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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. ....

Rank *Lieut* Name *BRAKE J.*

Unit *8th F.A. Bde*

LIST.

Casualty *Relg. to Aust. per H.T. "Ajana" embarked 19/8/19*  
*C.I.B.L. 3605/6533, dtd Lon. 21/8/19 Rec. B.P. 23/8/19* *W. duty*  
*Pay Staff*

*Returned to Australia per H.T. "Ajana"*  
*Disembarked M.D.*

DATE PURPORT.

*4. 9. 19* N.O.K. Advised returning to Australia. Form 7 and Card  
*8. 9. 19* Form re War Record, A. M. F. List, Despatched  
*6. 10. 19* Form of Commission to R.O.C. B. R. M. 31/13/39  
*21. 12. 19* Appointment terminated (3MD) ✓

WAR HISTORY INDEX

*23/7/23* B.R.P.F. 44 DESPATCHED *Stanhope St. Albert*



AUG 1923

BRITISH WAR MEDAL  
VICTORY MEDAL to *Officer* B. R. P. F. 42.  
Registered Post No. *5755* G. P. O. Melbourne

Letter from S. M. GARCIA.  
of ILLINOIS, USA re

3-3 Baron von Richshofeni  
death find SW

8 Canhepe St,  
Mont Albert, Vic

on 8 March 1972-







# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *2nd Lieut.*

Name *BRAKE John*

Unit *Field Artillery Rfd.*

Joined on *12 Nov. 1915*

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

1. What is your Name? ... .. 1. *Brake John*
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of *Horsham* 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.) ... .. 3. *natural born British Subject*
4. What is your age? ... .. 4. *25 years*
5. What is your trade or calling? ... .. 5. *agriculturist*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... .. 6. *no.*
7. Are you married? ... .. 7. *no.*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... .. 8. *Father dead*  
*Barbara S. Brake*  
*Stanhope Street*  
*Mont. Albert*  
*Victoria*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... .. 9. *no*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as 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? ... .. 10. *no*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... .. 11. *In University Rifle Club*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... .. 12. *yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... .. 13. *no*
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... .. 14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... .. 15. *yes*

*John Brake* 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  $\frac{2}{5}$  of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.\* †

Date *12. 11. 15*

*John Brake*  
Signature of person enlisted.

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



## CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

~~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 12. 11. 15

*J Churchill Lieut*  
 Signature of Attesting Officer.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, John Brake swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 12. 11. 15 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 Brake*  
 Signature of Person Enlisted.

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

*J 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.

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Description of Brake John on Enlistment.

Age 25 years ..... months.  
Height 6 feet 1 inches.  
Weight 185 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 35 1/2 / 38 1/2 inches.  
Complexion Fresh  
Eyes Grey  
Hair Fair  
Religious Denomination Presby

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Nac 3 L Arm  
Scars. Both Shins  
" R Eye

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 12. 11. 15  
Place Melbourne

[Signature]

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

Capt. A. D. M. B.

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 8 F. A. B., 1st Reinforcements

Date 1. 4. 1916  
Place Marilynong Broadmeadows

[Signature]

Commanding F. A. REINFORCEMENTS.

D. 377(4.15.—CA987.



Statement of Service of No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Name

*John Brake*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>J. A. Rfcb</i>	<i>Gunner + apgt.</i>	<i>22. 11. 15</i>	<i>31. 3. 16</i>	
<i>8th J. A. Bde 1st Reinfto</i>	<i>2nd Lieut</i>	<i>1. 4. 16</i>		
	<i>Emb Melbourne (Medic)</i>		<i>20/5/16</i>	
	<i>21/12/19. appoint-terminated</i>		<i>3rd MD</i>	

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

3rd DIV. ARTLY.

(2) Regt. No.

(1) PRESENT UNIT

(3) Present Rank

Lieut

(4) SURNAME

BRAKE

(5) Decorations

(6) Christian Names.  
John

Particulars.

1st Appl 1-4-16

(7) Date of Enlistment

12.11.15

(8) Place of Enlistment

MD3

(9) Age on Enlistment

25 Years

(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate

Years Months

Auth. C.R. 1 1

(11) Birthplace

Horsham VIC

(12) Religion

Pres.

(14) Trade or Calling

Agriculturist

(13) If Married

No.

(16) Date of Embarkation from Australia

(17) Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad

Aust

(20)

(21) Special Notification Card No.

(22)

Nothing to be written in this Margin.

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1915 Part I.  
and Casualty  
vice form.  
PART I.  
12344



Regtl. No.

SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAMES


Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form—Active Service,**

Regimental Number

Rank Lieut Surname Gros Christian Name John

Regiment or Corps 30th Bty 2nd Div Age on Enlistment 25 years — months

Enlisted (a) 17-11-15 Terms of Service (a) 12-11-15

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ 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. 213, Army Form A. 38, 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. 38, or other official documents
	Date	From whom received				
1		Army A. 38 Medic	Embarked ... Disembarked ...	20/5/16 18/7/16	Medic Regiment	8-12-21 10-27-29 10-29-5
2	27/9/16	30th Bty 2nd Div	Trans to 30th Bty 2nd Div	England	29/16	8-12-21
3	31-12-16	C.O. 23rd Div A.F. B. 213	Proceeded overseas France	Southampton	31-12-16	8-12-21
4	8-1-17	3rd Div	Disembarked France	France	1-1-17	8-12-21
5			Trans from 2nd FAB &	France		8-12-21
6	12-1-17	8th Div	T.O.S. 8th Div (both)	France	16-1-17	8-12-21
7	20-3-17	A.I. 7th Div Det. 159	To be Lieutenant	France	5-3-17	8-12-21
9	20-9-17	C.O. 8th Div	Trans 30th Bty to H.Q.	France	19-9-17	8-12-21
11	26-11-17	Do	Trans 30th Bty to H.Q.	France	22-11-17	8-12-21

(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, Shooting-Smith, &c.



(3)

Lieut. J. Brake

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, 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. 218, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
10 30-11-17	A. 15/pt 265	To be Colonel Officer	Field	1-11-19	627202/18 45/3297
12 5-1-18	Lt. O. S. YAB	Lieut. Capt. Griffith Det. of Lieut. Griffith Lieut. Griffith, Co. 15 M. C. C. Co. 15 M. C. C. Co. 15	do	13-1-18	627166 40372-18/18
8 1-2-18	2nd Eschelon	2 plus chevrons due		20-5-17	(AM) (1918)
13 23-2-18	Lt. O. S. YAB	4 relinquished afft. Afft. in Lieut. Griffith Griffith rejoining rejoined to Capt. Capt. Lewis Gen. Staff School	do	19-2-18	627173 40105/150
15 23-3-18	do	rejoined to (H) from 26/18/18	Field	16-3-18	627177
16 2-6-18	do	rejoined to England	"	18-6-18	627190
17 13-7-18	do	rejoined to France	"	15-7-18	627193
19 15-11-18	"	rejoined, Adjutant m. Lt. Griffith & transferred to 35th Div.	"	6-11-18	do 138/ 7-12-18
18 29-11-18	257th 4/15	(now 88 S. YAB) to be Adj. Lt. Griffith m. Lt. Griffith & transferred to 35th Div.		6/11/18	S. 27/11/18 A. 19/4/18
20 24-12-18	Lt. O. S. YAB	re-leave to England		22-12-18	627114



(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 8 F.A.D Regimental Number J  
 Substantive Rank Lt. Surname BRADLE Christian Names J

\*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, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
21 14.1.19	Lt. C. O. S. F. A. B.		Rejoined British leave		11.1.19	Ltd 27/120
22 25.7.19	Lt. C. O. S. F. A. B.		Left leave to Paris	Died	16.4.19	C27/134
23 2.5.19	"	"	Rejoined with leave	"	1.5.19	C27/135
24 15/5/19	E.S.O.	"	Brewer's Entrance to		15/5/19	Ltd 305
25 27.5.19	D.A.A.B.	"	report A.S.F. HQ to	Folkestone	23.5.19	C27/134/17 LX 634/16
26 13.6.19	E.S.O.	"	Attached to Sports Sect London	London	13/6/19	LX 5984
27 9.7.19	E.S.O.	"	Proceeded overseas France Folkestone to O.C. of British troops in Paris	London	8.7.19	LX 6377
28 15.7.19	D.A.A.B.	"	Disemb on duty France to Report Hdqrs London	London	13.7.19	LX 6432
29 15.7.19	"	"	S.O.S. Sports Section Granted leave to 28.7.19 to Rapel to 2 Group for duty	London	15.7.19	LX 1734/17

Nothing to be written in this margin.  
 1834 W.6425-Price 500,000 to 18 G.W.P.C. 3973-

To be folded on this line.



(6) BRAKE J

Nothing to be written in this margin.

(A) Report		(B) Authority of Orders Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, positions, &c. All entries as well as substantive promotions to be shown for every entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
Date.	From whom received					
30 31.7.19	baas	Lieut Tom S. Finnie Section London			681734/17 28.7.1918 X 6718	
		Lieut. Returned to Australia Per "Yana" X England				
	3rd. W. Army	Lieut. W. Army Finance Section for. R. of A. 19/8/19			W.O. 177/65. 2/4 2/10 x 4 D.O.	
	3rd Lt. A. b. (Lieut)	Eligible for 15 days extra disembarkation leave 31.7.19. Gen. Instr. 24.				D.O. 178/46. No. 47/1045' and.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Brake John  
 Staff or Unit 1<sup>st</sup> Reinfts 8<sup>th</sup> I.A. Bde MO 239/16  
 Date of Appointment and Gazette Appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut 1/4/16 CAGA 51/16  
 Promotion (date and Gazette) NO 147/16  
 Left Australia in Transport H.M.A.T. A.S. Medic on 20/5/16 1916.

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

23 <sup>rd</sup> How. Bde	Transferred from 8 <sup>th</sup> Mch Artillery Brigade	22.9.16	D.A. 77/15	10/16
8 <sup>th</sup> I.A. Bde	Transferred from 23 <sup>rd</sup> I.A. Bde	8/1/17	BRK 83/15, 24/16	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. Art.	Prom: 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	5/3/17	CAC 129/17	②
2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. Inf.	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, 8 <sup>th</sup> I.A. Bde	6. 11. 18	CG 28/19	MO 115/19
so	To be Cravey officer 8 <sup>th</sup> I.A. Bde.	1. 11. 17	C.A.G. 6/1/17	10/16

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

Gazetted from A.I.F. 21.12.19 Appointment Terminated CAG 458/20 MO 34/20



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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

*Send*

Base Records Office,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

Melbourne, 6th October, 1919.

DEAR Madam,

I forward herewith form of Commission covering the appointment of your son, Lieutenant J. Brake, 8th Field Artillery Brigade, as a temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Regular Forces of the British Army, for retention against the time of his return from active service. This refers to first appointment to Commission, and not to his present rank. Will you kindly let me know whether same comes safely to hand by signing and returning the attached receipt form.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. B.S. Brake,  
"Elonera"  
Stanhope Street,  
Mont Albert,  
SURREY HILLS, VIC.

*J. Mean* Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1519/2.1A.—C 1397.—5M.

O. H. M. S.

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

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RECEIPT SLIP.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of

Defence 1 Commission Form for,

Lieutenant J. Brake, 8th Field Artillery Brigade.

*B. S. Brake* (Signature.)

*Oct. 14, 1919* (Date.)



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

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Regtl. No. .... Rank .....

Lieut

Name .... BRAKE

Unit ... 8/F.A.B. ....

Embarked ... 20<sup>th</sup> May 1916

Discharged ...

November 1919

I desire the undermentioned medal or medals

awarded for service in the A.I.F. to be forwarded to me at the following address :-

*J. Brake Esq.*

*'Burn Brae'*

*Yeering*

" Burn Brae "

Yeering V.V.

~~XXXXXXX~~

British War Medal 1914/19

Victory Medal 1914/19

Date 27<sup>th</sup> July 1923.

(Signature)

*J. du Brae*



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( STATEMENT OF SERVICE.

for

✓ Major: John Brake

Glenross Stanhope St

Chittellbert: 3127.

14/18

List. No.

123.

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL. & British War Medal

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with ~~XXXXXXXX~~ one British War Medal.

Lieutenant J. BRAKE - 8th. F.A.B.

Signature

*John Brake*  
Date 8<sup>th</sup> August 1923.

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

*RA.*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply : **E1**

Central Army Records Office  
Albert Park Barracks,  
Melbourne, VIC 3004  
Telephone : 940101, Ext **6922**

Dear Sir,

10 OCT 1968

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

.....LEUTENANT John BRAKE.....

Reference : **telephone enquiry of 8th October 1968.**

Details of full-time service recorded at this Office are :

<u>FORCE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b>AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE</b>	<b>12th NOVEMBER 1915</b>	<b>21st DECEMBER 1919</b>

Special Service under Section 12 of the Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act 1965 :

<u>THEATRE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b>N I L</b>		

Other Overseas Service :

<u>THEATRE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b>ENGLAND, FRANCE</b>	<b>20th MAY 1916</b>	<b>19th AUGUST 1919</b>

Prescribed Operational Service Within Australia :

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b>N I L</b>		

Decorations and Medals : **BRITISH WAR MEDAL VICTORY MEDAL**

Service Badge : **RETURNED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE BADGE ISSUED**

Reason for Discharge :

**Mr. J. BRAKE,  
8 Stanhope Street,  
LE Albert. VIC 3127.**

**(B.S. SAVAGE)**  
Colonel  
Officer in Charge

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
Base Records Office,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

816/1955-

The Deputy Commissioner,  
Repatriation Commission,

Melbourne

REFERENCE: R. 86294

316/55-

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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Sicut- Brake .G.

TH  
S.F.A.B

FOR EARLY RETURN—

AF B103 ✓

TO BE RETAINED—

BR Card ✓

Attestation Paper ✓

~~AF B103~~

~~.. B178~~

~~.. B179~~

~~.. B181~~

~~.. D1~~ ✓

~~.. D1a~~

~~.. D2~~

~~.. I 1237~~

~~A & D Cards~~

*A. J. Bauman*  
.....  
Officer i/c AIF Base Records.  
*BA*



*J.H. Bde*

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

C.M. Form A. 22.  
(Revised 1.7.14.)

Application for a Commission in the *Field Artillery A.I.F.*

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... } Other names (in full) }	<b>BRAKE</b> <b>JOHN</b>
2.	Educational Qualifications... <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science of University of Melbourne. (4 yrs Practice & Theory).
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) Present rank and corps to be stated.</small>	Sub. Lieutenant of Cadets for 3 yrs; attended officers' school at Victoria Barracks. Good rifle shot. In training since Nov 1915 with Field Artillery A.I.F. Sergeant.
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)	MAR 23 1916
5.	Present Civil Employment	Before enlistment Field officer, Dept. of Agriculture Victoria
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Date of Birth: 11th November 1890 Age: 25 Years 11 months
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	British Subject
8.	Married or Single	Single
9.	Postal Address ...	Stonera Stanhope Street, Mont Albert Surrey Hills
10.	Next of Kin ...	Barbara S. Brake (Mother) Stonera Stanhope Street, Mont Albert Surrey Hills

PAY BOOK NO.  
111901

GAZETTED  
C. of A. GAZETTE.  
No. 45 of 6/4/16

PAY BOOK NO.

Date 28-3-16 (Signature of Applicant) John Brake

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, A.B. Fraser do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 6 feet 1 inch Weight 13 stone 3 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 37 ins Eyesight R 6/6 L 6/6

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer } A.B. Fraser Capt. A.M.C.

**RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.**  
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—A.I.F.

1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
2. †(a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- †(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.
- (c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date 29th March 1916 Commanding C.O., F.A. REINFORCEMENTS Regt. or Corps.

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.**  
*Recommended, candidate considered suitable.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commandant \_\_\_\_\_ Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.

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AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the Field Artillery A.I.F.

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... } Other names (in full) }	To be in block letters. <b>BRAKE</b> <b>JOHN</b>
2.	Educational Qualifications...	Degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science of University of Melbourne (4 yrs Theory Practice).
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated)	Sub. Lieutenant of Cadets for 3 years; attended Officers School at Victoria Barracks. Good rifle shot. In training since Nov. 1915 with Field Artillery A.I.F. Sergeant.
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)	MAR 23 1916
5.	Present Civil Employment	Before enlistment Field Officer, Dept. of Agriculture, Victoria.
6.	Date of Birth, and Age	Date of Birth: 11th November 1890 Age: 25 Years, 4 Months.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject	British Subject
8.	Married or Single	Single
9.	Postal Address	"Etonera", Stanhope Street Mort. Albert. Surrey Hills.
10.	Next of Kin	Barbara S. Brake (Mother) "Etonera" Stanhope Street Mort. Albert Surrey Hills

**GAZETTED**  
 C. of A. GAZETTE.  
 No. 245 of 6/14/16

Date 28-3-16 (Signature of Applicant) John Brake

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**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

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I, Ab. Fraser do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 6 feet 1 inch Weight 13 stone 3 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 37 ins Eyesight R 6/6 L 6/6  
 Signature of the Examining Medical Officer: Ab. Fraser Capt.

**RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.**  
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—A.I.F.

1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
2. †(a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- †(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with,
- (c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date 29th March 16 Commanding W. Charlton **MAJOR** Regt. or Corps. G.O., F.A. REINFORCEMENTS

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.**  
Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commandant \_\_\_\_\_ Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.  
 N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.  
 Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.  
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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Surname *Brake*

Christian Names *John*

**Statement of Service.**

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority	
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut.</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> A.A. Bde.</i>		<i>1-4-16.</i>	<i>Ct. 45/1916.</i>	
	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> F.A.B.</i>	<i>22-9-16</i>		<i>118 27/295</i>	
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> F.A.B.</i>	<i>6-7-17.</i>	<i>5-3-17.</i>	<i>ed. D. List 159. Feb. 11/1737.</i>	<i>25 yrs 12/11/15 Pres..</i>

**Casualties.**

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

**Personal.**

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks
<i>Agriculturist.</i>	<i>Heorsham Victoria.</i>	<i>S.</i>	<i>Mother, Barbara J. Brake, Stanhope St, Mont. Albert, Victoria.</i>	

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
<i>20.5.16 Emb. for "Medic from Melbourne, via D'Pat 18.7.16</i>	<i>GR 1369/5/4</i>
22.9.16 Trans: to 23 <sup>rd</sup> F.A. Bde. from 8 <sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. E.P. 3211	D17 II 27/295E 11.11.16
20.5.16 Embarked of Sea et. Melbourne	OC TPO HMAT
18.7.16 Disembarked at Plymouth.	Medic.
31.12.16 PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE.	GR 7193. D17 II 1/472E 12/17
6-1-17 I.C.P. of 8 <sup>th</sup> F.A. B. from 23 <sup>rd</sup> F.A. B.	D17 II 1/252 31-1-17
6-1-17. Transf. 8 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B. to 23 <sup>rd</sup> F.A.B.	P2 11208 1-2-17
5-3-17. To be Lieut. (AIF Order. WST No 159)	" 11737 10-4-17
1-11-17. To be Orderly Officer, 8 <sup>th</sup> F.A. B.	D9 Husi-265. P2 45/3277 12/17
3-1-18 Appntd. Acting Adjutant, vice Lieut & Adj. G. Griffith, proceeded to Betty. Commanders' Course, England.	P2 3/12 10/118 -
19-2-18 Rel. appintd. of Adj. on Lieut G. Griffith regim. unit.	" 107450 9/3/18
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>6.11.18 50138/</i>
<i>Returned to Australia Per "Ajana" X Es Pay Staff</i>	<i>GR 740 25/1/19</i>
<i>is Struck off Strength</i>	AIF List 502 2/9/19
<i>19.8.19 Struck off Strength. Finance Section (for R.Y.A)</i>	Do 144/393 2/9/19
<i>31.4.19 Eligible for 15 days extra Disembarkation leave</i>	Add: Disemb: Leave List 24 No 148/354 4/9/19



AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

M. F.

### MOBILIZATION ATTESTATION FORM

To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Parts III. or IV. of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted.

Army No. V. 52492

Surname BRAKE Christian Names John  
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Unit 2nd Medium Arty Brigade

Enlisted for war service at Mildura (Place)  
Victoria (State) 6th Sept. 1940 (Date)

#### A

Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for voluntary enlistment.\*

1. What is your name? ... { 1. Surname BRAKE  
(BLOCK LETTERS)  
Other names JOHN.
2. Where were you born? ... { 2. In or near the town of Horsman  
in the state or country of Victoria
3. Are you a British Subject? ... { 3. Yes
4. What is your age and date of birth? ... { 4. Age 49.  
Date of Birth 11th Nov. 1890.
5. What is your trade or occupation? ... { 5. Public Servant.
6. Are you married, single or widower? ... { 6. Married
7. Have you previously served in any Armed Force either in peace or war? If so, where and in what arm? ... { 7. Yes France 8th F.A. Bde.  
Yes Viet. 2nd Med Arty Bde.
8. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest half-sister) ... { 8. Name BRAKE Grace Glendinning  
Address 8 Stanhope Street  
Mont Albert E. 10.  
Relationship WIFE.
9. What is your permanent address? ... { 9. 8 Stanhope Street  
Mont Albert Melb Vic  
E 10.
10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) ... { 10. Presbyterian

I, John Brake do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Witnessed by Harold Lint John Brake  
(Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer.) Capt  
Signature.

\* The person will be warned that should he give false answers to any of these questions he will be liable to heavy penalties under the Defence Act.



B

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have made full and careful examination of the abovenamed person in accordance with the instructions contained in the Standing Orders for Australian Army Medical Services. In my opinion he is—\*

- 1. Fit for Class I.
2. Temporarily unfit for Class I †
3. Fit for Class II.
4. Temporarily unfit for Class II †
5. Unfit for military service †

Place ST KILDA Date 6/9/40

Signature of Examining Medical Officer [Signature] Capt. A.A.M.C.

\* Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out. † Reasons for unfitness to be stated.

C

OATH OF ENLISTMENT †

For persons voluntarily enlisted or called upon under Part III. or Part IV. of the Defence Act to serve in Citizen Forces in time of war. Not compulsory for serving members of the Forces or those allotted to the Citizen Forces under Part XII. of the Act, but unless in any case an objection is raised, the oath should be administered to them as part of the ceremony of attestation.

I, JOHN BRAKE swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord, the King, in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia until the cessation of the present time of war or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed, 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 John Brake

Subscribed at ST KILDA in the State of VICTORIA

this 23 day of SEPTEMBER 1940

Before me—

Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

† Persons who object to take an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Defence Act. In such case the above form will be amended accordingly and initialled by the Attesting Officer.



AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the Field Artillery A.I.F.

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2.	Educational Qualifications... <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science of University of Melbourne (4 years in practice & theory).
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) Present rank and corps to be stated.</small>	Sub-lieutenant of cadets for 3 years; attended Officers School at Victoria Barracks. Good rifle shot. In training since Nov. 1915 with Australian Field Artillery <b>Sergeant</b>
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)	<b>MAR 23 1916</b>
5.	Present Civil Employment	<u>Before enlistment</u> Field officer, Dept. of Agriculture, Victoria.
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Date of Birth: <b>11th November 1890</b> Age: <b>25</b> Years <b>4</b> Months.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	<b>British subject</b>
8.	Married or Single	<b>Single</b>
9.	Postal Address ...	"Glouera", Stanhope Street, Mont Albert, Surrey Hills Battalion Area.
10.	Next of Kin ...	Barbara S. Brake (Mother), "Glouera" Stanhope St. Mont. Albert, Surrey Hills
Date <b>28-3-16</b>		(Signature of Applicant) <b>John Brake.</b>

**GAZETTED**  
C. of A. GAZETTE.  
No. 115 of 16/11/16

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Height 6 feet 1 inch Weight 13 stone 3 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 37 ins. Eyesight R 6/6 L 6/6  
Signature of the Examining Medical Officer: A.B. Fraser Capt A.M.C.

**RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.**  
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- ‡(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.
- (c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date 29th March 16 Commanding C.O., F.A. REINFORCEMENTS Regt. or Corps.

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.**  
*Recommended, candidate considered suitable.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commandant \_\_\_\_\_ Military District \_\_\_\_\_

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# COVER FOR PERSONAL DOCUMENTS.

Army No. V52492.

Surname BRAKE.  
(BLOCK CAPITALS.)

Other names John

Rank Major Unit 2 Med Regt. R.A.A.

*N.D*

MOB. 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
D.1	<input type="checkbox"/>
B.103	<input type="checkbox"/>
INDEP SLIP	<input type="checkbox"/>

Surname

(BLOCK CAPITALS.)

Other names

Rank

Unit

Army No. V 52492



12 MAY 1938  
14 APR 1939

OFFICER'S RECORD OF SERVICE.

A.M. Form A. 98.  
(Printed February, 1921.)

Regiment or Corps *Reserve of Officers (Art)* *V52492*

Name *Brake John*

Date of Birth *11.11.90* Civil Profession) *Chief Field Officer*  
or Employment) *Dept of Agriculture*  
*St Leonards* *8 Stanhope St Mount Albert 510*  
*(Kathleen of Agricultural Science M.B.)*

Rank.	Date.	Authority (M.O. or D.O.).	Detail of Military Appointments held, including A.I.F.		
			Nature of Appointment.	Period (From. To.)	Authority (M.O.).
Cadet { 2nd Lieut. Lieut. ...			<i>App'd Lieut, R. of O, 3rd M.D.</i>	<i>1.1.20</i>	<i>175/20</i>
Lieutenant ...	<i>1.1.20</i>	<i>175/20</i>	<i>Transfd to 2nd Medium Artillery Brigade</i>	<i>13.8.25</i>	<i>403/25</i>
Captain ...	<del><i>3.9.29</i></del>	<i>569/26</i>	<i>Transfd to R. of O.</i>	<i>19.12.28</i>	<i>C.G. 11/28</i>
Major ...	<i>1.11.40</i>	<i>C950/41</i>	<i>App'd to R. of O. (2nd M.D.)</i>	<i>30.7.40</i>	<i>C9219/40</i>
Lieut.-Colonel ...					
Colonel ...					

FORM OF COMMISSION TO A.H.Q. 1.2.23  
 To Officer 2.10.25  
 Promotions endorsed.  
 File No. 13420

Record of Military Service in the Ranks.

Military Forces. (Units to be shown.)	Senior Cadets. (Units to be shown.)

Active Service. (Units to be shown.)

*R.I.F.*  
*Summer 12.11.1915*  
*Bombardier Sgt*  
*to be 2nd Lt R.I.F. 1.4.16 177/16*  
*Lieut 3rd Div. Arty 5.3.17 363/17*  
*Orderly Officer 8th F.A. Bde 1.11.17 324/20*  
*Adj. 8th F.A. Brigade 6.11.18 115/19*  
*Appmt terminated 2/1.19 34/20*

Orders, Decorations, and Medals. Authority (M.O.).

Name, Relation, and Address of Next-of-Kin. (To be entered in pencil.)

*Wife*  
*Grace Blending Brake*  
*10 Stanhope St*  
*Mount Albert*

EXAMINATIONS.			Remarks, commendatory or otherwise, regarding Officer's Service. (Corres. Reference Nos. to be quoted.)
Rank for which Examined.	Date.	Authority (M.O. or D.O.).	
Cadet {	2nd Lieutenant		
	Lieutenant ...		
Lieutenant	...		
Captain ...	11.7.26 June 26	435/26 447/26	Passed "A" & "B" (Special Pass in "B") "C", "D", "E" & "F" (Field)
Major	...		
Lieutenant-Colonel	...		

Schools of Instruction, Staff Tours, Certificates awarded (including instruction abroad).

Nature.	Locality.	Date.		Authority.	Result of Examination.		Certificates, Exemptions, &c.
		From.	To.		Theory.	Practice.	

Record of Special Leave.

Leave without Pay.			Long Leave—A.M.R. 407-9.			Remarks showing State or Commonwealth Service under A.M.R. 410, and Authority.
From.	To.	Authority.	From.	To.	Authority.	

Special Qualifications, quoting Authority.

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Special Employment, quoting Authority.

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NAME BRAKE J. No. V52492

Address P STANHOPE ST MT. ALBERT

1	1939/45 STAR	
2	AFRICA STAR	
3	„ with 1st Clasp	
4	„ with 8th Clasp	
5	ATLANTIC STAR	
6	A.C. EUROPE STAR	
7	ITALY STAR	
8	FRANCE & G. STAR	
9	PACIFIC STAR	
10	BURMA STAR	
11	DEFENCE MEDAL	
12	WAR MEDAL	
13	A.S.M.	
14	<u>officer</u>	

Recorder [Signature]  
Checker [Signature]

AWARDS WITHHELD

Serials: \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORITY: \_\_\_\_\_

Packer \_\_\_\_\_  
Despatcher \_\_\_\_\_

TO WHOM DESPATCHED \_\_\_\_\_

Reg'd Parcel No. Del 70/96 DATE 28/9/96

RECEIPT

Serials \_\_\_\_\_ Sig. \_\_\_\_\_

AHQ Press-3443-9/46-710m DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
National Archives of Australia NAA: B884, V52492

S.C.T.S. WOOLLOOMANATA.

Individual Student's Report.

Course No.13.

Rank.

Name.

V.52492 - Major Brake, J.

2 Med. Regt.

Suitability - Command Unit or Training Unit.

General Remarks - Average. Rather slow especially at assimilating new ideas, and a little inclined to harp back to the last war. Very sound and a strong personality. A good commander of men. Capable, hard working and very trustworthy. Has learned a lot in the course.

H.A. ROSS

Lt.Col.  
C.I.

15.11.41.



TELEPHONE F 0211 *apt Wright* *M*

A.4 (K)  
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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HEADQUARTERS  
Base SOUTHERN COMMAND  
339 SWANSTON STREET  
MELBOURNE. C.1

*52492*  
*52492*  
14 MAR 1942

AD.F.O.  
3 D.R.O.

CAPT. T/MAJOR J. BRAKE - M.U.R.

It is advised that approval is given for the abovenamed officer to cease to be called up for full time duty as from 9/3/42.

*Chapman*  
Lt-Col.  
A.A.G. Base S.Comd.

ALL NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN  
*[Signature]*  
DATE / /194 SECTION

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