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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 172 Name COVENTRY John Thomas  
 Unit 3rd Pioneer Battalion  
 Joined on 2/2/46

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

1. What is your Name? ... COVENTRY John Thomas
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Hb  
 in the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in or  
 near the Town of Diamond Creek  
 in the County of Victoria
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural born British Subject
4. What is your Age? ... 27 years 7 months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... mine
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) ... False  
Mr Harry Coventry  
DIAMOND CREEK  
VICTORIA
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... no
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... no
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... no
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... no
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of wid. need mother)—  
 Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... no
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... yes

I, John Thomas Coventry 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 2/2/46

John Thomas Coventry  
 Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/11.15.—O.12759. \* 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 5/2/16

Churchill Lieut.  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, John Thomas Coventry swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 5/2/16 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.

John Thomas Coventry  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this fifth day of February 19 16, before me—

Churchill 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.

Description of COVENTRY John Thomas on Enlistment.

Age..... 22 years 7 months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.  Waco of R arm  hole. L side
Height..... 5 feet 11 1/2 inches.	
Weight..... 155 lbs.	
Chest Measurement..... 37 3/8 inches.	
Complexion..... medium	
Eyes..... Blue	
Hair..... Brown	
Religious Denomination..... C of S	

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..... 5/2/16  
Place..... Melbourne

W. Silberberg M.D.  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

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

Date.....  
Place.....

W. Adams  
Commanding Sgt. Aust. Pioneer Batt. A.I.F.  
Capt.

D.577/4.15.-C.4027.

B103 Eng  
List 124/c 23.9.18

Embarked from Aust 6/6/16  
Disembarked 26/7/16

Statement of Service of No. 142 Name John Thomas Coventry

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
A Coy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Pioneer Bn.	Pk <b>PROCEEDED OVERSEAS, FRANCE.</b>	21/2/16	24.11.16.	29/11/16 29/11/16
"	Pte Wounded in action Gassed	"	26.5.18	2/0 24/1666. 14.6.18.
"	Pte Disch. to Unit from FM Unit ex wounds	"	26.6.18	2/0 28/2601 12.7.18.
	Last payment 1.5.18. 5/8720.	France		
	Pte Rejoined unit	"	27.6.18	2/034/3455/23.8.18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Pn Bn	Pte John War Hoop Reading GSW Leg L	"	11.9.18	AR 480 605527 AR 777
	Pte Off d bfl	"	30.8.18	2037/4148/13.9.18
	Lt Invalided to UK wounds	"	9.9.18	2038/4190/20.9.18
	Lt Wounded in action 2 <sup>nd</sup> accas	"	6.9.18	2038/4268/20.9.18 VL 831.
	Lt P.T. for Ceramic ca eng	"	25.1.19.	2037/4236 2038/4190 2X214. JBR 631 31.1.19

Discharged 3rd TPE 30/4/19

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

(1) **PRESENT UNIT**  
 3rd PIONEER BATTALION  
 (2) Regtl. No. **I72**

(3) **Present Rank**  
*L/4th PTE*  
**SURNAME**  
**COVENTRY**

(5) **Decorations**  
**Christian Names.**  
 John Thomas

**Particulars.**  
*Bore 103/22.*

(7) <b>Date of Enlistment</b> 5/2/16	(8) <b>Place of Enlistment</b> Melbourne, Vict.	<b>Years</b>	<b>Months</b>
(9) <b>Age on Enlistment</b> 22	(10) <b>Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate</b> 22	<b>Auth. C.R.</b>	<b>Months</b> /
(11) <b>Birthplace</b> Diamond Creek	(12) <b>Religion</b> C of E		
(14) <b>Trade or Calling</b> Miner	(13) <b>If Married</b> No		
(16) <b>Date of Embarkation from Australia</b> 6/6/16	(15) <b>If an Apprentice</b> No		
(18)	(17) <b>Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad</b> Aust.		
(19)	(21) <b>Special Notification Card No.</b>		
(20)			
(22)			

Nothing to be written in this Margin.



Army Form B. 103.

LANCE CORPORAL  
Regiment or Corps

Rank

Religion

Enlisted (a)

Date of promotion to present rank

Extended

Report

Date

From whom received

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

Date of Casualty

Place of Casualty

Remarks  
Taken from Army Form B. 313, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents

3<sup>rd</sup> M.D.  
13122 Mumpshill  
26.9.18

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental Number 172

3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Light Infantry

Christian Name John Thomas

Age on Enlistment 22 years

Terms of Service (a) Two Years Service reckons from (a) 5.2.16

Date of appointment to lance rank

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

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Paybook No 103181

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OMIT.

OMIT

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Wandilla

Mellours  
Plymouth

Embarked ...  
Disembarked...

6/6/16  
26/7/16

R1534  
20 25/9/16 29/1/16

PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE.

Plc: WITH UNIT

TWO BLUE CHEVRONS DUE

6.6.17

1.1.18 55/490/43

Co. 3rd Pn. Bn.

Plc PROCEEDED ON LEAVE Eng

Sula

24.1.18 C2/61

8.2.18 62/63

3rd D. HQ

Rejoined Unit From

France

26.5.18 AT22531 VL732

62/779 DO 24/1/66 14.6.18

Co. 3rd Pn. Bn.

Wounded in Action

26.5.18 AK2794/17

11th Aust. Std.

Admitted Hospital

26.5.18

26.5.18

Ambulance

Transferred to

(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, Shoemaker, &c.  
(B34139) W 15012-5136 J. P. & Co., Ltd. Form B. 103/2. [P.T.O.]



Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	Date	From whom received			
6	26 MAY 1918	Hq. base (see Station)	France	26.5.18	AK 27241/18
7	13 JUN 1918	Co. 3rd Pn Bn.	"	26.6.18	AK 2842/10 28/2601 23.8.18
8	31 AUG 1918	Co. 3rd Pn Bn.	"	27.6.18	62/85 1034/3455 23.8.18
9	8 SEP 1918	Spec. D. B. R.	"	30.8.18	62/92 2037/1148 (1918)
10	7 SEP 1918	Co. 3rd Pn Bn.	"	6.9.18	AT 28327 V.L. 831
	6 SEP 1918	10th Street Sta. Ambulance	"	6.9.18	62/93 2038/1268 (1918)
11	14 SEP 1918	5th B.C.S.	France	6.9.18	AK 3077/18
12	8 SEP 1918	9th General Hospital	France	6.9.18	AK 3077/98
13	9 SEP 1918	9th General Hospital	France	7.9.18	28486
14	11.9.18	War Hoop	France	8.9.18	AK 3077/70 2038/4936 (1918)
15	20.9.18	do.	France	9.9.18	AK 3077/19 2038/4940 (1918)
16	24.9.18	No 2 Com. Dep.	France	11.9.18	AK 28.80 V.S. 827
17	10.9.18	A.S. Quilford base	France	20.9.18	AK 2777
18	4.11.18	No 1 Com. Dep.	France	20.9.18	AK 2777
			Weymouth	20.9.18	258096
			France	10.9.18	AK 3077/111 28486
			Weymouth	21.11.18	LA 9554

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Army Form B, 103-II.  
Part II.

**(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).**

Regiment or Corps 3<sup>rd</sup> Pn Bn Regimental Number 172  
 \*Substantive Rank Lt Col Surname Coventry Christian Names John Thomas  
 \*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_

(\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received	Authority of Part II, of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
2.11.18.	No 2 Com Dep	Lt Col. M/ out on Envois & to report	Weymouth 2.11.18			L. X. 9216
29.11.18	0/has Eng Bgde.	Lt Col. M/ in from No 1 Com Dep to No 1 Com Depot. on Expiry				L. X. E. 175
29.11.18	No 1 Com Depot	Lt Col. M/ out to 0/has Eng Bgde	Suttonbury 28.11.18			L. X. E. 161
	A. H. P. Ldn	Lt Col. Returned to Aust per	Eng.		25.1.19	10007
		beramic				

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 W1889-P1150 500,000 6/18 G.W.P.Co (3490)

1317  
SERVICES AND CASUALTY FORM PART II

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Date  
6/26 MAY 1918  
7/4 JUN 1918  
7/13 JUL 1918

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date	From whom received	Authority of Part II, of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as the previous service for medals and decorations of which A.C. 1816 of 1917 is the unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversal, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
82						
97						
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14						
11						
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15						
16						
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
Base Records Office,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

*Zd 2/19 50*

The Deputy Commissioner,  
Repatriation Commission,

*Melbourne*  
REFERENCE:

*R 52239 -*

*16/2/50*

Herewith documents indicated relative to the service of the undermentioned  
ex-member of the AIF—

Reg. No.	Name & Unit	Documents attached
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<i>172</i>	<i>Coventry J T 3 Prov Bn</i>	
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FOR EARLY RETURN—

AF B103 ✓

TO BE RETAINED—

BR Card ✓

Attestation Paper ✓

AF B103 ✓

„ B178 ✓

„ B179 ✓

„ B181 ✓

„ D1 ✓

„ D1a ✓

„ D2 ✓*3*

„ I 1237 ✓

A & D Cards ✓

*[Signature]*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Officer i/c AIF Base Records.

45717

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One

MEDAL for No.

Victory Coventry J.T. 172

Rank

Name

Unit

3 PM BH

Schedule No.

(Signature)

J. A. Coventry

(Witness)

Place

V.B. 8/9/22

History Card completed

Date

D.18(2/7.20.—C.15015.—100M.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455; COVENTRY J.T

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

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

C.12015.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, COVENTRY J T

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT. 45717

Received One

MEDAL for No.

172

Rank

Lt Col

Name

Coventry

Unit

3 Para Bn

Schedule No.

46121

(Signature)

J. J. Coventry

(Witness)

Place

V.B.

History Card completed

Date

8/9/42

D.1882/7.30.—C.12015.—100M.

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G.12015.

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272 L/Cpl COVENTRY J T (5) 3rd Pnrs  
Retd Ceramic 23/3/19 (T.P.E) Disc. 30/4/19  
B R M 41/796

*Trancee  
3/7/19  
White*

*319*

THIS FLIMSY  
TO BE FILED  
WITH  
SOLDIER'S  
RECORD

Transferred to

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 172.

Rank *2nd Lt / Cpl*

Name COVENTRY J. T.

Unit 3rd Pioneer

Casualty **WOUNDED - GAS**

*OIBL 2602/1699 J* dated London 4/6/18 Received B. R. 2/6/18

LIST 438

**WOUNDED** *and Gas*  
*9.5.18 Left Leg*  
*War Hosp. Ch.*

*18/12/18 2534 22476* dated London 16/18 Received B. R. 18/12/18  
*WSMLA 27* dated London 26/31 Received B. R. 26/31  
*Actual Condition not stated Admitted 11/9/18 to Reading*

*Relg. to Aust. per H. T. "Ceramic" embarked 25/1/19*  
*C.S.B.L. 3197/5301 c.a. London 29/1/19 Rec. B.R. 1/2/19*

*Died 26/1/20 after discharge of 2nd Lt 27/10/20*

DATE.	Form B 103 received	PURPORT.
JUN 12 1918	N. O. K. Advised Wounded	
SEP 20 1918	N. O. K. Advised Wounded: <i>Z.N.D.</i>	<i>Good</i>
12 FEB 1919	N. D. K. Advised returning to Aust. Form 7 and Copy	<i>Ceramic List 209. AB</i>
	Disembarked <i>23/3/19</i>	<i>M. D.</i>
3.3.19	L/C Applied for (M. 39/1302) by R. H. James, Esq. Diamond Creek	
8.4.19	M. W. S. O. O. F., Diamond Creek, Vic., requesting L/Cert. M. H. 01302	
30.4.19	Discharged <i>3</i> M. D.	

WAR HISTORY INDEX *MS*

