



**NAA: B2455, DYSON W**

**Series number:** B2455

**Control symbol:** DYSON W

**Barcode:** 3531351

**Number of pages:** 21

**Title:** Dyson Will : SERN Lieutenant : POB N/A : POE N/A : NOK B Dyson Edward

Copies of this record are provided for research or study purposes. Before making use of the material for other purposes (for example publication) please refer to information on copyright obligations and citing archival records available on our website at [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au).

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. LIEUT (HON) Name DYSON WILL  
 Unit A.I.F.  
 Joined on \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What is your Name? ... DYSON WILL
2. In the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in or near the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ...
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) ...  
*Mr Edward Dyson (Brother)  
 75 Midford Street  
 St Kilda Vic*
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, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed 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? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ...

I, WILL DYSON, 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  $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$  of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.\* † wife and children.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/11.15.—C.12750.

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



2

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

---

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

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

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Attesting Officer.*

---

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

---

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

So HELP ME, GOD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Person Enlisted.*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Attesting Officer.*

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

Description of \_\_\_\_\_ on Enlistment.

Age.....years.....months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Height.....feet.....inches.	
Weight.....lbs.	
Chest Measurement.....inches.	
Complexion.....	
Eyes.....	
Hair.....	
Religious Denomination.....	

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 ; pthisis; 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.....

Place.....

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

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

Date.....

Place..... Commanding.....

D.577(A.15.—C.4037.





(1) PRESENT UNIT	(2) Regtl. No.
(3) Present Rank	(4) SURNAME
(5) Decorations	(6) Christian Names.
<b>Particulars.</b>	
(7) Date of Enlistment	(8) Place of Enlistment
(9) Age on Enlistment	(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate
(11) Birthplace	(12) Religion
(14) Trade or Calling	(13) If Married
(16) Date of Embarkation from Australia	(15) If an Apprentice
(18)	(17) Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad
(19)	(21) Special Notification Card No.
(20)	
(22)	

*Spn List.*

*Hon/Lieut*

*DYSON*

*WILL.*

Particulars.

Nothing to be written in this Margin.



Regtl. No.

SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAMES

Blank lined area for handwritten entries.

Casualty Form - Active Service. **1st ANZAC A. C. HDQRS**

Regiment or Corps **1st. Anzac Army Corps Headquarters. A.I.F. Unalotted.**

Rank **T/Hon. Lieut.** Name **DYSON WILL.**

Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (i) \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	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.			
13/12/16	AIF Order List 125	Granted Temporary & Hon. rank of Lieutenant. (Without pay or allowance.)	England	10/12/16	AK. 683/18.
6/1/17	Base Comdt. Boulogne	Disembarked at Calais & proceeded to join Base Depot Etaples.	France	5/1/17	AK. 683/18.
5/1/17.	D.A.A.G. Anzac Sect.	Ordering Lieut Dyson to proceed to 1st. Anzac Headquarters.	do.	5/1/17.	AK. 683/18.
7/1/17	CC, Rfts. Etaples	Joined Aust. General Base Depot, from England,	Etaples	7/1/17.	AK. 683/30.
7/1/17.	do.	Marched out from Aust. General Base Depot to 1st. Anzac Headquarters.	do.	7/1/17.	AK. 683/30.
<p><i>20/1st Anzac A.C. Attached from A.I.F. B.S.D. Hq. France 10.1.17 A. 60/3 00.3/48</i></p>					

(i) 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. (ii) e.g., Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
29.6.17	A.I.F. List No. 197	Placed on General list	France.	20.6.17	AK 1385/25 S. 211/313
29/5/18	Comd. Genl. Detached from HQ. proceeded to England on duty		---	13.11.17	AO. 22/421 AR. 127/422/10
29/5/18	"	Rejoined Aust. Corps HQ. from duty in England	---	13.4.18	AO. 22/422 AR. 127/422/10
21.10.18	G.M.L.O.	On duty to England	Boulogne	21.10.18	AK 3262/10 S. 211/313 (410)
20.8.18	A.I.F. List 370.	<del>Brought to the notice of the Staff. No suitable NCO for appointment recommended in connection with the NCO.</del>		20.8.18	A.I.F. List 370.
23.11.18.	A. Capt. Badger. Det. to A.I.F. HQ.			21.11.18	A 67999
		Spent time whereabouts 606 18/3/19. All in London work completed. Michaela House. 13/3/19.			
		Still at Aust. House 2/2/20.			
13.4.20.	A.I.F. List. 535.	Having completed duty appointment in the A.I.F. is terminated.		31.3.20.	



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name *Hon. Lieut Dyson W*

Staff or Unit *A I F*

Date of Appointment and Gazette *10/12/16 CAG 54/17*

Promotion (date and Gazette) \_\_\_\_\_

Left Australia in Transport \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 191

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

*Placed on General List 20/10/17. MO 458/17 RMA*



*VICTORY MEDAL inscribed and issued by Australia Home. B.R.M.*

*13-10-19 Form of Comm. to WOK B.R.M. 31/1839. RMA.*

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

Gazetted from A.I.F. *31. 3. 20. Appointment terminated <sup>11-road</sup> 2/11/19 1918 300/29*  
*CAG 59/956/20/18*

D. 097/10.1K—C.15386.



COPY

C. 33274.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A.A.G., A.I.F.

42/252

Administrative Headquarters,  
130 Horseferry Road, London.  
5th December 1916.

Headquarters,  
1st Anzac.

DEFENCE  
26/1/391

During Mr. Fisher's recent visit to your Headquarters, he discussed with General Birdwood the employment of Mr. Will Dyson, the Australian artist, to do certain work in connection with our troops, which has been approved by the Commonwealth Government and endorsed by General Birdwood in a letter to Captain Collins.

The idea is that he should provide us with a permanent pictorial record of Australia at war, and give us, through the medium of his pen and brush, the peculiar individuality of the Australian soldier. The War Office have been asked to sanction his visit to France, but his civilian status is against him, and the most they will do is to give permission for him to join one of the weekly parties of journalists which go across. His work, if it is to constitute the record we desire, must be the result of close and intimate acquaintance with the life and doings of our men in the field, and weekly visits, irregularly made, would not enable him to portray his subject really faithfully.

Mr. Fisher urges that he be granted an honorary commission in the A.I.F. He desires no pay - simply payment of his carriage and keep. We, of course, would have to invite the consent of the War office to utilise his services in this special way, but if we were to indicate our willingness to grant him an honorary commission their scruples would probably be overcome, and they would grant us the permission we seek.

He is now engaged on work at Salsbury P. which he should complete in the course of a few weeks, and as these matters take some time to arrange with the War Office, I should be very glad of your views on the matter. If you approve, will you please instruct me?

(Sd) R.M.McC.ANDERSON. Colonel.

Commandant.

PPM.

2nd October, 1919.

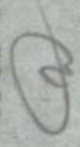
Dear Sir,

As I am desirous of transmitting a document to  
ex-Lieutenant W. Dyson, late official Artist in the Australian  
Imperial Force, I shall be obliged if you will forward me his  
present address or that of his next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully,

The Editor,  
The "Bulletin",  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.





# BASE RECORDS INQUIRY.

INQUIRER'S TELEPHONE No. .... TIME RECEIVED .....

DATE ..... TIME RETURNED .....

REGTL. No. .... RANK .....

NAME ..... UNIT .....

INQUIRY .....

Comms form for W. Dyson  
to could be sent to Mr.

REPLY C. E. W. Beans who will  
forward it on to HQ

W. K. Taylor  
S. P. Bulletin for

INITIALED—SECTION CLERK ..... SECTION LEADER .....

D.1440/10.18.—C.10203.

(Other side to be used for subsequent inquiry.)

Do not destroy this—bring it with you if you call again.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**Receipt for Document from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of  
Base Records the undermentioned document on account of the

.....  
Ex-Lieut. W. Dyson, Official Artist to  
the A.I.F.

Description.

1 Commission Form

Signature *Edward Dyson*

Date *Oct 23 '19*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

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



National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, DYSON W





COPY

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A.A.G., A.I.F.  
42/252

Headquarters,  
1st Anzac Corps,  
10th December 1916. 19

A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters,  
LONDON, S.W.

With reference to your memo. C.33274 of 5th instant, relative to the employment of Mr. Will Dyson, the Australian artist, to do certain work in connection with Australian Troops in France, the Lieutenant General Commanding has approved of the proposal to grant Mr. Dyson a Commission as Lieutenant in the A.I.F. from today's date, on the distinct understanding that such commission is honorary and temporary, and that he will not be entitled to any payment, allowances, or other expenses against the Commonwealth. Quarters and rations will be provided and necessary steamer and rail warrants will be issued to him.

2. The notification of his appointment will appear in next A.I.F. Orders, and I am to ask that you will notify these Headquarters of the date on which Mr. Dyson will be able to commence his work.

(Sd) J. L. WHITHAM.  
Lieut. Colonel.  
for A.A.G., A.I.F.



Dyson

The Bulletin.  
214 George Street, Sydney.  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 1919

Major J. M. Dean,  
Base-Records Office  
Victoria Barracks  
Melbourne, Vic

Dear Sir.  
Yours of the 2nd  
inst to hand, re ex-Lieut.  
W. Dyson's address. His  
brother is

Mr. Edward Dyson  
75 Miford St.  
S. Kilda Vic



Yours faithfully  
W.A.

For the Editor

RECORDS SECTION.

OCT 18 1919

23/10

DMH

13th October, 1919.

Dear Sir,

Forwarded herewith is Form of Commission covering the appointment of your brother, Ex-Lieutenant W. Dyson, late Official Artist to the Australian Imperial Force, as a temporary Lieutenant (Honorary rank) in the Regular Forces of the British Army, for favour of transmission to him.

Will you kindly let me know whether same comes safely to hand by signing and returning the attached receipt form.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer in Charge Base Records.

E. Dyson, Esq.,  
75 Mitford Street,  
St. Kilda, Vic.



**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Surname *Dyson*

Christian Names *Will*

**Statement of Service.**

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority	
<i>T4 Hon: Lieut.</i>	<i>Misc</i>	<i>19/12/16</i>		<i>A. I. F. List 125</i>	<i>Mu d P</i>

**Casualties.**

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
Date	Place	Cause	Date	Place	Nature	Returned to duty	Date	Cause	Authority
<i>No. of Grave</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Name of Clergyman</i>							

**Personal.**

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks

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

PARTICULARS	Reference to Orders or other Authority
10/12/16 Granted the temp. & Hon. rank of Lt: without pay or allowance.	A. I. F. List 125
10/1/17 A. I. F. unallotted (attached to H. Q. is 1 <sup>st</sup> Angas from A. I. F. Hq. London	Pt. II 3/48 6/2/17.
4/1/17 Proceeded o/seas to France E.R. 9121.	Pt. II 3/33E.
20/4/17 Placed on Gen List.	A. I. F. List. 197. Pt II 21/311
13/4/18 Rtd to France via Folkstone	File C.R. 4351/2/13
21/5/18 Proceeded o/seas to France via Folkstone	C.R. 4309/2/9.
13/11/17 Detached from Hqts, proceeded to England	
13/4/18 Attached to Hqts for Duty from England	
24.8.18 <b>PROCEEDED O/SEAS, FRANCE</b> <i>Isle Reine (see leave)</i>	CR 4309/2/9.
<i>Stanfield - At Aust. Home 2.2.20.</i>	
31.3.20 <i>Having completed duty appt in the A.I.F. is terminated</i>	A.I.F. List 538. 13.4.20



PERSONAL FILE  
Base Records.

Kon  
Lt

Dyson. W.



