. <u>Printers' Compositor</u>                         |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? . . . . .  | 6. <u>7 Years, Williamstown, Adelaide, Victoria</u>    |
| 7. Are you married? . . . . .   | 7. <u>No</u>   |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) . . . . .  | 8. <u>Mrs J O'Brien (Sister) 75 Buckland St Sydney</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? . . . . .   | 9. <u>No</u>   |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurrible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? . . . . . | 10. <u>No</u> <u>Canada Buildings Sydney NSW</u>       |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge . . . . .        | 11. <u>No</u>  |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? . . . . .  | 12. <u>(Yes) None</u>                                  |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? . . . . .   | 13. <u>No</u>  |
| 14. (For Married Men 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. <u>✓</u>   |

*Parents' Decree*

I, Arthur Edward Caldwell 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 three fifths wife and children

Date 15/12/14 Arthur Edward Caldwell  
 Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause to be amended where necessary and 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... 15/12/14 .....

J.H. Harrison Lieut-  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Arthur Edward Caldwell ....., swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from ... 12. 12. 14 ....., 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.

Arthur Edward Caldwell  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool ..... in the State of New South Wales ..... this fifteenth day December ..... of ..... 1914, before me—

J.H. Harrison Lieut-  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Description of CALDWELL Arthur Edward on Enlistment.

Age 24 years 10 months  
 Height 5 feet 6 inches.  
 Weight 9. 11 - 5 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 30 - 33 inches.  
 Complexion Medium  
 Eyes Brown  
 Hair At-Brown  
 Religious Denomination R. C.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Not vac

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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

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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 14 12 14

Place Liverpool

J. R. H. Barth  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.  
Capt. A. M. C.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

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

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.

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

~~27th December~~ 1915

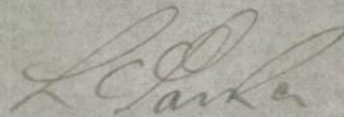
To Cooks: 11 MAR 1916

EFFECTS OF DECEASED OFFICERS OR OTHER RANKS.

Unit 4th Battn.  
Number 1738  
Rank Private  
Name Caldwell A.E.  
Effects Prayer Book, Ring, Padlock, Letter, Shaving Brush,  
Handkerchief.

No. of Package 4582

FOR



LIEUT

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



CARO All/E2/5/DH:

14/15

6389

1728

26 SEP 1960

E2/ 010736


Dear Sir,

Re: Estate of Thomas Campbell CALDWELL  
(deceased)

Your letter D870/60/TA4 of 13th September 1960 is acknowledged.

Enclosed please find Certificate of Death No 2455 in respect of the death on service of 1728 Private Arthur Edward CALDWELL, 1914-18 War.

Yours faithfully,

  
OIC CENTRAL ARMY RECORDS OFFICE

The Public Trustee  
S.G.I.O. Building  
184 St George's Terrace  
Perth, W.A.

*W. H. 26/9*

*PA/P2*



CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

ACTION SHEET

1. Wilfred Leighton HANN Being etc.

HEREBY CERTIFY that 1928, Private Arthur Edward CALDWELL,  
4 Australian Infantry Battalion

Died on the twentieth day of July

One thousand nine hundred and fifteen

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

.....  
Name of applicant The Public Trustee

Address of applicant D. G. J. O. Building,  
184 St George's Terrace  
Perth, W.A.

Particulars verified as above \_\_\_\_\_ web

Certificate of Death No 2458 prepared \_\_\_\_\_ web

Covering letter prepared \_\_\_\_\_ web

Entered in Certificate Register \_\_\_\_\_ web.

Certificate of Death (presumption) No \_\_\_\_\_ prepared \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: 23 1031 (6 lines)

OFFICE HOURS:  
MON.—FRIDAY  
9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



P.T. 83

PLEASE ADDRESS  
ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE  
PUBLIC TRUSTEE  
AND IN YOUR REPLY  
QUOTE NAME OF ESTATE  
AND

D870/60/TA4

FOR VERBAL INQUIRIES ASK  
FOR

Mr. Jordan

# PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE

S.G.I.O. BUILDING  
184 ST. GEORGE'S TERRACE  
PERTH, W.A.

SAA.

THE  
PUBLIC TRUSTEE  
acts as  
EXECUTOR  
ADMINISTRATOR  
TRUSTEE  
AGENT  
ATTORNEY  
ETC.

13th September, 1960.

The Officer in Charge,  
Central Army Records Office,  
Albert Park Barracks,  
MELBOURNE,  
Victoria.

Dear Sir,

re - Estate of Thomas Campbell CALDWELL,  
deceased.

It will be appreciated if you will  
forward a Death Certificate of Arthur Edward  
CALDWELL, who died, according to the Public  
Trustee's information, at Malta in 1916.

Yours truly,

PUBLIC TRUSTEE.





Tigne Mil:Hosp.Malta.

M.E.F.Gall.

Regiment 4/ A.I.F.

2  
Reg; No 4728

Troop, Batty. or Coy. -

Rank

Pte. 0

Name

Caldwell, A.E.

Age

25

Service

11/12

Service {in Command  
or in Field Force }

3/12

Disease - - - - -

G.S.W. Spine & Arm.

Admitted to Hospital - - - -

18/7/15

07170  
07181

Discharged from Hospital

Discharged to duty

Disease changed

Died - - - - -

26/7/15

R=0-3  
at 8 am.

Transferred

Discharged invalid

Days under Treatment

9 (9)

Religion

Observations



they are to be sent to Base Records.

A.

Being unable to attend in person, I hereby authorize  
my behalf.

*Wm. M. Wallerson*

to collect the Memorial Plaque on

*Sarah. A. Brien*

Date *14/1/22*. Signature

When both these forms are used

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

ML.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No. *302700*

*Maryann Halterson*

Signature

*13 JAN 1922*

Date

Witness

National Archives of Australia

*1728. A. G. W. beer*  
NAA: B2455, CALDWELL A E

TELEPHONE:  
CENTRAL 4741.

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

BJ.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne, 9th June, 1920.



Dear Madam,

14 JUN 1920

It is proposed to hand the 1914/15 Star and other War Medals or items to be issued in connexion with the late No. 1728 Private A. E. Caldwell, 4th Battalion, to you upon receipt of your agreement to preserve them with due care as mementos of the deceased soldier, and to return them to this Department upon demand should anyone with prior rights prefer a claim.

I attach sample agreement which should be completed before a J.P. or other responsible official.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. S. O'Brien,  
c/o Mr. Wright,  
Canada Buildings,  
Sydney, N.S.W.

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SECTION

JUL 14 1920

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Officer i/c Base Records.



I, (Mrs) Sarah O'Brien, c/o Mr. Wright,  
Canada Buildings, Sydney, New South Wales, hereby  
undertake to preserve with due care any War Medals  
or other items given into my custody on account of the  
service rendered by the late No. 1728 Private  
A. E. Caldwell, 4th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force,  
and to return them to the Department of Defence upon  
demand in writing should they be required for the  
purpose of being handed to someone having a prior  
claim to myself.

(Signature) *Sarah O'Brien*  
(Date) *9/7/20*  
(Witness) *Miss Henry Dangor JP*  
(Date) *9/7/20*



1728.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **4<sup>th</sup> Reins 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>**

Rank **PLt**

Name **CALDWELL, Arthur Edward**

Regimental No. **1728**

Enlisted **12 Dec '14**

Terms of Service **(a) duration of war**

Service reckons from **(a) 12<sup>th</sup> Dec '14**

Date of promotion to present rank

Date of appointment to lance rank

Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s.

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				
8/6/18	3rd field amb	for 3 months amb the 30.6.1918 H.M. No. 1 Clearing Hospital 8.6.1918	Lemus	8/6/1918	Ref C 1820
13/10/15	CO Bn R 218	Reynolds Bn 14/10/15	Saipori	14.6.15	<del>M.F.C. 8901/2</del>
17/1/15	CO Bn R 213	wounded 14.7.15	do	14.7.15	M.F.C. 8901/2
18/2/15	1st med force	Siembokas at Malak	Malak	18.2.15	Ref C 2476
"	do	wounded 13.7.15 H.M. 1st Force + Thorne	Saipori	13.7.15	C 2476
18/7/15	1st med force	wounded 18.7.15	Malak	18.7.15	C 5698
18/8/15	CO Bn R 213	Missing	avg oc	avg oc	M.F.C. 13/6/15

(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.



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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				
31.7.15	Military Hospital Singapore	Low Spine ram	Malta	26/7/15	MFC 1356576 Ref C5861 D017014237
6.6.15	C. B. N 8313	Reinforcements found	Farafon	31.5.15	<i>[Signature]</i>
31.10.15	Bin 6 Malta	Buried at Addol by V. A. S. G. P. and Co. 6.537 Sect E. A. East. Row in Co. Compt.	Malta	26.7.15	E 3385.
	Propaganda Chaplain	Buried by Chaplain J. C. Donnelly	grave 653 Comp. A sect 8. 8. 11 S. 2. 1915 <del>1915</del>		
		<i>[Large Blue Stamp]</i>	Malta		

BJ.

9th June, 1920.

Dear Madam,

It is proposed to hand the 1914/15 Star and other War Medals or items to be issued in connexion with the late No. 1728 Private A. F. Caldwell, 4th Battalion, to you upon receipt of your agreement to preserve them with due care as mementos of the deceased soldier, and to return them to this Department upon demand should anyone with prior rights prefer a claim.

I attach sample agreement which should be completed before a J.P. or other responsible official.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. S. O'Brien,  
c/o Mr. Wright,  
Canada Buildings,  
Sydney, N.S.W.

*[Signature]*  
For Officer i/c Base Records. <sup>Capt.</sup>



**MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.**

Please quote this Number when replying.

TELEPHONE— 25.

2ND MILITARY DISTRICT.

35046

DECEASED SOLDIERS' SECTION.

VICTORIA BARRACKS, SYDNEY,

(Date) 18th May, 1920.

The Officer i/c Base Records,  
Melbourne,  
VICTORIA.

// re No.1728, A.E.CALDWELL. (decd) 4th Battalion.  
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With reference to your communication of the 8th  
May, I have to inform you that the balance due to the abovenamed  
deceased soldier's estate was paid to Mrs.S.O'Brien, 75 - Buckland  
Street, Sydney.

DECEASED  
SECTION

MAY 21 1920

RECEIVED



*Classified*

W. F. FERGUSON, Lt-Col.  
District Finance Officer,  
2nd Military District.

*Mrs. Jansen  
has letter re issue to her  
under bond. Note has  
address in file for*

JML/TH

DESPATCHED

8th May, 1920.

D. F. O.,  
2nd Military District.

The late No. 1728 Private A.V. Caldwell,  
4th Battalion, upon enlistment nominated as next-of-kin  
his sister :-

Mrs. S. O'Brien,  
c/o Mr. Wright,  
Canada Buildings,  
— SYDNEY, N.S.W. —

It has however been ascertained that there  
are other brothers and sisters although their addresses are  
not known, and as it is desired to dispose of War Medals  
etc. I shall be obliged if you will advise me as to the person  
with whom deceased's account was finally settled.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

*Handwritten:*  
Major  
Base Records  
Sydney



Sydney  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1920

Dear Sir

In answer to yours of the  
27<sup>th</sup> inst re enquiries about relatives  
of my deceased brother Pte. A. E. Caldwell  
No 1728. 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Father &  
Mother are both dead. We have  
other brothers & sisters in different  
States I cannot give you the  
address because I do not know  
them myself. my brother enlisted  
here when he was residing with  
me therefore left me next of kin  
I received a photo of his grave  
recently for which I am very  
grateful

I Remain Sir  
yours respectfully

Sarah O'Brien

C/o Mr. Wright  
Canada Bldgs  
Sydney

DECEASED  
SECTION

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Write new  
address

CofA used  
16/1/20

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

F.S.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE 27th April, 1920.

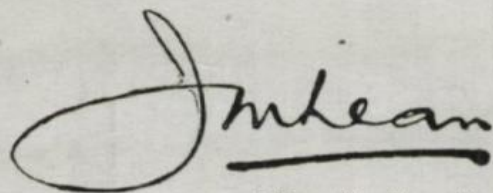
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Dear Madam,

It is noted that you are registered on the records of the late No. 1728 Private A. E. Caldwell, 4th Battalion, as next of kin, but, in order that our file may be brought up to date, it is desired to learn whether the above-named soldier had any nearer blood relations than yourself, for instance, his father or mother alive or has he any brothers or a sister older than yourself still alive, if so I shall be much obliged for their name and address at your earliest convenience.

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

Yours faithfully,

 Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. J. O'Brien,  
75 Buckle Street,  
Sydney, N.S.W.

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



THOS. COOK & SON.

DEMOSTHENeS

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

*Plac. Caldwell*

consigned to me.

No. Description.

1 Pkg. Personal Effects

Signature

*Sarah O'Brien*

Date

*19th May 1916.*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

THOS. COOK & SON,

269 Collins Street, Melbourne.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, CALDWELL A E

<p>CALDWELL</p> <p>Surname.</p>	<p>Arthur Edward</p> <p>Other Names.</p>	<p>I728</p> <p>Regimental No.</p>	<p>4Bn 4/R</p> <p>Unit.</p>
<p>PURPORT.</p>		<p>AUTHORITY.</p>	
<p>Embarked at Sydney on H.M.A.T. A9 "Shropshire" 17.3.15</p> <p>Pte.</p> <p>G.S.W. spine and arm. Admitted Military Hospital Tigne. Malta 13/7/1915. DIED 26/7/1915.</p>			
<p>MEFO 180/- 5/9/1915</p>			
<p>Joined Bn. at Gallipoli 31/5/15</p>			
<p>MEFO 194 P.5. 19/9/15</p>			
<p>Buried Addolorate Cemy Malta.</p>			
<p>LON 60/A-18</p>			
<p>(MH)</p>			
<p>National Archives of Australia</p>		<p>NAA: B2455, CALDWELL A E</p>	



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AUTHORITY.

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 4th Batt. H. L. Remy

Regimental No. 1728 Rank Pvt. Name Caldwell, Arthur Edward

Enlisted (a) 12/12/14 Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) 12/12/14

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. 313, 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. 313, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
8/6/15	3rd Lt. Comd.	<u>Gonow Loea</u> <u>ad. 3rd Lt. G. 8/6/15. 9 kpd to</u> <u>1st classy troops. 8/6/15.</u>	<u>Lemnos</u>	<u>8/6/15</u>	<u>Ref. C. 1890</u>
13-6-15	CO Bn B. 213	<u>Rejoined Bn 14/6/15</u>	<u>Gallipoli</u>	<u>14-6-15</u>	<u>M.F.C. 8901/9</u>
17-7-15	CO Bn B. 213.	<u>Wounded 14/7/15</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>14-7-15</u>	<u>Ref. C. 9076.</u>
18-7-15	1st S. Gas con	<u>Disembarked at Malta</u> <u>18-7-15</u>	<u>Malta</u>	<u>18-7-15</u>	<u>" C 9076.</u>
"	do.	<u>admitted S.S.H. Spine 9</u> <u>Korac 13-7-15.</u>	<u>Gallipoli</u>	<u>13-7-15</u>	<u>" C 9076.</u>
"	Military Hosp. Tigne	<u>admitted 18/7/15</u>	<u>Malta</u>	<u>18-7-15</u>	<u>" C 9076.</u>
14-8-15	CO Bn B. 213	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Anyae</u>	<u>4/9 Aug</u>	<u>O. C. Australian Record, M.F.C. 1316 a/b</u>
31-7-15.	Military Hosp. Tigne	<u>S.S.H. Spine 7 Arm</u> <u>Died 26-7-15</u>	<u>Malta</u>	<u>26-7-15</u>	<u>Ref. H. Q. 3rd. Eobelon, M.F.C. 13565/6</u>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into, Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of further engagements for enlistment will be entered. [P.T.O.]  
 (b) i.e., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps etc.



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				





EW.

D. 3205

29190

24th November, 5.

Dear Madam,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of the late No. 1728 Private A. F. Caldwell, 4th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he died of wounds at Military Hospital, Tigne, Malta, on the 26th July, 1915.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. J. O'Brien,  
75 Buckland Street,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.



**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 } 4th. Battalion 1st I.B. Squadron,  
or } AMST. IMPERIAL FORCE Troop, Battery }  
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 1728 Rank Private

Name CALDWELL A.B.

Died { Date 26th. July 1915  
Place MALTA (Military Hoop Signe)  
Cause of Death\* Died of wounds

\* 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) Not yet to hand  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) No  
(c) as a separate document No

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.

*Cyril J. Griffiths Major*

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

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

Station and Date Alexandria

31st August 1915

(4 11 3) - H W V 100,000 8/14 100,000 10/14 Forms B 103



8th November,

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Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter dated 31st ultimo, I have to state arrangements have been made for any personal effects your brother may have had with him on active service to be taken over by Messrs Thomas Cook & Son and transmitted direct to you or to any legatee mentioned in a Will or other testamentary direction prescribing otherwise which may be discovered amongst his belongings.

Payment of all moneys due will be made by the Military Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, N.S.W., upon receipt, from the Staff Paymaster, Egypt, of the soldier's paybook and cash statement of accounts, and I would advise you to address all future communications in respect of financial matters to the first-named officer.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. S. O'Brien,  
75 Buckland Street,  
Sydney, N.S.W.





Mr Colby  
25/11

D 3205

75 Buckland St  
Sydney



31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1915

To the Minister for Defence

ACKD  
57/11/11 Sir I am  
writing in reference  
to my Brother Private  
Arthur Edward Caldwell  
No 1728. 4<sup>th</sup> Battallion  
4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements  
Aus. Impu. Force Egypt  
he was killed on  
the 26<sup>th</sup> July & I  
have not received  
his deferred pay or any

thing belonging to him  
he said when he went  
away I would receive  
anything he had when  
if anything happened  
to him I have waited  
patiently expecting to hear  
everyday so to ease my  
mind I thought I  
would write hoping  
to hear something  
in the near future

I remain Sir  
yours. Respectfully  
Sarah. O'Brien

P.S I would like very  
much to have something  
bllong to my Dead Brother  
S.B.B



Conflicting reports



1728

Private Caldwell  
4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

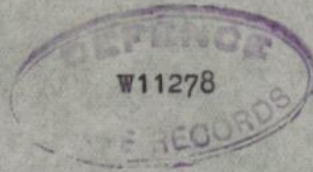
6-9/8/15 Missing MFC 13165

26/7/15 Died of wounds MFC 13565

4-9-15 3<sup>rd</sup> Echelon Which is correct BR 14249

12-9-15 from Recomp. Died of wounds Malta  
MFC 1126/2274

LCS



MRS J O'BRIEN  
75 BUCKLAND STREET  
SYDNEY (NSW)

REGRET REPORT <sup>ed</sup> PRIVATE A E CALDWELL SERIOUSLY WOUNDED  
DISEMBARKED MALTA BETWEEN 14th and 20th JULY WILL ADVISE UPON RECEIPT  
FURTHER PARTICULARS WILL CABLE FREE RECEIPT YOUR REQUEST

SECRETARY DEFENCE

1/8/15



Extract from folder of photo of grave of:

Buried.... Addolorata Cem Malta.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, CALDWELL A E

V DEFENCE

Transferred to

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3205 ✓

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 1728.

Rank Private ✓ Name Caldwell A. E. ✓

Unit A Battalion A Point

Casualty Severely wounded. Gunshot wound spine. Reembarked Malta 14-20/7/15. N.B. 729/197  
Malta 29.7.15. G.B.

Misc. No. 26/7/15. Died Malta. Gunshot wound spine. N.B. 726/190 Date 20/7/15. J.C.  
26/7/15. Died of wounds. M.F.C. 13565/1938 Malta 27/8/15 G.B.

DATE.

19 August missing M.F.C. 13166/1895 27/8/15

PURPORT.

REF. No.

A.F. B. 103 Received

A.F. B. 2090A Received

11/8/15  
3.8.15

N.B.K. advised disembarked Malta  
M.C. 2 advised

BR. 9401

11.9.15

3rd Echelon queried re G.W. report  
Died of Wounds Malta M.F.C. 16126/2274 Date 12/9/15

BR 14749

Handed over report

10/7/15 Wounded. G.W. Spine. Landed Malta  
from Hospital Ship "Gascon" M.W. 24 M.F.C.

31/10/15

S.10'Brien inquiry re deferred pay + personal effects

7/11

8. 11. 15  
26. 7. 15

Reply sent to 31/10 15

Died of wounds at Military Hospital Legnes Malta

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

A.F. B. 2090A Received.

Cable No. N.B. 729/197

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Cable No. N.B. 736/192

Cable No. M.F.C. 13565/1938

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Cable No. M.F.C. 13565/1938

Cable No. M.F.C. 16126/2274

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5.5.16  
27.4.16  
17.5.16  
21.8.15

24. 5. 16. M.F.C. furnished with further details re above casualty  
Photo of Adolorate Cemetery to NOK BR 7/54  
Personal effects ex 'Demosthenes'  
Advice of despatch of Personal effects received - B. R. M. 6/1253  
Copy made for war pension

23/1/20



1914/15 Star issued B.R.M. 45/1229/14/8/9027  
2nd  
50/507

Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 1/12/19

in triplicate (one view of Cemetery) 30/76 ml

7/4/20  
LIST 61 62

S. & M.D. Pty. Ltd. - No. 714





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"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"  
Pamphlet sent to Mrs. J. O'Brien on 14. 12. 20. A.A.

15/7/21

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt..... M.D.B.R.M. 53,844

MEMORIAL SCROLL  
To  
Sister  
Mrs. J. O'Brien  
302700  
28. 7. 21.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE  
To  
Sister (M.D.B.)  
Mrs. J. O'Brien  
302700  
28/7/21

2/2/21

17 OCT 1922 } VICTORY MEDAL to Sister B.R.P.F. 42  
Registered Post No. 6303 Mrs. S. O'Brien.  
G. P. O. Melbourne.

27 JAN 1932 REGISTER ORDER FORM  
no. 4244